

The Atlantic Coast Line to Put on Five New Wind-Burners.

The Atlantic Coast Line system, says the *News and Courier*, has a reputation for fast running and in order to sustain it the management of the road always keeps its equipment supplied with every modern improvement. When the heavy Winter travel begins the Coast Line will put into service five new engines which it has recently ordered. It is believed that these engines are the fastest railroad locomotives in the South and that they will be able to carry the Coast Line patrons from the North to the South at the rate of sixty miles an hour without trouble. The new engines were ordered in November and are ready for delivery to the company.

**History of the Pen.**

The first pens were made of bronze, steel and iron, sharp pointed like a bodkin. These were used in producing hieroglyphics on stone in Assyria and other eastern countries. Then came the camel's-hair pencil for painting on the skins of animals, and next the stylus of bone, ivory or metal. But parchment and papyrus became known, and the reed pen was invented. Time rolled on, and it was discovered that quill was better than the reed, and it came into universal use, and continued so until far into the present century. Silver, horn, tortoise shell and glass came along only to give way to steel, until in 1820 a gross of the latter pens was made in Birmingham and sold at wholesale for thirty-six dollars. The best gold pens are made in the United States.—Hardware.

**Cotton and Peanuts.**

Below are Norfolk prices of cotton and peanuts for yesterday, as furnished by Cobb Bros. & Co., Commission Merchants of Norfolk:

<b>COTTON.</b>	
Good Middling	5 9-16
Middling	5 1/2
Low Middling	4 18-16
Good Ordinary	4 3/8
Tone—steady.	
<b>PEANUTS.</b>	
Prime	1 1/2
Extra Prime	2 1/2
Fancy	2 3/4
Spanish	2 1/2
Tone—Dull.	
Eggs—steady at 20 to 21 cts.	
B. E. Peas—best, 1.75 to 2.00 per bag.	
“ “ damaged, 1.00 to 1.75.	
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