## Everybody Needs The Messenger.

conditions at this season produce a depressed, care-worn, languid feeling, which perto get rid of the accumulated impurities, the energies give way, the appetite fails, a wornout, run-down condition is the result. All of which can be

# avoided by a few bottles of Swift's

which promptly purifies the the blood and thoroughly renovates the entire system. tones and strengthens the tonic, being purely vegetable, and the only blood remedy guaranteed to contain no arsenic, sulphur, mercury, potash or other mineral substance, whice is of so much importance to all who know the injurious effects of these drugs. Nature should be assisted by na-

There is Nothing Half as Good!

ture's remedy



Mr. A. M. Ramsey, of De Leon, Texas, was a sufferer from Catarrh in its worst form. Truly, his description of his sufferings seem little short of marvelous. Instead of seeking his couch, glad for the night's coming, he went to it with terror, realizing that another long, weary, wakeful night and a struggle to breathe was before him.

Messrs, Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga., GENTS: I have used nearly four bottles of P. P. I was afflicted from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. Your P. P. P. has cured my difficulty of breathing, smother-ing, papitation of the heart, and has relieved me of all pain. One nostril was closed for me of all pain. One nostril was closed for ten years, but now I can breathe through it readily.

I have not slept on either side for two years; in fact, I dreaded to see night come. Now I sleep soundly in any position all night.

I am 50 years old, but expect soon to be able to take hold of the plow handles. I feel giad that I was lucky enough to get P. P. P., and I heartly recommend it to my friends and the public generally.

Yours respectfully, A. M. RAMSEY.

day, personally appeared A. M. Ramsey, who, after being duly sworn, says on oath that 'he foregoing statement made by him relative to the virtue of P. P. P. medicine, is true.

A. M. RAMSEY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this,

August 4th, 1891.

J. M. LAMBERT, N. P.,
Comanche County, Texas. CATARRH CURED BY P. P. P.

Lippman's Great Remedy) where all other remedies failed Woman's weakness, whether nervous or otherwise, can be cured and the system built up by P. P. P. A healthy woman is a beautiful woman. Pimples, blotches, eczema and all

disfigurements of the skin are removed and cured by P. P. P. P. P. Will restore your appetite, build up your system and regulate you in every way. P. P. P. removes that heavy, down-in-the-mouth feeling. For blotches and pimples on the

face, take P. P. P. Ladies, for natural and thorough organic regulation, take P. P. P., Lippman's Great Remedy, and get well at

Sold by all druggists. LIPPMAN BROS., Apothecarie Sole Prop'rs, Lippman's Block, Savannah, Ga. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY.

Cures CCRUS, BUNIONS and WARTS SPEEDILY and WITHOUT PAIN. FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS. IPPMAN BEOTHERS, Prep'rs, Lippman's Block, SA', ANNAH. GA. Landonana sale by R. R. BELLAMY.

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NORTH CAROLINA.

vades the entire body. When nature, unassisted, attempts to get side of the control of the contr Raleigh Tribune: The experiment sta-tion annex will be completed by April 1st. The work is being done by the North Carolina Car Company, and cost about Goldsboro Argus: Rev. A. C. Barron.
D. D., who is to hold a series of meetings
with the First Baptist church, beginning
Monday evening, March 15th, is a native

The Raleigh Tribune says Roscoe Mitchell, of Graham county, who was a page in the legislature, has gone to Washing-The Weekly Dispatch says that Mr. James Whitehurst died at his home in No. 2 township a few days ago in his with year. He was the oldest man in Edgeeombe county.

The Newton Enterprise ion house at Claremont. Catawba coun-y, was burned a few nights ago. Elmore loaninger was occupying it and all his lousehold effects were burned. The Concord Standard says a meeting

stomach, and renews the appetite. It is the only safe The Charlotte Observer says Mr. J. M ornelius, of Mooresville, has patented a nicken coop, the chief merit of which that it can be folded, and therefore oned more conveniently.

Wilson Times: The county iall has a present only two inmates. It is not probable that the number will remain small very long as here is generally a gradual influx until the next term of court empties the fail again. Concord Times: Senator C. D. Bar-inger arrived from Raleigh Wednesday norming. He tells us that although he me out without a scratch, the legisla-

of 1897 was an abominable disgrace old North State and will go down history to be read with shame by ning generations. Nevertheless, it is tory, and must go on record. Statesville Landmark: The indication re for an increased acrease next season t Morganton-A. C. Sharpe and Dr. Jenry Mott-are from this county. Scotland Neck Democrat: A colored man named Willie Brown was seen on the railroad near Tillery Sunday after-toon, drunk. He was seen late in the fternoon away from the road near a anal and next day he was found dead. —H. B. Dickens was run over and gored

by a cow a few days ago, but his injuries were not serious.—The military company gave its first public drill Wednesday afternoon of last week. The boys look handsome in their uniform and present quite a soldier-like appearance in ranks. Winston Republican: Mr. Ellis M. Long reports a large acreage of wheat in the Dosier and Bethania section of the county and that the condition of the crop thus far is as good as could be desired.

—Rev. Rufus King, a Quaker minister of more than ordinary distinction was in —Rev. Rufus King, a Quaker minister of more than ordinary distinction, was in the city the past week soliciting aid for the Friends' Orphanage near High Point, N. C.—Editor W. F. Burbank, of California, and President of the Sentinel Publishing Company, is in the city looking after his newspaper interests.

Wadesbbro Messenger: Captain J. C shley has been receiving \$65 per month superintendent of the Anson State m under democratic management. The sublicans and bolting populists are now in the saddle and we are reliably informed that one of their first acts was to raise the salary of Mr. Reinhardt, the new superintendent, to \$100 per month. The Marion Messenger says Jack Avery. well digger, was at work in a vell in McDowell county last week when rock fell in on him and killed him. Kinston Free Press: Mr. Rodolph Duffy, constant Free Fress: Mr. Rodolph Dully, oresentative from Onslow county, stopd here Wednesday on his way home om Raleigh. He said the people of oldsboro were exceedingly grateful to be legislators who helped defeat Grant's noxious police commission bill for that town. Between trains they gave their friends in the legislature a nice banquet at which a number of short speeches were made.—Mr. Daniel G. Taylor tells us he killed his two-year-old black pig the other day, and it weighed 657 pounds after

Lenoir Topic: Dr. Hill Moore, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is spending this week with his brother, Mr. J. Frank Moore, at the Taylorsville Cotton Milis in Alexander county. Dr. Moore left North Carolina about twenty years ago and has been living in Cincinanti for a number of years. We learn he is now accumulating quite a fortune from a catarrh cure of his own compounding. In addition to his office in Cincinnati he has opened one in London, England, from both of which he is receiving a large revenue. He has invested \$40,000 with his brother in the Taylorsville Cotton Mills and expects to inorsville Cotton Mills and expects to invest more there as soon as the business

Sanford Express: The Express has found a mule 22 years old. It is owned by Mr. Petty, who lives near Sanford, and is Mr. Petty, who lives near Sanford, and is still able to do good work.—Dennis Horton, who shot and slightly-wounded "Bit" Mriver here during the holidays, was tried at Moore court last week and sentenced to two months in jail, with permission for Commissioners to hire him out for cost.—Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon, who represented Moore county in the lower house of the legislature, passed here Wednesday on his way home from Raleigh. He said that he had just gone through a second war, but was still alive. Mr. Lawhon must have felt very lonesome in the house Saturday night when the oaths and curse words were flying so thick and fast.

Raleigh News and Observer: Dr.

Raleigh News and Observer: Dr. Wood's republican attorney, who is working to get Dr. Wood the job, insisted that his candidate should not be slandered by his candidate should not be slandered by being called a democrat in even so mild a manner. These two views set the reporter to work to learn, if possible, the practical status of Dr. Wood, and he was astonished to find out, beyond all question, that Dr. Wood was a full fledged bolting populist; that he came to Raleigh last month and went before the bolting populist caucus and solicited their support on the ground that he was in sym-

populist caucus and solicited their support on the ground that he was in sympathy with them; and that after his statement that he was a boilting populist he received and accepted their nomination for superintendent of the asylum.—Mr. Hileman saw nothing to prevent his getting both the \$4 per diem as a member and the \$6 per diem as speaker. So yesterday morning he called on Auditor Ayer and mildly suggested that such a construction be put on the law. Mr. Ayer struction be put on the law. Mr. Ayer couldn't see it just that way, and besides precedent had fixed the matter otherwise. He therefore referred the Cabarrus He therefore referred the Cabarrus statesman to the attorney general for a construction of the law. That official simply laughed and refused to take Speaker Hileman seriously. So Ambrose will return to his people with only \$6 a day and mileage in his inside pocket. Algether it seems that the motto of the embers of the recent legislature, and he employes thereof, has been to get all at of the state they could, whether they ere entitled to it or not. Clerks who, oder the law, are clearly not entitled to nileage, have been sitting up day after ay with the auditor and attorney gen-

al, trying to force them to give them oney out of the state treasury to pay elr railroad fare. They have gone aptyhanded. 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 rouired. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale

More than 200,000 Greeks live in Constantinople. So that if the sultan's minions attempt any violence in that city the proceedings will not be entirely

onesided.-New York Mail and Express. 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

· JOHN MORRIS. Office of J. N. McElroy, Drug-ist, 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 bot-

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. 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 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 rheu-matism for along time and did not find a cure until I found P. P. which completely cured me.
Yours truly,

### WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORTS. Wilmington, N. C., March 16.
Receipts of cotton today—43 bales.
Receipts corresponding day last year
212 bales.
This season's receipts to date—231,276
bales.
Receipts to same date last year—160,408

Receipts to same date last year—100,405 bales.

The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange:
Cotton steady.
Ordinary 4%
Good middling 6
Low middling 6%
Middling 7
Good middling 7
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Good middling 7
Frices same day last year 7%c. NAVAL STORES. turpentine-Machine teady at 26%c; country barrels steady at Rosin firm at \$1.45 and \$1.50. Tar firm at \$1.00.

Tar firm at \$1.00. Crude turpentine quiet; hard \$1.30; soft \$1.80. Prices same day last year—Spirits tur-pentine at 25c and 25½c; rosin \$1.30 and \$1.35; tar 90c; crude turpentine \$1.30 and 31.35; tar 90c; crude turpentine \$1.30 and \$1.70.

Receipts today—38 casks spirits turpentine, 180 barrels rosin, 136 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Receipts same day last year—38 casks spirits turpentine, 221 barrels rosin, 152 barrels tar, — barrels crude turpentine.

#### MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL. New York, March 16.—Money on call has been firmer at 1½62 per cent.; last loan at 2 and closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½63½ per cent. Bar silver 62. Mexican dollars 48½649. Sterling exchange is dull and easy with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.85½ 634.85½ for sixty days, and \$4.87½ for demand. Posted rates \$4.86½634.88. Commercial bills \$4.84634.85. Government bonds firm; state bonds steady; railroad bonds generally higher. Silver at the board heavy. board heavy. Treasury balances: Coin \$131,102,783 Treasury balan currency \$66,728,911.

STOCKS AND BONDS. Am Cotton Oir 12% | North Facts 13% | Am Sugar Refin 113% | North western 100% | do pfd 37% | Am Tobacco 78% | Pacific Mail 26% Am Tobseco 784 pfd 1033/2 Am Tobseco 784 pfd 106 AT & Sante Fe 114/2 Balt & Objo 155/2 Can Pacific 58 Reading Rock Island Sil Certificates. 69
Tenn Coal & Iron. 97%
do pfd. 80
Texas Pacific 9½
Union Pacific. 7
Wabash 5%
do pfd 14%
Western Union. 88%
Wheel & L. Erie. 1%
do pfd. 4
Ala Class A 101%
Ala Class B 104
Ala Class B 99
Lous's Stamp 4's. 1021%
N. Carolina 4's. 1021% Missouri Pacific... 18%
Mobile & Onlo... 20%
N. Chat & St L... 67%
US Cordage...... II S new 4's reg ... 1231/4; do compons...... 1231/4

Liverpool, March 16.-12:30 p. m.-Cotton: Demand moderate; prices firmer; American middling 3 31-32d; sales 8,000; American 7,000; speculation and exports 500; receipts 12,000; American 8,900. Futures opened American 8,900. Futures opened

American middling, low middling clause: March 3 61-64d; March and April, April and May 3 60-64d; May and June, June and July, July and August 3 59-64d, 3 60and July, July and August 3 59-64d, 3 60-64d, 3 61-64d; August and September 3 57-64d, 3 58-64d; September and October 3 52-64d; October and November 3 48-64d; No-vember and December 3 47-64d; December and January 3 46-64d. Futures steady.
4 p. m.-March, March and April, April and May, May and June 3 60-64d, 3 61-64d buyers; June and July, July and August 3 61-64d sellers; August and September 3 58-64d, 3 59-64d buyers; September and October 2 53-64d sellers: October and November 3 48-64d buyers: November and December, December and January 3 46-64d 3 47-64d buyers. Futures closed quiet and

steady.

New York, March 16.—Cotton steady.

Middling 74c: net receipts 803; gross receipts 3,972; forwarded 1,374; sales 1,395; spinners 202; stock 251,547.

Total today: Net receipts 15,547; exports to Great Britain 3,040; to France 6,-100; to the continent 4,865; to the channel none; stock 780,526. Total so far this week: Net receints 37.-278: exports to Great Britain 15,379; to France 6.992: to the continent 25,446; to the channel none: stock none.

Total since September 1st: Net receipts 6.691.057; exports to Great Britain 2.690.331; to France 593.344; to the continent 1.627,779; to the channel 5.481; stock none.

PORT RECEIPTS. Galveston-Firm at 7 1-16c; net receipts Norfolk-Firm at 7%c; net receipts 1,187. Baltimore-Norminal at 7%c; gross re-Boston-Firm at 7%c; net receipts 109; gross receipts 3.300.
Wilmington—Steady at 7c; net receipts Philadelphia-Quiet at 71/2c; net receipts Savannah-Steady at 6%c; net receipts New Orleans—Firm at 7c; net receipts 6,240; gross receipts 7,162. Mobile—Steady at 6 15-16c; net receipts

Memphis-Firm at 6 15-16c; net receipts 131; gross receipts 397. Augusta—Steady at 7½c; net receipts Cincinnati-Quiet at 7%c; net receipts Louisville—Firm at 7c. St. Louis—Firm at 7c; net receipts 396; gross receipts 1,829.

GRAIN. PROVISIONS, ETC. Chicago, March 16.—The leading futures were as follows: Opening, highest, lowest wheat—March 72%c, 73%c, 72%c, 72%c; May 73%a73%c, 74%a74%c, 73%c, 74%a73%c, 73%c, 23%c, 24%c, 24%c, 24%c, 14%c, 14%c, 15%c, 15%c, 15%c, 15%c, 16%c, 16

Ribs—May \$4.75, \$4.85, \$4.75, \$4.82½; July \$4.77½, \$4.82½, \$4.77½, \$4.82½, \$4.77½, \$4.82½; Cash quotations were as follows: Flour was dull and steady) prices unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat 72½@73½c; No. 2 red 83½@89½c No. 2 corn 23¼@23½c; No. 2 cats 16½c, mess pork \$8.85@88.99; lard \$4.22½@34.25; short ribs, sides \$4.70@\$4.90; D S Shoulders \$4.75@\$4.77½; short clear sides \$4.75@\$4.87½; whiskey \$1.17.

New York, March 16.—Flour dull, steady unchanged; southern flour dull, unchanged.

changed.
Wheat—Spot market dull at 4c lower with options closing steady; f. o. b. 83%c: ungraded red 70%84c. Options declined 4.01c, rallied 4.01c, fell 4c and closed steady at 4.024c under yesterday, with trading more active. No. 2 red. March 814c; May 79%c: July 78%c.
Corn—Spots firm, dull; No. 2, 25%c elevator; 30%c afloat. Options were dull at 4c decline, closing steady without features. March 29%c; May 29%c; July 314c. Oats—Spots dull, firm. Options dull at 4c lower: May 21%c. Spot—No. 2, 22c; No. 2 white 24c; mixed western 21@24c. Lard—Refined firm; continent \$4.80; Bouth American \$5.65; compound 44.04%c. onstantinople. So that it the same that @10%c. aminons attempt any violence in that @10%c. Cotton Seed Oil—Barely steady, un-

Molasses-Unchanged. Peanuts—Oulet, unchanged.
Coffee—Dull at 5 to 10 points down.
May \$8.55; July \$8.60; September \$8.65; December \$8.65; Spot Rio dull, weak; No. 7, 94694c. weight in four weeks. I take great pleasure in recommending it to all unfortunate like

Yours truly.

946794c.

Sugar—Raw. firm. fair demand: fair refining 2%c: refined active, higher: off A 5 3-16c: standard A 44c; cut loaf 54c; crushed 54c; granulated 44c.

NAVAL STORES. New York-Rosin dull, unchanged. Turcharleston—Turpentne firm; sales none. Rosin firm; sales none; strained, common to good \$1.40.
Savannah—Turpentine firm at 261/c; sales 300; receipts 395. Rosin firm at a decine: sales 2.000; receipts 1.696. A B C D E \$1.50; F G \$1.606\$1.65; H \$1.756\$1.80; I \$1.80; K M \$1.85; N \$1.96; W G \$2.05; W W

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

American schooner B. I. Hazard, Blatch-ford, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co. VESSELS IN PORT. Branfoot, (Br.), 1,322 tons, Knott, Bar-badoes, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Bianca Aspasia, (Ital.), 451 tons, Gorzeglia, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son Albatros, (Nor.), 323 tons, Loots, France. Henry White, of Rhode Portage St., Savannak, Ga.

\*\*Co.\*\* Albatros, (Nor.), 323 tons, Loots, France. Henry White, of Rhode Island, to be secretary of the embassy. Fleetwood, Paterson, Downing & Co.\*\* of the United States in Great Britain.

SCHOONERS

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. Victory, (Br.). 131 tons. Monroe, Nas-sau. Geo. Harriss. Son & Co. Acara, (Am.). 135 tons, Nash, Jacmel. Geo. Harris, Son & Co. R. S. Graham, (Am.), 321 tons. ten. Martinfque. Geo. Harris. Son & Co. Tolfola. (Am.). 1.135 tons. Fletcher. Punta Gorda. Fla., Geo. Harris. Son & Annie E. Randolph. (Am.). 185 tons. Rohinson, Philadelphis, Geo. Harris, Son & Co. Winnegance, (Am.). 251 tons. Kimball. New York, Geo. Harriss. Son & Co. Nimrod (Am.). 252 tons, Green, New York, J. T. Rilev & Co. Eva A. Davenhower. (Am.). 217 tons. Johnson, New York, Geo. Harriss. Son

emphatic denial on the part of President Gould and Director Sage. Mr. Gould in a statement made public shortly after the slump in the stock denied absolutely that a receiver would be appointed and also expressed his willingness to cash April coupons of the company at their face value, less the usual rebate at the rate of the per cent. per annum. He further stated that the earnings of the road were improving, net for January showing an increase of 148,000 as compared with the corresponding month of 1896. In his opinion the attack on the stock and he reports of a receivership were the result of a desire on the part of the bears to cover followed and the stock bounded up to 18%, closing at that figure. Wabash stock and bonds declined in symnathy, but the general market held remarkably, but the general market held remarkably well throushout the raid. In fact as the close the best figures for a long time to the best figures for a long time to stock gathered strength, and near the close the best figures for a long time to stock and bonds declined in symnathy, but the general market held remarkably, and he called out the entire departing the steamer. Half a dozen big streams of water were soond from the western Union building and an alarm was furned in Chief Chief the house, but the fire soon got through the house, but the fire soon got through the house, but the fire soon got through the form front presented by the other through the fire and second for si,000, the walls being intact. The building can probab has been dormant of late, had a sourt of activity, and on buying for both local and foreign account, advanced about 3 points to 96%. In the afternoon rise Manhattan and Western Union were consciouous, moving up 114, per cent, each to 874 and 85% respectively. Covering of short con-tracts accounts for the improvement. In the Industrials Sugar was traded in exdiv. of 3 per cent. The stock first sold down to 111% and then rose to 113%. Rub-her, preferred, was in better demand on the denials of the reports current yester-day of a war in the trade. Speculation closed strong in tone. Net changes show rains of 114 to 2% per cent. Illinois Central leading. The offal sales were 229 131 shares, of which 55 500 were Missouri Pa-

tral leading. The ottal sales were 290 131 shares, of which 55 500 were Missouri Pacific, 50,100 Sugar, 8,600 St. Paul and 8,500 Omaha. Ronds were strong today. The sales footed up \$1,310,000.

The Chicago Markets.

Chicago March 16.—The wheat market was quiet today, the close being at a moderate decline from yesterday. Liverpool reflected American sentiment, declining 1/d notwithstanding the fact that 8 bouses, representing \$3,000 in architect's ing 1/d notwithstanding the fact that % appreciation took place here vesterday. That caused the selling early, much of the wheat accumulated since the up-turn began last Friday seeking a market and depressing prices. Bradstreet's report of a decrease in the world's stocks of 4,077. 600 bushels and St. Louis relative strength both for cash and the next crop deliveries then induced buyers to take hold, causing a bulge of 1c from inside figures. Before of feeling and on the realizing which took place a reaction of 1/4c occurred. Cash wheat was steady, closing easy.

Corn disregarded the light receipts (18/4 cars) and firm Liverpool cables to follow wheat on the downward course. The decline was not great or important, but it indicated some discouragement, on the indicated some discouragement on the part of holders, who have heretofore been sanguine of improvement. The rally in wheat later in the session assisted corn. Cash corn was easy, with the nominal closing yesterday.

Oats opened lower in response to the section of the other maybets. Trade was

action of the other markets. Trade was light and as no particular disposition to press sales was manifested, the immediate free sales was manifested, the immediate feeling was about steady. There was free selling by elevator concerns and commission houses later, which caused a weak feeling. The recovery which followed that of wheat was not material. Cash oats were steady.

The appreciation in hog prices at the world was noted in the prevision market.

yards was noted in the provision market at the opening. Interest in product grows daily and the market displays greater ac-tivity than has been seen for a long time. Country customers were buying through he different commission houses today the orders being in the aggregate heavy, Pork was the favorite article, although ribs were by no means nerlected. May pork closed 10c higher, May lard 2½ to 5c higher and May ribs 7½ to 10c higher.

Cotton Putures (Special to The Messenger.) New York, March 16 .- The early dealat the opening, May selling on the first call at 7.08. New Orleans sent a few buying orders early in the session and rose Houston-Steady at 7c; net receipts 3,192. to 7.12. The advance encouraged realizing and the bears, who are gaining confidence in the continued absence of any speculative demand sold freely. Prices gradually declined until the close, which was barely steady with 7.05 bid for May. The reports from the south indicate that the retarding of planting preparations by the wet weather is becoming serious. We do not expect any decline of consequence.

RIORDAN & CO.

(By Southern Press.) "

New York, March 16.—The Sun's cotton review says: Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 993 bales for export and 200 for spinning. Middling uplands was 7½c, against 7½c last year: New Orleans and gulf 7½c, against 8½c last year. The speculation today was quiet. What little doing there was of a local, featureless character and the fluctuations in prices were practically unchanged from last night's final quotations. For a time prices advanced. Liverpool was higher both for futures and spots and the weather bureau reported the Mississippi river still rising and above danger line at New Orleans, Memphis, Vicksburg, and Cairo. The semi-weekly receipts at the interior towns were considerably smaller than last week and the spot markets in this country were firm and more active. The buying power soon exhausted, however, and in the absence of support, prices reacted on local selling. The semi-weekly receipts at thirteen principal interior towns were 13. (By Southern Press.) selling. The semi-weekly receipts at thirteen principal interior towns were 13,-855 bales, against 23,212 last week and 13,-650 last year; shipments 21,456 bales, against 37,309 last week and 25,402 last year.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for re-

the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood, Electric Bitters improves the appetite aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store. St. Louis' Big Fire. St. Louis, March 16.-Last night's

fire in Ely Walker Drygoods Company building was gotten under control early this morning. All that remains of the massive seven-story granite structure and the enormous stock of drygoods is a mass of smouldering ruins. The loss to the Ely Walker Company is estimated at \$800,000, and the building, which was owned by the Liggett & Myer Tobacco Company, was damaged to the extent of \$300,000. The adjoin-ing, business houses of the Verstee Grant Shoe Company and the Gauss Shelton Hat Company were damaged to the extent of \$50,000 by fire and wa-

Ambassadors Nominated Washington, March 16.-The president today sent to the senate the following nominations: To be ambasse. dors extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States: John Hay, of the District of Columbia, to Great Britain. Horace Porter, of New York, to

ter. All the property was fully covered

by insurance.

THE WESTERN UNION'S BLAZE.

quel to a Night of Lightning-The Office in Charlottee Completely Destroyed—Destruction of Architect Milburn's Hand-

(Charlotte Observer.) The Charlotte office of the Western Union Telegraph Company was completey gutted by fire Sunday morning. The Western Union office is a two-story brick building. Above it on the north side tower the walls of the Central hotel, and ers in regard to Greece, but it is imon the south the walls of Mr. H. G. possible, as it would be improper and Spring's new building, the Central hotel against public interest, either to state Winnegance, (Am.). 251 tons. Kimball.
New York. Geo. Harriss. Son & Co.
Nimrod (Am.). 252 tons. Green. New
York. J. T. Rilev & Co.
Eva A. Davenhower. (Am.). 217 tons.
Johnson. New York, Geo. Harriss. Son & Co.
Fila G. Eells. Cushman. Aguadilla, Geo.
Harriss. Son & Co.
B. I. Harard. (Am.). 273 tons. Rlatchford. New York Geo. Harriss. Son & Co.

The second floor was used as offices by Architect Milburn. In this little building, between two big, tall ones. a fierce fire raged for perhaps an hour. It was kindled by electricity, not of the Kind that Franklin discovered with his key.

Saturday night was one of the occasions when telegraph operators plaster their hair down with paste, for during the night a severe electrical storm was in progress. At intervals the rain coming down upon the roof, would sound as if it were being poured from a tub: windows with fishes of lightning would periodically blot out the lesser lights of gas and Four C's electricity. The very air seemed to be electrified.

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Charlotte office is the largest in the state, and one of the most important in the south, as all the southern wires are connected here. The office was equipped with eighteen sets of instruments, 1,000 cells of batteries and a switchboard for seventy-five wires. The fire was evidently caused by lightning, as it was plainly seen to have originated at the switchboard, which was near the centre of the building. Manager Burts has fitted up a temporary office in the Seaboard Air Line's up-town ticket office.

By long odds the severest loser was Architect Frank Milburn. Less than three weeks ago he completed the equipment of his office rooms on the second floor. The feature of the rooms, how-

Burts had a wire working to Richmond. By 2 o'clock in the afternoon he had several lines working to different points.

(From The Boston Herald.) Mexican home life is unique; it diffounded on respect for parents. The influence of the Catholic church is

about a well-ordered Mexican home which is a revelation to northern peoor matters here. The women of the best | Chicago Record. obedience and rarely spoil their sons, whom they idolize. There are exceptions, but they are not enough to break down the general society discipline As for the girls no reputable Mexican father or mother would allow for a moment the thought of permitting 9 girl of any age to be on the streets after dark unless accompanied by an older person, a trusted servant or elder brother. So. even among girls of the humbler class, there is no street strolling in the evening. They may, in warm weather, go to the alameda, or public park, where there is a band con- gloomily.-Harper's Bazar. cert, but always under escort. They may go to a tertulia, or evening party, ings in the cotton market today gave but with some competent person. They of the control of the that market. This was regarded as bull- watchful eye of a relative. There is ish, and prices here were 2 points higher plenty of proper freedom for young girls and a larger liberty in the cities

than formerly, but they are not allowed to run about without an escort and a very careful eye is kept upon them by parents and relatives, even to distant male cousins. Such a thing as a young girl or young woman of any character or family being upon the street at night alone and unattended is unknown. Your daughter goes to visit a friend in the afternoon and stays to tea, then the gentleman and lady of the house, the gentleman alone or old servant brings her nome. So the streets of this big town are never the scene of foolish flighty girls being followed and "picked up" by strangers. And as for men who insult young girls and women, the remedy is usually a sudden and fatal one. In milder cases the newspapers give minute descriptions of the "satyr," who has insulted a lady and the public is asked to take warning. One fellow who, in an interior city, made an insulting remark about a lady standing at a window, was conducted to the alameda and, in view of the chief part down on a stone bench and caned until

he yelled for mercy and was then ordered out of town on the next train. He went. In another city a male teacher, who was "too fresh" in his conduct toward young girl pupils, was waited on by a deputation of gentlmen and asked to favor the city by his permanent absence. He, too, went. The etiquette regarding the protection of women from insult is such as prevails in the southern states of the American union. There is no fooling on the streets, in the theaters and public places with respectable women. There is something left here of the old Spanish idea of the sacredness of womanhood, and the line is sharply drawn between honest women and the other kind.

Rhode Island Republican Convention. Providence, R. I., March 16.-The republican state convention met today and the following state ticket was nominated without opposition: Governor, Elisha Dyer, of Providence; ant governor, Abram J. Pother. of Woonsocket; secretary of state, Charles P. Bennett, of Providence; atorney general, Willard B. Tanner, of Pawtucket; general treasurer, Samuel Clark, of Lincoln. The platform adopted congratulates

the country on the election of a republican president and congress, pledges to the president loyalty and support, looks hopefully for a tariff revision, expresses gratitude to those democrats who joined the republicans in the presidential election, reaffirms the gold standard, expresses sympathy with Cuba, favors protection of American citizens, commends the republican state administration for its financial wisdom and pledges support to revision of the state constitution.

ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE.

Parlaiment Decline to Give Informat Regarding the Cretan Situation. London, March 16 .- In the house ommons this evening, Mr. A. J. Bal-

encourage debate on the subject."

A dispatch from Malta says that 600
British troops were ordered to Crete
from that station today.

Answering a question by the Earl of Kimberly, late minister of foreign affairs, in the house of lords today, Lord Salisbury said that instructions had been sent to the admirals commanding the foreign warships in Cretan waters to put the blockade of the ports of the island of Crete into operation at once. eration at once.

Lord Kimberly asked that the government make a further and more explicit, statement in regard to the Cretan situation, but Lord Salisbury re-ferred him to the admirable speecher ferred him to the admirable speeches delivered by Foreign Minister Hano-taux and Premier Meline in the French

chamber of deputies yesierday, in the sentiments expressed in which he (Lord Sillsbury) said he heartily con-Lord Kimberly-But I should prefer have a statement of Great Britain's policy by Great Britain's ministers. Lord Salisbury-The policy of the of MM. Hanotaux and Meline. If I have not used their brilliant language my misfortune and my fault. In the lobbies of the house, the remarks of Lord Salisbury are regarded as indicative of an aim on the part of the premier to secure a closer entente England and France are closer united with one another in an understanding in regard to Crete than they are with the other powers.

Telegraphic Sparks. The cruiser Newark will be put out of commission for extensive repairs at

Norfolk today. The Maine and Texas have arrived at Port Royal and will await orders from Admiral Bunce. William E. Harding, sporting writer

of the New York Daily News, died yesterday of pneumonia. He was about 55 years old and was born in Canada. At Richmond, Va., Mr. George T. King, owner and proprietor of the Richmond city mills, filed a deed of assignment in the clerk's office of the The liabilities are placed at \$25,000. At Cape Charles, Va., the annual the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company was held yesterday. The present president, vice president and treasurer were re-elect

The legal advisor of the governor of New York, Charles Z. Lincoln, has completed the preparation of the two anti-trust bills which are intended to carry out the recommendations of the Lexow trust investigating committee At Baltimore the rush to get goods out of bond before the new tariff bill becomes a law and increases the duties thereon began yesterday. All rechouses, representing \$3,000 in architect's fees, Mr. Milburn's office was the finest ere broken by the receip between Washington and New Orleans. By 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Manager the Baltimore custom house \$47,713. Nearly all of the withdrawals consisted of tobacco.

FUN.

"If I ever git to Boston I know wot hotels I'll stop at."

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He—Not a bit. I began by telling him I knew of a plan whereby he could save money .- Cincinnati Enquirer. "Mrs. Cash is very exclusive, isn't

"Yes; but she has to be; only women of established social position can ple, who have imbibed a false idea afford to affiliate with everybody."-"I am sorry, monsieur, but I cannot consider your proposal. I shall never marry.

"Never marry? But, mademofselle what do you intend to do with you immense fortune?"-London Tit-Bits. "You bet there are no flies on me, said the new woman." "I reckon not," said her husband with a sudden show of sand. "Those ence for sweets."-Up-to-Date. "Ah!" cried the McKinleyite. "Nov we'll have good times. There will be a boom in everything. Prices will go up, and-" "And talk will be just as cheap as ever," groaned the democrat First Individual-"Yes, sir; I hold

tra money, his first duty is to make his wife a present of a handsome dress." Second Individual—"You are philosopher, I presume?" "No; I an a draper."—Tit-Bits. A New Sensation-Manager (indig nantly)-"I don't see why you should be so troubled with stage-fright-you told me that you sang in public for two months with the Smashup Opera Froupe." New Tenor (tremendously)-"And so I did sing in public for two months with the Smashup Opera

that when a man makes a little ex-

Troupe; but, you see, I never sang to an audience before!"—Puck. The Discovery Saved His Life." Mr. G Caillouette, Druggist, Beavers-ville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physiclans for miles about, but of no avail, and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discov ery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use, and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it.
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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

No honest and upright man fears newspaper cartoons. It is the scala wags whose withers are thus wrung.-Boston Herald. The power of money and the lus

for power are now making cowards of all the great nations of Europe.— Salt Lake City Tribune. It is some consolation to know that the illiterates of Europe will not be able to read Mr. Cleveland's recent invitation to them to come over .- Hou ton Post. There may be some significance

the fact that the few men President McKinley has appointed to office have not been daily callers at the White house.-Washington Post. From the recent remarks of Carl Schurz we infer that at the last elec tion the native-born American was saved from his own foolishness by the sagacity and sound judgment of his imported fellow citizens.—Washington

Banner Letter of the Office-Seekers. One of the letters received yesterday from a man out in Ohio was the ba ner letter which has come to Mr. Hanna's desk since he came into public life. It consisted of sixty closely written manuscript pages, carefully put to-gether with brass fasteners, and where one of the sheets was torn, it had been mended by pasting a strip of newspa-per along the back. The clerk, whose duty is was to brief this letter, after putting in the greater part of an hour reading it, wrote the substance of the whole in a half dozen words for Mr. Hanna's eye. Several other letters in vesterday's mail ranged all the way from twelve to twenty pages each. It is very seldom, however, that the briefer requires more than two lines to le his chief know what the writer desires.-Washington Post.

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