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The money market continues as about last reported, with a fair supply of capital offering for unexceptionable paper. In fact negotiations which may be closed, under this head are readily taken by the banks at bank rates. On the street good notes secured by satisfactory collaterals are negotiated at 1@ 1½ and 1½@2 cent. ⅌ month, and mortgage paper at 12@15 ⅌ cent. ⅌ annum, with exceptional transactions at 10 and 11.

Gold opened at 139½@140, and after selling up to 140½ closed firm at 140@140½. The market exhibited considerable animation, with some speculative feeling, the sales including $5000 at 139½; $3000, $10,000, $42,000, $30,000, $25,000, $27,000, and $50,000 at 140; $20,000 at 140½, and $2500 (500 and 2000) at 140¾. At the board last evening $5000 changed hands at 139½ and $25,000 (5000 and 20,000) at 140. The sales of silver included $1000 in American half-dollars at 132½; $1000 later in the day at 133, and 1200 Mexican dollars at 142½. At the close the former were quoted firm at 133.

Foreign exchange improved about ¼ ⅌ cent under the advance in gold. The sales of sterling included £1200 good bill of lading at 152½, £3000 marginal bank credit at 151½, £3000 A1 at 153½, £4000 at 153½, and £1600 at 154. The business in francs was on quite a liberal scale, the sales including 25,000, 40,000, and 90,000 Al commercial at 5.20½, 20,000, 25,000, 30,000, and 70,000 at 5.07½, 150,000 sight (50,000 and 100,000) at 5.05, a round amount at 5.12½ for gold, and 100,000 bank at 5.15. Sterling may be quoted at 158@153½ for A1 bill of lading and 154@155 for other first-class and private bankers; and francs at 5.10@5.07½ for Al commercial.

Domestic exchange was a shade weaker under the anticipation of more liberal supplies from the increased activity in cotton. The banks continued to check on New York at ¼@½ ⅌ cent discount, mostly at ½, and the sales of commercial included $20,000 New York sight at 9-16 discount; $10,000, $20,000, and $50,000 at ½; $10,000, $25,000, $30,000, and $57,000 at 11-16; and $37,000 (7000 and 30,000) at ¾. Toward the close there was an increased reluctance among the banks to pay more than ½.

There were some sales of stocks, the particulars of which were not reported. 50 shares Bank of New Orleans sold at $38 50, and 25 Mechanics' and Traders' Bank at $47. We heard of a sale of Canal at $61, which we did not authenticate.

We have heard of no further sales of city bonds since the small lots of railroad issues reported at 65. They may be quoted at 77@79 for the consolidated, and 60@— for the railroad issues.

The only change in city treasury notes was an improved demand for the large bills at stiffer rates. The sales included $2000 and $7000 at 14 ⅌ cent discount; $1000 at 15, and $2000 at 15½, showing a marked upward tendency. The movement in the small bills was of about the usual extent, dealers buying at ½ discount and selling at ¾ and ⅞, mostly at ¾. The sales of state notes included $1200 at ⅞ discount and some retail sales at 50. In Bank of Louisiana notes we noticed a sale of $4000 at 31c. ⅌ dollar.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, February 6, 1868.

COTTON—The sales to-day amounted to 600 bales, but this included 300 sold late yesterday evening. Prices were irregular, but closed at an improvement of ⅛c., and we now quote ordinary at 16@15½c.; good ordinary at 16@16½c.; low middling at 17@17½c.; middling at 18@18½c., and strict middling at —@19½.

The market opened under the stimulating influence of the accounts from Liverpool, and the weather being fine buyers came forward with renewed spirit, but were met by factors with more stringent pretensions, many of them claiming prices 1c. higher than yesterday's rates, while others on the contrary, were willing to meet the demand at full prices, but without any notable advance. Hence middling sold at 18c. and 18¼, the latter for a very good one closed by some at Orleans. Later in the day, however, the improvement being other increased by an advance in foreign exchange, prices ruled more uniformly in favor of factors, and at the close were firm at the advance and quotations noted above. The demand was partly for foreign export, and partly for the North, probably a moiety of the business being for the latter.

SUGARS—The crop of Louisiana is pretty much in, and the receipts are now falling off rapidly. They were confined this morning to 74 hhds. The quality is very fair, and prices are still higher. The sales comprised all the receipts and about as much from previous supplies, at 12½c. ⅌ lb. common; 13@13½c. for fair; 13½c. for fair; 14@14½c. for prime; 14½c. for choice; and 15@15½c. for fancy yellow clarified; and 16@17c. for white. The stock of Cuba sugar is very light, and the market for that description is nominally higher, but we quote it at 15@16c. ⅌ lb. for fair to prime, and 17@18c. for choice.

MOLASSES—The season's production of Louisiana has mostly come to market, and the receipts are now very light. The demand is active, at advanced prices, and about 200 bbls. all the receipts of to-day, sold at 60@65c. for fermenting, and 90c. for prime to choice, not fermenting. A cargo of 300 bbls. Cuba molasses sold on private terms, and we quote the cargo at 45c., and at retail at 50@55 ⅌ gallon.

RICE—The steamer Pauline Carroll, from Cuba, is the only arrival from the West since last Monday. Her cargo consists principally of corn, but only 5000 bags go to the market; the balance, 5000 bags, we hear, is sold. The weather is clear, cool, and favorable. The business, but the supplies of all descriptions of Western produce and provisions, on the landing and in store, are extremely light, and operations are consequently restricted. Supplies of meat with ready sale at very full prices.

FLOUR—Superfine is scarce, and what little there is held by only one or two parties, is in very much in request, and prices have still further advanced $@$1 ⅌ bbl., holders generally asking $11@$12 ⅌ bbl. The sales to-day comprised 1700 bbls., of which 50 due at Sept. 1st, 100 rounded at $12; 50 superfine at $10 50; and 50 do. at $10 75; 200 and 300 double extra at $11; 100 do. at $11 12½; 100 do. at $11 50; and 100 treble extra at $12 ⅌ bbl.

CORN—There was a good inquiry to-day for the undoubted for export, but the demand restricted by light supplies. Prices are firmer, and we quote at 90c. ⅌ bush. for mixed, 92c. for white, at 100c.; 100 sacks, 600 bushels, and 1100 white mixed, prime, and choice, at 90c.; 100, 200, 300, and 700 at 92 ½ ⅌ bushel.

OATS—The market is steadier and firmer with a good demand, of which 100 bushels, and 500 prime Western at 84c.; 100 ⅌ bushel.

HAY—Is quiet and unchanged; 150 and 200 sold at $1 05 ⅌ 100 lbs.

PORK—Pickle Western is selling in the trade at $21 ⅌ bbl.

LARD—The week ended in very light receipts, and extremely quiet, and with a general decline. The last evening and to-day we have had further advanced 2@c. ⅌ lb. in the open, The entire concession is not in the open. The sales comprised 100 tierces at 15½c.; 100 tierces at 15½c.; 100 tierces at 15½c.;