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The Messenger.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The new oyster law will, it is said, yield quite a considerable revenue to the state. It is a compromise law.

Thus far 141 bills have been ratified at Raleigh and are laws. The number of bills introduced in the house thus far is 984.

Wautauga Democrat: Mrs. Harriet Brinkley of Amantha gave birth to three baby girls on Friday of last week There is but one living.

Raleigh News and Observer: Auditor Ayer has made up a report of the expenses of the enrolling clerk's office for the last three terms of the legislature. In 1891 the expenses were $2,795, in 1893, $2,756 and in 1895, $3,131.

Marion Democrat: W. W. Neal, son of ex-Sheriff J. G. Neal, who for the past two years has held a position in the correspondence division of the war department at Washington, was last Saturday promoted four grades higher and transferred to the agricultural division at a salary of $1,000 per annum.

Carthage Blade: Carthage, naturally the healthiest town in the state, inscourged with crippe and kindred diseases just now. We never knew so much sickness here before.——The G. and G. railroad is about graded to the Johnson place, five miles from Glendon and two miles from Parkewood. A large force of hands are at work on the road.

Asheville Citizen: The improvements being made at Kenilworth Inn are rapidly nearing completion. The work in the interior of the main portion of the building is entirely completed. Handsomely decorated fresco paintings beautify the lower flower of the Inn. The upstairs rooms are white enameled and the building throughout is finely carpeted. The Inn is rapidly filling up with guests.

Concord Times: Mr. Reuben Fink, a one-armed Confederate soldier died last Tuesday morning, at his home near the depot, of pneumonia. He was 65 years old, and for some years had been in very straitened circumstances. He was always glad to do such work as he could, and was an industrious, good man. He lost his arm in defence of his country, and we trust he is now enjoying that rest that remains for God's people.

Greensboro Patriot: Dr. Curry has promised continued assistance to the state in its effort, to give normal instruction to colored teachers if this work should be organized upon such lines and prosecuted in such ways as will insure real normal instruction for colored teachers as is afforded white teachers by the Greensboro state normal. A bill is pending in the legislature, that is expected to meet the objections which Dr. Curry has raised against the existing colored normals.

Pender Star: Mr. James B. Melvin, of Bladen county, was killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol belonging to Mr. Dudley J. Shaw, in Mr. J. W. S. Robinson's store, near Ivanhoe, on January 28th. Mr. Shaw clerks for Mr. Robinson and had oiled and loaded a revolver and was in the act of placing it upon the mantel piece when it was accidentally discharged. The ball struck Mr. Melvin, who was standing near by, on the side of the head near the right ear, killing him instantly.

Raleigh Tribune: Yesterday one convict was added to the force at the penitentiary from Sampson county for the term of five years.——It is a pleasure to state that encouraging reports are being received from Dr. Marshall. Bishop Cheshire paid him a visit the otehr day, and says he is rapidly improving.——If, instead of two railroad companies running trains through Raleigh, there were only one, how would competition be promoted.——Professor Poteat delivered a thoughtful talk on "The Young Man of Nazareth." His address was full of new ideas, and gave the audience abundant food for thought.

Winston Sentinel: Some mean rascal played havoc with the glass in the show windows of three stores in Winston last night.——The bill introduced in the legislature a few days ago to incorporate the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway company, is virtually a continuation of the Roanoke and Southern railroad and the incorporators are the same who built the Roanoke and Southern. They are allowed in the charter to build a road from Winston, and to build branches not over fifty miles long. The charter allows this road to run through the counties of Forsyth, Davidson, Davie, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery, Rowan, Catawba, Stanly, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Union or Anson; the capital stock to be $3,000,000; the company to have power to purchase or lease any other line, or to be allowed to assign or lease its own property.

Charlotte Observer: Rev. J. N. McDonald, of Sweetwater, Tenn., a young Baptist minister, visiting in Waynesville with his bride, has been arrested on the authority of telegrams from Sweetwater, charging him with forging a check.——It is a very generous offer of Mr. C. B. Rouss, that devoted friend of the Confederate veteran, to put $250 more to $250 to be raised in North Carolina, to erect a monument to the Confederate dead in the cemetery at Winchester, Va.——Mrs. Margeret Johnson, of Steel Creek, was severely burned last week, the same day that Mrs. Campbell was. Her four sons had been hunting, and just as they returned and entered the house they were met by their mother, who ran toward them, her clothes in flames. They caught her and tore her clothing from her, which was all that saved her life.——Dean Hoffmann, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, this city, has called the convocation of Charlotte to meet in St. Peter's church today at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Reports will be made and papers on various subjects read and discussed.——Capt. Brenizer, Messrs. J. S. Spencer and H. C. Eccles returned yesterday morning from Burlington, where they went to attend the funeral of Mr. James Holt. The services were conducted Sunday by Rev. E. H. Harding, a former pastor and devoted friend of deceased, assisted by Rev. M. McG. Shields, the present pastor, Rev A. Curry and Rev. W. P. McCorkle. Fully 4,000 people gathered in and about the church to pay the last tribute of respect to one they loved and honored. The pallbearers were: Capt. Brenizer, Messrs. J. Q. Gant, C. E. McLean, W. M. Morgan, J. A. Hamilton, Thos. L. Holt, and J. S. Spencer.——S. Lemonds, Lincolnton, and D. Clonniger, Lincolnton. These two names attracted no attention on the register of the Central hotel Saturday night, but not so, Sunday. The story is this: Messrs. Lemonds and Clonniger, after registering Saturday night they were shown to room 65 by the porter. They told the clerk before retiring that they wished to take the 9:30 train Sunday morning, and he put them on the call for 8 o'clock. The ball boy went to wake them at that hour, but got no response to his knock. He tried and tried again but could not arouse them He called another boy and they unlocked the door and went in. The room was full of gas, and the two men therein looked like they were dead. Mr. H. S. Bryan was called. He took in the situation in an instant, had the two men, one of whom—Lemonds—he thought was done for, taken into the fresh air, and summoned Drs. Register and Montgomery. They worked hard with the asphyxiated men. Clonniger was restored to consciousness by 1 o'clock, but Lemonds did not revive until 8 o'clock at night. Every one thought him beyond recovery, and if he had remained in the gas-filled room a few minutes more he would never have lived to learn that the gas should not be blown out.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ills., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thomas Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORTS.

Wilmington, N. C., February 17.

Receipts of cotton today—189 bales.

Receipts corresponding day last year 320 bales.

This season's receipts to date—227,968 bales.

Receipts to same date last year—154,884 bales.

The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange:

Cotton firm.

Ordinary	4⅝
Good ordinary	5⅝
Low middling	6⅝
Middling	6⅝
Good middling	7 1-16

Pirces same day last year 7½c.

NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine—Nothing doing.

Rosin firm at $1.50 and $1.55.

Tar quiet at 95c.

Crude turpentine nominal; hard $1.30; soft $1.80.

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine at 27¼ and 26¾c; rosin $1.25 and $1.30; tar 90c; crude turpentine $1.50 and $1.90.

Receipts today—58 casks spirits turpentine, 149 barrels rosin, 532 barrels tar, —— barrels crude turpentine.

Receipts same day last year—16 casks spirits turpentine, 528 barrels rosin, 64 barrels tar, —— barrels crude turpentine.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

FINANCIAL.

New York, February 17.—Money on call quiet at 1½@1¾ per cent.; last loan at 1½ and closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 per cent. Bar silver 64⅝. Sterling exchange dull with actual business in bankers bills at $4.85@$4.85¼ for sixty days, and $4.87@$4.87¼ for demand. Posted rates $4.85½@$4.88. Commercial bills at $4.83½@$4.84½. Government bonds steady; state bonds quiet; railroad bonds generally firm. Silver at the board was neglected.

Treasury balances: Coin $124,304,368; currency $58,703,496.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Am Cotton Oil	11	do pf'd	14¾
Am " Oil pfd	53¼	do pf'd	38
Am Sugar Refin	113¾	Northwestern	104
" " pfd	103	do pf'd	138½
Am Tobacco	71¼	Pacific Mail	25
" pfd	100	Reading	21¾
A T & Sante Fe	14¾	Rock Island	66¾
Balt & Ohio	15¾	St Paul	75¾
Can Pacific	54½	do pf'd	138¾
Chesa & Ohio	17	Sil Certificates	64¾
Chic & Alton	162	Tenn Coal & Iron	26⅞
Chic, Bur & Quin	74¾	do pf'd	80
Chic Gas Trust	76⅝	Texas Pacific	9¾
Del Lack & West	152¾	Union Pacific	7
Dis & Cat Feed's	—	Wabash	6¾
Erie	14¾	do pf'd	16
do pfd	34	Western Union	81⅝
Gen Electric	34½	Wheel & L Erie	1¾
Illinois Cen	94	do pf'd	9¾
L Erie & West	16	Ala Class A	106
do pfd	68	Ala Class B	103
Lake Shore	154¼	Ala Class C	96
Lou & Nash	49¾	Lous's Stamp 4's	95¾
Lou, N, Al & Chic	4	N Carolina 4's	101
Manhattan Con	87¾	N Carolina 6's	122
Mem & Char	15	Ten N Set 3's	50
Michigan Cent	89	Va 6's def'd	5
Missouri Pacific	20	Va Ext Re Stamp	6¾
Mobile & Ohio	21	Va Funding 2-3s	62¾
N Chat & St L	67½	U S Regist'd 4's	111¾
U S Cordage	—	U S Coupon 4's	113
do pf'd	—	U S 2's	95¾
N J Cent	98¼	Southern Ry 5's	89¾
N Y Central	92¾	South Ry com	9
N Y & N Eng	37	do pf'd	28
Norf'k & W pf'd	17¾	S C new iss 4's	105

U S new 4's reg...122¾; do coupons...122¾
*asked. †bid. ‡ex div. §sellers.

COTTON

Liverpool, February 17.—12:30 p. m.—Cotton demand fair; prices firm; American middling 3 27-32d; sales 10,000; American 9,500; speculation and exports 500; receipts 16,000; American 13,900. Futures opened quiet; demand moderate.

American middling, low middling clause—March and April 3 51-64d, 3 53-64d; April and May 3 53-64d, 3 54-64d, 3 53-64d; May and June 3 53-64d, 3 54-64d; June and July 3 53-64d, 3 55-64d; July and August 3 55-64d; August and September 3 52-64d, 3 53-64d; September and October 3 47-64d; November and December 3 43-64d; December and January 3 43-64d. Futures firm but quiet.

Tenders at today's clearings 200 bales new dockets.

12:45 p. m.—American spot grades 1-32d higher; American middling fair 4 5-16d; good middling 4d; middling 3⅝d; low middling 3 11-16d; good ordinary 3 9-16d; ordinary 3¾d.

4 p. m.—February, February and March, March and April 3 53-64d, 3 54-64d buyers; April and May 3 54-64d, 3 55-64d buyers; May and June 3 55-64d sellers; June and July 3 55-64d, 3 56-64d sellers; July and August 3 56-64d sellers; August and September 3 53-64d, 3 54-64d buyers; September and October 3 48-64d buyers; 3 49-64d sellers; October and November 3 44-64d buyers; November and December 3 43-64d sellers. Futures steady.

New York, February 17.—Cotton steady; middling 7 1-16c; net receipts none; gross receipts 1,637; exports to Great Britain 10,798; to the continent 100; forwarded 350; sales 902, all spinners; stock 273,703.

Total today: Net receipts 12,140; exports to Great Britain 11,018; to France none; to the continent 100; to the channel none; stock 962,177.

Total so far this week: Net receipts 59,265; exports to Great Britain 45,220; to France 3,409; to the continent 14,563; to the channel none; stock none.

Total since September 1st: Net receipts 5,781,252; exports to Great Britain 2,472,001; to France 526,738; to the continent 1,435,672; to the channel 5,481; stock none.

Cotton futures quiet; sales 149,900; feruary 6.74; March 6.75; April 6.81; May 6.87; June 6.93; July 6.97; August 6.99; September 6.74; October 6.65; November 6.67; December 6.72.

PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston—Firm at 6¾c; net receipts 2,300.

Norfolk—Steady at 6⅞c; net receipts 534.

Baltimore—Dull at 7 1-16c; gross receipts 187.

Boston—Quiet at 7 7-16c; net receipts 615; gross receipts 5,975.

Wilmington—Firm at 6¾c; net receipts 189.

Philadelphia—Quiet at 7 5-16c; net receipts 194.

Savannah—Quiet at 6 11-16c; net receipts 878.

New Orleans—Firm at 6 13-16c; net receipts 5,180; gross receipts 5,999.

Mobile—Quiet at 6¾c; net receipts 1,856.

Memphis—Firm at 6¾c; net receipts 728; gross receipts 925.

Augusta—Steady at 7c; net receipts 391.

Charleston—Firm at 6¾c; net receipts 394.

Cincinnati—Steady at 6⅞c; net receipts 2,694.

Louisville—Quiet at 6⅞c.

St. Louis—Steady at 6⅞c; net receipts 172; gross receipts 1,711.

Houston—Steady at 6¾c; net receipts 1,608.

GRAINS, PROVISIONS, ETC.

Chicago, February 17.—The leading futures were as follows: Opening, highest, lowest and closing.

Wheat—February 72⅝@72¾c, 73⅛c, 72⅜c, 73⅛c; May 74⅛@74⅛c, 74¾c, 73⅝@73⅞c, 74⅝c; July 70⅜@70⅝c, 71c, 70c, 70⅞@71c; September 69c, 69½c, 68¾c, 69½c.

Corn—February 21¼@21⅜c, 21½c, 21¼@21⅜c, 21⅜c; May 23⅛@23⅝c, 23⅞c, 23½@23⅝c, 23⅝@23¾c; July 24¾c, 24⅞, 24¾c, 24⅞c; September 26⅛c, 26¼c, 26@26½c, 26¼c.

Oats—February 14⅞c, 14⅞c, 14⅞c, 14⅞c; May 16⅞c, 17c, 16¾@16⅞c, 16⅞c; July 17⅝c, 17¾c, 17⅝c, 17¾c.

Pork—May $7.77½, $7.85, $7.65, $7.85, July $7.90, $7.97½, $7.82½, $7.95.

Lard—May $3.85, $3.90, $3.82½, $3.90; July $3.95, $4, $3.92½, $4.

Ribs—May $3.95, $4.05, $3.92½, $4.02½; July $4.05, $4.12½, $4.05, $4.12½.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet; prices were unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat 72⅝@73¾c; No. 2 red 83¾@84¾c; No. 2 corn 21¾@22c; No. 2 oats 15½c; mess pork $7.75@$7.80; lard $3.75@$3.80; short ribs, sides $3.90@$4.10; dry salted shoulders $4.25@$4.50; short clear sides $4.12½@$4.25; whiskey $1.17.

New York, February 17.—Flour weak, unsettled, quiet; city mills patents $4.80@$5.05; others unchanged; southern flour dull, weak, unchanged.

Wheat—Spot market quiet, firmer; f. o. b. 90½c; ungraded red 72@81c. Options were moderately active and firm at ½@¾c advance; No. 2 red, February 81¼c; March 82¼c; April 80⅞c; May 80½c; June 79¾c; July 77⅝c; September 74½c.

Corn—Spots dull, firm; No. 2, 28½c elevator; 29½c afloat. Options dull and firm at ½c advance; February 28½c; May 29¼c; July 30½c.

Oats—Spots dull, steady; options dull, firmer; February 21½c; May 21⅛; July 21⅝c. Spot prices—No. 2, 21c; No. 2 white 23c; mixed western 21@23½c.

Lard—Refined dull; continent $4.35; South American $4.60; compound 4@4¼c.

Pork—Steady, moderately active; new mess $8.25@$8.75.

Eggs—Moderate demand, unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Firm, moderate demand; crude 20@20½c; yellow prime 23½@24c.

Rice—Firm, fair demand.

Molasses—About steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice 21@30c.

Peanuts—Moderately active; fancy handpicked 3½@3¾c.

Coffee—Dull at 5 to 10 points down; February $9; March $9; April $9; May 9.05; July and September, and December $9.10; Spot Rio dull, weak; No. 7, 9⅝c.

Sugar—Raw, firm, more active; fair refining 2 13-16c; refined more active, unchanged.

NAVAL STORES.

New York—Rosin steady; strained, common to good $1.70. Turpentine dull at 28½@29c.

Charleston—Turpentine dull at 26c. Rosin: strained, common to good $1.40 to $1.45.

Savannah—Turpentine firm at 26c; sales 100; receipts 99. Rosin firm at a decline of 5 cents on I and below; sales 5,000; receipts 1,542. A B C D E F $1.45; G $1.50; H $1.60; I $1.70; K $1.80; M $1.85; N $1.90; W G $1.95; W W $2.15.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

British schooner Victory, Monroe, Nassau, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

VESSELS IN PORT.

BRIGS.

M. C. Haskell, (Am.), 334 tons, Wingfield, Porto Gama, Fla., Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

BARKS.

Guido, (Rus.), 353 tons, Blamqvist, Barbadoes, Paterson, Downing & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Annie E. Stevens (Am.), 228 tons, Vanaman, Charleston, Geo. Harris, Son & Co.

Sebago (Am), 292 tons, Thompson, New York, J. T. Riley & Co.

Roger Moore (Am.), 312 tons, Miller, Cape Haytian, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Marion Hill (Am.), Armstrong, Aux Cayes, Geo. Harris, 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.

William F. Green, (Am.), 254 tons, Clark, Port au Prince, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Estille, (Am.), 389 tons, Hutchinson, Charlotte Harbor, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Julia S. Bailey, (Am.), 306 tons, Spage, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Bessie Parker, (Br.), 227 tons, Carter, Havana, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

W. R. Chester, (Am.), 121 tons, Thompson, Jacmel, Hayti, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Melissa Trask, (Am.), 225 tons, Atwood, New York, J. T. Riley & Co.

Sierra, (Br.), 124 tons, Morris, Havana, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Jacob Haskell, (Am.), 121 tons, Hart, Boston, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Victory, (Br.), 131 tons, Monroe, Nassau, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

New York Stock Market.

New York, February 17.—There was a falling off in the trading at the stock exchange today. The sales aggregated 154,106 shares, against 179,000 shares yesterday. Irregularity was the chief characteristic of speculation at the opening, but subsequently the market showed a tendency to improve, the result of a sharp rise in Tobacco. This stock jumped 3½ per cent. to 72½; the advance was credited to manipulation. Sugar was erratic and closed ⅝ per cent. lower on the day. The reports of fresh competition and realizations by a small pool account for the decline. In the railway list Northern Pacifics and the Grangers were firm, while Hocking Valley and the Anthracites ruled weaker. The first mentioned were bought by foreign houses, about 3,000 shares being taken. Hocking Valley fell 1½ per cent. on the revival of the receivership reports. It was stated that the company had not provided as yet for interest due March 1st. Nothing official, however, could be obtained on this score. The losses in the Anthracite group were far less important and excited little interest. Among the Gould stocks, Missouri Pacific fell 19¾. Manhattan was feverish, ranging between 86½ and 87¾. The belief still prevails in certain circles that the directors contemplate a reduction in the dividend rate. This is being urged by the bears with some effect against the stock. In the last hour speculation showed firmness on covering of short contracts, but in the final transactions leading bear operators again sold and the market in consequence left off steady to firm. There was little news to affect speculation, although believers in higher prices attempted at one time to use the reported improvements in the iron and steel trade to bid up the market stocks. The falling off in the earnings of the St. Paul road for the second week of February had no influence and less attention was paid to the proceedings of the Lexow investigation committee. The usually active stocks show but slight changes either way. Tobacco gained 2¾ per cent., while Western Union and Missouri Pacific ¾ to 1⅛ per cent. Bonds were firm in tone. The total sales were $1,237,000.

The Chicago Markets.

Chicago, February 17.—The wheat market showed an inclination to do better today. Quite early in the session; in fact, right at the start, shorts began to cover, whilst the disposition to hammer the market was less in evidence than it has been for some time. About noon there was a slump of ½c on a break of 1c at St. Louis, but the loss was quickly regained and additional advances took place. Cash wheat was firm and ½c higher.

Corn was quiet, with prices ranging a little higher than at the close yesterday. Naturally the strength was a gift from wheat. Cash corn was steady without material change in prices.

The drift of prices of wheat and corn being in an upward direction, oats, in the absence of anything specially bearish, showed firmness through sympathy. Cash oats were firmer and about ¼c higher on light receipts.

This market presented a scene of unusual activity, with a weak and depressed feeling predominating this morning. The receipts of hogs surpassed in number the most liberal estimate, in consequence of which there was a break in prices at the yards. This led to selling of product, weakness following. The strength of wheat caused a rally, later in the day. May pork closed 2½ to 5c lower, May lard 2½c lower, May ribs unchanged.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Buises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

Savannah, Ga., April 26, 1889.

Having used three bottles of P. P. P. for impure blood and general weakness and having derived great benefit 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 turk s, 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.

Your respectfully,
J. N. McELROY.

Savannah, Ga., March 17, 1891.

Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.:

Dear Sirs—I have suffered from rheumatism for along 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.

Mr. Smith's Pamphlet.

On reading the editorial in today's Messenger with regard to Mr. Samuel Smith's phamphlet "America Revisited," I was greatly surprised that a man who has been all his life a broad philanthropist, an enthusiastic and consistent bimetallist and a warm friend of the south, could be represented as a "British slanderer," "maligning the south," a "beated bondholder" with no "sympathy for the struggling masses either at home or abroad," giving "impressions that are simply the inspiration and echo of gold buggery."

This surprise was, however, greatly increased when I turned to the pamphlet which I had not then read and found that the south was scarcely mentioned and then only with kindness; that the greatest confidence was expressed in the intelligence and correct moral judgment of the native born Americans—which represent a large proportion of the population in the south than in any other part of the country, and that the only possible explanation of the view taken of the pamphlet in the editorial was the editor's statement that he had dismissed it as unworthy of further attention after reading the opening paragraph.

May I then in justice to a true friend of the south and humanity give a few extracts that show the real point of view of this pamphlet?

Speaking of the sectional and class antipathies he says: "The west was set against the east; the working classes against their employers; America against Britain. Speeches were made which for violence resembled the raving of French communists." Here it appears that the south was not at all in the writer's view. Again he says: "One thing that has struck me forcibly is the immense increase of the foreign element in the United States as compared with what I saw thirty years ago. * * * There is not the remotest affinity between them and the Puritans who founded New England or the Cavaliers who founded Virginia and the Carolinas. * * * The old American stock, descended from colonial times, is still the predominant element of American society. It largely controls the industrial enterprises, and mainly fills the Protestant pulpit, and in times of crisis it asserts its authority; but in mere voting power it is quite swamped in many parts of the United States. It will need very careful piloting of the ship of state to avoid disaster from this cause. No such experiment has ever been made before in the world's history."

Again he says: "Next to the foreign element, in point of national danger is the creation of prodigious fortunes by means of 'trusts' or 'syndicates.' Nothing strikes one more in the United States than the growth of a bitter and socialistic feeling against capital on account of the abuse of its powers by means of these unwholesome combinations. Never in the world's history have been witnessed such accumulations of capital in single hands as we see in America today. * * * One of the most common abuses is to construct immense trusts or combinations to control entire trades. * * * This process is greatly facilitated by the high protective tariff, which practically shuts out foreign competition. It would be very difficult to carry out such a system in England, as supplies would pour in at once from abroad if prices were raised at home; but in the United States there is practically little foreign competition. * * * The great farming class is the backbone of the country. It is deeply in debt to money-lenders; it pays a usurious rate of interest—often 8 per cent., a heavier charge than our farmers pay for rent. The extremely low prices of late years have hardly left a margin for living expenses after paying this exhorbitant interest. The struggle of life has been intensely severe in the western states, and it has developed an unreasoning hostility against the moneyed interest of New York and Great Britain. The demand for the free coinage of silver was the most effective way of fighting the moneyed classes and reducing the weight of the farmers' obligations. It caught like wildfire in a prarie, and swept over the western states with irresistible force. It also powerfully affected the southern states, where planters were in much the same position as the western farmers."

A carful reading of these passages, and still more of the whole pamphlet will reveal a kindly sympathetic interest in America, and a desire (1) to show his fellow bimetallists abroad that it was not bimetallism so much as other questions that were decided in the last campaign; and (2) to show his countrymen the causes that led so many to adopt what he considers serious financial fallacies. Among those causes he puts as the chief one the vast accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few and the reckless disregard of the masses by trusts and corporations, "ways must be found" he says "to curb these illegitimate uses of capital or a wild outburst of socialism will wreck the American republic at no distant date."

Relying on your sense of fairness, I ask you to publish these extracts, in justice to a honorable gentleman whom you have unintentionally misrepresented.

A READER.

Cotton Futures.

(Special to The Messenger.)

New York, February 17.—The advocates of higher prices for cotton received a setback today. The Liverpool market advanced again this morning and prices here opened 4 points better, May selling on the first call at 6.98. One prominent house bought heavily and for the

and for a time it looked like another bull day, May rising to 7 cents, but the shorts were practically all covered, speculation was absent and when the brokers representing New Orleans and Liverpool undertook to unload a portion of their recent purchases the advance could not be sustained. Prices gradually receded and with occasional reactions of a point or two the market steadily declined until the close, which was quiet with 6.87 bid for May. The feeling was more cheerful after the close and May sold at 6.89. In view of the firm and, in some cases, higher spot markets in the south, we consider the decline here today to be unwarranted and we favor buying.

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Secretary Herbert at Charleston.

Washington, February 17.—Secretary Herbert left Washington for Charleston this afternoon in a private car over the Atlantic Coast Line, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Herbert and Mrs. Benjamin Micou, Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mrs. W. H. Southerland, Mrs. George P. Harrison, Colonel T. S. Farrow and Lewis H. Finney, Attorney General Harmon and Captain Wints of the British navy, will follow the party this evening. The secretary will arrive at Charleston at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, and after a short stay at the hotel the party will embark at 11 o'clock on the revenue cutter Colfax to review the fleet and visit the flagship. Returning at 4 p. m. the secretary will hold a reception at the city hall and will speak at the banquet of the chamber of commerce in the evening. Friday morning, the party will drive about the city and make calls, and attend the ball at night tendered the secretary and officers of the fleet. During his visit, the secretary will review the fleet, probably on Thursday afternoon.

To Leave Appointments to McKinley.

Washington, February 17.—President Cleveland will not make nominations to fill vacancies in the government service which may be caused by resignation, occurring between now and the 4th of next March, but will leave such places open to be filled by President McKinley. This does not include places when the four years term of office expires or of places that are vacated by the death of the occupant when the office still has a year or more to run.

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Mr. M. H. DeYoung, who has just returned from Europe, complains that the United States has taken no steps for securing representation in the World's Fair at Paris in 1900.

THE IMMIGRATION BILL

Agreed on by Both Houses of Congress and Ready for the President's Signature. The House Insists on Its Rates for Pensions for Officers' Widows—Another Contested Election Case.

SENATE.

Washington, February 17.—After a four-hours debate in the senate today the conference report on the bill to amend the immigration laws was agreed to by a vote of 34 to 31. As the report had already been agreed to in the house, the bill as modified in conference now goes to the president. It adds to the classes of excluded aliens, all persons over 16 years of age who cannot read the English language or some other language, except that admissible immigrants may bring with them, or send for, illiterate parents, or grand parents (over 50 years of age) wives and minor children. It also prohibits from employment on public works aliens who come regularly or habitually into the United States for the purpose of engaging in any mechanical trade and manual labor, and who have not made declaration of intention to become American citizens. The secretary of the treasury, however, may permit the entrance of aliens for the purpose of teaching new arts or industries; and the act is not to apply to persons coming here from Cuba, during the continuance of the present disorders there.

Four democratic senators, (Chilton, Faulkner, Hill and Martin), voted for the report and four republicans (Hansbrough, Hawley, Mantle and Shoup) against it.

After the immigration bill was disposed of, the senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business and at 6 o'clock p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

By the very decisive vote of 96 to 28 the house today affirmed its intention to abide by the policy of limiting pensions for widows of general officers to $50 a month, and grading from that sum down for widows of officers of lower rank. The question arose over the report of conference upon the bill to pension the widow of Captain J. Scott Payne, of the Fifth United States cavalry. It was a senate bill and the amount of pension was originally fixed at $50 a month. The house reduced it to $30, but in conference the house managers yielded to the senators, and recommended that the house recede from its amendment. This the house refused to do, after an hour's debate, in which the matter was fully discussed and by the vote stated, the bill was returned to the conferees.

The conference report on the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill presented by Mr. Bingham, was agreed to. The