COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 26.

$6,000 Virginia 6s	90 94	600 Erie Railroad	90 61½
5,000 Missouri State 6s	c 89	do	s3 61½
1,000 do	c 89½	100 do	b3 61
1,000 Cal. State 7s, '75	79	200 do	b15 61
5,000 N.Y. Cen. R.R. 7s	s3 99	200 do	b60 62½
1,000 Erie 2d Mt. Bs	s3 97	200 do	b60 62½
2,000 Erie R.R. Con. Bs. '71	87	100 do	b30 61½
1,000 Erie 3d Mt. Bs. '83	96	50 do	c 61½
1,000 Harlem R.R. 2d Mtg.	75	150 do	c 61½
1,000 Goshen Branch Bds.	82	100 do	s60 61
28,000 Ill. Cen. R.R. Bds	s3 96	100 do	s15 61½
2,000 do	96½	600 do	s3 61½
10,000 do	b60 97	200 do	b30 61½
1,000 Terre Haute & Alton 2d Mtge	74	5 Sixth Av. Railroad	b3 92
2,000 Toledo, Wabash and West. R. 2d Mge. B's	52	50 Hudson River RR	s3 29½
1,000 Hud. Riv. R. 1st Mge	98½	800 Reading Railroad	85½
10 Continental Ins Co	100	500 do	b30 86
150 Canton Company	22	100 do	s3 85½
50 Nicaragua Transit Co	4½	110 Mich. S. & N. In. R.	s3 88½
10 Del. & Hud. Can. Co	117	10 do	88½
25 Penn. Coal Co	s3 99½	150 do	88½
100 do	100	100 do	88½
100 Cumb. Coal Co	b15 17½	200 do	88½
300 do	c 17	156 do	s1,122½
100 do	b60 17½	50 Ill. Central R. R.	s1,122½
15 American Express Co	100	100 do	74
50 New-York Cen. R.R.	s3 92½	10 Cleve. & Toledo R.R.	74
50 do	s15 92½	850 do	b3 74½
100 do	b10 93	200 do	74½
225 do	93	200 do	b10 74½
50 do	s30 93½	200 do	b60 76
200 do	b60 93	100 do	74½
110 do	s3 93½	200 do	b3 74½
100 do	b10 93½	100 do	s60 74½
50 do	c60 93	200 do	74½
100 C. & R. Isl. R.R., ex div.	94½	100 do	b10 74½
50 do	c60 94	50 Galena & Chicago R.R.	119
50 do	p & c 94½	100 Cleveland & Pitts. R.R.	56
350 do	opg 95	50 La Crosse & Mil R.R.	b30 75½
		200 do	75

SECOND BOARD.

16,000 Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds	96½	200 Erie Railroad	s60 61½
1,000 Harlem R.R. 2d Mtg.	75	200 do	b7 61
100 Canton Company	22	200 do	61
100 do	b60 22½	100 do	s45 61
150 Nicaragua Transit Co	4	150 Reading Railroad	85½
20 Del. & Hud. Canal Co	117	200 do	b30 85½
50 Illinois Central R.R.	s3,122½	100 do	s30 86½
200 New-York Cen. R.R.	s60 93½	100 do	b30 86½
30 do	93½	200 do	s60 86
200 do	93½	150 do	s3 86
50 do	s60 93½	800 Cleveland & Tol. R. R.	74½
120 do	93½	200 Chic. & Rock I. R. R.	b15 95
100 Erie Railroad	b3 61½	25 do	95½
150 do	s3 61½		

Sales of Stocks at Philadelphia—Dec. 26.

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

First Board—2,000 N. Penn. R.R. 6s, 63; 1,000 Elmira R.R. 7s, 1st mort., 74½; 1,000 do. do., cash, 74½; 3,000 do. 2d mort., 2 days, 63; 500 do., 2d. mort., 63; 3,000 do., 2d mort., 2 days, 63; 10,000 Penn. 5s, 84½; 3,000 Lehigh Valley R.R. 6's, 70½; 900 City 6s, new C. and P., 94; 1,000 Camden and Amboy R.R. 6s, '39, 78½; 35 N. Penn. R.R., 13½; 15 Camden and Amboy R.R., 122½; 5 do., s5, 122½; 2 Minehill R.R., 64; 100 Reading R.R., and int., 42½; 50 do., 42½; 150 do., cash, 42½; 5 do., 42½; 250 do., 42½; 50 Penn. R.R., 47½; 20 Mechanics' Bank, 2 days, 28½.

Between Boards—100 Long Island R.R., 12½; 500 Union Canal 6s, 62; 50 Norristown R.R., cash, lots, 53½; 25 Farm. and Mech. Bank, Cam., b5, 49½.

Second Board—200 City 6s, C. & P. New, 94; 2,000 Union Canal 6s, lots, 62; 5,000 Catawissa R.R. 7s, b5, 55; 14 Vicksburg R.R., 5½; 100 Long Island R.R., 13½; 31 Penna. R.R., lots, 47½; 160 Reading R.R., b5 & int. 42½; 200 Union Canal, 10; 4 Morris Canal Prefd., 102; 5 N. Penna. R.R., 13½; 50 Catawissa R.R., 11½; 60 Schuyl. Nav. Prefd., C. & P., 2 days, 27½; 3 Bank of Penna., C. & P., 111½; 2 Phila. Bank, 136½; 22 Western Bank, 69; 39 Bank Penn Township, b5, 40; 3 Farm. and Mech. Bank, 65½; 19 Girard Bank, lots, 11½; 5 Mechanics' Bank, s5, 29.

After Board—3,000 Penna. 5s, 2 days, 84½; 3,000 do., 84½; 100 Catawissa R.R., 11½; 500 New Granada, ½; 100 Reading R.R., s5, 42½; 100 do., 42½; 500 do., lots, 43; 100 do., 2 days & int., 43; 100 do., 4 days & int., 43; 7 N. Bank of Kentucky, 115.

FRIDAY, Dec. 26—P. M.

There was a much larger business done at the Stock Board to-day, than of late, and quotations had a strong upward tendency. The disposition to buy on time was large, and but few seller's options were offered. The bears do not appear at all disposed to take advantage of the present condition of the market to get out short lines, which they could now do without difficulty. Mr. Little, it is understood, is operating largely through members of the Board, but confines his operations to buying cash stock and putting out buyer's options, so that there is no prominent dealer at the Board ready to supply seller's options freely. Time sales in some stocks now pay 18@20 ₱ cent ₱ annum on the money. Toledo, for example is 74½ cash, and 76 bid, buyer sixty carrying 6 ₱ cent interest also, which is 18 ₱ cent. Rock Island was 97 bid, buyer sixty, the cash price being 95½, &c. Erie is less buoyant than some other descriptions, but closed at 61½, an advance of ⅜ ₱ cent. Reading was firm, and sold at 86, seller sixty. Central was in active request, and advanced to 93½ cash, and 94 buyer sixty, an improvement of 1½ ₱ cent. The Western stocks were also better. Galena advanced to 119; Rock Island, 95½, dividend off, an improvement of about 2½ ₱ cent. The receipts of the third week of December are $26,000 against $24,000 last year, notwithstanding the heavy snows. Milwaukee and La Crosse was 75, ex-dividend. Illinois Central was very buoyant and in demand on foreign orders. The market improved to 122½, and a sale of Nicaragua Transit was made at 4½. In Railroad Bonds the principal feature is the advance in Illinois Central, of which $70,000 sold, closing firmly at 96½, which is ½ ₱ cent better. It is supposed a portion of the purchases were made to fill orders received by the Canada. The market for other descriptions was firm, but not active. State Stocks are strongly held at higher prices. Virginia sold at 94, seller sixty, and Missouri 6s as 89½.

In Exchange there is nothing doing, as there is no steamer to-morrow. The prospects are that the rates of Exchange must fall off during the next week or the first week in January. Rates are now about ½ ₱ cent. higher than they were last year at this time in consequence of keeping back the Cotton shipments. The spinners of Great Britain have been unwilling to buy stocks thus far, hoping that the crop would be larger than it promised to be, and that a decline in price would be experienced. The crop, on the contrary, promises to be something less than three million bales, and the price instead of receding is advancing. Great Britain has now begun to buy, and the shipments of the next month or two must be large. There is a decrease in the exports to Great Britain of 176,000 bales, equal to about $10,000,000, as compared with this period of last year. There are now 159 vessels loading for England and France against 130 last year, and the deficiency will be made up, bringing a large amount of Exchange on the market.

To Liverpool, 3,000 bbls. Flour at 1s. 9d @1s. 10½d.; 20,000 bush. Grain at 6½@6½d.; 700 bales Cotton at 5-32d. @3-16d.; 300 bbls. Lard at 22s. 6d. To London, 1,000 bbls. Flour at 2s. 6d. @2s. 9d., the inside rate a British vessel; 200 boxes Bacon at 27s. 6d. @30s. To Glasgow rates continue nominal.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $183,009; payments, $182,857 46; balance, $11,970,-259 70.

The semi-annual interest on the bonds of the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad Company will be paid on the 2d prox. also, the interest on the Milwaukee and Watertown Railroad bonds—both by Atwood & Co., No. 8 Wall street.

The People's Fire Insurance Company have declared a dividend of 6 ₱ cent, payable Jan. 2.

The Washington Insurance Company a semi-annual dividend of 10 ₱ cent, payable Jan. 2.

The famous cause of the North American Trust and Banking Company was at the last term of the Court of Appeals set down for the first day of the next term, Jan. 5th. The argument is expected to occupy a week or more. Eminent counsel are engaged in the cause, among whom we have heard mentioned N. Hill, S. Beardsley, G. C. Bronson, W. C. Noyes, and C. O'Conor.

The business at the Clearing House was $30,457,000.

The gross earnings of the Little Miami & Columbus and Xenia Railroads for the year ending with the 20th of November, 1856, was $1,209,636
The total expenses during the same period, including taxes and interest 664,570 12

Net earnings $545,065 88
Two-thirds of which belongs to the Little Miami Company.

The earnings of the third week of December on the Cleveland & Toledo Road were 28,106 against 24,500 last year. The aggregate of the first three weeks is $80,587 against $65,566, an increase of $15,021.

The earnings of the Lake Erie, Wabash and St. Louis Road in November were:

Passengers	$12,022 44
Freight	22,531 89
Mail, &c.	2,200 00
Total	$36,554 33

The road from Toledo to Detroit was completed yesterday from the latter city to Monroe, where it connects with the Southern Michigan Road, and a locomotive ran over the whole distance. This forty miles of Road was commenced on the 15th July last, and finished and stocked in five months and ten days. We presume such a feat in railroad building has never before been accomplished. This link gives the Michigan Southern Road its fair proportion of the business between Chicago and Detroit and also of the Eastern business which takes the Canada and Suspension Bridge route, and from which it has been heretofore entirely cut off. It will also give Cleveland a railroad connection, by the Cleveland and Toledo road, with Detroit after the closing of navigation, and accomodate in Summer the passengers between Detroit and Cleveland who wish to avoid the lakes. It also gives St. Louis a short route to Detroit by the Wabash Valley road. It is a much needed link in the chain of Western roads.

The loss of the ship Adriatic, belonging to Zerega & Co., falls heavily upon the underwriters, and is a discouraging commencement of the Winter. The ship is new, and this is her first return passage.

The money market among the stock houses is decidedly easier on call, although the Banks generally are not free lenders. Paper goes at 8½@10 ₱ cent for first class, which is scarce, but inferior grades are plenty. The demand for gold by Southern banks has decreased, and as the foreign drain is quite small there is an impression that we shall be able to hold on to most of the next California arrival. There is no foreign steamer until Wednesday from Boston, which will not probably take gold, excepting Belmont's remittances.

The receipts of the Northern Illinois and Wisconsin Railroads will be comparatively light in the present month, in consequence of the heavy snows which have fallen there and blocked up the tracks, so as to render them absolutely impassable. *The Chicago Press* of the 22d announces the arrival of the first mail from Galena over the Galena and Chicago Road which had been received in a week. A letter from Chicago states that the Illinois Central and Rock Island Roads had been much embarrassed, and that the Fond du Lac Road had not passed a train over their line in ten days. On the Milwaukee and Mississippi Road a few passenger trains had been running slowly, but no freight trains. On the whole, it has been a very bad month for railroads in that section of the country, and this fact has, of course, had its influence upon the connecting roads this side.

Thompson's Reporter of this week has the following remarks:

The Exchange Bank of Bangor, Me., is thrown out by the Suffolk Bank. Whether it has failed, or whether it goes on and redeems, we are not yet able to say.

The Bank of Hallowell, Me., is promptly redeemed, and from the known wealth and respectability of the parties interested in it, we have confidence in its continuing to do so.

The Bank of East Tennessee is not bought in any of the Northern cities. The last accounts are indicative of a failure.

The drafts of the Gramercy Bank, Ind., have gone to protest. Whether this discredit will lead to its failure, remains to be seen.

The Savings Bank of Indiana, Connersville, had the folly to issue circulating notes without being registered or secured, thus violating the spirit at least of the free banking law of that State. This has caused the discredit of all the issues of that Bank.

There are evident signs of trouble with some of the Illinois banks. The difficulty appears to arise from the fact that small change is *doled* out when redemption is demanded. Holders of their notes are required to present each bill separately, and as all demands not exceeding $5 can be met with silver coin, the banks legally discharge their obligations in this way.

The more independent banks denounce this practice, and must, in self-defense, denounce and refuse all currency not promptly and cheerfully redeemed in gold When a bank treats its creditors illiberally or annoyingly, it is safe to refuse its "promises to pay."

The new year (1857) bids fair to commence with plenty of trouble in the bank note or paper money markets, all over the country. We hope our friends will excuse us in not enlarging on this subject, for fear we shall be charged, as formerly, with "panic-making."

The foreign letters received by the bankinghouses, per the Canada, express great confidence in a return to an easy Money market, and that all danger of a financial crisis on the continent has passed away. The advices in regard to Breadstuffs have had an unfavorable influence on the market here. Flour is lower and dull. Wheat is held firmly, but the transactions are limited. Holders of Cotton are asking higher prices, which checks business. Pork and Beef are firm and in fair demand. Groceries are dull and rather heavy, with the exception of Coffee, which is held more firmly.

In relation to American stocks, the circular of Mr. Satterthwaite, received by the Canada, says:

Since our advices of the 23th ult., we have had a continuation of the steady feeling in monetary circles, with a disposition to operate, in view of a lower rate of interest. During the week we have to note a gradual rise in French rentes and railroad securities, and an increased confidence in the future on the Paris Bourse, a lower rate of interest in the various Continental markets than our own rate, and a reduction of ¼d. per rupee in the East India Company's rate of Exchange. The Bank of England has, under these circumstances, reduced the rate of discount to 6½ per cent on bills having 95 days to run, and on stocks till the payment of the dividends. Consols have been firm during the week, and reached 94½ for money, closing at 94½@95 for money, and 95½@95½ for account; Consols will be quoted ex-dividend to-morrow, the 8th inst.

The market for English railroad securities has been buoyant, in anticipation of favorable results for the half year about ending, and of an easier Money market.

There has been a quick demand for American railroad bonds at a slight advance, and we note considerable transactions in Illinois Construction Bonds, Erie 1843, 1862 and 1871 bonds, and in Michigan Central and New-York Central Bonds; a few lots of Illinois shares have changed hands at 13½@14, closing free sellers at the latter figure.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.		RAILROAD BONDS.	
U. S. 6s, 1868	105 @106	G'd Trunk, Can.	78@80 & int.
U. S. 6s, Coup. 1868	105 @106	G't West'n, Can., '76	117@122
Canadas 6s, sterling	113½@114	G't West'n, Can., '73	109@111
STATE SECURITIES.		Illinois Central, 1875.	84 @ 85
Pennsylvania 5s	74 @ 76	Illinois Central, 1875.	80 @ 82
Penna. 5s, Coup., '77.	79 @ 81	Illinois Central, 1875.	95 @ 96
Virginia 6s, 1886	83 @ 85	Illinois Cent., sh's.	13@14 pm.
Virginia 5s, '93, steel	84 @ 86	Joliet and N. Ind. '74	86 @ 88
CITY SECURITIES.		Mich. Central, 1860	90 @ 92
N. Orleans 6s, '92-93.	— @ 75	Mich. Central, 1869	93½ @ 94½
RAILROAD BONDS.		Michigan Southern	75 @ 77
Belvidere, Del., 1877	88 & int.	Mich. South., unsecd.	80 @ 82
C., Ham. & Dayt. '50	— @ 80	N. Y. Central, 1865	90 @ 92
Erie, 1853	84 @ 86	N. Y. Cen., Con. '64	90 @ 92x
Erie, 1871	80 @ 82	Ohio & Penna., 1872.	69 @ 71
Erie, 1862	82 @ 84	Pennsylvania, '1289	90 @ 92
Erie, 1875	83 @ 85	Penna. sterl'g, 1874	92 @ 94
Gal. & Chicago, 1863.	86 @ 88		

Baring Brothers & Co. write as follows respecting American stocks:

No particular change. We quote Alabama 5s, 80; Maryland 5s, 90; Massachusetts 5s, 98; Virginia 5s, 85; Boston City 4s, 85; Pennsylvania 5s, Certificate 74, Bonds 81; New-Orleans City 6s, 76; Illinois Central Railroad 7s, 83@85, 6's 80@82; Freelands, 94@96; shares, 13@14 premium on $25 paid; New-York Central Railroad 6s, 79@81, 7s 92@94; New-York and Erie Railroad, 2d mortgage, 84@86; Parama Sterling 7s, 90@92; Pennsylvania Central Railroad 6s, 89@90. About $30,000 United States 6s, of 1868, have been placed at 105½. Canada 6s, 113½@114; Nova Scotia 6s, 106½; New-Brunswick 6s, 103.

The London Morning Star of the 11th says:

"The Money market, notwithstanding a steady demand, has been sensibly easier—influenced, no doubt, by the fact that a considerable portion of the gold by the True Briton has already been secured by the Bank, and by a reduction in the rate of discount at Hamburg. It is also known that the official return of the state of the Bank of France, which will be published on Friday, will be favorable in all essential respects; while it was reported in the afternoon that the Bank of England return for the week ending last Saturday will also be favorable. Altogether, an improved feeling has certainly been manifested, but not to such an extent as to justify hopes of an immediate decline in the value of money. Paris letters continue favorable. It is expected, with some degree of confidence, that the Bank of France will to-morrow consent to discount long-dated bills. It is also reported that the Railway Companies will not issue new debentures until February. The improved feeling in the Money market has produced a good effect on English Securities; and though they closed at only a slight advance upon the final quotations of yesterday, the tendency was, on the whole, better."

The London Shipping and Mercantile Gazette of the 5th inst., notices a decidedly easier money market. The rates were easier, good bills being done freely below Bank minimum, and a large amount had been discounted as low as 6 ₱ cent.

The latest statement of the Bank of England shows the following variation as compared with the previous week:

	Increase.	Decrease.
Public deposits	£368,006	.....
Other deposits	.....	£114,220
Notes and bills in circulation	.....	58,220
Rest	.....	58,047
On the other side of the account:		
Government securities	no change.	.....
Other securities	.....	£634,697
Coin and bullion	£513,791	.....
Notes unemployed	567,125	.....

In the Domestic Dry Goods Market there has been some movement in staple and fancy styles of Cotton goods, but not sufficient to notice any general animation in trade, nor do we expect much activity before the middle of next month. Commission men and Jobbers are now chiefly occupied in taking account of Stock, and preparing for the early Spring trade. The year just about terminating, it is gratifying to observe, has been one of great activity and general soundness, yet owing to the high rates, for the raw materials the profits accruing will prove less than anticipated. Brown sheetings of light and heavy makes have sold more freely for Export at 7¼@7½c. for the former, and 8½c. for the latter, this has somewhat reduced the Stock, and the Market now partakes of greater buoyancy. Brown Drills have also been in good request for Export to China, and some extensive sales have been effected at 8½c. now held firmly at 8¾c., at which sales are making to the home trade as wanted. The Stock is small, many of the mills having recently changed to Brown Sheetings and the same may be said of Bleached; Corset and Blue the two former command 9c. and the latter 10½@10½c. Osnaburgs are in fair request and prices have advanced one-half cent per yard. Denims, Jeans, Stripes, Ticks, &c., are steady, and in very moderate request for the moment. Prints have come forward in a great variety of styles and combination of colors, and already a few sales have been made to the early Southern trade at 10@10½c., considering the high rates for the Gray Cloth, these prices must be considered very moderate, indeed, but it shows that great rivalry in any article must keep prices low, and to none but the domestic producers or printers are consumers indebted for these low rates. Previous to the establishment of printing in this country our transatlantic friends enjoyed a monopoly in these fabrics and sold them here at exorbitant rates; but, thanks to the perseverance, energy and ingenuity of our home producers, who have, in competition with the foreign fabricants, reduced the price of these goods to the present low rates. Lawns are also beginning to come forward in a great variety of beautiful combinations, and the printing will compete favorably with any foreign goods of the same description. Most kinds of Woolen Goods are inanimate, but a better demand may be anticipated after the holidays. Woolen Maud Shawls, owing chiefly to the extreme cold weather prevalent, have come into general favor, and are rapidly passing into consumption. These, as an exterior garment of covering for protecting man from the Winter's blast, are unrivaled, and railroad travelers will find them to be an indispensable article in this respect. The Foreign Dry Goods market partakes of inactivity; the same quiet previously noticed continues undisturbed, yet a few goods adapted to the wants of the coming trade are selling at steady rates. Not much animation is expected, however, till after the 15th proximo.

Markets...CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE TRIBUNE.
FRIDAY, Dec. 26, 1856.

ASHES—The market is firm, with a fair demand; sales of 60 bbls. at $7 75 for Pots and $8 for Pearls.

STATEMENT OF ASHES IN THE INSPECTION WAREHOUSE OF LESTER, PALMER & CO., DEC. 26, 1856.

	Pots, bbls.	Pearls, bbls.
First sort	207	438
Second sort	98	44
Third sort	37	3
Condemned	21	..
Total	363	485
Total Pots and Pearls		848

COTTON—The market, partly under the influence of the Baltic's news, has advanced ⅛c. and been fairly active; the sales are 2,000 bales. We quote as follows:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Uplands.	Florida.	Mobile.	N. O. & Tex.
Ordinary	11½	11½	11½	11½
Middling	12½	12½	13	13½
Middling Fair	13½	13½	13½	13½
Fair	13½	13½	14	14½

COFFEE—Under news from Rio to 14th ult., per steamer from Liverpool, a favorable influence has been exerted upon holders generally, and some have withdrawn their goods for higher prices. The advices were of heavy rains, bad roads, inferior quality, light receipts, and a better demand for Europe. Quotations were 4$000@5$000. The stock of Rio here is 73,000 bags. The sales embrace 800 bags Rio at 10@10¼c.

COPPER—New Sheathing is steady and sells in suits at 31c., 6 mos. Yellow Metal commands 28c. Refined Ingot has recently sold to some extent at 27½@28c, 4 mos., and some holders are now asking 29½@30c. for Baltimore and Lake Superior. Bolts command 32c., and Braziers 33c. Old Sheathing is in fair request at 25@24c., cash.

CANDLES—Adamantine are without change; sales of city brands at 25@22c. Stearic sell at 30@32c. Plain Sperm at 40c., and patent do. at 50c.

DRUGS AND DYES—The business for the past two days has been very moderate; 50 kegs Newcastle Bicarb. Soda at $4 75; 5 casks Cream of Tartar at 29c.; some Sal Soda at 2c.; Ginseng at 55c.; 30 bales Honduras Sarsaparilla at 2c., in bond.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market is less active for Western Canal Flour, under the less favorable private advices by the steamer Canada, and with fair arrivals holders have been compelled to submit to a decline of 5@10c. ₱ bbl. on the low and medium grades; Western brands are particularly heavy, but, considering the small stock, there is very little cause for heaviness, as the aggregate quantity is about half that of last year. The sales are 6,000 bbls. at $6 25@$6 50 for common to good State; $6 75@$6 80 for extra State; $6 85@$6 65 for superfine Indiana and Iowa; $6 75@$7 for common to fair extra Ohio; $7@$8 for fair to choice extra Ohio; $6 65@$8 75 for St. Louis brands, and $7 35@$8 50 for extra Genesee. Canadian Flour is heavy and inactive; sales of 200 bbls. at $6 40@$6 65 for superfine, and $7@$7 75 for extra. Southern Flour is rather easier, particularly mixed brands; the demand is not very active, and prices favor the buyer at the close; the sales are 1,500 bbls. at $7@$7 25 for mixed to good superfine Baltimore, &c., and $7 30@$8 for favorite, fancy and extra brands. Rye Flour is firm; the inquiry is fair; sales of 50 bbls. at $3 50@$5 25 for fine and superfine. Corn Meal is unchanged; sales of 550 bbls. at $3 25@$3 37½ for Jersey, and $3 75 for Brandywine, afloat. Buckwheat Flour is in fair demand, at $2 37½@$2 50 ₱ 100 lb. The stock of Flour in the City of New-York, Dec. 26, 1856, is as follows: Western Canal, 255,000 bbls.; Canadian, 18,600 bbls.; Southern, 119,500 bbls.

FISH—Dry Cod remain quiet at $3 25@$4 for Western and St. George's Bank. Mackerel are inactive but previous prices are firmly maintained. Pickled Herring are in moderate request at $4 50@$4 75 for Halifax. Box Herring are still dull at 35c. for scaled, and 25@26c. for No. 1. The receipts are very meager, which in a measure enables holders to sustain prices through the general dullness.

FRUITS are generally quiet; sales of 100 bbls. Zante Currants at 21c.; 100 bbls. Havana Oranges at $7 50 ₱ bbl. Apples are dull at $3 75@$4 for Western Winter. Dried Fruits are steady; sales of 10,000 lb Apples at 8½c. for Southern, 9c. for Pennsylvania, and 9½c. for State.

GRAIN—The demand for Wheat is fair and the market is quite firm, with light arrivals. The stock as made up to-day is larger than we expected; much of it, however, is already sold. The sales are, 10,500 bush. white Canadian at $1 78@$1 80; 2,100 bush. red Missouri at $1 81; and 5,600 bush. white Southern at $1 80. Rye is quiet at 88@89c. Oats are firm and in fair request, at 47@48c. for State and 48@50c. for Western. Corn is rather lower and is quiet; the arrivals are light, but the stock is ample; sales of 17,500 bush. at 68@71c. for Western mixed, in store and delivered, and 74@75c. for Southern white and yellow (old), and 72@73c. for new and old mixed. Stock of Grain December 26, 1856: Wheat, 531,650 bush.; Corn, 1,567,500 bush.

GUNNY-BAGS—We notice sales at Boston of 30,000, in bundles, at 9½c. each, 6 mos.

GUNNY-CLOTH—The Boston Shipping List reports sales not previously noticed of 1,600 bales at 11½@12½c., 200 bales heavy at 12½c., and at the close 350 bales at 12c., 6 mos., good weights.

GUNNY CLOTH—We note sales of 100 bales Gunny Cloth at 12@12½c. 6 mos.

HIDES—The market generally continues steadily advancing, and exhibits considerable animation, especially on Oronocos, which are of quick sale at 29c., 6 mos. The foreign circulars speak of an active demand and advanced prices both on Hides and Leather, which has proved encouraging to the "exalted views" of parties here; the sales are 8,313 Angostura, including all in market at 29c., 6 mos., usual weight and selection; 950 do. to arrive, on private terms; 1,100 Rio Grande at 30½c., to arrive; 200 Monte Video, at 31c., also to arrive; 2,644 Barcelona, at 28½c., 6 mos., excepting water-damaged; 140 Dry Charleston, 29 lb, 20c., less 5 ₱ cent; 274 dry salted Para at 21½c.; 208 wet salted do., at 15c.; 800 dry Western Slaughter, at 15c., 6 mos., and 200 Country Slaughter, at 11½c., cash.

HEMP—American is in limited demand, but with a light stock and moderate receipts, prices are maintained. We note a sale of 22 balespoor (crop of 1855) dressed at $240 ₱ ton, 6 months; small sales are making as high as $260, but these are no guide to the market. Undressed sells slowly at $205@$212 50 ₱ ton. Foreign remains quiet, and prices are mostly nominal. Manilla is much depressed, but at Boston recently there has been considerable more doing at the reduction.

HOPS—The demand is very moderate for new; holders are firm at former prices; sales at 7@16c. for common to choice Eastern and Western.

HAY—The demand is moderate; the high prices check inquiry; sales of 300 bales at 90c. @ $1 ₱ 100 lb.

HORNS—A small invoice of 1840 Orinoco sold at 3c. each, cash.

IRON—The demand for Scotch Pig is quite moderate, but prices are firm; sales of 50 tuns at $30@$30 50, 6 months. In Refined Bars we hear of more doing at $57 50, 6 months, now held higher. In English Sheet we have nothing new to report.

INDIA RUBBER—No important transactions have taken place in this article; the market remains quiet, but prices are without material change.

LEATHER—Hemlock and Oak, in sympathy with the continued activity and steady advancement of Hides, have also improved ½c @1c. ₱ lb, and a very energetic demand has prevailed at the higher figures demanded. The sales have exceeded the receipts 10,000 sides. The following table exhibits the movement for the week:

	Hemlock.	Oak.
Receipts	52,100	5,600
Sales	62,300	7,200
Stocks	19,800	6,000

LEAD—We hear of a sale of 150 tuns refined German, for export, at $5, in bond, 60 days, adding interest.

LIME—Rockland is quiet but steady, in the absence of stock in first hands, at 90c. for common and $1 20 for lump.

MOLASSES—New crop New Orleans moves slowly at 30c. Holders are very firm, and the stock is insignificant. Foreign is dull at former quotations.

NAVAL STORES—The market for Spirits Turpentine is quite excited; at the date of our last it closed buoyantly at 44½c., cash, but opened quietly this morning at 44c.; subsequently, however, when the private advices by the steamer became known, an active demand set in and prices rapidly advanced to 48c.; the sales include 1,500@2,000 bbls. at 44½@48c., cash, mostly at 47c., for lots in merchantable order; those who sold early in the day at 44c. bought toward the close the same identical article at 48c., cash; most holders have advanced their pretensions to 50@52c, but we know of no sales above 48c., at which the market closes buoyantly, with more buyers than sellers. Crude has also advanced, and is now held at $4 ₱ 280 lb. Common Rosin remains quiet, but prices are unchanged; sales 600 bbls. at $1 60 ₱ 310 lb, delivered from yard. The medium and fine grades are scarce, and we learn of no further transactions; prices rule very firm. Tar is dull and heavy at previous quotations. Pitch is unchanged.

OILS—English Linseed is quiet but steady; sales of 2,500 gallons on the spot at 83c., cash. American is in better request; sales of 26,000@25,000 gallons at 83c., including 15,000 gallons deliverable the first week in January. Crude Whale is languid, and we hear of no further sales. Refined Winter Bleached is steady and in moderate request. Crude Sperm is also quiet and in the absence of demand prices are mostly nominal. Manufactured is in moderate request at $1 60 for unbleached Winter, and $1 65@$1 62 for Bleached do. Lard Oil is inanimate with a disposition on the part of holders to shade. Olive is steady and in fair request. Red Oil is without further change, the last transaction being at 63½, cash. Camphene has advanced to 50c., cash.

PROVISIONS—The market is better, the arrivals are light and the demand fair; sales of 550 bbls. at $19 25@$19 37 ½ for old Mess; $19 75@$19 87 for new Mess; and $16 50@$17 for Prime. Beef is better and is in good request for the trade; sales of 500 bbls. at $6 25@$8 50 for Prime; $10 25@$12 25 for Country Mess and old for packed Western Mess; $14 for Vermont Mess; and $18 for extra do.; $14 50@$14 75 for new repacked Chicago, and $15 50 for extra do. Lard is better and in good demand, with light receipts; sales of 1,400 bbls. at 12½@12¾c., and kegs at 13½c. Cut Meats are heavy; sales of 60 hhds. and tcs. at 7½@7¾c. for Shoulders, and 9½@10½c. for Hams. Dressed Hogs are in fair demand at at 8c. Bacon is very firm and is wanted; the supply is limited; sales of 500 bxs. long ribbed Middles, to arrive in February, at 9½c.; and 50 bxs. short boneless (city cut) at 10½c. Butter is in good supply and is heavy at 20@24c. for State dairies; and 25@27c. for late made; and 16@20c. for Ohio; choice do. at 22c. Cheese is in fair demand at 9½@10½c. Eggs are wanted at 25@26c. ₱ dozen.

RICE—The market is feeble; a fair inquiry prevails, chiefly for export. The sales are 200 tcs. at 3¼@4½c.—the latter price for strictly prime. The receipts for the week are about 1,350 tcs. The stock is about 2,500 tcs.

SUGARS—A better feeling has prevailed, and holders are asking ⅛c. advance, with, we understand, a few transactions at ⅛c. improvement. The change is based upon better foreign news. The sales include 250 hhds. Cuba at 8½c. for refining and 900 boxes Havana on terms not made public. The receipts for the month up to date are 3,461 hhds., 15,206 boxes, and 6,111 bags. The sales for same period are 7,351 hhds., 3,835 boxes, and 15,821 bags.

SPELTER—The stock is becoming diminished, prices therefore are gradually advancing, and are now higher than known for a long period. We note sales of 50 tuns at 8c. ₱ lb., 6 mos. We understand some holders are now demanding 8½c., but we consider this an extreme rate.

SOAP—We hear of sales of 200 boxes Castile at 10½@11c.

TOBACCO continues very quiet but firm; sales of 40 hhds. Kentucky at 12@15c.; 72 bales Havana at 30@37½c; 86 do. Yara at 39c.; 40 cases Seedleaf at 26@33c.; 16 do. Florida at ₱25@₱70.

TEAS—Nothing is doing, pending further arrivals; holders are firm.

TIN—Pig is rather quiet, but prices are firmly maintained; no transactions of moment, however, have taken place in either Block Tin or Plates to-day, and we therefore continue our previous quotations:

Banca, cash	$— 33½@$— 34
Straits, cash	— 33½@ — 33½
Plates, ¼d x, 6 mos	11 75 @ 12 00
I. C. Coke	9 37½@ 9 50
Coke Terne	9 12½@ 9 25
Charcoal Terne	10 50 @ 10 75

TALLOW—A fair demand for prime, with sales of 15,000 lb at 11½c. cash.

WHALEBONE—The market continues quiet, but prices are maintained; we hear of no important transactions; stock in the country, 300,000 lb.

WHISKY—The market is freely supplied, and is lower. The sales are 450 bbls. at 29c. for Ohio and Prison.

ZINC—The demand is moderate, but, owing to the small stock, holders have advanced their pretensions to 8¼@9c., 6 mos. These prices, however, are beyond the views of buyers, and the transactions are therefore confined to job lots from store.

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BARK unchanged, with light sales at 35c. COTTON quiet but firm. CLOVERSEED steady at $7 50. FLOUR in limited demand and dull for shipment at $6 50; No. 1, 1,000 bbls. sold today. RYE FLOUR and CORN MEAL quiet. WHEAT is dull; sales of 3,500 bush. Pennsylvania, at $1 51@$1 52 for Pennsylvania red and $1 56@$1 62 for white. RYE scarce, and wanted at 80c. CORN continues to sell slowly at 69c. for old yellow and 64c. for new. OATS are lively; Delaware are worth 45c. in store. GROCERIES and PROVISIONS—No change, and very little doing. WHISKY in limited demand at 29@30c. for bbls. and 28c. for hhds.

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

CHARLESTON, Dec. 24.—The sales of COTTON to-day were 1,500 bales, and for the week 7,500. The market closes at ⅛c. advance on the week; Good Middling, 12⅝c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 26.—COTTON—Sales 900 bales at full prices.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—COTTON is unchanged; sales to day 5,000 bales. SUGAR is quiet at 9½c. MOLASSES is selling at 64c. White WHEAT, $1 65. CORN is dull at 60c. PORK is buoyant at $19 25 for Mess. BACON is quiet. EXCHANGE on London, 7½.

Receipts of Produce.

By Erie Railroad—6,000 b