Commercial and Financial Matters.

The bark Augusta Quita cleared yesterday for Bayonne with 10,340 bushels of wheat in bulk.

The steamship City of Mexico arrived here yesterday, from Vera Cruz and Tuxpan, with 481 bags and 65 sacks of coffee and $18,786 in specie.

It is stated as a fact that the Chinese laborers of the six companies in California live on less than ten cents a day each, and that it is utterly out of the question for a civilized laborer to compete with them.

The postal system of Japan, which was inaugurated in 1871, has grown in favor and revenue until now it is more fortunate than that of the United States, as it not only meets its expenses but pays a surplus of revenue into the treasury.

The jetties may be judged by the shipments of grain from St. Louis during the last three years. In 1876 they amounted to 1,433,-000 bushels; in 1877 to 4,101,358; in 1878 to 8,451,003, or about four times as much as in 1876.

There was but little done yesterday in public securities. State Consols ruled weak at 89⅝@90⅝, against 59⅝@60 on Friday. Premium Bonds were easy at 24⅞@25⅛, against 25⅛@25⅜. The sales footed up $22,000 of State Consols at the Stock Exchange, and $10,000 of the same on the street.

The coal miners at Ashland, Ky., after a strike of several months, have resumed work at the old prices, thus furnishing another evidence of the unwisdom and ineffectiveness of resorting to violent or refractory measures for the redress of grievances that can only be adjusted by amicable arbitration.

It is asserted by treasury officials at Washington that the proposed reduction of the tobacco tax will decrease the revenue to the amount of at least $9,000,000, and there will, it is said, be a strong pressure brought to bear upon the President by Secretary Sherman to put his veto on the bill should it finally pass.

The shipping at present in port is amply sufficient to carry away all the cotton and grain that may be sent here for exportation to foreign countries. Yesterday there were at our levee 25 steamships, 51 ships, 59 barks, 8 brigs and 8 schooners. Of the steamships 17 were British, 6 were American, 1 German and 1 French. Of the ships 32 were British, 20 were American, 3 German, 3 Norwegian and Austrian. Of the barks 7 were British, 15 were Norwegian, 13 Italian, 3 Austrian, 2 Swedish, 1 German and 1 Spanish.

Up to yesterday there were received at this port 1,183,626 bushels of bulk wheat, against 445,621 bushels for the same time last year; 1,058,580 bushels of bulk corn, against 2,383,203 bushels last year; 346,736 sacks of corn, against 561,495 sacks last year; 30,765 bbls of pork, against 21,431 bbls the same time last year; 589 hhds of tobacco, against 1261 hhds last year; 423,757 bbls of flour, against 334,209 bbls last year; 139,029 hhds of sugar, against 88,188 hhds the same time last year; 240,196 bbls of molasses, against 272,767 bbls last year; 192,302 bbls and sacks of rice, against 195,836 for the same time last year. Of meats in bulk we have received 2,601,472 lbs, against 4,185,861 lbs last year.

Both houses of the Maine Legislature have agreed to a bill fixing the following schedule of salaries: Governor, $1500; supreme judges, $3000; attorney general, $1000; secretary of State, $1200; deputy secretary of State, $1200, and clerk hire, $1000; State treasurer, $1600, and clerk hire, $2000; adjutant general, $900, and clerk hire, $500; warden of the State prison, $1000; deputy warden, $1000; superintendent of public buildings, $600; State librarian, $600. Minor offices are also reduced. The Senate insists, however, in the case of railroad commissioners, that their pay shall be $5 per day from railroad companies, when in active service.

The Chicago Times publishes an abstract of the last annual report of the directors and officers of the Illinois Central Railroad, from which we learn that the business of the road shows a gain in net traffic over 1877 of $668,667 30. The net return from traffic is stated at $3,015,229 19; from lands, $64,118 45; from interest on the investment in bonds secured by first mortgage of the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Company, $68,040—making the aggregate net income $3,147,387 64. From this fund the company paid interest on its bonds and two dividends on its shares, with other expenses as detailed, leaving a balance of $665,532 11 for the year, which, added to $790,103 19 at credit of income account the previous year makes $1,455,635 30 now carried forward at the credit of income account.

In the United States Senate, on Tuesday last, a resolution was introduced by Mr. Cameron and referred to the Committee on Commerce, providing for a commission to consider and report what legislation is needed for the better regulation of commerce among the States. The commission as proposed is to consist of two Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, two members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker, and five commissioners to be appointed by the President. They are to sit during the recess, and inquire generally into the condition of the commerce among the States carried by land and water routes, and particularly as affected by the rates charged for transportation and the system of discriminations practiced in reference thereto, in order to ascertain what burdens and evils are now imposed thereby, whether the same can be alleviated or removed by legislation by Congress, and if so, in what particulars and by what measures, and report their recommendations to Congress at its next session. The commission is to have the usual powers conferred upon such bodies, and a special compensation is to be allowed the commissioners appointed by the President. The Baltimore Sun, in commenting upon this, says:

The title of the resolution would be better if amended so as to read "to consider and report what legislation (if any) is needed," etc. It has not yet been determined that it is either within the province or the policy of Congress to interfere at all in matters which have heretofore been regulated exclusively by the States, and satisfactorily enough, on the whole. That question has never yet been fairly met and argued, and in the case of Mr. Reagan's bill all discussion of it was palpably shirked. That bill notoriously imitated the judgment of Rhadamanthus, who "first condemned and sentenced, then heard and determined. But if Congress is to interfere in these matters—power over which was previously only exercised by the States—it is certainly wisest to let the most thorough and comprehensive examination and inquiry precede any action in the premises, and, with this possibility threatening us, it is to be hoped that Mr. Cameron's resolution may be adopted.

The grand ball of the Y. M. B. A. will come off Mardi Gras night.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Saturday Evening, February 15, 1879.

NEW ORLEANS CLEARING-HOUSE.

	Clearings.	Balances.
February 15,	$3,016,611 92	$245,514 49

We quote exceptional paper 6@7 ⅌ cent; A1 do 7@—; second grade do—@—; loans on collaterals 6@8; A1 mortgage paper 8@—; second grade do —@— ⅌ cent per annum.

Mexican dollars are now quoted at 84@84½ and trade dollars at 90@95. Halves and quarters (American) are quoted at 99@99½.

The sales of Foreign Exchange were light and rates are firm. Bank sterling rules at —@4.88½, and bills of lading and clear bills at 483@484. Sales—2000 bill of lading at 484@484½.

French bills are firm and quiet. We quote bank francs —; commercial 5.20.

Bank sight bills opened firm and closed the same at par; commercial is quoted ¼@1-16 ⅌ cent discount.

State Consols weak at 89½@89¾.

Premium Bonds closed easy at 24⅞@25⅛.

Stocks were quiet but firm.

Mr. I. N. Maynard, manager of New Orleans Clearing-House, has obligingly furnished us with the following report of the average daily condition, after the morning exchanges, of the Associated Banks for the week ending Friday morning, February 14, 1879, after the exchanges:

RESOURCES.

U. S. legal tenders and National Bank notes	$4,376,900 00
Other cash items	5,800 00
Sight exchange on New York	2,745,400 00
Foreign exchange	276,700 00
Due from distant banks and bankers	184,900 00
Loans and discounts	10,056,900 00
Other cash assets	4,799,796 00
Total	$22,446,096 00

LIABILITIES.

Circulation	$1,494,247 50
Deposits (net after ex-changes)	13,748,300 00
Due distant banks and bankers, subject to check	826,100 00
Other liabilities to banks and bankers	366,300 00
Other cash liabilities	98,400 00
Total	$16,019,347 50

COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK.

	Increase.	Decrease.
Legal tenders	$125,000	
Loans		$40,000
Deposits	$93,000	

NEW ORLEANS STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

FIRST CALL—10 A. M.

$10,000 State Consols 89⅝

Privilege on $15,000 Premiums, April number, at ⅜.

INTERMEDIATE CALL—11 A. M.

$10,000 State Consols 89⅝

THIRD CALL—2 P. M.

1,000 shares Levee preferred	80
300 shares Levee preferred	80½
500 shares Levee preferred	81
500 shares Levee preferred	70

CLOSING CALL—3:30 P. M.

$5,000 State Consols 89⅝

The sales on the street aggregated 30 shares Carrollton Railroad Co., at $125 per share, and $10,000 States at 59.

[By Telegraph.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Events of the week in financial circles were quite important. The money market was easy during the greater part of the week, and ruling rates for call loans were 1 to 3 per cent. About the middle of the week the market hardened somewhat, and as high as 5 and 7 per cent was paid for loans, but subsequently the easy feeling was restored. Foreign exchanges were steady throughout the week, and without important change. Government bonds were active, and towards the close became firm, with an advance of ⅛ to ¼ per cent. Railway and miscellaneous speculation was irregular early in the week, and in some cases prices declined ⅛ to 2½ per cent. Subsequently, however, a strong and buoyant feeling developed, under a steady buying movement, which continued to the close of business. The improvement ranged from 1 to 5½ per cent, the highest quotations being current in the final dealings.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Money closed at 2½@3 ⅌ cent. Exchange closed quiet at 488½@489. Governments closed firm; currency 6s 121½@122½. Pacific Railroad bonds closed as follows: Union firsts 108½@109½; land grants 119⅞@119; sinking funds 114¼@115; Centrals 108⅞@109½.

Clearing-House Statement—Exchanges, $68,948,224; balances, $3,187,707.

Weekly Clearing-House Statement — Exchanges, $453,720,433; balances, $23,928,429.

State Bonds—District of Columbia 3-65s were firm at 81½@81⅝.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The bank statement is unfavorable. Loans have increased $1,908,300; specie has increased $410,200; legal tenders have decreased $1,800,600; deposits have decreased $2,116,100; circulation has decreased $28,300; reserve has decreased $998,375.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Saturday Evening, February 15, 1879.

COTTON—The market ruled steady, notwithstanding the unfavorable tenor of advices from abroad, and the sales up to the close footed up 4000 bales.

The following is the closing of the Cotton Exchange:

	To-day.	Yesterday.
Low Ordinary	8	8
Ordinary	8⅝	8⅝
Good Ordinary	8⅞	8⅞
Low Middling	9	9
Middling	9⅝	9⅝
Good Middling	10⅛	10⅛
Middling Fair	11	11

Sales to-day 4000 bales. Market steady.

LOCAL MOVEMENT.

	This Year	Last Year.
Receipts since noon yesterday	4,208	3,157
Receipts same time last week	10,795	3,054
Receipts thus far this week		
Receipts thus far last week		
Receipts since September 1	897,901	1,079,281
Stock on hand	361,743	382,028
Exports to-day—		
To Great Britain	7,343	4,003
To France	13,422	1,526
To other continental ports	1,561	4,366
To coastwise ports		

NET RECEIPTS AT UNITED STATES PORTS.

For one day this week	16,652
Same time last week	24,175
Same time last year	15,249
Receipts since September 1	3,503,838
Receipts same time last year	3,360,153

STOCKS AT UNITED STATES PORTS.

This day	832,134
Same time last week	869,343
Same time last year	931,359

The movement at ports from 12 m. Friday to to 12 m. to-day is given below:

	Received since Friday.	Same time last week.	Same time last year.
New Orleans	4,908	10,795	3,157
Galveston	2,328	1,971	1,229
Mobile	996	2,335	1,828
Savannah	2,770	2,873	2,216
Charleston	1,410	2,457	1,896
Wilmington	398	588	33
Norfolk	3,040	1,241	2,040
Baltimore			
New York	797	534	374
Boston	724	1,015	433
Philadelphia	291	237	
Various			
Total	16,652	24,175	13,649

FUTURES.

The position of the market at New York can be seen from the following:

Middling.	Latest to-day.	Closing Yesterday.
January		
February	9.70@9.71	9.70@9.72
March	9.74@9.75	
April	9.91@9.92	
May	10.07@10.08	10.08@
June	10.20@10.21	10.22@10.23
July	10.30@10.32	10.32@10.33
August	10.40@10.41	10.41@10.42
September		
October		
November		
December		

Tone of the market steady. Sales 26,300 bales.

OCEAN FREIGHTS FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Cotton.	Steam.	Sail.
Liverpool	¾d asked.	3-16d
Havre	7-16c	3-16d
Bremen	7-16d	¾c
Antwerp	¾c	¾c
Hamburg	—	¾c
Rotterdam	—	¾c
Revel and Cronstadt	¾c	¾c
Genoa	¾c	¾c
New York	¾c	¾c
Boston, Providence, Fall River and Philadelphia	¾c via New York	¾c

SUGAR—Is firm and in good demand. Receipts 476 hhds. We quote:

Inferior	3 @4 c
Common	4⅜@4⅝c
Good Common	5@5⅛c
Fair	—@5⅜c
Good Fair	—@5⅝c
Fully Fair	—@5⅞c
Prime	—@6⅝c
Strictly Prime	5¾@6 c
Choice	5 @5⅛c
Seconds	5 @5⅛c
Yellow Clarified	5⅛@5⅜c
Gray Clarified	5⅛@5⅜c
Off Whites	7¼@7⅜c
Choice Whites	8 @ c

MOLASSES—The market is stronger and fairly active. Receipts 358 bbls. We quote:

Common	per gallon 20@25c
Fair	26@28c
Centrifugal	16@26c
Prime	26@30c
Strictly Prime	29@30c
Choice	—@31c

COFFEE—The market is steady and the demand good.

QUOTATIONS FOR GOLD.

	Cargoes	Job Lots.
Prime	16 @16¼	16⅛@16⅜
Good	15 @15¼	15⅛@15⅜
Fair	14 @14¼	14⅛@14⅜
Ordinary	11 @11¼	11⅛@11⅜
Extreme range		8¼@17⅞

TOBACCO—Quiet. Stock on sale 750 hhds:

QUOTATIONS.

Low lugs	2½@ 2
Medium	2⅝@ 3
Good to fine	3½@ 3⅝
Low leaf	4 @ 5
Medium	5 @ 6½
Good	7 @ 7½
Fine	7½@ 8
Selections	10 @11

FLOUR—The stoppage of navigation at St. Louis, and the advancing price of wheat in the West has greatly stimulated the views of receivers, and many of them to-day either withdrew their supplies from sale, or offered sparingly under instruction of shippers to hold for better prices. Sales—30 bbls at $4 15; 50, 60 and 70 at $4 50; 50 at $4 75; 50, 25, 25 and 50 at $5; 50 and 250 at $5 12½; 25 and 50 at $5 25; 25 and 25 at $5 37½; 30 at $5 40; 50, 25, 50, 50, 75, 120 and 120 at $5 50; 200 and 300 bbls on private terms.

We quote: Fancy extras $5 50@5 62½; choice extras $5 25@5 37½; treble extras $4 25@4 37½; double extras $4; family $3@3 12½; single extras $3 75; superfine $3 50; common $2 75@3 ⅌ bbl. Dealers in their trade obtain an advance of 50c ⅌ bbl on these prices.

CORN MEAL—Firm at yesterday's advance, choice Western ruling at $2@2 10 ⅌ bbl ex landing. Dealers obtain higher prices. Sales—50 and 100 bbls at $2 10.

RYE FLOUR—Steady: $3 75@4.

HOMINY—$2 75@3 wholesale; $3 25 jobbing ⅌ bbl.

GRITS—Ex landing $2 85@2 90.

PORK—Is steady and the demand is good. We quote old mess at $9 75 and new mess at $10 37½ ⅌ bbl, on which prices dealers obtain an advance of 50c ⅌ bbl. Sales—50 and 100 bbls old mess at $9 75; 50, 50 and 100 new mess at $10 37½; 25 and 50 new at $11 ⅌ bbl.

DRY SALT MEATS—Quiet and firm on shoulders and quiet and easy on sides. We quote: Shoulders 5⅞c for loose and 4c for packed; clear rib sides 5⅝@5¾c, and clear sides 5¾c. Dealers obtain the usual advance on these prices.

BACON—The jobbing demand was good to-day, and a fair movement in country orders is reported. Old shoulders are firm at 3½@3¾c, and new bacon is quoted: Shoulders 4¾c, clear rib sides 5¼@5½c, and clear sides 5½@5¾c. Dealers obtain the usual advance on these prices. Sales—50 boxes clear rib sides at 5c ⅌ lb.

LARD—Firm and unchanged on refined, and quiet, easy and irregular on packers'. We quote tierces 4¾@4¾c for refined and 4½@4¾c for packers' steam. Dealers' rates are ⅛c higher.

HAMS—The feeling is firm on strictly choice sugar-cured, but quiet and easy on other qualities. We quote: Choice canvassed at 8½@8¾c, as in size and quality; unscanvassed goods are quoted at 8@7½c. Dealers obtain an advance of ⅛c on these prices for small lots.

BREAKFAST BACON—Supply ample, demand light, and market dull and easy for choice goods at 5⅞@6c; dealers are charging 6½@7c for small lots.

PACKERS' HOG PRODUCTS—Dealers are selling on orders in the job trade at $5 25 ⅌ half bbl for pig pork; $8@8 50 for rump pork; $7 75@8 for prime pork; $8 50 for prime mess and family clear pork; pigs' feet $1 25 for kegs, $2 25 for firkins and $4 75 for bbls; pig tongues 4c; spare ribs $6@6 25 for 300 ℔ tierces and $4 for bbls; side ribs $8 for 300 ℔ tierces and $5 for bbls.

CORN—Is in fair supply and good demand. White 43c, yellow 45@46c, mixed 43c ⅌ bushel. Sales—700 white mixed at 43c; 1000 white 43½c; 4000 yellow at 45c, and 500 white mixed at 44c ⅌ bushel.

OATS—Stock light and prices firm at 32@33c ⅌ bushel. Sales—350 at 32c ⅌ bushel.

BRAN—Stock fair and market quiet at 70c.

HAY—Is in fair supply and prices are steady. Choice $16@16 50, prime $14@15 ⅌ ton.

WHISKY—Market quiet and easy. We quote choice Cincinnati $1 08@1 10, fairto good Western $1 07@1 08, Louisiana $1 06@1 07.

POTATOES—Supply large and market firm at $2@3 50 ⅌ bbl.

ONIONS—Light supply and firm at $3@3 50 ⅌ bbl.

CABBAGES—Firm at $3@3 25 ⅌ box.

APPLES—The supply is fair and prices rule steady at $3 50@4 50⅌ bbl.

BUTTER—The market is over stocked and prices easy. New York creamery fine 24@25c, New York dairy fine 22@23c, New York dairy good 18@19c, Western fine 14@15c, Western dairy 15@16c ⅌ ℔.

CHEESE—Easy. New York cream 8½@9½c, Western cream 8@9c ⅌ ℔. Western reserve factory 7@7½c.

STARCH—In fair demand at 8c in lots.

POULTRY—Old chickens $4; young $2 50; ducks $3; geese $4@5; turkeys $13@16 ⅌ dozen.

EGGS—Western 11@13c; Louisiana 12@15c ⅌ dozen.

RICE—Firm. Prime 4½c, good 4¼@4½c, fair 4⅛@4¼, ordinary 3⅞@4c, common 3⅝@3¾c, and No. 1 3⅛@3½c ⅌ ℔.

SALT—We are under obligations to Messrs. Jackson & Manson for the following report of the market:

Fair demand. Imports heavy. Stock increasing. One cargo just arrived and sold to a dealer on private terms. We quote dealers' rates from warehouses at 92½@95c for coarse and $1 45@1 50 for fine. Turks' Island quiet and dull; quoted nominally 25@33c ⅌ bushel. Table salt in packets 13½c each, as in size.

FISH—From Messrs. C. H. Lawrence & Co we get the following quotations:

	Barrels.	Halves.	Quarters.	Kitts.
Mackerel—				
No. 1	$10 50	$5 50	$2 75	$1 10
No. 2	6 00	3 25	1 60	85
No. 3 medium	4 00	2 50	1 50	75
No. 3 small	3 50	2 00	1 25	60
Scaled Herrings ⅌ box			32 @	—
No. 1 Herring ⅌ box			28 @	—
Codfish, quarter-boxes			1 00 @	—
Codfish, quarter-drum			5 @	—
Codfish, boneless, ⅌ box			4½@	—
Haddock, boneless, ⅌ box			3½@	—
Haddock, quarter-boxes			90 @	—
Haddock, quarter-drum			4 @	—
Salmon, bbls			15 00 @	—
Salmon, half-bbls			7 50 @	—
Portland Herrings, bbls			7 50 @	—
Portland Herrings, half-bbls			3 50 @	—

Weekly Quotations of Hides, etc.

NEW ORLEANS, February 14, 1879.

Steer Hides, City Slaughter, over 85 ℔ ⅌ ℔	7 c
Steer Hides, City Slaughter, 70 to 84 ℔ ⅌ ℔	7½c
Steer Hides, City Slaughter, under 70 ℔ ⅌ ℔	5½c
Cow Hides, City Slaughter, as they run ⅌ ℔	5½c
Kips, City Slaughter, 20 to 24 ℔ ⅌ ℔	7½c
Kips, City Slaughter, 25 to 30 ℔ ⅌ ℔	7 c
Calf Skins, each	50@75 c
Country Hides, Flint, 20 to 25 ℔ ⅌ ℔	11 c
Country Hides, Flint, damaged, half price.	
Beeswax, prime yellow ⅌ ℔	33 c
Ox Horns, each	6 c
Tallow ⅌ ℔	5@5½c

The receipts of hides during the week were larger than for some time past. While there is a fair business done, the market continues without life, and the demand is mostly for low priced lots. Wool dull. Tallow steady.

HAY & MEHLE.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

By Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company.

Domestic.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 11 a. m.—Coffee steady; sales 300 City of Para, 724 Kron Prinz, 1350 receipts at Baltimore; mild quiet and firm; sales 670 Maracaibo. Sugar dull; sales 735 hhds. Refined sugar steady, fair demand.

12:45 p. m.—Coffee quiet; no sales reported. Refined sugar quiet.

Spot cotton dull and easy. Middlings 9⅝; futures quiet.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Opening—Wheat—90⅝ asked March. Lard—6.67½ March, 6.75@6.77½ April, 6.85 May. Dry salt meats—5.65, 4.90, 5. Corn opens 38⅝ bid May.

Union Stock Yards—196 cars stock reported. Estimated receipts of hogs to-day 8000; official yesterday 15,227; do for past week 108,697; official shipments yesterday 821; do for past week 46,707; light grades $3 90@3 95; mixed packers' $3 85@3 90; heavy shipping $3 90@4 15. Cattle—Estimated receipts 1500; market quiet.

1:15 p. m.—Wheat—91⅝ February nominal, 91⅞ asked March, 92⅞ April. Corn—33 February, 33¼ bid March, 33⅞ April, 37⅝@37⅞ May. Oats—21⅞ February, 22 March, 22⅛@22⅜ April, 23⅛ asked May. Pork—$9 70 February nominal, $9 75 March, $9 87½ bid April, $10 02½ May. Lard—6.67½ February nominal, 6.79½ March, 6.90@6.92½ April, 6.87½@6.90 May.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—Pork $10. Bacon—4¾, 5⅛, 5⅝. Hams—8½@9½. Cut meats—3.65, 4⅞, 5. Lard—6.80, 7, 7¼. Hogs—$3 25; receipts 4337. Whisky $1 09.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—Opening—Wheat—98¼ February, 98⅝ March, 99⅝ April, $1 01 May. Corn—32 February, 32½ March, 33⅝ April, 34⅛ May.

1 p. m.—Wheat excited and higher; No. 2 red 99⅝ February, 99⅞ March, $1 00⅞ April, 98⅞@$1 01 cash; No. 3 red 96 cash. Corn higher; 32@32⅛ February, 32⅛@32⅜ March, 33⅛ April, 34⅞@34⅞ May, 34⅞ June, 31⅞@33 cash. Oats higher; 24 March, 24 cash. Whisky firmer; $1 04. Provisions dull; only very small sales of any article.

Foreign.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15, 12 m.—Wheat—Western spring 8s 10d@8s, do, winter 8s 4½@8s. Flour—Western canal 28 6d@10s. Corn—New mixed 4s 7d@4s 8d. Oats 5s 6d. Pork—Prime mess Western 48s. Lard—Prime Western 38s 6d. Beef—Prime mess 71s. Bacon—Long clear 36s 6d, do short clear 27s. Tallow—American 38s.

Cotton dull and easier; Middling Uplands 5⅜d, Middling Orleans 5 9-16d; sales 8000 bales, of which 500 are for export and speculation.

RIVER NEWS.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Sunday, February 16, 1879.

Arrivals.

Isabel, Emma Irvine, Kittie Nye, J. W. Cannon, Belle, New Mary Houston.

Departures.

Isabel, Emma Irvine, Kittie Nye, Belle, Assumption, J. W. Cannon, Natchez, D. P. Schenck, City of Aiton, Florence Meyer, Bart, Able, Danube, Yazoo Valley, Bertha, Corona, Tensas, Yellowstone.

To Arrive.

Alvin, Emma Irvine, Isabel, Kittie Nye, lower coast; St. Mary, Frenton, Henry Tete, Assumption, Lafourche; J. W. Cannon, E. J. Gay, Bayou Sara; Belle, Whisper, upper coast; Maria Louise, Red river; Annie P. Silver, Commonwealth, Mollie Moore, St. Louis; Yazoo, Fanchon, Opelousas; St. John, Baton Rouge; B. E. Lee, Vicksburg; J. H. Hanna, John Wilson, Ouachita; C. P. Chouteau, Memphis; Golden City, Cincinnati.

Stage of the Rivers.

Daily telegraphic report of the stage of water at various points, with changes, in the 24 hours ending yesterday at 3 p. m.

Stations.	Above low water. Feet.	Inch.	Change. Feet.	Inch.
Cairo	27	9	11	10
Cincinnati	23	9	11	4
Louisville	9	8	0	0
Memphis	25	6	10	9
Nashville	12	4	10	8
*New Orleans	3	11	0	0
Pittsburg	8	9	12	0
Shreveport	22	10	15	7
St. Louis	3	5	10	6
Vicksburg	19	5	15	1

*Below high water mark of 1874. Indicates rise. Indicates fall. *New gauge in use; zero one foot higher than old one.

The weather yesterday was cloudy, but not as cold as it was Friday.

Business was very active on the landing, and several fine trips were among the departures, the most notable being that of the Corona. She had a large trip. The City of Aiton had 300 hogsheads sugar, 250 barrels molasses, 250 barrels rice, 500 boxes lemons and oranges, and 100 tons sundry freight.

The Sam Roberts had to lay over until this morning on account of one of her barges being detained unloading at the elevator.

A large crowd was on the landing to witness the departure of the Cannon, Natchez and Richardson. They backed out in the order named and proceeded on their way without any ado.

The City of Augusta was let out of the dock yesterday. She has been painted and looks first rate.

Among the arrivals by rail yesterday were Capt. Geo. H. Rea President of the Mississippi Valley Transportation Company; Capt. J. H. Dunlap, of Gray's Iron Line, and Mr. Jules Wehrman. The Iron Mountain, of which Capt. Dunlap is the avant courier, is due to-day.

The Mexican vessel Libertad raised steam yesterday and went over to the Algiers coal landing.

Capt. H. E. Harper was a passenger up on the Richardson yesterday, to meet his family coming down on the Thos. Sherlock.

Bud Parls and Bob Smith pilot the Richardson until the Lee is met, when Capt. Burd changes off with Mr. Weaver and will in turn, on arrival of the Lee, be relieved by Wm. Youngblood.

The John D. Scully arrived Friday night from the Arkansas. Her future movements are in abeyance.

The Lucy E. Gastrell arrived from the Tensas Friday evening, and will leave to-morrow for Natchez for the purpose of receiving cotton guards and being raised between deck. She may run in the trade between here and Natchez, carrying railroad cotton.

In mentioning the successor of Eug. Wells on the Lee in yesterday's paper, we inadvertently omitted to give his full name. Mr. John Luttrell is the gentleman.

The departures in the Red River Transportation Company for the coming week will be found announced in their card.

Telegraphic News was received yesterday of the burning of the A. C. Donnally, near Cairo, she left here Saturday, the 8th, with a cargo of sugar, molasses, rice, etc. She was a large side-wheel boat, a good one, and was built at Cincinnati in 1876. Particulars will be found in our telegraphic dispatches below.

Capt. Joe Elliott has returned from his visit to Memphis.

The Southern Transportation Company's steamer New Mary Houston, Charles Miller master A. Elliott Miller clerk, arrived yesterday morning from Cincinnati, and will return Tuesday.

The great iron steamer Charles P. Chouteau, Capt. W. H. Thorwegan, will arrive to leave Wednesday for Memphis.

The Anchor Line steamer Annie P. Silver, D. H. Silver master, G. F. Shields clerk, leaves Tuesday for St. Louis, and the Commonwealth Thursday.

The Kountz Line steamer Mollie Moore, Capt. William Thompson, leaves also Tuesday for St. Louis.

The City of Augusta, Capt. P. C. Montgomery, clerk Capt. Joe Elliott, leaves to-day, at 10 a. m., for the Ouachita. The Augusta is just out of dock, where she was thoroughly repaired and otherwise placed in fine order, and she enters the Ouachita trade as a regular independent packet.

The Trenton, Capt. C. D. Terrebonne, failing to arrive in time to leave yesterday, leaves today at 10 a. m. for the coast and Lafourche, returning to leave again on her next regular day, Wednesday, at 5 p. m.

The New Orleans and Ouachita River Transportation Company's steamer John H. Hanna, Capt. J. W. Blanke, will arrive to leave Tuesday, positively, for Ouachita City.

The Danube left yesterday for Cane river.

The Emma Irvine leaves to-day at 5 p. m., as usual for the lower coast as far as the Greenwood plantation.

The new and fast upper coast packet Whisper, J. A. Comstock master, George M. Woods and Charles Dean clerks, leaves to-morrow at 11 a. m. for the Ashland plantation and Bayou Gonla.

The semi-weekly coast, Donaldsonville and Lafourche packet St. Mary, Joe Daferes master, leaves to-morrow at 5 p. m. for Lockport.

The new and fleet Bayou Sara and coast United States mail packet Edward L. Gay, John J. Brown master, S. S. Strock clerk, leaves to-morrow at 5 p. m.

The regular semi-weekly Bayou Lafourche packet Henry Tete, J. F. Aucoin master, leaves to-morrow at 5 p. m.

The new and handsome St. John, J. P. McElroy in command, will arrive this p. m., and leave to-morrow at 5 p. m. for the coast and Baton Rouge.

REGULAR PACKETS FOR TUESDAY.

Belle	Upper Coast	10 a. m.
Assumption	Lafourche	5 p. m.
Emma Irvine	Lower Coast	3 p. m.
B. E. Lee	Vicksburg	5 p. m.
Yazoo	Atchafalaya	5 p. m.
Fanchon	Atchafalaya	5 p. m.

Exchange Clippings, February 13.

Cincinnati Commercial:

King Rex's dog-cart, the Charles Morgan, leaves for New Orleans on Saturday. The following passengers have already secured rooms on the Morgan: Mrs. W. H. Dorney, Mrs. A. M. Dorney, J. L. Anderson and family, John R. Davey, wife and daughter, D. E. Eaton, wife and family, J. Longley, W. H. Thomas, J. Getchel and lady, T. W. Bassett of Cincinnati, Miss E. Mills and sister, Walnut Hills, Ohio; M. J. Campbell and lady, Dayton; Mrs. J. Garlick, Galveston; Mrs. John A. Musgrove and daughter, Urbana, Ohio; O. Evans, Jr., Franklin, Ohio.

Capt. W. B. Miller's large fast and elegant Guiding Star will arrive from New Orleans tomorrow, and leave for New Orleans on next Tuesday on her grand Mardi Gras excursion, making the run down in six days, arriving in time for the festivities. Gl. Jno. S. Jones has already a large number of excursionists registered, together with several parties of Capt. Miller's old friends from Columbus, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and Toledo, who traveled with him on the Thompson Dan.

Courier-Journal:

The famous Howards of Jeffersonville, are figuring on a number of 1200 ton bulk grain barges for the Anchor line at St. Louis. They will be built under the special supervision of Capt. John P. Keiser, the eagle-eyed superintendent of that famous line of steamers.

Letters from Rio Janeiro state that Col. Roberts, an American, has been appointed by the Emperor as surveyor, to study the river systems of the country, with a view to their practical navigation. The request was first proffered to Mr. Eads to undertake the task; but that gentleman, being engaged at the mouths of the Mississippi, declined the tender, and suggested Col. Roberts. The salary will be $20,000 per annum. The surveys, which will at once begin, are exceedingly laborious and difficult, and, in a country possessing such a river system as Brazil, will be scarcely less hazardous than Stanley's task of traversing the "dark Continent."

Memphis Avalanche:

Mr. Gates, secretary of the Cotton Exchange, informs us that the Salter bale of cotton will be sold positively at 3 p. m. on Wednesday next, the nineteenth instant. The subscriptions thus far have been very small, hence the postponement of the sale. Mr. Gates will, however, sell the bale as above for all he possibly can, and if our merchants do not come up to the mark and give it a good start they should forever after blush for shame.

[Special to the Democrat.]

MEMPHIS, Feb. 15.—The Thompson Dean cleared with 800 bales cotton, 675 sacks oil cake and 100 barrels oil. The Port Eads, Future City and tows passed up; each left a barge here. The Golden City passed down well laden. Business is active. PRICE.

RONDO, Feb. 15.—Weather clear and cold. River on a stand. Howard and Hanna passed down at midnight, with good trips. Overdue: John Wilson, for Camden. BOUTZ.

[By Telegraph.]

PITTSBURG, Feb. 15.—The river is 8 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather clear and cold.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 15.—The river is 15 feet 6 inches, full of ice and falling. The Buckeye State passed down at 4 a. m. The Hudson got off at dark with a good trip.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 15.—The river is falling. Arrived: John B. Maude, from Vicksburg.

CAIRO, Feb. 15.—Arrived: Thomas Sherlock, from Cincinnati; Jas. D. Parker, from Memphis; Andy Baum, from Cincinnati. Departed: Parker for Cincinnati. Heavy ice is running out into the Mississippi. It is clear and cold.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—The river has fallen 3 inches since last report—8 feet 4 inches, by gauge, above low water, 5 feet 5 inches to Cairo. The ice is running very heavy. Business is not so active since the ice has been running so heavily. It is believed that Missouri river navigation will close to-day. Freights are offering freely for Southern points; none for the Ohio. There is no tonnage for that river. New Orleans freight rates are unchanged. The steamers Spread Eagle, Mattie, Belle, H. C. Yaeger, A. J. Baiker, Grand Tower and Ste. Genevieve have retired. Our water transportation highway is again being suspended by the heavy run of ice, which, by present indications, will be a term of short duration, as the weather has moderated from 7 degrees above to 29 degrees above zero during the past twenty-four hours.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—The river is 23 feet 6 inches and rising. Arrived: Graham from Pittsburg, Guiding Star from New Orleans. Departed to-day: Graham for Pittsburg, Miller for Memphis, Morgan for New Orleans, and the locals. The weather is clearing. Business is brisk.

GRAND GULF, Miss., Feb. 15.—To J. B. Woods: Anchor Line steamer