NET CHANGES WERE SMALL.

But Advances in Stock Prices Outnumbered the Declines.

BOND DEALINGS WERE LARGER,

Owing to Easing of the Tension in the Monetary Situation—Demand for Good Issues Became More Urgent—Market Closed Weak.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The net changes in prices were generally trifling to-day, with advances, however, outnumbering declines. London bought about 15,000 shares, and there was rather a cheerful tone to the early trading. Six months' money was offered at 3¾ on railroad stocks, and at 4 on mixed collateral, and sterling exchange was steady at unchanged quotations. The crop advices noted some improvements, and as a consequence the grangers were strong for a time, but on realizing left off with irregular changes. Many of the specialties, after early strength, became weak, and among those which receded below yesterday's prices were Glucose, Sugar, Continental Tobacco, National Steel, American Smelting and International Silver. Denver and Rio Grande and Mexican Central were helped by the rise in silver. Pennsylvania rose 2 points net on gossip of an impending stock privilege, the character of which was not divulged, and New York Central sympathetically gained nearly a point. Union Pacific and Norfolk and Western were strong spots among the railways. Anaconda Mining held more than half of a six-point rise on renewed talk of the rumored copper deal. Brooklyn Transit rose over 3 points on manipulation, with accompanying rumors. Advices that the certificates of the Manhattan Oil Company, the property of People's Gas, would be distributed to the stockholders of the latter concern, lifted People's Gas a handsome fraction. The coalers became very weak in the final trading, Lackawanna dropping 3½ on the rumors of impending labor difficulties, which the officials of the Lackawanna pronounced exaggerated. The break in the coalers induced liquidation elsewhere, and the market closed weak and active.

Coincident with the easier tension in the monetary situation, dealings in bonds became larger, and there is a more urgent demand for good issues. Total sales, $4,175,000. United States 3's coupon declined ¼ and the old 4's coupon ¼ in the bid price. The new 4's coupon advanced ⅛.

The total sales of stocks were 745,100 shares, including Atchison preferred, 24,275; Burlington, 6,674; Denver and Rio Grande, 1,970; do. preferred, 10,515; Louisville and Nashville, 10,140; Manhattan, 6,150; Mexican Central, 46,265; Reading first preferred, 9,900; New York Central, 6,570; Norfolk and Western, 10,205; Northern Pacific, 8,847; do. preferred, 6,948; Rock Island, 5,610; St. Paul, 30,705; Southern railway preferred, 9,275; American Steel and Wire, 7,285; International Paper, 6,480; Federal Steel, 8,780; Peoples' Gas, 32,500; Brooklyn Transit, 91,500; Continental Tobacco, 22,548; Silver Certificates, 50,000; Sugar, 39,840.

MONEY ON EXCHANGE.—Money on call steady at 3½@4½ per cent.; last loan at 4½ per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and at $4.85@4.85¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.86 and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.84¾. Silver certificates, 62@62½; bar silver, 61; Mexican dollars, 48¼. Government bonds irregular; State bonds inactive; railroad bonds strong.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Closing Stocks.

Atchison	20¼
Atchison pfd	61⅛
Baltimore and Ohio	72
Canada Pacific	97¾
Canada Southern	57⅞
Central Pacific	51⅛
Ches. and Ohio	27½
Chi. and Alton	168
Chi., B. and Q.	143⅞
Chi. and E. Ill.	76
Chi. and E. Ill. pfd	122
Chi. G. W.	15¼
Chi., Ind. and L.	11½
Chi., Ind. and L. pfd	46½
Chi. and G. W.	161¼
Chi. and N. W. pfd	185
C., C., C. and St. L.	61½
C., C., C. and St. L. pfd	97
Del. and Hudson	121¼
Del., L. and W.	168½
Den. and Rio G.	24⅛
Den. and Rio G. pfd	78⅝
Erie (new)	13
Erie (new) 1st pfd	37
Fort Wayne	184
Great Northern	191
Hocking Valley	11¼
Illinois Central	117¼
Lake Erie and W.	17
Lake Erie and W. pfd	69
Lake Shore	200
Louis. and Nash.	68¼
Manhattan L.	122⅞
Met. Street Ry.	251⅛
Michigan Central	113
Minn. and St. L.	58½
Minn. and St. L. 1st pfd	100¼
Mo. Pacific	50¼
Mobile and Ohio	47
Mo., K. and T.	12¾
Mo., K. and T. pfd	38¼
N. J. Central	119¼
N. Y. Central	140¼
N. Y., Chi. and St. L.	13¾
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd	66
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 2d pfd	32½
Nor. West	21⅛
N. and W. pfd	64¼
North American Co.	11½
No. Pacific	52½
No. Pacific pfd	79⅜
Ontario and W.	27¼
Ore. R. and Nav.	49
Ore. Short Line	41¾
Pacific Coast 1st pfd	85
Pacific Coast 2d pfd	58
Pittsburg	184
Reading	22¼
Reading 1st pfd	64¾
Rio Grande and W.	38
Rio Grande and W. pfd	78½
Rock Island	116¾
St. Louis and S. F.	11¼
St. Louis and S. F. 1st pfd	71
St. Louis and S. F. 2d pfd	38⅜
St. Louis and S. W.	11
St. Louis and S. W. pfd	28¾
St. Paul	128¾
St. Paul pfd	169
St. P. and Om.	95½
St. P. and Om. pfd	170
Southern Pacific	32¼
Southern Ry.	12⅛
Southern Ry. pfd	54⅛
Texas and Pacific	22¾
Union Pacific	46⅝
Union Pacific pfd	79⅝
U. P., D. and G.	12
Wabash	8¼
Wabash pfd	23⅝
Wheel. and L. E.	13½
Wheel. and L. E. pfd	34¼
EXPRESS COMPANIES.	
Adams Express	112
American Express	140
United States	54
Wells-Fargo	125
MISCELLANEOUS.	
A. Cot. Oil	37⅞
A. Cot. Oil pfd	93½
American Spirits	14
American Spirits pfd	37½
American Tobacco	220
American Tobacco pfd	145
Consolidated Gas	200
Com. Cable Co.	180
Col. F. and Iron	51½
Col. F. and Iron pfd	108
General Electric	119⅜
Haw. Com'l Co.	105
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	125¼
International Paper	55
International Paper pfd	83
La Clede Gas	54½
Lead	34¼
Lead pfd	113¼
Nat. Lin. Oil	4
Pacific Mail	52
People's Gas	127⅞
Pullman Palace	160½
Silver Certificates	62
Standard Rope and Twine	10⅛
Sugar	162⅜
Sugar pfd	116¼
Tenn. C. and Iron	63⅜
U. S. Leather	6½
U. S. Leather pfd	73½
U. S. Rubber	52½
U. S. Rubber pfd	115½
Western Union	92
Amer. Steel and Wire	67
Amer. Steel and Wire pfd	98¼
Federal Steel	67⅝
Federal Steel pfd	85⅞
Continental Tobacco	60⅛
Continental Tobacco pfd	91
Colorado Southern	6⅞
Colorado Southern 1st pfd	50½
Colorado Southern 2d pfd	20½
Pacific Coast	40
Standard Oil	486

BONDS.

United States 2ds, reg	100
United States 3's, reg	108
United States 3's, coup	108⅝
United States new 4's, reg	129
United States new 4's, coup	130¼
United States old 4's, reg	112½
United States old 4's, coupon	113¼
United States 5's, reg	111⅝
United States 5's, coup	113⅛
District of Columbia 3.65's	117
Alabama (Class A)	110
Alabama (Class B)	110
Alabama (Class C)	100
Alabama Currency	100
Atchison general 4's	101¼
Atchison adjustment 4's	83⅛
Canada Southern 2ds	111
Ches. and Ohio 4½'s	95
Ches. and Ohio 5's	118
Chicago and N. W. consol 7's	143½
Chicago and N. W. S. F. Deb. 5's	123
Chicago Terminal 4's	100½
D. and R. G. 1st	108⅝
Den. and Rio Grande 4's	102
East Tenn., Va. and Ga. 1sts	105½
Erie General 4's	72½
Fort Worth and Den. City 1st	86
General Electric 5's	115
Galveston, H. and S. A. 6's	112⅝
Galveston, H. and S. A. 2ds	111½
Houston and Texas Central 5's	112
Houston and Texas Cen. Con. 6's	112
Iowa Central 1sts	110
Kansas City, P. and G. 1sts	67⅞
Louisiana new consol 4's	110
Louis. and Nash. Unified 4's	98⅛
Mo., Kansas and Texas 2ds	68⅛
Mo., Kansas and Texas 4's	94⅜
New York Central 1sts	115
New Jersey Central general 5's	119¼
North Carolina 6's	127
North Carolina 4's	104
Northern Pacific 1sts	120
Northern Pacific 3's	68
Northern Pacific 4's	103⅞
N. Y., Chicago and St. L. 4's	106½
N. and W. consol 4's	94⅞
Norfolk and Western general 6's	130
Oregon Navigation 1sts	112
Oregon Navigation 4's	103¼
Oregon Short Line 6's	131½
Oregon Short Line consol 5's	111⅞
Reading general 4's	89
Rio Grande and Western 1sts	97½
St. Louis and I. M. Con. 5's	110¾
St. Louis and San Fran. Gen. 6's	124¼
St. Paul consols	168⅞
St. Paul, Chi. and Pacific 1sts	122½
St. Paul, Chi. and Pacific 5's	132⅞
Southern Ry. 5's	109⅝
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	90
Tenn. new settlement 3's	97
Texas and Pacific 1sts	114½
Texas and Pacific 2ds	55½
Union Pacific 4's	105⅞
Union Pa., Denver and Gulf 1sts	90
Wabash 1sts	117½
Wabash 2ds	98⅛
West Shore 4's	114
Wisconsin Central 1sts	69⅞
Virginia Centuries	84
Virginia deferred	8⅜
Mobile and Ohio 4's	87½
Central of Ga. 5's	98⅞
Central of Ga. 1st Ind.	43½
Central of Ga. 2d Ind.	13½
Colorado Southern 4's	87

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., April 26, 1899.

SALES.—7,000 Virginia Centuries (B. C.) at 84½; 100 shares Virginia-Carolina Chemical common (B. C.) at 76½; 9 shares do. at 76; 10 shares do. at 76½; 25 shares do. at 76½.

	Par	Bid.	Asked.
GOV. SECURITIES.			
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907		112	...
U. S. 3's, R. and C., 1925		108	109
STATE SECURITIES.			
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910		107	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919		132	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932		88¾	89¾
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.		84⅛	84½
CITY SECURITIES.			
Manchester City 5's, 1931		104½	108
Rich. City 8's, R., 1904-1910		135	...
Rich. City 6's, R., 1904-1910.*		118	...
Rich. City 5's, R., 1920-1922		115	...
Rich. City 4's, R., 1920-1929		107	...
RAILROAD BONDS.			
A. and C. 1st 7's, R., 1907		120	...
A. and C. gu. in. 6's, R., 1900		109	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, 1945		109	110
Pet. Class A 5's, R. C., 1926		115	120
Pet. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926		121½	123
Rich. and Meck. 1st 6's, 1921		82	86
Southern Ry. 1st 5's, 1994		109	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914		115	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's		105	106
Ga. and Ala. consols		100	102
Rich. Traction 5's, 1925		106	
N. and W. 1st M. Con. 4 p. c.		94	95
Norfolk Street Ry. 1st 5's		109	
RAILROAD STOCKS.		Bid.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	121	...
Ches. and Ohio	100	28	...
North Carolina	100	150	...
N. and W. pfd	100	68¾	69
Atlantic C. L. of Va.—A		135	...
Atlantic C. L. of Va.—B		123	
R. and P. and R., F. and P. Connection	70	110	
R., F. and P. com	100	140	...
R., F. and P. Div. Obli	100	137½	140
R., F. and P. 6 p. c. guar	100	160	...
R., F. and P. 7 p. c. guar	100	175	...
Southern Ry. pfd	100	54	55
Southern Ry. com	100	12	13
Ga. and Ala. pfd		69	70
Ga. and Ala. com		34	35
Ga. So. and Fla. 1st pfd		93	94
Norfolk Street Ry. Co.		55	56
BANK STOCKS.			
Citizens Exchange	25	28	29
City	25	30	31½
First National	100	170	...
Merchants National	100	211	...
Metropolitan	25	24	25
National Bank of Va.	100	104½	...
Planters National	100	270	...
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	49	...
Security	100	110	115
State Bank of Va.	100	148	150
Union Bank of Richmond	50	125	...
Virginia Trust Co.	100	114	...
Sav. Bank of Richmond	25		41
Rich. T. and S. Dep. Co., new		121½	125
INS. COMPANIES.			
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	46½	...
Virginia State	25	30½	33
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd	100	143	150
Amer. Tob. Co. com	50	224	...
Old Dominion S. S. Co.	100	98	...
Sloss I. S. Co. 1st bonds		103½	...
Sloss I. S. Co. 2d mort		74	77
Sloss I. S. Co. stock	100	60	...
West End L. and Imp. Co.	25	23	25
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd	100	116	117
Va.-Caro. Chem. com	100	76⅝	76¾

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

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., April 26, 1899.

WHEAT—		
Longberry	70	@78
Mixed	70	@78
Shortberry	70	@78
No. 2 red		78
CORN—		
White, Va. bag lots	43	@44
No. 2 white	43	@43½
No. 3 white	42	@42½
No. 2 mixed	41	@
No. 3 mixed	39½	@40
OATS—		
No. 2 mixed	32½	@
No. 3 mixed	31½	@32
Winter seed	35	@
RYE		@60

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., April 26.—PEANUTS—Farmers' stock—Fancy, 3¼c. pound; strictly prime, 3c. pound; prime, 2½@2⅝c. pound; common, none offered. Spanish—Shelled, 90c. per bushel. Tone of market firm, offerings very light.

COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 26.—COTTON—The cotton market opened steady in tone, with prices 1 point lower to higher. During the first few minutes more or less irregularity prevailed, owing to conflicting rumors regarding the reception of some 30,000 May notices which had been put in circulation by certain houses with the intention, it was understood, of depressing the market. Developments soon demonstrated that these tenders were being rapidly gathered in by the crowd, and, as a natural result, the houses sending out the notices made a scramble to recover as many as possible. This demand sent May up 8 points in short order, with the rest of the list following suit, although less rapidly and on a smaller scale. By midday the market had settled into the old run, and for the rest of the session ruled generally quiet, with room traders in control. Prices hovered within a point or two of the top notch on scattered demand from shorts, together with light new buying, which drifted in from Wall street. The bear element, while satisfied with crop and weather news, were made uneasy by persistent rumors of a contemplated squeeze of October shorts and by estimates for much smaller receipts at the larger interior towns and ports. At the close the market was steady, with prices 4 to 7 points higher.

COTTON—Futures opened steady: April, 5.56; May, 5.68; June, 5.73; July, 5.80; August, 5.84; September, 5.86; October, 5.89; November, 5.91; December, 5.94; January, 5.98; February, 6.00; March, 6.03.

Futures closed steady: April, 5.75; May, 5.75; June, 5.79; July, 5.80; August, 5.87; September, 5.88; October, 5.92; November, 5.94; December, 5.97; January, 6.01; February, 6.04; March, 6.07.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands, 6¼; do. gulf, 6⅜; sales 220 bales.

COTTON—Steady; middling, 6¼; net receipts, 309 bales; gross, 3,026 bales; sales, 220 bales; stock, 163,427 bales; exports to Great Britain, 6,823 bales; to the Continent, 100 bales; to France, 10 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 1,353 bales; exports to Great Britain, 7,915 bales; to France, 10 bales; to the Continent, 1,800 bales; stock, 788,415 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 42,338 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,823 bales; to France, 22 bales; to the Continent, 168,628 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 7,824,642 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,209,988 bales; to France, 697,801 bales; to the Continent, 2,436,352 bales.

NEW ORLEANS April 26.—COTTON—Futures steady; April nominal; May, 5.54 @5.55; June, 5.62@5.64; July, 5.65@5.66; August, 5.63@5.64; September, 5.64@5.66; October, 5.65@5.66; November, 5.67@5.69; December, 5.70@5.72; January, 5.73@5.75; February, 5.76@5.78.

LIVERPOOL, April 6.—4 P. M.—COTTON—Spot in fair demand; prices steady; American middling, 3⅜d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 9,500 American. Receipts, 10,000 bales, including 100 American.

Futures opened quiet, with a poor demand, and closed firm at the advance; American middling, l. m. c., April, 3 20-64 @3 21-64, sellers; April and May, 3 20-64@3 21-64, sellers; May and June, 3 20-64@3 21-64, sellers; June and July, 3 21-64, sellers; July and August, 3 21-64, sellers; August and September, 3 21-64, sellers; September and October, 3 20-64@3 21-64, sellers; October and November, 3 20-64@3 21-64; November and December, 3 18-64@3 19-64, buyers; December and January, 3 19-64, buyers; January and February, 3 19-64@3 20-64, sellers; February and March, 3 20-64, buyers.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 26.—FLOUR—Moderately active and barely steady.

RYE FLOUR—Steady.
CORNMEAL—Steady.
RYE—Steady.
BARLEY—Quiet.
BARLEY MALT—Dull.

WHEAT—Spot steady; No. 2 red, 80c. Options opened easy, and during the early session ruled weak under bearish weather news and short selling. A big export trade in the afternoon, however, alarmed short interests and prompted a quick rally. The close was firm at ¼c. advance to ⅛c. net decline, latter on May; May closed at 77c.; July, 76⅝c.; September, 75⅝c.

CORN—Spot firm; No. 2, 41⅝@41¾c. Options opened easy with wheat, and recovered on big clearances and export demand, easing off finally under realizing. Closed barely steady at ⅛c. decline; May closed at 39⅝c.; July closed at 39½c.

OATS—Spot steady; No. 2, 32½c. Options quiet all day.

BEEF—Steady.
CUT MEATS—Firm.
LARD—Easy; western steamed, $5.50 asked. Refined steady.
PORK—Dull.
BUTTER—Steady.
CHEESE—Old weak; new steady.
EGGS—Steady.
COTTON-SEED OIL—Dull.
PETROLEUM—Dull.
ROSIN—Firm.
TURPENTINE—Firm at 44½@45c.
RICE—Firm.
POTATOES—Steady.
CABBAGE—Steady.

COFFEE—Options opened steady, unchanged to 5 points lowed, ruled spasmodically active, with switching the most prominent feature; fluctuations narrow; trading largely professional, and news of all descriptions too conflicting to inspire aggressiveness on the part of either bulls or bears; spot quiet but steady, closed steady, unchanged to 5 points lower; sales, 26,000 bags, including May, $4.95@5; July, 5.15. Spot coffee—Rio steady; mild steady.

SUGAR—Raw firm. Refined firm.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 26.—A heavy export trade and drought complaints to-day caused a rally of 1c. in wheat from the lowest point of an early decline. July closed a shade higher and May ½c. lower. Corn and oats both closed a shade lower. Pork, lard and ribs each declined ½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
May	71⅞	71¾	70½	71¼
July	72	72⅜	71½	72¼
Sept.	71¼	71⅝	70⅝	71⅝
CORN—No. 2.				
May	34	34¼	33⅞	34¼
July	34⅝	35	34⅝	34⅞
Sept.	35¼	35½	35¼	35⅜
OATS—No. 2.				
May	26⅝	26⅝	26¼	26½
July	24⅛	24¼	24	24
Sept.	22	22⅛	21⅞	22
MESS PORK—Bbl.				
May	$9.00	$9.02½	$8.97½	$9.00
July	9.17½	9.17½	9.15	9.17½
Sept.	9.35	9.35	9.35	9.35
LARD—100 lbs.				
May	5.15	5.17½	5.15	5.17½
July	5.27½	5.32½	5.27½	5.32½
Sept.	5.40	5.45	5.35	5.45
SHORT RIBS—100 lbs.				
May	4.70	4.72½	4.70	4.70
July	4.85	4.85	4.82½	4.85
Sept.	4.95	4.97½	4.95	4.97½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet and easy. No. 2 spring wheat, 70@71c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 66@71c.; No. 2 red, 75@76c. No. 2 corn, 34⅝c.; No. 2 yellow corn, 34⅝c. No. 2 oats, 27c.; No. 2 white, 30@30½c.; No. 3 white, 29@30c. No. 2 rye, 58½c. No. 2 barley, 30@45c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.17¼; new, $1.21¼. Prime timothy seed, $2.35. Mess pork per barrel, $9@9.05. Lard, per 100 pounds, $5.15@5.17½. Short rib sides (loose), $4.50@4.85; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@4.75; short clear sides (boxed), $4.95@5.05. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.26. Sugars unchanged. Butter quiet; creamery, 12@16c.; dairy, 11@14c. Eggs steady; fresh, 12½c. Cheese weak; creams, 11½@12½c.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, April 26.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged.

WHEAT—Easier; spot, 75⅜@75½c.; month, May and June, 75⅜@76c.; July, 75c. asked. Southern, by sample, 70@77c.

CORN—Steady; spot, 39@39⅛c.; month, 38⅞@39¼c.; May, 38⅞@38⅞c.; June, 38¼c. Southern white corn, 41½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 35@35½c.; No. 2 mixed, 32½@33c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 nearby, 60½@61c.; No. 2 western, 64½c.

SUGAR—Strong and unchanged.
BUTTER—Steady and unchanged.
EGGS—Firm and unchanged.
CHEESE—Quiet and unchanged.
LETTUCE—$1@1.25 per bushel box.
WHISKY—Unchanged.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The tone of the market for cotton goods is decidedly firm. Heavy brown sheetings and drills are in good request for export at full prices. Home demand moderate. Light-weight gray goods have sold freely to-day at firm prices, with slight advances in a few irregular makes. Print cloths are firm but inactive. Bleached cottons in moderate demand at firm prices. Prints quiet but very firm, and advances in some lines probable. Denims are scarce and very firm. Woollen and worsted dress goods are quiet but steady. Men's wear worsted very firm. Woollens quiet. Silks quiet but tone good.

NAVAL STORES.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 26.—TURPENTINE—Market firm at 41c.; sales, none.

ROSIN—Steady and unchanged; sales, none.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 26.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 40½@41c.; receipts, 28 casks.

ROSIN—Firm at 95c.@$1; receipts, 70 barrels.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Steady at $1.35 @2.40; receipts, 19 barrels.

TAR—Firm at $1.05; receipts, 23 barrels.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., April 26, 1899.

Sales of new dark loose tobacco on the Richmond (Va.) breaks to-day: Shockoe Warehouse sold 3,945 pounds; Crenshaw's Warehouse sold 2,215 pounds. Total, 6,160 pounds.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day: Cutters, 2 hogsheads; scrap (bright), 11; leaf (dark), 11; lugs (dark), 27. Total, 51 hogsheads.

The tobacco inspector reports to-day: Inspections—Bright, 8 hogsheads; dark, 22 hogsheads and 2 tierces. Reinspections—Bright, 55 hogsheads; dark, 10 hogsheads.

Stonewall, Seabrook's, Old Dominion, Shockoe, Alleghany, Davenport's, Shelburne's, Vaughan's, Thornton's, Williams & Rehling's and Planters tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 87 packages; deliveries, 147 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobacco for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $10,133.68; plug tobacco, $6,843. Total, $16,976.68.

Mr. Thomas Galaher, of Belfast and London, one of the largest tobacco manufacturers in Great Britain, is in Richmond, Va., to-day. Mr. Galaher expects to be in Richmond about a week, when he will probably go West on a tour of inspection of the tobacco markets in that quarter.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKET.

Richmond, Va., April 27, 1899.

APPLES	$ 4.00	@	$ 5.00
LEMONS	3.00	@	3.50
ORANGES—			
California	2.50	@	3.50
Florida	3.50	@	4.00
BEANS—			
Choice navy, per bushel	1.00	@	1.10
Mixed navy, per bushel	.90	@	1.00
Colored, per bushel	.90	@	1.00
PEAS—Black-eye, choice	1.25	@	1.35
Black-eye, fair to good	1.00	@	1.10
CABBAGE—			
Per crate	2.00	@	2.25
Per sugar barrel	2.50	@	2.75
POTATOES—			
No. 1, per barrel	2.00	@	2.25
PEANUTS—			
Per pound, farmers	3½	@	4
CHERRIES—			
Pitted, new, dry order	8	@	9
RASPBERRIES—			
Per pound	8	@	9
BLACKBERRIES—			
Per pound	3	@	3½
WHORTLEBERRIES—			
Per pound	6	@	7
DRIED APPLES—			
Fancy	6	@	7
Bright sliced	5	@	6
Bright quarters	4	@	5
BROOM-CORN—			
Per pound	4	@	5
ONIONS—Per barrel	2.25	@	2.50
POULTRY—In good active demand; receipts light.			
HENS—Live, per pound	9	@	9½
Dressed	10	@	11
DUCKS—			
Live, per pound	10	@	11
CHICKENS—Per pound	9	@	10
Roosters, old, per piece	20	@	
LIVE TURKEYS—Per lb.	8	@	9
Dressed	11	@	14
HOGS—Dressed, pound	4	@	4½
CALVES—Veal, pound	4	@	4½
EGGS—			
Crates, nearby fresh laid	11	@	12
Crates, fresh	11	@	12
Boxes and barrels	10½	@	11
BUTTER—			
Choice yellow, dairy	17	@	18
Choice store-packed	12	@	14
Good to prime	11	@	12
Common to fair	8	@	10
FEATHERS—			
Live geese, per lb	35	@	40
CELERY	25	@	35
CHICKEN COOPS	50	@	75
LARD—Country prime	7	@	7½
EGG CRATES		@	50
BUTTER BUCKETS—			
Per dozen	2.75	@	3.00
BACON—			
Hams, small, smoked, new	11	@	12½
Hams, large, smoked, new	9	@	10
Sides, smoked, new	6	@	7
Shoulders, smoked, new	7	@	7½
WOOL—			
Tub-washed, bright	23	@	25
Unwashed, free of burs	17	@	18
Tub-washed, No. 2	22	@	23
ROOTS—			
Ginseng roots, per lb	2.75	@	3.00
Virginia snake, per lb		@	15
Sassafras bark	4	@	5
Blood root	2	@	3
May apple		@	2½
Golden seal	35	@	40
Burdock	2	@	2½
Yellow dock	2	@	2½
Flax seed	90	@	1.00
True pink root	10	@	13
TALLOW—Per pound	3½	@	3¾
BEESWAX—Per pound	23	@	24
HIDES—			
Good wet salted, per lb	7½	@	7½
Good wet calf skins, each	50	@	60
Good dry flint hides, per pound	12½	@	
Lamb skins, each	25	@	50
Dry calf skins, per lb	6½	@	8
Goat skins, each	15	@	20
Green	6	@	6¼
SEEDS—			
Timothy	1.25	@	1.40
Clover, wholesale, per bushel	3.50	@	4.25
German	3.00	@	3.25
Orchard grass	1.00	@	1.20
Millet, German	1.10	@	1.25
HAY—			
Choice clover and timothy mixed, per car load	9.00	@	9.50
Choice timothy, per car load	11.00	@	11.50
No. 1 timothy	10.50	@	11.00
No. 2 timothy	9.50	@	10.00
STRAW	6.00	@	6.50
SHUCKS	7.50	@	8.00
GRAIN.			
WHEAT—			
Longberry	70	@	78
Mixed	70	@	78
Shortberry	70	@	78
No. 2 red	78	@	
CORN—			
No. 2 white	43	@	43½
No. 3 white	42	@	42
White, Va. bag lots	43	@	44
No. 2 mixed		@	41
No. 3 mixed		@	40
RYE	60	@	
OATS—			
No. 3 mixed	31½	@	32
Winter seed	33	@	
No. 2 mixed	32½	@	
SHIPSTUFF	15.50	@	16.00
BRAN	15.00	@	15.50

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Thursday, April 27, 1899.

U. S. Grant born, 1822.

Sun rises	5:20 A. M.
Sun sets	6:55 P. M.
Moon south	1:16 A. M.
First high water	5:15 A. M.
Second high water	5:13 P. M.

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, April 26, 1899.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Appomattox, London.
Schooner F. T. Lupton, New London.
Schooner Henry Wytheington, Norfolk.

SAILED.

Schooner Lizzie Babcock, Salem.
Schooner W. S. Jordan, Boston.
Steamer Santuit, Boston.
Steamer City of Everett, Boston.
Steamer, Aragon, Providence.
Steamer Joseph Oteria, Jr., Port Maria.

PORT OF WEST POINT, April 26, 1899.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.
Steamship Elm City, Haynes, Mattaponi river landings, passengers and general cargo.

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New Virginia Railroad.

BRISTOL, TENN., April 24.—At the last March session of the Grayson county court, held at Independence, Va., an order was entered to the effect that the citizens of that county vote on the 25th of next May on the proposition of subscribing $150,000 to the capital stock of the Atlanta and Western railroad, which is to be constructed from Independence to Bristol, the subscription to be valid provided the line is built to this city within four years from the time of the election. It will be remembered that a citizens' meeting was held at Independence several months ago by the most prominent and wealthiest citizens of Grayson and Smythe counties, and it was unanimously decided that every effort possible be made for the construction of this line.

Since the action of the Grayson people that a subscription be voted on, a similar proposition will be asked of the people of Bristol, so that something definite may be determined in the matter.

At present no railroad line penetrates the boundary of Grayson county, which is considered one of the wealthiest mineral and timber sections of Southwest Virginia. It is thought, should this road be built, that it come via Mountain City, Tenn., and Damascus, Va., coming partly over the line which was mapped out and in many places graded for the Atlantic and Danville railroad during the boom days of 1890.—Knoxville Sentinel.

GROVE'S QUININE LIVER PILLS are better than other liver pills because the quinine stimulates and assists the liver medicine to remove biliousness and malaria. That is all. Price 10 and 25 cents.

SEE THE GREAT "TRILBY," 12

HISTORIC HOME OF GEORGE MASON

Interesting Description of Gunston Hall.

RIVAL OF MOUNT VERNON.

Manor of the Author of the Bill of Rights, and Meeting Place of Washington, Jefferson, Adams and Other Great Patriots.

"If Madison was, as John Adams said, the father of the Constitution, to Mason we are certainly indebted for the features which embrace sovereignty for the States and protect the inalienable rights of their inhabitants." So says Fitzhugh Lee of one of this country's great men of the past, George Mason. Mason was undoubtedly one of the greatest of those Virginians who took so conspicuous a part in the early history of this republic. That his name is not more familiarly prominent is because he was a man who, though at the time of perhaps unequaled talents as a statesman, and intensely in earnest in his efforts for the public weal, sought not publicity for his deed nor office for himself, though the latter was more than once offered. He was, for instance, elected one of the first two United States Senators from Virginia, but he declined the honor. George Mason was earnest in his endeavors to establish a true republic on this continent, more anxious than any one of whom history tells to make its principles democratic in the truest sense of the word. It is beyond doubt that his opinions as expressed in his famous bill of rights strongly influenced Jefferson when the latter framed the Declaration of Independence, and his signature was later withheld from the Constitution of the United States because, in his opinion, that instrument did not completely guard the safety of the States.

George Mason built in 1755 a mansion that is, after Mont Vernon, the most historically interesting in Fairfax county, Va.—after Mount Vernon and Monticello, indeed, perhaps the most historically interesting in Virginia. Fortunately Gunston Hall has met a better fate than the majority of this State's historic landmarks, which deserve to be preserved with sacred care as mountains of America's history, and, when hastening to decay, what remained of the original estate of 7,000 acres was purchased by a St. Louis merchant, Mr. Joseph Specht, who, with a reverence and regard for the tradition of the place and with the wealth to restore it to all its primal dignity and beauty, has made it to-day one of the most beautiful of the homes that grace the banks of the Potomac. Its broad acres of finely cultivated farm land do credit to the enterprise of its owner during the short time it has been in his possession, and the extensive lawns about the mansion exhibit a most artistic example of landscape gardening altogether in keeping with the dignity and age of the house, and the trees, shrubs, and thick box hedges adorning the sward that fortunately have been left standing since planted by Col. Mason.

GUNSTON HALL RESTORED.

Whatever was in condition to remain as it was originally stands to-day, voicing in more eloquent language than could be conveyed by the most fervent patriot the spirit of the past. Thus the long, worn flights of sandstone steps leading to the porched entrances on north and south fronts of the mansion, the most beautiful external features of the house, have weathered the hundred and fifty years that they have stood and are now battered and hollow with age and long use.

The principal entrance to the house is on the north side, and is made through a large, square porch, solidly built of brick and stone, with a peaked roof, supported in front by four Doric pillars of stone. The front door is crowded by a lunette of glass that corresponds to the arched front of the porch, and on either side are narrow hall windows. The southern portico is a smaller, octagonal structure, quite classic in its grace of form. In this picturesque retreat, doubtless, Col. Mason was wont to entertain his distinguished guests of a summer evening, when they might rest and be refreshed by the cool breezes arising from the quiet waters of Pohick Bay, as it was then called, now Gunston Cove, not many yards below. This porch is said to have been a favorite spot, too, for a quiet tournament at draughts between Washington and Mason.

The mansion is built of bricks that were imported from Scotland, and its walls, interior as well as external, have the thickness of three of these very large blocks. It is surmounted by a long, sweeping Virginia roof, that gives slope to the walls of the chambers in the second story, and necessitates the quaint dormer windows that are an added feature of attraction. Four immense brick chimneys rear themselves high above the roof, from the four corners of which they spring, though they have their bases in the immense cellar that runs beneath the entire house. The present owner of the mansion has built a tall observation tower on the top of the house, sacrificing somewhat the architectural harmony of the structure to the pleasure of enjoying the inimitable landscape spread before one for miles below.

INTERIOR OF THE WALL.

Within, the house has the admirable features of the best of the Southern mansions of its time, the wide hall running across the entire breadth of the house, broken only by a fine broad staircase ascending at one side, and in this case relieved half way down its length of wall on either side by a carved panel reaching from floor to cornice, where they form themselves into two graceful arches, that meet in the centre of the ceiling in a drop in the form of a huge acorn carved in wood. From both sides of the hall enter the chief rooms of the house, the doors curiously low in proportion to the height of the walls, with deep paneled casements, and opening into four apartments of fine dimensions.

On the right of the main entrance is what is known as the Jefferson room, as here there is reason to believe that Thomas Jefferson consulted and talked over with his friends and settled many a question that is embodied in this country's laws, giving more than reasonable indorsement to the popular belief that in this room the American Declaration of Independence was practically framed.

The room is at present modernly furnished with the elegant appointments of a lady's boudoir, being the sitting-room of the daughter of the house, but its most prominent ornament withal is a fine bust of the third President of the United States.

On the south side, and communicating with this room, is the handsome apartment in the mansion, and is the room in which all affairs of especial ceremony took place. It has been alluded to as the White parlor, taking the name from the ivory white woodwork in which it is finished. This woodwork is of particular note, being of a character in its elaborate hand carving and solidity that is not often reproduced to-day. However, the wood fitments of Gunston Hall are one of its notable features. George Mason brought over from England several workmen to erect and decorate the woodwork throughout his house, and they spent three years in accomplishing the task. The two doors in the White Parlor, its two large windows, and the square open fireplace are all incased in broad fluted square pilasters with frontals decorated after the chaste Doric designs. The heavy paneled doors are also finished with classic scrolls. A Northern architect visiting Gunston Hall not long since—fortunately it was was not before the arrest of its decay—offered $3,000 for the woodwork of this room, which he had an ardent desire to transfer to a colonial mansion he was erecting near Boston.

HISTORIC WHITE PARLOR.

The plainer, though very handsome woodwork in wainscoting, cornices, doors, mantel, and window frames and otherwise finishing on the mansion's stately dining-room, situated across the hall from the White Parlor, has an appropriate finish of oak graining. As one sits at the characteristically hospitable board of Gunston Hall thought irresistibly travels back to former guests who have been regaled in this room. They present an imposing array—the great Washington himself frequently came over from Mount Vernon, six miles away, but the adjoining estate; Jefferson was a very frequent Gunston Hall guest; Adams, Madison, Monroe, who was a political pupil of Mason; Randolph, and Henry, visited it; also the gallant Lafayette; in fact, all the notable statesmen of the time were guests at one time or another of this "Solon and the Cato, the lawgiver and the stern patriot of the age" in which he lived.

The library, occupying the north front of the house, is, again, handsomely finished in dark carved wood, with deep glass-inclosed alcoves in the east wall filled with shelving for books.

Ascending the beautiful stairway, with its graceful, hand-turned, mahogany balustrade, one is surprised to find on turning to the second flight, over the broad hallway at its head, a series of graceful arches supoprted by square fluted pillars. A broad hallway runs from end to end on this floor between the rows of chambers on either side, each with its individual feature of quaintness and beauty. The room occupied by Lafayette when he visited Gunston Hall is that situated in the southwest corner, with two small gable windows gathering all the possible warmth from the late sun, and its dormer window commanding a fine view of the sloping lawns below and the peaceful Potomac in the near distance.

TOMBS OF THE MASONS.

In the family burying ground at Gunston lies the body of George Mason. Until something over two years ago the grave was entirely unmarked, but a rough-hewn conical shaft of gray granite has since been placed at his head by some of his descendants. The granite bears on a smoothened square of its surface the simple inscription:

GEORGE MASON,
AUTHOR OF THE
BILL OF RIGHTS AND
FIRST CONSTITUTION
OF VIRGINIA.
1726-1792.

At the foot of the grave stands a small iron cross, termed a "marker," placed there by the Sons of the American Revolution, who visited the grave on a patriotic pilgrimage two years ago.

In close proximity to her husband's resting place stands the large square tomb of the wife of the famous author of the bill of rights. According to her epitaph she was "Ann Mason, daughter of William Ellbeck, of Charles county, Md., Merchant," and "she departed this life on the 9th day of March, 1773, in the thirty-ninth year of her age."

Once she was all that charms and sweetens life,
The tender mother, daughter, friend, and wife,
Once she was all that makes mankind adore;
Now view this marble and be vain no more.

It is elsewhere recorded that Mrs. Mason was remarkable for great beauty of person, intelligence, and sweet mildness of disposition. She was married at the age of sixteen, and she died the mother of nine children, who lived to maturity.

George Mason, who built Gunston Hall and occupied it for nearly half a century, was the fifth in descent from the George Mason, who sought refuge in Virginia from the hate of Cromwell in 1651. The first George Mason was a member of the British Parliament in the time of Charles I, and afterward commanded a regiment under Charles II, and fought at the battle of Worcester. He fled to Virginia in disguise, and almost a century before Washington's birthday he founded the Mason family in the Old Dominion.

Mason, of Gunston Hall, left a will which is recorded among the many interesting documents of this character at Fairfax Court House. George Washington was one of its executors, and it contains the following characteristic expressions of his sentiments:

I recommend to my sons, from my experience in life, to prefer the happiness of independence or private station to the troubles and vexation of public business, but if their own inclination or the necessity of the times shall engage them in public affairs, I charge them, on a father's blessing, never to let the motives of private interest or ambition induce them to betray, nor the terrors of poverty or disgrace, or the fear of danger or death, deter them from asserting the liberty of their country, and endeavoring to transmit to posterity those sacred rights to which they themselves were born.

One of George Mason's greatest admirers is Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, and it is not long since, in a public speech, he suggested that loyal Americans would do well to erect a monument at the Capital to a man whose life was so worthy an example of true and genuine Americanism and of love of country.—Washington Post.

A Much Married Hungarian.

WILKESBARRE, April 25.—Adam Peshta, a Hungarian violinist, who travels all over the country, said on the witness stand to-day that he had twenty wives. He was on trial for abduction, Michael Stroka being prosecutor.

The evidence of Stroka and his wife showed that Peshta became enamored of their young daughter, who was barely fourteen years old. He asked for her hand in marriage, and the parents told him to wait until she became older.

He played several wild Hungarian gypsy fantasies, and the little girl fell in love with him and one day she came to Wilkesbarre on an errand and failed to return home.

It was found that Peshta met her and eloped with her, taking her to New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City and Hazleton. They lived as man and wife.

At Hazleton the parents found the girl and took her home, and then learned that Peshta had a wife in Austria and another in New York city. Then they had Peshta arrested.

When Peshta went to jail the girl threatened to commit suicide if she was not allowed to live with him.

Peshta testified in his own behalf and acknowledged all that the Commonwealth claimed.

When asked if it was true he was married, he smilingly answered "Yes." When asked how many wives he had he boasted, "Me have about twenty wives. Me have a wife everywhere."

The girl lovingly watched Peshta all the time she was in court.

The jury found him guilty without leaving the box and Judge Lynch sentenced him to pay $100 fine and the costs of prosecution and go to the Eastern penitentiary for six years at hard labor, "where you can't get a wife for a while," added the judge.—Philadelphia Press.

A Murderer's Tragic End.

ELLSWORTH, KAN., April 26.—An unusual tragedy in which an Italian and his wife and a male boarder were actors, has taken place at Kanapolis. The husband and the boarder are dead and the woman is seriously wounded. No names are given.

It seems that the woman recognized the boarder as an escaped murderer, wanted in Italy for killing a man, woman and child. He had been tracked to South America and only recently came to Kanapolis.

Learning that his identity had become known and fearing he would be given up, he determined to kill the family. He started in by shotting the husband and wife. The wounds did not prove serious, and the boarder slashed the man about the face and neck with a razor, cutting off one ear, almost severing the nose and cutting two gashes in his throat. The woman, who was not seriously wounded, gave the alarm.

In escaping, the murderer plunged headlong into a shaft at the salt works. The body bounded from side to side until it reached the bottom, 1,000 feet below. The head and hands were torn from the body by force. The remains were gathered up in a sack and brought to the top, where they were taken in charge by the coroner.

RICHMOND, VA.

The Great Lot of Black Wool Crepons Selling at 29c a Yard

are still on sale. The impression that goods advertised here one day are not sold for the same price the next day is a wrong one, and we want to correct it. Goods advertised here are sold at same price until entire quantity is sold. If you have not yet seen these 75c Crepons selling for 29c, let us send you samples.

Look for Shoe Sensation Saturday.

Please return to us to-day all of our checks No. 5, of goods bought here yesterday, no matter in what department you bought the goods, and receive for each check so returned six Clear Glass Table Tumblers. You get with every purchase a duplicate of our salespeople's checks. These are the checks we want.

Look for Shoe Sensation Saturday.

18c. SHEET MUSIC, only the latest publications, such as "Hello, Ma Baby," "Just as the Sun Went Down," "The Moth and the Flame," "I Guess I'll Have to Telegraph Ma Baby," in fact anything you may wish in the latest vocal or instrumental music; regular price 50c.; our price **18c.** per copy. A young lady in attendance, who will play or sing any copy you may wish to hear.

Look for Shoe Sensation Saturday.

19c. In the Millinery Department a Sailor Hat for ladies, Solid White or Solid Black, whichever you desire, any size, with band, all for **19c.**

Look for Shoe Sensation Saturday.

99c. Have you a girl 3 to 8 years? If so, bring her to-day or to-morrow, for we have a tableful of Mull Hats, the kind that sold for $2 and $3 and $4. It is only a small lot, and we fear we'll have more calls than we can supply at the special price of **99c.** Colors of cream, pink, blue, red, etc.

Look for Shoe Sensation Saturday.

35c. Beautiful White Enamelled Fire Screens, full size, with brass knobs and trimmings. You can fill with any kind of material; or, if you bring your material, we will fill it for **10c.** The Screens are **35c.**

Look for Shoe Sensation Saturday.

CHICAGO SINGER SEWING MACHINES **$9.99.**
ROYAL SEWING MACHINES, **$14.98.**
EXCELSIOR SEWING MACHINES, **$18.95.**
FOLDING TABLE SEWING MACHINES **$19.95.**
All have solid oak stands; all with five-years' written guarantee; all with attachments; all on ten-day's trial. The Excelsior is as good as any machine made, no matter how high priced.

Look for Shoe Sensation Saturday.

$19.85 Here's truly a Grand Furniture Bargain in a Bed-room Suit. They are made of a very highly-polished golden oak. The bed is extra high, with elaborate carvings; the washstand and dresser are entire swell front. We give you choice of two styles of dressers, one cheval style, being very large, with hat-box; the other is a square dresser, with extra large top. These suits are the very latest patterns from Grand Rapids. The suits were manufactured to be a special sale article at $25. We outdo all precedents by offering them for **$19.85.** Chairs to match, **75c.**; Rockers, **$1.35**; Towel Rack, **50c.**; Centre Table, **88c.**

FLOOR LINENS, ALL WIDTHS.
FLOOR LINENS, FOR HALLS.
FLOOR LINENS, FOR ROOMS.
FLOOR LINENS, FOR STAIRS.
The New Fleur de Lys pattern of Floor Linen. Estimates given for covering, or the goods sold by the yard.

Look for Shoe Sensation Saturday.

88c. New, here's a great opportunity for men among the 1,100 pairs of Men's Pants we closed out from a manufacturer, and there are styles which did not take as readily as others. These five styles of Worsted Cheviot Pants as good as you ever see in any store for a two-dollar bill, are to be sold out at **88c.** a pair. Try for your size.

12½c.—A 40-yard-roll of Matting, that weighs 75 to 80 punds, is a pretty heavy matting and should give a great deal of wear. Added to the Mattings here are a couple of hundred rolls of Perfect Mattings of above weight. Price, **12½c.**

Arms Landed at Luzon.

VICTORIA, April 25.—Advices from the Orient say that on April 1st a writ was served on W. F. Silvester, of the firm of Louis Spitzel & Company, of Tien-Tsin, by an officer of the United States Consulate on board the steamer Caledonia.

The writ was in a suit filed with the United States Consular Court March 17th, by E. B. Drew, who seeks to recover from Silvester the sum of 15,000 taels alleged to be due under a bond given Drew which provided that the United States steamer Abbey should convey direct to Singapore five hundred Mauser rifles and a half million cartridges.

On the strength of the bond a customs permit was granted. The shipment was not landed at Singapore, but on the Island of Luzon. The steamer Abbey was afterward seized and at present is in the hands of the United States naval authorities.

Bought by the American.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 25.—The American Tobacco Company has purchased the cut tobacco factory of Frank and Charles Hernsheim in this city. It had already purchased the Irby factory and will probably purchase another factory to-morrow, which will give it complete control of the tobacco business of New Orleans.