

THEY WANT CHEAP THINGS.

All the leading nations of the world are to-day scheming to get the vantage ground for extending their trade in China. They are watching each other closely to see how they can gain some advantage over the other, and sometimes resort to tricky methods to fool rivals and to fool Chinese. When you get down to the bottom of it trade had more to do with the intervention of the allied powers in the Boxer uprising than the safety of missionaries or of foreigners in that country. The fact is that some of the European nations have found the missionaries useful and profitable for when any of these happened to be killed by the Chinese, the penalty was territorial concessions with sea front and harbors, mining rights, etc., as a basis of operations to extend the trade of that country and enlarge the "sphere of influence."

"I am inclined to the opinion that there are possibilities for considerable trade in a very cheap line of canned fruits, such as would be counted culls in the United States. Most Chinese fruits are coarse and of poor flavor, and are in every way surpassed by the culls of the Pacific coast fruits. Cheapness is the main feature in the food supply of China, as well as in most things consumed by the Chinese, and whatever is imported here must have this as its primary virtue."

Cheap goods for cheap people, cheap because their poverty compels them to be cheap, and they will never get out of that in this generation nor in this century, and by the time they do get out of it they will be making their own cheap goods. Their trade is worth something, of course, because possibly the bulk of it may become large, but it will never justify the rainbow pictures the expansionists see in it. There would be more in the trade of a State like New York than there would be in the whole Chinese Empire.

AS A MONEY CROP.

There are money crops in this country which exceed in value the cotton crop, but as a money bringer and a factor in international commerce cotton leads them all. In discussing the value of leading crops the New York Commercial, which gives corn the first place, thus ranks them:

"The second place is usually held by wheat, which ranges in value from \$2,000,000,000 annually and over \$70,000,000 to the farmers. But during the years from 1879 to 1882 and from 1891 to 1897 the wheat crop held second place. As a rule, however, wheat is the third crop in point of value, ranging from \$213,000,000 to \$497,000,000. Cotton comes next in order; broadly speaking, the annual value of the lint ranges from \$242,000,000 to \$339,000,000, the minimum about being realized in 1879 and the high point being touched in 1900. But the by-products of cotton are very valuable, growing more so each year and, if taken into account, would make cotton regularly bring wheat in total annual value. Indeed, ten times in the past thirty-five years the value of lint alone has exceeded the value of the wheat crop; those years were 1889, 1870, 1872, 1887, 1889, 1890, 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1900. The prices of which were exceptionally depressed during 1893 to 1895 inclusive."

The corn crop it values at from \$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000 a year. Allowing so much per ton for hay, so much per bushel for wheat and corn, it fixes the value of these respective crops, which is correct as far as it goes. But this is not the money value, for a very large percentage of all of these crops is consumed on the farms where they are grown, and therefore, while valuable, do not bring any money to the growers, nor to the country. We ship very little wheat, only the smaller portion of the wheat crop and a comparatively small portion of the corn crop, except what is shipped in the form of pork. As a matter of fact the beef and pork ought to be included in the hay and corn crop.

But with cotton it is different. Every pound of it is converted into money, while nearly three-fourths of the crop goes abroad and brings money back. It is, in fact, the money crop of the country, and the main factor in our commerce with other nations.

ANOTHER ROUTE.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact that whenever the Isthmian canal begins to attract special attention something happens, the object of which is to divert attention from it, and to prevent this Government from appropriating money to the Nicaragua canal. The Panama company either comes to the front with a proposition to sell cheap, or some new route has been discovered, which there will be little digging to do and where the cost wouldn't be half as much as the lowest estimates for the Nicaragua route.

The latest is the reported discovery of a practicable route, all through the State of Colombia, where it wouldn't be necessary to construct more than thirty miles of canal, the most difficult and expensive work in it being a tunnel about eight miles long, through the mountains. This tunnel would have to be 200 feet wide and 100 feet high, but it would be done at an estimated cost, it is said, of \$6,000,000 a mile. But the day thing about this canal would be the fine harbors said to be at each end, which would require no improvement.

It is rather remarkable that notwithstanding the length of time explorations have been going on, and the number of surveys that have been made, none of these new and short routes were discovered until quite recently. According to our recollection at least a half dozen have been discovered since the Nicaragua scheme has come up for discussion. We remember reading some ago about a fellow who paddled a boat all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific and found a natural canal route, where there no mountains to cut into, no locks or dams to build nor anything of that kind.

But they are not done finding new routes yet and will not be until the canal question is settled and some route definitely decided upon and the work of construction inaugurated.

J. A. Boldt, deceased, Secretary of the Guarantee Savings Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, who recently committed suicide, got away with \$300,000 of the company's money before he got away with himself.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The German-Americans have formed an alliance in several of the States of the Union and have adopted a platform. It begins to look like just plain American-Americans will have to do likewise, if they want to keep in the political game.—Atlanta Journal, Dem.

Ship subsidy "with all objectionable features eliminated" is to be the chief concern of the Republican leaders in the next Congress. But should the objectionable features of the Frye-Hanna scheme of Treasury spoliation be in reality eliminated the subsidy mongers would have no use for it.—Philadelphia Record, Dem.

At last the inevitable comparison has come. Admiral Schley is the American Dreyfus. The Chicago Tribune, a Republican journal, says so. It is a French officer, it says, "there would have been no Dreyfus case. Would there have been a Schley case had there not been an equally knavish conspiracy to wreck the reputation of a gallant American officer?" That is pretty strong language. Who are the "knavish conspirators?" Who are the American Du Paty de Clam, Henry and Esterhazy. Let the Tribune point them out and pillory them to public scorn.—Savannah News, Dem.

TWINKLINGS

Herr Stenson (after a tumultuous domestic scene) "if you are my better half, what an infernal monster I must be!"—Exchange.

Church—Did you buy one of those extra? Gotham—Yes. "Anything in it?" "No; nothing extra."—Yonkers Statesman.

First Officer Boy—Wat's Jimmy cry? Second Officer Boy—His grandmudder's dead and got ter be buried on a holiday!—Tit-Bits.

"A man is the most sensible of all animals, is he not?" "Certainly." "Then I wonder why he doesn't wear a loose, comfortable collar, like a dog's?"—Washington Star.

"The 4 o'clock train? I thought you said 7 o'clock. It is after 2 now. I shall not have time to pack and get ready. There is plenty of time, my dear—if you don't hurry!"—Life.

Palpable—Hit—"A splendid stroke! Did you follow the ball, cad?" "No, m; but I think that gentleman with the red coat can tell where it struck." "Let him feelin' of his head!"—Tit-Bits.

Forge—He says in his native city the streets are always well watered and they never use sprinkling cars. Foreign—For goodness sake, where is he from? Venice.—Philadelphia Record.

A Continuous Performance—"Well, no man has to die more than any other way." "I don't know about that. How about the youngest soldier to enlist in the Civil War?" He dies regularly every year or so.—Philadelphia Press.

As Words Go—He—Why do you carry your pocket-book in your hand that way? Aren't you afraid these colored pocket-book snatchers? She—Why should I be? This isn't a pocket-book.—Philadelphia Press.

Took the Hint: I thought you were going to spend a week with your cousin over in Michigan. No; I didn't go. When I wrote to them I said I was coming to Michigan, but I thought I'd make myself at home.—They wouldn't consider me company.—Tit-Bits.

"Ah, professor!" exclaimed the conceited young man, condescendingly. "I wish I knew as much as you do." "You would know more than I do," replied the shrewd professor, who had respected the young man "if you only knew as much as you think you know."—Puck.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday. W. & W. Railroad—479 bales cotton, 4 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine. W. C. & A. Railroad—1,702 bales cotton, 11 casks spirit turpentine, 42 barrel rosin, 184 casks turpentine, 6 barrels crude turpentine. C. O. Railroad—280 bales cotton, 3 casks spirit turpentine, 20 barrels rosin, 6 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine. A. & Y. Railroad—98 bales cotton, 16 casks spirit turpentine, 29 barrels tar. Steamer A. P. Hurt—155 bales cotton, 5 casks spirit turpentine, 60 barrels rosin, 36 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine. Steamer C. M. Whitlock—1 bale cotton, 7 casks spirit turpentine, 56 barrels rosin, 40 barrel tar, 22 barrels crude turpentine. Total—853 bales cotton, 45 casks spirit turpentine, 178 barrels rosin, 399 barrels tar, 50 barrels crude turpentine.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Goldboro Argus: The South-bound shoddy Saturday morning struck a negro man sitting asleep on the end of a crossie of the track between Black Creek and Fremont, from the result of which he died at 9 o'clock this morning in the city. There was brought on the same train for medical attention.

Durham Herald: E. T. Owens a white man is being held a prisoner in the boarding house on Main street. He came here several days ago from Virginia and soon afterwards showed signs of being violently insane. Since then he has been in the hospital at Staunton. The authorities are making an effort to get him back to his native State.

Fayetteville Observer: We saw this morning a specimen of some really fine grain growing on Mr. N. E. Smith's sand hill farm. The ear is perfectly filled out and the grain is as white as flour. Mr. Smith has a photograph of the grain and a French officer in the midst of the cornfield and the young man is unable to reach the top of the stalks with a long riding whip he has in his hand.

Concord Standard: Not many months ago Dr. J. W. Harrington purchased a lot from Mr. J. C. Wadsworth at the addition and now a rich gold vein has been discovered on the property. The famous Montgomery gold mine is near this property, which is now owned principally by U. S. Senator Clark. This mine was worked several years on a paying basis, but the mine was near the surface, but the account of the dip it took work was discontinued and it is believed that the vein was discovered on Dr. Harrington's property. The prospect for outcrop of the vein that was worked in the Montgomery mine.

Morehead Courier: Our sportsmen are having a fine time catching small fish at my lake camp. Every party going out brings back no less than 50 pounds to the man, some reaching 200 pounds to the man. The fish are very good and the pleasure to land. The sportsmen are Wallace and Royal, in engaging in this business. They are excellent, and the fish are a valuable source of revenue to our people. The porpoise is among the worst enemies that our fishermen have to contend with, as they charge two lives, one on the porpoise and scatter them; but now the pig of the sea is made to pay for his little diversions along our coast. The skin of the porpoise is very valuable and the high price shows the high steps they wear. This firm shipped a large lot of this week. Valuable oil is obtained from the blubber; another grade of oil is taken from the cushion on head of the fish; and still another grade from the blubber.

Raleigh News and Observer: "Square S. A. Smith, of Houses' Creek, who saved two lives, and saved the cotton crop in the northwestern part of the county cannot be described otherwise than 'sorry.' All of the crops that he raised in the State were some are fairly good. I have the poorest cotton crop I have ever grown in all my farming experience." Those saved the lives of the white teachers the other day there were fifty two applicants for certificates to teach school. The papers submitted on the examination, so Superintendent Clement says, were the best in the State since the examination and it will take some time to examine the papers and see who are the successful applicants. Mr. Wood at Advance last Spring. Burton submitted to murder in the second degree. He killed Wood with a shot gun. He was arrested at Virginia several weeks after the crime.

Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy. She had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until turned to Dr. J. C. King's Elix. A. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured her. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cases are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50 cents and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.

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A Midnight Escapade.

It was midnight as a thundering shock came at the door of room No. 48, Phenix hotel.

"What is wanted?" asked the occupant as he sat up in bed with turpentine beating heart.

"We want you! Open this door!" "Never!" "Then take the consequences."

The man sprang out of bed and hurriedly dressed himself. His face was pale and his hands trembled, but he shut his lips with a determination to sell his life dearly. He heard footsteps moving in the hall, and presently a dozen men burst into the room. They found him standing with a revolver in each hand and the light of battle in his eyes.

"You may hang me," he said in a low, tense voice, "but 12 of you will go into the other world before me."

"Who said anything about hanging?" inquired a voice.

"But you came for me! Thirteen years ago in this town I killed four men. You have recognized me and have come for revenge."

"Not much, stranger. We don't know anything about the four men and don't want to. You live in Missouri, don't you?" "I do."

"Well, what we wanted to ask was whether or not you had a kind best friend in your state."

"They do not."

"Then that's all, and you can go back to your spouse. Sorry to have disturbed you, but we had a dispute and wanted to settle it."—New York Sun.

Patel Revivry.

There is a little settlement of New Hampshire people in Kiowa county, Colo. Among other things they brought with them the New Hampshire aversion to using any more words in conversation than are absolutely necessary. Two of them met on the road recently and indulged in the following dialogue:

"Morning, Sir."

"Morning, Jos."

"What'd you give your horse for boots?"

"Turpentine."

"Morning."

"A few days later the men met again, and here's the way a hard luck story was told in mighty few words:

"Morning, Jos."

"What'd you say you gave your horse for boots?"

"Turpentine."

"Morning."

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing of the Produce Exchange.)

STAR OFFICE, October 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—No quotations.

ROBIN—No quotations.

TAR—Market firm at \$1.30 per barrel of 320 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at \$1.00 per barrel for hard, \$1.90 for dip and — for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; Receipts at \$1.15@1.20; tar firm at \$1.40; crude turpentine firm at \$1.30 @2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine..... 58

Roan..... 38

Tar..... 185

Crude turpentine..... 95

Receipts same day last year—164 casks spirits turpentine, 312 bbls rosin, 135 bbls tar, 92 bbls crude turpentine.

MARKET FIRM ON BASIS OF 8c PER POUND FOR MIDDLING.

Ordinary..... 5 7 1/2 cts @ 30

Good ordinary..... 6 15-16 "

Low middling..... 7 7-16 "

Middling..... 8 5-16 "

Good middling..... 8 5-16 "

Same day last year, market dull at 9c for middling.

Receipts—2,345 bales; same day last year, 3,007.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 85c per bushel of 56 pounds; fancy, 70c @ 80c. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish, 75c. CORN—Firm; 75 to 77c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 14c per pound; shoulders, 11 to 12c; sides, 11 to 12c.

EGGS—Dull at 17@18c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grower, 25 to 30c; spurs, 10c@20c.

TURKEYS—Nothing doing.

BEESWAX—Firm at 23c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5 1/2 @ 6 1/2 c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60¢ to 75c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Money on call steady at 3 3/8% per cent; last loan at 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2% per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bank; bills at 48 1/2 @ 48 3/4 for demand and at 48 3/4 @ 48 1/2 for sixty days.

Costed rates: 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4 and 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4 for 90 days. Bar silver 107 1/2; Mexican dollars 45 1/2. Government bonds steady. State bonds irregular. U. S. 4 1/2% preferred, 107 1/2; U. S. 4%, new reg'd, 107 1/2; coupon, 107 1/2; U. S. 4%, new reg'd, 107 1/2; coupon, 107 1/2; Southern Railway 117 1/2. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 101 1/2; Chesapeake & Ohio 45 1/2; Manhattan 8 1/2; Union 11; U. S. Steel 48; preferred 8 1/2; Mexican National 10; Standard Oil 78 3/4; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. 37; do preferred 11 1/2.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 14.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 38 1/2 @ 39; do preferred, 50 1/2 @ 51; do 32 1/2 @ 33 1/2.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 14.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Oct. 12.—Spirits turpentine firm at 85c; receipts 818 casks; sales 139 casks; exports 400 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 2,333 barrels; 1,778 barrels; exports 2,985 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The market for cotton futures opened quiet and firm, with prices several to eleven points higher and continued to improve during the next forty minutes on active general buying led by the bears. Wall street, Europe, the South, the West, spinnars and room bulls bought large lines of near and winter months, basing this demand on strong English cables and reports from the northern section of the central and western belt. Included in the early buying were large purchases for the account of the central and southern South who had hedged here against holdings of cotton, covering sales to exporters and domestic spinners. The frost report of the government indicated northern Texas, the Territory, Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee, northern Mississippi and northern Louisiana. This, with a forecast from Washington for frost over northern Georgia, western North Carolina, southern North Carolina and Tennessee, greatly alarmed the bears and caused spinners to make returns for cotton with which to spin cloths for delivery in December and January. The latter sales having been made last month. Small port and interior receipts, crop damage accounts, and offerings of spot cotton throughout

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MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr Driver, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T. D. Love. Br steamship Fernand, 2,445 tons, Jones, Barry, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

CLEARED.

Stmr Driver, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T. D. Love.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

New York—Clyde steamship Gen W. Clyde, 347 bales cotton, 233 casks sugar, 48 barrels rosin, 299 barrels tar, 60 barrels crude, 320,462 feet lumber, 86 barrels pitch, 103 cases cotton goods; cargo by various consignors; vessel by H. G. Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., October 15, 1901.

STEAMSHIPS.

Fernand, (Br) 2,445 tons, Jones, Alexander Sprunt & Son. Candelshoe, (Br) 2,466 tons, Danielson, Alexander Sprunt & Son. Skiddy, (Br) 2,421 tons, Jones, Alexander Sprunt & Son. Slingsby, (Br) 2,094 tons, Whalley, Alexander Sprunt & Son. Haxby, (Br) 2,383 tons, Uppertown, Alexander Sprunt & Son. Eitelshaid, (Br) 1,705 tons, Clarkson, J. H. Sloan. Tenby, (Br) 2,558 tons, Campbell, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Clearance—Shafter, (Br) 153 tons, George Harris, Son & Co. Fred B. Chalo, 215 tons, Sawyer, D. J. Harris. Moccasin, 199 tons, Smith, George Harris, Son & Co. Jno R. Fell, 306 tons, Dodd, George Harris, Son & Co. Harry W. Hayes, 361 tons, Goodwin, George Harris, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Jotun, (Nor) 525 tons, Petersen, Heide & Co. Concordia, (Nor) 628 tons, Salvesen, Heide & Co.

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