THE GROFF BROTHERS ARE UNDER ARREST.

One of the Partners Gave Himself Up. The Other Taken Into Custody--Both Gave Bond and Were Released

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Diller B. Groff, one of the partners of Groff Brothers, from whom Machen is alleged to have received money in connection with the purchase of letter box-fasteners, went to police headquarters to-night and gave himself up, saying he heard that a warrant had been issued for him and he had come to headquarters to present himself. Mr. Groff was taken before U. S. Commissioner Taylor and gave $10,000 bail, pending a hearing before the commissioner to-morrow. Mr. Groff did not make any statement regarding his connection with the charge against him. The warrant served on him charges violation of the section of the Revised Statutes making bribery of officers of the government a criminal offence. The information upon which the warrant was issued was sworn to by Walter S. Mayer, a postoffice inspector. This information alleges the payment by the partners of various sums of money to August W. Machen in pursuance of the alleged agreement between them in connection with the purchase of letter box-fasteners. Samuel A. Groff, the other partner, was arrested to-night. Arrangements were made immediately whereby he was released on $5,000 bail being given for his appearance before United States Commissioner Taylor when required.

Postmaster General Payne said that the evidence against Machen was of the most conclusive character.

"It is a very sad affair," Mr. Payne added. "It is very serious business. The probabilities are that the end is not yet."

The Postmaster General said that the department was running down all of the charges that have been made concerning the postal administration; that many charges had been made which are not known to the public, and that where a few were substantiated great numbers of allegations proved without foundation.

He made the significant suggestion that there were many other charges of irregularities in the free delivery now being investigated. Commenting on the arrest of Daniel V. Miller, the assistant attorney, which preceded by forty-eight hours that of Mr. Machen, Mr. Payne said that he had asked Attorney General Robb whether the Ryan decision, which Mr. Christiancy signed at the instance of Miller, was proper under the law and under the facts. Mr. Robb's answer has not been received.

Mr. Payne was asked whether the department was keeping in touch with George W. Beavers, the former superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances of the department, who suddenly resigned some weeks ago. He replied affirmatively: "I have no doubt," he said, "that the department is keeping track of him."

Postmaster General Payne dismissed Mr. Machen in the following order:

A. W. Machen is this day removed from the position of General Superintendent of the free delivery service. His removal is made by reason of malfeasance on his part in the discharge of the duties of his office."

MORE POSTAL SCANDALS

Reported to War Department from Philippines--One Postmaster Garroted Off Safe as Well as the Money.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Philippines are having their postal scandals, as well as Washington. Two cases are reported by mail to the War Department to-day. One is that of former Postmaster Milne, at Tacloban, Leyte, who is accused not only of taking $2,000 current coin of the United States, but even the four hundred pound safe which is supposed to have contained the money.

Postmaster Karelsen, of Calamba, Luzon, is also under arrest. Some time ago $2,000 disappeared from the mails between the hour it left his office and when it should have reached Manila.

Treasurer Jones, of the Province of Tariac, likewise reports robbery. He says he has been losing from $25 to $500 a month. His books are all right, but the balance in the cash drawer comes short regularly.

WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN.

Two Freight Trains in Collision—Seven Men Killed—Both Trains Burned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 27.—A double-headed east bound freight and a west bound freight, on the Southern Railway, collided at Bryan, twenty-two miles west of here, with the result that both trains were burned and seven men killed. Immediately after the collision the wreck took fire and burned rapidly.

The officials of the road have not yet explained the cause of the accident, but it is alleged that an operator went to sleep and failed to deliver an order. The burning wreckage destroyed the wires and cut off communication for some time. The dead are: H. Acton, engineer; L. G. Chester, engineer; Otta Woods, fireman; two firemen, names unknown; Robert Hancock. J. D. Hall, a brakeman, is missing and is thought to have been burned in the wreck; Engineer Samuel Johnson will die; a trainman will die; several other trainmen were hurt.

THE MARCUM MURDER.

Hearing in the Case of Jett and White May Go Over to Next Week.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 27.—A special to the *Post*, from Jackson, Ky., says:

The hearing of the cases of Curtis Jett and Tom White, under indictment on the charge of murdering Lawyer J. B. Marcum, has been postponed until to-morrow. Their cases may go over to the next term of court, which begins next week. The delay is the result of the non-arrival of witnesses. The town is quiet.

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MACHEN PLACED UNDER ARREST.

Superintendent of Free Delivery Mail Service Charged With Receiving Rake-offs.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Discovery of Machen's Alleged Interest in Contracts Made Accidentally—Received Large Sums--Gave Bond in $20,000--Other Arrests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—By far the most sensational development of the postoffice investigation up to this time occurred to-day when Augustus W. Machen, the general superintendent of the free delivery service, was arrested on a warrant issued upon the information of postoffice inspectors, charging him with having received rake-offs from contracts made with the local firm of Groff Brothers for a patent postal box-fastener. The warrant specifically charges him with receiving $18,981.78 since August 8th, 1900. It is alleged, however, at the department that this amount does not represent all that Machen obtained in connection with these contracts, it being charged that he himself profited by them for several years prior to the date of the first contract mentioned in the warrant. Other arrests are to follow.

Immediately after Mr. Machen was taken into custody, the postmaster general issued an order removing him from his office. He had been practically under suspension for a fortnight pending the investigation into his bureau. This discovery of Machen's alleged interest in the contracts was made quite accidently by the inspectors some three weeks ago, and since then their energies had been directed toward making out a case. Last night after the authorities had become convinced that they were in possession of the necessary evidence, Mr. Machen was notified to appear at the department this morning. He did so and was subjected to a "sweating" process by the inspectors and Mr. Bristow for three hours, but no admission that he had profited by the contracts could be secured from him. He declined to answer many questions on the ground that they related to his private business, but insisted to the end that he had not received a cent improperly. Nevertheless, he was arrested on the warrant which had been prepared and taken before a United States commissioner, where his attorney immediately demanded a full hearing. Assistant District Attorney Taggart, however, was not ready to proceed with the hearing was set for June 5th. Mr. Machen gave a $20,000 bond, furnished by a Philadelphia bonding company, for his appearance, declining to accept the proffer of friends to go on his bond. After his release he declined to make any statement beyond the single declaration that the whole thing was a grand stand play and would come out all right. His attorneys declared that at the proper time they would show conclusively that he had been guilty of no wrong in connection with the contracts and, on the contrary, they would be able to show that his administration of the free delivery service had been characterized by ability and integrity. The department officials claim that their evidence is conclusive. It is understood that a civil suit will be entered to recover from Machen the amount he is alleged to have received on the contracts.

According to the statements of Postoffice Department officials there was a go-between for the alleged transactions in connection with the contracts. The identity of this person is withheld by the department and the officials refuse to say what steps if any have been taken looking to his apprehension. It is stated that he does not reside in Washington and is not here at present. Postmaster General Payne was asked to-night for the name of this man, but declined to discuss the subject, adding that he knew nothing about it. The inspectors, however, it is stated, know the identity and movements of the intermediary. He may be arrested at any time.

The inspectors say the evidence they have is of the most comprehensive character, bearing the signature of Mr. Machen. The evidence was worked up principally in Washington, though much of it was obtained in other parts of the country. The final decision to make the arrest was reached at 3 o'clock this morning, after a protracted conference between the United States district attorney and the inspectors.

The arrest created a profound sensation at the Postoffice Department. The news spread rapidly and within a few minutes after the arrest the fact was known generally. Postmaster General Payne lost no time in communicating the news to the public, summoning the newspaper men and saying:

"Mr. Machen is now under arrest in this building. He has received a large sum of money from the contractors who supply the government with certain articles. The amount he is charged with receiving is over $20,000. The department will make a statement later in the day, as soon as it can be prepared."

Subsequently, Mr. Bristow gave out the following statement:

"A. W. Machen, general superintendent, free delivery system, was arrested at 1 o'clock to-day. He is charged with receiving bribes amounting in all to about $22,000, in connection with a contract held by Groff Brothers of Washington, D. C., for a patent fastener used on street letter boxes, known as the Groff fastener. The Postoffice Department in the past ten years has used about $140,000 worth of these fasteners and it is shown by ample evidence that for the past three years at least, Mr. Machen has been receiving forty per cent. of the amounts paid to the Groffs. The transaction of the business was conducted by Diller B. Groff, who controls the patent of his brother, Samuel A., a policeman.

Mr. Machen was taken by the deputy marshal directly to the office of United States Commissioner Taylor, where arrangements to give bail were made. Mr. Machen communicated with his attorneys, Douglas & Douglas, and in a few minutes Charles A. Douglas, senior member of the firm, arrived at the commissioner's office and assumed charge of the case. On behalf of his client, he demanded an immediate hearing.

Assistant District Attorney Hugh Taggart, who is conducting the case for the government, informed Commissioner Taylor that he was not ready to proceed and asked for a postponement of the hearing for ten days. To this question Commissioner Taylor acceded and fixed the hearing for Friday, June 5th. After a brief discussion of the bond, Commissioner Taylor announced that he would ask bail in the sum of $20,000. This was satisfactory to Mr. Machen and his attorneys and the Union Surety and Guaranty Company, of Philadelphia, gave the bond.

To all newspaper men Mr. Machen said that he had no extended statement to make for publication. To a

IRREGULARITIES ALLEGED.

Charges Filed Against the Collector of Customs at San Juan, P. R

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 27.—As a result of the visit here of Customs Inspector Leslie M. Cullom, charges have been filed at Washington against Collector Cruzen, alleging irregularities in the conduct of the San Juan office.

According to affidavits submitted with the charges, Collector Cruzen received unlawful emoluments, permitted ships to visit island ports without an inspector on board in return for presents made to him and unlawfully demanded cigars from shippers.

IN GHOSTLY HOUR

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Patty trailed ghostly sheetings down the broad stairs into the uncertain firelight of the great hall. She must have dressed with unusual expedition, she thought, for none of the guests had as yet arrived.

With a little sigh of relief—for she dreaded the first night among strangers—she pushed aside her black mask and walked over to the fireplace. As she gazed into the heart of the glowing flames she thought of another fireside of just a year ago. Different, yes—in a tiny parlor in Boulder, Colo.—and she had not been alone then. Her father slept in the next room, and Jack was by her side on the low settle. Jack!

She saw it all so distinctly. They were talking of Halloween superstitions and laughing over the belief that on this one night evil things might creep up and ghosts walk abroad unchallenged. She had laughed unbelievingly, with her head resting on Jack's shoulder and his strong arm around her. But now?

She shuddered and hid her face in her hands, for in the flames she seemed to see the history of the twelve months—the quarrel and Jack's sullen departure for the Alaskan goldfields, his silence and then the chance newspaper clipping telling of the loss, with all hands, of the Arctic Queen, and among the passenger list his name—John Sanborn—her father's death, her return east and these weary months of being passed from one relation to another, like an unclaimed parcel.

She raised a startled face at a sudden step, but Cousin Alida's brisk voice brought back realities.

"Why, Patty, child, you first, and with such a pale pair of cheeks? Down with your mask, and let us hope that you will get some color before unmasking time. I have been boasting of my pretty cousin, and you must see to it that I am not brought to confusion. But there goes the bell. Some of the guests are arriving. Be ready to bow your prettiest, but remember there is to be no unmasking and no talking until supper time. I have invited ghosts, and I dare them to prove themselves of more earthly stuff till betrayed by demands of healthy appetite."

Under Cousin Alida's gay leadership the ghostly company tried their fortunes in many ways, showing unexpected interest in futures and behaving in a most undignified and unghostlike fashion. Often a startled laugh or exclamation revealed some carefully hidden identity.

Patty tried her luck as boldly as the rest, but with an indifference which needed no simulation, and Fate, the fickle jade, insisted on pouring all blessings in her lap—she should have health and wealth and happiness. The girl smiled cynically. Happiness for her!

Yet when they launched their boats and lit their candle freight she, too, murmured a name—Jack—for a strange fantasy had come to the girl. Jack was dead, yes, but his ghost might come to her that night. Her cheeks were scarlet with excitement. Cousin Alida would have smiled approvingly if she had seen the girl as she watched the mimic craft. Again the fates were kind to her. Her taper burned the longest, so to her should come the granting of her wish. She trembled, and yet there was a mad exhilaration at the thought.

The girls in turn were trying their luck in the darkened room with the magic mirror when a distracted young man sought out Cousin Alida. "Miss Pendleton," he gasped, "I must have some brandy, quick! It's for Patty!" Then as he became aware of her mute astonishment he whispered more coherently: "It's Miss Erskin. She fainted in the mirror room, and I can't make her open her eyes. Oh, won't you come quickly?"

Then Cousin Alida became her customary quick witted self and followed him with her remedies so silently and expeditiously that none of the company was aware of the catastrophe. Yet even in her bewilderment she had noticed one thing—John Sanborn had called her cousin "Patty." He knew her.

But her voice was only tired as she asked gently, "Then you know—Patty, Mr. Sanborn?"

His eyes never left the white face as he answered wildly: "Yes, I know her—I used to know her. It's my fault that I don't know her now. I never thought it would frighten her so if I looked over her shoulder. Oh, do you think she will ever open her eyes?"

Even as he spoke there was a flutter of the lids, and the dark eyes opened slowly, fearfully. But as they met the pale face and ghostly garments bending above them they closed. "The ghost!" she moaned in terror.

Her lips were growing blue again when Alida seized her trembling hands in her warm ones. "Patty, dear, you are dreaming. There are no ghosts here—only I, Cousin Alida, and one other. You know him, Patty. It is an old friend of yours. Open your eyes and tell him that you are glad to see him."

Before her masterful commands the girl opened her eyes again and gazed, still half fearfully, into the face of her lover. "Not dead?" she panted.

For answer he caught her up in his arms. "Not dead!" he cried exultantly. "Did you think I was, poor child? It was all my cursed pride that made me silent at first, when I went to the Klondike. And then when I came back to Boulder you were gone. And I have hunted for you ever since till now—I have found you. Miss Pendleton can tell you that I had no idea that you were her cousin."

But Miss Pendleton had gone out softly and shut the door behind her.

HELEN WOOD.

U. S. WARSHIPS TO VISIT GERMANY.

European Squadron Ordered to Kiel as a Special Mark of Friendship.

AN UNUSUAL COMPLIMENT.

Emperor Williams Has Known Unofficially of Projected Visit and Has Made Arrangements for a Fitting Reception—Guests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Navy Department announced to-day that the European squadron would visit Kiel. The battleship Alabama will sail for the other side June 5th and join the European squadron, consisting of the Chicago and San Francisco, at Lisbon. Thence the squadron will proceed north to Kiel. The action was taken in accordance with telegraphic instructions received to-day from Secretary Moody.

The American men-of-war will go to Kiel for regatta week by order of the President as a special mark of friendship to the German Emperor, and in appreciation of the many courtesies he recently has shown the American people.

Secretary Hay announced to Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German ambassador, to-day, that a special order has been received from President Roosevelt that formal announcement of the visit of the European squadron to Kiel be made. Orders have been prepared for Rear Admiral Cotton, commanding the European squadron, to cruise westward in the Mediterranean en route to Kiel. The Alabama will join the European squadron at Lisbon in time to reach Kiel for the opening of the regatta on June 25th.

Emperor William has known unofficially for some time of the projected visit of the ships to Kiel and has taken personal charge of the arrangements for their reception. It is learned on high authority that the Americans will be the guests of honor at Kiel, for the reason that they have been sent under special orders from the President.

Dispatch of an entire squadron under special orders from the President in compliment to a foreign sovereign is regarded in naval and diplomatic circles as quite unusual.

How to Test Eggs.

A new method of testing eggs for their freshness has been communicated to the Agricultural society of Saxony. An egg plunged in water tends to rise with more buoyance according to its age, owing to enlargement of the empty space at the thick end by evaporation of water from the white; hence the egg takes a different position in the water. Fresh eggs remain horizontal, an egg three to five days old makes an angle of 20 degrees with the horizon, one eight days gives an angle over 45 degrees, and at the end of fourteen days the angle is 60 degrees. An egg three weeks old lies at 70 degrees. One three months remains vertical, and when it is older still it floats.

How to Destroy Cooking Odors.

If the cooking of the turnips, onions or even the turkey has left the least suggestion of its preparation in the dining room, pour a few drops of oil of lavender in a vase or bowl and half fill with hot water. This gives a delightful freshness to the air, which is most desirable when the house is stuffy and doors and windows cannot be thrown open at the last moment.

How to Destroy Moths.

Make a mixture of gasoline and one-fourth as much wood alcohol, in which has been dissolved as much corrosive sublimate (bichloride of mercury) as it will hold. Inject this with a syringe into the cracks of a wall and floors and spray "infested" furniture with it, behind and under upholstered seats, etc. Take one room at a time, being careful to have no fire or artificial light about, and shut the room up closely for eight hours. The process may have to be repeated once a month for perhaps three months if the infliction be grievous, but if faithfully done it is sure death to all vermin.

How to Clean Enameled Shoes.

Enameled shoes can be kept in good condition by washing them in sweet milk. All dust and mud should first be removed; then the shoes should be thoroughly washed with the milk and then wiped dry with a soft cloth. This will give them a polish almost equal to new and will help them to retain their smart appearance for a long time.

How to Stew Lobsters.

For luncheon or for a late supper stewed lobster is a delicate dish. It is not difficult to prepare, and if the lobster is boiled in advance it can be got ready in a few minutes. First extract the meat from a boiled lobster, cut it up into small pieces and put in a stewpan. There should be just enough water to keep it from burning and to make the gravy. Cook it slowly for five minutes, and add one tablespoonful of butter, a little pepper and salt and then heat to boiling. Pour it into a dish and serve hot.

How to Keep Flatirons Smooth.

To prevent irons from sticking rub them with a piece of beeswax tied up in a bag of cheesecloth. This will make them both smooth and clean. Salt spread on pepper and the iron rubbed over vigorously is also a very good way of cleaning them.

How to Make Olive Sauce.

An olive sauce is an excellent relish to serve with warmed over meats. Brown one tablespoonful of butter, add one heaping tablespoonful of flour and brown again. Add half a pint of beef stock (that made from extract of beef may be used) and stir until smooth and thick. Season to taste. Add one tablespoonful of worcestershire sauce and one dozen olives chopped fine and simmer five minutes.

The Tennessee Coal Company's mines at Coal Creek, were blockaded again yesterday by union miners and the manager did not undertake to operate mines during the day.

TRIUMPHANT OVER FEMALE DISEASES!

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND

Home Treatment With the Famous Prescription Has Brought Happiness and Health to Hosts of Suffering Women.

Intelligent and thoughtful women are now using the best and most reliable of all spring medicines, Paine's Celery Compound, and are getting back nervous vigor, pure blood, bodily strength, and a ruddy and clear complexion. The women of our land who silently suffer from female irregularities and dangerous ills, and who spend fully half their time in misery, will find in Paine's Celery Compound all the virtues and elements that lead to health and true happiness. Paine's Celery Compound possesses peculiar powers for the strengthening of the female organism. It braces the nervous system, makes strong the weak muscles of every important organ. Victims of suppressed, profuse or painful menstuation, luchorrhœa, chlorosis, uterine inflamation and other ailments common with females, are quickly cured of these troubles and annoyances, are made vigorous and active, and rejoice in permanent health. Mrs. M. A. Morris, Tilton, Ark., writes for women as follows:—

"I was afflicted with the whites and irregular menstruation, and tried several doctors, but found no relief. A lady friend of mine advised me to try Paine's Celery Compound. I used two bottles of your great medicine, and I am now a sound woman, and I give your wonderful remedy all the credit. I will forever praise Paine's Celery Compound, it did me so much good."

THE STORM IN IOWA.

Town of Botna Was Completely Demolished—Two Children Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DES MOINES, IA., May 27.—When wire communication with interior towns was opened up to-day it became apparent that yesterday's tornado caused far greater loss than was at first reported. A report early to day from Botna, in Shelby, received by way of Audubon, says that the town of Botna was completely demolished, and that many farm houses near that place were wrecked. At Botna a large church and the Great Western depot are among the buildings known to have been wrecked. Ten miles north of Gray, Audubon county, two children are reported killed in the wreckage of a farm house and five others injured seriously. All were occupants of one house.

DES MOINES, IA., May 27.—Another death was reported to-day as a result of the tornado in South Des Moines last night. The home of Richard Wallace, a carpenter, was destroyed, and in a fire that followed a three-year-old daughter was burned to death, being buried under the debris.

In Missouri.

ST. ELMO, MO., May 27.—The casualities resulting from yesterday's tornado here are to-day placed at eighteen, with one man missing. Daniel C. Barker, a retired farmer, died during the night of apoplexy caused by fright; Ed. Wiseman, a farmer, is missing and C. Daniels and Mrs. John McMahon are seriously injured.

Salisbury *Sun*: Lexington was visited by the worst hail storm in its history Monday afternoon. The storm started by dropping stones about the size of lemons, increasing in numbers and diminishing in size until the ground was completely covered. This was followed by a good rain, which was very much needed. The hail must have done an immense amount of damage to the crops.

A Startling Test.

To save a life Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test, resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes: "A patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for Acute Stomach and Liver troubles, so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in fourteen months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranted for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

BEARDS AND GLASSES.

Two Ornaments That Are Rarely Found Upon Hotel Waiters.

"Ever see a waiter wearing glasses?" demanded the inquisitor.

No one could remember, although just why a waiter should not be seen with glasses as well as any other man was not apparent.

"It's just like the wearing of beards," went on the inquisitor. "The proprietors of our important hotels, restaurants and cafes will not permit either beards or glasses to be worn by their waiters. It is possible that in some old fashioned family or commercial hotel the servitors may be found with their noses straddled by optical helps, but you won't find 'em along Broadway.

"Now, this is a fact worthy of note because in every other calling in life the number of persons wearing glasses is on the increase, and even in our schools a considerable percentage of very small children will be found wearing glasses, and while, as I say, hotel, restaurant and cafe proprietors are opposed to the glasses, still I have seldom found a waiter whose eyes indicated that he was in the slightest need of them.

"You may argue that restaurant waiters are generally young men. Grant you that instantly, but all the same thousands of men of similar age have to wear them in almost every other occupation.

"The majority of those servitors commence in boyhood, and the demand of their vocation causes no strain on the eyesight. Consequently that may account in a measure for the absence of any necessity for the use of specs. Moreover, the steam from hot viands would render them useless probably."—New York Telegram.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again," writes D. H. Turner, of Dempseytown, Pa. They are the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

STORM IN OHIO.

Great Damage Reported in the Northwest Portion of the State.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOLEDO, O., May 27.—Northwestern Ohio was visited by one of the worst storms in its history to-day. The damage done in Toledo is estimated at $100,000, while reports from all portions of northwestern Ohio indicate that great damage was done throughout the country, and especially in the oil fields south of Toledo.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gulledge, of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles, causing twenty-four tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Flour was dull but firmly held. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 84½c. Options closed ¼@1c net higher. Sales—May closed 84½c; July closed 79⅞c; September closed 76c; December closed 76¾c. Corn—Spot quiet; No. 57c. Options—Starting out firm and higher, corn held strong all day, closing ¼c net higher except May, which was 1c net lower. Sales included: May closed 55½c; July closed 52 13-16c; September closed 51½c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2, 39¼c. Options stronger on rains West. Butter quoted steady; extra creamery 22c; State dairy 16@21c Cheese—Market unsettled; State, full cream fancy, small colored, 11½; small white 11⅛. Cabbages firm; Norfolk, $1 25@1 50. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania, 17@17½. Southern firsts 13½@14c. Potatoes steady; South Jersey sweets, baskets $1@1 50; new Southern $2 00@2 75; old prime, per 180 lbs., $1 75@2 05. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4¼@4½c; other domestic 2¾@4¼c. Rice firm. Pork dull. Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining 3½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; molasses sugar 3 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test 3⅝c; refined unsettled. Coffee quiet; mild steady. Lard steady: Western steam $9 20; refined quiet; compound 7¼@8c. Tallow weak. Molasses quiet. Cotton seed oil was fairly active and easier: Prime crude f. o. b. mills 34@35½c; prime summer yellow 40½@41½; off summer yellow 37@38c; prime white 46@47c; prime winter yellow 46@47c; prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, May 27.—Cash prices: Flour was steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 78@79c; No. 3 spring 73@79c; No. 2 red 76@77c. Corn—No. 2 46c; No. 2 yellow 46c. Oats—No. 2 33½@33¾c; No. 2 white —c; No. 3 white 35c. Rye—No. 2 50c. Mess pork, per barrel, $17 25@17 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $8 75@8 77½. Short rib sides, loose, $9 20@9 35. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 00@8 12½. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 75@9 87½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, May 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market opened firm at 48½c per gallon. Later 48¾c was bid.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.62½ per barrel bid for strained and $1.67½ per barrel bid for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $3.00 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip, $3.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 45c; rosin firm at $1.05@1.10; tar firm at $1.30; crude turpentine firm at $1.40, 2.50@2.60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	30
Rosin	161
Tar	68
Crude turpentine	102

Receipts same day last year—79 casks spirits turpentine, 214 barrels rosin, 79 barrels tar, 111 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

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

Receipts— — bales; same day last year, —.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 75c.

CORN—Firm, 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 14@15c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 20@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 13@13½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@5c per pound.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, May 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 51c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel for strained and $1.75 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip, $3.50 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.05@1.10; tar firm at $1.35; crude turpentine firm at $1.40, 2.50@2.60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	51
Rosin	136
Tar	43
Crude turpentine	149

Receipts same day last year—68 casks spirits turpentine, 47 barrels rosin, 76 barrels tar, 105 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

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

Receipts—2 bales; same day last year, 14.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy. 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 75c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 14@15c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 20@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 13@13½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@5c per pound.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, May 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 49¾c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.62½ per barrel bid for strained and $1.67½ per barrel bid for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip, $3.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 45c; rosin firm at $1.05@1.10; tar firm at $1.30; crude turpentine firm at $1.40, 2.50@2.60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	79
Rosin	196
Tar	69
Crude turpentine	122

Receipts same day last year—72 casks spirits turpentine, 273 barrels rosin, 63 barrels tar, 38 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

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

Receipts—5 bales; same day last year, 37.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 75c.

CORN—Firm, 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 14@15c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 20@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 13@13½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@5c per pound.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, May 25.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 51c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel for strained and $1.75 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip, $3.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.05@1.10; tar firm at $1.35; crude turpentine firm at $1.40, 2.50@2.60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	49
Rosin	56
Tar	30
Crude turpentine	109

Receipts same day last year—50 casks spirits turpentine, 171 barrels rosin, 105 barrels tar, 191 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

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

Receipts— — bales; same day last year, 2.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 75c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 14@15c per dozen.

CHICKEN