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Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing
SICK
Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured
HEAD
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ACHE
is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.
CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail.
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The Messenger.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Mr. R. M. Wright, of Elkin, N. C., a very old man, does not know a letter or note in the book. He cannot sing, or even raise and pitch a tune, yet when he sleeps he sings some very beautiful songs in a melodious voice.

On December 24th Webster's tobacco warehouse, a saloon and another building were destroyed by fire at Madison. The loss was several thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance.

Gastonia Gazette: Robert L. Abernethy, of "River Bend," was in our office Monday, and we picked it out of him that he is figuring on the superintendency of a millionaire's big farm in another state at a salary of $5,000 a year.

The report on the state guard for 1896 will show that it has 100 more men than ever before. A new company of infantry at Scotland Neck is accepted. There are now a Gatling section and a howitzer section, and a signal corps. The equipment is excellent. It is said to be better than in any other state in the south. Everything is ready for field service.

The Manufacturers' Record last week publishes the following item of mill news: It is stated that Dr. J. H. McAden, of Charlotte, N. C., owner of the Pinhook water power property in Gaston county, on the Catawba river, will erect a cotton mill on the property. It is reported that a Charlotte architect is now preparing plans for the plant, which is to be one of 10,000 spindles and 400 looms, operated by water power.

Winston Sentinel: More than a half hundred Winston-Salem's young society folk were in attendance upon quite an enjoyable social event in progress last night from 9 to 12 o'clock, at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hill, on Spruce street. The occasion was a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Hill's son, Mr. Charles G. Hill, in honor of his guest and fellow student at the university, Mr. William J. Bellamy, of Wilmington.

The parents of a 5-year-old child named Whitfield, at Glencoe Mills, Aalmance county, went off one day last week, leaving it alone in the house, and it was burned to death.

Advices from Edenton tell of the tragic death of Elizabeth Wood, the 8-year-old daughter of a prominent merchant. The child was playing before a fire with another little playmate, and, stepping out of the room for a moment, she returned in time to see her playfellow endeavoring to extinguish her burning skirt. The brave child rushed to the rescue and succeeded in saving her companion, but in the excitement she herself caught fire and received burns from which she died within a few hours.

Asheville Citizen: Five hundred and three dollars in round numbers, and with this statement the story of the pecuniary success of the orphanage fair is told. That amount was realized above all expenses, and it shows how pronounced a success it is possible to make an affair of this kind.—A number of citizens have discussed the question of the proposed southern penitentiary which The Citizen yesterday referred to in the interview with Senator Pritchard. H. S. Harkins, who was one of those in a party discussing it, said he would donate 100 acres of good land in the Hominy section, only seven miles from the city and on the railroad, if this would induce the location of the penitentiary here.

Mr. P. S. Hinkle, a well known citizen of Davidson county, died last Thursday evening. The Dispatch says he was in Lexington that morning and aside from being under the influence of liquor, nothing serious seemed the matter with him. He left Lexington for his home in the country, about five miles from town, at near 12 o'clock. On arriving there he got out of his buggy and told the attendants he was sick—to send for a physician. This was done, but soon after the arrival of the doctor he breathed his last. Excessive drinking was the cause of his death. A few years ago Phillip Hinkle was one of the most wealthy and influential men in the county, and with hosts of friends everywhere.

Oxford Ledger: The people of Oxford were fortunate enough to hear on last Friday evening an address from the Hon. W. W. Kitchin, delivered before the Odd Fellows in their hall. He spoke for an hour or more on the subject of Odd Fellowship, and was listened to with the most marked attention. At times his remarks were truly beautiful and eloquent.—We are exceedingly gratified to learn that Judge Graham, after his term expires will resume the practice of law in Oxford, which will be good news to his host of admirers. Before his elevation to the bench he was the leading member of our bar, and enjoyed a lucrative practice.

Baptist Almanac: There are 794 Missionary Baptist preachers in this state, 150 Primitive Baptist, 160 Free Will Baptist, 16 Church of Christ Baptist, 93 Disciples, 1 Seventh Day Baptist, 661 Methodist Episcopal South, 64 Methodist Protestant, 7 Wesleyan Methodist, 60 O'Kelleyites (Christian), 145 Presbyterian, 26 Associate Reformed Presbyterian, 17 Reformed Church of United States, 73 Evangelical Lutheran, 96 Protestant Episcopal, 7 Moravian, 1 Waldensian, 2 Salvation Army, 18 Adventist, 9 Dunkard 52 Quaker, 4 Jewish, and 24 Roman Catholic. Total, 2,552 white preachers. These supply 5,094 churches, which have 526,117 members. There are 1,263 colored preachers, of eleven denominations, who supply 2,274 churches, with 176,779 members. Thus, of the 1,800,000 people in the state, 802,016 are church members.

Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop, St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a Cough of two years standing, caused by La Grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinsville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free Trials Bottles at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

Much indignation prevails in Ashe county against some incendiaries. During the past week barns with live stock, corn, oats, hay, farming implements, etc., have been set on fire and destroyed. One farmer received an anonymous letter warning him against discharging some tenants on his stock farm.

Savannah, Ga., April 26, 1889.
Having used three bottles of P. P. P. for impure blood and general weakness and having derived great benefits from the same, having gained 11 pounds in weight in four weeks, I take great pleasure in recommending it to all unfortunate like

Yours truly,
JOHN MORRIS,
Office of J. N. McElroy, Druggist,
Orlando, Fla., April 20,1891.

Messrs Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.:
Dear Sirs:—I sold three bottles of P. P. P. large size yesterday, and one bottle small size today.
The P. P. P. cured my wife of rheumatism winter before last. It came back on her the past winter and a half bottle, $1.00 size, relieved her again, and she has not had a symptom since.
I sold a bottle of P. P. P. to a friend of mine, one of the turkeys, a small one, took sick and his wife gave it a teaspoonful, that was in the evening, and the little fellow turned over like he was dead, but next morning was up hollowing and well.

Yours respectfully,
J. N. McELROY.

Savannah, Ga., March 17, 1891.
Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.:
Dear Sirs—I have suffered from rheumatism for a long time and did not find a cure until I found P. P. P. which completely cured me.

Yours truly,
ELIZA F. JONES.
16 Orange St., Savannah, Ga.

Greenville Reflector: Columbus Jenkins got his infant child, 3 months old, burned to death last night. A little girl was sitting by the fire with the child in her lap when it caught on fire.

Warranted no cure no pay. There are many intimations. To get the genuine ask for Grove's.

Wilmington Markets.

Wilmington, N. C., December 28.

COTTON REPORTS.

Receipts of cotton today—655 bales.
Receipts corresponding day last year 134 bales.
This season's receipts to date—206,747 bales.
Receipts to same date last year—134,203 bales.
The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange:
Cotton quiet.

Ordinary	4¾
Good ordinary	5 9-16
Low middling	6 3-16
Middling	6 9-16
Good middling	6⅞

Prices same day last year 7¾c.

NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine—Machine barrels quiet at 24½c; country barrels quiet at 23¾c.
Rosin firm at $1.45 to $1.50.
Tar quiet at $1.00.
Crude turpentine dull, hard $1.40; yellow dip $1.90; virgin $1.80.
Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine 28c and 27½c; rosin $1.35 and $1.40; tar 90c; crude turpentine $1.10, $1.40 and $1.80.
Receipts today—99 casks spirits turpentine, 1,484 barrels rosin, 169 barrels tar, — barrels crude turpentine.
Receipts same day last year—79 casks spirits turpentine, 1,006 barrels rosin, 116 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL.

New York, December 28.—Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent.; last loan at 2 and closing offered at 2.—Prime mercantile paper 4 per cent. Bar silver 65¼. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at $4.83¾@$4.84 for sixty days, and $4.86¾@$4.87 for demand. Posted rates $4.84½@$4.88. Commercial bills $4.82¼@$4.83½. Government bonds higher; state bonds dull; railroad bonds firm. Silver at the board was neglected.
Treasury balances: Coin $121,657,147; currency $56,161,232.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Am Cotton Oil	10	North Pacific	12¾
Am " Oil pfd	52	do pf'd	31¾
Am Sugar Refin.	110¼	Northwestern	101¾
" " pfd	100	do pf'd	150
Am Tobacco	78½	Pacific Mail	23
" pfd	101	Reading	26¾
A T & Sante Fe	13¾	Rock Island	65
Balt & Ohio	15	St Paul	72¾
Can Pacific	54¾	do pf'd	130
Chesa & Ohio	15¾	Sil Certificates	86¾
Chic & Alton	160	Tenn Coal & Iron	25
Chic, Bur & Quin	69½	do pf'd	90
Chic Gas Trust	72¾	Texas Pacific	8½
Del Lack & West	156½	Union Pacific	9
Dis & Cat Feed's	—	Wabash	6
Erie	14¾	do pf'd	15
do pfd	29¾	Western Union	82½
Gen Electric	31¾	Wheel & L Erie	6¾
Illinois Cen	91	do pf'd	27
L Erie & West	16½	Ala Class A	104
do pfd	67½	Ala Class B	104
Lake Shore	153	Ala Class C	96
Lou & Nash	47½	Louis'a Stamp 4's	96
Lon, N, Al & Chic	¾	N Carolina 4's	103¾
Manhattan Con	87¾	N Carolina 6's	122½
Mem & Charl	15	Ten N Set 3's	80
Michigan Cent	90	Va 6's def'd	5
Missouri Pacific	19¾	Va Vet ReStamp	64¾
Mobile & Ohio	19	Va Fund Debt	62
N, Chat & St L	67¾	U S Regist'd 4's	109¾
U S Cordage	—	U S Coupon 4's	111¾
do pf'd	—	U S 2's	95
N J Cent	100	Southern Ry 5's	50¼
N Y Central	98½	South Ry com	9
N Y & N Eng	45	do pf'd	26½
Norf'k & W pf'd	15¾	S C new 1as 4's	102½

U S new 4's reg. 119½; do coupons 119¾
*asked, †bid, tex-div, ‡sellers

COTTON.

Liverpool, December 28.—12:30 p. m.—Cotton quiet; American middling 4 13-32d; sales 8,000; American 7,400; speculation and exports 500; receipts 31,000; American 25,400. Futures opened quiet, demand moderate.
American middling, low middling clause—December 3 61-64d; December and January 3 59-64d; January and February, February and March, March and April 3 57-64d, 3 58-64d; July and August 3 61-64d. Futures quiet, tenders none.
4 p. m—December 3 57-64d buyers; December and January 3 55-64d buyers; January and February, February and March 3 54-64d values; March and April 3 54-64d buyers; April and May 3 55-64d sellers; May and June 3 55-64d, 3 56-64d sellers; June and July 3 56-64d buyers; July and August 3 57-64d sellers; August and September 3 55-64d, 3 56-64d values. Futures closed steady.
New York, December 28.—Cotton quiet; middling 7 1-16c; net receipts 310; gross receipts 3,892; exports to continent 1,790; forwarded 951; sales 1,321; spinners 68; stock 293,248.
Total today: Net receipts 50,509; exports to Great Britain 30,364; France none; continent 4,733; stock 1,334,360.
Total so far this week: Net receipts 62,742; exports to Great Britain 13,364; France 8,280; continent 16,020.
Total since September 1st. Net receipts 4,759,678; exports to Great Britain 1,766,098; France 397,361; continent 1,002,695.
Cotton futures closed steady at the decline; sales 194,800 bales; December 6.67; January 6.68; February 6.76; March 6.85; April 6.93; May 7.01; June 7.06; July 7.10; August 7.12; September and October 6.85; November 6.87.

PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston—Holiday; gross receipts 10,705.
Norfolk—Dull at 6⅜c; net receipts 6,081.
Baltimore—Nominal at 6¾c.
Boston—Holiday; net receipts 1,022; gross receipts 1,720.
Wilmington—Quiet at 6 9-16c; net receipts 655.
Philadelphia—Quiet at 7 5-16c; net receipts 318.
Savannah—Quiet at 6½c; net receipts 4,756.
New Orleans—Quiet at 6¾c; net receipts 19,744; gross receipts 21,096.
Mobile—Quiet at 6⅝c; net receipts 2,136.
Memphis—Steady at 6¾c; net receipts 4,934; gross receipts 7,037.
Augusta—Quiet at 6¾c; net receipts 2,035.
Charleston—Quiet at 6½c bid; net receipts 4,942.
Cincinnati—Quiet at 6⅞c; net receipts 5,721.
Louisville—Firm at 6⅞c.
St. Louis—Dull at 6 13-16c; net receipts 1,577; gross receipts 7,223.
Houston—Holiday; net receipts 9,189.

GRAINS, PROVISIONS, ETC.

Chicago, December 28.—The leading futures were as follows: Opening, highest, lowest and closing:
Wheat—December 79c, 79c, 78c, 78⅛c; May 82⅛@⅜c, 82⅜c, 81¾c, 82c; July 76¾c, 77¼c, 76¼c, 76⅞c.
Corn—December 24⅝c, 24⅝c, 23⅛c, 22⅝c, 22¾c; January 22¾c, 22¾c, 22⅜c, 22¾c; May 25⅜c, 25½c, 25¼@⅜c, 25⅜c.
Oats—December 16⅝c, 16¾c, 16½c, 16¼c; May 20c, 20⅛c, 19⅞@⅞c, 19⅞c.
Mess Pork—January $7.62½, $7.62½, $7.57½, $7.60; May $7.92½, $7.92½, $7.90, $7.90.
Lard—January $3.80, $3.85, $3.77½, $3.82½; May $4, $4.02½, $3.97½, $4.
Short Ribs—January $3.80, $3.80, $3.77½, $3.80; May $4, $4.02½, $3.97½, $4.
Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet and firm; hard wheat, spring patents $4.20@$4.50 in wood; other prices unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat 78@79c; No. 2 red 89¾@91¾c; No. 2 corn 22⅝@23½c; No. 2 oats 17@17½c; mess pork, January $6.80; short ribs, sides $3.75@$3.95; D S Shoulders $4.25@$4.30; whiskey $1.18.
New York, December 28.—Flour dull, steady; winter wheat, low grades $2.20@$3.30; fair to fancy $3.35@$4.75; patents $4.90@$5.25; Minnesota clear $3.50@$4; patents $4.25@$5.25; low extras $2.20@$3.30; southern flour dull, steady; common to fair extra $3@$3.55; good to choice, do $3.55@$3.85.
Wheat—Dull, firmer; No. 2 f. o. b. $1.00¼; ungraded red 80@$1.00½. Options advanced ¾@⅞c, declined ⅝@⅞c, rallied ⅜@½c and closed firm at ⅜@½c over Thursday; No. 2 red, December 90½c; January 90c; March 91¾c; May 88¼c.
Corn—Spots moderately active, firmer; No. 2, 29⅜c elevator; 30½c afloat. Options were dull and firm at ⅛c advance; December 29⅜c; January 29⅝c; May 31⅝c.
Oats—Spots quiet, steady; options dull, steady at ⅛@½c lower; January 22¼c; May 24⅛c. Spot—No. 2, 22¾c; No. 2 white 25¼; mixed western 23@24½c.
Lard—Quiet, firmer; western steam $4.10; city $5; December $4.10 nominal; refined quiet; continent $4.35; South American $4.65; compound 4⅜@½c.
Pork—Firm, quiet; new mess $8.25@$8.75.
Eggs—Moderate demand; state and Pennsylvania 21@24c; ice house 15@18c; western fresh 20@23c; do case $2@$4; southern 19@22c; limed 15½c.
Cotton Seed Oil—Steady; crude 20c; yellow prime 23@23½c.
Rice—Firm, fairly active; domestic fair to extra 3¾@6c; Japan 4⅛@½c.
Molasses—Firm; moderate demand; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice new 25@34c.
Peanuts—Quiet; fancy handpicked 4c.
Coffee—Quiet at 5 points; December $9.60; January $9.65; March $9.70; May $9.65; July $9.75@$9.80; Spot Rio dull, steady; No. 7, 10¼c.
Sugar—Raw, Dull, steady; fair refining 2 13-16c; refined steady; off A 4@4⅛c; standard A 4⅜c; cut loaf 5c; crushed 5c; granulated 4⅜c.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, December 28.—Rosin steady; strained, common to good $1.75. Turpentine quiet 26¾@27½c.
Charleston, S. C., December 28.—Turpentine firm at 24½c; sales none. Rosin firm; sales none; strained, common to good $1.40.
Savannah, Ga., December 28.—Turpentine market firm, closed at 24¾c bid; sales of receipts at quotations after the closing of the market. Receipts three days, 1,188. Rosin firm; sales none; receipts three days, 11,536. A B C D E F G $1.45; H $1.65; I $1.75; K $1.85; M $1.90; N $2.00; W G $2.25; W W $2.75.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

American steamer Morgan City, Leech, Boston, H. G. Smallbones.
American schooner Eva A. Dananhour, Johnson, Baltimore, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

American steamer Morgan City, Leech, Charleston, H. G. Smallbones.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Moorby, (Br.), 1,673 tons, Lowrie, South Shields, Alex Sprunt & Son.

BARKS.

Rosa, (Ital.), 852 tons, Schiaffino, Hamburg, J. T. Riley & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Mabel Darling (Br.) 111 tons, Roberts, Bar Harbor, Cronly & Morris.
Victory, (Br.), 131 tons, Monroe, Nassau, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Acara, (Am.), 135 tons, Nash, Barbadoes. Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Winnegance, (Am.), 251 tons, Manson, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
C. C. Lister, (Am.), 263 tons, Robinson, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Jacob S. Winslow, (Am.), 865 tons, Henley, Punta Gorda, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Emma Knowlton, (Am.), 353 tons, Hudson, New York, eGo. Harriss, Son & Co.
John R. Fell, (Am.), 347 tons, Abraham, Norfolk, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Mary A. Hall, (Am.), 341 tons, Haskell, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Morancy, (Am.), 160 tons, Torrey, Charleston, J. T. Riley & Co.
Lucia Porter, (Am.), 362 tons, Farrow, Port au Prince, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
W. C. Wickham, (Am.), 316 tons, Ewan, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Ida C. Schoolcraft, (Am.), 306 tons, Bowye, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Mecosta, (Am.), 487 tons, Stratton, Hayti for New York, put in in distress, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.
Eva A. Dananhour, (Am.), 217 tons, Johnson, Baltimore, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

New York Stock Market.

New York, December 28.—Stocks during the early hours of business were quiet and heavy, lower quotations from London and the bank troubles at the west having been the disturbing factors. At one time it was announced from Chicago that the Dime Savings bank of that city and suspended, but this was subsequently denied. The pressure to sell was not pronounced by any means. After the publication of the November report of the Burlington and Quincy the market developed increased weakness. The statement of the company showed a decrease in net earnings of $195,735, and a decrease in surplus after charges, of $202,780. Burlington and Quincy naturally scored the heaviest loss in the railway list and fell from 70¾ to 68½. St. Pul reacted ¾ to 72¾, and Rock Island 1½ to 64½. Northwestern and Omaha were practically unchanged. Consolidated Gas was the feature of the industrial group, and broke from 141 to 136¾, with a late rally to 139. The selling of this stock was due to the revival of the reports of $1.00 gas. Sugar held tolerably firm, considering all talk about a war with the Arbuckles. The losses in the general list were unimportant. In the last hour of trading, the market developed firmness on efforts to cover short sales made early in the day. Sugar and Reading were the notably firm stocks, the last named having been strengthened by the announcement of the payment of the January interest in general 4's and the reported improvement in anthracite coal conditions. The rally in prices ranged from ¼ to 1¼ per cent. Speculation closed quiet and firm in tone. Net changes show gains of ¼ to ⅞ per cent. in Reading, Manhattan and Sugar, and losses of about as much in the usually active stocks. Burlington and Quincy was an exception, and lost 1⅝ per cent. on the day. Total sales were only 100,804 shares, including 27,700 Burlington and Quincy, 12,700 Sugar, and 11,800 St. Paul. Bonds were irregular. The sales footed up $956,000.

Cotton Futures.

(Special to The Messenger.)

New York, December 28.—Cotton today reached the lowest prices thus far. March opened at 6.96 and declined slowly and stubbornly to 6.85, closing at 6.85 to 6.88, but with the tone steady at the decline. As the market goes down the bull feeling is increasing, but a lack of outside orders and the boldness of a few local bears caused prices to give way. Tomorrow is notice day in January deliveries; but it is thought that the January holdings have been pretty well liquidated and nobody here would be surprised to see the market turn with the closing year. If cotton is not now at the bottom, it certainly cannot be far from it. We believe that it is a good time to buy. RIORDAN & CO.

(By Southern Press.)

New York, December 28.—The Sun's cotton review says: Spot cotton here declined 1-16c, with sales of 653 bales for export, 68 for spinning and 600 delivered on contract. Middling uplands was 7 5-16c, against 8¼c last year; New Orleans and gulf 7 5-16c, against 8¼c last year. Disappointed at the failure of the promised decreased movement to the ports and interior towns to materialize, tired longs sold out today, causing the break in prices. Liverpool started the decline by sending depressing cables, and in the absence of support, prices receded and closed at about the lowest figures of the day. Liverpool did very little here today. New Orleans both bought and sold, but the trading was in the main of a local character. The receipts, while still large, were somewhat smaller than in the previous week, and the total for the week at the ports is now estimated at 225,000 bales. The worst feature of the situation, however, is the absence of outside support. There was some new buying at the decline today, but not sufficient to produce a rally. The quantity to come in sight this week is estimated at 275,000 bales, against 337,000 last week.

The Chicago Markets.

Chicago, December 28.—Affairs on the board of trade were very quiet today, but the wheat market presented, within, a firm tone, prices showing little dispositon to yield to selling. The absence of Liverpool quotations was a serious drawback, tending to somewhat curtail business and to restrain the strong sentiment in favor of higher prices. Towards the close some timely quieting rumors touching a local bank were in circulation, causing prices to recede. Cash wheat was steady without particular change in price.
The corn market had nothing to recommend it to attention or to observation. The principal dealings, and they were small, were for the account of local scalpers and floor traders. The strength of wheat contributed to the steadiness of prices. Cash corn was easy to ¼c lower.
The course of the oats market depended solely on that of the other grains. The range of prices permitted of but slight opportunity for remunerative transactions. Cash oats were easy and ¼ to ½c lower.
The hog market made an advance of 5c this morning and product reflected the improvement promptly. There was very little trading and nothing of interest developed. May pork closed a shade higher, May lard and ribs each 2½c higher.

Germany and the United States.

(Baltimore Sun.)

The Paris dispatch to The London Times, representing that Germany would intervene and assist Spain in the event of war between the latter country and the United States, is probably without foundation. Several months ago our state department sounded the European powers and received assurances that Europe would maintain strict neutrality in the event of trouble with Spain. There is no reason to believe that anything has occurred to change the attitude of any of the powers since then, although The London Times' Paris correspondent announces, with impressive seriousness, that Germany is prepared to make common cause with Spain if the Cameron resolutions should be passed by congress and be put into execution by the president. Cuban independence will hardly be recognized by the present administration, but the alleged warning of Germany or of any other European power will not influence this government. In fact, it might be unfortunate for Spain if it were true that she had sought and secured the assistance of Germany to make war upon us if we intervene in Cuba. The conservative element of this country, which is now in favor of maintaining the status quo in Cuba, as the president has recommended, would not tolerate a threat from any quarter, and neither would the president, for that matter, so that the suggestion of European interference, if it had any effect whatever upon the situation, would probably be of a character not to be desired by Spain.
There are many reasons why Germany should not do what the Paris dispatch to The London Times represents her as willing to do under certain circumstances. It is true that she has large commercial interests in Cuba in sugar and tobacco, but these are scarcely a drop in the bucket compared with the interests of German capitalists in the United States, not to enumerate the immense holdings of German-American citizens of this country. Moreover, Germany has a merchant marine which has grown to great dimensions in the past few years, keeping pace with the marvelous development of German manufactures and the extension of German commerce. War with the United States would mean war upon German capital invested in this country, upon the property of hundreds of thousands of American citizens of German descent, and last, but not least, the loss of all of the business with Cuba. Germany's principal loss, however, would be the damage inflicted upon its merchant marine. It has not a navy sufficient to protect its shipping interests, which would be at the mercy of the privateers fitted out in the United States to prey upon its commerce. A blow would be dealt from which Germany could not recover for many years, and Great Britain, of which it is now a formidable commercial rival in nearly all the markets of the world, would become so firmly established that there would be little hope for German industries in the future.
For these reasons it is not likely that Germany will give any substantial aid to Spain if the latter should ever become involved in war with the United States. However much Emperor William, the "War Lord" of Europe, may be itching to give his army and navy congenial employment, he will not undertake to fight Spain's battles when he has nothing to gain and so much to lose by intervention. And even if his fondness for war were to override his prudence, he would find himself opposed by the strong common sense and conservatism of the German people, who have no desire to enter into a conflict with their own kin on this side of the Atlantic. Moreover, war with the United States would be an invitation to France to step in and regain the lost provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, which is the dream of every Frenchman. Consequently, the statement from Paris that Germany contemplates making war upon the United States if our government recognizes Cuba is discredited upon any reasonable hypothesis, and carries its denial upon its face. Germany is too busy extending its commerce and developing its manufactures to think of hostilities with the United States, even in a better cause and with greater provocation.

Closed Under a Mortgage.

Macon, Ga., December 28.—The wholesale whiskey house of the Sciesel & Wolff Company has been closed under mortgages held by the Exchange bank of this city to the amount of $20,000. It is said the assets of the company will cover this indebtedness. Mr. Sciesel, the senior member of the firm charges Jake Wolff, the secretary and treasurer with being a defaulter.

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Durham Sun: Mrs. W. R. Beasley, of the Central hotel, has a folding bed—one of the kind that folds twice, and when it is all done up it makes a very nice piece of furniture, and you would not know it was used for a bed. Sunday morning it was down, spread out and Mrs. Beasley was engaged in arranging some part of the bed, near the middle, when, from some cause, it suddenly shut up, like a jack knife, and gave Mrs. Beasley a severe lick across the head and shoulders, completely prostrating her for some little time. Dr. A. G. Carr was called in and administered medical relief. She was confined to her bed all day yesterday and part of today. She is now somewhat better and is slowly recovering from the shock the jar gave her nerves.

Lockhart, Texas, Oct. 5, 1889.
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Joe Worf, a white boy about 17 years old, was caught rocking the Norfolk and Western passenger train in charge of Captain Johnson, at Mayo river bridge, beyond Madison, last Thursday. He was arrested and is now in Rockingham jail awaiting the next term of court. There are two cases against him. He has partially admitted his guilt.

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Williamston News: The mad dog scare has taken the town and the aldermen have ordered all members of the canine tribe to be muzzled when taking a prominade on the streets.—Another attempt to burn the town was made early Sunday night. The boldness of the fire fiend is unsurpassed, for the night policeman was within ten feet of the building when it was fired. In his eagerness to escape detection the wretch left his oil can.

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FEARFULLY COLD WEATHER.

The Thermometer Far Below Zero in New York and the New England States.

New York, December 28.—The thermometer fell to twenty degrees below zero this morning at many points in the Hudson river valley and northern and central New York, and ten below was common in the southern tier of counties. From four to sixteen below is reported throughout Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.
Concord, N. H., December 28.—A cold wave swept over this state, last night the thermometer registering the lowest point of the winter. It was twelve degrees below here this morning. The mercury also went below zero in the following places: Lebanon 5, North Boscawan 6, South Danbury 8, Hooksett 9, Grafton 10, Claremont Junction 10, Woodsville 10, Hillsboro Bridge 12, Canaan 12, Contoocook 14, Bradford 14, Elmwood 15, Peterboro 16, Antrim 16, West Hopkinton 16, Newport 20.

Paying Teller Bosch Disappears.

Chicago, December 28.—A special from St. Paul, Minn., says: Leander Bosch, paying teller of the suspended Bank of Minnesota, has disappeared. He was last seen a few hours after the bank's suspension last Tuesday. Mr. Bosch prepared Thursday to place his accounts in the hands of the public examiner. When the receiver took charge, however, he was informed that an item in the accounts of the paying teller could not be satisfactorily understood without a personal explanation from Mr. Bosch. The discrepancy amounts to between $1,000 and $2,000, and is so small that the assets of the bank are not affected. The sum, indeed, is so trivial that it is believed Mr. Bosch could readily replace it from his personal means should the omission be not explained by a re-checking of the books. The disappearance of the paying teller arouses great anxiety among his relatives and immediate friends.

Fire in a Church at Wilson.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Wilson, N. C. December 28.

While people were returning home from church yesterday the alarm was given that the Disciples church was on fire. Both fire companies quickly responded, reaching there just in time to see the blaze as it was bursting through the walls and roof. Without delay, a flood of water was poured upon the building from the hose pipes. Soon the floor inside was hoe deep with water. The smoke