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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, March 15, 1859.

The Stock market is very dull, and there is a great scarcity of sound dividend paying stocks. The transactions at the Board to-day amount to only about $17,000.—Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, of which but 35 shares were disposed of, shows no change, the cash sales being at $59¼, with that price offered for more, and those at buyer 60 days at $60. It left off at $59¼ bid regular way, $60 asked. In Northern Central there were no transactions, and we have no change to note. At the close $19⅞ was bid for it regular way, $20 asked. Baltimore City 6's remain without any alteration in price, $7,000 1886's selling at 98⅞, and $1,000 1890's for the opening at 98⅞. The only operations in Railroad bonds were $1,500 Baltimore and Ohio 1885's at 85⅞, ⅛ lower than the last sales, and $8,000 Northern Central 1885's at 69, a decline of ¼ on previous transactions. Other descriptions remain without noticeable change. Nothing doing in Bank shares, which are firm at former prices.

Mr. B. A. Vickers was elected to-day President of the Marine Bank of Baltimore, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Jacob Bier. Mr. Samuel Kirby had been previously elected to the office, but declined the appointment.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

TUESDAY, March 15, 1859.

$7000 Balt. 6's	98.98⅞	$8000 N. C. RR. bds	85..69
1000 " " old	99	10 shs. B. & O. RR.	59½
	cKp. 98⅞	25 " "	60..60
1500 B. & O. RR. bds.	85..85½		

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

	1st Board.	2d Board.
Virginia 6's	97⅞	00
Missouri 6's	85½	85¾
Illinois Central bonds	90	90
Canton Company	19¼	00
Erie Railroad	41½	41¾
New York Central Railroad	79⅞	79¾
Reading Railroad	48¾	48¾
Panama Railroad	00	00
Cleveland and Toledo Railroad	28½	00
Michigan Southern Railroad	15	00
Cumberland Coal	00	00
Harlem Railroad	00	12½
Galena and Chicago	00	68½
Michigan Southern, guaranteed	46	00
LaCrosse and Milwaukie Railroad	00	00
Rock Island Railroad	60½	00

Market weak. steady.

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

There is a good demand for Exchange for the Wednesday steamer, and rates are nominally unchanged at 109⅜@110 asked, but many leading drawers are selling at 109⅜. Francs are 5.15@5.12⅝. The supply of outside bills is quite moderate.

There has been quite an active demand for Government Loan, and some $150,000 have been taken at 103¼, a considerable portion to go abroad. Holders are very firm. There is also a fair demand for Treasury Notes, which are not pressed on the market. The nominal quotations are ½ to ¾ per cent. discount. A considerable amount of these notes mature during the week, and those bearing a low rate of interest will be sent to Washington for redemption. The 5 per cents. will probably be held back, as they are the most desirable call loan at 5 per cent. which can be had. There was some increased activity in money to-day, mainly in consequence of the demand made upon the Sub-Treasury on account of the loan, but there is no change in rates established. The transactions have, however, been more numerous than last week at the higher quoted rates. In paper there is no change.

California State 7's were offered at New York on Monday at 83, but there were no buyers. The late attempt of the State to discredit a small portion of the issue, on grounds which are groundless and which are contradictable, has resulted already in causing a depression in the market value of the security equal to the whole value of the bonds on which interest payment is refused.

The following is a comparative statement of the condition of the New York Banks for the weeks ending March 5 and March 12:

	March 5	March 12.		
Loans	$125,221,067	$126,205,261	Inc..	$934,194
Specie	26,769,965	25,530,054	Dec.	1,239,911
Circulation	8,071,693	8,109,021	Inc..	28,328
Net deposites	36,800,026	35,188,104	Dec.	611,009

The Bank statement of the week is quite as favorable as was expected under the Sub-Treasury movement, but is less conservative than the previous weeks, showing an expansion of loans, while in all other specie basis. The loans, however, have been made on Government stock, and the lost gold has gone into the Sub Treasury, from which it will so n return to the banks. The Deposites show but a moderate distribution. Our bank officers appear disposed to adopt a safer policy than they pursued during January and February, but they cannot withstand the temptation of Government loans.

The weekly statement of the Philadelphia Banks presents the following aggregates, as compared with that of the previous week:

	March 7.	March 14.	
Capital	$11,589,485	$11,589,505	Inc. 20
Loans	26,719,383	26,685,873	Dec. 33,510
Specie	5,926,714	6,046,148	Inc. 119,434
Due from banks	1,759,850	1,799,535	Inc. 149,699
Due other banks	3,854,990	3,841,695	Dec. 13,385
Deposits	16,372,368	16,703,049	Inc. 330,881
Circulation	2,961,557	2,960,992	Dec. 445

The business at the United States Branch Mint, at New Orleans, for February, was as follows:

GOLD DEPOSITS.

California gold	$5,266.12
Gold from other sources	6,341.60—$11,607.72

SILVER DEPOSITS.

Silver parted from California gold	44.29
Silver from other sources	115,592.77—115,637.06
Total deposits	$127,241.78

SILVER COINAGE.

480,000 half dollars	$240,000.00
Silver bars	47,500.96

The business of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, from the 1st to the 12th of February, was:

Deposits, ozs	14,266.99

COINAGE.

Gold	$300,000
Silver	10,000
Total	$310,000

The Secretary of the Treasury has notified the successful bidders for the late five per cent. loan that they need make no further deposits for stock, (unless they choose to do so,) until called for, the Government not requiring the money at the present time. It is thought that no demand will be made before midsummer.—*Washington Star.*

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

TUESDAY, March 15.

COFFEE.—The market continues very quiet for all descriptions, the only sales of which we are advised to day comprising 200 bags Rio at 11½ cts., and 200 bags Laguayra at 12 cts. Holders of Rio, now appear firmer than the previous quotations, viz: 11½@11¾ cts. for fair to good, and 12 cts. for prime. We continue to quote Laguayra at 12@12½ cts., and Java 14½@15 cts. The total stock of all descriptions of Coffee now offering is 24,600 bags. We learn that the bark Wheatland's cargo, consisting of 6,000 bags Rio, has been shipped to a neighboring market.

FLOUR.—There is no special variation to notice in the Flour market. The demand for export is quite moderate, but holders of Howard Street Super are firm at $6.37½. We quote Ohio at $6.25@6.37½, and City Mills $6 per bbl. The only transaction reported to-day was 200 bbls. Ohio Extra at $6.75. We quote Howard Street Extra at $7@7.12½ and City Mills $7. Corn Meal is dull at $3.75@4 for Baltimore and $4.12½ for Brandywine. Rye Flour is dull at $4.50@4.62½ per bbl.

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour is now selling at the following rates, viz: $9 for Baltimore, $8.50 for Old Dominion, and $9 per bbl. for Wichita.

GRAIN.—The offerings of Wheat were very limited this morning, amounting to only some 2,000 bushels, and for choice white an advance of 2 cts. per bushel was obtained, sales being made at 165@195 cts. for fair to choice white, and 150@160 cts. for fair to prime red. Of Corn 28,000 bushels were offered, and with a fair demand prices were steady, white selling at 75@78 cts. and yellow at 82@84 cts. measure, and 85@86 cts. by weight. Of Oats some 1,500 bushels were offered. The demand was moderate, with sales of fair to prime Maryland and Virginia at 48@53 cts., and do. Pennsylvania at 55@60 cts. per bushel. Of Rye 600 bushels Pennsylvania were offered and sold at 98 cts. per bushel.

MOLASSES.—The only transaction reported in this article to-day was 219 bbls. Texas at 33 cts. per gallon. The market continues to rule very dull at 40 cts. for New Orleans, 35@36 cts. for Porto Rico, 2 @26 cts. for Cuba clayed, and 30@31 cts for Muscovado.

PROVISIONS.—The demand for Bacon continues active, and we notice sales to-day at a slight advance, the transactions comprising 100 hhds. Bacon Sides at 9⅞ cts., and 30 hhds. do. at 9⅝ cts. Shoulders are quoted at 8½ cts. for Sides and 7⅞@8 cts. for Shoulders. Bulk Meat is quiet but firm at 7@9 cts. for Shoulders and Sides.—Barrelled Pork is inactive at $18.25@18.50 for Mess, $15.50 @16 for Prime Mess, and $13.50@14 for Prime and Prime Mess, and $14 for Rump. We continue to quote Beef at $8@9 for Prime, $10 @11 for No. 1, and $11.50@13 for Mess. Lard is quiet at 12 cts. for good Western in bbls. and tierces, and 12¾ cts. for kegs.

RICE.—We have only to notice a sale of 60 casks on private terms. We continue to quote fair to prime at 3¾@4¼ cts. Some choice lots are held at 4¼ cts. per lb.

SEEDS.—There was a good demand for Cloverseed this morning, with sales at an advance, the transactions adding up some 500 bushels at $6 12½@6.50 per bushel for fair to prime, by measure. Timothy Seed is quiet at $2@2.25 per bushel.

SALT.—There is no demand for Liverpool Salt. The ship Wm. Penn, with some 8,000 sacks Liverpool, is now due. We continue to quote as follows: 48 cts. for Ground Alum, 139 cts. for Marshall's and Jeffrey & Darcy's fine, and 150 cts. per sack for Ashton's do. Turks Island Salt may be quoted at 15 cts. afloat, and 20 cts. per bushel from store.

SUGARS.—The market for Sugars rules very heavy, with a further downward tendency in prices. The only sales reported to-day comprised 300 hhds. New Orleans in lots, at 7@7½ cts. per lb. We quote New Orleans before at $7@7.25 for low to good fair, $7.50@7.75 for good to prime, Porto Rico do. at $7@7.50 for ordinary to good, and refining grades Cuba and English Island do. at $6 75 @7.12½.

WHISKEY.—The market for Whiskey is quite dull.—The only sale reported to-day was 100 bbls. Ohio, in indifferent packages, at 29 cts. We quote their at 28¾@29 cts., and Ohio at 29¾@30 cts.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS—MONDAY EVENING, March 14.—There is more disposition to speculate in Cotton than lately, and little or none arriving. We quote 1st No 1 at $32 per ton.

The Cotton market is quiet to day, owing to the firmness of holders, and only a few small lots have changed hands at very full rates.

There is very little demand for Cloverseed, and the market is dull at $6.50 per bushel for good lots, at which rate 80 bags sold, but at the close there were more sellers than buyers at these figures. Timothy is wanted at $2.25 per bushel, and little or none offering.

The Flour market is very inactive, there being very little inquiry either for shipment or home use, but with light receipts holders are firm in their demands, and not disposed to make concessions. Standard brands are held at $6.50 per bbl. without finding buyers, except in a small way by the trade at from this figure up to $6.62½ for common to good superfine; $6.75@7 for extra; $7.25@7.50 for extra family Flour, and $7.75@8 per bbl. for fancy brands, as in quality. Corn Meal is scarce and tending upward. Penna Meal is wanted at $3.75 per bbl., which price is generally refused. Rye Flour is held at $4.50 per bbl., with limited sales.

In Grain there is very little movement to notice in Wheat, owing to the light receipts, and it is wanted at full rates. But a few small sales only are reported, at 150 to 162c. for common to prime red, and 175@185c. for good and prime white. Rye is in demand, and scarce, with further sales of 300 to 4 0 bushels Penn'a at 95c. Corn is rather more plenty; but some 6,000 bu., southern yellow found buyers at 86c., about the same rate of damaged was also made at 75c. Oats are rather lower, and about 1,000 bu., Penn'a sold at 56c., 7,000 bu., Brown Stuff, southern feed, sold at $1.40 for 100 lbs.

The market for Groceries is dull, and Sugar, Molasses and Coffee are without movement, owing to the firmness of holders.

There is no change in the Provision market, and very little doing to-day.

In Rice there is a steady business doing, and 150 casks have been sold, mostly at 3¾c., per lb. cash.

The demand for Whiskey is moderate, with further sales of 400 to 500 bbls. Penn'a to note at 28c. Prison and Ohio bbls. at 29@30c., hhds. at 27, and drudge at 26½c.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, March 14.—The offerings of Beef Cattle at the different yards show a falling off this week, as compared with last, and prices ruled about the same, but the market, although without any quotable change, was dull, and about 1,500 head more disposed of at from $8½ to $10¾, as in quality, mostly at $9 @10 the 100 lbs.

About 250 Cows and Calves were disposed of at Martin's Yard, at from $35 to $45 for fresh Cows, $20 to $30 for springers, and $15 to $20 for dry Cows. The market dull.

Of Hogs, the arrivals at Phillips' Yard were 2,072 during the past week, and prices were rather better, sales ranging at from 8⅜ to 9¼ cts. the 100 lbs. nett.

Of Sheep, only about 2,000 were at market, selling at from 6¼ to 7¼ cts. nett, or equal to 14 cts. per lb. gross.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* of Monday says: The tone of the Provision market continues to improve, with a fair demand from the consuming districts, and the tendency of prices is in favor of buyers. Of Mess Pork 150 bbls. sold at $17.50, and at this figure there are more buyers than sellers, the latter asking $18 for first class brands.—Of Bacon, 160 hhds. sold at 7 and 9¼ cts. for Shoulders and Sides. At close, the latter were held at 9¾ cts. A quarter million pounds Bulk Meat sold at 6¾ cts. for Shoulders, and 8¾@8¾c for Sides. Nothing done in Lard—prime bbl. was held firmly at 11⅞@11¾ cts. There was a better feeling in Flour, under more favorable advices from the East and a downward movement in freights. About 1,500 bbls. sold at $5.80@5 for superfine and $6.10@6.25 for extra. Holders were not free sellers. Wheat was in active request, and prices advanced 2@3 cts. per bushel. Corn was dull and prices gave way, with sales at 76@80 cts. Whiskey steady at 25 cts.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Markets generally dull to-day; under the influence of bad weather through the forenoon. Cotton—sales 300 bales. Flour is dull—sales of 7,500 bbls. State $5.25@5.80; Ohio $5.70@6.85; Southern $6.25@6.75. Wheat is quiet—sales of 28 000 bushels; mixed Western at 137@146 cts. Corn has a declining tendency—white 86@89 cts.; yellow nominal at 89@91 cts. Pork is firm at $17.75@18.50; Prime $13.25@15.37½. Whiskey is dull at 28@28½ cts. Sugar is steady at 6¾@7½ cts. Coffee is firm at 10¾@12¾ cts.—sales unimportant. Molasses is steady at 39@40 cts. Spirits Turpentine close firm at 51½@52 cts. Rosin is steady at $1 72½. Rice is firm at 3½@4½ cts.

CINCINNATI, March 15.—Flour is unchanged—sales at $5 90@6. Whiskey 25 cts. Provisions are unchanged and market dull.

[Special Despatch.]

CHARLESTON, March 15.—Rice advanced one eighth to-day, and the market is firm.

EXPORTS FROM BALTIMORE.

WEST INDIES.—873 bbls. flour, 150 bushels corn, 60 do. beans, 60 do. peas, 54 kegs crackers, 10¼ bbls. beef, 92½ do. pork, 7 tcrs. hams, 3 bbls tongues, 50 kegs butter, 175 tins lard, 2 bbls. do. oil, 35 boxes cheese, 125 do. candles, 2 bbls. oil, 2 trcs. rice, 150 boxes herring, 8 do. tobacco, 9 hhds. do., 2½ dozen chairs, 2 velocipedes, 2 basket carriages, 1 pkge. stencils, 32 bbls. tar, 15,264 feet plank.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, March 15.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Patapsco, Watson, 40 hours from New York—mdse. to Samuel T. Pearce. Passed below York Spit, a full rigged brig, off the Rappahannock, a herm. brig, off the Wolf Trap, brig H. R. Kirkland, Knight, from St. Johns, P. R.; off Smith's Point, a brig, supposed the Canada, from the Pacific; off Poplar Island, a bark—all bound up.

Steamer Joseph Whitney, Howes, from Boston—mdse. and passengers to A. L. Huggins. Reports off Poplar Island, brig Canada, from the Pacific, and off Annapolis, a deeply-laden herm. brig—both bound up.

Steamer John S. Shriver, Dennis, from Philadelphia—mdse. to J. A. Shriver.

Bark Creole, but from Rio Janeiro, via St. Thomas 28th ult., (where she put in leaky, as before reported,)—coffee to Kirkland, Chase & Co. Towed up by steamer Reliance.—Sailed from St. Thomas in company with brig Chatham, Simpson, for Cienfuegos. Came in the Capes of Virginia 13th, in company with ship Sarah Caroline, Magnus, from Cienfuegos for Islands, and Arey, from Elide Island—both bound to Hampton Roads. On 12th ult. off Hatteras, passed ship Mississippi, hence for Rotterdam, and an English bark, both at anchor. off Thomas Point, barks Blue Wing and Mondamin, both for Rio, and brig Frances Jane, Kelly, for St. Johns, P. R., all hence, and in Annapolis Roads, two ships and a bark. Left at St. Thomas, ships Flora Macdonald, from Liverpool for Baltimore, reloading to sail in about two weeks; Atlantic, Messell, from Europe for United States, repairing, nearly ready; bark Oasis, Crow, from Leghorn for New York, reloading marble, to sail about two weeks; brig Delaware, Abbot, from Guano Island for Boston, condemned, sold and refitted; Santa Clara, Hilliard, for Turks Island; schr. Telegraph, Rogers, from Norwich, discharging ice for Porto Rico.

Bark Mary R. Barney, Luther, from St. Thomas 28th ult. coffee to Kirkland, Chase & Co. Towed up by the steamtug Reliance.

Brig Kate, Long, 9 days from Turks Island—salt to Dunock & Weatherby and J. J. Willis. Came in the capes 13th inst., in company with a ship, unknown. Passenger in the Kate, from Turks Island, Capt. Jos. B. Cole, of Baltimore.

Schr. Joseph Maxwell, Baker, 5 days from Savannah—lumber, cotton, copper ore, &c. to Heslen & Rogers. Towed by Lioness.

Schr. Jos. Jones, from Richmond—ballast to W. Rhoads & Son.

CLEARED.

Steamer Locust Point, French, New York—J. A. Shriver.

Bark Wheatland, Despeaux, Philadelphia, (with inward cargo) coffee to Jas. S. Gaither, Fittings.

Brig Speedaway, Thompson, West Indies—Spence & Reid.

Brig Foster, Chase, Boston—Morrell & Randall.

Schr. Southerner, Wansley, Alexandria, Va.—Wm. Applegarth & Son.

SAILED.

Brig Elliott, (Br.) Ford, London.

MEMORANDA.

Brig George Washington, Lewis, cleared at Mobile 10th inst. for Baltimore.

Schr. Orvetta, Samuis, arrived at Mobile 10th inst. from Alabama.

Steamship Joseph Whitney, Howes, cleared at Boston 12th inst. for Baltimore.

Schr. R. Smith, Chase, cleared at Boston 12th inst. for Baltimore.

Ship Bac State, Crowell, from Apalachicola, arrived at Boston 12th inst.

Ship Mahabar, Kinsman, from New Orleans, arrived at New York 12th inst.

Steamship Patapsco, Layfield, hence at Charleston in 60 hours.—Per tel.

Bark Paulina, Wilson, from Buenos Ayres, arrived at New York to-day, in 48 days passage.—Per tel.

Bark Chase, Baille, from Baltimore for Rio de Janeiro, s'ld from Pernambuco 12th ult.

Ship Mary McNear, McNear, for Hampton Roads, was at Cape Verde 1st ult.

Ship Mary Whitridge, Cressy, for Hong Kong, cleared at San Francisco 18th ult.

Brig Ocean Travelle, ——, from Cienfuegos for Baltimore, was spoken this month, lat. 32.35, lon. 79.9.

Bark Alfred Lemont, Anderson, for Baltimore, sailed from Cádiz 4th ult.

Ship Wandering Jew, Stackpole, cleared at San Francisco 16th for Victoria

Ship Leonore, Mitchell, sailed from San Francisco 16th ult. for Puget Sound.

Ship John Tucker, Williams, from Calcutta Oct. 21, was below New York 13th inst.

Schr. Ada, Wolfort, from Baltimore, arrived at Norfolk 11th inst.

Schr. Albert, Bailey, from Baltimore, arrived at Norfolk 11th inst.

Brig Prince Louisiana, Russel, arrived at Norfolk 12th inst. from Baltimore.

Steamer Georg Peabody, Pritchard, from Baltimore, arrived at Richmond 12th inst.

Steamship Thomas Swan, Ramsay, arrived at New York 11th inst. from Baltimore.

Schr. J. Merwin, Avery, from Baltimore, arrived at New York 11th inst.

Schr. Transit, Street, sailed from Minatitlan 23th ult. for London.

Schr. Mary D. Lane, Gardner, arrived at Matanzas 1st inst. from New York.

Brig A. Stowers, Stowers, from Portland 4th inst. arrived at Matanzas 4th ult.

Brig Ariel, Wilson, from New Orleans, arrived at New York 14th inst.

Ship Ashburton, Bradish, cleared at New York 14th inst. for London.

Brig Elzira, Stevens, cleared at New York 14th inst. for Cardenas.

[*From the Utica Observer, March* 11.]

REMARKABLE COUNTERFEITING DEVELOPMENTS.—The arrest and examination of several counterfeiters of gold and silver coin, in Essex county, by Deputy United States Marshal Schuyler Hubbard, has revealed some curious facts.

Upon the person of James H. Farnsworth, one of the persons arrested, was found a certificate, of which the following is a copy:

No. 12,646. March 5, 1858.

(Magical emblem.)	(New York coat of arms.)	(Magical emblem.)

This is to certify that *James H. Farnsworth* has been admitted a member, in full communion, of the Mystic Circle of Alchemy. M. M. VOLKENSTEIN, Grand Magi.

A. MCHARRY, Sec'y.

There was also found in the possession of Farnsworth a book of some 200 pages, containing the rules and regulations of the "Mystic Circle of Alchemy," but principally devoted to a full explanation of the processes of galvanism and electrotyping, as applied to gold and silver plating, and the making of dies and moulds. It also gives numerous receipts for mixing metals so as to produce cheap compounds resembling gold and silver. As the publisher of the book is now in custody for counterfeiting, and the sale of the book is arrested, there is no danger to the public in making these facts known.

It appears from the book, (which has been extensively advertised in a quiet way,) that any person paying $5 was instructed in the secrets, received a certificate of membership in the "Mystic Circle of Alchemy," and a copy of this book, containing full instructions for counterfeiting coin and for plating base metals by the most approved scientific methods. We are unable to state how far the "Mystic Circle" extends, but as success in circulating counterfeit coins requires the concert of a number of persons, it cannot be doubted that the operators have made extensive use of the fraternity and secrecy which such an association would afford. In several districts in Northern New York, particularly in Essex county, large numbers of persons have been seduced from honest occupations by the tempting opportunity seemingly afforded for getting rich without labor, and have entered the nefarious business of manufacturing counterfeit coin. The business is carried on to a large extent in the deserted iron mines of that region. Although but few persons have been arrested, general suspicion rests upon hundreds of others who pursue no regular business, and have no apparent means of gaining a livelihood. In other parts of the State the officers are closely watching the movements of individuals who are suspected of the same crimes.

HANCOCK HOUSE AND HOSPITALITY.—The State of Massachusetts has recently purchased the house in which John Hancock lived. Some reminiscences of him are furnished in the following from the New York *Tribune*:

The Hancock House was the scene of much hospitality in John Hancock's time. He was in embarrassed circumstances in the latter part of his life, and a venerable gentleman, whose society I sometimes enjoy, has told me that he had often heard, on the first day of the term, when the docket was called, the crier exclaim, "John Hancock, John Hancock, come into court and answer unto John Doe, or your default will be recorded." And this when he was governor of the State. But in those blessed days for lawyers, nobody minded to be sued, and nobody bothered himself about paying his debts, except upon compulsion, unless it suited his convenience. Still he found means to exercise a most abundant hospitality. The gentleman I have quoted, who is probably the last surviving guest of the multitudes Hancock entertained—since he died sixty-five years ago—described to me a dinner party he particularly remembered.—There were no less than fifty or sixty at table, but the host did not sit at any table with them. He ate at a little side table, and sat on a little wheel-chair, in which he wheeled himself about the general table to speak with his guests. This was because of his gout, of which he made a political as well as social excuse for doing as he pleased. On the occasion in question, when the guests were in the height of animated conversation, and just as the cloth was drawn, they were interrupted by a tremendous crash. A servant, on removing a cut-glass epergne, which formed the central ornament of the table, let it fall, and it was dashed in a thousand pieces. An awkward silence fell upon the company, who hardly knew how to treat the accident, when Hancock relieved their embarrassment by cheerfully exclaiming, "James, break as much as you like, but don't make such a confounded noise about it!" And, under cover of the laugh this excited, the fragments were removed, and the talk went on as if nothing had happened. This, it strikes me, was the presence of mind of true good breeding.

ARMY NEWS.—A correspondent at Belknap informs us that the order for the abandonment of Fort Belknap had been received at that post, and that preparations for the removal of the troops would commence in the course of a week or ten days. Several companies of Texas cavalry are ordered to Camp Cooper. A post will be established either there or in the neighborhood. The selection of the site of the new post has been intrusted to Major Thomas, now in command of Fort Belknap. The buildings at Fort Belknap are to be turned over to the owners, Throckmorton & Co.

The abandonment of Fort Belknap, and the removal of the troops to the Clear Fork of the Brazos, is in pursuance of an understading between Lieut. Gen. Scott and Gen. Twiggs, at their late conference at New Orleans. We should not be surprised if it were soon followed up by the breaking up of the lower reserve and the removal of the Indians outside of the line of posts, and perhaps beyond Red river. This movement will tell on the pecuniary interests of the adjoining counties.

NAVAL.—The Navy Department is in receipt of intelligence from the new steam sloop-of-war Brooklyn, dated at Port au-Prince, Hayti, February 24th. The Brooklyn arrived there in five days from Beaufort, N. C., and was to sail for Aux Cayes on the 29th. All on board were well, and a good report is made of the working of the vessel.

The new side-wheel steamer building at Mare Island Navy Yard, California, was so far advanced at last advices that her launch was to take place on the 1st of the current month, and it was expected to have her ready for sea by the 1st of July.

It is estimated that at least four thousand persons in the United States Navy, annually, are tattooed with figures costing from seventy-five cents to fifteen dollars, and showing the annual expenditure in the aggregate of *twenty thousand dollars!* A single "artist" has been known to pocket over a thousand dollars in a cruise of a frigate in these Indian ink pictures.

A corporate company is organized, in England, who make it their business to guarantee the integrity of any clerk which they recommend, the clerk paying a premium, and the company issuing bonds to secure the employer against loss. Under this arrangement the company keeps a strict watch on the clerk's private acts in the same manner that an insurance inspector looks after combustible material in the insurance of property.

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—For several hours this morning the President and the Postmaster General were in consultation with the principal officers of the Post Office Department relative to the condition of its affairs, which were subsequently considered by the Cabinet. Owing to the magnitude of the subject, and the various important questions in connection with it, no conclusion as to the question of the necessity of calling an extra session of Congress was attained, but it is said that this will be determined before the departure of the next California steamer. According to the exhibit, there will be by the first of June a deficit of nearly four millions and a half. An extra session will be called only under the pressure of absolute necessity.

The understanding here is that the British frigate Curacoa will land Lord Lyons at Annapolis, and there await Lord Napier's convenience to return in that vessel to Europe.

Ex-Senator Jones, of Iowa, to-day formally resigned the appointment of Minister to Bogota.—Several candidates have already signified their willingness to serve their country in that capacity.

The Grand Jury continued but did not conclude the examination of witnesses in the Sickles case to-day.

The Circuit Court has been applied to for the settlement of the question as to who is Mayor of our immediate neighbor, Georgetown. Two gentlemen claim that honor and have been sworn into office.

Judge Vespasian Ellis died here yesterday of dropsy, aged fifty-nine. He formerly represented the country in a diplomatic capacity, and has long been connected with the press.

From Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—The steamer Tennessee's mails confirm the reported success of the Liberals in Mexico. The reactionists, under General Cobas, Blanco and Zuloaga, have been beaten back by an inferior force.

Gen. Miramon is reported as retreating on Orizaba. Only Gen. Otto was left at the capital.

The news of the intended action of the American Government had greatly encouraged the Liberals.

The United States sloop-of-war Savannah had arrived off Vera Cruz.

The English and French were harrassing Juarez.

The Paraguay Expedition.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Dates from Buenos Ayres to Jan. 23d have been received. The American squadron was at Paran on the 10th. Commissioner Bowlin and Commodore Shubrick had an interview with Urquiza, who subsequently went north, as was supposed, to offer his good offices to President Lopez. Hopes of peace were general at Buenos Ayres. It was thought that Lopez would yield. The steamer Southern Star was towing the Preble up the river.

Captured Slaver.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The slaver captured off Porto Rico, in the month of February, was the bark Majestic. She had over one thousand slaves on board. Collusion is charged to have existed between the American Captain and the owner, who made his escape from the authorities. Nearly one thousand of the negroes were landed at Havana.

Supposed Forgery.

BOSTON, March 15.—A man under the assumed name of Osborne has been arrested here suspected of forgery on Messrs. Enders & Sutten, Richmond, and Paul Hinton, Petersburg.

[*From the New York Papers.*]

Wife Murder and Suicide at Hartford.

HARTFORD, March 14.—Christopher Colson, for many years a fish dealer in this city, was divorced from his wife in consequence of his brutality soon to met her at his brother's house, when he drew a large knife and cut her throat, killing her instantly. He was arrested shortly afterwards and committed to jail. After committing the deed, he partook of a large dose of opium, which, combined with a sudden stoppage of liquor, caused his death this afternoon.

Murder of Col. Joseph Bond, of Georgia.

MACON, GA., March 14.—A letter has just been received from Albany, announcing the murder of Col. Joseph Bond, of this city. He was killed on Saturday, near Albany, by Lucius Brown. The difficulty, it is believed, originated in Brown whipping one of Bond's negroes. Mr. Bond was among the largest cotton planters of the South, and very popular and public spirited.

Election in Kansas.

LEAVENWORTH, March 14.—Governor Medary has issued a proclamation for an election on the fourth Monday in March, in accordance with the act of the last Legislature providing for the formation of a constitutional and State government for Kansas. Three months, residence prior to the election is a requisite to vote. Aliens having declared intentions to become citizens are qualified.

The Steamship Prince Albert.

ST. JOHNS, March 14.—The steamship Prince Albert, which was spoken off Cape Race on Tuesday morning, has not yet arrived here. The coast is lined with ice, and it is supposed that she has run for Galway.

Non-Arrival at the City of Washington.

SANDY HOOK, March 14—11 P. M.—There are as yet no signs of the steamship City of Washington, now about due off this port, with Liverpool dates of the 2d inst. Wind S. E.; weather cloudy.

Mr. Richard Cobden at Toronto.

TORONTO, C. W., March 14.—Mr. Richard Cobden arrived here to-day, and paid a visit to Parliament, in session this afternoon.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

MEETING OF THE BALTIMORE UNITED FIRE DEPARTMENT.—This body met last night in the old City Hall, Mr. Adam W. Davis, of the Watchman, in the chair. At the call of the roll all the companies answered.

Mr. Cummins offered a resolution that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the City Council and ascertain if the services of the Baltimore United Fire Department are required, and if required are they willing to defray the necessary expenses attending upon such service? They shall also make a general enquiry as to the disposition of the fund for the relief of disabled firemen.

Col. Cohen moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

Mr. Cohen then made a speech opposed to the adoption of the resolution. It was not necessary to make the enquiry, from the fact that when the Council deems the disbandonment of the department necessary, they will inform the department to that effect. The last time the Council referred to the department, it was to adopt a resolution of thanks for past services, which was an intimation that the services of the department would no longer be needed. He deemed the resolution premature.

A motion was made to appoint one from each Company as the Committee. Lost.

Mr. Vansant moved that the Committee consist of five. Adopted.

The resolution was then divided, that portion referring to the appointment of a Committee to wait upon the Council was put upon its passage.

Mr. Van Nostrand hoped that the resolution would be rejected. If the City Council refuses to vote the annual appropriation, that would be sufficient information as to whether their services are needed or not.

Mr. Nichols was in favor of the resolution, as it would settle the question at once.

Mr. Van Nostrand said that if the Companies made their annual reports to the Council, the question would be immediately settled.

Mr. Levering was opposed to the resolution, and considered it absolutely necessary that the annual report of the companies should be made, before the Council could act intelligently in the matter.

The vote was taken by companies and was lost by yeas 3, nays 17, and one company divided. The second part of the resolution was then put upon its passage.

Mr. Vansant said it was necessary to amend the resolution, as the first part which contained the Committee had been lost. He therefore moved to amend the resolution to make it read "a Committee of five shall be appointed to make inquiry," &c. Adopted.

The Chair announced the Committee as follows: Messrs. Vansant, Thomas Creamer, Joseph H. Audoun, W. H. Gorsuch, and W. H. B. Fusselbaugh.

The Department then adjourned.

SWINDLING.—Yesterday morning about 1½ o'clock a stranger named Fields, who was temporarily stopping in the city, prior to going on to St. Louis, fell into conversation with a sharper in the neighborhood of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Depot. Having ascertained Mr. Fields' destination, his new acquaintance, declared that he was going the same route, but was compelled to lie over on account of some money in his possession. He said he had in cash only a single $100 note, which they would not change at the ticket office, unless he allowed a heavy discount. He was in consequence, as he alleged, unable to pay for the extra baggage he carried. Upon producing the note at the request of Mr. Fields, that gentleman examined it and thought it to be good. It was issued by the Trust Bank of New York, which had recently broken; and being in ignorance of that fact, Mr. Fields thought it an act of kindness to assist the man in his dilemma, and consented to give him $50 in small money, take the $100 note, and when they arrived in St. Louis receive his $50 back, and at the same time return the $100 note to its owner. They both then repaired to a car, took seats and exchanged the money. Soon after receiving the $50 in gold from Mr. Fields, the man made an excuse for leaving the car and has not been heard of since. Being left by his companion, Mr. Fields asked one of the officers at the Depot about the note he had just received, and was informed that it was not worth a copper. He immediately went to officer Gorman, detailed the facts, and set that officer on the swindler's track.

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE MARYLAND COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.—The third annual commencement of this institution was held last evening at Carroll Hall.

The Rev. James D. McCabe, D. D., opened the exercises with prayer.

He was succeeded by Prof. Francis Donaldson, M. D., who briefly announced the names of the graduates. He said that the College was yet in its infancy, but thought its future prospects were of the most cheering description. Although the graduating class this year was exceedingly small, the faculty and those immediately interested in the institution had no cause to complain. He thought the number of students who would take their places in the graduating class, during the approaching session, was greater than it had ever been. With sufficient encouragement, he had no doubt that the institution would in a short time become inferior to none in the country.

George W. Andrews, Esq., President of the College, then conferred degrees upon George H. Blickhahn, of St Louis, Mo., and Edward S. Medinger of Baltimore. Professor Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., delivered the valedictory, after which the audience was dismissed with a benediction by the Rev. Dr. McCabe.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—On Monday morning last a serious accident occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad near North Mountain depot, which resulted in the death of a man named P. E. Stewart. It appears that when engine No. 211 was coming east with a heavy freight train, the engineer discovered the unfortunate man walking on the track. He instantly blew the whistle which did not seem to be noticed, and before the train could be stopped the man was run over. The cylinder head of the engine struck him on the back, prostrating him on the rail while the wheels of the engine passed over one of his legs crushing it in a horrible manner. He died in a few minutes after the accident occurred. His remains were conveyed to Martinsburg to be taken in charge by his friends.

ROBBERIES.—Between eight and nine o'clock on Monday night last, the dwelling of J. H. Stone, No. 268 Lexington street, was forcibly entered through a basement window, and robbed of a silver watch and a Maynard's revolver, valued together at about $30. The burglars were scared off before they could commit any further depredations.

About the same hour, the residence of D. A. Tuttle, on the corner of Arch and Fayette streets, was also entered by burglars. They succeeded in getting no further than the passage, from which they took a cloak valued at $15, two coats worth $35, and a pair of new boots. No arrests have been made in either case.

During Monday night the gr