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CIVIL-SERVICE EXAMINATION.

Event Fixed for April 25th—Special, Technical, and Professional Grades.

The United States Civil Service Commissioners will hold the usual semi-annual examinations for special, technical, and professional grades of employment in the government service, on April 25th, at a number of cities, including Richmond.

Owing to the fact that there are not enough eligibles for these higher grade positions to meet the demands of the service, the commission will waive for this examination its general requirement that applications must be filed in complete form ten days before the examination. However, applications must be filed far enough in advance to allow time to ship examination papers from Washington.

The commission is especially desirous of securing additional eligibles for the following-named registers, and it requests that all suitable persons who desire such positions to apply at once for examination: Assistant Surgeon, Marine Hospital Service; Aid, Coast, and Geodetic Survey; Assistant, Department of Agriculture; Assistant Examiner, Patent Office; Hospital Steward, Marine Hospital Service; Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers; Steamboat Inspection Service; Marine Engineer, Marine Hospital Service; Meat Inspector, Department of Agriculture; Sanitary Inspector, Marine Hospital Service; Weather Observer, Department of Agriculture.

These examinations are open to all reputable citizens who may desire to enter the service and who comply with the requirements, without regard to race or to political or religious affiliations.

For application blanks and Manual of Examinations, address the United States Civil Service Commission, at Washington.

GOOD-FRIDAY AT ST. PAUL'S.

Selections from the Messiah Will Be Sung by the Choir To-Night.

At St. Paul's church to-night, in accordance with an established custom, a short service, appropriate to the day, will be followed by the rendering of selections from the Messiah, by the choir, under the direction of Mr. Jacob Reinhardt.

"Handel's Messiah" is acknowledged as one of the most complete and Scriptural of the old masters. The opening chorus—"Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world"—is the keynote of the composition, and the deep religious musical feeling runs through it.

The contralto has that sorrowful air which has moved thousands to tears. "He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrow, and acquainted with grief. The five lines assigned to the tenor are: "Thy rebuke hath broken His heart; He is full of heaviness; He looked for some to have pity on Him, but there was no man," etc., etc.

The soprano has the last air, and it is very expressive. "But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell; nor didst Thou suffer Thy holy one to see corruption." The chorus closes with that soul-inspiring Psalm: "Lift up your heads, O, ye gates," etc., etc. The closing hymn will be "Peace, Perfect Peace."

CITIZENS' BANK ORGANIZED.

By-Laws Adopted and New Directorate Chosen—A Roseate Outlook.

A called meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Exchange Bank was held yesterday afternoon in their banking-house, Ninth and Main streets, with a full representation present.

The charter granted by the last Legislature was submitted and adopted, and the committee appointed to draw up by-laws submitted the result of their labors.

The president's report submitted showed the institution in a very healthy condition, and a very encouraging and gratifying increase in business since its organization. Total resources of the bank April 6, 1898, $732,800, against $612,900 February 18, 1898, and loan discounts show increase from $481,000 February 18th to $631,000 at the present time. Deposits have increased 25 per cent., which is decidedly gratifying, in view of the disturbed condition of the country. Deposits now aggregate $470,000.

The old board tendered their resignations, and the following board was elected: H. W. Rountree, Frank A. Davenport, T. L. Alfriend, B. Rand, Wellford, John Addison, W. Otto Nolting, R. Lancaster Williams, Robert G. Reynolds, T. H. Ellett, James H. Capers, John W. Rothert, and W. M. Habliston.

PUT GASOLINE ON THE FIRE.

Mr. Valentine and Son Badly Burned, and Cedar-Works Damaged.

A fire occurred yesterday forenoon at the Richmond Cedar-Works, in Fulton, and by the explosion which caused it two lives, as well as the entire plant, were for a time endangered.

The explosion, which was caused by carelessness or bad judgment on the part of Mr. Sanford Valentine and his little son, Clyde, took place in a room to the rear of the large warehouse, where the well-buckets manufactured by the works are varnished. The apartment is heated by a stove, and on account of the cold spell it was found necessary to build a fire. Wood was placed in the stove, but somehow it did not burn as rapidly as was desired, and an effort was made to enliven the destructive element by throwing benzine upon it. A terrible explosion occurred almost simultaneously with the foolish attempt, and Mr. Valentine and his son dashed out of the room covered almost from head to foot with the burning fluid.

ASSISTANCE IS PROMPT.

The agonizing cries quickly brought assistance from brother employees, and as soon as the flames which enveloped their clothing was extinguished they were tenderly removed to the office and medical assistance summoned. Dr. B. H. Reams, who lives in the immediate vicinity of the works, responded, and was soon engaged in relieving the sufferers.

While this was going on the fire caused by the scattering of the burning benzine had necessitated the turning in of an alarm from the company's private box, despite the fact that the plant is equipped with automatic fire-extinguishing sprinklers. Steamer No. 8 responded, and, under the direction of Assistant-Chief Shaw, who made the trip from the headquarters to the scene in just ten minutes, the flames were quickly subdued. The loss, it is estimated, will not exceed $500, and is fully covered by insurance.

BOTH WILL RECOVER.

As soon as he was able Dr. Reams made a thorough examination of the injuries of the two unfortunates, and Mr. Valentine was found to have been burned terribly about the hands, face, and neck. His little son, who bore his sufferings most heroically, was even more seriously disfigured. His hands, face, neck, back, and lower limbs had been completely deluged with the fiery fluid, and the skin came off even at the most gentle touch. Dr. Reams stated after the examination that, while the Valentines were very badly burned, their injuries were not of a serious character, and he thought their recovery was assured.

Mr. Valentine formerly lived on Seventeenth street, but some time ago moved out into the county. He is a blacksmith by trade, and has been working for the Cedar-Works for some time past. His family consists of a son and little daughter, the latter coming in every afternoon to accompany her father and brother home.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Edward Gould, also known as O. P. Miller, to Adeline Stokes, 23.5-6 feet on west side Brook avenue, 75.3½-12 feet south of Marshall street, $351.

Thomas Potts, William S. Donnan and their wives to Mary C., wife of William S. Donnan, 33 feet on Grace street, southeast corner First, $11,500.

Edmund Waddill, Jr., special commissioner, to Mann S. Valentine's executors, 43.1-12 feet on Broad street, northwest corner Third, $16,000.

Henrico: Albert N. Tinsley to William F. Davidson, 9 acres about seven miles northwest of Richmond, $250.

Little Tycoon Dress Rehearsal.

A dress rehearsal of "The Little Tycoon" cast and chorus has been called for 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, at the Academy of Music, when they will be given a final drill before the engagement of the company on Monday and Tuesday nights of next week, when the opera is to be sung for the benefit of the Elks' charity fund.

The sale of reserved seats is being held at Ramos's music-store, on east Broad street.

Appointment of Fourth-Class Postmasters.

Mr. George E. Bowden, Collector of Customs of Norfolk, was in the city yesterday to confer with the Republican leaders. To a reporter he said that his visit had no particular significance, and it is believed that the matter of the appointment of fourth-class postmasters was the only one broached.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Dr. T. J. Wooldridge, of Hanover county, was stricken with paralysis this week, and is very ill. Dr. Wooldridge resided in this city for a number of years, and has a wide acquaintance here. He is about 55 years of age.

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STOCKS A BIT LOWER.

CONVICTION REMAINS THAT PRESIDENTIAL DELAY MEANS PEACE.

FAIR SPRINKLING OF GAINS.

An Undertone of Firmness, Attributed to Expectation That Spain Will Yield—Wheat Dull and Weak—Provisions Lower.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The conviction is unaltered in Wall street that the delay in presenting the President's message to Congress adds to the possibility of a peaceful solution of the Cuban question. The market closed a shade lower to-day on the average price. Individual losses were in almost all cases confined to fractions, and there is a fair sprinkling of gains among the leading stocks. Only a small proportion of the sharp advance which came yesterday on the news that the message was to be delayed until Monday was wiped out.

The professional bears showed no disposition to renew their short contracts, neither was there any sign of liquidation of long holdings. The only buying demand was caused by some slight covering of shorts and a very limited amount of commission-house buying. The result was an almost stagnant market.

There was no development during the day which awakened it from its lethargic condition. That this dulness is due to an attitude of waiting was evident from the sudden activity when it became known yesterday that the President's message was delayed, and when it was supposed that the delay indicated probable concessions by the Madrid Government. The public impression in Wall street is that the undertone of firmness in the market is due to some hidden motive, generally supposed to be the expectation that Spain will yield to pressure from the European Powers and the Pope, and will concede the demands of the United States.

To-day's small losses in the face of the general threatening aspect of the situation can only be explained on the hypothesis that a peaceful solution is still hoped for.

The situation in the money market is felt to be fortified against even a severe shock. Bank reserves all over the country have been greatly strengthened. The gold reserve, both for the government and for the New York banks, is large, unprecedently so in the case of the latter and is constantly growing. A large proportion of the payments at the custom-house are made in gold, and the clearing-house balances are in great part settled in the same metal. There is no immediate prospect of international exchanges turning against the United States, and until this occurs there will be gold imports to replenish the money market.

To-day's advance in the Bank of England rate did not check the engagements of gold, but served to shift the demand somewhat from London to Berlin. The rise in money in London resulted in a rise in the Berlin and Paris rate of exchange on London.

The bond market was almost wholly neglected, but prices were firm. Total sales, $1,650,000. United States new 4's advanced 1 per cent.; the old 4's, registered, and the 5's, 1-4 per cent. In the bid price to-day; and the 2's declined 1-2 per cent. There were sales of the new 4's, coupon, at 122 1-4, an advance of 3-4 over yesterday's sale price. To-day's last price was 122.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 237,300 shares, including Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 24,715; Louisville and Nashville, 6,735; Metropolitan Traction, 7,315; Northern Pacific preferred, 9,135; St. Paul, 28,795; Union Pacific preferred, 17,955; American Spirits, 5,430; Sugar, 75,185.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent, last loan at 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@6 per cent.

Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.82 1-40@$4.83⅛ for demand, and $4.80 1-4 for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.80½@$4.81½, and $4.84@$4.84½; commercial bills, $4.80.

Silver certificates, 56@57c.; bar silver, 57¾c.; Mexican dollars, 45c. Government bonds irregular. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds firm.

STOCKS IN LONDON.

The Evening Post's financial cablegram says: The stock markets here opened good to-day on the better aspect of the Spanish-American question. Business, however, was neglected. While in view of all the circumstances Americans were better, they were left alone, and of course will not be traded in during the intervening holidays until Tuesday morning. Spanish 4's, which closed last night at 47½, opened to-day at 50 1-4, and closed at about 48½. Americans, after a reaction at midday, closed nearly at the best. Details of the gold movement for the week show the sale of £124,000 in eagles, the shipment of 125,000 sovereigns to New York, of £50,000 to South America, and of £50,000 to Canada, and the receipt of £51,000 from Australia. Trade returns for March show increased imports of £2,750,000, nearly all due to increased receipts of food stuffs, largely from the United States. Exports decreased £800.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Closing.

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	11⅝
Atchison, preferred	29¾
Baltimore and Ohio	10⅝
Canada Pacific	81
Canada Southern	47⅛
Central Pacific	19
Chesapeake and Ohio	19⅜
Chicago and Alton	154
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	93⅜
Chicago and Eastern Illinois	50½
C., C., C. and St. Louis	28
C., C. C. and St. Louis preferred	78¾
Delaware and Hudson	106
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	148
Denver and Rio Grande	10
Denver and Rio Grande, preferred	44
Erie (new)	12⅝
Erie (new) 1st preferred	33
Fort Wayne	168
Great Northern, preferred	148
Hocking Valley	5½
Illinois Central	91
Lake Erie and Western	12¾
Lake Erie and Western, preferred	69
Lake Shore	178
Louisville and Nashville	50
Manhattan L	98
Metropolitan Traction	140
Michigan Central	102
Minnesota and St. Louis	23½
Minnesota and St. Louis 1st preferred	80
Missouri Pacific	26⅝
Mobile and Ohio	27
Missouri K. and T.	10⅛
Missouri, K. and T., preferred	32½
New Albany and Chicago	7
New Albany and Chicago preferred	23
New Jersey Central	97
New York Central	111¾
New York, Chicago and St. L.	12
N. Y., Chicago and St. L. 1st preferred	63
N. Y., Chicago and St. L. 2d preferred	28
North Western	123½
North American Company	5¾
Northern Pacific	6¾
Northern Pacific preferred	14⅝
Ontario and Western	17
Oregon R. and Nav.	27⅜
Oregon Short Line	16⅝
Pittsburg	178
Reading	11⅝
Rock Island	85¾
St. Louis and San Francisco	6⅞
St. Louis and San Francisco 1st pref.	59
St. Louis and San Francisco 2d pref.	26¾
St. Paul	89⅞
St. Paul preferred	143
St. Paul and Omaha	79
St. Paul and Omaha, preferred	145
St. Paul, M. and M.	130
Southern Pacific	18½
Southern	7¾
Southern, preferred	26¾
Texas Pacific	10
Union Pacific	33⅝
U. P., D. and G.	6¾
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific	6¾
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific, preferred	18¾
Wheeling and Lake Erie	13
Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred	38

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Adams Express	161
American Express	120
United States Express	48
Wells Fargo Express	115

MISCELLANEOUS.

American Cotton Oil	17¾
American Cotton Oil preferred	69
American Spirits	9
American Spirits preferred	20½
American Tobacco Co.	101¾

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Closing Stocks.

American Tobacco Co. preferred	115
Chicago Gas	92
Consolidated Gas	177¾
Com. Cable Company	150
Col. Fuel & I.	18
Col. Fuel & L., preferred	80
General Electric	32½
Illinois Steel	45
Ia. Cleveland Gas	43½
Lead Trust	30¾
Lead, preferred	102
National Linseed Oil	14
Oregon Improvement Co.	27⅛
Pacific Mail	24¾
Pullman Palace	172
Silver Certificates	56
Standard Rope and Twine	3¾
American Sugar Refinery	119½
American Sugar Refinery, pref.	108
T. C. and Iron	20½
U. S. Leather	5½
U. S. Leather preferred	57½
U. S. Rubber	17
U. S. Rubber preferred	66
Western Union	88¼
Northwestern	119
Northwestern, preferred	172½
Rio Grande and Western	23
Rio Grande and Western, pref.	54
St. Louis and Southwestern	11¼
St. Louis and Southwestern 1st preferred	9
Chicago Great Western	10⅝
Hawaiian Commercial Company	24
Reading 1st preferred	39¾

BOND LIST.

United States 4's, new, registered	121½
United States 4's, new, coupons	122
United States 4's, registered	109
United States 4's, coupon	110½
United States 2's coupon	97
United States 5's registered	111¾
United States 5's coupons	111¾
District 3-65's	115
Alabama (Class A)	108½
Alabama (Class B)	106
Alabama (Class C)	95
Alabama currency	95
Atchison 4's	87½
Atchison adj. 4's	59
Canada Southern 2's	100
C. & N. P. 1st 7's	129
Chesapeake & Ohio 6's	117¾
C. H. & D. 4½'s—offered	104½
Denver & R. G. 1st's	108
Denver & R. G. 4's	91½
East Tennessee 1st's	118
Erie general 4's	70
F. W. & D. 1st's, L.	67
General Electric 5's	100
G. H. & S. A. 6's	102
G. H. & S. A. 7's	104
H. & T. Central 6's	110
H. & T. Central con. 6's	103
Iowa C. 1st's	97½
Louisiana new consols, 4's	97½
L. & N. Uni. 4's	89
Missouri 6's	100
M. K. T. 2d's	60
M. K. T. 4's	85½
New York Central 1st's	115
New Jersey Central 5's	114½
North Carolina 6's	127½
North Carolina 4's	100
Northern Pacific 1st	113
Northern Pacific 3's	68¾
Northern Pacific 4's	93¾
S. Y. C. & St. L. 4's	101
Norfolk and Western 6's	120
Northwestern consols	141
Northwestern deben. 5's	110
Oregon Navigation 1st	114
Oregon Navigation 4's	93
O. S. Line 6's, L.	130
O. S. Line 5's, L.	109
O. Improvement 1st's, L.	106
O. Improvement 5's, L.	90
Pacific 6's of '95	103
Reading 4's	80½
R. G. W. 1st's	51½
St. L. & I. M. consol 5's	87½
St. L. & S. F. general 6's	116
St. Paul consols	140
St. P. C. & P. 1st's	118
St. Paul C. & P. 5's	114½
Southern Railway 5's	89½
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	54
Tennessee new settlement 3's	84
Texas Pacific L. G. 1st's	99
Texas Pacific registered 2's	31
U. P., Denver and Gulf 1st's	53½
Wabash 1st 5's	107½
Wabash 2d's	77½
West Shore 4's	106
Virginia Centuries	98
Virginia deferred	3
Norfolk and Ohio 6's	72½
Norfolk and Western consol 6's	75½
Norfolk and Western prof stock	45½

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

RICHMOND, April 7, 1898.

	Bid.	Asked.
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.		
United States 4' 1907	110	....
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's	102	...
North Carolina 6's	125	...
Virginia 3's (new)	....	75
Virginia Century	67½	67¾
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond city S's	130	....
*Richmond city 6's	112	...
Richmond city 6's	110	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta and Charlotte 1st 7's	118	...
Char., Col. & Aug. 2d 7's	....	110
Georgia, Southern & Florida 5's	100	101
Petersburg (class A) 6's	112	...
Petersburg (class B) 6's	112	...
Richmond and Mecklenburg 1st 6's	....	72
Southern Railway 1st 5's	88	...
Norfolk and Western 1st mort. con. 4 per cent	78¼	79
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	100	...
Norfolk and Western pref.	100	49½	47
Petersburg	100	115	...
R. & P. & P. C. & P. consol'd	70	80	...
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac	100	120	...
R., F. & P. div. coll'n	100	...	118
Richmond and Petersburg	100	117	...
Southern Railway, pref.	100	20¼	...
Georgia and Alabama, pref.		28	20½
Georgia and Alabama, com.		10	11
BANK STOCKS.			
Citizens Exchange	25	24½	25¼
City Bank	25	27¾	...
First National	100	103	...
Metropolitan	25	26	...
National Bank of Va.	100	...	103
Planters National Bank	100	250	...
Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company	20	33	...
Security	100	107½	...
State Bank of Virginia	100	138	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	115	118
Virginia Trust Company	100	...	110
Savings Bank of Richmond	25	37	40
INSURANCE COMPANIES.			
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	34½	34¾
Virginia State	25	25½	24½
MISCELLANEOUS.			
American Tobacco Company (preferred)	100	112½	...
American Tobacco Company (common)	50	102	103
Va.-Carolina Chemical pref.	100	...	109
Va.-Carolina Chemical com.	100	...	55

*Quotations are for bonds maturing in not less than ten years.

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., April 7, 1898.

Quotations: Wheat—Longberry, 99c. to $1.01; mixed, 98c., to $1.01; shortberry, 97c. to $1.01; No. 2 red, $1.01. Corn—White Virginia, bag lots, 36 1-2c.; No. 2 white, 36 1-2c.; No. 3 white, 36c.; No. 2 mixed, 35 1-2c.; No. 3 mixed, 35c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 30c.; No. 3 mixed, 29c. Rye—No. 2, 57 to 58c.

RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond, Va., April 7, 1898.

Private sales to-day were as follows: Wrappers, 4 hogsheads; fillers, 3 hogsheads; smokers, 1 hogshead; leaf (dark), 20 hogsheads; Burley, 1 hogshead; lugs, 8 hogsheads. Total number of hogsheads sold during the day, 37.

United States internal-revenue collections for the city of Richmond to-day were: Tobacco, $2,046.12; cigars and cigarettes, $3,191.70. Total, $5,237.82.

Sales of new dark loose leaf on the Richmond breaks to-day were as follows: Stonewall Warehouse sold 4,830 pounds—highest price, $11.75; Stonewall also had a sale over hogsheads by sample; Shoeroe Warehouse sold 15,190 pounds—highest price, $17.75; Crenshaw's Warehouse sold 6,490 pounds—highest price, $10.25. Total number of pounds sold during the day were 24,430—highest price, $17.75.

Stonewall Warehouse had a good sale of bright tobacco to-day.

Mr. Wat. Dunington, a prominent tobacconist of Farmville, Va., was a visitor to the Trade to-day.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Flour—Weakened by the farther decline in wheat; Minnesota patents, $5.10@$5.45; rye flour dull.

Cornmeal—Quiet.

Rye—Easy; No. 2, 58 1-2@58 3-4c.

Barley—Dull; barley malt quiet.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2, northern, $1.03 1-4; options weak and heavy all day, in response to lower cables, inspired crop news, and free liquidation. The export demand that developed late in the day affected considerably the May option, which closed 1-4c. net higher, all other months closing lower and 3-4@1c. below yesterday; No. 2 May closed $1.00 3-4; July closed 87.5-8c.

Corn—Spot weak; No. 2, 35 5-8c.; options opened weak and continued so all day, controlled by liquidation and the break in wheat; closed 1-2c. net lower; May closed 33 7-8c.; July closed 35c.

Oats—Spot dull; No. 2, 29 5-8c.; options quiet and weaker, with other departments closing 1-4c. lower; May closed 29 1-2c.

Beef—Firm.

Cut-Meats—Quiet.

Lard—Weak; western steamed, $5.47 1-2; May, $5.50 nominally; refined easy.

Pork—Dull.

Butter—Firm; western creamery, 17@22c.; do. factory, 12 1-2@16c.; Elgins, 22c.; imitation creamery, 14 1-2@18 1-2c.; State dairy, 15@20c.; do. creamery, 17@22c.

Cheese—Steady; large white, September, 7 1-2@7 3-4c.

Eggs—Firm; State and Pennsylvania, 10@10 1-2c.; western, fresh, 10c.; southern, 9 1-2@9 3-4c.

Potatoes—Steady; New York, $2.37 1-2@$2.50; sweets, $3@$4.50.

Cottonseed-Oil—Easy; prime crude, 19 1-2@20c.; do. yellow, 22@22 1-2c.

Petroleum—Dull.

Rosin—Steady.

Turpentine—Dull.

Molasses—Quiet.

Cabbage—Quiet; Florida, 75c.@$1.25; Charleston and Savannah, $1.25@$1.50.

Coffee—Options opened barely steady, with prices 5@10 points lower, under foreign selling, disappointing European news, liberal Brazilian receipts, easy spot market, and general lack of support. Later in the day further depressed by short selling and favorable news from Washington. Close quiet, with April unchanged, and other months 10 points lower; sales, 21,000 bags, including May, $5.65@$5.70; June, $5.65; spot Rio nominal; No. 7, invoice, $6.75; mild firm; Cordova, $8.75@$8.87 1-2; sales, 500 bags.

Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3 5-8c.; centrifugal (96-degree test), 4 1-8c.; refined firm.

NEW YORK DRY-GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The market for dry goods is uncertain to-day. The pleasant weather has resulted in some slight gain in the demand, chiefly with jobbers, but this is not, in any sense, a healthy improvement. Orders received are still for the smallest possible amounts in all lines of cotton goods. In print-cloths there is a very weak and a very dull market. Woollens in all grades, both in men's wear and dress-goods lines, are quiet and devoid of interest. Silks, linens, laces, and other lines of imported goods are quiet and without feature. In staple cottons the demand for brown goods is quiet. Print-cloth extras are obtainable at 2 cents, the price quoted in the Fall-River market. At Fall River there are no bids at that or any other figure. The odd-goods market is also quiet.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, April 7.—Flour—Dull and unchanged.

Wheat—Easy; spot and the month, 99 1-4@99 3-4c.; May, 99 1-2@99 3-4c.; steamer, No. 2 red, 95 1-2@95 3-4c.; southern wheat, by sample, 95c.@$1; do., on grade, 95 1-2@96 1-2c.

Corn—Easy; spot, the month, and May, 29@29 1-4c.; steamer mixed, 31 5-8@31 3-4c.; southern white corn, 36c. asked; do. yellow, 35 1-4c.

Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 30@31 1-2c.; No. 2 mixed, 29@30 1-2c.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 near by, 55 1-2@55c.; No. 2 western, 57 1-4c.

Hay—Firm; choice timothy, $12.50@13.

Grain Freights—Very dull; no demand; prices unchanged.

Sugar—Strong but quiet.

Butter—Firm and unchanged.

Eggs—Firm and unchanged.

Cheese—Steady and unchanged.

Lettuce—Per basket, $1.25@1.50.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 7.—A combination of favorable crop reports, weak cables, and an absence of important trading made a very dull and weak market in wheat to-day, July closing at a decline of about a cent. The close of the foreign exchanges until after the Easter holidays undoubtedly had some effect on the volume of trading done. Everything else on the floor was weak, partly through sympathy with wheat. Corn closed 1-2c. lower; oats, 1-8@1-4c. lower, and provisions 5@7 1-2c. lower.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
May	105⅝	105⅝	105	105¼
July	84⅛@85⅞	84⅞	83⅝	83⅞
Sep	76⅝@77	77	76	76⅝
Dec	77	77	76¼	76¾
CORN—No. 2.				
May	29¼@29⅝	29⅝	29	29⅛
July	30⅞	30⅞	30¼@30⅜	30⅛
Sep	31⅛@32	32	31⅛	31⅛
OATS—No. 2.				
May	25⅛	25⅛	25¼	25⅛
July	22¾	22¾	22⅝@23	23
MESS PORK—Per Bbl.				
May	$9.85	$9.85	$9.75	$9.82½
July	9.02½	9.05	9.00	9.00
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
May	$5.22½	$5.22½	$5.15	$5.17½
July	5.30	5.30	5.20	5.25
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
May	$5.17½	$5.17½	$5.15	$5.15
July	5.27½	5.27½	5.20	5.22½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour Steady. No. 2 yellow corn, 29 1-8c. No. 3 spring wheat, 94@98c.; No. 2 red, $1.02 3-4@$1.03 3-4. No. 2 corn, 29 1-8c. No. 2 oats, 25 3-8c.; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 29 1-2c.; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 25 3-4@28c. No. 2 barley, 29@45c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.19; new, $1.20. Prime timothy seed, $2.75. Mess pork, per barrel, $9.80@9.85. Lard, per 100 pounds, $5.15. Short rib sides (loose), 5½@5.30; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@$4.87 1-2; short clear sides (boxed), $5.25@$5.45. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.19 1-2. Sugar, cut-loaf, unchanged. Butter firm; creamery, 15@21c.; dairy, 13@18c. Cheese quiet at 8@8 1-4c. Eggs firm; fresh, 9 1-4c.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—Flour—Quiet.

Wheat—Spot quiet; track, 98@99c.; April, 98c.; May, $1.00 1-8 bid; July, 78 1-2c. asked; September, 74 1-4c. bid; No. 2 hard, cash, 99@99 1-2c.

Corn—Spot lower, but firm; No. 2, cash, 27 1-8c.; April, 27 1-8c.; May, 27@27 1-8c.; July, 28 1-8@28 1-4c.; September, 29 3-8c.

Oats—Spot strong; No. 2, cash, 25 1-4c.; track, 25c.; April, 25 1-4c.; May, 26 3-8c. bid; July, 22 3-4c.; September, 21 1-8c. bid; No. 2 white, 29@29 1-2c.

Bran—Strong; east track, sacked, 55c.

Butter—Firm; creamery, 15@21c.; dairy, 10@15c.

Eggs—Firm at 8 3-4c.

Whiskey—$1.20.

Pork—Steady; standard mess, jobbing, $9.87 1-2.

Lard—Lower; prime steamed, $5; choice, $5.07 1-2.

Bacon (boxed)—Shoulders, $5.37 1-2@5.50; extra short clear, $5.77 1-2; ribs, $6; shorts, $6.12 1-2.

Dry-Salted Meats (boxed)—Shoulders, $4.75@4.87 1-2; extra short clear, $5.25; ribs, $5.37 1-2; shorts, $5.50.

CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, April 7.—Flour—Dull.

Wheat—Quiet; No. 2 red, 94c.

Corn—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 31 1-2c.

Oats—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 27 3-4@28c.

Rye—Steady; No. 2, 52c.

Lard—Easier at $5.05.

Bulk Meats—Firm at $5.30.

Bacon—Firm at $6.

Whiskey—$1.20.

Butter—Steady.

Sugar—Firm.

Eggs—Active at 8c.

Cheese—Steady.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, April 7.—4 P. M.—Closing Cotton—Spot in fair demand; prices hardening; American middling, 3 7-8d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 9,200 American; receipts, 1,000 bales, including 700 American.

Futures opened quiet, with a good demand, and closed steady; American middling, low middling clause, April, 3 24-64d., sellers; April and May, 3 24-64d., sellers; May and June, 3 24-64d., buyers; June and July, 3 24-64@3 25-64d., sellers; July and August, 3 21-64@3 25-64d., buyers; August and September, 3 24-64d., buyers; September and October, 3 22-64d., sellers; October and November, 3 22-64d., value; November and December, 3 21-64@3 22-64d., sellers; December and January, 3 21-64@3 22-64d., sellers; January and February, 3 21-64@3 22-64d., sellers.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Cotton quiet; middling, 6 3-16c.; net receipts, 209 bales; gross, 1,192 bales; exports—to Great Britain, 1,999 bales; to the Continent, 1,591 bales; forwarded, 62 bales; sales, 310 bales—all spinners; stock, 196,828 bales.

Totals to-day: Net receipts, 7,365 bales; exports—to Great Britain, 7,602 bales; to the Continent, 5,199 bales; stock, 702,389 bales.

Consolidated: Net receipts, 68,703 bales; exports—to Great Britain, 45,352 bales; to France, 12,248 bales; to the Continent, 57,-735 bales.

Totals since September 1st: Net receipts, 7,968,614 bales; exports—to Great Britain, 2,950,283 bales; to France, 758,909 bales; to the Continent, 2,552,484 bales.

Cotton futures opened steady; sales, 2,700 bales; April, $5.95; May, 5.99; June, $6.01; July, $6.05; August, $6.07; September, $6.01; October, $6.02; November, $6.01; December, $6.06; January, $6.07.

Futures closed very dull; sales, 21,800 bales; April, $5.95; May, $5.96; June, $5.99; July, $6.03; August, $6.05; September, $5.92; October, $6.02; November, $6.01; December, $6.05; January, $6.07.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 6 3-16c.; middling Gulf, 6 7-16c.; sales, 210 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, April 7.—Cotton futures steady, but dull; sales, 11,500 bales; April, $5.58 bid; May, $5.61@$5.62; June, $5.63@$5.65; July and August, $