WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORTS.

Wilmington, N. C., April 24.

Receipts of cotton today—6 bales.

Receipts corresponding day last year—209 bales.

This season's receipts to date—233,978 bales.

Receipts to same date last year—167,461 bales.

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

Cotton firm.

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

Prices same day last year, 7⅝c.

NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine—Machine barrels steady at 26¼c; country barrels steady at 25¾c.

Rosin dull at $1.30 and $1.35.

Tar firm at $1.00.

Crude turpentine quiet; hard $1.30; yellow dip $1.70; virgin $1.90.

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine at 25½c and 25c; rosin $1.40 and $1.45; tar 90c; crude turpentine $1.30, $1.70 and $1.90.

Receipts today—26 casks spirits turpentine, 34 barrels rosin, 119 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Receipts same day last year—104 casks spirits turpentine, 200 barrels rosin, 95 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL.

New York, April 24.—Money on call easy at 1@1½ per cent.; last loan 1½, closed offered at 1 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83@4.83¼ for demand and at $4.86½@4.86¾ for sixty days. Posted rates $4.87@4.87½ and $4.88½@4.89. Commercial bills at $4.85¾. Silver certificates 61¾@62¼. Bar silver 61⅝. Mexican dollars 48¼. Government bonds steady. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds firm. Petroleum steady.

STOCKS.

Atchison	9⅞	N. J. Central	80⅝
Adams Express	150	N. & W., pre.	23
American Ex.	112	N. Y. Central	98½
B. & O.	22¾	Pittsburg	160
Ches. & Ohio	16½	Pullman Pal.	158½
Chicago Alton	164	Reading	18⅝
Chic. Bur & Q.	71¾	Rich. Ter.	—
Chic. Gas	80⅝	Rich. Ter., pre.	—
Con. Gas	162½	Sug. Refin.	112½
Cot. Oil Cer	10¼	Tenn. C. & I.	21
Del. Hudson	105	U. S. Express	40
Del. Lack & W.	149¾	Wells Far. Ex.	101
Fort Wayne	162	West. Union	79
Illinois Central	92	W. & L. E.	¾
Lead Trust	22¾	W. & L. E., pre.	2⅞
L. & N.	42⅞	Gen. Electric	30⅝
L. & N. A.	¼	Nat. Linseed	10
Man. Consol	84	Southern Ry	7¾
Mem. & Char.	15	Southern, pre.	26¼
Mobile & Ohio	18½	Tobacco	69
Nat. Cordage	—	Tobacco, pre.	102
Nat. Cor., pre.	—		

BONDS.

New U S 4's reg.	123	Missouri 6's	100
New U S 4's cou.	124	N. Caro. 6's	127
U S 5's reg.	112¾	N. Caro. 4's	102
U S 5's coup.	114	S. Caro non-fu.	½
U S 4's reg.	111	Tenn. N. S. 6's	79
U S 4's coup.	112¼	Tenn. N. S. 5's	105
U S 2's reg.	96½	Tenn. N. S. 3's	—
Pac. 6's, of '95	104	Tenn. Old S. 6's	60
Ala. Class A	106	Va. Cen.	64
Ala. Class B	104	Va. deferred	—
Ala. Class C	100	L. & N. Un.	79½
Ala. Currency	100	Southern 5's	89
La. N. Con 4's	95½	N. J. Cen. G 5's	112

COTTON.

Liverpool, April 24.—1 p. m.—Closing—Cotton spot fair demand; prices higher; American middling fair 4 19-32d; good middling 4 9-32d; American middling 4 5-32d; low middling 3 31-32d; the sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and exports and including 7,700 American; receipts 3,000 bales, no American. Futures opened and closed quiet but steady at the advance; demand moderate.

American middling, low middling clause: April 4 5-64d buyers; April and May 4 4-64d, 4 5-64d buyers; May and June 4 4-64d sellers; June and July 4 3-64d sellers; July and August 4 2-64d sellers; August and September 3 63-64d, 4d sellers; September and October 3 57-64d value; October and November 3 51-64d sellers; November and December 3 48-64d, 3 49-64d sellers; December and January 3 47-64d buyers; January and February 3 47-64d buyers.

New York, April 24.—Cotton firm; middling 7½c; net receipts 76; gross 650; forwarded 4; sales 5,301; spinners 3,701; stock 208,710.

Total today and consolidated: Net receipts 2,649; exports to the continent 780; stock 528,148.

Total since September 1st: Net receipts 6,392,769; exports to Great Britain 2,823,669; to France 644,609; to the continent 1,849,714; to the channel 5,481.

Cotton futures opened quiet and firm; sales 2,400 bales, and closed firm; sales 98,900 bales; January 6.94; February 6.98; April 7.12; May 7.13; June 7.18; July 7.22; August 7.24; September 7.05; October 6.87; November 6.87; December 6.91.

Spots closed firm; middling uplands 7½c; middling gulf 7¾c; sales 5,301 bales.

PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston—Firm at 7 1-16c; net receipts 31; gross receipts 234.

Norfolk—Firm at 7 5-16c; net receipts 250; gross receipts 250.

Baltimore—Nominal at 7½c.

Boston—Quiet at 7 7-16c; net receipts 290; gross receipts 1,277.

Wilmington—Firm at 7c; net receipts 6; gross receipts 6.

Philadelphia—Firm at 7¾c.

Savannah—Steady at 7⅛c; net receipts 332; gross receipts 332.

New Orleans—Firm at 7 5-16c; net receipts 1,124; gross receipts 1,752.

Mobile—Firm at 7⅛c; net receipts 268; gross receipts 268.

Memphis—Steady at 7⅛c; net receipts 361; gross receipts 439.

Augusta—Steady at 7½c; net receipts 156; gross receipts 278.

Charleston—Firm at 7c; net receipts 272; gross receipts 272.

Cincinnati—Steady at 7⅛c; net receipts 89; gross receipts 89.

Louisville—Firm at 7⅛c.

St. Louis—Firm at 7⅛c; net receipts 62; gross receipts 96.

Houston—Steady at 7 11-16c; net receipts 215; gross receipts 215.

GRAIN. PROVISIONS. ETC.

Chicago, April 24.—The leading futures were as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
April	75⅛	77⅜	75⅜	76⅞
May	75⅞	77⅜	75⅜	76⅞
July	75½	77¼	75	76¾
September	72	74¼	71½	73⅞
Corn—				
April	24¾	25⅛	24¾	25⅛
May	24¾	25⅛	24¾	25⅛
July	26	26½	26	26½
September	27⅜	27¾	27⅜	27¾
Oats—				
May	17⅝	18¼	17⅝	18⅛
July	18⅜	19⅜	18½	19⅛
September	19⅜	20	19¼	19½
Pork—				
May	$8.52½	$8.65	$8.47½	$8.55
July	8.65	8.77½	8.60	8.67½
Lard—				
May	$4.12½	$4.20	$4.12½	$4.17½
July	4.22½	4.30	4.22½	4.27½
September	4.32½	4.40	4.32½	4.37½
Ribs—				
May	$4.70	$4.80	$4.70	$4.77½
July	4.75	4.85	4.75	4.82½
September	4.82½	4.90	4.82½	4.87½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour strong; winter patents $4.30@4.50; straights $4.10@4.25; spring specials $4.50; spring patents $3.90@4.20; straights $3.60@3.90; bakers' $2.90@3.25; No. 2 spring wheat 76⅞@78c; No. 2 red 92⅞@96c; No. 2 corn 25½c; No. 2 oats 18¼c; No. 3 white f o b 20@22¼c; No. 2 rye 36¾@37c; mess pork (per barrel) $8.55@8.60; lard (per 100 pounds) $4.17½; short rib sides (loose) $4.70@4.90; dry salted shoulders (boxed) $5.25@5.50; short clear sides (boxed) $4.87½@5.00; whiskey, distillers finished goods, per gallon $1.19.

New York, April 24.—Flour strong and higher with the advance in wheat; Minnesota patents $4.30@4.60; winter patents $4.65@4.90; low grades $2.75@2.95.

Wheat—Spot stronger; No. 1 northern 89⅛c; opened strong on higher Liverpool cables, eased off under realizing, but later developed strength and excitement on large export orders and fears of sensational news from abroad before Monday's opening; final prices were 1⅞@2c net higher; No. 2 red April closed 84⅞c; May 82½@83¾c, closed 83¾c.

Corn—Spot firmer; No. 2 20½c; opened firm and advanced, later closed ¼@¾c net higher; April closed 30¾c; May 30⅛@30¼c, closed 30¼c.

Oats—Spot firmer; No. 2 23½c; stronger but dull all day, closing ¾c net higher in sympathy with cash oats; May closed 23¼c; July closed 23⅞c.

Lard—Stronger; western steamed $4.42½; sales 60 tierces; refined firmer; continent $4.70.

Pork—Steady; mess $7.85@9.50; short clear $9.75@10.75; family $9.75@10.75.

Eggs—Steady; state and Pennsylvania 10c; western fresh 9¾@10c; southern 8¾@9¼c.

Petroleum—Dull; refined New York $6.05.

Rice—Steady; domestic fair to extra 4¼@6½c; Japan 4⅜@4⅝c.

Molasses—Steady; New Orleans open kettle good to choice 23@30c.

Coffee—Steady; 5 to 15 points higher on better news from European markets; further advanced on local buying; receipts were below the average, while warehouse deliveries were larger than in several days; closed steady 15 to 25 points higher; sales 16,250 bags; spot coffee, Rio steadier; No. 7 invoice 7⅝c.

Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 2 13-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¼c; refined steady; standard A 4⅝c; confectioners' A 4⅝c; cut loaf 5⅛c; crushed A 5⅛c; powdered 4¾c; granulated 4½c; cubes 4¾c.

Cotton Seed Oil—Strongly held; prime crude 20c; prime crude f o b mills 16@17c; prime summer yellow 24c; off summer yellow 23¾c; butter grades 27@29c; prime white 26@27c.

NAVAL STORES.

New York—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1.65. Turpentine firm at 30c.

Charleston—Turpentine quiet at 26c; sales none. Rosin firm; sales none; strained, common to good $1.30 to $1.40.

Savannah—Turpentine market firm at 26c; sales 866 casks; receipts 1,004. Rosin firm; sales 1,309; receipts 2,864; quote closing, A, B, C, D $1.35; E $1.40; F $1.45; G $1.50; H $1.55; I $1.70; K $1.80; M $2.00 N $2.15; W G $2.30; W W $2.50.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

American schooner Flora, Morang, Morang, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

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

VESSELS IN PORT.

BARKS.

Bigdo, (Nor.), 495 tons, Omundsen, Paranagua, Brazil, J. T. Riley & Co.

Attivo, (Ital.), 620 tons, Trapani, Gergenti, J. T. Riley & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Flora Morang (Am.), 242 tons, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

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

City of Baltimore, (Am.), 298 tons, Tawes, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Melbourne, (Br.), 170 tons, Matherson, New York, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

New York Stock Market.

New York, April 24.—The dullness of the trading continued today and the market sagged from inanition. The lower prices of American securities on the London exchange gave the tone to the opening here, where prices of the international shares promptly adjusted themselves to the London parity, except in the cases of Reading and Southern preferred. These two stocks were an exception on the London exchange in showing fractional gains over the New York closing; but New York declined to adopt the London view of them and they sold here at a decline about proportional with the other internationals. Advices from the European exchanges indicate a more serious view of the war than has been taken since the first trading on Tuesday after the Easter holidays and the outbreak of hostilities. The decline in the internationals was in consonance with the rise in wheat, consistently with Wall street's new principle of counting hurtful to stocks what is beneficial to grain prices. For the rest the features of interest in the day's market were exceedingly scarce and were confined to peculiar conditions affecting particular stocks.

The bears attacked Missouri Pacific with renewed stories of financial difficulties and probability of a receivership. Consolidated Gas was affected by the continued agitation for legal restriction of the price of gas to $1, and fell 2 points, without rallying. The course of the stock market during the week might be summarized as an extreme decline on Monday on the first trading after the news of the actual outbreak of war on the Macedonian frontier. A rally carried prices above the level of the previous Saturday and succeeding stagnation, which showed little variation and transactions reduced to the smallest proportions. So far as any general influence on the market was concerned, interest has centred entirely on the war news.

Aside from the war news, the factors in the market were not important and were confined to individual shares, except for a squeeze of shorts in the Coalers, which was a purely manipulative movement. The more prominent railway shares show a fractional net gain on the week, although the slump of Monday and subsequent recovery and final reaction has covered a range running from a fraction to 6⅛.

The railway and miscellaneous bond markets ruled fairly active during the week, with a quite general business transacted in the usually neglected issues in which noteworthy variations were mainly registered. Prices were fairly well sustained for the leading mortages and a material hardening occurred in the bid quotations for the gilt edge liens.

Business in governments during the week was extremely light and fluctuations narrow, with a good undertone. Silver certificates rose to 62⅜ on purchases of 30,000 ounces, but subsequently receded below last week's close on the bid quotations.

The Chicago Markets.

Chicago, April 24.—Wheat was very strong today, May options adding 1⅞c to the 1⅝c which marked yesterday's session. July was even stronger, closing at 2¾c gain. Undoubtedly the war news had its effect, but to the excited advance at San Francisco and bad crop reports from that neck of the woods was due most of the advance. Altogether, shorts had a bad day of it. Other grain and provision markets also exhibited strength, corn advancing ½c, oats ⅝c and provisions 2½c to 5c.

Not Raided by the Police.

New York, April 24.—By an error it was stated yesterday that the international commission company at No. 53 New street was among the places raided by the police. The report proved to be untrue. The international company was open today and doing business as usual. Its managers declare that the place is conducted on strictly legitimate lines.

Cotton Mill Shut Down.

Dover, N. H., April 24.—The employes of the Cocheco cotton mills were notified today that the entire plant would be shut down tonight until May 3rd. The cotton market is still dull and in view of this fact it was considered that next week would be a good time to make repairs in the different mills.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Major John H. Hill has been nominated mayor of Goldsboro.

Polk Miller says J. F. Jordan, of Greensboro, is far and away the best shot at partridges in this country; no man even approaching him. Miller says he is simply a phenomenon.

Charlotte Observer: It seems that Rev. Edward Mack is seriously considering the call to the First Presbyterian church in Norfolk, Va., to which Dr. Howerton formerly ministered. He is to makqe a second visit there, and very shortly.

Winston Sentinel: Bishop Cheshire, of Raleigh, passed up the Wilkesboro road Monday. That evening he made his annual visit and conducted confirmation services at St. Paul's Episcopal church, in Wilkesboro. Eight persons were confirmed.

Beaufort Herald: Bishop Watson came down Wednesday to confirm some candidates for the Episcopal church. There was a small class of six. There has been quite a number of accessions to the Episcopal church since the coming of their pastor, Rev. T. O. Tongue.

Raleigh Tribune: Tuesday night the store of Mr. G. B. Alford, of Holly Springs, was broken into. Entrance was effected by removing a pane of glass and then raising the window. The thieves carried away clothing, hats, dry goods, etc., to the amount of about $200.——The residence of Mr. Willis King, in House's Creek township, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. There was no insurance. Much sympathy was expressed for Mr. King in the city yesterday.

Cleveland Star: Last Friday morning, about 2 o'clock, a little cyclone passed over this section of country. Window glass were blown out and tin roofs were lifted nearly off of one or two houses.——Hinson's saw mill, four miles below Grover, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday. The origin of the fire is unknown. The hands were away hauling lumber, and when they returned the mill was burning. Mr. Hinson went to Charlotte and bought a new outfit.

Gastonia Optimist: It is a pleasant sight, and one most rare, that strikes the visitor to the Sabbath school of the Associate Reformd Presbyterian church, of Gastonia. To see the venerable Dr. E. E. Boyce teaching his class from Sabbath to Sabbath is an inspiring spectacle. For forty-six years consecutive he was pastor of the same congregation here, until, because of advancing age, he gave over the work to youger hands. He is one of the sweetest, serenest and most honored of the old school of Christian gentlemen.

Laurinburg Exchange: Rockingham was treated to quite a sensation last week in an accident, which came near resulting in the loss to the town of the brilliant young editor of The Index. He attempted to cross Pee Dee river in a canvas boat. Of course, the boat capsized and the boatman came near losing his life.——A few weeks ago The Exchange published an account of the death of a brother of Rev. A. N. Ferguson, and now comes the sad news of the death of another one of his brothers, Mr. Murdoch Ferguson, of Cameron, N. C., who was also the father of Mrs. Dougald Stewart. The deceased was 71 years old and died of paralysis.

Rich Square Patron and Gleaner: Our friend, St. Leon Scull, Esq., of Windsor, has been invited to deliver the literary address at West End Home school, a college for young ladies, at Suffolk, Va., on the 4th of June, and has accepted.——As told in our news columns last week, on the 7th day of this month Joseph H. Hardy died at his home in the village of Roxobel, N. C., in the 73rd year of his age. Mr. Hardy belonged to one of the oldest and most prominent families of Bertie county, a family which has always possessed the respect and esteem of the people.

Washington Star: There is the very best authority for slating ex-Representative Cheatham for the recordership of deeds of the District of Columbia. Senator Pritchard has talked several times with the president about Cheatham, and the chief executive has said nothing to the North Carolina senator about applying the home rule policy to the office. It is asserted on apparently fine authority that the president has never considered but two names for the recordership. A Georgia man was one of the men under consideration and Cheatham was the other. Inasmuch as North Carolina made a good showing in the last campaign, the president considers, it is said, that she is entitled to the place.

Hillsboro Observer: Mr. George Freeland, engineer on the Southern railway, and one of the cleverest fellows that ever lived, met with a very painful accident at our depot Monday. He was at work on his engine when a piece of a nut flew off and struck him in the right eye, cutting the eye ball. Mr. Freeland went to Raleigh and had his eye examined. Dr. Lewis pronounced the wound a very serious one, but hopes he will be able to save the eye without injury to the sight.

Tyron is improving, as shown by the number of her new houses in course of erection on the heights surrounding the town, and a number of business houses.

Hendersonville Hustler: Rev. M. W. Egerton, the brilliant young divine, left last Thursday for Cleveland, Tenn., where he will have charge of the First Baptist church.

Raleigh News and Observer: The loss to the state of North Carolina by the cold snap this week has been very great, especially along the seaboard, where truck is grown, and in the Piedmont section, where fruit is grown. The frosts have been among the heaviest ever known, and ice to considerable thickness has formed in many places. As a result of this, early vegetables—beans, peas and potatoes—have been set back some fifteen days, and the damage to fruit—peaches, pears and grapes—is considerable. Those who are in a position to make an estimate say that the damage will foot up $1,000,000 or more. It will, however, be several days before the full extent of the damage can be ascertained. Reports come from all sections of the state of great damage to fruit and early vegetables by the recent frosts and cold nights.

Washington letter to New York Sun: There is much apprehension among army officers stationed at the war department that another colored cadet may be appointed to West Point. Recalling previous trouble, the prospect of the cadet corps being again distinguished by a black face, is not at all pleasant. The Hon. George H. White, a colored member from North Carolina, has been notified that there will be a vacancy at the military academy by the graduation of a cadet from his district June, 1898, but, as the law provides that candidates shall be designated one year in advance, Mr. White must name his boy before the end of May. The authorities are fearful that he will follow the practices of other colored members of congress who have vacancies in the government schools, and appoint a boy of his own race, and if Mr. White does this, without leaving the selection to competition, army men say it will defeat him in his district, as white republicans would rebel against such action.

RESTORED TO HEALTH.

If you are suffering with any skin or blood disease, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Ulcers, Old Sores, General Debility, etc., send stamp to the Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga., for book of wonderful cures, free. This book will point the way to speedy recovery.

Botanic Blood Balm, (B. B. B.) is manufactured after a long tested prescription of an eminent physician, and is the best building-up and blood purifying medicine in the world. Beware of substitutes. Price $1.00 for large bottle. For sale by Druggists.

ONE IN A THOUSAND.

One summer, several years ago, while railroading in Mississippi I became badly affected with malarial blood poison, that impaired my health for more than two years. Several offensive ulcers appeared on my legs, and nothing seemed to give permanent relief until I took of Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), which cured me entirely.

M. D. LANE, Deveraux, Ga.

PUBLIC OPINION.

It may be doubted whether these universities that have opened their courses to women and yet have refused to place women on their faculties have not done more to retard than to advance the higher education of that sex, for their expressed or tacit assent to the doctrine that women are incapable of professional work derives added force from their admission that women students have, as successfully as men, made all the preparation and passed all the approved tests of fitness for such work.—Boston Telegraph.

The ideas of revenue and protection exclude each other. The two objects should be sought by distinct classes of imposts, though they might be united in one bill, for customs and internal taxation. What we need is one class of imposts on foreign and domestic goods, laid with an eye single to revenue, without regard to protection, and another class of duties so laid as to give moderate, reasonable and necessary protection to American industry, without regard to revenue. The two objects cannot be attained by the same duties. Every attempt to do this has been, and in the nature of things must be, a failure.—Portland Oregonian, rep.

The retirement of Evan P. Howell, of The Constitution, coming without a word of warning, was like a thunder clap from a clear sky. But time will show that there was a meaning in it. The return of Hugh Inman to Atlanta from New York, the quarrel in The Constitution household, the purchase of control by the Inmans, all mean something, and we don't mind predicting that it means that The Constitution has been bought by the money power, the gold standard advocates, and while the change from right to wrong will probably be gradual, it will in time be complete. Just keep your eye on The Constitution. It was recognized as the most powerful silver advocate in the country under Howell, and that is why he was given $100,000 for one-fourth interest. If our view is correct, Clark Howell will be forced out of the editorship shortly.—Spartanburg Herald.

The New York Evening Post is a highly intelligent journal in seeing things from Wall street point of view. Its expressions embody the highest wisdom of Wall street and that, of course, is the quintessence of wisdom. It alludes to the decision of the supreme court in regard to railroad pools as a recognition of the anti-property craze and says when a New York millionaire is asked, "Why don't you resent, why don't you struggle, why don't you protest against such a tendency?" the New York millionaire smiles a sad smile and explains "that isn't the way to do it." His way of doing it is to buy exemption from the law. In referring to Mr. Bryan and the Chicago convention it says: "The mob prevailed, drove its old leaders away and made the blatant young demagogue, with neither knowledge, experience nor capacity—in fact, with nothing but a passion for attacking 'monopoly'—its candidate for president." What an ignoramus Mr. Bryan must be, and over 6,000,000 are a mob.—Richmond (Va.) State.

Ignatius Donnelly and Henry Watterson are philosophers who never find the least difficulty in tracing effect to cause. Show either of these savants an effect however trivial or serious, and he tracks its cause straight to its lair as unerringly as a bloodhound follows the steps of a fugitive from justice. It was only the other day, when hundreds of wise men were speculating as to the cause or causes of the extreme wetness of the Mississippi valley, some blaming it on the weather bureau and others charging it to the cutting away of the forest, that the Sage Ignatius hushed the clamor with two words, "Sun spots," said the seer, and the contention ceased. On the 17th of the current month, while all the good people in Kentucky—and there are lots of them—were trying to find the cause of the lawlessness of some parts of that state; while some said it was whiskey and others attributed it to "general cussedness," Philosopher Watterson exalted his horn in The Louisville Courier-Journal in this wise: "Where did these outlaws get their spirit of lawlessness? Obviously from the lessons taught in the Chicago platform." It may surprise our readers, but it is a fact, that this opinion of Colonel Watterson is not intended as a joke, but it is perpetrated in grim and awful solemnity.—Washington Post.

STATE PRESS.

It will be a long time before all the people will understand why it is necessary for the governor of North Carolina to employ a number of lawyers and pay them large fees out of the public treasury to assist him in running the state government. Heretofore the state officers have been able to run the state most of the time without being forced to put the state to the unnecessary expense of paying outsiders to assist them. These are hard times, and they all said that they wanted retrenchment and reform. But don't Russell play ——?—Davidson Dispatch.

Taxation for education. How far can the state go in levying tax for education without crossing the line of justice? There are those who are condemning the tax for the university and state normal college. Now, the whole matter of taxation for education has some unpleasant features. For our part, we are in favor of taxation for education, from the tax to support the humblest school in the backwoods to a tax to support a university. We hope to see the entire public school system made better and a tax sufficient to support a splendid public school system levied and that tax judiciously expended.—Monroe Enquirer.

Judge Holman was not a man of shining ability, but of good parts and approved integrity, and his long experience made him a very valuable representative. He watched the course of legislation more narrowly perhaps than any man in the house, was especially suspicious of bills carrying appropriations, and his frequent "I object" earned for him the title of "The Great Objector." He had more of the characteristics of Nathaniel Macon than any man who has been in public life in recent years. He was a good old man, a faithful democrat and faithful public servant; and, dying, has a long list of good deeds as credits on his general account.—Charlotte Observer.

If afull and complete history of all the physical phenomena of the last quarter of a century was put into solid book form it would indeed be thrilling in the extreme to read the contents of such a book. The daily papers and telegraph lines have been for years telling the people all about the human wars on mid-ocean, and on either side of the deep blue sea. The people have been so accustomed to accounts of all these phenomena in the news columns that they have actually grown passive as to what is happening all around them. And if a scientist, an editor or preacher calls special attention to these things, the spirit of the age calls him a crank, pessimist or calamity howler, who desires to disturb the equilibrium of business relations and unnecessarily alarm his fellow man. But it makes no difference what men or angels say, the time has come for all men to think seriously and soberly in regard to coming events which are surely casting their shadows before.—Fair Bluff Times.

When the government of the state of North Carolina is run by jackasses and negroes, our safety as peaceful and law-abiding citizens will be at an end. Let the next political fight be fought on the color line. Let the white man who takes his stand with the negroes forever be branded as an enemy to freedom, liberty and virtue that our state has so long enjoyed.—Dunn Union.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Governor Atkinson consented to the marriage of his 17-year-old son and the 16-year-old girl with whom he eloped. This insures a great number of bills for his excellency to act upon.—Detroit Free Press.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Governor Johnston says the democratic party has survived "the great cuckoo president hatched out from a republican egg laid in a democratic nest."—Birmingham State-Herald.

Chairman Kurtz, of the republican state committee of Ohio, says the elections last week were a repudiation of Hannaism. So the republicans are acknowledging the fact. That's good.—Buffalo Times.

The horrid depositors of that looted Chicago bank are demanding that President Spalding be sent to a vulgar jail. Is this all the consideration a man is to receive when he goes so far as to sympathize with his victims?—Washington Post.

If it is true as reported, that the king of Siam is coming to this country to view some of our ruins, he should be treated to a sight of the Dingley bill after the senate gets through with it. It will be about the most picturesque ruin this country will be able to present.—New Orleans States.

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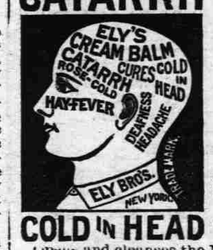

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