THE COURTS.

[Merchants and others interested in cases in the district courts, as principals or as witnesses, can be notified by telegraph when to appear in court, thus avoiding the necessity of a constant attendance.]

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT.

Crescent City Live Stock Landing and Slaughter-House Company vs. Dominick LeClasser.—Injunction to forbid defendent from killing beeves outside of Slaughter-House.

State ex rel. Board of Education vs. Allen Jumel, Auditor.—Plaintiff alleges that no portion of the funds in the State treasury realized from the poll tax belongs to the pretended corporation styled the University of Louisiana, and asks for an injunction against the mandamus some time since granted by this court ordering the Auditor to pay that institution the sum of $27,518 84, derived from the poll tax, and decreed to be due the said University. Gov. Nicholls made the affidavit.

Rule nisi was fixed for Monday, December 31.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Chas. B. McMillan vs. Steamboat Lessie Taylor and cargo—Libel for salvage.—The plaintiff avers that he was mate of the Fanchon, which boat was lying alongside of the Lessie Taylor at the time of her explosion, and that by his exertions and at the great risk of his life the Lessie Taylor was saved from burning by his turning on her the hose of the Fanchon. He asks salvage proportionate with the value of the boat and cargo.

U. S. COMMISSIONER LANE.

Capt. Ames, First Mate Snow and Second Mate Lewis, of the American ship S. J. Morse, were before Commissioner Lane on a charge of cruelty and abuse on the high seas, made by Charles J. Rossugeest, a sailor. Case is under advisement until Monday, 31st inst.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL.—Dr Martin, U S A; C D Cobham, England; J O Pickens, Pass Christian; E R Robertson, N Y; H A Robertson, N Y; Richard Dunbar and Miss Dunbar, Waukesha; Hamilton Pope and wife, Louisville; W R Ingersoll, Vicksburg; James Andrews, Port Eads; Capt Jas M Finn, city; S N Kimball, Ala; Dr Christie and family, Washington; Mrs J Clarke, San Francisco; F P Poche and wife, St James; B A Stone, N J; Gen Barnard and Gen Wright, U S A; S J Stewart, Mass; L H Deuche, Texas; J C Neely, Memphis; Miss V Carter and Miss L Carter, Washington; J Robinson, Ark Wm Sexton, N Y.

ST. JAMES HOTEL.—A B Lyman, Cincinnati; T Strauss, Shreveport; Wm N Cooksey, city; H A Burrows, St Louis; W A Howard, British Honduras; Chas L Keeler, Chicago; Thomas J Beard, Mobile; H W Furbush and wife, city; Mrs Bernard, Memphis; J Robinson, M Butler, Buffalo, N Y; R W Allen, La; Bremo Fritsch, St Louis; J M Gardiner, Louisville; Wm Snodgrass, Atlanta; M C Anthony, San Francisco; James E, Northru, E A Verhoff, Tenn; R Nixon, Sandovall, Ill; Thomas W Walker, Cincinnati; E B Sanders, San Antonio; John Edmundson, Vicksburg.

CASSIDY'S HOTEL.—J D Nimmo, B S Mattingly, Ky; C B Routh, La; R Worrell, La; Thos D Kent, La; O G Thomas, Miami Station; P J Kennedy, La; D H Henry, St Louis; J Wallace, La; Thos Brown, La; D M Ivey, D T Boyer, Ills; C S Dale and lady, La; Col E Richardson, Miss; Mrs M B Bronson, La; L H Blood, Memphis; Mrs C M Lewis, Lr; Geo R Cracroft, Ark; J T Clark, M T Wilson, L; R R Bearden, Tenn; J J Goffe, La; B Fritsch, St Louis; H Irwin; C S Dale, La; J W Gleason, La.

CITY HOTEL.—M C Spaulding, Chicago; Dr L H Davis, N S Norton, Woodstock; James Atkinson and wife, Jesse A Atkinson, Summit; C Samuels, city; Robert A Craig, Louisiana; W S Russell, L Caeser, steamer John Howard; Jas C French and wife, Miss Mary French, San Antonio; James A Walter, Kalamazoo; Mrs Julia M Strong, Mrs Jennie Gundry, Mrs Cora M Strong, Wm T Henry, Mrs Henry, Frank Henry, Musical Point; S N Meyers and wife, Maysville; D D Fiquet, Houston; Major Maxent, Col Thos Byrnes, city; E H Levy, Vermilionville; E L Weeks, Port Gibson, J B Williamson, Cincinnati.

RAILROAD PERSONALS.

Among the departures by the Mobile Fast Line last evening were the following: J. W. Porter, Washington; Dr. L. S. McMurty, Louisville; J. D. Fedigan, New York; H. M. Hacker, Jr., Boston; Henry Hart, New York; A. D. Jones, Baltimore; Geo. R. Klinkhard, St. Louis; James Ramsey, Jacksonville; J. E. Pitcher, Demopolis; S. Veltman, Baltimore; E. F. Wicks, Washington; Hooper Harris, Nashville; Dr. N. L. Howard and wife, Jacksonville; J. T. Fawcett, New York; S. Goldeman, Baltimore; E. W. Tinge, New York; E. C. Coolidge, Jacksonville.

J. R. Walker, D. D. S., 180 Delord street.

20,000 handsome Chinese cans will be given away this week at the Tea Depot, 5 Camp street.

M. L. Byrne & Co., 163 Canal street, offer an immense assortment of attractive goods, suitable for Christmas and New Year gifts, at popular prices.

In another column will be seen the advertisement of A. B. Griswold & Co., corner of Royal and Canal. They have a very choice selection of jewelry and ornamental novelties in their line for the holidays.

Gentlemen who wish to present a respectable appearance in making their New Year calls will do well to consult Mr. A. Geiger, No. 33 Chartres street, who, besides being a connoisseur in styles, can also furnish the latest and most fashionable designs for New Year suits.

The catalogue of holiday presents published in another column will undoubtedly prove of interest to those of our lady readers who are in search of presents and bargains generally, these hard times. Danziger's establishment is so well known that it is hardly necessary for us to say, the place is 157 Canal, between Bourbon and Dauphine.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.—Mr. Louis Grunewald has one of the largest and finest assortments of pianos and organs in the South; in fact, his immense establishment is filled to repletion with every conceivable musical instrument known. He has also a very complete selection of sheet music. His pianos, however, are his particular pride, being the agent of the famous Steinway and Pleyel pianos. He has no hesitancy in proclaiming them the finest instruments manufactured.

CHEAP PIANOS AT WERLEIN'S.—In these times, when money is scarce and business dull, it is of great importance to know where you can get the best bargains for the least money. To those who need a piano we would say go to Werlein, who is known to sell cheap. He has pianos as low as $25, and he warrants every piano he sells. We know of no nicer or more suitable holiday present than a musical instrument, which is certain to please and render everybody happy.

There is not a family in this city who, after the worry and anxiety of Christmas Day, do not wish to celebrate the advent of the new year in a quiet and sociable manner. We therefore refer them to the card of Mr. John S. Twomey, the popular grocer at the Magazine Market, who, in the enumeration of all the delicacies pertaining to a first class grocery, has forgotten "nothing" that will be required for such a celebration. We advise housekeepers to read carefully the articles mentioned and make their lists, in order to be served promptly and satisfactorily. Remember Nos. 572 and 574 Magazine street.

This notice is intended specially for young ladies and heads of families who wish to make a magnificent and elegant display on New Year's Day. The decorations of a parlor on New Year's Day will, undoubtedly, be evidence of the taste and refinement of those in charge of it. Ladies will, therefore, save themselves an immense amount of trouble and anxiety by calling on Mr. L. Uter, 38 Royal street, who has an unusually large and novel assortment of every article required, not only on such occasions, but at all times. They may depend upon his judgment and artistic taste for any article required in that department. Read his advertisement, and do not fail to call on him for information.

THIS WEEK ONLY.—Every purchaser of $1 worth of tea at 5 Camp street will receive a handsome Chinese tea canister free of charge.

Commercial and Financial Matters.

The sales of cotton reported officially by the Cotton Exchange footed up yesterday 15,000 bales—the largest amount on any one day since the organization of that body, over six years ago.

There is now an ample supply of shipping moored at our levee, ready to take freights of every description to all parts of the world. The list comprises 25 steamships, 47 ships, 48 barks, 8 brigs and 15 schooners, making a total of 143 sail.

To afford our readers an idea of the increase in the exportation of corn from this port, we will mention the fact that we have sent forward, so far this year, to foreign and domestic ports, 1,635,283 bushels, against 782,754 bushels last year, showing an increase in shipments of over 50 per cent. *Per contra*, the exportation of flour shows a falling off, viz: 52,105 bbls. this year, against 73,983 bbls. last year.

There are thousands of our inhabitants who, confining their walks abroad to a few of the most prominent boulevards of our city, never deign to soil their shoes with the dust of the streets contiguous to our levee—that great beehive of industry and commerce. To such we would give the advice to visit the river front, assuring them that they will now behold such an immense accumulation of produce as will astonish them, and awaken them to an appreciation of the vast business capacity of this great city. There never has been a period since the war when our levee has been so much burdened with freight as at the present time. On the lower landing there are thousands of barrels of molasses which, owing to the want of room, have not been assorted; and we have heard of consignments which, though received four and five days ago, could not be got at or hauled away.

The report of the Bureau of Statistics of the foreign trade of the United States for the ten months ending October 31 shows a liberal balance in favor of this country, though somewhat decreased as compared with last year. The merchandise exports of the United States have increased $30,000,000, and the imports about $48,000,000, leaving the merchandise value in favor of this country $18,000,000 less than last year. The net coin exports are nearly $10,000,000 less than last year. The total balance in favor of this country is $107,691,848, against $135,181,059 for the same time last year. The balance of trade in favor of this country for the three years ending December 31 will be somewhat in excess of $300,000,000, which has probably been corrected by the return of bonds to this country, by which the nation is so much the wealthier. The following are the figures:

	1877.	1876.
Exports of merchandise (gold value)	$495,909,834	$465,173,825
Imports of merchandise (gold value)	413,324,012	364,912,813
Balance (merchandise)	$82,678,922	$100,261,012
Net coin exports	25,012,176	34,920,047
Total balance	$107,691,047	$135,181,056

As reconstructed and recognized as valid, the public debt of Alabama is as follows:

On bonded debt	$5,084,713 50
Debt incurred since July 13, 1877	3,941,209 50
Debt incurred for railway companies	1,542,500 00
Total	$9,668,423 00
Patton certificates	37,255 00
Grand total	$9,705,678 00

Upon this amount the State pays interest, as follows:

On $7,872,238 50 2 per cent	$157,444 77
On $542 500 5 per cent	27,125 00
On $1,000,000 8 per cent	80,000 00
Total	$264,569 77

The State Auditor estimates the receipts for next year at $926,000, and the disbursements at $852,752. During the year ending September 30, 1877, receipts for the year were $1,034,550, and the disbursements $980,604. Although values shrunk during the year, and a half mill was taken from the rate of taxation, the balance at the end of the year was greater than at the close of the previous year. This was entirely owing to the economy practiced in every branch of the State government. This gave confidence at home and abroad—a fact that is attested by the rise of 20 per cent in the 2's and 5's and the absorption by the citizens of the State of the new 8 per cent bonds.

The Agricultural Outlook.

The report of the United States Commissioner of Agriculture will make an exceedingly fine crop exhibit for the past season. The wheat yield is stated at 360,000,000 bushels, or 50,000,000 more than ever before produced. The report states that the other crops are correspondingly abundant, and estimates that over 110,000,000 bushels of wheat can be spared for export. The average wheat export is 63,000,000 bushels per year, and the highest in any one year was 91,000,000. There is not likely, however, to be an increased foreign demand, as the department has trustworthy advices stating that the wheat crop in Southern Russia is seventy-five per cent above the average, and the crop in Southwestern Europe, where it is customarily a large surplus, is fully up to the average. It is estimated that the English market will require about 100,000,000 bushels of the present year's yield. The American surplus will be in demand there; but the amount of that demand is contingent upon the Turko-Russian war. If it stops Russian wheat dealers are ready to compete actively and immediately for it.

An Old Route Revived.

Many of our older readers will remember Captain, now Commodore, Shufeldt, who in ante-bellum times commanded the Cahawba, one of the line of splendid sidewheel steamships which ran between New Orleans and New York, touching at Havana going and coming. Shufeldt was a tall, shapely man, with a handsome face, good address and varied accomplishments. Though born and brought up in Philadelphia his sympathies were, ostensibly, with the South; and when the question of the acquisition of Cuba, by purchase or otherwise, was sprung, he was an ardent advocate of that proposition, and wrote a series of able and interesting letters to the old New Orleans *Commercial Bulletin*, in which he set forth in glowing colors the immense advantages which would inevitably follow the annexation of the "Gem of the Antilles" to the great North American Republic. Well, our civil war came on, and Shufeldt took the Northern side of the "controversy." Against this we have not a word to say. He was appointed United States Consul at Havana, and it was reported that during the war he displayed an unusually bitter and vengeful feeling against all Southerners who resorted to that city as a harbor of refuge. This conduct surprised and grieved most sorely his many friends in New Orleans, who had ever regarded him as a man of most liberal and conservative views.

But let this reminiscence pass. From his long experience and intimate relations with the commercial interests of the Southern portion of the United States his opinions are of great value and importance, and therefore we are glad to note that he is manifesting an anxiety to work up a foreign trade for the United States, and has carefully elaborated a plan for an interoceanic railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, connecting the Western and Southwestern trade with the South Pacific by way of the Gulf of Mexico. The length of the road will only be 170 miles, and with side tracks 195 miles. A careful estimate of the cost shows it to be $7,270,000, which is so far below that of the various canal schemes that if the Commodore's premises are correct, it would be well to abandon forever those $100,000,000 and $150,000,000 water ways, even if Gen. Grant loses the position of president of one of them. It is shown that the Panama Railroad, forty-seven miles, through a very difficult country, cost $7,500,000, and has never failed to pay a dividend, while it transports commerce valued at $50,000,000 every year from ocean to ocean. Commodore Shufeldt thinks that this Tehuantepec railroad will stimulate private enterprise to establish lines of steamers from New Orleans and other Southern ports, connecting with the railroad line, and thus open up a profitable trade with Central America and Southern Mexico. The mouth of the Goatzacoalos river, the northern terminus of the Tehuantepec route, is only two days and a half by steamer from New Orleans.

Railroads via New Orleans.

Under this heading we find the following dispatch in the Chicago *Tribune* of the 27th inst., which we publish without comment at this time:

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 24.—Noticing articles in your paper about Capt. Eads' jetties at New Orleans and that he has lately gone East to get his second $500,000 from the government, I thought the following facts might be of interest to you. These facts convince me, against our desires, that the jetties are not what they claim to be, or, if so, there is some other radical trouble.

We send forward from here to-day by rail 502 hogsheads of tobacco that we took from New Orleans on a through rate to New York, to be exported from New York by the exporter who purchased it at New Orleans. If we can take foreign freight from New Orleans by inland routes with twenty-two feet of water in the jetties, what is the trouble with steamships that they cannot take direct? The worst feature about this is, that all the tobacco was raised in this vicinity, and sent to New Orleans for a market, and, after being held there until prices receded 50 per cent was then sent through here, eastward bound. It will certainly injure New Orleans as a tobacco market.

Some days since I noticed the Illinois Central Railroad expected to open the New Orleans route on a 40-cent rate, all rail to New Orleans from Chicago, but could make no ocean connections. We find it impossible to get grain started that way, though the C. & E. I. R. R. formerly C. D. & V. R. R. will at any time quote rates on grain from Chicago to New Orleans, via Evansville and water, at 13 to 15 cents per bushel, according as grain is oats, corn or wheat. This price includes all charges, including insurance, and will embrace from 15,000 to 500,000 bushels. If your dealers can get comparative ocean rates with New York or Baltimore, they can certainly ship cheaper our route.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Saturday Evening, Dec. 29, 1877.

NEW ORLEANS CLEARING-HOUSE.

	Clearings.	Balances.
December 29	$1,735,953 67	$179,039 41

The banking institutions of our city have a larger call upon them for discounts than they have surplus money to meet. On the street commercial paper is freely offered and rates are steady.

Exceptional commercial paper 9@10 ⅌ cent; A1 do 12@15; second grade do —@—; loans on collaterals 9@12; A1 mortgage paper 9@10; second grade do —@— ⅌ cent per annum.

Gold quiet but steady.

Foreign Exchange active and stronger.

Sight in demand and steady.

State Consols firmer at 79¾@79⅞.

Premium Bonds barely steady at 33@33¼.

Stocks quiet.

We are indebted to Mr. I. N. Maynard, the superintendent, for the following report of the average daily condition, after the morning exchanges, of the Associated Banks, for the week ending Friday morning, December 28, 1877:

RESOURCES.

Specie (coin, average)	$116,770 19
U. S. legal tenders and National Bank Notes (average)	2,172,148 34
Other cash items (average)	8,947 66
Sight exchange on New York (average)	1,207,894 69
Foreign exchange (average)	340,817 36
Due from distant banks and bankers (average)	125,596 68
Loans and discounts (average)	13,515,472 76
Other cash assets (average)	2,682,706 59
Total	$19,170,354 27

LIABILITIES.

Circulation	$727,762 50
Deposits (average net after exchanges)	9,715,336 46
Due distant banks and bankers, subject to check (average)	528,418 83
Other liabilities to banks and bankers	1,256,823 67
Other cash liabilities (average)	133,853 70
Total	$12,362,195 16

COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK.

	Increase.	Decrease.
Specie		$10,000
Currency	$140,000	
Loans	150,000	
Deposits	35,000	

Gold opened in New York at 102⅝ and closed at 102¾. Here it opened at 102¾@103 and closed at 102⅞@103⅛. Sales $1000 at 103¼. $6000 and $5000 at 103⅛. $8000 and $5000 at 103, and $2000 at 102⅞.

STERLING SALES—£1000 bank at 493, £6000 bill lading at 490⅛, £23,000 and £17,000 do at 489½@490, £10,000 do at 489⅞, £16,000 do at 489½@490⅛. Bank sterling, —@493. Commercial bills 489@490.

FRANC SALES—200,000 and 170,000 commercial at 5.15. Bank francs —, commercial 5.15.

SIGHT SALES—$195,000 at 15-32@7-16 ⅌ cent discount. Bank sight ¼ ⅌ cent discount; commercial 7-16 ⅌ cent discount.

NEW ORLEANS STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

FIRST CALL, 10 A. M.

20,000 State Consols	77⅞
5,000 do	78
35,000 Premium Bonds	33

BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND CALLS.

30,000 Premium Bonds	32⅞

SECOND CALL, 12 M.

10 Shares Crescent City Railroad Co	33⅛
$10,000 State Consols	78
15,000 do	78⅝
$1,500 Premium Bonds	33

BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD CALLS.

25 shares Citizens' Bank	74
25 shares Citizens' Bank	73¾

THIRD CALL, 2 P. M.

$1,000 State Consols	79

AFTER THIRD CALL.

$10,000 State Consols	79¼

CRESCENT CITY OPEN STOCK BOARD SALES.

BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND CALLS.

$10,000 State Consols	78¾
5,000 do do	78⅝
20,000 Premium Bonds	32⅞
10,000 do do	33

BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD CALLS.

$28,000 Premium Bonds	33⅛
9,000 do do	33
20,000 do do	33 1-16

[By Telegraph.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Money closed at 4 per cent. Exchange closed firm at 482½@486. Gold closed at 102¾. Governments closed firm; currency sixes 110@121. Pacific Railroad bonds closed as follows: Union firsts 107⅞@107⅞; land grants 103¼@103½; sinking funds 93¾@93¾; Centrals 107¾@107⅞. In State bonds Louisiana Consols sold as low as 81⅛, and Tennessees 35 for old and 33½ for new.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Friday Evening, Dec. 29, 1877.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The sales of cotton yesterday went up to 15,000 bales, which is the largest aggregate sale we have had on any one day in our city for years past. Prices are advancing, being fully ⅛c per ℔ better than yesterday, and the market closed strong and active.

The receipts of sugar to-day summed up 1182 hhds, with sales of 1156. The market was steady and strong, especially for better grades, with an active demand.

Of molasses, the receipts were 4896 bbls; sales, 973 bbls. There was some little improvement in the demand and prices of good qualities, but the lower grades are very low.

In flour business continues very dull, buyers evidently determined to hold off until after the holidays. Transactions are wholly confined to local trade.

In pork the market is quiet and easy, there being no movement except in a jobbing way for plantation supplies.

COTTON—This market is taking on a better tone, and prices are improving, with an active demand, which to-day resulted in a very large movement, covering 15,000 bales, most of which were sold at an advance on yesterday's prices of about ⅛c. Foreign advices were favorable, and the market closed strong and active.

The official closing quotations of the Cotton Exchange were as follows:

	TO-DAY.	YESTERDAY.
Low Ordinary	7⅞	7⅛
Ordinary	8⅞	8⅛
Good Ordinary	9⅞	9⅞
Low Middling	10¼	10⅛
Middling	10⅞	10¾
Good Middling	11⅛	11⅛
Middling Fair	12	11⅞

Sales to-day 15,000 bales. Market active.

COTTON STATEMENT.

In store and on shipboard Sept. 1, 1877	21,356
Gross receipts since yesterday	10,714
Gross receipts previously	804,939— 815,653
Total supply	837,009
Exported to-day	7,499
Exported previously	522,024— 529,523
Total stocks this day	307,486
Total stock this day last year	394,200

Exports to-day consisted of 5135 bales to Havre and 2364 to Bremen.

Net receipts since yesterday	9,135
Receipts from other ports	1,589
Net receipts last Saturday	8,759
Net receipts this day last year	5,751
Net receipts since September 1	676,272
Net receipts same time last year	651,987

Cotton on shipboard as per account of the Cotton Exchange, as follows: Liverpool 39,498 bales, Havre 40,792, Bremen 11,327, Mediterranean 2593, North Sea 4521, Spain —, Mexico —, coastwise 7723; total, 107,270 bales. This, taken from the stock at noon as noted at the Exchange, leaves in presses 200,216 bales.

The movement at ports for one day up to noon to-day is given below:

	Received to-day.	Last Saturday.	This day last year.
New Orleans	9,135	8,759	5,757
Galveston	1,992	2,080	3,675
Mobile	5,542	4,465	2,988
Savannah	2,024	5,342	796
Charleston	2,749	2,916	2,915
Wilmington	291	623	170
Norfolk	3,682	4,216	2,687
Baltimore			78
New York	484	779	882
Boston	2,521	569	493
Philadelphia	198	152	399
Other ports			
Total	28,498	29,901	20,804

Receipts at ports since September 1	2,375,963
Receipts same time last year	2,557,908
Receipts same time year before	2,268,262

The exports from all United States ports, consolidated as per telegrams to the Cotton Exchange, for one day have been as follows:

	G. B. France.	Cont. Chan.	Stocks.
This week	5,865	5,135	3,675	1,699	896,793
Last week	11,132	4,235	5,455	2,565	814,998
This week last year	12,900	4,481	1,307	4,606	964,979

The world's visible supply of cotton, as estimated by the Financial Chronicle, is 2,345,761 bales, against 2,134,311 bales last week, and 2,835,669 bales last year, showing an increase, compared to the former, of 211,450 bales, and a decrease, compared to the latter, of 489,909 bales.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—Are quoted as follows:

By steam — Cotton to Liverpool 7-16d; to Havre ⅝c; to Bremen 9-16d; to Boston, Providence, Fall River, Philadelphia and Baltimore, via New York ⅜c; to New York ⅝c; grain to Liverpool 10½d nominal.

By sail — Cotton to Liverpool 13-32@7-16d; to Havre ⅝c; to Bremen 15-16c; to Genoa 15-16c; grain to the Continent 10@10½d.

Steam rates to Northern ports are quoted at $2 25 on molasses ⅌ bbl to New York, and $7@8 ⅌ hhd on sugar. By sail the rate on molasses to New York is $1 50 ⅌ bbl.

SUGAR—Receipts 1182 hhds; sales 1156 hhds. Market steady, especially in the better grades, with a good and active demand.

We quote: Inferior 3¼@4⅛c; common to good common 4⅛@5⅛c; fair to good fair 5¼@6⅛c; fully fair 6⅛@7c; prime 7⅛@7¼c; strictly prime 7⅜c; gray clarified 6⅝@7⅛c; yellow clarified, as in quality, 7¼@8⅛c; off whites, good to choice, 8¼@8⅝c; white clarified 8¾@9c.

MOLASSES—Receipts 4896 bbls. Sales 973 bbls. Demand light and market quiet and unchanged, with good qualities a little firmer, but frosted and the poorer grades ruling easy.

We quote: Common 18@20c; fair 22@24c; prime 28@30c; strictly prime 30@32c; choice 34@36c.

FLOUR—Business was dull in the flour trade to-day, as in most other commercial lines, buyers not being disposed to operate much until the holidays are over. Only a few small transactions were reported to the local trade. The tone of the market continues easy and unchanged. Sales—30 bbls at $4 75; 25 at $5 87½; 65 and 100 at $6; 100 at $6 50; 75 at $6 75; 25 at $6 87½; 150 on private terms.

We quote fine to superfine at $4@4 25; single extra $4 25@4 50; double extra $4 50@4 75; treble extras, low to choice, $5@5 75; choice extras $5 75@6 25; fancy choice $6 25@6 75 ⅌ bbl. On these prices dealers obtain an advance of 50c on job sales.

CREAM AND PEARL MEAL—There is about the usual supply, and the market is quiet and steady at $3 40@3 50 ⅌ bbl. Demand light.

CORN MEAL—Is quiet, steady and unchanged at $2 40@2 45 in the wholesale trade; and jobbing at $2 65@2 75 ⅌ bbl.

CORN FLOUR—Is quoted at $3 75@4, as in quality. Local demand small, and this article is chiefly sold for export.

GRITS—Demand steady and fair, prices ruling easy in lots at $3 40@3 50 ⅌ bbl for No. 2 and $3 75@3 85 for choice; dealers jobbing at $3 75@4 ⅌ bbl.

RYE FLOUR—There is a moderate supply, but quite equal to the demand, at $4 25@4 50 ⅌ bbl.

PORK—There were no sales of mess to-day except in a jobbing way, but there was a good inquiry, and some disposition to operate is manifested on the part of commission houses for plantation supplies on a liberal scale. The market continues quiet and easy at $12 50@12 75 for round lots; dealers jobbing at unchanged prices, $13 25@13 50 ⅌ bbl.

DRY SALT MEAT—An improvement in the temperature has tended to give tone to the market on dry salted meats, and fully cured shoulders are steadier at 4⅛c loose and 4¾c packed. We quote clear rib sides 6¼c and clear sides 6⅜c. Dealers jobbing shoulders at 4¾@5⅛c, loose and packed, and sides ⅛@¼c above prices named. Sales—5000 lbs clear rib sides at 6⅜c; 20 boxes clear sides at 6⅜c; 10,000 lbs do at 6⅜c.

BACON—All quotations of bacon, in the absence of movements, are nominal outside of dealers' trade; there is nothing doing and we quote the market dull and nominal. Shoulders 6¼c; clear rib sides 7⅛c, and clear sides 7⅜c. Dealers are jobbing at 6½@6¾c for shoulders; 7⅛@7¼c for clear rib sides, and 7¾@8c for clear sides.

LARD—Is quiet and unchanged, with light sales to the local trade and a fair inquiry for export. We quote refined tierce 8⅜@8½c; packers' steam 8¼c, and kettle 8⅝@8¾c. Dealers obtaining an advance of ¼c on these prices for job lots. Sales—25 tierces packers' at 8¼c.

HAMS—Are dull and easy at 9½@10c for uncanvassed and plain canvased, and 11½@12½c for choice sugar cured. Dealers obtain an advance of ½@1c on these prices in their order and jobbing trade.

BREAKFAST BACON—There is an abundant supply, and the market is dull and easy at 8¾@9c; dealers charging 9@9½c for small lots.

PACKERS' HOG PRODUCTS—Dealers are selling on orders in the job trade at $7 25 ⅌ half bbl for pig pork, $12 ⅌ bbl for prime mess pork, $10 for prime pork, and $11 50 for rump pork. Pigs' feet are selling at $1 25@1 50 ⅌ keg. Ham sausages are dull and quoted at 8@8½c ⅌ ℔. Family pork is jobbing at $12 50 ⅌ bbl. Pickled pigs' tongues are quoted at 6⅜@6½c apiece. Pickled heads are offering at $10@11 ⅌ tierce, and jowls at $8 50@9 ⅌ barrel. Bologna sausage 6½c. Spare ribs $5@7.

CORN—Is in moderate demand and supply large. Sales 500 sacks choice yellow at 54c, 150 do in lots at 55c, 500 do in bulk at 53½, 500 choice white 54½, 250 ordinary white mixed at 52c ⅌ bushel.

OATS—Are dull. 140 Texas rust proof at 40c, 500 choice at 37c ⅌ bushel.

BRAN—Is in moderate request. Sales 150 bags at 82½c, 250 in lots at 82½c and 1200 on private terms.

HAY—Steady. Sales 50 bales strictly choice at $19, 50 prime at $17, 50 do at $16, and 125 ordinary at $14 ⅌ ton.

COFFEE—The stock in hands of dealers is 5000 bags. The market is quiet and prices lower. Arrived this week —. Sales this week 4100 bags.

QUOTATIONS FOR GOLD.

	Cargoes.	Job Lots.
Prime	19 @19¼	19½@19¾
Good	18½@18¾	19 @19¼
Fair	18 @18¼	18¼@18½
Ordinary	16½@16¾	16¾@17

Extreme range, 15@20½.

TOBACCO—Dull. Stock on sale 1650 hhds.

QUOTATIONS.

Inferior lugs	3 @ 3¼
Low lugs	3½@ 3¾
Medium	4 @ 4½
Good to fine	4¾@ 5¼
Low leaf	5¼@ 6½
Medium	7 @ 8
Good	9 @10½
Fine	11 @11½
Selections	12 @12¾

WHISKY—Is easy, city made selling at irregular prices from $1 01@1 05, and Western rectified at $1 07 ⅌ gallon.

BUTTER—Moderate stock and demand fair. We quote New York creamery, fine, 30@31c; New York dairy 18@27c, as in quality; Western repacked 8@17c, as in quality.

CHEESE—Fair stock and demand light. New York cream 15@15¾c, Western factory 12@13c, as in quality.

STARCH—In good demand at 3⅝c in lots; jobbing at 3¾@4c ⅌ ℔.

WOOL—More stocks offering than there is demand, and it is held above the views of buyers. Hurry is quoted at 11@12c, Louisiana clear 26¼c, clear lake 27½@29c ⅌ ℔.

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

SALT—Stock light, demand active. A cargo, all coarse, sold at 80c per sack afloat. We quote prices at the warehouse: Coarse 85@90c, fine $1 05@1 10. Turks Island neglected at 32c ⅌ bushel. Table salt in pockets 1¾@7½c each, as in size.

POULTRY—Old chickens 4 25@4 75, young $3@3 50; ducks $9; geese $6@7; turkeys $14@16 ⅌ dozen.

EGGS—Western 15@24c; Louisiana 25@28c ⅌ dozen.

RICE—Is in moderate supply. No. 2 3¾@3⅞c, common 4⅛@4¼c, ordinary 5@5⅛c, fair 5⅜@5⅝, good 5¾@5⅞c, prime 6@6⅛c, choice 6½c ⅌ ℔.

BULK CORN—None offering, and the market is nominally 55½c ⅌ bushel.

WHEAT—None here, and nominally at $1 30@1 35 ⅌ bushel for winter, and $1 20@1 25 for spring.

ESCULENTS—Potatoes are selling at $1 40@2; onions at $2 25@2 75; apples at $3 50@4 50 ⅌ bbl; cabbages at $6@8 ⅌ 100, and $1 75@2 ⅌ crate.

BAGGING—Steady at 11½c in round lots; retailing at 12@12½c. Baling twine at 13¾c in round lots; retailing at 14c.

Weekly Quotations of Hides.

We are under obligations to Messrs. Hay & Mehle for the following weekly report:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28, 1877.

Steer Hides, City Slaughter, over 85 ℔	8 c
Steer Hides, City Slaughter, 70 to 84 ℔	8½c
Steer Hides, City Slaughter, under 70 ℔	7 c
Cow Hides, City Slaughter, as they run	6 c
Kips, City Slaughter, 20 to 34 ℔	9 c
Kips, City Slaughter, 25 to 30 ℔	7 c
Calf skins, each	25 c
Country Hides, Flint, 20 to 25 ℔	12 c
Country Hides, Flint, damaged, half price.	
Beeswax, prime yellow	25@28 c
Ox Horns, each	8 c
Tallow	7@8 c

Hides dull and unchanged. Wool steady. Tallow quiet.

Domestic Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29, 11:30 a. m.—Coffee quiet and steady; sales 602 Rio in 14½ for common; 1559 Mary Krebs at Baltimore at 16½ for good ordinary; 2600 New Light at Baltimore p. t. Sugar firm; sales 700 hhds and 3300 boxes on basis of 7⅛@7¼ for fair to good fair refining, and 7⅞ for prime. Refined sugar firm; yellow 7@7⅞, extra C 8⅛@8⅜, standard A 9⅛, off A 8¾@9⅛, standard crushed 9⅞, powdered 9⅛@9⅞, granulated 9⅞, cut loaf 9⅞@10.

3 p. m.—Coffee quiet and firm. Sugar steady; refined sugar steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The market opened with wheat excited at $1 09 January; $1 10 February. Corn steady at 42⅞@42¾ January. Pork opens with sales at $11 60 February. Lard—nothing doing.

Union Stock Yards—Hogs—Official receipts yesterday 30,150; estimated to-day 24,000; market moderately active and firm; light grades $4 05@4 15; heavy $4@4 25.

1:30 p. m. Close.—Pork easy; $11 62½@11 65 February; $11 77½@11 80 March. Lard, 7.65@7.67½ February; 7.72½ March. Wheat unsettled; $1 08¼ cash; $1 08⅝@1 08⅞ January; $1 09¼@1 09⅜ February; No. 3 $1 01½ cash. Corn quiet; 42⅛ cash or December; 42⅛ January; 41 February; 43⅝@43⅞ May.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—Pork $11 75. Bacon—shoulders, 6@6¼; clear rib, 7@7¼; clear sides, 7¼@7½; hams, 10½@11. Cut meats—shoulders, 4¾; clear rib, 6⅞; clear sides, 6. Lard—current make, 7.70; prime winter, 8@8½. Hogs—receipts, 3205; market steady; prices range $3 50@4 30. Whisky, $1 09.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1 22 bid cash; No. 3 red, $1 19⅞ cash; $1 20@1 20⅛ January; $1 24 February. Corn 43⅞@43¾ cash; 43⅞@44 January. Oats 27½ cash; 30½ May. Whisky $1 04. Pork, small lots, $11 80@11 85 cash. Cut meats and bacon dull and unchanged. Lard, 7½ asked.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 29, 2 p. m.—Flour 6d higher at 29s 6d. Wheat unchanged; cargoes off coast—Chicago spring 52s@52s 6d; red winter 55s 6d; California club 62s; to arrive—Chicago 51s 6d; California club 58s 6d@60s 6d; arrivals for orders light. Corn—cargoes off coast easier at 29s 6d@30s; to arrive unchanged at 29s 6d; arrivals for orders light. Weather unusually mild.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29, 12 m.—Wheat—Western spring 10s 6d@11