New-York Daily Tribune

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange...MARCH 19.

30,000 U. S. 6s 1881 Coupon	98⅞	218 Pacific Mail S. S. Co...	96
15,000 U. S. 5s 1874 Coupon	88	50 do.....	96
1,000 Ky. State 6s.....	89	125 do.....	930
1,100 Ill. Coup. Bds. 1879.	90	100 do.....	90
1,000 do..... 1877	94¼	36 Erie Railway Pref....	62
28,900 Ill. War Loan.....	90	50 do.....	62
6,000 Tenn. State 6s '90...	47¾	400 do.....	62
5,000 do.....	530	350 do.....	530 62
5,000 do.....	530	150 Hudson River RR.....	36
4,000 do.....	530	100 N. Y. Central R. R.	910
5,000 Mis. State 6s.....	530	10 do.....	93
28,000 do.....	53	50 do.....	93
5,000 do.....	530	500 do.....	930
1,500 Cal. Gold State 7s..	86	277 do.....	93
1,000 E. R. 4th M. Bds.	47	250 Erie Railway.....	37
7,000 do.....	37	175 do.....	37
10,000 Hud. R. 1st Mtge...	103	200 do.....	530 37
1,000 H. R. 3d Mtge. Bds.	41	100 do.....	530 37
12,000 Mich. So. 2d Mtge..	73	100 do.....	510 37
5,000 Mich. S. S. F. Bds..	51	175 Mich. Cen. R. R.....	57
5,000 Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds.	84	50 do.....	510 57
3,000 T. H. & Alton 2d M.	60	100 Ill. Cent. R. R. Scrip.	66
4,000 Toledo & W. 1st M.	73	100 do.....	530 66
5,000 Toledo & W. 2d M..	41	150 do.....	65¾
5,000 do.....	40	100 do.....	530 65¾
2,000 Mil. & P. du C. 1st M.	89	150 Clevc. & Pitts. R. R...	18
20 Ocean Bank.....	70	200 do.....	530 18
38 American Ex. Bank..	89½	10 Clevc., Col. & Cin. R. R.	112
10 Park Bank.....	101	200 Gal. & Chic. R. R.....	49¾
20,000 Amer. Gold.....	b60 101½	300 Clevc. & Tol. R. R.....	45
7,650 do.....	101	100 do.....	530 46
10,000 do.....	530 101½	200 do.....	530 46
40,000 do.....	530 101½	200 do.....	530 46
10,000 do.....	b30 101½	100 do.....	530 46
20,000 do.....	b60 101½	300 do.....	46
50,000 do.....	101½	200 do.....	530 45¾
150 Cumb. Coal Pref.....	82	15 Chic., Bur. & Q. R. R.	63

SECOND BOARD.

36,000 U. S. 6s '81 Coup...	94	50 New-York Cent. RR...	93¾
15,000 U. S. 6s 1867.....	94½	50 Erie Railway, pref..	b60 37
1,000 Treas. 7 3-10 per ct. notes, small.....	100	450 do.....	62¾
5,000 Tenn. St. 6s '90.....	60	50 do.....	b30 63
1,000 Virginia St. 6s.....	69	100 Ill. Cent. R. R. Scrip.	66
9,000 Missouri State 6s....	52½	50 do.....	530 66
10,000 Illinois War Loan..	90	50 Mich. Cent. R. R.....	57
3,000 Erie R. 5th Mt. Bds.	79½	200 Clevc. & Pittsb'g. Rd.	18
4,000 Hud. Riv. 3d M. Bs..	62	50 Gal. & Chic. R. R..	b30 49
20,000 Han. & St. Jo. R. Bds.	44½	50 do.....	60¾
15 Irving Bank.....	65	750 Clevc. & Tol. R. R....	45
5,000 Am. Gold.....	at 60	100 do.....	60 45
50 Cumberland Coal Pref.	84	100 do.....	60 45
100 Pac. M. Steam Co..	b10 29	50 Chic. & R. I. R. R.....	56½
5 do.....	56½	150 Mil. & P. du Ch. R. R.	36
450 Erie Railway.....	37½	100 do.....	b60 36
500 do.....	37½	100 do.....	36
300 do.....	b30 37½	50 do.....	2d pref. 58
100 do.....	b60 37	50 do.....	58½
200 do.....	b15 37½	50 do.....	b30 58½

WEDNESDAY, March 19—P. M.

The stock market this morning was moderately active, with considerable irregularity in prices. The Erie issues and Pacific Mail were firm, while some of the Western shares were dull and heavy. Speculation appears to have become attracted mainly to the Erie issues under the impression that the favorable traffic returns of that road must produce a speculative action in London which must carry up the price. Indeed, we have evidence that this foregone conclusion is correct in the orders which have come by the last steamer or two to buy. A considerable amount of the recent purchases in this market has been on foreign account, and the same is true in regard to Illinois Central and Government securities. The Union victories have changed entirely the public opinion of Europe in regard to the result of the present war, and capitalists are learning that there is yet some value in American securities. In the meantime, local speculation is a little sluggish, awaiting advices from the James River and from Island No. 10. The bears hammer with what energy they dare, but do not increase the short line much; while the bulls are awaiting quietly the results of the important movements now in progress, confident that the market contains the elements of a considerable rise. The advices from Europe, by the way of Portland, are considered very favorable, and the London quotations for Erie and Illinois Central had the effect to produce considerable operations and a firm market. The advance, in London, in American securities is from 2 to 4 ⅌ cent, and it is supposed that the mail by the Anglo Saxon contains large orders to buy. Erie under the news advanced to 37¼ for common and 62¾ for Preferred, and Illinois Central to 66¾. Central was inactive at 83½. Pacific Mail was 96½, an improvement of ⅜ ⅌ cent. For Governments there has been a good demand and the market is steady at 93¾@94 for the 1881 loan. The 5s of 1874 were 88. In State Stocks, with a fair business, the market was heavy. Railroad bonds were firm without much business in consequence of the firmness of holders. Hudson River firsts sold at 103, Michigan Southern seconds 73½, and Sinking Funds at 91¼, which is better. Illinois Central sold at 94½, and Erie fifths at 79½. At the close, at 3½ o'clock, the market was steady at: U. S. 6s, 1881, 93¾@94; U. S. Coupons, '81, 94@94; Tennessee 6s, 60¼@60½; Virginia 6s, 60@61½; Missouri State 6s, 53¼@53½; Pacific Mail Steamship Company, 96@96½; New-York Central Railroad, 83¼@83½; Erie Railway, 37¼@37½; Erie Railway, Pref., 62¼@62½; Hudson River Railroad, 36@36½; Harlem Railroad, 12¼@13½; Harlem Railroad, Pref., 32@32½; Reading Railroad, 42@43; Michigan Central Railroad, 57@57; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, 24@24½; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, Guaranteed, 47¼@47½; Panama Railroad, 121@121; Illinois Central Railroad, 66@66½; Galena and Chicago Railroad, 69¼@70½; Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, 46@46½; Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, 56¼@56½; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, 63@64; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, ½; Milwaukee and Prairie Du Chien, ½.

In foreign bills there is nothing of importance doing, and rates are steady at about 112 for bankers' sterling.

Freights are rather dull, and rates are somewhat easier and unsettled. To Liverpool, the engagements are 2,500 bbls. Flour at 1s. 6d. @ 1s. 9d., mainly at the inside rate; 35,000 bush. Corn at 6d., in bulk and in bags; 900 pkgs. Bacon and Lard at 17s. 6d. @ 18s., chiefly Bacon at the inside rate; and per steamer 500 pkgs. Butter and 500 do. Cheese at 40s. To London, 60 tons Heavy Goods at 21s. To Glasgow, 2,000 bbls. Flour at 2s. 4½d. The charters are a Hanoverian bark of 350 tons to Rotterdam, with a general cargo, at £850, and an American vessel of 450 tons to load coal for Ship Island for Government use, at $5 50 ⅌ ton.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $714,298 54—for Customs, $155,000; Payments, $668,190 02; Balance, $4,605,158 83.

The earnings of the Buffalo, New-York and Erie Railway, for the first two weeks of March, were:

Second week, March, 1862.....	$33,240 76
Same time, March, 1861.....	21,681 24
Increase.....	$11,559 52

The earnings of the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad the second week of March were:

Second week, 1862.....	$24,141 00
Second week, 1861.....	19,869 00
Increase.....	$4,272 00

The earnings of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad Company for second week in March were:

Second week, 1861.....	$16,899 06
Second week, 1862.....	18,196 69
Increase.....	$1,297 63

The Michigan Central earned the same week:

1862.....	$33,513 23
1861.....	32,507 50
Increase.....	$905 73

A private dispatch from Albany, states that the increased earnings of the New-York Central road for February were $210,000.

The Grand Trunk Road earned, the week ending March 8:

1861.....	$69,655 12
1862.....	39,997 39
Decrease.....	$29,757 12

The President has signed the bill making the present Demand Notes a legal tender.

Messrs. Livermore, Clews & Co., 41 and 43 Wall street, buy and sell indebtedness certificates, and quartermaster's vouchers.

We understand that Albert Ward, esq., President of the Arctic Fire Insurance Company, having expressed a desire to be released from the responsibilities of his position, his resignation, to take effect on the 17th inst., has been accepted by the directors, and J. Milton Smith, esq., has been unanimously elected as his successor. Mr. Smith is a man of experience in the business of insurance, having been connected for several years as secretary with the Jefferson and Home Insurance Companies of this city.

Gold was firmer in the morning, but weaker in the afternoon. The exchange dealers anticipate an advance in the rate of premium under the demand for export, which they think must continue for some time to come. The closing rates are 101¼@101½.

The business in 7.30 ⅌ cent Treasury notes is large at par, and the investment absorption almost equals the supply thrown on the market. Demand notes pass freely at par, and are by no means superabundant, and the two-year notes sell at ⅛@¼ ⅌ cent premium.

The deposits for 5 ⅌ cent certificates are about $300,000 to-day.

Included in the domestic exports for the week, are 272 bbls. potashes, 138 bbls. pearlashes, 2,788 pounds beeswax, 44,262 bbls. wheat flour, 20 bbls. rye flour, 2,261 bbls. corn meal, 35,253 bush. wheat, 79,182 bush. rye, 3,452 bush. oats, 592 bush. peas, 238,749 bush. corn, 2,091 boxes candles, 3,522 tuns coal, 157 bales cotton, 1,475 bales hay, 260 bales hops, 100 bbls. molasses, 185 hhds., 382 boxes and 218 bbls. sugar, 356 bbls. rosin, 6 bbls. tar, 4 bbls. spirits turpentine, 530 gallons whale oil, 244 gallons lard oil, 795 gallons linseed oil, 5,537 bbls. pork, 255 bbls., 1,838 tierces beef, 4,823,650 pounds cut meats, 297,792 pounds butter, 677,172 pounds cheese, 3,333,317 pounds lard, 407,472 pounds tallow, 86 bbls. rice, 625 pkgs. crude tobacco, 4,861 pounds manufactured tobacco, and 9,914 pounds whalebone.

In reference to iron-clad steamers, it is become important to have the toughest iron that can be fabricated, and Government should without delay cause a series of experiments to be made fully testing plates of iron, in connection with projectiles. The whole mode of naval warfare must be changed to meet the new view presented by the engagement of the Merrimac with the Cumberland and Congress. Valentine and Butler have been trying many experiments with malleable plates and Franklinite, and they are fully satisfied that they can produce malleable plates by this admixture superior to every other now in use, as to toughness and resistance to cannon balls. The Committee from the Chamber of Commerce should examine these plates.

Edwin D. Worcester has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of the New-York Central Railroad Company, and Robert L. Banks Secretary. At the special request of the Directors, Mr. Pruyn, who has been temporarily in charge of the Treasurer's office since June last, remains at its head, the detail duties being devolved upon the Assistant Treasurer.

At auction 600 lots of ribbons sold to-day. Fancy ribbons sold well, and were duplicated; plain colors were not so desirable, except in plain blacks and plain whites. A large special sale of foreign cotton hosiery to-day dragged somewhat, and only part of the samples were sold. A large catalogue of French goods of the importation of L. & B. Curtis & Co. was offered. Broche shawls sold better than they did last season, but not so well as they sold last week. Kid gloves sold well. Delaines also sold well, bringing 21½@28½c., which is an advance over the prices of last Fall. The third semi-annual trade sale of boots and shoes came off to-day. The offering consisted of 10,000 cases. There was a good attendance of the trade, but prices were low.

The Winsted Bank of Connecticut undertook to repudiate its circulation because its vault had been robbed. This impudent course, however, has been checked by the Courts, as will be seen. *The Hartford Times* says:

> George Bates brought sixteen cases against the Winsted Bank, before a Justice in Danbury, to recover the value of 156 bills of the bank, of different denominations, amounting to $347. The judgment of the Court was in favor of the plaintiff. The defendants then moved to have the cases and costs thereon taxed as one case, and claimed that unnecessary costs had been made to secure the debt. The motion was decided by the Court, and the defendants thereupon appealed all the cases to the Superior Court.

Mr. Hamilton Bruce, Deputy Collector and Storekeeper of the Port of New-York, has just published a Warehouse Manual and General Custom-House Guide, which is spoken of in the highest terms. In all Custom-House matters Mr. Bruce "is to the manner born," having had twenty-five years' service in them, in one capacity or another. It is not too much to say that no person in the Custom-House is more familiar with any branch of service, or more capable and efficient in its discharge. He has taken the above method of placing in the hands of the public, and of parties having business at the Custom-House, the routine of duty or office, entirely familiar to an *habitué* like himself, but often very complicated machinery to others. In doing this, he has performed a most valuable service.

The printed regulations of the Treasury Department, it is well known, are very voluminous and loosely thrown together, with an index so meager, and so badly prepared, as to render it about as difficult to find the desired information by any reference to it, as it is from the text itself. The work before us removes all those difficulties. It narrates, in a lucid and concise style, the whole routine of warehousing goods, with copious and judicious selections from the official regulations, giving the most explicit information in regard to bonded warehouses, appraisement of merchandise, damages, allowance, penalties, seizures, drawbacks, &c., with full and accurate tables of foreign currencies, weights, and measures, so that, although the design of the book is to treat principally of goods in bond, it will be found to be a most valuable guide to every branch of Custom-House business. It is a work that should not only be in the hands of every person engaged in commercial matters, but in every public library for general information and reference.

Committees from the Stock Boards of Boston, Philadelphia, and New-York, have been for a day or two past in consultation with a Committee of the New-York Board in reference to the tax of 1-10 ⅌ cent imposed by the Tax-bill upon all sorts of stocks. The Boston Committee consists of Messrs. Spencer and Grant; the Philadelphia Committee of Messrs. Clark, Cook, and Fry, and the New-York Committee of Messrs. Vermilyea, Ashley, Stebbins, Underhill, Gould, Boylis, &c. After adopting an address to the Committee of Ways and Means, a Committee was appointed to proceed to Washington and present it. They will have an interview with Mr. Stevens on Friday.

The Anglo Saxon brings dates to the 7th inst. Consols were 93½. In American produce there was no change of importance. The advices of the capture of Fort Donelson had an important influence and the market for American securities became quite buoyant. The advance was from 2 ⅌ cent in Government stocks to 3 ⅌ cent in Erie and 4 ⅌ cent in Illinois Central. The quotations were: United States 5s of '74, 72; Virginia 6s at 57@59; Illinois Central 42@42½ discount, and Erie 32@32½ and the Preferred 53½@54. The sales of cotton at Liverpool for the week ending on the 6th inst., were 31,500 bales, the market closing dull and irregular, with a declining tendency.

The City of Baltimore, which left here on the 15th of February, with about $300,000 in specie on board, and not arrived out on the 7th inst, and underwriters were charging increased rates of insurance upon her risk.

A dispatch to *The Chicago Tribune* states that the farm-mortgage relief law of 1861 has been decided to be constitutional by the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

The Boston Post of yesterday says:

> A Committee of the Boston brokers has been chosen to proceed to Washington, in conjunction with a Committee from New-York and Philadelphia, in regard to a tax proposed on sales at the Board, which, as presented, seems to be very onerous.

NEW-YORK CATTLE MARKET.

REPORT.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING March 19, 1862.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CATTLE OF ALL KINDS FOR THE WEEK.

According to the reports from the several market places in the city, there have been received this week:

	Beeves.	Cows.	Veals.	Sheep and Lambs.	Swine.	Total.
At Allerton's, 44th-st.	3,325	49	464	98	....	....
At Browning's, 9th-st.	135	15	29	2,390	....	....
At O'Brien's, 9th-st.	34	41	22	548	....	....
At Chambellin's, R.-st.	33	41	22	1,459	....	....
Sold to Butchers, not yarded	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3,527	156	553	4,695	15,172	24,003
Total previous week	4,359	121	592	6,262	14,011	25,375
Av. No. ⅌ wk. last yr.	4,245	110	632	9,353	10,758	25,677

BEEVES FROM DIFFERENT STATES.

A. M. Allerton & Co., proprietors of the Washington Drove Yards, Forty-fourth street, report the Cattle in market from the following States:

New-York	291	Iowa	115
Pennsylvania	—	Connecticut	—
Ohio	698	New-Jersey	—
Indiana	614	Missouri	138
Illinois	1,400	Michigan	20
Kentucky	73	Canada	16

STOCK BY RAILROADS, ETC.

They also report Beeves and other stock received by railroads, &c., as follows:

	Beeves.	Cows.	Sheep and Veals.	Lambs.	Swine.
By the Erie Railroad	1,600	....	....	....	4,030
Hudson River Railroad	1,161	....	....	....	8,956
Harlem Railroad	364	49	464	98	....
Camden and Amboy R.	....	....	....	....	....
New-Haven Railroad	....	....	....	....	....
On foot	19	....	....	....	....
New-Jersey Central RR.	412	....	....	....	2,196

The New-York and Erie Railroad makes the following report of transportation of stock for the week ending this day:

Beeves, 1,674; Mules, 36; Sheep and Lambs, 1,000; Swine, 2,950.

BEEF CATTLE.

Number reported for this market at Forty-fourth street, 3,325.

The prices to-day are quoted as follows:

First quality.....8 @8½ Ordinary.....6@7
Medium.....7¼@8

Some extra good Beeves may be quoted at 9c.

The general average of the market at 7½c.

The most of the sales range from 7c. to 8½c.

Prices per head and per pound, of different weights, will be found in accounts of sales of sundry droves.

Total number of Beeves received in the city this week, 3,327.

This is 862 head less than last week, and 758 head less than the average of last year. The average number of each Wednesday market last year was 3,686 head, while the number to-day being 3,325, shows 361 head less than the average, and 832 head less than this day week.

The following droves are in market this week:

Merks & Co., Iowa	45	Ed. Loughman & Co., O.	71
W. W. Morton, Ind.	79	J. J. Cuzley & Co., Ohio	31
John Thomas, Ill.	83	J. Crabtree, Ill.	32
J. Holcomb, Ohio	34	Maloney & Hand, Ill.	23
Johnson & Co., Mich.	40	Beach & Bray, Ohio	16
Sam. Rhoades, Ill.	74	Wm. Lewis, Ohio	17
Robt. Welch, N. Y.	17	J. D. Easton, Ohio	14
Mallett & Pratt, Ohio	31	John Moss, Ohio	117
Henry Westheimer, Ill.	53	Geo. Radcliff, Ohio	95
Geo. State, Canada	16	E. C. Sumner, Ind.	104
J. C. Stanley, N. Y.	16	J. C. Newham, Ohio	16
L. Chatfield, N. Y.	35	David Tallmon, Ill.	51
— Parker, Mich.	15	Smith & Ramsey, Ill.	76
J. R. Kelly, Ill.	48	S. Brock, Ohio	34
F. Myers & Co., Ind.	32	M. Sappington, Ind.	25
H. Swain, N. Y.	13	Stephen Haley, Ind. 45, Ill.	15
H. R. Smith, Ill.	90	L. L. Ashbrook, Mo.	20
S. G. Woodruff, Ill.	43	J. Shipp, Ind.	116
Jerry Thorn, N. Y.	14	S. W. Clark, Mich.	76
E. L. Luce, Ind.	43	Sage & Pickering, N. Y.	49
Tucker & Page, Ill.	42	T. C. Eastman, Ky.	73
Alexander & Cassell, Ill.	104	J. P. Reary, Ill.	43
Hinote & Coddington, Ind.	53	R. Quinn, N. Y.	18
Hawks & Butterfield, Ind.	29	A. Crowley, N. Y.	16
W. Wood, Ill.	91	Foster Welch, N. Y.	70
C. J. Keys, Mich.	15	C. Coles, N. Y.	17
W. Metcalf, Ohio	65	W. Hunt & Co., Ill.	73
Heath & Winslow, Ind.	26	Machesh & Co., Ill.	64
J. Cram, Ill.	60	M. V. Bilgs, Ohio	29
Thomas & Co., Ill.	130	Smith & Saunder, Mich.	39
A. G. Woollard, Iowa	70	A. Fox, Mich.	15
C. W. Brownell, Ill.	36	W. C. Richle, Ohio	46
T. Ryan, Ind.	17		

OPENING DAY OF THE MARKET.

Tuesday, March 18.—There is an improvement this week of about half a cent a pound upon the price of beef, compared with this day week; at least, it is so upon all first-class bullocks, and many of the buyers declare that the advance is still greater. The sellers of the lower grades of bullocks contend that they do not get better prices, but they are willing to allow that stock sells more rapidly, and we think, consequently, at better prices. The number of bullocks reported for sale to-day is not far from 3,200, and the general average quality so far inferior that the average weight is fifty pounds a head less in the net weight of beef. Very few droves are good enough to average one cent net a pound, but several will average that upon fair estimates of weight. When the market opened this morning there was a fair prospect that all the stock on sale would net 64 or 65 a head more than last Tuesday, owing to the fact that the number on sale was about 1,000 head less. But a report prevailed toward noon, that from 20 to 50 cars of cattle were on the Pennsylvania Central road, and would be sure to come in market this evening or to-morrow morning, and for a while this report was a wet blanket upon the business. It recovered, however, and the stock moved off quite freely, so that unless there should be considerable arrivals for to-morrow, prices will hold good. Several lots have been taken for army account, and this has stimulated city butchers to buy before it was too late to make good selections; so that we may fairly report the market to-day as lively at an advance upon the quotations of the last week's report.

THE CLOSE OF THE MARKET.

Wednesday, March 19.—An unusually large proportion of the stock on sale was disposed of yesterday, at the advance noted above, and as no more has arrived, it is expected that the remainder will be closed out without a decline, though trade is very dull, and buyers not disposed to offer yesterday's prices, particularly for first class bullocks. The brokers, however, are not disposed to give way any, as they remember that last week, although every one expected some two or three hundred would be left over, all but fifty head were finally sold before the close of business Wednesday evening, and they are pretty sure that none will remain unsold at sundown to-day. As the week's supply is about 800 head less than last week, it is generally anticipated that the prospect of a good market next week is very fair. Speculators, however, must remember that there is an immense multitude of fish eaters in those days of Lent, and that with anything like a fair supply there will be no advance above the quotations of the present market.

The weather this week is very favorable, being clear and cool, so much so that the ground in the forest just north of the city is still covered with snow. It is excellent weather for the butchers to keep meat, and a good deal of that bought so extremely low last week is still upon the hooks. Indeed, the supply of meat is so large in butchers' hands that many of them can do very well without buying any more till next week.

A good many of the drovers, brokers, and butchers, who floundered in the mud last week desire us to state that the yards are now remarkably clean.

About noon to-day there was an arrival of 100 head of Illinois Steers, 60 of the best of which were immediately taken for Government at full 8½c. ⅌ lb net, and this gave some life to the market, so that we think the whole sold full as well as they would yesterday.

TRANSPORTATION.—There was a serious disturbance in the transportation of Stock at Albany, in consequence of the failure of the only bridge that a miserable set of wheel clogs ever allow upon the Hudson. When will the heathen of that behind the age town allow the rest of the world to have a thoroughfare across that dirty little mud-puddle?

The Erie Road is likely to be compelled to unload stock where the owners of it desire, and not carry it to Pike's Peak against the earnest protest of shippers.

A bill is before the New-Jersey Legislature, and may pass into a law to-day, to this effect. Such a compulsory law, instead of injuring the road, will be a benefit to it; for the shipments of stock have been 150 cars less since January 1, 1862, than they were in the same period of 1861, and some well-informed friends of the road believe that this decrease is all in consequence of forcing shippers, against their will, to unload at an unpopular station.

BROKERS' SALES OF BULLOCKS.

The average quality of Stock this week is not as good as last, but prices per pound are higher on the same grades, and the estimates of weight better for sellers.

We give a portion of sales, as follows:

H. R. Smith, a drove of 90 head of Illinois steers is estimated by the salesman, G. White, at 7 cwt., net average, and sold at ⅌ 38 av., which is ⅌ 2 a head better than last week, for a drove not as good nor as heavy.

Haring & Miner sold 48 Illinois steers for Jas. Kelly, 7 cwt. av., at 7½@8c. ⅌ lb., and 43 for J. P. Reary, Illinois steers, av. 6¾ cwt. at 7½@8c. ⅌ lb.

J. C. and W. W. Hoag sold 70 head of Iowa steers, av. 6½ cwt., mostly at 7½@8c., and a few at 8½c.

S. W. Clark sold on his own account a rough lot of 70 head of Michigan stock steers and oxen, at an average of 7c. ⅌ lb.

Wheeler & Tuel sold for McHeth & Co. of Chicago a drove of 64 good smooth Illinois Steers, well fed by Allen & Turner, estimated to average 8½ cwt., and will net 8½c. ⅌ lb on that.

C. W. Brownell reports 30 fair Illinois steers, average 6¾ cwt. sold at 7¼@7½c. ⅌ lb net, which cost in Chicago ⅌ 2 96 ⅌ cwt., gross.

John A. Merritt sells 80 head for J. Cram, fair Illinois Steers, scant 7 cwt. average, at 7½@8c.

John Holcomb sold on his own account 34 common Ohio Steers, fair quality, average 6¾ cwt., at 7@8c. ⅌ lb.

S. G. Woodruff & Bro sold L. J. Sims's drove of 48 fair Illinois Steers, average 7 cwt., at 7½@8½c.

T. C. Eastman sold 73 good Kentucky Durhams, owned by Andrews and himself, at 8½c. ⅌ lb on an average of 8¼ cwt., which is a fair estimate of weight.

Murray & Glover sold Tallman's drove of 53 Illinois steers, on their own account, at 7½@8c., estimating the weight at 7½ or 7¾ cwt. Also 39 fair Indiana steers for Heath & Winslow, which average 6½c. ⅌ lb on 7¼ cwt., and amount to just ⅌ 3 on the lot more than they were offered this morning, but less than the aggregate would have been if they had sold at Albany.

George Martin sold the Loughman drove of Ohio steers; 42 of them good 9 cwt. Durhams, at 8½c. ⅌ lb average, and 50 light steers at 7@7½c.

Vail & Preston sold Smith & Ramsey's drove of Illinois steers at about 7½c. ⅌ lb on their estimated net weight of 64 cwt., average.

Harris & Coddington sold wholesale to Reed & Starr, for Government, 75 very good Indiana steers, estimated at 8 cwt., net, for ⅌ 65 each.

Stephen Healy sold on his own account 15 fair 7 cwt. Illinois steers at ⅌ 2 50, which he bought at Albany, and 44 Indiana steers, that av. 7 cwt., at 7@7½c.

T. & D. S. Doty sold for Hunt & Co. 72 Illinois steers, estimated to av. 7¼ cwt. net, at 7¼@7½c., and a few at 8½c.

Geo. W. McMahan sold for Smith & Shandler, 33 Michigan, assorted stock, and 15 do. for A. Fox, of 4 to 10 cwt., at an av. of 7c. on 7 cwt. av.

Barney Bertram sold Alexander & Cassell's drove of 104 good Illinois steers, av. 7½ cwt., at ⅌ 6½@⅌ 64 a head.

Beach & Bray sold for Parker a mixed lot of State Oxen and Steers at 7@8c. Also, for J. Shipp 57 common Indiana Steers, will average about 7c ⅌ lb. Also, a drove of Iowa stock for Robb, a mixed lot of 46 head, Steers and Oxen, at 7@8c. ⅌ lb. Also, 91 common stock Illinois Steers for W. Wood, average 6¾ cwt., at 7@8c. ⅌ lb.

Gillett & Botley sold C. L. Luce's drove of 42 common stock Indiana Steers, average 6¼ cwt., at 7@7½c.—a few may be nearly fat.

J. D. Easton reports his car load of good 8½ cwt. Ohio Steers, sold by Mr. Dalton, at 7@8c. ⅌ lb.

Sage & Pickering sold 49 State Steers, for Stanley, at 7½@8c.; 32 Indiana Steers, for Myers & Dickerson, at 7½c.; 49 State steers for Coleman, at 6@7½c.; 29 Illinois Steers, for Maloney & Hand, at 7@8c.

B. & H. Westheimer sold D. Weixall's drove of 50 Illinois Steers, average 7½c., on 7 cwt., net; 90 for John Thomas, fair Illinois Steers, average 6¾ cwt., at 7c., and 46, average 5 cwt., at 7c.; 53 common Indiana Steers, average 6 cwt., at 7c., for J. Shipp. Also, a lot of 45 of the coarsest kind of scallawags, that were sent to Pittsburgh on some contract, and were rejected, and sent here and sold at 6¼@7½c. ⅌ lb, and lost some ⅌ 100 for somebody. They came here in the name of "Marks & Co."

C. W. Conger sold 31 Ohio stock for Brock, Cows of 4½ cwt. at 7c., and Steers of 7½ cwt. at 8½c. ⅌ lb.

Simon Ulery sold Page & Tucker's drove of 46 head of rough Illinois Steers and Oxen, average 7½ cwt., at 6½@7c.

Jos. H. Williams sold a choice drove of Ohio Durhams for Wm. Richie, 42 head, estimated at 9½ cwt. average, at 8½@8¾c., but not to average 8½c. Also, 62 Ohio Steers, brought in by John Moss, average 7½ cwt., but not so ⅌ lb.

Bellis & Hughes sold for C. J. Keys 15 common Michigan stock at 7½c ⅌ lb on 7 cwt. average.

Wm. Florence sold Col. Radcliff's drove of Ohio Durhams, among which is a lot of very fat 3-year-old heifers, of 6 or 7 cwt. each, which buyers say are 9c. a pound. Good steers sell at 8@8½c., and common ones 7@8c., and the seller says the heifers average just fair 8½c. ⅌ lb.

The Ashbrook lot of Missouri-fed Durhams, mentioned last week at Albany, are now in market, and are universal as the ripest, fat, heavy beeves, and the best 20 ever seen together in regard to quality, weight, and all good points combined. They are estimated by buyers at 15 cwt., average net weight, and were held through the day, Tuesday, at ⅌ 170 each, without any bidders, except for three of the choice, at that figure.

M. B. Doty reports sale of a pair of Oxen at ⅌ 200, say 9c. ⅌ lb, which he bought of Mr. Paul, Delaware County, Ohio, and a pair of Steers of Cook, Franklin County, Ohio, at ⅌ 165, say 8c. ⅌ lb.

H. M. Valentine sold John Moss's drove of 55 fine Ohio Durham Steers, estimated by owner and salesman to average 8¼ cwt. at 8½c. ⅌ lb.

Daniel Barnes sold 61 Illinois Steers for Thomas & Burke, average 7 cwt., at 7@8c. ⅌ lb.

Capt. Hutchinson of Illinois had a drove of 100 head arrive after noon on Wednesday, which sold by Messrs. Hoag full as well as they would yesterday. A lot of 30 head, rather better than the Captain usually buys, bought by his partner, Brain, averaged 15 cwt., at Chicago, sold with 10 of the pick of the others, to Government buyers, at ⅌ 70 a head, say 4½c. ⅌ lb. The others will sell at 7@8c. ⅌ lb, on fair weight.

COWS AND CALVES.—There is nothing new in the Cow market. The most of the fresh Cows that come to market are sold on time, at ⅌ 30 to ⅌ 45, to those who feed swill and city slops to make sweet milk for the city people. The supply is larger than usual this week, and buyers are apparently acting upon the expectation of a decline.

The market for veal Calves is not as good for the shipper as it has been. The best Calves sell at 6c. ⅌ lb, live weight, but more are sold at 5½c. ⅌ lb that are just as good, and coarser ones at 5c. The supply at Forty-fourth street appears to be too large for the demand.

WORKING OXEN.—The demand is better for workers, and a good many will be sold this week at from ⅌ 90 for rather ill fit three-year old Steers, used to the yoke, to ⅌ 120 for rather rough 6-year old Oxen of 28 or 30 cwt. alive, to ⅌ 135 @ ⅌ 145 for those of 32 to 36 cwt., and pretty fair looking. A. Crowly of Cattaraugus County sold a pair of good, strong well-broken 6-year-old Oxen, in fair working order, which have evidently been at work during Winter, one red and one pied, say 30 cwt. at ⅌ 125. A handsomer pair, grade Durham, not as large nor as good workers, at ⅌ 125.

Jerry Thorne has a fine-looking pair of Devons, 8 years old, well matched, deep red, large horns, in good order, say 32 cwt., at ⅌ 125.

Porter Welch has several pairs of red oxen, 4 to 7 years old, not warranted as well matched and handy as the above, which he offers at ⅌ 120 a pair, which are very fair prices for buyers.

THE SHEEP MARKET.

Receipts this week, 4,695.

Notwithstanding the receipts are light, the demand is in exact keeping. We do not remember the time that we have found a dollar state of things in Sixth street then on Tuesday. The receipts were so small that the Sheep brokers thought they would advance rates a little, but the buyers would not meet them. They did not appear willing to offer a fraction over 5½c. ⅌ lb. live weight, for Sheep of good quality. Mutton sells in Washington Market, from the wholesale stands, at 5½ @6c. ⅌ lb. for fine quality, and 7@7½c. ⅌ lb. for Choice. Pelts remain at about ⅌ 1 75 average, but buyers are a little more anxious to get them, and we think with advance.

The first lambs of the season were brought in from Jersey for St. Patrick's Day, by And. Robins, and sold at Browning's, at ⅌ 4½@⅌ 5 a head. They were 10 or 11 weeks old, and would dress 5½@7 lbs. ⅌ quarter.

Rice Boyd, of Fayette Co., Pa., fed a good lot of fine wooled sheep, which weighed at home as follows: 36 weighed 2,380 lbs., and sold by Samuel McGraw, to kill and weigh, at 10½c. ⅌ lb. net; 10 weighed 705, and 4 weighed 265, and sold to kill and weigh at 11c. ⅌ lb. net; 100 weighed 5,877 lbs., and sold at 10½c. net. It is estimated that the net weight will be half of the home weight.

The market to-day is a little more lively than yesterday, but, as will be seen by accounts of sales, the top price for good fat sheep is 5½c. ⅌ lb. live weight.

The sheep butchers hold a meeting to-morrow night to remonstrate against the United States tax of 5 cents a head. Why should they, since it will all come out of the consumers of the meat.

SHEEP DROVERS AT BROWNING'S.

From Ohio—W. D. Smith, 150; Hagan & Thompson, 318; Benedict & Co., 79; Crawford & Cameron, 324; A. B. Swayze, 319; D. T. Frank, 134—total, 1,324.

From Michigan—A. Stevenson, 333.

From New-Jersey—George Barnhold, 268; L. Bellis, 113; Andrew Robbins,