New Orleans Daily Crescent.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 25, 1866.

New Orleans Money Market.

CRESCENT OFFICE, No. 94 CARONDELET STREET, Tuesday Evening, April 24, 1866.

The movement in Gold has disclosed a slight improvement to-day, and rates at the close of business were about ¼ ⅌ cent. higher than the quotations of yesterday. Offerings of Gold continued very light, however, and the demand throughout was of the same restricted character as for several days past, as may be inferred from the subjoined statement, which embraces the whole of the actual operations of the day, viz: $3000, $7000 and $10,000 at 125¼; $1500, $2500, $4000, $5000, $6000, $7500, $8500, $12,000 and $20,000 at 125¾; and $2000 at 126. There have been no sales worthy of special notice reported in Silver; and we now quote Gold at 125¼@126, and Silver at 118@120 for American coin, and 125½@126½ for Mexican dollars.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE—The tendency in the movement in foreign bills, all day, has been to higher figures, but no quotable advance transpired, and the principal operations were effected within the range of yesterday's quotations. The market was fairly supplied throughout, and with a moderate demand from the opening to the close. The following sales were effected at the rates affixed, viz: £2500 and £3000 at 134¾, £10,000 at 133@133¼, £7500 at 133⅝@133¾, £1000 at 134¼, £6000 at 133½, £1500 at 133¼, £2000 at 133, £1000 at 132½, £14,000, bought by one bank, at the same figure; £2200, bill of lading steering at a price to be determined on the delivery of the bills, and £1000 for gold at 107. Sales of Francs included 40,000f. and 100,000f. at 4.22½f. and 50,000f. at 4.20f. The ruling quotations this evening, are, for Bank Sterling 135@136, Clear Bills 134¾@135¼, Bill of Lading Bills 131¼@132½. Bank Francs 4.21¼@4.18¾f., and outdoor Francs 4.27½@4.22½.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE—The feature in Domestic Exchange is a steady tendency to still higher figures. Offerings of private and commercial are of too insignificant a character to admit of heavy operations, and the demand at back shows a marked improvement in the inquiry for remittance purposes. A fair if not heavy business transpired to-day in checks over the counter, and the purchases by banks and bankers included the following amounts, viz: $11,000, $20,000, $80,000 and $125,000 sight at par, $10,000, $25,000 and $25,000 at 1 ⅌ cent. premium, $110,000 taken by one bank at par @ ¼ ⅌ cent. premium, and $30,000, $50,000 and $75,000 at ½ per cent. premium; $50,000 sixty days' sight at ¼, $20,000 do. at 1 7-16, and $20,000 do. at 1¼ ⅌ cent. discount. We now quote New York sight at ¼ ⅌ cent. premium at bank, and par @ ¼ ⅌ cent. premium out of doors, five to ten days' sight ¼@½ ⅌ cent. discount, fifteen to twenty days' ¾@1, thirty days' ⅞@1, and sixty days sight at 1@1¼ ⅌ cent. discount.

STOCKS AND BONDS—There is still noticeable a very active demand for all of the latter classes of securities, which are in only limited supply, while the lower grades, which are freely offered, attract no special attention. Sales since our last have been rather heavy, and disclose a still further improvement in most of the descriptions, which have been transferred, as will be seen on reference to the annexed particulars of the movement for the day, viz: 53 and 192 shares Bank of New Orleans at 40¾; 100 do. at 41; 100 and 136 at 41¼, and 100 do. at 42; 25 do. City Railroad at 200; 60 do. Crescent City Bank at 42, 30 Union do. at 51, 40 do. Citizens' Bank at 149, 50 do. at 150, 25 Merchants' Bank at 30 and 57 do. at the same figure, 50 do. Bank of New Orleans at 41¾, 10 do. Bank of America at 130 and 100 do. at 135, 40 do. Louisiana State Bank at 22½, 25 do. Crescent City Bank at 41½, $15,000 City Bonds to the Opelousas Railroad Company, in three lots, at 78, 78½ and 80, and $15,000 Opelousas Railroad Construction Bonds at 80½. Seven Coupons included.

UNCURRENT BANK NOTES—The tendency of the movement in the issues of the banks in liquidation is still rapidly upward, and operations in them are restricted only by the limited character of the supply. Sales to-day included $1000, $4500 and $6800, Louisiana State Bank, at 87c., and $10,000 Bank of Louisiana at 67½c. ⅌ dollar.

Commercial Intelligence.

CRESCENT OFFICE, No. 94 CARONDELET STREET, Tuesday Evening, April 24, 1866.

COTTON—The movement in the leading staple continues partially and almost wholly suspended. Orders at hand, and not previously countermanded, are at limits considerably under the views of factors, and we know but very few brokers who have invested with discretionary powers, although it may prove advantageous to buyers to extend the latter and make them general, if not universal. The only sales reported to-day were 700 bales, divided among six buyers, and the market closed, as it had opened, inactive, at previous quotations, which we repeat merely for reference, viz: Ordinary 30@32c., good ordinary 33@34c; low middling 35@37; and middling 40c. A dispatch in the evening papers report a heavy decline in rates at Liverpool, on the 11th inst., but it had no effect whatever as the limited movement for the day had already been effected and no sales of any grade transpired during the latter part of the day.

STATEMENT OF COTTON.

Stock on hand Sept. 1st, 1865—bales	81,239
Received since yesterday	1,563
Received previously	675,623—676,286
	757,519
Exported since yesterday	3,453
Exported previously	595,541—598,994
Stock on hand and on shipboard not cleared	158,192

The exports include 3387 bales for Havre and 66 bales for New York.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES—The receipts since yesterday comprise 30 hhds. of Sugar. No Molasses. The demand for good Sugar is fair, but the supply is limited, while there is but very little demand for common. The sales to-day comprise 10 hhds. of clarified Sugar at 15½@16½c. ⅌ lb., and 20 hhds. of common on private terms. The supply of Molasses both domestic and foreign is ample, but with very little inquiry. We have only one sale to report to-day, 50 bbls. prime fermenting Louisiana at 70c. ⅌ gallon. A cargo of 80 tierces and 100 bbls. Cuba Molasses is retailing at 47½, 48 and 50c. ⅌ gallon.

WESTERN PRODUCE—The better grades of Flour are firm with an upward tendency. Corn is in demand, and Oats are firm, with an advance of 3c. ⅌ bushel. Bran and Hay are firm at previous prices. Provisions are firm and in very fair demand. For the full particulars, we refer our readers to the subjoined statement of the transactions for the day, viz:

FLOUR—The better grades exhibit increased firmness to-day, while there is but little inquiry for the lower classes. The sales to-day amount to 11100 bbls, in the following order, viz: 50 extra at $13 50; 250 do. at $12 75; 100 do. at $11 50; 100 and 100 do its merits at $9; 300 superfine at $8 50, and 200 do. at $8 ⅌ bbl.

CORN—The market to-day is very firm with an upward tendency. We noticed sales of 3000 sacks as follows: 500 white at $1 10, 500 do. at $1 08, 140 at $1 07, 130 and 330 yellow at $1 05, and 1600 white at $1 05.

OATS—The supply is small and prices are firm, with a still further advance of 3c. ⅌ bushel. The sales to-day amount to 1235 sacks as follows: 100 at 58c., 400 and 470 at 57c., 145 at 55c., and 200 inferior at 54c. ⅌ bushel.

BRAN AND HAY—We have no sales to quote to-day, but they still remain firm at yesterday's prices, viz: Bran at $1 25 ⅌ 100 lbs., and Hay $28 00 and $30 for prime Western ⅌ ton.

BACON—The market is firm, but operations consist mostly of jobbing lots. We notice sales to-day of 75 casks Clear Sides, in lots, at 15c., 16½ and 16¾ ⅌ lb.

PORK—The market to-day has been quite active, at firmer prices. The sales amount to 600 bbls., in the following ⅌⅌-rent lots: 50 and 150 bbls. Mess at $28 00; 300 at $28 25@$28 50, and 100 at $28 ⅌ bbl.

GREEN MEATS—There have been sales to-day of 25,000 lbs. shoulders in boxes at 10¾c. ⅌ lb.

LARD—Is quiet but firm. 100 kegs were sold to-day at 21c. ⅌ lb. We still quote prime in tierces at 18@19c. ⅌ lb.

BUTTER—To-day some 50 firkins of good western sold at 35@37½c. ⅌ lb. Good northern and Goshen is scarce and in much request at 60@65c. ⅌ lb.

BAGGING—Is active and firm. We continue to quote it in rolls at 25@25½c. and in bales at 27c. per yard.

SALT—The demand for this article is good, and prices are firm. Yesterday and to-day two cargoes of 5000 bushels each were sold on private terms. Retail lots are quoted at $1 75@1 80c. ⅌ bushel.

WHISKY—The market is dull, and we lose of no sales except in retail parcels. We continue to quote good Western rectified at $2 20@2 25 ⅌ gallon.

FREIGHTS—There is a moderate demand at firm prices to foreign ports, while that for domestic continues very dull. We republish previous quotations: Cotton by steam to New York is taken at ¾c., and to Boston at ⅞c. ⅌ lb., and by sail to both of the above ports at ¾c. ⅌ lb. Cotton to Liverpool at ⅞d., and by sail at ¾d. Tobacco to Liverpool, by sail 1¼@1¾c. ⅌ lb. There is no Flour going forward to New York or to Boston, and we therefore omit quotations for that article, as they are only calculated to mislead parties interested.

FOREIGN CHARTERS—We have ascertained our commercial report this evening in order to give place in our columns to the subjoined monthly review of the English markets, which we copy from that very reliable publication, George Fraser, Son & Co.'s Manchester Prices Current, of March 31st:

MANCHESTER, Saturday, March 31, 1866.—The delivery which existed from market at the date of our last weekly circular was continued without abatement for the following three weeks, during which not only a large and increasing business was done, but there was also a steady and not inconsiderable rise in the values of all our leading staples, whether Yarns or Piece Goods. The demand was of the most general character, but supplemented, as usual when prices have an advancing tendency, by speculative operations, the effect of which was to accelerate the advance in quotations, and to push them up fictitiously high; and it was the same in the Liverpool Cotton market, which also was accidentally helped by the continuance of easterly winds and the consequent non-arrival of many due and overdue Cotton ships. So that the stock of Cotton there was reduced under these circumstances week by week, and the "trade," which in the previous two months had pursued the course of purchasing to only the extent of their requirements for actual consumption, were induced to deviate from this policy and to purchase largely in anticipation of their wants, their takings being during the first three weeks of the month about 40,000 bales in excess of what they could spin. No doubt these purchases were made chiefly to cover orders which they had accepted, but also the "trade" took alarm at the diminution which was taking place in the stock, and also at some indications, not since realized, of a rapid decline in the receipts of cotton in the American ports. The late accounts have tended to dispel these fears, and there seems to be a fair prospect of the larger estimates of the supply from America being fully realized. Thus in both the Liverpool Cotton market, and in ours also, prices were unduly stimulated, and were pushed to a higher point than there was any fair necessity for. At the date of our bi monthly circular a considerable rise had taken place in quotations, but it went much further during the next three or four days, for during these a feeling of speculative excitement existed, and operations were then made under the influence of that spirit.

But all this is again entirely changed. Buyers have began to take alarm at the large and unnecessary advance, and gradually and decidedly withdrew from the market. Simultaneously the overdue cotton ships began to arrive, and the Liverpool stock, which a fortnight ago was reduced to about 340,000 bales, has, by the large arrivals which have subsequently taken place, amounting to nearly 300,000 bales, and by the moderated purchases of spinners, again risen to 552,000 bales, with the prospect of its being gradually and steadily increased during the next two months up to some 700,000 bales. The stock in Liverpool at the same period last year was 580,000 bales, and it attained its maximum of about 605,000 bales within the following fortnight, after which it began rapidly to diminish. But at that time the stock held by the "trade" was reduced to a minimum. For three months their purchases had been on a most restricted scale, and very materially below the actual consumption, so that when the recovery took place from the panic then existing in our market, they were quite understocked, and compelled to purchase, not only to the extent of their consumption, but also in excess thereof, to stock the many mills which were being reopened, after standing for some years. It is otherwise now. The power of consumption is generally believed to have nearly attained its maximum until "hands" can gradually be found, and in this way more machinery be got to work. So that it is very unlikely that anything will occur during the next two or three months to prevent the gradual accumulation of the stock in Liverpool. The overpurchasing by spinners during the first three weeks of March—at one time a source of strength and cause of advance—may not unlikely be now found an additional cause of weakness to the staple, which will now have to bear the test of that most crucial of all tests—a large and augmenting stock.

The position of our own market is, however, as we have before had occasion to point out, inherently stronger than that of cotton. We are literally without stocks, and the amount is very large still, although decreasing, of orders in the hands of spinners and manufacturers for their future production. Nor are stocks heavy abroad. There seems to be a demand capable of taking off the whole of our present production, and of any increase likely to be made to it, if prices be moderate and if confidence be felt in their maintenance. For the time being the continental demand is somewhat checked by the fear of war betwixt Prussia and Austria, the imminence of which appears to be rather increasing, although hopes are still entertained that peace may be preserved. There is also an uneasy feeling arising out of the dimensions which Fenianism is assuming in America, unchecked apparently as yet by any steps taken by the government there to prevent that country from being made a basis for hostile operations against our British American provinces, or against this country. But the energetic action of the Canadian government and people may be trusted to prevent any serious complication there, and the collapse of Fenianism in Ireland as a power seems complete. So that probably little attention need be paid to the last source of uneasiness. In the meantime wages are advancing throughout Great Britain, and the consuming powers of the working classes are constantly on the increase. Also there is the favorable feature of cheaper money, the bank rate of discount having since our last been reduced to 6 per cent., and with the probability that it will before long be reduced to 5 per cent.

The quotations given in our present are higher than in our last circular by about ¼d. per lb. for Yarns, by 3d. to 6d. per piece for 6 Printers, 3d. to 4½d. per piece for Madapolams, 4½d. to 6d. per piece for 9-8 Printers, 3d. per piece for India and China Shirtings, 2d. to 3d. per piece for India Jaconets, up to 15 square; 1½d. to 3d. per piece for Mulls, 3d. for T Cloths, and 3d. to 9d. per piece for Longcloths—domestics remaining without change. But these quotations are to a great extent nominal, for they have scarcely been tested since the decline began.

Cattle Market.

JEFFERSON CITY, April 25, 1866.

Arrived yesterday—464 Texas Beeves, 33 Yearlings and 182 Sheep. Sold—37 Western Beeves, 149 Texas Beeves, 63 Yearlings, 84 Hogs, 204 Sheep, 112 Calves and 9 Milch Cows. Stock on sale—322 Western Beeves, 686 Texas Beeves, 1239 Hogs, 3811 Sheep, 62 Calves and 45 Milch Cows. We quote:

Western Beeves, choice, ⅌ lb net	— 14@ — 17
Western Beeves, 2d quality, ⅌ lb net	— 12@ — 14
Texas Beeves, choice, ⅌ head	55 00@ 60 00
Texas Cattle, 2d quality, ⅌ head	45 00@ 50 00
Texas Cattle, 3d quality, ⅌ head	15 00@ 20 00
Hogs, ⅌ lb gross	— 8@ — 11
Stock Hogs, ⅌ ⅌ gross	— 8@ — 10
Sheep, in lots, ⅌ head	3 —@ 4 —
Upcoda Sheep, ⅌ head	3 —@ 4 —
Dry Sheep, ⅌ head	3 —@ 5 50
Choice Sheep, ⅌ head	6 00@ 8 00
Milch Cows, choice, ⅌ head	100 00@150 00
Milch Cows, ⅌ head	70 00@ 80 00
Yearlings, ⅌ head	10 00@ 14 00
Calves, ⅌ head	7 00@ 12 00

The Mobile Cathedral.

The Mobile Register gives the following history of the cathedral of that city, which has remained incomplete for many years, but which it is now contemplated to finish in a style of architectural magnificence worthy of the original design:

The Mobile cathedral was founded by the late Bishop Portier, by whom the corner stone was laid in the year 1839. It was begun on the principle of making it an edifice worthy of its sacred uses—not a flimsy, temporary structure, but one that should endure for future generations. This principle has been steadily acted upon. The funds available for its erection have not been squandered in hurrying it to hasty completion, but have been devoted to carry out the original design; slowly and steadily building up its solid foundation and massive walls, until exhausted, when the work would be suspended until further means could be obtained.

Old residents of the city will remember this seemingly fitful but really steady and consistent progress by which the building was brought to its present state of advancement, between the years 1839 and 1850. On the 8th of December, 1850, it was consecrated by Bishop Reynolds, of Charleston, South Carolina, assisted by Bishop Portier, of the diocese of Mobile, and four other prelates.

Since its consecration, the improvements made on the building and grounds have consisted mainly in the stuccoing and painting of the exterior of the edifice, enclosing the square with an iron railing, and the construction of new windows since the great explosion of 1865, together with the completion of the altars and some other work on the interior—the cost of all which improvements (since 1850) has been about twenty thousand dollars. We are unable to state the entire expenditure upon the building since its foundation.

The original plan, drawn by the late William S. Aldrasan, Esq., contemplated the erection of two square towers—one at the northwestern, the other at the southeastern angle of the building—each to be surmounted by a dome and cross. This plan has been superseded by that of the Messrs. Foley, very independently described above.

Bishop Quinan's friends, at an early day, to support in the face of his decease, and to the well-known liberality of the people of Mobile, of every denomination, for the means of completing the cathedral according to the grand and imposing design of Messrs. Foley & Son. It will then be an edifice, of which not only worshippers of the same faith with Bienville and Chateaugue—founders of the city—but all the people of Mobile may be proud.

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A SNAP JUDGMENT.—A clergyman on one occasion received notice for announcing a parsimonious couple, and meeting them several months after in a social gathering, took up the baby and exclaimed: "I believe I have a mortgage on this child!" Baby's father, rather than have an explanation before the company, quietly handed over a $5 bill.

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