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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, December 21, 1858.

The Stock operations to-day were very light, the entire value of the sales at the Board being less than $3,000. We have, however, no change to note in the general condition of the market, yesterday's prices being bid for most of the stocks on the list.—The sales to-day include $500 Northern Central Railway 1885 bonds at 75, $500 do. at 74¾, 50 shares Franklin Bank at $11¾@11⅞, and 25 shares Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at $56¼ regular way. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad closed at $56 bid· $56¼ asked, Northern Central do. at $21¼ bid, $21½ asked, and Canton at $19 bid, $19½ asked regular way. City 6's and Railroad bonds all closed steady at yesterday's figures.

In New York stocks continue to droop. Erie declined to day ⅛; New York Central ⅜; Reading ⅛; Cleveland and Toledo ⅛; and Galena and Chicago ⅜. Rock Island sold to-day at the first Board at $59¾, but at the second it sold at $58¼, a decline of 1½ per cent. The market closed to-day heavy.

The Firemen's Insurance Company of Baltimore have declared a dividend of six and a quarter per cent. for the six months ending 31st inst., payable on 3d January. They have also added from their earnings $2 per share, or $42,000, to the stock or permanent capital of the Company.

The following is a comparative statement of the condition of the banks of the city of New York, for the weeks ending Dec. 11 and Dec. 18:

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 18.		
Loans	$126,520,129	$127,055,010	Inc.	$534,881
Specie	27,195,522	26,608,877	Dec.	586,645
Circulation	7,750,166	7,710,627	"	39,539
Net Deposits	88,981,067	89,690,692	Inc.	708,126

The New York *Tribune* of to-day, refering to the above statement, says:

The Weekly Statement of Bank averages shows a larger increase of loans than was generally anticipated, a portion of which has doubtless arisen from the hypothecation of the new issue of Treasury Notes. There has certainly been no increase of necessity among the people for the amount maturing, and the condition of the Stock market has not been such as to require additional facilities. The specie line has fallen off nearly $600,000, notwithstanding we have received from Philadelphia and Boston, during the week, some $750,000. The decrease is larger than we looked for. In net deposits there is an increase of $700,000—a natural consequence, in part, of the increased loans. The Banks have been strengthening their balances freely, during the week, from the neighboring cities, where they were earning no interest, and using them as best they could at home. The statement, on the whole, cannot be considered a favorable one, showing a continued expansion of loans and liabilities under a reduced basis of specie.

The *Tribune* further says:

We notice a sale of $100,000 Treasury Notes, 4⅜ per cents of the old issue, at par, and a small lot at 5c. per $100 discount Some of the new issue have also changed hands at par. The Government 5s were not affected by the impending issue of the reserved ten millions, 104⅜ being bid. There appears to be no increase in the demand for money, while the supply seeking employment, especially on call, is still augmenting. Some of the leading stock houses have had it offered to them at 3@4½ per cent. The discount market is still dull, there being but a moderate quantity of desirable paper offering. The rates range from 3⅜ to 5 per cent. for leading names at sixty days to six months

Under the advanced rates demanded the foreign Bill market is inactive for the Persia. The supply of Bankers' Bills is ample, but outside Sterling is still in limited supply. Commercial Sterling is 9¼@9⅜; Banks and Bankers, 9⅜@9¾; Francs, 5.18¾@5.15

The State Bank of Tennessee will pay its interest coupons, due Jan. 1, at the Merchants' Bank in New York. The funds are already remitted. The Bank of the State of New York has already on hand from the Second Auditor of Virginia, the funds to pay the interest due on the 1st of January next on the coupon bonds of that State.

The receipts of the Boston and Worcester Railroad for the year ending November 30 were $923,197 81—a decrease from 1857 of $95,950 87. The expenses have been reduced $40,612 96, leaving a net income sufficient to pay 6 per cent. yearly dividend, and the sum of $50,000 for the sinking fund. The surplus remaining after these are deducted is $20,000.

At Boston money still continues abundant, with but limited offerings at the banks. Good business paper is sought after by bank managers, and loans are freely made at 4⅜@5 per cent., and are now higher than ever before, having reached the same rate at which they, being then compelled to pay more than at the time of the suspension by the banks.

The Commissioners of Washington County, at a meeting held on the 10th inst., determined, in making their annual estimates for 1859, to calculate and collect the interest due and to become due on the bonds issued by the county to the Hempfield Railroad Company," and to levy a tax sufficient to meet said outstanding interest, as well as that which will fall due during the year 1859 This action was taken in consequence of the decision of the United States District Court, in the case of William M'Coy *vs.* the County of Washington, wherein the legality of the claim for interest on the bonds was sustained. The amount of bonds issued is $200,000.

The weekly statement of the Philadelphia Banks presents the following aggregate as compared with that of the previous week

	Dec. 13.	Dec. 20.		
Capital	$11,581,005	$11,582,605	Inc.	$1,600
Loans	28,092,990	26,116,640	do.	23,740
Specie	6,321,089	6,323,454	do.	2,365
Due from banks	1,740,853	1,652,242	Dec.	106,514
Due other banks	3,786,919	3,449,865	do.	337,054
Deposits	16,451,542	16,683,671	Inc.	232,129
Circulation	2,708,107	2,663,260	Dec.	44,847

The Cincinnati *Gazette* says:

"The Superior Court has fully maintained the position previously assumed in relation to the assets of the Trust Company. Judge Storer, in giving the opinion, emphatically asserted its jurisdiction, and held also that N. C. McLean and J. B. Kilbreath, Esqs., were in contempt, in their efforts, through the United States Court, to compel the delivery of the assets in the hands of the Sheriff to the Receiver of that Court. It was stated, however, that an attachment would not be issued at present—the Court probably being disposed to wait the movement now in the United States Court. Though not in so many words, the course of the Superior Court, in effect, admonishes the Federal Court to modify its process with the receiver of the former, or vengeance will fall upon the attorney and innocent Receiver of the latter Court. It does not seek to repel the attacks of the Circuit Court, but to respond by attacks upon somebody else. Without doubt, if the Circuit Court should further interfere with the Sheriff, the movement will be followed on the part of the Superior Court by an attempt to punish the Attorney and the Receiver. This has been in mode of practice thus far, and may be looked for in the future. Mr. Kilbreath, the Receiver of the United States Court, yesterday afternoon again demanded of the Sheriff the assets of the Trust Company, and received for answer that they were held under instructions from the Superior Court, and would not be surrendered."

INTERESTING TO SHIPOWNERS.—"It will be seen," says the Boston *Traveler*, 18th inst., "by the letter published from a mercantile house in Havre to their correspondent in this city, that there has been some change in the law by which foreign ships could be purchased and registered under the French flag. The letter is dated Havre, December 1:

Dear Sir:—You will have seen by our previous communication that the sale of your ship was rendered impossible in consequence of the abolition of the old law, which allowed the purchase and French registration of foreign-built ships, on payment of *ad valorem* duty of twelve per cent. It was rumored that a new law on the matter, enhancing the rate of register duty, would probably be promulgated at the beginning of next year; but now these rumors have quite subsided, and we understand that no new law is even in course of preparation. The fact is that the French shipbuilders, the same as the shipbuilders elsewhere, are in a very depressed condition, and have managed to persuade the French Government that a chief cause of the existing depression is traceable to the permission given under the old law for the purchase and registration of foreign-built shipping; hence the repeal of the old law, and we now apprehend that no new law on the matter will be countenanced by the French Government until the position of the national shipbuilders shall be positively improved.

We are, dear sir, very faithfully yours,

Messrs. J. LAMBERT & W. FINLAY.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

TUESDAY, December 21, 1858.

$500 N.C.RR.bds. '85..75 | 20 shs.Franklin Bnk..11⅞
500 " " '85..74¾ | 25 " B.&O.RR. ..56¼
20 shs.Franklin Bnk..11¾

Prices and sales of Stocks in New York.
BY TELEGRAPH.

Through WM. FISHER & SON, Stock and Bill Brokers, No. 22 South STREET.

	1st Board.	2d Board.
Virginia 6's	00	00
Missouri 6's	89⅝	00
Illinois bonds	00	00
Canton Company	00	00
Erie Railroad	17⅞	17⅞
New York Central Railroad	85⅝	85¾
Reading Railroad	51⅜	51⅜
Panama Railroad	00	00
Cleveland & Toledo R. R.	31⅜	00
Rock Island	59¾	58¾
Michigan Southern R.R.	00	00
Cumberland Coal	00	00
Harlem	00	00
Galena & Chicago	00	70
La Crosse & Milwaukie	2⅝	00
Milwaukie & Miss	00	00

Market heavy. heavy.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

TUESDAY, December 21.

COFFEE.—Coffee continues in brisk demand, and although the stock is increasing the market for it is quite strong. We have reported to day sales of 2,400 bags Rio the cargo of the "Mount Vernon," which arrived here yesterday, at 11¼ cts. round, and of an invoice of 1,200 bags do. out of the "Clifton," at 11¾ cts. We quote Rio at 10½@10¾ cts. for medium, 11@11¼ cts. for fair to good, 11½@12 cts. for prime, Laguayra at 11¼@12¾ cts., and Java Coffee at 14¼@15½ cts. In addition to the Mount Vernon, the Monticello arrived yesterday with a cargo of 3,400 bags Rio Coffee. The stock of Coffee to-day, exclusive of the lots sold, is about 15,000 bags.

FLOUR.—There has been very little inquiry to-day for Flour, and the market for it is decidedly heavy. There has been nothing done in Super so far as we have heard. Both Howard Street and Ohio are still held at $5.12½, but there were no buyers of either variety to-day at over $5 per bbl., and even at the latter figure the demand was limited. City Mills Super is dull, but we continue to quote it at $4.87½@5 per bbl. For Extra Flour there was some little inquiry, and we have reported sales of 100 bbls. Ohio at $5.37½, and of 150 bbls. choice do. at $5.50 per bbl. Extra Flour may be quoted to day at $5.37½@5.50 for Ohio, $5.50@5.62½ for Howard Street, and $6.12½, $6.25 and $6.50 per bbl. for City Mills, the latter figure being for choice retailing brands. Rye Flour is selling at $4 and we quote Corn Meal steady at $4 for Baltimore, and $4.12½ per bbl. for Brandywine.

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour is selling in lots to the trade at $7.50 for the leading brands of Baltimore ground, $7 for Old Dominion brand, and $7.75 per bbl. for Wheelers.

GRAIN.—The receipts of Grain to-day were light as compared with those of yesterday, the offerings of all descriptions amounting to less than 30,000 bushels. For both Wheat and Corn the demand was active, and the market quite firm. Wheat sold as on yesterday at 118@123 cts for fair to prime reds, 125@130 cts. for fair whites, 135@145 cts. for good to strictly prime do., and Corn brought readily 62@65 cts. for white, and 66@68 cts. for yellow. There were about 6,500 bushels Wheat, and 19,000 bushels Corn offered, and nearly all of it changed hands at the rates named above. Oats were in quite light supply, only 1,300 bushels being offered We quote Maryland at 42@44 cts., and Pennsylvania at 45@47 cts.—There was no Rye offered to-day, but we continue to quote it at 72 cts. for Maryland, and 85 cts. for Pennsylvania.

HOGS.—Hogs were in light supply again to-day, and the market for them was rather firmer in tone than on yesterday. Fair to good Hogs were firm at $7@7.50, and we heard of a sale of 200 head extra Western Hogs at $7.62½ per 100 lbs. We continue to quote slaughtered Hogs at $6.25@6.50 per 100 lbs.

MOLASSES.—We are now not advised of any transactions to-day in Molasses, but there is no change in the condition of the market, and we continue to quote New Orleans at 37@38 cts. There is nothing doing in foreign Molasses, and we are unable to give any reliable quotations for it.—Baltimore Refined Syrups range at from 38 to 50 cts per gallon.

PROVISIONS.—Provisions remain quiet, although there is rather more doing in them to-day than yesterday. We have reported sales of 30,000 lbs. Bulk Sides at 8¾ cts. here; 50,000 lbs. do. at 8⅜ cts. delivered in Philadelphia, 50 bbls. Mess Pork at $17.25; 100 bbls. City Lard at 10⅞ cts.; 50 kegs do. at 11⅜ cts., and of 30 bbls. old Bacon Sides at 9@9¼ cts. Old Bacon Shoulders may be quoted at 7@7¼ cts. but new Bacon is selling at 7½ cts. for Shoulders, 9⅜ cts. for Sides, and 10¼@10⅜ cts. for Hams. We quote Bulk Shoulders at 6⅜ for common to Hams at 8¾@9 cts. Mess Pork closes steady at $17.25; Prime do. at $14, and we quote Beef as before at $12 for No. 1, and $15 per bbl. for Mess. Lard is in demand, and we quote it firm at 10⅜@11 cts. for City and Western Leaf. Butter and Cheese continue dull, but unchanged in price.

RICE.—There are some sales of Rice making within the range of quotations, viz: 3¾@3¾ cts. for common to prime, but the market for it is by no means active. The stock here is large.

SUGARS.—The market for Sugars to-day has been very quiet, the only sale we have heard of being one of 16 hhds. low grade Porto Rico at $6.62½. We have no change to note in the general condition of the market. There is a fair consumptive demand for Sugars, but there is no disposition among the trade to purchase beyond their immediate wants. We quote Sugars as closing steady at the following rates, viz: $6@6.50 for refining grades Cuba and English Island; $6.75@7.50 for grocers' styles Cuba, $7.25@8 25 for fair to prime Porto Rico, and $7.25@8.50 for fair to choice new crop New Orleans.

SALT.—Liverpool Salt is now selling at 90 cts. for Ground Alum, 135 cts. for Marshall's and Jeffrey & Darcy's fine, and 150 cts. per sack for Ashton's do. It is in good demand at these figures. Turks Island Salt may be quoted steady at 15 cts. per bushel afloat, but from store it is bringing a higher price.

SEEDS.—Cloverseed continues in demand, and the market for it is still firm. We note sales to-day of 50 bushels ordinary seed at $5.50, and of 100 bushels prime do. at $5.75@5.87½ per bushel of 64 lbs. Timothy Seed is steady at $2@2.12½, and we continue to quote Flaxseed at $1.50@1.40 per bushel.

WHISKEY.—Whiskey continues in fair demand at previous rates. We note sales to-day of 100 bbls. City at 25½ cts., and of 100 bbls. Ohio at 26 cts. A lot of 200 bbls. superior Ohio Whiskey was, we understand, sold on Saturday at 27 cts.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

[*From the New York Journal of Commerce, Dec. 20.*]

BREADSTUFFS.—The market for State and Western Flour is steady for the medium and better qualities, particularly choice grades of superfine and extra State, which are scarce and in demand; common grades are rather dull at our quotations. The sales are 8,000 bbls. at $4.25@4.50 for superfine State; $5@5.25 for extra State, with small sales as high as $5.30; $4.40@4 80 for superfine Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, &c., and $5@6.25 for extra do., including shipping brands of round hoop Ohio at $5.75@5.50.

Southern Flour is less active but firm, with sales of 1,400 bbls. at $5@6.25 for mixed to good brands of Baltimore; $6@6.50 for good to extra Brandywine; $5.75@6.90 for Georgetown; $5.75@7.50 for Petersburg City; $6.75@8 for Richmond City; $8 50@8.75 for Gallego and Haxall.

Canadian Flour is quiet, with sales of 450 bbls. at $5.25@6.25 for the range of extra brands.

Rye Flour is without important change, with sales of 200 bbls. at $3.25@4.10 for the range of fine and superfine.

Corn Meal is in active request; we quote Jersey at $3.40; Brandywine $4; puncheons $19; the sales are 1,000 bbls. and 100 puncheons at our quotations.

Wheat is quiet, with sales of 600 bushels red Tennessee at $1.20, and 450 white Southern at $1.35.

Rye is held firmly at 80 cts. for North River from store.

Barley is dull and the market is nominal at 70@93 cents.

Oats are in moderate demand at 45@48 for Jersey, Del., and Pennsylvania; 49@52 for State; 53@56 for Western, 55@56 for Canadian, and 56@57 for Prince Edward's Island.

Corn is dull, but without important change in prices; the sales are 8,500 bushels at 76@78 for mixed Western, and 75@77 for new Jersey yellow.

PROVISIONS.—Pork is steady for lots on the spot, and firmer for future delivery; the sales are 2,500 bbls. at $17.50 for old mess, $18@18.25 for new mess; $13 for rest, and $13.50@13.75 for prime. Included in the sales are 1,000 bbls. new mess, seller's option, April and May, at $18.50, and 500 bbls. old mess on the spot at $17.50. Beef continues dull and heavy, with sales of 200 bbls. at $7.75@9 for country mess, $6.50@7 for country prime, $8.00@10.50 for repacked Western, and $10.75@11 25 for extra mess. Prime mess beef is quiet, but held firmly at $16.50@18. Beef hams are heavy, with small sales at $13.50@15. Bacon is unchanged; the sales include 1,000 dry salted sides at $8. Dressed Hogs are firmer for heavy cornfed at 7⅛@8, the latter rate for very choice. Cut meats are dull, with sales of 200 pieces Western at 9⅞@9⅞ for hams, and 6¾@6¾ for Shoulders. Lard is firm, with sales of 362 tierces and bbls. at 11¼@11⅜. Butter and Cheese continue in fair request at our quotations.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS, Dec. 20—Evening.—There is no change in the market for Breadstuffs, and prices are lower to-day, as the sale of 1,000 bbls., however, is reported; a good straight brand of superfine Flour, Thomas, at $5.25. There is very little demand for export, and the retailers and bakers are buying in lots, as wanted, at the prices ruling. We quote Pennsylvania and Ohio superfine, $5.50@5.75 for extras, and $6@7.25 for fancy brands, according to quality. Rye Flour and Corn Meal are dull; we quote the former at $4, and the latter at $3.25 per bbl. Wheat is in rather better demand. About 8,000 bushels sold at 125@127c. for red, and 132@140c. for white, according to quality, including 1,500 bushels fair quality Tennessee and Kentucky at the latter rate, in store. Rye is wanted at 80c., and all offered is taken at that price for distilling. Corn meets with a steady demand, and about 5,000 bushels dry new yellow sold at 72c. delivered, and a little more would bring 67@70c. and white 64c. per bushel. Old yellow Corn is scarce and held at 84c.—Oats are dull and held at 44c., without finding buyers. Bark—No sales and prices the same; best quality Quercitron is held at $28 per ton. Cotton—About 100 bales have been taken at 12¼@12¾c. cash, for middling and middling fair Uplands. Groceries—Sugar and Coffee are steady; further sales of the former at previous quotations. Provisions—There is little doing, and the market generally dull. Seeds—About 200 bushels of cloverseed have been sold at $5.50@5.75, including a lot of reclaned at $6 per bushel. Whiskey is without alteration; drugs is selling at 23½c., bbds. 24½c.; bbls. 24¼@25c. for Pennsylvania and 25½@26c. for Ohio.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, December 20.—The offerings of Beef Cattle, at the different Yards, were moderate during the past week, about 1,550 head, and the quality not so good as last week; but prices ruled about the same, ranging from $7 to $9 75, including a few extra quality at $10@10.25 the 100 lbs.

Some 3,000 Sheep were arrived at Wardell's. The market was brisk, the best sting fetching at $4@5 each, equal to 8@9½ cts. per lb. dressed.

About 300 Cows and Calves were also at market there, selling at from $29 to $40 for Cows, $20 to $31 for Springers, and $15 to $25 for dry Cows.

Of Hogs, the arrivals at Phillips' were 4,150, all of which sold at from $6@7.75 the 100 lbs. net.

WILMINGTON MARKET—December 20.—TURPENTINE.—Sales on Saturday of 190 bbls. and to-day of 3,590 do. at 28c for virgin and yellow dip, and 1.60 for hard per 280 lbs.

SPIRITS.—Sales to-day of 200 bbls. at 44c. per gal.

ROSIN.—Nothing doing in either grade.

TAR.—Sales on Saturday of 237 bbls. at 2.25 per bbl.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Flour is dull; sales of 1,000 bbls. at $5.40@5.50 for Ohio. Wheat is dull; sales of 8,500 bushels at 120 for red, and 135 cts. for white. Corn is heavy; sales of 13,500 bushels; mixed at 76¾@77½ cts.; white 77 cts. Pork closed heavy; the sales of new Mess at $18@18.25; old $17.50@17.60; Prime $13.50@13.75. Lard heavy at 11@11⅜ cts. Whiskey dull at 25 cts. Turpentine Spirits unchanged at 48c. Rosin is firm at $1.50@1.55. Rice is quiet at 3¾@3⅞ cts.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21.—Flour is dull at $5.12½@5.25. Wheat has a declining tendency—sales at 135@140 cts. for red and 125@130 cts for red. Corn is dull and prices unchanged. Whiskey is dull at 24⅞@25½ cts.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton unchanged; sales to-day 3,000 bales.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 20.—Cotton firm; sales of 1,000 bales to-day.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 20.—The sales of Cotton to-day were moderate.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6th November, 1858.

Our last circular addresses were under date of 8th ult.

IMPORTS

FLOUR.—Receipts have been 20,919 bbls. from the United States, and Baltimore have made of 22,463 bbls. at 20@18| for Trieste; 17,500@17,000 for first qualities do.; 16,000 Mond Mills; 15|@15|250 for second qualities do.; 15|500 for Baltimore Extra and Superfine, and from 11|000@9,000 for small parcels country, Philadelphia and Baltimore Extra, (old)—the two latter parcels a long time on hand.

Our stock in all hands may be estimated at 50,000 bbls. of which quantity 19,579 bbls. remain in first, comprising 17,979 bbls. Richmond City Mills and 1,400 bbls. Trieste. We quote by last sales 17,500@17,000 for Richmond first qualities; 18,000 for Trieste; 15,500 for Baltimore, and 15|@15,500 for Richmond second qualities.

AT PERNAMBUCO, 28th ult.—Stock 20,000 bbls. Last sale 17,500 for a cargo of Richmond City Mills. New Orleans and Baltimore are most wanted.

AT BAHIA, 30th ult.—Stock 26,000 bbls. Richmond, first, 19@20,000; Fiume 21,500.

AT RIO GRANDE, 19th ult.—Stock 5,400 bbls. Quotations 20@22,000 for Richmond and 16,000 for Baltimore.

AT MONTEVIDEO, 29th ult.—Last sale 2,000 bbls. Baltimore at $5¾ in bond.

AT BUENOS AYRES, 26th ult.—Stock 15,000 bbls.; market improving. Quotations—Richmond and Middlings $4¾@4½; Baltimore City Mills $5@5¼; Baltimore and Ohio Extra $6@6¾; O'Dance and Columbia $6¾@7.

CORN.—One in first hands. 4,600 packages retailing in second hands at 14|000@15|000.

AMERICAN DOMESTICS.—We quote

	Nett@Ex.
Drills Brown, 30 in., 260 rs. per yard	26¾d.
Bleached Drills, 270 rs. per yard	8.78
Denims, 30 in., 275 rs. per yard	9.60
Boot Blue Drills, 315 rs. per yard	10.11
Stout Shirting Stripes in bales, 260 rs per yard	12.00
Stout Twilled Shirting Stripes, of assorted patterns, in cases, 260 rs. per yard	9.29
Plain Shirtings, 30 in., 260 rs. per yard	11.25
Plain Shirtings, 27@29 in., 260 rs. per yard	7.61
Osnaburgs, 260 rs. per yard	5.65
AMERICAN DRALS.—Arrived 4 cargoes. We quote last sale 44|000@40|000 per dozen to nett $51.74@46.56 per 1,000 feet board measure, to pay cost freight and insurance.

EXPORTS.

COFFEE.—Since the date of our last monthly circular receipts from the country have continued to be much interfered with by almost incessant rain. This, in combination with the purchases for the United States, and an increased export to Europe, has maintained prices, and we may repeat our quotations of the 8th ult., of 4|800@4|850 for good lots, round, whilst really good selections, if permitted, could not be had under 4|900@4|950. The sales since last packet have been 216,800 bags, of which 120,300 for the United States; 75,200 bags for the Channel and Northern Europe; 16,200 bags for Southern Europe; and 5,100 bags for the Cape of Good Hope.

HIDES.—Stock 18,000 Rio Grande. We quote 340@360 rs. per lb.

SUGAR.—Stock 2,437 boxes, 4,000 bbls. and 11,500 bags. We quote Campos at 2|000@2|050; browns 2|700@3|100; Pernambuco whites 3|600@4|400; browns 2|400@2|550; Maceio 2|700@3|600; browns 2|400@2|550; Cotinguiba and Bahia whites 3|200@3|700; browns 2|500@2|700 per arroba.

EXCHANGE ON ENGLAND.—26¾.90 d. s.

FREIGHTS.—The market has been active at advancing rates. The last rates paid were 60 cts. to Northern, and 70 cts. and 5 per cent. per bag, to Southern ports of the United States, and 42s. 6d.@45s. per ton to Channel.—With few unengaged first class vessels in port we quote by last transactions.

SPECIE.—Spanish and Patriot Doubloons 29|500. Patriot Dollars 5|000 nominal.

Very respectfully, your ob't servants,

MAXWELL, WRIGHT & Co.

Represented by our partner, W. H. D' C. Wright, Baltimore.

[*Correspondence of N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*]

HAVRE, Dec. 2.—The Ariel, (s) by which I wrote you, left our port yesterday morning. The arrivals from the United States have continued, and yesterday six cotton vessels made their appearance.

The demand, owing to the recent import, was limited, and yesterday evening the sales did not exceed 700 bales, of which 400 were taken for France. Prices are looking downward, and this morning the market opened very dull.

The average price of Wheat for France is 15f.55, against 17.95 in 1857, and 28f.70 in 1858, per hectolitre, equal to 2¾ bushels. No demand for foreign produce.

The weather is mild for the season, but as the close of the year approaches, it is probable that the present month will pass away without any activity in transactions.

The state of the London Tobacco market is thus commented upon by Messrs. Grant, Hodgson & Co.: Notwithstanding the apparent indisposition on the part of the trade to purchase beyond a very limited extent, sales during the past month have been 1,360 hhds, viz: 365 hhds. Kentucky Leaf, 350 Kentucky Strips, 185 Virginia Leaf, 102 hhds and 358 Virginia Strips, and 160 hhds. of Maryland. This large amount of business appears to be a contradiction of our previous remarks, and can only be explained by the fact that purchases of some magnitude were made at the close of last month, the exact particulars of which have not transpired, excepting that a portion has been taken for resale. The character of the market has not presented any material alteration for choice descriptions, especially for limited quantities; but concessions have been obtained for running parcels, and holders have shown more inclination to meet the views of buyers. The principal sales for exportation have been of low qualities, at very irregular prices, and we have reduced our quotations to accord with the sales effected.

The Liverpool Tobacco trade of the past month calls forth the following remarks from Messrs. Elliot and Urmson: "There has been a better demand this month, and the sales sum up over 1,320 hogsheads. Of these about 300 hogsheads have been taken for Ireland; say 50 Virginia leaf, 140 stemmed, 20 Kentucky leaf, and 70 stemmed; 80 Virginia manufacture for Scotland; 100 hogheads, principally Kentucky leaf, for exportation; and the remainder, consisting of about 100 Virginia leaf and stemmed, 300 Kentucky leaf and stemmed, and 440 Marylands, to the trade. The market for substitutes has been quiet, and the sales of Paraguay are only about 150 bales, and of Greek and Turkey 300 bales at former rates. As will be seen above, the trade have purchased freely of Marylands, of which the market has afforded a good selection, while of all other descriptions the buyers have had the turn of the market, and we alter our quotations to the rates paid, observing, at the same time, that our extreme prices are for selections only."

IMPORTS AT BALTIMORE.

FOREIGN.

LIVERPOOL—*Br. Bark Glenalven.*
7,001 sacks salt, order.

SEVILLA IS.—*Brig Abbotsford.*
270 tons guano, W. F. Murdoch.

COASTWISE.

SAVANNAH—*Schr. Commerce.*
* 75 bales domestic, B. S. & W. A. Loney & Co.; 7 do., 100 do. cotton, Woodward, Baldwin & Co.; 50 do., A. F. Severs; 25 do. Norris & Baldwin; 53 do., J. Pickrel & Co., 52 do., A. C. Schaeffer; 11 do., R. G. Ware; 6 bbls. liquors, S. B. Owings; 220 boxes copper ore, 1 bbl. do., D. Keener; 8 bags fruits, 5 do. feathers, Wilson & Burns; 26 boxes copper ore, 20 pkgs. sundries, order.

WASHINGTON, N. C.—*Schr. Iris.*
80 bales cotton; 25 casks spirits, 450 bush. wheat, Bevan, Phillips & Co.; 98 bbls. spirits, 200 do. pitch, Jas. Corner & Sons.

GLOUCESTER—*Schr. Flying Fish*
351 bbls. mackrel, 172 qtls. dry cod, 58 bbls. cod oil, 171 do. herring, order.

NEW YORK—*Schr. F. H. Abbott.*
122 hhds. sugar, 50 boxes do., 485 bbls. cement, order.

BOSTON—*Bark Helen Marie.*
39 casks soda ash, 800 pkgs. furniture, 500 bbls. apples, 100 pkgs. mdse., 100 sacks Liverpool salt, sundry persons.

FRANKLIN, LA.—*Schr. Samuel.*
236 hhds. sugar, 219 bbls. molasses, S. G. Hand & Co.

NORFOLK—*Str. Louisiana.*
397 boxes lemons, 1 case prunes, 6,762 pkgs. raisins, (cargo of Br. brig Speedy, from Malaga.) L. Gittings.

EASTPORT—*Schr. Alice Moore.*
170 tons plaster, 220 bbls. fish, 1,600 boxes do., Kelsey & Gray.

NEW YORK—*Str. Parkersburg.*
25 cases oil, 3 pkgs. brandy, L. Thomsen & Co.; 15 do. liquor, Griffith, Hyatt & Co.; 23 do., C. H. Myers & Bro.; 500 do. mdse., B.&O.R.R.; 500 do. A. C. Hall.

EXPORTS FROM BALTIMORE.

HALIFAX, N. S.—1,000 bbls. flour; 4,495 bushels wheat.

WEST INDIES.—850 bbls. flour; 13 do. bread; 12 do. crackers.

ASPINWALL, N. G.—494 tons coal.

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LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS

RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF "THE DAILY EXCHANGE."

[*From our Own Correspondent.*]

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A letter received here today, and submitted to the Government of the United States, states that Captain TOPETE, commanding the Spanish fleet opposite Tampico, had just informed the Spanish Consul at the latter port that Spain had determined to declare war against Mexico.

Captain TOPETE further stated that he looked for the arrival of Spanish troops on or about the 10th of the present month, and that he should await their arrival off the bar of Tampico.

Our Government puts no faith in the statement, as France and Spain have distinctly disavowed any hostile intention against Mexico.

The Cullom Investigation Committee of the House of Representatives had a meeting to-day, and adjourned until the 7th of January, because of the absence of Gen. CULLOM, consequent upon serious illness in his family.

Out of fifty-eight cases of officers retired by the Naval Board and subsequently referred to the President for decision, he to-day nominated thirty-five for restoration. Among the number were the following: Captain Voorhees; Commanders, Armstrong and Long; Lieutenants, Abbott, Barney, Bissell, Carter, Glasson, Gibson, Meade, Porter, Perry, Riell, and Rolando. Lieutenant Watson was transferred from furlough to leave pay list. Motion was made to refer the nominations to the Committee on Naval Affairs, which motion was rejected after discussion upon the ground that the Senate takes recess on Thursday, and that the law allowing restorations expires on the first of January. The President in his message, transmitting the nominations, expresses profound regret that he could not re-nominate Commodore Stewart, inasmuch as that officer did not submit his case to the Courts of Inquiry sitting some months ago, and it was therefore not covered by the law under which to-day's nominations were made. Mr. Hale moved a resolution in favor of Commodore Stewart's restoration, which was pending when the Senate adjourned.

[*From the Reporter of the Associated Press.*]

A letter received here from a Commercial House, in Tampico, states that the arrangements between the Spanish fleet and the Governor of the City for the settlement of their difficulties, have been broken off, and that two Spanish steamers were now blockading that harbor. A Spanish force was daily expected to land at Tampico and take possession of the city.

The form of the pension bill agreed upon by the House to-day, proposes to give $96 per annum to those who were in actual battle without regard to the period of service, and includes within its provisions the regular army, State and Territorial troops, volunteers or Militia, together with the Marine corps. The pensions are secured against attachments for debt.

Hon. John Kelly has addressed the Speaker a note of resignation as member of Congress from New York, to take effect on the 25th inst.

Arrival of the Steamer Black Warrior from New Orleans via Havana.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The steamer Black Warrior from Havana, with dates to the 16th, arrived here this evening.

Senator Douglas, who was a passenger from New Orleans, stopped at Havana.

The Spanish and Mexican imbroglio is settled, Garza having refunded all the moneys obtained from Spanish subjects as forced loans, and the present government of Mexico having acceded to all the Spanish demands.

Sugars at Havana were firm and prices unchanged. Molasses, new clayed, on the coast, 4 reals; Muscovado 5 reals. Exchanges unaltered. Freights dull.

New York State Canvassers.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.—The Board of State Canvassers discovered this afternoon that in several districts the representatives in Congress are illegally returned as members of Congress, which makes it probable that several of the districts will be declared vacant, including the 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 22d districts. There is nothing certain known as yet however, as if the returns are not amended by the County Canvassers they will be accepted. The Board will meet this evening when the final action will be taken.

The Atlantic Cable—A Pulsation from Valentia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Some of our morning papers state that good currents were received over the Atlantic Telegraph Saturday from Valentia, and that the word Henley was distinguished about the hour when, according to the advices by the Arabia, Mr. Henley's apparatus was to be tried.

Pittsburg Chess Game.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—The chess game between Mr. Paulsen, blindfolded, and ten members of the Pittsburg Chess Club, resulted in Mr. Paulsen winning six and losing four games.

Arrival of the Joseph Whitney.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The steamer Joseph Whitney arrived here at 5 o'clock P. M.—all right.

[*From New York Papers of yesterday.*]

Fire in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—On Saturday night a fire occurred in the building on Sycamore street, occupied by Breed, Barston & Co., stove manufacturers, and Crane, Breed & Co., manufacturers of metallic burial cases. The loss of the former is from $3,000 to $5,000, they are insured for $2,000. The loss of the latter is $15,000, and they are insured for $9,000. The stores of George Shillito and George Henshaw were considerably damaged.

Fatal Gas Explosion.

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 20.—A serious explosion of gas occurred in the picker room of the Massachusetts Mills this morning, instantly killing one man, Irish operatives, and badly injuring two others.—The walls were partially blown outward, and the waste cotton taking fire, considerable damage was done to the building.

Brig Edward Hodgdon Ashore.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The brig Edward Hodgdon, from Calais, with lumber, for New York, went ashore on Friday morning on Rock Rip, near Muskeget Island, and filled. The steamers Island Home and Eagle Wing went to her assistance, and after taking out her deck load she floated off and was towed into Edgartown.

The Crew of the Bark E. K. Kane.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 20.—The bark Ceres, from Bristol, England, arrived on Saturday, with Captain Hewitt and the remainder of the crew of the bark E. K. Kane, from Richmond, Va., lost at sea, (as before reported) in November.

Southern Ocean Steamer Movements.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 20.—The United States mail steamship Columbia, Captain M. Berry, from New York, arrived at the bar at four o'clock this afternoon.

The Paraguay Expedition.

NORFOLK, Dec. 20.—The United States steamer Despatch, from Key West, reports the steamer Southern Star at Barbadoes, badly injured.

The New York Canal Board have prepared a petition to Congress, that the harbors of Buffalo and Oswego at the termination of the canals may be enlarged, improved and protected by the National Government, and that the moneys heretofore advanced by the Canal Board from the Canal revenues for constructing the break water and basin at Buffalo, may be refunded by the United States. The petition says that the duties levied at the port of New York since the adoption of the constitution, amount to $848,000,000, and for one year they have reached the sum of $42,000,000. The memorial which is drawn by Commissioner Ruggles, bases the claim of New York for National assistance, on eight propositions, viz: that the Lakes are legally, politically and commercially National in their character, that the Constitution has placed them beyond the separ