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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, February 2, 1859.

Stocks were rather quiet to-day, but most of the leading securities were steady at yesterday's quotations. The aggregate value of the transactions to-day at the Board is about $30,000, which is less than half the amount of yesterday's business. There was nothing whatever done in the leading stock, (Baltimore and Ohio Railroad) but it closed as on yesterday at $56½ bid, $56¾ asked regular way. For Northern Central Railway there was a fair inquiry, and some 700 shares were sold at the Board It opened at an advance of ½ @ ¾ on yesterday's prices, but before the close it fell off ½. The sales were made at $20¾@20 buyer 60 days, $20¼@20 regular way, $20 seller 30 and 60 days, and it left off at $19¾ bid, $20 asked regular way. There was some movement to-day in Baltimore City 6's, but 1875's, 1886's, and 1890's all dropped off ¼ after the opening. The sales included $400 1890's at 100; $1,600 do. at 99¾; $200 1886's at 98¾; $1,700 do. at 98; $600 1875's at 99½; and $1,500 do. at 99¼. There was also something done in Railroad bonds. Baltimore and Ohio 1885's advanced ¼ to ¾, but 1875's dropped off ¾ — We note sales of $5,000 Baltimore and Ohio 1875's at 85¾, $1,000 do. 1885's at 86 buyer 60 days, and $5,500 do. at 86 @86¼ regular way. Northern Central Railway 1885 bonds closed to-day at 68¾ bid, 69 asked regular way, these figures being a decline of ¼ to ½ per cent. on yesterday's closing quotations.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Central Railroad was held to-day for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the ticket headed by Adam Denmead, Esq., was elected by a large majority; and at a subsequent meeting of the Board John S. Gittings, Esq., was unanimously elected President.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.
WEDNESDAY, February 2, 1859.

$400 Balt. 6's	90.100	$500 B. & O. RR. bds.	85.-85¾
500 " "	90.-99¾	5000 " "	75.-85¾
200 " "	99.-98¾	100 shs. N. C. RR.	.-20¾
1700 " "	86.-98	100 " "	b60.-20¼
600 " "	75.-99¾	200 " "	s60.-20
1500 " "	75.-99¾	50 " "	s30.-20
5000 B. & O. RR. bds.	85.-86	200 " "	b60.-20
1000 " "	85.-85¾		

PRICES AND SALES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.
BY TELEGRAPH.
Throug.. WILLIAM FISHER & SON, Stock and Bill Brokers.
No. 22 South street

	1st Board.	2d Board.
Virginia 6's	.96	00
Missouri 6's	.93½	93½
Illinois Central bonds	.87½	00
Canton Company	.19	00
Erie Railroad	.13¾	13¾
New York Central Railroad	.81½	82½
Reading Railroad	.48¾	48¾
Panama Railroad	.99	00
Cleveland and Toledo Railroad	.30½	00
Michigan Southern Railroad	.19¾	00
Cumberland Coal	.00	00
Harlem Railroad	.00	13
Galena and Chicago	.00	69
LaCrosse and Milwaukie Railroad	.1	00
Rock Island Railroad	.59½	00
Market firm.		steady.

In New York to-day Missouri 6's declined ¾, and Canton ¾, but the market was generally firmer, and most of the stocks on the list improved in price. Erie advanced ¾; New York Central ¾; Cleveland and Toledo ¼; Michigan Southern 1¾; Rock Island ¾; Harlem ¾; Galena and Chicago ¾; and Illinois Central bonds ¾. Reading and La Crosse and Milwaukie sold at yesterday's figures.

The New York *Tribune* of to-day says:

There is again a less degree of activity in the money market, although there is still considerable changing of loans, and rates, for the present, are established at fully 1 per cent. advance. On the 3(@5¾ per cent. the advance is still greater. The current rate of call loans is now 5 per cent., although some transactions are made at 4¾@5 per cent. On other than other first-class collaterals 6 per cent. is obtained.

The business in Foreign Bills for the steamer for Wednesday was not very large, but the rates are firm. The supply of outside bills is light. The range for Commercial and Bankers' Sterling of leading names is 109@109¾; Francs, 5.18¾@5.13¾.

We annex a comparative statement of the exports (exclusive of specie) from New York to foreign ports for the week and since Jan 1:

	1857.	1858.	1859.
Total for the week	$1,242,446	$1,347,316	$1,302,944
Previously reported	3,213,724	3,323,728	2,523,206
Since Jan. 1.	$4,456,170	$4,671,044	$3,826,101

An impatient 2.05 bidder for the loan having telegraphed the Secretary in regard to the result of his bid, received notice in reply that he was entitled to 56 per cent. of the amount bid for. Mr. Sub-Treasurer Cisco, however, received no authority to accept deposits on account of the 2.05 bid.

A combination of the twenty-six city banks in New York, having a million dollars and upwards capital, has been arranged after several informal meetings for the purpose of a mutual interchange of opinions upon subjects connected with finance, and with a view to a more regular and uniform bank movement. The Clearing-House was organized simply as an economical and efficient system for making the exchanges between the banks; and, as many subjects connected with banking arise from time to time, it was thought advisable to organize a distinct association to meet monthly for an interchange of opinions without coercive power, but only for the exertion of such moral influence as such discussions would legitimately have. A constitution has been accepted, subject, however, to any change which experience may show to be desirable. Banks having capitals smaller than a million, have not been invited to join in this movement, simply because it would make the attendance at the meetings too large and unwieldy for deliberations. It is thought, however, that some modification of the constitution will be made hereafter, by which the smaller banks will be allowed to send representatives to the meetings.

The decision of Judge Davies in the case of Davies in Cumberland Coal Company Agent, A. M. Sherman *et al.* is one of the most important which has been made in regard to corporations for some years. It applies to Directors of corporations the principle which governs the relations of trustees and *cestui que trust* in respect to purchases of the real estate or contracts with respect to that estate. It adopts the broad grounds that in all cases where a director buys of or contracts with the Board of Directors of which he is a member, the sale or contract is voidable at the option of the Company, without regard to the fairness or unfairness of the transaction. It asserts this rule as a conclusion of law, founded on considerations of public policy, which, inasmuch as it would be often impossible for a Court to ascertain whether the transaction by a party in a relation of trust and confidence was a just one, or whether the interests of the *cestui que trust* had been duly protected, strikes at the root of the evil, by declaring that no such transaction shall stand except at the option of the *cestui que trust.* The principle is of very wide application.

Messrs. Thompson Bros., Bankers, New York, quote Land Warrants as follows:

	Buyer.	Seller.
40 acre warrants per acre	$1.00	$1.10
80 acre warrants per acre	85	89
120 acre warrants per acre	81	85
160 acre warrants per acre	84	88

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, February 2.

COFFEE.—There has been considerable more inquiry today in Coffee. The sales include 3,000 bags Rio ex "Sophia" at 11⅜ cts., 200 bags do. at 11⅜@12 cts., and 50 bags Java at 15 cts. The sales to-day reduce the stock of Rio in first hands to 1,600 bags. We quote Rio firm at 11⅜@11¾ cts. for fair; 11¾@12 cts. for good to prime; Laguayra and Porto Rico at 12@12¼ cts.; and Java at 14¾@15 cts.

FLOUR.—Flour continues dull and heavy. There is very little inquiry for it, and the only sale we have heard of to-day is one of 100 bbls. Howard Street Super. to a retailer, at $5.75 per bbl., which is a decline of 12½ cts. on yesterday's price. There have been no shippers in market for Flour for a day or two past. Although there is but little demand for Flour, there is comparatively little offering, and holders do not generally seem disposed to press sales. We quote Howard Street and Ohio Super as closely held at $5.75 per bbl. City Mills Super is still held at $5.75 for standard, but it could not have been sold to-day at over $5.50 per bbl. Extra Flour continues dull. We quote Ohio at $6 25, Howard Street at $6.50, and City Mills at $6.50@7.25 per bbl. Rye Flour is quoted at $5.25, and we quote Corn Meal as before at $3.75@4 for Baltimore, and $4 per bbl. for Brandywine.

RYE FLOUR.—We continue to quote Family Flour at $8.25 for the leading brands of Baltimore, $7.75 for Old Dominion, and $8.25 per bbl. for Welch's.

GRAIN.—Corn was in pretty good supply this morning, but receipts of other descriptions of Grain the receipts were light. Corn continues dull, although prices for it were little better this morning, but for Wheat there was more inquiry and the market for it was firmer in tone, especially for prime lots. We heard of sales of Maryland Wheat, some 1,500 bushels fair red Wheat at 130@132 cts., and of about 1,000 bushels white do. at 140@150 cts. for ordinary; and 165@170 cts. for good. Prime red Wheat may be worth at 138 @140 cts.; and prime and choice white do. at 170@175 cts. The supply of Corn to-day was larger than it has been for some days past, the receipts amounting to about 11,000 bushels. White sold at prices ranging from 70 to 76 cts., the latter figure being paid for a lot of 1,500 bushels prime, and yellow at 73@75 cts. for fair to good, and a lot of 250 bushels very prime and fine brought 78 cts. There was no Rye, and only about 1,500 bushels Oats offered in today. Oats sold at 42 cts. for inferior Pennsylvania, 48@50 cts. for good do., and we quote Rye at 75 cts. for Maryland, and 87@88 cts. for Pennsylvania.

MOLASSES.—There has been some inquiry to-day for Molasses, and we note a sale of 200 bbls. New Orleans at 38 cts., which is a slight decline on the previous quotations. There is nothing doing in Foreign Molasses. No new crop has as yet been received, but there are some lots of old crop Cuba and English Island still remaining on the market. We quote Cuba as ranging from 28@31 cts., and English Island at 28@31 cts. Most of the Cuba Molasses here is tart.

PROVISIONS.—We have to note a better inquiry to-day for Provisions, and a decided improvement in the general tone of the market. The advices from Cincinnati are more favorable, and they have tended to strengthen the views of the holders here. Bulk Meats have advanced. We note sales to-day of 40 hhds. Shoulders at 7 cts., and 50 hhds. Sides at 9 cts., these figures being an advance of ¼ on the figures asked for Bulk Meat yesterday. For Bacon Sides there has been an active inquiry to-day, and we note sales of about 150 hhds. all at 9¾ cts. We note also sales of about 25 hhds. Bacon Shoulders at 7¾ cts. We quote Mess Pork at $17.50@17.75 for thin, and $18.25@18.50 for heavy. Prime Mess at $15.50, and Prime at $14 per bbl. We note sales to-day of 200 bbls. Prime Mess at the above quotation. Beef may be quoted at $8@9 for Prime, $10@11 for No. 1, and $12@13 per bbl. for Mess. Lard continues in demand, and the market for it is firm with an upward tendency. Lard is held to-day at 12¾ cts. per lb. in bbls. and tcs.

RICE.—Rice is quiet but the market for it is steady at 3¾@3¾ cts. for fair to good, and 3¾@4 cts. for prime.— The supply here at this time is comparatively light.

SALT.—Liverpool Salt is still selling at our previous quotations, viz: 90 cts. for Ground Alum, 135 cts. for Marshall's and Jeffrey and Darcy's fine, and 150 cts. per sack for Ashton's do. We quote Turks Island Salt at 14¾ @15 cts. per bushel afloat.

SUGARS.—Sugars have been quiet to-day, the only sale we have had reported being one of 20 hhds. good common New Orleans at $7.50. There is however a very good feeling in the market, and holders of Sugar are generally quite firm in their views. Our quotations are still as follows, viz: $7.50@8.50 for good common to choice New Orleans, $7.50@8 for refining grades Cuba, and $7.50@7.75 for refining grades English Island.

REFINED SUGARS.—Our Sugar refiners have raised their prices again to-day ¼ a cent on hard, and ¼ to ⅜ of a cent per lb. on soft crushed Sugars. The following are the quotations of Messrs. Egerton, Dougherty, Woods & Co., of the Baltimore Steam Sugar Refinery, viz:

CASH PRICES BY TWENTY OR MORE PACKAGES.

Double Refined Loaf	11¼ cts.	per lb.
Double Refined Cracked Loaf	.11	" "
Double Refined Crushed	.10⅞	" "
Double Refined Powdered	.10⅜	" "
Double Refined Granulated	.10¼	" "
Circle A Crushed	.10⅜	" "
B Crushed, Powdered and Granulated	.10⅜	" "
B Loaf	.11¼	" "

COFFEE OR SOFT CRUSHED SUGARS.

Ref'd White—A	10 cts.	per lb
do. do. A	9⅞ "	"
do. do. B	9¾ "	"
do. Yellow C Extra	9⅝ "	"
do. do. C	9⅜ "	"

Yellow Sugars of lower grades at prices according to quality.

SPICES.—Spices are in good demand, and the market for them is firm. There was a sale made a day or two since of 2,000 lbs. No. 1 Nutmegs at 92 cts. Pimento is now held at 7½ cts., and Pepper at 10¼@10½ cts. per lb.

SEEDS.—Cloverseed continues in active demand, and the market for it is very buoyant. Sales were reported on Change of 200 bushels fair Seed at $6.75@6.87½, and of about 800 bushels good do. at $7 per bushel, both by measure and weight, and it closed firm at the last named figure. The sales of Cloverseed for the week add up about 3,000 bushels. We quote Timothy Seed as before at $1.87½@2.12½, and Flaxseed at $1.35@1.45 per bushel.

WHISKEY.—Whiskey is in brisk demand and the market for it is buoyant. The stock here is, however, light, and the transactions are consequently limited. We have reported to-day sales of 50 bbls. City Whiskey at 28½ cts., and of 100 bbls. Ohio do. at 29 cts., and both varieties close firm at these figures, which are an advance of ¼ a cent per gallon on yesterday's quotations.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

(*From the N. Y. Journal of Commerce, Feb.* 1.—1 *P. M.*)

BREADSTUFFT—The market for State and Western flour is heavy, and prices favor the buyer. The sales are 8,400 bbls. at $5.25@5.35 for superfine State; $5.75@6.00 for extra State; $5.25@5.50 for superfine Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, &c.; and $5.85@7.40, for extra do., including shipping brands of round hoop Ohio at $6.30@6.40.

Southern flour is less buoyant, with sales of 1,600 bbls. at $5.75@6 50 for mixed to good brands of Baltimore; $6.75@7 for Brandywine; $6.30@7.25 for Georgetown; $6.75@7.75 for Petersburg City; $7.@8.25 for Richmond City; $8.75 for Gallego and Haxall.

Canadian flour is dull and selling slowly at $6.30@7.10 for the range of extra brands.

Rye flour is steady, with sales of 100 bbls. at $3.50@4.25 for the range of fine and superfine.

Corn meal is quiet; we quote Jersey at $3.62@3.75; Brandywine $4 25; puncheons $19.50@19.75.

Wheat is offered more freely, and prices are less firmly maintained; the sales include 5,800 bushels red Indiana at $1.35; 3,700 common red Tennessee at $1.28@1.30; 5,100 white Western $1.46¾; 1,000 common white Southern at $1.35.

Rye is in moderate supply, but the demand is less active, and prices are mostly nominal at 80@86.

Barley is unsettled; prime is firm and wanted, while common qualities are dull; the sales are 1,000 bushels California at 80, 5,000 common State at 74; and 4,000 pale Canada West at $1.00.

Oats are steady at 50@54 for Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, 54@58 for State, and 60@64 for Western and Canadian.

Corn is firm, especially for prime old; the sales are 16,000 bushels at 80@82½ for white Jersey and Southern, 80 @82 for yellow do.; and 79 for un-round white Southern; 85 was refused for old Western mixed.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS, February 1.—Quercitron Bark continues in request and scarce at $30 for 1st No. 1, and we have no arrivals or sales to notice.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Sales of about 1,800 bbls. are reported at $5.75@5.87½ for standard and good straights superfine; good extra at $6.25; 1,000 bbls. family said to be at the same price, and 200 bbls. middlings at $3.75 per bbl. The receipts are light, but there are more sellers than buyers at our lowest figures to-day. The trade are buying slowly at the above rates for common to good and choice superfine and extras, and from $6.50 to $7.50 per bbl. for fancy brands, according to quality. Rye Flour is wanted, and 150 bbls. sold at $4 per bbl., which rate is refused by holders generally. Corn Meal is scarce, and Pennsylvania Meal would readily command $3.50 per bbl.

GRAIN.—Some 6,000 bushels good and prime Pennsylvania and Southern red brought 137@140 cts., chiefly the latter price; white ranges at 150@175 cts., as to quality, some small sales of choice Kentucky having been made at the latter price, in store. Rye is steady, with further sales of Pennsylvania to note at 85 cts. Corn is dull today, there is not much offering, but buyers are holding off, and a few small lots yellow only are reported at 75@77 cts., as to condition; holders ask the latter price for prime dry lots in store. Oats are steady in price, with further sales of 3,000 bushels Pennsylvania at 50 cts.—Barley is better, and 2,000 bushels prime New York brought 92½ cts. Of Barley Malt sales are also reported of 1,000 bushels at 100 cts.; 1,000 do. at 105 cts., and 2,000 do. prime winter at 110 cts., on track.

PROVISIONS.—The high views of holders limit operations. Some further small sales of Mess Pork are reported at $18.50@18.75 per barrel. City Mess Beef sells as wanted at $15@15.50 per barrel. Bacon is selling moderately at 10@10¾ for Hams, as in quality; Sides at 10 cts., and Shoulders at 8 cts., now held higher. Bulk Meats are wanted, and sales are reported at 7 cts. for Shoulders, and 9 cts. for Sides in salt. Hams range at 9½@10½ cts. in salt and pickle. Lard is better, with further sales of tierces at 12¾ cts. cash; holders now ask 13 cts. for prime Western, and 14 cts. for kegs. Butter is selling moderately at 16@18 cts. for good Ohio, Welching dairies in sold packed.

SEEDS.—The demand for Cloverseed is good, and prices are rather better again to-day. About 800 bushels sold at from $6.37½ up to $6.75@7 for common to good and prime seed, nearly at $6.75 per bushel. Timothy is quiet, and quoted at $2@2.12½ per bushel. Flaxseed is wanted, and domestic readily commands $1.75 per bushel.

Whiskey is held more firmly, but prices are steady at 25 cts. for drudge, 26 cts. for hhds., and 27@28 cts. for Pennsylvania and Ohio bbls. A sale of old Bourbon was made at 80 cts.

The value of exports from Boston from Jan. 21 to Jan. 28 was $204,040 54

The exports of Flour to South America, during the year ending Dec. 31, 1858, were 6 2,116 bbls., and during the year 1857 the exports were 518,788 bbls.

The amount of foreign merchandise imported at the port of Boston, for the week ending Jan. 28, was $568,245, the amount since Jan. 1, $3,596,623.

WILMINGTON MARKET, Jan. 31.—TURPENTINE.—Sales this morning of 2900 bbls., at $2.90 for virgin and yellow dip, and $1.70 for hard, per 280 lbs., being an advance of 10 cts. for the two former qualities.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE is firmer, with sales on Saturday of 100 bbls. at 46½ cts. per gallon.

ROSIN AND TAR.—Nothing doing in either article.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Flour is heavy—sales of 11,000 bbls.: State $5.20@5.35; Ohio $6.30@6.40; Southern $5.75 @6.50. Wheat is firmer—sales of 15,000 bushels: white Kentucky 165@170 cts. Corn is firm—sales of 4,500 bus.: white Kentucky 80@85 cts; mixed held at 86 cts., and yellow at 80@84 cts. Pork is buoyant—Prime $13.50@ 13.62½; Mess $17.75@18.37½. Lard closed buoyant at 12¼@12½ cts. Sugars are unchanged—sales at 7@8 cts. Spirits Turpentine dull at 70 cts. Rice is active. Beeves—market is excited: sales 2,500 head at prices 50 cts. higher—$6@10.50 and $11.50 for premium. Sheep—market excited; sales of 6,500 head. All qualities slightly advanced and market steady. Swine firm—sales of 7,000 head, corn fed at Jersey City and Hillsdale fed $6 25.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—Flour is firm. Wheat is quiet, and supply scarce; sales of white at 145@165 cts., and red at 132@140 cts. Corn is quiet; yellow 74@76½ cts. Whiskey is steady at 27@28 cts.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Cotton—Sales of 4,000 bales at a decline of ¼ cent, caused by the news from Europe, received per the steamer Arabia. Middlings are quoted at 11⅛@11¼ cts. The sales of the three days amount to 67,500 bales, and the receipts during the same time to 17,750 bales. Sugar is firmer—sales of 2,500 hhds. Molasses sells at 33 cts. Bulk Meats—sales of 175,000 lbs. Sides, 9 cts. for Hams, and 9 cts. for Sides. Lard in kegs is quoted at 13¾ cts.

IMPORTS AT BALTIMORE.

FOREIGN.

PALERMO—*Schr. Americus.*—1,280 cantars brimstone, 50 cases macaroni, 50 do. filberts, 50 do. almonds, 200 do. sumac, 10 boxes olive oil, 50 bags canary seed, 100 boxes almonds, 100 do. plums, 30 bales cotton bags, 100 boxes macaroni, 22 cases liquorice paste, 32 cantars corkwood, 800 boxes lemons, 2,400 do. oranges, order.

BAY OF HONDURAS—*Brig Josephus.*—63,000 cocoa nuts, 100 logs mahogany, 16 cases of hides, 26 deer skins, 9 pkgs. liquors, returned, McKay, Bros. & Co.; 2 anchors, 1 chain, sails, rigging, &c., nautical instruments saved from ship Portland, of Portsmouth, wrecked, order.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—*Schr. Ino. Price.*—125 tons copper ore, D. Keener; 40 tons bar iron, order.

EXPORTS FROM BALTIMORE.

BREMEN.—660 hhds. tobacco, 145 do stems, 97 do. scraps, 1 box sundries, 1 do. specimen, 1 do. cigars, 1 do. merchandise, 4 half bbls. flour, 3 bales tampico, 2 bbls. tongues, 3 boxes oysters, 4 do. preserves, 3 do. furniture, 1 do. sand paper, 1 do. grass stones, 1 do. insects, a lot sassafras root, 21,100 treenails.

MAYAGUEZ, P. R.—104 bbls. cornmeal, 30 puncheons do., 60 bbls. bread, 75 boxes crackers, 50 tierces rice, 20 bbls. beef, 20 do. pork, 250 hams, 100 kegs butter, 176 do. lard, 19 bbls. do., 100 boxes cheese, 297 do. candles, 50 bbls. potatoes, 20 bags pepper, 50 casks codfish, 50 bbls. mackerel, 200 boxes herring, 300 reams paper, 8,000 hoops, 6,000 feet lumber.

For Shipping Intelligence, see 4th page

WEST FLORIDA AND ALABAMA.—The Legislature of Florida has passed a joint resolution submitting to a vote of the people of the State, the question of the annexation of West Florida to Alabama. The *Mobile Register* says:

From the Apalachicola westward to the Perdido the country is not only disconnected from the rest of Floida, but its soil is of so poor a character that it is scarcely susceptible of agricultural improvement to warrant any high degree of of expectation of valuable products. Insulated as it is by the river that dissects the Territory, the interior part of it can be of no great importance to the great body of the State. The harbor of Pensacola is all that pertains to it, that gives it any considerable value, and without tributary streams, or other communication with the interior Territory, it has attained already its maximum of population and improvement. The road that divides this part of Florida from Alabama is merely mathematical, no feature of physical geography dividing it from the continuous soil of the latter State, while the Apalachicola on the East demarks it distinctly from the rest of Florida. The cession of this Territory, with a proper policy on the part of Alabama, Pensacola might be so far improved, by a system of improvements northward, as would make it a port of considerable importance to her commerce.

COSTA RICA.—The following is an extract from the *Cronica de Costa Rica*, published at San Jose, November 3, 1858:

On Monday last the President of the republic gave a banquet to the Minister of the United States, General Alfaro and Lamar.

The Minister of Treasury and War, General Don Jose Maria Canas, gave the invitation in the name of His Excellency, inviting to the entertainment (through special circumstances) twenty-four persons only of the public functionaries and eminent citizens and foreigners.

It seemed rather a deference paid to him who had shown himself so much a friend of Central America and of justice, and so jealous for the honor and true advantage of his country, than a feast given to the diplomatist.

The North American Minister was the object of the most delicate attentions, and captivated the sympathies of all who were present. He gave a toast for the union of Central America into a national body, declaring at the same time that his government would ever oppose with energy the chimerical attempts of the filibusters.

The President gave a toast finally; for that all the Costa Ricans would assist him in defending the integrity and laws of the Republic whenever they should be threatened.

Gen. Lamar is an amiable old man, of insinuating manners, and of uncommon intelligence, who in the best good faith seems interested in dissipating the false ideas of these countries and governments which exist in Washington, and in settling the questions which are raised by our enemies.

ARMY NEWS.

The *Galveston News* of the 22d ult. makes the following statement in regard to the future position of the troops in Texas:

The majority of the infantry companies are to be concentrated at Camp Cooper, and the remainder of this arm to be scattered along the El Paso mail route for the protection of the mails and passengers, as well as the numerous trains that pass in that way to Chihuahua and New Mexico.

The cavalry now in this department, and three or four more companies of that arm which are to be placed under Gen. Twiggs's command, will be kept in the field, on the head waters of the Red Washita and Canadian rivers, to thoroughly scout all our northwestern frontier, and prevent, if possible, any more forays into Texas of the Camanches or their allies.

STRANGE DISEASE.—A singular and malignant disease has appeared in Providence, and some cases have proved fatal. The Providence *Post* says of it:

"It commences as a little dark red spot, on the face or hands, with, perhaps, a stinging or prickling pain, on which spot there soon appears a pustule or vesicle seated on a hard inflamed base, in which is formed a slough of charcoal blackness, where mortification commences. The cases are attracting the earnest attention of the physicians. The only effectual mode of treatment is said to be to burn the pimple out, in its early stages, with a hot iron or with caustic."

EXTRAORDINARY.—Mr. and Mrs. John Hinchman celebrated their golden wedding on the evening of January 19, in New York. In the company assembled were Rev. Barnabas King, the clergyman who officiated at the marriage, Mr. William Jackson, the groomsman, the bridesmaid who was at the time Miss Susan Hinchman, and three other persons who saw the marriage. There are ten children in the family, all married and living, and twenty grand children. There has not been a death in the family.

The 32d Regiment, which gained such glory at Lucknow, is now only 215 strong, 469 having died since May, 1857; of these, 235 were killed in action. The regiment should be sent home.—*Bombay Times.*

At the New York Light Guards' Ball, on Monday night, a feature of the decorations was the introduction of over one hundred Canary birds, which were in cages suspended in various parts of the house, warbling deliciously in the pauses of the dance music.

Hart, who is at Florence, has informed the ladies of Virginia, who gave him the commission for a statue of Henry Clay, that the work will be completed within the next six months.

W. R. Blake, the well-known actor, is a member of Laura Keene's company, and draws $125 a week salary. For fourteen weeks he has not played, nor will he until "Our American Cousin" is withdrawn.

Victor Considerant, the French *phalansterier*, was a passenger in the Arago, from Havre.

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

(*From our Own Correspondent.*)

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, February 2.—Miles Taylor, of Louisiana, to-day, attempted to introduce into the House a substitute for the thirty millions bill. It authorizes the President to negotiate for the purchase of Cuba, for a price not exceeding an hundred and twenty millions of dollars; and empowers the Executive, whenever Spain has ratified such a treaty, to issue five per cent. bonds for the payment of the purchase money, in six equal installments, within thirty years. It also provides, that when Cuba is thus acquired, she shall be immediately created into a State, and come into the Union, by virtue of this act, with four representatives, until the next succeeding apportionment of the representation. This proposition is likely to command the support of the strict State Rights Democrats, who are opposed to placing money in the hands of the President in advance of negotiations.

(*From the Reporter of the Associated Press.*)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Democratic caucus held last night was attended by about fifty members. They passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee to report how the public expenditures may be retrenched, and another resolution declaring it inexpedient to disturb the tariff. This meeting was confined chiefly to the opponents of specific duties and protection. A general meeting will be on Saturday night.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted at the Democratic Caucus last night, Messrs. Garnett, Vallandigham, Crawford, Burnett, and Marshall, of Ill., have been appointed a committee to report, at the adjourned meeting on Saturday, some plan for the retrenchment of the expenditures of the Government.

The Select Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Mr. Seaman, the late Superintendent of Public Printing, expect to complete their labors next week.

The Select Committee appointed to examine alleged abuses in the Navy Department and Yards, have already summoned and continue summoning more witnesses than they can conveniently examine during the present session.

The Senate in Executive session to-day resumed the consideration of the nomination of Emory D. Pitney, Collector of Toledo, but as no quorum was present, the question was not taken.

The Committee on Military Affairs are still engaged in the consideration of the Oregon and Washington Indian war debt.

Ex-Governors Lane and Stevens, the delegates from those Territories, last night had a hearing on the subject before the Committee.

The Nova Scotia Telegraph Lines.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The annual report of the Nova Scotia Telegraph Company has been published and distributed in this city, from which it appears that there were 30,000 messages passed through the Halifax office to and from the other offices in the Provinces last year. It also appears that the annual receipt of the company less the amount paid the connecting lines were $20,900; and that the repairing and working of the lines cost a trifle over $17,000. The other expenses have absorbed the whole of the receipts and the Directors say: "It appears that when the country offices are taken collectively, the total expenses of maintaining and working them exceed the income by about $400, so that the profits of the Company are derived exclusively from the Halifax office." The Directors also state, "That with all their endeavors, and constant and wearisome attention, the expense of lines continues to absorb all of their receipts," and yet these are the lines which certain merchants in Boston and New York have been trying to induce the mercantile community to purchase at the round sum of $120,000, or to lease at a corresponding figure.

From Hayti.

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Cape Haytien advices to the 13th ult. have been received. All was quiet but measures were in progress for organizing the new establishment of the Republic. Gen. Geffard had received important aid from the commercial classes. Emperor Soulouque and his army were very destitute. He had placed his family on board of a vessel at Port au Prince, and doubtless intends to leave the country.

Pork Packing in the West.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—The *Price Current* publishes to-day the annual statement of the Pork Packing business in the West, showing an increase in number of 228,000 hogs, but a decrease in weight of 6½ per cent. The decrease in lard is 7½ per cent., and the net increase in the crop, compared with last year, is 79,000 hogs, or 3½ per cent.

Steam Communication with California.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Vanderbilt, opposition California steamship line, advertises the steamer Northern Light to sail on the 10th of March for Aspinwall, to connect on the Pacific side with the steamer Uncle Sam.

From Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—The steamer Rusk, from Brazos, has arrived. A conducta had reached Metamoras with 1,000,000 in bullion.

Governor Garza was preparing to march from Tamaulipas to the assistance of the Liberals.

From Utah.

LEAVENWORTH, Feb. 1.—Later but unimportant advices from Utah have been received. There had been a grand review of the troops, who are represented as being in a high state of discipline.

Marine Disaster.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The schooner Madison from Salem for Buenos Ayres was sunk yesterday in the South Channel. The crew were saved and have arrived here in the brig Madeira.

(*From the New York Papers of yesterday.*)

Fire and Loss of Life at Allegany City.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 1.—Last night about 10 o'clock a frame house on the outskirts of Allegany City, occupied by a carpenter named Rodgers, and his family, took fire and was totally consumed. Rodgers, his wife and three of his children were burnt to death. Only one of his family, a boy 11 years old, was saved. The fire originated from a defective story, while the family slept above, and the flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save the inmates. Their charred bodies were recovered from the ruins. To-day the coroner's inquest was held, but nothing was elicited to indicate the origin of the fire. Rodgers was intoxicated when he retired to bed.

The Boston Weekly Bank Statement.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—The following are the footings of the statement of the Boston banks for the past week compared with those of the week previous:

	Jan. 24.	*Jan. 31.*	
Capital stock	$33,320,500	33,321,200	Inc. 1,200
Loans and discounts	59,400,400	58,992,600	Dec. 407,800
Specie	7,383,400	7,888,700	Inc. 505,300
Due from other banks	7,037,700	6,547,500	Dec. 490,200
Due to other banks	10,430,500	9 657,800	Dec. 772,700
Deposits	20,728,000	20,598,000	Dec. 130,000
Circulation	6,608,400	6,224,000	Dec. 384,400

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

IMPORTANT ARREST.—Information was received during the early part of last week, by detective officer Tieman of this city, from the police of New York city, that a young man named George Douglas, Wyckoff, had committed a series of forgeries in the city of Brooklyn, and it was supposed that he had fled to this city. Detective Tieman immediately went in pursuit, and after some time learned that a person answering himself for George Douglas, had arrived in the city a few days previously, and was stopping at a private boarding house, on Pratt street, near Sharp, kept by Mrs. Trail. On making inquiry there, he was informed that he had removed to East Baltimore, and following him up the officer found that he had left the boarding-house the day previous. On Friday, Tieman examined the register at Barnum's, and there saw the name of George Douglas registered. He waited for the gentleman to come in, and at 11 o'clock on Friday night arrested him just as he was in the act of returning. Officer Tieman telegraphed to New York of his success, and received a despatch in return, that he should keep the prisoner in his possession, until he was informed of the manner of disposing of him. He kept him in a room at Barnum's, and on Saturday night, when the hour for retiring arrived, Douglas appeared anxious to obtain a knowledge of the position of the room, and the means of escape. Tieman observed his anxiety, and previously to lying down, remarked to Douglas that his (Tieman's) pillow was too low, and he would thank Douglas for his (Douglas) pantaloons to place under it, to raise it. He very reluctantly gave them to the officer. On Monday morning officer Tieman received the proper authority and took the prisoner to New York city, where he is now confined to answer the charge of numerous forgeries.

While Douglas was in this city he attempted to pass several forged checks on the firm of Schwartz & Dix, fruit dealers, on Lombard street near Charles. One of the checks, now in possession of the above firm, was for $349. He had endeavored to sell it at several business houses, remarking when he offered it, that he had cashed it for a young gentleman who had left in the cars, and as he did not know the place of business of Messrs. Schwartz & Dix, he would be obliged if they would advance the money. In each case he was directed to the establishment of the firm. Some six months since Douglas called at the house of Schwartz & Dix, and informed them he was a brother of the firm of Wyckoff & Co., fruit dealers, of New York, and that he had his pocket picked while on the cars coming to the city, and was on his way to some gold mines in Virginia, in which his father had an interest.—He asked for the advance of $30, for hard bit expenses until he reached there. Schwartz & Dix deal largely with the firm of Wyckoff & Co., of New York, and they freely advanced the money. The same day they wrote to the New York firm, and received a reply that the $30 were placed to their credit, but to arrest Douglas, as he was acting without authority. Douglas in the meantime had left this city. A large proportion of the present forgeries is on his brother's house, and just before he left New York he stole his mother's gold watch and other articles from his family. It is reported that he succeeded in committing several forgeries in Washington city.

ROBBERY.—A gentleman named Henry T. Sacket of Memphis, Tennessee, appeared at the Middle station house about eleven o'clock on Tuesday night, and stated that a man named George Millar had robbed him of $68. He fell in with Millar, on his way to this city on the Northern Central Railway, and upon the arrival of the train they both proceeded to the Fountain Hotel, where they took a room together. After eating supper they started for a walk, when it is alleged Millar relieved Mr. S. of his pocket book containing the above amount. Officers Brown and Irons succeeded in arresting the accused, and upon searching him, found two $10 gold pieces and a $10 note, which Mr. Sacket recognized as a portion of the missing money. The prisoner was committed to jail for Court by Justice Mearis.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR THE N. C. RAILWAY.—Yesterday an election for Directors in the Northern Central Railway Company, by the stockholders, took place in their rooms at the Calvert street station. There was but one ticket voted for, and the vote polled was 15,279. The following gentlemen composed the ticket: Adam Denmead, William T. Walters, James Frazier, William Devries, J. H. Rieman, Peter Mowell. Wm. D. Miller, W. E. Mayhew, Amos E. Kapp, Simon Cameron, Alex. Small, Wm. Colder, Jr. This Board is composed of new men, with the exception of James Frazier and Wm. E. Mayhew, who were members of the Board of