"Costs shall be allowed of course to the plaintiff upon a recovery, in the following cases, &c," and by section 305 further provides as follows: "Costs shall be allowed, of course, to the defendant, in the actions mentioned in the last section, unless the plaintiff be entitled to costs thereon."

The plaintiff is not entitled to any costs on his own discontinuance of the action, and not in any other case, except upon a recovery. There is nothing in the Statute on the subject of the defendant's appearance. On the contrary, section 305 shows that it is peremptory in language: "Costs shall be ready returned to, is peremptory in language: "Costs shall be allowed, &c." and contemplates, I think, costs to the defendant in all cases in which he has been served with process, and in which the plaintiff does not recover, excepting however, the cases mentioned or referred to in sec. 306, in which this action is not embraced. I think, therefore, that the defendant is entitled to costs, although the action be discontinued before his appearance is entered or perfected; provided, however, such discontinuance is ordered within twenty days after the service of the summons. The defendant is entitled to twenty days to answer, and during that period may employ an attorney and set about preparing his answer to the complaint served upon him, or if the action be commenced by summons may employ an attorney to appear for him and to protect his rights. He is not in either case required to appear before the expiration of the time named, and if in either case he has employed an attorney within the twenty days, and no notice of the application for leave to discontinue be given, I think he may treat the discontinuance as a nullity. It, however, the order of discontinuance be entered after the expiration of the twenty days allowed to appear or answer, it may be questionable whether the defendant having waived his right to appear, the plaintiff may not dispose of the action as he thinks proper.

Ordered, Judgment with $10 costs of this motion, unless the plaintiff within five days after service of this order pays $5 costs of discontinuance, and $5 costs of this motion, in which case the order of discontinuance entered by plaintiff is to stand as if made on application and on payment of costs.

MARINE COURT—Dec. 2.—Before Judge THOMPSON.—Dayton, Sprange & Co. agt. The Mayor, &c., of New-York.

This was an action brought by the plaintiffs to recover back $112 paid to the Croton Aqueduct Board under protest for extra Croton water used in their rectifying establishment in Front street.

The plaintiffs claimed that the original receipt for water given in May, 1855, was in the nature of a contract, and that by reason of that receipt they could be charged no more during the year. They also claimed that a suit had been prosecuted to recover back another payment made during the year in which the principle of this suit was involved, and that the Corporation were precluded from showing their defense to this action for that reason.

Mr. Hance, for the Corporation, testified that the plaintiffs had been informed that their bill was rendered subject to the right of readjustment if the meter should show they used more water than they had paid for.

The Judge held that it was obvious that the plaintiffs had use the water, that the receipt was not a contract, that the subject matter of this suit was distinct from the subject matter of the former one, that the money had been voluntarily paid under claim of right and could not be recovered back. Judgment for defendants. For plaintiffs, Mr. Davison. For defendants, Mr. Wilcoxson.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Dec. 2.—Before Judge CAPRON.

At the opening of the Court the following person were qualified to act as Grand Jurors for the Term: Chas. A Haswell, Prestor H. Hodges, Russell E. Glover, Moses Starbuck, Ed. B. Fellows, Amos R. Eno, Henry K. Ball, Theodore A. Meyer, Theodeus B. Glover, Alex. Fraser, Ed. Close, Robert Haydock, Henry A. Carjelle, Abijah L. Feeks, Robert J. Lawlor, Wm. Rhinelander. After listening to the usual charge, delivered by the Court, the Grand Jury retired to their rooms.

Archibald McArthur was then tried and convicted of an attempt at grand larceny, in endeavoring to steal a gold watch, valued at $75, from Peter M. Bartella. Sentenced one year to the Penitentiary. The Court then adjourned for the day.

COURT CALENDAR—THIS DAY.

SUPERIOR COURT—Trial Term.—Nos. 767, 783, 841, 847, 848, 850, 852, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 860, 861, 863, 864, 866, 868, 870, 871, 872, 522, 1287, 874, 875, 876, 879, 880, 210, 831.

SUPREME COURT—Special Term.—Nos. 22, 103, 129, 130, 169, 206, 229.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Trial Term.—Part I.—Nos. 561, 732, 808, 958, 961, 982, 997, 1011, 1034, 1038, 1086, 1155, 1160, 1168. Part II.—Nos. 1044, 939, 986, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175.

MARRIED.

BINGHAM—GONZALEZ—At Pensacola, Fla., on Thursday, Nov. 20, Lieut. J. D. Bingham, U. S. A., to Margaret Gonzales.

COX—BERREMAN—On Sunday, Nov. 30, by the Rev. Mr. Nichols, Mr. John T. Cox of New-York, to Miss Elenor W., daughter of Capt. Matthew W. Berreman of Philadelphia.

DE BREC—SHIPPEY—At Warrington, Fla., on Tuesday, Nov. 18, Alexander M. De Brec, U. S. N., to Charlotte E. Shippey of Pensacola.

DOUGLASS—CHOLAHAN—In this city, on Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Lexington-avenue Baptist Church, by the Rev. D. S. Parmelee, Mary Jane Grace Cholahan, youngest daughter of the late Daniel Cholahan, esq., of Cogran House, Banagher, Kings County, Ireland, to Mr. J. Douglass of New York.

EHRGOTT—SAUER—In this city, on Saturday evening, Nov. 29 at the house of J. J. Furman, esq., by the Rev. John C. Guidin, Mr. Nicholas Ehrgott to Miss Philipine Sauer.

FARREL—BOWEN—On Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Serlin, Md., by the Rev. S. K. Stewart, John Farrel of Philadelphia, to Miss Ellen A., daughter of Littleton Bowen, esq., of the former place.

GOSLING—LICHTENHEIN—On Sunday, Nov. 30, by the Rev. Mr. Reubens, Adela, daughter of Leonard Gosling, esq., to Mr. George H. Lichtenhein, all of this city.

HUNTER—JACK—At No. 4 Abbingdon square, on Monday, Dec. 1, by the Rev. Dr McLeod, Daniel Hunter to Beatrice, only daughter of the late John Jack of Glasgow, Scotland.

HAWLEY—MERRITT—At Perth Amboy, N. J., on Wednesday, Nov 26, by the Rev. Dr Oudenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, P. Radcliffe Hawley, esq., United States Coast Survey, and Isabelle, daughter of George Merritt, esq., of the former place.

LAYTIN—HAMILTON—At the residence of the bride, Brooklyn, by the Rev. Daniel Sanford, Wm. Laytin, jr., of the Eastern District, to Miss Ada M., daughter of the late Arthur T. Hamilton, esq.

LATOURETTE—VANVAULKENBURGH—On Wednesday Nov. 26, by the Rev. Mr. King of Second street M. E. Church, N. Y., Mr. David Latourette of New Jersey, to Miss Deborah Vanvaulkenburgh of Greenpoint.

LAWRENCE—ANTWERP—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Nov. 26, Archibald T. Lawrence to Louise G. Antwerp.

McGINNIS—MATTESON—At Springfield, Ill., on Thursday Nov. 27, John McGinnis, jr., son of John McGinnis, and Lydia, daughter of the Hon. Joel A. Matteson, Governor of Illinois.

SHIRLEY—GODWIN—In Rochester, on Tuesday, Nov. 25, Edmund P. R. Shirley of Buffalo, to Charlotte A. Godwin of Albany.

SPATES—ANDREWS—In Brooklyn, on Saturday evening, Nov. 29, by the Rev. Mr. Inskip, Capt. Richard N. Spates of Connecticut, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Andrews of Brooklyn.

VICKERE—WALLACE—On Thursday evening, Nov. 27, by the Rev. Dr. Burchard, Mr. William Vickere to Miss Sarah Wallace, all of this city.

WILSON—WARNER—On Monday evening, Dec. 1, by the Rev. John Knox, D. D., the Rev. S. O. Wilson, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, Ill., to Mrs. S. A. Warner, eldest daughter of George Kinney, esq., of this city. Rock Island papers please copy.

DIED.

BOLLES—On Monday, Dec. 1, after a short illness, Hamilton McCall, youngest child of William L. and Mary Bolles, aged 5 years, 9 months and 17 days.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on Wednesday, the 3d inst., at 3 o'clock p. m., from the residence of his parents, No. 31 Bank street, without further notice.

CRABB—At Philadelphia, on Sunday, Nov. 30, Dr. James T. Crabb, in the 63d year of his age.

DUFFEY—At Neutris, South America, on Saturday, Sept. 20, of yellow fever, while in the employ of the Oronoco Steam Navigation Company, William Duffey, aged 22 years. He was a native of this city.

ENGLAND—In Newburyport, Mass., on Thursday, Nov. 27, Mrs. Abigail England, aged nearly 84 years.

FARNSWORTH—At Groton, Mass., on Wednesday, Nov. 26, Ezra Farnsworth, aged 86 years. He was the oldest male inhabitant of the town at the time of his death, and the house in which he died was on the same spot where he was born, and the same land had been occupied by two generations of the same name before him, and in fact was never owned by any one but Ezra Farnsworth since held by the Indians.

FARLAN—Departed this life, at her residence, in Johnson street, Brooklyn, Lydia Farlan, aged 80 years.

FRANCIS—At Wayland, Mass., on Thursday, Nov. 27, aged 90 years, Convers Francis.

FREMONT—In Wilmington, N. C., Ellen Mac, eldest daughter of Capt. S. L. Fremont, aged 8 years.

FAIRBANKS—In Newport, R. I., on Thursday, Nov. 27, Mrs. Abigail Fairbanks, aged 92 years.

HOPE—On Monday evening, Dec. 1, after a lingering illness, John Hope, of the firm of Hope, Graydon & Co., in the 49th year of his age.
His friends and acquaintances and those of his brothers, James, Thomas and Anthony S Hope, are respectfully invited, without further invitation, to attend his funeral on Thursday, the 4th inst., at 1 o'clock p. m., from the Scotch Presbyterian Church, (the Rev. Dr. McElroy's,) in Fourteenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

HEIL—On Sunday evening, Nov. 30, at the residence of John F. Blacke, No. 383 Greenwich street, Lewis Henry Heil, aged 21 years, 6 months and 9 days.

HOGAN—On Monday, Dec. 1, Francis, son of Michael and Elizabeth Hogan, aged 3 years and 4 months.

KNUBEL—On Monday, Dec. 1, Anna Catina Knubel, aged 3 years, 9 months and 10 days, youngest daughter of Diederich and Eliese Knubel.

LOWELL—At Belchertown, Mass., on Wednesday, Nov. 19 Thankful Lowell, aged 91 years.

MALLABY—At Madison, N. J., on Saturday, Nov. 29, Eliza, wife of Francis Mallaby, U. S. N.

McKINNON—In Sampson County, N. C., on Sunday, Nov. 23, Hugh McKinnon, aged 76 years.

McVEAGH—At Parkersburgh, Penn., on Wednesday, Nov. 26, Major McVeagh, aged 71 years.

PEARSON—In this city, on Saturday, Nov. 29, Walter Fremont, infant son of John T. and Ellen M. Pearson, aged 2 months and 11 days.

QUINN—On Monday, Dec. 1, Charles Quinn, aged 2 years, 4 months and 8 days, youngest son of John and Jane Quinn.

REED—On Monday, Dec. 1, after a short illness, John Joseph Reed, aged 28 years.

SLAIGHT—On Monday, Dec. 1, of consumption, Mary Ella, aged 5 months; also, on Dec. 2, of consumption, Mary E. Harfield, aged 28 years, 3 months and 18 days, the wife and infant daughter of Jacob R. Slaight, and eldest daughter of Mrs. Hannah Sparks.
The friends and relatives of the family, also the members of Lady Putnam Chapter No. 4 U. D. A., are respectfully invited to attend their funeral from their late residence, No. 508 Sixth avenue, this day, Dec. 3, at 1 o'clock p. m.
Newburyport, Mass., papers please copy.

SISE—At Factoryville, Staten Island on Monday evening, Dec. 1, Capt. S. H. Sise, in the 61st year of his age.
The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, without further invitation, on Wednesday morning, 3d inst., at 11 o'clock, from his late residence, at Factoryville. His remains will be taken to Dover, N. H., for interment.

SLAIGHT—On Monday morning, Dec. 1, of consumption, Mary Ella, only daughter of Jacob R. and Mary E. Slaight, aged 5 months.

TAYLOR—On Sunday, Nov. 30, Francis Elias, infant son of Joseph G. and Susan M. Taylor.

VERPLANCK—At Mount Gulian, near Fishkill Landing, Dutchess County, on Monday, Dec. 1, Mary Anna Verplanck, in the 64th year of her age.

WHITTSIT—On Sunday evening, Nov. 30, Capt. Jos. Whittsit, late of the Monaghan Militia, Ireland, aged 42 years.

WHITLEY—On Monday, Dec. 1, Abraham Whitley, in the 64th year of his age.

WHEELER—At Richfield Springs, Otsego County, on Wednesday, Nov. 26, Moses Wheeler, jr., in the 28th year of his age.

WHITING—In Brooklyn, on Monday, Dec. 1, after a protracted and painful illness, Harriet Josephine, wife of R. M. Whiting, jr., and daughter of the late Rev. Natal. and Julia Ruggles, aged 26 years and 15 days.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....DEC. 2.

2,000 Georgia State 6s	96½	100 Erie Railroad	b30 61
25,000 Missouri St. 6s...stm	88	1950 do	61½
1 000 do	89½	50 Mich. Cen. R.R.	b60 99
6,500 Cal. State 7s, '75	74	50 Mich. S. & N. I. R.R.	20
5,000 Indiana State 5s	86	200 do	b60 88
10,578 Indiana 5s	80	50 do	b60 88½
2,000 Virginia 6s	94½	68 do	88½
2,000 N. Y. Cen. R. R. 6s	98	560 do	89
500 N. Y. Cen. R. R. 7s	101	50 do	b30 89
1,000 Erie R.R. 3d M 6's	94½	100 do	b60 89½
1,500 Ill. Cen. RR. Bds	91½	100 Harlem Railroad	16
5,000 do	s10 91	150 Panama Railroad	b60 99½
11,000 do	b30 91½	10 Hud. & Chicago R. R.	119
5,000 do	b30 91½	100 Clev. & Tol. R. R.	s60 73½
11 Bank of America	118	400 do	b60 74
50 Bank Commerce Scrip	110½	100 do	74
10 Am. Exchange Bank	110	400 do	74½
11 Ohio Life & Trust Co	91½	200 do	b3 74½
50 Canton Company	21½	100 do	s30 74½
110 Penn. Coal Co	s50 95	200 do	74½
160 do	95	50 Chic. & R. Island	s60 99
30 Cumberland Coal Co	12½	750 do	b30 100
115 Pacific Mail Steam. Co.	66	450 do	99½
100 Brun. City Land Co.	b30 5	100 do	99
50 New-York Central R.R	90	50 do	s30 99½
10 do	88½	50 do	s30 94½
1000 do	s60 89	50 do	s30 93½
500 do	b3 89½	50 do	93
100 do	89	50 do	s30 100
50 do	b10 89	350 do	s60 100
50 do	b60 89½	100 do	100½
100 Reading Railroad	s3 82½	100 do	100½
400 do	b60 83½	100 do	s60 99½
500 do	b60 83½	50 Milw. & Miss. RR.	b30 75
100 do	b60 83½	50 Wis. Lk. Shore RR.	68
500 do	s60 82½	50 La Crosse & Milw. RR.	23½
300 do	83½	25 do	23½
400 do	b60 83½	800 Clev. & Pittsb. RR.	b60 59½
400 do	s60 82½	50 do	59

SECOND BOARD.

3,000 T. Haute & Al., 2d mtg	74½	100 Reading Railroad	b60 83½
1,000 Ill. Freeland Bonds, without privilege	89½	400 do	83½
400 New-York Cen. R. R.	s3 90	100 do	s30 83
25 do	b60 91	100 do	b60 83½
200 do	b30 91	50 Milwaukee & Miss. R.R.	73½
100 do	90½	100 do	73½
400 do	b30 90½	5 Michigan Central R.R.	82
550 do	s3 90½	100 Mich. S. & N. Ia. RR.	b3 28
100 Harlem Railroad	b30 16½	100 Panama Railroad	b10 98½
100 Illinois Central R. R.	s15 16½	6 Galena & Chicago R. R	119
100 Erie Railroad	b10 61½	100 Cleve. & Tol. R. R.	b.0 75
1050 do	s3 61½	200 do	b10 75
200 do	b30 61½	100 do	s60 74
100 do	b60 62	200 do	75
100 do	s60 61½	100 Chi. & Rock I. R.R.	s45 100
200 Reading Railroad	s10 83½	100 do	s60 100
200 do	s3 83½	100 do	101

Sales of Stocks at Philadelphia—Dec. 2.

REPORTED FOR THE N. Y. TRIBUNE BY J. R. & H. B. FRY.

First Board—3,000 Elmira R. R. 7s, 1st mort., 71; 1,000 Phila. and Sun. R. R. 12 ⅌ cts., 50; 193 Penna 5s, lots, 83½; 1,600 Chester Val. R. R. 7s, 35; 3,000 Reading 6s, 1843, 4 days, 91½; 500 do. do., s5, 87½; 7 Penna. R. R., cash, 47; 5 do. do., 47; 5 do. do., lots, 47; 7 Norristown R. R., 53½; 4 Lehigh Nav., 73; 15 Lehigh Scrip, lots, 60; 13 Reading R. R., 41½; 100 do. do., cash, 41½; 4 do. do., 41½; 50 do. do., b4, 41½; 50 do. do., 3 days, 41½; 10 do. do., 41½; 2 N. Penna. R. R., 14½; 10 do. do., 15; 140 do. do., b5, 15; 8 do. do., 14½; 50 Long Island R. R., 12½; 19 Beav. Meadow R. R., cash, 52; 9 Cam. and Amboy R. R., 121½; 150 Girard Bank, s5wn, 11½; 55 do. do., s5, 11½; 50 do. do., b5, 11½; 50 do. do., s5, 11½; 15 Mechanics' Bank, 29; 4 N. Bank of Kentucky, 119; 33 Bank of Penna., b5, 111; 59 Consol. Bank, 29; 10 Farm. and Mech. Bank, 65½; 7 Commercial Bank, 51.

Between boards—2,000 Elmira R. R. 7s, 1st mort., 71; 50 Penn. R. R., 47; 35 do., 47½; 100 Reading R. R., b5, 41½; 50 do., b5, 41½; 100 Reading R. R. s3, 3 days, 87½; 3 Norristown R. R., 53½; 5 Commercial Bank, 51.

Second Board—475 City Warrants, 92½; 4,000 Penn. 5s, 84; 2,000 Cam. and Amboy R. R. 6s '83, 77½; 22 Penn. R. R., lots, 47½; 10 do., cash, 47½; 10 do., cash, 47½; 3 do., 47½; 50 do., s5, 47½; 17 do., 47½; 21 do., lots, 47½; 158 N. Penn. R. R., b5, lots, 15; 25 do., 15; 25 do., b5wn, 15; 100 Reading R. R., b3, 41½; 100 do., lots b5, 41½; 100 Morris Canal, int., 15; 4 Lehigh Scrip, 61; 6 Farm. & Mech. Bank, 65½; 5 City Bank, 53.

After Board—200 Reading R. R., 41½.

TUESDAY, Dec. 2—P. M.

The Stock market was firm and active this morning, and nearly every description advanced. The buoyancy, however, was most noticeable at the Second Board, when Central, Rock Island, and Toledo had a strong upward movement. The shorts have oversold themselves, and are suffering specially to-day on Central and Rock Island. Of the former, a leading operator is reported to have bought 2,000 shares privately between the Boards at 90. At the Second Board it touched 90½, an improvement of 1½ ⅌ cent on yesterday's price. For Rock Island 101 was paid at the Second Board, against 98½ yesterday afternoon—an advance of 2½ ⅌ cent. It is the only Western stock in the list selling above par excepting Galena and Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati. The bears, however, seemed disposed to keep out their lines, and of 2,500 shares sold 950 shares were on seller's option. Toledo was rather lower at the Morning Board than the closing price of yesterday, but was after ward very buoyant and closed at 75½, an improvement of ½ ⅌ cent. In Erie there was a moderate movement, and at the Second Board an advance of ¾ ⅌ cent. Reading was also firm at 83½, which is ½ ⅌ cent better. Panama improved ½ ⅌ cent. The market for all the Western stocks exhibits an improvement, and the attention of operators was more than usually bestowed upon them. In Railroad Bonds the business was moderate and the market firm. Of State Stocks about $50,000 sold, including Indiana 2½s, 50; 5s, 86; California 7s, 74; Missouri 6s, 89½, &c. A bear sale of $25,000 Missouri 6s, seller 4 mos., was made at 88.

The Exchange market for the steamer closed dull with but few Sterling transactions over 9 ⅌ cent prem. although some drawers were asking higher rates.

To Liverpool 1,500 bbls. Flour were engaged at 2s. 1½d.; 46,000 bush. Grain at 7 @8d; Cotton at 3-16@7-32d.; Heavy Goods at 22s. 6d. @25s.; 200 bxs Bacon per steamer at 60s.; 10 tuns Butter at 27s. 6d. To London, Flour at 2s. 10½d. @3s.; Grain at 11d.; 300 baxes Bacon at 35s.; Oil-Cake at 27s. 6d. To Glasgow, 8,000 bush. Grain at 9d. in bulk; 50 bbls. Spirits Turpentine on private terms; 30 tuns Logwood at 30s. To Havre, Cotton at ¼d., and Flour at 70c. ⅌ bbl. A schooner to St. Cruz was chartered at 70c. ⅌ bbl.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was receipts, $263,596 34; payments, $261,778 59, including $5,000 California drafts; balance, $11,956,544 19.

Mr. G. W. Savage has resigned the Secretaryship of the Merchants' Fire Insurance Company, and Mr. J. L. Douglas has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company is in a most prosperous condition. Its capital is $3,641,000, and it is out of debt. On the 1st of October, 1854, there was a deficiency of $484,094, and since then it has paid the debt then due as follows:

To Howland & Aspinwall	$671,000
To other creditors	29,000
Funded debt	291 000
Total	$1,255,000

and paid a dividend of 25 ⅌ cent to the stockholders, after retaining a surplus of between $300,000 and $400,000. The Company owns 12 steamers, all (with the exception of the St. Louis, now ready for immediate service) on the Pacific, and all in excellent order. It also owns a foundery and machine shop for repairs and the construction of new machinery, located at Benicia. The present business of the Company is most satisfactory and by the discontinuance of insurance, commissions, &c., is transacted at a saving of $720 000 ⅌ annum on the former cost.

Money is, if anything, still easier on call, than we have before noticed. The supply is abundant at 7 ⅌ cent on call. The supply of first-class paper continues to be nearly equal to the demand, at 8@9 ⅌ cent. The banks feel strong under the California receipts, and are also receiving some accessions from the West.

The Texas Debt bill is again under discussion in Texas, many persons complaining of the supplemental bill passed by Congress to regulate the final distribution. The sum remaining uncalled for at the date of the act was $389,693; and the points raised in Texas are that Congress has no right to distribute it, except to the holders of the specified securities of Texas, in a proportion determined by the whole amount of those securities, and to the holders of the claims specifically, and that the State is entitled to the benefit of all lost securities, the trustee or heir of all unknown claimants. Under the heading "Important to Texas Creditors" *The Austin Times* has the following:

"The Controller, Mr. Shaw, says all first class certificates of debt issued by the Auditor and Controller, also Treasury notes and 8 and 10 ⅌ cent bonds, should be forwarded to the Treasury Department at Washington City, accompanied with releases and assignments, according to the forms designated in the circular of said Department, on or before the 1st day of January 1857, or they will be barred. Persons in possession of any of these claims should not fail to comply with the regulation; if they do not they will incur loss."

The Market for Breadstuffs is less active and rather heavy. Flour has declined 10c. in the low grades, but good qualities are steady. About 50,000 bush. of Wheat sold, rather in favor of the buyer. Pork is irregular, and moderately active. In Groceries there is no important change. Sugars are firm. In regard to Coffee, Mr. Scott's Circular says:

The sales of Rio to the Trade, during the past week, have been very limited, beyond that taken at auction on 28th ultimo, when 2,620 bags, principally Elf's cargo, found purchasers at 9 3-16c., to average 10½c. per ℔. The above transactions amounting in all to 3,436 bags, are alone taken from the stock. There is, however, a decidedly better feeling for the article, speculators, under the impression that it has, for the present, reached its lowest point, having come forward and bought the cargoes ex "Lynchburg" and "Azelia," together 7,900 bags, at 10@10½c. We reduce quotations of Bahia &c. Sales have been made of 2,400 bags St. Domingo, for export, at 9.10.6d. Other kinds unchanged.

	Bags.
Stock of Rio on the 25th Nov., 1856	56,846
Received since to date	none
Total	56,846
Sales for the week estimated at	3,436
Stock of Rio on the 2nd day of December, 1856	52,610
Stock of Java Coffee, mats	10,000
Stock of Java Coffee, Government bags	4,350
	14,350
Stock of Ceylon Coffee	4,400
Stock of Maracaibo	992
Stock of Laguayra Coffee (mostly Triage)	1,700
Stock of St. Domingo	none
Stock of Bahia	4,400
Total	82,452

There is a fair amount of business doing in Cotton, some 2,000 bales at full prices. Middling Uplands are 12¼@12½c. The receipts at the ports are now 838,000 bales, against 840,000 same time last year, and the stocks 470,000 against 402,000 bales. The exports are much smaller than the receipts, being for the week 42,000 bales against 106,000 of receipts. The exports to Great Britain show a falling off of 535,000 bales. The receipts of the week are 10,000 bales behind the same week of last year. The estimates of the crop remain as before. The circular of Mr. Wright for the steamer gives the annexed statistics:

CROP, RECEIPTS, EXPORTS, &c.—There is no new feature to report in regard to crop. As the season advances and advices from the interior are received, more evidence is obtained by the results of individual crops, confirmatory of the views I have expressed as to the result of this season's crop. Very few planters make more cotton than they did last year, and then, only, on some favored localities, with increase of land and force, while the great mass of results show a falling off, variously estimated and nearly all agree in the fact, that while last year the picking continued up to January, this year it was almost competed by the middle of November. The general estimate remains as before, 3,000,000 bales, with more converts to this figure as a maximum.

Receipts, although free during the week under review, are less at New-Orleans, Mobile, Savannah and Charleston, than in the corresponding week last year. As the stocks of Cotton in five inland towns are 108,256 bales, against 59,525 bales same time last year, and have been proportionally excessive for many weeks past, planters or speculators must be holding Cotton back in the interior with extraordinary tenacity. I would again call attention to the error of estimating the crop by the yearly receipt of this season; if acted upon, it will surely lead to disappointment, not only as regards quantity, but quality. Already we have information, that of the late receipts at New-Orleans, a very marked falling off in quality has taken place, and that a much lower standard of classification is apparent. The French, German Continental and American consumers, have secured a fair share of the early receipts of good Cotton, while Great Britain has taken but little. Should the bulk of the balance of the crop prove, as was the case last year, to be of the lower qualities, the English markets will receive only a very moderate portion of Cotton ranging Middling or above.

EXPORT—Although the export to Great Britain this week is 23,000 bales, against 17,000 bales same week last year, it was 54,000 bales in the same week in 1852, and in the following week of last year it was 49,000 bales. The vessels loading at Southern ports are as follows:

	1856.	1855.	1854.	1853.	1852.
Great Britain	26	59	58	42	102
France	29	37	14	15	25

The export to Great Britain during the next three or four weeks will therefore be less than in any of the last four years.

The following is a statement of the movement in Cotton since the 1st September last, as compared with the previous three years:

	1856.	1855.	1854.	1853.
Receipts at the Ports	838,000	840,000	535,000	497,000
Exports to Great Britain	147,000	282,000	176,000	131,000
Exports to France	71,000	96,000	61,000	27,000
Exports to other For. Ports	40,000	63,000	30,000	33,000
Total Exports	258,000	441,000	267,000	191,000
Stock on hand	470,000	402,000	314,000	377,000

Of which, during the past week, included in the above:

Receipts at the Ports	106,000	116,000	81,000	75,000
Exports to Great Britain	23,000	17,000	39,000	19,000
Exports to France	7,000	17,000	3,000	10,000
Exports to other For. Ports	12,000	7,000	4,000	4,000
Total Exports	42,000	41,000	46,000	33,000

RECEIPTS—Decrease at the ports compared with last year, 2,000 bales. EXPORTS—Decrease to Great Britain, 135,000 bales; to France, 25,000; other foreign ports, 23,000. Total decrease in exports, 183,000 bales.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was $229,088,000.

The Atlantic Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3½ ⅌ cent.

The North American Fire Insurance Company 5 ⅌ cent, payable on the 4th inst.

The shipment to Boston for the steamer is small.

The earnings of the Oswego and Syracuse Railroad were:

In 1855	$125,540
In 1856	146,194
Increase	$20,654

We have before referred to the bid made by the Breckenridge Coal Company to supply the Government with oil for the Light-houses on our coast. The bid was as annexed:

OFFICE OF THE BRECKENRIDGE COAL AND OIL CO., No. 98 Broadway, New-York, Nov. 12, 1856.

To the Light-House Board, Washington City.

This Company will furnish Breckenridge Coal Oil for Light-House purposes as follows: 30,000 gallons deliverable at New-York on the 1st day of April, 1857; 30 000 gallons at New-York, 1st June, 1857; 30,000 gallons at New-York, 1st August, 1857; and 5 000 gallons deliverable at Oswego, Cleveland or Buffalo, on the 1st of May, 1857—all at $1 per gallon. This oil is warranted to be of the following quality:

1. *Superior to Winter-strained sperm* for volume and purity of light, and for durability.

2. *To burn longer* without trimming the wick than sperm, because *it does not crust* the wick like sperm.

3. To *remain limpid* with the thermometer at ten degrees below zero.

Should these proposals be not accepted, we solicit the Government to investigate the merits of the Breckenridge Coal Oil for Light-House use.

F. F. THOMPSON,
I. P. VEEDDA,
Agents Breckenridge Coal and Oil Co., New-York.

Under the advertisement of the Light House Board, which was for fish oil, this bid could not be accepted, but the Commissioners determined to make thorough experiment in regard to its qualities, so as to be enabled if the result should be satisfactory, to take advantage of this economical substitute for sperm oil. Mr. Redfield, the Collector, has examined the matter somewhat and has urged upon the Government to make a full investigation of the applicability of this oil to Light House purposes.

We annex the letter referred to on Saturday in relation to the first cargo shipment of whale oil across the Isthmus of Panama by the Railroad. The effect of the opening of this new route for sending home the results of fishing, without the expense and loss of time of bringing home the whaling fleet, can hardly yet be estimated, as the present shipment is a first experiment; but that the economies of this system of conducting the whaling business will be found to be very great, we have no doubt. We refer those who are interested in this matter to the subjoined letter:

DEAR SIR: I take great pleasure to inform you that the pioneer shipment of whale oil has at last made its appearance, was sent over to Aspinwall day before yesterday, and is probably ere this all safely shipped on board of the Company's brig E. Drummond. The brig Sarah McFarland of San Francisco, D. C. Osborn master, left San Francisco about nine months ago. She got on whaling ground in May last, when she took her first whale. After getting about 600 barrels on board of different descriptions of oil, she put into Punta Arenas for vegetables, where the captain found some of our whaling circulars. The price of oil happening at that time to be very low at San Francisco, the captain, with many misgivings, decided to come to Panama, and to send his oil via the Isthmus, if the risk was not too great of the casks being smashed, &c., during the transit.

As this was the pioneer shipment, every care was taken to secure its safe landing and conveyance to Aspinwall, which it reached without the least damage; the Captain was present at the station when it was landed from the lighters, saw it loaded on the cars, accompanied it across to Aspinwall and has just returned, expressing himself extremely delighted with the manner in which things are managed. He says in future he will always send his own oil this way, and will advise all his friends and acquaintances to pursue the same course. It appears there has been an impression among whalers that there was a good deal of risk attending its transit over the road. He says he is now satisfied there is none whatever, and that it is quite as safe as on board of his own vessel.

Mr D. C. Miller the mate, and formerly the captain of the Sarah McFarland, goes home in the Drummond. Mr. Miller belongs to Sag Harbor, where, he tells me, many whalers of small tunnage are owned. These vessels go after the right whale, however, in the Atlantic, and his object is to induce his friends there to send one of these vessels under his charge to the Pacific for three years. He purposes sending his oil and getting his supplies over the road. He says that on this coast, between Panama and Fonseca Bay, is the best whaling ground in the world for hunchback and blacksh; that with a vessel of 150 or 200 tuns, and from two to three boats, he can depend to a certainty on taking 100 or 130 barrels of oil, which is making a fortune for the owner. He coincides with me in the opinion I had formed long ago, viz: that the Panama Railroad will cause a great change in the whaling business. Vessels of smaller tunnage and fast sailers will be employed. Six months' supplies of stores will be sent over the road at certain seasons, when the vessels will touch at Panama, land their oil, take on board their provisions, and put to sea again. Larger vessels, with four years' supplies, can never support such competition. Mr. Miller intends laying all these views before his whaling friends when he reaches home. All the oil now sent was taken between the 1st of May and the middle of October, by a crew of seventeen hands, whose shares are from 1-19th, the mate's; 1-25th, the second mate's, to 1-50th and less. Mr. Miller considers the voyage a very ordinary one, and by no means to be considered as anything extraordinary.

I have obtained a great deal of information from the captain of the Sarah McFarland and found out many of the reasons which deter whaling captains from this port to forward their oil; one of them is that the crews are interested in the result; when they see the oil leave the ship they consider the voyage ended and wish to receive their share and come ashore, leaving the master without a crew, and obliging him to meet their demands. It strikes me that all this can be remedied. If whaling is carried on in comparatively small vessels, which will probably be the case in a few years, there are two methods of proceeding by which the fishing may be continued without danger of the voyage being broken up; the crew might proceed to New-York with the oil (paying their own expenses), and there receive their pro rata on its being sold; the master could return with supplies and a new crew, for another voyage, or he might settle with his men here after shipping the oil, upon which advances can always be procured, give his men certificates for the sum due them, payable on his arrival at the Sandwich Islands, or some port where he could procure a fresh crew. The latter course is the one about to be adopted by Capt. Osborn. A whaling crew is of little use when they know there is money due them and its equivalent in oil is not on board the ship; it is, therefore, better to discharge them and ship a new crew. The first course is, however, I think, the more preferable one; the crews would prefer it, and it would be more advantageous to the company, as by that means the transportation of the stores for the new voyage would be secured to the road.

If vessels of large size come to Panama with oil to be sent over the road, arrangements might be made with the crews to allow them to dispose of one-half of the value of their shares, retaining the other half as security for their fulfilling the term of their agreement, and so on successively until they are entitled to their discharge.

If their present charge of oil reaches New-York in safety, which I do not doubt, I think it will open the eyes of owners of whaling vessels to the advantages held forth by this route.

Markets...CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE TRIBUNE.

TUESDAY, Dec. 2, 1856.

ASHES—The market is heavy for Pearls at $8@$8 12½; Pots are in fair demand and steady at $7 87@$8.

COTTON—The market has continued firm, and been fairly active; the sales reach 2,000 bales, chiefly for export. The export since 15th ult. has been 3,115 bales, viz: To Liverpool, 2,443 bales; Antwerp 576, and Hamburg 291. We repeat former quotations:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Uplands.	Florida.	Mobile.	N. O. & Tex.
Ordinary	12½	12½	12½	12½
Middling	12½	12½	12½	12½
Middling Fair	12½	12½	12½	13
Fair	12½	12½	13	13½

COFFEE—There is no general demand, and prices appear but feebly sustained. We quote at 11½c. for Prime. The sales are 500 bags Bahia at 9½c.; 450