COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....March 26.

$2,000 Indiana State 5s	85	110 N. Y. Central R. R.	s3 93
1,000 do	84⅞	50 do	b30 91
20,000 do	b3 85	50 do	s30 92⅞
4,000 California 7s, '70	91½	500 Erie Railroad	s60 43
3,000 Virginia 6s	96¾	50 do	s3 43⅛
2,000 do	b30 96¾	100 do	b60 44
2,000 do	b30 96¾	100 do	b10 45
5,000 do	96¾	128 do	s3 45⅛
3,000 Missouri 6s	94⅛	100 do	b3 45⅛
17,500 Louisiana 6s	s3 92	100 do	btw 45⅛
500 Ill. Cen. RR. Bds	82½	200 Harlem Preferred	73
20,000 do	81⅞	200 Reading Railroad	b24 84
5,000 do	b10 82⅞	200 do	s3 84
10,000 do	b30 82⅞	300 do	s3 83⅞
5,500 do	s3 82⅞	700 do	83⅞
10,500 N. Y. Cen. 7s	s3,101	100 do	b30 84⅛
4,000 Chi. & Rock I. Bds	94	600 do	b6 84
100 Del. & Hud. Cl. Co.	b30 124	200 do	b30 84⅛
100 do	b.b3 124	200 do	b15 84⅛
20 do	s3,124	200 do	s60 84
10 Grocers' Bank	107	100 do	b10 84
5 Continental Bank	105	110 do	s3 84⅛
50 Canton Co	s60 27⅞	19 Hudson R. Railroad	42
140 do	e 27	23 Michigan S. R. R.	s3 91⅛
200 do	s5 27	20 Panama Railroad	s3,104
150 Penn. Coal Co	b30,103	135 do	104⅛
100 Cumberland Coal Co.	c 33	100 do	104
100 do	s10 33	55 Cleve. C. & Cin. R. R.	105⅞
50 do	b3 33	56 Galena & Chic. R.R.	s3 94
250 do	s3 33	50 do	s3 94⅛
50 do	s60 33	405 C.&T.R.R. opg ex div	70
100 do	btw 33	200 do	b60 71
100 do	b10 33	100 do	b30 70⅞
400 do	33	100 do	s30 69⅞
200 do	b36 33⅛		

SECOND BOARD.

$5,000 Ind. State 5s	85	100 N. Y. Central R. R.	b30 93
10,000 do	b60 85⅛	156 N. Y. Central R. R.	s3 93⅛
15,000 do	b3 85	100 do	b30 93⅛
15,000 Virginia 6s	b30 96¾	100 do	b30 93⅛
5,000 do	96¾	10 Nor. Ind. R. R.	93⅛
15,000 Missouri 6s	b30 94⅛	50 Erie R.R.	43⅛
10,000 do	s60 94⅛	100 do	s60 43⅛
2,000 Erie Conv. Bds. '71	85⅛	100 do	b30 43⅛
1,000 do	85	100 do	b10 43⅛
10,000 Ill. Cen. R R Bds.	b30 82⅞	100 Harlem R. R.	b30 32⅞
2,000 do	82⅞	100 do	b30 32⅞
5,000 N.Y. Cen. 7s	b30 101⅛	100 Reading R. R.	s3 84
1,000 do	s3 101⅛	400 do	84⅛
1,000 Hud R 2d Mg. Bds.	77⅞	40 Clev.&T.RR opg ex div	70
100 Canton Co	27⅞	50 do	b30 70⅞
100 Cumberland C. Co	s3 33⅛	60 Gal. & Chi. R. R.	94⅛
100 do	b30 34	44 do	b30 93⅞

Sales of Stocks at Philadelphia.—March 26.

[Reported for THE N. Y. TRIBUNE, by J. R. & H. S. FAY.]

First Board—$1,000 Susquehanna Canal 6s, 65½; $1,000 Allegheny County 6s, A. V., 77½; $8,000 City Railroad 6s, 93½; $500 Pennsylvania 5s, 89; $200 City 6s, 93½; 395 Schuylkill Nav. bost loan, 12; 149 Little Schuylkill R R, 44; 5 Schuylkill Nav., pref., cash, 32; 8 do., 32; 20 Union Canal 3d, 54 Pennsylvania R R., b5, 45; 51 do., 45; 12 do., b5, 42; 5 Reading R R., 43; 50 do., 5 days, 43; 10 do., 42, 5 Bank of North America, 145; 5 do., cash, 145; 10 do., 145; 1 Bank of Penn., 119; 43 Bank of U. S., 1½

Between Boards.—50 Beaver Meadow Railroad, 44½; 1 Bank of Pennsylvania, 119.

Second Board.—$6,000 Penn. Coupon 5s, b5wn, 92½; $1,000 do., b5, 92½; $500 City 6s, 93½; $1,900 City Railroad 6s, b5, 93½; 250 Schuyl. Nav. bost loan, 62; 10 Germantown Turnpike, 18; 47 Little Schuyl. Railroad, 44; 53 Reading Railroad, 42; 10 Lehigh Nav., 2 days, 69½; 155 Union Canal, 5½; 2 Morris Canal Pref., 94½; 41 Penn. Railroad, b5, 45; 150 Morris Canal, 15.

After Board—100 Long Island Railroad, 16½.

MONDAY, March 26—P. M.

There was not a very large business done at the Stock Board this morning, but prices were generally well sustained. At the Second Board, the leading fancies were quite buoyant, and, after the Second Board, the market touched higher prices than for several days. Erie went to 43¾, an improvement of ¾ ⅌ cent.; Reading to 84¼; Cumberland 34¼, &c.; Harlem was 32¾; N. Y. Central 93. The orders to sell this Stock are still to considerable amount, under the fear that canal tolls will be imposed. Hudson River was 42¾. The movement in this Stock has been checked. Panama sold at 104, which is better. Southern Michigan advanced to 93¾, and is in good demand. Cleveland and Toledo sold at 70, ex dividend, equal to about 78. Chicago and Galena fell off ¼ ⅌ cent. It is understood that an arrangement was concluded, some weeks since, between this Road and the Illinois Central for the formation of a line between Galena and Chicago, perfectly satisfactory to all concerned, including the parties interested in the Chicago, St. Charles and Mississippi project. Delaware and Hudson sold at 124, and Pennsylvania Coal at 106, buyer thirty. In Railroad Bonds, the transactions reached $85,000, including Illinois Central, 82¾; N. Y. Central, 101¼; Erie, 1871, 83¾; 1862, 90, &c. The state of State Stocks were over $150,000, at full prices; Virginia, 96¾@96¾; Missouri 6s, 94¼; Indiana 5s, 85; Louisiana 6s, 92, &c. The market at the close was very strong, the general impression appearing to be that the steamer would bring favorable advices from abroad.

The Exchange market is ¼ to ½ ⅌ cent. lower for Sterling since the last steamer. We quote 9¾@10 for best signatures. France, 5.13¾@5.11¼. The supply of bills is not much increased, but the demand is moderate. The accounts from the South confirm the rise in the rivers—especially the Chattahoochee, the Tombigbee, and the Alabama. It is not yet sufficient to let out all the Cotton that has been so long kept from market; but it will release a large number of bales, of which we shall feel the effect, in April, in the bill market.

The non-arrival of the Atlantic checks the movement in the Freight market, and we hear of only 19,000 bush. Corn to Liverpool at 3½d.; Cotton, in small parcels, 5-32d.; 500 bbls. Resin, 1/9; Deadweight, 15/. To Havre, 500 bales Cotton, ⅛c; Copper Ore, $3. A charter was made from Apalachicola to Liverpool at 15-32d.

The payments from the Sub-Treasury to-day were $606,029, of which $300,000 went to Washington, and $200,000 to Norfolk. Received, $114,380. Balance, $3,859,883. Paid from Assay Office, $22,144. Paid for disbursing officers, $79,987. The George Law, in addition to her gold, brought $77,500 in Government drafts in small amounts, nearly all of which have been paid. The entire remittance by this ship, including these drafts and the amounts in the hands of passengers, was undoubtedly some six hundred thousand dollars.

We hear of only $500,000 going over to Boston for the Wednesday steamer, of which $40,000 is in Mexican silver, and the remainder in gold bars. The amount may be increased to-morrow. We find there is some unwillingness to send gold to Boston by the Adams Express Company, in consequence of a slight apprehension that creditors of Adams & Co., of San Francisco, might place an attachment upon it, in the hope to force some settlement of their claims. Of course, no such attachment could hold a moment after examination, as the Company have no connection whatever with Adams & Co., and, moreover, they are merely agents to transport the gold; but such proceedings might delay the gold beyond the sailing of the steamer, and thus make it necessary to return it to this City. So prudent are some parties in monetary operations, that even such a most unlikely possibility as the above has, we know, induced some remitters to hold over to the next steamer from this port.

The Weekly Statement of the Banks annexed is not so satisfactory as those immediately preceding. It shows that the Banks have recommenced the unnecessary and injudicious process of expansion of loans, and while their specie is decreasing, and there is every reason to anticipate that the foreign drain will be materially larger, at least for the present, than the receipts from California. The increase in loans is quite general, and is in the aggregate over $600,000. The decrease in the specie line is about $330,000. The circulation has largely increased, while the deposits have declined, no doubt from the drawing down of Bank balances. The most violent fluctuation has been in the Bank of Commerce, as usual, that institution having lost $340,000 of specie and $600,000 of deposits. We trust the present statement will induce Bank officers to hesitate in their present course of expansion. The loans are now larger than they were at this time last year, notwithstanding that at that time the loans of five Banks were included which do not now appear in the statement. From the present time last year the discount line continued to contract until July, and after August again commenced running down, until the line in December reached $81,700,000, producing great distress in the mercantile community. It is true that the specie reserve of the Banks is now over six millions larger than at that time; but in the present state of the foreign Exchange Market, it is very doubtful how long we can retain this surplus. The legitimate wants of the mercantile community do not demand any further expansion of Bank loans, and if the reverse of last year would be avoided, it seems the true policy of our banking institutions to confine themselves to their present line of loans. The comparison with last week is as annexed:

	Loans, &c.	Specie.	Circulat'n.	Deposits
March 17	92,447,545	16,935,932	7,061,618	76,524,227
March 24	93,050,773	16,602,729	7,452,234	76,239,923
Increase	603,428	.....	391,213	.....
Decrease	.....	331,203	.....	284,304

This result about meets the anticipations of the street, excepting in the loans, which show a much larger increase than was looked for. The general expectation was that the specie line would be down about half a million. The details are:

COMPARATIVE TABLE *of the Loans, Specie, Circulation and Deposits of the Banks of the City of New-York, for the week ending Saturday, March 17, 1855, and Saturday, March 24, 1855, To which is affixed the Capital of each Bank at the latter date.*

NAMES OF BANKS.	Amount of Capital Mar. 24	March 17. Average am't of Loans & Disc'nts	March 17. Average amount of Specie.	March 24. Average am't of Loans & Disc'nts	March 24. Average amount of Specie.
	$	$	$	$	$
B. of New-York	1,500,000	5,177,694	975,294	5,205,842	842,653
Manhattan	2,050,000	4,277,816	865,452	4,290,172	969,338
Merchants'	1,400,000	3,205,676	1,127,774	3,145,344	1,337,122
Mechanics'	1,440,000	3,367,383	916,277	3,293,600	1,115,255
Union	1,300,000	2,189,989	521,496	2,213,865	479,215
Bk. of America	2,000,000	4,766,267	2,127,610	2,057,773	2,076,578
Phenix	1,200,000	2,306,122	624,832	1,490,937	471,754
City	1,000,000	1,647,454	248,472	1,609,411	194,842
North River	655,000	1,042,869	169,335	1,045,350	145,075
Tradesmen's	400,000	1,307,567	97,381	1,283,410	104,131
Fulton	600,000	1,481,626	264,672	1,504,661	233,268
Chemical	300,000	1,271,709	489,745	1,281,215	445,364
Merch. Exch'ge	1,235,000	2,655,888	812,161	2,632,527	549,174
National	750,000	1,587,923	147,289	1,568,837	184,031
Butchers & Dro.	600,000	1,276,117	98,179	1,287,103	149,637
Mech. & Tradrs.	200,000	469,684	63,692	490,033	65,595
Greenwich	200,000	586,479	47,364	601,519	51,955
Leather Manu.	600,000	1,745,754	210,796	1,745,035	203,765
Seventh Ward	500,000	1,106,144	186,129	1,092,319	194,319
Bk. State N. Y.	2,000,000	3,516,323	835,111	3,607,054	741,939
Amr. Exchange	3,000,000	6,046,993	1,699,815	6,551,296	1,244,909
Mech. Bk'g Ass	632,000	1,151,615	121,224	1,185,907	80,102
Commerce	5,000,000	8,229,636	1,216,714	8,176,862	883,989
Bowery	356,650	911,174	160,616	906,898	138,027
Broadway	600,000	1,283,427	167,881	1,304,956	205,564
Ocean	1,000,000	1,245,120	164,896	1,281,198	189,475
Mercantile	800,000	2,249,642	284,813	2,239,911	216,383
Pacific	422,799	798,789	48,152	782,607	64,872
Bk. of Republic	1,500,000	3,004,571	596,435	3,030,670	558,203
Chatham	450,000	833,920	48,503	845,626	59,865
People's	412,000	826,992	79,446	838,640	56,256
North America	1,000,000	1,571,737	172,226	1,584,545	210,763
Hanover	1,000,000	1,241,344	79,500	1,207,296	77,355
Irving	500,000	512,575	53,617	520,458	55,041
Metropolitan	2,000,000	4,833,899	953,367	4,887,003	911,978
Citizens'	350,000	672,854	70,868	674,120	86,359
Grocers'	300,000	630,981	63,247	615,995	110,720
Nassau	500,000	914,074	107,565	890,617	123,161
East River	415,050	518,620	73,020	521,558	68,483
Market	850,000	1,688,956	149,444	1,114,469	153,521
St. Nicholas	500,000	675,325	54,617	688,210	41,890
Shoe and Leat'r	600,000	819,738	44,640	799,100	45,512
Corn Exchange	1,000,000	1,476,240	82,012	1,425,519	209,833
Continental	1,500,000	2,784,422	332,876	2,771,442	246,519
Commonwealth	750,000	1,079,345	149,850	1,107,969	172,010
Oriental	300,000	463,879	56,722	436,963	56,745
Marine	500,000	681,346	99,939	685,214	73,723
Atlantic*	400,000	477,404	63,769	486,924	64,809
Island City	300,000	343,542	84,339	349,619	33,941
N. Y. Dry Dock	200,000	404,008	25,472	403,858	24,759
N. Y. Exchange	130,000	198,820	10,572	198,911	10,329
Bull's Head	200,000	205,383	20,931	207,946	18,807

FOOTINGS.—Total amount of Capital, March 24, $48,144,900. Total average amount of Loans and Discounts, March 17, $92,447,545. Total average amount of Specie, March 17, $16,935,932. Total average amount of Loans and Discounts, March 24, $93,050,773. Total average amount of Specie, March 24, $16,602,729.

NAMES OF BANKS	Amount of Capital March 24.	March 17. Avr'ge am'nt of Circ'lat'n	March 17. Average amount of Deposits	March 24. Avr'ge am'nt of Circ'lat'n	March 24. Average amount of Deposits
	$	$	$	$	$
Bk. of New-York	1,500,000	257,061	2,918,412	276,165	2,844,432
Manhattan	2,050,000	561,175	3,537,887	365,812	3,254,857
Merchants'	1,490,000	185,659	3,746,901	397,793	3,828,960
Mechanics'	1,440,000	335,903	3,816,852	353,247	3,788,245
Union	1,300,000	182,467	2,816,638	166,122	2,849,154
America	2,000,000	105,089	5,054,775	119,825	5,056,903
Phenix	1,200,000	103,664	2,392,960	103,173	2,263,056
City	1,000,000	69,827	1,257,811	70,114	1,211,510
North River	655,000	173,654	896,019	173,296	922,273
Tradesmen's	400,000	189,067	724,851	193,353	695,577
Fulton	600,000	123,385	1,291,320	125,764	1,296,904
Chemical	300,000	424,397	1,279,623	434,910	1,222,470
Merch. Exch'ge	1,235,000	147,200	2,043,954	125,740	2,014,932
National	750,000	141,571	921,855	141,[illegible]	935,539
Butchers' & Dro.	600,000	85,131	774,273	85,300	797,993
Mech. & Trad'rs	200,000	98,745	526,721	103,167	521,803
Greenwich	200,000	177,731	391,511	184,401	382,547
Leath'r Manuf's.	600,000	168,904	1,320,186	206,336	1,283,080
Seventh Ward	500,000	145,069	737,009	143,344	702,027
Bk. State N. Y.	2,000,000	500,218	2,822,159	567,695	2,709,338
Amer. Exchange	3,000,000	245,163	5,730,834	259,752	6,192,070
Mech. Bk'g Ass'n.	632,000	176,486	855,306	178,683	829,678
Commerce	5,000,000	2,276	5,557,565	2,200	4,957,487
Bowery	356,650	171,844	771,606	177,199	756,608
Broadway	600,000	204,389	1,091,520	207,769	1,169,846
Ocean	1,000,000	84,803	667,054	84,275	706,925
Mercantile	800,000	89,348	1,674,133	92,915	1,542,331
Pacific	422,799	104,944	481,967	110,425	484,534
Bk. of Republic	1,500,000	69,409	3,156,040	71,489	3,072,536
Chatham	450,000	83,964	277,530	83,681	289,931
People's	412,000	108,710	578,111	111,524	564,437
North America	1,000,000	77,810	1,317,250	83,334	1,391,557
Hanover	1,000,000	20,172	640,907	22,922	630,136
Irving	500,000	52,604	420,896	57,647	418,212
Metropolitan	2,000,000	102,444	5,334,963	112,821	5,215,344
Citizens'	350,000	149,150	459,520	146,270	524,723
Grocers'	300,000	82,054	511,379	86,589	551,735
Nassau	500,000	118,956	802,198	123,221	793,686
East River	415,050	86,413	253,788	92,120	253,062
Market	850,000	107,733	832,221	112,324	873,436
St. Nicholas	500,000	77,989	425,071	85,898	417,913
Shoe and Leather	600,000	108,311	416,165	109,459	386,193
Corn Exchange	1,000,000	160,635	1,136,596	95,006	1,303,413
Continental	1,500,000	91,592	1,916,931	91,894	1,858,137
Commonwealth	750,000	97,870	891,115	90,252	913,432
Oriental	300,000	54,157	500,673	52,525	511,87
Marine	500,000	69,351	504,605	90,216	492,723
Atlantic	400,000	48,521	224,608	86,951	250,467
Island City	300,000	33,741	147,849	32,449	150,257
N. Y. Dry Dock	200,000	57,227	116,026	56,148	100,495
N. Y. Exchange	130,000	21,244	117,735	23,452	113,231
Bull's Head	200,000	32,981	103,652	33,871	102,471

FOOTINGS.—Total amount of Capital, March 24, $48,144,900. Total average amount of Circulation, March 17, $7,061,618. Total average amount of Deposits, March 17, $76,524,227. Total average amount of Circulation, March 24, $7,452,234. Total average amount of Deposits, March 24, $76,239,923.

* The four Banks named below the Atlantic have no connection with the Clearing-House.

CLEARING-HOUSE TRANSACTIONS.

Exchanges for week ending March 19	$101,016,732
Exchanges for week ending March 26	100,016,807
Balances for week ending March 19	$5,409,529
Balances for week ending March 26	5,067,614

The business at the Clearing-House to-day was $18,266,539.

The following sales of Bonds and Stocks were made at auction by A. H. Nicolsy:

$10,000 Missouri State 6s, 1873	Flat. 94¼
$13,000 North Carolina State 6s	Flat. 99
$15,000 Virginia State 6s, 1887	Flat. 97
$10,000 Tennessee State 6s, 1892	Flat. 94¼
$6,000 Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad 7s	Flat. 82½
$3,000 Chicago and Aurora Railroad, 2d mort	Flat. 80
$4,000 Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, do	Flat. 56@58½
30 shares Third-avenue Railroad	37½
72 shares Second-avenue Railroad	57
200 shares Brooklyn City Railroad (35 ⅌ cent. paid in)	84
100 shares Erie Railroad	43½
400 shares Cumberland Coal Company	34½
150 shares Hudson River Railroad	42½
20 shares Island City Bank	15¾
9 shares Bank of Commonwealth	74
50 shares Marine Bank	95
1000 shares Aberdeen Gold Mining Company	2

Simeon Draper's regular semi-weekly auction sale of Stocks and Bonds will take place to-morrow, at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange.

We understand that the Chicago and Galena Railroad Company have negotiated $750,000 of their Second Mortgage Bonds. We do not, however, have this information from any official source.

There has been considerable inquiry within a few days for Sacramento City Bonds, and about $75,000 have changed hands at an advance of 5 to 7½ ⅌ cent. The purchases were mostly by foreign houses.

The Commissioner of the Sinking Fund of Ohio advertises that he will pay 3 ⅌ cent. premium on any amount not exceeding the sum of $500,000 of the Certificates of the Ohio Six per Cent. Loan, payable after the 31st December, 1856, if presented for redemption at any time after the date of the notice, and prior to the 15th June, 1855. Apply to Transfer Office State of Ohio, No. 64 Beaver-st, New-York.

The Shoe and Leather Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 ⅌ cent., payable on the 9th of April.

The Hamilton, Globe, Tremont, Merchants' and Shawmut Banks of Boston, have declared semi-annual dividends of 4 ⅌ cent. The Columbian and State Banks will pay 3½ ⅌ cent.

Messrs. James F. Joy, William H. Osborn, J. N. A. Griswold, and T. Gebbhard have been elected Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad, vice R. Schuyler, T. W. Ludlow, W. P. Burrell, and Gouverneur Morris. The Board now consists of the above new Directors and Messrs. Joel A. Matteson, ex-officio, Joseph W. Alsop, Jonathan Sturges, George Griswold, John F. A. Sandford, Leroy M. Wiley, Morris Ketchum, all of New-York; David A. Neal and Franklin Haven, of Boston.

The case of D. V. Allen against the Nicaragua Transit Company, which came up to-day before Judge Duer, was postponed to Saturday next.

The opening of river navigation is bringing forward some produce, but no important arrivals can be expected until the canal and lakes are open. The stock of Flour at Albany and Troy to come forward is estimated at only 20,000 bbls. The market here, to-day, is rather heavy for breadstuffs. Provisions are in fair demand, especially Pork, of which 2,000 bbls. were sold for future delivery. Cotton is quiet, as parties are waiting for the steamer. We understand that some transactions on five days' credit, by parties who anticipated the arrival of the Atlantic with favorable news before the payment was due, have not been perfected.

The Circular of Messrs. Marié & Kanz for the steamer says:

Depuis nos dernières avis le marché a été moins actif et les prix en général ont légèrement fléchi. La non arrivée du steamer de Liverpool, que l'on attendait impatiemment déjà depuis mercredi passé le 21 courant et qui n'est pas encore arrivé, a réprimé les opérations de la semaine. Et, comme d'ordinaire, l'inactivité porte à la baisse. Les nouvelles de la Californie sont assez favorables vu l'état de choses actuel. On ne dit aucune faillite en dehors des banquiers, et la saison des pluies avant commencé, on doit s'attendre avant long temps à voir les arrivages s'or reprendre leurs anciennes proportions.

Les fonds d'Etats ont été l'objet de quelques fortes ventes, et spécialement les Missouri. Ceux ci ont baissé de ¾, les Indiana de 1, les Virginie fermes, sans variation. Les Californie restent fermes.

Les fonds de villes conservent la tendance à la hausse.

It is expected that before the next Panama steamer from San Francisco, arrangements will have been made there by which remittances may be made to the Atlantic States to nearly the usual extent, either by the use of the present machinery or by the formation of new. Wells, Fargo & Co., and some of the other banking-houses which did not suspend, have made arrangements to buy dust, as usual, in the interior, and as the rains have set in, they will no doubt be able to supply themselves with a large amount against which to draw exchanges. Mr. Aspinwall, who has extended his visit from Panama to San Francisco, may possibly make arrangements for drawing on his house here, which drafts would have the fullest confidence of the public; and in addition, the Sub-Treasurer of San Francisco has a large amount of drafts on New-York, in small amounts, with duplicates, which can be had for remittance. Unless the disasters among the bankers has extended to the merchants generally, we shall look for a fair remittance by the next Aspinwall boat. In regard to the prospects of the yield of gold, *The San Francisco Herald* is very buoyant, and adds:

Within a recent period, new and valuable discoveries of gold have been made at El Dorado, in Calaveras, and in Tuolumne; while an entirely new field, of almost unlimited extent, has been opened in the vicinity of Kern River. It is not necessary for us to credit all the stories which are rife of the wonderful riches of these mines—it is sufficient to know, and of that there would seem to be no doubt, that they will yield to any industrious worker $6 or $8 a day, with the incentive of falling upon a rich pocket from time to time. At this rate, they will remunerate thousands who are now idle, and give better wages than are now paid to the majority of the operatives. It is not so much the richness of these new mines as their great extent that gives such value to them at the present time.

If all the accounts are correct, they cover an immense surface—affording room to many thousands, and requiring comparatively little labor to work them. The surface diggings have been almost exhausted in many parts of the State, and the character of mining has been very much changed since 1849 and '50. Now it is necessary to sink deep shafts and drive great tunnels into the mountain sides. Gold has been discovered in the hills, far removed from streams; but to get it, it is often necessary to go down a hundred feet to reach the bedrock—hence a considerable capital has become necessary to work such mines to advantage, and the miner is compelled to wait long for his reward.

Those without means cannot afford to do this, and hence the peculiar value of a new gold-field, where the metal can be found, with little delay, upon the surface. Of such a character are the Kern River mines. There is now plenty of water to work them, and we venture to say that their yield has already more than covered the losses the State has sustained from failing banks. Reviewing the whole ground calmly and dispassionately, instead of finding cause for despondency and reckless abandonment, we consider our condition vastly improved, and our prospects never brighter.

At the first meeting of the stockholders of the Portage Albion Mining Co., held March 20, 1855, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year: J. F. A. Sandford, Mortimer Livingston, J. F. Butterworth, D. F. Manice, and Nathan Caswell. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors of the Company, J. F. A. Sandford was unanimously elected President; Nathan Caswell, Vice-President; and W. R. Butterworth, Secretary and Treasurer.

Markets.—CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE TRIBUNE.

MONDAY, March 26, 1855.

ASHES—The market is without activity; sales of 30 bbls. at $6 25 for both kinds.

BRICK—The market is a shade lower; the arrivals are numerous, with a very moderate demand. We quote hard North River at $4 50@$4 for common to prime, and Philadelphia face at $6 2@$12, as to quality.

CEMENT—The supply is light, as is the demand, small sales at $1 12½ ⅌ bbl.

COTTON—The non-arrival of the steamer (which is past due) continues to check operations. Prices are firm, and the sales do not exceed 400 bales. We quote:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	UPLD.	FIR.	MIDDLE.	N. O. & TEXAS.
Ordinary	8½	8¾	8¾	8¾
Middling	9½	9¾	9¾	9¾
Middling Fair	10	10¼	10¼	10¼
Fair	10¾	10¾	11¼	11¼

COFFEE remains as previously noticed, quiet and rather favoring the seller; sales 25 bags St. Domingo, 9½c., 50 mats Java, 14½c; and 150 bags Rio, 11@11½c. On Saturday, 50 half bales Mocha sold at 14½c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market is better for the low grades of State and Western Flour, but is not very active; the arrivals are larger, but those in prospect are moderate; the supply at Albany and Troy to come forward is less than 20,000 bbls.; and, with a diminished stock in store, holders generally are quite firm; the sales of Western Canal are 5,000 bbls. at $8@$8 25 for common to very good State; $8 37½@$9 43 for mixed to good brands Michigan, Ind ana, and common to good Ohio; and $11 50@$12 75 for extra Genesee. Canadian Flour is without change—the demand not very active, and the arrivals fair; sales of 1,200 bbls at $9 25@$10 75 for very common to extra brands, duty paid. Southern Flour opened quiet, but at rather higher figures; at the close, a better demand prevailed for export; the sales are 2,600 bbls., at $9 18¾@$9 81¼ for mixed to good standard brands Baltimore, Alexandria, and Georgetown; and $9 87½@$11 for favorite, fancy, and extra brands. Rye Flour is steady; sales of 50 bbls at $6 25@$7 50. Corn Meal is firm; sales of 150 bbls. at $4 25 for Jersey. Brandywine is held at $4 75, and puncheons at $20 50.

FISH—We know of no variation to note; the demand and supply are alike moderate; sales 1,000 quintals at $3 50 for Grand Bank, and $3 70 for George's Bank. Mackerel, No. 1, are firm and scarce at $20; No 2 small, $16@$16 25; No. 3, large, $9; No. 3, small, $4 50@$4 75. Smoked Herring are firm at 42@44c. for Scotsed, and 32½@35c for No. 1. Pickled Herring, $3@$4 for Eastport and Halifax. Pickled Cod, $4.

GRAIN—There is more Wheat offering, but prices are without change; sales of 3,300 bush, in lots, part fair, at $2 30. Rye is better and in fair request; sales of 2,000 bush. River at $1 53. Oats are rather better and in good request at 62@63c. for State and Western, and 53@59c. for Jersey and Southern—the latter price for choice. Barley is not plenty; last sale at $1 35 for good two-rowed. Corn is lower and more plenty; the demand is fair for the East, the home trade, and for export; sales of 50,000 bush. at 95½@96c for Southern mixed; 97@98c for Southern white, and 98@98½c. for Southern yellow; Western mixed is in limited supply and held at $1; round yellow is scarce and nominal.

GUNNY BAGS—Sales at Boston, in lots, at 9c., 6 months. There is a better demand, and the market is firm.

GUNNY CLOTH—There have been sales at Boston of 1,000 bales, part to arrive, at 17½c., and 100 bales, at 11½c, 6 months.

HAY—The supply is larger, and the demand moderate for shipping; sales of 300 bales at 80@85c. ⅌ 100 lb.

HIDES—The market is firm, though the trade operate with much circumspection. The arrivals are moderate and the stock has slightly diminished. Sales of 2,600 dry-salted Maranhem, 27 lbs., at 16½c; 340 Porto Cabello at 18½c., 6 mos; and 250 Southern, 17 lbs., at 13½c. @13½c., cash. The stock on hand is 55,000, including 12,000 Buenos Ayres, 8,500 Rio Grande, 10,000 Angostura, 15,400 African, 500 Maracaibo, 550 Mexican, 4,000 Savanilla, 500 Porto Cabello, 1,000 St. Domingo, 400 Jamaica, &c., 400 Rio Hache, 1,750 Southern and Texas.

LIME—There is none here; the demand is good at $1 for common Rockland, and $1 12½ for Lump.

LEATHER—The market is well supported; the receipts are of an average quantity, but include but few lots of middle-weights Hemlock and Upper, in rough, which continue in good demand, with sales of the former at 22@22½c. for Buenos Ayres, though, occasionally, 23@23c. is obtained for a superior article. Oak is very uniform in price; little doing in the common qualities. French Calf Skins, of light weight, are in demand, with sales of prime fresh skins at 90c @$1 for 20@25lb; 88@95c for 25@30 lb, and 85@90c. for 30@35 lb.

LEAD—Holders continue very firm; the demand is fair; the sales are 35 tuns soft English at $6 25; 50 tuns "Blackstu's" do., $6 37½, and 60 tuns soft German at $6 18¾—all time and interest.

MOLASSES—All good kinds domestic are in request and firm; sales 275 bbls. New-Orleans at 25@27c; and 20 hhds. clayed Cuba, 22c.

NAVAL STORES—With more liberal supplies in prospect, Spirits Turpentine has declined, and closes with a downward tendency, sales of 150 bbls. in different parcels, at 47@48½c., cash. Crude is quiet, the stock not exceeding 6,500 bbls. Common Resin is steady, with a fair demand for shipment; sales of 1,800 bbls. Wilmington and No. 2 at $1 60 in yard per bbl. and $1 65@$1 70 per 310 lb. delivered. Nothing done in White. Tar is as previously noted—Williamston cull at $1 12@$1 25. City Pitch is salable at $2 50.

OILS—Our market for English Linseed retains its firmness; and with light arrivals holders ask more money at the close, though the absence of further intelligence from Europe restricts transactions; sales of 20 tuns at 79c. cash—the store price is 81c. Crude Whale is well held; we learn of no sales. Refined is in fair supply, with sales of Winter Bleached at 77@78c. Crude Sperm is quiet at $1 60, cash. The recent arrivals at the Eastward remain unsold. Manufactured is stationary. Lard is in meagre supply and tends upward; sales of Western Winter at 84@87c., cash and 4 months. Olive is steady at $3 50 for quarts.

PROVISIONS—Our Pork market opened quite dull and heavy, but subsequently, with a brisk inquiry for future delivery, holders were firm, with more inquiry; sales of 2,600 bbls., at $14 37½ for old Mess, $14 25@$14 37 for new Prime, $14 50@$15 for Western Prime Mess, $16@$16 25 for new Mess, and $17 75@$17 87 for Clear; included in the sales are 1,000 bbls. old Mess at $14 50, and 1,000 new do. at $15 50 for May delivery. Beef is very firm and in good request for the home trade and for shipping; the sales are 350 bbls. at $9 25@$11 50 for country Mess, $6 50@$7 50 for do. Prime, $13 50 for Vermont Mess, $15 for extra do., and $14 25@$15 for repacked Chicago; Prime Mess is inactive, buyers holding off for late news from Europe; we quote at $20@$25. Be