COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—May 3.

U. S. 6s, 1867, reg.	P., F. W. & Chic.	3	Reading.		
5,000	120	10,000	83	1,700	108
U. S. 6s, 1881, cp.	Hud. R. div. scri.			800	107¾
50,000	108¾	1,000	85	Mich. So. & N. I.	
5,000	108¾	T. & W. 1st M Ex.		100	78¾
U. S. 6s, 5-20s, '62.		5,000	89	200	78¾
31,000	102	Am. Exch. Bank.		Illinois Central.	
U.S. 6s, 5-20rg., '64.		24	112	100	121¾
1,000	102	Continental Bank.		400	122
U. S. 6s, 5-20c., '64		6	97	100	122¾
24,000	102	Manf. Merch. Bnk		300	122¾
U. S. 6s, 5-2rg. '65.		50	103	500	122¾
10,000	102	Fourth Nat. Bank.		Cleve. & Pitts.	
U.S. 6s. 5-20 cp. '65.		120	104	200	83¾
1,000	102¾	Canton.		Chicago & N. W.	
105,000	102	100	b10. 59	100	29
85,000, 2d call.	102	200	s5. 59	200	29¼
U. S. 5s, 10-40 con.		200	59	900	29¾
500 small.	95¾	West. Union Tel.		700	29¾
40,000	96	86	60	500	b30. 29¾
2,000	95¾	1,000	60¼	Chicago & N. W. pf	
600	95¾	500	60¼	300	61
U. S. 5s, 74 c.		100	60¼	1,100	69¾
5,000 indor'd.	96	West. Union Tel.		25	69
Treasury 7 3-10s.		Russian Ext'n.		Cleve. & Toledo.	
2d series.		25	107	300	104¼
$2,000	102	Wyoming Valley.		Chicago & R. I.	
2,000	101¾	200	40	100	124
3d series.		Quicksilver.		400	124¼
8,000	101¾	100	5¾	100 2d call	124¾
Brooklyn 6s, w. l.		Spruce Hill.		200	125
6,000	93	200	5¼	Del. Lack. & W.	
N. Y. 7s, B'ty L'n.		Mariposa Pref.		28	137¼
8,000	103¾	100	23¾	Pitts., F. W. & Ch.	
Virginia 6s.		1,000	24	100	100¼
1,000	68	800	24¼	600	100¼
N. Carolina 6s.		500	24¼	300	100¼
2,000	83¾	1,400	24¼	Alton & T. Haute	
5,000	s30. 83¾	2,000	25	100	34¼
50,000	84	200 2d call.	24¼	100	34¼
Mich. & Miss. Cer.		Boston Water Pr.		200	34
140,000	26¼	200	34¼	Alton & T.H., pref	
G. Miss. pref. Cer.		N. Y. Central.		200	63
10,000	70	400	92¼	Chic. & Alton.	
D. & Mis. 1 m. bds.		400	92¼	50	95¼
6,000	83	exc.		100	96
Erie 3d mtge.		1,000	74¼	50	96¼
1,000	95¼	1,500	74¼	Mil. & St. P.	
Mich. S. & F. bonds		400 2d call.	74¼	200	50
5,000	92¼	Erie preferred.		Mil. & St. P. pref.	
5,000	92¼	50	80	100	66
5,000	92	Hudson River.		200	67
Cleve. & Pitts 3 m.		100	110¼	Chic. & G. Eastern	
1,500	73¼	200	b10. 110¼	150	43
Chic. & N. W. s. f. b.		100 2d call.	110¼	Marietta & Cin. 1 p	
1,000	91	New-Jersey.		200	40
		30	111		

1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

U.S. 6s 5-20 c., '62		N. Y. Central.		Chic. & N. W. pref.	
10,000	102	100	92¼	1,000	60¾
Ohio & Miss. Cer.		Erie.		100	b15. 61
10,000	26¼	200	74¼	500	b30. 61
Mariposa pref.		300	74¼	Pitt., Ft. W. & C.	
200	25			500	100

2¾ O'CLOCK BOARD.

U. S. 6s, 1881, rg.		Cumb. Coal pref.		Erie.	
6,000	102	100	44¼	500	74¼
U.S. 6s, 81, coup.		100	44¼	200	s5. 74
2,000	108¾	Quicksilver.		200	s15. 73¾
1,000	108¾	200	5¼	200	s15. 73¾
20,000, 2d cl.	109	West. Union Tel.		1,000	s15. 73¾
U. S. 6s, 5-20 cp. '62		40	60¾	Reading.	
20,000	102¾	Mariposa.		200	107¾
5,000 indor'd.	101¾	300	12¾	Mich. South. & N. I	
U. S. 6s, 5-20c., '65.		200	12¾	400	78¾
200,000	102	100	12¼	Clev. & Pitts.	
U. S. 5s, 10-40 cp.		Mariposa preferred.		400	82
5,000	95¾	500	25¼	Chic. & N. W.	
1,500	95¾	Spring Mountain.		600	28¾
300 small.	95¾	100	50	600	29
Treasury 7 3-10s.		100	49¼	Chicago & N. W. pf	
1st series.		Atlantic Mail.		200	61
10,000	102	200	12¾	200	61¼
2d series.		N. Y. Central.		100	61¼
2,100 small	101¾	100	92¼	Chicago & R. I.	
3d series.		33	92¼	400	124¼
48,000	102	Alt. & T. H. pref.		11	123¾
Ohio & Miss Cer.		300	62	Mil. & St. Paul pf.	
10,000	26¼	Chic. and Al.		300	69
10,000	26¼	100	98	200	69¼

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—1 P. M.

Ohio & Miss. Cer.		N. Y. Central.		Erie.	
10,000	b3. 26¼	100	s3. 92¾	100	s3. 74¼
Spruce Hill.		200	92¾	500	74¼
500	b3. 5¾	200	b3. 92¼	800	s3. 74
200	s3. 5¼	Cumberland.		200	c. 74
800	5¼	100	45	Reading	
700	b3. 5¼	100	b3. 45	800	107¾
Quicksilver.		Chi. & R. I.		300	s3. 107¾
100	s3. 54	200	124¼	300	b3. 107¾
300	54	100	s3. 124¼	400	b3. 107¾
100	b3. 54	Chic. & N. W.		500	107¾
Mariposa preferred		200	29	Mich. S. & N. I.	
200	b30. 25	200	b3. 29	200	78¼
300	25	Chic. & N. W. prf.		500	s3. 78¼
500	24¾	500	60¾	400	c. 78¼
West. Un. Tel.		200	s3. 60¾	600	78¼
100	60¾	300	60¾	Cleve. & Pitts.	
300	60¾	200	s3. 60¾	900	s3. 82
100	b3. 60¾	300	b3. 60¾	500	82
Boston Water Pr.		600	60¾	200	b3. 82
300	35	P., F. W. & Chic.		200	81¾
		500	99¾		

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—3½ P. M.

American Gold.		Mich. S. & N. I.		Cleve. & Pitts.	
10,000	127¾	200	78¾	200	b3. 82
Canton.		200	s3. 78¾	200	s3. 81¾
200	b3. 58¾	N. Y. Central.		Cleve. & Toledo.	
Boston Water Pr.		500	b3. 92¾	200	s3. 104¼
200	34¾	400	92¾	200	104¼
Spruce Hill Coal		200	b3. 92¾	Chicago & R. I.	
200	5¼	Erie.		400	124¼
300	b3. 5¼	500	s3. 73¾	300	s3. 124¼
300	5¼	500	73¾	Chic. & N. W.	
200	b10. 5¼	200	s15. 73¾	100	29
200	5	Reading.		200	s3. 29
Mariposa pref.		100	107¾	Chi. & N. W. prf	
100	b3. 25¼	50	106¾	500	61
300	25¼	20	106¾	200	s3. 61
100	25¼			100	b10. 61¼

FRIDAY, May 4—P. M.

Gold has been abundant to-day, and closes at 127¼@127½.

Gold-bearing Government stocks are firmer, and the 5-20s cannot be had under 102. For 10-40s, 96¼ was paid. The 7.30s are firm at 101¼@102. Compound notes are specially strong, and buyers cannot get them better than ⅛ per cent premium. Railroad mortgages and bank shares were firm. At the Stock Exchange in the morning there was a good demand for all descriptions of shares at higher prices. Fort Wayne sold at 100¼, Erie at 74¼, and Rock Island at 125. Mariposa was in active demand, and sold at 25 largely. The dispatches from the property are of very favorable character, and its managers speak with much confidence in its profits, under the new mode of separating the ore. After the Board, the market was lower, under sales to realize profits. At the Second Board all descriptions of Government securities were higher; 5-20s being quoted 102@102¼, and 7.30s 102@102¼. For 10-40s the rate was 95⅞@96. At the close of business prices were soft except for Mariposa, which was in demand at 25¼. The last prices were: Ohio Certificates, 26@26¼; Canton 58¼@58¾; Cumberland Coal, 44¼@44¾; Quicksilver, 54¼@54¾; Mariposa, 12¼@12½; do. preferred, 25¼@26; N. Y. Central, 92¼@92¾; Erie, 73¼@73¾; Hudson River, 110¼@110¾; Reading, 107¼@107¾; Michigan Southern, 77¼@77¾; Illinois Central Scrip, 120¾@122; Cleveland & Pittsburg, 81¼@82; Cleveland and Toledo, 104¼@104¾; Rock Island, 124¼@124¾; North-Western, 29@29¼; do. preferred, 61@61¼; Fort Wayne, 99¾@100.

Money is abundant at 4@5 per cent on call, and there is less doing at the lower rates. Commercial paper is quoted at 6¼@7 for best, and 7¼@9 for second grade.

Bills at 60 days on London are quoted at 108¾@109 for Commercial; 109¼@109¾ for Bankers; do. at short sight, 110@110¼; Paris at 60 days, 5.17½@5.15; do. at short sight, 5.13¾@5.12½; Antwerp, 5.20@5.16¼; Swiss, 5.18¾@5.15; Hamburg, 36¼@36¼; Amsterdam, 40@41¼; Frankfort, 41¼@41½; Bremen, 78¼@79; Prussian Thalers, 71¼@72.

In Freights the engagements to Liverpool are 25 hhds. Tobacco, at 25s., and per steamer 300 bales Cotton, at ⅜d., and 14,000 bush. Corn on private terms. To London, 100 hhds. Tobacco, at 15s., and per steamer 600 boxes Bacon, at 25s., and 400 bbls. Rosin, at 3s.; a British bark with 4,000 bbls. Petroleum from Philadelphia to Marseilles, at 5s. 6d.; a Prussian bark from Philadelphia with 4,000 bbls. Petroleum to Antwerp, at 5s., and a Dutch brig with 1,500 bbls. Petroleum, from New-York to Copenhagen for orders, at 5s. 6d. to England, or 6s. if to a port between Havre and Hamburg.

Edward Jones, esq., of this city, has been elected a Trustee of the United States Trust Company, in the place of Thomas W. Pearsall, deceased, and the election has been confirmed by the Supreme Court.

The Merchants' National Bank of Washington, D. C., has failed. The Government is a creditor to the extent of $600,000, with only $100,000 for security. One party owes the bank $1,000,000, and is unable to give any adequate security.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Petroleum Fire-proof Iron Tank Storage Company, organized by special act of the Legislature of the State of New-York for the storage of oil in Pennsylvania and elsewhere as a safeguard against fire or flood. The proposed business promises to be very profitable, and will supply a want long existing. Mr. L. S. Watkins is President; J. C. Cary, Vice-President; George S. Batcheller, Treasurer; S. E. Marvin, Secretary, and the Hon. Adam W. Kline, General Superintendent. The Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of New-York, and other eminent citizens of the State, are among the references of the company. The capital stock is $500,000, divided into 5,000 shares of $100 each, and subscriptions will be received for the present at the rate of $35 per share.

Our readers are referred to the advertisement of J. F. Franklin, the agent for settlement, by compromise, of the old bonds of the City of Keokuk.

At a meeting of the Clearing-House held to-day, it was decided that the Bank of the Commonwealth must pay the Continental the amount of the check of which the certification was forged by John Ross. If the former bank or its depositor, Cronise & Co., show that the paying teller of the Continental Bank acknowledged the certification to be genuine, the Continental will make the loss, which for the present falls on the Commonwealth. The rule of the Clearing-House, and it is the only safe course to pursue, is, that the bank paying a worthless token must redeem it at once. The system of certifying checks is calculated to facilitate the operations of forgers, and the less of it there is done the better.

Senator Sherman is mistaken in supposing that the National debt is fast coming into the control of the Treasury, if he means by control ability to pay it or fund it into long gold-bearing bonds at 5 per cent. By the last statement

the Treasury had of gold	$76,676,407
Less interest due May 1	$20,573,592
Gold Certificates of Deposit	9,036,420—29,609,792
Belonging to the Treasury	$47,066,615
Worth in currency at 125	11,766,653
Value of gold	$58,833,268
Currency in Treasury	61,310,621
Total cash on hand	$120,143,889
The temporary loan is	131,497,853
Excess of floating debt over cash means	$11,353,964

These figures show that the Department is not ready to pay its temporary debt without putting into circulation an amount of currency which would demoralize trade afresh and renew the speculative times of the first issue of paper money. The public debt bearing interest in currency other than the temporary loan is as follows, excluding the Pacific Railroad bonds:

One-year Certificates	$62,626,000
One and two-year Five Per Cents	6,026,900
Three-year Compound Notes	167,012,141
Three-year Seventy-Thirty Notes	816,512,650
Total	$1,052,181,691

Upon the theory that a five per cent loan at par is the only form in which funded debt will be offered to the public creditors in currency, the $816,512,650 of 7.30s may be dismissed from that funding scheme. The holder of 7.30s has the right to take a six per cent bond, and will certainly enforce it if the 5-20s sell in 1867 at their present price, of which there is no reasonable doubt. It may, therefore, be considered settled that nearly one-third of the entire National debt is out of control of the five per cent scheme for more than six years. Of the 5-20 loan nothing but the $655,784,000 on which the option of the Goverment matures in 1867, 1869 and 1872, will come within the consolidated scheme before 1873, and then only in case the Government is able to borrow at 5 per cent. The only material at present available for the consolidated scheme is the certificates—the two-year notes and the compounds, in all $235,668,000. The compounds, $167,000,000, are more firmly held than any security on the list, and will not be drawn from the hands of their present holders very readily by any funding scheme, unless it is made tempting by high interest with a great length of bonds. Five per cent is as much as this Government should pay on its permanent debt, and it is wise to begin thus early with a scheme of consolidation; but people must not be disappointed if the present holders of the national debt at higher rates of interest do not come forward and sacrifice their capital.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, $1,430,660 22—for Customs, $860,000; Payments, $1,303,471 46; Balance, $93,246,142 80; Gold Notes, $413,000.

A writer in *The Railway Journal* shows the National debt to be greater now than in August, 1865, by $70,101,325. *The Journal* says:

The total debt on the 31st of August last stood at $2,757,689,571 43. The balance in the Treasury at that date amounted to $88,218,055 13. Deducting the cash in the Treasury from the aggregate debt, both on the 31st of August, 1865, and the 1st of May, 1866, and the actual increase in the Public Debt since that period has been $20,218,346 48. Omitting the cash in the Treasury in August last, the result will be a net reduction in eight months of $68,091,348. Not taking into account the cash in the Treasury in either instance, the total debt would show an increase since August 31, 1865, of $70,104,953 34.

The law obliging brokers in foreign goods to pay a tax is exciting much commotion, and many suppose it is a new law sprung by politicians. Such is not the case. It is an amendment of an old law, and secures to the State revenue which, by the lapse of time and changes in the mode of doing business, has been lost. Brokers have superceded auctioneers, and the State is now following them to get its revenue. The amount of the tax is a matter for discussion, but the right of the State to tax sales will probably be affirmed by the Courts. Such men as Silas Wright and Daniel S. Dickinson approved of this tax upon trade, and it is not a new Republican form of oppression.

The Chicago Tribune of the 2d says:

The market is still active and easy, but our bankers are generally acting with caution regarding the character of the paper offered. Prime produce or mercantile bills are freely passed at 10 per cent per annum; but inferior grades are discounted on the street at 1¼@1½ per cent per month.

As compared with the demand for Eastern Exchange, the supply is light, and the bankers continue to express currency to New-York to meet their drafts. The rates at the banks are steady at par buying and 1-10 premium selling; and round lots were sold among bankers at a premium of 60 cents per thousand.

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	577	$745,333	Flax	365	$115,466
Cotton	549	175,648	Miscellaneous	491	105,082
Silk	177	189,569			
Total				2,097	$831,098

WITHDRAWALS.

Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.	Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.
Wool	752	$320,518	Flax	478	$122,149
Cotton	321	103,066	Miscellan's	6,857	46,655
Silk	158	170,486			
Total				8,576	$772,876

WAREHOUSED.

Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.	Manuf. of	Pkgs.	Value.
Wool	229	$95,906	Flax	63	$21,469
Cotton	84	79,665	Miscellaneous	10,096	49,020
Silk	72	61,711			
Total				11,135	$257,166

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COLLECTIONS made on any part of the United States or Canada.

Orders for the PURCHASE or SALE of the various Government and other Stocks, Bonds and Gold, promptly executed for the usual commission.

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

FRIDAY, May 4, 1866.

ASHES—The market is dull and unchanged; sales at $6 87½@$7 for Pots, and $12 75@$13 Pearls.

CANDLES have been only in moderate demand, but prices are without change; sales at 20¼@21½c. for Adamantine, 40c. for Sperm, and 50c. for Patent.

COPPER—The demand for American Ingot has been light, but prices show no change; sales of Baltimore and Lake to the extent of 25,000 ℔, at 28¾@29½c. New Sheathing and Yellow Metal are steady at 45c. for the former, and 34c. for the latter.

COTTON.—The business is light, but the market continues quite steady, and we still quote at 34@36c. for Middlings; sales of 1,400 bales.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is again more active, and with moderate arrivals prices of the low grades are 10@15c. higher, and the medium brands 15@25c. better. Family brands are firm; the sales are 17,700 bbls. at $7 35@$7 70 for Superfine State; $8@$8 70 for Extra State (branded); $8 25@$9 40 for fancy do.; $8 50@$9 for the low grades of Western Extra; $9 10@$9 60 for Shipping Ohio; $9 70@$13 25 for trade and family brands, and $13 20@$16 50 for St. Louis Extras. Canadian Flour is in fair demand and is better; sales of 480 bbls. at $8 90@$9 25 for the low grades of Extra, and $9 40@$13 25 for Trade and Family do. Southern Flour is less plenty and is better, especially the low grades which are in demand; sales of 490 bbls. at $10 50@$11 25 for mixed to good Superfine Country Baltimore, &c., and $11 40@$16 75 for trade and family brands. Rye Flour is scarce in demand and better; sales of 240 bbls. at $5@$6. Corn Meal is steady; sales of 400 bbls. at $4 for Jersey, and $4 10 for Western.

GROCERIES—We have found it almost impossible to obtain any definite information to-day upon the various articles coming under this head, owing to the uncertainty on the part of brokers as to the proper course to pursue under the tax law recently passed by the State Legislature. Of Coffee we hear that 800 bags St. Domingo (Jaemel) were sold in Boston, to come here, at 14½c., gold, in bond, and 50 bags do. here at 17½c., gold, duty paid. In Baltimore 4,200 bags Rio, ex Clifton, on private terms. The Market for Coffee is steady. Of Molasses small lots have changed hands at about 48@50c., for Cuba; 70@71c. for Porto Rico, and 65@73c. for Neuvitas. Rice is dull but firm. The sales of Sugar reported are very small, but rumor places the transactions at something like 1,000 hhds. and 3,500 boxes, on a basis of 10¼@10½c., for fair to good refining. Refined are in demand. Stuart's Ground and Granulated, 15¾c.; Ground, 15½c.; White A., 15c.; and Yellow, 14½.

GRAIN—Wheat has advanced full 2@3c. per bush., and we notice a good demand for milling; the receipts are light and the stock of prime is reduced, and at the close the tendency of prices is upward; the sales are 7,000 bush. inferior Milwaukee Club at $1 71; 10,500 bush. Amber Club at $1 97@$1 98, now held much higher; 11,500 bush. Old Amber Michigan at $2 50@$2 55, and 1,500 bush. New Red Western at $2. Barley is easier and dull; sales of 7,000 bush. light Canada West at $1 07. Barley Malt is inactive and nominal. Oats are firmer and in more active demand; sales of 65,000 bush. at 56@60c. for Old Western; 48@50c. for New do., and 61@63½c. for State. Rye is dull, but prices are without material alteration. Corn is lower and only in moderate request; the inquiry is in part for export, but mainly for home consumption; sales of 28,000 bush. at 82c. for mixed Western in store, and 83@82½c., delivered.

HIDES—The market is quiet but firm, the unsettled state of the brokerage question interferes with trade; sales embrace 1,000 Rio Grande, 20½ ℔, at 16c., and 1,000 Montevideo, 21 ℔., at 17c., both gold; 2,000 Dry California, 21 ℔., at 21c., currency.

HAY—The demand fair and the market quite steady; sales of 200 bales at 60@65c. for shipping, and 70@75c. for retail lots.

HOPS are in good demand for home consumption, and prices are well sustained; we quote at from 20, 40@70c. as to growth and quality.

HEMP—Manila continues dull, but prices are without change; small sales at 10c., gold, other kinds are inactive and prices are nominal.

IRON—Pig is dull, but prices are without change; we quote at $40@$42 for No. 1 American, and $42 50@$45 for do. Scotch.

LEAD—The market for Pig is steady, but dull at $8 25@$8 45 for English. We quote Bar at 9c., and Sheet and Pipe at 11½c.

LIME—Rockland is dull, but steady, at $1 50 for Common, and $2 for Lump.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits of Turpentine has advanced, and a fair business was done; sales of 150 bbls. at 90@92½c. Crude Turpentine is dull and unsettled. Common Rosin is more active and firmer; sales of 1,500 bbls. at $3 25@$3 50; other kinds are quiet but firm at $3 50@$6 for Strained and No. 2, and $8 50@$11 for No. 1 Pale and White. Tar is firm but quiet at $2 75@$3.

OILS—Linseed is firm and in fair demand; sales at $1 42½@$1 43, crushers now asking $1 42@$1 45. Fish Oils are without change; small sales at $1 for Crude Whale, and $2 35 for Crude Sperm. Lard Oil is firm and in moderate request at $1 30@$1 85 for No. 1, No. 2 and Prime.

PETROLEUM—Crude is better and in fair demand at 27½@27¾c.; sales of 1,000 bbls., for delivery on the 10th inst., reported at 27c.; Refined, in bond, is steady, at 43½@44c. Sperm Oil is dull at 58@60c.

PROVISIONS—There has been less doing in Pork to-day, and prices are lower, but the market closes steady at our extremes; for future delivery, sales of 3,000 bbls. at $28 62½@$29, seller June, and $28 75, seller July. The sales, cash and regular, are 5,000 bbls. at $28 75@$29 12½ for Mess, and $30 50 for Clear. Beef is steady, with a fair demand; sales of 500 bbls. at $11@$14 for Old Plain Mess, $16@$19 50 for New do.; $13@$16 for Old Extra, and $20@$24 for New do. Pierce Beef is inactive. Beef Hams are quiet but firm. Cut Meats are more active but steady; sales of 550 pkgs. of Hams in Pickle and Dry Salt at 10½c.; Dry Salted Shoulders are held at 11½@11¾c. Bacon is dull; sales of 20,000 ℔ Shoulders in bulk at 10c., and 50 hhds. C. C. on private terms. Lard has ruled quite firm, and a fair business was done, closing strongly; sales of 1,000 pkgs. at 19½@20c. for No. 1, 20½@20¾c. for City, 20¾@21c. for Prime Steam and Kettle Rendered, and small lots at higher figures; for future delivery, sales last evening and to-day of 2,000 pkgs. at 21½c., seller June, and 21½c. seller July.

AFTERNOON PROVISION MARKET, 5½ o'clock.—Pork was quiet but firm; sales of 250 bbls. Mess at $29 29, closing at $29 31½; sales also of 250 bbls., seller May, at $29. Lard quiet, holders asking 21½c. per pound.

SEEDS—The inquiry for Clover Seed is light and the market steady at 8½@10c. Timothy Seed is selling slowly at $6@$6 50. Rough Flax Seed is firm, and in fair request at $2 50@$2 75. Calcutta Linseed is firm, and in good demand at $3 30 in Boston, and $3 35@$3 40 here.

TOBACCO—Trade is quiet and prices unsettled; sales of 113 hhds. Ky. at 5¼@18c.; 275 Cases Seedleaf at 5@60c.

TALLOW—The demand has been only moderate, but prices are without material change; sales of 25,000 ℔ at 11@11½c. for Western, and 11½c. for city.

WHISKY—The market is dull and unchanged; sales of 200 bbls. at $2 26 for Refilled bbls.; $2 28½ for State, and $2 26½@$2 27 for Western.

Family Markets,

OR LIVING EXPENSES IN NEW-YORK.

FRIDAY, May 4—P. M.

The following alphabetical list of articles, carefully revised each week, gives a good idea of the expense of living in New-York, and is of no little assistance to householders in making their selections and purchases. The figures are the retail prices of good articles, as sold at Washington and Fulton Markets and by the down-town grocers. Up-town dealers, and those in the fashionable parts of the city, charge higher, while some of the down-town houses, with more of a reputation for *cheapness* than *fine quality*, are below our quotations, as are also the peddlers of stale meats and vegetables, both from the wagons and sidewalks. The range is necessarily great on some articles, due in part to the quality, and in part to the locality where sold. Meats, poultry, vegetables and fruits are usually cheapest in Washington Market, while Veesy and Fulton-sts. are good down-town localities for purchasing groceries.

Eggs are now among the cheapest articles of food, most dealers selling at 25c. per doz., or in some instances 13 for 25c. Fresh Long Island and Jersey eggs are a little higher. The supply is very large. Butter is working down gradually, and some new cheese is on sale. Shad are not plenty, owing to cool weather, which lessens the catch. Dry cod is cheaper. Maple sugar is plenty and cheaper, but dealers complain of slow sales. In the fresh meat line, some butchers have advanced the price of the best cuts of beef, but generally there is no change. Mutton is scarce and higher. Poultry continues scarce and high, with a small assortment on sale. Old potatoes are advancing, owing to a scarcity, but the opening of canal navigation will probably fill up the markets again. New Bermudas are lower. The weather has been too cold during the past week for green stuff to grow much, hence prices keep up. Cabbages have gone out of market. We quote:

	Cents.		Cents.
BREAD AND CRACKERS.			
Bread, wheat loaf	5@10	Crackers, Bos'n, ℔ lb	20
Rye loaf	10	Butter, ℔ lb	16@17
Biscuit, milk, ℔ lb	20@21	Graham, ℔ lb	14@16
Extra Pilot, ℔ lb	10@12	Soda, ℔ lb	12@13
Crackers, sweet, ℔ lb	16@20	Snaps, ginger, ℔ lb	20@22
BUTTER, CHEESE, AND EGGS.			
Cheese, ℔ lb	23@26	Eggs, 11 @13 for	25
Butter, prime, ℔ lb	55@58	Duck, 7 @8 for	25
Medium	50@52	Goose, each	6@8
Cooking	40@45		
FISH—FRESH.			
Cod, ℔ lb	10@12	Porgies, ℔ lb	12
Eels, ℔ lb	15@20	Pickerel, ℔ lb	20
Flounders, ℔ lb	8@10	Pike, ℔ lb	15@18
Frost, ℔ lb	8@10	Salmon, ℔ lb	$1@$1 25
Haddock, ℔ lb	8@10	Shad, each	30@75
Halibut, ℔ lb	20@25	Roe, ℔ pair	10@12
Cheek, ℔ lb	12@15	Smelts, ℔ lb	15@18
Herrings, ℔ lb	8@10	Weak Fish, ℔ lb	25
Perch, ℔ lb	15@20		
FISH—DRY, SMOKED, SHELL, ETC.			
Alewives, smoked, ℔ bch	15	Smoked, ℔ lb	16@18
Cod, Dry, ℔ lb	8@10	Oysters, common stew,	
Pickled, ℔ lb	10	℔ 100	75@$1 25
Clams, soft, ℔ 100	37@$1	Frying, ℔ 100	$2 00@$2 50
Clams, hard, ℔ 100	75@$1 25	Saddle Rock,	
Eels, smoked, ℔ pound	20@25	do. ℔ 100	$3 00@$4 50
Haddock, smoked, ℔ lb	12@15	Pickled, ℔ 100	$2 50@$3 50
Halibut, smoked, ℔ lb	15@20	Salmon, smoked, ℔ lb	25@30
Herrings, smoked ℔ bunch	10@20	Pickled, ℔ lb	25@30
English, ℔ lb	15	Scallops, ℔ qt	25
Scaled, ℔ box	75@85	Sounds and Tongues,	
Lobster, ℔ lb	8@10	℔ lb	15@18
Pickled, ℔ lb	20@22	Sturgeon, smoked, ℔ lb	12@20
Mackerel, salt, each	12@50	White Fish, smoked,	
Salt, kit	$2 00@$3 50	℔ lb	18
FLOUR, MEAL, ETC.			
Wheat Flour,		Graham Flour, 7 lb	4@$50
℔ bbl	$12@$15 00	Corn Starch, ℔ lb	14@16
℔ 25 lb bag	$1 50@$1 80	Farina, ℔ lb	12@16
℔ 7 lb	50@55	Hominy, ℔ lb	6@7
Hecker's Self-Raising,		Indian, 7 lb	28@30
℔ 6-lb bag	46@50	Oatmeal, ℔ lb	7@8
Rye do., 7 lb	48@50	Samp, ℔ lb	8@9
FRUITS AND NUTS—DRY.			
Apples, ℔ lb	18@20	Prunes, ℔ lb	15@25
Almonds, ℔ lb	40@50	Prunes, jars, ℔ lb	50@60
Cocoanuts, each	8@15	Raisins, ℔ lb	18@25
Hickory Nuts, ℔ qt	25@30	Zante Currants, ℔ lb	16@22
Peaches, ℔ lb	30@38		
FRUITS—GREEN, CANNED, ETC.			
Apples, ℔ ½ peck	65@90	Lemons, ℔ doz	25@30
Good, ℔ bbl	8@$9	Oranges, Sicily,	
Bananas, ℔ doz	75@$1 50	℔ doz	30@$1
Cranberries, ℔ qt	20@25	Pineapples, each	25@75
GROCERIES.			
Chicory, ℔ lb	25	Tea, Japan	$1 20@$1 65
Coffee, pure burn, ℔ lb	40@32	Candles, tallow, ℔ lb	22@23
Mixed, ℔ lb	25@45	Sperm, ℔ lb	60@65
Rye, &c., ℔ lb	12@15	Adamantine	32@35
Green Java, ℔ lb	48@50	Lard, ℔ lb	24@25
Sugar, brown, ℔ lb	14@15	Rice, ℔ lb	10@14
Light, ℔ lb	15@16	Saleratus and Soda,	
Crushed and powdered, ℔ lb	16½@17½	Refined, ℔ lb	14@20
Maple, ℔ lb	25@30	Cream Tartar, ℔ lb	45@60
Sugar-house Syrup,		Salt, table, ℔ quart	5@6
℔ gal	1 35@$2 25	Soap, Fge bars, each	22@38
Maple Sirup, per pnart		Small bars, each	9@12
bottle	$1 00	Best family, box,	
Molasses, ℔ gal	75@$1 35	℔ lb	14@15
Tea, Oolong and English breakfast	90@$1 40	Common, box, ℔ lb	12@13
Green	$1 35@$2 25	Soft, ℔ qt	9
		Starch, ℔ lb	12@14
		Tapioca, ℔ lb	20@25
MEATS—FRESH.			
Beef, porter-house		Pork Kidneys, ℔ lb	12
steak, ℔ lb	30@35	Lard, leaf	22@23
Sirloin	25@35	Mutton, hind qr. ℔ lb	20@25
Round	20@25	Fore quarter, ℔ lb	15@20
Rib roast	25@35	Fore shoulder, ℔ lb	10@14
Cross-rib, ℔ lb	20	Chops	25@30
Chuck rib	12@20	Haslet, Sheep, each	10
Plate and ribs	15@18	Suet, ℔ lb	15@20
Stew pieces, ℔ lb	10@15	Tripe, ℔ lb	10@12
Soup pieces	10@15	Veal hind quar., ℔ lb	20@25
Liver