The New Orleans Crescent.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 7, 1868.

New Orleans Money Market.

CRESCENT OFFICE, NO. 96 CAMP STREET, Friday Evening, March 6, 1868.

There is no material alteration whatever to refer to under the above heading. Capital has been exceedingly abundant and constantly accumulating throughout the week. The banks and private lenders have manifested unwonted caution in the selection of securities, owing to the incertitude engendered by the revolutionary movements of the radical leaders at Washington and elsewhere. Choice paper has been in request throughout, and heavy investments have been made in Foreign Exchange; but most borrowers have restricted their pretensions, and whilst rates for the use of money have been nominally unchanged, the demand for accommodation has very generally abated both at bank and upon the street.

GOLD AND SILVER—Operations in Gold have disclosed fewer fluctuations during the past than any previous week of the season. Offerings have been ample throughout to meet all ordinary requirements, and with a generally active demand the daily movement would compare favorably with any former exhibit since the commencement of the present commercial year. The few alterations which have occurred in rates, however, are exclusively due to the variations in the New York market. The sales to-day comprised only the following amounts, viz: $4000, $5000, $5000, $10,000 and $15,000, at 141⅞; and $3000 and $5000, at 142. Sales of Silver since our last have been limited to driblets, and we now quote Gold at 141⅞@142; American Silver Coin at 134@136, and Mexican Dollars at 143@143½.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE—With very heavy daily purchases of Cotton for European account since the close of our last weekly review, the general offerings of Sterling and France have been proportionately augmented. The demand was for the most part commensurate with the supply, however, and although buyers generally discarded all but strictly A1 bills, a very liberal business has been transacted from day to day, nevertheless. We append particulars of the principal sales to-day, viz: £3000 Sterling at 108½ for Gold, £2000 do. at 108⅞ for Gold, £2300 commercial do. at 153 for currency, £1000 bank at 153½ for do., £15,000 do. at 152⅞@153½, £1200 sold by a bank at 154½, £1000 commercial at 152⅞, £2000 at 152⅞, £2000 at 152½, 20,000 bankers' Francs at 3.70f., 30,000 do. at 3.71½f., 40,000 commercial at 3.72½, 10,000 sight at 3.65f. and 8000 sixty days at 3.67½f.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE—The only noticeable variation of any kind that has transpired under the above heading since the close of our last weekly summary was a slight hardening of rates of commercial sight and short sight on New York. The market was but moderately supplied throughout, as purchases of Cotton for the North and East have been light from the opening to the close of the week. As no quotable variation has transpired, however, we still retain previous figures. We append the actual sales to-day, viz: $10,000, $20,000, $40,000 and $50,000 New York sight at ⅛ ⅌ cent. discount; $100,000 and $50,000 do. at 11-16 ⅌ cent. discount; $100,000 at 9-16@⅛ ⅌ cent. discount; and $30,000 do. at ¼ ⅌ cent. discount. The latter is an exceptional and not reliable quotation, and, as stated elsewhere, the market is decidedly firmer, with quotations ruling at ⅛ ⅌ cent. discount at bank and 9-16@11-16 and ⅛ ⅌ cent. discount out of doors for sight checks on the Northern cities.

UNCURRENT NOTES AND SECURITIES—As most of the retail dealers have abstained from purchases or sales of City Notes since our last, transactions for the day have been confined to a few outside operations. The feeling prevails, however, that the great scare is now over, and that rates hereafter must certainly improve, but of this we have to judge by the future, as no decided course has yet been adopted as to their intrinsic value. The operations since our last were $2000 and $5000 small City Notes at 15 ⅌ cent. discount; $2000, $5000 and $50,000 do. at 16 ⅌ cent. discount; $2000, $2000 and $5000 large do. at 16 ⅌ cent. discount; $2500 and $6000 at 18 ⅌ cent. discount; $2500 and $4000 at 19½@21 ⅌ cent. discount, and $5000 and $10,000 at 20 ⅌ cent. discount. There is an evident let up in the movement this evening, and City Notes have rallied to an unusual extent.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES.—We are indebted to the Western Union Telegraph line for copies of the following private dispatches received over that route to-day, viz:

New York, March 6—10 A. M.—Gold opens at 141½. 11 A. M.—Gold 141⅛. Sterling 109⅞@110⅛. 2:30 P. M.—Gold 141⅞. Cotton—demand fair; prices firm; sales to-day 2590 bales—middling 24½@25c.. Mobile 25½c., Orleans 25½@25⅝c.

Liverpool, March 6—11:15 A. M.—Cotton market quiet; estimated sales 10,000 bales; uplands 9⅞d., Orleans 10d. Sales of the week 77,000 bales; sales for export 13,000 bales; sales to speculators 12,000 bales. Stock on hand 427,000 bales, of which 186,000 are American. 1:20 P. M.—Cotton market quiet; sales 10,000 bales; quotations unchanged. Cotton afloat 230,000 bales, of which 112,000 are Americant 5 P. M.—Cotton market quiet; sales to-day 10,000 bales; uplands 9⅞d., Orleans 10d., uplands to arrive 9⅞@9¾d.

Commercial Intelligence.

CRESCENT OFFICE, NO. 96 CAMP STREET, Friday Evening, March 6, 1868.

The revolutionary proceedings at Washington continue to have an unfavorable effect upon general business, inasmuch as no one can foresee from day to day what may or may not be ordered in the future. The ukase of Gen. Grant restoring to place and power in the city parties who had shown themselves unfit to hold office, has destroyed all confidence in the city currency. The banks and private capitalists, although overburdened by the rapid accumulation of currency, scarcely know how to invest it, and have become unusually cautious in the selection of securities. A fair business has transpired in the leading staple during the week nevertheless, but it was almost wholly on foreign account and on the part of local speculators. The improvement in the navigation of the upper rivers has let loose large amounts of produce and provisions which have been received or are on the way to this port. Transactions in tobacco, sugar and molasses have been restricted for want of ample supplies. Breadstuffs have been in fair request at irregular figures and provisions have been quiet and steady throughout. Gold has been dealt in heavily at but slight alterations in rates. Foreign Exchange has changed hands in considerable amounts from day to day at gradually declining prices. Domestic Exchange has been quiet but steady throughout with a hardening tendency of rates towards the close, and quotations of loans and discounts have uniformly ruled as heretofore, 8 ⅌ cent. per annum, discount at bank, and 1@1½ ⅌ cent. discount per month out of doors for short gilt edged notes, and 10@12 ⅌ cent. per annum for long dated choice paper secured by strictly A1 city mortgage.

COTTON—A heavy and rapid upward movement in prices has been the most prominent feature of the Cotton market during the past week. With adverse advices from Liverpool and New York during the first three days holders persistently refused to make concessions, but when the former market advanced to an appreciative point factors became free sellers. By pursuing the above policy very handsome returns have been secured to planters, and we deem it but a simple act of justice to say that the factors of this city, as a body, deserve the very highest commendation for their judicious movements generally, but especially since the close of our last weekly review, as not a few of them, although in straitened circumstances themselves, have waived their individual interests to subserve the interests of their patrons. It is hardly necessary to add that the policy referred to has been the primary cause of the reaction in the European and Northern markets. To-day, however, there is some evidence of a let up on the part of buyers, but of this we shall speak more fully in our closing remarks. Subjoined is a brief summary of the daily operations, viz:

Saturday, Feb. 29.—The week and month close upon a very steady cotton market. At the opening of business to-day prices were reported easier, owing to continued unfavorable advices from Liverpool and New York, but as the day advanced factors assumed increased firmness, and the principal operations for the day, which aggregated 5000 bales, were effected at full previous figures, which we repeat as follows, viz: Ordinary 17½@18½c.; good ordinary 19½@20c.; low middling 20½c.@—; middling 21@21½c., and strict middling —@22c. The offering supply has indicated no improvement whatever either in quantity or quality to-day, and the latest advices from New York, announcing an advance in that market, came to hand at too late an hour to affect quotations here.

Monday, March 2.—The market opened this morning with unusual firmness and a steady upward tendency. The supply on sale was, if anything of a more restricted character than heretofore, and with but few exceptions the offerings were undesirable. Buyers came forward freely nevertheless, and despite the fact that the early telegrams indicated no improvement either at Liverpool or New York, several hundred bales soon changed hands at an irregular advance of ⅛@¼c. ⅌ lb. The afternoon dispatches disclosed a further decline in the Liverpool market, however, with increased dullness at New York, which caused buyers to lower their offering prices, and as the day advanced, rates fell off to the closing figures of Saturday. The sales for the day were 5300 bales, and the market closed steady at previous figures.

Tuesday, March 3.—To-day the market has been active and buoyant throughout. At the opening offerings were light, undesirable and held at advanced figures, but as the day advanced and buyers appeared willing to enhance their rates, fresh lists were brought forward and total sales of over 7500 bales were effected before the close of business, at ⅛c. ⅌ lb. improvement in all grades of the staple, and as most if not all of the sales for the day were effected under the early depressing advices from Liverpool and New York, the effect of the 5 P. M. telegram from the former quoting ⅛d. advance, must be awaited till to-morrow.

Wednesday, March 4.—To day the market has been so excited that we hardly know how to depict it. Offerings, as usual, were light at the opening and subsequently augmented. Advices from Liverpool and New York were of an encouraging character throughout, and despite the scrutiny to which foreign bills have been subjected, sales of 7200 bales were effected before the close of business at an average advance of 2⅛c. ⅌ lb. on yesterday's quotations, which latter disclosed a general improvement of ⅛c. on the ruling prices of Monday.

Thursday, March 5.—It is hardly necessary to state that the market opened stiff and buoyant this morning, or that the tendency of prices has been steadily upward until the close of business. The offering supply, although somewhat increased by the heavy advance in prices, has been, nevertheless, considerably restricted throughout, and the demand, which was active and general in the morning, materially abated under the increased pretensions of holders as the day advanced. Total sales of 5000 bales have been effected, nevertheless, and the market closed unsettled this evening.

Friday, March 6.—The unfavorable advices received from Liverpool and New York last night and this morning have considerably depressed the market to-day, and rates have fallen off fully 1c. ⅌ lb. Holders generally refused to accept offering figures, however, and as the closing dispatches indicated a favorable reaction, with an advance of ⅛c. ⅌ lb., the general movement may be set down at about ⅛c. ⅌ lb. decline upon yesterday's quotations. The total sales to-day amounted to only 2000 bales, and the market closed unsettled at the following figures, viz: Ordinary, 21@21½c.; Good Ordinary, 22@22½c.; Low Middling, at 23c.; Middling, at 24c.; and Strict Middling, at 25c. The total net receipts for the week have been 25,241 bales, against 21,900 bales last week, showing an increase of 3341 bales, and 23,136 receipts the week before. The actual sales footed up 32,000 bales, against 25,000 bales last week, and 38,800 bales the week before. The aggregate exports were 24,738 bales, against 32,859 bales last week, and 28,705 bales the week before, and the stock on hand and on shipboard not cleared this evening is 101,340 bales, against 99,028 bales last week, and 108,381 bales at the close of the previous week.

As an indication of the improvement in prices during the week, we herewith publish the ruling figures, February 28th, in parallel columns with the quotable rates this evening, as follows, viz:

	Feb. 29.	March 6.
Ordinary	17½@18½	20 @21½
Good Ordinary	19½@20	21½@22
Low Middling	22½@23	———
Middling	21 @21½	——@24
Strict Middling	22 @23	——@ 4½

The above discloses an average improvement in figures during the past week of about 2½c. ⅌ lb.

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT THIS PORT DURING PAST TWO WEEKS.

Feb. 29	5 460	Feb. 22	1,936
March 1	2,051	Feb. 23	4,157
March 2	2,440	Feb. 24	1,356
March 3	3,189	Feb. 25	1,878
March 4	7,511	Feb. 26	4,853
March 5	2,456	Feb. 27	3,796
March 6	3,951	Feb. 28	3,591
	27,059		23,507
Increase this week			3,543
	27,059		27,050

COTTON STATEMENT.

Stock on hand Sept 1, 1867		16,358
Received since yesterday	3,951	
Received previously	522,887	—526,838
		543,693
Exported since yesterday	2,162	
Exported previously	440,191	—442,353
Stock on hand and on shipboard this evening		101,340

The exports this evening include 1584 bales for Liverpool and 578 bales for Bremen.

TOBACCO—The market since our last has been quiet. Transactions have been restricted by light receipts and the inferior character of the majority of the stock on sale. The inquiry for shipment and for the trade is fair, and with better offerings quite a brisk business could be done. Holders are firm in their views and prices remain firm at our quotations, which we repeat, viz:

LIGHT.

Refused	5 @ 5¼
Common Leaf	7 @ 8
Medium Leaf	9 @11
Good Leaf	11 @14
Fine Leaf	15 @16
Choice selections	17 @20

HEAVY.

Refused	5½@ 7
Common Leaf	5 @ 9
Medium Leaf	10 @12
Good Leaf	14 @15
Fine Leaf	16 @17
Choice selections	18 @22

TOBACCO STATEMENT.

Stock on hand Sept 1, 1867—hhds		3,191
Received since the 12th inst	40	
Received previously	3,820	3,860
		7,051
Exported since the 12th inst	17	
Exported previously	3,772	
Broken up for baling and city consumption	463	4,252
Stock on hand and on shipboard—hhds		2,799

SUGAR—The market opened on Saturday with a fair inquiry and moderate receipts for the season, which were readily sold at full figures. Monday the market was more quiet, there being less demand, but prices were unchanged. Tuesday the receipts were only 36 hhds. The market was dull and prices declined. Wednesday and Thursday the receipts were more liberal, but the market was quiet and prices were unchanged. To-day the receipts embrace 90 hhds. The market is dull but nearly all the receipts have been sold at the following quotations:

Inferior	—@— ⅌ lb.	Fully Fair	11½@— c ⅌ lb.
Common	—@— "	Prime	14¾@15 c. "
Good Com.	13@— c. "	Choice	15¼@— c. "
Fair	13¼@13½c. "	Yellow clar'd	16 @16½c. "
Good Fair	14 @14½c. "	White "	16¾@— c. "

MOLASSES—The market opened Saturday with receipts of 240 bbls., which, with a fair demand, were sold at full previous figures. Monday the demand was active and prices were firm, while the receipts were 156 bbls. Tuesday the market was quiet and dull, with an evident tendency towards a decline in prices. Wednesday and Thursday there was no material change, the receipts for the two days being 809 bbls. and 200 half. bbls., and sales, with only a moderate demand, were made at nominal quotations. To-day the receipts are 159 bbls. The demand is fair, and previous prices are fully sustained; nearly all the receipts were sold at 80@85c. ⅌ gallon for prime to choice rebolled.

FLOUR—Saturday being the last day of the month and the close of the week, business was somewhat restricted. There was, however, a fair inquiry and an active jobbing demand, with sales of 1150 bbls. at $10 25@10 37½ for superfine, $10 87½ for double extra, $11½@$12 for treble extra, and $13 for choice. Monday the market was unsettled, but prices were unchanged. The receipts were liberal, but the stock was generally held above the views of purchasers, and sales were confined to 1795 barrels at $10 25@$10 40 for superfine, $11 for double extra, and $12 25@13 25 for treble extra. Tuesday the market was dull and prices were lower. To effect sales holders were compelled to make concessions. Operations for the day were 1484 bbls. at $9 for unbranded, $10 for superfine, $10 25 for single extra, $10 50 for double extra, $11 75 for treble extra, and $13 50 ⅌ bbl. for choice. Wednesday the supply was light and the demand was limited; rates generally were above the views of purchasers, and operations were restricted to 1291 bbls.; $10@10 12½ for superfine and $12 for treble extra. Thursday there was an active retail trade, but operations were restricted by the high pretensions of holders. Sales were 1314 barrels at $10@10 25 for superfine, $10 50@10 75 for double extra, and $13 50@13 75 for choice. To-day the market is quiet and dull in the better grades. Double extra and the grades below are scarce and in demand, both for the trade for shipment. Prices are unchanged. Sales to day 1877 bbls. at $10@10 25 for superfine, $10 50, 10 67½, and 10 75 for double extra, and $12 50 for choice.

CORN—Saturday the supply was fair and the receipts were liberal. With a good demand for shipment prices were firm. Sales were 15,570 sacks at 92@93c. for white, and 95c. for yellow and yellow mixed. Monday the market was quiet and prices were unchanged, with sales of 16,760 sacks at 92c., 92½@93c. for white and 93@94c. for yellow. Tuesday with a more liberal demand prices were firmer and in some instances higher. Sales were 11,320 sacks at 93@94c. for white, and 95c. for yellow and white and yellow mixed. Wednesday the demand was fair for the limited supply and with a good inquiry for the country there was evidence of a stiffening in prices. Sales were 5777 sacks at 94c., 94@95c. for white, and 95c. for yellow. Thursday as the supply on the landing had been nearly exhausted operations were limited and prices were very firm. Sales were 2800 at 94@95c. for white and yellow. To-day the receipts have been moderate; holders are firmer in their views and have advanced their asking rates. Sales to-day are 2800 sacks, of which 400 and 2200 at 97½c. ⅌ bushel, showing an advance of 5c. ⅌ bushel over the sales of Saturday.

OATS—The market Saturday opened firm with a fair supply, moderate demand, and sales of 1300 sacks at 92½@93c. Monday the market was dull and inactive, while prices disclosed a decline of ¼c. ⅌ bushel. Sales were 2005 sacks at 75, 76, 77 @78c. ⅌ bushel. Tuesday holders were firm in their views and were storing for better prices. Sales were 670 sacks at 76@77c. ⅌ bushel. Wednesday there was a better feeling on the part of buyers, and sales of 255 sacks at 77@78c. Thursday with a light supply the market was firm and prices were looking up. Sales were 739 sacks at 78@80c. ⅌ bushel. To-day the market is quiet but firm at previous quotations. Sales of 350 sacks at 68c. ⅌ bushel.

BRAN—The market Saturday was quiet and dull, with sales of 100 sacks at $1 70. Monday the market was unchanged, while prices were lower and the only sale reported was one lot of 100 sacks at $1 60. Tuesday the market was quiet but with a better feeling on the part of purchasers, and sales of 350 sacks. Wednesday, Thursday and to-day we notice no improvement. The market is quiet and prices remain at previous quotations, viz: $1 70 ⅌ 100 lbs.

HAY—The market opened Saturday quiet and dull, with sales of 100 bales fair Western at $16. Monday prices were unchanged, but with a downward tendency, and sales of 100 bales at $19. Tuesday purchasers demanded further concessions which holders refused to make. Since then, we have no material variation to make. The market continues dull, but prices are unchanged, and we still quote $18@20 ⅌ ton.

PORK—Saturday the market opened firm, the supply was only moderate and prices looking up. Sales were 399 bbls., of which 22 bbls. rump, to arrive, the balance mess, sold on the spot at $27 ⅌ bbl. Monday there was an active jobbing demand and sales of 450 bbls. at $27, $27 12½ and $27 50 ⅌ bbl. Tuesday the market was quiet and unchanged, with sales of 235 bbls. at $22 for rump, and $27@27 25 for mess. Wednesday and Thursday we notice no change. To-day the inquiry is less active and there is an evident weakness in prices, although no quotable change. Mess is held at $27@27 25 ⅌ bbl.

BACON—Saturday the offering supply was too light to admit of extended operations. Shoulders were retailing at 13½c., clear ribbed sides at 16½c., and clear sides at 17c. ⅌ lb. Monday there was a fair jobbing demand at previous figures, and sales of 85 tierces sugar-cured hams at 18c. Tuesday the market was quiet and prices were drooping, while operations were confined almost entirely to a retail trade. Thursday indications tended to a decline in prices. To-day the market is quiet and unchanged, with sales of 10 casks clear ribbed sides at 16c. ⅌ lb. Shoulders are retailing at 13@13½c., ribbed sides at 15½c., clear ribbed sides at 16@16½c., and clear sides at 17@17½c. ⅌ lb. Sugar cured hams are held at 18c.

LARD—The market opened Saturday with a light supply and fair demand, with sales of 50 tierces at 17c. and 25 kegs at 17½c. ⅌ lb. Monday the market was quiet at prices disclosing greater ease for purchasers, and sales of 187 tierces at 16½@17c. and 50 kegs at 17@17½c. ⅌ lb. Wednesday there was a fair local demand at previous figures. Thursday the market was quiet and firm at unchanged figures. To-day the market is dull and weak at previous inside quotations. Tierces are now held at 16½c. and kegs at 17c. ⅌ lb.

SALT—The demand is good and the supply is fair. We now quote coarse from warehouse at $1 80, and from store at $1 90@2. Fine from warehouse at $1 90 and from store at $2@$2 10. We quote cargo afloat at $1 60@1 70.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—The supply is light and the market firm at 75c. ⅌ gallon for lots in good shipping order.

ROSIN—Is in fair supply, except of No. 3, which is scarce. We now quote No. 1 at $3 25, No. 2 at $2 75 and No. 3 at $2 50.

TAR—Barrels are held firm at $3 50 ⅌ bbl., and half bbls. at $2.

PITCH—Is selling at $3 50 for Southern and $5 50@6 for Wilmington.

WHISKY—Western is in good supply but dull at 37@45c. ⅌ gallon in bond, according to proof. Western rectified is selling at $1 30, $1 50@1 60 ⅌ gallon in currency, tax paid. The stock of Louisiana is light, with a fair demand. It is quoted in bond 35@40c., according to proof, and at $1 15@1 30 ⅌ gallon in currency, tax paid.

RICE—Louisiana is scarce and selling at 8@10½c. from fair to choice; Carolinas, the stock in first hands is very light, and prices are firm at 12c.; India nominal at 10@10½c. Sales 50 tierces Carolina at 12c. ⅌ lb.

COFFEE—is in good demand, especially for the lower grades, which are very scarce, and prices firm at 14½@17c. for gold for common to choice, and 21@24½c. in currency.

POTATOES—Are plenty and dull. We quote St. Louis at $2@3, Michigan at $4 25@4 50, and choice Northern at $4 50 ⅌ bbl. Western plenty at $4.

LIME—Thomaston and Rockland are in light supply with a fair demand, and prices are firm at $2 75 ⅌ barrel for small lots; by cargo $2 30@—. Cape Lime, full size barrels, is selling at $2 70; small barrels at $1 50@1 75 ⅌ bbl.

VINEGAR—Is quiet and selling at 25c. for cider, and 27@28c. for Cincinnati Grape.

DRIED BEEF—Fair supply and dull at 15@16c. ⅌ lb.

BREAKFAST BACON—14½@15c.

MESS BEEF—Half bbls. $12@12 50, full bbls. $20@21.

BUTTER—The supply is very light. We now quote Western at 22½@32½c. for interior to good, choice do. 35@42½c., Northern at 45@52c., and choice do. at 56@58c.

CHEESE—Choice Western Reserve and Factory in light supply and in good request at 10@14c. for inferior, choice 17c., Northern cream at 18@20c. Market overstocked in English dairy.

LINSEED OIL—Is in fair supply, but the demand moderate, and prices firm. We quote at $1 25 ⅌ gallon.

CORN MEAL—Is in fair supply and dull and nominal at $4 50@5 ⅌ bbl. for choice kiln dried for lots.

LARD OIL—The market is poorly supplied with winter strained and in good demand, and we now quote $1 05@$1 10 ⅌ gallon for summer and $1 25@1 35 for winter strained.

IRON TIES—Demand moderate at 7@7½c. ⅌ lb.

INDIA BAGGING—Market dull. Jobbing rates 19@21c. Kentucky is dull at 18@20c. ⅌ yard.

GUNNY BAGS—There is a moderate stock on hand, with a light demand, and prices ruling from 20@21c. at retail.

STAR CANDLES—Are in moderate demand, but prices exhibit a downward tendency. We quote 17c. for 12 oz., 19½@20c. for 14 oz., and 22½@23c. for full weight.

HOOP POLES—Are in fair supply and very dull at $15 ⅌ 1000 for barrels, and $60@70 ⅌ 1000 for hogsheads.

HIDES—The stock on hand is limited and the market is steady at the following quotations, viz: Green salted nominal at 9½@9¾c. ⅌ lb.; country dry, 17@19c. ⅌ lb.; Mexican, 19@20c.; Texas stretched, 18@19c. Deer Skins, 25c. ⅌ lb.; Indian dressed do., $1 25@1 50.

EGGS—Plenty; 15@20c. ⅌ dozen; $15@20 ⅌ bbl.

FEATHERS—The supply is moderate and demand increased. Prices firm at 50@60c. for Western.

BROOMS—Very dull at $3@$3 50 ⅌ dozen.

COTTON SEED OIL—Is in fair supply, but with only a moderate demand at 85c. for refined and 70c. ⅌ gallon for crude.

ONIONS—In light supply at $15@17 ⅌ bbl.

DRIED FRUIT—New Apples are selling at 5½@6 ⅌ lb. Peaches—Market overstocked and selling at 6@8c. ⅌ lb for new.

MALAGA FRUIT—Is in good retail demand. The stock of Lemons is ample, while that of Raisins is good, and prices advanced. We quote Grapes at $5 ⅌ keg, Lemons at $3 75@3 80 ⅌ box, Raisins at $4 20@4 25 for whole boxes, $2 15 for half-boxes, and $1 15 for quarter-boxes. Figs 21@22c. and Citron 34@35c. ⅌ lb.

BEANS—Owing to a late better demand and considerable decrease of the stock, prices have advanced. We quote Western at $16 50@17; Northern at $18@19.

COTTON SEED—Heavy supply with moderate demand at $14 ⅌ ton.

TALLOW—The supply is light with fair local demand at 10½c ⅌ lb. for city rendered.

APPLES—The market is overstocked; selling at $3@7 ⅌ bbl.

CHEMICALS—The market is well supplied, and shipments from foreign ports are liberal. We quote Soda Ash 3½c. for 48 ⅌ cent., 4c. for 50 per cent., Caustic Soda 9c. for 61 per cent., Bi-Carb Soda 7c. and Sal Soda 3½c. ⅌ lb.

WOOL—The stock is small and demand light. Bury 9@14c., native 15@17c., Texas 16@20c., washed 23@27c.

COAL OIL—Cases are in moderate supply and request at 65@68c. ⅌ gallon according to brand. The receipts of Coal Oil in barrels is fair and the demand moderate, and we quote 51@53c. in a jobbing way.

BALE ROPE—The supply is fair for the demand, which is light. We quote at 9@9½c. ⅌ lb.

BEEF TONGUES—No demand.

FREIGHTS—There is very little cotton offering coastwise and but little tonnage. We quote: By steam to Liverpool 13-16@⅞d. for cotton, 16½d. for corn, 60s. tobacco. Liverpool by sail, 19-32@¾d. for cotton, 14@15d. for corn and —for tobacco. To New York by steamer 1c. for cotton, 20@21½c. for corn, 90c. for flour. New York by sail, ⅞c. for cotton, 20c. for corn, and 85c. for flour. To Boston by steam 1⅛c. for cotton, 20c. for corn and 90c. for flour. Boston by sail, 1⅛c. for cotton, 18@20c. for corn, and 85c. for flour. To Bremen by sail 1 5-16c. gold for cotton and 50s. for tobacco. To Havre by sail 1⅛@— for cotton. Glasgow by sail 16½d. for cotton.

WEEKLY COFFEE STATEMENT.—The movement in Coffee at this point during the past week is included in the following statement by Lonsdale & Co.:

Imports from Rio de Janeiro, from 1st July, 1866, to 30th June, 1867, 81,013 bags; same period previous year, 44,055 bags; increase in 1866-67, 36,958 bags. Arrivals this week, none. Imports from 1st July last to date, 93,795 bags. Sales during past week—Ex-Anna Sophia, 3240 bags P. T.; ex-Mary Rice, 309 bags, 15⅞c.; ex-Mary Rich, 152 bags, 16¾@16⅞c.; ex-Charles Henry, 125 bags, 14½c.; ex-Ella S. Thayer, 117 bags, 16⅞c.; total, 3916 bags. Stock made up as follows: Elliott & McKeever, 12,825 bags; Chaffraix & Agar, 4000 bags; Silkenstadt & Co., 2800 bags; Rodocanachi & Franghiadi, 2614 bags; G. Westfeldt, 2258 bags; J. L. Phipps & Co., 1675 bags; E. F. Stockmeyer, 1500 bags; total, 27,672 bags. Gold quotation this day, 142. Market firm, demand fair—Prime to choice, 16¾@17c.; gold duty paid; fair to good fair, 15½@16c., gold duty paid; common, 14½c., gold duty paid.

Cattle Market.

CITY OF JEFFERSON, March 7, 1868.

Arrived during the past week—1527 Texas and 8 Western Beeves, 1222 Calves and Yearlings, 317 Hogs, 479 Sheep and 74 Milch Cows. Sold 1391 Texas and 35 Western Beeves, 756 Calves and Yearlings, 220 Hogs, 479 Sheep and 43 Milch cows. Stock on sale—832 Texas and — Western Beeves, 617 Calves and Yearlings, 142 Hogs, — Sheep and 55 Milch Cows. We quote:

Western Beeves, choice, ⅌ lb net	— 8 @ 12
Western Beeves, 2d quality, ⅌ lb net	— —@ — —
Texas Beeves, 1st quality, ⅌ head	45 00@ 60 00
Texas Cattle, 2d quality, ⅌ head	25 00@ 35 00
Texas Cattle, 3d quality, ⅌ head	15 00@ 25 00
Hogs ⅌ lb gross	— 9½ — 10
Stock Hogs, ⅌ lb gross	— —@ — —
Sheep, first quality, ⅌ head	4 00@ 6 00
Sheep, second quality, ⅌ head	2 50@ 3 00
Sheep, third quality, ⅌ head	1 50@ 2 00
Milch Cows, choice, ⅌ head	— —@100 00
Milch Cows, first quality, ⅌ head	80 00@125 00
Texas Cows with Calves	— —@ 80 00
Yearlings, ⅌ head	14 00@ 18 00
Calves, ⅌ head	5 00@ 14 00
Goats ⅌ head	1 50@ 4 00

River Intelligence.

CRESCENT OFFICE NO. 9 CAMP STREET, Saturday Morning, March 7, 1868.

The weather yesterday was variable, yet very spring-like. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the mercury stood at 65 degrees. A strong wind from the south was blowing until noon, when it veered around towards the east.

The dust was equally as bad on the levee yesterday as it was the day before, rendering everything extremely disagreeable.

News items were scarce. We were very energetic in following up steamboat agents yet, notwithstanding our endeavors, were unable to hear of a dispatch, or even the rumor of one, from any point.

Business was rather brisk on the landing yesterday. The arrivals were quite numerous, and the packets advertised (in the CRESCENT) to leave this evening were receiving freely.

The Dora leaves this evening positively for Camden. "She will leave dead or alive."

The Judge Fletcher is receiving to leave this evening at 5 o'clock. Capt. H. L. Watts, her attentive clerk, will be found on hand.

We noticed considerable activity around the regular Trenton and Monroe packet Vicksburg yesterday, and judge that she will back out this evening with a full trip.

The Cleona, Capt. Patterson, had nearly a full load on board, and goes at 5 P. M. to-day without fail.

Capt. W. C. Harrison's splendid packet Bart Able came in for her share of freight. We had almost forgotten to mention this really fine packet; but, though fast, she is not least—not if we know ourselves.

The Natchez packet Wild Wagoner will be found at the landing this morning. She returns to day at 5 P. M.

The Idahoe, Capt. Blanks, is due from Camden.

The Westmoreland, J. W. Garrett and barges, from Cincinnati, and W. R. Arthur, from St. Louis, will be found at the landing this morning.

It began to rain at dark last evening, and from present indications we are likely to have a long wet spell.

The river before the city is still rising. Yesterday it was nine feet six inches below the high water mark of 1862.

We have good news from the lower tributaries. They are all reported bank full. We know that several of them had their fill of Banks generally, several years ago.

ARRIVALS.—The new steamer Bismarck, Capt. Entriken, arrived yesterday morning from St. Louis. She is in our opinion one of the best business boats now afloat, and under her present popular officers cannot but prove a success. Her cargo consisted of over 13,000 packages of heavy freight, which was discharged before 5 o'clock yesterday evening.

The regular packet Vicksburg, Capt. Blanks, arrived yesterday morning from Ouachita City, with 462 bales cotton and sundries.

The Southerner, Capt. Mason, arrived from Evansville with 14,337 sacks corn, etc.

The Cleona, Capt. Patterson, from Floyd, arrived with 519 bales cotton and sundries.

The Magenta from Vicksburg, brought 631 bales cotton—rather a light trip.

The Frolic, from Shreveport, arrived with over 1400 bales cotton.

The St. Nicholas, from Campte, had a fine trip.

The J. M. Sharp from Lafourche, Aloe from Lower Coast, and mail boat from Mobile, finish the list of arrivals yesterday.

The departures were as follows: Irene for Shreveport, J. M. Sharp for Lafourche, Lotus No. 2 for Jefferson, T. D. Hine for Minden, and Lizzie Gill for St. Louis.

Rates of freight from St. Louis, Louisville and the West generally are so extremely low that we fear many of our packets find it difficult to pay expenses.

There is an individual in this city, who, we are informed—and our information is reliable—has been of late passing himself off upon some of our shippers as clerk of one boat, and then again to others as captain of one of our well known Ouachita packets. We would advise him to quit, for if he does not we shall feel in duty bound to give his name to the public.

The Irene did not get off as previously announced, but left at 12 M. yesterday.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

The Vicksburg Herald of the 5th inst. says:

"The weather was clear and delightful yesterday. Business presented an inactive appearance on the levee. The Gov. Allen arrived in the morning and proceeded on her way to Greenville. The river continues to recede."

From the Memphis Avalanche, 5th:

"Arrived yesterday: steamers Henry Ames, John Kilgour, Louisville and Commonwealth, from New Orleans. Departed: John Kilgour and Louisville, for Louisville, and Commonwealth for St. Louis. Weather clear and pleasant, with 11½ feet water in the channel to Cairo. White river is on a stand, with 6½ feet to Duvall's Bluff. The Arkansas was rising slowly at Little Rock on Tuesday, with 27 inches in the channel. Business on the wharf yesterday was quite dull, with a small list of boats in port receiving and discharging. The Board of Aldermen, as was anticipated, has dropped the wharf question, but we trust the landing committee will look into the wharfboat business before they act on it.

"The Virginia is due from the Ohio. She had a serious time at Owensboro, Kentucky, in a storm during Sunday night, butting the wharfboat and causing it to leak, the owners of which claimed $2000 damages from the Virginia. Times are duller upon the river than ever before known. The hopes of permanent prosperity, which sprang up at the close of the war, have been disappointed. Business has dried up. Trade is dead. The tonnage on the river so far exceeds the freights as to produce general depression and a conflict of many interests. Steamboatmen are scarcely paid at all; wages have not been so low in years. The people of the Northwest will have to look further for a market, but whether they will find it in the East or in Europe, their natural and cheapest outlet is down the Mississippi river. The corn of Illinois, Missouri, and neighboring States, with other products, must eventually seek the greatest markets of the world by way of New Orleans."

From the St. Louis Democrat, March 4th:

"The steamboat fire at the foot of Carr street, near one o'clock yesterday morning, threatened to become one of the most serious on record, as there were lying contiguous to the two destroyed and one injured, the steamers Mountaineer, Guidon, Belle Vernon, Messenger, Shamrock, Peter Balen, Only Chance, Agnes, Mollie McPike, Minnie, Nile, and Huntsville. They would have become an easy prey to the flames but for the timely extinguishment of the fire on the Kate Kinney. Parties on that boat beat back the eager flames, keeping them in check until the arrival of the fire engines, which finally accomplished the safety of the Kinney and the other steamers named. The Mepham's charred remains are under water, excepting a blackened mass of about six feet. The Scott was burned to the main deck, which itself is badly burned, and the hull has been barely kept afloat. The machinery of both boats will be taken out and disposed of as scrap iron. The Kate Kinney's rigging is badly injured, and guards and forward part of upper works scorched. To make her as she was will require an outlay of about $5000.

"The cause of the disaster is supposed by the watchman of the Mepham to have been the introduction of sparks from the chimneys of the night ferryboat Christy, which was running, and there being a strong wind blowing at the time from the northeast. The M. S. Mepham was completed at Pittsburg, April, 1864, was a fine sidewheel steamer of 1100 tons capacity, and cost a little over $70,000. She was owned by M. S. Mepham and brother. Her insurance value in 1865 was $60,000, and in 1866 $45,000. Her repairs at St. Louis recently cost ten or twelve thousand dollars. She was insured for the total sum of forty thousand dollars in Cincinnati offices. The office outfits of both steamers, including some books and papers, shared the general destruction. Hard freeze on Monday night and yesterday morning, but clear and beautiful weather yesterday, with the river steadily but slowly on the swell. The Rath leaves to-day at 5 P. M. for New Orleans. Capt. Terrel will load the Henry Adkins for New Orleans, and on returning will load for the mountains, taking a matter of three or four hundred tons. The Stonewall will leave at 10 o'clock this morning for New Orleans. Capt. Willoughby talks of making a trial trip with the Ida to New Orleans."

From Louisville Courier, March 4th:

"Arrived, 3d—Steamers Legal Tender and N. Longworth, from New Orleans. River still rising at this point. During the previous 24 hours it had risen a little over three inches at the head of the falls, and ten inches at