COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange.... SEPT. 26.

500 U. S. 5s '81 coupon	101½	22 Buf. & S. L. R. R.	152½
5,000 do	101½	700 Erie Railway	40¼
50,000 do	101½	100 do	40½
23,000 U. S. 5s '74 coupon	100	400 do	40½
40,000 Treas. 7 3-10 Notes	103½	300 Erie Railway Pref	79½
25,000 U. S. Demand Notes	100	700 do	80
12,000 do	100½	15 do	80½
50,000 U. S. 6s 1-year Certs.	99½	900 do	80½
10,000 N. Y. State 6s '72	107½	100 do	80
5,000 Ohio State 6s '81	100	23 do	80
1,000 Ill. Canal Bs. '66	90	250 Hudson River RR.	53
1,000 Ill. Coupon Bs. '79	90½	200 do	53½
10,000 Ill. War Loan	93½	100 do	53
1,500 do	93½	200 do	53½
1,000 Tenn. State 6s '90	59½	100 do	53
12,000 do	59½	400 Harlem Railroad	21
3,000 do	59	300 do	21½
15,000 Missouri State 6s	70	300 do	21½
5,000 do	69½	200 do	21½
5,000 do	69½	200 do	21½
5,000 Mis. 6s, int. to Mar. St. Joseph	64	50 Harlem R. R. Pref	47
6,000 Cal. State 7s	105	300 do	46½
8,000 do	105½	100 do	46½
10,000 do	105½	250 Norw. & Worc. R.R.	50½
7,000 Erie R. 2d M. Bds.	62	29 Sterling on Railroad	95
1,000 Erie R. 4th M. Bds.	62	200 Reading Railroad	67
6,000 Indiana, New-York and Erie 1st M.	85	100 Alton Central R. R.	77
2,000 Hudson 1st M.	114	100 do	77½
1,000 Lod. Rev. Sds.	110	200 do	77½
1,000 Ind. Bl. 1st M.	101	100 do	77½
10,000 Ind. Bl. 2d M.	90	10 Mil. So. & N. Ia. R.R.	35½
1,000 C. B. & Q. R. Pref.	100	100 do	36
500 Mich. S. 2d	93½	300 do	36½
1,000 do	93½	100 Chic. Dor. & Gulf R.	9½
2,000 Gal. & Chic. 1st M.	95	200 do	10½
2,200 Ill. Cent. RR. Bds.	93	200 Pitts., Ft. W. & Chic.	68
20,000 do	93½	500 Mich. So. & N. I. R. R.	71½
3,000 do	93½	50 do	69½
4,000 do	93½	100 do	71½
5,000 Chic. & N. W. S. F.	80	50 do	69½
2,000 do	80½	500 do	71½
4,000 Chic. & N. W. 1st Bs.	89	41 Panama R. R.	144½
15,000 Chic. & N. W. Asst	59	300 Ill. Cen. R. R. Scrip	71
6,000 do	59½	200 do	69
8,000 Chic. & N. W. 2d	31	75 do	71½
14,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st	97½	100 do	69
18,000 Tol. & Wab. 2d	41	25 do	71
5,000 Clev. & Tol. S. F.	90½	100 do	69
5,000 do	29	300 do	71½
15,000 Pitts., Ft. W. & Chic. 1st mtg.	100	100 do	71½
4,000 Pitts., Ft. W. & Chic. 2d mtg.	87	100 Clev. & Pitts. R. R.	34
5,000 do	87½	400 do	34½
1,000 do	88	100 do	34½
7,000 Pitts., Ft. W. & Chic.	66	100 do	34½
3,000 do	66½	24 Clev., Col. & C. R. R.	120
3,000 do	66	85 Cal. & Chi. R. R.	78
5,000 Clev. & P. 4th M.	88	24 do	78½
1,000 Pet., M. & T. 1st M.	84½	50 do	78½
50 Bank of N. Y.	192	65 do	78½
20 Bank of Commerce	96	100 do	78½
10 Amer. Ex. Bank	94½	800 Clev. & Toledo R. R.	66
37 Shoe & Leather Bk.	95	200 do	66½
20 Continental Bank	97	25 do	66½
9,000 Amer. Gold	102½	100 do	66
151,000 do	102½	300 do	66½
7,000 do	102½	100 do	66½
20 Del. & Hud. Can. Co.	90	100 do	66
52 Penn. Coal Co.	162	400 do	66
75 Cumb. Coal Pref.	37	100 Chi. & R. I. R. R.	74
150 do	44	100 do	74½
100 do	44½	200 do	74½
175 Pacific M. S. Co.	115	100 do	74½
100 do	110½	100 do	74½
200 do	110½	4 Mil. & Pr. du Ch. R. R.	38
1200 N. Y. Central RR.	97	100 do	38½
600 do	96½	100 do	38
50 do	96½	200 Tol. & Wabash R. R.	54½
200 do	96½	142 do	54
200 do	96½	100 Mil. & P. du C. 2 Pref.	79

SECOND BOARD.

16,000 U. S. Dem. N.	101½	200 Reading RR.	66½
2,000 Tenn. State 6s, '92	59½	50 Mich. Cent. RR.	93
7,000 Mo. State 6s	69	200 do	93½
1,000 Va. State 6s	56	50 do	93½
15,000 American Gold	102½	200 do	93½
33,000 do	102½	150 do	93½
50 Cum. Coal Pref.	44	100 Chicago & R. I. RR.	74½
65 Pac. M. S. Co.	110	200 do	74½
100 do	110½	400 Mich. S. & N. I. R. R.	70
50 do	110½	100 do	69½
50 do	110½	100 do	69½
50 N. Y. Cen. R. R.	96½	100 Mich. S. & N. I. G'd S.	70½
100 do	96½	100 do	70½
15 do	96½	300 do	70
100 Erie R. R.	40½	100 do	69½
250 do	40½	400 Ill. Cen. R. R. Scrip	71½
200 do	40½	300 do	71½
100 Erie Railway Pref.	79½	100 do	71½
200 do	79½	50 New Jersey R. R.	130
100 do	79½	100 Clev. & Pitts. R. R.	34½
150 do	79½	100 do	34½
100 do	79½	200 do	34½
100 Hudson River RR.	53½	1000 do	34
200 do	53½	200 Gal. & Chi. R. R.	78
200 do	53½	100 Cle. & Tol. R. R.	66½
300 Harlem RR.	20	300 do	65
300 Harlem RR. Pref.	46½	300 do	66½
300 do	46½		

FRIDAY, Sept. 26—2 P. M.

The market has reacted from the extreme points of yesterday, with no apparent heaviness. Price average 1@1½ ⅌ cent lower, mainly caused by the selling of large lots of stock, to secure profits. The market never evinced more absorbing capacity; always, after forced rates, remaining steady, and when the new demand sets in, improving with rapid strides.

The rise which has been inaugurated is on a strong basis of railway worth, assisted by a superabundance of money, and should they go a shade lower, large English orders in the market will be filled, adding new impulse. Governments were somewhat steadier—the 1881 Coupons 101½@101¾; Treasury 7.30s improved ⅛⅌ cent, 10½@10¾, as also Demand Notes, 101½@101¾. State Securities were firmer, Ohio 6s, 1881, selling at 102½ with that bid for the 1886s. Illinois War Loan advanced to 99½@100; Indiana War Loan, 97¾@98; for Michigan War Loan, 103 bid; Tennessee 6s improved ⅛⅌ cent, 50½@51, also California 7s, 106½@107; Minnesota 8⅌ cents, 103@103; Missouri 6s, the only exception, reacted from the rapid advance of yesterday, 1⅌ cent, to 45½@50. Gold opened at 120¼—yesterday's early price, but quickly fell under pressing sales to 120¼, closing dull. Coal stocks are still advancing—106 offered for Delaware and Hudson, and 105 for Pennsylvania Coal. Pacific Mail improved 2⅌ cent under a good demand—a portion of it from the wants of some parties to cover previous short sales. In Railway Shares the business was large, but with some abatement from the extreme excitement of yesterday. The market opened firm, but it was evident that parties were selling who had been large buyers in this last rise, and stocks naturally receded. New-York Central and the Eries were comparatively steady, the balance of the list gradually fell off 1⅌ cent, with no marked feature. Michigan Southern, 36½@36¾, and Guaranteed, 71½@71¾, do. do. with 1½⅌ cent, presented the largest fall. There was an exceptional rise of 1½⅌ cent in Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western, 103½@105. Bonds were, as usual, the strength of the market, Erie 4ths improving to 102@102½; Michigan Central (new), 114@116; Illinois Central 7s, 104@105; St. Louis, Terre Haute, and Alton 1sts, 96½ bid; 2ds, 103½@106; Toledo Sinking Funds selling at 99, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago 1sts selling at 106; 2ds, 87@88; 3ds, 64@64½—these last showing a good demand, and quite an advance. Between the Boards and at the Second Board the realizing sales continued, and these sales, with the active circulation of false and damaging rumors in regard to French intervention and the desertion of some Kentucky regiments—more than Kentucky ever had in the field on the Union side—produced a further decline in the prominent shares which have advanced so rapidly within a few days. Governments were firm, as were also Railroad Bonds. Toward the close of business new buyers came in and took large amounts of stock at advancing rates. The Share market recovered ⅛@¼⅌ cent of the loss of the day, and closed with an upward tendency. A large portion of the decline of the day has been due to the bearing of parties who had sold out yesterday and desired to get in again. The short line in the street is not large, but is larger at the close of business to-day than it has been for two weeks. The quotations at 4½ o'clock were: United States 6s of 1881, coupon, 101½@101¾, with sales at both prices. American Gold, 120¼, with sales closing at 120½@120¾; Missouri 6s, 48@48½; Pacific Mail, 117@117½; New-York Central, 96½@96¾, with sales; Erie Railway, 45½@45¾, with 1,000 shares sold at 45½, s. 3; Erie Preferred, 78½@78¾; Hudson River, 56½@56¾; Harlem, 19½@19¾; Harlem Preferred, 45½@45¾; Reading, 66½@66¾; Michigan Central, 75½@76; Michigan Southern, 35½@36; Michigan Southern Guaranteed, 69@69½; Illinois Central, 70½@71; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 31½@32; Galena and Chicago, 77½@77¾; Cleveland and Toledo, 64¾, with sales of 2,000, and 1,000 at 65, closing at 65; Rock Island, 73½@74.

The market is firm for foreign bills, with a fair amount of business doing. Sterling is 131½@132. Francs are 4.30@4.25.

Freights are inactive, and somewhat heavy. To Liverpool the engagements are 75,000 bush. Wheat at 11½@12d. in bulk and bags; 2,000 bbls. Flour at 3s. 3d.; 200 pkgs. Tallow and Lard at 35s. @37s. 6d. To London: 45,000 bush. Wheat at 13d. in bags; 1,500 bbls. Flour at 3s. 6d; 1,700 bbls. do. at 3s. 9d.; 15,000 gallons Lard Oil at 42s. 6d. To Glasgow: 100 boxes Cheese at 50s. To Bristol: 5,000 bush. Wheat at 13½d. The Charters are a vessel with 34,000@38,000 bush. Wheat to a direct port in Ireland at 12½d., and a vessel with 47,000 bush. Wheat to the Bristol Channel at 35s. ⅌ tun.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $4,453,429 42; for Customs, $834,000; Payments, $1,623,555 21; Balance, $10,990,404 63.

The earnings of the Toledo and Wabash Railroad for the third week in September were:

	1861.	1862.
Passengers	$19,[illegible]85	$4,671 75
Freight	17,867 26	35,806 38
Total	$31,821 11	$40,477 63
Increase		8,656 52

The Rock Island Railroad earned the third week in September:

1861	$42,902	1862 $31,836
Decrease		$8,026

Gold has been generally steady to-day, with large transactions—nearly half-a-million at the Board, besides still larger private transactions. It opened at 120¼, but fell off to 120¼. Later in the day, the market was firmer, and transactions were made as high as 120¾. In Custom-House notes the transactions have been very large, and the quotations again advanced. Messrs. Livermore, Clews & Co. alone sold over $300,000 of these notes, closing at 117. The principal business of the day was done at 116¾@116¾. The absorption this week in the Custom-House exceeds a million, and the amount outstanding is reduced probably below $21,000,000. One-year certificates have also been very active, and those of old date bring very nearly par, in consequence of the accumulated interest being payable in gold. A certificate which has run six months is worth over ½⅌ cent more than a new one for this reason. In 7.30s the transactions have also been very large, and at private sale 105 was freely paid. The market at the close is 104½@104¾. The interest, which is payable next week in gold, is worth ½⅌ cent premium. This payment of interest in gold, with the privilege for two years of conversion into 6⅌ cent stock, makes them a favorite with investors. This privilege alone is worth more than the present premium.

Money is working still easier under the large accumulations of funds at this monetary center. Demand loans are 3½@5⅌ cent, mostly at 4⅌ cent. Paper is still very scarce, and is passed freely at 4@6⅌ cent.

The Gold deposits at the Sub-Treasury to-day on 4⅌ cent interest reached $650,000, making $1,500,000 in two days. This, with the amount in the Treasury, is enough to meet the payment on the 1st prox. of the Coupons on the 7.30⅌ cent Notes. This October issue was mainly taken by the Banks, and much of it is still held by them. There were also deposits of legal tender Notes at 4⅌ cent interest to the amount of about $200,000.

The Sub-Treasurer received from Washington to-day three millions of legal tender Notes, making seven millions during the week. Those received to-day were mostly 100s and 1,000s.

There is a rumor upon the street that the Reading Railroad Company is about to declare a stock dividend of large amount, to represent payments of profits into its sinking fund.

By an advertisement in another column, the Treasurer requests holders of fifty or more 7.30 coupons of October 1, to hand them in for examination, with their schedules, at once. Checks will be given out on the afternoon of the 30th inst.

The city loan awarded yesterday to Read, Drexel & Co., was bid for on order, and will not come upon the market. It all goes to one savings bank.

We annex a comparative statement of the Imports of Foreign Dry Goods and General Merchandise at New-York for the week ending Sept. 25, and since Jan. 1:

For the Week.	1860.	1861.	1862.
Entered at the port	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thrown on market	1,961,616	922,051	1,052,205
Since Jan. 1.			
Entered at the port	$31,422,177	$36,606,974	$43,190,333
Thrown on market	25,989,030	30,679,203	49,624,162

ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.

Manuf. of Flax.	Value.	Manuf. of Flax.	Value.
Wool	2,214	$721,057	Flax	1,120	$215,064
Cotton	746	169,976	Miscellaneous	206	65,117
Silk	492	348,141			
			Total	4,628	$1,519,302

WITHDRAWN.

Manuf. of Flax.	Value.	Manuf. of Flax.	Value.
Wool	169	$55,749	Flax	157	$20,068
Cotton	115	24,256	Miscellaneous	20	5,441
Silk	17	21,959			
			Total	478	$134,103

WAREHOUSED.

Manuf. of Flax.	Value.	Manuf. of Flax.	Value.
Wool	261	$66,185	Flax	56	$13,752
Cotton	224	40,356	Miscellaneous	91	46,115
Silk	34	31,506			
			Total	734	$197,914

Thompson Brothers furnish the annexed information in regard to the Excise stamps:

We have been to Washington and posted ourselves as to the requirements of the public and have made the most ample provision for supplying every branch of business with stamps adapted to such business, and shall fill orders for all amounts less than $1,000 at prices under the Government scale, and for amounts of $1,000 and upward, at a fraction over Government rates, just sufficient to cover the expense from Washington to this city.

There is a great variety of stamps, as will be seen by a reference to the Schedule. No stamp prepared for any one instrument will answer for any other instrument. For instance—Agreements, Checks, Bills Inland, Bills Foreign, Bills of Lading, Express, &c., &c., must each have the appropriate stamps.

There is a great variety of denominations of Stamps—see Bills of Exchange for instance—but a ten and a twenty-cent Stamp will answer in lieu of a thirty-cent Stamp, and three five-cent Stamps will answer in lieu of a fifteen-cent Stamp, &c., provided the Stamps are of the appropriate kind for the instrument.

Stamps must be canceled, when used by writing thereon the initials of the name of the person, firm or institution using them.

The absence of the appropriate Stamp or Stamps imposes a penalty of $50 on the maker or signer of a paper; and any person receiving or paying any Check, Bill or Note not properly stamped, forfeits $200; and all instruments in writing, requiring to be stamped, and not properly stamped, are declared null and void.

Every village in the United States must have its retailer or vender of Stamps. The Government will not establish agencies anywhere. By procuring large amounts at once, at the greatest discount, we are able to fill all medium orders at rates of discount better for the vender than the Government rates.

The annexed important case is being tried before Judge Shipman. We understand that there are other parcels of Texas bonds in a like category:

Theodore Victor et al. agt. John J. Cisco.—This suit was commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, in Kings County, to recover possession of certain Texas Indemnity Bonds, alleged to belong to plaintiffs, but now held by John J. Cisco, esq., the Assistant United States Treasurer at this port.

These bonds, it appears, were issued by the United States to the State of Texas, under the act of Congress of September, 1850, being one of the celebrated Compromise acts, by which the United States guaranteed certain indemnity to Texas. The loyal State of Texas did not issue these bonds, but after the State rebelled and declared for the Southern Confederacy, the bonds were uttered. This is the point made on behalf of the United States, and it is also claimed that the plaintiffs, the holders of these bonds, bought them at much below par.

The plaintiffs, it seems, took these bonds to Mr. Cisco, as the Assistant States Treasurer, for the payment of the interest. But Mr. Cisco took possession and declined to deliver them up again, under instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, which are set forth in an affidavit of Mr. Cisco, the effect of such instructions being that the bonds in question were the property only of the loyal State of Texas; that they were stolen by the Rebels, and that the United States is bound to take such property, wherever found, and hold it for the legitimate owners, viz., the loyal State of Texas.

Plaintiffs then brought this suit to recover the possession of said bonds, and by writ of *certiorari* Mr. Cisco brought the matter before the Circuit Court.

The plaintiff's motion to quash the writ of *certiorari* by which the case was removed from the State Court.

The motion was argued by the District Attorney, F. Delafield Smith, for the United States, and by B. D. Silliman, Esq., for the plaintiffs.

The Chicago Tribune gives the following statement of the receipts of produce at that point:

The annexed table shows the receipts and shipments of leading articles for the week ending Sept. 20, 1862:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	29,062	61,340
Wheat, bush.	377,361	894,405
Corn, bush.	963,720	1,224,073
Oats, bush.	143,400	120,519
Rye, bush.	20,971	18,550
Barley, bush.	19,070	350
Seeds, lb.	438,554	179,270
Pork, bbls.	2,134	3,931
Cut Meats, lb.	20,340	28,000
Lard, lb.	135,558	1,728,622
Tallow, lb.	19,900	39,905
Live Hogs, No.	15,093	17,637
Beef Cattle, No.	2,713	2,710

The following table shows the receipts of Flour, Grain, Live Stock, &c., since Jan 1 to date, for three years:

	1862.	1861.	1860.
Flour, bbls.	1,120,067	983,157	3,[illegible]239
Wheat, bush.	8,[illegible]256	10,681,484	8,385,579
Corn	31,945,993	20,506,811	12,913,249
Oats	2,317,697	1,095,865	1,440,569
Rye	705,083	295,164	180,939
Barley	515,155	346,250	279,697
Seeds, lbs.	3,524,589	4,090,208	4,575,169
Pork, bbls.	61,590	31,183	17,772
Cut Meats, lbs.	19,594,577	9,523,634	6,789,994
Lard, lb.	19,860,541	6,221,957	8,959,569
Tallow, lbs.	597,144	455,060	210,158
Live Hogs, No.	341,329	181,107	109,731
Dressed Hogs, No.	174,963	144,115	45,209
Beef Cattle, No.	123,491	111,595	94,564

The steamer from Aspinwall, to-day, brings nearly $900,000 in gold. *The Shipping List* says:—

The demand for money in this market is active, chiefly, however, for speculative operations in mining stocks. A species of infatuation appears to have seized upon a portion of the community. The transactions of the past ten days in this kind of securities have been very large, and exhibit a good deal of the regular stock jobbing stripe. Men of business, clerks, porters, draymen, all classes seem to have participated in it more or less, making small fortunes sometimes as the story goes, between sunrise and sunset. Such operations based upon money borrowed at high rates of interest are certain to end in trouble. So long as these stocks can be shifted from one to another rapidly at an advance, and the excitement kept up by tales of wonderful successes, all works very well; but the pay day will come round. People will reel off by and by, and take time to examine whether the bullest object they are chasing after is a reality or a myth. We refer, of course, in these allusions to the stocks of such mines as are yet new, unknown and undeveloped. They may be very valuable, but that is yet to be established. The bankers and prudent money-lenders, generally, we believe, have set their faces against loans upon this kind of collaterals. For legitimate trade wants there is no pressing demand, and rates are easy, 1@2⅌ cent being the range for first class paper, and the supply of capital is abundant.

The receipts of treasure from mining localities in the interior and coastwise since our last report have been about $[illegible], of which $[illegible] only was in coin. Of the dust and bullion, the Mint has taken nearly $1,300,000, leaving but a moderate residue to meet the wants of shippers by this steamer. We observe, however, that a considerable balance was left over on last steamer day, owing to the preference shown for coin in very many cases on that occasion. But the supply on the market is said to be quite moderate, as is also the demand. The highest rate reported to us were at 110; but an active inquiry would get up rates, and this is looked for by bankers. At present we can only quote 8@810 as the ruling figures. Silver has undergone very little change since our last report. Sales range from ½ to 2½⅌ cent discount for the usual run of bars. The last sales of Ophir that have come to our knowledge were at ½⅌ cent premium for $100,000.

Exchange on the Atlantic cities will probably rule at the rates current on last steamer day, unless modified by telegraphic dispatches to-night. For Currency, Banker's sight, 10@12½ per cent discount; for coin, 3½@4 per cent premium; Sterling, 60d. for Baker's 60 days, and 108d. for Commercial. We hear of no domestic Commercial offering.

Mexican dollars are worth 10@12 per cent premium, with a moderate offering.

The imports of treasure for the past ten days have been:

August 30—Per Magnolia	$13,400 47

The exports of treasure since the 1st of August, have been:

Aug. 1—Per Uncle Sam—	
To New-York	$1,083,111 62
To England	525,319 31
To Panama	5,000 00
Aug. 7—Per Pacific to Victoria, B. C.	50,000 00
Aug. 11—Per Golden Age—	
To New-York	807,568 53
To England	207,202 44
To Panama	13,000 00
Aug. 11—Per Cariboo, to Marble	7,950 00
Aug. 14—Per George Law, to Hong Kong	191,749 00
Aug. 15—Per Flying Eagle, to Hong Kong	151,383 30
Aug. 16—Per Oregon, to Victoria, B. C.	30,000 00
Aug. 19—Per Sea's Bride, to Melbourne	121 10
Aug. 21—Per Sonora—	
To New-York	921,455 56
To England	500,126 64
To Panama	16,000 00
Aug. 26—Per Morning Star to Hong Kong	49,226 84
Total	$4,594,309 33
Previously this year	21,355,681 66
Total since January 1, 1862	$25,949,240 99
Corresponding period 1861	26,375,585 39
Falling off this year	$426,344 40

MARKETS—CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.
FRIDAY, Sept. 26, 1862.

ASHES are steady and in moderate request; sales of 30 bbls. at $6 87½ for Pots, and $7 37½ for Pearls.

COTTON—The demand has become very limited, and the market for to-day has presented but few features of interest. The sales are limited, and prices at the close are rather nominal at 59c. for Middlings.

COFFEE—The market for Rio has been quite active, and prices are ½c ⅌ lb higher on all grades, closing buoyant. We note sales of 2,300 bags at 22½@2 c., and last evening an entire cargo of 3,000 bags was taken on speculation at 23c. Sales also of 400 bags Laguayra at 23@23½c., and 200 bags Santos Salvadorian at 21½@22c.

FREIGHTS—Sterling freight has been in lively demand, and very little can be had now short of 27c. Sales of 500,000 ⅌ Baltimore and Lake at 25½c., and 500,000 ⅌ do., in lots, at 25½@26c., cash.

DRUGS AND DYES—Sales of 40 tons Canada Soda at 54c.; 50 do. Sal Soda at 2½c.; 200 kegs Bi-Carb. Soda at 3½c.; 200 tons Soda Ash and 8 bbls. Buenos Copaiva on private terms.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The demand for the low grades of Western and State Flour is more active, and the market is quite firm under moderate arrivals, while the better grades are scarce and wanted, and are firm at the close. The sales are 22,700 bbls. at $5 15@$5 30 for Superfine State and Western; $5 35@$5 60 for Extra State; $5 [illegible]@$5 75 for Fancy do.; $5 [illegible]@$5 75 for the low grades of Western Extra; $5 75@$5 90 for Extra Ohio, the latter rate for new, and $5 90@$7 for Trade brands. Canadian Flour is in fair request, and the lower grades are firmer; sales 300 bbls. at $5 [illegible]@$5 75 for the low grades of Extra, and $5 [illegible]@$7 for Trade brands do. Southern Flour is easier, and the better grades are wanted; the demand is fair; sales of 250 bbls. at $5 20@$6 25 for mixed to good Superfine Baltimore, &c., and $6 30@$7 40 for Trade brands. Rye Flour is firm and in fair request; sales of 100 bbls. at $3 [illegible]@$4 50. Corn Meal is very dull and heavy; sales of 125 bbls. Jersey at $2 40; Brandywine is nominal at $3 20@$3 75.

FISH—Dry Cod are firm and in fair demand; sales of 1,500 quintals St. George's Bank at $4 [illegible]@$4 50, mostly at $4 37½@$4 44. Mackerel are rather firmer, and are in good request; sales of 1,500 bbls. new Massachusetts at $10@$11 50 for small and medium; $7@$7 25 for No. 2; $5 for large No. 3; $3 [illegible]@$4 for medium, and $3 50@$3 75 for small do. Smoked Herring are again much higher; sales of 2,000 box at 1c.@50c. for Scaled, and 50@[illegible]c. for No. 1.

GUNNY BAGS are more active; sales of 1,200 bales at 13½@14c., cash.

GUNNY CLOTH is firmer; sales of 600 bales at 12c., cash.

GRAIN—The Wheat market is less active but is quite firm, and a shade better for prime shipping qualities which are in light supply and in request for shipment. The arrivals are fair, but less liberal, and owing to the high rate of exchange and some concession in freights, sellers have the advantage. The demand is mainly for export, and is largely confined to Winter. The sales embrace 172,000 bush. and consist of 17,400 bush. Chicago Spring at $[illegible]@$1 18—the inside rate for very inferior, and the latter for prime quality; 30,300 do. Milwaukee Club at $1 15@$1 22½; 23,100 do. Amber Iowa, &c., at $1 21; 51,000 do. inferior to prime Red Western at $1 20@$1 30, the inside rate for foul Illinois; 34,800 do. Amber do. at $1 3[illegible]@$1 32; 6,000 do. good White Michigan at $1 30; and 500 do. choice White Kentucky in bags at $1 35.

Barley is in fair demand, and is quite firm; sales of 3,400 bush. two and four-rowed Canada East at $1. Barley Malt is quiet but firm at $1 05@$1 15 for Summer and Winter. Oats are in good demand, and are quite firm; sales of prime Old Western and State at 60c., and New State at 60½@[illegible]c. Rye is in moderate request; sales of 1,000 bush. Pennsylvania New at 82c.; Western and State may be quoted from 65c. to 82c., as to quality. Corn is in good demand for the home and the Eastern trade, and the market is quite firm, especially for prime, which is in light supply; the sales are 96,000 bush. at 47@50c. for hot and warm and blue-eyed; 60@60½c. for shipping mixed, and 62c. for prime Western Yellow.

HOPS are steady and in moderate request; sales of 150 bales New at 13@16c., as to quality. Old are inactive, but the growths of 1861 and 1860 are scarce, and prices are firm, but older growths are neglected and are nominal.

HAY—The demand is good, and the market is firm for new; sales of 1,200 bales at 60c. ⅌ 100 lb. cash.

HEMP—Manila is firmer; sales of 300 bales at 8c. ⅌ lb. net cash.

LATH are steady and in fair request; sales of 200,000 Eastern at $1 10 3 mos.

LUMBER—The market is firm for Eastern Spruce and Pine timber; sales of 65,000 feet timber at $12 25, 3 mos.

LIME is quiet but steady at 60c. for Common Rockland, and 65c., cash, for Lump.

LEAD—Pig is in good request, and is firm; sales of 600 tons Foreign at $7, cash, now held at $7 50.

MOLASSES—Fancies still a fair demand from the trade, and prices are steady. We hear of 29 hhds. Barbadoes at 33c.; 20 do. Muscovado at 34c.; 10 do. Porto Rico at 45c., and 175 bbls. Refined New-Orleans at 50c. Sales at auction of 400 bbls. and half-bbls. New-Orleans at 39½@45c., four months.

NAVAL STORES are in limited demand, but holders are firm; sales of 100 bbls. common Rosin at $13 00⅌ 280 lbs.; and by auction 5 bbls. spirits Turpentine at 42 24 per gallon, and 100 gallons Archangel Tar, $12 25⅌ bbl., cash.

OILS are in moderate request at 80@90c. for City Linseed in casks and in bbls.; 150@[illegible]c. for Crude Petroleum; 2[illegible]@[illegible]c. for Refined do.; 62@65c. for Crude Whale; $1 25@$1 40 for Crude Sperm; and 75@80c. for Western Winter Lard Oil; sales of 21 bbls. Fish Oil (Eastern Cod) at $19 50@$21 50, cash.

PROVISIONS—The Pork market is quite dull and heavy; the arrivals are in excess of the demand; sales of 400 bbls. at $10 25 for Prime, $13 37½ for Sour Mess, and $11 62½ for Mess. Beef is also dull and heavy, even in the absence of receipts; sales of 70 bbls. at $12 75@$13 50 for Plain Mess, and $14@$14 50 for Extra. Beef Hams and Bacon are quiet. Lard is more active and is a shade firmer; sales of 1,300 bbls. at 9[illegible]@[illegible]c. for Ordinary to Choice. Cut Meats are quite dull; sales of 30 hhds. Shoulders, at 4½c. Butter and Cheese are quite active, especially choice qualities, which are in light supply and are quite firm at former rates. This active demand for export is influenced by the high rate of exchange.

FLAXSEED is in good request; sales of 75 tuns Eastern, at $2 25.

RICE—East India still meets with a good demand, and prices are very firm; sales of 300 bags Rangoon at 5[illegible]@6c., 100 do. Patna at 6½c., and 300 do. in bond, at 5½c.

SUGARS—The business in Raw Sugars continues good and prices are firmly supported; the sales are 1,900 hhds., including Cuba at 8[illegible]@9c.; New-Orleans at 9½@9[illegible]c., and 10[illegible]@11½c. for Clarified; 9½c. for Porto Rico, and 600 boxes Havana at 9½@10½c. The Government contract was awarded as follows: 6,200 hhds. New-Orleans at 9 10 5-16; 1,300 do. do. at 9 10 33; 800,000 ⅌ do. at 9 10 50, and 200,000 do. at 9 10 [illegible] 100 lb. The following are Messrs. R. L. & A. Stuart's last established quotations, which were accidentally omitted from our last report: Best Loaf, 12½c.; do. Crushed, 12½c.; Granulated, 12c.; Ground, 12½c.; White A, 12c.; and Yellow C, 11½c.

SEEDS—The demand is more active for Clover Seed, and the market is firmer; sales of 140 bags at 8½@8¾c. Timothy seed is in good request, and is firm at the advance; sales of 250 bags old at $1 [illegible]@$2, and 100 do. new at $2⅌ bush. Other descriptions are inactive, but the supply is light and prices are firm.

SALT—The market is firm, the demand fair; sales of 9,000 bush. Turks Island at 37c.

TIN—Pig is quite active, and closes firmer; sales of 2,000 slabs Straits at 33c., cash, now held at 34c. Plates are in moderate request, and are firm; sales of 100 box. I.C. at $10 for I. C. now held higher.

TOBACCO—Kentucky is in good demand, principally for home trade and prices firm; sales 677 hhds. Kentucky at 13@25c.; 140 cases Seedleaf at 11@14c.

TALLOW—The market is rather quiet, but holders are firm; sales of 15,000 lb City at 10½c., cash.

WHISKY is in moderate request, and the market is firm; sales of 470 bbls. at 33c. for Ohio.

CITY ITEMS.

MUSIC FOR THE MILLION.—The usual open-air concert in the Central Park will take place this afternoon, on the Mall.

MR. EDWIN BOOTH AT THE WINTER GARDEN.—Mr. Booth's engagement at this theater will begin next Monday evening, when he will represent Hamlet. He will subsequently appear in the characters of Othello, Iago, Romeo, Macbeth, Shylock, Benedict, Richelieu, Sir Giles Overreach, Pescara, and, for the first time, Betuccio, in Tom Taylor's play of "The Fool's Revenge." He will also introduce "Ruy Blas," a drama which Mr. Fletcher recently made eminently popular in England. Mr. Booth brings home the results of a careful study of the various European schools of acting, and his admirers will have the opportunity of determining whether the influence of foreign art will have affected the individuality of his own peculiar style.

The Alleghanians and Swiss Bell Ringers are at Halifax, Nova-Scotia, giving concerts with marked success.

RETURNED CLERGYMEN.—The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, jr., Rector of the Church of the Mediator, returned from Europe by the Scotia, and will preach in his church to-morrow. The Rev. Mr. Tyng was present at the opening breakfast of the Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations in London, where he delivered an address on the War. He encountered some slight opposition, but on appealing to the courtesy of the meeting, he was requested to "go on." He made a special explanation of the fact that ministers of the Gospel of peace supported the present war, and took the ground that as human liberty was worth Christian effort, so it was a Christian duty, devolving especially on ministers to encourage a war upon an institution which was sought to be set up in defiance of the teachings of God's law, and the example of the great Head of the church. He discovered that great ignorance prevailed upon the real origin of the present war, even among men of influence. He found it a duty frequently to be performed to inform the people with whom he met that war was declared by the South upon the North, and upon the national Government, and not by the North upon the South, its institutions, or its rights.

The Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., Pastor of the Fourth avenue Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. T. Ralston Smith, pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian Church, also returned from Europe by the Etna, and will resume their ministrations to-morrow.

CENTRAL PARK GONDOLA.—By a recent arrival from England, the Commissioners of the Central Park have