## COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

**Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 30.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| U. S. 6s, '68 con. | Erie 4th mtge. | Erie. |
| 7,000.....125 | 2,000.....97¼ | 1,700.....c. 97 |
| U.S.6s,1881,reg. | Hud. Riv. 1st m. | 600.....c. 96¾ |
| 15,000.....120 | 4,000.....102 | 200.....96¾ |
| U. S. 6s '81 reg. | Mich.Cen.8s,n.l. | 100....s30. 94 |
| 3,000.....102¾ | 2,000.....112 | 10..... 96 |
| 1,000.....104 | Ch.B.&Q.8s,1st. | Reading. |
| U.S.6s 1881,coup | 1,000.....114 | 300.....106¾ |
| 10,000.....108¾ | C&NW con 7s | 400.....c. 106¾ |
| U.S.6s,5-20c.,'62 | 4000.....80 | 100.....b30. 106¾ |
| 80,000.....105¾ | Clev.&Tol.s.f.b. | Mich. Central. |
| 90,000.....106 | 4,000.....99 | 150.....108¼ |
| U.S.6s,5-20c.,'64 | Clev.&P. 4th m. | 100....s30. 107¼ |
| 10,000.....102¾ | 1,000.....77 | 100....s60. 107¼ |
| 3,000.....102 | Ill. Cent. bonds. | Mich. So. & N.I. |
| U.S.6s,5-20c.,'65 | 2,000.....106 | 1,500.....74¾ |
| 10,000.....101¾ | Bank Commerce | Cleve. & Pitts |
| 106,000.....102 | 20.....110 | 200.....83¾ |
| U.S.5s,'74, coup. | Fourth Nat. Bk. | 3,000.....83¾ |
| 1,000.....98¾ | 5.....101 | 1,500.....84 |
| 1,000..Ind. 95¾ | Manhattan Bank | 4,000.....81 |
| U.S.5s,10-40 con. | 50.....132 | 200....b30. 83¾ |
| 16,000.....98¾ | Central Nat. Bk. | 400.....c. 84¼ |
| 500.....98¾ | 100.....108 | 500....b30. 83¾ |
| Treasury 7 3-10s, | Canton. | Chicago & N.W. |
| 1st series. | 300.....45¾ | 600.....36 |
| 2,000.....98¾ | 200.....45¾ | 300.....c. 35¾ |
| 2d series. | Del.& H. Canal. | Chic.& NW pref |
| 30,000.....98¾ | 111.....145 | 200.....61¾ |
| 3d series. | Cumberland prf. | Cleve. & Toledo. |
| 2,000.....98¾ | 300.....45 | 500.....113 |
| 3,650.....98¾ | West.UnionTel. | 1,000.....112¼ |
| U.S.6s,1 y.c, n.i. | 100.....51 | Chicago & R. I. |
| 50,000.....98¾ | Lehigh & Sus. | 800.....108¾ |
| N. Carolina 6s. | 100.....7¾ | 100....b10. 108¾ |
| 16,000.....86 | Ashburton Coal. | 200.....108¾ |
| Mo.6s,H&StJ.is | 300.....15 | 100....b10. 108¾ |
| 5,000.....80 | N. Y. Central | 800.....108¾ |
| Missouri 6s. | 40.....97 | Mil. & P.du Ch. |
| 3,000.....78¾ | 100.....96¾ | 100.....96 |
| Tenn. 6s '90. | 100....b15. 96¾ | Morris & Essex. |
| 10,000.....89 | 100.....c. 96¾ | 114.....99 |
| N.Y.State 7s,BL | Pitts.Ft.W.&C. | 40.....99¼ |
| 2,000.....98¼ | 200.....106 | Mar.& Cin. 2 pf. |
| D. & Miss. Cer. | 200.....105¾ | 200.....24 |
| 55,000.....28¾ | 500....b30. 106 | 100.....30 |

SATURDAY, Dec. 30—P. M.

Gold is not strong, and closes at 144¾. The exports to-day were $263,000.

Government stocks continue in demand at full prices, and are the most popular security on the list with investing parties. The old 5-20s are 105¼; in the issue of 1864-5, 102. All the 7.30s are wanted, and there is a good deal of money realized from the sales of railway stocks and being reinvested in the 7.30 loan. The miscellaneous shares are strong, and the coal stocks in renewed demand. Cumberland sold at 45¼, and Schuylkill at 15, seller 10, in quite large amounts. The general share market was steady at the regular board, but prices were not sustained upon the street. Rock Island was sold as high as 108¾ in the face of its decreased traffic, which continued through the year, which leaves the company $1,000,000 short of the traffic of 1863. Erie sold at 97¼, and ¼ per cent was paid for stock until Tuesday. The market for most stocks is largely oversold, and, but for the fact that the roads show a large decrease in traffic, would rise sharply upon an attempt to cover the short contracts. The decrease in traffic which through 1866 promises to be steadily continued upon the leading speculative roads is the rock upon which buyers of stock at present rates will lean their money in good time. Values must be governed by ability to earn, not borrow dividends. With the return of peace traffic will fall to the point when dividends are uncertain, and sure not to yield income equal to those to be made upon 7.30s, or gold-bearing Government stocks. At the close the following quotations were made: Ohio Certificates, 28¼@28¾; Canton, 45¾@46; Cumberland Coal, 44¾@45; Quicksilver, 44¼@45; New-York Central, 96¼@96¾; Erie, 96¼@96¾; Hudson River, 108¾@109; Reading, 106¼@106¾; Michigan Southern, 74¾@74¾; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 84¼@84¾; Rock Island, 108@108¼; North-Western, 35¾@36; North-Western Preferred, 64¾@64¾; Fort Wayne, 105¾@106; Schuylkill Coal, 15@15¼. Later in the day 103¾, ex dividend, was paid for Fort Wayne, equal to 106¾.

Money on call is abundant at 6 per cent to brokers, and balances have been left over until January 2, at 5 per cent. Paper sells more readily, but high rates of interest still prevail.

Exchange is not active; 60 days on London are 108@108¼ for documentary; 108¾@109 for commercial; 109¾@109¾ for bankers'; do. at short sight, 110¼@110¾; Paris at 60 days, 5.18¾@5.17½; do. at short sight, 5.12½@5.11¼; Antwerp, 5.18¾@5.16¼; Swiss, 5.16; Hamburg, 36¼@36¾; Amsterdam, 40¾@41; Frankfort, 40¾@41; Bremen, 79¼@79¾; Prussian Thalers, 71¼@71¾.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $11,351,121 86—for Customs, $132,000; Payments, $9,317,853 84—on account of Loan, $982,000; Balance, $75,995,841 08. Coin Certificates, $111,360.

Freights are dull. The engagements to Liverpool are 200 bales Cotton at ⅛d.@7-16d., and per steamer, 400 boxes Bacon at 22s., 3,500 bushels Corn at 5½d., and 100 bales Cotton at 9-32d.

Attention is called to a financial advertisement of the State of Maine in another column.

The sales of H. B. Claflin & Co. for 1865 have been, according to rumors among the dry goods men, $70,000,000, against $40,000,000 in 1864.

The advance in Five-Twenties at the London Stock Exchange is the more gratifying as it occurred in the face of a tightening money market and a consequent depression of consols. Private letters from London state that an early rise in the rate of discount of the Bank of England is considered highly probable. The views of *The Economist* on the subject are as follows:

The return of the Bank of England this week was certainly not one which compelled them to augment their rate of discount; but, upon the whole, we cannot but regret that they did not do so. In the first place, the return itself, as far as the banking department goes, compares very badly with that of last year, when money also was at 6 per cent. The figures are:

| | 1864. | 1865. |
|---|---|---|
| Public deposits | £7,161,719 | £7,081,336 |
| Private deposits | 12,207,474 | 14,259,882 |
| Seven-day and other bills | 401,117 | 458,969 |
| Liabilities of banking depart'nt | £19,230,300 | £21,800,187 |
| Reserve in banking departm'nt | £9,366,096 | £8,117,053 |

A less reserve against a larger liability. Secondly, it may be laid down as a rough rule that when the bullion in the bank is under £15,000,000, the foreign exchanges ought to be watched with care and caution. That amount, or something like it, experience teaches is about the minimum we ought to keep, unless we are to reconstruct our whole currency system. But now the bullion is little over £14,000,000, while the exchanges are unfavorable, and more than £600,000 were taken from the bank for export during the week.

It is true, and this may be reasonably supposed to have weighed with the directors of the bank, that the foreign exchanges were rather firmer on Tuesday, and this improvement was maintained yesterday. It is also true that at this time of the year trade generally rather slackens, and therefore the demand in Lombard-st. and at the bank commonly declines.

But, on the other hand, though most trades are in their usual state, the cotton trade is in an exceptional state. The instant it was telegraphed to Liverpool that the rate of discount was not raised by the Bank of England on Thursday, the cotton market became more buoyant. The least encouragement would soon stimulate a great trade in the North of England. Secondly, this is a time of year at which the banking department (and under Peel's Act, at all events, this is very material) is especially pressed upon. Take the close of last year:

| | |
|---|---|
| On the 14th of December, 1864, the reserve of the Bank of England was | £9,593,996 |
| On the 7th of January, 1865, it was | 8,117,953 |
| A diminution of | £1,476,043 |

Although there was then no unfavorable foreign exchange. And if this amount, and other sums beside consequent on an unfavorable exchange, should be taken away this season at the same period, the account of the bank will be very different from that which we should wish to see it, or from what it ought to be. Thirdly, the silver market shows indications, which are confirmed by some of the soundest cotton operators, that a great amount of silver will soon be transmitted to the East. It has been postponed and postponed, because of the high rate of discount, but sent it must be eventually, for it is the payment of a debt in cash to a country which exports cash, and will take nothing else. Fourthly, several loans to foreign Governments, and other foreign finance borrowings, hang over the market, and these will take bullion from us if we let them, and we do not raise the rate of interest."

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

| Week ending..... | Dec. 30. | Dec. 23. | Dec. 16. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dry goods | $2,567,734 | $3,104,107 | $2,877,548 |
| Gen. Mer'dise | 3,220,444 | 3,128,011 | 3,866,700 |
| Total | $5,728,178 | $6,463,518 | $6,743,248 |

The Union Dime Savings Bank, No. 429 Canal-st., has declared a dividend at the rate of six per cent per annum on deposits of $500 and under, and five per cent on larger sums, free of tax, payable after January 20, 1866.

The Hanover Fire Insurance Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent, payable on demand.

The National Currency Bank has declared its quarterly divided of 15 per cent, with 10 per cent additional to surplus account. This makes 60 per cent cash dividends, and 30 per cent of surplus for the year.

The following dividends are announced:

East River National Bank, semi-annual, 4 per cent.

Phenix National Bank, 4 per cent, free.

Nassau National Bank of Brooklyn, semi-annual, 5 per cent, free.

Atlantic National Bank of Brooklyn, 6 per cent, free.

The Citizens' Gas Light Company of Brooklyn pays 4 per cent semi-annual dividend.

The imports of dry goods at this port for the past week amount to $2,567,734. For the month of December, the imports aggregate $10,578,991, against $1,558,567 for the same month of 1864, and $5,371,041 in December, 1863.

The following comparison shows the imports of the several classes of dry goods at this port for the year:

| | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Manufs. of Wool | $20,713,956 | $31,441,165 | $36,074,585 |
| Manufs. of Cotton | 7,913,157 | 8,465,246 | 15,350,064 |
| Manufs. of Silk | 15,534,469 | 16,191,080 | 27,558,261 |
| Manufs. of Flax | 10,381,069 | 11,020,831 | 15,402,092 |
| Miscell's Dry Gds. | 3,736,106 | 3,956,630 | 4,581,626 |
| Total imports | $57,274,947 | $71,569,702 | $99,965,138 |

The following is an official statement of the business of the Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, in New-York, for the month ending Dec. 31, 1865:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dec. 1, 1865, by balance | | $58,546,476 55 |
| Receipts during the month:— | | |
| On account of Customs | $8,378,335 53 | |
| On account of Loans | 7,867,466 57 | |
| On acc't of Internal Rev. | 353,011 52 | |
| On account of Coin Certf's | 13,318,920 00 | |
| On acc't Post-Office Dept. | 711,943 37 | |
| On account of Transfers | 7,075,328 10 | |
| On acc't of Patent Fees | 3,734 30 | |
| On acc't of Miscellaneous | 24,625,289 65 | —62,360,029 24 |
| Payments | | 120,907,473 79 |
| Treasury Drafts | $65,369,045 55 | |
| Post-Office Drafts | 20,929 29 | —65,390,172 84 |
| Dec. 31, 1865, balance | | 55,517,300 95 |
| By Balance, Cr., Disbursing Accounts | $12,473,355 55 | |
| By Receipts during the Month | 18,606,249 64 | —$22,079,605 19 |
| To Payments | | 17,904,088 40 |
| Balance | | $14,175,516 79 |
| By Balance, Cr., Interest Accounts | $2,898,943 58 | |
| By Appropriations | 10,580,141 32 | —$13,389,084 90 |
| To Payments in Coin | 2,783,684 10 | |
| To Payments in Notes | 3,872,506 59 | — 6,656,190 79 |
| Balance | | $6,732,894 11 |
| By receipts for Customs in the month of December, 1865 | | $8,378,335 53 |
| By Receipts for Customs in the month of December, 1864 | | 3,467,368 96 |
| Increase in the month of Dec., 1865 | | $4,910,966 57 |
| By Balance, Cr., Bullion and Expense Account for Assay Office | | 332,515 45 |
| By Coin received during the month | $636,156 73 | |
| By Fine Bars received during the month | 1,071,014 11 | —1,707,170 84 |
| | | $2,039,686 29 |
| To Payments in Coin | $459,846 31 | |
| To Payments in Fine Bars | 348,502 26 | — 807,348 57 |
| Balance | | $1,232,337 72 |
| By Funds in hand in Assistant Treasurer's Office | $76,425,641 85 | |
| By Funds in hand in Assay Office | 370,613 61 | —$76,796,255 46 |
| By Fine Bars in Assay Office | 817,308 57 | |
| By Unparted Bullion in Assay Office | 268,883 86 | — 1,086,192 43 |
| | | $77,882,417 89 |
| Less Temporary Loan to be reimbursed | $1,000,997 38 | |
| Less Due Depositors | 885,679 43 | — 1,886,676 81 |
| Balance | | $75,995,841 08 |

STATEMENT *of Business at the United States Assay Office at New York, for the month ending Dec. 30, 1865.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Deposits of Gold | | $664,000 00 |
| Foreign Coins | $12,000 00 | |
| Foreign Bullion | 7,000 00 | |
| United States Bullion | 645,000 00 | |
| Deposits of Silver, incl'g parch's | | 27,000 00 |
| Foreign Coins | 3,000 00 | |
| Foreign Bullion | 16,000 00 | |
| U.S. Bullion (contain'd in gold) | 7,000 00 | |
| U. S. Bullion (Lake superior) | 100 00 | |
| Total Deposits payable in Bars | | 2,500,000 00 |
| Total Deposits, payable in Coins | 409,000 00 | —$691,000 00 |
| Gold Bars, Stamped | | 1,523,752 57 |
| Transmitted to U. S. Mint, Phila., for coinage | | 348,569 35 |

NEW-YORK STATE 7 PER CENT STOCK,
7.30 NOTES AND COMPOUND NOTES,
BOUGHT AND SOLD BY THE
NATIONAL CURRENCY BANK,
No. 2 Wall st., corner of Broadway.

**Markets**—CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.
SATURDAY, Dec. 30, 1865.

ASHES—The market is dull and nominal.

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK.

| | 1862. | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pots and Pearls | $6 25 | $6 25 | $8 37½ | $9 75 | ——— |

BEESWAX—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

| | Yellow Western. | | Yellow Western. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1864 | 44½@50c. | 1865 | 70@72c. |
| | | 1866 | 48@49c. |

COTTON—The demand continues very good and prices are maintained, closing at 52@53c. for Middlings; sales of about 2,500 bales.

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION, JAN. 1, 1865.

| | Uplands. | Florida. | Mobile. | N.O.&Texas. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary | $1 05 | $1 05 | $1 05 | $1 05 |
| Middling | 1 20 | 1 20 | 1 20 | 1 20 |
| Middling Fair | 1 22 | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 25 |
| Fair | 1 26 | 1 26 | 1 26 | 1 26 |

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION, JAN. 1, 1864.

| | Uplands. | Florida. | Mobile. | N.O.&Texas. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| Middling | 81@82 | 81@82 | 81@82 | 81@82 |
| Middling Fair | 84 | 84 | 84 | 84 |
| Fair | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION, JAN. 1, 1863.

| | Uplands. | Florida. | Mobile. | N.O.&Texas. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Middling | 66½ | 66½ | 66½ | 66½ |
| Middling Fair | 68 | 68 | 68 | 68 |
| Fair | — | — | — | — |

COFFEE—No sales are reported to-day; prices are firmer.

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

| Year. | Brazil. | St. Domingo. | Year. | Brazil. | St. Domingo. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1857 | 9¾@11½ | 10½@— | 1862 | 17 @19½ | — @20 |
| 1858 | 8½@10¾ | 7½@ 8 | 1863 | 27 @28½ | 26 @27 |
| 1859 | 9½@12 | 9 @ 9½ | 1864 | 33 @34½ | 30 @30½ |
| 1860 | 10 @12½ | 11½@11½ | 1865 | 42 @46 | 40 @41 |
| 1861 | 10 @12½ | 11 @11½ | 1866* | 17½@20½ | 17½@18½ |

* Gold.

CANDLES—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK JAN. 1.

| | Adamantine. | | Sperm and Patent. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1864 | 20 @24c. | 1864 | 35 @45c. |
| 1865 | 32 @35c. | 1865 | 45 @55c. |
| 1866 | 23 @24c. | 1866 | 42 @52c. |

COPPER—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK JAN. 1.

| | American Ingot. | | New Sheathing Yel. Metal. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1864 | 37½@38½c. | 1864 | 34 @46c. |
| 1865 | 48½@49c. | 1865 | 50 @55c. |
| 1866 | 41½@43c. | 1866 | 35 @55c. |

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is less active, but with limited arrivals the low grades are very firm, which are not abundant, and mostly unsound; the sales are 5,200 bbls. at $7 40@$7 75 for Superfine State; $6 25@$6 [illegible] for Unsound Extra State; $8 40@$8 60 for Sound do.; $8 70@$8 90 for Fancy State; $8 50@$8 80 for the [illegible] low grades of Western Extra; $8 80@$[illegible] 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 per 100 lb. Canadian Flour is only in limited demand, but quite firm; sales of 150 bbls. at $8 65@$8 90 for the low grades of Extra, and $9@$11 30 for Trade and Family Extras. Southern Flour is dull but firmly held; sales of 250 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 steady, but quiet, at $5 50@$6. Corn Meal is dull and unchanged; small sales at $4 65 for Jersey, and $4 65 for Brandywine.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PRICES FOR EIGHT YEARS.

| Years. | Extra State. | Extra Western. |
|---|---|---|
| 1859 | $4 70@$5 10 | $4 70@$4 90 |
| 1860 | 5 20@ 5 50 | 5 25@ 5 50 |
| 1861 | 5 40@ 5 70 | 5 60@ 5 75 |
| 1862 | 5 75@ 5 80 | 5 75@ 5 80 |
| 1863 | 6 25@ 6 35 | 6 40@ 6 55 |
| 1864 | 6 70@ 7 15 | 6 60@ 7 40 |
| 1865 | 10 10@16 30 | 10 25@10 50 |
| 1866 | 8 40@ 8 60 | 8 50@ 8 80 |

COMPARATIVE PRICES FOR RYE FLOUR IN NEW YORK JAN. 1.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1861 | $4 00@$5— | 1864 | $5 75@6 00 |
| 1862 | 3 87½@ — | 1865 | 8 50@ 9 25 |
| 1863 | 5 40 @ — | 1866 | 5 50@ 6 00 |

COMPARATIVE PRICES FOR CORN MEAL IN NEW-YORK JAN. 1, FOR JERSEY.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1861 | $3 15 | 1864 | $5 50@$5 55 |
| 1862 | 3 00 | 1865 | 7 00@ 7 75 |
| 1863 | 3 87 | 1866 | 4 25@ — |

COMPARATIVE STOCK OF FLOUR IN NEW-YORK JAN. 1.

| | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| West'n & State Flour | 721,123 | 557,057 | 465,625 | 703,052 |
| Canadian Flour | 2,465 | 15,100 | 4,950 | 12,800 |
| Southern Flour | 28,160 | 35,100 | 37,463 | 38,250 |
| Total | 752,288 | 607,257 | 508,248 | 754,302 |

FISH—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

| | Dry Cod. St. George's & G'd Bank. | | Mackerel. No. 1 Mess. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1864 | $6 50@$6 75 | $18 | @$18 50 |
| 1865 | 8 25@ 9 25 | 22 | @ 22 25 |
| 1866 | 7 00@ 9 25 | 22 50 | @ 23 00 |

GRAIN—The Wheat market is inactive, owing to the storm; the stock of Sound is found to be less than many anticipated, and holders are firm in their views; we have no sales to report, and prices for the present must be considered nominal. Barley is firm but dull; the stock is liberal; but of really prime is not large. Barley Malt is scarce and wanted; sales of 2,000 bush. Old at $1 12. Oats are firmer and in fair demand; the sales are 26,000 bush. Canadian at 61c.; Unsound Western at 59@59c., and 62c. is bid for State; Jersey and Southern at 57c. Rye is dull and unchanged; the sales are small. State at $1 40, and Canadian at $1 15. Corn is less active and easier; the storm checks business; the sales are 32,000 bush. Unsound at 94@95c.; Western Mixed at 95½@96½c.; Jersey Yellow at 93c., and Southern White at $1 03.

COMPARATIVE PRICES FOR EIGHT YEARS.

| Years. | Red & White Wheat. | Rye. | Corn, new and old. | Oats, State & Western. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1859 | $1 35@$1 40 | 75@80c. | 74@80c. | —@— |
| 1860 | 1 20@ 1 25 | 87@90c. | 57@59c. | —@— |
| 1861 | 1 26@ 1 32 | 70@72c. | 70@73c. | 37@42c. |
| 1862 | 1 38@ 1 55 | 84@86c. | 64@66c. | 42 @ — |
| 1863 | 1 42@ 1 65 | 93@97c. | 77@78c. | 61 @ — |
| 1864 | 1 57@ 1 75 | 1 20@1 23 | 1 24@1 31 | 86@90c. |
| 1865 | 2 03@ 2 70 | 1 70@1 85 | 1 85@2 00 | 1 00@1 09 |
| 1866 | 2 30@ 2 80 | 1 01@1 15 | 92@98c. | 61@67c. |

COMPARATIVE STOCK OF GRAIN IN NEW YORK, JANUARY 1.

| | 1862. | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat, bush. | 2,605,032 | 4,734,017 | 5,500,041 | 1,847,336 | 2,916,063 |
| Corn, bush. | 5,323,911 | 4,221,613 | 1,570,939 | 884,014 | 1,007,264 |
| Rye, bush. | 18,900 | 33,250 | 37,[illegible] | 212,238 | 5[illegible],143 |
| Barley, bush. | 455,473 | 10,844 | 598,700 | 304,014 | 1,000,037 |
| Oats, bush. | 764,025 | 591,012 | 3,241,[illegible] | 2,[illegible],[illegible] | 2,916,[illegible] |

Barley Malt this year, 26,500 bush. Canada Peas this year, 32,207 bush.

HEMP—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

| | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|
| American dressed, ₩ ton | $400@$400 | $525@$[illegible] |
| American undressed, ₩ ton | 210@ 215 | 225@ 230 |
| Jute, ₩ ton | 200@ 200 | 225@ 240 |
| Manila, ₩ lb., currency | 18@18½c. | Gold, 12½c. |

HIDES—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK JAN. 1.

| | B. A. and B. A. | | Orinoco. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1864 | 29 @29 | | 28½@28 |
| 1865 | 32 @36 | | 31 @32 |
| 1866 | 16½@19 | | 16½@16½ |

HOPS—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

| | New Crop. | | New Crop. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1861 | 23 | 1864 | 20@22 |
| 1862 | 20 | 1865 | 40@54 |
| 1863 | 25 | 1866 | 60@65 |

HAY—

COMPARATIVE STOCK OF PRICES FOR FIVE YEARS.

| | 1862. | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shipping (100 lb.) | 75c. | 90c. | $1 30@1 40 | 1 50@1 70 | 70@75c. |

IRON—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK FOR FIVE YEARS.

| | 1862. | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scotch Pig | $22 @ 2 50 | $45@ 45 | $60@ 64 | $55@ 56 | ——— |
| English Bars | 37 @37 50 | 100@ — | 165@ 195 | 115@120 | ——— |

LEATHER—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

| Years. | Light middle and heavy. | Cal. and Orinoco. Light middle and hvy. |
|---|---|---|
| 1859 | 29@32c. | 14½@16c. |
| 1860 | 30@31c. | 21½@—c. |
| 1861 | 32 @33c. | 30 @31c. |
| 1862 | 34 @35c. | 22½@34c. |
| 1863 | 19 @21c. | 12½@18c. |
| 1864 | — @—c. | — @—c. |
| 1865 | 19 @21½c. | 17½@20c. |
| 1866 | 27 @30c. | 60 @62c. |
| 1864 | 30 @32c. | 29 @33c. |
| 1865 | 38 @40c. | 37 @40c. |
| 1866 | 34 @36c. | 32 @35c. |

LEAD—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK FIVE YEARS.

| | 1862. | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Galena | $8 25 | $8 50 | $10 50@10 75 | $9 50 | $10 25@10 37½ |

LIME—

The following are the comparative prices for Common Rockland in New-York for five years:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1861 | 75c. | 1864 | $1 55@$1 60 |
| 1862 | 65c. | 1865 | 1 25@ 1 75 |
| 1863 | 80c. | 1866 | 1 70@ 1 75 |

MOLASSES—The market is dull and nominally unchanged.

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

| | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cuba Muscovado | 27@30 | 40@51 | 65 @ 65 | 40@ 55 |
| Cuba Clayed | 25@30 | 41@45 | 53½@ 57½ | 36@ 40 |
| New-Orleans | 45@55 | 65@70 | 100 @150 | 110@125 |
| Porto Rico | 30@45 | 55@65 | 65 @112 | 50@ 85 |

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine is without change. Spirits Turpentine is heavy and dull. Rosins are firm and in fair demand; sales of 500 bbls. at $6 50@$6 62½ for Common and Strained. Tar is dull.

COMPARATIVE PRICES FOR FOUR YEARS.

| | 1863. | 1864. | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turpentine, bbl. | $26 50@27 00 | $[illegible] | $5 50 | $[illegible] |
| Spirits do. | 2 55 | 2 80@ 2 90 | 2 00@ 2 15 | 1 00@1 05 |
| Rosin (common) bbl. | 14 50 | 20 00 | 22 00@23 00 | 6 50@7 00 |
| Tar, ₩ bbl. | — | 4 50@12 00 | 4 50@10 00 | 3 00@5 00 |
| Pitch, do. | — | 19 00@21 00 | 22 00@23 00 | 7 00@7 50 |

OILS—

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW-YORK, JAN. 1.

| | 1865. | 1866. |
|---|---|---|
| American Linseed, ₩ gal. | $1 45@$1 50 | $1 43@$1 45 |
| Crude Whale, ₩ gal. | 1 47½@ 1 50 | 1 60@ — |
| Crude Sperm, ₩ gal. | 2 10@ 2 15 | 2 50@ — |
| Winter Unb. Sperm, ₩ gal. | 2 35@ 2 40 | 2 60@ — |
| Winter Bl. Sperm, ₩ gal. | 2 35@ 2 40 | —@ — |
| Wh. Ref. Bl. Wh. ₩ gal. | 1 68@ 1 70 | 1 70@ — |
| Whale Ref. F. ₩ gal. | — @ — | 6 37½@ — |
| Olive, Marseilles, ₩ basket | 8 50@ — | 1 85@2 00 |
| Olive, casks, ₩ gal. | 3 25@ 3 40 | 13 00@14 00 |
| Palm, ₩ lb. | 16½@ 20 | — @ — |
| Camphene, ₩ gal. | 2 15@ — | — @ — |

PROVISIONS—There is less doing in Pork to-day and prices are lower, closing heavy; for future delivery we hear of sales of 2,000 bbls. New Mess, seller January, at $29 50@$29 75; 1,000 bbls. do., seller until the 20th of February, at $29 50@$29 75; 1,500 bbls. do., seller February and March, at $29 50@$29, and 500 bbls. do., buyer last half of January, at $29; the sales, cash and regular, are 4,000 bbls. at $28 62½@$29 25 for Old Mess, the latter rate early in the day; New Mess is nominal at $31. Beef is more active and quite firm; sales of 1,000 bbls at $11@14 50 for Old Plain Mess; $16@$19 for New do.; $13@$16 for Old Extra do., and $20@$21 for New do. Tierce Beef is quiet and unchanged. Beef Hams are firm and in fair demand; sales of 125 bbls. at $33 50@$35 for Western, and 100 bbls. to arrive, at $37, Mitchell & Ladd's brand. Cut Meats are quiet and unchanged. Bacon is moderately active; sale on the spot of 90 boxes at 15c. for Cumberland Cut, and 16c. for Short Ribbed; and 100 boxes Cumberland Cut, seller until the 18th of January, at 14½c. Dressed Hogs are lower, dull and irregular; we quote at 12¼@13c. for Western, and 12¾@13½c. for City. Lard is dull and heavy at the close; sales of 555 bbls. and tcs. at 17@17½c. for No. 1; 17¾@18½c. for City, and 18¾@19½c. for Western; for first half of Jan. 150 tcs. sold at 18½c.

STOCK OF PORK AND BEEF IN PACKING YARDS, NEW-YORK AND BROOKLYN, JANUARY 1, 1866.

*Old and New Pork.*

| Qualities. | Total Old and New. | Last Month. | This Date Last Year. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Clear | .... | 21 | .... |
| Mess | 20,223 | 28,476 | 42,196 |
| Thin Mess | 168 | 604 | 746 |
| Prime Mess | 8,902 | 9,408 | 19,792 |
| Flank | 6 | 11 | 16 |
| Prime | 910 | 354 | 1,758 |
| Rumps | 185 | 166 | 200 |
| Refuse Mess | 121 | 664 | 269 |
| Do. Prime Mess | 89 | 171 | 551 |
| Refuse Prime | 49 | 71 | 40 |
| Other Refuse | 46 | 150 | 1,546 |
| Uninspected | 4,028 | 1,255 | 44,374 |
| Totals | 34,778 | 41,351 | 118,568 |

*Old and New Beef.*

| Qualities. | Total New and Old. | Last Month. | This Date Last Year. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Repacked Mess | 7,723 | 9,029 | 9,411 |
| Repacked Chicago do. | 10,863 | 16,465 | 9,707 |
| Railroad Beef | 3,465 | 25 | 142 |
| Refuse Mess | 139 | 218 | 792 |
| Refuse Prime | .... | .... | 168 |
| Other Refuse | 41 | 1 | 207 |
| Tcs. Prime Mess | 1,965 | 489 | 1,160 |
| Country Mess | 3,404 | 4,000 | 11,574 |
| Country Prime | .... | 53 | 200 |
| Uninspected tcs. | 5,622 | 7,507 | 18,445 |
| Uninspected bnls. | 2,862 | 2,841 | 104,421 |
| Totals | 34,915 | 40,718 | 156,467 |

BUTTER—No change in prices, with better 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, firkins, good to fine | 40@43 |
| N. Y. State, firkins, good to fine | 45@50 |
| N. Y. State, firkins, good to fine | 50@53 |
| Good to choice Western | 25@32 |
| Penn., common to medium | 30@35 |
| Western Reserve, good to fine, yellow | 30@35 |
| Western Reserve, common to medium | 25@30 |
| Southern Ohio | 25@30 |
| Mich., Ill., Ind. & Wis, good to fine yellow | 30@35 |
| Mich., Ill., Ind. & Wis, common to medium | 25@30 |

CHEESE is firm, with a fair business. We quote:

| | |
|---|---|
| State factory, good to choice, ₩ lb | 18 @19 |
| State, fair to good | 16 @17½ |
| State dairies, choice | 17½@18½ |
| English dairy (Conn.) | 23 @25 |
| English dairy (late made) | 20 @22 |
| English dairy (Ohio) | 20 @22 |
| Vermont dairy | 16 @18 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR EIGHT MONTHS.

| Years. | Mess Pork. | Mess Beef. | Lard. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1859 | $17 50@$17 75 | $7 75@$10 50 | 11 @11½c. |
| 1860 | 16 00@ 16 12 | 5 00@ 9 50 | 10½@10½c. |
| 1861 | 16 00@ 18 25 | 6 00@ 9 75 | 10½@10½c. |
| 1862 | 12 25@ 12 50 | 5 00@ 12 00 | 8 @8½c. |
| 1863 | 14 37½@ 14 50 | 8 00@ 12 50 | 9½@ 9½c. |
| 1864 | 21 00@ 21 50 | 12 50@ 16 00 | 12 @13 c. |
| 1865 | 40 00@ 42 00 | 20 00@ 22 00 | 20 @21c. |
| 1866 | 29 25@ 31 00 | 20 00@ 24 00 | 19 @19½c. |

PETROLEUM—Crude is in better demand, and prices are firm at 49@49½c.; Refined, in bond, is dull at 62@63c.; do. free is dull at 80@82c.

COMPARATIVE PRICES IN NEW YORK, JAN. 1.

| | Crude. | Refined. | Crude. | Refined. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1864 | 31@31½c. | 56@62c. | 1866 | 49@49½c. | 62@63c. |
| 1865 | 51@52c. | 94@95c. | | | |

RICE—Prices are unchanged. We hear of nothing doing.

SUGARS—There is no advance in prices, but the market is evidently stronger, and holders offer less freely. The business to-day has been restricted by the storm. Sales of 308 hhds. Cuba at 11½c., and 130 Martiniques at or about 11½c. Refined have met with an improved inquiry, and the sales yesterday and to-day are quite large. No Hards can now be obtained under 16½c.

COMPARATIVE PRICES, JANUARY 1.

| Year. | New-Orleans. | Cuba. | Year. | New-Orleans. | Cuba. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1857 | 7½@10½ | 8 @10 | 1862 | 5 @ 9½ | 7 @ 8½ |
| 1858 | 7 @ 8½ | 5½@ 8½ | 1863 | 8½@11½ | 14½@10 |
| 1859 | 6 @ 8 | 5½@ 6 | 1864 | 11½@15½ | 11½@ 3 |
| 1860 | 6½@ 8½ | 6½@ 8½ | 1865 | 15½@17½ | 16½@17½ |
| 1861 | 5 @ 7 | 4½@ 6½ | 1866 | —@— | 16½@15½ |

SALT—