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The Messenger.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Burgaw Star: In our little vallage ve have five lawyers and four doctors Tarborough Southerner: On Wednes-

day evening of last week, the syna-gogue of the Congregational Beni Israel, Tarbora, N. C., was dedicated. Shelby Aurora: Mr. James hipp, whom our readers will remember attempted to kill himself, at Lauragienn Mills about a week ago, died on last Mills about a week ago, died on last From the wound he inflict-Pirces same day last year 7%c. Washington Messenger: Great pre-parations are being made by the Wash-

ington Fair Association for the fair here on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of March. A large crowd of people is expected here on that occasion. The house of United States Commissioner G. W. Carroll, near Magnolia,

and will be apprehended. Charlotte Observer: The late James H. Holt had a \$20,000 policy of a new kind on his life in the Mutual Life, of

heal. I continued the medicine a while New York. It will pay his daughter Whiteville News: The February term of Columbus superior court will con-vene in Whiteville next Monday week,

blood remedy will cure it. S. S. S. Judge Cobble will preside. There are (guaranteed purely vegetable) is a real fifty-sven cases on the civil docket, blood remedy, and never fails to per- which is an unusually large number, manently cure Cancer, Scrofula, Eczema, but most of them are unimportant. There are at present forty-seven cases on the criminal docket. Raleigh News and Observer: The total number of bales of cotton sold

here since September 1st is 23.098 as compared with 17.036 for a corresponding period last year. During last week \$4.84\%. Government bonds steady; 46 bales were sold on this market as state bonds dull; railroad bonds irreguagainst 489 for a corresponding week lar. Silver at the board was neglect-last year. The price of middling cotton now is 6%; last year at this time it

Fayetteville OObserver: We are grieved to learn of the serious illness of that excellent gentleman, our for-

Washington Post: The North Carolint legislature is bound to see that Senator Pritchard walks the straight and narrow path, according to the faith of the Tar Heel state populist. It will be remembered that Mr. Pritchard could not have been elected except for the support of 18 populists, and that to gain their votes he had to that to gain their votes he had to has just been discovered in this state, it is an importation and comes from the Eastern state. It is a peculiar thing, worse in its spread than the small pox, for once it gets a start in an orchard N. Scartege 1. 67% has just been dsicovered in this state, for once it gets a start in an orchard t spreads to all the neighboring places, being easily carried by the feet of birds, or in almost any way. Raleigh Recorder: Rev. C. B. Wil-

liams, formerly of Winton, has taken charge (by purchase, we understand) of The Atlantic Baptist. He is a strong speaker, a good writer and ar able man. He graduated from Wake Forest college with highest honors. Which we are selling at the very low price of Brother Speight retires after long years in the editorial harness; but will travel for the paper. Greensboro Patriot: Mr. W. B.

Gentry, a well known merchant of Stokesdale and Madison, assigned last Tuesday to Attorney C. O. McMichael, a rapid rate when the northbound tures quiet. freight reached it. Kinston Free Press: Considerable in-

terest and feeling has been aroused in 1-16d; good middling 4d; middling 3%d; council in repudiating \$50,000 in bonds | 3 9-16d; ordinary 3%d. to the Wilmington, Newbern and Nor-folk Railroad Company. The railroad March, March and April 3 52-64d, 3 53agent denounces the action as dishon- 64d sellers; April and May 3 53-64d selest and makes a severe attack on the lers; May and June 3 53-64d selectly authorities. Mr. Guin, city attor-sellers; June and July 3 54-64d sellers; ney, defends the council in an able manner, and in justification of their action says that the railroad people, sellers; September and October 3 46action says that the railroad people, against the city's protest, consolidated the roads from Wilmington to Jacksonville and Jacksonville to Newbern sonville and Jacksonville and Jacksonvi and did not give the city a proper portion of stock in place of that it had, giving much less valuable stock than it

had, etc. There are two sides to the Clinton Democrat: Rev. W. 'C. Blanchard of Wake Forest college will lecture in the Baptist church in Clinton on Wednesday night the 17th inst. His subject will be education. The public is invited to be present,---Lieutenant Matt. Ransom Peterson of the United Army and Miss Martha Eleanore Allison were married on the 3rd | ain 2,474,161; France 526,738; centinent inst. in Cincinnati, Ohio, the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rob- Cotton futures close the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rob-ert Allison. Lieutenant Peterson lives sales 113,500 bales; February and at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he is March 6.82; April 6.88; May 6.94; June stationed with the Sixth United States 6.99; July 7.03; August 7.05; September infantry.- Mr. James R. Draughon, 6.66; October 6.67; November 6.69; De-

an esteemed citizen of this county, died at his home in North Clinton on Thursday morning the 4th. His death was sudden and unexpected. Mr. Draughon had been sick with the grippe for several days, but no serious result was apprehended. Two Lives Saved. Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Illis., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of 91.35 Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her 9.44 life. Mr. Thomas Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a

Ten years are the competitors of the Mutual Life said: "We admit the Company has paid large dividends in the past, but it cannot do it again." The above result accomplished in the short dividend period of ten years shows what the Company is doing.

Sifect, Sait 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 the Company is doing.

Mobile—Steady at 6%c; net receipts 369.

Me:mphis—Firm at 6 13-16c; net receipts 489; gross receipts 765.

Augusta—Steady at 7c; net receipts 369.

Charleston—Firm at 6%c; net receipts 369. complished in the years shows what weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the won- ceipts 1,586, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

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 This fact illustrates that you can never afford | pleasure in recommending it to all un-

> 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. tle small size today.
>
> The 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. to a friend

> Your respectfully, J. N. McELROY. Dear Sirs-I have suffered from rheumatism for along time and did not find a cure until I found P. P. P. which Yours truly, ELIZA F. JONES.

16 Orange St., Savannah, Ga. "Your wife's a talker brilliant, Why I could list to her all night."

You're right again; I often do."

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORTS.

Wilmington, N. C., February 18:
Receipts of cotton today—62 bales.
Receipts corresponding day last year

This season's receipts to date-228,030 154,986 bales. The quotations posted at 4 o'clock to-day at the exchange: Cotton steady.

Ordinary Good ordinary

Spirits turpentine-Machine barrels steady at 25%c; country barrels steady at 2514c Rosin firm at \$1.45 and \$1.50.

Tar quiet at 95c. Crude turpentine nominal; hard \$1.30; soft \$1.80. sioner G. W. Carroll, near Magnolia, was broken into and rebbed Sunday by a negro. Several articles and \$27 in money were taken. The thief is known and will be apprahended.

Trices same day last year—Spirits turpentine at 27½ and 25½c; rosin \$1.25 and \$1.30; tar 90c; crude turpentine \$1.50 and \$1.90. Receipts today-29 casks spirits tur-pentine, 352 barrels rosin, 322 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine. Receipts same day last year-5 casks spirits turpentine, 343 barrels

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL. New York, February 18.-Money on call easy at 1½@1%; last loan at 1½ and closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 per cent. Bar silver 64%. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.85@\$4.85½ for sixty days and

Treasury balances: Coin \$125,301,039; currency \$58,805,003.

STOCKS AND BONDS. grieved to learn of the serious illness of that excellent gentleman, our former townsman, Mr. R. K. Bryan, at his residence at Scotts Hill, in Pender county.—We learn of the death last night of Mr. D. P. McKinnon at his home in Rowland. Mr. McKinnon was one of the mose prominent citizens of Robeson, and a large planter.

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Liverpeol, February 18 .- 12:30 p. m .dling 3%d; sales 10,000; American 9,100; speculation and exports 2,000; receipts 5.000: American 2.500. Futures opened easy; demand moderate.

of Madison. His assets amount to and April 3 52-64d; April and May 3 \$4,400 with liabilities estimated at about 53-64d, 3 52-64d; May and June 3 53-\$3,600. Slow collections are resposible 64d; June and July, July and August for the assignment.—A trestle on the 3 54-64d; August and September 3 52-Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway 64d; September and October 3 47-64d; three miles south of here caught fire last Friday evening and was burning at vember and December 3 43-64d; No-12:45 p. m.—American spot grades unchanged; American middling fair 4

> low middling 3 11-16d; good ordinary sellers; June and Jul- 3 54-64d sellers; lers; August and September 3 52-64d Futures closed quiet but steady. New York, February 18.—Cotton steady; middling 7%c; gross receipts 515; exports to the continent 102; for-warded 215; sales 671; stock 273,229. France 3.409; continent 14.665.

Total today: Net receipts 12,675; exports to Great Britain 2,160; continent 102; stock 966,124. Total so far this week: Net receipts 71,940; exports to Great Britain 47,340; Total since September 1st: Net receipts 5,573.927; exports to Great Britcember 6.74.

PORT RECEIPTS. Galveston-Firm at 6 13-16c; net re-Norfolk-Steady at 6%c; net receipts Baltimore-Dull at 7 1-16c; gross receipts 450. Boston-Steady at 7 11-16c; net receipts 81; gross receipts 203. Philadelphia—Quiet at 7%c; net receipts 96. Savannah-Quiet at 6 11-16c; net receipts 1,504. New Orleans-Steady at 6%c; net reeipts 4,948; gross receipts 5,122. Mobile-Steady at 6%c; net receipts

Charleston-Firm at 6%c; net re-Cincinnati-Steady at 6%c; net re-Louisville-Quiet at 6%c. St. Louis-Steady at 6%c; net reeipts 384; gross receipts 1,436.

Houston-Steady at 5%c; net receipts 2,913. GRAINS, PROVISIONS, ETC. Chicago, February 18.-The leading futures were as follows: Opening. highest, lowest and closing. Wheat—February 73@73½c, 74c, 73c, 73½c; May 74½@74½c, 75½@75½c, 74½c, 75¼@75½c; July 70%@71c, 71½c, 70%c, 71½c; September 69%@69½c, 70½c, 69%,

Corn—February 22%c, 22%c, 22%c 22%@22%c; May 23%c, 24%@24%c, 23%c 24@24%c; July 24%c, 25%c, 24%c, 25%@ P. P. large size yesterday, and one bot- 254c; September 264c, 264c, 264c, 25%c: September 26%c, 26%c, 26%c, 26%c, 26%c, 26%26%c.
Oats—February 15%c, 15%c, 15%c, 15%c, 15%c, 17%c, 16%c, 17%c, 10%c, 17%c, 17% of mine, one of the turk s, a small s4.02½, \$4.07½, \$4.07½, \$4.07½, one, took sick and his wife gave it a Ribs—May \$4.05, \$4.12½, \$4.05, \$4.12½; teaspoonful, that was in the evening, and the little fellow turned over like he was dead, but next morning was Plour quiet and steady, unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat 73@74%c; No. 2 red Savannah, Ga., March 17, 1891. | lard \$3.85@\$3.90; short ribs \$3.90@\$4.20; Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.: | D. S. Shoulders \$4.25@\$4.50; short clear sides \$4.121/2@\$4.25; whiskey \$1.17. New York, February 18 .- Flour dull.

Wheat-Dull, firmer; No. 2 red, f. o. 91c; ungraded red 73@91c. Options pened weak at 4c decline, rallied 40 c. fell 4c and closed firm at 40%c over yesterday: No. 2 red, February bright."

82%c; March 82%c; April 81%c; May
"You're right, my friend; that is quite 81c; June 80%c; July 78%c; September 5%c. Corn-Dull, firmer; No. 2, 28%c elevator: 29%c afloat. Options were dull and firmer: February 28%c; May 29%;

July 30%c. Oats-Dull, firm: options dull, firmer February and May 214c; July 21%c. Spot-No. 2, 214c; No. 2 white 224c; nixed western 20@28e. Lard-Quiet, unsettled; western steam \$4.10; city \$3.75; May \$4.30 nominal: refined slow; continent \$4.35; South American \$4.60; compound 4@

44c. Pork—Quiet, steady; new mess \$8.25 Eggs-Steadier; state and Pennsylvania 19c; ice house, case \$2.25@\$3.30;

western fresh 184c; southern 1746 A NEW POSTAL CARD SYSTEM: STATISTICAL AND INDUSTRIAL!

184c; limed 124@134c.

Cotton Seed Oil—Quiet, steady; crude 20@204c; yellow prime 234@24c.

The Senate Passes a Bill Providing There.

The weight of the average sized man Rice—Fairly active, firm, unchanged.
Molasses—Steady, fairly active; New
Orleans, open kettle, good to choice

8@30c. Peanuts-Moderate demand; fancy handpicked 3%@3%c. Coffee Steady; unchanged to points up; March \$9; May \$9@\$9.05 June \$9.05; July \$9.10; September \$9.05 @\$9.10; December \$9.10@\$9.15; Spot Rio dull, easy; No. 7, 9%c. Sugar—Raw, quiet, firm; fair refining 2 13-16@2%c; refined fairly active firmer; No. 9, 3 13-16c; No. 12, 3%c; No. 13 3%c; others unchanged.

KAVAL STORES. New York—Rosin quiet; strained, common to good \$1.70. Turpentine steady at 281/2029c, Charleston-Turpentine dull at 26c. Rosin dull; strained, common to good Savannah—Turpentine market firm at 26c; sales 227; receipts 25. Rosin quiet, unchanged; sales 1,561; receipts

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE,

ARRIVED YESTERDAY. American schooner Acara, Nash, Jacmel, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co. American steamer Oneida, Chichester, Georgetown, H. G. Smallbones. CLEARED YESTERDAY. American schooner Roger Moore, Miller, Cape Hayti, Geo. Harris, Son

EXPORTS FOREIGN. For Cape Hayti, per schooner Roger Moore, 253,871 feet of lumber, valued at \$2,896.08, cargo by S. & W. H. Northrop, vessel by Geo. Harris, Son & Co. VESSELS IN PORT.

BRIGS M. C. Haskell, (Am.), 334 tons, Wing-field, Porto Gama, Fla., Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Guido, (Rus.), 353 tons, Blamqvist Barbadoes, Paterson, Downing & Co. SCHOONERS. Annie E. Stevens (Am.), 228 tons, Vanaman, Charleston, Geo. Harris Sebago (Am), 292 tons, Thompson, New York, J. T. Riley & Co. Marfon Hill (Am.), Armstrong, Aux Cayes, Geo. Harris, Son & Co. W. C. Wickham, (Am.), 316 tons, Ewan, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son &

Ida C, Schoolcraft, (Am.), 306 tons, Bowye, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son William F. Green, (Am.), 254 tons, Clark, Port au Prince, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co. Estille, (Am.), 389 tons, Hutchinson, Charlotte Harbor, Geo. Harriss, Son 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. Acara, (Am.), 135 tons, Nash, Jacmel,

Geo. Harris, Son & Co. New York Stock Market. New York, February 18.-Affairs at the stock exchange were not only characterized by extreme duliness, the sales footing only 118,021 shares, but an unsettled feeling prevailed throughout saying, that the dealings were almost entirely professional and even these operators refused to go into new ventures on an extensive scale. In the main, the industrials were firmer, while the railway list gradually drifted to a lower level. There was a steady dribbling of the Grangers, although nothing new developed on which a selling movement could be story about a probable reduction in the Burlington dividend, but as a matof fact, nothing definite is known ed until tomorrow. in regard to the matter, as the directors refuse to commit themselves and that they themselves are ignorant as to the action to be taken. Nevertheless the stock declined about a point and closed at the lowest, and St. Paul

and Rock Island ruled lower in sympathy. More aggressiveness was shown in the case of the coalers, both bituminous and anthracite. In addition stocks were unfavorably affected by the further sharp decline in Hocking Valley bonds, on reports that no provision has yet been made for the in-terest due March 1st. It is said a plan is being devised whereby the coupons will be purchased by the bankers iden-tified with the property. Hocking Val-ley, common declined 1% to 5% and the preferred was offered at 25, last reported sale having been at 40. The 6's and consolidated 5's dropped 4 to 5 per cent. Wheeling and Lake Erie fell % to 1½, and preferred 2½ to 7½, the low-est figures yet touched. Among the anthracites, Jersey Central was the feature, declining 2 points to 96% on regular and 96 seller, sixty. There was a rally of nearly 1 per cent. in the late dealings. The Gould stocks con-tinued feverish and Manhattan fluctuated between 88 and 86%, with final sales at 87. Rumors are still rife that a reduction in the dividend rate is contemplated, owing partly to prospective expenditures for improvements and also because of the floating debt. Missouri Pacific declined % to 1914 and rallied to 19%. Sugar rose to 114% on the announcement that certain grades of refined had been advanced 1-16c, but the improvement was afterwards lost. The foreigners were moderate sellers of international stocks. The market

per cent. Bonds were irregular. The sales footed up \$1,316,000.

closed weak. Net changes show losses

of 1/4 to 21/4 per cent., the coal stocks leading. American Spirits and Leath-

er, preferred, however, gained 1/4 to %

The Chicago Markets. Chicago, February 18 .- Continued strength prevailed in the wheat market today. Trading began at prices unchanged to a fraction lower than the closing ones of yesterday and from then until the close there was little of any interruption to the strength of the any interruption to the strength of the tone. A doubt that the Russian-Greecian imbroglio would be settled amicably was the principal reason for the firmness exhibited. Liverpool quoted ½d advance, but that was deemed trifling under the circumstances and explained the inability of prices to get above the "call" figure. rade was light, and whilst the tone of the market was firm, vet there was much doubt as to the prospect of any further improvement taking place. The situation remains uncertain and until something decisive occurs either for or against war in Europe, operators are inclined to go slow in either irection. Cash wheat was firm and to %c higher, Prices in corn were higher, taking motive and inspiration from the improvement in wheat. The business early was light and fluctuations were neither broad nor important. Cash corn was strong and 4c higher.
Fractional advances were gained in oats prices. The surrounding speculative strength was credited with the improvement. Business was in much the same rut that it has been for some time. Cash oats were firm and

higher. The receipts of hogs showed a heavy from the yards gave an advance in prices of 5c. Product was prompt to respond to the strength of the live hog market. Shorts covered some and, under the good demand, prices made considerable improvement. May pork closed 15 to 17½c higher, May lard 7½ to 10c higher, May ribs 10c higher.

Old People. Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find a true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the func tions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price 50c and \$1.00 per bottle at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

for-The House Unseats a Democratic Member in a Contest, in Opposition to the Report of the Committee on Elec.

SENATE. Washington, February 18 .- The senate passed today, without a word of explanation, a bill which if it become aw, will introduce a new postal card system. Its title is "A Bill to Extend | male not till ten years later. the Uses of the Mail Service." It was the Uses of the Mail Service." It was introduced in the early part of the last session by Senator Vilas and was re- wagons and made to draw them. session by Senator Vilas and was referred to the postoffice committee from which it was reported back with appearance in Arabia. About the only regions of the earth which the American bicycles have made their appearance in Arabia. About the only regions of the earth which the American bicycles have made their appearance in Arabia. have it passed by unanimous consent; but objection was then made by Sena-tor Allen, who said that from the reading of the bill it appeared to propose the conferring of a monopoly.

Senator Vilas admitted that it did

passage of the bill, and sa d that Sena-tor Allen was satisfied with it, no ob-jection was made and the bill was passed without its being even read except by title. Its purpose is to allow the circulation by mail of the postal cards and envel-opes with coupons attached, patented and owned by a West Virginia corporation, all regular postal cards and let-ter rates "paid on presentation of the coupons from the said card and en-velopes when detached at the office of

company concerned owned the patent

for the invention, there must neces-

delivery." The postmaster general is to test the practical operation of the plan in one or two more cities, and to suspend its operation if the test prove unfavorable. There are nine sections to the bill; but they do not convey a very clear idea of the plan. The senate had spent only twenty minutes in legislative session, when, on motion of Senator Sherman the gal-

leries were cleared, the doors closed and the consideration of executive ousiness entered upon. At 6:35 o'clock p. m., the senate adjourned until tomorrow. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the contested case of Hopkins, (republican) vs. Kendall (democrat), rom the Tenth Kentucky district, the house today, for the first time this session, on a direct issue of fact, reersed the decision of its committee on | munity. elections and seated a contestant whom the committee had declared not elected. The case turned upon the action of the county clerk of Clark county, Kentucky, who without proper authority had substituted what was called in the debate "an odious thieving coon" on the official ballots in place of the eagle, the chosen emblem of the republican party of Kentucky. It was admitted by the committee that this was a "transparent fraud" and that it was done with intent to deceive, but it was contended that the number of colored votes lost in this manner was not enough to overcome the sitting member's majority of 253 over his con-testant. The minority report contended that fraud vitiated everything, and that the entire vote of the county must be thrown out. After an exceedingly animated discussion the house sustained this view by a vote of 197 to 91. On the only previous occasion in

Moody, of Massachusetts, who led the forlorn hope in today's depate in support of the majority report, was the successful assailant. He made a minority report of one in the case of "Rinaker and Downing" from the First American middling, low middling out the session. It goes almost with-clause—February and March, March Rinaker, but of having a re-count of the vote. In this the house sustained him and on a re-count Elnaker was seated. In the division today, of the ten republicans who voted to sustain the majority of the committee three were from Massachusetts, which led Mr. Hardy (republican, of Indiana) to remark that Massachusetts "had slobbered over too much," an insult to Massachusetts which Mr. Moody indignantly resented. The rest of the seswhich a selling movement could be sion was given up to the passage of the bills by consent which led the lead

The general deficiency bill was reported to the house from committee on appropriations, with notice that it would be called up tomorrow. The bill carries an appropriation of \$8,438,937.
Among the items in the bill are the following: To enable the secretary of the treasury to restore the compensation of employes at the ports of Bal-timore, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Cedar Keys, Detroit, Kansas City, Mo., Mobile, Newport News, New Orleans, Port Huron, Michigan, Pensacola, Pembina, N. D., and Phila-delphia, whose salaries were reduced in order to avoid a deficiency in the appropriation for the collecting of revenues, \$41,381; continuing improvement of the Mississippi river from head of Passes to the mouth of the Ohio

Cotton Futures. (Special to The Messenger.) New York, February 18. There was distinctly better undertone in the cotton market today. The fluctuations during the first hour were extremely erratic, twice covering a range of 6 points and giving promise of an active day; but the promise was not fulfilled, and after the first hour the market became dull and continued almost listless until the close. Liverpool this morning cabled a decline of 2-64d in that market. The report was regarded as not unfavorable and prices here were higher at the opening. May opened at 6.96, advanced to 6.96, declined to 6.89, again advanced to 6.94, sold back to 6.91 and closed at 6.95, with the market very steady. The good demand for spots continues the rump card of the bulls. Sentiment on the floor of the exchange is quite divided, but we aurselves can see no signs et an immediate or serious de-

RIORDAN & Co. (By Southern Press.) New York, February 18. The Sun's cotton review says: Spot cotton here advanced 1-16c, with sales of 671 bales for spinning. The speculation today was quiet and featureless and in the main of a local character, though Liverpool and New Orleans were moderate traders. The sentiment was bullish and prices advanced early in the day. The buying was soon exhausted, how-ever, and on selling for local and Liverpool account, prices re-acted; but the reaction was only slight the market closing very steady at a net ad-vance. The receipts at the ports were light, and estimated arrivals at New Orleans and Houston tomorrow were small. It is stated that notices issued n March will be immediately taken up. as spot cotton is getting scarcer and scarcer every day in the southern markets. The spot demand here this week has shown some increase.

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A Monitor in a Rough Sea. New York February 18 -The Clyd line steamer Algonquin, Captain Platt which arrived last night from Charleston, reports that on Tuesday, fifty-five miles south of Cape Hatteras, he pass ed a United States monitor supposed to be either the Puritan or the Terror which sailed from New York early in the week, bound south. The wind at the time was blowing from the southwest and the seas were very high. Captain Platt said that big seas poured over the monitor and at times she appeared to be almost submerged, but was weathering it in good shape. Smallpox at Pensacola Navy Yard.

Washington, February is.—The navy department received a telegram today announcing a case of smallpox at the Pensacola navy yard, and Acting Secretary McAdoo promptly authorized the expenditure of \$500, if needed, to erect a temporary hospital there. The Southern railway has met the westbound freight rate cut inaugurate by the Norfolk and Western, claiming that the step was necessary for self-

is 140 pounds; of the woman 125 Ships built of steel are said to be able to carry 20 per cent. more freight

than those of iron. The present season's crop of cotton in Egypt promises to surpass all pre-vious years in quality. The female brain commences to decline in weight after the age of 30, the

can bicycle has not penetrated lie be yond the Arctic and Antarctic circles. The vatican at Rome covers a space of 1,200 feet in length and 1,000 feet in readth and is the largest residence building in the world. It is on the east-ern bank of the river Tiber and on the confer a monoply, but said that as the Vatican hill.

sarily be a monoply.

Senator Allen promised to look into the matter, and when Senator Vilas five in breadth, and geologists say that there are not less than 42,000,000,-The English island of Thanet is al-The German agricultural papers indulge in no exaggeration when they make the remarkable statement that the imports of American apples into the German empire last year were more than twenty times as large as in any previous season, the shipments in 1896 having amounted to no less than 6,000,000 double centners-the centne being equal to a hundred-weight.-Philadelphia Record.

For the Dixie Hospital Fort Monroe, February 18-A bazaar colonial tea and minuet was given at the Chamberlain tonight in aid of the Dixie hospital at Hampton, which has been a social and financial success. The minuet was danced by some thirty couples of young society people of Hampton. It was a pleasing feature of the evening. At its conclusion, the ball room was thrown open for general dancing which lasted until midnight. The Dixie hospital was established by the late General Armstrong on the Normal school grounds about ten years ago, with nothing behind it but his faith in humanity. It has been enlarged to double its original size and is doing an excellent work in this com-

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