FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONDAY, May 3—P. M.—The day's business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was: Receipts for customs, $341,000; receipts for gold notes, $1,145,000; total receipts, $2,133,900.84; total payments, $3,578,320.65; balance, $80,545,969.84. Clearing House statement: Exchanges, $170,302,485.42; balances, $3,564,710.73.

The gold market has been strong on active transactions, the price advancing from 135¾ at the opening to 136¾, closing at 135¾ at 3 o'clock; after the formal close, the price ranged from 135¾ to 135¼. The excitement in the gold market has been the chief feature of interest in Wall street to-day, as the opinion was very general that the payment of the May interest, augmented by the sale of Treasury gold, would depress the premium. This was powerless, however, to stay the advance, in view of the continued agitation of the Alabama question, discussion being renewed by the English press on the receipt of Senator Chandler's speech demanding that the Canadas be ceded to the United States as a just liquidation of the Alabama claims. This has had the effect of depressing Government bonds in London, and created fears that our obligations in Europe would be settled by exports of specie rather than by United States securities, the demand for the latter having been checked. The gold loan market was abundantly supplied, 5, 4, 3, 2½, 1½, and 1 ¾ cent, being the rates paid for carrying. The disbursements of coin interest were $1,092,357.53. The imports of specie at this port during the week past were $810,465, making a total since Jan. 1 of $8,311,442; same time 1868, $2,642,645; same time 1867, $729,602.

The total clearings at the Gold Exchange Bank were $14,019,000, and balances, $1,177,650.56; currency balances, $2,961,573.95. Leading gold quotations:

A. M.	Bid.	Asked	A. M.	Bid.	Asked	P. M.	Bid.	Asked.
10	135	135¼	11½	135¼	135½	3	135¾	136
10 30	135¼	135½	12	135¼	135½	3 30	135¾	136
11	135¼	135½	12 30	135¼	135½	4	135¾	136¼

Foreign exchange has been dull, buyers showing little disposition to purchase at present high rates, but rates continue firm at 109½@109¾ on sixty days' bills, 109¾@110¼ for short sight, and 108¾@108¾ for commercial sterling.

In the money market there was a renewal of the activity of Saturday, but the demand was readily met at seven per cent in currency, that being the general rate on all classes of security. That this activity is but temporary there is little doubt, as the banks are gaining steadily to their humbler resources. Prime discounts range from 5½ to 10 per cent, according to the grade of paper.

Government bonds were strong and buoyant at the opening, showing an advance of ¼ to ⅜ per cent, on Saturday's closing prices on the five-twenty issues, and sixty-sevens selling up to 117. At the midday session there were some considerable sales, owing to the lower quotations of bonds in London, notwithstanding the upward tendency of the gold premium, but at the final call the market again became buoyant, closing, however, a shade lower. Six per cent was paid to have the sixty-sevens carried. Henry Clews & Co., 32 Wall street, report at 5 P. M.:

	Bid.	Ask'd.		Bid.	Ask'd.
Pacific 6s	106¼	106⅝	5-20s, '65, coup	113⅝	114⅛
Reg. 6s, 1881	113⅝	113⅞	5-20s, '67, coup	113⅝	113⅞
Coupons	110	110¼	5-20s, '68, coup	113⅝	113⅞
Reg. 5-20s, '62	113¼	113½	10-40s, reg	109⅛	109⅝
Coupons, '62	113¼	113½	10-40s, coupon	109⅛	109⅝
5-20s, '64, coup	113¼	113½	Gold, 1868	136⅝	136⅞

In State bonds the Tennessees led the list, at lower quotations. Virginias were lightly dealt in, and North Carolinas were steady. There was an active demand for Louisiana levee bonds, which were held at higher prices. We subjoin closing quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Tenn. 6s, ex c.c.	67¾	68	N. C. 6s new	51½	54⅝
Tenn. 6s, n.	66	66¼	Missouri 6s	93⅝	94
Virg. 6s, ex c.	57	58	Louisiana 6s	73	75
Virg. 6s, n.	56	57	Louisiana 6s, s.b.	70¾	71¼
Georgia 6s	90¾	91¼	Louisiana s.b.	—	69
N. C. 6s, ex c.c.	60¾	61	Alabama 5s	101¾	—

Railway bonds were without especial change. In bank shares we note sales of Bank of North America at 140, Commerce, 157, American Exchange, 114, Central National, 113½, and Fourth National at 104.

Railway shares opened strong at about the closing quotations of Saturday night, and advanced at the morning Boards, after which the market weakened and continued heavy and irregular, closing weak. There appears to be some less of available margin in the cliques, in order to force down prices, for the purpose of buying in at lower quotations. This was especially true of the Northwestern stocks and St. Paul shares, the first named declining to 86¾ for common, and 97¾ for preferred; St. Paul to 76¾, and St. Paul preferred to 86¼, though receiving slightly at the close. The Vanderbilt shares were barely steady. New York Central ranging from 177¾ to 177¼; Hudson from 157¾ to 156¾, while Harlem opened at 131¾, declined to 148, and again recovered to 151. Fort Wayne, Michigan Southern, and Lake Shore were exceptionally strong, Fort Wayne advancing from 140¼ to 145¾, on reports of a scrip dividend. Michigan Southern sold up to 105¾, and Lake Shore to 104¼. Pittsburgh was dull, and declined from 93¾ to 91¾, later returning to 92¾. Rock Island ranged from 105¼ to 105¾, and Reading from 90¼ to 90¾. Old and Mississippi was steady at 23@23¼, and Wabash at 72¼@72¾.

The miscellaneous shares were dull, and devoid of special interest. Pacific Mail range is from 91¼ to 92¼. Western Union Telegraph from 44¼ to 45¼, and Mariposa preferred from 43½ to 42¾. Quicksilver was quiet at 29¾. In express shares there was little movement.

The following are the prices at the regular morning Board, compared with those of Saturday:

	Sat.	Mon.	Adv.	Dec.
U. S. 6's coupons, 1881	118¾	118¾	⅜	—
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1862	113¾	113¾	⅜	—
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1864	113¾	113¾	⅜	—
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1865, n	115	115¼	⅜	—
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1865, n	116¾	116¾	—	—
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1867	113¾	113¾	⅜	—
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1868	113¾	113¾	⅜	—
U. S. 10-40 coupons	109	109	—	—
Tennessee 6s	67⅝	68	⅜	—
Tennessee 6s, new	68¼	68½	⅜	—
North Carolina 6s, new	54¾	55¼	—	—
Harlem	151	151¼	⅜	—
Hudson River	157¾	157¾	—	¼
Michigan Southern	104	104¾	⅜	—
Illinois Central	143	143	—	—
Pittsburgh	93¾	92¾	—	¼
Northwestern	86¾	87	⅜	—
Lake Shore	103¾	104	⅜	—
Fort Wayne	140¾	140¾	⅜	—
Milwaukee & St. Paul	76¾	76¾	—	—
Milwaukee & St. Paul pf.	87¾	87¾	⅜	—
Mariposa, pref.	43¾	43¾	—	—
Adams Express	62	61¾	—	¼

William Belden, 78 Broadway and 7 New street, reports at 6 P. M.:

	Bid.	Ask'd.		Bid.	Ask'd.
Cumberland	30	34	Reading	93⅝	93¾
Wells, F. & Co.	23¾	26	Hud. R. W.	157	158
American Ex.	41	42	Tol. W. & W. pf	77	78
Adams Ex.	61¾	61¾	Mil. & St. Paul	77¾	78
U. S. Ex.	63	64	St. Paul pref.	86¾	86¾
Met. Union Ex.	15	16	Pacific Mail	91¾	92
Quicksilver	29¾	29¾	Ohio & Miss.	33	33¼
Canton Co.	51	51	Rich. Cent.	1¾	1¾
Pacific Mail	91¾	92	Mich. South.	104¾	104¾
Mariposa	14	18	Ill. Cent.	146	146¾
Mariposa Pref.	42¾	43¾	Clev. & Pitts.	92¾	93
West. Un. Tel.	44¾	45	Lake Shore	104	104¼
N. Y. Gas	57¾	57¾	Chicago & N.W.	85¾	86
Ext.	25¾	28¾	Northwestern	86¾	86¾
Erie Pref.	53	53	Northwest. Pf.	97¾	98
Illinois Cent.	145¾	146¾	Boston W. P.	16	17

NEW YORK MARKETS.

MONDAY, May 3.—FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market was fairly active and firmer on the low grades, with a strong market on the medium and better grades; sales 8,500 bbls. at $5.60@$6 for superfine Western, $6@$6.40 for extra Western, $6.10@$6.40 for extra Ohio, $6.40@$6.50 for baker's and family brands. Rye flour firmer at $4.75@$5.35. Corn meal tending upward.

GRAIN.—Active and firmer, but without quotable advance; sales 3,100 bushels at 98c. for middling uplands, and 99@99½c. for Gulfs.

COFFEE.—Quiet and nearly nominal; Rio, 19½@23c.

SUGAR.—Firm, with fair demand for prime and good grocery, 11¼@11¾c. Sales 510 hhds. West crushed, 12½c.

HIDES.—Quiet and unchanged; sales, 1,200 dry B. A. cow, at 22½c. gold.

PETROLEUM.—Refined nominal at 30@32½c. for standard white; 30,000 bbls. sold at 32c. for last half of May, and 34½c. for July. Crude quiet at 19½c. in bulk.

OILS.—Linseed oil in fair request and at 90@94.

NAVAL STORES.—Rosins rather out quiet, at $2.80@$2.85 for strained, and $2.90@$3.50 for No. 2; small sales in these ranges. Spirits turpentine opened at 46c., but closed firmer at 45¾@46c. Tar $2.75@$3.75. Pitch, $3.

WHISKEY.—Firmer and more active; sales, 400 bbls. at 93c@93½c., tax paid.

PROVISIONS.—Pork in good demand for consumption but prices unsettled; sales 850 bbls. at $30.75@$31 for new mess, $30 for extra prime, $28 for prime, and $26.50 for thin mess. Beef more quiet but prime mess more active, with a sale of 250 bbls. at full price; beef hams quiet; cut meats quiet at 13¾@14c. for shoulders, and 15¾@16c. for hams. Bacon quiet, 13½ hds. various grades sold at 16½c. Lard firm; sales 750 pkgs. at 16¾@17¼c. for No. 1, and city 15¾@16c. for all sorts, and 18¾@18¾c. for bottle rendered. Dressed hogs lower; sales 1,000 at 12½c. Butter dull and active, new Western 22@28c.; new state, 30@40c. Cheese nominal. Eggs firmer, at 20½@21c.

FREIGHTS.—To Liverpool, by steam, 30,000 bush. wheat, at 10½d.

GRAIN.—Wheat active and $c. better; sales 67,000 bush. at $1.30@$1.32 for Chicago spring, $1.32@$1.35 for No. 1 do., in store; $1.36@$1.37 for amber Western winter; $1.36 for white do.; and white California nominal at $1.30@$1.35, with a greatly reduced stock. The demand was mainly for export. Rye firmer at $1.35@$1.40. Corn active and 3c. better; sales 85,000 bush. at 80@81c. for new Western mixed afloat; 80@81c. for old do. in store, and 84@85c. for Western yellow. Oats active and firmer; sales 90,000 bush. at 85@86½c. in store and afloat. Barley and barley malt nominal. Stocks on hand, 1,060,000 bush. wheat, 700,000 do. oats, 530,000 do. corn, and 116,000 do. rye.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Monday, May 3.—BEEVES.—The arrivals since Saturday were 2,950 head, of which 2,671 were on sale to-day, comprising medium to extra quality. The market was a shade stronger than on Friday last, or strong ½c. ₩ lb. better than one week ago, closing firm at 16@18c. for medium to extra, with a few parcels of thinly cleaned ones. The heaviest advance is on fair to good steers such as are used by wholesale butchers. The inside extra sales were at 18½@19c., and 19½@19¾c.; medium to fair, 15@16½c.; inferior to common, 12@14½c. Receipts for the week, 6,637.

SHEEP.—The receipts for the Saturday's market, footed up 7,000 head, and besides these, there were 1,500 left over from Saturday. Sheep were scarce at Forth St. yards, and the offerings were readily sold at an advance of ½c. ₩ lb. At Communipaw the market was slow, owners claimed an advance, but only three car loads had been sold up to 2 P. M., and fully 2,000 head were left over. Sales at Hudson City were fair at 8c. ₩ lb. advance. Inferior to good sheared sheep were sold at 5¾@7c., and fair unshorn at 7½@8½c. Sheared sheep are quoted at 5@6½c., and unshorn at 7@8½c. Receipts in the week, 18,363.

MILCH COWS.—Good and choice milkers are scarce and wanted at $70@$110 ₩ head; common to fair are slow at $50@$65. At Communipaw the market was slow; owners claimed an advance, but only three car loads had been sold up to 2 P. M., and fully 2,000 head were left over. Sales at Hudson City were fair at $60 ₩ head