were not deep-rooted in the public mind that at an early day mere legal-tender notes will be issued under some pretext. This being accomplished, a further advance in gold and gold-bearing stocks is predicted by speculators, attended by an advance in all local securities and commodities. It is evident to all ordinary observers that the drain upon the treasury is large enough to exhaust all its income, and make it impossible to reduce the aggregate of the debt in 1868. But this is not the worst phase of the matter. The people are getting more troublesome about taxation, and do not look so calmly on while the public treasure is being wasted. This state of things among the tax-payers does not at all cool the ardor of the swarm of leeches who deplete the public coffers. It only stimulates them to discover sources of supply, which will not create further alarm. As there is a large class of persons in Congress laboring under the delusion that more paper money will cure the evils of the present glut of irredeemable paper, that delusion will probably be availed of to secure the reissue of greenbacks to take the place of the plain legal tenders and compounds which have been withdrawn, regardless of the injury it is sure to inflict upon the community. It is to be hoped that this wrong will not be consummated if the Senate, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the veto of the President can prevent it.

Exchange is quoted as follows: London, 60 days, 109¼@110; sight, 110¼@110¾; Paris, long, 5.15@5.13¾; short, 5.12½@5.11¼; Antwerp, 5.17½@5.15; Swiss, 5.17½@5.15; Hamburg, 36¾; Amsterdam, 41¼; Frankfort, 40¼@41; Bremen, 78¼@79; Berlin, 71¼@71¾.

For Bank shares the following was bid:

New-York	131	Hanover	110
Manhattan	135	Irving	105½
Merchants'	113	Metropolitan	128½
Union	115	East River	97½
American	137	Shoe and Leather	109
Phœnix	104	Continental	100
Greenwich	160	Commonwealth	105½
National	109	New-York County	140
Seventh Ward	110	Importers and Traders	116
State New-York	109	Park	144
Commerce	116	Central National	106½
Mech's Bank'g Assoc'n	112	Fourth National	103½
Ocean	102½	Ninth National	104
American Exchange	116½	Oriental Bank	130
Bank of the Republic	114		

Freights are lower. The closing rates to-day are as follows: To Liverpool, by steamer, Flour, 4s.; Wheat, 10½d.; Corn, 10d.; Heavy Goods, 46s.; by sail, Flour, 3s.; Wheat, 9½d.; Corn, 9d.; Heavy Goods, 32s. 6d.@35s. To London, by steamer, Heavy Goods, 60s.; by sail, Flour, 3s. 6d.; Wheat, 10d.; Corn, 9½d.; Heavy Goods, 35s. Cotton, per steamer, ¾d.@¼d.; per sailing vessel, ⅞d.@7-16d.

The day's business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was: Receipts for Customs, $342,000; receipts for Gold Notes, $191,000; total Receipts, $1,700,863 31; total Payments, $598,109 87; Balance, $99,584,225 19.

The aggregate amount of exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New-York to foreign ports for the week ending Feb. 4, 1868, was $3,218,009.

A semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent, free of Government tax, has been declared by the New-York Fire Insurance Company, payable on demand.

The leading Government stock banks of London have just published their semi-annual statements, from which is compiled the following table:

	Capital.	Reserves.	Dividend, p. c.	Profits, 6 mos.
Westminster	£1,458,720	£200,000	16	£137,645
Union	1,200,000	300,000	15	89,711
Gov't Stock	1,200,000	418,509	12½	60,926
City	500,000	80,000	7	19,878
Alliance	989,725	....	nil	....
Imperial	448,940	45,000	5	10,670
	£5,857,385	£1,343,509		£318,830

The officers of the New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company have sent their annual report to the Legislature. The number of passengers who passed over the whole line of the road during the year 1867 was 613,545, and between Newark and Jersey City 1,733,061½. The total number of passengers carried between the various places on the road, not including commuters and free passengers, was 3,656,978¼. The number of tons of freight passing over the whole line of the road was 55,888. The total amount of freight carried between all the stations was 278,407 tuns. The number of miles run by passenger, freight and other trains was 677,201. The receipts from passengers was $1,281,454 04, from freight, $953,072 65, and from United States mail and other sources, $230,776 67, making a total of of $2,865,303 36. The expenses for the year were $1,019,153 71, leaving a balance of $846,149 65.

Earnings of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad for the week ending Jan. 30:

1868	$21,835	1867	$18,350
Inc	$3,505		

The question of tolling railroad earnings is expected to come up in the Legislature again, for the purpose probably of being stifled by a payment of money. *The Buffalo Commercial* says of this matter:

The State of New-York can only impose tolls on property carried on the railways within its own limits, and should tolls be imposed on its through lines, the Erie, Central, and Northern railways, the through trade would at once be diverted from them to the railways through Canada and the States of Virginia and Pennsylvania; and what these roads could not carry would be driven down the Mississippi River to the Gulf, or through the St. Lawrence to the Ocean. This policy would be beneficial to the cities of Montreal, Philadelphia, New-Orleans, and Baltimore, but would at the same time largely diminish the trade of New-York, Boston, and the cities along the line of the New-York railways.

The imposition of tolls upon the Erie Railway has never had much advocacy, as the larger portion of its freight traffic does not come in competition with the State canals. The Central Railway has been the target against which all the efforts to impose tolls has been directed. If tolls should be imposed upon the Central Railway only, it would build up the Erie Railway, and the competing railway lines outside the State, at its expense, and if imposed upon all the railway lines within the State, it would build up rival lines outside, at the expense of all the railway lines within the State.

The future policy of the State should be to foster and increase the trade and traffic through the State, and not to repel it by legislative obstructions. The business of the country has greatly changed of late years, and is now divided between the rail and water routes. The live stock traffic is already immense, and is being rapidly augmented. The railways secure this traffic now, and will do so for all time to come. They will also carry all the lighter and more valuable merchandise, and most of the flour and provisions.

A pamphlet has been published on the resumption of specie payments by Mr. O. D. Ashley of Exchange-place. He would have an act passed by Congress providing, among other things, the following arrangements:

First: On and after July 1, 1868, the Secretary shall exchange, at the rate of $1 in gold for $1 30 in legal-tender notes; on and after Jan. 1, 1869, at $1 28; on and after July 1, 1869, at $1 26; on and after July 1, 1870, at $1 20; on and after July 1, 1871, at $1 15; on and after July 1, 1872, at $1 10; on and after July 1, 1873, at $1 05; on and after July 1, 1874, at $1.

Second: After the passage of this act, all gold coin paid into the Treasury from customs, or from other sources, shall be retained by the Secretary of the Treasury, first, for the payment of interest on the public debt; second, for the redemption of legal-tender currency, as above provided, and all authority hitherto given to the Secretary to sell gold coin shall cease from the passage of this act.

Third: The legal-tender notes exchanged or redeemed under the foregoing provisions, shall not be canceled, but retained in the Treasury to be paid out for Government expenditures whenever required, or in exchange for National bank notes, as hereinafter provided.

Fourth: Legal-tender notes of the United States shall be exchanged by the Secretary of the Treasury for National bank notes, dollar for dollar, whenever presented by the banks issuing said notes, after April 1, 1868, to the extent of the legal-tender notes in the Treasury; the Secretary retaining the bonds pledged for the redemption of the said National bank notes as security for the legal-tender notes thus exchanged.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company have advanced to-day the price of their first mortgage bonds to par and interest, in consequence of the active demand.

The annexed statement shows the condition of the Philadelphia banks monthly since Jan. 1, 1867:

	Loans.	Specie.	Circulation.	Deposits.
Jan. 1, 1867	$52,312,227	$903,663	$10,388,820	$41,508,327
February 4	52,551,130	871,564	10,430,893	39,592,712
March 18	50,538,294	858,922	10,580,921	38,826,001
April 1	50,780,306	893,148	10,631,532	34,150,285
May 13	53,474,388	406,762	10,627,953	38,172,169
June 3	52,747,808	334,529	10,637,432	37,352,141
July 1	52,588,992	365,187	10,641,311	36,616,847
August 5	53,427,849	362,055	10,635,925	38,094,543
September 30	53,655,569	272,535	10,629,976	35,152,606
October 7	53,641,100	258,303	10,627,921	34,857,407
November 4	52,584,077	273,590	10,640,820	33,604,001
December 9	50,971,222	204,061	10,646,304	34,987,676
December 16	50,676,685	202,436	10,642,659	34,609,821
Jan. 6, 1868	52,002,804	235,912	10,639,003	36,621,274
Jan. 13	52,593,707	400,645	10,639,096	37,131,830
Jan. 20	53,013,196	320,973	10,641,753	37,457,089
Jan. 27	52,825,599	279,303	10,645,226	37,319,540
Feb. 3	52,604,919	248,673	10,638,927	37,922,287

It is announced that the iron mills in Pottsville, Pa., intend to resume work this week. The operatives have come to the conclusion to go to work at a reduction of 20 per cent on their former wages. The carriage makers of Portland, Maine, who have been on a strike for the last few days on account of the reduction of their wages 20 per cent, have gone to work at the reduced rate. The Androscoggin mills at Lewiston, Maine, are running 50,000 spindles on full time. They give employment to over 1,000 operatives.

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THE MARKETS.

[Carefully reported for THE TRIBUNE.]

TUESDAY, Feb. 4, 1868.

ASHES are steady and in moderate demand at $8 25@$8 50 for Pots. Pearls are nominal.

BUILDING MATERIALS are firm and in fair demand. The closing quotations are as follows: Bricks at $10 50@$11 50 for common Hard, $18@$22 for Croton, and $40@$45 for Philadelphia Front. Cement at $2 25@$2 50 for Rosendale; Hair at 36@36½c. for Rio Grande Mixed; 37@37½c. for Buenos Ayres Mixed, and 11@12c. for Unwashed Mixed. Laths at $3, three months. Lime at $1 55 for Common, and $1 85 for Lump. Plaster of Paris at $3 87½@$4 per ton for Blue Nova Scotia; $2 40 per bbl. for Calcined Eastern, and $2 50 per bbl. for Calcined Knickerbocker and Empire Mills.

BROOM CORN—The inquiry for this article is moderate, but firmer and steady; sales of Common to Prime, at 6@11c., and Extra at 12c.

BEESWAX—A steady, fair demand still prevails for Yellow Western and Southern; prices are unchanged; we quote at 39@40c.

BRISTLES are unchanged; the demand is moderate; we quote at from 38c.@$1 75 for American Gray and White.

COTTON—The market was dull and rather heavy, buyers refusing to operate in the absence of news from abroad; sales of 2,049 bags, including 300 in transit; we quote at 19c. for Middling Uplands; and 19½@20c. for Middling New-Orleans and Texas.

COFFEE—A good, steady demand prevails for Brazil Coffee from the trade, all grades selling to some extent, and prices remain at about the previous range of quotations; sales of 1,800 bags Rio, ex Isaac R. Davis, on private terms; the stock of Rio, as made up by Messrs. William Scott & Sons, is 196,478 bags, including 3,800 at New-Orleans, 30,000 at Baltimore, 3,500 at Mobile, 5,000 at Philadelphia, and 119,978 at this port. For other styles there has been a fair demand at previous rates; sales of 500 bags St. Domingo, in Boston, for export hence, at 9½c., gold, in bond; 325 bags Government Java at 24½@25c.; 200 bags Maracaibo at 15½@18½c.; 175 bags Costa Rica at 16@18c., gold, duty paid, and 17,248 mats Java, ex Helmath, on private terms. We quote:

Rio, prime	16½@17½	Laguayra	15 @17
Rio, good	15½@16	St. Domingo	— @15
Rio, fair	15½@14	Rio, fair to good cargoes	15 @15½
Rio, ordinary	12 @12½	Rio, fair to good cargoes (in bond)	8 @10½
Java	24½@25½		
Maracaibo	16 @17½		

CANDLES remain steady, with a moderate business doing at 21@23c. for Adamantine; 45@48c. for Sperm, and 55@60c. for Patent.

COAL—We have had a fair local demand at steady prices, the supply is ample; sales from yard at $4@$6, and by cargo at $3 45@$3 55 for Lump; $3 45@$3 60 for Steamboat; $3 67@$3 83 for Grate; $4@$4 45 for Egg, and Stove at $4 90@$5 05, usual terms; these prices apply to Scranton only. Foreign is scarce, and prices uncertain.

DRUGS AND DYES—A moderate jobbing demand has prevailed from the trade; prices have undergone no essential change. We quote:

Alum, ₱ lb	2½@3	Gum Arabic, Sorts, ₱ lb	31 @ 35
Arsenic, Powdered, ₱ lb, gold	2¾@3	Jalap, ₱ lb (gold)	55 @ 90
Balsam, Copavi, ₱ lb	90@$1 00	Manna, Large Flake, ₱ lb	$1 70@$1 75
Bi-Carb, Soda, Newcastle, ₱ lb (gold)	4½@4¾	Oil Lemon, ₱ lb	3 67½@ 4 00
Caustic Soda, ₱ lb (gold)	4½@4¾	Sal Soda, Newcastle, ₱ lb	—@ 2½
Cream Tartar, Prime (gold)	28½@29	Seneca Root, ₱ lb	37 @ —
Epsom Salts, ₱ lb	3½@4	Senna, ₱ lb	20 @ 25
Gum Arabic, Picked, ₱ lb	50 @75	Soda Ash, ₱ lb (gold)	2½@ 2¾
		Sugar Lead, ₱ lb (gold)	25 @ 26
		Vitriol Blue, ₱ lb	9½@ 11

DYEWOODS—The stock is ample and prices are weak and lower; the market is extremely dull; there is a limited inquiry. We quote:

Fustic, Cuba (gold)	$34 00@ —	Logwood, Ja. (gold)	$13 00@ 14 00
Logwood, St. Dom.	13 00@14 00	Lima Wood	35 00@ — —

FLOUR AND MEAL—There is a more active inquiry for Western and State Flour; but, with larger receipts, prices of the low and medium grades are 5@15c. lower, and the market closes heavy and irregular; sales of 8,300 bbls. at $8 60@$9 10 for Superfine State; $9 55@$10 10 for Inferior River and City Extra; $10 50@$10 75 for Extra State; $10 80@$11 25 for Fancy do.; $9 50@$10 30 for the low grades of Western Extra; $10 50@$11 65 for Good to Choice Spring Wheat Extra Iowa and Wisconsin; $11 20@$12 40 for do. do. Minnesota; $10@$10 70 for Shipping Ohio; $11@$15 for Trade and Family do.; $11 40@$12 85 for Amber Winter Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan; $13 50@$15 for White Wheat do. do., and $12 85@$16 for St. Louis Extras. Buckwheat Flour is firmer; sales at $4 25@$4 50 ₱ 100 lb. California Flour is inquired after more freely, and prices are steady; sales of 2,500 bags at $12 50@$13 75. Southern Flour—There is more activity in the market, and prices are heavy, but without material change; sales of 1,600 bbls. at $9 95@$11 80 for ordinary to good Extra Baltimore and Country; $11 65@$15 25 for Extra and Family Georgia and Virginia, and $11 40@$15 50 for Extra and Family Maryland and Delaware. Rye Flour is unchanged; the demand is moderate; sales of 400 bbls. at $7 15@$9 25. Corn Meal is heavy; sales of 700 bbls. at $5 for Jersey.

FLAX—The inquiry is fair, and the market is without much change; sales of State at 12@12c., cash.

FISH—Dry Cod are firm but quiet; the demand is moderate. Mackeral are firm, but the small stock checks transactions, except in the jobbing way. Herring are not changed, as there has been no movement; the demand is moderate. Other kinds are dull and heavy. We quote:

Dry Cod, Grand Bank, ₱ cwt	$4 25@$4 37½	Mack'l, No. 3, large	$11 25@$11 50
Dry Cod, St. George's	6 00@ 6 25	Mack'l, No. 3, Medium	9 50@$10 00
Pickled Cod, ₱ bbl.	4 50@—	Salmon, Pald, No. 1	20 00@ — —
Mack'l, No. 1, Mass. Shore	15 00@—	Herring, Scld, ₱ bx	40 @ 45
Mack'l, No. 1, Bay	17 00@—	Herring, No. 1, ₱ bx	22 @ 25
Mack'l, No. 2, Bay	12 50@—	Herring, ₱ bbl	6 00@ 8 00

GRAIN—The Wheat market is more active but prices are easier; private advices from Europe are less favorable; the sales are 17,800 bush. at $2 47 for Mixed Spring, delivered; $2 58 for No. 1 Chicago Spring, in store, and $2 65 for Amber Pennsylvania. Barley is in moderate demand and steady; sales of 4,000 bush. Canada West to arrive at $2 12. Barley Malt is dull; sales of 800 bush. at $1 70, on pier. Oats are dull, unsettled, and nominal at the close at 84c. for Western, in store. Rye is steady; sales of 600 bush. Southern, on the pier, at $1 68. Corn early in the day was firmly held, but at the close the market is flat, buyers holding off; the sales are 70,000 bush., including New Western Mixed at $1 27@$1 29; do. White at $1 25@$1 28; do. Yellow at $1 29@$1 30; Southern White at $1 27@$1 33, the latter rate for Extra Choice; Jersey Yellow at $1 24@$1 25, and White and Straw-colored Tennessee at $1 20@$1 25, the inside prices on the pier.

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS.

	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, qrs.	Corn, qrs.
Total to Great Britain and the Continent for the week ending Feb. 3, 1868	* 2,421	1,804	12,061
Since Sept. 1, 1867	224,423	560,606	323,047
Same time, 1866	34,546	42,541	205,954

RECEIPTS OF BREADSTUFFS.

	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, qrs.	Corn, qrs.
For the week ending Feb. 3, 1868	22,104	1,560	35,583
Since Sept. 1, 1867	1,728,765	1,622,746	930,528
Same time, 1866	1,521,357	570,663	1,212,929

GUANO—A fair demand for Peruvian at 62c., gold, and 88c., currency.

GUNNIES are dull and heavy; we hear of no sales; we quote at 18½@18½c. for Bags and 19c. for Cloth.

HOPS—We notice but a moderate demand for this staple at former prices; the market is dull at 30@60c. for New Foreign and American, as to quality.

HAY—Under more liberal arrivals the market is lower and quite dull; the consumption is light; sales of Shipping at $1 12½@$1 15 ₱ 100 lb; Retail lots, $1 20@$1 40 ₱ 100 lb. Long Rye Straw is in good demand at 90@92½c.; Short do. at 75@77½c. ₱ 100 lb.

HEMP—We hear of no sales of any kinds; the market is quiet and prices evince no change. We quote:

Jute, gold	$122 50@ —	American, dressed ₱ ton	$325 @$335
Italian	230 @ 240	American, undressed	170 @ 180
Manila, ₱ lb, gold	14½@ —	Russia, clean	250 @ —

INDIGO—There is a light inquiry, and prices are as given last. We hear of no important sales. Seldom has so dull a feeling been prevalent. We quote:

Bengal, gold, ₱ lb	$1 65@$1 70	Manilla, gold	65@$1 60
Oude, gold	72@ 1 35	Guatemala, gold	90@ 1 15
Madras, gold	65@ 95	Caracca, gold	75@ 1 00

MOLASSES—The market remains steady for Refining and Grocery grades, but the operations of buyers are confined principally to small parcels for immediate use; distilling qualities are very dull; sales of 150 hhds. Barbadoes on private terms; 34 hhds. old crop Muscovado at 40c., and 10 hhds. Demerara at 58c.; a cargo of 437 hhds. and 50 tcs. Matanzas has been received direct by refiners, and does not go into the stock; by auction, 192 bbls. New-Orleans, fair to prime, at 79@90c., cash; the stock is estimated at 3,561 hhds. Cuba, 38 hhds. Porto Rico, 473 hhds. English Island, and 2,250 bbls. New-Orleans. We quote:

Cuba, Muscovado	42@48	Porto Rico	42@65
Cuba, Clayed	40@43	English Island	45@55
Cuba, Centrifugal	34@36	New-Orleans	70@95

METALS—American Ingot Copper continues firm and in good demand; sales of 200,000 to 300,000 ₱ lb, including Baltimore, at 22½@22¾c.; Portage Lake at 22½c., and Detroit at 23c. New Sheathing and Yellow Metal are unchanged. Pig Iron has been only in moderate demand, but prices are unchanged. Pig lead is dull but firm. Shot are quiet. Spelter is more active; sales of 300 to 400 tons at 6½c., gold. Nails are unchanged. Pig Tin continues firm and in moderate demand. Plates are moderately active; prices are unchanged. We quote:

COPPER.

American Ingot	₱ lb 22@23	Bolts, yellow metal	27 @ —
Sheathing, new	— @33	Braziers	35 @ —
Sheathing, old	16 @18	Bolts	35 @ —
Sheathing, yellow metal	26 @—		

IRON.

Pig, No. 1 A., ₱ t	$55 00@$60 00	Band, ₱ ton	$125 00@ — —
Pig, No. 1 S., ₱ t	37 00@ 42 00	Hoop, ₱ ton	130 00@ 135 00
Bar, R.E.&A., ₱ t	85 00@ 90 00	Rods (7/8-16) ₱ t	100 00@ 105 00
Bar, R.E.&A., ₱ t	95 00@ 100 00	Horse-Shoe, ₱ ton	125 00@ — —
Scroll, ₱ ton	125 00@ 170 00	Ovals, half-rd., ₱ t	120 00@ 150 00

NAILS.

Cut, 4-fold, ₱ 100 lb	$5 25@$5 50	Horse-shoe, forged (dd.), ₱ lb	17 @ 30
Clinch, ₱ 100 lb	7 00@ 7 25	Horse-shoe, pressed, ₱ lb	20 @ 22
Copper, ₱ lb	42 @ —		
Yellow Metal, ₱ lb	26 @ —		
Zinc, ₱ lb	13 @ —		

SHOT.

Drop, ₱ lb	11½@ — —	Buck, ₱ lb	— @ 12½

LEAD.

Spanish, ₱ 100 lb, gold	$6 45@ 6 50	English, gold	$6 45@$6 87½
German Ref., gold	6 45@ 6 75	Bar, set	— — @ 10 50
		Pipe and Sheet, set	— — @ 12 00

SPELTER

Plates, Do., ₱ lb	10 @ 10½	Pl., Fo., ₱ lb (gold)	6½@ 6¾

TIN.

Boxes, gold, ₱ lb	26 @ 26½	English, gold	23½@ —
Straits, gold	24 @ 24½	Banca, gold	— @ —
Plates, I. C. Charcoal, ₱ box	$8 00@ 8 25	Grain, gold	$11 50@$12 25
Plates, I. C. Coke	6 75@ 7 25		9 50@ 10 50
Plates, Coke Terne	6 25@ 6 50		9 25@ 9 50
Plates, Charcoal Terne	7 75@ 8 12½		10 25@ 11 75

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine is firm and in moderate request. Spirits are in fair demand, and prices are better and firm; sales of 300 bbls., in lots, chiefly at 59@59½c. Rosins are in good demand and are better; about 3,000 bbls. sold in lots at the quotations. Tar continues firm, and prices have an upward tendency. We quote:

Spirits Turpentine, free, ₱ gal	59 @ 60	Rosins, pale, ₱ bbl	4 50@ 5 00
Spirits Turp., in bond, ₱ gal	— @ 51	Rosins, extra pale, ₱ bbl	$25 @ 6 00
Crude Turp., ₱ 280 lb	— @$4 00	Rosins, Window Glass, ₱ bbl	6 00@ 7 50
Rosins, common, ₱ bbl	3 00@ —	Tar, North County, ₱ bbl	2 50@ 2 75
Rosins, strained, ₱ bbl	— @ 3 12½	Tar, Wilmington, ₱ bbl	3 12½@ 3 50
Rosins, No. 2, ₱ bbl	3 25@ 3 50	Pitch, City, ₱ bbl	3 25@ 3 50
Rosins, No. 1, ₱ bbl	— @ 3 50	Pitch, Southern, ₱ bbl	— @ 3 50

OILS—American Linseed is in fair demand, but prices are heavy at $1 15@$1 17 for casks and bbls. English does remains dull and prices are nominal. Crude Fish Oils are only in limited demand; prices are without change; the demand is moderate; we quote at 63@68c. for Whale, and $2 05 for Sperm. Manufactured Oils are nominal at 75@78c. for Bleached Winter Weale, and $2 25@$2 30 for Winter Unbleached Sperm. Lard Oil has been in moderate demand, and prices are firm at $1 15@$1 20 for Prime City.

OIL CAKE—The market is easier, the supply fair; sales of Thin Oblong Western at $49, currency, and City do. in bbls. at $40, gold, and in bags at $38.

OIL MEAL—A firm local demand, and the market is steady; sales of 400 bags at $2 50@$2 60 per 100 lb; retail lots at $2 60@$2 68.

PROVISIONS—There is little more doing in Pork today, but the market is unsettled and prices to a great extent nominal; the sales are 1,600 bbls. at $21 75 for Old Mess in small lots, $22 50@$22 65 for New do., $22 25 for City do., and $19 50 for Western Prime Mess. Beef is quiet but steady; sales of 180 bbls. at $9@$13 for common brands, $14@$19 for Plain Mess, and $19@$22 for Extra do. Tierce Beef is dull and prices are nominal. Beef Hams are firmer and in fair demand; sales of 200 bbls. at $28@$32 25. Cut Meats are firm; sales of 160 pkgs. Hams at 13@13½c. Bacon is steady; sales of 300 boxes at 10½@10¾c. for C. C., 11c. for City do., and 11½c. for S. C. Dressed Hogs are better at 9@9½c. for Western, and 10¾@10½c. for City. Lard is firmer but not very active; sales of 1,100 pkgs. at 13½@14c. for No. 1, 13½@14c. for City, and 14@14½c. for fair to prime Steam and Kettle Rendered.

EXPORTS OF PROVISIONS.

	Pork. bbls.	Beef. tcs.	Bacon. tons.	Butter. tons.	Cheese. tons.	Lard. tons.	Tal. tons.
Total to Great Britain and the Continent for the week ending Feb. 3, 1868	1,410	3,052	993	....	36	815	140
Since Sept. 1, 1867	11,552	32,601	10,709	194	12,487	11,849	2,022
Same time, 1866	3,301	11,374	2,947	24	12,077	1,798	3,059

RECEIPTS OF PROVISIONS.

	Pork. bbls.	Beef. tcs.	Lard. tcs.	Butter. tcs.	Cheese. tcs.
For the week ending Feb. 3, 1868	4,961	438	929	439	83
Since Sept. 1, 1867	59,334	81,809	16,224	12,775	14,575
Same time, 1866	76,549	26,571	9,418	11,915	14,961

AFTERNOON PROVISION MARKET, 5 O'CLOCK.—The market for Pork is dull and heavy; New Western Mess is offered at $22 62½ regular, and $22 75 seller March, and Old Mess at $21 50. We learn of no sales.

PETROLEUM—The market is dull, but in prices there is no particular change. We quote:

Crude (40@47 gravity) in bulk	₱ gallon	10 @10¼	
Crude (40@47 gravity) in bbls		15½@16	
Refined, in bond, (110 test) Prime Light Straw to White		23½@24	
Refined, in bond (110 test) Standard White		— @24	
Refined, in bond, (110 test) Prime White		25 @26	
Residuum, ₱ bbl		$3 50	

RICE—The market for Carolina is firmer under more favorable Southern advices, and the majority of holders ask 10½@11½c., but buyers still confine their operations to small retail parcels. East India is dull at about 4c., gold, in bond.

SUGARS—The business in raw Sugars is light, but the low figure to which the stock has become reduced, and the fact that it is in very few hands, gives holders great advantage, and prices are extremely firm at the recent improvement; sales of 56 hhds. at 12½@12¾c. for Demerara; 12½c. for Cuba, and 420 boxes Havana at 11½@14½c.; the stock is estimated at 5,165 hhds, 3,419 boxes, and 5,853 bags; Refined are in very good demand and firm at 17c. for Hards; 16½@16¾c. for Soft Whites, and 14½@15½c. for Soft Yellows. We quote:

Inf. to Com. Refining	11 @11½	Havana No. 6 to 11	11½@12½
Fair to Good Refining	11½@12½	Havana No. 12	— @12½
Fair to Good Grocery	12½@12½	Havana No. 13 to 15	12½@13½
Prime Grocery	12½@13½	Havana No. 16 to 20	13½@15½
Melado	7½@ 9	Do. No. 12 in bond, g	11½@ 12
		Manila bags	11½@11½

STEARIN—The demand has been good, and prices have improved; sales of 470,000 lb at 13½@14c. for Good to Choice and 11½@12½c. for Grease.

SALT—Prices are unchanged in most instances; the demand is from retailers solely. We quote:

Turk's Islands, ₱ bu	$0 50@$0 52½	Syracuse Ground	$1 70@$1 80
Liv'pool Grd., ₱ sack	2 00@ 2 10	Liv. Fine, Worthingt's	2 80@ 3 00
Liverp'l Fine, Ashton	3 00@ 4 00	Liv. Fine, Higgin's	2 90@ 3 00
Syracuse	2 50@ 2 65	Prussian, sc plus ultra	3 25@ — —

SOAP—We note sales of 125 boxes Castile at 16@16½c.; the market is steady, and moderately active.

SEEDS—The inquiry is moderate for New Clover Seed at 12½@13c. Timothy Seed is firm but quiet at $2 75@$3 per bush. Rough Flax Seed is salable at $2 75@$2 80 per bush.

TALLOW—The inquiry is fair, and the market has ruled firm and closed steady; sales of 180,000 lb at 10½@11c. for Country, and 11½@11¾c. for City.

WOOL—We have no new feature to advise in this branch of trade; the market for State and Western fleeces continues dull, and prices have a downward tendency. California Wool meets with some inquiry, and fine grades are firmer. Foreign Wool remains dull, and prices are nominal. The closing quotations are: Domestic Fleeces at 40@43c. for Native and one-fourth Merinos, 44@47c. for one-half and three-quarters do.; 48@52c. for full-blood Merinos, and 55@60c. for Saxony Fleeces; 27@33c. for No. 1 Pulled, 37@40c. for Superfine do., and 45@50c. for Extra do.; 16@20c. for common Unwashed California; 24@28c. for Fine do., 18@23c. for common to choice Texas, and American Combing at 48@52c. We quote Foreign as follows: South American at 35@37c. for Common Washed, 28@37c. for Unwashed Mestiza and Merino, 30@38c. for Washed Entre Rios, 20@24c. for Unwashed Creole, 36@40c. for Washed Cordova; Chilian at 20@24c. for Unwashed Mess Tuna and Merino; Cape of Good Hope, 35@40c. for Unwashed; East India, 30@40c. for Washed, and African at 18@32c. for Unwashed and 25@40c. for Washed.

WHISKY is inactive and prices are nominal.

N. Y. WHOLESALE PRICES OF COUNTRY PRODUCE

FOR THE WEEK ENDING Feb. 4, 1868.

[REPORTED for THE N. Y. TRIBUNE by our own Reporter.]

The following are the current rates of articles in good condition, as sold by commission houses at wholesale. Shippers receive 5 to 10 per cent less, deducted for commissions, beside freight and other charges. Boxes or packages should be carefully marked with paint, and the name of the sender should also be painted upon one end. Nail an invoice or list of the articles upon the under side of the cover, and send a letter by mail, containing an invoice and directions, also stating how and when sent. Clean packages and care in putting up will add much to the value of the produce.

With the desire that producers shall get good prices *and be sure of returns*, we must caution them to be on their guard against strangers starting up as commission dealers in this city, and holding out extra inducements to consignors. Either obtain good references, or stick to those who have served you well. There are mushroom houses constantly starting up, and it matters not what they *promise* if nothing is performed. This caution is not intended to injure the well-meaning beginner in the commission business, but to prevent farmers from being swindled by those who do not expect to make returns.

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans and pork are the only articles which are excited this week. The stock of beans is so light, both here and in the country, that speculators think they can control them. At least, they are not up at $4 50 for marrows in the country with that view, and owners of lots in the city are ordering them held for $5 per bushel. Others are waiting to see if they cannot be bought up here to hold. Fine mediums sell readily at $4 75, while choice marrows are selling, in a small way, at $5. These are the quotations of to-day; what they will bring to-morrow is uncertain, but the look is still upward. We quote:

Beans, new Medium, choice, ₱ bu	$4 70@$4 75	Pea, per bush	$4 70@$4 80
Marrows, prime	4 80@ 4 90	Lima, ₱ bush	18 50@ 11 00
Kidney, per bush	4 90@ 5 00	Peas, Can., in bond	1 50@ 1 55
		Southern Black-eyed	2 30@ 2 35

BUTTER.

Receipts are larger, being 3,140 for the week, and still we put up fine dairies 1c. ₱ lb, choice lots being scarce. There is a good supply of common and medium, so much so that Canada sells slowly. Most of this latter is poor, the odds and ends of lots. Good Canada is bringing 35@36c.—in some instances 37c. There is a difficulty in conveying an exact state of the market to distant readers who are ignorant of the city trade, without raising undue expectations. Were we to quote the finest dairies of the best butter sections of the State, made in the best possible way, and put up in the best style, in oak firkins, or half firkins, or sent to market in neat oak pails, painted on the outside and sold right through at 48@50c. ₱ lb—sometimes to a fancy grocer as high as 55c., those who claimed to make a good article in some other section of the State would wonder why they only got returns for their Welsh tubs at 42@43c.—rarely 44c.; while people in Northern Indiana and Iowa would be equally surprised at the 35@36c. returned for what they *knew* to be good rolls. The truth is, a fancy, sweet, rosy article, with a grain which classes it as "gilt-edged," sells quick at high prices, while a medium or even fair article is slow at much lower rates.

There is considerable Winter-made butter coming forward, and the prevailing belief is that while *fine* will go out high, there cannot be much advance on other grades. Some Western lots are coming forward, good Iowa firkins selling at 28@40c., with some Wisconsin at 35c. Common Western, if sweet, is worth 28@30c. We quote:

State, prime firkins ₱ lb	43@46	Pa. Choice Northern	42@45
Half-firkins, fine, ₱ lb	45@47	Ord., Mid., and Southern	28@35
Com. to medium, ₱ lb	35@40	Ohio W. R. prime Yellow firkins	30@40
Orange Co., pails, ₱ lb	50@52	Rolls, Western, ₱ lb	30@36
Welsh Tubs, fair, ₱ lb	42@43	West. Com.	20@25
Common to fair	36@40	Canada Butter	28@35

CHEESE.

Receipts only 2,405, with shipments