COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—March 21.

U.S. 6s 1868 cou.	Canton Co.		Mich. Central.		
2,000	115	50	27½	550	98
U.S. 6s 1881 cou.		300	26	200	97
1,700 small	100	400	26½	300	96
20,000	105	200	26¾	Mich. So. & N.I.	
5,000	104	Del. & Hud. C.		200	58
10,000	103¾	60	147	400	57
20,000 n. is.	102	Central Coal Co.		1,000	56½
200,000 n.is.	101½	100	44	1,800	56
80,000 n.is.	101	Cumb. Coal pref.		Illinois Central.	
5,000 n.is.	100¾	400	36	800	99
40,000	101½	200	35	200	98½
20,000	101¼	800	34	200	98¾
U.S. 5s 10-40 cou.		300	33½	Cleve. & Pitts.	
30,000	90	400	34	800	58
10,000	89¾	500	33¾	500	57¾
85,000	89¼	Quicksil. Min'g.		200	57¼
10,000	89¼	100	62¼	100	58
10,000	89¾	200	62	Chi. & N.W. pr.	
U.S. 6s 1yctf.	97	200	61½	1,200	50
50,000	97	100	61¼	1,000	50½
2,000	96¼	Mariposa Min.		1,500	51
California 7s		300	11	100	51¼
1,000	112	300	10½	Cleve. & Tol.	
O. & Miss. certfs		N. Y. Central.		100	99
30,000	23¼	950	100	100	98½
10,000	23¼	400	99¾	400	98
80,000	23	1,000	99½	Chi. & Rock I.	
Harlem 1st Mtge		435	99½	2,000	88
500	100	Erie.		500	88½
Del. L. & W. 2d M		100	58½	500	88¾
3,000	106	1,000	59	100	s10. 88¾
Mil. & St. P. 1 Mt		2,000	59¼	1,500	89
5,000	75	2,000	59½	1,500	89½
Atlan. & G.W. 1st		1,500	59½	600	89¾
Mtge Pa. Div.		600	60	400	89¾
4,000	70	100	b60. 60¼	200	90
Mariposa 2d Mt		700	59¾	Mil. & Pr. du Ch.	
1,000	20	200	s10. 59½	100	34
American Gold.		Hudson River.		Chi. Bur. & Quin.	
12,500	156	600	99	75	110
20,000	155	200	98½	P. Ft. W. & Chic.	
10,000	155¼	200	98¾	1,000	82
20,000. s30.	153	Reading.		300	82½
10,000. s30.	154	800	97½	500	83
Park Bank		2,000	97	3,000	83½
50	145	2,500	96½	200	83¾
Fourth Nat. Bk.		1,000	96¼	Alt. & T. Haute.	
200	90	1,000	96	100	25
5	90½	100	b30. 97	Chi. & Alt. pref.	
Wyoming Valley		Chic. & N. W.		100	88
200	50	2,000	24	Chicago & Alton	
300	51	500	24½	200	82

SECOND BOARD.

U. S. 6s 5-20 reg.	Mariposa Mining		Mich. So. & N.I.		
2,000	104	100	11½	500	57½
U. S. 6s 5-20 cou.	Erie.			100	57
60,000	105	700	59½	Illinois Central.	
20,000. b30.	105¼	600	60	100	100½
50,000. n.is.	104¼	500	60¼	200	101½
2,000. n.is.	104¼	100	s30. 60	Cleve. & Pitts'gh	
U.S. 5s 10-40 cou.		400	60¼	100	59½
35,000	91½	100	s30. 59½	500	59
100,000	91½	Hudson River.		500	58¾
Ohio & Miss. cer.		100	100½	1,000	58¼
40,000	23¼	1,000	100¼	Chicago & N.W.	
20,000	23	100	s10. 100¼	300	24
American Gold.		200	100¾	200	23¾
20,000	156¼	100	b10. 100¼	200	23½
Cumb. Coal pref.		100	s60. 99	100	23¾
300	35	Reading.		Chi. & N.W. pref.	
500	34½	300	97¼	200	51
200	34¼	1,500	97	500	50½
200	34	200	s10. 97	200	b60. 51¼
Quicksilver.		Mich. Central.		Chicago & R. I.	
100	63	100	97	200	91
50	63½	200	99	100	91½
N. Y. Central.		Pitts. Ft. W. & C.		100	s10. 91
100	100½	100	82	100	b3. 91
250	100	200	82½	100	90¾
200	99½	100	b30. 83½	200	90½

EVENING EXCHANGE.

American Gold.		Hudson River.		North-Western.	
10,000	156½	200	100	500	23½
10,000	156½	200	100	100	23¾
10,000	s3. 156½	600	100	100	23½
40,000	s3. 156½	100	100	400	23¾
10,000	156¼	100	99½	200	23½
25,000	156½	100	s3. 99½	500	23½
Five-Twenties.		500	s5. 99½	Fort Wayne.	
50,000. o.is.	105	500	s3. 99½	100	b5. 82½
Ten-Forties.		100	s3. 99½	100	s3. 82½
10,000	91½	100	s10. 99½	300	82½
10,000	91½	500	s10. 99½	300	82½
10,000	91½	200	99½	400	84
5,000	91½	100	s10. 99½	200	s3. 83
N. Y. Central.		Mich. Southern.		100	83
50	99½	100	56½	Ohio & Miss. cer.	
100	99½	100	56½	10,000. b10.	23¼
100	99½	100	s3. 56½	10,000	23
100	99½	50	56½	10,000. b10.	23¼
Erie.		100	56½	20,000. b10.	23¼
100	59½	Pittsburgh.		Cumberland.	
400	s3. 59½	400	57½	500	33½
100	b3. 59½	200	57¼	100	33¾
100	s3. 59½	200	57¼	100	33½
100	s3. 59½	600	57¼	100	33½
400	59½	Rock Island.		600	33
200	59½	200	89	100	33¼
100	59½	100	89	400	32¼
100	59½	100	s3. 88½	200	32½
100	59½	200	s3. 88½	400	32
200	s3. 59½	100	s3. 88½	200	b3. 32¼
Reading.		100	88¾	300	32
500	b3. 97	100	88¾	500	31½
1,000	97	100	88¾	200	31½
100	s3. 96¾	100	88¾	200	31½
100	96¾	100	89	100	b10. 31½
N. Western pref.		100	89	Quicksilver.	
300	s3. 51	100	s3. 88¾	100	64
100	s3. 51	100	s3. 88¾	200	64

TUESDAY, March 21—P. M.

Gold opened at 155, and was not much lower during the day. The highest point was 155¾, under reports of bad army news and a rumor that "the Government was buying." Gold has been in active borrowing demand, and the market is still very largely oversold. The statement that the Treasury intends to import gold is without foundation. At the close the market was weak and tending down, closing at 4 p. m. at 155¼.

Government Stocks were forced to sale, and low prices made upon a small business. The 10-40s sold at 89, 5-20s at 100¼, and 6s of 1881 at 101½. At these rates there was a strong demand, and prices at once rallied to 91, 104, and 105 for the various issues. The closing rates were 91½ for 10-40s, and 104¼ for 5-20s. The orders from the country were large and widely distributed. All gold-bearing bonds are very scarce for delivery, and are probably near bottom. Railway Shares were thrown overboard without stint, and very low quotations made. The following table shows the fluctuations of the day. At the decline at the Stock Exchange there was a large demand for cash stock, and prices rallied briskly. The advance was not sustained, and at the close of the day the market was heavy at the reduced figures.

MORNING BOARD.

	Monday.	Tuesday.	Decline.	Price at 4 p. m.
New-York Central	104½	99¾	5	99¾
Erie Railway	64	59	5	59¾
Hudson River	107½	98¾	9½	100¼
Reading	105¾	96¾	8¾	96½
Michigan Central	105	97	8	..
Michigan Southern	62½	56½	5¾	56¾
Illinois Central	106	98½	7½	100¼
Cleve. & Pittsburgh	65¼	57½	8	57½
North-Western	27½	24	3½	23½
Rock Island	96	89	7	88¾
Fort Wayne	86	83	3	81½

Exchange is more firmly held at the following rates: Bankers' Sterling, 60 days, 109½@109¾; Bankers' Sterling, 3 days, 110¼@110½; Merchants' Sterling, 107¾@108¼; Francs, 5.13¾@5.15.

In the panic, Bank shares are offered lower. Bank of New-York fell 1 per cent; American, 2; Bank of Commerce, 3; Ocean, 1; American Exchange, 1; Metropolitan, 2; Fourth National, 1; Ninth National, 2.

Money has been active, but at 7 per cent stock houses have been supplied quite freely. Commercial paper is not in favor under the fall in commodities and the dullness in trade in all departments. The decline in gold and the assurance prevailing that no permanent advance is to be shown, are stimulating many houses to realize at present losses, rather than run the risk of still greater as the year wears away. The Rebellion for the first time begins to press upon traders at the North, who, under the stimulus of repeated issues of paper money, have been making "paper fortunes." The receding premium on gold, and the consequent reduction in market prices, are developing the other side of the picture, and "paper fortunes" are vanishing faster than they were made.

Freights are dull. The engagements to Liverpool are 100 tuns Logwood, at 6s.; 200 boxes Bacon, at 28s. 6d., and per steamer, 1,000 boxes Cheese, at 25s. To London, 700 bbls. Tar, at 3s., and 50 tcrs. Beef, at 2s. 6d. To Bremen, 40 hhds. Tobacco, at 15s. A Russian bark was chartered to Cadiz with 600 hhds., at 27s. 6d.

The aggregate amount of exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New-York to foreign ports for the week ending March 21, 1865, was, $3,608,[illegible].

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $1,015,210 14; for Customs, $181,000; Payments, $2,129,027 60; on account of loan, $26,000; balances, $27,629,007 44.

The annual report of the Erie road has been published. The receipts for the year ending December 31, 1864, were.....$13,429,643 54

Operating expenses, including repairs, rent of roads, long dock, taxes, ferry, hire of cars, and rent, repairs, etc., of Buffalo Division		10,228,531 29
Net income		$3,201,112 25
Interest upon debt	$1,231,806 34	
Dividends	1,832,623 58	
Surplus	136,682 33—	$3,201,112 25
Increased earnings in 1864		$2,960,162 25
Increased expenses in 1864		2,885,832 74
Increase in net earnings		$74,329 53

The increase in expenses was made up as follows:

Office and station expenses	$229,164 10
Cost of running	828,314 00
General expenses	117,320 87
Repairs of engines and cars	464,628 87
Repairs of track and roadway	939,257 06
Repairs of structures	259,292 30
Incidental to road and structures	6,180 84
Miscellaneous	31,474 70
Total	$2,885,832 74

Of which $357,818 53 in cost of running is in fuel.

The cost of "Repairs of Track and Roadway" is also increased $208,257 06. This amount is partly accounted for in the new iron laid down in 1864.

In 1864 there was	30,480 tuns at a cost of	$2,132,725 01
In 1863 there was	13,967 tuns at a cost of	817,669 67

A difference of.. 6,513 tuns, and in value of $1,315,015 34

The average cost per net tun for railroad iron in 1863 was $58 60; in 1864 it was $105 per tun, a difference of $46 34 per tun. The estimated quantity of iron required for 1865 is 10,000 tuns, which at $105 per tun, last year's price, would be $1,050,000. The cost last year for 20,480 tuns having been $2,132,000, the decrease in this one item for 1865 will be $1,082,000, or a six month's dividend on both classes of the capital stock.

ERIE RAILROAD COST.

	1863.	1864.
Stock	$30,105,200	$24,905,800
Debt	19,961,000	17,823,400
	$49,066,200	$42,759,200

The present liabilities of the Company, March 16, on account of the new construction and equipment are as follows:

Bills payable to Daniel Drew, esq., for which 28,000 shares of stock are hypothecated—the debt to mature in one year from January 6, 1865, with a right to the Company to pay the whole, or any part thereof, before maturity	$1,960,000 00
29 Freight Cars to receive	31,436 00
13 Engines to receive in March	339,356 15
16 Engines to receive in April	451,464 48
22 Engines to receive in May and June	842,000 00
	$3,624,256 63

And the means to pay the same are—

28,000 Shares of stock at par	$2,800,000 00
900 Fourth mortgage bonds	900,000 00
	$3,700,000 00

The condition of the property is more satisfactory than the public has believed. In the face of the large cost of operating it has earned the dividends paid. Its business for 1865 will supply a good proportion of the money required to pay for its new equipment, and the remainder will probably not be obtained by sales of stock at anything like current rates.

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Markets—CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE N.Y. TRIBUNE. TUESDAY, March 21, 1865.

ASHES—The market is lower, unsettled, and prices at the close are entirely nominal; we omit quotations.

COTTON—The market continues very dull, with only a few small retail sales; prices are lower and very unsettled, ranging nominally between 50@55c. for Middlings.

COFFEE—No sales are reported, prices being without change; the stock of Rio is made up by Messrs. Wm. Scott & Sons is 50,[illegible] bags, including 10,000 in Baltimore, 1,000 in Philadelphia, and 38,298 in New-York.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is dull, and as the supply offering is large prices are 15@25c. ₱ bbl. lower. The decline is the most noticable on good and choice brands; the sales are 4,700 bbls. at $9 50@$9 80 for Superfine State; $9 65@$10 10 for Extra State; $10 15@$10 30 for Fancy State; $10 10@$10 30 for the low grades of Western Extra; $10 20@$10 40 for shipping Ohio; $10 50@$11 for Trade and Family brands, and $10 50@$13 75 for St. Louis Extras. Canadian Flour is 20@25c. lower, and the market is dull at the close; the sales of 250 bbls. at $10@$10 25 for the low grades of Extra, and $10 35@$11 75 for Trade and Family Extras. Southern Flour is also lower and very dull; the supply is ample; sales of 250 bbls. at $10 20@$11 for mixed to good Superfine Country, Baltimore, &c., and $11 10@$13 75 for Trade and Family brands. Rye Flour is lower and dull; sales of 200 bbls. at $6 75@$7 50. Corn Meal is quiet and heavy; sales of 100 bbls at $7 for Jersey.

GRAIN—The Wheat market is very dull and prices are fully 5 to 10 cents lower, and still quite unsettled; the depression in gold and the tight money market are the chief causes of the concession; the demand is limited; the sales are 14,000 bush. at $1 80 for good Milwaukee, delivered. Last evening two cargoes of Amber do. sold at $1 92½. Barley is inactive and prices are nominal. Barley Malt is quiet and unsettled. Oats are dull and nominal; the market is unsettled; the sales are small at 96@98c. for Jersey, on the pier, and 98@$1 for Western, in store. Rye is heavy and nominal at the close; buyers hold off; the supply is liberal. Corn is in less active demand, but prices are unchanged. Old is neglected and is entirely nominal; the sales are 11,800 bush. New Yellow Jersey and Pennsylvania at $1 50@$1 58, on pier.

HOPS—There has been a fair inquiry chiefly for home consumption; prices have ruled very firm, especially choice grades, which are scarce. We quote sales at 20@22c. for common to prime, and 30@40c. for fair to choice New Crop, with small lots of extra choice at 45@50c.

HAY—The market is dull, but prices are without change; sales at $1 50@$1 70 ₱ 100 lbs. for Shipping.

MOLASSES—At private sale nothing has been done and prices are nominal; by auction 140 hhds. Porto Rico sold for 61½@75½c., 4 months.

OIL-CAKE—The unsettled market for exchange, and rapid decline in gold, have checked the inquiry for Cake, and prices are lower and very quiet at our quotations.

OILS—There has been less activity in the market for City Linseed since our last; prices have ruled heavy, and are lower, closing dull at $1 55@$1 57. English remains quiet, and prices are nominal. Fish Oils have also ruled dull; prices have declined, and at the close have a downward tendency. Lard Oil continues dull; prices are lower and nominal at the close. City Distilled Red Oil is lower, and the market closes dull, with a downward tendency. Camphene and Burning Fluid are both exceedingly dull, and prices are nominal. Kerosene is selling at 80c., free.

PROVISIONS—We have again to note another severe panic in the market for Pork; prices have largely declined and fluctuated considerably. At the opening of Change the market was indeed a very sick one, there being but little disposition on the part of buyers to operate, even at the reduction of last evening; a few sales were made at $24 25@$24 50. Subsequently a brisk speculative demand sprung up, and the market rallied and advanced to $28 50 per barrel, closing, however rather weak at about $28; the sales cash and regular are 6,854 bbls. Included in the transactions are 100 bbls. Old Mess at $23 50, and 700 bbls. Prime Mess at $26. Since Change hours the market has been extremely dull; prices have had a downward tendency, and at the close are nominal at $27 75@$28. The market for Beef has been very unsettled, and prices have declined; at the close quotations are merely nominal, viz., $16@$18 for Plain Mess, and $18 50@$20 for Extra do; in Tierce Beef and Beef Hams the market is very irregular; in the absence of sales prices are entirely nominal. Cut Meats are dull and prices are unsettled and nominal. Bacon is very dull, and we have only to note a sale of 36 boxes Short Clear at 17c. Dressed Hogs are scarce and wanted. There has been a fair business in Lard to-day, but in prices considerable concession was made, closing dull; the sales are 1,675 bbls. and tcs. at 15@16½c. for No. 1, and 17@18½c. for fair to prime Steam and Kettle Rendered, the latter rate on choice; sales reported for May delivery at 18½c.

BUTTER—Choice State is a little firmer, owing to favorable news from Europe. We quote:

State, firkins and tubs fair to good	22@28
Western Reserve, good to choice	17@20
Central Ohio	16@17
State, tubs, good to choice	23@32

CHEESE—There is no special change in prices; the demand is moderate. We quote:

State Factory, good to choice, per lb	22@24½
State, fair to good	20@22½
State Dairies, choice	22@23
English Dairy (Conn.)	21@23
English Dairy (Ohio.)	20@21
Vermont Dairy	18@22

PETROLEUM—Crude is firm at 35@36c.; Refined are easier; we quote at 54c. in bond, and 74c. for free.

RICE—The market dull and prices nominal.

SUGARS—Raw Sugars are dull and prices heavy; sales of 147 hhds. part Port Rico at 15c., and 15 boxes Havana at 17c.; Refined are nominal.

SEEDS—The market for Cloverseed is dull and lower, at 22@23½c. Timothy Seed is selling at $5 50@$6 ₱ bush. Rough Flaxseed is quiet at $3 20@$3 30 ₱ bush.

TALLOW—The market is lower and moderately active; sales of 28,900 lbs. at 12@12½c. for Western, and 12¼@12½c. for City.

TOBACCO—The state of gold precludes activity; sales of 81 hhds. Ky., 9½@20c.

WHISKY—The market is dull, unsettled, and lower; sales of 280 bbls. at $2 20@$2 21 for Western in bots.

Receipts of Produce.

MARCH 21—6,453 bbls. Flour, 211 bbls. Whisky, 2,500 bbls. Corn Meal, 13,000 bushs. Oats, 16,000 bushs. Seed, 59 pkgs. Ashes, 985 pkgs. Lard, 2,120 pkgs. Butter, 920 pkgs. Provisions.

NEW-YORK CATTLE MARKET.

RECEIPTS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING TUESDAY, March 21, 1865.

			Sheep and Lambs.	Swine.	Total.
Beeves.	Cows.	Veals.			
2,803	154	759	5,561	1,968	10,700

These were sold at the following Market Places:

	Beeves.	Cows.	Veals.	Sheep and Lambs.	Swine.	Total.
At Allerton's, 44th-st.	1,392	49	460	134	1,968	....
At Browning's, 6th-st.	47	54	58	1,800	....	....
At O'Brien's, 6th-st.	82	14	59	645	....	....
At Chamberlin's, Robinson-st.	31	37	192	1,640	....	....
At Bergen	326	....	..	1,242	....	....
Sent from the cars direct to Butchers	29	....	....	....	....	....

PRICES OF BEEF AT THE PRINCIPAL MARKET THIS WEEK.

The following are the quotations per pound upon the estimated net weight of meat—seller sinking offal. That is, a bullock whose quarters will weigh 8 cwt, at 10c. a pound, amounts to $80:

	Cents per pound.
Prime or extra holiday Beef	24 @—
The next best on sale to-day	22½@23
That generally rated first quality	22 @23
Medium or good, fair quality	19 @21
That of ordinary, thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	16 @18
Inferior or lowest grade of Cattle	14 @15
The general average of the market to-day, estimated at	18 @19½
Extreme range of prices from	14 @24
The most of the sales are from	18 @21

WHERE THE CATTLE ARE FROM.

The Bullocks sold at Allerton's are reported from the following States:

New-York	313	Illinois	693
Pennsylvania	100	Connecticut	47
Ohio	593	New-Jersey	4
Michigan	8	Canada	149

They came by the following routes: Erie Railroad, 297; Hudson River Railroad, 34; Harlem Railroad, 1,393; Camden and Amboy Railroad, 104; on foot, 64. About 1,300 were in the yards on Monday.

LIST OF DROVERS.

The following are the names of drovers, owners, or consignees of the principal droves, and where the cattle are reported from:

W. H. Belden & Co., Ill.	127	P. Reilly, O.	36
T. B. Rowe, N. Y.	35	H. Clemens, O.	16
J. Dalbey & Bro., Ill.	139	G. Titus, Ill.	90
G. Strauss, O.	18	R. Barksdale, O.	16
E. Loughman, O.	26	Hedges & Yeezel, O.	38
Virgil & Co., Ill.	44	Wickin & Yeazel, O.	96
W. Thompson, O.	40	A. Donnolly, N. Y.	16
W. Thompson, Canada	16	Morton & Sims, Ill.	145
W. Thompson, N. Y.	17	P. Connolly, N. Y.	11
Scott & Cochran, O.	60	A. M. Clark, Ill.	34
J. Moss, O.	166	J. Decker, N. Y.	28
Schuster & Elsner, Can.	130	M. Smith, N. Y.	15
F. Jackson, Conn.	13	J. H. Williams, Pa.	56
W. Scollens, N. Y.	71	J. Kelley, Pa.	26
Thomas Gillies, O.	74	Martin & Minck, Pa.	16
Grabill & Bro., O.	45	Harlem Local, N. Y.	93
Healey & Co., Ill.	50	Harlem Local, Conn.	8

REMARKS ABOUT BEEF CATTLE.

The total number this week, 2,803 head, compares with 5,400 head last week, and with 5,146 head, average per week last year, and with 3,849 for the corresponding week one year ago.

The number sold yesterday and to-day at the principal market, 1,502 head, compares with 3,869 head last week, and with 2,867 head, the average per week last year, and with 3,062 head, at market one year ago.

THE OPENING OR PRINCIPAL DAY OF THE MARKET.

Monday, March 20.—Owing to the great flood, which has materially interfered with transportation on the New-York Central and Erie roads, we had only 1,300 head of Bullocks in the sale pens this morning, and for these the brokers asked and obtained rates equal to 2c. ₱ lb. advance upon rates quoted last week, ranging 15@23c. ₱ lb. and a few extras 24 cents; the advance upon ordinary quality being stronger than upon the best. Indeed wholesale butchers find prices estimated at 21@22c. ₱ lb. net, seller sinking offal, for steers that average 800 lbs. net. But all these purchases were made under protest, butchers declaring that they could not, and some of them would not pay the prices, and went home without buying. Butchers say, and undoubtedly truly, that their customers continually worry them to reduce the price of beef, to correspond with reduction of price of nearly all other commodities, which they are unable to do so long as drovers and speculators are in combination to keep up the price of cattle on foot. Drovers are constantly asserting that the country is drained of stock—there are no distillery-fed cattle, and that a supply cannot be had except at these extravagant rates, and at any rate there will be a famine in May and June, so that it is idle to talk about getting down prices now. Then we have to say, let us lessen consumption. Let us eat less beef, and live more upon fish, eggs, butter, sugar, bread, vegetables and fruit, all of which are falling, and beef should follow suit. Let all the customers of butchers reiterate this fact, and then they will continue to say to drovers as they have to day: "we will not pay the price." Their determination is shown in the fact that a larger proportion of the stock than usual remained unsold at 3 o'clock, and we have never seen trade duller nor fewer butchers in market than now, at the same time of day. Fortunately there are no cattle wanted by Government to day. A few have been put in on the new contract since last week at $13 49 ₱ cwt., live weight, and others have gone to the butchers, enough to amount for the week, we entered since last report, on the market books, so as to leave only 1,300 actually on sale to-day. Others are expected to-morrow, but it is uncertain, but the butchers anticipate a fall in price, and be easier than they are now. The weather to-day is remarkably warm and clear. Local cattle are played out. Workers are wanted. We hear of 75 cars of bullocks detained West of Albany.

THE CLOSE OF THE MARKET.

Tuesday, March 21.—The few cattle on sale to-day are not sufficient to effect the market one way or the other, nor give any indication of what it will be next week when a full supply is expected. It is also expected that cattle will begin to arrive to-morrow, and for this butchers are content to wait. They are not content to pay the prices asked yesterday morning because they feel sure that the price must gradually decline—that the advance this week is only temporary, owing to the detention of those intended for this week's supply by the flood. Of the state of trade at the close of the market we have to report the arrival of two hundred good cattle, mostly from the South, which were held at prices of yesterday afternoon, and sold very slow and dull, and of course upon better terms to butchers than Monday morning. Government is taking about 100 head of cattle, previously bought up, however, upon the first indication of [illegible] have. A heavy decline in hides and rough fat operates to the disadvantage of butchers.

BROKERS' SALES OF BULLOCKS.

A. B. Mead, for Yazel & Co., 134 Ohio steers, after Mr. Yazel had sold 34 of the tail at $86 each, or 16@18c. The balance of the drove was good 7¼ cwt. cattle and run out at 19@22c.

Simon Ulery, for Dalbey & Bro., 70 nice, smooth, 7 cwt. Ill. steers, at 21c. An average lot of 26 were sold at that figure on the scales, 58 lbs. to the cwt.

J. H. Williams, 106 very good, strong Ohio steers and heifers, second in quality to only one large drove, 8¼ cwt. grade Durhams, at 20@22c. They belonged to J. Moss. Also, on Tuesday, 50 prime Lancaster County, Pa., 7 cwt., at 20@22c. per lb.

Teed & Wheeler, for Morton & Sims, 145 Ill. steers, 7 cwt., strong, fair flesh, at 19@21c.—few probably at 22c.

Richardson & Westheimer, for themselves, 43 Ill. steers, bought of Belden; fair flesh, 6¾@7 cwt.; sold at 21c.

Church & Hurd, for Yeazel, 32 medium Ohio cattle, 6¾ cwt., at 19@22c., and 36 lighter cattle for same owner at 18c., being thin and small.

McIntyre & Goff, 45 good Ohio cattle for Crabill, at 20@22c. on 7¼ cwt., and 15 for R. Barksdale; also, Ohio cattle of similar grade at same prices.

Miller and Morehouse at Bergen, last week, 38 coarse rough Ohio steers and oxen, at 17@20c., and 26 for Root & Bettis, Ohio, at similar prices.

Healy & Co. for themselves, 50 Illinois steers, in good flesh, 7½ cwt., at 20c.

E. Loughman, for Virgil, 96 Illinois steers, part at Bergen, 6¾ cwt., at $130 each, or nearly 20c. ₱ lb.

Conger & Coney, at Bergen, 17 coarse Canada oxen and steers for Jocelyn, at 19@21c., and 34 Ohio steers for Somers, at 19@20c. on 6¼ cwt.

W. Florence, 30 Ohio steers for Scott & Cochran, 6¾ cwt., grade, Durhams, a handy bunch, at 20@22c.

Barney Bartram, on his own account, 57 Illinois cattle, part of Dalbey's drove, 7¼ cwt., very good, at 20@24c.; one pair on the scales at the latter price, 60 lbs. to the cwt. The lot averaged about 22c., Mr. Bartram taking advantage of the first briskness and selling out early.

Eastman & Bro., for Joel Dalbey, 123 nice 7¼ cwt. Illinois steers, at 19@22c.

T. Gillis, for himself, 74 fair Ohio steers, at 19c. on 7¼ cwt. scant.

Schuster & Elsner, for themselves, 130 Canada cattle, fair to very good, 6¾ cwt. average, at 19@20c.—9 of them extra fat to P. Lowerse of Washington Market, at $100 each, or 22½—buyer thinks 23c.

Murray & Glover, 48 Ohio cattle, bought of Thompson and retailed at 19@20c. on 5 cwt. steers and heifers; also 50 good 7 cwt. Illinois steers, bought of T. Gillis and run out at 20@21c.

There was a little strife between two Western drovers, J. Moss and George Titus, as to who had the best large drove of cattle. Mr. Moss's cattle were the heaviest, and a prime drove, but not, in our opinion, equal in quality to the 90 head owned by Titus and sold by J. A. Merritt at 20@23c. on 7½ cwt., home weight 1,470 lbs., all steers and very fine, having passed through a course of feeding by Sam. Jones, one of the best feeders in Sangamon County, Ill.

Many little lots of one to four or five pairs of cattle were on sale, generally by the owners, and brought similar prices to the above. The majority of the cattle were of good quality.

MILCH COWS.—There is no mistaking the fact that fresh cows sell slowly at from $40 to $45 per head lower than a few weeks ago. Only about half so many cows are sent in for sale as there were at this time last year, and though prices are still a little higher than then, they are hard to "get shut of." The principal cause of this dullness is the trouble in the supply of swill and grains from the distilleries, those milkmen who are usually the largest buyers of cows depending almost wholly upon this kind of feed. There is some inquiry for good family cows, and this class sell at from $75 to $90, and occasionally $100 if large and handsome, pleasing the fancy of some gentleman who regards looks quite as much as milking propensities. Common cows bring, without their calves, from $50 to $65. There are not many first-class cows sent here for sale, as they are worth quite as much in the country as here. So many tricks are played upon unsuspecting and uninitiated buyers, by tacking a young calf upon a cow that has been milked some months, letting them go unmilked for a few days to swell out a mammoth bag, etc., that those in want of a fresh cow often send to a country friend for one rather than trust the dealers here.

VEAL CALVES—The number of calves, as is to be expected at this season continues to increase, but we cannot quote much advance, notwithstanding the rise in Beef, Mutton and Pork. They go off rather quicker, good fat veals at 15c.—occasionally 16c. for something extra; fat, fair Calves at 14c., and poor at 10@12c. Little Calves of a week old and less, called "bobs," begin to be plenty, and are sold without weighing, at $2 50@$5 each.

THE SHEEP MARKET.

Receipts this week	5,561

QUOTATIONS.—The following reports of sales of Sheep and Lambs, by several of the Sheep brokers, who sell on commission, will give the average of prices per head this week. They are quoted per pound, live weight for Sheep, 13@14½c.

The Sheep market remained dull up to Friday night, at last week's quotations, when a lot of 440 good fair Illinois Sheep came in, which the ow