SOUTH AMERICA.

News From the River Platte — Excitement — Exchange — Lessons of the War — The Parana Island Sold — Cotton — Immigration — Americans Coming Here — Suggestions to them — Sarmiento Improvements in San Juan — Iron and Wooden Houses — Urquiza Coming — His Munitions of War — Vessels in Harbor — "Pulaski" — Lumber — Flour — Sailed.

From Our Special Correspondent.

BUENOS AYRES, S. A., March 17, 1863.

To day we hear paroxysms of the semi-monthly fever produced by the arrival of the European mail, bringing the news of the United States up to Jan. 27. At the club-room, this morning, I noticed that all the anxiety as to foreign markets hinged on affairs in the United States. For some days before the arrival of news, shipments become slow and the market dull. Freights also depend on the state of the war. Orders frequently arrive from Europe peremptorily forbidding correspondents here from shipping goods in American bottoms for any European port, while for American ports foreign bottoms have the preference.

The inconveniences of exchange are increasingly great. When men send home money in large amounts, it can go by draft on London, and the draft will bring a good price in New-York; but when men purchase here to sell in New-York, the selling price of the goods does not keep pace with the buying price of gold, and heavy losses are occurring. Shipments for the United States are still occurring, but with what results to the shippers remains to be seen.

The disasters of the American Rebellion seem to have taught the Argentines discretion. Never did war seem to them to be so monstrous a wickedness as since they have seen it in the United States. To raise armies here, in the whole Confederacy, of 20,000 men on each side, the whole land had to be searched. The country was under a most scrutinizing impressment. Now that 'distance lends enchantment," they seem sobered by the view. The career of internal improvement so long the glory of the United States is now inaugurated here. The strife now is to foster commerce, to aid agriculture, to build railroads; and, if we consider the low point at which the start is made, we must accord to the Argentines wonderful success.

The islands of the Parana River, long regarded as of no value, were given some time ago to a gentleman, on condition that he should plant them with trees. This he did, and sold them at public auction a week ago last Sunday. The seven islands brought an average of $20,000 currency. They are admirable for cotton and for rice growing.

Any portion of this country with which the word cotton can be connected becomes at once important. All regions watered by the wide branched La Plata are undergoing experiment concerning cotton. It is grown in gardens and in fields everywhere. By this time, it is well understood that in Buenos Ayres Province it cannot be raised except on the river islands, but in the upper provinces it must soon be the staple production.

The many and extensive schemes for introducing foreigners into this country as laborers will furnish the labor for the new product.

There are more Americans seeking occupation in this valley since the war began at home than ever before. Many come here ignorant of the country and meet with so many discouragements that they soon return poorer and wiser. The general idea is, that in raising sheep and wool a man can quickly amass a fortune. The facts familiar to men who lived here so late as five years ago are now history, and no longer exhibit the present state of things. There are ten applications for one vacancy to take sheep on the shares, so that proprietors can choose their employés, and can also make their terms as stringent as they desire. Proprietors choose men to take sheep who have worked patiently and well for months or years. The life of a sheep farmer is a laborious one, and the fare is poor. Most men who succeed in obtaining a good location make money. But it is the result of such economy and care and self-denial as would lead to wealth anywhere and in any business.

The story goes abroad that in Buenos Ayres every man becomes rich. The reason of this fact is that most immigrants are from those portions of Europe where all persons have the habits of patient toil and rigid economy. After knowing this country well, and knowing also many colonies in the United States, I can safely say that there is but little difference between the two countries as to results in wealth from the same set of habits.

It is a matter of regret to Americans that so many come here to be disappointed, and to return so soon. Let our countrymen obtain information before coming, and save time and money.

Gov. Sarmiento is progressing in the province of San Juan. The whole province was so sunken in ignorance and barbarism that he has to begin with the first elements of civilization. He is establishing schools—primary, of course—fostering agriculture, and developing the mineral resources of the province. The mines of lead, silver, quicksilver and copper are rich, and the most energetic methods are taken for making them profitable.

A vessel from the United States lately brought out an iron house, the first ever known in this country. It contains 229 pieces. From England there has lately arrived here wooden houses ready for erection. Such buildings are not in demand here.

The national war steamer, The 25th of May, is under orders to go up to Conception del Uruquay to bring Gen. Urquiza on a complimentary visit to this city.

Gen. Urquiza seems absorbed in his agricultural pursuits, among which is cotton-raising, but he still manages to keep up a rather formidable array of munitions of war. He has 50 bronze field pieces, 20,000 muskets, 30,000 lances, 15,000 swords, and he has lately added 5,000 minié rifles.

On the 10th inst., there were in this port 125 vessels of which 111 were in commerce, and 14 of various navies.

The Pulaski, late of the United States navy, sold here as unseaworthy, has been fitted into a river boat and runs between this port and Montevideo.

Lumber sold from the Pyramid at 35½ Spanish dollars per 1,000. Flour sold from Ella Virginia at 35½ Spanish, per barrel on board.

The Alfred sailed for Boston with 400 bales wool. The Express for New-York with 19,000 hides. The Talisman for New-York with hides and wool.

The Anniversaries.

Sunday, May 10.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Anniversary exercises in the evening, at Madison square Presbyterian Church (Rev. Dr. Adams, Pastor). Addresses by Revs. Wm. Adams, D. D., J. P. Durbin, D. D., A. D. Gillette, D. D., H. D. Ganse, D. D., and J. Cotton Smith, D. D. The Annual Report will be read by the President, S. W. Stebbins, esq.

CHURCH ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.—Anniversary sermon by the Rev. George B. Cheever, D. D., to the Church of the Puritans, Union square, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

AMERICAN FEMALE GUARDIAN SOCIETY AND HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS.—Annual sermon in the evening at the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, Fifth avenue, corner of Twenty-ninth street, by the Rev J. T. Duryea. The children of the Home and a class from several of its industrial schools will be present.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SOCIETY OF INQUIRY.—Annual Sermon by Prof. J. H. Seelye of Amherst College, in the Fifth avenue Presbyterian Church (the Rev. Dr. Rice's), corner of Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

FRUIT PROSPECTS.—We hear fears expressed that the late long, cold, north-east storm has damaged the early blossoming fruit in New-Jersey. The buds are just open enough to admit the water freely, and the atmosphere was at one time almost down to the freezing point. It was quite down to a very chilling one. North of New-York City the buds are not forward enough to be injured, for the Spring is two weeks later than some of the few past years.

A letter from St. Joseph, Berrian County, Mich., May 3, says: "The peach trees are beginning to blow, and the prospect is good for a large crop. There is probably a thousand acres planted to peach trees within eight miles of this place. The wheat crop will be better than was anticipated."

A letter from Liberty, Kenosha County, Wis., May 4, says: "The season is certainly two weeks earlier than last year, and both Winter and Spring crops and fruit promise an abundant harvest."

From Maine, Massachusetts, and part of New-York, we have encouraging reports of a fine prospect for fruit of all kinds.

A letter from Orland, in the north part of Indiana, dated May 6, says: "Crops look decidedly fine here. Winter wheat the best ever known here at this season. Peaches and fruits of all sorts promise a full yield. The prospect of plenty is encouraging."

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....MAY 8.

3,000 T'y 7 3-10 ₱ cent Notes..Oct. & Apl.	106	900 Harlem R. R.	10¾
14,000 U. S. 6s 1-y'r Cert.	10½	600 do	10¾
30,000 do	10½	100 do	b10 10¾
2,000 do ...New.	99½	500 do	10¾
1,000 Ohio State 6s, '81	110	600 do	10¾
2,370 U. S. Dem'd Notes	154	400 do	10¾
3,000 Illinois War Loan	103	100 do	s59 9½
3,000 Tennessee 6s, '90	60	200 do	112
2,000 Virginia State 5s	65½	10 Harlem R. R. Pref	113
1,000 Missouri State 6s	63½	50 do	113½
11,000 do	64½	100 do	114
10,000 do	64½	400 do	115
2,000 Missouri 6s Iss. to H. & St. Jo.	86	200 Norwich & W. R. R.	89
1,000 California State 7s	131	100 Mich. Cen. R.R.	119½
5,000 N. Y. Central 6s	110	150 do	119½
1,000 N. Y. C. 7s, '76, Con.	125	2800 Mich. S & N. I. R.R.	72
5,000 Erie 4th Mtge. Bds.	103½	600 do	72½
7,000 Erie 5th M. Bonds	109	200 do	s10 74
1,000 Hud. Riv. Bds., '67	105½	1700 do	74½
5,000 Mich. So. 2d Mtg.	104½	800 do	74½
20,000 do	104	1200 do	73
10,000 do	103½	1300 do	73½
10,000 Mich. So. Stg. Fd.	110	50 do	s30 73
3,000 Alt. & T. H. In. bds.	65	1300 do	74
5,000 do	65½	200 do	s5 73½
2,000 Chic. & N. W. 1 Rs.	96	200 do	s5 73½
17,000 Chic. & N. W. 1st M.	87	100 Mich. S. & N. I. G. Stk.	112
20,000 Chic. & N. W. 2d M.	58	250 do	111
1,000 Del., L. & W. 1st M.	115	100 do	110½
6,000 Tol. & Wab. 2d M.	93	100 do	110½
10,000 do	92½	600 Cleve & Pitts. R.R.	88
10,000 Pitts., F. W. & C. 2d.	104½	100 do	88½
10,000 Pitts., F. W. & C. 3d.	81½	200 do	s30 89
1,000 Cleve. & Pitts 3d M.	102	2700 do	89
20,000 Cl. & Pit. 4th M.	b60 89	500 do	89½
20,000 do	87	1200 do	89½
10,000 do	b60 88½	500 do	89½
13,500 Mis. & Mo. L. G.	60	300 do	b10 90
35,000 American Gold	154½	200 do	b4 90
25,000 do	154½	2000 do	90
1,000 do	154½	27 Clev. Col. & Cin. R.	182
15 Bank of Commerce	102½	850 Galena & Chic. R.	104
10 Ocean Bank	90	200 do	104½
50 Am. Ex. Bank	105	100 do	s10 103½
35 Continental Bank	98	200 do	103½
5 Shoe & Lea. Bank	104	600 do	103
160 Canton Co.	s10 30	200 do	102
179 Del. & Hud. Canal Co.	145	100 do	101½
50 Comb. Coal Pref.	24	13 do	101½
150 Quicksilver Min. Co.	20	200 do	s3 102½
200 do	49	1200 Cleve. & Toledo	110
100 do	s30 48	700 Chic. & Rk. Island	98½
100 do	s30 47½	300 do	98½
50 Minnesota Mining Co.	11	20 do	98
1500 Bucks County L. Co.	2	2300 do	99
200 Pac. Mail St. Co.	183	200 do	s10 99
100 do	s30 187	500 do	b60 99½
15 do	182½	20 Chic. Bur. & Quin.	119
100 do	s30 186½	100 do	108½
400 N. Y. Cen. RR.	120	100 Mil. & P. DuChien	45
300 do	119½	250 do	45½
100 do	b10 119½	200 do	45½
300 Erie RR.	87½	100 Tol. & Wabash Pref.	79
50 do	s30 87	100 do	79½
1700 do	87½	29 New-Jersey RR.	160
2000 do	87	500 Pitts., Ft. Wayne, and Chic. RR.	b10 70
400 do	b30 87½	600 do	70
500 do	b30 87½	250 do	69½
100 do	b10 87	200 Alt. & Ter. Haute R.	46
200 do	b30 87	350 do	47
100 do	s10 86½	550 Alt. & Ter. H. Pref.	80
500 do	86½	1000 Chic. & N. W. RR.	32
900 Erie RR. Pref.	104	100 do	32½
325 do	104½	500 do	32½
800 do	104½	300 do	32½
700 Ill. Cen. RR. Scrip	94½	150 do	33
300 Hudson River R. R.	129	400 Chic. & Alton R.	s15 77
300 do	129½	100 do	78
100 do	129½	50 do	s77
1200 do	130	400 Chic. & Alton Pref.	94
100 do	s10 130	300 do	s15 93½
500 do	s30 130	32 Rome & Watert'n R.	83
200 do	s60 128	100 Miss. & Missouri R.	23
200 Reading R. R.	95½	50 do	24
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SECOND BOARD.

1,000 U. S. 6s, 1-yr. Cer.	101½	1500 Reading RR.	95½
10,050 do ...New..	99½	300 do	95½
16,000 Mo. 6s	64	500 do	96
3,000 Tenn. 6s, '90	60	1000 M. So. & N. I RR.	72
4,000 N. Y. C. 7s, '76	122	100 do	s30 71½
5,000 A. & T. H. In. bs.	65	200 do	s10 72
5,000 Cl. & P. 4th m.	87	200 do	72½
6,000 M. So. 2d m.	103½	1500 do	72½
5,000 Ch. & N. W. 2d m.	58½	100 M. So. & N. L. G. S.	110½
10,000 Amer. Gold	152½	600 Ill. C. RR. So.	94½
10,000 do	152½	200 do	94½
35,000 do	153	1200 Cl. & P. RR.	90
100 Canton Co.	30	100 do	90½
100 do	29½	200 do	90½
100 Cumb. C. Pr.	24	300 do	90½
100 Pac. M. SS. Co.	182½	100 do	91
200 Del. & H. Can. Co.	147	1000 do	92
44 Minn. M. Co.	11	100 Gal. & Chi. RR.	104½
400 N. Y. C. RR.	119½	400 do	105½
32 do	119½	200 do	b3. 104
100 do	119½	100 do	b30 104½
300 Ch. & N. W. RR.	32½	100 Cl. & Tol RR.	109½
100 do	b30 32½	200 do	109½
500 Er. Railway	86½	200 do	109½
400 do	86½	200 Ch. & R. I. RR.	93
200 do	86½	400 do	98½
750 do	Pref. 104	850 do	98½
200 H. R. RR.	130	100 do	s10 99½
100 do	s60. 127	100 Tol. & W. Pr.	79
100 do	127½	400 P., Ft. W. & Ch. RR.	69½
1200 Harlem RR.	91	300 do	69½
300 do	100½	250 do	b3 70
600 do	100	100 Tol. & W. RR.	s4 73
200 do	b30. 100	200 Ch. & A. RR	77
200 do	b30. 100½	100 do	s15 76½
600 do	s60.. 95	150 Ch. B. & Q. RR.	110
400 do	99½	100 Ch. & A. Pr.	93½
1500 do	99½	50 do	s15 93
650 Har. RR. Pr.	113	100 Nor. & Wor. RR.	90
100 Mich. C. RR.	s10. 109½		

SALES AT THE PUBLIC BOARD AT 1 P. M.

25,000 Am. Gold	153½	100 Erie RR. Pref'd	104½
200 Bucks Co. Lead	2½	230 M. S. & N. I.	s10 72½
1000 do	s10 2	1500 do	72½
900 Canada Cop. Co.	1½	300 do	b3. 72½
100 Quicksilver Min Co.	48½	200 do	s10 72½
50 P. M. S. Co.	b3. 183	150 do	72½
100 N. Y. Central RR.	112½	200 do	s30 72½
200 Erie Railway	86½	400 Clev. & Pitts.	s20 89
100 do	b10 86½	200 do	89½
100 do	s10 86½	200 do	s10 89½
200 do	c 86½	250 P. Ft. W. & C.	70
300 do	86½	100 do	b10 70
300 do	s10 86½	300 Chi. & N. Western	32½
100 do	86½	100 do	32½
100 Hud. Riv. R.	130½	100 do	32½
50 do	b3. 130½	100 do	s10 32½
300 Harlem R.	102½	400 Chi. & Alt m.	78
100 do	102½	200 do	b3 76½
400 do	102½	550 Gal. & Chi. R.	104½
400 do	b3. 102	150 do	s3. 104½
300 do	102	400 do	104½
400 do	107½	100 do	s10. 104½
200 do	c. 102	100 do	b10. 104½
200 do	b10. 102	100 Clev. & Tol.	110
400 do	s10. 100½	400 Chi. & R. I.	s3 98½
1400 do	101½	200 do	98½

SALES AT THE PUBLIC BOARD, 4 P. M.

10,000 American Gold	152½	850 M. S. & N. In. RR.	b3 74
10,000 do	15.½	1200 do	74
30,000 do	152½	300 do	b3 74½
48,000 do	c60. 151	200 do	74½
20,000 do	152½	100 do	b10 74½
100 Cumb. Coal Co.	23	1156 do	74½
100 Canton Co.	30	500 do	b5 74½
100 Brunswick L. Co.	6½	400 do	b3 74½
100 Quicksilver M. Co.	47	2240 do	74½
650 Bucks Co. L.	2	50 M. S. & N. In. Gd.	111½
100 do	1½	130 Illinois Cen. RR.	95
500 Canada C. Co.	1½	150 do	95½
200 Pacific Mail St. Co.	183½	300 Miss. & Mo. RR.	24½
200 do	b3. 183½	27 do	23½
100 do	183	100 do	24½
100 N. Y. Central RR.	b3. 113½	900 Clev. & Pitts.	s60 94½
50 Erie Railway	86½	1800 do	94
500 do	86½	100 do	94½
300 do	s3. 86½	500 do	b30 95
300 do	b3. 86½	200 Pitts., F. W. & Ch.	70½
200 do	86½	100 T. H. & Alton Pfd.	s10 79
100 do	a.n.w. 86½	100 Chicago & Nor.-Wes.	32
100 Erie RR. Pref'd	104	200 Mil. & Pr. du Chien	46½
50 do	s3. 104	200 do	46½
1200 Harlem RR.	s30. 100	100 do	s3 46½
1000 do	100	350 Galena & Chicago	b3. 104½
600 do	b10. 101	850 do	104
500 do	101	500 do	b3 104
1600 do	100½	1400 Clev. & Toledo	b3. 110
400 do	s30. 100½	200 do	a.n.w. 109½
700 Harlem RR. Pref'd	114	200 Chicago & Rock Isl.	99½
400 do	b3. 114	500 do	b3 99
1000 M. S. & N. In. RR.	73½	250 do	99
100 do	73½	200 do	s3 99
100 do	73½		

FRIDAY, May 8—P. M.

The business of the morning Board was very large; and the improvement of tone noticed at the close of business yesterday was fully maintained. The advices from Washington were accepted as much more encouraging than had been expected; and the demand for the leading shares was great, at advancing prices. The movement was well distributed, and the speculative excitement has seldom been exceeded. The bears made but little resistance to the currrent, but rather increased the buoyancy of the market by their purchases to cover shorts. The largest advance was in Harlem Common, which, under the veto of the Broadway railroad bill by Gov. Seymour, sold as high as 106½. At the Board it opened at 104, and fell off to 101, and as low as 96, seller sixty. The transactions were not as large as usual. Hudson River was in active demand, and advanced 1 ₱ cent. The Erie issues were active, but fell off at the close. Pacific Mail recovered 1½ ₱ cent of the recent decline. Another guaranteed dividend of 5 ₱ cent will probably be declared next week. The earnings of the quarter, we hear, have been over 12 ₱ cent, but the large expenditures for new boats prevent any increase of the dividend. Minnesota Mining was 111½ bid, a further advance. In the Western shares, the transactions were very large, Southern Michigan being the most active at an improvement of 3 ₱ cent. The demand for Pittsburg was also very great, the transactions adding up 10,000 or 12,000 shares, at 88@90, an advance of 3½ ₱ cent. The shorts are suffering severely in this stock. Chicago and North-Western sold largely at 32@33 against 31 yesterday. Fort Wayne was firm, in sympathy with Pittsburgh, with which it divides receipts. Galena, under large realizing sales by a lending house, fell back to 101½, but afterward recovered to 104. In Governments there was not much done and the market was without change of importance. At the Second Board there was less excitement, but quotations were generally well sustained. Harlem continued to decline, and sold as low as 99½, having lost the whole advance of the day. Norwich and Worcester shows a further improvement of 1 ₱ cent. The largest advance was in Pittsburgh, which improved rapidly from 90 to 92, and after the session, to 95 against 87½ yesterday. This rapid advance is due to purchases by a new party who are confident that the stocking the receipts with the Fort Wayne Road, thus preventing all competition will make the Pittsburg a regular dividend paying stock. The bears also became alarmed and rushed in to cover their shorts. The April net earnings are reported to be 2 ₱ cent on the stock. Michigan Southern common after selling at 72 was firm at 73. The general market was firm. At the 4 o'clock call the market was active, and quotations were well sustained. Michigan Southern again advanced to 75, and Pittsburg sold at 95. Fort Wayne after selling at 70½, was 70½ bid. Harlem recovered to 101. The closing prices were: U. S. 6s of 1881, Reg., 105½@107; U. S. 6s, 1881, Coupons, 106@107; U. S. 5s, 1874, Coupons, 97@98; Oregon War Loan, half yearly, 104@105; U. S. Treasury Notes, 7 3-10, 106@106½; U. S. 1-year Certificates, 6s, 101½@101¾; Demand Notes (old issue), 52@53; Tennessee State 6s, 60@60½; Missouri State 6s, 63½@64; American Gold, 151½@151¾; Pacific Mail Steamship Company, 188½; New-York Central Railroad, 119½@119¾; Erie Railway, 86½@87; Erie Railway Preferred, 104; Hudson River Railroad, 129½@130; Harlem Railroad, 100½@101; Harlem Railroad, Preferred, 114@114; Reading Railroad, 95½@96; Michigan Central Railroad, 110½; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, 74½@75; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, Guaranteed, 111½@112; Panama Railroad, 82@88; Illinois Central Railroad, 95@95½; Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, 94½@95; Galena and Chicago Railroad, 103½@104; Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, 98½@99; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, 9½@10; Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien, 46½@47; Fort Wayne, 70½@70½; Chicago and North-Western, 32@32½.

The Foreign Exchange market has been moderately active at 166@167 ₱ cent for Sterling; Francs 3.45@3.35. At the close the quotations were heavy.

Freights are firm and fairly active at the improvement. To Liverpool the engagements are: 800 bbls. Flour at 2s. 3d.; 450 boxes Bacon at 22s. 6d., and per neutral flag, 400 pkgs. Bacon and Lard at 30s. To London: 700 boxes Bacon at 25s., and per neutral flag, 2,000 bbls. Flour at 3s., and 500 boxes Bacon at 30s. To Glasgow, per neutral flag, 1,000 pkgs. Bacon and Lard at 32s. 6d.; 300 bbls. Lard Oil at 35s., and 50 tuns Clover Seed at 35s. To Rotterdam: 500 bbls. Flour on private terms. To Hamburg: 300 tuns Provisions at 32s. 6d.; 60 tuns Measurement Goods at 27s. 6d.; and per steamer, 40 hhds. Tallow at 40s. The charters are a British vessel with Grain to Liverpool at 9c. one-third in bags and the residue in bulk; a foreign vessel on the same voyage at 22s. 6d. per tun, a British brig of 136 tuns to the West Indies and back at $2,000, one half payable in gold; a British schooner of 1,280 bbls. Capacity to the Windward Islands at $1,200; a British schooner of 98 tuns to the West Indies and back at $1,500, one half payable in gold; a bark of 348 tuns from Philadelphia to New Orleans with Coal at $9 50 per tun, and an American brig of 318 tuns to the north side of Cuba and back on terms not disclosed. We understand that the Government has chartered several steamers, but the contracts have been filled in Washington, so we are not enabled to give the particulars at present.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $5,195,074 19—for Customs, $100,000; Payments, $5,263,469 53; Balance, $23,024,018 38.

The coal transported over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, for the week ending May 2, was as follows:

	Week. Tons. Cwt.	Year. Tons. Cwt.
Shipped North	7,117 09	94,872 14
Shipped South	20,544 04	252,999 11
Total	27,661 13	347,872 05

For corresponding time last year:

	Week. Tons. Cwt.	Year. Tons. Cwt.
Shipped North	6,510 16	83,192 06
Shipped South	18,098 12	242,566 09
Total	24,609 03	325,758 15
Increase	2,993 10	

The following shows the receipts of the Morris Canal Company:

Total to April 25, 1863	$22,939 42
Week ending May 2, 1863	6,970 57—$31,909 99
Week ending April 26, 1862	19,954 35
Week ending May 3, 1862	8,603 16— 28,557 51
Increase in 1863	$3,352 48

The receipts for conversion into five-twenties at the Sub-Treasury to-day were about $1,200,000. The advance in the current rate of interest in the street has checked temporarily the disposition to invest in these bonds.

The transfer books of the Chicago and Alton Railroad will be closed to-morrow at 3 p. m., and will be reopened on the 18th inst.

The subscription to the Atlantic Cable will close at Morse & Co.'s No. 24 William street, about the 1st of June, when it is supposed the British Government will take the balance of the stock. Between £300,000 and £400,000 out of the £600,000 capital to be used is already subscribed. The large profit on the stock, should the line succeed, makes it a desirable risk. The stock will be put upon the New-York Stock Exchange as soon as it is allotted.

The gold speculators for the rise were thoroughly smashed to-day. After selling at 154 in the morning, gold, under various false rumors set afloat for the purpose of influencing the market, advanced to 156. From this point, with a few feeble reactions, the quotations settled down late in the day to 151¾, about the price it stood at before the retreat of Hooker's army.

The demand for Money is active and the rates of interest on call loans are established at 5@6 ₱ cent, in many cases 7 ₱ cent has been paid. Some of the banks are discriminating, not in all cases judiciously, in regard to collateral, which occasions some embarrassment to stock operators. The principal reason, however, of the disturbance of the recent ease in the market is the accumulation in the Sub-Treasury of some twenty-three or twenty-four millions. This, however, will soon be dispersed. Mr. Cisco received notice to-day of drafts to the amount of seven or eight millions, and the intention of Mr. Chase, who left town this morning for Washington, is to draw freely and at once against the balance.

The sale of the La Crosse Railroad has been confirmed, and the purchasers will have immediate possession.

The National and American Bank Note Companies are employed in getting up models for the new National currency and for the three-year bonds. Their presses are at present engaged on the five-twenty bonds.

The following is an estimate of the amount of gold and silver bullion and coin in the United States at the commencement of this year, as follows:

On hand in 1821, according to Treasury Department estimates	$37,000,000
Product California mines, 1849-63, 14 years, $60,000,000 a year	840,000,000
Imports from 1821-62	402,916,466
Brought by emigrants to, 1821-62, estimated	100,000,000
Product gold mines, Atlantic States, 1821-62	30,000,000
Total receipts, 41 years	$1,409,916,000
Annual consumption in arts, 1821-50, $3,000,000 a year	$120,000,000
Same, 1850-62, at $15,000,000 a year	180,000,000
Foreign exports, 1821-62, official	755,324,000
Total	$1,055,324,000
Estimated balance remaining, 1862	354,592,000
Total	$1,409,916,000

The following is a table of coinage of the United States and Great Britain for 15 years, France and Spain for 10:

	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
United States	$616,071,532	59,344,729	675,416,252
Great Britain	360,614,084	22,158,534	382,772,618
France	549,938,058	64,751,949	614,690,647
Spain	6,510,560	2,851,500	9,362,060
Total	$1,539,135,114	149,056,703	1,688,231,817

The comparative annual average for the several countries is as follows:

	Gold, per cent.	Silver, per cent.
United States	$41,071,436 or 91.22	3,956,313 or 8.78
Great Britain	24,440,903 or 94.38	1,477,235 or 5.62
France	68,742,857 or 89.46	8,094,494 or 10.54
Spain	651,056 or 69.54	285,150 or 30.46

In the above tables the £ sterling is calculated $4 85, and francs at five to the dollar.

The imports of Dry Goods for the week were only $1,084,594.

ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.

Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.	Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.
Wool	710	$232,470	Flax	874	$147,296
Cotton	124	32,019	Miscella'ous	1,174	83,479
Silk	279	215,634			
Total				3,159	$661,158

WITHDRAWALS.

Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.	Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.
Wool	233	$79,742	Flax	160	$39,343
Cotton	73	23,216	Miscella'ous	2,092	205,403
Silk	70	79,654			
Total				2,658	$327,962

WAREHOUSED.

Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.	Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.
Wool	2,451	$132,002	Flax	852	$161,551
Cotton	219	57,706	Miscella'ous	4,539	30,702
Silk	41	33,475			
Total				6,098	$423,435

The coinage of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of April was as follows:

	Pieces.	Value.
Gold	13,483	$226,024 81
Silver	97,203	56,488 79
Copper	3,960,00	39,600 00
Total	4,070,693	$322,113 60

The New-Orleans Picayune, under date of April 30 remarks:

In moneyed circles there was nothing done to-day worthy of remark. The private bankers opened doors for two or three hours, the same as usual in days of fast and holy purposes and general holidays, and though it was mail day for Northern correspondence, there was a remarkable paucity of transactions observable. Our general remarks of yesterday as regards Exchange, Gold and Silver, will apply for this evening.

Markets—CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.

FRIDAY, May 8, 1863.

ASHES are firm and in limited request at $8 25 for Pots and $8 25 for Pearls.

COTTON—The market is less active, but prices are without important change; some 300 or 400 bales were sold at 65c. for Middling.

COFFEE—Prices of all kinds are very firm; but the market is quiet, and we have only to report a sale of 200 bags Rio on private terms.

CHEMICALS—The market for the principal articles under this head is firmer; sales of 100 tuns Soda Ash at 3¼c.; 10 tuns Caustic Soda at 7¼c.; 5 kegs Bicarbonate Soda at 6¼c., and 10 tuns Sal Soda at 1¾c.

COPPER—Refined Ingot is steady and in good request; sales of 400,000 ℔ Baltimore and Lake Superior at 30½@31c., cash.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is less active, but a fair inquiry is noticeable, particularly for the medium and better grades at about former rates; while the low grades are dull and 5@10c. ₱ bbl. easier, influenced by a slight decline in gold and exchange and a limited export inquiry, occasioned by the advance in freights. The sales are 11,300 bbls. at $5 90@$6 10 for Superfine State; $6 15@$6 65 for Extra State; $6 70@$7 for Fancy State; $6 60@$7 for the low grades of Western Extra; $7@$7 05 for Shipping Ohio; $7 10@$8 25 for Trade and Family brands, and $7@$9 75 for st. Louis Extras. Canadian Flour is inactive and slightly lower; sales of 300 bbls. at $6 85@$7 for the low grades of Extra, and $7 10@$8 50 for Trade and Family brands do. Southern Flour is dull and heavy; sales of 300 bbls. at $7@$7 50 for mixed to good Superfine Country brands, and $7 60@$9 75 for Trade brands do. Rye Flour is less active, but is in fair request at $5 25@$5 50. Corn Meal steady rates; sales of 200 bbls. at $3 40@$5 45. Corn Meal is quiet yet steady; small sales of Jersey at $4 25, and 100 puncheons Brandy wine at $22.

FRUIT—The market for pretty much all kinds is firmer, and there is a fair business doing; sales of 5 cases Leghorn Citron at 31c., 5 casks Turkish Prunes at 13c., 50 bags Brazil Nuts, 100 bags Ivier Almonds, 100 bags Peanuts, 100 bags Sicily Walnuts, 500 drums Figs, on private terms. Raisins are firmer to-day, and quoted at $4 25@$4 65 for bunch and layers; 1,000 boxes sold within our range.

FISH—Dry Cod are scarce and firm at previous rates. Mackerel are in moderate request at steady prices. Smoked Herring are firm and more active; sales of 20,000 boxes on terms we did not learn.

FIRE-CRACKERS—We notice sales of 5,000 boxes Canton No. 1 on private terms, including 2,500 for export, and small lots at $4.

GRAIN—The Wheat market is rather quiet and firm, but somewhat unsettled owing to the rapid advance in freights and the decline in the rate of exchange, which check business materially; the sales are 16,000 bushels prime Red Western, in store, at $1 62½ and 7,000 do. do., just arrived, the first of the season, which was detained on the canal last year, at $1 62. Barley is in better request, but is still somewhat heavy; sales of 6,300 bush. State on private terms. Barley Malt is dull and prices nominal. Oats are steady and in fair demand; sales of Jersey at 80@81c.; Canadian and Western at 87½@88c. and State at 84@84½c. Rye is firm at $1 06 for State, with buyers at $1 05. Corn is more plenty, and is slightly lower, but in good request at the concession; sales of 40,000 bush. at 83@85c. for damaged mixed; 87@90c. for sound do., in store and delivered; 90@92c. for Yellow Western; 86c. for (blue-eyed) good Eastern unsound mixed, and 30,000 bush. Western mixed, to arrive the first week in June, on private terms.

HOPS are in moderate request and are slightly firmer, influenced by the recent advance in gold and exchange; sales of 150 bales at 17@20c. for common to choice quality.

HAY is steady and in moderate request; sales of 150 bales at 75@85c. ₱ 100 ℔.

LEAD—Pig is firm and in moderate request; sales of 150 tuns Soft Spanish at $9, cash.

MOLASSES is in better demand, and prices are sustained; sales of 238 hhds. 20 tcs. and 37 bbls. Porto Rico at 37@38c., and 234 bbls. New-Orleans at 42@48c