COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 16.

U.S.6s 1881,coup	Clev.& P. 4th m.	Reading.
20,000.....107¾	2,000..... 80	4,300.....116⅞
U.S. 6's5-20c,'62	At.&Gt.West.,1	400.....116⅞
10,000.....102⅞	m., Ohio Div.	200....s30.116⅞
43,500.....103¾	5,000..... 96¼	200....s30.116⅞
8,050 small.103¾	Bank New-York.	400.....116⅞
30,000.2dc 103¾	20.....117	Mich. Central.
U.S.6s, 5-20 c,'64	Imp.&Trad'sBk.	160.....115¾
10,500.....100¾	55.....100	10.....116¼
U.S.5s,'74, coup.	Canton.	Cleve. & Pitts.
6,000.7.ind. 95	190.....45⅞	400.ex div. 91¼
U. S. 5s, '71 cou.	Camb.Coal pref.	3,000..... 91¼
3,000.....100	200....b30. 45¼	500..... 91¼
Treasury 7 3-10s,	100..... 45	40..... 91
1st series.	American Coal.	200....b10. 91¼
4,500..... 97⅞	200..... 74¼	500....b10. 91¼
1,000..... 98	Spring Mountain	1,200..... 91¾
2d series.	100..... 56¼	400..... 91¾
8,000 small. 97⅞	West.UnionTel.	Chicago & N.W.
40,000..... 97⅞	100..... 53	50..... 35¼
3,500..... 97⅞	Mariposa.	2,100..... 35¾
3d series.	700..... 15¼	50.....b15. 36¼
3,500..... 97⅞	Mariposa pref.	1,000..... 36
500..... 97⅞	200..... 21	Chic.& N.W.pref
U.S.6s1 yr.c.new	Atlantic S. S.Co.	1,000..... 62¾
25,000..... 97⅞	100.....134	40..... 62¾
Tennessee 6s.	Schuylkill.	400..... 62¾
13,000..... 90	300..... 13¾	Cleve. & Toledo.
Virginia 6s.	Ashburton Coal.	400.....113
2,000..... 65	200..... 16¼	2,500.....113¾
Mo.6s,H&StJ.is	N. Y. Central.	2,500.....114
1,000..... 78	200...b30. 96⅞	1,500.....114¼
Louisiana 6s.	1,500..... 96¾	2,500.....114¾
1,000..... 75	100....s10. 96⅞	1,000.....115
Missouri 6s.	100.2d call. 96⅞	Chicago & R. I.
4,000..... 76	Erie.	200.....108¾
O. & Miss. Cer.	400..... 93⅞	1,500.....108
45,000..... 29¾	600..... 93¾	25.....107¾
Erie 3d mtge.	Erie preferred.	Chi. Bur. & Q.
1,000..... 97	100..... 85¾	50.....113
2,000..... 96¼	Hudson River.	Mil. & P. du C.
Erie 4th mtge.	500.....100	300..... 96
3,000..... 95¼	100.....100¼	Pitts.Ft.W.& C.
Erie 5th mtge.	Illinois Central.	200.....105¾
1,000..... 92¾	100.....134	100.....105¾
N. Y. Cen. 6s '83	Mich.So. & N.I.	200.....105¾
500..... 91	400..... 75¼	Chicago&Alton.
Tol.& W. 1 m ex.	100....b30. 75¼	100.....105
1,000..... 92	700..... 75¾	Rome & Water'n
Gal.&Chi.1 m ex	200.2d call. 75¼	50.....100
1,000..... 100		

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—1 P. M.

U.S.5-20s, old cp.	Mariposa pref.	Cle.& Pit.ex div.
500.....103¼	100..... 21	1,500....c. 92¼
50,000.....103¼	N. Y. Central.	100..... 92¼
U.S.10-40 Cou.b.	300....b3. 96¾	800..... 92¾
20,000..... 91¾	Hudson River.	200....s3. 92¾
U.S.7-30s, 3d ser.	100.....109¼	800....c. 92¾
20,000..... 97¾	200....s3.109¼	1,800..... 92¾
Ohio & Miss. Cer	100.....c.109¼	300....s3. 92¾
20,000..s3. 29¼	100.....109¼	800....b3. 92¾
10,000...c. 29¼	Reading.	200....b10. 92¾
30,000..b3. 29¼	600....s10 117	Cleve. & Toledo.
30,000..... 29¼	800....b10. 117	400.....112¾
20,000.b10. 29¼	1,600....b3. 117	200.....113
10,000.b30. 29¼	900....s3. 116⅞	200.....113¼
20,000..b5. 29¾	Mich South & N I	Chicago & R. I.
Schuylkill.	1,900..... 75¼	100....s3.108¼
100..... 13¼	100....s3. 75¼	200.....108¼
600....b3. 13¼	300....c. 75¼	100....s3.108¼
500....b5. 13¼	700....s3. 75¼	Chicago & N.W.
500....s15. 13¼	1,100...b3. 75¼	400..... 36¼
Mariposa.	200....c. 75¼	800....b3. 36¼
500..... 15¼	200....b5. 75¼	300....s3. 36¼
100....s3. 15¼	300....b3. 75¼	100....c. 36¼
100....b3. 15¼	900..... 75¼	400..... 36¼
Erie.	Pitts.Ft.W.& C.	100..... 36¼
100....b30. 93¾	100....b3.105¼	150..... 36¼
1,000..... 93¾	500.....105¼	Chic & N.W.pref.
900....b3. 93¾	200....b3.105¼	2,100....b3. 62¾
500....b7. 93¾	TerreH.&Alt.pref	100....b10. 62¾
200...b10. 93¾	200..... 76	100....s10. 62¾

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—3 P.M.

Ohio&Miss.Cer.	Erie.	Cle.&Pit.ex div.
10,000..... 29¾	800....b3. 93¾	200..... 92¾
10,000.s10. 29¾	1,800...s3. 93¾	2,800..... 93¾
Central Coal.	100....s10. 93¾	1,300..... 92¾
400..... 56¼	300.....s3. 93¾	400....b10. 92¾
300..... 57	Reading, ex div.	1,200..s15. 92
Schuylkill.	400.....100⅞	500....s3. 92¾
100..... 13¾	400....b3.100⅞	1,200..... 92¾
500....b5. 13¾	1,000...b3.107	500....b5. 92¾
300....b10. 13¾	Mich. So. & N.I.	Chicago & N.W.
200....b30. 14	300....s3. 75¼	400..... 36¼
American Coal.	200....b5. 75¼	200....b3. 36¼
200..... 74	Cleve. & Toledo.	Chi.& N.W.pref
N. Y. Central.	800.....114¼	100..... 62¾
400..... 96¼	200.....115	300....s3. 62¾
Hudson River.	200.....114¼	Pit., Ft.W. & C.
100.....109¾	400.....114¼	100.....105¾
100....s3.109¾	200.....114¼	100.....105¾
200...s10.109¾	100....s3.114¼	1,000.....106

SATURDAY, Dec. 16—P. M.

Gold opened at 146¼ and closed at 146¼. It costs to-day two per cent interest per annum to carry gold. The exports of the week were $1,420,924, making, since January 1, $29,073,720.

Sterling Exchange is not so firm, and leading bankers at 60 days is dull at 109¾; Francs, 5.15.

Government Stocks were dull, but quotations of all descriptions were fairly maintained. The miscellaneous shares were steady and Coal stocks firm.

Railway shares were strong on the general list. Cleveland and Pittsburgh and Cleveland and Toledo were very active and excited. Pittsburgh advanced to 93¾, ex div., an advance of 4¾ per cent, and Toledo 114¾, an advance of 2 per cent from yesterday's prices. The rest of the list showed an improvement of ¼@¾ per cent, and were in good demand. Afterward Cleveland and Pittsburgh broke to 91¾, closing at 92¼. Cleveland and Toledo sold at 112¾. The balance of the market was ¼ lower, and closed steady. The chief thing which prevents a moderate rise in railway shares is the almost total want of confidence in them for regular income. The roads are still quarreling for business at unprofitable rates, and after paying tribute to freight agents, ticket sellers and transportation companies, they have little for their unfortunate shareholders, except dividends made from borrowed money by directors who operate in the stock market rather than upon their roads. In the language of *The Chicago Tribune* of Friday, "It would seem as if the railroad corporations of the North-West had moved bodily to Wall-st., where they are better known than in Chicago or any other Western city. The stock market seems to be their center of attraction, and not the management of their various lines in the West. The New-York journals every few days record the manipulations that are being made by railroad managers, which might lead the uninitiated to believe that their roads ran through the streets of New-York city rather than the States of Illinois, Wisconsin or Iowa. They are better skilled in working up "corners" in the stock market than in operating their lines in the West, and it is not strange that the mutual interest of stockholders and the public are neglected."

Money has been easy at 7 per cent, and some considerable amounts have been placed at 6 per cent on Governments. The tendency appears to be to greater ease on call, but no abatement is shown in the demand by commercial houses, and paper continues to sell very high.

The total imports at New-York for the week compare as follows with former returns:

Week ending.....	Dec. 16.	Dec. 9.	Nov. 30.
Dry Goods.....	$2,877,548	$1,892,802	$1,994,024
Gen. Merchandise.	3,866,700	3,251,256	3,149,605
Total for the week.	$6,743,248	$5,344,058	$5,148,629

The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago road has declared its usual dividend of 2¼ per cent.

The Hamilton Fire Insurance Company will pay, 8th proximo, a dividend of 4 per cent, free of tax.

The Tenth National Bank will pay, January 2, a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent, free of tax.

The Bank of New-York has declared a dividend of 5 per cent, free of tax, payable January 2.

The Metropolitan National Bank will pay, January 1, a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent.

The Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks and others, has declared its usual semi-annual interest dividend of 6 and 5 per cent on sums entitled thereto, payable January 15.

The National Butchers and Drovers' Bank has declared a dividend of 5 per cent.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $4,056,059 18—for Customs, $390,000; Payments, $575,197 03—on account of Loan, $426,000; Balance, $79,059,532 94. Coin Certificates, $786,040.

Few parties who speculate in stocks are aware of the increase made in the number of houses engaged in the business. Since 1861, 200 new members have been added to the Stock Exchange and the Public Board established. In 1864, 62 new stock firms have been announced.

At the annual meeting of the Ohio and Mississippi road the earnings were reported to show an increase of $448,062 over those of 1864, with a decrease in the expenses of $149,696, making the net earnings $597,159 larger than those of last year. The report estimates that the business for the year ending Dec. 31, 1865, will show a balance of earnings over expenditures amounting to $1,016,622.

The theory that the New-York Central report has been "cooked" for legislative purposes will not bear examination, and the construction account cannot be fairly used to cover the cost of ordinary repairs. The balance sheet, fairly made up, stands as follows:

Earnings in 1865		$13,975,524
Operating expenses	$10,882,358	
Interest, U. S. taxes, S. fund, and rents	1,483,103	
Increase of stock and bonds in 1865	1,621,101	13,987,262
Deficit		$11,738
Dividends paid from borrowed money		1,542,933

The wood account has only been brought up to standard so far as quantity is concerned. The road reported in

1862	211,422 cords	1864	42,422 cords
1863	154,355 cords	1865	208,768 cords

In 1856, the first year of consolidation, 174,215 cords were reported. What is true of its fuel is true of its other supplies, and the expenditures of 1865 have only brought them up to the proper standard.

The attempt to make construction and not operating expenses bear the cost of $659,300 of new cars and engines will not succeed. Since 1856, the officers of the road have regularly declared that they have no construction account for cars. In 1862, the road added 10 engines and 764 freight cars to its equipment, and charged its yearly repairs of engines and cars at $1,707,000. In 1865, it adds 17 engines, 18 passenger cars and 322 freight cars, and reports the repairs at $1,869,000. The report is not one calculated to improve railway property, but it is as good as the company can make, and there is no occasion to call in question the truth of its managers, whose statements bear their oaths. If a dividend is to be paid in February, 1866, its bona fide shareholders and the Legislature would like to see it accompanied by a balance sheet (brought up to February) such as the Michigan Central Road is in the habit of making.

The Central Railroad Company has reduced its rates on Eastern freights, except to New-York. The new tariff took effect on the 13th inst., and the rates are as follows:

Fourth-class to Albany, Troy and Schenectady	45c. ⅌ 100 lb.
Flour to Albany, Troy and Schenectady	90c. ⅌ bbl.
Fourth-class to Boston	65c. ⅌ 100 lb.
Flour to Boston	$1 30 ⅌ bbl.
Dressed Hogs to Albany, Troy and Schenectady	70c. ⅌ 100 lb.
Dressed Hogs to New-York	80c. ⅌ 100 lb.
Dressed Hogs to Boston	90c. ⅌ 100 lb.

H. H. Boody, esq., of No. 8 Wall-st., has been elected President of the Schuylkill Coal Company, in place of Daniel Parker, esq., resigned. The transfer books of the Company have been placed at the Union Trust Company.

The circulating notes of the Pittsburg Bank are redeemed at par at the First National Bank of Philadelphia, and First National Bank of Pittston, with the latter of which the Pittston Bank has consolidated.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 1865.

Yours of the 8th inst. is received. You say: "It is the custom of banks in this city to sell gold certificates of indebtedness, and other Government securities, for account of their dealers and correspondents, without the intervention of a broker, and for a commission. Does the Internal Revenue law require that they should make return of these sales, and pay the broker's tax upon them, and must they take out a brokers' license."

I reply, that the license of a banker (sec. 79, sub section 9, act of June 30,) covers the business of a broker as far as liability to license is concerned. By sec. 99 "*bankers doing business as brokers*" are required to pay the brokers tax on sales.

It appears, therefore, that the banks to which you refer, while being liable to no further license in respect of their doing business as brokers, *are* liable to tax on the sales in question. Very respectfully,

D. C. WHITMAN, Deputy Commissioner.

The Adams Express Company is reported to have loaned $2,500,000 of its accumulated capital to aid in the construction of some of the main lines of Southern railroads.

The receipts on the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending Dec. 9 were:

1865.....$131,074 | 1864.....$120,470 | Inc.... $10,604

The earnings of the North-Western Railroad Company for the second week in December were as follows:

1865...$129,229 45 | 1864...$115,233 94 | Inc... $2,025 51

The Cincinnati Gazette of Thursday, p. m., says:

There was a fair demand for money to-day, and while bankers are still very cautious, a more healthy state of business begins to be developed. Acceptable paper is taken by bankers from their customers at 8 to 12 per cent. In the open market the range is 10@15 per cent for good names. Exchange was in good demand and firm at 50c. premium buying, and 1-10 premium selling.

The Chicago Tribune of Thursday afternoon says:

"Business all over the city being unusually dull, there is very little movement of funds; but the bankers generally report a more satisfactory state of affairs. The demand for money being less active, the gain on the deposit account, though slow, is more apparent, and the market may be reported a shade easier. Still the regular discount houses continue to act on the conservative principle, and they are unwilling to extend their discount line except to good customers. There is no change in rates, and we report the markets steady at 10 per cent per annum at the regular banks, and 12@20 per cent on the streets. The supply of Eastern exchange continues unusually light, and the market is firm at par buying and 1-10 premium selling."

The Pottsville Miners' Journal of Saturday says of the Coal trade:

The quantity sent by railroad this week is 39,584.07; by canal, 15,673.15; for the week, 55,257.12 tuns, against 56,607 for the corresponding week last year.

The trade is now closed by the canal. The tunnage this year is:

1865	1,017,384 01
1864	998,423 10
Increase in 1865	18,960.11

The tunnage by railroad in 1865 was as follows:

Anthracite, main branch	2,813,518
Via Lebanon Valley	276,295
Total in 1865	3,089,813
1864—Main branch	2,763,564
Via Lebanon Valley	305,012
	3,068,576
Increase in 1865, tuns	22,237

The quantity now sent forward is confined principally to the line and the city. The shipments for Port Richmond are rapidly falling off, and the trade is almost at a stand.

We understand that there are several miles of boats between Philadelphia and New-York, many of which may be caught by the present cold snap, if it should continue for several days.

CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD
STATE AID BONDS.
Interest at the rate of
SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM
IN GOLD.
Payable Semi-Annually.
GUARANTEED AND PAID BY THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

The Bonds are secured by a mortgage on 160 miles of road, from Sacramento to the California State Line, forming part of the great Pacific Railroad Route, adopted and aided by the United States Government. They are further secured by a *Sinking Fund* of $50,000 in gold per annum, reserved from the earnings of the road, and pledged for their redemption. They are a first-class security in every respect, and a limited amount will be offered upon terms which render them a very attractive and desirable investment. For further particulars inquire at our office, No. 5 Nassau-st.

FISK & HATCH, Bankers.

Family Markets,

OR LIVING EXPENSES IN NEW-YORK.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15—P. M.

Below we give carefully arranged and complete tables, revised each week, showing the cost of nearly all the ordinary articles of food, beside some other household expenses. Our quotations are the *retail* prices asked by Fulton and Washington Market dealers and down-town grocers. Street and sidewalk peddlers of stale, cheap articles, usually sell for less, while the up-town markets and grocerymen charge more than quoted. Vegetables, fruits, and meats are cheapest at Washington Market—fish at East Fulton Market. On some articles the range is great, depending in part upon quality, but quite as much upon location. With hard, cold weather, poultry is keeping well and sells higher, though in fair supply. Beef is unchanged, pork is higher at wholesale, and many butchers have advanced the retail price. The markets are now shaping for the holidays, and "Christmas trees" are already in immense supply. They are offered at 25c.@$1 each, depending upon size and regular, well-furnished branches, forming a bushy head. We quote:

BREAD AND CRACKERS.

	Cents.		Cents.
Wheat Bread, loaf	5@10	Crackers, Bos'n, ⅌ lb	20
Rye loaf	10@—	Soda, ⅌ lb	12
Extra Pilot, ⅌ lb	10@12	Butter, ⅌ lb	16@17
Crackers, sweet, ⅌ lb	18@20	Graham, ⅌ lb	16
Ginger Snaps, ⅌ lb	20@22	Milk Biscuit, ⅌ lb	20@21

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

Butter, prime, ⅌ lb	50@55	Cheese, ⅌ lb	22@25
Medium	45@48	Cheese, Pineapple, ⅌ lb	35@38
Cooking	35@38	Eggs, 5@6 for	25
Roll	40@45		

FISH—FRESH.

Bass, striped, ⅌ lb	25	Perch, yellow, ⅌ lb	15
Black, ⅌ lb	12@15	Pickerel, ⅌ lb	20
Catfish, ⅌ lb	12@15	Pike, ⅌ lb	20@25
Cod, ⅌ lb	12	Salmon Trout, ⅌ lb	25
Cod fine, ⅌ lb	10	Smelts, ⅌ lb	25@28
Eels, ⅌ lb	20@25	Suckers, ⅌ lb	12
Flounders, ⅌ lb	12	Sunfish, ⅌ lb	12@15
Frost, ⅌ lb	12@15	White Fish, ⅌ lb	25
Haddock, ⅌ lb	10@12		

FISH—DRY, SMOKED, SHELL, ETC.

Cod, Dry, ⅌ lb	11@12	Mackerel, salt, each	12@15
Cod, pickled, ⅌ lb	10	Mackerel, smk'd, ⅌ lb	18@20
Clams, soft, ⅌ 100	25@50	Mackerel, kit	$2@$3 75
Clams, hard, ⅌ 100	75@$1 25	Oysters, common stew, ⅌ 100	$1 25@$2 00
Crabs, hard, ⅌ doz	30@35	Oysters, good stewing, ⅌ 100	$2 50@$3 00
Eels, smoked, ⅌ lb	25@28	Oysters, Saddle Rock, do. ⅌ 100	$3 00@$5 00
Haddock, smoked, ⅌ lb	15@18	Oysters, pickled, ⅌ 100	$3 00@$4 50
Halibut, smoked, ⅌ lb	20@22	Salmon, smoked, ⅌ lb	25@30
Herrings, Smoked ⅌ bunch	10@15	Salmon, pickled, ⅌ lb	22@25
English, ⅌ lb	10@15	Shad, smoked, ⅌ lb	18@20
Herrings, scaled, ⅌ box	75@80	Scallops, ⅌ qt	35@40
Lobster, ⅌ lb	10		

FLOUR, MEAL, ETC.

Wheat Flour, ⅌ bbl	$12@$15 25	Buckwheat do., Hecker's Patent, 6 lbs	46@48
Hecker's Self-Raising, ⅌ 6-lb bag	48@50	Graham do., 7 lb	48@50
Wheat Flour, ⅌ 25 lb bag	$1 75@$1 80	Corn Starch, ⅌ lb	14@16
Fine Flour, 7 lb	50@52	Farina, ⅌ lb	12@16
Rye do., 7 lb	48@50	Hominy, ⅌ lb	6@7
Buckwheat, ⅌ 25 lb bag	$1 80@$2 00	Indian, 7 lb	30@35
		Oatmeal, ⅌ lb	7@8
		Samp, ⅌ lb	8@9

FRUITS AND NUTS—DRY.

Apples, ⅌ lb	22@25	Peaches, ⅌ lb	35@50
Almonds, ⅌ lb	50@56	Peanuts, ⅌ qt	18@20
Chestnuts, ⅌ qt	35@40	Prunes, ⅌ lb	30@35
Cocoanuts, each	10@15	Prunes, jars, ⅌ lb	30@50
Filberts, ⅌ qt	30	Raisins, L. L., ⅌ lb	30@35
Hickory Nuts, ⅌ qt	20@25	Zante Currants, ⅌ lb	20@22

FRUITS—GREEN, CANNED, ETC.

Apples, ⅌ ½ peck	40@60	Lemons, ⅌ doz	40@60
⅌ bushel	$1 50@$2 50	Oranges, Havana, ⅌ doz	50@$1 00
Good, ⅌ bbl	$5@$7	Peaches, canned, ⅌ qt	50@60
Lady, ⅌ ½ pk	$1 25@$1 50	Pears ⅌ ½ peck	$1@$1 50
Cranberries, ⅌ qt	20@25	Tomatoes, can'd, ⅌ qt	25@30
Grapes, Catawba, ⅌ lb	30@40		
Grapes, Foreign, ⅌ lb	75		

GROCERIES.

Chicory, ⅌ lb	25	Adamantine	35@38
Coffee, pure burn, ⅌ lb	50@58	Lard, ⅌ lb	27@29
Mixed, ⅌ lb	25@45	Rice, ⅌ lb	10@14
Rye, &c., ⅌ lb	12@15	Saleratus and Soda, Refined, ⅌ lb	14@20
Green Java, ⅌ lb	52@55	Cream Tartar, ⅌ lb	45@60
Sugar, brown, ⅌ lb	14@16	Salt, table, ⅌ quart	5@6
Coffee, ⅌ lb	19@20	Soap, hard, large bars, each	35@45
Crushed and powdered, ⅌ lb	20@21	Soap, hard, sml bars, each	10@20
Sugar-house Sirup, ⅌ gal	1 25@$2 25	Soap, best family, bx, ⅌ lb	15@17
Molasses, ⅌ gal	75@$1 40	Soap, common, box,	
Tea, Oolong and English breakfast	90@$1 40	⅌ lb	12@14
Green	$1 25@$2 25	Starch, ⅌ lb	12@14
Japan	$1 10@$1 50	Tapioca, ⅌ lb	20@25
Candles, tallow, ⅌ lb	22@24		
Sperm, ⅌ lb	60@65		

MEATS—FRESH.

Beef, porter-house steak, ⅌ lb	30@35	Pork, Larded	25@28
Sirloin	25@32	Kidneys, ⅌ lb	12
Round	20@25	Lamb, ⅌ lb	15@25
Rib roast	25@30	Lard, leaf	25@28
Cross rib, ⅌ lb	20@25	Mutton, hind qr. ⅌ lb	12@20
Chuck rib	15@25	Fore quarter, ⅌ lb	10@20
Plate and navels	15@18	Chops	20@25
Stew pieces, ⅌ lb	12@18	Hasler, Sheep, each	10
Soup pieces	12@15	Suet, ⅌ lb	18@20
Liver	10@12	Tripe, ⅌ lb	10
Hearts, each	25@40	Veal hind quar., ⅌ lb	27@30
Head Cheese, ⅌ lb	20	Fore quarter	15@22
Pork, rst and stks	18@20	Cutlets	25@50
Sausage	20@25	Loins	30@35
Pigs, roasters	$1 00@$1 00	Venison, ⅌ lb	22@28

MEATS—SALT, SMOKED, ETC.

Pork, hams, ⅌ lb	25@27	Sheep Tongues, ⅌ doz	60
Bacon, ⅌ lb	25@27	Pigs feet, ⅌ doz	60
Shoulders, ⅌ lb	20	Tongues, ⅌ lb	25
Salt, ⅌ lb	20@22	Bologna Sausages, green, ⅌ lb	20@25
Beef, corned	15@25	Hams, dry	70@75
Smoked, ⅌ lb	18@20		
Beef Tongues, each, $1 25@$1 50			

POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens, ⅌ lb	25@28	Partridges, pr.	$1 25@$1 50
Ducks, ⅌ lb	25@30	Pigeons, Flight, ⅌ doz	$1 75@$2 25
Teal, ⅌ pair	75@$1	Prairie Chickens, ⅌ pair	$1 50@$1 75
Canvass Back, ⅌ pair	$5@$6	Quail, ⅌ doz	$4 50@$5
Black and Mallard, ⅌ pair	$1 25@$1 50	Rabbits, each	25@31
Red Head, pair	$2@$2 50	Squab Pigeons, ⅌ doz	$4 00@$5 00
Fowls, ⅌ lb	23@25	Squirrels, gray, each	8@10
Bucks Co., ⅌ lb	25@30	Turkeys, ⅌ lb	25@30
Geese, ⅌ lb	25@28	Turkeys, R. I. drawn, ⅌ lb	28@32
Geese, Mongrel, ⅌ lb	20@25		

VEGETABLES.

Beets, each	3@5	Parsley, ⅌ bunch	5@6
Brussels Sprouts, ⅌ qt	30@37	Parsnips, each	3@5
Cabbages, ⅌ head	10@15	Peppers, red, ⅌ bch	10
Red, each	15@25	Potatoes, ⅌ bbl	$2 75@$3 50
Carrots, each	3@5	Bushel	$1 12@$1 37
Cauliflowers, each	30@75	Half peck	20@25
Celery, table, ⅌ bch	15@25	Sweet, ⅌ ½ peck	50@55
Celery, Knob, ⅌ bch	10@12	Pumpkins, each	15@30
Chicory, ⅌ head	5@7	Radishes, black, ⅌ bch	5@7
Fettices, ⅌ qt	12@15	Radishes, ⅌ bunch	2@3
Leeks, ⅌ bunch	6@10	Sage & Thyme, ⅌ bch	4@5
Lettuce, ⅌ head	10@12	Sauer-Kraut, ⅌ qt	10@12
Mint, ⅌ bunch	3@4	Spinach, ⅌ ½ peck	15@20
Onions, ⅌ qt	8@10	Squashes, each	15@25
⅌ ½ peck	35@40	Turnips, ⅌ ½ peck	20@25
Pickling, ⅌ qt	15@20	Turnips, yellow, ⅌ qt	25
Oyster Plant, ⅌ bunch	12@15	Water Cress, ⅌ qt	10@15

SUNDRIES.

Beans, dry, ⅌ quart	11@13	Coal, stove, tun	$12 00@$13 00
Limas, soaked, ⅌ qt	25	Honey, box, ⅌ lb	40@45
Brooms, each	50@60	Honey, strained, ⅌ ½ lb bottle	35
Peas, split, ⅌ lb	6@8	Kerosene, ⅌ gal	90@$1
Sorbed, ⅌ qt	15@20	Macaroni, ⅌ lb	20@30
Coal, hard, ⅌ bush	70@75	Milk, ⅌ quart	10@12

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ASHES are not so active; sales of Pots at $10 50; Pearls are nominal.

COTTON—The demand has improved somewhat today, and prices were firmer, closing at 49@50c. for Middlings; sales of 6,000 bales. The inquiry is principally from shippers and manufacturers, though a few lots are taken for investment.

COFFEE—Rio is still in fair request, and prices are extremely firm at the close; sales of 3,250 bags ex Escape, on spot, and 3,480 bags ex Pollux, to arrive, on private terms, both taken on speculation. There has been some inquiry for Maracaibo, and we note sales of 1,500 bags on private terms.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is inactive, but the low grades are 10@15c. better; medium grades are unsettled; large holders are unwilling to operate; the inquiry is chiefly for the local and provincial trade; the sales are 600 bbls., at $7 20@$7 65 for Superfine State, $8 15@$8 50 for Extra State, $8 55@$8 85 for Fancy State, $8 30@$8 60 for the low grades of Western Extra, $8 75@$9 for Shipping Ohio, $9 10@$12 25 for Trade and Family Ohio, and $12@$15 50 for St. Louis Extras. Canadian Flour is moderately active, and the low grades are firmer; sales of 320 bbls., at $8 35@$8 60 for the low grades and $8 65@$11 25 for Trade and Family brands. Rye Flour is dull and unchanged; sales of 160 bbls. at $5 50@$6. Corn Meal is quiet but steady; the sales are 200 bbls. at $4 25 for Jersey and $4 60 for Brandywine. Buckwheat Flour is in moderate inquiry at $4@$4 50 ⅌ 100 lb.

GRAIN—The Wheat market is hardly so active, but prices of Spring are better; the receipts are very small; the demand is chiefly for milling, though in part for export; the sales are 51,000 bush. including 1,300 bush. Chicago Spring at $1 70@$1 85; 14,000 bush. Milwaukee Club at $1 74@$1 85; 10,500 bush. Amber Club, old and new, at $1 85@$1 90; 2,500 Amber State at $2 40, and 4,500 bush. White Michigan at $2 34@$2 60. Barley is in moderate demand and firmer; sales of 16,500 bush. at $1 for fair State, and Canada West on private terms. Barley Malt is in moderate request and firm; the supply is limited; sales of 4,000 bush. to arrive, at $1 40. Oats are not so active; Unsound are better; the sales are 32,000 bush. at 60½@61c. for Canadian; 52@55c. for Unsound Western, and 61@62c. for State, and 56@58c. for Jersey and Southern. Rye is in good demand and firm; the inquiry is mainly for home consumption; the sales are 12,000 bush. Western at 95c., and $1 06@$1 08 for State. Corn opened quite active and firm, but closed inactive and easier; new is scarce; sales of 46,000 bush. at 90@94c. for Unsound; 96@97c. for Western Mixed, closing dull at 96c.; 90@91c. for Jersey Yellow, and 92@92½c. for Southern Yellow.

HIDES—There has been a large movement at the weakened prices noted in our list, closing firm; sales include 3,500 Texas, 23 lb, 20c., currency; 8,800 dry salted Pernams, 29 lb, 10½c. gold 1,091 do, 31 lb, private terms; 13,000 Buenos Ayres, 22½@23½ lb, part to arrive, 18½@18¾c., gold; 10,000 Montevideo, 22 lb, at 17½c., gold; sales for the week ending last night, 70,000.

MOLASSES—Nothing in the way of sales has been reported to-day. Prices are nominally unchanged.

NAVAL STORE—The market was quiet but less depressed to-day; Spirit Turpentine, $1 05@$1 08 for wholesale and retail lots; Common Rosin, $6 75@$7; Strained and No. 2 Rosin, $7 50@$10; Tar, $3@$4 for Washington and Wilmington bbls.

OILS—Linseed Oil is quiet at $1 43@$1 45; Crude Whale is lower but more active; sales of 1,600 bbls. at $1 60 for Arctic, and private terms for Davis Straits; Crude Sperm is firmer and in better demand; sales of 760 bbls. at $2 45@$2 48, the latter price for refilled.

PROVISIONS—The Pork market is inactive and prices are easier; at the close the market is heavy; the sales, cash and regular, are 3,000 bbls. at $28 62½@$29 25, inside figure regular, and $24 50 for Prime Mess. Beef is moderately active and steady; sales of 300 bbls. at $12@$14 50 for Old Plain Mess; $17@$20 for New Mess.; $14@$16 50 for Old Extra Mess; $22@$25 for New Mess, and $7@$10 for Old State Beef. Tierce Beef is in good demand at previous rates; sales of 250 tcs. on private terms. Beef Hams are in demand and steady; sales of 300 bbls. at $33@$35 for Western. Cut Meats are inactive and nominal. Bacon is active and steady; sales of 100 boxes Short Clear on private terms, and 500 boxes Cumberland Cut, seller February, at 14c. Dressed Hogs are dull and lower, we quote at 13@13½c. for heavy, 13¼@13½c. for medium, and 14c. for light weights. Lard is dull and heavy; sales of 425 bbls. and tcs. at 17@17½c. for No. 1; and 18¼@19½c. for Western and City; last evening, 1,000 tcs. choice Kettle Rendered, seller January, at 18c.

BUTTER is better and in moderate demand. We quote:

Orange County (in pails)	50@55
N. Y. State, Welsh tubs, strictly fine	45@46
N. Y. State, Welsh tubs, fair to good	37@40
N. Y. State, ¼ firkin tubs, fair to good	40@45
N. Y. State, firkins, good to fine	40@45
Good to choice Western	30@33
Penn., common to medium	25@32
Western Reserve, good to fine, yellow	30@33
Western Reserve, common to medium	25@