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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, January 18, 1860.

There was a large business done in Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Stock again to-day, the sales adding up about 1,200 shares, but the market for it was very heavy, and the sales show a decline in it since yesterday of 75 cts. to $1 per share. All the sales to-day were on time. Some 300 shares were sold at the opening, and soon afterwards, at $70 buyer 60 days, but the remaining sales were made at $69⅞@70 buyer 60 days, $69¾ seller 60 and 30 days, $69⅞@69¾ buyer 5, 15 and 20 days, and the stock left off at $69 bid, $69⅞ asked regular way, and $69¾ bid, $69¾ asked buyer 60 days. Northern Central Railway also dropped off ¼ of a dollar per share. There was, however, very little done in it, the only sale at the Board being one of 100 shares at $15¾ buyer 60 days. It closed regular way at $15¾ bid, $15¾ asked. Extra dividend orders were very heavy to-day. They were offered, as they have been for some days past, at 30, but only 20 was bid for them. There was nothing done at the Board in Railroad bonds, but they were generally steady at the previous quotations. For City stock there was some inquiry, and sales were made of $1,200 6's 1890 at 99, and $684 five per cents. at 81. A lot of 12 shares Baltimore and Cuba Mining and Smelting Company was sold to-day at $62, but nothing was done in other Mining stocks. For Gardner Hill $2.37½ was bid, and $2.44 asked regular way. Bank stocks remain pretty firm. Sales were made at the Board of 24 shares Franklin at 11¾, 7 shares Mechanics' at $19, and 8 shares Union at $75¼.

In New York to-day Reading advanced ⅜; Rock Island ½; Galena and Chicago ½; Harlem ¼; Canton ¾; and Illinois Central bonds¼; but New York Central, Erie and Michigan Southern guaranteed declined ¼ each; and Cleveland and Toledo ⅞. Virginia and Missouri 6's brought yesterday's rates.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD

WEDNESDAY, January 18, 1860.

$1200 Balt. 6's	90--90	50	shs. B. & O. RR.		59--69¾
$1200 Balt. 5's	90--90	125	"	"	69--69¾
24 shs. Franklin Bk'g	115	50	"	"	69--70
7 shs. Mechanics' Bk'g	19	50	"	"	69--69¾
8 shs. Union Bank	75¼	50	"	"	69--69¾
12 shs. Balt. & Cuba	62	25	"	"	69--69¾
Mg. & Smg. Co	62	75	"	"	69--69¾
100 shs. C. N. R. R.	15--15¾	50	"	"	69--69¾
150 shs B. & O. RR.	69--70	100	"	"	69--69¾
25 " "	69--69¾	75	"	"	69--69¾
50 " "	69--69¾	100	"	"	69--69¾
50 " "	69--69¾				

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	91	00
Missouri 6's	79	79½
Illinois Central bonds	85¾	00
Canton Company	16¾	00
Erie Railroad	8¾	8¾
New York Central Railroad	74¾	74
Reading Railroad	37¾	37¾
Panama Railroad	00	00
Cleveland and Toledo Railroad	19¾	00
Michigan Southern Railroad	6	00
Cumberland Coal	00	00
Harlem Railroad	00	9¾
Galena and Chicago	00	63
Michigan Southern, guaranteed	15¾	00
Rock Island Railroad	63¾	00
	steady.	steady.

The New York *Tribune* of yesterday says there is an improved market for foreign bills, the easier state of the money market having brought in buyers. Nearly all the good transient bills have been taken up. The bankers have advanced their rates for Sterling to 108⅝@108¾, and bank bills sold at 108⅜@108¾. Francs are 5.22½@5.18¾.

Freights to Liverpool—200 bales Cotton at 3-16@7-32d. 300 boxes Cheese at 25s. 8,000 bush. Grain in bulk at 6d. 250 bs. Beef at 3s. 6d. 200 bbls. Pork at 2s. 6d. 400 bbls. Rosin at 2s. 50 casks Rice at 22s. 6d. To London—18 tons Seed at 25s. To Bremen—200 bales Cotton and 500 bbls. Rosin on private terms. A brig of 180 tons from Jacksonville to an Eastern port with Re-sawed Lumber at $8.50 per thousand.

The money market still tends towards relief, although without material amelioration in rates beyond what has been before noticed. On demand the supply is increasing, and is quite equal to the demand at 7 per cent., while some transactions have been made at 6¾ per cent. First-class paper is in better demand at 7@7½ in exceptional cases, and 8@9 per cent. for four and six months indorsed lines. The Banks are still lending sparingly.

We learn from the Philadelphia *North American* that the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company have declared their usual semi-annual dividend of five per cent., payable on the first of February next, leaving a surplus of net earnings for the year amounting to $190,000.

The gross earnings of the road for 1859, are.....$1,025,000
Current expenses, repairs, operating road, &c... 382,000

Net earnings $643,000

Making a ratio of 37½ per cent. of expenses to gross earnings.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer*, of yesterday, says:

There is no change to report of the Stock Board. There has been some variation in prices, as will be seen by our quotations, but there is the same leaden dullness attending transactions, as has ruled for the last month. Till Congress is in full working-order no material alleviation can be anticipated, for the whole country is touched with the paralysis that has supervened upon the discussions going on in the Federal House.

In the Money market the same thing is operating to cause a stringency, when there is a plethora of money, and a vast amount of specie in private hands. The rates for money have increased largely within ten days, but this condition will not continue long, provided the wheels of the government are allowed to move. The Federal Treasury, however, it must be remembered, is in a bad condition, and all the efforts of the government at retrenchment, will avail but little to rescue the finances of the nation from the slough toward which they are tending.—The Federal creditors will not increase very rapidly while the country is in a state of agitation.

The quantity of coal shipped from Elizabethport, N. J., in 1859, was as follows:

By Scranton Company.....tons.474 000
Lehigh—Lewis Audenried & Co..... 69,578
Lehigh—E. A. Packer & Co. about..... 40,000
Lehigh—A. Pardee & Co..... 10,000
Lehigh—Randolph Brothers..... 35,000
Lehigh—N. Sturtevant & Co..... 30,000

Total.....658,578

The Detroit *Advertiser* denies the correctness of the statements in regard to a loss having been sustained by the State in the negotiation of $100,000 bonds.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, 1860.

COFFEE.—There has been considerable activity to-day in Coffee, sales to the extent of about 3,000 bags having been made. The sales include 120 bags low grade Rio at 11 cts., 200 bags fair do. at 11¾ cts., 1,200 bags good do. at 12@12¼ cts., 600 bags prime do. at 12⅜ cts., and 700 bags white Laguayra do. at about 13 cts. We again quote Rio at 11¾@11¾ cts. for fair, 12 cts. for good; 12¼@12½ cts. for prime; Laguayra at 12@12½ cts. for green; 13@13½ cts. for white; and Government Java at 15½@16 cts. per lb. The sales to-day reduce the stock to about 16,000 bags.

FLOUR.—Flour was very quiet again to-day, but holders were asking the same prices for it as on yesterday. The only sale reported was one of 100 bbls. Howard Street Super at $5.80, and both Howard Street and Ohio Super closed dull, but steady at the figure. There is very little Ohio Flour here but there is a fair stock of Howard Street. City Mills Super may be quoted at $5.37½ for standard, and $5.50@5.75 per bbl. for choice brands, but for this description there is very little inquiry and we have heard of no sales to-day. We quote Extra Flour as before at $5.75@5.87½ for Ohio, $5.75@6 for Howard Street, $6.25 for regular shipping, and $6.75@7 per bbl. for fancy brands City Mills.

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour is in good demand and quite firm. Welch's Family is still selling at $8, and we quote the Patapsco, Reservoir, Silver Spring and Alkland brands at $7.50 per bbl. Ohio and Howard Street Family may be quoted at $6.50 per bbl.

RYE FLOUR AND CORN MEAL.—Both Rye Flour and Corn Meal continue dull, but we still quote the former at $4.37½, and the latter at $3.62½ per bbl. for Baltimore.

GRAIN.—There is still a good inquiry for Wheat, and we continue to quote it firm at 128@130 cts. for good to prime red, and 135@145 cts. for fair to prime white. There were some 3,000 bushels offered this morning and it was mostly sold at the above figures. Corn was however rather dull, and for yellow prices were some 2 to 3 cts. per bushel lower than on yesterday. There were about 7,500 bushels at market, but sales were reported of only 1,200 bushels white at 72@75 cts., and of 3,000 bushels yellow at 72@73 cts. We continue to quote Rye at 92@95 cts. for Pennsylvania, but no sales were made to-day so far as we could learn. Oats are a shade lower. A sale of 700 bushels Pennsylvania was made on Change at 46 cts., and a lot of 250 bushels good Maryland was sold at 44 cts.

MOLASSES.—Molasses is quiet but steady at our previous quotations, viz: 21@22 cts. for tart clayed Cuba; 25 @26 cts. for sweet do.; 28@30 cts. for Cuba Muscovado; 30 cts. for English Island; 44@45 cts. for old crop New Orleans, and 51@52 cts. per gallon for new crop do.

PROVISIONS.—Provisions continue quiet, but the market for them is quite firm to-day. The advices from Cincinnati note some large transactions there yesterday at an advance, and this news has somewhat strengthened the market here. A lot of 15 bbls. Bacon Shoulders was sold to-day at 7⅞ cts., and we note also sales of some 50 to 60 hhds. Bacon in lots at 7¾ and 9¾ cts. We quote Bulk Meat to-day at 6½@6¾ cts. for Shoulders, and 8¾ cts. for Sides, but we have heard of no sales. Lard is steady at 10¾ cts. per lb., and we quote Mess Pork as before at $16@16.25 for thin, $16.75@17 for heavy; new Prime do. at $12.50@13, and new Rump do. at $11.50 @12 per bbl. Beef is selling in ships' stores at $11.50 for No. 1, and $15 per bbl. for Mess.

RICE.—There has been no movement to-day in Rice worth noting, but the rates for it are unchanged and we still quote it as ranging from 3¾ to 4¾ cts. for fair to prime lots.

SUGARS.—Sugars continue very quiet, but they are nevertheless firm at our former quotations, viz: $7@7.37½ for refining grades Cuba and English Island; $7.50@8 for fair to prime Cuba; $7.50@8 for fair to good Porto Rico; $8.25@8.75 for fair to good new crop New Orleans, and $9 for prime do. We have heard of no sales worth reporting to-day.

SALT.—Salt continues firm, and we still quote Liverpool at $1.10 for Ground Alum, $2 for Marshall's and Jeffrey's Dairy's fine, and $2.25 per sack for Ashton do., and Turks Island at 18@20 cts. per bushel from store.

SEEDS.—Cloverseed was quiet again to-day, and the market for it rather heavy, but we still quote it as ranging from $5.37½ to $5.62½ for fair to strictly prime lots. Prime Seed is scarce, but of inferior qualities there is a large supply. Timothy Seed is still quoted at $2.25@2.50, and Flaxseed at $1.35@1.40 per bushel.

WHISKEY.—We still quote Whiskey at 23½ cts. for Country, 24 cts. for City, and 25 cts. for Ohio, but the only sale we have heard of to-day is one of 150 bbls. City at 24 cts. per gallon.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—Flour and Meal.—The market continues dull, and the only sales we hear of for export are 500 bbls. good straight superfine Flour at $5 62½, and 200 bbls. fine middlings at $4 25 per bbl.; there is very little shipping inquiry, and the demand is mostly to supply the wants of the trade, who are less anxious to buy, at from $5.50 up to $6@7 per bbl. for superfine, extra, and fancy brands, as in quality. Rye Flour and Corn Meal are also dull and offered at $4 25 for the former and $3.75 per bbl. for the latter, and little or nothing doing.

Grain.—There is not much demand for Wheat in the present dull condition of the flour market, and only about 1,500 bushels prime red found buyers at $1.35@1.36; white is quoted at $1.45@1.50, but we hear of no sales; the offerings, however, are very light, and the market quiet. Of Rye there is very little offering or selling, and Penna. is steady at 92@93c. Corn is rather firmer to-day, and sales of 3,000@4,000 bushels new yellow are reported at 76c. in the cars and 76@77c. afloat, holders generally asking the latter rate. Oats are unchanged, with sales of 2,000 bushels Penna. to note at 45c., including a small lot of prime at 46c. in store. Of Barley Malt, a sale of 1,500 bushels was made at 90c.

NEW YORK MARKETS, Jan. 18.—Flour.—The market was heavy and less active, and the turn of the market for medium grades was in favor of the purchaser. There was little or nothing doing for export demand, while the late speculation had subsided. The sales were chiefly confined to the wants of the domestic trade. The sales embraced 8,600@9,000 bbls., within the range of the following quotations.

Superfine State	$5.15@$5.25
Extra State	5.20@ 5.45
Superfine Western	5.15@ 5.25
Common to choice Western extra	5.70@ 6.85
Extra Genesee	5.70@ 7.10
Mixed to straight Southern	5.60@ 8.80
Straight to good extra do.	5.85@ 7.25
Choice extra family and bakers' brands	7.00@ 8.00
Rye flour	3.65@ 4.45
Corn meal	3.90@ 4.20

Coffee—The market was quiet and sales limited. 500 bags Santos were sold at p. t. The following table from Messrs. Scott's circular gives the amount of stock: Stock of Rio and Santos on the 10th January, 1860, 37,952 bags; sales for consumption estimated at 4,690 do.; stock of Rio and Santos on the 17th day of January, 1860, 33,262 do.; Maracaibo, 3,926 do.; Laguayra, 1,350 do.; Ceylon, 4,450 do.; Java Coffee, mats, 33,250; government bags 1,020; other descriptions, 600 do. Total bags and mats, 77,858. The stock of Rio on January 14, at New Orleans, was 72,500 bags; Baltimore, 15,000 do.; Philadelphia, 2,000 do.; January 1, New York, 32,262 do.

Whiskey was firmly held at 25 cts.

BOSTON BOOT AND SHOE MARKET, Jan. 16.—The appearance the past week of buyers from nearly all the leading points South and West gives a more animated appearance to our Boot and Shoe market than for some time past. Prices are rather unsettled, except for the most desirable kinds of work, and are likely to rule low. Our market is well supplied with all kinds of Spring goods. There is no change to notice among the manufacturers. The difficulty of obtaining fair or remunerating prices checks all active preparations, and the amount of goods produced is likely to be smaller than for many previous years, although with our present stocks the supply will evidently be equal to the wants of the trade. The business and the connecting branches are at present in a very peculiar position. Hides are held firm in all the leading markets, notwithstanding they could not be turned into Leather except at a considerable loss, while manufacturers purchase sparingly of Leather on account of the comparatively low prices of goods. There are a few orders in market for California, and a buyer is also here from Oregon. The last advices from California speak of a very dull market there and low prices. Among the exports of the week we notice 385 cases to Australia, by the Berkshire, and 1,929 cases to San Francisco by the Morning Star.—*Shipping List.*

CINCINNATI, Jan 16.—Flour.—The demand continues quite limited. The only sale of importance was 500 bbls. extra, delivered at Lawrenceburg, at $5.50. The receipts are light.

Whiskey.—A good demand, and the market firm; sales of 1,100 bbls. at 20½@20¾c., the latter rate for wagon.

Hogs.—The receipts during the last 24 hours were 1,500 head. The market is dull and prices drooping. The sales were:

71 head	....averaging	220 lbs.,	at	$6.40
350 "	last evening.....	"	240	"	6.40
300 "	.....	"	180	"	6.20
200 "	.....	"	175	"	6.00
100 "	.....	"	180	"	5.90
100 "	.....	"	200	"	6.25

Wheat—Continues firm and in good demand at $1 25@1.28 for prime white, and $1.20@1.22 for prime red.

Corn.—The market is firm, with a good demand at 55@56c., in bulk; sales 300 bushels, in bulk, at 55c; 800 do. do. at 56c.; 300 do. white at 58c., delivered.

Cloverseed.—There is a good demand, and prices have advanced 5c. per bushel. We now quote it at $4.65@4.70 for sacks and bbls.; sales 10 bbls. at $4.70; 11 sacks at $4.65; 25 bbls. at $4.65.

BOSTON DRY GOODS MARKET, Jan. 17.—Domestics.—The market for Cotton Goods remains without change. Drills continue in demand for export, and sell readily at 8¾@9 cts., the latter price for favorite makers. Heavy standard Sheetings are in demand, and are selling at 8¾ cts. Prints have become more active and are selling more freely. Denims, Stripes, Tucks and Cotton Flannels continue in demand; and a very good feeling generally prevails among manufactures in all leading styles are sold ahead of production.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Cotton has advanced ¼—sales of 2,700 bales; Uplands Middling 11⅛@11¾ cts. Flour is firm—sales of 14,000 bbls; State $5.20@5.25; Ohio $5.75@5.85; Southern $5.60@5.85. Wheat is firmer—40,000 bushels at an advance of 1@2 cts; Milwaukie Club $1.25—Corn is quiet—sales of 14,000 bushels at 83@84½ cts. for white and yellow Western. Pork is firm—100 Mess $16.25; new $17.25. Whiskey closed firm at 25¼@25½ cts. Sugar is less buoyant—Muscovado 7¾@7⅞ cts. Molasses is steady—sales at 51@53 cts. Spirits Turpentine dull at 44 cts.—Rosin is dull. Rice is firm but quiet.

Cattle Markets.—Beeves are dull. Receipts, 3,000 head. Sales at prices ranging from 5¾ to 10 cts. Sheep—Receipts, 8,800 head. Market active at former rates. Swine dull—receipts, 6,600 head. Dressed Hogs 6¾@7 cts.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 18.—Hogs—Receipts light with an active demand—sales of a small lot averaging 205 lbs. at $6.75; and a small lot of very heavy at $7. Provisions are buoyant; Bulk Meats and Bacon 1@2c. higher. Pork closed buoyant at $16.75. Lard dull. Flour dull at $5.30@5.40. Wheat is active. Corn is firm.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6th December, 1859.—Our last circular advices were dated 5th ultimo, and we now resume same.

IMPORTS.

Flour—Receipts have been 31,051 bbls., of which 29,545 bbls. from United States and 1,506 bbls. from France; and sales have been 40,982 bbls. as follows: 17,494 bbls. 1st qualities Richmond at 14|750@17|750; 3,224 do. 2d do. 16|500@16|000; 9,373 do. Extra Baltimore at 13|250@14|000; 2,364 do. Super do. at 13|000; 3,106 do. Extra and Super Virginia county at 13|000; 5,419 do. Trieste and Fontana at 16|@16|250. Stock in all hands to-day we estimate at 70,000 bbls., of which 32,446 bbls. remain in first hands; thus divided: 17,904 bbls. 1st qualities Richmond; 7,834 do. 2d do. do.; 4,213 do. Extra Baltimore; 2,498 do. Extra Fredericksburg.

During the past month the market has been active, and prices for the better brands have advanced about 1|000 per bbl. from the lowest point. At our present quotations, which are by last sales made, there is very little disposition to purchase. We quote:—Richmond 1st qualities, 16|000@18|000; do. 2d do., 14|000@16|000; Baltimore Extra, 14|000; do. Super, 13|000; Trieste, 16|000@17|000.

At Pernambuco, 20th November.—Stock in all hands 24,000 bbls., and dealers well supplied. Article very dull, and only sale reported: Extra Baltimore at 15|500. A considerable decline was expected.

At Bahia, 1st December.—Stock 20,000 bbls. in all hands; no sales reported and the article quite nominal, and dealers will only purchase at a very large decline.

At Rio Grande, 29th November.—Stock 12,000 bbls., and market very dull at 20| for 1st qualities Richmond, at 17|@18| for 2d qualities, and 14|@16| for Baltimore.

At Montevideo, 28th November.—American is very dull, and our fresh British not worth more than $6@7 in bd. per bbl. Native is abundant and low in price, and the new wheat crop, which is near at hand, is expected to be large.

At Buenos Ayres, 25th November—Advices of large shipments from this, with liberal receipts from Montevideo, have greatly depressed the article, and American is quoted $5¾@6 for Baltimore City Mills, and $6@6¾ for Extra.

Codfish—Only arrivals Nov. 13, "Victoria," 2,338 boxes to the trade; Nov. 26, "Chase," Baltimore, 500 pkgs., sold at 10|000. Stock in second hands 9,000 pkgs., and market very dull at 10@13|000 per ql., according to quality and package.

EXPORTS.

Coffee.—The supplies from the interior during the past month have been quite unusually large upon a very moderate scale, taking into consideration the fine weather we have had and the consequent good condition of the roads, and the high prices which have been maintained for the article, circumstances strongly inviting the planters to hurry forward his Coffee. Still, as we have said, the supplies have been moderate, and it is confidently asserted that, from January forward, they will be upon a very moderate scale. The confidence in the continuance of high prices in the local strength of the article has made them firm holders at prices which exporters have, for some time, been unwilling to pay, business has consequently been suspended, and even our moderate scale of supply has led to the accumulation of a considerable stock. The dealers are now willing to make some concession in prices, but not sufficient to induce any considerable business, and the market is therefore quiet. Our quotations, under the circumstances, must be considered, for the most part, nominal. Sales since our last estimate of 68,000 bags, being thus divided: United States, 20,700 bags; Channel and North of Europe, 37,000; Mediterranean, 10,300—stock today 206,000 bags. And we quote: Lots for United States 5|950@6|100 f.o.b., ex freight; Rye at 92c.

Hides—Stock 2,600 pieces, of all weights, and holders ask 380 per lb. for them.

Horsehair—No stock; we quote nominally at 11@11|200 per arroba.

Sugars—The high prices ruling are owing to the very limited supplies lately received, but large receipts are expected and we consequently consider our quotations as quite nominal.

Freights—For United States no transactions to report, and we quote nominally: Northern ports, 40 cts., and Southern ports, 50@60 cts., with 5 per cent.

Specie—Doubloons, 32|200@32|500; Gold, 5 per cent. premium.

Exchange on England—The transactions for this steamer have been very limited at 24¾d.@¾ a trifling amount having been passed at 25d, 90 days.

Very respectfully,

MAXWELL, WRIGHT & CO.

Represented by our partners, W. W. H. D. C. Wright, Esq., John S. Wright, Esq., Baltimore.

IMPORTS AT BALTIMORE.

COASTWISE.

FRANKLIN, La.—*Schr. R. W. Troth.* 150 hhds. sugar, 175 bbls. molasses, S. G. Hand & Co.

FRANKLIN, La.—*Schr Flying Scud.* 112 hhds. sugar, 156 bbls. molasses, 50 half do., Stirling & Ahrens.

BOSTON.—*Steamship Joseph Whitney.* 50 bales dry goods, Rice, Chase & Co.; 88 do., J. S. Bary; 367 pkgs. do., 191 pkgs. boots & shoes, 100 bbls. herring, sundry persons.

BOSTON.—*Schr. Charm.* 23 cases bleaching powders, Wheelright & Co.; 150 bags pepper, Levering & Co.; 50 hhds. sugar, Hyland & Woods; 23 do., 20 boxes do., 600 pkgs. mdse., order.

EXPORTS FROM BALTIMORE.

FOREIGN.

QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND.—*Ship G. F. O. Heyn.* 724 logs timber, 1,496 pieces white oak do.

BREMEN.—*Ship Ferdinand.* 770 hhds. tobacco, 36 hhds. tobacco stems, 125 bbls. flour, 3,920 bushels corp, 251 bags bark, 25 bbls shoe pegs, 1 case mdse., 4 bbls. peaches, 2 quarter bbls. do., 2 bbls. apples, 20,500 locust treenails, 25 cases oysters, 480 bbls. rosin.

For Shipping Intelligence, see 4th page

A NEW DODGE OF SWINDLING.—We learn from the Lancaster *Inquirer* that Mr. Levi Wissler, a farmer in Clay township, in that county, received a letter lately been *puzzled* out of $1,000 under the following circumstances: It appears that a German in the employ of Mr. Wissler had, about a year since, gone to New York to visit some friends; when he returned he brought with him a letter purporting to be from Germany. The letter stated that a near relative of his had died, and that he was left heir to something like $7,000, for which a draft was enclosed, payable in November, 1859. The German appeared to be much puzzled as to what he would do with his money, and finally made up his mind to go West and invest it in land, and for that purpose he asked Mr. Wissler for the loan of $600 until his draft became payable, promising to give Mr. Wissler his foreign draft for security. Mr. Wissler furnished him said amount; he started off with his booty, but returned again in a short time asking for $600 more, stating that he had bought a large tract of land, and would want that amount to complete the purchase. Mr. Wissler gave him $400 more and took his draft for security, which proved to be bogus. Since then nothing has been heard from the man, and, undoubtedly, never will be in that vicinity.

The Mayor of Baltimore, in his annual message, says Baltimore is a Southern city, with Southern interests, and cannot be a passive spectator to events like the late Harper's Ferry raid. He relies upon the Northern ballot-box giving a signal rebuke to the wild fanaticism which has produced such results. The Mayor must have considerably more faith in the Northern ballot-boxes than the citizens of Baltimore have in theirs. At the last election in Baltimore, the Plug Uglies took possession, by violence, of the polls, and would not allow any citizens who differed from them to vote. If the ballot-boxes North of Baltimore have as weak public authorities to guard them, we would not give much for the rebuke that wild fanaticism will receive through them.—*Phil. Ledger.*

A COOL ROBBERY.—The Memphis *Avalanche* of the 10th inst. gives the particulars of a robbery of a gentleman in his room in the Gayoso House, in that city, on Monday last, in broad daylight. It seems that a man named Keller Kurtz, travelling agent for C. F. Newton, manufacturer of gold and silver pen and pencil, and little or nothing doing. The first night he spent in Memphis, confined to his room most of the time from serious pulmonary complaint, and was on that morning in his room, and in bed. The robber walked in, locked the door, put the key in his pocket, choked the poor fellow senseless, and not being satisfied with the booty he found, waited for his victim to recover his senses, and then compelled him, with a pistol to his head, to deliver up his money, amounting to about one hundred and fifty dollars in gold, and other valuables, amounting to three hundred and fifty dollars. The robber had succeeded, at the last accounts, in making good his escape.

WISCONSIN AND ILLINOIS.—The Secretary of State of Wisconsin has published a table giving the total vote for Governor at the recent election in that State, with an estimate based thereon of the population of the State. He estimates one vote to every seven inhabitants. The total vote for Governor was 123,299, which, according to the estimate gives a population of 863,093. The population of Wisconsin in 1850 was 305,391, showing an increase of 557,702, or an increase of about 182 per cent. Estimated upon the same ratio, the vote at the last election in Illinois would indicate that in November, 1858, the population of that State was nearly 1,800,000, which is probably not far from the actual figures. Illinois now has nine members of Congress, and Wisconsin three—total twelve. If the ratio be fixed at 105,000 for a member of Congress, it will give Wisconsin eight and Illinois seventeen members after 1861. Both States have now sixteen votes for President; after 1860 their combined vote will be twenty-nine.

FROM RIO.—By the M. Boynton, at New York yesterday, via Fernambuco, we have Rio dates of the 7th of December. Flour was firm, and the sales from the 1st to the 7th, were 42,000 barrels. Coffee had been dull, 49,000 bags only having been sold the previous thirty days. Arrivals large, stock increasing, holders firm in their views; no vessels loading for the United States, but a large amount of American shipping waiting. Freights were nominal at 40 and 50 cents for coffee.

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, January 18.—There were indications to-day on the part of the Republicans, of an effort to have a night session of the House, with a view, if possible, of bringing the contest for Speaker to a termination, but a sufficient number of them were not united on that purpose.

The galleries of the House were crowded to their utmost capacity, during the proceedings to-day, by persons of both sexes.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Mr. Hughes, of Indiana, to supply the vacancy on the Bench of the Court of Claims.

Action on the Mexican treaty has been delayed, owing to the voluminous documents not being printed. An order for the latter purpose was made to-day.

Several Senators have prepared speeches to be delivered next week on the slavery question. Some of the most intimate friends of Mr. Seward say he has no idea of making a speech during the present feverish political excitement.

Within the past week from fifty to sixty men from this city and Baltimore have gone South, abundantly provided with arms. They form a portion of a large party whose destination is said to be Mexico to assist the Liberal Government.

Resolutions of Connecticut Manufacturers against Sectionalism.

MERIDEN, Conn., Jan. 18.—The Manufacturers' Convention to-day passed resolutions condemning the spirit which impelled a sovereign State in 1832, to threaten civil war for no greater grievances than its opposition to a law of Congress establishing duties upon imports; condemning the spirit of disunion if this or that candidate for President or Speaker should be elected; condemning the spirit which drove Mr. Parr from Charleston; condemning the spirit which struck down Mr. Sumner in the Senate chamber; condemning the spirit which overran Kansas, and the spirit which invaded Virginia by a body of armed men; disapproving of the misrepresentations of Southern leaders, a portion of the public press which represents any considerable number of the people of the free States as abolitionists; and renewing their professions of fidelity to the Union and the Constitution.

Pittsburg, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Receivership.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 17.—The modified decrees were entered by the United States District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, this morning, and Wm. B. Ogden sworn as receiver for the entire road from Pittsburg to Chicago. Mr. Ogden comes to Pittsburg tonight, to assume control.

Election of United States Senator from Iowa.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Legislature of Iowa yesterday re-elected James Harlan United States Senator. The vote stood 73 for Harlan, to 52 for A. C. Dodge.

From Havana.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—The steamship Empire City has arrived with Havana dates to the 13th inst. They are not important. Exchanges on London 15½@15¾. Bills on New York 3¼@4.

News from Brownsville, Texas.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—A letter from Corpus Christi states that Cortinas had recrossed the Rio Grande above Brownsville. There were no troops at Brownsville.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF THE HON. JOHN NELSON.—We regret to announce the death of the Hon. John Nelson, which occurred last evening, about 9½ o'clock, at his residence on Mt. Vernon Place. Mr. Nelson was over seventy years of age, and had been ill for some time, but only within a few days past had his disease taken a critical turn, so as to excite the serious apprehensions of his friends. Mr. Nelson was one of the acknowledged leaders of the Bar of Maryland, and indeed of the country, and during his long life had been called to various positions of trust and importance, having been Attorney General of the United States under the administration of President Tyler, and Minister to Naples during that of President Jackson. The members of the Bar will meet to-day to give expression to their sense of the loss which the profession and the community have sustained.

MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL.—The President and Directors of the Baltimore Manual Labor School, have issued their fifteenth annual report. They state that they have had much encouragement from a generous public, upon whose contributions the usefulness of the school mainly depends. Designed as a farm school, and located at Ellicott's Mills, it is where they are removed from the contagion of corrupt and depraved company, and where their moral, mental and physical training, is the primary object of their officers. The institution has thus saved many from ignorance and vice, and enabled them to fill situations of usefulness and honor.—The school is seven miles from the City, two miles north of the Washington turnpike, (adjoining the property known as "Wartman's Sulphur Spring,") and a farm of 140 acres, which belongs to the Institution, and is free of incumbrance. The situation is very healthy. During the seventeen years of its organization, but two deaths have occurred among its inmates. It contains at present its full compliment of pupils, (fifty). The rudiments of a plain English education are taught, and the more advanced boys are instructed in practical farming, or bound out to learn some mechanical occupation. The officers report that the year ending on the 1st of December last, has been a prosperous one, the buildings and grounds have been improved, and the health of the pupils has been good. The Treasurer's report shows the entire cost of maintaining the school, and other expenses of the school, such as salaries, &c., for the last year to be three thousand eight hundred and forty-five dollars and twenty-seven cents, ($3,845.27,) and incidental expenses $207.50. The average cost for each boy for 1859 has been $81, which is $3 above the cost of 1858, but $7 per head less than in 1857. The total amount of agricultural products sums up $2,382.23 of which $1,713.73 were realized from sales at market, and the remainder $675.50 consumed at the school. The teachers' report shows that there are at present 46 boys in the school, 10 of whom have been recently admitted. The managers tender their thanks to Dr. and Mrs. N. Hopkins, who has rendered professional services to the school without charge. The boys during the busy season are employed on the farm, from which they go to their studies with a good will. A festival was held on Christmas day, when the pupils sung, recited dialogues, &c., which were alike suitable to both teachers and scholars.

The Baltimore Manual Labor School is an unobtrusive charity, quietly and modestly doing good, and snatching as a brand from the burning, many youths, who otherwise might be an inmate of the penitentiary or jail. These children are taken from the vile associations too common in all large cities; vicious and ragged boys are transformed into educated and ambitious men, and prepared to pass through life with honorable distinction.

BATTALION BALTIMORE CITY GUARD.—Yesterday morning at eight o'clock the Battalion Baltimore City Guard met at their armory where they formed into line and proceeded to the wharf of the Norfolk steamship company, when they embarked for Annapolis. There were ninety-eight muskets out, and the corps was accompanied by Vollandt's band and a large number of citizens. On reaching Annapolis the Guard marched to within one square of the State House, when they halted, and the petition, remonstrating against the passage of the proposed law for the re-organization of the Militia, containing over three thousand signatures, was conveyed by the citizens who accompanied the Battalion to the Senate, where it was presented by that body by Mr. McKaig, of Allegany. The Battalion was then dismissed and the members visited the Naval School. After which they again formed in line and were reviewed by Commodore Blake, of the United States Navy. At the request of some members of the Senate the Battalion marched into the Capitol grounds, where they were addressed by Senator Kimmel, of Frederick county. After spending a couple of hours in the ancient city they left, and reached home about seven o'clock in the evening. The trip was one of much pleasure.

THE LAW RELATIVE TO SELLING HAY.—The following resolution was introduced into the First Branch of the City Council by Mr. Evans, of the First Ward:

"*Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That permission be, and the same is hereby granted to Joseph P. Baynes, to keep hay and cut straw on his premises, at the southeast corner of Eden and Monument streets; also to Chas. W. Hynes, to keep hay and cut straw on his premises, on Shroeder street near Baltimore street: provided, however, the building in which the hay shall be kept, or the straw cut, shall be constructed of brick or stone, with walls not less than eight and a half inches thick, and if the buildings be of but one story, the roof shall be covered with gravel, slate or metal, and the doors and windows to be covered on the outside with iron; and to all others who are or may hereafter be engaged in the business of selling hay and cutting straw, upon complying with the provisions under this resolution."

Under the present law it is a fine of $5 for any person to sell hay on their premises, or cut straw without a special grant from the City Council. Should this resolution pass, it will only be necessary for the vender to comply with the requirement, and he can proceed to conduct the business.

RE-BUILDING—BALTIMORE ENTERPRISE.—The owners of the property destroyed by the late fire on West Baltimore street, near Green, are giving a striking example of energy in immediately rebuilding the houses that were burnt. But three or four weeks have elapsed since the occurence of the fire, and already the several places of business are rapidly approaching completion. Mr. McGlannan has raised his building, which was formerly but two stories, up to four stories, which will be furnished with many additional conveniences for the prosecution of his business. Next to him Mr. Bowers is improving both his own lot and the one adjoining, which was occupied by Steiff's piano warehouse; he has a front of thirty feet on Baltimore street, and a depth of over one hundred feet. The front will be occupied four handsome iron columns, supporting a super-structure of brick. Mr. D. Magill is also erecting a plain and substantial building, on his lot adjoining that of Mr. Bowers, to be used in the prosecution of his business.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Yesterday morning, about 8 o'clock, as the Washington train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was turning the curve at the foot of Eutaw street, a man named Samuel Arnold was discovered near the track, and notwithstanding every effort to warn him of his danger, he continued to advance towards the locomotive until it came in contact with him, throwing him violently to the ground, cutting a severe wound on the head, and, it is feared, injuring him internally. Had he gone one step further, the whole train would have passed over him. He was removed to his home near by, and Dr. Benson was called in and dressed his wounds. It was ascertained that he was deaf, which accounts for his not attending to the warning of the engineer.

Yesterday morning, as the apparatus of the Fire Department was proceeding to the fire on Stricker street, hose-carriage No. 4 came in collision with one of the Passenger Railway cars, and one of the drivers of the carriage was thrown off, and his right leg injured severely. The accident was caused by the carelessness of the driver of the car.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND