COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 29.

U.S.6s 1881,coup	Mil.& St.P.l m.	Mich. Central.	
10,000.....107	3,000..... 85	20.....109	
6,500.....107	N.Y.C.7s,76,con	Mich.So. & N.I.	
U.S 6s,5-20c.,'62	1,000.....104	700.....74	
4,500.....103	Del.& H. Canal.	200....s30. 74	
50,000..b4. 104	45.....144	300.....74	
U.S.6s,5-20c.,'64	Cumberland prf.	500....b30. 74	
24,500.....101	100.....44	800.2d call. 74	
U.S. 6s,5-20c.,'65	200.....44	Cleve. & Pitts.	
600..small.101	200.....44	500.....82	
3,000.....101	Spring Mountain	1,800.....82	
U.S.5s,10-40con.	200.....55	200.....82	
25,000.....93	West.Union Tel.	200....s20. 82	
500..small. 95	5.....52	500.2d call. 82	
Treasury 7 3-10s,	20.....51	Chicago & N.W.	
1st series.	130.....51	200....s15. 35	
5,000.....98	Minnesota Min'g	200.....35	
500.....98	100.....20	100.....b5. 35	
2d series.	Canton.	200.2d call. 35	
49,000.....98	100.....45	Chic.& N.W.pref	
3d series.	Quicksilver.	200.....61	
14,000.....98	100.....44	300.....61	
55,000.....98	Mariposa prf.	75.....61	
U.S.6s,1 y.c, n.i.	100.....19	20.....61	
30,000.....98	N. Y. Central.	100....s30. 61	
10,000.2dc. 98	20.....96	Cleve. & Toledo.	
10,000.....98	1,300...b3. 96	200.....113	
N. Carolina 6s.	100....s60. 95	1,000.....113	
1,000.....85	500....s60. 95	400.....113	
8,000.....85	200....s60. 95	200.....113	
Missouri 6s.	200....s30. 95	Chicago & R. I.	
15,000.....78	100.s30,2c. 96	100....b10. 107	
O. & Miss. Cer.	200....s60. 95	100....s10. 107	
25,000.....28	Erie.	100.....107	
Mich.Cen.8s,n.l.	20.....96	600....b30. 107	
5,000.....112	200....s30. 94	100....b10. 107	
Mich.So.2d mtg.	100....s30. 94	100.....107	
3,000.....88	100.....c. 95	Morris & Essex.	
Harlem 1st mtg.	500.....95	100.....99	
6,000.....100	500.2c,s60. 93	Pitts.Ft.W.&C.	
Atlantic& Gt.W	100.....c. 96	100.....105	
1 m, Ohio Div.	200.....c. 96	100....b20. 106	
5,000..... 97	Long Island.	100.....106	
Fourth Nat. Bk.	100.....76	100....b10. 106	
50.....100	Reading.	Chicago&Alton.	
100.....101	400.....106	100.....104	

1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

U.S.6s 5-20 c,'62	Treas.Notes7.30s	Reading.	
10,000.....104	1st series.	200.....106	
20,000.....104	26,000..... 98	Mich. So. & N.I.	
20,000.....104	3;000..... 98	300....b10. 74	
3,000.small.103	Quicksilver.	Cleve. & Pitts.	
U. S.5s 10-40 con	150.....44	400.....83	
10,000.....93	Mariposa.	Chicago & R. I.	
Erie.	100.....14	190.....107	
600.....96	N. Y. Central.	P.FW&Chicago	
200.....96	900.....96	100....b30. 106	

2½ O'CLOCK BOARD.

U. S. 6s, 1881, cp	Canton.	Mich. So. & N.I.	
500.....107	200.....45	100.....b5. 74	
U.S. 6s,5-20c, '62	Cumb.Coal pref.	200....b5. 74	
5,000.....105	200.....44	Cleve. & Pitts.	
10,000.....104	Quicksilver.	2,000.....83	
U.S. 6s, 5-20c.'64	100.....44	200....s10. 83	
100,000.....102	100.....44	500.....83	
U.S.6s,5-20 c,'65	N. Y. Central.	Chi. & N.W. prf	
40,000.....102	200.....96	100.....61	
U.S. 5s, 10-40 cp.	Erie.	Chicago & N.W	
25,000.....93	1,100.....96	500.....35	
10,000.....93	200....s30. 94	100....b10. 36	
Treasury 7 3-10s,	Erie preferred.	Chicago & R.I.	
1st series.	50.....86	500.....108	
5,000.....98	Hudson River.	P.,Ft.W.&Chic.	
2d series.	200.....108	100.....106	
10,000.....98	Reading.	50.....106	
N. Carolina 6s.	200.....106	100.....106	
5,000.....86	20.....106	Alton&T.H.pref	
Fourth Nat. Bk.	Mar. & Cin. 1 pf	100.....71	
10.....101	1,000.....50		

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—1 P. M.

Canton.	Hudson River.	Erie.	
100.....s3. 45	100.....108	330.....c. 96	
Cumberland.	Mich. So.& N. I.	500.....c. 96	
100....510. 44	400.....c. 74	200.....96	
Quicksilver.	200.....74	500.....96	
100.....45	Cle.& Pit.ex div.	100....b3. 96	
Rutland Marble.	3,400.....83	Chi. & N. W.	
200....b30. 18	500.....s3. 83	100.....35	
N. Y. Central.	700.....c. 83	100.....35	
600.....96	1,100...s3. 83	100....b3. 35	
700....b10. 96	200.....83	100....s3. 35	
800....s3. 96	500....b3. 83	Chi.& N.W.pref	
300.....c. 96	1,100...s3. 83	300....b10. 61	
100....s10. 96	1,600.....83	300.....61	
Reading ex. div.	500.....c. 83	100....b5. 61	
300.....c.106	200.....s5. 83	100.....s3. 61	
200.....106	200....s10. 83	Pitts.Ft.W.& C.	
400....s3.106	Chic. & R. Is.	200.....105	
800.....106	100.....107		

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—3 P.M.

U.S.5-20con.,'62.	Schuylkill.	Reading, ex div.	
20,000.s10.105	300....s10. 14	400.....s3.106	
2,500.....105	1,200..s10. 15	200....b3.106	
U.S.5-20con.,'65.	Erie.	10.....106	
25,000.....102	1,400.....96	Hudson River.	
Cumberland.	100....b3. 96	100.....108	
100....b30. 45	1,600.....96	100....s5.108	
N. Y. Central.	600....b3. 96	Mich South & N I	
100.....96	100....b5. 96	100....b3. 74	
200....b3. 96	100...suw. 96	100....s5. 74	
100.... s5. 96	100....s21. 94	Cle.& Pit.ex div.	
100...bnw. 96	300....s10. 95	600.....83	
300....b10. 96	100....b5. 96	200....b3. 83	
200.....96	500....b10. 96	200....s3. 83	
100....b5. 96	Chicago & N.W.	200....s3. 83	
200....s10. 96	100....b5. 35	500...bnw. 83	
100....s3. 96	100.....35	Chicago & R. I.	
Pitts.FW.&C.	Chic & N.W.prf.	100....s10.108	
100.....105	200.....61	100.....108	

FRIDAY, Dec. 29—P. M.

Gold is 145¼.

Government Stocks were strong in the early part of the day, and in demand after the English news was announced. The 5-20s were strong at 105@105¼ for the old issue of 1862, and 102 for the loan of 1864@1865. The 7.30s were sold at 98⅞@99 for the different issues, with a large day's business. The miscellaneous list was strong. Railway shares were quite active, and there was considerable buying upon the idea that money with the new year will be cheap, and produce the usual speculation and advance in railway shares. That loans on call will continue abundant and cheap, there is no reasonable doubt, but that railway shares are to advance is another affair. Their balance sheets thus far show that their last dividends have been borrowed, and the cost added to the profits. The roads will enter the new year with declining traffic and a certainty that the income will fall to a point where, if they pay the interest upon their bonds, keep up their sinking funds and repair their roads up to the point of safety, dividends cannot be continued except in rare instances. Erie is still scarce, and ⅞ per cent was paid for one day's use of stock. As high as 97 was paid for cash stock. At the Second Board the market was firm, and at the close of business the following quotations were made: Ohio Certificates, 28¼@28¾; Canton, 45¾; Cumberland Coal, 44¼@45; Quicksilver Mining, 44¼@45; Mariposa, 14¼@15; New-York Central, 96¾@96¾; Erie, 96¾@96¾; Hudson River 108¾@108¾; Reading, 106¾@106¾; Michigan Southern, 74¼@74¾; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 83¾@83¾; Rock Island, 108@108¼; North Western, 35¼@35¾.

Money is abundant among stock houses at 6@7 ⅌ cent, and a good many balances are offered at the lower rate. In commercial paper there is no improvement. Best sells at 7@9, and second grade at 10@15 ⅌ cent. The advance in United States stocks, based upon the improvement in Europe, promises well for Mr. McCulloch's funding policy. Upon a moderate demand for Federal stocks by English capitalists, who have not been free buyers thus far, new bonds can be issued sufficient to redeem all the temporary loans and certificates, and place the Department in a sounder position than for years. The easy money market anticipated by speculators at New-Year's will be the Secretary's opportunity to fund a good deal of floating debt, and he should not be slow to improve it.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $3,007,876 95—for Customs, $472,000; Payments, $1,619,277 51—on account of Loan, $466,000; Balance, $73,962,573 06. Coin Certificates, $498,940.

Exchange is quoted as follows: Bills at 60 days on London at 108¾@109 for Commercial; 109@109¼ for Bankers': do. at short sight, 110¼@110¾; Paris at 60 days, 5.17½@5.15; do. at short sight, 5.12½@5.11¼; Antwerp, 5.18¾@5.16¼; Swiss, 5.15¾@5.16¼; Hamburg, 36¾@36¾; Amsterdam, 40¾@41; Frankfort, 40¾@41; Bremen, 79¼@79¾; Prussian Thalers, 71@71¼.

Freights are dull. The engagements to Liverpool are 50 hhds. Tallow and 250 tuns Oil Cake, both at 17s. 6d.

The steamer Australasian brings London advices to December 16. Financial affairs are reported, on the whole, more satisfactory. Consols had recovered to 87¼@87¾. American Securities were rather better. Illinois Central shares were quoted 81¼@82; Erie, 58¼@58¾.

The coupons due Jan. 1, 1866, on bonds of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, will be paid at the office of the Chicago and North-Western Company, in this city.

The coupons of the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, will be paid by Wells, Fargo & Co., in this city.

Interest due on Kansas State Bonds Jan. 1, will be paid by Winslow, Lanier & Co.

The following dividends are announced:

Manhattan Savings Institution, interest 5 and 6 per cent per annum, free.

New-York, Providence and Boston Railroad, quarterly, 3 per cent, free.

Norwich and Worcester Railroad, semi-annual, 5 per cent, free.

The Fourth National Bank has declared a dividend of 5 per cent.

The Montreal Telegraph says that the United States Consul refuses to receive invoices for bonded goods, for exportation to the States, unless accompanied by others, setting forth that the duty had been paid at the value in Canada; claiming that market value, in place of exportation, on which United States duty is to be assessed, is the price with the duty added; or, what he calls price to consumer at place of export, and not price in bond.

The progress of the country toward natural prices of produce is thoroughly shown by the following table of prices of leading staples at the close of 1864 and 1865:

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK IN DECEMBER.

	1864.	1865.
ASHES.		
Pot, ⅌ 100 lb	$11 50	$9 00 @$9 25
Pearl, ⅌ 100 lb	12 75	10 50 @ 10 75
COAL.	1864.	1865.
Liv'p'l Orrel, ⅌ tun 2,240 lb	$13 50@$15 00	— —@$16 00
Liverpool House Cannel	16 50@ 17 50	$22 00@ 22 50
Anthracite, ⅌ 2,000 lb	9 50@ 11 50	11 00@ 12 50
PROVISIONS.	1864.	1867.
Mess Pork, ⅌ bbl	$39 37½@$41 50	$32 37½@$32 00
Prime Pork, ⅌ bbl	34 50 @ 35 25	24 00 @ 24 25
Cut Meats, ⅌ lb	— 17½@ — 22	— 11 @ — 16
Plain Mess Beef, ⅌ bbl	19 00 @ 22 00	11 00 @ 14 00
Lard, ⅌ lb	— 20 @ — 21½	— 16 @ — 19½
State Butter, ⅌ lb	— 46 @ — 60	— 27 @ — 50
Cheese, ⅌ lb	— 15 @ — 24	— 13 @ — 18½
Potatoes, ⅌ bbl	2 50 @ 3 00	2 25 @ 3 25
Eggs, ⅌ doz	— 42 @ — 44	— 34 @ — 40
SALT.	1864.	1865.
Liverpool ground, ⅌ sack	$2 20@$2 25	$1 90@$2.
SUGARS.	1864.	1865.
Cuba, ⅌ lb	16½@22c.	16½@17½c.
New-Orleans, ⅌ lb	14½@25c.	—@—
Porto Rico, ⅌ lb	18 @25c.	11 @14c.
Refined Sugars, ⅌ lb	24 @28c.	14 @18½c.
TEA.	1864.	1865.
Hyson, ⅌ lb	$1 30@$1 90	$1 10@$1 60
Oolong, ⅌ lb	1 05@ 1 75	90c.@ 1 10
Souchong, ⅌ lb	85c.@ 1 70	60c.@ 1 50
TOBACCO.	1864.	1865.
Kentucky, ⅌ lb	12½@ 40c.	6@ 50c.
Cuba, &c., ⅌ lb	35c@$1 50	70c.@$1 25
WOOL.	1864.	1865.
American Fleece, ⅌ lb	90c.@$1 12	50@80c.
American Pulled, ⅌ lb	70c.@ 1 02	40@75c.
COFFEE.	1864. Currency.	1865. Gold.
Java, ⅌ lb	— @50c.	28 @29c.
Rio, ⅌ lb	41½@45½c.	17½@20c.
COTTON.	1864.	1865.
Middlings, ⅌ lb	$1 17@$1 20.	51@53c.
DRY GOODS.	1864.	1865.
Shirtings, Brown, ⅌ yard	38@55c.	25 @35c.
Shirtings, Bleached, ⅌ yard	50@65c.	20 @40c.
Sheetings, Brown, ⅌ yard	40@62½c.	25 @35c.
Cotton Jeans, ⅌ yard	30@50c.	32½@40c.
Flannels, ⅌ yard	45@100c.	37½@55c.
Canton Flannels, ⅌ yards	35@37½c.	22½@30c.
BREADSTUFFS.	1864.	1865.
Superfine State Flour, ⅌ bbl	$8 00@$9 00	$7 40@$7 90
Extra State Flour, ⅌ bbl	10 00@ 10 50	8 45@ 8 90
Superfine Western Flour, ⅌ bbl	9 00@ 9 80	7 40@ 7 90
Extra Western Flour, ⅌ bbl	10 10@ 15 00	8 50@ 15 75
Extra Canada Flour, ⅌ bbl	10 00@ 12 00	8 45@ 11 50
Southern Flour, ⅌ bbl	10 60@ 15 00	9 10@ 15 50
Rye Flour, ⅌ bbl	8 35@ 8 30	5 25@ 6 25
Corn Meal, ⅌ bbl	7 75@ 8 80	4 20@ 4 75
White Wheat, ⅌ bushel	2 55@ 2 70	2 40@ 2 75
Red and Am. Wheat, ⅌ bushel	2 20@ 2 50	1 72@ 2 45
Corn, ⅌ bushel	1 26@ 1 50	1 08@ 1 03
Rye, ⅌ bushel	1 70@ 1 72	1 00@ 1 15
Barley, ⅌ bushel	1 90@ 2 05	1 00@ 1 25
State Oats, ⅌ bushel	1 00@ 1 00½	62@ 62
HAY.	1864.	1865.
North River Bale, ⅌ 100 lb	$1 45@$1 90	75@95c.
HIDES.	1864. Currency.	1865. Gold.
Buenos Ayres, ⅌ lb	34@35c.	17 @19 c.
Rio Grande, ⅌ lb	32@33c.	16½@16½c.
HOPS.	1864.	1865.
New, ⅌ lb	30@35½c.	25@35c.
LEATHER.	1864.	1865.
Oak, light and med. ⅌ lb	48@54c.	36@42c.
Hemlock, light and med. ⅌ lb	38@42c.	32@36c.
METALS.	1864.	1865.
Copper,refd Ing.⅌ lb	48½@ 49½	41½@ 43
Iron,Eng.Bar,⅌ ton	$165 00@$195 00	$100 00@$125 00
Iron,Scot'hPig,⅌ ton	61 00@ 64 00	50 00@ 52 50
Iron, Sh't, Eng. ⅌ lb	10 @ 12½	7½@ 10½
Lead, Pig, ⅌ 100 lb	14 50 @ 15 50	9 75 @ 10 00
Spelter, Plates, ⅌ lb	15½@ —	10½@ 10½
Tin, Banca, ⅌ lb	72 @ —	*28½@ 29
Tin, Straits, ⅌ lb	61 @ 62½	*27½@ 27½
Tin, Plates, ⅌ box	19 50 @ 21 50	12 50 @ 15 50
Zinc, Sheets, ⅌ lb	19 @ 19½	14½@ 15½
*Gold price.		
MOLASSES.	1864.	1865.
New-Orleans, ⅌ gal	$1 15@$1 50	$1 10@$1 25
Cuba Muscovado, ⅌ gal	65@ 85	40@ 55
NAVAL STORES.	1864.	1865.
Crude Turpentine, ⅌ 200 lb	$24 00@$—	$8 00@$8 50
Spirits Turpentine, ⅌ gal	2 05@ 2 15	1 00@ 1 05
Tar, ⅌ bbl	5 00@ 5 10	3 00@ 4 50
Rosin, ⅌ 280 lb	20 00@ 35 00	6 37½@ 20 00
PETROLEUM.	1864.	1865.
Crude, ⅌ gallon	50c. @—	41c.@41½c.
Refined, in bond, ⅌ gallon	75c. @75c.	63c.@64c.
Refined, in bond, ⅌ gallon	92½c.@95c.	62c.@63c.

These tables show that merchants through the year have been selling their commodities upon a steadily declining market, and that persons doing business upon credit have been obliged to pay for sugar bought at 28 cents of the refiner, with sugar sold at 18 cents, and for English bar iron bought at $165 per tun, with the same iron sold at $100 per tun. The merchant who traded in cotton has seen the market fall from $1 12 per lb to 51 cents, and the wool-dealer has seen his staple recede from 90 to 50 cents per lb. The tables are full of similar instances, and the conclusion cannot be resisted that the credits made during 1865 have been liquidated, and property sold at steadily decreasing prices. But the end is not yet. The national energy has been fully restored to the production of most of the articles which have fallen so fast in 1865, and prices can have only one course, and that downward. From this table debtors should learn that their safety lies in paying as fast as possible, and persons out of debt realize the fact that money is steadily rising in value as compared with commodities, and that this state of things will continue.

A telegram from San Francisco, dated Dec. 27, quotes stocks as follows: Gould & Curry, $900 per foot; Savage, $850 per foot; Chollar-Potosi, $240 per foot; Ophir, $340 per foot; Hale & Norcross, $350 per foot; Crown Point, $500 per foot; Yellow Jacket, $515 per foot; Belcher, $150 per foot; Alpha, $235 per foot; Imperial (per share), $105; California Steam Navigation Co., 61 per cent; California State Telegraph Co., 26 per cent.

The movement of Dry Goods at this port for the past week has been as follows:

ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.

Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.	Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.
Wool.....	1,251	$504,105	Flax.....	1,530	$293,877
Cotton.....	1,083	337,062	Miscellan's.	361	110,928
Silk.....	390	285,295		—	—
Total.....				4,615	$1,531,267

WITHDRAWALS.

Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.	Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.
Wool.....	181	$80,299	Flax	203	51,189
Cotton.....	195	61,370	Miscellan's..	10	2,452
Silk.....	26	49,213		—	—
Total.....				615	$244,523

WAREHOUSED.

Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.	Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.
Wool.....	896	$363,868	Flax.....	823	$207,239
Cotton.....	712	242,099	Miscellan's..	3,066	44,275
Silk.....	86	119,046		—	—
Total.....				5,583	$976,527

The Michigan Central Road earned the third week in December:

1864....	$66,009	1865.....	$70,838	Dec.....	$15,171

The following railroad corporations have been recently organized in this State, and their articles of association filed in the office of the Secretary of State:

The Buffalo and Alleghany Railroad Company have consolidated with the Buffalo and Washington Railway Company, under the last named title. The articles of consolidation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the 11th inst. The articles of association of the Dunkirk and Fredonia Railroad Company were filed on the 14th inst. The road is to run from the Erie Railroad depot, at Dunkirk, to the village of Fredonia, Chautauqua County. The articles of association of the Ithaca and Towanda Railroad Company were filed on the 22d inst. The route proposed is from the navigable waters of the Cayuga Lake, at Ithaca, through the Counties of Tompkins, Chemung and Tioga, to the Pennsylvania State line, near the village of Waverley, a distance of 35 miles. The capital of the company is fixed at $2,000,000.

The Boston Traveller says:

Money continues in good supply, and the demand for it at the banks and outside of them is large enough to give full employment to the floating balances of currency. Occasional loans on call are made at 6 per cent, but the common rate of interest is 7, and a few transactions are reported at 7 3-10.

The Chicago Tribune of Wednesday says:

The money market to-day was more active, in consequence of the brisk demand by the packers, who have generally commenced operations for the season; but the market continues close, and in some respects more stringent than last week. The National banks are unwilling to extend their discount line until after the quarterly statements are made next week, and till then we must expect a general stringency. The rate of discount is steady at 10 per cent per annum, but the private bankers are lending to second-class borrowers at 1½@2 per cent per month. Eastern exchange is in better supply, but there is no change in rates. We quote the buying rate at par, and the selling rate at 1-10 premium. A few round lots were sold at 65@75c. premium per 1,000, but the bankers are looking for a better supply within a few days, and there was less demand than usual.

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Markets—CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.
FRIDAY, Dec. 29, 1865.

ASHES—The market is dull and nominal; shippers awaiting new inspection.

BEESWAX is in moderate request, without change in prices.

COTTON—The demand is still active, under the continued favorable foreign advices, and the market closes firm at 52@53c. for Middlings; sales of 6,500 bales. The receipts for the week are 26,205 bales; for the month, 111,379 bales, and since Sept. 1, 429,455 bales. Exports since Sept. 1, about 200,000 bales.

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION, DEC. 29, 1865:

	Uplands.	Florida.	Mobile.	N.O.& Tex.
Ordinary	42	42	42	43
Middling	52	52	53	53
Good Middling	54	54	55	55

COFFEE—Prices remain about the same. A rumor prevails that some two or three cargoes of Rio have changed hands to-day, but we were unable to authenticate it. There is evidently a disposition in some quarters to "bear" the market for Brazil coffees, based on the heavy and accumulating stock and the recent unfavorable advices from Rio per steamer; but holders, as a general thing, are unwilling to make concessions, feeling confident that the trade having bought so sparingly of late must have very small supplies on hand, and as a matter of necessity be compelled to purchase more liberally after the first of the year. On the other hand, it is claimed that the family consumption of Coffee has been very materially reduced during the past three years, owing to the prevailing high prices, and with the great falling off in the wants of the Government, it will be impossible to work off all the stock now on hand and expected except at a material reduction from present rates. Importers cannot submit to this, however, except at a heavy loss, as even at present figures there is barely a margin for profit. In West India styles we hear of nothing doing, but, with a light stock, prices are firm.

COPPER—There has been only a moderate inquiry for American Ingot, but prices have undergone no essential change.

COCOA—We hear of sales of 261 bags St. Domingo, on private terms.

CANDLES—Adamantine have been only in limited demand, but prices are without change. Sperm and Patent are unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour opened dull, but closed with a better inquiry and a firmer feeling; the sales are 8,200 bbls., at $7 40@$7 75 for Superfine State; $8 25@$8 25 for Unsound Extra State; $8 40@$8 60 for Sound do.; $8 70@$8 90 for Fancy State; $8 50@$8 80 for the low grades of Western Extra; $8 80@$9 for Shipping Ohio; $9 10@$12 25 for Trade and Family brands, and $12@$15 50 for St. Louis Extras. Buckwheat Flour is dull at $4@$4 50 ⅌ 100 lb. Canadian Flour is in fair demand and firmer; sales of 480 bbls., at $8 65@$8 90 for the low grades of Extra, and $9@$11 50 for Trade and Family Extras. Southern Flour is more active and firmer; sales of 950 bbls., at $9@$10 25 for mixed to good Superfine Country Baltimore, &c., and $10 40@$15 for Trade and Family brands. Rye Flour is dull but steady; sales of 160 bbls., at $5 50@$6. Corn Meal is inactive; sales of 100 bbls., at $4 25 for Jersey, and $4 65 for Brandywine.

FISH—Dry Cod is dull and prices are nominal. Mackerel are in fair jobbing demand, and prices are well sustained. Smoked and Pickled Herrings are plenty and heavy.

GRAIN—The Wheat market opened quite dull, but ere the close of 'Change a better inquiry prevailed, and choice grades of Spring improved and close firm; the sales are 7,000 bush. Racine Spring at $1 85; 14,600 bush. Amber Club at $1 92@$1 94, and choice is refused at $1 96½; 7,000 bush. damaged Red Western, $1 87, and 3,000 bush. Amber State at $2 43. Barley is firm but not active; sales of 5,000 bush. Common State at $1. Barley Malt is steady and in fair request; sales of 1,500 bush. State at $1 40. Oats are quiet but firm; the arrivals are light; sales of 23,000 bush. at 60c. for Canadian; 59@56c. for Unsound Western; 62c. for State, and 56@57c. for Jersey and Southern. Rye is dull and heavy; sales of 3,700 bush. at 89c. for Western, and $1 10 for State. Corn is without much change, though less active; the demand is mainly for export; sales of 42,000 bush. at 90@95c. for Unsound; 96½@97c. for Western Mixed afloat, and 95@96c. in store, and 93@94c. for Jersey Yellow.

HIDES—The market has been firm, with a good inquiry, but the transactions are but moderate. The late sales embrace 1,000 Buenos Ayres, 22½@23½ lbs., on private terms; 700 prime City Steers, 75 lbs., at 13c, cash, currency.

HEMP—Manila is in moderate request and steady; other kinds are dull and nominal.

HOPS—There has been no change in prices since our last; the demand for home consumption continues good.

HAY—The demand for Shipping is fair and the market firm; sales of 250 bales.

IRON—The inquiry for Pig has been only moderate, but prices are without essential change. Bar Iron is dull and nominal.

LEAD—Pig is inactive, and, in the absence of sales, prices are nominal.

LIME—Common Rockland is only in limited demand, but prices are without change.

MOLASSES—Prices are nominally unchanged; the business is light, and we have only to note small jobbing lots at 60@85c. for Porto Rico, 55c. for Barbadoes, and $1 05@$1 25 for New-Orleans.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits Turpentine is dull and heavy. Crude Turpentine is unchanged. Rosins are firm and in fair demand. Tar is dull and heavy.

OILS—A firmer feeling has prevailed for City Linseed since our last, and the business has been to a fair extent. Fish Oils are quiet and prices are somewhat nominal. Lard Oil is dull and rather heavy.

PROVISIONS—There has been a fair business doing in Pork to-day, but prices have declined and close heavy; for future delivery we hear of sales of 500 bbls. New Mess, seller January, at $30; 2,500 bbls. do., seller February, at $29 50, and 3,000, chiefly at $29 62½; 1,000 bbls. do., seller March, at $29 62½@$29 75, and 500 bbls. Old Mess, seller January, at $29 25. The sales, cash and regular, are 7,400 bbls. at $29 25@$29 62½ for Old Mess, closing at $29@$29 50, the latter rate cash; $31@$31 50 for New do., closing at inside rate, and $23 for New Prime; since 'Change the market was very flat, sales of Old Mess being made at $28 87½, regular. Beef is in fair demand and steady; sales of 400 bbls. at $11@$13 50 for Old Plain Mess; $13@$16 for Old Extra do., and $20@$24 for New do. Tierce Beef is quiet and nominal. Beef Hams are more inquired after and are firmer; sales of 250 bbls. at $33 50@$35 for Western; choice brands are held at $35@$37. Bacon is in more active demand and firmer; sales of 200 boxes Cumberland Cut at 14½c.; 39 boxes do. at 15c., both on spot, and 250 boxes do., seller February, at 15c. Cut Meats is in fair demand and firmer; sales of 275 pkgs. at 11@12½c. for Shoulders, and 15¼@15½c. for Hams. Dressed Hogs are firmer; we quote at 12½@13c. for Western, and 13@13½c. for City. Lard is held higher, which has checked business; sales of 375 bbls. and tcs. at 17@17½c. for No. 1; 17¼@19c. for City; 18½@19½c. for Western, and 19½@19½c. for small lots choice.

BUTTER—Choice Butter has met with a better home demand since our last; in consequence of the holidays, prices have improved, and at the close are firm. There is as yet comparatively no outlet for butter, the very little going to South America, California and the Southern States; scarcely having any effect upon the market. European shippers cannot yet touch it, and the danger is that when holders do consent to accept prices which will admit shipping the season will be nearly all over, and the foreign market declining; therefore we see nothing to encourage farmers to hold on longer, and no doubt after the holidays there will be no demand here beyond the actual requirements of the City trade, and the free receipts will break down the market.

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

	1865.	1866.
Orange and Essex County pails	52@60c.	50@55c.
State firkins, fair to choice	50@52c.	40@50c.
Ohio and other Western, good to choice	37@43c.	25@33c.

CHEESE—There has been a good shipping demand throughout the week; prices have ruled quite firm, but show no particular variation; English Dairy has been moderately active and steady; Ohio and other Western grades are without special change.

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK JAN. 1.

	1865.	1866.
State factory-made, prime to fancy	23@24c.	18@18½c.
State factory-made, good to choice	18@23c.	18½@19c.
Ohio, good to prime	18@20c.	16@17c.
English dairy (Conn.), common to choice	20@22c.	21@23c.
English dairy (Ohio), choice	20@22c.	20@22c.
Pineapple, good to choice	28@30c.	32@36c.

PETROLEUM—The market for both Crude and Refined is very dull and prices have a downward tendency.

RICE—The market is quiet; sales of 50 tcs. Carolina at 12¼@13c., and 100 bags Rangoon, in bond, at 4c., gold.

SUGARS—Raw Sugars are without change; sales of 105 hhds. Cuba, on private terms, and 1,000 boxes Havana at or about 12½c. Fair to good Refining remains nominal at 11¼@11½c. Refined are dull at 18@18½c. for Hards.

SEEDS—The inquiry for Clover Seed is light, but prices are unchanged. Timothy Seed is in limited demand, but firm, at $3 50@$4. Rough Flax Seed is steady at $2 95@$3 05 per bush.

SALT—Liverpool is very dull, but we have no change to make in prices.

TOBACCO continues in fair request, with sales of 384 hhds. Kentucky at 7¼@23c.; 70 cases Seed Leaf at 8@17c.

TEAS—The market for all kinds is extremely dull, and prices nominally unchanged.

TALLOW—The market is dull, heavy and again lower; sales of 47,000 lb at 13¼@13½c. for Western, and 13¼@14c. for City.

WOOL—There has been no essential change in prices for Domestic Fleece. Common and coarse grades are plenty and heavy, while fine Fleeces are in demand and firm.

WHISKY—The market is inactive and nominal.

WHALEBONE—We hear of no sales, but prices are without change.

Family Markets,

OR LIVING EXPENSES IN NEW-YORK.
FRIDAY, Dec. 29—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, poultry 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. Poultry is selling high, notwithstanding the warm weather. Meats are nearly unchanged, with a full supply. Fish are plenty. Dried fruits are tending downward. Coffee and sugars are also lower. There are comparatively no changes in the vegetable markets. Coal is easier, with full yards, and a prospect of a decline. We quote:

BREAD AND CRACKERS.	Cents.		Cents.
Wheat Bread, loaf	5@10	Crackers, Bos'n, ⅌ lb	20
Rye loaf	10@—	Soda, ⅌ lb	12@13
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@52	Cheese, ⅌ lb	22@25
Medium	45@48	Pine