COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—August 15.

U.S.6s,1881,reg.	Cumberland prf.	Mariposa.
5,000.....106½	100..... 40¼	100..... 12
6,000.....106¾	100..... 40¾	Mich. Central.
U.S.6s,5-20,reg.	300..... 40	100.....105
1,000.....104½	200..... 39¾	100.....104
U. S. 6's 5-20 cp.	N. Y. Central.	100.....103
50,000.....106	700....s30. 90	500.....102
US.6s,5-20 c,new	300....s30. 90½	200.....102¼
500.....104¾	500....s15. 92¼	Mich.So.&N.In.
U.S.5s,10-40,cp.	1,300..... 90½	1,700..... 61
144,000.... 97	200..... 90¾	1,500..... 62
Treas.Notes7.30s	Erie.	1,200..... 62¼
2d series.	500..... 82¼	1,000..... 62½
3,000..... 98¾	200..... 82½	500..... 62½
3d series.	1,000..... 82¾	Cleve. & Pitts.
4,500..... 98¾	2,500....c. 82½	3,500..... 67
10,000..... 98½	3,200..... 82¾	500..... 67¼
U.S.6s,1yr c,new	Hudson River.	2,000..... 67½
6,000..... 98	200.....108	400..... 67¾
Virginia 6s.	200.....107¼	Chicago & N.W.
1,000..... 58	400.....107	1,500..... 26¼
Missouri 6s.	400.....106¼	400..... 26½
2,000..... 71¼	300.....106	Chi.&N.W.pref.
Ohio & Miss.cer.	200.....105¾	1,500..... 61
20,000..... 24	200.....105¼	1,200..... 61¼
10,000..... 23¾	300.....105	400..... 61½
10,000..... 23½	200.....104¾	Chicago & R. I.
Shoe & Lthr Bk.	200.....104½	500.....104¼
13.....105	200.....104	500.....104½
Fourth Nat. Bk.	200.....103	2,000.....105
50.....102	1,000.....102	500.....105¼
Merch. Ex. B'k.	400.....101¾	200.....105½
20.....100	Reading.	Mil. & P. du Ch.
Canton.	100..... 98	300..... 40
100....b30. 38¾	2,000..... 99	100..... 40½
100..... 38¾	6,500..... 99¼	Pitts.F.W.&Ch.
100..... 38¾	4,500.....100	700..... 94
Del.& H. Canal.	1,200.....100¼	400..... 93¼
10.....136	1,100.....100¼	300..... 93¼
Quicksilver.	500.....100¾	600..... 93
1,200..... 53	Illinois Central.	200..... 92¼
50..... 53¼	500.....119	1,500..... 92
	100....b30.119	

SECOND BOARD.

U.S. 6s, 1881, cp.	Mariposa.	Cleve. & Pitts.
10,000.....106¼	100..... 12	400..... 67¼
U. S. 5-20 c, new.	Erie.	800..... 67¾
7,000.....104¼	100..... 81	200....s10. 67¼
42,000.....104¾	600..... 81¼	Chicago & N.W.
U. S 6's 5-20, cp.	300..... 81½	100..... 27¼
10,000.....105¾	1,200.....100¼	300..... 27
Treasury, 7 3-10s	1,100.....100¼	Chi.& N.W.pref
2d series.	100....s60. 80¼	500..... 61
20,000..... 98¾	Hudson River.	300..... 61½
20,000..... 98¼	100.....104¼	200....s10. 61
Tennessee 6s.	200.....104½	Cleve. & Toledo.
10,000..... 73	Reading.	100.....100
Missouri 6s.	1,000.....102	Chicago & R. I.
5,000..... 71	200....s15. 101¾	100.....104¼
American Gold.	100....s60. 101	400.....104½
25,000.....140¼	1,000.....101¾	600.....104
Cumb. Coal pref.	Mich. Central.	Mil. & Pr. du Ch.
500..... 39¼	100.....103	300..... 40
Quicksilver.	50.....103¼	200..... 39¾
400..... 53	100.....103½	100..... 39¼
N. Y. Central.	Mich. So. & N. I.	Pitts.FtW.& Ch
200..... 90¼	200..... 61½	1,000..... 93
500..... 90½	2,400..... 62	100..... 92¾
	Illinois Central.	
	100.....120	

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—1 P. M.

Ohio & Miss. Cer	Erie.	Mich. So. & N. I.
10,000..... 24	100.ex d.c. 79¼	100..... 60
Atlantic Mail.	300..... 79½	500.....c. 60¼
100.....c.125	2,600..... 79¾	200..... 61
Canton.	700.....c. 79¾	2,800..... 61¼
100..... 36	200.....s3. 79¾	100.....c. 61¼
200.....s3. 36	300..... 79¾	100.....s3. 61¼
100.....b3. 37	300.....s3. 79¾	100.....s3. 61¼
Cumberland.	500..... 79¾	Cleve. & Pitts.
100..... 38¼	Hudson River.	700..... 66¼
100.....c. 39	600.....103	200.....c. 66¼
100..... 39	200.....102¾	900..... 66¼
Cary Improvm't.	100.....c.102¼	500.....s3. 66¼
400..... 13	200.....s3.103	200.....b3. 66¼
Quicksilver.	Illinois Central.	500..... 66½
100..... 53	200.....118¼	Chicago & R. I.
N. Y. Central.	100.....s3.118¼	400.....104¼
400.....s3. 90	Reading.	300.....b5.104¼
100....s30. 89¾	200.....100	200.....s3.104¼
1,000..... 90	900.....s3.100	100.....104
100.....c. 90¼	500.....100¼	Chi.&N.W.pref.
200..... 90¼	300.....s3.100¼	400.....c 60¼
700....s10. 90	Chicago & N.W.	600..... 60¼
400.....s3. 90¼	200.....c. 26¼	400.....c. 60
P. Ft W. & Chi.	200..... 26¾	300.....s3. 60
600..... 92¼	300..... 26¾	200....s30. 60

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—3½ P. M.

Ohio & Miss. Cer	Erie.	Mich. Central.
10,000..... 24	800..... 81¼	100.....105¼
Cumb. Coal pref.	100.....b3. 81¼	Chicago & R. I.
100..... 40¼	600.....s3. 81¼	100.....s3.104¼
Quicksilver.	300.....s3. 81¼	500.....104¼
400....s10. 53¼	Pitts., F.W.& C.	Chicago & N.W.
N. Y. Central.	700..... 93	100.....s3. 26¼
100..... 90¼	100.....b3. 93	100..... 26¼
100.....s3. 90¼	Mich. So. & N.I.	Chi.&N.W.pref.
Hudson River.	100..... 62¼	400..... 61¼
200.....104¼	100.....b3. 62¼	100..... 61¼
100....s30.104¼	1,000.....s3. 62	300.....b3. 61¼
Reading.	Cleve.& Pitts.	200..... 61
300.....101¾	200.....s3. 67	200..... 61½
300...b10.101¾	1,800..... 67¼	

TUESDAY, Aug. 15—P. M.

Gold opened at 141¼, sold down to 140¼, and closed at 141¼@141¾.

Wall-st. has been more excited to-day than at any time since the explosion of the Ohio Life and Trust Company. The sudden fall of stocks last night, and the great pressure to sell, made it apparent that there was trouble among financial people of magnitude. It soon became known that the house of Ketchum, Son & Co. and Charles Graham & Co. had stopped payment, and that Mr. Edward B. Ketchum had absconded. It was also announced that Mr. E. B. Ketchum had forged gold checks upon the Bank of New-York in the amount of $250,000, which was soon increased to $2,500,000, a large but not improbable sum taken in connection with the magnitude of the stock operations of Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Graham.

The gold checks were taken from a book procured in June last, ostensibly for the use of Charles Graham & Co., who having made a deposit drew a check or left their signatures with the Bank of New-York, which acts as the custodian of gold for speculators and brokers. The checks are numbered from 58,501 to 59,000, both inclusive, were for $5,000 each, and it is supposed were all used, making an aggregate of $2,500,000. The entire filling of the checks were forgeries, and they were used as collaterals, as gold, for loans, at high interest, with a stipulation that they should not be used in any form. They were, of course, not presented for payment. They are not well executed, and presentation would have exposed the fraud at an early period. These false tokens appear to have been used "out of the street," among country banks, and among German houses to a great extent. To Brockelman & Unger, and L. Von Hoffman, whose names were used upon the check we noticed yesterday, is now added those of Einstein & Rosenfeld, Vermilyea & Co., and others. The Fourth National Bank was a lender upon them to the amount of $255,000, to other parties than Messrs. Ketchum or Graham. The firm of Ketchum, Son & Co., stopped payments to make an examination of its affairs, by the order of Mr. Morris Ketchum, who was absent from town when the fraud was discovered. It is stated that in addition to this forgery of gold checks, Mr. E. B. Ketchum has robbed the house of which he was a partner and active manager, of a large amount of securities. The sum is placed as high as $2,000,000. Mr. Graham, whose business has been managed by Mr. E. B. Ketchum for the past two months, Mr. Graham being ill, is a loser to the extent of $280,000. The stock and gold operations of Mr. E. B. Ketchum and Mr. Graham have been enormous, and quite large enough to account for all the money abstracted from the firm and got upon the gold checks.

The street is full of rumors of losses, but our statement covers all the losses by the fraud allowed to become public. The remittances to Ketchum, Son & Co. have been deposited to the credit of the proper parties, and at an early day a statement will be made.

The Stock market was greatly excited by the gold frauds, and very low quotations were made. Erie and Hudson River were the most sensitive, the former selling at 80¼, and the latter at 101¼.

The reports of the Stock Exchange share fully the changes in prices, and to them reference is made. At the close of the day the market was weak, and there was no strong buying. If the parties in the gold transaction have not unloaded their stocks, which is hardly probable, the market has yet to feel the full effects of to-day's developments.

Of the 7.30 coupons, to-day, the First National Bank paid $139,000, and the National Currency Bank $115,000.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $1,164,551 95; for Customs, $320,000; Payments, $2,291,194 75; on account of Loan, $103,000; Balance, $56,633,066 13.

Freights are a little more active; the engagements to Liverpool are 7,000 bushels Wheat, at 5½d.; 14,000 bushels Corn, at 4½d.; 400 bales Cotton; and per steamer, 1,000 boxes Cheese, at 40s. To Antwerp, 50 hhds. Tobacco, at 30s.

The exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New-York to foreign ports for the week ending August 15, 1865, were $3,303,616.

The earnings of the Erie Railway for the month of July were:

1865...$1,152,803 17 | 1864...$994,316 85 | Inc...$158,486 32

The earnings of the Great Western Railway of Canada for the week ending 11th August were:

1865...$60,835 56 | 1864...47,722 14½ | Inc...$13,113 41½

The following is a statement of coal transported on the Delaware and Hudson Canal:

	Week.	Season.
Del. and Hud. Canal Company...	14,290	422,402
Pennsylvania Coal Company....	578	19,715
Total tuns.....	14,868	442,117
For the same period last year:		
Del. and Hud. Canal Company...	28,342	472,618
Pennsylvania Coal Company....	17,709	270,208
Total tuns.....	46,051	742,826

A communication was to-day received by the Board of Supervisors from the Controller, stating that the banks and insurance companies which have been erroneously assessed and which have paid taxes on United States securities, are demanding repayment, and as no provision has been made for canceling their claims, the Controller called the attention of the Board to the subject.

The Lorillard Fire Insurance Company has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent; also a scrip dividend of 30 per cent, and 6 per cent interest on outstanding scrip. This company has increased its capital from $500,000 to $1,000,000, and its present assets amount to $1,312,000.

The receipts on the Grand Trunk Railway, for the week ending Aug. 1, were:

1865.....$127,067 | 1864.....$100,045 | Inc.....$27,022

The earnings of the Chicago and Alton Railroad for the first week in August were:

1865.....$76,736 | 1864.....$55,989 | Inc.....$20,747

Receipts of the Racine and Mississippi and Northern Illinois Railroads for the first week in August:

1865.....$13,013 | 1864.....$9,830 | Inc.....$3,633

The Directors of the Iowa Central Railroad Company have decided to make immediate surveys from Cedar Falls to the Missouri State line; to open stock and subscription books in each County through which the road is to pass; and to commence work as soon as the requisite amount of stock to insure the grading shall have been subscribed. The road is to pass through Albia, Eddyville, Oskaloosa, Toledo and Cedar Falls.

The Boston Evening Traveller says:

Business of most kinds has become more active. There was a slightly increased call for money this forenoon, without any change in the supply. The current rate of interest for prime collateral loans on demand was 6 per cent, and the best indorsed paper was sold in the street at 7 and 8 per cent. The foreign news was not looked upon as being favorable. American securities, consols and cotton were lower, while the Bank of England had lost specie, and advanced its minimum rate of interest. These changes, however, are not likely to affect the value of currency on this side.

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

TUESDAY, August 15, 1865.

ASHES—The market is without change in prices; sales at $7 50 for Pots, and $7 62½ for Pearls.

COTTON—The market is weak and only moderately active; sales of about 600 bales, closing at 43c. for Middlings.

COFFEE—The market for all kinds remains quiet, but prices generally are pretty firm; Messrs. Wm. Scott & Sons make the stock of Rio at this port 62,442 bags; we also report as follows: sales of Rio during the past week amount to 16,750 bags, and embrace 5,000 per Talisman, 3,500 per Pollux, 4,000 per Valkyriem, 2,000 per Salladin, 1,000 per Markwell, 1,000 per Peiho, and 250 per Schlank Maid.

CANDLES are in good demand and firm at 21@25c. for Adamantine, 35@40c. for Sperm, and 45@50c. for Patent.

COPPER—American Ingot is firm and in good request at 31@32c. for Lake and Baltimore; 45c. and 30c. for New Sheathing and Yellow Metal.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is a little more active, but prices were irregular; the lowest grades were dull, and prices fell off, but the medium and high grades are in demand, and have advanced 10@25c. ℔ bbl.; the sales are 13,800 bbls. at $5 80@$6 15 for Superfine State; $6 60@$6 80 for Extra State; $6 85@$7 10 for Fancy State; $6 80@$7 20 for the low grades of Western Extra; $8@$8 30 for Shipping Ohio, the inside price for Old; $8 40@$10 for Trade brands; and $10 50@$13 50 for St. Louis Extras. Canadian Flour is in good demand, and with moderate arrivals prices are firmer; sales of 370 bbls. at $6 85@$7 25 for the low grades of Extra, and $7 40@$10 10 for Trade and Family Extras. Southern Flour is fairly active and firmer; sales of 850 bbls. at $8 50@$9 40 for mixed to good Superfine Country Baltimore, &c., and $9 50@$13 for Trade and Family brands. Rye Flour is dull and heavy; sales of 50 bbls. at $5 50@$6. Corn Meal is inactive and heavy at $5 15 for Jersey, and $5 60 for Brandywine.

FISH—The market for Dry Cod is firm and fairly active at $7 50@$8 50 for Grand Bank and St. George's. Mackerel are in fair jobbing demand and at fair prices.

FRUIT—Raisins are firm; the stock is light, at $6 40@$6 50 for Bunch ℔ box, and $7@$7 15 for Layers. Other descriptions are moderately active at former prices.

GRAIN—The Wheat market has been somewhat irregular to-day; Spring is lower and in fair demand, and at the concession Winter is firm at prices above the views of buyers; the sales are as follows: 3,500 bush. Racine Spring at $1 43@$1 45; 21,000 bush. Chicago Spring at $1 44@$1 46; 28,000 bush. Milwaukee Club at $1 45@$1 45½; 21,500 bush. Amber do. at $1 46@$1 48, the latter rate for very choice, and 21,700 bush. Red Western at $1 85@$1 95. Barley is inactive and prices are heavy. Barley Malt is steady and the demand is only limited; sales of 3,000 bush. at $1 60. Oats are firmer but quiet; the arrivals are moderate; the sales are 26,000 bush. Western at 66½c. in store and 67c. afloat. Rye is inactive but prices are well sustained. Corn is plenty, less active, and 2c. lower; the demand is mainly for the home trade; the decline in Gold checks the inquiry for export; the sales are 70,000 bush. Unsound at 86@87½c., and Western Mixed at 88@89c., closing at 89c. for good.

HOPS have been in fair demand and prices are firm at from 10@45c. for inferior and common to choice and fancy lots of Old and New crop.

HAY—The market is dull and heavy, the supply is increasing; sales of 150 bales New at 70@75c.; old is quoted at 90c.@$1.

IRON—Pig continues firm and a good demand prevails at $38@$40 for No. 1 American, and $42 50@$47 for do. Scotch.

LEAD—The market for Pig is quiet, but prices are without change; the sales are at $9 62½ for Galena; $9 12½@$9 25 for English, German Refined and Spanish; Bar at 12c., and Sheet and Pipe at 15c.

MOLASSES—We have nothing new to advise in this market, the demand continuing fair from the trade, and prices well supported.

OILS—Linseed is firm and in fair demand at $1 18@$1 21 for City. Fish Oils are in moderate request and firm at $1 50 for Crude Whale, and $2 25@$2 40 for do. Sperm. Lard Oil is firm but quiet at $2 05@$2 10 for No. 1 Winter. Kerosene is selling at 71@72c. free.

PROVISIONS—There has been more doing in Pork to-day; at the opening of Change the market was quite firm, but toward the close prices fell off; for future delivery we hear of sales of 2,500 bbls. New Mess, seller all the month, at $32@$32 75, closing at $32; the sales, cash and regular, are 6,000 bbls. at $30@$30 50 for Old Mess; $32@$32 75 for New do., closing at $32; $26 50@$27 for Western Prime Mess. Beef has been in good demand and very firm; sales of 1,800 bbls. (part last evening) at $9@$11 50 for Plain Mess; $11@$14 50 for Extra do., and $6@$9 for State Beef. Tierce Beef and Beef Hams are dull and nominal. Cut Meats are dull, and prices favor the buyer. Bacon is inactive and nominal. Lard is dull, but prices are without essential change; sales of 400 bbls. and tcs. at 20@20¼c. for fair to prime Steam, and 23@24½c. for Kettle Rendered.

BUTTER—There is no special change to-day in prices. The demand is light. We quote:

N. Y. State, Welsh tubs, strictly fine, ℔ lb.....	34@35
N. Y. State, Welsh tubs, fair to good.....	30@32
N. Y. State, Welsh tubs, white and poor mixed...	25@27
N. Y. State, firkin tubs, strictly fine.....	35@37
N. Y. State, firkins, fine.....	34@35
Penn., common to medium.....	23@25
Western Reserve, good to fine, yellow.....	26@29
Western Reserve, common to medium.....	23@25
Southern Ohio.....	22@26
Mich., Ill., Ind. & Wis. good to fine yellow.....	26@28
Mich., Ill., Ind. & Wis. common to medium.....	22@24

CHEESE is dull and unchanged. We quote:

State factory, good to choice, ℔ lb.....	13 @13½
State, fair to good.....	12 @13½
State dairies, choice.....	14 @15
English dairy (Conn.).....	13 @14
English dairy (Ohio).....	12½@13½
Vermont dairy.....	10 @14

PETROLEUM—There is no particular change in prices since our last; the demand is moderate; we quote Crude at 32½@33c.; Refined in bond at 52½@53c., and do. free at 72@73c.

RICE—A moderate jobbing business is doing at full previous rates.

SUGARS—Raw Sugars are selling moderately as wanted by the trade; prices show no essential change; the transactions embrace some 700 hhds., chiefly Cuba, at 11½@13c.; Refined is dull and heavy at about 19½c. for Hards.

SEEDS—Grass Seeds are dull and prices are nominal. Rough Flaxseed is in limited demand and steady at $2 30@$2.50 per bush. of 56 lb.

TOBACCO is less active, little that is desirable offering; sales of 117 hhds. Kentucky at 8½@23c.

TALLOW—The demand is fair and the market is steady; sales of 80,000 lb at 12@12½c. for Western, and 12½c. for City.

WHISKY—The market is fairly active and is firmer; sales of 200 bbls. at $2 18 for State, and $2 16@$2 19 for Western.

Receipts of Produce.

AUG. 15.—3,677 bbls. Flour, 100 bbls. Whisky, 400 bbls. Corn Meal, 59,000 bush. Wheat, 70,100 bush. Corn, 24,500 bush. Oats, 1,573 pkgs. Provisions, 2,840 pkgs. Butter.

NEW-YORK CATTLE MARKET.

RECEIPTS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING TUESDAY, Aug. 15, 1865.

			Sheep and			
Beeves.	Cows.	Veals.	Lambs.	Swine.		Total.
6,751	101	1,457	18,377	12,240		39,946

These were sold at the following Market-Places:

	Beeves.	Cows.	Veals.	Sheep and Lambs.	Swine.	Total.
At Allerton's, 44th-st.	4,619	21	367	493	12,240	....
At Browning's, 6th-st.	160	25	143	7,422	....	....
At O'Brien's, 6th-st...	39	28	73	3,433	....	....
At Chamberlin's, Robinson-st.....	68	29	246	5,631	....	....
At Berren.....	1,525	..	28	198	....	....
Sent from the cars direct to Butchers....	340	..	600	1,200	....	....
Average weekly receipts last year.....	5,146	146	1,454	15,047	12,696	34,410
Receipts last week...	5,224	131	1,336	16,858	7,177	30,730

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.
Prize, or extra holiday Beef.....	none.
The very best on sale to-day.....	17@18
That generally rated first quality.....	16@17
Medium or good, fair quality.....	14@15
That of ordinary, thin Steers, Oxen and Cows.....	12@13
Inferior or lowest grade of Cattle.....	9 @11
The general average of the market to-day, estimated at	14 @14½
Extreme range of prices from.....	10 @18
The most of the sales are from.....	13 @16

WHERE THE CATTLE ARE FROM.

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

New-York.....	187	Illinois.....	3,346
Pennsylvania.....	10	Iowa.....	456
Ohio.....	226	Kentucky.....	47
Michigan.....	63	Canada.....	159
Indiana.....	145		

They came by the following routes: Erie Railroad, 727; Hudson River Railroad, 105; Harlem Railroad, 2,900; New-Jersey Central Railroad, 128; by Hudson River boats, 654; on foot, 55. About 8,950 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:

M. Trifles, Iowa.....	118	F. Dazbe, Ill.....	60
Frank, Ill.....	57	J. McPherson, Ill.....	112
Thompson & Coon, Ohio...	46	C. Pope, N. Y.....	19
Thompson & Coon, Ill.....	100	T. C. Eastman, Ill.....	13
A. M. Greenly, N. Y.....	21	Eastman & Wheeler, Ill...	105
J. Fleishauer & Co., Ill....	167	F. Maloney, N. Y.....	19
G. Strauss, Ill.....	55	J. Dalbey, Ill.....	102
E. Weil, Mich.....	20	S. Budlong, N. Y.....	24
Goldstein & Hinneman, Ill.	153	H. F. Smith, Mich.....	19
Schuester & Eisner, Ill...	395	J. G. Record, Mich.....	24
Glover & Soery, N. Y.....	47	P. F. Cary, Ill.....	35
Glover & Soery, Ill.....	56	A. Lister, Ill.....	74
Seigle & Lauterbeck, Ill...	157	J. H. Williams, Ky.....	47
P. Settico, Ill.....	20	J. H. Williams, Ohio.....	36
E. Hinneman, Ill.....	41	White & Otis, Ill.....	173
E. Lamon, Canada.....	37	Samuels & Eckstein, Ill...	173
S. Goldsmith, Ill.....	23	Trainor & Lawless, Ill....	72
F. G. Driscoll, Ill.....	76	W. H. Platt, Ill.....	85
R. H. Smith, Ill.....	85	A. & J. Sheppard, Canada...	97
A. J. Tweged, Iowa.....	166	T. Gillis, Ohio.....	93
H. S. Rosenthal, Ill.....	167	Church & Hurd, Ill.....	86
H. S. Burchell, Canada....	16	H. Myers, Ill.....	33
H. S. Burchell, N. Y.....	37	W. Morrison, Ill.....	103
F. McConville, Ill.....	54	T. B. Fetterplace, Ill.....	50
Coney & Conger, Canada...	13	D. Parks, Pa.....	10
Morton & Sims, Ill.....	130	W. Toole, Ill.....	66
O. White, Ind.....	31	T. Harlan, Ohio.....	57
N. Reid, Iowa.....	232	P. Hinds, N. Y.....	10
O. Gregory & Son, Ill.....	65	Crum & Thompson, Ill.....	50
Bartram & Culver, Ill.....	79	Skyles & Virgin, Ill.....	26
P. McCaffrey, Ind.....	60	Williams & Merritt, Ill....	101

REMARKS ABOUT BEEF CATTLE.

The total number this week, 6,571 head, compares with 5,224 head last week, and with 5,146 head average per week last year, and with 5,290 for the corresponding week one year ago.

The number sold yesterday and to-day at the principal market, 4,000 head, compares with 3,500 head last week, and with 3,807 head, the average per week last year, and with 3,602 head, at market one year ago.

THE OPENING, OR PRINCIPAL DAY, OF THE MARKET.

Monday, Aug. 13.—The Cattle market to-day is a mystery. The first idea that naturally occurs to the mind of one familiar with business here, after learning the extent of supply, is that a complete breakdown must occur. There are actually on sale to-day 3,958 head of cattle, and the number so far reported for the week is 6,650 head—enough it would seem to break down any market in the world. Yet this one absorbs them as readily as a sponge does water, and actually at a higher price for some of the first quality than this day week; and at only about half a cent decline upon second grade. But owing to the large stock of inferior cattle, they have sold at 1@1½c. ℔ lb decline, and some of the real scallawag order at a still greater decline. Indeed, some light, thin steers sold to graziers at $25@$31 per head, were estimated at only 8c. a pound upon net weight. During all the first part of the day trade was lively, but it grew very dull toward night and prices declined, and the market closed hard upon owners of inferior stock. The weather was remarkably cool in the morning—so much so that we were inquired of whether there was not frost at our country residence last night. The afternoon was warm, and buyers and sellers sought the shade; or rather the sellers sought for buyers in the shade, where they made vain efforts to close out tails of droves. The prospects are fair for a very hard close of the market.

CLOSE OF THE MARKET.

Tuesday, Aug. 15—With only one lot of 56 fre h cattle this morning, there was little to do save work off the remnants of yesterday, and that was quite enough. Prices were lower, and it took the whole day to clear the yards. We noticed one or two farmers drawn by the low prices reported yesterday to purchase stock to graze. They were looking after the $25 and $30 steers, but we assured them none were left, as very few of that class were on sale, and they were soon picked up by a Westchester Co. grazier. After all, it is doubtful if they prove cheap, as it will take a long time to cover the little runts with flesh enough to make other than lean, tough beef. The high-priced cattle, too, were in limited supply, and not a large number brought over 17c., though one or two of the best droves averaged that price. None but first-class and fancy butchers intended to pay over 16@16½c. for good cattle, but as the majority were poor, the average price is considerably reduced. Where over 6,700 beeves go to in a single week, is a mystery to cattle men themselves—it would be a greater mystery did they not know that two, and even three, of some of the "hoppers," would scarcely make a respectable bullock.

TRANSPORTATION—A person in Michigan sends us the following questions, which, as they are put in a brief, business-like form, we will answer:

1. What will it cost per car load to transport cattle from Ionia, Ionia County, Mich., to New-York City?
2. How many, and at what places, do drovers usually stop to feed?
3. How long does it usually take to go from, say Detroit to New-York City, with a drove of cattle?
4. What do brokers charge for selling cattle?
5. Is it safe to trust them to sell one's cattle?

1. It is safe to estimate the transportation at fully $1 50 per cwt. upon the live weight at home. Upon this there will be a shrinkage, according to quality—least on best stock; and it should be estimated at 10 per cent.

2. Droves should stop every 24 hours' run, and rest one day. Toledo, Dunkirk, Buffalo, Albany, and Campville are great stopping places.

3. It should occupy five days. It is often done in less time.

4. From $1 50 to $5 a head; according to value sometimes, and sometimes according to who is employed.

5. It always has been safe. Probably not one dollar in a million has been lost. There are plenty of brokers in this market, to whom cattle are shipped in charge of a hired driver, sold, and account and money remitted the same day, and the owner not seen once a year. It is perfectly safe thus to send cattle to any of the principle brokers of this market. It is generally more satisfactory to those not in the habit of sending cattle, to come with them and see them sold, but it does not enhance the price.

BROKERS' SALES OF BULLOCKS.

Bartram & Culver bought their 79 thinnish, 5¾ cwt., Illinois steers at Albany and retailed them here at 11@15c.

Miller & Morehouse, part here and part at Bergen, 150 Illinois steers bought of Crum & Thompson, 6¼ cwt., retailed at 13½@15½c.; 98 for Virgin & Skyles, fair, 6¾ cwt., Illinois steers at 14@16c., and 27 poor, little Illinois steers for W. H. Morrison at 13½c. on 5¾ cwt.

P. McCaffrey had 60 very good Indiana steers, 8 cwt., which he was selling at 15@17c.—J. Jantzen of Centre Market took 21 of the tops at the latter price.

T. Gillis 93 Illinois sterrs on his own account, good, 7¼ cwt., at 15½@16½c.

E. Loughman, for William Toole, 66 very fair, 7½ cwt., Illinois steers, at 15½c., or $114 average per head.

Goff & McIntyre, 35 for P. F. Cary, 6¼ cwt. Illinois steers, sold at strong 15c.

Seigle & Lauterbeck 157 fairish Illinois steers, on their own account, 6¾ cwt., sold at 15c.

Dudley & Colwell, partly at Bergen, 126 Illinois steers, 5¾ cwt., owners—G. Gregory & Son—say 6 cwt., sold at $74 each, or 13@15c. per lb.; and for T. B. Fetterplace, 67 Illinois steers, 6¾ cwt. at 14@16c., and 22 for M. Henry, this Illinois heifers and cows at 17@13c.

J. Fleishauer & Co., for themselves, 79 scarcely medium 6 cwt. Illinois steers, at 12@16c.

Schuester & Eisner sold 395 poor, thin Illinois steers and heifers, ranging from 5 to 6¼ cwt., at 10@13c.

H. S. Rosenthall had 167 Illinois steers, 6 cwt., thinish, which he says lose money, selling at 12½@13½c.

Trainor & Lawless, for themselves, 72 Illinois steers, 6 cwt., at 13½c. average.

Murray & Glover, on their own account, 79 choice fat Illinois steers, part of Thompson's and part of White's drove, one bunch of them 7½ cwt., the others 6¾ cwt., sold at 16@18c. P. Ottman of Fulton Market took 18 of the best at $165 each, which is probably plump 18c. They also sold for Glover & Soery 47 State Steers at 15@17c. on 7¼ cwt., and 57 common Illinois cattle, 5¾ cwt., at 11@14c.

Samuels & Eckstein, 116 Illinois steers, for themselves, at 12@14c., on 6¼ cwt., and 57 others, sold Thursday, at 14c.

S. Ulery, 85 Illinois steers, for W. H. Platt at 13@17c. on 6¼ cwt.

Eastman & Bro., 102, for Joel Dalbey, fair 7¼ cwt. Illinois steers, at 15@16c. Also with J. Wheeler 105 of their own Illinois steers, 6¼ cwt., at 15@15c.

W. Florence, 98 for W. H. Morrison, a few of them at Bergen, 6¼ cwt., at 14@16c.; and at Bergen, 17 for F. F. Fuller, Ohio steers, 6 cwt., at 14@15½c.

P. F. Cary run out 85 roughish, but fair fleshed, 6½@6¾ cwt. Illinois steers for H. R. Smith, at 13@15c.—average, 14½c.

J. H. Williams, 101 Illinois steers, 7¼ cwt., at 16@17c.; also 47 good Kentucky cattle, costing $130 at Albany and sold here at 16@17c. on 8 cwt.; and 30 common Ohio cattle, 6¾ cwt., at 14@16c.

P. G. Driscoll, on his own account, 76 fair 7 cwt. Illinois steers at 15c.

D. & H. Barnes bought 86 Western cattle at the yards and retailed them at 16c., average.

Coney & Conger, for Morton & Sims, 274 Illinois steers and oxen, scant 7 cwt., at 13@17c., average strong, 15c. Also, at Bergen, 46 Canada steers and oxen for Jocelyn, at 11@13c. on 4[illegible]9 cwt., and 46 Canada steers and heifers, light, for Nicol, at 11½c. on 4½ cwt.; 23 for N. Emerson, Canada steers, cows and oxen, 5½ cwt., poor, at 10½c.

George Martin had one of the very few good droves on sale; they were 32 fine fat Illinois steers, 8½ cwt., owner says strong, 5½ cwt., one of the best lots, belonging to J. McPherson, sold at 17c., average 20 to T. Broadway, at $152½ each; and 80 others for McPherson, medium 6½ cwt. steers, sold at 13@13c.

Sage & Hughes, for A. J. Twogood, 106 average Iowa steers, 6¼ cwt., at 13@15c., and 232 Iowa steers, few heifers, for N. Reed at $50@$102 each, or 11@13c. on 5½ cwt.—a thin, poor drove.

Budlong & Brown, for S. Budlong, 24 State steers, 7 cwt., at 15@16c., and 19 little Mich. cattle for H. F. Smith, steers and heifers, at 13c.

A. B. Mead, 74 for A. Lester, Ill. steers, 5@8 cwt., at 11@16c.

Church & Hurd, 52 good Ill. steers for Race at 15@17c. on 7¼ cwt.

T. Bloomer sold 26 Ill. steers, 6¼ cwt., at 14@15c.

W. Thompson, for himself and Coon, 100 Ill. steers, 6¼ cwt., at 13@15c.; and 46 good Ohio steers at 16½c. average on 8¾ cwt.

MILCH COWS—There appears to be less inquiry for fresh cows this week, and the diminished offerings are ample for all calls. Prices are unchanged, ranging from $50@$60 for poor cows, $65@$75 for good, and $80@$90 for choice milkers.

VEAL CALVES—The light arrivals and quick demand have caused an advance of about ½c. on the best, which sell at 12@12½c., and all kinds go off quickly, nothing really good at less than 11c. A lot of large grass calves were sold by the head at $18 each. They would weigh about 250 lb. S. McGraw reports sales of 71 calves averaging $15 89, the range being $13 to $23.

THE SHEEP MARKET.

Receipts this week.....18,377

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 ℔ lb., live weight, for