

Commercial and Financial Matters.

The bark Telemaco cleared yesterday for Queenstown with 670 sacks of oil cake.

The British steamship Consett cleared yesterday for Bremen with 35,029 bushels of corn in bulk.

The receipts of hogs in Chicago during the week past amounted to 243,851 head, against 151,048 in the corresponding week last year.

The leading bankers of Milwaukee have united in a circular to their country correspondents, notifying them that after January 1 the rate of interest on balances over \$2000 will be reduced to 2 per cent.

There are over a hundred millionaires in Philadelphia, the richest of whom are Asa Packer, worth \$12,000,000; Dan Cameron, worth \$4,880,000, and his father-in-law, together with Charles Thompson, Jones and Kemble, \$3,000,000 each.

The stocks of raw sugar in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore were as follows at comparative dates: December 13, 1877, 62,448 tons; December 14, 1876, 29,841 tons; December 15, 1875, 47,000 tons.

The clearings in Chicago last week footed up \$31,074,907 78; those of New Orleans during the same period amounted to \$12,538,794, which, considering the commercial pretensions of Chicago and her large superiority in population, presents a very favorable showing for our city.

Mosses, Hildreth and Tiggs are the latest shining lights of racecraft that have loomed up in New York city. They lived at the rate of \$20,000 a year on incomes of \$8000, and are charged with embezzling from forty to one hundred thousand dollars. They were collection agents.

The total taxes paid the government on chewing and smoking tobacco, cigars and snuff during the last year by Cincinnati was \$1,676,328.98, in comparison with \$1,697,555.81; in Covington and Newport \$554,038.34, compared with \$628,450.50, and in the three cities \$2,230,244.32, compared with \$2,372,935.02 in the preceding year.

The old saying, that "out of evil one can always educe good," is pleasantly exemplified by the present condition of the provision market. Thousands of good people are now living in reduced circumstances; but they have some satisfaction in knowing that the necessities of life are cheaper than they have been for many years.

Coffee, of late, has been coming into this port from Rio de Janeiro quite freely, and the aggregate receipts of the fragrant berry, thus far, is greatly in excess of those during the same time last year.

The week's bank exchanges, as a whole, still fall five or six per cent below the rate of the general condition of trade. New York gained 23.10 per cent over the same week of last year.

There was an unusually active demand for New Orleans exchange, in a great measure induced by the sale here of the notes of St. Louis grocery merchants who have been buying coffee in New Orleans. The notes are discounted by New Orleans banks and then sent here for rediscunt, exchange on New Orleans then being in demand as the most convenient means of remitting to that city.

Mr. Buckner, of Missouri, has introduced in the United States House of Representatives the following bill to reduce the tax on manufactured tobacco, and to provide for the deficiency in the amount collected by such reduction, and for other purposes.

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COMMERCIAL.

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GENERAL REMARKS.—The market yesterday was generally dull. The unfavorable reports from Liverpool and New York, and the recent heavy receipts at this port, had a depressing effect upon the cotton market.

The receipts of sugar footed up 1698 hhds, with sales of 1253 hhds. We are glad to announce that the market was very strong, and that a large business was done, prices being steady. These results were brought about by the unfavorable reports of the condition of the cane, caused by the recent warm weather.

The receipts of molasses reached 7142 bbls, sales 3872 bbls. There was a good demand with an active market; prices firmer in the better grades.

The supply of flour is large and with a small demand—only 1300 bbls were sold.

In pork there was a better feeling, though the demand continues limited, and confined to trade sales at \$13 per bbl.

In the dry salt trade there seems to be an improvement, notwithstanding the recent soft weather. The demand for sugar and the market closed steady at 4 1/2c for loose bulk shoulders and 5c for packed. The receipts were quite large, 15 car loads coming in by one road.

COTTON.—Liverpool came in lower. Have off 1 franc on cotton afloat; spots down 1-16 on the day, and futures off 8/64 points. Such were the depressing influences upon which the market opened today. But a still greater fall in depressing the market was the heavy present and prospective receipts. Nevertheless, considering the business, a few business were transacted. Holders offered freely and granting the concessions asked by the buyers, were enabled to move the staple to the extent of 5300 bales, at 1-16 showing a fall in the market of 5/16 in Middling and the lower grades, the better grades ruling steady and firm at yesterday's prices.

The special quotations of the Cotton Exchange were as follows:

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QUALITY. Local demand small, and this article chiefly sold for export.

GRITS.—Demand steady and fair, prices ruling easy in lots at \$3 40/50 per bbl for No. 3 and \$3 75/80 per bbl for choice; dealers jobbing at \$3 65/70 per bbl.

RYE FLOUR.—There is a moderate supply, but quite equal to the demand, at \$1 25/30 per bbl.

POBK.—At the close of the day there was a better feeling in the market. Holders felt less anxious to sell, and the demand, however, is limited, and so far as reported, is confined to trade sales at \$13 per bbl. We quote the market steady at \$12 75/80; dealers jobbing at \$13 00/10 per bbl.

DRY SALT MEAT.—The soft weather of the past few days tended to depress the market, and the demand for salt meat is not so firm. The demand is fair and the market closed steady and strong at 4 1/2c for loose bulk shoulders and 5c for packed. Dealers are now jobbing at 4 1/2c for loose and packed; 10,000 lb loose shoulders at 4 1/2c, 20 boxes do at 5c; 20,000 lb clear sides, loose, at 6 1/2c.

LARD.—Market steady, with a fair demand in the local trade, and some inquiry for export. We quote packers' three at 8 1/2c, refined three at 9 1/2c, dealers jobbing at 9 1/2c higher.

HAMS.—Market weak and nominal. There is a moderate local demand, but nothing doing at present on export orders. We quote city cured, canvased and plain canvased 10/11c, and 12 1/2c for choice sugar cured, dealers obtaining 10 1/2c for city cured, and 11 1/2c for sugar cured.

BREAKFAST BACON.—Quiet and steady at 9 1/2c/10c in a wholesale way, dealers jobbing at 9 1/2c/10c.

DEERS' HOG PRODUCTS.—Dealers are selling on orders in the job trade at \$7 25 per half bbl for pig pork, \$12 per bbl for prime moss pork, \$10 for prime pork, and \$11 for rump pork. Pig feet are selling at \$1 50/1 55 per keg. Ham sausages are dull and quoted at 6 1/2c per lb. Family pork is jobbing at \$12 50 per bbl.

WOLVES.—Market quiet and steady, with a fair demand in the local trade, and some inquiry for export. We quote packers' three at 8 1/2c, refined three at 9 1/2c, dealers jobbing at 9 1/2c higher.

STARCH.—In good demand at 2 1/2c in lots; 1 1/2c in small quantities.

WOLLS.—More stocks offering than there is demand, and it is held above the views of buyers. Bury is quoted at 11 1/2c, Louisiana clear 26 1/2c, clear lake 27 1/2c, 28 1/2c, 29 1/2c.

HIDES.—Supply fair and market quiet; country green 80/85c, dry salted 120/130c, dry 140/150c.

SALT.—Stock light with a good demand. Since our last report one cargo, all coarse, sold at 7 1/2c per sack, afloat, and one to arrive on private terms at 7 1/2c per sack, afloat, and one to arrive on private terms at 7 1/2c per sack, afloat.

BAKING.—Steady at 1 1/2c in round lots; retailing at 1 1/2c.

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