FRIDAY MORNING.

A HUNDRED DOLLARS A PLATE. Charles M. Schwab recently gave a dinner to forty-one of his Steel Trust associates, a dinner which cost, according to reports, \$100 a plate. A

hundred dollars a plate isn't much for Mr. Schwab, who gets a salary of half a million or more a year, but it looks large to the average man who scuffles along and considers himself fortunate if he can make ends meet, and get enough to eat and wear. And that is about the condition of the bulk of the American people, notwithstanding the talk about the great prosperity.

Prosperity, however, has struck the gentlemen whom Mr. Schwab dined on that occasion, and they doubtless realized it when they were gathered around his board at that \$100 a plate layout, at the head of which sat their half a million dollar a year President. They raked in last year profits of \$111,000,000, which was 10 per cent. on their alleged invested capital, and a profit of over 40 per cent. on their actual capital. With such returns from the sweat of other people and without perspiring themselves, of course they were in a frame of mind, (assuming that their digestive organs were in good condition,) to enjoy that \$100 a plate banquet. No one objects to these gentlemen having big dinners and enjoying themselves in royal style, for they might as well enjoy themselves in that way as in any other; but there is an object lesson in such banquets. all the same.

It has been said that no man can honestly accumulate a fortune of \$100,000,000, and that is true. It might be said with equal truth that no legitimate business can afford to pay a superintendent a salary of half a million dollars a year. Combinations which are so favored that they can take advantage of the conducted business can.

This Steel Trust, of which Chas. M. Schwab, who gave this \$100 a plate dinner, is President, is a | be produced, and the yield on ordicombination of trusts which have been favored by special legislation | izing. There were at least a dozen that enables it to monopolize the home market and make its own prices for the things it produces. In an acre. that lies the secret of its great prosperity and the immense profits it its own statements a profit of \$111,- other forage crops growing to which 065,975 on a capitalization of \$1,100,- so many others may be added. In the plants embraced in the Trust is | ing their value. only \$264,000,000 so that the profit was instead of 10 per cent. about 42 | HOW IT GOUGES THE CATTLE

The railroads of the country which support directly or indirectly about 3,000,000 people and add many millions a year to the wealth of the country by development, think they are doing very well if they make a profit of four or five per cent., and cotton manufacturing and other textile industries, which support a million or more people, think they are doing a prosperous business if they make a profit of 10 or 12 per cattle men and resorts to tricky 87, rice 87, white beans 95, cornmeal, cent. Ten per cent. is considered a devices to take the advantage of good profit for any business in this them and buy cattle at its own country, while in England the majority of industries do not complain if they make a profit of three per cent. The basic industry of this General Knox, which charge is thus country is agriculture and the average farmer feels pretty well satisfied if he makes 5 or 6 per cent. profit

But his Steel Trust made 42 per cent., and hence Mr. Schwab could invite his forty-one fellow Trustees to a \$100-dollar-a-plate feast, where they doubtles drank to each other in flowing bumpers and congratulated themselves on the conditions that brought them 42 per cent. profits, however much other people have to suffer. As the ordinary profit in the steel business (in which there is and advantageous times in the due and more steel than steal) is about six proper course of such trade and busiper cent., the legitimate profit of of the resulting large offerings there of this combine on its \$264,000,000 actual valuation would have been \$15,-840,000, the \$95,227,975 difference between this and the \$111,067,975 reported profits, being the swag it was enabled to pull out of the American people with the aid of the monopoly which it enjoys through the protective tariff, which cuts off that it would have been so specifioutside competition. It has prac- cally made by the Attorney General tically no home competition, if he did not have a pretty good for while there are steel plants basis for it, for he did not enter which are not in the Trust they upon this prosecution before a thodo not seriously compete with it, rough investigation had been made. for if they did this gigantic Trust The grasping spirit shown by the would jump on them and crush members of this Trust and the dethem. The big Trust does not vices they have resorted to to pracmind their presence, for there is tice extortion upon the people, while work enough for all, while they do denying taking any undue advantnot undertake to interfere with the age, leave little doubt that they Trust's business and profits by at- would resort to such trickery to get temting to undersell it. Consequently they do the prudent thing and avoid colliding with it in any of the articles it makes.

The profit reported by this Trust last year was \$95,237,975 more than it should legitimately have been, and this enormous sum came mainly out of the American people, who were forced to buy the Trust's manufactures because they could not help PECTORANT. themselves. If our ports were open For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

to outside competition American purchasers would have a choice and could buy from the seller who sold the cheapest, but the tariff-closed ports denied them that privilege, and consequently they had to submit to the plunder of more than \$95,000,000, and will have to submit to this or greater plunder while this Trust holds the monopoly of the home markets.

And yet the Trust-controlled majority in Congress stands in such awe of this mighty combine that it cannot be prevailed upon to touch the tariff, which enables it to do this colossal plundering.

MONEY IN CATTLE.

For the past few years attention to cattle raising and fattening for the market has been increasing in some sections of the South, but the recent advance in prices by the Beef Trust and the wide discussion this has given rise to has had the effect of creating attention more closely upon it.

We have seen in some of our State exchanges notices of the purchase of large tracts of land by men from other States, who propose to go into cattle raising as a regular business. That there would be handsome profit in it if well managed there is no doubt, for this section of the country is naturally well adapted to it, and the cost of raising would be as low here if not lower than in some sections where large numbers are raised. As bearing upon this we clip the following from the Charleston News and Courier:

In his very interesting letter printed yesterday Mr. J. C. Milling estimates that a range of 4,000 acres in the Little Pee Dee country will support a thousand cattle and, with \$4,000 worth of cotton seed meal and hulls to prepare them for market, will show a profit of 25 per cent. annually on a \$40,000 investment in the cattle farm. This is enough to encourage any farmer or cattleman to go into the business, certainly; but perhaps an even better showing could be made with cultivated forage. Some of the forage crops now rowing on the Exposition grounds, it estimated, would feed four to six head of cattle per acre the year round. So that, with such crops, the four Pee Dee acres now required to feed one head would feed sixteen at least.

Some time ago the News and Courier in calling attention to the people with whom they deal may do lobject lessons being given on this that, but no ordinary legitimately little piece of land by the U.S. Department of Agriculture noted the plants experimented with and the results, showing the variety that can nary land without any 'special fertilvaluable forage crops luxuriantly growing in a small tract of less than

There is no good reason why the cattle raising industry should not makes. Last year, the first year of be largely followed in a section its existence, it made, according to where there are so many groves and 000,000. That is the so-called capi- addition to this these crops can be talization, showing a profit of 10 | made to enrich the soil and convert per cent. But the actual value of poor into fertile farms, thus increas-

One of the reasons given for the advances in prices by the Beef Trust is the scarcity and consequent increase in the price of cattle. Cattle raisers in the West deny this, assert that there are plenty of cattle and that the Trust has control of and holds in reserve great herds on the ranges which it can draw upon at any time. But it is charged that it doesn't do the square thing with the the bill of equity filed in Chicago against the Trust by Attorney

"The defendants have engaged in and intend to continue an unlawful combination and conspiracy for bidding up through their respective pur chasing agents the prices of live stock for a few days at a time at the said stockyards and open markets, so that the market reports will show prices much higher than the state of the trade will warrant, and thereby induce owners of such live stock in divers other Sates and Territories to simultaneous ly make large shipments from other States and Territories instead of ship ping the same to more natural and ad vantageous markets at more natura such live stock (and by thereupon refraining from bidding against each other for the same) obtaining such live stock at prices much less than it would bring in the regular way o trade if such combination and conspiracy were not so engaged in and

This charge may or may not be true, but there is little probability the advantage of the cattle ship-

And this is one of the combines that is fostered and protected by the Dingley tariff, which is looked upon by the Republican statesmen as too sacred to be touched.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S



THE RACE

Does not depend on the start but on the finish. It's staying power which carries many a runner to victory. It's like that n business. Many a man starts off in the race for business success with a burst of speed which seems to assure victory. Presently be begins to falter and at last he falls and fails. The cause? Generally "stomach trouble." No man is stronger than his stomach. Business haste leads to careless and irregular eating. The stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition become diseased. The body is inadequately nourished and

o grows weak. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It strengthens the stomach and so strengthens the whole body which depends on the stomach for the nourishment from

which strength is made. There is no alcohol in "Golden Medical Discovery," and it is entirely free from opium, cocaine and all other narcotics. Accept no substitute for the "Discov-There is no medicine "just as ery." There is no medicine "just as good" for diseases of the stomach and allied organs.

allied organs.

"Your 'Golden Medical Discovery' has performed a wonderful cure," writes Mr. M. H.
House, of Charleston, Pranklin Co., Ark. "I had the worst case of dyspepsia, the doctors say that they ever saw. After trying seven decrors and everything I could hear of, with no benefit, I tried Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and now I am cured." covery, and now I am cured. 9 Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets care

The Memphis News calls attention to the fact that while in other respects Tennessee has progressed, agriculture has within the past ten years actually retrograded and that the agricultural production is about the same as in 1875. The progress has been marked in the cities and towns, while the rural districts are not in it. which probably means that the towns and cities are advancing at the cost of the rural districts, and that is not a good condition of affairs.

Ex-Commissioner of Pension, Evans, says he went out of his own volition. But he wouldn't put his hand on his heart and say he didn't get any hints.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"cut and come again" in St. Louis. In that city each member of the Trust had its day in the week for selling beef without any danger of competition from its rivals. Still the assertion is made that there is no such thing as a Beef Trust .-Philadelphia Record, Dem.

Mr. Beveridge studied law before he was a Senator, but it seems he derived little profit from the work if he does not know that testimony extracted by torture is worthless. Yet he calls such evidence "conclusive" and expects the country to follow him down a path the Anglo-Saxon deserted as soon as he considered himself civilized .-Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.

- The Hon. Joseph Weldon Bailey's opinion of special embassies to the coronation of monarchs is one that is shared most liberally by the American people. When we accord to foreign potentates a distinction that is withheld in the case of the highest office in our gift we practice snobbery in its most offensive form. The special embassy to the coronation of King Edward is on affront to robust Americanism. - Washington Post, Ind.

- Sirloin of beef carries 40 per cent. of nutriment; mutton 38 per cent. ham 58 per cent. The average nutrient content in flesh foods, including fowels and game, is not over 45 per cent. Oatmeal has 92 per cent. of nutrient matter, peas rye and buckwheat average 86 per cent. Green vegetables average about 15 per cent.: eggs, chickens prices. This is a charge made in and fish, say, 26 per cent. The vegetable diets, especially those of the grain variety-wheat, corn, rice, peas, beans, etc., feed and build muscle. The prize fighter trains on a bread diet, so is a bulldog fed wheaten and other breads, when he's being fitted for battle. - Chattanooga Times, Ind.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Wilmington District-Second

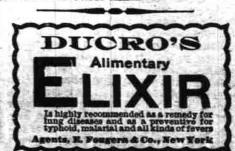
Clinton, Kendall, May 17-28 Jacksonville, May 24-25 Fifth Street, May 25 Kenansville, Warsaw, May 31 Onslow, June 7-8 District Conference at Fair Bluff,

R. B. JOHN, P. E.

He Kept His Leg.

Twelve years ago J. W. Sullivan. of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire. Inflammation and blood poisoning set in. For two years he suffered intensely. Then the best doctors urged amputation, "but," he writes, "I used one bottle of Electric Bitters and 14 boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg was sound and well as ever." For Eruptions, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Sores and all blood disorders Electric Bitters has no rival on earth. Try them. R. B. BELLAMY, druggist, will guarantee satisfaction or refund the money. Only 50 cents. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Goldsboro Argus: A heavy hail storm is reported as having pass ed over the Dudley section of this county Tuesday afternoon, doing much damage to the cotton, corn and

- Salisbury Truth-Index: John Cotton, a late addition to the chain gang, was making an attempt at escape Monday, when he was shot by a guard. The wound proved fatal, the negro dying this (Tuesday) morning . - Tarboro Southerner: Justice

Wm. Howard has just decided a hotly contested claim over a 25 cent pitchfork. It is claimed by Reuben Saunders and a colored man named Hilliard Freeman. The 'squire held that this implement was the property of Freeman. From this decision Mr. Saunders appealed to the Superior court. - Winston Journal: A telephone

message from Germanton stated that Monday afternoon Mr. L. M. Kizer went squirrel hunting and that while in the woods waiting for something to develop, a slight noise was heard in the bushes and upon firing his gun found that he had killed a mink which was dragging an eel thirty inches long through the bushes. The mink was killed, but the cel was captured alive and was at that place a quarter of a mile from any stream of water.

- Greensboro Record: Joseph E. Burk, a deserter from the United States army, walked up to Policeman Busick Tuesday, told him who and what he was and said he wanted to be arrested and locked up; that he was deserter from the marine corps in Washington and had been tramping since his desertion until he was worn out and wanted to go back, take his punishment like a man and be re-instated. His wants were attended to and he will be taken back as soon as the proper papers are received.

- Chatham Record: Mr. Horace Bridges, of Oakland township, has a mule that he has owned for 28 years, and nobody knows how much older i is, and it is yet doing good work. -On Wednesday night of last week lightning killed a valuable horse of Mr. Vet M. Dorsett, at Siler City. flash of lightning struck the stable, is which was the horse, and instantly killed the horse and damaged the stable, but fortunately did not burn it

— Goldsboro Headlight: The shipment of strawberries from Mount Olive will be at "high-water mark" this week. Thus far the prices although low have been remunerative to the growers. Most of the sales are made here "spot cash" through the corps of buyers now on this market. - A tremendou hail storm visited the south side of the Neuse river Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock, doing considerable damage to vegetation and crops. — Information reached the city Friday that on Thursday night some ''professionals' dynamited the safe of Mr. L. P. Best, s merchant at Warsaw, and departed with about \$250 in money. Another \$1,000 in money, was left untouched. The tools with which the work was done were procured from a neighboring blacksmith shop. Thus far there is no clue to the safe-crackers.

WINKLINUS.

-"A far as municipal affairs go, I believe one political party is as bad as the other." "Nonsense. Both can't be in power at once."-Life - "Hope is a good thing," said

Uncle Eben, "'ceppin' when you sits down and makes it a 'scuse foh not workin'."-Washington Star. - "Got the last of the boys off my hands now," said the old man. "You have?" "Yes, I eddicated John ter be a scholar, an' Dick to make a livin'!"

-Atlanta Constitution - Little Willie-"Say, pa, what are preferred creditors?" Pa-"They are the kind that never send in their bills, my son. At least, that's the kind I prefer."—Chicago News

 "Some men," said Uncle Eben, "is honest because dey is too good not to be. An' some is honest 'cause dey ain' got nerve enough to take any chances."— Washington Star. - "Why do we say, 'Give us this

day our day our daily bread?" asked a Sunday-school teacher after the lesson. "Because we want it fresh," answered a tittle girl.-Little Chronicle. - Mrs. Jinks-"That's Signor Scrapeski just passed. He plays the violin like an angel." Tommy— 'Mummy, dear, do the angels say 'Damn!' when a string breaks?"-

- Dombey-How did you get that scar on your forehead, Jones? Jones-Oh, my wife and I had an argument and she obeyed the mean old adage—strike while the iron is hot.— - A Good Play: Katherine: "Pa

pa, I'm going to cut down your heavy family expenses," Papa—"What is it, daughter?" Katherine-"Papa, I'm going to marry our doctor."-Brook

— "Peterson say's he's very susceptible to heat." "Susceptible! I should say he was! Why he holds the medal for being the first man to be sun-struck in March."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

- Unavoidable: Mother-Johnny remember to always do what is right and speak the truth at all times. Johnny-All right, ma; only don't blame me for getting into so many scraps, then; that's all.—Puck.

- Mrs. Muggins-Is Mrs. Wigwag active in public life? Mrs. Buggins-Active! Why, that woman be-longs to sixteen different societies for the suppression of things .- Philadel-

- Hojack-Well, old Mr. Scadds has finally given his permission to the marriage of his daughter to Cholly Noodles. Tomdik—That is the first time he was ever known to give something for nothing.-Detroit Free

The Philadelphia Rambler. The Philadelphia Rambler is another climbing novelty among roses, said to be a great improvement on the original Crimson Rambler and the result of a cross between Crimson Rambler and Victor Hugo, the latter being a hybrid remontant, producing flowers of rich, flaming crimson. It is said to have all the best characteristics of the older Rambler without some of its faults. For instance, so far it has not developed the same tendency to mildew which the old Rambler sometimes shows. The flower of the new variety is larger and more double and durable and the color more intense and persistent, not fading nearly so quickly as do the flowers of the famous old Rambler. It is hard to realize that the good old Crimson Rambler is liable to be displaced within a short time, yet such is likely to be the case, in the opinion of a writer in



Gardening.

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People who think they will get rid of troubles such as rneumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, and nervous disorders by medicines which have not yet passed the experimental stage, will be sadly disappointed and find their suf ferings increased.

To get rid of rheumatism, neuralla and nervous complaint, it is wisdom to use Paine's Celery Compound, medicine that proceeds at once to make the appetite normal, sleep natural and refreshing, the nerves strong, as a foundation for building up health and vigor.

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He-Pardon me; this is a smoker. She-Pardon me; so am I.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible to rany variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted Burlads Western Smoked -

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WILMINGTON MARKET

Quoted officially at the closing by the Produc-STAR OFFICE, May 15. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market firm at 44% c per gallou. ROSIN-Market firm at \$1.05 per barrel bid for strained and \$1.10 per barrel bid for good strained TAR-Market firm at \$1.30 per bar

rel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Marke firm at \$1.40 per barrel for hard, \$2.50 for dip, and \$2.60 for virgin. Quotations same day last year Spirits turpentine quiet at 31 1/2@31c; rosin firm at \$1.00@1.05; tar firm a \$1.25; crude turpentine firm at \$1.10@

Spirits turpentine..... Crude turpentine..... Receipts same day last year-44 casks spirits turpentine, 181 barrels rosin, 105 barrels tar, 142 barrels crude turpentine. COTTON. Market firm on a basis of 916c pe

RECEIPTS.

pound for middling. Quotations: Ordinary..... Good ordinary Low middling..... 8% Middling 934 Good middling..... 9 5-16 Same day last year, market firm %c for middling. Receipts-4 bales;

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commis-sion Merchants.] COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds Virginia-Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish, 75@80c. CORN—Firm, 76@80c per bushe for white.

N. C. BACON-Steady; hams 136 15c per pound; shoulders, 10@121/c EGGS-Firm at 14@15c per dozen. CHICKENS-Firm. Grown, 27@

35c; springs, 20@25c. TURKEYS—Dressed, firm at 15@ 16c; live, 10@11c. BEESWAX—Firm at 26c TALLOW-Firm at 51/2@61/2c p

pound. SWEET POTATOES-Firm at 70@ 75c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, May 15.-Money on call was firm at 5@6 per cent., closing, bid and asked, 5@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4%@5 per cent. Sterling exchange was firmer, with actual business in bankers'bills at 486 1 @ 486 % for demand and at 484 1/4 for sixty days. The posted rates were 485@485 % and 487 % @488. Com-mercial bills 483 % @484 %. Bar silver 51%. Mexican dollars 41%. Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive, Railroad bonds steady. U.S. refunding 2's, registered, 10914; U.S. refunding 2's, registered, 1034; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109½; U. S. 3's. registered, 108; do. coupon, 108, U. S. 4's, new registered, 137½; do. coupon 137½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 111; do. coupon, 111; U. S. 5's registered, 105½; do. coupon, 105½; Southern Railway, 5's, 123. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 106% Chesapeake & Ohio 47%; Manhattan L 132%; New York Central 157%; Reading 64%; do. 1st preferred 83%; do. 2nd preferred 68%; St. Paul 169; do. pref'd, 189%; Southern Railway 37%; do. pref'd 95%; Amalga-mated Copper 68%; Am'n Tobacco—; People's Gas 109; Sugar 187%; Tennessee Coal and Iron 6414; U. S. Leather 13%; do. pref'd, 84%; Western Union 91%; U. S. Steel 41; do. pre-ferred 91; Mexican National 18%. American Locomotive —; do. pre-ferred —; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 73%; do. preferred, 132%. Standard Oil,

BALTIMORE, May 15.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26% 026%; do. prefer-red, 46% 046%; do. 48 86% 086% c.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS,

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, May 15.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, May 15. - Spirits tur pentine firm at 44c. Rosin unchanged. SAVANNAH, May 15. - Spirits turpentine firm at 45 kc; receipts 1,753 casks; sales 458 casks; exports 481 casks Rosin was firm; receipts 2,845 barrels; sales 1,604 barrels; exports 775 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, \$1 20; E, \$1 25; F, \$1 30; G, \$1 35; H, \$1 55; I, \$1 95; K \$2 45; M, \$2 85; N, \$3 15; W G, \$3 40; W W, \$3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, May 15.—The cotton market opened firm with one point higher to three points lower and for a short time was rather heavy under room selling, based on large port receipts, rather disappointing Liverpool cables and absence of aggressvie public support. Then came s sharp rise which carried July from 9.01 to 9.08, on a small scare of shorts and support from Wall street interests. started by the talk of much rain in parts of the western belt and predictions of very bullish weekly statements to morrow. But as commission houses did not reenter the market and as New Orleans and Liverpool reflected a tired feeling among longs, the local market declined again and closed quiet and steady, net five to eight points lower. Speculation was tame much of the session; the private crop accounts were unquestion ably the best received at this time in the season in several years. Showers to soaking rains were forecasted for pretty much the entire belt to-night and to-morrow.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Cotton firm at 9½c; net receipts — bales; gross receipts 256 bales; stock 184,750 bales. Spot cotton market closed firm; niddling uplands 9%c; middling gulf %c; sales 400 bales. Futures closed quiet and steady: May 21, June 9.16, July 8.99, August 8.69, September 8.20, October 8.02, November 7.97, December 7.95, January 7.94, February 7.93.

Total to-day-Net receipts 9,104

pales; exports to the Continent 1,755 bales; stock 511,418 bales. bales; stock 511,418 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 40,000 bales; exports to Great Britain 20,601 bales; exports to France 5,850 bales; exports to the Continent 29,970 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 7,322,426 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,915,331 bales; exports to France 682,277 bales; exports to the Continent 2,458,984 bales

May 15—Galveston quiet and standard and standard standa

May 15.—Galveston, quiet and steady at 95-16, net receipts 830 bales; Norfolk, dull at 9 %c, net receipts 543 bales; Balimore, nominal at 9%c, net receipts timore, nominal at 9%c, net receipts 1,298 bales; Boston, steady at 9%c, net receipts 27 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9c, net receipts 4 bales; Phildelphia, firm at 9%c, net receipts 679 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9%c, net receipts 2,554 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 9 5-16c, net receipts 2,859 bales; Mobile, nominal at 9%c, net receipts 13 bales; Memphis, quiet at 9%c, net receipts 67 bales; Augusta, quiet 9%c, net receipts 14 bales; Charleston,

quiet and nominal at 9%c, net receipts 1,298 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

EW YORK, May 15 .- Flour was quiet but firmly held in spite of the beat decline; Minnesota patents \$4 10 @4 25; winter patents \$3 90@4 25. Wheat-Spot steady; No. 2 red 87c. After a brief period of opening firmness due to surprisingly firm cables. wheat turned weak and was heavy all day, being affected by splendid crop news, a poor outside demand, easier late cables, disappointing export trade. liquidation and short selling. Futures closed 36@1/4c net lower. May closed 81c; July closed 81c; September 79c: December 80 %c. Corn—Spot easy: No. 2 70%c. Option market opened firm and higher, following cables and the wheat advance. Later it broke under liquidation, fine crop news and increased farm offerings, the closing quotations being %@%c net lower: May closed 69 kc; July closed 67%c; September 66c; December 66c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 247c. Options were quiet and easier all day on favorable crop news. Lard was easy; Western steam \$10.75; refined steady; conti nent \$11 00; South American \$11 70; compound 81/08%c. Pork firm. Tallow firm. Butter steady; creamery 20%@22%c; State dairy 20@22c. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania 17c: Southern at mark 15c. Potatoes steady: New York, fair to prime, sack, \$2 00 Florida, prime, per barrel, \$4 00@ 5 00; Jersey sweets per barrel, \$2 50@ 5 00. Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No.7 invoice 5 1/2; mild steady; Cordova 8 1/2 12. Sugar-Raw was firm; fair refining 2%c; centrifugal 96 test, 3 7-16c; refined steady. Rice firm. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored and white, 12c. Cabbage quiet; Florida, barrel crate 75c@\$1 25. Freights to Liverpool-Cotton by steam 10c. Peanuts firm: fancy hand-picked 4½c; other domestic 8@4¾c. Cotton seed oil was affected by the drop in lard products and closed rather easy with a slight trade. Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 37@38c; prime summer yellow 45@46c; off summer yellow -c; prime white 48½c; prime winter yellow 49@50c; prime meal \$28 50@29 50,

CHICAGO, May 15.-Chicago grain trade was a dull, drowsy affair to-day. In the absence of any business like animation and with reports of good weather for all crops lower prices reaulted. July wheat closed 1c lower; July corn &c down and July oats &@ to lower. Provisions closed 5@7to

OHIOAGO, May 15.—Cash prices Flour quiet. Wheat-No.2 spring -c; No. 3 spring 75%@76c; No. 2 red 82% @84c. Corn No. 2 62%@62%; No. yellow 62%@64c. Oats-No. 2 43%@ 44c; No. 2 white 46@46%c; No. 8 white 4514@46. Mess pork, per barrel, \$17 30@17 35. Lard, per 100 lbs... \$10 37 1/2 @10 40. Short rib side:, loose, \$970@980. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, \$8 00@8 25. Short clear sides, boxed, \$10 40@10 50. Whiskey-Basis of high

The leading futures ranged as al lows—opening, highest, lowest auclosing: Wheat—No. 2 May 75%, 76%, 74%, 75c; July 75%@75%, 75%, 75%, 75%c; September 74%@74%, 74%, 73%@73%, 78%c; December 75%@ 75%, 75%@75%, 74%@74%, 74%c. 75%, 75%@75%, 74%@74%, 74%c. Corn—No.2, May 62%, 62%, 61%, 61%; July 63%@63%, 63%, 62%, 62%, 60%, 61%c. Oats—May 43, 43%, 43, 43c; July, old, 35%, 35%, 34%, 34%c; July, new, 37, 37%, 36%; 36%; September, old, 29%@29%. 29%29%. 29%, 29%@29%, 29@29%, 29@29%c; September, new, 31@31%, 31%, 30%@ 30%, 30%c. Mess pork, per bbl—May \$1740, 1740, 1730, 1730; July \$1750, 1757%, 1740, 1752%, 1752%. Lard, per 100 bs—May \$10 42½, 10 42½, 10 35, 10 35; July \$10 42½, 10 45, 10 35, 10 3714; September \$10 4214, 10 45, 10 37½, 10 37½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May \$9 77½, 9 77½, 9 75, 9 75; July \$9 75, 9 80, 9 72½, 9 75; September \$9 75, 9 80, 9 75, 9 75.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Sta: LIVERPOOL, May 14.—Cotton: Spot moderate business; prices 1-16d higher American middling fair 5½d; good middling 57-32d; middling 53-32d low middling 5d; good ordinary 4%d ordinary 456d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,400 bales American. Receipts none.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet and steady; American middling (g o c) May 4 59-64@4 60-64d buyer; May and June 4 59-64d buyer; June and July 4 59-64d seller; July and August 4 58-64@4 59-64d seller; August and September 4 53 64d buyer; September and October 4 38-64@4 39-640 sel'er: October and November 4 30-64d buyer; November and December 4 27-64@4 28-64d buyer; December and January 4 26-64@4 27-64d buyer; Jan-uary and February 4 26-64d seller.

- MARINE

ARRIVED. Steamer Highlander, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, TD Love. Schr C C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, George Harriss, Son & Co. CLEARED.

Steamer Highlander, Bradshaw Fayetteville, T D Love. Steamer Compton, Sanders, Calabash and Little River, S C, Stone, Rourk & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wil mington, N C., May 16. SCHOONERS. C C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, George

Harriss, Son & Co. Gem, 489 tons, Gray, George Harriss, Son & Co. Jno R Fell, 281 tons, Loveland, George Harriss, Son & Co. BARQUES. Kotka, (Nor) 857 tons, Ericksen, Heide

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890 88; Miscellaneous, \$11
859 30; Total,
Disbursements to Policy-holiers,
\$4'9,585.12; Miscellaneous, \$343,
1 3.23. Total
Risks—Written or renewed during
year, \$983,493.06; In force ASSETS.

Value of Stocks and Bonds (United States, State, etc., owned)...
Interest and Rents due and accuract Cash in Home Office and deposited in Banks. 1,655 (0 Less Assets, not admitted Total Assata

753,587,61 LIABILITIES. Unearned Premiums, \$ 111 other liabilities as detailed in statement. osses unpaid... Total Liabilities as to policy-

Total Liabilities ..

Risk written: Only re-insurance business done
Lesses incurred: Only re-insurance business done Manager, John R. REDFIELD. Home Office. U. S. Branch No. 71 State Street, Hartford, Conn. General Agent for service, J. H. BOATWEIGHT Wilmington, N. C. Business Manager for North Carolina, Man aged from Wartford Office.

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 180

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT RALEIGH, February 17, 1912 I, JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Moscow Fire Insurance Company, of Rusia filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1901.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written. JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner

STATEMENT

NTORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE IN-BURANCE COMPANY, OF GREAT BRITAIN CONDITION DECEMBER 31ST, 1901, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED.

Value of Stocks and Bonds (United States, State, etc.) owned....... Interest and Rents, due and ac-

Cash in Home office and deposited in Banks. unoaid. Total assets.

LIABILITIES Une rned Premiums.
All other Liabilities as detailed in Total liabilities to policy \$ 2.673,968 Surplus beyond all Liabilities

T tal Liab lities BUBINESS IN NORTH (CAROLINA IN 1901. Risks written, \$1,823,732.00; Premiums received U. S. Manager, E. G. RICHARDS. Asseatant Manager, J. F. HASTINGS

Home Office, No. 76 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK CITY. General Agent for Service, J. VAN B. METTS WILMINGTON, N. C. Business Manager for North Carolina, M. O. SELDON, BALTIMORE, MD.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, BALFIGH, February 17, 1912

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