United States Court, and that it was mere act of courtesy to make the motion; that the suit was indivisible, and both the direct interpretation of the statute and the reason of the matter showed that if the case was removed as to the railroad, it must be removed as to all the defendants. The plaintiff also claimed that the case was indivisible, but for that reason claimed that it could not be removed. Many of the defendants were residents of the State, and as to them the parties had clearly the right to prosecute them in the State Courts. The interpretation of similar acts of a previous date was in favor of this view. To interpret it as removing the case from the State Courts entirely would be to make it unconstitutional. The Court reserved its decision.

INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THEIR AGENTS.

The case of the Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company agt. The National Bank of North America presents a rather surprising question of law, of great importance to bankers and others. Arthur Bois, insuring partners in business through their agent, gave the agent a check on the defendants, drawn to the order of the plaintiffs, for the defendants, in payment of a policy of insurance. The agent had no authority to sign checks, but did indorse this note in the plaintiffs' name as agent, and drew the money on it. The plaintiffs, claiming to treat this as a forgery, brought suit for the payment of the money. The defendants claim that they have paid it once to an agent of the plaintiff, and cannot be be compelled to pay it again. After some discussion the Court took a recess, and on reorganization Judge Sutherland said that on an examination of the books he had been astonished to find the business in this point would decide for the defendants. Dismissing the complaint. The case is to go to the General Term on the 1st inst.

CRIMINAL.

Jacob Decker, and Moses Depew, indicted for removing 50 barrels of whisky from the distillery at the foot of Forty-fifth-st., E. R., after its seizure by Collector Callaghan, were arrested on bench warrants, brought before Judge Blatchford, yesterday, and gave $1,000 bail each to appear for trial.

In the Court of Special Sessions, before Justices Dowling and Kelly, Mr. Henry Bergh, the President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, preferred charges against John Gilgrove, a driver of a Fourth-ave. street car, for cruelly beating a horse; case deferred on account of the absence of witnesses. John Chisholme, for picking up a dog and dashing him against the pavement, fined $10. Edward Lunt, for driving a sick horse, fined $10....Rosina Vilotz charged her husband with assaulting her. The testimony showed that the wife poured a pot of boiling coffee over her husband, upon which he knocked her down with a platter. The wife was sentenced to two months imprisonment, which the wife filed hard to have extended to twelve months.

In the Jefferson Market Police Court, before Justice Ledwith, yesterday, Patrick Gough was committed in default of $2,500 bail on complaint of John J. Roske, charging him with highway robbery. The complainant states that as he was passing down Mercer-st. in company with the prisoner, at a late hour on Wednesday night, the latter suddenly struck him on the head with some heavy weapon, knocking him down and rendering him temporarily insensible. When he recovered Gough had disappeared, and with him complainant's watch and chain, valued at $165. Subsequently he met Gough in Stanton-st., and caused his arrest. The prisoner is well known to the police, and has been several times arrested on various charges....Greenville Ely was charged by William McDonough with being a public nuisance, spending his time in annoying his neighbors and interfering with their business. McDonough also charged that he feared Ely intended to do him some serious bodily injury. Ely denied the imputation, but was ordered to give bonds of $1,000 to keep the peace toward McDonough....John Sales was committed in default of bail, on a charge of stealing a quantity of old iron and brass from the shop of William Christen.

The schooner A. W. Thompson was attached by Marshal Murray, on the 8th inst., by virtue of process issued out of the U. S. District Court, in Admiralty, in a collision suit, and was placed in the custody of a Deputy Marshal. On the 7th inst., during the temporary absence of the Deputy, Uriah Lawson, the captain, and James Bonell, the first mate of the schooner ran her out of this port and took her to New-Haven, Conn. Deputy Marshal Charles M. Cay went in pursuit, and succeeded in regaining possession of the schooner at New-Haven; but the captain and mate succeeded in playing their original trick over again, and ran the schooner out of New-Haven, and were bringing her through Hell Gate when she struck on a rock and had to be run into Astoria to save her from sinking. At Astoria she was recaptured and the captain and first mate arrested, and brought to this city by Deputy McCay, they being arrested on a warrant charging them with obstructing public justice and impeding a public officer in the discharge of his duties. They were committed yesterday by Com. Osborn to the County Jail, for examination, in default of $1,000 bail each, and were severely reprimanded by the Commissioner for their flagrant, persistent, and repeated violations of the law.

In the Court of Special Sessions, before Recorder J. K. Hackett, the following cases were disposed of yesterday: John Spring, stealing some dogs; but as the animals had been restored, Spring was discharged. ....John Smith, alias Ford, burglary. The circumstances of the case were, that on the night of the 16th inst., the hat and cap store at No. 375 Third-ave. was broken into and a number of goods stolen; and the officer who arrested the prisoner testified that he found a portion of the stolen property in his (the prisoner's) possession. The officer also testified that the prisoner threatened him with the fate of "Sandfick" if he prosecuted the complaint. The Jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the Recorder, after speaking of the criminal character of the threats used by the prisoner, passed sentence of five years' imprisonment at hard labor in the State Prison....Wm. Schubauer, felonious assault and battery, plead guilty of assault and was sent to the Penitentiary for thirty days.... Mary Simons and Elizabeth Walker (colored), grand larceny, were remanded until to-day.... William McMahon, robbery and assault and battery, was remanded until to-morrow....John Thompson, two charges of burglary. He pleaded guilty of an attempt at burglary to one of the indictments, and was sentenced to state Prison for two years and six months....Thomas Brown, Thomas Lynch, and Charles Wellman, burglary, will receive trial on Monday....Mary Briggs, assault and battery, in assaulting a sister lodger with a dagger at a Police Station, was sentenced to six months in the Penitentiary....Charles Van Blarcom charged with burglary, plead guilty of an attempt at burglary, and was sent to the State Prison for two years and six months. The Court adjourned until 11 a. m. to-day.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—Enumerated Motions.
372. Martin agt. Silberhorn.
373. Freckling et al. Lenore.
374. Kinney agt. Kinney.
375. Watson agt. Sanderver et al.
376. Hamburger agt. Hamburger et al.
377. Waters agt. Hamburger impld.
378. The People agt. Nick Holly.
379. Levy agt. Hart.
380. Conlin et al. agt. Ball et al.
381. Dunring et al. agt. Ball et al.
382. Davis et al. agt. Ball et al.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Issues of Law and Fact.
190. Forman, ex'r., et al. agt. O'Connor et al.
197—Bell agt. Stevens.
198. Percival agt. Gilson et al.
199. Knox et al. agt. Archer et al.
200. Ferris agt. Alpheus, impl'd, &c.
201. Lansing agt. Livingston.
202. Rossiter agt. Richardson et al.
203. Schieck agt. Wiener.
205. Kehoe agt. Considine et al.
206. Lyons agt. Lyons et al.
207. Meserole agt. Steefel et al.
208. Hyer agt. Trussel et al.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I—SUTHERLAND, J.—Short cause.
4771. McGrath et al. agt. Ward et al.
4799. Murphy agt. Kelly, Sheriff.
4809. Johnson agt. Atlantic Mail S. S. Co.
4817. Adler et al. agt. Rosenbaum.
4867. Bell agt. Demonbrun, imp'd.
4884. Read agt. Lumbers et al.
5025. Sheppard agt. Rich.
5027. Cook et al. agt. Caulkins et al.
5177. Lowell agt. Lowell et al.
5361. Gaskill et al. agt. Lord.
5361. Fitzgerald agt. Colligan.
5429. Avery agt. Butler et al.
5503. Tourbon agt. Seymour et al.
5507. Holden agt. Mackey.
5649. Kelly agt. Whitmer et al.
5690. Twaddle et al. agt. Schuyler.
5791. Wheelwright et al. agt. Kelly.
5818. Cogswell agt. Jone Silver Min'g Co.
5823. Thomas agt. Ballard.
5877. Collier agt. Wetzel et al.
5943. Pattison agt. Hard.
5957. Hirsch et al. agt. Shields.
6027. Hall agt. Schlesinger.
6097. Livingston agt. Weil.
6111. Lamphy admr. &c. agt. Clark.
6153. Nones agt. Bacon.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.—Short causes.
6142. Glass agt. Karcher impl'd.
6145. Hort et ux. &c. agt. Valentine.
6190. Leverett agt. O'Neill et al.
6208. Lynde et al. agt. Howe.
6246. Anglo-Austrian Bank agt. Fremont.
6290. Lederle agt. Bauer et al.
6305. Wilcox agt. Wetzel et al.
6302. Wilcox agt. Wetzel et al.
6306. Davis agt. Levy et al.
6456. Domingues agt. Com. Coal Co. of U. S. et al.
6492. Dickson agt. Crawford.
6506. Fitts et al. agt. Dixon.
6552. Knapp agt. Learyssky.
6614. Claflin et al. agt. Regensburger.
6639. Scribner agt. Mitchell.
6640. Clark et al. agt. Coles et al.
6664. Shumway et al. agt. Curtis.
6666. Pitt et al. agt. Knox.
6686. Clark et al. agt. Kelly et al.
6904. Clement agt. Wall.
6956. Woodruff et al. agt. Hart.
6968. Loeb et al. agt. Findley.
6967. Redman agt. Arnheim et al.
6979. Weiler agt. Bliss impl'd, &c.
6980. Hotchkiss agt. Blakely impl'd, &c.
6100. Waring agt. Shears.
6146. McKee agt. Emp. Sewing Mach. Co.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.
Reserved case No. 158, Eisendorf et al. agt. Savage et al.

SUPREME COURT—TRIAL TERM, PART I.—GARVIN, J.—Court opens at 11 o'clock a. m.—Short Causes.
267. Reilly, Adm'r. agt. Banks.
275. Powers agt. Crosby.
355. Herschel et al. agt. Wilkins et al.
445. Sherman et al. agt. U. S. F. and M. Ins. Co. of Balt.
—. Rabila agt. Van Loon.
530. Lee agt. Balmer et al.
541. Sterling agt. Hoyt.
555. Noah agt. Vernot.
705. Dennison agt. Goldstein.
825. Hoz. Eicher et al. agt. Moira.
790. Strausman agt. Low.
760. Redfield agt. Donnan.
466. Smith agt. Duchardt.

SUPREME COURT.—TRIAL TERM.—PART II.
564. Barnes agt. Eagleson.
468. Young et al. agt. Ross, Pres.
540. Todd et al. agt. Davis et al.
552. Son agt. Herrman et al.

COMMON PLEAS.—TRIAL TERM—PART II.—DALY, J. Court opens at 11 a. m.
431. Kain agt. Kelly, Sheriff.
1408. Fennie agt. McMullen et al.
897. Hoover agt. Beekman Fire Ins. Co.
856. Hoover agt. Croton F. Ins. Co.
1415. Wilke agt. Tradesman's Nat. Bank.
1627. Leipziger agt. Castle.
87. Konig agt. Leiger.
715. Lewis et al. agt. Woode et al.
1779. Schuyler agt. Sherry.
1650. Dawson agt. Jay.
1396. Lembard et al. agt. Chambers.
1545. Friedman agt. Schnurr.
1546. Emanuel agt. Schwab.
1547. Wyncoop agt. Winchester.
1549. Heir agt. Rosenthal.

THE MONEY MARKET.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE.—FIRST CALL, 10½ O'CLOCK A. M.

10,000 U S 6s '81, Reg	109	10,000 U S 5-20 Con, '67	110½
20,000 U S 6s 5-20 Coup '62	110½	30,000	110½
10,000 U S 6s 5-20 Coup '65	110½	14,000 U S 5s 10-40 Cou	105½
5,000 U S 6s 5-20 Coup, '65 n. c.	110		
20,000 Tenn 6s new (5)	63½	5 Amer Ex Bank	114
2,000 N C 6s	62½	20 Fourth Nat Bk	103½
1,000 N C 6s	62½	30	103½
10,000 do cash, 63½		20 Central N'l B	104½
10,000 do cash, 62½		100 West Un Tel	36½
10,000 do 63		200 do	36½
4,000 Virginia 6s	62½	125 Adams Ex	45
1,000 Erie, 1st mort	91	100 do	45
1,000 Harlem 1st m.	96½	20 Amer Exp	44
3,000 do	96½	100 Nor U Expr	15½
3,000 P F W & C 2d	84½	400 do	16
2,000 Ind & Spt 2d m.	62½	100 N Y Central	128½
1st mortgage	92	500 do	128½
35 Ex of Com'z	115	100 do	128½

SECOND BOARD—12½ O'CLOCK.

1,000 U S 6s '81 Cou 2 o'clock	110½	2,000 U S 5s 10-40 Coup	105½
2,000 U S 6s 5-20 Cou '67	110	1,000 U S 5s 10-40 Coup 2 o'clk	105½
3,000 do 2 o'clock	110½	6,000 U S 5s 10-40 Cou	105½
3,000 Va 6s ex cou	55½	1,000 Hud Riv Con F	114½
5,000 N C 6s	62½	1,000 B & Pit Ward C L	103
2,000 N C 6s new	63½	5,000 Mich Southern	91½
15,000 do	63½	N Y Bonds	97
5,000 Rhode Is 6s	101½	100 Pacific Mail	111½
3,000 Tenn 6s new	63½	100 Cumberland	6½
9,000 Alabama 8	100	120 Adams Exp	45
Bonds	89	50 Amer Express	45
		100 N Y Central	127½
		200 Hud Riv	126½

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—10 A. M.

20,000 Tenn 6s n	63½	100 P Ft W & C	110½
1,000 do	63½	200 Chic & M	99½
1,000 N Y Central	128½	400 Chic & N W p.	76½
200 do	128½	200 do	76½
200 do	128½	300 do	76½
200 Erie	49	1,100 Mich S & N L	84
200 Hud R Con F	97	500 Chi R I & P	105½
200 Mil & St P	84½	1,000 do	105½
300 Mil & St P p.	93½	200 do	105½

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—1 P. M.

10,000 Va 6s new	55½	300 N Y Central	127½
20 American Exp	44	500 do	127½
40 Wells-Far E	26	600 do	127½
100 do	25	200 Reading	98½
100 Pacific Mail	111½	300 Mil & St P p.	93½
100 do	111½	200 Chic & M	99½
100 Western Tel	36½	300 Mich S & N L	84½
200 Boston Wat P	14	100 do	84½

OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS—3 P. M.

100 Adams Ex	45	100 Mil & St P p.	93½
100 Pacific Mail	111½	300 Reading	97
600 N Y Central	127½	100 do	97
100 do	127½	300 P F W & C	110
100 do	127½	100 Ohio & Miss	27½
200 Erie	49	200 M S & N L	84½
200 do	49	200 Clev & Tol	101½

THURSDAY, Dec. 17—P. M.

Gold opened at 134¼, sold at 134¼, closing at 134¼@134¾. The clearings at the Gold Exchange Bank were $35,848,000, and the balances $1,934,359 95. The steamer Rhein, for Bremen, took out $180,000 in specie.

Government bonds opened dull and steady, but upon the active demand for money, declined from ⅛@¼ per cent. The decline was assisted by a free hammering of the bears, who offered bonds freely in large amounts, for the purpose of depressing the market to buy. State bonds were steady. The defeat of the "Omnibus" bill in the Tennessee Legislature is received with much gratification by the friends of the State, who now feel that nothing but conservative action may be expected in the future. New Tennessees sold at 62@62½; North Carolina 6 per cents, 63½; new bonds, 62@63; Missouri 6 per cents, 90. Erie 1st mortgage bonds sold at 101; Harlem 1st mortgage, 109½. Express shares were stronger. Adams sold at 49@49½; American, 44; Merchants' Union, 15½@16. Pacific Mail has been selling at 111½. Railway shares opened very active in sympathy with the buoyancy in New-York Central, which opened at 128½, sold at 128, 127½, 128, 128½, 127½, closing at 127½; the movement in this stock was stimulated by the report that the President had leased the Great-Western Railway. Late in the day this rumor was officially denied. The rise in Central carried the balance of the market up from ⅛@¾ per cent, but after the First Board the advance was not sustained. The advance in the price of money checked speculating operations, and the general market assumed a dull and languid appearance. At the close New-York Central was firm, Michigan Central advanced to 122½, Rock Island 108½; the rest of the list showed no change. Government bonds closed steady:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Cumberland Coal	27	28	Hudson River	126	127
Wells, F. & Co. Ex	24½	25	Reading	96½	97
American Express	44½	46	Bankers' and Brokers'	100	103
Adams Express	45	46	Alton and Terre Haute	35	38
United States Express	45	47½	Toledo and Wabash	25½	25½
Merchants' Union Ex	15½	15½	Tol. and Wab. Pref	70	71
Quicksilver	21½	21½	St. Paul	64½	65
Canton	48	49	St. Paul Preferred	83	84
Pacific Mail	111½	111½	Fort Wayne	110	110½
Western Union Tel	36½	36½	Ohio and Mississippi	26½	29½
Missouri 6s	89½	90	Michigan Central	122	122½
New Tennessees	62½	63½	Michigan Southern	91	92
North Carolina	62½	63	Illinois Central	140	145
Virginia 6s	55	56	Cleveland and Pitts	92	92½
Boston Water Power	13½	14½	Cleveland and Toledo	103½	103½
Mariposa	5	6	Rock Island	108½	108½
Mariposa Preferred	18	19	North-Western	75	76
New-York Central	127½	127½	North-Western Pref	77½	78
Erie	49½	49½			

Puleston, Raymond & Co. report the closing quotations at the 10:30 o'clock Board as follows:

	Gold.	Asked.		Gold.	Asked.
New-York Central	128½	128¾	Cleveland & Toledo	103½	103¾
Erie Railway	50½	49	Lake Shore	92½	92¾
Erie Railway Pref	62½	61	Chicago & R. I.	107½	107¾
Hudson River	126½	126	Chic. North-Western	77	77½
Harlem	—	120	Milwaukee & St. Paul	64½	64¾
Harlem Pref	—	125	Mil. & St. Paul Pref.	83½	84
Scrip	—	75	Del., Lack. & Western	126	127
Norwich & Worcester	90	—	Tol., Wab. & West.	25½	26½
Washington	50	—	Tol., Wab. & West. Pref	70	—
N. Haven & Hartford	—	120	New-Jersey	120	130
N. Y. & New-Haven	140	—	New Jersey Central	111½	112
Boston, Hartford & Erie	26½	26½	Morris & Essex	94	96½
Pacific Mail	111½	111¾	Pitts. F. W. & Chic.	109	110½
Michigan Central	119½	120	Alton & T. Haute Pf.	65½	70
Mich. So. & N. Ind.	86½	86	Chicago & Alton	127	128
Panama	207½	210	Ohio & Miss. Railway	29½	29½
Illinois Central	141½	142	Hannibal & St. Jos. Pf.	72	75
Cleve. & Pittsburgh	92½	92½	Marietta & Cin. 1st Pf.	—	21
Cleve. & Tol. Clev. & Mad.	75	76	Han. & St. Joseph	36	36
Chic. & N. Western	76	76½	Han. & St. Joseph Pref	70½	70½
Chic. & N. West. Pref	76½	76½	Chic. & Gt. Eastern	35	41

The following were the quotations for Bank stocks:

Manhattan	154	Bank of the Republic	121
Mechanics	139	Hanover	116
Union	160	Market	110
Phenix	105	Nassau	105
Merchants' Exchange	112	Importers & Traders	150
State of New-York	110	Park	113
Commerce	128	Fourth National	103½
American Exchange	113½	Pacific	105

And the following for Railroad bonds:

New-York Central 7s, 1903	91	Gt. Western 1st Mortgage '93	88
New-York Central 7s, 1876	102	Gt. Western 2d Mortgage, '93	76½
Erie 1st Mortgage Extended	75	Quincy & Tol. 1st M., 1908	70
Erie 2d, 2d Mortgage Ind., 1873	91½	Ills. & So. Iowa 1st Mort	70
Erie 3d, 4th Mortgage Ind., 1869	84	Chicago & Rock Island, 1st M.	93
Hud. Riv. 7s, 1st Mort. 69-70, 1011	104½	Morris & Essex 1st Mortgage	96
Hud. Riv. 7s, 2d Mort. S. F., '75, 1022	105	Pitts., Ft. Wayne & Chic., 1st M.	102
Harlem 1st Mortgage	100	Pitts., Ft. Wayne & Chic. 2d M.	98
Mich. Cent. 6 p. ct. 1909-72	104½	Pitts., Ft. Wayne & Chic. 3d M.	90
Mich. Cen. 8 p. ct. M. S. '62, 114	114½	Cleveland & Pittsburgh 2d Mort.	93
Chic. Bur. & Q. 8 p. ct. 1st M., 1111	111½	Cleveland & Pittsburgh 3d M.	85
Mich. So. 7 per cent 2d Mort	91	Cleveland & Pittsburgh 4th M.	72
Mich. S. & N. I., S. F., 7 p. ct	97	Chicago & Alton, 1st Mortgage	102
Pacific R. 7s, guaranteed to Mo.	91	Chicago & Alton, Income	90
Illinois Cen. 7 per cent, '76	104½	Atlantic & Gt. West. 1st Mort.	75
Clev. & N. W. 1st Sinking Fund	90	Peninsula Railroad Bonds	85
Chi. & N. West. 1st Bonds	86	Milwaukee & St. Paul 1st M. 8s	102
Han. & St. Jo. Land Grants	105	Milwaukee & St. Paul I. & M. d.	87
Tol. & Wabash 1st Mort. Ex	93	Chicago & Milwaukee 1st Mort.	85½
Tol. & Wabash 2d Mortgage	83½	Chicago & Gt. Eastern 1st Mort.	75
Tol. & Wabash Equip. Bonds	75	New-York & New-Haven 6s '95	107

Money was more active, and 7 per cent was the lowest rate on call to-day; at the close coin interest was paid freely. The shipment of currency South has drawn upon the banks to so great a degree that they are forced to contract their call loans, in order to keep in condition to accommodate legitimate business.

Sterling Exchange was steady at quotations: London, 60 days, 109¾; London, sight, 110@110¾; Paris, long, 5.16¾@5.15; Paris, short, 5.13@5.12½; Antwerp, 5.18¾@5.17½; Swiss, 5.18¾@5.17½; Hamburg, 36@36½; Amsterdam, 41@41½; Frankfort, 41@41½; Bremen, 78¾@79; Berlin, 71¾@71¾.

The transactions at the Office of the Assistant Treasurer were: Receipts for Customs, $254,000; for Gold Notes, $79,000; total Receipts, $850,696 64; total Payments, $1,049,764 95; Balance, $91,223,966 71.

Freights to Liverpool, 7,600 bush. Corn at 6d., and by steamer, 21,000 bush Wheat at 6¾d.; 300 tierces Lard at 50/., and 350 boxes Bacon at 45/.

The Express Companies appear to be getting upon a basis where they will be able to resume dividends, and the Adams has notified the other companies that they shall withdraw from the consolidation at no distant day, and were never in a sounder condition than at the present time. The consolidation of the American and Merchants' Union will reduce the expenses of the new company fully $1,000,000 per year. The conversion of Merchants' Union into consolidated stock is going on rapidly, and the heaviest stockholders have already made the payment of the $5 assessment. It is said that the new arrangement will be harmonious, and that the companies will agree not to trench upon each other's territories.

The Dry Dock Savings Bank has declared an extra dividend of two per cent for six months, and one per cent for three months, payable on and after Jan. 1.

The Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company have declared a quarterly dividend of $3, free of Government tax, payable on Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Union National Bank.

The weekly report of the Bank of England, made public to-day, shows that the amount of bullion in vault has increased £317,000 since last week.

The Boston Advertiser of Wednesday says:

Although some of the banks have so good a supply of loanable funds that they are able to meet about all the calls made upon them, yet in most cases they are disposed to contract rather than to extend their loans, and are therefore doing as little as possible, holding their funds carefully for the supply of those only whose claims are deserving of recognition. Rates for call loans are the same as before reported, bank customers paying 7 to 7½ per cent as a rule, and outside paper submitting to such rates as are necessary for its successful negotiation. The average range of paper of this description is from 8 to 10 per cent, with more numerous exceptions above than below these rates. New-York funds are still a little heavy. The last weekly statement of the Boston National Banks show an appreciation of the situation by the banks.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

United States Six Per Cent Currency Bonds, 30 years to run, are offered for sale on favorable terms at the office of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, No. 20 Nassau-st., New-York.

THE MARKETS.

[Carefully Reported for The Tribune.]

THURSDAY, Dec. 17, 1868.

ASHES—The market is moderately active and steady: sales of 10 bbls. at $7 75@$7 87½ for Pots, and $9 12½@$9 25 for Pearls.

COTTON—A good, steady demand still prevails from spinners, and, though no further advance can be quoted, the market closes very strong; the offerings are fair, including 7,?? bales to arrive; the sales are 4,150 bales, of which 2,?? were taken by spinners, 1,600 by speculators, and ??? for exporters—?? of the latter at Texas; sales, also, of ?? bales Middling, for February, at 24½c., ?? bales Low Middling, do. do., on private terms, and 1,000 bales Low Middling, February and March, at 24½c. We quote:

	Upland and Fla.	Mobile.	N. Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	22½c.	22½c.	22½c.	22c.
Good Ordinary	23½c.	23½c.	23½c.	23c.
Low Middling	24½c.	24½c.	24½c.	24c.
Middling	25½c.	25½c.	25½c.	26c.

COFFEE—West India grades are dull and nominally unchanged. For Rio the demand has been rather better at full prices, the market showing quite a strong and healthy tone on prime grades; sales of 774 bags of Cuenas, and to arrive, per Countess of Dudley, 4,500 bags, on private terms.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is again quite active, and prices are firmer, the improvement being on the low grades, and these are in demand for export. Trade and Family brands, however, are irregular and very difficult of sale; the sales are 14,000 bbls. at $6 10@$6 50 for Superfine State; $7 10@$7 50 for Extra State; $7 70@$8 25 for Fancy State; $8 20@$7 20 for the low grades for export; $7 25@$7 50 for good to choice Spring Wheat Extras; $7 75@$9 25 for Minnesota and Iowa Extras; $7 15@$7 50 for Shipping Ohio; $8 65@$9 50 for Trade brands; $10@10 50 for Family do.; $5@$10 50 for Amber Winter Wheat Extra Indiana and Michigan; $9 00@$10 60 for White Wheat do., do.; Family do. at $10 50@$11 50; $10@$14 for St. Louis Extra Double Extra, and Triple Extra. California Flour is only in moderate demand and the market heavy; sales of 300 sacks at $5 50@$9 25 for Old, and $10 50@$11 50 for New. Canadian Flour is inactive and nominal. Southern Flour is in small supply, but with only a moderate demand, prices are unchanged; sales of 300 bbls. at $7 10@$7 40 for ordinary to good Extra Baltimore and Country; $7 20@$10 10 for Extra Georgia and Virginia, and $10 20@$11 40 for Family do.; $7 15@$8 50 for Extra and Family brands Maryland and Delaware. Rye Flour is firm and in fair demand; sales of 350 bbls. at $6 60@$6 80. Corn Meal is heavy and dull; sales of 150 bbls. at $4 70 for Western; $4 90 for Jersey, and $5 25 for Brandywine. Buckwheat Flour is more plenty and is heavy at $4 20@$4 30@$4 40 ⅌ bbl.

GRAIN—There has been a fair degree of activity in our market for Wheat to-day; prices are improved and close firm; the demand is chiefly for export, but in part for milling; the sales are 60,000 bush. at $1 50@$1 60 for Mixed Spring; $1 71 for No. 1 Chicago Spring, in store; $1 62@$1 63 for No. 2 do., afloat; $1 63 for No. 2 Milwaukee; $1 71 for No. 1 do.; $2 15@$2 25 for White Michigan, and $2 30 for Amber do. Barley is firm and moderately active; sales of 45,000 bush. Canada West at $2 15. Barley Malt is steady; sales of 2,000 bush. at $2 20, in store. Oats are in less active demand, and prices are lower, closing tame; sales of 40,000 bush. at 76½@76½c. in store, and 77½c. afloat. Rye is quiet; sales of 2,000 bush. at $1 30@$1 32 for Western; $1 35 for State, and $1 35@$1 35 for Canadian. Corn is in less active demand and is lower; the more liberal receipts have given buyers the advantage; sales of 52,000 bush. New Western Mixed at 80c@$1 03; Old do. at $1 11@$1 12½ in store, and $1 13@$1 14½ afloat; $1 07 for White Southern; $1 05 for Yellow do.; $1@$1 02½ for Western Mixed, and $1 05@$1 07½ for Yellow do.

HOPS—The market for American and other kinds is quiet, but with a limited supply prices are firm at 50@70c. for Old American, and 100@250c. for New do.

HEMP—In Manila there is no change, the market is dull; we quote at 11½@12c. gold.

HAY—Under continued limited receipts and a good demand prices have an upward tendency, and we note sales at 80c.@$1 for Shipping, and $1 10@$1 40 for retail lots. Rye straw is firm, and in demand at $1 00 for short, and $1 10@$1 15 for long.

MOLASSES—New-Orleans is fairly active, but buyers bid with less freedom, and the market is scarcely so strong though the light stock prevented a decline; sales of 125 bbls. at 75@77c. Foreign grades nominal.

NAVAL STORES are generally quiet. Spirits Turpentine at 43½c., and Rosin at $2 55@$2 65 for Common Strained.

OIL—American Linseed remains firm, and there is a fair demand at 97@98c. for casks, and 95c.@$1 for bbls. English do. is inactive. Land Oil is steady at the late decline; the demand is fair at from $1 30@$1 35. In Crude Fish Oils there is nothing new, the demand is limited. We quote at 90c.@$1 for Whale, and $1 25@$1 7 for Sperm. Manufactured Oils are inactive. Menhaden Oil is selling at 60@62c.

PROVISIONS—We have had a more active and firmer market for Pork to-day; prices have advanced and close very strong; the sales foot up 4,200 bbls. at $25 50@$26 for Old Mess; $26 87½@$27 (in job lots) for New Mess, and $24 00@$25 for Western Prime Mess; $26 bid and refused for City Mess—the bulk of the sales were of Old Mess. The business for the future embraces 3,100 bbls. Mess, including 500 bbls. for January at $27 50; 750 bbls. for February at $27 50@$27 75; 500 bbls. for March at $28, and 1,000 bbls. for January, February, and March at $28; and last evening, included in the above, 750 bbls. for January at $26 50, and 500 bbls. for February at $27. There has been less activity in the market for Beef to-day; still a fair jobbing trade may be noted; sales of 450 bbls. at $11@$11 for Plain Mess, and $12@$19 for Extra Mess. Tierce Beef is in fair request; sales of 150 tcs. at $27@$30 for Prime Mess, and $31@$35 for India Mess. Beef Hams are moderately active; sales of 60 bbls. at $24@$25. Cut Meats are in good demand, and prices are better; the sales are 250 boxes at 13½c. for Long-Ribbed; 12@12½c. for Cumberland Cut; 14@14½c. for Long Clear, and 15½c. for Short Clear, and to arrive, balance of this month, Cumberland at 12c., and Short-Ribbed at 14c.; also, 500 boxes Cumberland for first half of January at 12½c., and 250 boxes do. the balance of this month at 13c. Dressed Hogs are better, and close firm at 11c. for Western, and 11½c. for City. Lard has been very active, and prices have again advanced and close firm; the sales are 1,050 pkgs. at 10@10½c. for No. 1; 10@10½c. for City; 10c. for fair to prime Steam, and 12½c. Kettle Rendered, to arrive within ten days; for future delivery, 4,500 tcs. at 12c. for December; 12@12½c. for January; 12c. for January and February, and 12c. last evening for February.

BUTTER—The demand is not so active, and for all grades below choice prices are in the buyers' favor; the arrivals are moderate, and the stock in the city small, yet every one seems to have enough for the limited inquiry. We quote:

State, Orange County and River	50@60	Common to Medium	30@40
Country pails	40@32	Ohio, Fine West. Reserve	50@57
Fine firkins	40@45	Common to Medium	32@35
Half bbls. choice	40@45	Pennsylvania, Fine, pails	50@53
Fancy Selections	50@55	Common to fair	32@40
Welsh, good	42@44	Wis. and Ill., good firkins	32@35
Choice Welsh Dairies	40@42	Common to Fair Western	30@35

CHEESE are firm, with a good local inquiry; shippers are not doing much, but are taking some fancy grades at full rates. We quote:

Factory, State, free to hooks	11@12½	Ohio, Fine Factory	8@11
Good to prime	11 @12½	English Dairy, fine Cons	16 @17
Medium to good	7 @10	Medium	14 @15
Poor	15 @16½	Poor, Skimmed	7 @11
Farm Dairy, good	12½@13	Pineapple, State	20 @22
Medium	10 @12		

PETROLEUM—The market is rather easier, and is dull at 18½c. for Crude, in bulk, and 30½c. for Refined, in bond.

RICE—The market without new features and we can only advise small lots dealers to buy at 7½@8½c. for inferior to strictly prime.

SUGARS—Buyers are still operating rather slowly, but holders exhibit no weakness and the market for Raws remains strong at full former values; Fair to Good Refining at 11@11½c.; sales of 2,072 boxes Havana at 9¾@11c., and 30 hhds., on private terms. Refined firm at 13½@13¾c. for Hards.

STRAWS—Holders are firm in their views, and demand 15½@17½c. in bbls., and 16@16½c. in tcs. We learn of no important sales.

SEEDS—There is no new feature in Grass Seeds, prices being somewhat nominal at 12½@13c. for Clover, and $3 for Timothy. Rough Flax Seed is firm at $2 40@$2 45.

TALLOW—The demand has been only moderate, but prices are without material change; sales of 20,000 lb. at 11@11½c.

WHISKY—The market is steady but dull; sales of 190 bbls. at $1 02½@$1 03.

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE

Per Canal, Pacific, and Railroads.

DEC. 17—12,721 bush. Corn, 142 bush. Beans, 530 bush. Malt, 192 bags Corn Meal, 43 bags Buckwheat Flour, 7,565 bbls. Flour, 905 bales Cotton, 350 bbls. Crude Petroleum, 262 bbls. Refined Petroleum, 324 bbls. Pork, 713 bbls. Beef, 722 pkgs. Beef, 722 pkgs. Cut Meats, 804 pkgs. Lard, 150 kegs. Lard, 97 pkgs. Bacon, 580 boxes Starch, 2,124 pkgs. Butter, 1,269 boxes Cheese, 233 pkgs. Tallow, 22 pkgs. Dried Fruit, 217 Dressed Hogs, 365 bbls. Whisky, 493 bbls. Eggs, 64 bales Wool, 111 bales Hops, 3,671