Commercial and Financial Matters.

The towboat Grand Lake No. 2, with 4 barges, will arrive here to-day from St. Louis. She brings a cargo of 73,207 bushels of bulk corn; also 14,099 packages of freight, of which there are 7978 bbls of flour and 2605 sacks of oats.

The New York *Shipping List*, of the 7th inst., has a very well considered article under the heading of "Southern Trade and Industries," in which it alludes to the active and healthful character of our business, and dwells particularly upon the fact that Southern trade is now transacted upon a better and safer basis than it was in ante-bellum times; and that the "old plantation system of mortgaging the future by reckless purchases of supplies on long credits has been superseded by cash payments and short credits," placing, in this respect, the Southern trade on an equal footing with that of the Northern and Western States. These facts being admitted we only want to develop the industrial resources of the South, and the *Shipping List* very cogently and strongly urges men of capital to make their investments in this portion of the country as offering an excellent prospect for a remunerative return.

Cotton Crop Report for October.

Mr. Hester, the secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, has obligingly furnished us with the following report from the National Cotton Exchange of the cotton crop for the month of October:

LOUISIANA.—We have 64 answers from 31 parishes, average dates October 31. The character of weather universally bad, in fact, the most unfavorable season for gathering crops ever known. Some report slight frost, with no damage, while the majority state that great damage has been done by the incessant rains and wind, causing cotton to rot in the fields. The average of crop picked is about 60 per cent and picking, with some few exceptions, will be finished about the fifteenth December. The yield, compared with that of last year, is estimated to be 27 per cent decrease, but much will depend on the character of the weather.

MISSISSIPPI.—Eighty-four reports from 31 counties, average date October 31; 29 report weather fair to the 14th, since then very rainy and unfavorable; 6 report weather fair during the month, 58 report very wet and unfavorable during the month, much more so than last year at same time. A light frost is reported from some sections but no damage was occasioned. Picking has been greatly retarded up to the date of our answers; 50 per cent of the crop has been gathered. Owing to continued rains picking will not be finished in some sections before the first of January. The yield will be about 12 per cent below that of last year with a favorable season from this time. A large majority of the answers report heavy rain storms, which have greatly injured the cotton remaining in the fields, causing the cotton to be beaten out and the bolls to rot.

ARKANSAS.—Our report is compiled from 49 answers received from 24 counties, average date October 31. The weather during the whole of the past month has been very wet and decidedly unfavorable for harvesting, as compared with the same time last year. There was a light frost in some sections during the month, but this occasioned no damage to the crop. Picking has progressed fairly; up to the date of our answers 50 per cent of the crop had been gathered and the remainder expected to be picked by the 15th of December next. The yield up to the present time compares very favorably with that of last year, but heavy and continuous rains, accompanied by storms, have done damage to the crop and much will depend on the weather during the balance of the picking season.

Only a Merchant.

The appointment of Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, a merchant, as minister to one of the most important courts in Europe, has given rise to much derogatory comment. Some Northern and Western newspapers have taken pains to ridicule this nomination, and have declared that he, being a merchant, knows nothing of diplomacy, and necessarily possesses none of the arts and shrewdness requisite for the position. We now nothing of Mr. Walsh's suitableness as a minister, but we think that the fact of his having been an old and successful merchant is highly commendatory, and leads us to believe that he is peculiarly and admirably fitted to fully comprehend the nature and scope of modern diplomacy. As the Hon. R. C. Winthrop has well said:

"The distinctive and characterizing feature of the age in which we live is the rapid and steady progress of the influence of commerce upon the social and political condition of man. The policy of the civilized world is now, everywhere and eminently, a commercial policy. No longer do the nations of the earth measure their relative consequence by the number and discipline of their armies upon the land or their armadas upon the sea. The tables of their imports and exports, the tonnage of their commercial marines, the value and variety of their home trade, the sum total of their mercantile exchanges, these furnish the standard by which national power and national importance are now marked and measured. Look to the domestic administration, or the foreign negotiations of our own, or any other civilized country. Listen to the debates of the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament. What are the subjects of their gravest and most frequent discussions? The succession of families? The marriage of princes? The conquest of provinces? The balance of power? No. The balance of trade, the sliding scale, corn, cotton, sugar, timber—these furnish now the homespun threads upon which the statesmen of modern days are obliged to string the pearls of their rhetoric. What occupy the thoughts of diplomatists? The reciprocal treaties of commerce and navigation. These are the engrossing topics of their protocols and ultimatums."

Webster, "the gift of New England to his country," was also capable of judging, and he entertained no mean opinion of our merchants knowledge and capacity. Said this great statesman:

"The free nature of our institutions and the popular form of those governments which have come down to us from the Rock of Plymouth, give scope to intelligence, to talent, enterprise and public spirit, from all classes, making up the great body of the community. And the country has received benefit in all its history and in all its exigencies, of the most eminent and striking character, from persons of the mercantile profession. Who will ever forget that the first name signed to our ever memorable and ever glorious declaration of independence is the name of John Hancock, a merchent of Boston? Who will ever forget that in the most disastrous days of the Revolution, when the treasury of the country was bankrupt, when unpaid navies and starving armies, it was a merchant—Robert Morris, of Philadelphia—who, by a noble sacrifice of his own fortune, as well as by the exercise of his great financial abilities, sustained and supported the wise men of the country in council, and the brave men of the country in the field of battle."

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Friday Evening, Nov. 9, 1877.

NEW ORLEANS CLEARING-HOUSE.

	Clearings.	Balances.
November 3	$1,407,740 85	$137,724 66
November 5	1,520,589 60	182,686 72
November 6	2,636,335 18	187,445 36
November 7	1,564 883 68	162 617 48
November 8	1,732,804 57	190,651 74
November 9	1,881,454 92	122,949 26
Total thus far	$10,743,808 83	$934,075 22

Throughout the week all of the banks have reported a fair demand for money; and on the streets fair transactions in paper have taken place.

To-day there was noted an unusually large demand, both in bank and on the street, and rates for paper are firm. Exceptional commercial paper 12@— ⅌ cent; A1 do 15@—; second grade do —@—; loans on collaterals 10@12; A1 mortgage paper 10@—, second grade do —@— ⅌ cent per annum.

Gold is easier in consequence of the decline at New York.

Foreign Exchange followed the course of Gold, closing ½ point lower than yesterday.

New York sight is weaker and active.

Stocks continue to rule quiet.

State Consols are neglected and closed easy at 87½@87¾.

Premium Bonds are steadily advancing with fair sales and closing at 37@37¼.

Gold opened at 102¾@103, against 102⅞ at New York, and closed at 102⅝@102⅞, against 102¾ in that market. Sales—$4000 and $2000 at 103, $5000 and $2000 at 102⅞, $3000 and $2000 at 102¾.

STERLING SALES—£5000 bank at 493, £2000 bankers' at 490, £3000 bill of lading at 488½ and £7000 do at 489 bank sterling —@492½, commercial bills 488@489.

FRANC SALES—500,000 and 50,000 commercial at 516¼@515⅝. Bank francs —, and commercial 516¼@515⅝.

SIGHT SALES—$50 000 bankers' at 7-16@⅜, $65,000 do at ⅜, $45,000 bank at ⅜, $35,000 bankers' at 7-16. $10,000 do at ½, $15,000 bank at 7-16, $45,000 commercial at 7-16 ⅌ cent discount. The banks are checking at ¼ ⅌ cent, and commercial sight at 7-16 ⅌ cent discount.

NEW ORLEANS STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

FIRST CALL.

$6,500 State Consols, deliverable Nov. 12	87¾
10,000 Premiums	37⅛

BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND CALLS.

$20,000 State Consols	87¾

SECOND CALL.

17 shares State National Bank	69½
$25,000 State Consols	87

THIRD CALL.

5,000 Premiums	37
51,000 "	37⅛
6,000 "	37⅛

AFTER THIRD CALL.

$15,000 Premiums	37

CRESCENT CITY OPEN STOCK BOARD SALES.

BEFORE FIRST CALL.

$5,000 Premiums	37½

BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD CALLS.

$10,000 State Consols	87¾
4,000 Premiums	37¼
10,000 do	37⅛
25,000 do	37⅛
10,000 do	37⅛

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN COINS.

American gold	102⅝@102⅞
American silver, new issue	—@par
Mexican dollars, currency	—@98
Five-franc pieces, gold value	85 @—
Twenty-franc pieces, gold value	3 80 @—
Sovereigns, gold value	4 80 @—
Ten thaler pieces, gold value	—@7 80
Spanish doubloons, gold value	—@15 20
Patriot doubloons, gold value	—@15 00
Mexican doubloons, gold value	—@15 20
Mexican twenty pesos pieces	19 20 @19 25
South American gold, peso	85 @—
Prussian twenty marcs	4 60 @4 75
California gold	5 per c dis.
Light weight American gold	3 per c dis.
Mutilated American gold	3 per c dis.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

The following are the weekly quotations of the New Orleans Stock Exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
BANKS.		
Canal, p v 100	96½	—
Citizen's, p v 100	79	80½
Citizens' Savings Bank, p v 100	—	109
Germania National, p v 100	—	—
Lafayette, p v 50	12	—
Louisiana National, p v 100	—	—
Mechanics and Traders' p v 20	9½	10
Mutual National, p v 100	89	95
New Orleans National, p v 100	80	—
Peoples,' p v 50	45	47
Southern, p v 50	—	44½
State National, p v 100	69	70
Union National, p v 100	79	—
Workingmen's, p v 25	17½	18¼
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Crescent Mutual, p v 100	77	78
Factors and Traders', p v 100	98	98½
Germania, p v 100	40	—
Hibernia, p v 100	75	--
Home p v 40	20½	23
Hope, p v 100	50	55
Lafayette, p v 70	18¾	—
Merchants' Mutual, p v 100	41	44
New Orleans Ins. Ass'n, p v 30	27½	29¼
N. O. Ins. Company, p v 50	36	40
People's Ins. Company, p v 25	—	—
Sun Mutual, p v 100	99½	102
Teutonia, p v 100	68	—
Union, p v 100	39	—
STREET RAILROADS.		
Carrollton, p v 100	114½	—
Crescent City, p v 50	20	25
Canal and Claiborne, p v 50	—	7
New Orleans City, p v 100	139½	140½
Orleans, p v 50	23	25½
St. Charles Street, p v 50	77	77¾
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Bienville Oil Works Co., p v 100	—	—
Crescent City Oil Co	103	—
Im. Bonded Warehouse, p v 100	29½	—
Jeff. City Gas Light Co., p v 100	55	70
Louisiana Ice Manufacturing Co., p v 50	9½	13¼
La. State Lottery Co., p v 100	—	80
Louisiana Oil Company, p v 100	80	90
Levee Steam Cotton Press, p v 100	34	—
N. O. Gas Light Co., p v 100	103¾	104½
Sugar Shed Company, p v 60	65	75
STATE BONDS.		
New State Consolidated Seven Per Cents	87	87½
CITY BONDS.		
Premium	37	37½
Consolidated	39	40
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Canal and Claiborne street R. R. 1st mortgage 8 per cents	65	91
C. C. Slaughter-House 1st mortgage 8 per cents	96	—
Jackson R. R. 1st mortgage 8 per cents	102½	—
Jackson R. R. 2d mortgage coupons 8 per cents	91½	92½
Jackson R. R. 2d mortgage debt 8 per cents	75	—
Jackson R. R. Con. gold 7 per cents	27½	—
CERTIFICATES AND WARRANTS.		
City Scrip, 1874	31	33
City Scrip, 1875	43	47
City Scrip, 1876	31	33
Half paid Coupons	34	35
Legislative Warrants, 1877	95	97
POLICE CERTIFICATES.		
October, 1874	28	31
November, 1874	28	31
December, 1874	28	31
November, 1875	58	62
December, 1875	58	61
October, 1876	70	75
November, 1876	43	47
SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.		
October, 1874	26	29
November, 1874	26	29
December, 1874	26	29
October, 1875	26	29
November, 1875	26	29
December, 1875	26	29
October, 1876	53	58
November, 1876	25	30
December, 1876	25	30

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Friday Evening, Nov. 9, 1877.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Friday was a cold and gloomy day; but this condition of the weather seemed to have had the effect to impart (contrarywise) a decidedly cheerful feeling to several departments of trade. The sugar men were delighted with the cold, because they thought it would ripen the cane and give their constituents a favorable prospect of making good crops. Sugar is at this time beginning to come forward more freely, and the demand for the same is growing most encouragingly. Cotton, as noticed yesterday, is active and improving, under an increasing conviction that the crop this year will be considerably less than that of last year, owing to the rainy weather, etc.

Business in Produce, for various reasons, is not as active as at this season of the year it should be. The stock of flour accumulates rapidly, but receivers are sending it to warehouse, and our provision dealers are doing nothing except in a jobbing way, the market being dull and easy on everything except on mess pork and bacon.

The above is the general position and outlook in the several lines of trade at the close of the commercial week, but we are happy to say that business men and merchants generally are full of hope, expectation and confidence as regards the future.

We give the details below of the markets:

COTTON—The activity in the cotton market yesterday was not maintained to-day, not on account of any depression in the market, although holders were far from being reluctant sellers, but because of the scarcity of the grades most inquired after. The movement yesterday largely swept the tables of desirable grades, and buyers found some difficulty in finding lots to suit their views and the orders they desired to fill. During the week prices lost ⅛c on account of the depression in Liverpool, but since then the ground lost has been regained, the week closing as it opened, with sales for the week aggregating 45,500 bales, against 29,950 bales last week.

In the receipts, as will be seen by the full details given below, there is a gain of 3696 bales on those of last week, but in the aggregate receipts since September 1, our running account is still short 63,847 bales on the receipts during the same period last year. The exports are also short as compared with last year, the greatest falling off being in the exports to France. The total decrease since the 1st of September, as compared with last year, being 94,872 bales.

The official quotations of the Cotton Exchange were as follows:

	TO-DAY.	YESTERDAY.
Low Ordinary	....	....
Ordinary	9⅞	9⅞
Good Ordinary	9¾	9¾
Low Middling	10⅛	10⅛
Middling	10⅝	10⅝
Good Middling	11⅛	11⅛
Middling Fair	11⅝	11⅝

Sales to-day, 5300 bales. Market steady.

The total sales of the week closing to-day were 45,500 bales, against 29,950 last week, and 30,359 the week before, prices showing no change compared with last Friday, except on Good Middling, which is quoted ⅛c lower.

At New York the fluctuations in futures during the week are noted below. Yesterday they were active and strong; to-day they were steady, with sales for the week amounting to 318,200 bales, against 197,500 bales last week. The changes during the week show a decline on all the months: On November 1.32, on December 1.37@1.39, on January 1.45@1.47, on February 1.53@1.55, on March 1.57@1.60, on April 1.62@1.64, on May 1.67@1.68, on June 1.72@1.73 and on July 1.66@1.74.

Foreign markets were quoted to-day as follows: Middling Uplands 6 5-16d at Liverpool and Tres Ordinaire spots 78f at Havre; Middling Orleans 6 11-16d at Liverpool, and Low Middling afloat 77f at Havre; same time last year Middling Uplands were 6 11-16d and Middling Orleans 6 7-16d at Liverpool; Tres Ordinaire spots 78f, and Low Middling afloat 80f at Havre.

COTTON STATEMENT.

In store and on shipboard Sept. 1, 1877		21,356
Gross receipts since yesterday	8,330	
Gross receipts previously	266,883—	275,213
Total supply		296,569
Exported to-day	845	
Exported previously	159,520—	160,365
Total stocks this day		136,204
Total stock this day last year		185,517

The day's exports were 631 bales to Rouen, 150 to Barcelona, and 64 to Cincinnati. For the week the exports were 14,029 bales to Great Britain, 4013 to France, 12,484 to other foreign ports, and coastwise 6985 bales.

Net receipts since yesterday	7,556
Receipts from other ports	774
Net receipts last Friday	2,424
Net receipts this day last year	12,024
Net receipts this week	53,794
Net receipts last week	50,098
Net receipts this week last year	50,448
Net receipts since September 1	212,351
Net receipts same time last year	276,198

The sources of the supply received at this port during the past week and since September 1 were as follows: Red river, 5491 bales; Ouachita river, 4168 bales; Jackson Railroad, 13,235 bales; Mississippi and other rivers, 30,900; making the total net receipts, 53,794 bales. Adding to this 6172 bales received from Mobile and 3395 bales from Texas, the gross total of the week is ascertained to be 63,361 bales. The total net receipts since September 1 are 212 351 bales, against 276,198 bales same time last year, and the gross total 275,213 bales, against 334,859 bales same time last year.

The exports from this port since September 1 have been 160,365 bales, against 204,412 in 1876, and 181,333 bales in 1875. They were to Great Britain 80,765, to France 16,901, to other foreign ports 19,472, and coastwise 43,227 bales.

Cotton on shipboard as per account of the Cotton Exchange, as follows: Liverpool 17,702 bales, Havre 24,495, Bremen 4568, Mediterranean 1312, North Sea 4916, Spain 2745, coastwise 10; total, 55,748 bales. This, taken from the stock at noon as noted at the Exchange, leaves in presses 80,456 bales.

According to telegrams received at the Cotton Exchange the receipts from noon yesterday to noon to-day were 34,528 bales, against 28,965 last Friday, 42,443 last year and 23,010 year before last.

For week ending at 12 m. to-day, the movement at ports was as follows:

	Rec'd this week.	Received last week.	This week last year.
New Orleans	53,794	50,098	50,448
Galveston	15,923	17,621	25,436
Mobile	17,888	14,707	23,527
Savannah	31,727	21,196	27,571
Charleston	30,974	28,698	26,244
Wilmington	9,502	6,677	5,472
Norfolk	27,508	24,953	33,769
Baltimore	508	1,066	604
New York	1,745	725	7,698
Philadelphia	591	1,192	3,029
Boston	5,606	2,473	3,813
Other ports	5,872	5,588	2,832
Total	201,638	180,994	210,443
Receipts at ports since September 1			938,477
Receipts same time last year			1,181,207
Receipts same time year before			991,574

The exports from United States ports have been as follows:

	G. B.	France.	Cont.	Stocks.
This week	42,966	10,440	20,229	517,931
Last week	71,359	15,690	5,601	423,973
This week last year	52,791	21,761	17,563	715,491

Since September 1 the exports have been: To Great Britain 240,818 bales against 270 602 last year; to France 37,192 bales against 90,820 last year, and to the Continent 42,993 bales against 54,453 last year.

SUGAR—Receipts 103 hhds. A fair business was done at the sheds to-day at about yesterday's prices, good common selling at 6⅝c and clarified at our quotations. We quote: inferior 5¼@5½c; good common 6⅛c; fair to good fair 7@7⅜c; fully fair to prime 7¾@8¼c; strictly prime 8½; choice —@—c; yellow clarified 8¾@9c; whites 8⅞@9½c.

MOLASSES—Receipts 509 bbls. Sales—250 bbls of grades ranging from common to prime. Demand light and market rather inactive, but prices nominally higher on some grades. We quote common 27@34c; fair 40@43c; prime 46@47c; strictly prime 47@49c, and choice at 51@53c ⅌ gallon.

FLOUR—A large amount of flour came in today. The market shows no change in any of its features, the demand being light and receivers still holding to strong views. Sales—32 bbls at $4 25; 25 and 25 at $5 50; 100 at $6 25; 25 and 50 at $6 50; 25 and 150 at $6 62½; 25 at $6 70; 25 at $6 75; 25, 25 and 50 at $7; 50 bbls fancy at $7 37½; 200 on private terms.

CORN MEAL—In light supply and demand, and quoted at $2 55@2 65, according to quality and weight; dealers still jobbing at $2 85@2 90 ⅌ bbl. Sales—50 bbls at $2 60.

BACON—Is firmer, supply light and demand good in a jobbing way. We quote: Shoulders 8c nominal, clear rib sides 9⅞@10c, clear sides 10¼c and very scarce. Dealers obtain in their trade ¼@½c advance on these figures. Sales: 20 boxes clear rib sides at 9⅞c, 5 casks clear sides at 10¼c.

BREAKFAST BACON—Quiet, and, according to cut and quality, quoted at 9½@10½c; jobbing and retailing at 10½@11½c. Sales: 15 boxes at 10½c.

HAMS—Steady; plain canvased and uncanvased 11½@12¾c; sugar-cured 13½@14½c. Dealers job at an advance of ½@1c above these prices; 10 tierces sold at 14½c.

PACKERS' HOG PRODUCTS—Dealers are selling on orders in the job trade at $8 ⅌ half bbl for pig pork, $12 50@13 ⅌ bbl for prime mess pork, $10 for prime pork, and $11 50 for rump pork. Pickled pigs' feet are selling at $1 65 ⅌ keg. Ham sausages are dull and quoted at 8¾@9c ⅌ lb. Family pork is jobbing at $13 50 ⅌ bbl. Pickled pigs' tongues are quoted at 80 apiece. Pickled heads are offering at $10@11 ⅌ tierce; feet $10@11 ⅌ tierce, and jowls at $10@11 ⅌ tierce. No spare ribs on hand.

LARD—Dull and easy at 8⅜@8⅞c for refined and packers' in tierces; kegs are quoted at 9¼c refined and 9½c for kettle or packers' steam pressed. Dealers job at an advance of ¼@½c on these figures.

PORK—This article is in good jobbing demand, and the supply being light and in few hands, the market is firmer. Trade sales are reported at $14 37½, and some holders refuse to sell at less than $14 50. We quote the market jobbing at $14 37½@14 50, dealers jobbing at $14 75@15 25. Sales 25 bbls at $14 37½.

DRY SALT MEAT—Is offering freely, to arrive, at 6¼c for loose shoulders, packed shoulders selling at 6½c. The demand is fair and market easy. Sales 25 boxes shoulders at 6½c ex-depot; 1 car load clear rib sides at 7¾c.

RYE—No. 2 is quoted to arrive at 70c ⅌ bushel.

WHEAT—None on the market. Spring commands $1 24@1 25 and winter $1 30@1 36 ⅌ bushel, to arrive.

CREAM AND PEARL MEAL—Quiet and steady with a fair demand at $3 75@4 ⅌ bbl.

CORN FLOUR—In fair request, chiefly for export, at $4 75@4 50, according to quality.

CORN IN BULK—The market is bare, and supplies would command 55½c ⅌ bushel.

GRITS—Easy and in fair demand at $3 75@3 80 ⅌ bbl on the landing. Job lots sell at $4@4 10 ⅌ bbl.

RICE—Steady. Choice 6½@6¾c; prime 6⅜@6½c; good 5⅞@6c; fair 5½@5¾c; ordinary 5¼@5⅜c; common 4¾@5c; No. 2 3⅝@3⅞ ⅌ lb.

TOBACCO—Sales 20 and 9 hhds on private terms. Stock on sale is estimated at 5200 hhds.

Inferior lugs 3@3¼c, low lugs 3½@3¾c medium 4@4½c, good to fine 4¾@5¼c, low leaf 5½@6½, medium 7@8c, good 9@10⅝, fine 11@11½c, and selections 12@12½.

COFFEE—Market quiet and unchanged, with a well supplied market.

QUOTATIONS FOR GOLD.

	Cargoes.	Job Lots.
Prime	19¾@20	20¼@20½
Good	19¾@19½	19¾@20
Fair	18½@—	18¾@19
Ordinary to low fair	16½@16¾	16¾@17¼

HAY—Quiet, and supply small. Choice $18; Prime $14 50@15 50 ⅌ ton.

BULK CORN—Quiet with light supplies at 54½@55c ⅌ bushel.

CORN—Large receipts and market weaker. Sales 400 bushels white at 63c; 300 do at 60c; 700 and 600 yellow at 60c ⅌ bushel.

OATS—Are in good supply and quiet. Sales 350 bags St. Louis at 36c; 400 choice Galena at 37c ⅌ bushel.

BRAN—Dull at 95c ⅌ cwt.

ESCULENTS—Potatoes are selling at $2 25@2 65; onions at $2 75@3 25; apples $1 50@4 ⅌ bbl; cabbages $4 50 ⅌ 100.

BAGGING—Steady at 12¼c in round lots; retailing at 12½@13c. Baling twine at 13¼c in round lots; retailing at 14c.

BUTTER—The receipts of Northern are fair. Western are in light supply and in fair request. We quote New York creamery, fine, 30@31c; New York dairy 19@28c, as in quality; Western repacked 10@18c, as in quality.

CHEESE—Dull and fair and prices steadier, with only a moderate stock. New York cream 15@15½c, Western factory 12@14c, as in quality.

STARCH—In good demand at 3½c in lots; jobbing at 3¾@4c ⅌ lb.

SALT—Demand good and stock fair. We quote, from warehouse: coarse 75@80c, fine 95c@$1; Turk's Island neglected and nominal at 89@90c for bags of two bushels; table salt, in pockets, 1¾@1⅞c each, as in size.

WOOL—More stocks offering than there is demand, and it is held above the views of buyers. Burry is quoted at 11@12c, Louisiana clear 26½c, clear lake 27½@29c ⅌ lb.

HIDES—Supply small and market quiet; country green 8@8½c, dry salted 13@13½c, dry flint 14@15c.

TALLOW—Market bare and nominally 8c.

WHISKY—Dull, easy and irregular. Good choice Western is selling at $1 07@1 10, and city made at $1 05@1 06 ⅌ gallon.

RIVER NEWS.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Saturday, Nov. 10, 1877.

Daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the twenty-four hours ending yesterday at 3 p. m.:

	Above low water. Feet.	Inches.	Change. Rise. Inches.	Fall. Inches.
Cairo	13	3	1	0
Cincinnati	7	8	10	0
Little Rock	6	5	0	9
Louisville	4	3	3	0
Memphis	9	4	6	0
*New Orleans	12	4	0	0
Pittsburg	5	9	0	4
Shreveport	20	11	5	0
St. Louis	10	5	2	0

*Below high water mark of 1874.

NELSON GOROM, Sergeant Signal Service, U. S. A.

Arrivals.

Alvin, Golden City, Natchez, Martha, Bertha, Tensas.

Departures.

Alvin, J. H. Hanna, Gov. Allen.

To Arrive.

Isabel, Alvin, lower coast; BlueWing No. 3, Mary Ida, Henry Tete, upper coast; A. C. Donnally, Shannon, Clara S., D. Stein, Ohio river; Ouachita Belle, Bayou Sara; La Belle, C. H. Durfee, Red river; Gold Dust, J. F. Tolle, St. Louis.

Cloudy and cold yesterday.

Business quiet.

The Natchez arrived yesterday morning with 4340 bales of cotton and 2848 sacks of seed. She returns to-day, as usual.

The Tensas arrived yesterday from Tensas Lake, and is receiving to return to-day positively at 5 p. m., taking freight for all landings on the Tensas and Macon. W. H. Cooley, commands; Capt. L. V. Cooley in charge of the office.

The Grand Lake, with four barges, is due from St. Louis.

The Gold Dust will arrive, as per telegram below to agent Jno. F. Douglas, to leave Tuesday next for St. Louis.

It is possible that the cabin of the J. M. White will be of polished mahogany.

The Bertha had a fine trip in yesterday, and will return to-day as usual.

The Blue Wing, due Thursday night, failed to arrive on time. She will doubtless be on hand to leave this morning as usual.

Capt. J. W. Tobin left yesterday for Louisville.

The M. V. Transportation Company have brought the towboat My Choice, to replace the sunken Atlantic, so a private telegram received yesterday stated.

Capt. Tom Taylor, having put his well known Bœuf river packet Era No. 10 in the best of order, including a first-class job of painting, leaves to-day at 5 p. m. for that river, having received telegraphic advices from his friends that there was water, and that he and his boat was wanted. Capt. Taylor requests us to say that the No. 10 is in for the season, and that she will leave as advertised.

Capt Delahoussaye is also to the front with his fleet and popular ten-day packet Tom Parker, and has her at the landing receiving to leave this evening, positively, at 5 o'clock, going through to the head of navigation on Bœuf river. As Capt. Delahoussaye is off this trip on the Hanna, Capt. Joe Muir has charge of the Parker, Tom Knox clerk.

Capt. Frank Bergeron went out in command of the John Hanna yesterday. Capt. McElroy changes over to the St. John, and will back out this great favorite in the coast and Baton Rouge trade this 5 p. m., promptly.

The Ouachita Belle for the coast to Bayou Sara to-day. She goes sure.

The fleet Katie will arrive to-morrow and leave Monday for Vicksburg and the bends to Arkapolis.

Capt. J. L. Robbins starts the Trenton to Macon and Tensas to-day, sure as fate.

The elegant Ohio river passenger steamer Golden City arrived with a full trip and returns to-day, positively. Comfort, speed and safety are the attractions offered by the Golden City.

The Democrat advertises the departure today of eighteen boats.

The Clarksville arrived Thursday night from the Teche. Her chimneys were a little out of line; looked as if they had been sent for and couldn't come; looking, as it were, as if they were trying to lay down in nine different places at the same time. The damage was caused by the breaking of the stage derrick. As new chimneys will be required the Col. A. P. Kouns will leave in her place to-day.

The Bob B. and the Belle passed Evansville Tuesday; the Clara S., with the D. Stein in tow, is due Tuesday morning; the Shannon is also due about the same time.

The Martha lost her Thursday trip to Port Eads in consequence of a late start from here Tuesday, a big freight, and unavoidable delays under way. The Isabel, leaving that day, carried the mail through. The Martha leaves today at 5 p. m., and will go to Pilot Town, as well as Port Eads.

The Bart Able, almost without a rival for promptness and dispatch, leaves to-day for Grand Ecore.

The St. Francis Belle leaves daily at 7:30 a. m. from Bienville street for Westwego, running in connection with the New Orleans and Texas Railroad to Donaldsonville.

The M. I. upper coast daily line packet Mary Ida, J. A. Ruiz in command, leaves to-day at 10 a. m., going as high as Ben Turnaud's.

The Blue Wing No. 3, J. A. Comstock master, Messrs. Wood and Dean clerks, leaves to-day at 10 a. m. for Donaldsonville and the Ashland plantation.

The regular tri-weekly coast and Donaldsonville packet Henry Tete, J. F. Aucoin master, M. H. Landry clerk, leaves to-day at 12 m., making all plantation landings in daylight.

The Ouachita Belle, John C. Libano master, John H. Mossop clerk, leaves to-day promptly at 5 p. m. for Bayou Sara, Baton Rouge, Plaquemine and all coast landings.

The steamer Bertha, H. H. Broad master, Theo. Jobin clerk, leaves to-day at 5 p. m. for the Atchafalaya through to Washington.

The H. C. Yaeger is announced to leave for St. Louis to-day.

The Natchez, T. P. Leathers master, J. F. Muse clerk, leaves to-day at 5 p. m. for Vicksburg and all mail landings.

The Bart Able, Richard Sinnott master, Geo. Hamilton clerk, leaves to-day at 5 p. m. for Alexandria and Grand Ecore.

The Golden City, J. D. Hegler master, Sterling McIntyre clerk, leaves to-day at 5 p. m. for Cincinnati.

The New Orleans and Red River Transportation Company's steamer La Belle, M. N. Wood master, Ed. Groves clerk, leaves to-day without fail for Shreveport.

The Bayou Macon and Tensas packet Trenton, J. L. Robbins master, leaves to-day at 5 p. m.

The semi-weekly coast, Plaquemine and Baton Rouge packet St. John, J. P. McElroy master, leaves to-day at 5 p. m.

The semi-weekly Donaldsonville and Bayou Lafourche packet Assumption, P. A. Charlet master, N. Z. Dupuis and Joe Lagroue clerks, leaves to-day at 5 p. m.

The Ouachita River and Bayou Bartholomew packet Bastrop, Gus Hodge master, leaves today positively at 5 p. m.

[By Telegraph.]

BAYOU SARA, Nov. 9.—To Jos. A. Aiken: The La Belle will arrive to-night and leave for Red river on Saturday. M. N. WOOD, Master.

VICKSBURG, Nov. 9.—To John F. Douglas, 106 Gravier street. Steamer Gold Dust passed down last night; will leave for St. Louis on Tuesday. E. W. GOULD.

Exchange Clippings.

Cincinnati Commercial, November 7:

The captains of steamers in the Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans line, whose boats are ready to load, met and drew lots yesterday morning to see which should follow the Cherokee to New Orleans and so on. The C. E. Church drew the first choice, and will leave on Saturday, followed by the Charles Morgan, on Wednesday, 14th inst.; Thomas Sherlock, Saturday, 17th inst., and Robert Mitchell, Wednesday, 21st inst.

The propellor David Hostetter leaves for New Orleans to-day. She leaves her two brick boats here and takes three produce boats South from here.

Courier-Journal, Nov. 7:

The Robin, with 7,000 barrels of salt, extends her trip to New Orleans, and as she disposes of her salt she will take on all New Orleans freight she can get between here and Memphis. Capt. Frank Dougherty has gone down ahead of the Robin to make all contracts for any freight he might get for her.

Evansville Courier, Nov. 6:

Capt. DeHart and Capt. Charley Arthur got here with the big Shannon at noon. She had truly the banner trip of the season, being packed and jammed with freight and people. One item was 1500 plows. She had two barges, and her cabin hall was so packed with furniture that the smiling face of Charley Arthur could not be seen, but only the top of his head. She added a big lot of furniture from J. E. Rankin & Co.'s wharfboat. She had in tow a good barge, with a cargo box, that her owners will use as a wharfboat at some point on the Ouachita river. She has appointed Rankin & Co. her agents, who will, in future give through bills of lading to all points on that river.

The Evansville Journal, referring to the A. C. Donnally's trip for New Orleans, remarks: "She was crowded as full as she could be stuffed with light freight, and had a cabin full of people. She had a great many horses and wagons, and a regular colony of gypsies. The roof of the boat was covered with wagons, women, children, dogs and poultry. A sight of the Donnally, after so long an absence, was a cheering one, and hundreds of people flocked to see her during her stay."

St. Louis Republican, November 7:

The A. J. Baker was to sail for New Orleans last night with three barges containing 80,000 bushels of grain. This included 19,400 bushels of corn and 20,900 bushels rye from the St. Louis elevator at the foot of Biddle street.

Mr. Geo. Lee has secured the bar privilege of Thorwegan's Charles P. Chouteau. He would have been on the Grand Republic but for her untimely demise. Mr. Lee is a veteran boatman.

The John Gilmore left for New Orleans with 112,000 bushels of corn in bulk, and also other freight.

CAIRO, Nov. 6.—The weather was quite cold this morning, making ice, which was the first of the season. River rising fast.

The Joseph H. Bigley and John A. Wood, with tows of empty barges, clear for Pittsburg this evening.

The U. P. Schenck came to the wharf this morning to load for New Orleans.

Memphis Avalanche, Nov. 8:

There was about 1900 bales of cotton at Terrene for shipment to New Orleans on Tuesday morning. The Dean will get all she wants, and the Howard has a full cargo in sight. The Howard came