

Commercial and Financial Markets.

Three vessels cleared hence yesterday for Liverpool, with 11,987 bales of cotton.

The steamship City of Mexico cleared yesterday for Vera Cruz, the first shipment of the kind that has come under our observation for many months past.

The preliminaries for an American display at the Paris Exposition are now arranged by the passage of the bill appropriating \$100,000, and providing for the appointment of a suitable commission to represent American interests.

The so-called "sugar landing" is literally filled with sugar and molasses, especially of the last named commodity. Yesterday, up to 4 p. m., the receipts footed up 9783 bbls of molasses and 1288 hds of sugar.

To prove that our city has still an export trade, we will mention the fact that the schooner Palm, cleared yesterday for St. Marks with 5 bbls of flour, and the steamship City of Mexico with 5 bbls for Tuspan, Mexico.

The foreign commerce of the port of New York for the week ending on the 17th inst, was as follows: General merchandise imports, including dry goods, \$3,971,693; produce exports, \$6,888,197, and specie exports, \$41,000.

The accounts from the country concerning the sugar prospects continue to be discouraging. The warm, soft weather has played the very mischief with the cane, and the weather only molasses can be expected to be made.

The San Francisco Bulletin has been noting the advantages accruing from steamship service between that port, Australia and New Zealand. The total exports from California to Australia for the first ten months of this year amounted to \$707,000, against \$312,000 for the same period last year.

The Director of the United States Mint reports that during the year ending June 30 the value of bullion deposited and purchased for coinage was \$30,533,000—\$48,788,000 in gold and \$31,674,000 in silver.

The popular mind of the country seems to have come to the conclusion that a war with Mexico is not only inevitable, but desirable. The people of this country, notwithstanding the immense extent and boundless resources of its territory, have an "itching palm" wherewith to lay hold of the vast and undeveloped riches of the country of the Montezumas.

Putting aside all other considerations, there can be no doubt that the acquisition of that country, or even the northern portion of it, would add greatly to our agricultural, mineral and political importance.

accumulated a vast fortune for Wells, Fargo & Co. One specimen of silver found weighed five hundred pounds, and another twenty-five pounds.

The British Grain Trade. LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Mark Lane Express, in its review of the British grain trade, says: "The supply of English wheat in Mark Lane is again small, and for dry lots ready sale is expected, especially for old and fully late crops."

The German Note of Business. The Berlin correspondent of the London Times says the late disastrous failure of the Ritterschaffelle Private Bank at Stettin as the occasion of a valuable description of the faulty modes of business adopted by the banks of Germany outside of the Imperial Bank.

A Bad Break. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 18th Inst.) The report of the examiner of the National Trust and Safe Deposit Co. is a most interesting and exhaustive document, but it lacks one element of value—it was made about four years ago.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. MONETARY. OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Friday Evening, Dec. 21, 1877.

Table with columns: Clearings, Balances, and various financial figures for December 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, and Total.

STOCKS AND BONDS. The following are the weekly quotations of the New Orleans Stock Exchange:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Bid, Asked, and other market data.

INSURANCE COMPANIES. Table listing various insurance companies and their financial details.

CITY RAILROADS. Table listing various city railroads and their financial details.

MISCELLANEOUS. Table listing various miscellaneous items and their market prices.

BONDS. Table listing various bonds and their market prices.

CERTIFICATES AND WARRANTS. Table listing various certificates and warrants.

POLICE CERTIFICATES. Table listing various police certificates.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES. Table listing various school certificates.

Manchester to-day closed dull, with prices tending lower on yarns and fabrics. The following are the quotations of the Cotton Exchange:

Table listing various cotton exchange items and their market prices.

COTTON STATEMENT. In store and on shipboard Sept. 1, 1877, 21,356 bales.

Resolved. Received. This week. Last week. Last year.

G. B. Franco, for Gen. Total Stocks. This week, 75,194 22,716 23,996 131,906 820,011.

NEW ORLEANS STOCK EXCHANGE SALES. REFRESH FIRST CALL.

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GENERAL REMARKS.—There continues to be considerable steadiness in the market for good cotton; but lower grades are irregular and weak.

During the week there has been quite a good demand; good cottons have held up pretty well, but the lower grades have been weak.

To-day the market is quiet. Stock on sale is estimated at 1000 bales.

Butter—Moderate stock and demand fair. Cheese—Fair stock and demand light.

Wool—More stock offering than there is demand, and it is held above the views of buyers.

Wheat—None here, and nominally at \$1.00 per bushel for winter, and \$1.20 for spring.

Domestic Markets. New York, Dec. 21.—Coffee dull; sales—1000.

Foreign Markets. Liverpool, Dec. 21, 2 p. m.—Cotton flat and irregular.

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