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The Honorable J. F. Greer, one of the best known and most highly respected county Judges of the State of Florida, writes of his horrible sufferings from Inflammatory Rheumatism:

OFFICE OF J. F. GREER, COUNTY JUDGE, Green Cove Springs, Clay Co., Fla.

GENTLEMEN: Twenty-three years ago I was attacked with inflammatory rheumatism. I was attended by the most eminent physician in the land. I visited the great Saratoga Springs, N. Y., the noted Hot Springs of Arkansas, and many other watering places, always consulting with the local physicians for directions, and finally came to Florida, ten years ago. About two years ago I had a severe attack of rheumatism, was confined to my room for twelve weeks, and during that time was induced to try P. P. P., Lippman's Great Remedy, knowing that each ingredient was good for impurities of the blood. After using two small bottles I was relieved. At four different times since I have had slight attacks and each time I have taken two small bottles of P. P. P., and have been relieved, and I consider P. P. P. the best medicine of its kind.

Respectfully, J. F. GREER.

James M. Newton, of Aberdeen, Ohio, says he bought a bottle of P. P. P. at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and it did him more good than three months' treatment at Hot Springs.

Rheumatism, as well as sciatica and gout, is cured by a course of P. P. P., Lippman's Great Remedy.

P. P. P., Lippman's Great Remedy, is a friend indeed to weak women. It is a positive and speedy cure for general weakness and nervousness.

All skin diseases are cured by it; anything from pimples to the worst cases of eczemas succumbing to the wonderful healing powers of P. P. P.

Dyspepsia and indigestion in their worst form are cured by it. As a tonic to restore the appetite and to regain lost vigor, it is simply marvelous.

P. P. P. is the best spring medicine in the world. It removes that heavy, out-of-sorts feeling and restores you to a condition of perfect physical health.

For Indigestion, Sick and Nervous Headache, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Heart Failure, Fever, Chills, Debility and Kidney Diseases, take P. P. P., Lippman's Great Remedy, the most wonderful medicine in the world

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Send in your orders for Choice Houlton E Rose Potatoes before they are all gone.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE Supervising Architect, Washington, D. C., March 25, '1897.—Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock P. M., on the 20th day of April, 1897, and opened immediately thereafter, for all the labor and materials required for the erection and completion, except heating apparatus, of the New Ward Building for the U. S. Marine Hospital at Wilmington, N. C., in accordance with the drawings and specification, copies of which may be had at this office or at the office of the Custodian at Wilmington, N. C. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for a sum not less than 2 per cent. of the amount of the proposal. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to waive any defect or informality in any bid should it be deemed in the interest of the Government to do so. All proposals received after the time stated will be returned to the bidders. WM. MARTIN AIKEN, Supervising Architect. mh 27 6t eod

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, OF THE WILMINGTON & WELDON R. R. CO., WILMINGTON, N. C., March 22nd, 1897.

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company have declared three and one half per cent. interest on the Certificates of Indebtedness of the W. & W. R. R. Co. for the six months ending March 31st, 1897. Interest due and payable on and after April 1st, 1897, at the Office of the Treasurer, Wilmington, N. C.

The transfer books will stand closed from this date, to March 31st, 1897, inclusive. JAMES F. POST, JR., Secretary W. & W. R. R. Co. mh 23 td

Clarence H. Abbott,

PIANO AND REED ORGAN TUNING, Repairing and Rebuilding. Orders received at Yates' Book Store or residence, No. 112 Ann street, near Front street. I respectfully announce that I make this change of office of my own volition and for convenience of patrons. Prompt attention paid to orders. Best of references. Twelve years experience with Manufacturers, Salesrooms and General Repairing. Satisfactory workmanship and material guaranteed.

The Messenger.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Thirty merchants have been indicted in Surry county for not returning their purchase tax.

Murphy Sun: There is said to be only two Joshuas in Clay county—Joshua Brooks and Joshua Buchanan, and both are good looking men.

Kinston Free Press: Our fishermen are catching large quantities of shad below Parrott's bridge with skim nets. They are selling from 10 to 25 cents each.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: The work of the preliminary survey of the proposed railroad to Stone mountain is in progress. They are investigating a line running out from North Wilkesboro.

Greensboro Record: Governor Russell could not find a man along the line of the North Carolina road to take the place of director in the company. He made a shy at our townsman, Tyre Glenn, but seems to have dropped him like a hot potato.

Jim Young's paper The Gazette says: Several sore-head negroes are circulating petitions in favor of A. W. Shaffer for postmaster of Raleigh. Shaffer belongs to the kickers, and he has put his petitions in the hands of the right men. Let loyal republicans beware of the fellows.

Tarboro Southerner: Ellis Draughn, a colored youth of No. 5 township, Wednesday of last week in attempting to extract a ball from his pistol exploded the cartridge, the ball taking effect in his body. The next morning he died. This boy would today be living but for the most useless of all possessions, a pistol.

Raleigh Press: A letter was received at the executive office this morning giving information of an injury which the state steamer, the Lillie, sustained a few days since. The Lillie was struck a hard blow on the stern by the vessel Columbia, which was towing the barge Jupiter. The injury to the Columbia is in a vital part though not a serious one. When Governor Russell was informed of the occurence he is reported to have said: "Good Lord what a blessing."

Lenoir Topic: Emmett Cheek and Marsh Fletcher, both of the Brushies, met in Wilkesboro Saturday and got into a difficulty and Fletcher cut Cheek severely. One gash on the left shoulder is five inches long and two and a half inches deep. His clothes were cut in several places, one stroke cutting his vest clear across the abdomen, but did not touch the body. Dr. Turner dressed and sewed up the wounds. The trouble arose over an old difficulty that has been standing several years, something concerning Cheek's wife. The cuts, though serious, are not thought to be dangerous.——The Sanctificationists who came to Lenoir last week to assist in the meeting at the Methodist church produced quite a sensation by their eccentricities, but some concluded this was not a field where their work would amount to much, and Friday evening took their departure.

Raleigh News and Observer: Loge Harris was not appointed to but two more offices yesterday. It wasn't a good day for the multi-office holder.——While attempting to steal a ride on the train Friday night, in Greensboro, the Southern railway's night watchman shot Albert Tullach through the shoulder. He may die. The watchman is in jail.——A heavy frost fell in Elkin section Friday night greatly damaging the prospect of a good fruit crop this season. Peaches are killed in many places, but the apple trees were not for enough in bloom to be injured very much.——Deputy Collector W. C. Troy and posse Friday raided the illicit distillery of J. L. Davis, the most desperate and notorious moonshiner who ever operated in his section. Davis was with difficulty captured and brought to Carthage in chains, and is now in jail. He was heavily armed when taken, and at one time bloodshed seemed imminent, but he was made to throw down his arms at the presentation of the guns of the officers. The officers destroyed two large copper stills and hundreds of gallons of beer and other property. Davis is a regular Brigham Young, having about four harems where he keeps as many women, and boasts of having twenty-four children. Of these probably two-thirds are girls, ranging from ten to eighteen years.

Charlotte News: The Spray cotton mill at Spray, N. C., will begin work in a few days, probably about Monday. This is one of the best equipped mills in the south. It is situated near the junction of the Dan and Mayo rivers.——Mr. John Bain, of Mint Hill, died at an early hour this morning. He had been confined to his bed about ten days, his death being due in a large measure to his advanced age. He was 89 years of age, and had been for years one of the best known citizens of the township. He remained a bachelor all his life. He was the founder of Bain academy, at Mint Hill, and gave most of the funds for its erection.——At eleven o'clock Friday morning fire broke out at the Seaboard Air Line freight depot in Monroe. The wind was very high and soon the guano house of S. R. Bundy and the storehouse of the Heath Hardware Company were in flames. Bundy's building was burned to the ground while the Heath building was partly burned, most of the contents being saved. There were about 375 bales of cotton on the platform, the property of Heath, Morrow & Co., Crow Bros., Monroe cotton mills and some farmers. About half the cotton was burned. The loss on cotton is about $4,500, Crow Bros., being the only parties not insured. S. R. Bundy's loss is about $1,000 on guano, and W. S. Lee of the Heath Hardware Company, loses about $500.

Free Fills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Discovery Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effecting in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by R. R. Bellamy, Druggist.

Raleigh Tribune: Morehead City was selected as the place for the next meeting. The assembly will convene June 10th and continue until June 20th. Among some of the names on the programme are: Professor Claxton, Dr. Eben Alexander, President Alderman, Professor Ernest Mangum, and Professor Logan Howell. Dr. Kilgo will preach the sermon. Professor Poteat, Professor Toms, Superintendent Mebane and Secretary Parker constitute this committee.

Savannah, Ga., April 26, 1896.

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 turkies, 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 holloowing and well.

Yours respectfully, J. N. McELROY, Savannah, Ga., March 17, 1891.

Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.:

Dear Sirs—I have suffered from rheumatism for a long time and did not find a cure until I found P. P. P. which completely cured me,

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

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORTS.

Wilmington, N. C., March 29.

Receipts of cotton today—100 bales.

Receipts corresponding day last year 191 bales.

This season's receipts to date—232,135 bales.

Receipts to same date last year—163,749 bales.

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

Cotton steady.

Ordinary	4⅝
Good middling	6
Low middling	6⅝
Middling	7
Good middling	7 5-16

Prices same day last year, 7½c.

NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine—Nothing doing.

Rosin firm at $1.45 and $1.50.

Tar firm at 95c.

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

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine at 25c and 24½c; rosin $1.30 and $1.35; tar 90c; crude turpentine $1.30 and $1.70.

Receipts today—21 casks spirits turpentine, 69 barrels rosin, 226 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL.

New York, March 29.—Money easy at 1½@1¾ per cent.; last loan at 1½ and closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½ per cent. Bar silver 62½c. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at $4.85¾@$4.86 for sixty days, and $4.87¼@$4.87½ for demand. Posted rates $4.86½@$4.88½. Commercial bills at $4.84½@$4.85¼. Government bonds firm; state bonds steady; railroad bonds weak. Silver at the board was heavy.

Treasury balances: Coin $130,943,501; currency $69,291,161.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Am Cotton O.	9⅝	Norfk Pacific	11⅝
Am " Oil pfd	56⅝	do pf'd	34
Am Sugar Refin	109⅞	Northwestern	108⅞
" " pfd	100½	do pf'd	154
Am Tobacco	72	Pacific Mail	25⅝
" pfd	104	Reading	20½
A T & Sante Fe	10	Rock Island	60½
Balt & Ohio	13	St Paul	71½
Can Pacific	43½	do pf'd	118½
Chesa & Ohio	15⅝	Stl Certificates	63
Chic & Alton	162	Tenn Coal & Iron	24⅞
Chic, Bur & Quin	70⅝	do pf'd	80
Chic Gas Trust	77⅝	Texas Pacific	8⅛
Del Lack & West	154½	Union Pacific	5⅝
Dis & Cat Fee l's	—	Wabash	4⅝
Erie	12⅝	do pf'd	12⅝
do pfd	27⅝	Western Union	82⅝
Gen Electric	31⅝	Wheel & L Erie	1½
Illinois Cen	92	do pf'd	3½
L Erie & West	13½	Ala Class A	105
do pfd	56	Ala Class B	105⅝
Lake Shore	164	Ala Class C	99
Lou & Nash	45	Lou's Stamp'd's	95½
Lou, N, Al & Chic	4	N Carolina 4's	102
Manhattan Con	85	N Carolina 6's	126
Mem & Charl	15	Ten N Set 3's	75
Michigan Cent	93	Va 6's def'd	5
Missouri Pacific	15⅝	Va Tst Re Stamp	5
Mobile & Ohio	17½	Va Fund Debt	63⅝
N, Chat & St L	67½	U S Regist'd 4's	110⅝
U S Cordage	—	U S Coupon 4's	1 3⅝
do pf'd	—	U S 2's	90½
N J Cent	85⅝	Southern Ry 5's	87⅝
N Y Central	96⅝	South Ry com	7⅝
N Y & N Eng	37	do pf'd	25½
Nor'k & W pf'd	25	S C new 5's	105
U S new 4's reg	123½	do coupons	123½

*Asked. †Bid. ‡Ex 3. §Sellers.

COTTON.

Liverpool, March 29.—12:30 p. m.—Cotton, demand moderate; prices easier; American middling 3 31-32d; sales 8,000; American 7,500; speculation and exports 500; receipts 1,000; American 700. Futures opened quiet; demand moderate.

American middling, low middling clause March, April and May, May and June, June and July 3 57-64d; July and August 3 58-64d, 3 57-64d; August and September 3 55-64d; September and October 3 49-64d; October and November 3 45-64d, 3 44-64d; November and December 3 43-64d, 3 42-64d; December and January 3 42-64d. Futures quiet at the decline.

Tenders 700 bales new dockets.

12:45 p. m.—American spot grades 1-32d lower; American middling fair 4⅜d; good middling 4 1-16d; middling 3 15-16d; low middling 3¾d; good ordinary 3⅝d; ordinary 3 7-16d.

4 p. m.—March and April, April and May, May and June 3 57-64d, 3 58-64d sellers; June and July 3 57-64d, 3 58-64d buyers; July and August 3 57-64d, 3 58-64d buyers; August and September 3 55-64d, 3 56-64d sellers; September and October 3 49-64d, 3 50-64d values; October and November 3 45-64d sellers; November and December, December and January 3 43-64d sellers. Futures closed steady.

New York, March 29.—Cotton quiet and steady; middling 7 5-16c; net receipts 751; gross receipts 4,073; exports to Great Britain 100; to France 900; to the continent 1,350; forwarded 1,386; sales 722; spinners 332; stock 238,662 (actual).

Total today: Net receipts 6,709; exports to Great Britain 872; to France 500; to the continent 7,019; to the channel none; stock 731,170.

Total so far this week: Net receipts 15,863; exports to Great Britain 7,322; to France 9,100; to the continent 7,019; to the channel none; stock none.

Total since September 1st: Net receipts 6,210,107; exports to Great Britain 2,702,867; to France 814,388; to the continent 1,686,070; to the channel 5,481; stock none.

Cotton futures closed steady; sales 65,400 bales: March and April 6.92; May 6.97; June 7.02; July 7.05; August 7.06; September 6.81; October 6.68; November 6.70; December 6.73; January 6.77; February 6.81.

PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston—Steady at 7c; net receipts 901.

Norfolk—Firm at 7⅛c; net receipts 450.

Baltimore—Dull at 7 5-16c; gross receipts 504.

Boston—Quiet at 7 5-16c; net receipts 411.

Wilmington—Steady at 7c; net receipts 100.

Philadelphia—Quiet at 7 7-16c; net receipts 58.

Savannah—Quiet at 6⅞c; net receipts 938.

New Orleans—Quiet at 6 15-16c; net receipts 2,871; gross receipts 3,188.

Mobile—Dull at 6⅞c; net receipts 98.

Memphis—Steady at 6⅞c; net receipts 306; gross receipts 468.

Augusta—Quiet at 7c; net receipts 499; gross receipts 593.

Charleston—Firm at 6 15-16c; net receipts 131.

Cincinnati—Quiet at 7⅛c; net receipts 1,388.

Louisville—Quiet at 7c.

St. Louis—Quiet at 6 15-16c; net receipts 202; gross receipts 720.

Houston—Quiet at 7c; net receipts 2,094.

GRAINS, PROVISIONS, ETC.

Chicago, March 29.—The leading futures were as follows: **Opening, highest, lowest and closing:**

Wheat—March 72⅝@72c, 72⅝c, 71⅝c, 72⅛c; May 72⅞@73c, 73⅜c, 72⅝c, 73⅛c; July 71¼@71½c, 71½c, 70⅞@71c, 71¼@71⅜c; September 69⅛c, 69⅜@69½c, 68⅞, 69⅛@69¼c.

Corn—March 23⅞c, 24¼c, 23⅝@23⅞c, 24⅛c; May 24⅝c, 25c, 24⅛@24⅝c, 24⅞c; July 25¾c, 26⅛c, 25⅝@25¾c, 26c; September 26⅞c, 27¼c, 26⅛c, 27⅛@27¼c.

Oats—March 16¾c, 17⅛c, 16¾c, 16⅞c; May 17⅛c, 17½c, 17⅛c, 17¼@17⅜c; July 18c, 18¼c, 18c, 18⅛c.

Pork—May $8.50, $8.55, $8.40, $8.55; July $8.60, $8.65, $8.50, $8.65.

Lard—May $4.15, $4.22½, $4.15, $4.22½; July $4.25, $4.35, $4.25, $4.35.

Ribs—May $4.57½, $4.60, $4.52½, $4.60; July $4.60, $4.65, $4.57½, $4.65.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull, easy, unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat 71¾@72⅝c; No. 2 red 86¾@89⅝c; No. 2 corn 24¼@24⅝c; No. 2 oats 17c; mess pork $8.50@$8.55; lard $4.17½@$4.20; short ribs, sides $4.50@$4.70; shoulders $4.75@$5.00; short clear sides $4.62½@$4.75; whiskey $1.17.

New York, March 29.—Flour dull, steady; winter wheat low grades $2.30@$3.25; fair do to fancy $3.25@$3.40; patents $4.60@$4.90; Minnesota clear $3.30@$3.85; patents $3.90@$4.90; low extras $2.30@$3.25; southern flour quiet, steady; common to fair extra $3.20@$3.50; good to choice do $3.60@$4.

Wheat—Spot markets dull, firmer; ungraded red 70@79½c; No. 1 northern 85⅝c. Options opened firm and advanced ⅛@⅜c, fell ⅛@½c, rallied ¼@⅜ fell ⅛c and closed firm at ⅛c decline to ¼c advance. No. 2 red, March 81¼c; May 79½c; June 78⅜c; July 77⅛c; August 75⅝c; September 74⅜c.

Corn—Spots dull, firmer; No. 2, 30c elevator; 31c afloat; ungraded yellow 29⅝c; steamer mixed 29⅝c. Options were dull and firm at ⅜@⅝c advance; March 30¼c; May 30½c; July 31⅞c.

Oats—Spots dull, firmer; options firmer, dull; May 21⅝c. Spot—No. 2, 22¼c; mixed western 21@23½c.

Lard—Firm, quiet; western steam $4.45; city $4.15; May $4.50 nominal; refined quiet; continent $4.70; South American $4.95; compound 4@4¼c.

Pork—Easier; more active; mess pork $9@$9.50.

Eggs—Moderately active; state and Pennsylvania 10¼@10½c; western fresh 10c; southern 9½@9¾c.

Cotton Seed Oil—Quiet; crude 20@20½; yellow prime 23c.

Rice—Firm; domestic, fair to extra 3⅞@6c; Japan 4⅛@4½c.

Molasses—Quiet, steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice 19@30c.

Peanuts—Moderate demand; fancy handpicked 2¾c.

Coffee—Steady, unchanged to 5 points down: March $8.15; May $8.15; July $8.25; September $8.35; December $8.40; January $8.40; February $8.40; Spot Rio dull steady. No. 7, 8½c.

Sugar—Raw, quiet, steady; fair refining 2 15-16c; refined firmer, active; off A 4 5-16@4⅜c; standard A 4⅝c; cut loaf and crushed 5¼c; granulated 4⅝c.

NAVAL STORES.

New York—Rosin quiet; strained, common to good $1.65@$1.67½. Turpentine steady at 29¼@29¾c.

Charleston—Spirits turpentine firm at 26½c; sales none. Rosin firm; sales none; strained, common to good $1.45 to $1.50.

Savannah—Turpentine firm at 27½c; sales 224; receipts 173. Rosin firm, unchanged; sales 1,500; receipts 628.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Norwegian bark Kong Sverre, Larsen, Antwerp, Paterson, Downing & Co.

Steamer Croatan, McKee, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

EXPORTS COASTWISE.

For New York, per steamer Croatan, 92 packages merchandise, 295 barrels tar, 25 barrels crude turpentine, 50 barrels pitch, 96 barrels rosin, 156 casks spirits turpentine, 500 bales cotton; 75,000 shingles, 506 bags chaff, 150,000 feet of lumber.

EXPORTS FOREIGN.

For Antwerp, per bark Kong Sverre, 4,250 barrels of rosin, valued at $7,895, cargo and vessel by Paterson, Downing & Co.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMSIPS.

Branfoot, (Br.), 1,322 tons, Knott, Barbadoes, Alex Sprunt & Son.

BARKS.

Starlight, (Am.), 343 tons, Gallagher, Kingston, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Isaiah Hart (Am.), 853 tons, Williams, Charlotte Harbor, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

William S. Green, (Am.), 298 tons, Clark, Port au Prince, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Eva A. Danenhower, (Am.), 217 tons, Johnson, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Ella G. Eells, Cushman, Aguadilla, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

B. I. Hazard, (Am.), 373 tons, Blatchford, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

John R. Fell, (Am.), 336 tons, Loveland, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

W. I. Simpson, (Am.), 84 tons, Jones, Charleston, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

R. S. Graham, (Am.), 321 tons, Outten, Martinique, Geo. Harris, Son & Co.

New York Stock Market.

New York, March 29.—The depression in the markets for securities on the closing days of last week, consequent upon the supreme court's decision in the Trans-Missouri Freight Association case, was increased today by news from the west about rate cutting, and also by advices from London and the continent of a more warlike feeling on the eastern question. The bears had the upper hand and pushed their advantage with vigor, being encouraged by the receipt of numerous selling orders by commission houses from Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and other cities. The decline in prices ranged from ½ to 3¼ per cent. and as the downward movement made progress, many stop orders were executed. Missouri Pacific was singled out for special attack on the reports current that the company had taken the initiative in rate cutting by making a reduction from the regular schedule charges on eggs. This story afterward met with an emphatic denial by President George Gould, who also pronounced the rumors about a receivership for the company as being without the slightest foundation in fact. Before the receipt of Mr. Gould's denial however, Missouri Pacific had dropped 3¼ to 14½. Other marked declines in the early trading were 2⅝ in Rock Island, 1⅜ in Burlington and Quincy, 2⅜ in Northwestern, 1⅝ in St. Paul, 1½ in Jersey Central, 1¾ in Sugar, 3½ in American Spirits, preferred, 2 in Atchison, preferred, 1⅞ in Tobacco, 1½ in Omaha and 1¾ in New York Central. During the afternoon, in addition to the denials concerning Missouri Pacific came the February statement of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, which showed a large increase in surplus as compared with last year, and the announcement of an advance of 1-16 to ⅛ in certain grades of refined sugar. The advances that followed were equal to 1¾ in Lake Shore, 2½ in American spirits, preferred, 1¾ in Jersey Central and ¼ to 1¼ in the remainder of the list. Near the close, however, the Grangers developed renewed weakness, but the remainder of the list held firm and the improvement noted was well maintained. The Grangers closed with only fractional recoveries, and in the case of Rock Island the final sales were at the lowest of the day. Net changes show declines of ½ to 2⅝ per cent., Rock Island leading. Lackawanna gained ¾, Manhattan ½ and Jersey Central ⅛ per cent. Total sales of stocks were 328,346 shares, of which 52,000 were Sugar, 37,200 St. Paul, 19,200 Chicago Gas, 10,000 Tobacco, 16,800 Missouri Pacific, 16,100 Reading, 15,600 Burlington and Quincy and 11,500 Atchison, preferred. The bond market was active and weak today. The transactions aggregated $1,602,000.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits.

T. F. Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of Promise City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of 'Mystic Cure' for Rheumatism, and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." 75 cents and $1.00. Sold by J. H. Hardin, druggist, Wilmington.

The Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 29.—Wheat was dull today, but, withal, strong. The activity of trade was explanatory of the inability of prices to make much headway in the direction of the improvement; that no loss was sustained was considered eminently satisfactory, in view of the slow condition of speculation. The news was in most particulars favorable to the bulls. Cash wheat was firm and slightly higher.

Corn manifested much firmness all through the session. Cash corn was firm and ¼c higher.

Oats found motive for improvement in light receipts, and the upward tendency of wheat and corn. The weather forecast of rain, which will further retard seeding, was a firming influence. Cash oats were firmer and ¼c higher.

The run of hogs at the yards this morning proved too heavy for the requirements, and depression in prices, therefore, resulted, which had the effect of weakening product at the start. Offerings of provisions were heavy and the buying was much more cautious than recently, prices dropping rather sharply, but rallying, later, on covering. May pork closed 5 to 7½c lower, May lard 2½c higher and May ribs unchanged.

Your Boy Wont Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

Cotton Futures.

(Special to The Messenger.)

New York, March 29.—Increased uneasiness in Europe over the political outlook caused a decline of 2-64d in the Liverpool cotton market today. This, however, had little influence here as the news from the south was considered decidedly less favorable, a new and serious break in the levee having been reported near Greenville, Miss. The surrounding country is a rich cotton area. Some realizing and an effort on the part of the bears to depress prices resulted in a small decline. May opened at 7, declined to 6.96 and closed 6.97 bid, with the tone of the market steady. When affairs in Europe assume a more peaceful aspect we think there will be a decided improvement in prices.

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(By Southern Press.)

New York, March 29.—The Sun's cotton review says: Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 332 bales for spinning and 400 delivered on contract Middling uplands was 7 5-16c, against 7⅝c last year. The fluctuations in prices today were confined in a narrow range. The trading was dull and confined, in the main, to local scalpers, though Liverpool and New Orleans traded here on a small scale. Prices advanced slightly at the opening, in spite of bearish cables from Liverpool The demand was soon exhausted, however, and in the absence of support prices slowly receded, and closed at a slight decline for the day. The decline was trifling, however, owing to the dullness of the speculation. Liverpool sold here, but New Orleans bought. The depression in Liverpool was attributed to unfavorable news from the Levant.

Death of Margaret J. Preston.

Baltimore, Md., March 29.—Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, "the Mimosa of Southern literature," died yesterday at the home of her son, Dr. George Preston, in this city. Mrs. Preston had been ailing for nearly ten years, final dissolution being caused by the infirmities of old age. She was the daughter of the late Dr. George Junkin, who founded Fayetteville college, Pennsylvania, and was afterward for a long time president of Washington university at Lexington, Va. In 1857 she was married to Colonel J. T. S. Preston, who served during the war in the confederate ranks. She lived in Lexington until the death, six years ago, of her husband, when she came to Baltimore and made her home with her son.

He Fought With Pickett.

General William R. Terry died at his residence, near Richmond, Va., Sunday, after a long illness. He was one of the confederate soldiers who helped to make the battle of Gettysburg historic. He commanded a brigade in Pickett's celebrated infantry division and led it with unflinching courage in the charge at Cemetery Ridge. General Terry was as modest as he was brave, and was held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens. Since the war he had served the people of Virginia in the legislature and in other positions with efficiency. His death will cause widespread regret in the state which he served so faithfully both in peace and war.—Baltimore Sun.

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PEOPLE ALL ABOUT.

William Edwards, a veteran British soldier, who has fought in ninety battles, is turning a mangle to support an invalid wife.

Bishop F. D. Huntington (Episcopal) of Syracuse, has confirmed 22,000 persons during the twenty-seven years of his episcopate.

For fifty consecutive years William E. Cramer has been the chief owner and editor-in-chief of The Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

The anthem for Queen Victoria, "Domine, salvam fac Reginam nostram," has been sung daily by the nuns of the Benedictine Abbey of Princethorpe, England, throughout the whole of her reign.

The announcement that ex-President Cleveland took a walk over Princeton's famous battle-fields is the first intimation we have had that he takes the least interest in football.—Washington Post.

President McClelland, of Pacific University, Forest Glove, Ore., announces the gift of $10,000 for the university from H. W. Corbett, who was recently appointed a United States senator from Oregon.

The Turkish minister at Washington has declared vacant the office of the Ottoman empire at Boston, Mass., held by Joseph Iasigi, who was placed under arrest some weeks ago on charges of embezzlement of trust funds in his custody.

Speaker Reed's new style of legislation is patterned after the shooting the chutes style of amusement. It has a lively start, but there will be considerable paddling about in the senatorial waters before a landing is effected.—Washington Post.

A man named Robel, who was rabbit hunting near Marshfield, Wis., the other day, stepped in a bear trap, and before he had time to wink was jerked up in the air, where he hung by his heels from a sapling top until rescued by another hunter.

Miss Caroline Shillaber, daughter of the late Benjamin Penhallow Shillaber, of Chlesea, Mass., the genial humorist whose "Sayings of Mrs. Partington" were very popular some years ago, is to enter the lecture field in New England. She intends to give reminiscences of her father's life and readings from his Partington sayings.

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SOUTHERN JOTTINGS.

Rev. J. Courtney Jones, an Episcopal clergyman of Virginia, intends to prepare a concordance of the Episcopal prayer book. There is no such work in existence.

The Tennessee house has passed, in concurrence with the senate, a bill declaring the conduct of "white caps" a felony, and fixing the penalty at imprisonment for from three to twenty-one years.

Governor Jones, of Arkansas, has announced that he will call an extra session of the legislature on the first Monday in May to pass the appropriation bills which failed at the recent regular session.

The new democratic leader of the house, Mr. Bailey, of Texas, is 34 years old or thereabouts. He has been practicing law ever since 1883. He is a student of the constitution. Speaker Reed is said to be rather fond of Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Thomas Nelson Page and his wife and daughter left Washington on Wednesday for New York and will sail tomorrow by the Kaiser Wilhelm for Naples. The family will be accompanied by Miss Perkins, a clever writer of New York, and will spend the summer in Italy.

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A BIG FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH.

A Catholic Church, Two Public Halls and Twenty-Seven Residences Destroyed.

Norfolk, Va., March 29.—Portsmouth was visited early yesterday morning by a disastrous fire, which destroyed property valued at between $150,000 and $200,000, consisting of a Catholic church, two public halls and twenty-seven dwellings. Most of the latter were frame structures. As a result of the conflagration 200 persons are homeless today.

The fire broke out about 1 o'clock in Whitehurst hall, a large vacant building on Glasgow street, used occasionally for dancing purposes. The flames spread under the influence of a stiff breeze with remarkable rapidity and were quickly communicated to the buildings adjacent to the hall. Everything in that end of the block being burned, the fire crossed over to London street, into the block bounded by Queen, Green and Washington, and also spread down Glasgow across Green. In less than twenty minutes after the hall had been discovered ablaze the sparks from the glowing conflagration had been carried across three blocks to St. Paul's Catholic church, on the corner of Washington and High streets, and in a few minutes the sacred edifice was wrapped in flames.

The entire Portsmouth department was out fighting bravely, but was absolutely unable to cope with the flames. The Norfolk department was called upon, and responded at 2:30 o'clock with one engine and eleven men.

About the same time the church caught another fire broke out in South Portsmouth. The navy yard engine hurried to the scene, and succeeded in getting the fire under control after several dwellings had been destroyed. It then came up to the church and joined the brigades of the two cities. The fire had crossed High street, and one by one had destroyed the row of two-story frame buildings between Dynwiddie and Washington streets, and then ate its way around on Dynwiddie and destroyed St. Joseph's hall.

The scene was a wild one. The beautiful church was a mass of ruins, with its great roof fallen in, and the flames eating its heart out. The other side of the street was a sheet of flame. Eight two-story buildings were in different stages of destruction. Across on Glasgow street the fire conflagration was still in progress, and the heavens over Newton were still red with the glow of the flames but recently conquered in that section. Houses were em