The Morning Star. WILLIAM H. BERNARD. WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MOBNING, DEC. 13.

GOVERNMENTS AS COLLECTING AGENTS.

The cause of the present difficulty between Great Britain and Germany on one side and Venezuela on the other is simply a matter of dollars, the two former adopting the heroic method of forcing the latter to pay up sooner than she apparently was disposed to do. Debts collected by the methods that these two collectors are pursuing generally cost a good many dollars for the one recovered.

If we understand this Venezuelan tangle, the Government of Venezuela owes English and German money lenders about \$10,000,000 borrowed from them in 1896, on which no interest has been paid. That is a transaction direct between these money lenders and the Venezuelan Government. Then there were some railroads built by German and English companies, or with German and English money, upon which the Venezuelan Government granted certain concessions and made certain guarantees, which the English and German capitalists interested say have not been respected or kept, and hence both the money lenders and the railroad builders have sought the intervention of their respective Governments to make Venezuela toe the mark.

Those claims may have foundation and probably have in part, at least, but didn't these money lenders who took that Venezuela loan and didn't these capitalists who built those railroads know what they were doing and what a risky thing it was to plant money in those South American countries where they are not happy if they don't have periodical revolutions? Men who put millions in countries like those are certainly not entitled to much sympathy, and could not reasonably complain if their Govern- without arousing opposition over ments took their time and plenty of here and gave assurances that they it in collecting their claims, which they doubtless make large enough with our ideas of the relations we to even up on the chances they bear as a sort of godfather to those took. It is not charged that the Gov- least, was showing respectful deferernment or people of Venezuela up to this time have, outside of their money transactions, given subjects such a desire to respect American of either of their Governments cause for complaint. They have not been oppressed or harshiy treated, or robbed or imprisoned, or murdered; on the contrary they seem to have been fairly treated and seem to have gotten along pretty well. It is the fellows who put their money on speculation and took cnances who have the grievances, are howling and now ask their governments to collect their claims and protect them from loss. Venezuela has not repudiated any of their claims. The Government has had its hands full attending to revolutions and other domestic matters that didn't leave it in good condition to attend to the claims of outsiders, especially when their claims came in the shape of money due, when there were so many urgent demands for the money that Government could get hold of. Revolutions may be exhilarating pastimes down there, but they cost money and interfere with the regular course of business. President Castro says his Government has no idea of repudiating just claims against it. He is quoted as saying when asked about ultimatums sent by England and Germany: "The Venezuelan Government has not received any ultimatum, properly speaking, but rather simultaneous requests from Great Britain and Germany. The claims Great Britain asks this Government to settle are small, and up to the present time we have not been aware of them. Never having been presented, Venezuela has consequently never refused to settle them. Great Britain's action is therefore without justification. "The Venezuelan Government cannot decide on foreign claims before the revolution has been entirely crushed. At present the only aim of the Government is the re-establishment of public order, and other questions must necessarily be subservient to this object. Nevertheless, to prove Venezuela's desire to settle all pending claims in a conformable manner, the Government issued a decree during the last session of Congress, dated Lov. 28, creating a committee to which all pending claims should be referred. No claims have been presented to this committee, and no claims have been rejected. There has been 'no denial of justice. Why, then, should foreign Ohancellories intervene, thereby ignoring our laws and endeavoring to violate our sovereignty! We cannot understand this action.

have a friend that he could borrow one from. If these claims had been repudiated there might have been some ground for prompt and vigorous action, but as they were not it looks as if King Edward and Kaiser William might have fixed up this job just to give some of their warship crews some exercise, and impress other weekly nations which might owe

their people anything that they had a pretty strong collecting agency for the purpose of collecting these foreign outstanding debts. Of course this doesn't apply to strong nations which might talk back and put up a strong fight. They deal differently and much more politely with that kind. Turkey, for instance, owes a good deal of money to Englishmen, and has owed it a good while. There has been much talk about it, at times, but no ultimatum has been sent to Turkey. Ultimatums are intended principally these days for the

after so have the Democratic memlittle nations that can't buck up bers in Congress their side to look after, and their action in the against the big ones, especially when two or more big ones pool issues premises was entirely proper and consistent. In opposing the retention and double up on them. Our opinion is that if England and of Vick in that office they voiced

Germany had gone about this collecting business in a different way, and had given Venezuela time to raise the money to meet the pending claims, they would have been met quite as soon, and both of these governments would have won quite as much glory. We don't believe it is a sensible

thing to do, anyway, for governments to undertake to do a collecting business for their people who speculate, loan money and take chances in foreign lands. If they take the risks they ought to take the consequences, and not call on their

governments to come to their rescue and collect their debts for them.

A SILENT PARTNER.

their wishes, if those wishes con-The part the United States Govflict with what he considers his inernment is playing in the Veneterests, but by their joint request for zuelan affair makes it a sort of silent the appointment of a white post partner in the Anglo-German colmaster they have put themselves on lecting agency. It seems that berecord, maintained their consistency fore those two governments decided and that ends the incident as far as to apply the screws to Venezuela they are concerned. they felt the pulse of this Government to see how far they could go CURRENT COMMENT

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

DON'T LIKE IT.

Some of the Washington corres-

pondents say that President Roose-

velt is miffed at the action of the

North Carolina members in Con-

gress in interfering in the Vick case

by requesting the appointment of

some good white man in place of

the negro Vick. He is said to re-

gard this as meddlesome interfer-

ence, especially after so many white

ly, he is not in a very amiable frame

of mind and it doesn't take much to

But as he has his side to look

the sentiment not only of the

Democracy of this State, but of a

majority of the white people of

the State, who are opposed of ne-

groes holding such offices, and if

they had refused to co-operate with

Senator Pritchard in the effort to

secure a white postmaster for Wil-

son in place of the negro incum-

bent, it would have been hurled

back at them from every stump in

North Carolina in the next cam-

paign, that they preferred a negro

in the Wilson post office to s white

man, and stood by and saw a negro

appointed without offering a word

of objection.

excite his suspicion or annoy him.

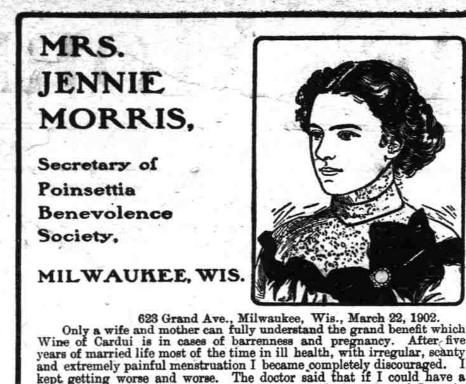
- Rocky Mount Motor: Mr. C. Dunkle, one of Rocky Mount's oldest citizens passed quietly away Wednesday morning in the 80th year of his age. He was in usual health until Sunday moroing when he was stricken while at the breakfast table with paralysis and later in the day with appoplexy. — "Second crop" straw-berries were on our market last week. In several sections small quantities of fine ripe "May" and "June" apples have recently been gathered.

men in Wilson had endorsed the - Charlotte News: Arthur L character of Vick, and he believes Bishop, who stands charged with the that the motive of the Congressmen the murder of Thos. J. Wilson, is still at large. Strange to say, no one has and of Senator Simmons, who joined seen Bishop since he left the Wilson in the request, was to still further home, a few minutes after the tragedy occurred. All say that he went down embarrass him and in adjusting the East Oak street and all are sure that he racket with Senator Pritchard. As never came back by the Wilson home. Mr. Roosevelt has gotten himself There seems to be but one idea about the missing man and that is that he is into a perplexing mix in this busistill in Charlotte. ness and can't see his way out clear-

- Durham Herald: G. W. Taylor came near losing his life by an accident Wednesday morning. While cleaning a pistol he was accidentally shot through the head, a painful but not fatal wound being inflicted. The ball entered below his chin and came out on the side of his head. After cleaning, he replaced the cartridges and was looking down the barrel, when it fired. He says that he probably pulled the trigger, but does not know how he did it. From the direction the ball had taken he at first feared that he was seriously wounded, but later developments proved that it was only a flesh wound, none of the bones being broken.

- Raleigh News and Observer: Mr. J. N. Atwater met with a serious accident Thursday and one that cost him his right hand. He was running his corn shredder on one of his farms, four miles north of Pittsboro, and got his hand caught in some part of the machinery. It was crushed so badly that amputation was necessary. A new cotton mill is to be built at Spray on the land of the Spray Water Power and Land Company. The incorporators' names have not been made public yet, and rumor connects several prominent cotton mill men of Winston, Charlotte, Haw River, Greensboro and Spray with the enterprise, also the Water Power and Land Company itself.

Of course they wasn't influence - Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Papers all over the State have the action of the President in this been bragging on seven and eight matter, for he will not consider pound turnips this season, but Anson, as usual, comes to the front with the biggest one yet. Anson's turnip measured 33 inches in circumference and weighed 12 pounds. It weighed 17 pounds top and all. It was raised by Mr. T. J. Beverly, of the Beverly neighborhood. --- In 1888 Rembert, a negro, went to work for himself. At that time he was worth absolutely nothing, but he labored hard and lived economically and now he owns over 700 acres of land, all paid for. Rembert is an excellent farmer and when any one makes good crops an actor I joined a troupe that was he does too. He ran a fourteenpresenting Shakespearean tragedy. We horse farm this year and - The water hyacinth which cotton crop will aggregate 150 bales. Besides the cotton he made over 1,200 bushels of Corn and other produce in proportion. --- Ruth, the 6-year-old daughter, of Stella Liles, colored, who cooks for Mr. B. G. Covington and lives on his lot, was burned so badly about sunrise Saturday morning, that she died about 12 o'clock of the same day. The mother left the girl, together with three other smaller children at home and went to Mr. Covington's to cook breakfast, and the accident occurred about 30 minutes after she left. The childran, after the mother left, fastened the door on the inside and the girl's dress became ignised while she was playing in the fire.



and extremely painful menstruation I became completely discouraged. kept getting worse and worse. The doctor said that if I could have a child I would be much better, but inflammation had set in and I was in such poor health generally that I was simply unfit to be a mother. My sister had a beautiful boy and she told me what benefit she had derived from Wine of Cardui so my husband decided that we would stop the doctor's visits and try Cardui. I wish I had only known of this before. What misery I would have been spared! But I was grateful for the speedy relief I obtained, and so pleased to find that I gradually was returning to health, happiness and new life and hope. Within four months I was like a changed being and now found that the long hoped for happiness was to be mine as I expected a child. I kept taking Wine of Cardui all through my pregnancy and a lovely daughter blessed our home. Child-birth was almost miners and a lovely daughter blessed our home. birth was almost painless and my husband and I both thank you a thousand times for the sunshine and happiness Wine of Cardui brought to our

Jennie Morrie.

THE greatest ambition of men with little trouble. By strengthenand women is to have happy ing the organs weakened by sickhomes blessed with healthy chil- ness Wine of Cardui makes all this dren. Because wives are weak and possible. No medicine can restore sick thousands of homes are barren dead organs, but Wine of Cardui and desolate. How many there are does regulate derangements that pretoday suffering irregularities and vent conception, does prevent misbearing down pains, menaced with carriage, does restore weak functhe probability of becoming childless tions and shattered nerves and does wives. Thousands of heretofore bring babies to homes barren and childless wives are becoming moth- desolate for years. Get a dollar boters by having these troubles relieved the of Wine of Cardui from your by Wine of Cardui. This great remdealer and treat yourself in the priedy so strengthens the organs of motherhood that nervous, discour- vacy of your home with this great aged women who want children but remedy. Where digestive disorders who fear the suffering caused by exist a small package of Thedford's childbirth, go through motherhood Black-Draught should also be used.

WINE of CARDUI

COMMERCIAL WILMINGTON MARKE

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chambe: of Commerce.] STAR OFFICE, December 12.

tine quoted firm at 51%c; receipts 836 casks; sales 418 casks; exports 10 LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—Cotion: moderate business; prices four higher; American middling fait good middling 4.68d; middling fait Low middling 4.42d; good col casks. Rosin firm; receipts 4,240 bar rels; sales 1,000 barrels; exports 1,873 barrels, Quote: A, B, C, D, \$1 45, E, \$1 50; F, \$1 55; G, \$1 65; H, \$1 85; I, \$2 10; K \$2 60; M, \$3 05; N, \$3 55; W G, \$3 80; W W, \$4 20. good middling 4.08d; middling 4. low middling 4.42d; good odd 4.30d; ordinary 4.18d. The and the day were 8,000 bales, of which bales were for speculation and and included 6,900 bales and Receipts 1,000 bales, included

SAVANNAH, Dec. 12.-Spirits turpen-

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

bales American. Futures opened firm and closed and steady; American middling (December 4.50d; December and 1 uary 4.48d; January and February @4.48d; February and March 4 4.48d. March and April 44741 NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- The cotton market, after opening firm at unchanged prices to an advance of six points, ruled generally weak under liquidation following disappointing volume of outside support, while the 4.480; Marcu and April 4.4764. April and May 4.48d; May and i 4.48@4.49d; June and July 4. 4.49d; July and August 4.4804. general market bearings were quite as favorable as at any time during the week's advance of about 1/2c, which culminated to-day, December having sold up from 8.19 to 8.89, January from 8.18 to 8 35, March 8.10 t. 8.32, May from 8.12 to 8 36 and July from 8 12 to 8.37 during the week. The advance culminated early this afternoon with the market flually barely steady at net unchanged prices to a decline of four points, or four to seven points from the top of the week. The reac-1 n was in the face of very steady to to higher spot markets, an advance of three points on futures and four points on spots at Liverpool and coutinued small receipts; the amount of cotton brought into signi during the week being 358,417

bales, against 440,131 last ytar, while outside orders generally went to the long side of the account. The advance was arrested, however, by the unsettled condition still prevailing in Wall street with the rate of croney high, while the South American situation was alsoconsidered to be a disturbing factor. The undertone of the market, therefore, was weak at the close with leading support from New Orleans, a feature all the week subsi diug in the alternoon. The sales of future deliveries were estimated at about 200,000 bales.

NEW YORK. Dec. 12,-Cotton quiet at 8.55c; net receipts 438 bales; gross receipts 3,059 bales; stock 129,566 bales Spot cotton-Market closed quiet; middling uplands 8.55; middling gulf 8.80c; sales 800 bales.

Futures closed barely steady: De cember 8.31, January 8.83, February 8.23, March 8.26, April 8 28, May 8.30, June 8.30, July 8.33, August 8.15, September 7.95.

Total to-day, at all seaports-Net receipts 37,139 bales; exports to Great Britain 37,575 bales; exports to France - bales; exports to the Continent 28.034 bales: stock 1,023,379 bales.

Consolidated, at all sesports-Net receipts 258,063 bales; exports to Great Britain 172,458 bales; exports to France 488 bales; exports to the Continent 99.007 bales.

Total since September 1st, at al eaports-Net receipts 4.159.608 bales: exports to Great Britain 1, 272, 269 bales exports to France 308,812 bales; exports to the Continent 1,247,630 bales Dec. 12.-Galveston, steady at 81/10 net receipts 9,837 bales; Norfolk. firm at 81%c, net receipts 3,652 bales Baltimore, nominal at 81/4c, net re-ceipts 516 bales; Boston, steady at 8.55, net receipts 140 bales; Wilmingtor, firm at 7%c, net receipts 1,290 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 8.80c, net receipts 178 bales; Savannah, firm a 7 5-16c, net receipta 5,692 bales: New Orleans, firm at 81%c, net receipts 5,878 bales; Mobile, steady at 8c, net receipts 1,117 bales; Memphis, steady at 81%c, net receipts 3,258 bales; Au gusta, firm at 8%c, net receipts 1.283 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7%c, net receipts 2,879 bales.

STEAMSHIPS Rosewood, (Br) 1,103 tons, McGree Heide & Co. Europs, (Nur) 652 tons, Olsen, A ander Sprunt & Son. Riverton, (Br) 2,236 'ons, William Alexand r Sprum & Sm. Harbart, (Br) 2,149 tous, Bowill Alexander Spran & Son. Hermiston, (Br) 2,839 10ns, B

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Side

Receipts 1,000 bales, including

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ald, J T Riley & Co. Lottie R Russell, 363 tons, Sharp, Riley & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Go Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad-37 bales cotton casks spirits turpentine, 19 bar tar, 16 barrels crude turpentine. W. & W. Railroad-296 bala top, 6 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude pentine. W., C. & A. Railroad-711 b

cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, barrels tar, 27 barrels crude turp tine. A. & Y. Railroad-181 balescott 6 casks spirits turpentine, 72 has

denied nor repudiated wouldn't it longer than that they cease to be gist. look more reasonable if these two guests, become boarders and their

wouldn't do anything to conflict Latin Republics. This, to say the

ence to this country; but when they were doing all that and showing sentiment, why didn't this Government take advantage of the placating disposition shown and as a friend of all parties propose to try to settle the business without resorting to summary proceedings?

Such action by President Cleveland on a former occasion prevented a clash between Great Britian and Venezuela on a matter of considderably more importance than the money involved in this dispute. As this is a matter of money only it is

clearly a case to which arbitration would apply especially as Venezuela repudiate just claims. It should be no difficult matter for competent and impartial arbitrators to decide what claims were just and to fix the

amount. That would be a much better way than dispatching warships, seizing vessels, destroying them and doing other acts of violence which still further estrange the principals in the dispute and make amicable and satisfactory settlement still more difficult. Besides there is always danger when force is resorted to of one side going too far and bringing about a state of affairs that may icopardize the interests of others and drag them into the racket.

The position of a friendly arbitrator would be more creditable to this Government than that of silent partner in this foreign collecting agency, and that was doubtless the view taken of it by Congressman Shafforth when he introduced his resolution, Thursday, authorizing President Roosevelt to tender the services of this Government as a mediator, a proposition which will meet with a hearty response from the British public which, according to the press dispatches, is not entirely satisfied with the steps taken by the British Government and expresses a hope that the United States Government may intervene in a friendly way to prevent hostilities.

A Missouri Judge has decided that when people yisit relatives or

is impeding navigation in some Florida streams was brought there by a planter who lived near Palatka and put in a private pond near the river. He has, without intending it, caused the loss of many thousands of dollars to his fellow citizens and the Government. What with English sparrows and German carp and water hyscinths this country has been much distressed by experimental cranks.-Augusta Chronicle, Dem. --- No one thinks that the Unit-

ed States should protect Venezuela in standing off her creditors, but in these days of a growing spirit of arbitration, it looks queer indeed for this country to be hand-in-glove with two European monarchies in coercing a cis Atlantic republic. Just think of it -our diplomatic representative in charge of the British and German legations at the Venezuelan capital for the purpose of allowing those monarchies to carry denies that there is any intention to out their avowed intention of forciseizing the customs of an American government. - Norfolk Ledger, Dem.

--- We now know the result of the war in the Caribbean, and it has been proved that an enemy could seize a port in that quarter despite the vigilance of our squadron. But, the enemy will not be American when he comes, and this point remains to be debated when the new appropriations for the navy follow the President's recommendation. Would it be possible, in a way entirely good humored, to have some of our good friends and dear rivals in Europe further test the real point involved? Since we are all in the family, why not now try some international naval evolutions with Germany and Great Britain?-Jacksonmille Times Union and Citizan. Dem

- Scotland Neck Commonwealth Mr. C. T. Lawrence is losing some of his fine meat hogs on his river farm from rables. Some two or three months ago an insignificant cur came about his lot and bit some of his hoge. It was learned later that the dog was mad; and recently Mr. Lawrence lost several fine h ogs and is entrely uncertain as to when or where the matter will end. A year ago Mr. F. P. Shields lost some hogs and a mule from a similar cause. Some time ago Mr. Lawrence a large number of sheep by wortnless dogs and last Spring the dogs killed for him fifty fine lambe.

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- When a man gets full it is good time to take his bust measure .-News Chicago

- "He's in love with himself. 'He'll never feel the pangs of jeal ousy."-Town and Country.

- Never fool with a "dead" live wire; the business end of a wasp, or a woman's private opinion. - Life.

- Village Swain-"Lovely moon ain't there, Sally ?" Sally (revising her home)-"Nuthin' to what we 'as in town!"-Punch.

- He (musingly)-Sometimes think I am a foel, She (sweetly)-And at other times you think you're exactly right.-Calumbia Jester.

- "But there's plenty of money in politics," said his friend. "Ob, yes" said the politician, "but, like other remunerative lines, it's overcrowded." -Brooklyn Life.

- "How shall we decorate the church this Christmas?" "With the minister's sermons. They are greener and take up more space than anything H. Stoddard in Raturday Evening Post I know of."-Judge.

- Clarissa-Our Thanksgiving dinners are never an intellectual trieverything tastes so good that nobody wants to talk.-Brooklyn Life.

- Judge-Here, here, now; there is is honor among thieves, you know. Fndge-I know, but you mistake me; I'm talking about baseball players who skip contracts, you know !- Balimore Herald.

- Nocker-Isn't it a shame for the trusts to sell their products to foreigners so much cheaper than they will sell them to us? Shouter-Oh, J don't know. We ought to be willing to pay a little extra for being Americans.-Brooklyn Life.

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nting Shakespearean tragedy. were playing in one of the provincia cities of England when a new actor, an inexperienced amateur, joined the company and was assigned the role of Catesby in which to make his debut in the play of "Richard the Third." During the progress of the piece one of his new lines is after a quick entrance addressed to King Richard, and he says: "My lord, the Duke of Buckingham

BUCKINGHAM WAS TAKEN.

They Had Him Sure Before Curtain

and Actor Went Down.

During the first year of my travels as

is taken!" I can remember that on the night of his first appearance he was frightfully nervous and was anxious to proclaim the fact that the Duke of Buckingham was taken, as he had been practicing and studying it for several weeks. The result was that he got the wrong cue and made his entrance before time,

crying out: "My lord, the Duke of Buckingham is taken!' Richard turned to him and in an un-

dertone said: "Get off! Get off! You're too soon. The actor left the stage mortified and more "rattled" than ever, so that scarcely was he in the wings before he again made the same mistake and again proclaimed that the Duke of Buckingham was taken. Richard turned upon him for the second time and told him to leave the stage. He also whispered, "Somebody take care of that idiot and tell him when to make

his entrance." The prompter grabbed the actor by the hand and when the proper time came said: "Now is your time. Tell Richard he's taken."

The actor rushed upon the stage, hesitated, sooked at Richard and then in a wild tone of voice exclaimed: "We have him, by heaven, and

have him sure!" I believe the curtain went down, and, if I remember rightly, the curtain was not the only thing that went down .- J.

THE LOST CHILD.

Dramatic Incident at an Ocean Grove Experience Meeting.

It had been an experience meeting, Ten thousand people were assembled in the great auditorium by the sea. There had been the handshake, the waving of handkerchiefs, the hymn, the prayer, the word which told the spiritual history of many a soul. The bishop stood upon the platform in the act of pronouncing the benediction. Emotion was at its height. It seemed as if a spiritual wave had swept over the multitude, wrapping it in a divine caress. At that moment a little child was

passed up to the platform, and the bishop took it in his arms. "Lost child," were the whispered words. The baby put its dimpled arms about the bishop's neck and laid its head upon his shoulder, its yellow curls mingling with his grav hair.

"Lost child," said the bishop in his deep, sympathetic voice. "Does any one in the audience know this baby or to whom it belongs? Will the father or mother come and claim it?"

There was silence, and the baby nestled closer, and the women who sat near said. "Oh!" Then a man was seen making his way to the altar. It was the baby's father. Instantly the child stretched out

its arms to go to him. Then as he gave it up the bishop said: "There are 10,000 lost souls in Ocean

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Marke firm at 51c per gallop. **ROSIN-Market** firm at \$1.30 per barrel for strained and \$1.35 per barrel

for good strained. TAR-Market firm at \$1.60 per bar-

rel of 280 lbs. CRUDE TURPENTINE - Markey firm at \$1.75 per barrel for hard, \$3.00 for dip. Quotations same day last year-

Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@\$1.00; tar firm a \$1.20; crude turpentine quiet at \$1.10 @2.00

RECEIPTS. Spirits turpentine.....

Rosin 82 Tar..... 100 casks spirits turpentine, 356 barrels rosin, 360 barrels tar, 137 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON. Market firm on a basis of 7% c per ound for middling. Quotations: Ordinary 51/2 cts. # Good ordinary..... 6% Low middling..... 71/2 44 44 Middling 7% "" Good middling 8 11-16 "" Same day last year, market firm at %c for middling.

Receipts-1,290 bales; same day last year, 1,656.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia-Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@700 CORN-Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white, N. C. BACON-Steady; hams 15@ 16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12%c sides, 10@11c. EGGS-Firm at 21@22c per dozen. CHICKENS-Firm, Grown, 30@ 35c; springs, 12%@25c. TURKEVS-Firm at 10@11c for

BEESWAX-Firm at 25c. TALLOW-Firm at 5%@6%c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES--Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegranh to the Morning Star

NEW YORE, Dec. 12 .- Money on call-The market was firm at 6@ per cent., closing offered at 6 12 per cent.; time money firm, special arrangements, 60 and 90 days; six months per cent. Prime mercantile paper per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487 for demand and 483.30@483.55 for sixty days. The posted rates were 48414 and 488 Commercial bills 482 4 @483 4. Bar silver 47%. Mexican dollars 37%. Government bonds steady. State bonds-no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 3's, registered, 107%; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 108%; U. S. 3's, registered, 107%; do. coupon, 107% U. S. 4's, new registered, 135%; do. coupon, 135%; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 108%; do. coupon, 109%; U. S. 5'8, registered, 103%; do. coupon. 1031 ; Southern Railway, 5's, 11855 Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 95%. Chesapeake & Ohio 44%; ManhatPRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Sta

NEW YORK. Dec. 12.-Flour was quieter but very steadily held: Minnesota patents \$4 00@4 20. Rye flour steady. Wheat-Spoteasy; No 282%. Options were irregular all day, tenug easy and firm by turrs with Argentine news conflicting and the crowd in clined to take profits on recent purchases, Cables were firm from English points, interior receipts light and clearances moderate, Late heavy selling of May for Western account made the close weak at 1/2 net decline: July closed 78%c; December closed 84c. Corn-Spot quiet; No. 2 62c Options market advanced at first, notably for December, on covering due to bad weather, scant arrivals and to cables. Later prices yielded with wheat and the close was %c lower except near months which closed 1/201/2 c higher: January closed 55%c; May closed 49%; December closed 62c. Oats-Spot firm; No. 2, 37 1/2 c. Options were fairly active and irregular, like Rates From Wi'mingto the other markets: December 391/c Butter firm; extra creamery 30c: State dairy 20@27c. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13%, late make 13; small white September 13%; late make 13. Peanuts easy; fancy hand picked 4%@4%; other comestic 3@4% c. Cabbages were firm; domestic, per 100, white \$1 50@3 00;

red \$1 50@3 50. Pork quiet. Rice quiet. Freights to Liverpool-cotton by steam 12. Eggs dull; State and Pennsylvania average best 29c Lard easy; Western steam \$11 50; reined quiet; continent \$11 75: South American \$11 75; compound 71/071/c. Potatoes-Market quoted firm; Long Island \$2 00@3 30; South Jersey sweets Rate, \$6.55. \$250@4 00; Jerseys \$1 75@2 05; New

York and Western per 180 lbs., \$1 50 @2 00. Coffee-Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 5%c; mild quiet; Oordova 7% @12. Sugar-Raw firm ; fair refining 8 7-16; centrifugal, 96 test 3 15-16c; refined firm. Cotton seed oil was quoted firm again and unchanged on continued firm news from the South and a strong spot situation. Closing prices: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 29@30c; prime summer yellow 37@38;off summer yellow 36@37c; prime white 40@41c; prime winter yellow 41@42c; prime meal \$27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 .- Wheat was active and strong early to-day, but later the market became listless, and the close was easier with May 13 lower. May corn was ic lower and oats ic down. January provisions closed 71 to 10c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 .- Cash prices Flour quiet and steady. Wheat-No. 2 spring 75@77c; No. 3 spring 70@74%c; No. 2 reu 75% @76% Corn-No 2 57% No. 2 yellow 57 4c. Oat-No 2 31 %c No. 2 white -c; No. 3 white 32@34c. Mess pork, pe: barrel, quind at \$1700. Lard, per 10 1bs , \$10 25@10 30. Short rib sides, loon, closed \$8 50 rosin, 43 barrels tar, 1 barrel cru turpentine. W. & N. Railroad-65 bales c ton, 10 barrels rosin, 6 barrels cr urpentine

Larkins Flat-21 barrels tar. Total-1,290 bales cotton, \$1 ca spirits turpentine, 82 barrels ros 100 barrels tar, 51 barrels crude t

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