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THE SWEET SEA.

The smell of the sea in my nostrils,
The sound of the sea in mine ears;
The touch of the spray on my burning face
Like the mist of reluctant tears.

The blue of the sky above me,
The green of the waves beneath;
The sun flashing down on a gray-white sail,
Like a scimitar from its sheath.

And ever the breaking billows,
And ever the rocks, disdain;
And ever a thrill in mine inmost heart
That my reason cannot explain.

So, I say to my heart, "Be silent,
The mystery of time is here;
Death's way will be plain when we fathom the main,
And the secret of life be clear."

A BOOK THAT HELPED HIM.

Would Be Reporter Took City Editor's Advice With Great Results.

"Do I think that a classical education helps to give a man a start in journalism?" echoed the man whose experience entitles him to be heard with respect on such a topic. "In endeavoring to answer such a question it would be hard to speak exceptingly from personal experience. Many contend, very ably, that a man should start in early instead of spending the time at college. No man is able to analyze the character of another so closely as to indicate exactly what turn of fortune or circumstances has caused him to achieve or fail."

"What would your own career lead you to say about the matter?" persisted the young man who was seeking information.

"I don't hesitate to say that it was the possession of a slight acquaintance with the classics that gave me an opening. I was fresh from college and was comparatively without resources. I wanted to do newspaper work, and I hung around the office of a metropolitan journal, despite numerous rebuffs and assurances that there was no chance for me.'

"'Did you tell them that you had just completed your education?'

"'I think I let some remark to that effect drop. It was a time when the ability to write a startling story was more of a recommendation to a man than the ability to make sure that it was true. This was especially the case in the office which I was haunting. The city editor was a man of abrupt manner, and being quite low in my funds, and on the verge of desperation, I resolved to give up trying to win him by gentle diffidence. He was very busy when I went up to his desk and said:

"'Well, I've been here a good while now; it's about time you were giving me an assignment.' He did not look up from his work, and he spoke only three words. It was a most ungentlemanly speech—one which I should have resented under any other circumstances. I smothered my pride and turned away from his desk very much discouraged. I don't know when I have ever felt more blue than I did on that occasion. I was thinking of all the study I had wasted and of how little value the books I had read were in such a crisis, and then I had an inspiration. I recalled as much as I could of Dante's 'Inferno,' which I had studied in the original, and put it into colloquial phrase. I described the scenes of the great poem with the graphic enthusiasm of a modern eyewitness. It took me about two hours to finish it. I held on to it until I knew the city editor would be over his story work in the paper, and it was after midnight when I went up to him with a spectacular burst of speed and dropped my story on his desk.

"'What!' he exclaimed. 'Are you back here again?'

"'What did you think was going to happen to me?' I returned, putting on as bold a front as possible.

"He seemed dazed and picked up my manuscript. When he had read two or three pages, he looked up at me and said:

"'This is live stuff.'

"He finished it without another word, but I could see that I was leading him a lively chase with the shades. Then he wrote headlines for it, and, turning to me, said:

"'That's a great story. I'll have you put on the pay roll and you can report for duty tomorrow. A rival sheet has run in several fakes on us and we'll beat 'em at their own game. But I'd like to know this: How did you come to do this?'

"'You sent me to get the story yourself,' I answered.

"'To the infernal regions?'

"'Yes, sir,' I said, 'in so many words.'"—Washington Star.

Praise to the Face.

I once saw a father walk up to a map his little boy had made and pinned on the wall. He stood before it a long time in silence, and in silence walked away. The little fellow was sitting in the room, and his father knew he was there. He was watching with his eager child's eyes, waiting anxiously for a word of approval. But none came his poor little face fell unhappily. Straight into the next room walked the father and said carelessly:

"Robert has drawn a very clever little map in there. Look at it when you go in."

"Did you tell him it was clever?" asked a judicial listener, following from the room where little Robert still sat.

"Why, no. I ought to have done so. I never thought to mention it."

"Well, you ought to be ashamed of yourself," was the deserved reply. "Go back now and tell him."

We ought all of us to be ashamed of ourselves a dozen times a day for like sins of omission. It costs so little to say nice things, and the result in another's pleasure is out of all proportion to our trouble.

Praise to the face—open disgrace.

No such thing. The proverb is wrong. Praise to the face is one of the sweetest things on earth, and there is no disgrace in it unless untruth enters or unless the praise is undeserved. It is the more grateful because no one may ask for open praise and receive by asking. When it comes that at call, it is not praise. Its fine flavor is quite gone, and it is but flattery.—Harper's Bazar.

A Day In Olympia.

Of my three days in Olympia I had one morning to myself; no Pindar, no Pausanias, no lecture. The faithful Baedeker was thrust into a side pocket. It was a lovely April day. The sky had the azure hue to which I was born, and the earth was tapestried with wild flowers, blue and yellow and purple. Their faces were all familiar, though I could not call them by name, like the human flowers I was afterward to meet as I rode in from Mistra to Sparta. Olympia must have been a gaunt place just after the ruins were laid bare, but in that climate nature quickly heals the wounds dealt by the spade, and I have been told that flowers unknown before to the region often put forth in wild profusion after the excavators have done their work—a happy omen for the lover of classical antiquity. I was seated at the cella of Kronion, this side of the thorns which beset the hill as they beset the text of Pindar. Kronion was bathed in sunlight, and I was glad that I had interpreted Pindar's words to mean "sunny Kronion," but it was not jubilant gladness such as comes to the classical woodpecker when he finds a hollow spot in the oak of antique life. The bliss of such a solitude is calm.—B. L. Gildersleeve in Atlantic.

The New Baron Goring.

Harry Yelverton Goring, who has become a baronet through the death of Colonel Sir Craven Charles Goring, is a tobacconist in Tamworth, England. He is not at all elated at the honor which has been thrust upon him. He never expected that the baronetcy would have fallen to him, though he indulged in the hope that his eldest son, who is managing a sheep ranch in New Zealand, might succeed to it some day. His wife is the daughter of a Lichfield musician. They have five sons and two daughters. The eldest daughter is a clerk in the local postoffice, and the grown up boys, except the eldest, are engaged at factories in the district. During a newspaper representative's interview with the new baronet an old woman entered, placed a penny on the counter and said, "Mr. Goring, I'll have the usual;" whereupon the baronet took down the snuff caddy from the shelf and weighed her out a supply.

Pissacterog.

"Did any one drop a 50 cent piece?" asked the shabby man in the midst of the crowd watching the info go up.

"No," said they. "But you are an honest man anyway."

"And now for the second proposition," said the shabby man. "I did not pick up any 50 cent piece, but will some one kindly drop a nickel in this hat as the reward of honesty?"—Indianapolis Journal.

There is generally something that requires hiding at the bottom of a mystery.—Harbinger.

There are some 60,000 costermongers who carry on business in the streets of London.

THE MADSTONE.

The Claims of Medicinal Qualities for It Shown to be Without Foundation—Large Quarries of Such Stone Near Kinston.

Southport Correspondence Wilmington Messenger.

In numerous State papers, recently, the so-called "madstone" has been discussed, and some editors have had the temerity to doubt the efficacy of this hoary-headed old superstition. It takes a rather bold man to "beard the lion in his den," or to tackle a time-honored old fraud like the madstone.

It seems to be a part of human nature to believe the marvellous, anyhow, rather than the reasonable and commonplace things of life. Sharp quacks make fortunes out of this weakness of mankind, in the sale of their worthless nostrums or appliances, with long and scientific names. If they can get the confidence of a buyer in the virtues of their medicines or electric humbug, then half the battle will be won.

For most of the ordinary ills of life, nature has a remedy, and if let alone, the "accommodation" of the system will throw it off or adjust itself.

If the buyer of a nostrum really believes in it and allows the good advice the dealer throws in without charge, doing nothing rash in the meanwhile, in a majority of cases, he will improve. Nature cures him, but the remedy or appliance gets all the credit. It is a case of "post hoc, propter hoc," and is the sheet anchor of most all such humbugs.

Most of the so-called madstones" examined are bits of porous fossil limestone. They have a strong affinity for water or liquids, absorbing a large quantity, which afterwards evaporates, leaving it ready to suck up more. If applied to a fresh bite of a dog, it will undoubtedly absorb some of the water, blood or virus which may come in contact with it, in the same way that any dry and porous substance, like blotting paper, would do. Further than that, the madstone has no effect, except on the nerves and imagination of the patient. It is through the imagination the stone does its work, for not one dog in a thousand, which snaps at somebody, is "mad" or affected with rabies, some times called hydrophobia.

But the person bitten is not apt to think so. To him an angry dog is a "mad dog," and if bitten, is likely to suffer through his nervous fear. He applies the stone, usually twelve hours or more after the bite, as he may be some distance from the person owning it. He gets well, and, behold, a wonderful cure is made.

When we reflect that the virus or poison of the rabies will get into the circulation, sufficient to inoculate a person bitten, within a very few minutes, of what effect, then, can the "madstone" be if he has to send a dozen miles for one, except through the imagination? An immediate and thorough washing of the wound with water, followed by the application of spirits of turpentine, will be worth a ton of madstones. Indeed, the genuine rabies, in the human being, is so rare that the etiology of the disease is not well known and many reputable physicians even doubt its existence.

In the neighborhood of Kinston, N. C., there is a bed of such limestone. Medical men who examined it, it is found in the marl beds and abundant enough to furnish everybody in the United States with a generous piece.

If some enterprising swindler could get possession of one of these quarries and advertise generously, what a harvest he could reap out of the credulous! But he would have to rival the genius of Munchausen to invent the "cock and bull" stories which always form an important requisite in every genuine "madstone."

RACE MORTALITY.

The Black People Die Out Faster Than the White.

Atlanta Constitution.

One of the most interesting tables furnished by the last regular census of the government is the one which gives the death rate in the various parts of the United States, according to racial lines.

As the table shows among whites the death rate varies from 28.67 in Newark, N. J., to 17.78 in Indianapolis, Ind., the basis of calculation in each case being one thousand inhabitants. Among blacks it varies from 44.69 in New York to 23.45 in Detroit, showing not only a wider range, but a more frightful rate of mortality than among the whites. The death rate in twenty-one of the largest cities of the country is as follows:

Cities	Whites	Colored.
New York	28.67	37.41
Chicago	21.03	23.36
Philadelphia	22.28	32.42
Brooklyn	25.41	34.99
St. Louis	18.15	34.85
Boston	24.62	33.23
Baltimore	22.61	36.41
San Francisco	23.57	24.06
Cincinnati	21.93	33.04
Cleveland	21.83	31.63
Buffalo	19.83	34.22
New Orleans	25.41	36.61
Pittsburg	21.56	29.16
Washington	19.79	38.22
Detroit	20.36	23.45
Jersey City	27.48	29.50
Louisville	19.61	31.98
Providence	21.97	34.81
Indianapolis	17.78	30.04
Allegheny	20.06	24.13

From the above table it appears that the death rate among the blacks is equally as great in the North as it is in the South, and that whatever the cause of the wide difference in mortality between blacks and whites may be it is at least universal. Someone has ventured as a possible cause that negro life in America is gradually disappearing and whether or not the statement is true, it is apparently supported by the foregoing figures.

GORMAN LIKELY TO WIN.

Republican Success in Baltimore and Maryland Has Proved a Disappointment.

New York Journal.

Gen. Felix Agnus of Baltimore, was in town yesterday, and practically admitted that the Democrats would carry the Maryland Legislature next fall, which would return Senator Arthur P. Gorman to the United States Senate. The general has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Senator Gorman in case the Republicans controlled the next Legislature.

"I must admit," said he, "that the Republicans in Maryland have made mistakes which have not helped the party, and you can readily believe Senator Gorman will make the best fight possible. The mayor of Baltimore has made mistakes, and although I am a Republican myself, I must admit that Republican success in my State has not thus far proven greatly to our advantage. I mean that the men elected have not given that satisfaction we had hoped for.

"I had hoped that when our party won in Maryland after suffering defeat for over a generation, it would make a brilliant record. After a short trial I am reluctant to confess that the Republican party has not been elevated by the men elected to office. This may be because the men are inexperienced."

GUILFORD COMMENCEMENT.

Dr. W. S. Creasy Addressed the Literary Society, and Rev. Allan Jay Preached to the Graduating Class.

Correspondence of the Observer.

Guilford College, May 24.—The commencement exercises began at Guilford by the address on Saturday night of Dr. W. S. Creasy to the literary society. Dr. Creasy is a speaker of much force and attractiveness, and his address on the subject, "The Alphabet of Jehovah," was well received. On Sunday morning Rev. Allen Jay, of Richmond, Ind., preached to the graduating class from the text, "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." Allen Jay is widely known in the Society of Friends as a minister of great power and spirituality, and his discourse yesterday was such as to do him full justice.

A game of baseball between the college team and the alumni had been arranged for this afternoon, and the game has been the most exciting one which Guilford has witnessed in many a day. The score, as this is posted, stands 12 to 9 in favor of the alumni.

Two Corrections.

To the Editor of the Observer:

In an article in your issue of last Sunday, May 23rd, under the caption of "John Grier's Certificate," I find two errors:

1st. The certificate should read James Grier (not John Grier, as printed in the article.)

2nd. He was not my grandfather, as the article has it, but my great-grandfather.

Please make corrections, as James Grier has many descendants scattered abroad throughout America.

Respectfully,
J. W. POTTS.

Steel Creek, May 25, 1897.

The Durham Sun has taken on a telegraph office which makes an improvement upon an already excellent paper.

The Rowan Knitting Mills and all the real estate therewith connected are to be sold at auction on the 21st of June, under a deed of trust to Wilforth Shepherd, publication.

The Body Now in Session in Charlotte.

Wilmington Messenger.

The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly now in session at Charlotte, is an able, learned, important, imposing religious body. It is the highest judatory of the Presbyterian Church. Is clothed with great powers and responsibilities and is distinguished for the high average education of its members. It is not a great religious body like the Methodists, like the Southern Baptist Convention, but it is representative and impressive. We suppose in ability and learning it compares well with the larger body among Northern Presbyterians. We feel sure that Charlotte will entertain them with abounding hospitality. May the deliberations be harmonious, satisfactory and wise and beneficent in results, and may they all carry away pleasant recollections of the little city and the North Carolinians they may meet. The Observer moves off with due enterprise and spirit in its attentions to the body.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Cotton Advanced 6 to 8 Points Yesterday on Good Buying.

Special by Private Wire to Harrison Watts.

New York, May 25.—Cotton advanced 6 to 8 points further to-day, on good buying for both long and short accounts, influenced by the Liverpool market for futures, closing firm at 4-64d. advance on the near months, and 1-64d. on the next crop from last night's prices. Private cables attributed this advance as partly in sympathy with our recovery of yesterday, and in consequence of less favorable crop accounts cabled from this side with the colder weather this morning in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. It was noticeable, however, that spot cotton there continued dull, with sales of but 8,000 bales at yesterday's price 4 3-32d. for middling. Toward noon the covering movement was exhausted and the announcement of the weekly government crop report, which was very favorable, led to a sharp reaction, and checked further speculation for the rise. The trading was lighter in the afternoon under this influence, and the market was easier, notwithstanding steadier Southern spot markets, and an advance in spots here of 1-16 to 7-16 for middling, with sales of 1,038 bales. The closing tone was quiet, after total sales of 97,800 bales, with final prices showing a net advance of 5 to 6 points on the near months and 1 to 3 for the next crop options, compared with last night's prices.

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The Market Will Go Lower But There Will Hardly be Any Serious Decline.

Special to the Observer.

New York, May 25.—Private crop accounts were of an unfavorable tenor today, and some life was instilled into the cotton market. Liverpool was inclined to react, and cabled us an advance this morning of 1½ to 2½. The market here opened 4 to 6 points higher. It eased for a moment after the opening, but the less encouraging news from the South induced some covering of shorts, and New Orleans bought here freely. As a result, prices shot upward, the market advancing 6 points in a very short time. The demand, however, was soon supplied, and when the government weekly crop bulletin, which reported an excellent outlook in Texas and a fair outlook elsewhere, was announced, free selling ensued and almost the entire advance was lost. August opened at 7.18, declined to 7.16, advanced to 7.22, declined to 7.17, and closed at 7.18 to ....., with the tone of the market steady. The government bulletin was not, in our opinion, sufficiently favorable to warrant short sales. The market will probably go lower, but there must be a decided improvement in the reports from the South to compass any serious decline.

RIORDAN & CO.

Wheat Was Very Narrow Yesterday With But Little Trading of Importance.

By Private Wire to Thad B. Seigle, Mg'r.

Chicago, May 25.—Wheat has been very narrow to-day, with but little trading of importance. Opening quotations were slightly above those of yesterday's close, due to the very strong early Paris markets, which offset the weakness in Liverpool. Hdwring the strong French news, however, everything else was bearish, and the market has been slightly in favor of the shorts all morning. Early Liverpool cables reported a loss of ½ sympathy with our decline of yesterday and the closing cables were quoted as only steady, with a loss of ⅝ for the day. Paris was sensationally strong for both wheat and flour, at the opening, but closed weak, with the greater part of the advance lost. Private cables report the weather in France as irregular. Berlin markets opened slightly lower, but closed higher. Clearances were light, only 121,000 bushels wheat and flour. Bradstreet's world's visible was a disappointment. Last year the decrease was over four million bushels, and the statistics to hand this week indicated a decrease of about two million bushels, whereas the total decrease amounted to only 793,000 bushels. There has been no cash demand here for wheat, but New York wired 10 loads had been taken there, mostly for the continent, and Minneapolis reported the flour trade to-day and yesterday to be the best for a long time. The market shows absolutely no rallying power, and every bull influence appears to have been discounted, and we believe will have to decline still further before we can hope for any permanent support, even from foreigners.

Corn and oas have ruled easier on heavier receipts and free buying by the elevator people. Bradstreet's reports decrease in the world's visible supply of 2,506,000 bushels of corn for the week, and 1,077,000 bushels of oats. Estimated cars to-morrow: Corn 500; oats 350.

Provisions have ruled weak and lower on heavy receipts of hogs at all points and the lack of support by packers. Estimated hogs to-morrow 320,000.

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Stock Market.

By Associated Press.

New York, May 25.—There was more animation shown in the dealings on the stock exchange than for many weeks past, and some buying by commission houses' agents gave evidence of a slight weakening of outsiders in the market. Sales for the day reached an aggregate of over 200 000 shares, and were much better distributed through the list than had been the case in recent trading. There was a display of considerable strength, which carried most stocks at one time or another above last night's close, but sales for profit-taking were quite heavy, and carried prices down at the close. The market is still in control of the professional traders, and their tactics offset the elements of strength. New Jersey Central gave notice of having reached a point of resistance to further deprecation, and the shorts were driven to rather strenuous exertions to cover. The loan rate of the stock was bid up by manipulation, in order to embarrass the shorts. The removal of the severe pressure on this stock was for the time being quite a relief to the market, though there was a late reaction in the price. Sugar was strong on the belief that the explanation offered of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill in the Senate would help its chance of passage. The dealings in the stock were larger than for some time, and were second only to those in Chicago Gas. The dealers in the latter stock were inclined to take an exceedingly conservative view of the benefits assured by the action of the Illinois Senate in passing the gas frontage and consolidation bills on re-consideration. The stock did advance sharply on the news of the passage, but it was carried down by heavy realizing sales. The tone of speculation generally showed considerable access of confidence in various causes contributing to this feeling. Yesterday's decision of the Supreme Court, denying the right of the Inter-State commerce commission to fix railroad rates, still exerted an influence on railroad values, not on account of the immediate effects of the decision, but owing to the belief that it insures the advocacy by the commission of a law to authorize railroad pooling. The weakening of the exchange market during the day was also regarded as an encouraging factor in the general outlook, and account was also taken of the week's statement of merchandise. Exports from New York showed a total of $10,127,188, an increase of $450,490 over last week, and of $3,031,782 over last year's. This large expansion of exports is looked to to help offset the heavy imports in anticipation of the new tariff, and to help adjust the exchange balance. Statements of railroads were also good, especially that of the Southern Railway, showing an increase of net earnings for April of $70,816 and of gross earnings of $88,814. The effect was to raise the price of the stock. The third week's statements of gross earnings of St. Paul and Missouri Pacific caused a cheerful feeling among owners of railroad stocks, the former showing an increase of $34,346, and the latter of $40,000. New Jersey Central's range was 2½ points, the net gain being a point. The total sales of stock for the day amounted to 202,500 shares, including American Sugar Refinery 30,700; Burlington & Quincy 18,700; Chicago Gas Trust Receipts 25,900; Chesapeake & Ohio 7,300; Rock Island 5,000; St. Paul 15,300; Western Union Telegraph Company 11,800.

Bond market displayed some activity in the late trading and sympathetic in the decided rally which occurred in the stock speculation. Business was largely restricted to the prominent issues, in which the changes were not essential. The aggregate sales were $950,000. Government gained slightly on purchases of $52,000.

CITY PRODUCE MARKET.

Corrected Daily by Geo. S. Hall, Groceries, and Produce Dealer.)

Apples—dried—quarter bright	2@2½
" " bright sliced	2½
" " fair quality sliced	.....
" " extra	.....
Peaches—unpeeled—halves, bright	3½
" " peeled—bright	5
Blackberries—dried	1 75@2 00
Flour—per sack	2 00@2 75
Family	3
Hides—dry—per lb	6@8
" green " "	4@5
Wool—wash	15@20
Bacon—hog round—per pound	6½
" —ham	11@12
" —sides	6½
" —shoulders	6½
Oats—32 pounds per bushel	35
Peas—Clay	50@60
" —mixed	40@50
Meal—bolted—24 pounds per bushel	40@45
" —unbolted	40@45
Corn—old—56 pounds per bushel	65@65
Onions—select—per bushel	.....
Eggs—fresh	10@11
Wheat	85@90
Rye	65@70
Honey—strained—per pound	.....
" —comb—per pound	8@10½
Ducks	15@20
Geese—per head	50@60
Spring chickens	15@20
Roosters—per head	15@20
Feathers	30@41
Lard—N. O	7½@8
Tallow	3½@3¾
Guineas	20@25
Butter—choice yellow	10@15

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, May 25.—Money on call easy at 1¼@1½ per cent.; last loan at 1½; closing offered at 1¼@1½.

Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 60. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at 4 85¾@4 86 for 60 days and 4 87@4 87¼ for demand. Posted rates 4 84½@4 88½. Commercial bills 4 83¾@4 84¼. Silver certificates 60¼@60¾. Bar silver 58⅝. Mexican dollars 47¾. Government bonds strong: State bonds dull: railroad bonds firm.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, May 25.—FLOUR—Dull. Family 4 25@4 65; winter wheat patents 3 75@4 00; spring wheat patents 4 00@4 20; spring wheat 3 50@4 00@3 20.

WHEAT—Dull. Spot and May 74¾; July 74¾@74⅞. Southern by sample 84@86; Southern by Sample on grade .....

CORN—Easy. Mixed spot and May 29¾@29¾; June 29¾@29¾; July 29¾@29¾. Steamer mixed 27¼@27¾; Southern white ....; yellow .....

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, May 25.—FLOUR—Dull, lower. City mill patents 4 90@5 20; Minnesota patents 4 25@4 50; winter wheat patents 4 65@4 80; do straights 4 25@4 50; do extras 3 50@3 80; do low grades 2 60@3 00.

WHEAT.—Spots weak. Options closed weak at 3 8d decline. No. 2 red May 80¾; ....; July 79½; September 79.

CORN.—Spots weak. No. 2 red 29¼ elevator. 30¼ afloat. Options closed steady at decline. May ....; July 29¾.

OATS.—Spots weak. Spot No. 2 22. Options closed weak at ½ cent decline. May ....; July 23.

LARD—Weak. Western steamer 4 00; May 3 95; July ..... Refined easy; continent 4 25; S. A. 4 55; compound 3¾@4¼.

PORK—Quiet.

COFFEE—Closed steady at 5 to 15 points advance. Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 7⅝; Jobbing 8¼.

SUGAR—Raw, firm. Fair refining 2¾.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	10¾	N W pfd	154¼
Adams Express	149	N Y C	99¾
Alton, T H	40	N Y & N E	37
Alton, T H pfd	...	Ont & Western	13¾
Am Express	113	Ore Improvem't	...
B & O	13¾	Or Nav	15¾
Can Pac	54¾	O S L & U N	15¾
Can So	46¾	Pacific Mail	26¾
C C C & I	88	P D & E	7
C & O	16	Pittsburg	162
Chicago Alton	151	Pullman Palace	157¾
C, B & Q	74¾	Reading	18¾
Chicago Gas	81	Rich Ter	.....
Con Gas	159	Rich Ter pfd	.....
C C C & St L	38¾	R G Western	12¾
Col Coal & Iron	¾	R G West pfd	30
C O Cert	10	Rock Island	64¾
Del Hudson	103¾	St L & S F 1st pfd	.....
Del, L & W	148	St Paul	74¾
Den & R G pfd	38¾	St Paul pfd	122¾
Dis & C F Co	.....	St P & O	37¾
East Tenn	.....	St P & O pfd	139
Erie	13¾	So Pacific	14
Erie 1st pfd	29	Sugar Refinery	114¾
Fort Wayne	162	Tenn C & I	.....
G N pfd	120	Texas Pacific	8¾
C & E I pfd	95	T & O C pfd	40
Hock Valley	2¾	Union Pacific	6¾
Ill Central	93	U S Express	80
St P & Duluth	23	W St L & P	5¾
K & T pfd	27¾	W St L & P pfd	20¾
L E & W	13¾	W F Express	102¾
L E & W pfd	59¾	Western Union	79
Lake Shore	164¾	W & L E	1
Lead Trust	24¾	W & L E pfd	2¾
L & N	45¾	Minn & St P	16¾
L & N A	¾	Den & R G	10
Man Can	84¾	Gen Electric	30¾
M & O	15	Nat Linseed	16
M C	90	Col F & I	16¾
M P	13¾	Col F & I pfd	67
M & O	17	H & T C	.....
Nash Chat	66	T A A & N M	.....
Nash Cord	.....	T St L & K C	5¾
Nash Cord pfd	.....	T St L & K C pfd	16¾
N J Central	72¾	Southern	8
M & W pfd	72	Southern pfd	26¾
N A Oil Co	4¾	Amer Tob	70¾
Northern Pac	12¾	Amer Tob pf	102
N Pac pfd	32¾	Am Spirits	10
U P & Gulf	1¾	do pfd	23¾
Northwestern	105¾		

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

	Opening	Closing
WHEAT—		
May	72¾	72
July	71¾@¾	70¾
September	69¾@¾	68¾
CORN—		
May	24¾	24
July	24⅝	24¼
September	25¼	25⅜@⅛
OATS—		
May	17¾	17¾
July	17¾	17¾@⅜
September	17⅞@18	18
MESS PORK—		
May	8 17½	8 10
July	8 20	8 12½
September	8 27½	8 17½
LARD—		
May	3 65	3 67½
July	3 72½	3 72½
September	3 82½	3 80
RIBS—		
May	.....	4 45
July	4 45	4 55
September	4 50	4 47½

NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES.

New York, May 25.—Cotton quiet, steady 7⅝; Middling uplands 7⅝; Middling Gulf .... Futures closed steady, Sales 97,836.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
May	7 22	7 21	7 22@23
June	7 23	7 13	7 22@23
July	7 25	7 20	7 23@24
August	7 22	7 15	7 18@19
September	6 92	6 85	6 86@89
October	6 74	6 72	6 73@75
November	6 76	6 70	6 72@75
December	6 78	6 72	6 74@75
January	6 83	6 77	6 79@80
February	6 86	6 85	6 83@87
March	.....	.....	6 85@87
April	.....	.....	.....

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, May 25, 4 p. m.—Middling 4 1-32.

Futures—Closed firm at advance.

May and June	4 01 b
June and July	4 01@02
July and August	4 00@4 01
August and September	3 88@91
September and October	3 82 s
October and November	3 45 b
November and December	3 46 b
December and January	3 45 a
January and February	3 45 a
February and March	3 45@46
March and April	.....

NORFOLK COTTON.

Norfolk, May 25.—Cotton firm. Middling 7⅝. Net 22s; gross 27s; sales 19 bales; stock 14,642.

CHARLOTTE COTTON MARKET.

(These figures represent prices paid to farmers.)

Strict Good middling	7 ⅛
Good Middling	7 ⅛
Strict middling	7 ⅛
Middling	7 ⅛
Tinges	7 ⅛@7 ⅛
Stains	7 ⅛

The market is firm. Receipts 13 bales.

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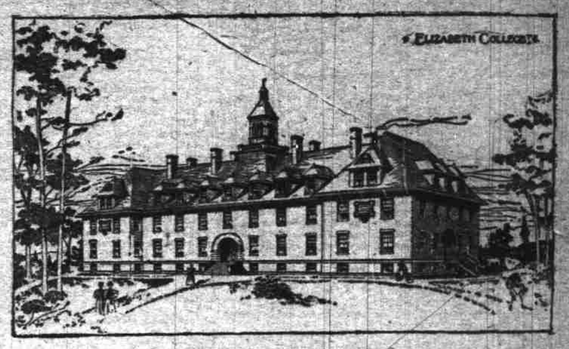

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