AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

A DINNER TO BE GIVEN IN A CHIMNEY.

TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF A BIG WORK FOR THE BROOKLYN CITY RAILROAD COMPANY.

The large scale on which the Brooklyn City Railroad Company is carrying out the work of covering the city with a network of trolley wires is shown by the extent of the plant in the Kent-ave. power house, the big chimney for which will be practically finished to-day. This "stack," as it is called, is said by the engineers in charge to be the largest chimney yet built in cubic capacity, the inner core, or chimney proper, having 65,800 cubic feet of air space. The stack is one of the most prominent objects on Brooklyn's water front, as it is built almost at the river's edge. It is 263 feet high, the sides of the base measure 38 feet 3 inches, and taper in to a height of 85 feet, where the circular form is assumed. The structure rests upon a foundation of fourteen feet of stone and nine feet of concrete, supported by 1,201 piles, and contains over 2,000,000 bricks, with a total weight of 3,000 tons. The iron cap surmounting this big stack weighs about five tons, and is 27 feet in diameter. Up to the middle of the flue rises a "baffle-plate" of fire brick to a height of 60 feet. This is to give each of the two flues a separate draught.

The chimney is designed to carry away the smoke and gases from thirty-six 500 horse-power boilers using forced draught. Under natural draught the stack would have required an additional seventy feet in height to accomplish the same result. The inner case, or chimney proper, is entirely distinct from the outer wall, and is 282 feet high, with walls twenty-four inches thick at the base, tapering to eight inches at the top, and seventeen feet in diameter. This is in order to allow for the expansion due to the enormous volume of hot air which it is designed to carry off. The outside wall is built with twelve buttresses projecting inward, and reaching to within half an inch of the core. Lateral expansion being thus provided for, the perpendicular gain, which is reckoned at one-sixteenth of an inch to the foot, is provided for by building from the outward wall inward, above the top of the core, a curved apron, or "toothing" of brick, leaving an aperture 17 feet across, or just the diameter of the core.

The new power house was designed by F. S. Pearson, of Boston, who built the West End Company's power house in that city, and the Fifty-second-st. house for the Brooklyn company. Mr. Starrett, the consulting engineer of the company, with F. B. Hall, Mr. Pearson's representative, has superintended the work, while the big chimney has been under the direct supervision of Mr. Pearson. To celebrate the completion of the chimney, a dinner, to which about sixty guests have been invited, will be given in its interior on Saturday evening.

The first of the six big multipolar dynamos which are to send chained lightning through the streets of the northern part of the city was started yesterday. It requires two Corliss engines to keep this dynamo running, and steadiness of motion is secured by a fly-wheel 25 feet in diameter and weighing 90 tons. These dynamos are said to be the largest railway power generators ever built, and were constructed by the General Electric Company, while the boilers of the new plant will be capable of supplying 18,000 horse-power.

HE WOULD NOT LET HER KISS HIM.

A WOMAN SEEKS A LEGAL SEPARATION FROM HER HUSBAND AFTER BEING ENGAGED, SHE SAYS, FOR FORTY YEARS.

Mrs. Alice Bardell, a woman more than fifty years old, is seeking a legal separation from her husband, Alfred Bardell, who is sixty-five years old, and to whom she was married September 1, 1892. She applied in the Supreme Court yesterday for $100 a month alimony and $1,000 counsel fee. Her home was in Bloomfield, N. J., when she was married. She says that she has known Bardell for forty years, and had been engaged to marry him all that time, but had to wait until he became a widower. She went to his house, No. 83 Keap-st., and found him living with his son, Walter, a man of forty years, who was separated from his wife. They had a housekeeper, Louise Reinger. Her husband, she alleges, objected to her using a chair which his first wife had sat in. When she tried to kiss him he had repulsed her. When she went to her old home on Christmas her husband, she says, wrote to her to stay away, and added that if she troubled him he would seek a divorce. The answer alleges that Mr. Bardell treated his wife with kindness, and that he could not agree with her because of her peculiar habits. He denies her allegation that he is worth $50,000. The hearing was adjourned for proof in this matter.

STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES TO CONSOLIDATE.

The Brooklyn Traction Company, which was formed two years ago to operate the street-car lines owned by the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company, has taken steps to absorb the lines controlled by the Broadway Railroad Company in the Eastern District of the city. Out of 90,000 shares in the Traction Company, 80,000 have voted for the plan of consolidation. It is expected that this merging of railroad interests will be followed by the consolidation of the Brooklyn Traction Company with the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, which controls all the lines of the Brooklyn City Company. The Traction company recently secured control of the Brooklyn, Bath Beach and West End Railroad to Coney Island, and has substituted the trolley on it for steam.

The Broadway Company was formally capitalized at $325,000, and Edwin Beers was president. About two years ago Drexel, Morgan & Co. purchased it for $1,550,000. The firm also secured control of the electric railroad running from East New-York to Jamaica, and it has obtained the right to substitute the trolley for horses on the Broadway lines and to extend its lines in many streets, including a new route to the Bridge. A syndicate, in which were H. B. Hollins & Co., J. & W. Seligman & Co. and E. Clark & Co., of Philadelphia, took the property off the hands of Drexel, Morgan & Co. a few months ago for $2,500,000. The Broadway system includes six lines. There are ten lines in the Atlantic-ave. system.

"LADIES' RECEPTION" AT THE ALGONQUIN.

The handsome home of the Algonquin Club of Brooklyn, at No. 240 President-st., was crowded last evening, the occasion being a "ladies' reception" given by the club. The Entertainment Committee, John Dunbar, Charles H. Hunt, jr., and George J. Hardy, had made perfect arrangements for an enjoyable evening, and the Reception Committee, composing John R. Greason, jr., Dr. S. P. Hopkins, Frank O. Walther, Charles S. Carscallen, James B. Greason, David P. Hillson, William H. Snell, Howard C. Pyle, Adolphe J. Klar, James H. Taylor, George C. Hunt, William B. Shearman, H. S. Beard, George T. Miller and W. S. Sedgwick, was kept busy looking after the guests. Supper was served by Sherry, of New-York, in the supper-rooms on the second floor of the clubhouse, and the house was prettily decorated with flowers and plants. An orchestra furnished music, and the early hours of this morning had begun to pass before the assemblage dispersed. Among the invited guests were Mrs. James S. T. Stranahan, Mrs. Andrew J. Perry, Mrs. Richard H. Laimbeer, jr., Rear-Admiral Daniel E. Braine, U. S. N.; Mrs. Braine, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sanford, General Francis, E. Pinto, Mrs. Pinto, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Abbot, Miss Ethel Kenneth, Miss Alice Freeman, Miss Adel Bookstaver, Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn Owen, East Orange; Miss Marguerite Conway, Miss Charles Parsons, Miss Hillson, Miss Dunbar, Miss Colwell, Miss Florence Greason, Miss Carman, Summit, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. John McKeen, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryder, Miss Demerest, Miss Colvin, Miss Susie Vickers, Miss Waida Walther, Miss Emma Walther, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Boody, Colonel Thomas E. Sloan and Mrs. Sloan, Miss Ethel Kalley, Miss Elting, Miss Eunice Street, Dr. A. W. Ford and Mrs. Ford, Miss Webb, Mr. and Mrs. James S. T. Burke, Miss Anita Decker, Miss Hamersley, Miss Van Nostrand, Miss Ida Hamilton, Miss Vreeland, Miss Martin, Miss Pearce, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon, U. S. A., and Mrs. Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ford, Miss Barnes, Miss Carey, Miss M. Y. Lehte, Miss Adele Brookman, Miss Burtis, Miss Hatch, Miss Eleanor Roosevelt, Miss Torrey and Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wheeler.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Timothy Crowley, of Fifty-eighth-st., whose skull was fractured in a fight with a neighbor named Klein on November 2, died yesterday at the Norwegian Hospital. Klein is under arrest.

The November Grand Jury took up the examination of the question of the speed of trolley cars and the cause of fatal accidents yesterday.

Thomas Wray died on Wednesday at his home, in Gates-ave., aged sixty-eight years. He was born in Brooklyn, and conducted a successful business for many years as a house and sign painter. He was an active Republican, and formerly a member of the General Committee of his party. He left five children.

A herd of twenty-five elk, owned by Philip Leibinger, a wealthy brewer of No. 828 Lafayette-ave., will be wintered in Prospect Park. Three of them will be presented to the Park menagerie.

The funeral of Daniel L. Northup, who died on Monday, took place yesterday afternoon in All Souls' Church, in South Ninth-st. The church was filled with the relatives and friends of the dead man. The Rev. Dr. J. Coleman Adams conducted the services. The burial was at Cypress Hills. The pallbearers were Mayor Boody, Senator P. H. McCarren, Bernard Peters, Assessor B. W. Wilson, the ex-Supervisor-at-Large, Samuel Guthrie; Colonel Andrew D. Baird, Commissioner John P. Adams and Allen Gray.

RUMORS ABOUT GENERAL ELECTRIC.

Rumors were thick yesterday of trouble in the General Electric Company with suggestions of a possible receivership. They grew out of the continued decline in the common stock at the Stock Exchange. Recent heavy deliveries of newly transferred certificates have been made by brokers who, when they sold the stock, were believed to be acting for bear operators. President Coffin, of the General Electric Company, said yesterday that the board of directors did not contemplate the appointment of a receiver, and there was no ground for the current reports. Mr. Coffin said that the question of the next dividend on the preferred stock had not been discussed, but that the money for the December bond interest was in bank and the interest would be paid.

CLARENCE KING TO LEAVE THE ASYLUM SOON.

The report published in The Tribune yesterday that Clarence King, formerly a director of the United States Geological Survey, who has been confined in Bloomingdale Insane Asylum since November 1, was rapidly recovering, was gratifying to his many friends. One of those who visited Mr. King at the asylum recently says that he will probably be released on Monday. He is now in good health and spirits, and his mental condition is greatly improved.

FINISHING TOUCHES FOR THE MARBLEHEAD.

The new cruiser Marblehead did not return to the Navy Yard after her short trip on Tuesday, but went to a pier in the East River at Twelfth-st. It is supposed that she went there to have her machinery put in perfect order by the Quintard Iron people for her trial trip next week. A tug from the Navy Yard went up to her yesterday with supplies.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Baltimore, Nov. 23.—Flour dull; Western super, $1 85@$2 15; do extra, $2 25@$2 75; do family, $3@$3 25; winter wheat, patent, $3 40@$3 65; spring do do, $3 75@$4 25; do do straight, $3 50@$3 75; sales, 1,500 bbls. Wheat firmer; No 2 red, spot and November, 64⅝@64¾c; December, 65⅛@65¾c; February, 71⅞@72c; steamer No 2 red, 61¾@61¾c; stock, 1,294,826 bush; sales, 58,000 bush; milling wheat by sample, 65@66c. Corn firm; mixed November, 43⅝@43½c; year, 42½@42¾c; January, 42¼@42¾c; steamer mixed, 40½@41c; stock, 256,458 bush; sales, 88,000 bush; white corn by sample, 40@41c; yellow do, 38½@42c. Oats steady to firm; No 2 white Western, 35c; No 2 mixed do, 34c; stock, 228,989 bush. Rye dull; No 2, 53c; stock, 54,049 bush. Hay quiet; good to choice timothy, $14 50@$15 50. Grain freights quiet, unchanged. Butter firm; creamery fancy, 27@28c; do fair to choice, 24@26c; do imitation, 20@24c; ladle fancy, 22c; good to choice, 19@20c; rolls, fine, 21@22c; do fair to good, 19@20c; store packed, 16@17c. Eggs steady; Western, 24c; nearby, 24@25c. Copper steady; refined, 19@19¼c. Other articles unchanged.

Boston, Nov. 23.—Flour very dull, range of sales of spring patents being mostly below $4; winter patents, $3 40@$3 75; clear winter wheats, $3@$3 40. Corn in large receipt; tendency lower; No. 2 yellow (old), 49c; steamer yellow (new), 47@47½c. Oats quiet; spot market short of stock, which keeps values steady; clipped, 38@39½c; No. 2 white, 37½c. Values steady; winter bran, $17 50@$18; spring, $16 25@$16 50. Pork, lard and hams lower and dull and weak. Butter quiet; fairly steady. Cheese dull and weak. Eggs—Demand slack and receipts liberal; fresh-gathered Western, 25c. Receipts for the week—Flour, 24,756 bbls and 58,435 sacks; corn, 543,641 bush; oats, 116,630 bush; shorts, 1,537 tons.

Buffalo, Nov. 23.—Spring wheat offerings light, demand good. Sales, 10,000 bush; No 1 hard spot 69½c; 8,000 bush No 1 Northern, do, 67 7-16c; 8,000 bush, do, 68c; closing, No 1 hard spot, 69½c; do, c i f, 68½c; No 1 Northern spot, 68½c; do, c i f, 67½c. Winter wheat dull; No 2 red, 64½c; No 3 extra red, 62c; No 1 white, 65½c asked. Corn easier. Sales, 8,000 bush No 2 yellow, 42¼@42½c; 11,000 bush No 2, 41½c; 19,000 bush No 3, 40½c, store; 8 cars No 3 yellow, 41½@41¾c track. Oats firmer. Sales, 7 cars No 2 white, 34½@34½c, track; 6,000 bush, do, store, 34½c; 2,000 bush No 3 white, 33c, store; 1 car No 2 mixed, 32c, track. Barley dull and easy; fancy Western, 66@67c; choice, 60@61c; sample, 48@56c; State, 60@70c. Rye dull; No 2, 53½@54c, asked. Flour quiet, firm; best spring, $4@$4 10; winter straights, $3 75@$3 85. Rye flour, $3 20@$3 30. Millfeed active, strong, unchanged.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat, No. 2:				
November	61⅞	61⅞	60⅞	60⅞
December	61¾	62	61⅛	61⅛
May	68½	68⅝	67⅞	67⅞
Corn, No. 2:				
November	36	36	35⅝	35½
December	35⅞	35⅞	35⅝	35½
January	35⅞	35⅞	35⅝	35½
May	40⅛	40⅛	39⅞	39⅝
Oats, No. 2:				
November	27½	27½	27½	27½
December	27⅞	28	27⅞	27⅞
May	30⅞	30⅞	30⅝	30⅝
Mess pork, per bbl:				
January	$12 50	$12 60	$12 45	$12 47½
May	12 70	12 70	12 60	12 62½
Lard, per 100 lb:				
January	7 85	7 87½	7 80	7 85
May	7 77½	7 80	7 70	7 72½
Short ribs, per 100 lb:				
January	6 57½	6 65	6 52½	6 57½
May	6 67½	6 67½	6 60	6 60

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Prices unchanged; feeling a little steadier; No 2 spring wheat, 60¾c; No 3 spring wheat, 58@61⅛c; No 2 red, 61½c; No 2 corn, 35½c; No 2 oats, 28c; No 2 rye, 44½c; No 2 barley, 53c; No 1 flaxseed, $1 10; prime timothy seed, $3 20; mess pork, per bbl, $12 75@$13; lard, per 100 lb, $8 55; short ribs, sides (loose), $7@$7 25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6 50@$6 57; short clear sides (boxed), $8 25@$8 37½; whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 05; sugars, cut loaf, 5½c per lb; granulated, 5c per lb; "standard A," 4⅞c per lb. On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was fairly active and steady; fancy creamery, 25@25½c; choice, 22@23c; sweet, but lacking flavor, 20@21c. Eggs scarce and firmer, 22½@23c.

Cincinnati, Nov. 23.—Flour—Spring patent, $3 75@$4; fancy at $2 55@$3 40; and family, $2 30@$2 85. Wheat—Market is a little firmer at 58c for No 2 Sample red, 52c. Corn—Market is very quiet. No 2 white at 38c; No 3 white, 35½c; rejected white, 35c; white car, 33c; yellow car at 38c. Oats—Receipts very light, and the market has an inclination to advance. No 2 mixed, 31½c. Rye—Market is steady at 50@51c. Pork—Sales mess pork at $12@$12 25; fancy, $13; clear family, $15; clear mess, $16 50. Kettle lard—Sales steam leaf at 8½c; leaf lard, 8½; bakers' lard, 8½c; kettle dried, 8½c. Bacon steady; shoulders, 7½c; short rib sides sell 8¼c; short clear sides sell 8½c. Whiskey—Market remains steady. Sales of distillers' goods on basis of $1 15 were 512 barrels.

Milwaukee, Nov. 23.—May wheat opened 64⅝c, held steady for some time, but then gradually declined under the influence of realizing by those who bought yesterday and day before, also freer offerings by shorts, and sold down to 63⅞c, closing 63⅝c bid. December closed 58⅛c, and cash at 57⅝c. Barley in better demand for medium and low grades; No. 2, 56c in store; extra, No. 3, 46@49c; No. 3, 38@45c. Rye—Better demand; No. 1, 46@46½c; No. 2, 45@46c. Oats—Better demand; No. 2 white, 30½@31c on track; No. 3 white, 29c. Corn—Good demand; No. 3, 36c; No. 4, 34c. Mill stuffs scarce. Sacked bran, $12 25@$12 50; middlings, $13 25@$13 50.

Minneapolis, Nov. 23.—The opening in wheat today was firm, and the close was easy. December opened 57⅞c, sold to 58¼c and closed 57⅝c. May opened 63c, sold up to 63⅝c and closed 62¾c. The trade was largely scalping. There was a stiff demand for cash wheat, and the price was unanimous between 59½@60c. There were over 100 cars sold at 60c, and as many more to arrive at the same price. The close for No 1 Northern was 59½c. No 2 Northern sold at 57½@58c. The millers were the main buyers. Receipts of wheat here were 274 cars. Flour unchanged. Bran and shorts—Market steady, unchanged. Corn market easy; No 3 new, 31@31½c; No 3 yellow, 31@32c. Oats—No 3 white, 26½@26½c; No 3, 25@26c.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—Flour—Rather better feeling, but trade continues quiet. Prices of spot goods, though firm, show no quotable improvement, but owing to the near close of lake navigation, the mills are asking more money for goods to arrive. Rye flour quiet and barely steady with sales of 100 bbls choice Pennsylvania, $2 95. Wheat market opened steadier, but afterward reacted to yesterday's final prices and closed dull. Export demand continued light. No 2 red November, 65@65¼c; December, 65¼@65½c; January, 65@67¼c; February, 68¾@69c. Corn—Option market weak, but prices showed no important change and were largely nominal in absence of any disposition to trade. Foreign orders generally limited below the market. Local car lots dull but steady; No 2 mixed November, 44@44¼c; December, January and February, 43@43½c. Oats market ruled firm, and prices advanced ½c on car lots, and ¼@½c on futures; the latter were dull but fair local trade demand. No 2 white November, 35½@35c; December, 35¼@35¼c; January, 35@35½c; February, 36¼@36¾c. Eggs firm and in fair demand; Pennsylvania firsts, 26½@27c. Sugars—Refined quiet and steady, with no change in quotations. Other articles unchanged.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—Flour—Very light demand. Trade was confined to a small job and order business. Bran firm and higher; most Eastern buyers refusing to pay over 59c, but as high as 60c paid east track. Wheat lower; November, 57½c; December, 57⅝@57¾c; January, 59c; May, 64⅝@64¾c. Corn weak and lower; November, 32c; December, 32⅛@32¼c; year, 32½c; January, 32¼c; May, 35½c. Oats weak; November, 28½c; December, 28¾c; May, 30¾c. Pork—Standard mess selling at $14 75@$15. On orders, $15 50@$15 75. Lard—Prime steam, 8¼c. Dry salt meats—shoulders, 6½c; longs and clear ribs, 7¼c; shorts, 7½c. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, 7¼c; longs, 8¼c; clear ribs, 8¼c; shorts, 8¾c. High wines steady; $1 15. Lead quiet at $3 20 sellers; but held firmly at that and two cars sold. Spelter—Last sale at $3 47½.

THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD AND RANGE OF PRICES.

New-York, November 23, 1893.

There has been no radical change in the petroleum situation, nor have recent advices indicated any bear news of even a temporary disturbing character. But the crude markets appear to show a slight sign of hesitation, and perhaps the upward tendency may be somewhat affected by the uncertainty of the general outlook as the time for the assembling of Congress draws near. There were no sales of certificates at the Consolidated Exchange, and the closing offer was at 74½ cents. That was the only quotation reported from Oil City.

Refined petroleum was unchanged at 5.15 cents a gallon in barrels, 2.65 cents in bulk and 5.90 cents in cases. Foreign quotations were: Antwerp, 11⅝@11½ francs; Bremen, 4.50 marks; London, 5⅝d.

THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, November 23, 1893.

Beeswax, pkgs	9	Leather, sides	7,275
Beans, bbls	89	Lead, pigs	1,550
Beans, bags	1,620	Mustard seed, bags	6,511
Cotton, bales	4,213	Rosin, bbls	425
Cottonseed oil, bbls	1,219	Spirits turp, bbls	1,124
Copper, bbls	50	Pitch, bbls	65
Copper, cakes	284	Tar, bbls	375
Dried fruit, pkgs	3,804	Oilcake, pkgs	342
Eggs, bbls	62	Oil, lard, bbls	41
Eggs, cases	4,674	Oil, lub, bbls	60
Flour, pkgs	32,245	Oleo, stock, pkgs	950
Buckwheat, bush	2,325	Pork, pkgs	56
R. W. flour, pkgs	26	Beef, pkgs	31
Cornmeal, pkgs	400	Cutmeats, pkgs	4,968
Cornmeal, bags	400	Dressed hogs, No	91
Wheat, bush	251,850	Lard, pkgs	808
Corn, bush	65,700	Lard, kegs	1,925
Oats, bush	[illegible]	Butter, pkgs	2,375
Malt, bush	22,100	Cheese, pkgs	3,639
Barley, bush	80,025	Rice, pkgs	116
Peas, bush	550	Raisins, Cal., pkgs	414
Hay, tons	1,150	Silk, pkgs	451
Straw, tons	294	Tobacco, pkgs	622
Flaxseed, bbls	11,550	Whiskey, bbls	246
Grass seed, bags	352	Wool, bales	293
Grease, pkgs	55	Cal. wine, pkgs	167
Hops, bales	237		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	47,072	Spirits turp., gals	280
Corn, bush	54,228	Ref. petrol'm, gals	1,775,340
Oats, bush	285	Lubric'g oils, gal	14,000
Rye, bush	625	Pork, bbls	1,087
Flour, bbls	4,904	Beef, bbls	176
Flour, sacks	2,235	Beef, tcs	623
Hay, bale	3,353	Bacon, lb	1,872,153
Oil cake, lb	928,000	Tallow, lb	20,200
Bran, lb	11,463	Lard, lb	1,231,575
Beans, bush	125	Tallow, lb	8,800
Cornmeal, bbls	85	Butter, lb	3,300
Hops, bales	9,587	Cheese, lb	71,249
Oilmeal, lb	141,000	Grease, lb	12,400
Cottonseed oil, gals	290		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No. 1 foundry		Molasses, prime new	35
Penn	$14 00	Turpentine	30
So. Grey Forge	11 50	Lard, prime West'n.	$9 00
Copper, lake insot	9 75	Pickled hams	9¼
Steel rails	22 00	Pork, mess	15 50
Lead	3 30	Hogs, dress'd, 100-lb	7⅞
Tin, spot	20 65	Sugar, granulated	4½
Cotton, middling	8⅛	Beef, family	12 50
Coal, stove	4 85	Beef hams	16 25
Coffee, No. 7	17¾@17⅞	Tallow, prime, city	3⅞
Flour, Minn. patents	4 00	Butter, ch'y, Pen	27½
Wheat, No. 2 red	63⅞	Cheese, la'g, fall	11⅛
Oats, No. 2 mixed	34	Eggs, best Western	25@26
Corn, No. 2 mixed	44½		

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, November 23, 1893.

COTTON—The cotton market has shown a decidedly better spirit today. Speculative investors have operated with a confidence not seen for several weeks past, the causes of improvement are manifold. Thus the advices from Europe have been much better, indicating increased activity in the market for spot cotton, with sales reaching 12,000 bales for the first time in several weeks, while the Liverpool future market grows firm at a net advance of 3-64@1-64d over the closing prices of the previous day. In addition to this is the fact that reports, numerous and from quite various sources, indicate the presence of English and American spinners in the Southern markets, the latter manifesting unusual interest in the staple as the direct result of the encouraging outcome of yesterday's important sale of drygoods. The firmness of the situation has been increased by predictions of a lighter movement at the ports next week, as the result of the subsiding movement in the interior, as indicated by recent returns. Thus the receipts at Augusta to-day are 856 bales only, against 1,728 bales last year, with Memphis receiving 3,052 bales, against 3,502 bales last year. Houston gets 6,200 bales, against 6,415 bales last year. Current estimates now point to a total of 165,000 bales for the interior this week. Estimates as to the extent of the crop are being reduced, and 7,250,000 bales is an average estimate probably in conservative quarters; some well-informed parties believe in a lower figure, on the idea that the receipts have been swelled by unusual haste on the part of cotton planters to get money for their cotton, that the movement has therefore been rapid at the expense of future receipts, and that the planters are now holding back an unusually small proportion of their crop. Of course this is the merest speculation, but it is worth noting in connection with the fact that during the currency famine planters were unable to borrow funds, and that it would naturally follow that they are in need of funds and have hurried their cotton forward on this account. Private cables are quite reassuring as to the outlook in Manchester, and predict continued activity on the part of the English spinners, especially now that American spinners have commenced to pick up their cars a little. The market here closed at a net advance over yesterday's closing of 11@18 points, steady in tone, with sales for the day reaching 208,200 bales.

Opening, range and close today and closing bids the previous night and last year follow:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Last night.	Last year.
November	.....	.....	.....	8.05@8.08	7.92	9.13
December	8.04	8.13	8.04	8.10@8.11	7.97	9.14
January	8.08	8.18	8.08	8.16@8.17	8.02	9.15
February	8.18	8.24	8.18	8.21@8.22	8.08	9.08
March	8.27	8.32	8.25	8.29@8.30	8.16	9.82
April	8.36	8.39	8.34	8.36@8.37	8.24	9.93
May	8.42	8.47	8.41	8.44@8.45	8.32	10.04
June	8.50	8.54	8.49	8.50@8.52	8.39	10.13
July	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.20

SPOT COTTON—The market for spot cotton has been firmer but quiet. Quotations advanced ⅛c. Middling uplands, 8⅛c. Middling New-Orleans, 8⅜c. Sales—Spot cotton, 425 bales. Rates on and off middling, at which grades other than middling may be delivered on contract for May, June and July, inclusive, are unchanged, viz: on good middling, 5-16c on; strict low middling, 3-16c off; low middling, 7-16c off; strict good ordinary, 13-16c off; good ordinary, 1⅛c off; good middling stained, even; strict middling stained, 7-32c off; middling stained, 7-16c off; strict low middling stained, 29-32c off; low middling stained, 1⅛c off.

New-York net receipts, 741 bales; gross, 4,213 bales; forwarded, 521 bales; sales, 125 bales, all spinners; stock, 155,179 bales. Total net port receipts to-day, 40,651 bales; thus far this week, 242,122 bales. Exports to-day—Great Britain, 33,841 bales; France, 13,594 bales; Continent, 7,050 bales. Consolidated net port receipts so far this week, 242,122 bales. Exports: Great Britain, 120,708 bales; France, 32,605 bales; Continent, 36,191 bales; total, 189,502 bales; stock, 1,050,831 bales. Liverpool cables—Not cotton, moderate demand at all prices. Sales, 12,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000 bales; American, 10,400 bales; receipts, 44,000 bales; American, 43,000 bales; ordinary, 4 1-16; good ordinary, 4¼; low middling, 4⅝; middling, 4⅝; good middling, 4⅞; middling fair, 4 15-16. Future opened firm; demand fair at 2-64 to 3-64 advance; closed firm at 3-64 to 4-64 net advance. January-February, 4⅝; February-March, 4⅝; March-April, 4⅞; April-May, 4⅞; May-June, 4⅞; June-July, 4⅞; July-August, 4⅞; August-September, 4⅞; September-October, 4⅞; October-November, 4⅞; November-December, 4⅞; December-January, 4⅞ to 4⅞. Bombay weekly cotton report. Receipts—This week, 13,000 bales; last year, 14,000 bales; total since January 1, this year, 1,622,000 bales; last year, 1,602,000 bales. Afloat, this week, 1,000 bales; last year, 2,000 bales; total, last year, 1,000 bales. Bombay—Exports this week—To Great Britain, 10,000 bales; last year, Continent, 4,000 bales; total since January 1, this year, Great Britain, 40,000 bales; Continent, 264,000 bales; last year, Great Britain, 69,000 bales; Continent, 848,000 bales.

COFFEE—The coffee market opened 5 to 15 points lower, with sales of 1,500 bags; increased to 9,000 bags by 2 o'clock, including December, 16.15@16.20; January at 15.60@16.05; February at 15.80; March at 15.95; May at 15.45. The explanation of the weakness was given in the disappointment of European buyers, which showed a loss of bags from all the Havre ports after an advance in that market of 5c franc. The Havre advices were particularly disappointing and were largely responsible for the weakness here. The Hamburg market, which took a holiday yesterday, shows a decline of 1-16 to ⅛ pf on the regular list of business. Rates of Brazil exchange remain as follows: No 7 Rio at 19½ for sight, 19¾ for cable. Receipts, 3,000 bags; stock, 117,000 bags; market strong. Santos receipts, 9,000 bags; stock, 397,000 bags; market quiet; good average Santos, 15 3-200. The stock at New-York to-day is 115,716 bags; stock in the United States, 142,137 bags; afloat, 310,000 bags; visible supply, 161,000 bags, against 227,000 bags last year. The talk on Change was that speculators cheerful at this time. This is largely owing to the apathy and recent weakness in the market for spot coffee, which is very slow on the basis of 17½c for No 7 Rio, with sellers at that price. The market for contracts closed steady, and 5 to 10 points lower. Total sales were 12,750 bags, as follows:

	Sales, bags.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closed today.	Last year bids.
November	750	16.75	16.75	16.65@16.75	.....
December	3,000	16.20	16.15	16.20@16.30	.....
January	2,750	16.05	15.90	16.00@16.05	.....
February	950	15.90	15.80	15.80@15.85	.....
March	3,500	15.70	15.65	15.65@15.70	.....
April	.....	.....	.....	15.50@15.55	.....
May	500	15.35	15.25	15.35@15.40	.....

*Holiday.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	Today.	Yesterday.	Last Year.
Stock, New-York	119,023	121,638	.....
Stock, Baltimore	13,959	13,984	.....
Stock, New-Orleans	16,462	16,762	.....
Stock, United States	160,484	155,433	.....
Afloat for United States	331,000	276,000	.....
Visible supply	491,484	431,423	.....
Warehouse deliveries, N. Y.	8,013	5,240	.....
Warehouse deliveries, Balt.	34	99	.....
Warehouse deliveries, N. O.	350	651	.....
Total warehouse deliveries	9,296	5,990	.....

Brazil coffee was dull and quite nominal as to values owing in a measure to the unsettled condition of the Brazilian markets. The jobbing demand here is slow. The quotation for spot No 7 is 17¾@17⅞c.

Mild coffee was quiet. A sale of 500 bags Mocha was made at 22c, and 500 bags Cartagena at 20½c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The flour market was decidedly less active to-day, with buyers holding off, owing to the disappointment of the wheat market. There was only a small carload trade in winter wheat flour and scarcely any better demand for spring wheat. The bids were lower, and at the close there was a reduction of bids of about 5c. The sudden change in the market from yesterday's improved tone was a keen disappointment to many of the trade. Total transactions were 9,500 pkgs, including 600 bbls winter patents at $3 50@$3 65; 1,200 bbls straights at $3 15@$3 25; 150 bbls extra fresh at $2 65; 300 bbls extra seconds at $2 20@$2 50; 250 bbls superfine at $2 15@$2 25; 2,500 bbls spring patents at $3 90@$4 35 (the latter fancy, most of the trade being at $3 40@$4); 1,500 bbls straights at $3 60@$3 75 in wood; 300 bbls clears at $2 70@$3; 750 bbls rye mixtures at $2 60@$2 90; and 2,000 sacks extra fresh at private terms. For export Southern flour was dull, but nominally steady.....BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—The market was dull but firm on delayed receipts. Sales were 150 sacks at $2 65.....RYE FLOUR—The market was quiet, but steady. Sales were 300 bbls at $2 90@$3.

Quotations follow:

	Spring. Sacks.	Spring. Barrels.	Winter. Sacks.	Winter. Barrels.
No grade	$1 60@$1 70	.....@.....	$1 65@$1 80	.....@.....
Fine	1 75@ 1 80	.....@.....	1 80@ 1 90	2 00@ 2 10
Sup'fine	1 80@ 1 90	.....@.....	2 00@ 2 10	2 15@ 2 25
Ex No 2	1 95@ 2 00	2 05@ 2 25	2 15@ 2 30	2 25@ 2 50
Ex No 1	2 10@ 2 25	2 25@ 2 45	2 30@ 2 50	2 50@ 2 70
Clear	2 30@ 2 50	2 50@ 2 85	2 50@ 2 75	2 75@ 3 00
Straight	2 80@ 3 35	3 00@ 3 65	2 80@ 3 00	3 60@ 3 75
Mich. do	.....@.....	.....@.....	.....@.....	3 00@ 3 25
Patent	3 30@ 3 60	3 50@ 4 10	.....@.....	3 35@ 3 65
City mills, West India grades				3 60@ 3 65
Do patents				4 25@ 4 50
Pure rye				2 90@ 3 00
Mixed rye				2 75@ 2 90

CORNMEAL—The market is steady. Sales, 800 bbls. Quotations: Yellow Western, $2 65@$2 85; Brandywine, $2 80; Sagamore, $2 80; Southern white, bags, $1 15@$1 25.....BAG MEAL—Quiet. Quotations: Fine white, $1 00@$1 05; fine yellow, 98@$1; coarse, 88@90c.....FEED—Market steady. Quotations of Western carlots, 40-lb, 72½@75c; 50-lb, 72½@75c; 80-lb, 75@80c; 100-lb, 80@85c; shorts, 95c@$1; city feed steady at 80c; rye feed, 75@80c; hominy chop, 85c; cottonseed meal, $1 20@$1 25; oil meal, $1 40@$1 45.

GRAIN—WHEAT—It was a very quiet market in wheat this morning with prices early showing some tendency toward lower figures, but later there was a recovery of ⅛@¼c. The early decline was in part due to disappointment at the foreign news. Owing to the strength of the American market last evening it had been anticipated that the European markets would show considerable strength to-day. There was an improvement in tone, but there was not much improvement in the foreign buying. There was some foreign orders in the market, but the interest of foreigners seemed to