Ocean Steamers.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS FOR EUROPE.—By order of the Secretary of State all passengers leaving the United States are required to provide themselves with passports before they will be allowed on board the steamer. Passengers will not be subjected to any trouble or delay in procuring them, if they call for instructions at the Company's Offices, No. 15 Broadway, N. Y. JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

STEAM WEEKLY between NEW-YORK and LIVERPOOL, sailing and embarking passengers at Queenstown (Ireland) for Liverpool, New-York, and Philadelphia. Steamship Company intend dispatching their full-powered Clyde-built Iron Steamships as follows:

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FIRST CABIN.....$75 STEERAGE.....$30
First Cabin to London.... 80 Steerage to London..... 35
First Cabin to Paris..... 85 Steerage to Paris..... 38
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For further information, apply in Liverpool to WILLIAM INMAN, Agent, No. 22 Water-st.; in Glasgow to ALEX. MALCOLM, No. 5 St. Enoch-square; in Queenstown to C. & W. D. SEYMOUR & CO.; in London to EIVES & MACEY, No. 61 King William-st.; in Paris to JULES DECOUE, No. 5 Place de la Bourse; in Philadelphia to JOHN G. DALE, No. 111 Walnut-st., or at the Company's Offices.

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FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$130
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The ships from New-York call at Cork Harbor.
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EUROPA, Capt. Anderson.
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These vessels carry a clear white light at mast-head, green on starboard bow, red on port bow.

CANADA, Muir.....leaves Boston.....Wednesday, Dec. 11
AFRICA, Shannon.....leaves New-York..Wednesday, Dec. 18
EUROPA, Anderson..leaves Boston.....Wednesday, Dec. 25
AUSTRALASIAN, Cook..leaves New-York..Wednesday, Jan. 1
NIAGARA, Moodie...leaves Boston.....Wednesday, Jan. 8
ASIA, Lott.....leaves New-York..Wednesday, Jan. 15

Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced Surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Gold, Silver, Bullion, Specie, Jewelry, Precious Stones or Metals, unless Bills of Lading are signed therefor, and the value thereof therein expressed. For Freight or Passage, apply to

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FOR CALIFORNIA via PANAMA.—A first-class steamer will leave New-York on the 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month; except when these dates fall on SUNDAY, when the day of departure will be the MONDAY following. For freight or passage, apply at the only office, No. 5 Bowling-green. D. J. ALLEN, Agent.

Sales by Auction.

AUCTION SALE—Elegant Household FURNITURE, THIS DAY (Wednesday), at the private residence No. 48 West 16th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs., at 11 o'clock, comprising Rosewood, Mahogany, and Black Walnut, Parlor, Chamber, and Dining-Room Furniture, Rosewood Piano-Forte, Suites Mirrors, Curtains, Bronzes, Ornaments, Paintings, Velvet and Brussels Carpets, Bedding, &c. Also, Basement and Kitchen Utensils. A. CHAPMAN & Co., Auctioneers.

A. M. MERWIN, Auctioneer.

BY BANGS, MERWIN & Co., Irving Buildings, Nos. 504 and 506 Broadway.—Sales of Books, Stationery, Pictures, Works of Art, Fancy Goods, Furniture, &c.

MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 9, at 6½ o'clock, and three following evenings, at same hour,

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

BOOKS, STATIONERY, FANCY ARTICLES, ARTISTS' MATERIALS, ENGRAVINGS, &c. Also, a good STAMPING PRESS and Dies. Three MAHOGANY and GLASS SHOW CASES, Mahogany Desk, and other Fixtures, being the stock of a City Retail Store. To be sold for Cash, by order of an Assignee. Catalogues are ready.

MORTGAGEES' SALE.

IMPORTANT TO LITHOGRAPHERS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 11, at 11 o'clock, About 350 LITHOGRAPHIC STONES, various sizes, mostly with designs. Also, THREE LITHOGRAPHIC PRESSES, in good working order, and one LARGE SCREW PRESS, also in good order. The whole to be sold, without reserve, for cash, by order of Mortgagees.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 13, at 4 o'clock,

VALUABLE LAW and MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS—Comprising complete sets of Common Law and Chancery Reports of various States, and of the Federal Courts; Statute Laws, Digests, Commentaries, Treatises, &c. Also, a variety of valuable Standard Works in Miscellaneous Literature, &c. Catalogues are now ready.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.—Under and in pursuance of a Mortgage, made by OSBORN & SEARS to MARY SEARS, will be sold by MINER & SOMERVILLE, Auctioneers, at their Salesrooms, No. 37 Nassau-st., on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10 and 11, at 10½ a. m. each day, a large quantity of Fine Jewelry, Cameos, Pearls, Precious Stones, &c., a large Jeweler's Safe, with Extra Locks, and the Tools and Machinery of a Manufacturing Jeweler, Office Furniture, &c.—Dated New-York, Dec. 2, 1861. COE & WALLIS, Attorneys for Mortgagee.

TWO FARMS for SALE at AUCTION.—The subscribers will sell at public auction at the Hotel of Isaac A. Hoes, in the village of Kinderhook, Columbia County, on the 8th day of January next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, two FARMS, adjoining each other, situated in the town of Stuyvesant, in said county, owned and occupied by Lucas J. Van Alen at his decease. One contains 191 acres, and the other 110 acres. Title indisputable. Terms liberal.

DAVID VAN SCHAACK, JOHN VAN ALEN, AARON VAN ALEN, } Trustees.

TO the NEW-YORK BUTT-HINGE COMPANY, A. P. Caswell, James C. Willett, ex-Sheriff, George Merilles, Livingston, John Ross, Henry Dennott, S. Manning, Samuel F. Righter, James Garner, Charles W. Remington, Elisha Fitzgerald, Dethridge Fenton, and whomsoever else it may concern.—Notice is hereby given, that I will SELL at PUBLIC AUCTION, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of December, 1861, at 11 a. m., at the EMPIRE WORKS, foot of East 24th-st., New-York, to pay storage and charges, 3 Conical Mills, 1 Platform Scale, 2 Bolts, Shafting, and Pulleys, 367 bbls. of Guano, 1 Sinut-Machine and Separator, Fanning Mill, lot of Belting, Grain Conveyor and Elevator, 2 Butt-Hinge Machines.—Dec. 6, 1861.

SAMUEL LEGGETT, Supt.

Lost and Found.

$5,000 REWARD. On Nov. 9, 1861, the Winsted Bank was broken into, and about $40,000 taken, as follows:

$5,000 in bills of the Winsted Bank.
1,200 in bills of the Hurlbut Bank.
200 in bills of various Banks.
8,100 in Gold in Silver.

The largest portion of the bills of the Winsted Bank taken were of the denomination of $10 and $20. The public are cautioned about receiving bills of those denominations, as they will not be redeemed except upon the most satisfactory evidence that they were in circulation previous to the robbery. The amount of $10s and $20s in circulation previous to the robbery was very limited.

All Bills of this Bank now outstanding, which have been legitimately issued, will be redeemed at our counter.

No more Bills from our present plates will be hereafter issued, but we shall soon be prepared to issue Bills of a new and altogether different style, from plates now in preparation.

GEO. DUDLEY, President.

Winsted Bank, West Winsted, Ct., Nov. 16, 1861.

In addition to the above were stolen four 6 per cent Treasury Notes, of the following description:

One dated July 19, 1861, for $100—No. 1,583, letter B.
One dated July 19, 1861, for $100—No. 1,584, letter C.
One for $20—No. 5,959. One for $50—No. 5,962.

FOUND—Yesterday, on the floor of an Auction Room, Nassau-st., a small sum of MONEY in bills. The loser can have the same on proving property and paying expenses, by applying on 3d floor No. 152 West 19th-st.

Professional Notices.

DR. HOMER BOSTWICK will continue the Practice of his Profession, and give especial attention to Operative Surgery, Diseases of the Throat, Consumption, Female Complaints, and Nervous Debility (impotency), caused by youthful indiscretion. Mr. B.'s book on this latter subject, with hints to young men and women, before or after marriage, is of vital importance to them, and every young man in the land should possess this valuable book.—[From the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal. Price $1. It may be had at his Office, No. 36 East 12th-st., six doors west of Broadway, or at RICHARDSON'S Bookstore, No. 1 Vesey-st., and at GODFREY'S, No. 651 Broadway. Office hours from 8 until 12 a. m., and from 3 to 8 p. m.

EDWARD H. DIXON, M. D., Editor of The Scalpel, and operating and Consulting Surgeon, No. 42 Sthav. Office consultations on the more obscure diseases of the pelvic viscera. Rupture, Piles, Varicocele, and Fistula radically cured without the knife or ligature. Office hours from 8 to 9, 1 to 3, and 7 to 9 evenings.

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A NEW FINKLE & LYON SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE cheap. Address "C. D. H.," box No. 153 Tribune Office.

EMPIRE SEWING-MACHINES for Family and Manufacturing purposes at reduced prices and on accommodating terms. Salesroom No. 510 Broadway.

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COAL.—LEHIGH, PEACH ORCHARD, and LOCUST MOUNTAIN, warranted to be genuine articles: also Liverpool, Orrel and English house Cannel, of superior qualities, of late importations, all at lowest market prices. HENRY REEVE, corner Canal and Centre and corner Jane and West-sts.

Proposals.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE, No. 4 State-st., NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1861.

ARMY SUPPLIES.—Proposals will be received by the undersigned until 4 o'clock, p. m., FRIDAY, the 20th inst., for supplying for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows, viz:

For delivery on the 6th of January, 1862: 1,500 barrels first quality MESS PORK, or PRIME MESS PORK, to be full salted, 200 lb meat, either old or new, in new full-hooped oak barrels with two iron hoops; meat to be free from rust or stain, and to be repacked within thirty days of delivery.

135,000 pounds first quality smoked BACON SIDES. Put up each piece in a separate slip or wrapper cover, and packed in tight tierces of about 300 pounds each, or in boxes like sample at this office.

67,500 pounds of first quality smoked BACON SHOULDERS, shank cut off close to the brisket. Put up each piece in a separate slip or wrapper cover and packed as above.

67,500 pounds first quality smoked HAMS, in slip or wrapper covers, packed as above.

2,133 barrels of EXTRA MESS BEEF, with the necks, shanks, and the marrow-bone of the shoulder-pieces, excluded, the round may be included without the bone. The beef must be new and repacked for this delivery, and in full-hooped oak barrels, with two iron hoops.

250 barrels of first quality new pickled BEEF TONGUES, 200 pounds of meat; barrels as above.

500,000 pounds of first quality PILOT BREAD, to be packed in boxes of 50 pounds bread to each box; boxes to be made of fully seasoned wood, of such kinds as will impart no taste or odor to the bread; bottom and top of single pieces, or, if of two pieces, to be tongued and grooved together.

1,000 bushels of first quality new WHITE BEANS, well seasoned and dry—to be packed in tight barrels like sample at this office.

1,000 bushels first quality SPLIT PEAS, to be packed in tight half barrels like samples at this office.

200,000 pounds of prime RICE, in clean, bright spirit barrels, thoroughly coopered; all old marks to be obliterated by painting the heads.

70,000 pounds prime RIO COFFEE, in clean, bright spirit barrels, with all old marks obliterated by painting the heads.

120,000 pounds of roasted and ground prime RIO COFFEE, in barrels as above.

9,000 pounds of TEA, ½ Oolong, ½ Souchong; boxes to be well strapped, in perfect order.

360,000 pounds of dry light-yellow COFFEE SUGAR; barrels to be new, and of the best in use for the purpose.

10,000 gallons of the best quality of pure VINEGAR, manufactured only from Cider or Whisky, free from all foreign acids and injurious substances, and of a uniform strength, taking thirty to thirty-three grains of bicarbonate of soda to neutralize one fluid ounce of vinegar; to be put up in sixteen-gallon half-barrels like sample at this office.

40,000 pounds best quality of ADAMANTINE CANDLES, to be 16 ounces to the pound, one half sixes, the remainder twelves.

20,000 pounds of good hard SOAP.

2,163 bushels of good, clean, dry, fine SALT, in strong, tight, well-coopered barrels.

10,000 gallons good MOLLASSES or SIRUP, in half-barrels with at least four iron hoops.

For delivery on the 15th of January, 1862, the same quantity as above.

For delivery on the 20th of January, 1862, the same quantity as above.

For delivery on the 27th of January, 1862, the same quantity as above.

Proposals for different articles must be on separate sheets of paper.

Small samples to accompany proposals for all articles except meats, the boxes containing them to be carefully labeled on the side.

Each bid must have a printed copy of this advertisement pasted at its head, and must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guaranty of two responsible names as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that should all or any part of the above bid be accepted, it shall be duly fulfilled according to its true purport and conditions."

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."

Bidders may propose for the whole or a part of any article.

Persons not having the precise variety of stores above described, but having articles of similar kinds, are at liberty to send in proposals for supplying them, which will receive attention according to price and adaptation to the wants of the service.

Proposers who can furnish the proper articles, but need an increase of time, can state the time when they can be ready for their deliveries. In all cases not specially excepted, the deliveries must take place at the time specified, in failure of which the United States reserves the right to purchase to make good the extent of the failure.

Cartage or lighterage will be required from the seller if his establishment is inconveniently remote from ordinary points of delivery in the Cities of New-York or Brooklyn. Bidders proposing to make deliveries elsewhere than as above specified must state the price for their stores at their proposed places of delivery.

Certificates of inspection by professional packers or inspectors will be required for all the meats, certifying on the part of the seller their present quality and condition and the manner of their preparing for inspection. The meats will also be examined and passed upon by Robert P. Getty, inspector on the part of the United States. The seller's name, place of business, with date of purchase, are required on each package of every article. Boxes to be strapped with light green hickory straps. All the stores will be carefully inspected before their delivery, and compared with the retained samples. Returns of weights signed by a regular public weigher must be furnished whenever required.

Proposers whose bids are not accepted are requested to send for their samples on Thursday, the 26th inst.

A. B. EATON, Lieut.-Colonel and A. C. G. S.

ARMY SUPPLIES—Proposals will be received by the undersigned, at No. 4 State-st., New-York, until 4 o'clock p. m. of WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., for furnishing for the U. S. Army, and delivering in this city or Brooklyn, on or before the 1st of January, 1862, the following Subsistence Stores:

1,500 barrels first-quality, new, full corn-fed MESS PORK.
1,500 half barrels first-quality, new, full corn-fed MESS PORK.

Barrels and half barrels to be entirely new, made of the best, seasoned, heart of white oak, full-hooped, and having four strong iron hoops.

Meat to be thoroughly cured, and packed with an extra quantity of the best salt.

The Pork to be packed by one of the regular professional packers of New-York or Brooklyn, whose certificates are to be furnished, with Mr. R. P. Getty's indorsement.

A. B. EATON, Lieut.-Col. and A. C. G. S.
Office of Ass't Com.-Gen. Subsistence, New-York, Dec. 4, 1861.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, Corner of Grand and Elm-sts., NEW-YORK, Nov. 30, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Office until the 14th day of December next, at 4 o'clock p. m., at which time said Proposals will be considered, for supplying the Public Schools under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education with BOOKS, STATIONERY, and other articles required for the use of said Schools, for one year, commencing on the 1st of January, 1862.

A list of the articles will be furnished on application to the Clerk of the Board of Education.

JOHN DAVENPORT, JAMES MACKEAN, RICHARD WARREN, JOHN O'KEEFE, C. GODFREY GUNTHER, } Committee on Supplies.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the School Officers of the XIIth Ward, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm-sts., until SATURDAY, the 21st day of December inst., at 12 o'clock at noon, for the DESKS, CHAIRS, SETTEES, &c., necessary for furnishing a portion of the Primary Department of Ward School-House No. 43 in said Ward, pursuant to plans and specifications on file and to be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 94 Crosby-st. Two responsible and approved sureties will be required for the faithful performance of the contract to be entered into. The School Officers of the Ward reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered, if deemed for the public interests to do so.—Dated Dec. 5, 1861.

JAMES MACKEAN, HARVEY H. GREGORY, } Commissioners.

ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1861.

PROPOSALS are invited at this Office until the 20th instant for ZOUAVE LEGGINGS of Russet Leather, or other suitable material, and of Linen or Russia Sheeting, to be 11½ inches high.

Samples of the Leggings to be sent with the proposal, stating prices. G. H. CRAMER, Dep. Q. M. General.

Legal Notices.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT, Kings County.—SARAH F. DAVENPORT against ALMERIN HOTCHKISS and MARTHA A., his wife, ALVA HOTCHKISS, and WILLIAM H. STORY.—To the above-named defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, at the City Hall, in the City of Brooklyn, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated November 8, 1861.

C. J. & E. DEWITT, Attorneys for Plaintiff, No. 88 Nassau-st., N. Y.

The complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings on the 8th day of November, 1861. C. J. & E. DEWITT, Plaintiff's Attorneys. n14 1aw6wW*

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New-York Daily Tribune

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....DEC. 10.

1,000 Ill. Coupon Bs '79..	82¼	100 Erie Railway Pref'd...	53⅝
11,000 Ill. Coupon Bs. '89..	82	15 do.....	53
1,000 N. Carolina State 6s.	59½	50 do.....s30	53
1,000 Tenn. State 6s '90..	43¾	100 Harlem Railroad.....	12¼
9,000 Missouri State 6s...	41	150 do.....	12¼
22,000 do.....	40½	200 Reading Railroad.....	33
15,500 California State 7s..	82	100 do.....b10	33½
4,000 Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	20⅞	125 Mich. Cent. Railroad..	49
2,000 do.....	20⅞	50 do.....s10	49⅛
50 Penn. Coal Co.....	78	50 Mich So. & N.I. Gd. Sk..	29⅞
100 Pacific M. S. Co....s20	88	50 Panama RR.....s10	114
415 do.....	88	124 do.....	114
50 do.....b10	88	100 Illinois Cen. RR. scrip	61½
100 Hudson River RR.....	37½	150 do.....	61½
50 do.....	37½	330 Cleve. & Pitts. RR...	16
25 do.....	37½	10 do.....	154
150 Harlem Railroad pref.	30½	150 Cleveland & Tol. RR..	33½
100 N. Y. Cent. Railroad	78½	200 do s10	33½
50 do.....s10	78½	200 Chic. & Rock I. RR...	53½
50 do.....s10	78½	50 do.....	s10 53½
200 do.....s30	78½	100 do.....b10	54
300 do.....	78½	50 do.....	s30 53½
50 do.....b10	78½	210 do.....	54
100 do.....	78½	100 do.....	s10 54
100 do.....s15	78½	50 do.....	s30 54
150 Erie Railway.....	32½	5 Mill. & P. Du Ch. RR.	19½
400 do.....	32½	25 do.....	13½
100 do.....	32½	15 M. & P. Du Ch., 2d P.	60½
200 do.....s10	32½	10 do.....	60
23 M. & P. Du Ch., 1st P.	70		

SECOND BOARD.

10,000 U. S. 6s '67.....	89	50 Erie RR.....	32½
15,000 U.S. 6s '81, coupon.	90½	100 do.....b10	32
1,000 Mich. State 8 w. bs.	81	100 do.....	32
5,000 Cal. State 7s.....	92	100 do.....	31½
2,000 N. Y. Cent. 6s.....	91	50 Erie Railway Pref....	53½
2,000 Hud. Riv. RR. c. bs.	67½	200 Harlem R.R. Pref....	30
3,000 Mich. So. 2d M. As.	50	100 Reading Railroad.....	34
150 Comb. Coal Pref.....	44	100 Mich. Central R R....	49½
75 Pac. Mail S. Co.....	87½	20 Mi. So. & N. Ia. Guar. St.	39½
5 do.....	88	50 Panama R.R.....b30.	114½
150 N. Y. Cent. RR.....	78½	100 Ill. Cen. R.R. Scrip...	61½
300 Cleve. and Tol. R.R...	33½	100 Cleve. and Pitts. R.R.	16
100 do.....b10	33½	450 Chic. & R. Isl. R.R...	53½

TUESDAY, Dec. 10—P. M.

The excitement in the Stock market abated this morning, and, with a reduced volume of business, quotations were generally established at lower figures. The bears hammered the market on the theory that the coming advices from England will be unfavorable, and indicate an exasperated state of public feeling there in regard to the seizure of Messrs. Mason and Slidell. They sell also on the assumption of the falsehood of the report that the law officers of the Crown have given an opinion that the Adger would be justified in seizing the West India steamer if Mason and Slidell were found on board of her. We shall probably have during the week authentic intelligence upon this subject. Steamers sailing from Liverpool on the 27th and 28th ult. are nearly due, but it is doubtful if the La Plata reached England in time to have the result of her news come out by either of these boats. She was due in England about the 28th ult. The New-York, however, which left here on the 16th, took out the news, and may have preceded the La Plata. Considerable stock came out to-day for realization, but at the close there was a rather firmer feeling. At the Second Board the market was quiet and irregular, but generally ¼@1 per cent lower than at the Morning Board, and in the closing business of the regular session the movement showed weakness. Government securities were in fair demand at steady rates. State stocks have been heavy during the day. At 3½ o'clock, the quotations were as follows: United States 6s, '81, 89¼@90; United States 6s, '81, coupon, 93¼@93¾; United States 5s, '74, 82¼@83; Tennessee State 6s, 42@43; Virginia State 6s, 48@48½; Missouri State 6s, 40½@41; Pacific Mail Steamship Company, 87¼@88; New-York Central Railroad, 78¼@78¾; Erie Railroad, 32@32½; Hudson River Railroad, 37¼@38; Harlem Railroad, 12@12½; Harlem Railroad, Preferred, 30@30; Reading Railroad, 33¼@34; Michigan Central Railroad, 49½@49¾; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, 18@18½; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, Guaranteed, 38½@38¾; Panama Railroad Company, 114@114½; Illinois Central Railroad, 61½@61¾; Galena and Chicago Railroad, 70½@71; Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, 33½@33¾; Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, 53½@53¾; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, 58½@59½.

The market for foreign bills closes firmly at 108¼@109 for Bankers' Sterling, and 107½@108¼ for merchants' signatures. The business done for this steamer has been to a fair extent.

Freights still tend downward, and the offerings are limited. To Liverpool, the engagements are 32,000 bush. Wheat at 7½d.@8d. in bulk and bags; 29,000 do. Corn at 7d.@7½d. in bulk and bags; 5,000 bbls. Flour at 1s. 10½d.@2s., mainly at the latter rate, and 500 do. at 2s. 6d. in a neutral vessel. To London, 15,000 bush. Wheat at 8½d.@9½d. in bulk and bags, the latter rate in a foreign ship. To Bristol, 700 bbls. Flour at 2s. 9d. To Havre, 48,000 bush. Wheat at 17@18c., mostly at the latter rate; 4,800 bbls. Flour at 65@70c., the inside rate to fill up. The charters are the ship Ruthven, 900 tuns capacity, to Havre with Wheat and Flour, at 18c. for the former and 70c. for the latter; a British brig to Cork and a market with 18,000 bush. Wheat at 7s. 4d. ℔ 480 lb; a British brig of 149 tuns capacity to the North Side of Cuba and back at 38c. for Sugar, and $2 50 for Molasses on deck; a British brig of 116 tuns to Nassau and back at $1,050; another of 200 tuns to the North Side of Cuba and back at 40c. for Sugar, and $3 for Molasses on deck; and one of 220 tuns to Porto Rico and back at $3,000; an American brig of 170 tuns to Barbadoes with an assorted cargo, and one of 216 tuns to the North Side of Cuba and back with Sugar and Molasses—both on private terms.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $4,911,034 46—for Customs, $99,000; on account of loan, $4,633,497 44; Payments, $808,749 87, including redeemed 6 ℔ cent Notes; Balance, $9,842,816 41.

The leading article in the circular of Messrs. Sam'l Hallett & Co. prepared for the steamer is upon Mr. Chase's report. From it we take the annexed extracts:

MR. SECRETARY CHASE'S REPORT.—The subject of chief interest in the peculiar state of affairs in this country and at the commencement of the sittings of Congress is the financial condition of Government. The report of Mr. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury, consequently, has been looked foward to with an eagerness even greater than that which welcomed the message of the President. This report is now before us, but is of such length that we can only present a brief abstract.

The report contains little that is new, except Mr. Chase's financial schemes for the future. We all knew that we were spending money at a round rate, and we were quite prepared for the enormous estimates submitted, which, for the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 1862, are as follows. * * *

The treasury being abundantly supplied for the present, ample time can be taken in which to decide the policy to be adopted in the future. Mr. Chase is evidently disposed to close his arrangement with the banks, and presents two alternatives for the Government—that it should create a currency by an issue of Treasury notes, or by making the bonds of the Government a basis of circulation under a system of free banking, applicable to any part of the country. For this purpose, the bills of banks now in circulation are to be retired by a tax upon them, or other legal restrictions. In reference to this subject, we copy the following from Mr. Chase's report:

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Mr. Chase's arguments are nothing more than recommendations to Congress. As the wants of Government are fully supplied for some time to come, by loans already negotiated, there will be ample season for deliberation. We can see no good reason why Mr. Chase should terminate his relations with the banks, which, according to his own admission, have worked admirably, and supplied the Government with all the money needed, and without creating any disturbance in business circles. It strikes us that it would have been better to have held on to an arrangement that worked well, rather than to resort to new expedients, the success of which is at least problematical. Why not let "well enough" alone? There has been no lack of money wherewith to carry on the war. There need be none, with a discreet management of our affairs.

The country was never before so rich or strong. The effect of the expenditures going on are creating an inflation quite fast enough. We do not believe Congress will sanction any proposition to have Government supply a currency for the country, either by an issue of Treasury notes, or by making Government securities a basis for banking. We think that other important changes will be made in the recommendations of Mr. Chase, by increasing largely the local and direct taxes. England raises $550,000,000 by taxes and imposts, when we propose to raise only some $90,000,000. The amount required for the war can undoubtedly be readily had in loans, but these should be only availed of as a last resort.

The November earnings of the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad Co. were $116,935.

The Galena and Chicago road earned, the first week in December:

1860.....$25,537 | 1861.....$25,117
Decrease.....$420.

The Chicago and North-Western road earned in November as follows:

Weeks.	Pass.	Freight.	Exp.	Mail.	Total.
1st week..	$5,526 00	$12,538 16	$201 75	$423 95	$19,039 86
2d week..	5,320 79	12,076 40	201 75	423 95	18,122 89
3d week..	9,302 37	13,414 33	201 75	423 95	23,402 40
4th week..	11,278 02	8,380 60	201 75	423 96	20,484 33
Total..	$31,547 18	$47,409 09	$807 03	$1,695 82	$81,159 53
Coresponding month, 1860.....					74,331 29
Increase.....					$6,828 24

The November earnings of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad were:

	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.
Freight.....	$78,960 91	$123,652 58	$44,751 65	....
Passengers....	30,046 56	21,861 88	....	$8,184 68
Mails and Misc.	2,528 64	3,626 34	1,297 70	....
Total.....	$111,476 11	$149,340 78	$37,864 67	....

Between Chicago and Burlington—210 miles:

	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.
Freight.....	$92,484 53	$148,710 05	$54,225 52	....
Passengers....	35,722 91	25,713 85	....	$10,093 06
Mails and Misc.	2,899 65	4,190 84	1,291 19	....
Total.....	$131,107 09	$176,620 74	$45,513 65	....

Between Quincy and Galesburg—100 miles:

	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.
Freight.....	$20,437 39	$21,564 95	$1,127 56	....
Passengers....	10,648 67	6,564 19	....	4,083 83
Mails and Misc.	2,309 63	848 83	....	1,460 85
Total.....	$33,395 14	$28,977 97	....	$4,417 17
Aggregate for 310 miles....	$164,502 23	$205,598 71	$41,096 48	....

The Banks paid in to-day at the Sub-Treasury about $4,000,000 on the Stock loan negotiated with Mr. Chase last month. This payment leaves the round amount of $10,000,000 due of the proceeds of that loan. In making the payment, the banks used $223,000 of demand Treasury Notes. The Six per cent Notes are not receivable upon this loan. The Boston banks also paid in on the same account $550,000. On the Second fifty millions of Treasury Notes there are still 10 per cent due.

The exchanges at the Clearing-House this morning were $18,253,266 49.

Messrs. Livermore, Clews & Mason are prepared to supply any amount of the 7.30 Treasury Notes, during the temporary closing of sales at the Sub-Treasury and the Agency.

The exports, as will be seen by the annexed figures, continue to be very large. We annex a comparative statement of the Exports (exclusive of specie), from New-York to Foreign Ports for the week and since Jan. 1:

	1859.	1860.	1861.
Total for week.....	$1,566,969	$2,147,413	$3,404,935
Previously reported.	61,912,723	92,537,716	124,517,273
Since Jan. 1.....	$63,579,692	$94,685,129	$127,922,208

The Pittsburgh and Alleghany, Pa., people have come to their senses in the matter of their bonds. A few days since Messrs. Lanier and Meyer of this city were in Pittsburgh, and after a consultation, it was agreed on as a basis of settlement that the old bonds should be exchanged for new ones bearing 4 ℔ cent interest, the arrearages of interest now due to be thrown off. The new bonds are to be irredeemable, except by a sinking fund of $4,000 annually. The legislation authorising the levy of tax will be obtained at the ensuing session at Harrisburg. The City Councils have acted upon the settlement, and passed city ordinances to that effect.

We learn that the La Crosse and Milwaukee Land Grant Bond case came up before Judge Miller on the 1st of December, the high number interest being represented by Mr. J. L. Jernegan of this city; the low number interest by Mr. J. R. Whiting of this city, and Messrs. Ryan and others of Milwaukee. Judge Miller stated that the case had been differently presented to him from what it had been before, and more fully and elaborately argued; and that he should take till the next term of the Court to consider the case and prepare his decree. It was claimed on the part of the high numbers that the most of the Heltenstein bonds were issued and paid for by unlawful and corrupt considerations. It seems that the case has not yet been decided, and that any plan of compromise is altogether premature.

The proposed Bankruptcy act, as submitted to the Merchants' and Bankers' Committee, created Nov. 11, has been published. The Committee, who submit it to public commendation, are:

Royal Phelps of Maitland, Phelps & Co.; Wm. G. Lambert of A. & A. Lawrence & Co.; E. S. Jaffray of J. R. Jaffray & Sons; O. D. V. Grant of Grant & Sons; Jas. M. Brown of Brown Brothers & Co.; Seth B. Hunt of Hunt, Tillinghast & Co.; George Opdyke of George Opdyke & Co.; A. R. Wetmore of Wetmore & Co.; George W. Lane & Co.; N. Sullivan of Sullivan, Randolph & Budd.

The act provides

For the full and unconditional discharge of the debtor (except as to certain fiduciary debts upon the surrender of his entire estate for distribution, without preference, among all his creditors, and upon his compliance with the requirements of the act. It provides for the election of the assignee in bankruptcy by the creditors, and gives them the supervision of the management and winding up of the estate, under the direction of the Court. It also permits, by provisions analagous to those of the French code of bankruptcy, as well as of the English law, the winding up of bankrupts' estates, at the option of three fourths in value of the creditors, by trustees, under the inspection of creditors, in lieu of the more formal proceedings in bankruptcy. The various details of the act are designed to give uniformity and efficiency to the system, and to meet the various exigencies of its administration in the extended territory to which it applies.

The following table will compare the present condition of the banks of the City of New-York with that at the close of the corresponding week last year:

| | Dec. 8, 1860. | Dec. 7, 1861. | | |
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