question of the ability of the 'Minnesota' to regularly earn a yearly dividend of $ from this time forward, even if Copper does not maintain its present prices. The only acknowledged measure of the value of mining property being the dividend it can regularly pay, it follows that the 'Minnesota' would seem to be cheap enough at $150 per share.

"'Boston and Pittsburg' has advanced to 215—a handsome figure, but one that is extremely low, considering the merits of the concern. The estimated product of the current year is 2,000 tons, a quantity that will yield an enormous dividend, but which will be largely exceeded when the mine is furnished with the new machinery that is called for by the recent developments. The Cliff mine is a most wonderful property. The results already attained have been yielded from a single excavation, as it were, of 1,200 feet in length by 300 to 600 feet in depth—a mere scratch upon the large territory of the Company."

INSURANCE OF RENTS.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

NEW-YORK, March 18, 1856.

In your money article of this day's paper you state as a supposed peculiarity of the insurance of rents by the London and Liverpool Company that that Company makes itself liable for whatever loss (not exceeding the sum insured) arises on account of a building being made untenantable by fire, not limiting the extent of the liability by the duration of the policy, provided only that the fire which causes the loss occurs before the termination of the policy.

That such a feature should now be brought forth as a new one, or be deemed peculiar in rent insurance, is strange enough to the writer hereof, and his experience as an officer of a Fire-Insurance Company runs through many years, and he has written and signed scores of policies of insurance on rents during the last ten or twenty years.

It is indeed *peculiar* that any officer or agent of a Fire-Insurance Company should suppose that a claim for loss on rents insured under such a policy as any one of twenty reliable companies of this city *now* issue or have been in the habit of issuing for any number of years past, should be settled upon any other basis than that which is supposed to be peculiar to the foreign company referred to.

That a company should undertake to limit its liability by the date of the termination of its policy on rents, the fire causing the loss having occurred before its expiration, is, to *any* intelligent underwriter, a mere absurdity, and is contrary to the whole theory and practice of the New-York Companies in such cases; it is presumed, however, that these are not responsible for any crotchet of their English neighbors.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Sales of Stocks at Philadelphia....MARCH 18.

[Reported for THE N. Y. TRIBUNE by J. R. & H. B. FRY.]

First Board—1,000 C. and Amboy Railroad 6s, '83, 82; 2,000 Allog. Co. 6s, A. V., b5, 72; 700 City Warrants 93½; 125 do., cash, 93½; 1,000 City 6s, b5, 91; 300 do., trans., 95; 1,000 Pittsburgh 6s, '56, 80; 2 Minehill Railroad 65½; 2 Norristown Railroad 58½; 207 Schuylkill Nav. Preferred, b5, 29½; 150 do., b5, 29½; 100 do. 29¾; 44 Lehigh Nav. 85½; 800 Long Island Railroad, b5, 16; 50 North Penn. Railroad, b5wn, 19; 50 do., b5, 19; 2 Bank of Penn. 111½; 10 City Bank 47; 14 Girard Bank 12½.

Between Boards—400 Camden and Amboy Railroad 6s, '83, 82; 2,000 City 6s, Coup., 95½; 400 Reading Railroad, cash, 45½; 100 do. 45¾; 100 Long Island Railroad, b5, 16.

Second Board—100 Calloway 10 ₱ cent Bonds, 61; 200 City 6s, new, cash, 95; 1,100 do., new, 95; 3,000 do., 2 days, 91; 1,500 Union Canal 6s, b5, 65½; 600 City R. R. 6s, 91; 5,000 Penna. 5s, 2 days, 85¾; 200 Schuyl. Nav., 29½; 150 Long Island, b5, 16; 10 Clam. and Am. R. R., 138; 60 N. Penna. R. R., b5, 18¾; 40 do., 18; 100 Little Schuyl. R. R., b5, 46½; 50 Schuyl. Nav., prefd., 29½; 150 do. do. do., b5, 30; 200 Reading R. R., b5 and int., 45½; 200 New Creek Coal Co., 1¼.

After Board—5 City Bank, ₩50 paid, 51½.

Markets—CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE TRIBUNE.

TUESDAY, March 18, 1856.

ASHES—The market is firmer for both kinds, with a better demand; sales of 80 bbls. at ₩6 for Pots and ₩8 for Pearls. Saleratus is steady at 7c. cash.

COTTON—The demand has been active at full prices; the sales to-day are estimated at 4,000 bales. We repeat our quotation:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION:

	Uplands.	Florida.	Mobile.	N.O.&Tex.
Ordinary	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾
Middling	9¾	10	10¼	10½
Middling Fair	10¾	10¾	11	11½
Fair	10¾	10¾	11½	12

COFFEE—More has been done to-day at full previous prices; the sales are 1,500 bags Rio at 11¼@12c. The stock of Rio is 36,568 bags.

COPPER—Yellow Metal is in fair request at 26c., closing firm. New Sheathing is not active at 32@32½c. Of old 5,000 ℔ sold at 27½c., cash.

CANDLES—Adamantine are in good supply, and are rather easier; sales of 1,000 boxes city brands at 24@26c., 4 months. Tallow is dull at 12½@14c.

DRUGS AND DYES—The sales since Friday embrace 350 pkgs. Newcastle Bi. Carb. Soda at 4¼@4½c., 25 casks Cream Tartar at 30c., 10 bbls. do. at 32c., 5 cases Orange Shellac at 15c., 90 tuns Sal Soda at ₩1 62½@₩1 65; 50 casks Bleaching Powders at 1c. 800 ℔ Ultra Marine Blue at 20c., 5 casks Dutch Ombre Madder at 11c., 10 casks Flor Sulphur at 3½c., 6 cases Orange Shellac at 16c., which is an improvement, 10 cases Calabria Licorice Paste at 24c., 5 cases do. to arrive at 22½c., which is a further advance, 5 cerons Cape Aloes at 21c., 20 bbls. Sarsaparilla Bark at 20c. cash, a lot of Oxalic Acid at 22c., 50 bbls. Vanilla Beans at ₩18, 10 bales Orange Peel at 5c., 25 bbls. Refined Borax at 22c., 1,500 bbls. Tartaric Acid at 45½@46c., 50 cases East India Castor Oil at ₩1 75@₩1 80, 500 oz. French Quinine at ₩2 60, and 5 cases Turkey Opium at ₩3 25@₩3 31½ cash, all big firmer. Cardamom Seeds are almost out of market and are held at the high price of ₩1 25 cash.

FURS—The receipts of Furs are as yet very limited. At the Hudson Bay Company's sale, 29th ult., an advance of 10@15 ₱ cent was realized on all descriptions.

FLOUR AND MEAL—There is little change to note in the value of Western and State Flour. The arrivals are moderate, and with a diminished stock holders evince but little disposition to press it on the market. Shippers are buying sparingly. The better grades are firm, but not very active; the sales of Western Canal are 5,500 bbls. at ₩6 62½@₩7 for common to good State, and superfine Michigan; ₩7 12½@₩7 37½ for superfine Indiana and Upper Lake; ₩7 25@₩7 87½ for common to good superfine and low grade of Ohio Extra, and ₩8 62½@₩10 50 for Extra Genesee. Canadian Flour is in limited supply and is firm; the inquiry is fair; sales of 150 bbls. at ₩7 25@₩9 25 for common to best brands. Southern Flour is steady; the arrivals are fair and the demand moderate; sales of 1,100 bbls. at ₩7 50@₩8 for mixed to good standard brands Baltimore "City Mills" and "Howard Street," and ₩8 12½@₩9 for favorite, fancy and extra brands. Rye Flour is quiet; the supply is not large; sales of small lots at ₩4@₩6 25. Corn Meal is firm; sales of 100 bbls. Jersey at ₩3 50; Brandywine is scarce at ₩4 18½. Buckwheat Flour is lower, and is dull at ₩1 12½@₩1 50 per 100 lbs.

FISH—There is only a small business doing at former prices. Dry Cod are dull and in scant supply afloat. Mackerel are more plenty and are heavy; sales of 300 bbls. at a shade under our last figures. All other kinds are quiet.

FRUITS—Raisins are more active and prices are fully sustained; sales of 1,000 boxes Layers, part at ₩3 50, and 1,500 Bunch at ₩3 25 for whole boxes. Sales also of 140 bush. Virginia Peanuts at ₩1 37½; 10 cases Citron at 18½c.; 20 bbls. Havana Oranges, per steamer via Charleston, at ₩6 75; 300 bbls. do. in lots at ₩8 50. Pineapples, Cocoanuts and Bananas are out of market, but some arrivals are daily expected. No Pine-apples have yet been received this season, and of the others we have had but one arrival. Apples are dull at ₩2 25@₩2 75 for Western. Dried Fruits are unchanged.

FEATHERS—Prime Western are very scarce; the demand good; sales in lots of about 20,000 lbs. at 50c. Tennessee are quiet at 42@46c.

GRAIN—The market is firm for Wheat; the demand is, however, very light—we have only to note a sale of 400 bush. good Red Southern at ₩1 70. Rye is steady; the inquiry is fair and the supply light; sales of 2,500 bush. at ₩1 16 delivered, and 1,500 bush. at ₩1 12@₩1 13 at the Railroad depot. Barley is scarce; sales 400 bush. fair Jersey at ₩1 20. Oats are plenty and quite dull at 31@33½c. for Southern; 34@36c. for Jersey; 38@40c. for State, and 40@43c. for Western. Corn is a shade firmer for good dry lots; the inquiry is fair for shipping; sales of 24,000 bush. at 63@68c. for mixed Southern; 67@69c. for White do.; 70@71c. for Yellow do., and 71@72 for Western mixed.

HIDES—The demand continues good, and with very light arrivals a slight advance has been realized. The stock is reduced to 28,000. The sales are 3,000 Angostura, 20@21 ℔, at 24¼@24½c.; 6,000 Porto Cabello, 22½ ℔, at 22½c., as they run; 548 wet salted California Kip, 20 ℔, at 11c.; 1,600 Rio Grande, 21½ ℔, at 26½c., less the duty, to go to Canada; 700 wet salted Mobile, 54 ℔, at 9½c. 6 months, and 250 Southern, 17 ℔, at 16½c. cash.

HOPS—We have nothing new to notice in New-York. Prime lots are held firmly; sales to-day of 35 bales at 7@10c. for common to choice Eastern and Western. Old continue dull and nominal.

HEMP—American is stiffy held; sales of 50 bales undressed at ₩200, and 35 bales (all in lots) very fine dressed at ₩285. Manilla is quiet.

HAY—The market is quite firm, the stock very light indeed; sales of 100 bales at ₩1 18½ ₱ 100 lbs.

INDIA RUBBER—Para is dull; this being the dull season manufacturers stop to regulate their machinery. Sales of 20,000 ℔ East India at 20½c., duty paid.

LEAD remains very firm with a fair inquiry. ₩6 75 is the price of Spanish.

LIME—Rockland is quiet at ₩1 10 for Common, and ₩1 37½ for Lump.

LEATHER—The stocks continue in the same reduced state and prices have a tendency upward, as there appears to be no abatement in the cost of the raw material; sales of best Light Weights at 25½@26c. French Calf Skins are in fair demand for the Western trade at full previous quotations.

MOLASSES—The demand is moderate at about former prices; sales of 400 bbls. New-Orleans at 40@45c.; and by auction 66 bbls. at 40@41c.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits Turpentine are dull and heavy, and the market value is not above 40c. for whole parcels; 119 bbls. sold from wharf at this price. Crude is held at ₩3 25 for prime lots in shipping order, at which 600 bbls. were sold. Common Rosin tends upward, and the largest holders appear indifferent about selling at our quotation; sales of 400 bbls. Wilmington at ₩1 62½, and 600 bbls. low No. 2, in yard, at ₩1 65. Tar is neglected, the stock being large and orders at low limits.

OILS—English Linseed remains very firm, with a good store business doing at 83c., cash. Crude Whale is unchanged; the demand is light at present; last sales at 83c., cash. Refined is in moderate stock; the demand is fair at 90@92c., time. Crude Sperm is without the slightest variation—the supply is moderate; last sales at ₩1 82½@₩1 83. Lard Oil is very firm, with a light supply offering; sales of 1,500 gallons at 95c., cash, and ₩1, 4 mos. Red is held at 65c., cash.

PROVISIONS—Holders of Pork are firmer, and for Prime better prices are obtained, this being in limited supply; the inquiry is moderate for Mess; sales of 850 bbls. at ₩14 62½ for Prime and ₩15 87½; included in the sales are 500 bbls. Prime to arrive from Baltimore at our quotations for uninspected; Prime Mess is scarce and nominal at ₩16 25@₩17 for Western. Beef continues heavy, but the demand is fair for the home trade and for shipping; sales of 270 bbls. at ₩8 25@₩8 75 for Prime, ₩9 25@₩11 for Country Mess, ₩11@₩13 25 for repacked Western Mess, and ₩13 75@₩14 50 for extra do.; Prime Mess is quiet but firm at ₩18@₩22. Beef Hams are in good request; sales of 250 bbls. at ₩19@₩16 50. Bacon is firm and in good demand for export; sales of 350 boxes short and long boneless middles at 9½c. Cut Meats are firm and in fair request; sales of 300 hhds., tcs. and bbls. at 7¾c. for Shoulders and 8¼@9¼c. for Hams. Dressed Hogs are in demand; sales of 600 good Western at 8½c.; at the close these are less buoyant. Lard is lower and is freely offered: the demand is not active; sales of 400 bbls. and tcs. at 10@10½c. Butter is in fair request at 18@21c. for Ohio and 22@24c. for State Dairy. Cheese is plenty and dull at 9@10½c.

RICE—The demand is moderately active; prices rule steady; sales of 250 tcs. at 4¾@4¾c., as to quality. The receipts are moderate.

SPELTER is offering, to arrive, at ₩6 12½, cash. No sales of moment.

SPICES are rather quiet; prices unchanged; sales of 600 mats Cassia at 36½c.

SOAP—Sales have been made of 300 boxes Castile at 11@11½c. from store.

SKINS—Curacoa Goat are quiet. Of Deer we only hear of a sale of 6,000 ₱ South-western on private terms.

SALT—The market is heavy and unsettled; sales of 1,950 sacks of Ashton's fine at ₩1 55.

SEEDS—A fair inquiry for Clover, and the market is very firm at 13¾@14c. Timothy is in good demand at ₩3 50@₩4 ₱ bush. for Reaped. Rough Flax is quiet at ₩1 12½@₩1 18 ₱ 56 lbs.

SUGARS—The market has a firmer appearance, though an advance cannot be quoted. The transactions have been to a fair extent; sales of 250 hhds. Melada to a refinery in Baltimore at 5⅞@5¾c.; 500 hhds. Cuba Muscovado at 6⅞@7½c.; and by auction 246 hhds. New-Orleans at 6⅞@7-19c. This sale was undoubtedly the lowest this season.

TOBACCO—Sales have transpired of 80 hhds. Kentucky at 11@13c.; 182 bales Havana at 22@27½c.; 11 bales new crop do. in bond at higher figures; 45 cases Seed Leaf at 8@14c.; 20 cases Ohio Fillers at 7½c.; 67 cases Florida at 16@35c.; 348 bales Cuba and 40 do. Yara on private terms.

TEAS—There is a moderate business doing at private sale, but parties generally are holding off for the Auction Sale set down for to-morrow. Prices are quite firm.

TIN—Pig is very firm with a good inquiry for future delivery; sales of 410 slabs Banca to arrive at 32½c. cash, and small lots straits on the spot at 33c. cash. Plates are firmer with sales of 400 boxes 3d X at ₩11 81. Coke Terne may be quoted at ₩9 25.

WOOL—Sales of Charcoal Terne at ₩10, 6 mos.

WHISKY—The market is firm, with light arrivals; sales of 100 bbls. at 30½@30½c. for Ohio, and 31c. for Prison.

Philadelphia Markets..TUESDAY, March 18.

QUERCITE BARK scarce and wanted. COTTON buyers come forward slowly, but prices in danger. FLOUR inactive; sales of 2,500 bbls. at ₩7, at which holders generally are free sellers. RYE FLOUR and CORN MEAL inactive, but unchanged. WHEAT still dull; a few small lots sold at ₩1 72@₩1 75 for Red, and ₩1 80@₩1 85 for White. CORN dull; a small business doing at 55c. for good Pennsylvania Yellow in store. RYE wanted at ₩1, with sales; but holders generally refuse this rate. GROCERIES quiet; supplies coming forward more freely; but buyers not disposed to operate to any extent, except at a decline. PROVISIONS inactive, with light stock. MESS PORK held at ₩16 75@₩17 00, without much selling. BACON scarce and wanted, at 7½c., 8½c. and 9½c. for Shoulders, Sides and Hams on arrival, credit. WHISKY steady, at ₩29 per bbl. and ₩27 per hhd.

Markets.....*Reported by Telegraph.*

NEW-ORLEANS, March 18—COTTON is quiet; sales to-day 3,500 bales at 9¼@9½c. for Middling. MESS PORK ₩16. COTTON FREIGHTS—To Liverpool ¼d.

CHARLESTON, March 17.—COTTON active; sales 4,500 bales.

Receipts of Produce

By the Erie Railroad, March 18.—279 bags Rye, 979 bags Oats, 547 pkgs. Provisions, 4,126 do. Lard, 20 bbls. Flour, 5 do. Whisky, 50 bales hay.

By the Hudson River Railroad, for the week ending Thursday March 13, 1856.—485 head Cattle, 77 Calves, 370 Sheep, 1,942 Mutton, 41 Horses, 1,160 live Hogs, 498 dressed Hogs, 43 pkgs. Beef, 3 bbls. Fish, 96 pkgs. Bacon, 35 Poultry, 22 do. Eggs, 129 do. Ashes, pot and pearl, 793 bbls. Whisky, 1,993 do. Ale and Beer, 589 pkgs. Butter, 287 do. Cheese, 74 do. Lard, 215 bush. Oats, 7,363 do. Malt, 739 do. Feed, 5 do. Potatoes, 216 do. Peas and Beans 467 bbls. Flour, 17 pkgs. Buckwheat Flour, 10 tuns Iron, 691 bales hay, 2,847 sides Leather, 8,917 galls. Milk, 9 tuns Marble, 170 bbls. Apples, 46 pkgs. Fruit, 165 bales Hops, 174 bales Hemp, 238 pkgs. Starch, 724 doz. Brooms, 3,560 pkgs. Paper, 123 bales Wool.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.....THIS DAY.

SUN—Rises.....6:05 | Sets.....6:12 | MOON—Sets.... 5:30

HIGH WATER.....THIS DAY.

Sandy-Hook.... 6:32 | Gov. Island.... 7:22 | Hell-Gate.... 9:03

MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....March 18.

Cleared.

Steamship—Africa (Br.), Shannon, Liverpool, E. Cunard.

Ships—Sunshine, Pierce, New-Orleans, Eagle & Hazard; Martha's Vineyard, Pember, Glasgow, Dunham & Dimon.

Barks—Alma, Sanders, Charleston, C. H. Church & Co.; Baltimore, Coffin, Rio Janeiro, Kirkland & Van Sacks; F. A. Perley, Leissegand, Matanzas, Patrullo & Escheveas.

Brigs—Franklin, Putnam, Ponce, J. S. Whitney & Co.; Wetumpka, Googins, Mobile, Robson & Fosdick; Lucy Atwood, Robbins, Wilmington, McCready, Mott & Co.; J. Davis, Staples, St. Mary's, Ga., R. P. Buck & Co.; M. Dutch, Colcord, Savannah, R. P. Buck & Co.; Arctic (Br.) Hopkins, Halifax, Wheelwright & Co.

Schooners—F. J. Brodnard, McCormick, City Point, R. L. Kink; Eugene, Parker, Philadelphia, Jas. Hand; Sarah Elizabeth, Smith, New-Haven, master; Margaret, Henson, City Point, J. Hunter & Co.; Louisa, Fuller, Alexandria, Abbott, Bodge & Co.; Osauna, Atherton, Trinidad, C. & E. J. Peters; H. Neal, Hanscome, St. John, P. R., Brett, Son & Co.; B. English, Chase, Baracoa, J. & F. Pearsall; Orianna, Tuttle, Richmond, C. H. Pierson; Emmeline, Miner, Mobile, Lane, West & Co.; Siak, Hooper, Boston, S. W. Lewis; W. Sims, Mason, Philadelphia, J. W. McKee.

Sloop—W. H. Bowen, Hallock, Bristol, master.

Propeller—Mount Savage, Watson, Baltimore, Cromwell's line.

Arrived.

U. S. M. steamship Cahawba, Bullock, New-Orleans via Havana March 13, mdse., &c., to Livingston, Crocheron & Co.

Steamship Augusta, Lyon, Savannah 63 hours, mdse. and pass. to S. L. Mitchill. 16th inst., 8:30 p. m., passed steamship Nashville, 30 miles S.W. of Cape Hatteras, abreast of the Cape; 11:30 p.m., exchanged signals with steamship Florida, hence for Savannah.

Brig Amina (of Bristol, Me.), Lewis, Cardenas 24 inst., sugar and molasses to Mason, Taylor & Co. Sailed in co. with brig Wingold, Bryant, for New-York.

Brig Boston Lady (Br.), Smith Halifax 26 days, fish and oil to Wheelwright & Co.

Brig O. S. Livermore, Dorrell, Cienfuegos Feb. 22, sugar and molasses to Tucker & Lightburn. Passed Hatteras March 6, and has had very heavy weather since from N.N.E. to N.N.W.; 1st inst., off Double-Headed Shot Keys, spoke brig Swan, for New-York. Sld. in co. with brigs Mazatlan, Thomas, for Boston; B. Young, in ballast seeking freight; Mande (Br.), Johnson, for Halifax.

Schr. Henry Dunster (of Cambridge), Gilkey, Cardenas 18 days, sugar and molasses to Moses Taylor & Co. March 1, off Florida, spoke brig Tangier, Ford, from Cardenas for Boston.

Schr. S. B. Strong, Hallock, Wilmington, N.C., to McCready-Mott & Co.

Schr. Nathaniel Lank, Clendaniel, Frederica, Del., corn to B. N. Fox.

B. N. Fox.

Schr. John Birdsall, Thomas, Virginia, corn to B. N. Fox.

Schr. G. W. Whistler, Kilbard, New-Haven, ballast.

Schr. Emma, Hotchkiss, New-Haven, ballast.

Schr. G. P. Whipple, Longstreet, New-Haven, ballast.

Schr. Mary Parker, Parker, Virginia, oysters.

Schr. Eliza Hamilton, Boothlerd, Virginia, oysters.

Schr. Andrew C. Cooper, Britton, Virginia, oysters.

Schr. Franklin, Decker, Virginia, oysters.

Schr. Sherwood, Mooney, Virginia, oysters.

Schr. Michael Henry, Shaddock, Virginia, oysters.

Schr. Ovoca, Ireland, Virginia, oysters.

Schr. A. Stradford, Chase, Milford, corn to B. N. Fox.

Schr. Marine, Powell, Wilmington 9 days, naval stores to E. S. Powell.

Schr. Ida (of Philadelphia), Corsen, New-Orleans 18 days, corn, rice, &c., to master. 13th inst., off Hog Island, spoke schr. Fanny, from New-Orleans for Philadelphia.

Propeller Thomas Swan, Green, Baltimore.

Propeller Pelican, Williams, Providence.

Sloop David Van Name, Gelange, Virginia, oysters.

BELOW—Brigs L. Copeland, 17 days from Cardenas; Kentucky, 14 days from Matanzas—(Both by pilotboat David Mitchill.)

SAILED—Ship James Foster, jr., Porter, Liverpool.

WIND—Sunset, S.S.W.

Disasters, &c.

SCHR. GATA (Chil.), arrived at the harbor of Valparaiso, from the port of Visos, reports that the Br. bark Dove, carrying a cargo of metals, was wrecked on the 10th Jan. near Tongoy, captain and crew being saved.

KEY WEST advices to 6th inst. state that the expenses of the brig Gen. Worth were $1,673 93; brig Brookline, $968 93; brig Maria, $1,998 55—and all these vessels have sailed for their ports of destination. In the case of ship Ashburton, $12,837 97 had been awarded. Bark Geo. Thomas was repairing.

THE WRECK of the Isabella Hyne, wrecked on the coast of California, had all disappeared, having been burned up by the wreckers on the beach.

SCHR. SPLENDID (wrecker), which sailed from Norfolk for the purpose of getting off the bark Lean Racer, at Cape Henry, was compelled on Thursday night, 6th inst., in a gale of wind, to slip her anchor and put to sea, and up to the evening of the 11th nothing had been heard from her.

THE DAMAGED COTTON saved from the ship Mary Hale has all been sold at Key West by the United States Marshal, and the dry shipped to New-York. The sales of the wet exceed $7,000.

SCHR. MARTHA WASHINGTON, from Bird Island with a cargo of guano, bound to Baltimore, arrived at Key West 29th ult., short of provisions and water; procuring full supplies, she sailed on the 3d for Baltimore. The brig Uranus was still without a master. She will remain until one is sent out from the North.

EXTRACTS from correspondence of Elwood Walter, esq., Secretary of the Board of Underwriters:

"BEAUFORT, March 12, 1856.

"Schr. Julia Frances, Roberson, with naval stores, from Beaufort for New-York, having encountered heavy winds, was compelled to put back to this port leaking, where she arrived on the 10th inst. She is being discharged, and will repair damages in a few days, when she will take in cargo and proceed on to New-York."

HAMILTON, Bermuda, March 4—The Am. bark Georges, Magune, 30 days from Palermo, bound to New-York with a cargo of fruit, sumac, &c., in want of provisions, anchored in Five Fathom Hole yesterday.

The Am. brig Santiago, (of Plymouth, Mass.,) Capt. Hadley, 70 days from Marseilles, bound to Boston, arrived at St. Georges on the 27th ult., in distress, having lost foremast sails, and being leaky. Cargo wool, oil, nuts, &c.

The Am. schr. I. H. Roscoe, (of Boston) Capt. Bryant, 63 days from Fayal, bound to Philadelphia, arrived at St. Georges on the 26th ult., in distress, having lost jibboom, sails, and being leaky. Cargo, oranges. Agent, F. B. Wells, esq., U. S. Consul.

The American brig Leontine, Capt. Green, from Havana, bound to Boston, laden with molasses, anchored at Ireland Island on Sunday last, 2d inst., leaky, and in want of sails and provisions—having but ten casks of bread remaining. Has had very heavy weather ever since she left port, and on the 20th ult. shipped a sea which swept off her deck-load of molasses and her caboose-house.

The Portuguese schr. Resolvido, having effected repairs, leaves this week for New-York.

Ship Isaac Allerton, with a temporary outfit, leaves for New-York first fair wind.

Brig Burchard & Torrey, Capt. Wass, and brig Zoara, Capt. Leighton, from Jacksonville, with cargoes of lumber for the Government, arrived at Ireland Island 1st inst.

Schr. Mary Charlotte, Capt. Grant, cleared for Georgetown 1st inst.

To Mariners.

NEW SHOAL.—Capt. Booth of the bark Vickery, reports while on his passage from Pernambuco to Little Fish Bay, Coast of Africa, passed over a shoal on the South-west Coast of Africa, not laid down on any chart in his possession. Capt. Booth says: The shoal lies in lat. 18 10 S., lon. 10 24 E. from Greenwich, by my chronometer (corrected six days after the occurrence). I sounded and found nine fathoms; sounded a third time and found seven fathoms, and not wishing to find any less water, I did not sound again. I was going about nine knots at the time. While bracing my yards and hauling up, I saw a rock a little way off to leeward, but not wishing my people on board to see it, I did not point it out. The rock was pinnacle shaped, and I do not think it could be seen in smooth water, as it was only between the rollers that I saw it. I supposed myself, after obtaining three soundings, near to Cape Frio until arriving at Little Fish Bay. While going into Little Fish Bay I struck on a shoal, and knocked off a part of my keel and unhung my rudder, and broke the pintles of the same, which might have made a difference in my chronometer. This shoal I believe is not generally known. They are not laid down on the charts that I have, and I believe I have the latest editions. They should be made known, as they lie directly in the passage, or the latter one does, while going in from the south to Little Fish Bay. I was detained there some time, and while there I got the bearings of the principal points and the shoal likewise. The shoal lies from a mile and a half to two miles from shore.

Notice is hereby given that the Nun Buoy, Red No. 2, on Martha's Ledge, in Boston Bay, has this day been replaced.

Also that the Ram Head Buoy, Black No. 5, and the Little Fawn Buoy Bar, Red No. 4, in Broad Sound, have been replaced by Spar Buoys. By order of the Lighthouse Board,

C. H. B. CALDWELL,
Lighthouse Inspector 2d Dist.

Boston, March, 1856.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 28, 1856.

FOG GUNS AT SOUTH STACK LIGHTHOUSE—The following letter has been received from the Board of Trade by the Steamship Association of this port in reference to a communication from that body in reference to Fog Guns at the South Stack Lighthouse:

OFFICE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF TRADE, MARINE DEPARTMENT, Whitehall, Feb. 27, 1856.

SIR: I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council of Trade, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th ult., relative to the necessity of placing Fog Guns at the South Stack Lighthouse.

My lords desire me to acquaint you, for the information of the Liverpool Steamship Association, that they have decided upon placing two 24-pound guns to be fired in quick succession every half hour during foggy weather, and due notice will be given of their being ready for use. I am, Sir, your obd't se-v't,

J. D. TENENT.

Benj. J. Thompson, esq., Secretary Liverpool Steamship Association.

Whalers.

Brig America, of Mattapoisett, was condemned at Tenneriffe, in July, 1855. She encountered a verysevere gale of wind soon after sailing from home, which caused her to leak considerably, but pursued her voyage and finally put into Tenneriffe, where she was overhauled and found to be unseaworthy, being considerably strained. She was consequently condemned and sold for $2,840. She had on board 50 bbls. sperm and blackfish oil. She was owned by R. L. Barstow, and was insured at offices in Boston and Philadelphia for $5,000.

Touched at Komosh, S. I., Jan. 29, ship Eliza Mason, N. Bedford, and sailed for Guam next day, and from thence to Ochotsk Sea.

Spoken—Jan. 26, off Cape St. Lucas, bark Black Warrior, 56 days from Honolulu, with 600 bbls. oil.

Jan. 17, lat. 4 S., lon. 104 W., ship Garland, Parsons, 200 bbls. oil. Reported spoke in Dec., Napoleon, 400 bbl.; Sea Fox, 500 do.; Mary Wilder, 400 do.

A letter from Capt. Norton, of bark Cleora, of New-Bedford, reports her, Oct. 29, lat 38 S., lon. 30 E., all well, bound to Kema. Had seen no whales since leaving Fayal.

The insurance on ship Shooting Star, of New-Bedford, was as follows: Corn. Mutual Marine, ₩16,950; Union Mutual, ₩18,600; Mutual Marine, ₩20,000. The following is a list of the oil and whalebone and to whom consigned: 500 bbls. sp. and 411 do. wh. oil from ship Hibernia, to Robert Gibbs, New-Bedford; 26 do. sp. 410 wh. oil and 3,400 ℔ bone from James Andrews, to Charles Hitch & Son, do.; 375 bbls. wh. oil and 7,000 ℔ bone from bark Gratitude, to S. Swift & Allen, do.; 7,800 ℔ bone from ship St. George, to Abm. Barker, do.; 21,600 do. from ship Europa, and 34,200 do. from ship Troup, to Edw. C. Jones, do.; 10,500 do. from ship Condor, and 5,500 from ship Magnolia, to W. G. E. Pope, do.; 8,400 do. from ship Julian, to Wm. Hathaway, jr., do.; 11,500 do. from ship Scotland, to O. & E. W. Seabury, do.; 1,690 do. from ship Wm. Badger, to B. B. Howard, do.; 8,500 do. from ship Tamerlane, to Thos. Knowles & Co., do.; 430 bbls wh. oil and 18,100 ℔ bone from ship Arctic, to Edm. Allen, Fairhaven; 10,900 ℔ bone from ship Syren Queen, to Gibbs & Feaney, do.; 8,500 do. from ship Java, to W. G. Blackler, do.; 12,900 do. from ship Arab, to Ezekiel Sawin, do.; 45 bbls. sp. oil and 7,000 ℔ bone from ship Zenas Coffin, to C. G. & H. Coffin, Nantucket; 34,800 ℔ bone from ship Three Brothers, to G. & M. Starbuck & Co., do.; 12,000 do. from ship Mogul, to Williams & Barnes, New-London; 5,900 do. from ship Neptune, to Williams & Haven, do.; 9,500 do. from ship Bengal, to Thomas Fitch, 2d, do.; 807 bbls. wh. oil and 52,400 ℔ bone from various ships, to Thomas Brown, Sag Harbor; 16,100 ℔ bone to John H. Jones, Cold Spring; 9,800 do. to Willets & Co., New-York.

Financial.

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA MINING COMPANY, No. 187 Greenwich-st., New-York, March 12, 1856.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of the MINNESOTA MINING COMPANY have declared a DIVIDEND from the net earnings of the past year of TEN DOLLARS per share—being 20 per cent on the Capital Stock, payable in equal installments on the 24 June, and 1st September next respectively. Due notice will be given of the closing of the transfer books. By order of the Directors,

SAML. J. W. BARRY, Secretary.

And at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, held this day, the following officers were reelected for the ensuing year:

President—JOHN C. TUCKER.

DIRECTORS:

John C. Tucker, Wm. E. Dodge,
Wm. Pearsall, jr. Wm. Hickok,
Moses A. Hoppock, E. C. Roberts,
Chas. P. Woodruff.

MOSES A. HOPPOCK, Treasurer.

SAML. J. W. BARRY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—Office of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company, No. 345 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, March 11, 1856. The Board of Directors have THIS DAY declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of TEN PER CENT, payable on demand at their Branch office, No. 64 Wall-st., New-York.

PHILANDER SHAW, Secretary.

OFFICE of the GROCERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 81 Wall-st. cor. Pearl-st., New-York, March 1, 1856.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of EIGHT PER CENT has this day been declared, payable to the Stockholders at this office on demand.

THOMAS GREENLEAF, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC FIRE-INSURANCE CO., No. 74 Wall-st., 10th January, 1856.

THE BOARD of TRUSTEES have THIS DAY declared a DIVIDEND of FORTY-EIGHT PER CENT to policy holders on the amount of their premiums paid on policies issued by this Company, and which have terminated within the year ending the 31st December, 1855.

They have declared a further dividend of SIX AND THREE-QUARTERS PER CENT on the Capital Stock, payable to their shareholders in cash and scrip on demand.

They have also declared a dividend of SIX PER CENT in cash on the amount of outstanding Scrip.

The Charter of this Company, which combines the Mutual principal with a cash capital, provides that after payment of interest on its capital, the remaining profits shall be annually apportioned between the shareholders and the policyholders, and the scrip issued therefor is not to be paid off until the amount, together with the capital, shall exceed ONE MILLION OF DOLLARS.

CASH CAPITAL, $150,000—WITH LARGE SURPLUS.

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N. H. Wolfe,	Reuben Withers,
Isaac Townsend,	Edward C. Center,
Josiah Oakes,	Daniel Drake Smith,
Joseph Gaillard, jr.,	Frederic G. Foster,
Jas. M. Waterbury,	Peleg Hall,
George Curtis,	Robert S. Hone,
George T. Adee,	Samuel V. Hoffman,
John J. Astor, jr.,	Jacob Anthony, jr.,
Fred'k A. Delano,	J. P. Giraud Foster,
Abraham Bell,	John A. C. Gray.

ROBERT S. HONE, President.

D. F. CURRY, Secretary.

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From individuals or corporations, for a period of six months, or to be paid on thirty days' notice, 5 per cent.

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SHEPHERD KNAPP,	D. H. ARNOLD,
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