FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONEY MARKET.

FRIDAY, Jan. 12—6 P. M.

A further improvement was realized in quotations for stocks to-day. At the first board Panama bonds advanced ⅜ per cent; Illinois Central bonds, 1½; N. Y. Central bonds, ¼; Canton Company, ¾; Nicaragua Transit, ¼; Cumberland Coal, 1; N. Y. Central Railroad, 1; Illinois Central Railroad, ½; Panama, 2; Erie Railroad, ¾; Harlem, ¾; Hudson Railroad, 2; Northern Indiana Railroad, 4; Reading Railroad sold at 70¾ a 71, stock dividend of ten per cent off. Erie Railroad closed at 44¾, buyer's option; Nicaragua Transit since yesterday morning has advanced 2 per cent; Harlem prefered sold to-day at 70 per cent, the first sales we have noticed for some time. Illinois Central bonds sold largely to-day at the improvement. An offer of 80¼ per cent was made this morning for a small lot of the new issue of Erie bonds. This was probably made for effect. Many of the bidders for the new loan have put their bonds in the market for sale. If they can realize a profit, they will make their bids good; if not, they will be wanting when called upon. N. Y. Central Railroad was quite active to-day, and there were sellers all ways—buyer's and seller's option.

After the adjournment of the board the following sales of bonds and stocks were made at auction:—

$2,000 Cleveland and Toledo Railroad incomes	66⅞
3,000 Columbus, Piqua and Ind. R.R. 1st mort.	72¾
80 shares Excelsior Fire Insurance Co.	62 a 64
70 do. Parker Vein Company	15
20 do. Union Iron Company	50
1,000 do. Union Gold Mining Co. of N.C.	118

At the second board the market was not as buoyant. Hudson River Railroad fell off ¾ per cent; Cumberland Coal, ½; Galena and Chicago, ½; New York Central Railroad, ½. Erie bonds, 1875, sold at 81½ per cent. The sale of but one was reported at that price, and it was probably a mark, to fix, if possible, an advance on the rates at which the loan was taken.

The failure of a large banking house, doing business in this city, at the West and in California, was reported this afternoon in Wall street, just after the departure of the steamship Star of the West for Nicaragua. The amount involved is very heavy, and railroad entanglements at the West is said to be the cause of the suspension. The report was not generally believed—at all events, it did not disturb bull stock speculators much, or create much excitement in financial circles.

The transactions at the Assistant Treasurer's office to-day, were as follows:—

Received	$102,234 01
Payments	34,881 33
Paid for Assay Office	356,631 47
Balance	2,178,752 91

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Knickerbocker Bank, held a few days since, it was decided to raise the amount of money necessary to make the capital good, and to resume business under a new name. The deficiency in the capital, amounting to about $200,000, was nearly raised by subscription on the spot. The old directors have resigned, and a new board will be made up. It is to be hoped that experienced men will be found to manage the affairs of the new institution, and that the system pursued by the old management will be avoided. A bank is much wanted in that locality, and, if properly conducted, would pay good dividends.

The New Amsterdam Fire Insurance Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent; the Delaware and Raritan Canal, and Camden and Amboy Railroad Company, a dividend of six per cent. The Bank for Savings, Chambers street, will pay interest on its deposits, on the 15th inst., at the rate of five per cent per annum on all sums under five hundred dollars, and at the rate of four per cent on larger sums. The Greenwich Savings Bank will pay on the 15th inst., interest at the rate of six per cent per annum on all sums of five hundred dollars and under, and at the rate five per cent on larger sums.

The net profits of the Michigan Central Railroad Company for the past six months, were $367,873 64, which leaves a surplus of $27,013 64, after the payment of the six per cent dividend. The capital upon which the dividend is paid is, in round numbers, $5,681,000: The gross receipts of the last six months were about $1,168,837 29, with $800,963 65 of expenses and interest account. The money earned has been used in construction, assisting connecting roads, &c. There was a disposition in the board at its recent meeting to pass the dividend entirely, but it was at last decided to make a stock dividend.

The Superintendent of the Banking Department has declared a final dividend of eleven per cent on the outstanding certificates for redemption of the notes of the Atlas Bank, Clymer, if presented within six months from January 10.

The warrants entered at the Treasury Department, Washington, on the 10th inst. were:—

For the redemption of stock	$2,203 64
For supplying the deficiency in the revenue of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1855, and for paying for mail service for the two houses of Congress and Departments	711,116 00
For paying Treasury debts	1,117 23
For the Customs	29,398 11
Covered into the Treasury from lands	6,441 95
For the War Department	38,256 64
For repaying in the War Department	27,082 25
For the Interior Department	17,257 81

The Texas Treasury exhibit is exceedingly interesting to her poor creditors, who have been waiting the payment of their claims for the last ten years. The balance of the general fund in the treasury consists of $166,062 in specie, and $4,575,000 of United States government stock. This is exclusive of $5,000,000 United States government stocks at Washington, which neither Texas nor her creditors can get without an act of Congress, which ought long since to have been passed.

The Bank Commissioners of New Jersey report that twenty-four banks have been established under the general law; ten are in operation, eleven have given notice of winding up, two have been stopped by injunctions, and one is being proceeded against. The banks still in operation are the Hudson Co. Bank, Jersey City; Newark City Bank; Central Bank, Hightstown; Passaic Co. Bank, Paterson; America Bank, Trenton; Bordentown Banking Co.; Cape May Co. Bank; Princeton Bank; Bank of New Jersey, New Brunswick; Hunterdon Co. Bank, Flemington. The last has been organised during the preceding year. The Farmers' Bank, N. J., at New Brunswick, and Princeton Bank, have come under the general law since the expiration of their charters.

The banks that are closing are: Ocean Bank, Bergen Iron Works, Delaware and Hudson at Tom's River, Merchants' at May's Landing, Atlantic at Cape May Court House, Bank of America and Traders' do., City Bank, Cape Island, Farmers' at Freehold, Tradesmens' at Flemington, Public Stock at Belvidere, Bank of North America, Flemington. The banks closed by injunction are: American, Exchange, Cape May Court House, and Merchants' Bank, Bridgeton. The Wheat Growers' Bank, Newton, has been proceeded against for non-compliance with the law, but the case is undecided. The circulation issued under the general law has been considerably less than $3,000,000, the limit fixed. No loss has been sustained by noteholders in the winding up of the banks. None of the banks have failed, but have stopped voluntarily or under injunction—in the latter case for non-compliance with the law.

On the 9th inst. the first through train from Cairo over the Illinois Central Railroad arrived with great *eclat* at Chicago, and hereafter will run regularly, laying open the interior of the State to markets north and south. In this connection the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office possesses this year extraordinary interest, not only that its transactions have been larger than in any year since 1838, but that it develops the causes of the great increase in business. It is well known that the government, after making large grants to Western States for the construction of canals and other purposes, also made important grants in aid of railroads; of these the most important was to the Illinois Central, out of lands which had been in the market an average of fifteen years, at $1 25, without realising a dollar. In relation to these grants the Land Commissioner remarks:—

It is impossible to portray the vast benefits already derived by the West from this system. Immense regions have been disposed of that were thought to be wholly unsaleable because of the difficulty of access; and so numerous are the applications for these lands that in some cases, for want of time, they cannot be acted on for months after they are made. The government has been consequently benefited, as will be seen in part from the following table:—

Statement showing the quantity of land sold, with amount of purchase money received for the same; also, the quantity located within the six and fifteen mile limits of the Illinois Central Railroad, from the date of being offered at public sale, commencing July 5th to 30th of September, 1854, within the State of Illinois, viz.:—

Within six miles, 424,473 acres, yielding $1,079,478 72. Of this amount 341,216 acres were located with warrants. In addition to these totals there was an excess of $430,075 66 paid by parties who located with warrants, for odd amounts of land which their warrants do not cover.

Within fifteen miles 348,880 acres, yielding $438,317 51. Of this amount 1,263,234 acres were located with warrants, and on which an excess of $36,256 92 was paid in money by the parties.

Acres sold within both limits	773,353 26
Acres located within both limits	1,604,641 11
Total sold and located with warrants	2,377,994 37
Cash received for land sold	$1,547,796 28
Excess in cash from locations with warrants	466,332 73
Total cash received	$2,014,129 01
Cash value of warrants surrendered	2,005,801 38

If the object sought in the passage of the graduation act was to get rid of these lands as soon as practicable there is little doubt that object will be attained by it. If, on the contrary, the supposition was that the lands would not sell for more, the foregoing, I think, will satisfactorily show that supposition to be erroneous.

This immense sums of two millions of dollars in cash has been realized through the action of the Illinois road in a region that had, for fifteen years, not only been valueless to the government but a national waste. Those lands, which settlers would not take as a gift, are now sold at double price to persons whose applications are filed months ahead for them. We have now to remember that these are the refuse lands of that region; that the 2,600,000 acres held by the Illinois railroad, are selected lands, in the best localities, in the heart of a country filling up with the rapidity indicated in the return of the commissioner. In two years the government has sold 2,377,994 acres in that region to settlers, and the sales in the September quarter were greater than ever. Probably one-fourth of all the lands sold by the government were in the region of the Illinois Central road. The whole produce of that land must go, next year, to swell the business of the road. That is to say, a region of prolific land, equal to the whole surface of the State of Connecticut, is brought under cultivation, tributary to the Illinois Central road. Even if the road had no land of its own, this fact would establish its prosperity. The Governor of the State, in his annual message, also remarks that the average price obtained by the company for sales, has been $10 88 per acre, and he estimates great revenues to the State from the seven per cent tax on the gross receipts of the company. The company, the State, and the federal government have reason to congratulate each other on the reciprocal prosperity their connection has produced.

The annual report of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, just issued, gives the annexed exhibit of receipts and expenditures up to the 1st of January, 1855:—

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Expenses.

Charter expenses		$51,299
Company expenses—Salaries, expenses, advertising, office expenses, &c.		235,935
Lands—Right of way, purchases of lands, land expenses, solicitor's fees, &c.		720,863
Construction of road—Machinery, bridges, grading, transportation of materials, spikes, ties, and all other items except iron		9,820,913
Railroad iron, including insurance and transportation	$3,979,136	
Less returned premiums on insurance	17,321	
		3,961,814
Engineering—Expenses, surveys, profiles, &c.		385,826
Interest—Paid in general account, including interest on stock	$275,107	
Interest on bonds to 1st April, 1854	519,160	
		794,267
Total		$15,970,920
Equipment—Including engines, cars, machinery, tools, &c.		1,727,178
Total expenditures		$17,698,098

(Of the above there are 62 engines, 42 passenger, and 1,290 freight cars.)

Receipts.

Capital stock of the company is represented by 170,000 shares, of which 113,078 shares have been issued in the United States, 28,395 shares issued in London, and 21,468 shares are still held by the company, also 11,699 shares in unexpired rights to subscribe. From the stock on the books of the company in New York, there has been received		$1,576,920
From the stock on the London books		142,520
On 10,000 shares, $20 has been paid.	$200,000	
On 72,165 " 15 "	1,082,475	
On 41,868 " 10 "	418,680	
On 3,657 " 5 "	18,285	
		1,719,440
Less appropriated to the interest fund in March and December, 1851		300,000
Total		$1,419,440
Construction bonds—$16,197,000 of construction bonds have been issued and delivered, exclusive of commissions and expenses for negotiating the same, net to the company, (average 914 570-1,000)		14,813,394
Sundry receipts.—Premium on sterling bills sold	59,356	
Premium on domestic bills sold	20,720	
		89,106
Bills payable.—Acceptances by the treasurer of drafts made in Illinois on the office in New York, in payment of expenditures of construction, and notes given to banks and bankers for funds remitted to and disbursed in Illinois, say	$1,410,059	
Loans	116,000	
Sundry accounts	278,367	
		1,804,426
Total receipts from every source		$18,126,277

The receipts for the past few months have exceeded the anticipations of the Directors. The passenger trains from Cairo have carried from fifty to one hundred and fifty passengers per day for the few weeks since the road has been opened. Travellers from St. Louis to the upper Mississippi availed themselves of the opening of the road to Galena last month, to take the circuitous route, via Chicago, in preference to six or eight days detention upon the river. Now that the main line is done, this business will probably increase when the navigation opens, passengers coming to Sandoval over the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad. Owing to the isolated position of Cairo, it was thought inexpedient to attempt running freight trains until cars could be conveyed there cheaply, over the main line, which has been done during the past week. The Superintendent advises that he has engaged to carry, at once, 8,000 barrels of beef and pork, (coming from Springfield by the Great Western Road,) from Decatur to Cairo, and that the merchants at Chicago are making arrangements to have their supplies of sugar, molasses, coffee, &c., from New Orleans landed at Cairo, to be transported over the line.

The road is equipped with sixty-two locomotives. It is proposed to increase the number to seventy-two within the next six months. There are 1,250 baggage, freight and gravel cars paid for on the line. 150 more will complete the contract entered into for supplying these, and there will then be enough to meet the probable wants of the road. 42 passenger cars are also paid for and in use. This equipment is all of the first quality, not surpassed on any road in the country, and has cost $1,727,178 59.

The annexed statement exhibits the quantity and value of foreign dry goods entered at this port for consumption, for warehouse, and also the withdrawals from warehouse, during the week ending Thursday, January 11, 1855:—

MOVEMENTS IN FOREIGN DRY GOODS.

	Package.	Value.
Entered for Consumption.		
Manufactures of wool	723	$240,863
" of cotton	1,320	285,833
" of silk	231	177,378
" of flax	1,031	235,855
Miscellaneous	320	152,538
Total	3,627	$1,090,487
Withdrawn from Warehouse.		
Manufactures of wool	109	$47,145
" of cotton	53	14,511
" of silk	178	85,234
" of flax	148	28,187
Miscellaneous	1,522	22,061
Total	2,010	$197,138
Entered for Warehousing.		
Manufactures of wool	374	$100,107
" of cotton	973	157,553
" of silk	75	68,855
" of flax	296	49,544
Miscellaneous	141	38,694
Total	1,858	$414,753
Ent'd for consump'n, 2d week in Jan., 1853		$2,666,443
1854		1,874,259
1855		1,090,487
Withdr'n f'm wareh'e 2d week in Jan., 1853		211,726
1854		245,664
1855		197,138
Ent'd for warehouse, 2d week in Jan., 1853		175,020
1854		516,668
1855		414,753

The value of dry goods put on the market during the second week in January this year, was considerably less than for the corresponding week in either of the two previous years. If there is no increase in the importation of general merchandise, the aggregate will show a great reduction. The indications at present are decidedly in favor of a moderate importation for the spring trade.

Stock Exchange.

FRIDAY, Jan. 12, 1855.

$6000 Virginia 6's	93¼	100 shs N i CenRR	87
15000 do s3	93½	100 do b60	87½
24000 Missouri 6's b3	88¼	50 do opg	87½
5000 do s5	88	50 do s60	87
600 Ohio 6's, '60	100	200 do s60	88¾
2000 S Fran 10 p ct	101½	100 do opg	87¼
2000 Eri In Bds s3	102½	100 do b90	87½
5000 Erie C Bs, '71 c	75	350 do s60	86½
13000 Pan Bs, 2d is	91	50 do	87
35000 Ill Cen RR Bs	71½	10 Cleve. C & CinRR	93½
5000 do s60	71½	25 Ill Cen RR	91½
10000 do b60	72	50 do	91
10000 do b30	72	50 Panama RR	92½
15000 do b30	71½	30 do	92
11000 NY Cen RR Bs	85	100 Erie Railroad c	43½
5 shs Bk N York	110	300 do s3	43½
100 Mechanics' Bank	106½	50 do b27	43½
16 City Bank	110	50 do b27	43½
5 Del & Hud Canal	108	250 do c	43¼
17 Bank of Comm'e	103	450 do	43¼
10 Am Exchange Bk	100	510 do s3	43¾
6 Bk of the Repub	107	100 do s30	43¾
6 Hanover Bank	83	100 do b30	44½
20 Ocean Bank	69	100 do b30	44¼
10 Commonw'th Bk	84	100 do b20	44
200 Gold Hill Mine	⅞	100 do b15	44
300 do s10	⅞	150 do b15	44¼
100 Canton Co s3	22½	100 Harlem RR s30	32
100 do s3	22¼	1100 do s3	32¼
100 do	22⅜	160 do s30	32½
100 do b60	22¾	300 do b30	32¾
100 do	22½	200 do b60	32⅝
200 Nicara Trans s3	15¾	50 Harlem Pref'd	70
300 do s3	16	40 Ston RR	59
100 do b60	16½	100 Road RR, opg x d	69¾
25 do c	16½	100 do opg	70
300 do s3	16¼	100 do s60	70
20 Penn Coal Co b3	101½	100 do s60	70¼
50 Cum Coal Co c	31½	100 do	70½
350 do s30	31½	200 do	70¾
414 do	31½	1000 do s10	70¾
200 do b60	31¾	500 do	71
400 do	31¾	50 Hud Riv RR s3	39
100 do b15	31¾	200 do c	39½
50 do b30	31¾	100 do	39¼
300 McCulloch Gold	⅜	100 Mich C RR b30	74½
50 N Y Cen RR s60	86½	10 Mich So Const	76
40 do opg	87	25 N Indiana RR	83
50 do s60	86¾	40 N Indiana Cons	76
50 do 3 aft opg	87	90 Galena & Chi RR	88
100 do s60	87		

SECOND BOARD.

$11000 Missouri 6's	88	200 shs Read RR b60	71
3000 Virginia 6's	93¼	25 Ch and R I RR	81½
10000 do s3	93	50 Erie RR s3	43¾
4500 Ill Cen RR Bds	71¾	350 do	43¾
2000 Erie Inc Bs s7	102¾	100 do s3	43⅛
1000 Erie Bonds, '75	81½	300 do	43½
10 shs Canton Co	22¾	200 do	43¾
200 N Jersey Cinc Co	4	100 do b30	44
150 N Y Cen RR opg	86¼	50 do s30	43⅝
50 do opg	86⅝	400 do	43¾
100 Cumb Coal Co	31½	200 do b3	43¾
200 do b30	31½	100 do b10	43¾
100 do b45	31½	200 do b60	44¼
100 do b60	31½	100 do s3	43¾
100 do s10	31½	50 Hud River RR	39
200 Harlem R R b30	32½	100 do b30	39
150 Panama RR b60	93	250 do s3	38½
50 Galand Ch RR b3	87½		

STOCK SALES AT CINCINNATI, REPORTED BY ISAAC W. DAVIS, FOR THE WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1854.

42 shares Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton RR	68c.
110 Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad	43
60 Central Ohio Railroad	54½
30 Little Miami Railroad	87½
115 Ohio and Mississippi Railroad	35
20 Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad	95
160 Fort Wayne and Southern Railroad	10
88 Covington and Lexington Railroad	32
94 Hillsboro and Cincinnati Railroad	25
155 Cincinnati, Wilmington and Zanesville RR	33
35 Eaton and Hamilton Railroad	25

CITY TRADE REPORT.

FRIDAY, Jan. 12—6 P. M.

ASHES.—Sales of 100 bbls. were made, including pots, at $6 62½ a $6 75, and pearls at $7 25 per 100 lbs.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour was in fair demand, including some lots for export, without material change in quotations. The sales footed up about 5,000 bbls., including common State brands at $8 75 a $9; $9 25 for good to favorite straight brands, $9 12 a $9 62 for common Western brands, and $9 75 a $10 62 for extra ditto. Extra State and Genesee brands were unchanged. Southern flour was dull, with sales of 500 a 600 bbls., at $9 a $9 50 for mixed to good brands, and $9 75 a $10 50 for extra do. Canadian was in fair demand, and the sales included 1,000 a 1,200 bbls. Canadian, in bond, at $9, and $10 a $10 12, duty paid. Wheat was quiet. Genesee was nominal, and no sales of any kind, of moment, were reported. Indian corn closed rather easier. About 10,000 a 15,000 bushels Southern yellow were sold, to arrive, at 103c. a 104c., and Western mixed, in store, sold at 104c. a 105c. The sales in the aggregate reached about 34,000 bushels. Rye—About 2,000 bushels Jersey and North river at 138c. Oats and barley were unchanged. Indian meal and rye flour were without change in prices, with light sales.

COFFEE.—Sales of 530 bags Maracaibo were made at 10c. a 10¼c., and 200 do. St. Domingo, for export, at 9c. Rio was without change in quotations.

COTTON.—The market continued firm and active. The sales embraced about 2,500 a 3,000 bales, chiefly in transitu, closing at ⅛c. advance upon all middling to good middling Gulf cottons.

FREIGHTS.—Rates were steady, with a fair amount of produce offering for shipment. About 20,000 a 25,000 bushels of corn were engaged at 4½d. in bulk, and 4¾d. in ship's bags; 2,000 boxes cheese at 22s. 6d.; 700 a 800 tierces beef, at 2s. 3d.; 200 a 300 bbls. pork, at 2s. 6d. Cotton was engaged to a small extent, at 7-32d. A vessel was chartered to load with about 1,200 tons guano, at $4 per ton, from New York to Liverpool. To London—100 tierces beef were engaged at 4s. 6d., and 500 do., at 5s. a 5s. 6d., and 200 bbls. oil at 27s. 6d. A vessel of about 2,000 tons was chartered to load at Calcutta, for London, on private terms, supposed to be at about £5 per ton. There was no change to notice in rates for the continent. To California, rates ranged from 25c. a 40c. per foot measurement. There was no change to notice in rates for Australia, which were at 35c. per foot measurement, and $35 per 1,000 feet for lumber.

FRUIT.—The market was heavy. The sales embraced about 500 boxes wet dry raisins, at $2; 200 dry, at $2 50; 200 do. halves, at $1 25; and 200 quarters, at 62½c.

FISH.—The market continued without change of moment, and sales light.

HAY.—The market was steady, and 400 a 500 bales were reported at $100.

IRON.—Sales of Scotch pig were made at $29 75, cash.

LEAD.—Sales of 150 tons Spanish were made at 5½c., in bond, on time, with interest added.

MOLASSES.—The market was firm and bare of Cuba. New Orleans was firm at 26c. a 27c.

NAVAL STORES.—About 200 bbls. spirits, in shipping order, were reported sold at 43c. Common and No. 1 rosin were unchanged.

OIL.—Sales of 400 a 500 gallons linseed were made at 81c. a 82c. There was no change to notice in other descriptions.

PROVISIONS.—Pork was more active, and about 2,000 bbls. old mess were sold at $12 25; prime was quiet, at $12 25; new mess was held at $14 a $14,50, and new prime at $13. Dressed hogs were selling at 6c. a 6¼c. Beef was quiet for country mess and prime, and prices unchanged. Repacked Chicago ranged from $15 to $16; and 200 bbls. prime mess sold at $27 50. Lard—sales of 100 tierces steam rendered were made at 10¼c., and 200 a 300 bbls. fair to prime were reported at 10¼c. a 10½c. Cut meats were quiet at 6c. a 6¼c. for shoulders, to 8¾c. a 9¼c. for city cured. Bacon was steady and in fair demand. Ohio butter was at 11c. a 17c., and State dairy at 18c. a 24c., and Orange county at 25c. a 28c. Cheese ranged from 10c. a 10¾c.

REAL ESTATE.—House and lot south side Twenty-seventh street, 200 feet west of Tenth avenue, 25 by 98 ft. 9 inch., $1,450; one lot on north side Thirty-seventh street, 230 feet east of Third avenue, $4,100; the four story brown stone house and lot 25 feet north of Twenty-first street, 24 by 7 by 99, $11,000.

RICE.—Sales of 150 casks were made at $3 75 a 4½c.

SALT.—There was a cargo of Liverpool, 2,000 sacks, afloat, unsold, on the market.

TALLOW was quiet, with small sales city rendered at 12½c., though nominally held at 12¾c.

TOBACCO.—Kentucky continued firm, with fair sales, including prime quality as high as 10c. per lb.

WHISKEY.—The sales embraced about 300 a 400 bbls. prison at 40c., which was an advance; drudge was held at 41c.

Retail Prices of Farm Produce in Washington Market.

No apparent diminution in prices this week. The market is quite full of meat and poultry, yet sales are slim and prices high. There was an immense quantity of cattle in the city last market day—over three thousand head—and more is coming in. It will be impossible to maintain the present prices of meat much longer. Vegetables are about the same as last week; ditto poultry. Apples and potatoes high, with a very dull market. Eggs very dear, nor will they be cheaper before the end of next month. The following were the prices yesterday, carefully corrected:—

MEATS.		
Beef—Sirloin, roast, per lb		15 a 18
Rib, roast, prime		12 a 15
Rib, chuck		10 a 12
Sirloin steaks		14 a 15
Porterhouse steaks		— a 18
Rump steaks		— a 14
Plates and navels, corned		— a 12
Mutton, per lb	0 08	a 0 12
Lamb " "	—	a 0 14
Veal " "	—	a 0 12
Veal, for quarters " "	0 09	a —
Veal cutlets " "	—	a 0 18
Pork—Fresh, per lb	0 11	a 0 12
Hams, smoked, per lb	0 12	a 0 13
Shoulders " "	0 09	a 0 10
Sides, " "	0 10	a 0 11
Sides, pickled, " "	—	a 0 11
Jowls, " "	—	a 0 09
Smoked beef, " "	—	a 0 14
Sausages, " "	—	a 0 10
Bologna do. " "	—	a 0 30
Lard, " "	10	a —
POULTRY AND GAME.		
Turkeys, per lb	0 12	a 0 14
Geese, " "	10	a 0 12
Ducks, tame, per pair	1 00	a 2 00
Ducks, black, "	0 62	a —
Ducks, redhead, "	1 25	a 1 50
Ducks, canvasback, per pair	1 75	a 2 00
Chickens, per pair	0 75	a 1 25
Fowls, "	1 00	a 1 50
Guinea do. "	0 50	a 75
Partridges, per pair	75	a 1 00
Quail, per dozen	1 00	a 1 25
FISH.		
Bass, per lb	0 15	a —
Smelts, "	0 12	a —
Blackfish, "	—	a 0 08
Codfish, "	0 04	a 0.05
Pickerel, "	0 12	a —
Sunfish, "	0 08	a —
Eels, "	0 10	a 0 12
Flounders "	0 06	a —
Lobsters, "	0 06	a —
Crabs, per doz	0 18	a —
Salt mackerel, per lb	0 10	a —
Salt shad, "	0 12½	a —
Smoked halibut "	0 10	a —
Smk'd mackerel "	0 12	a —
Sounds and tongues, per lb	0 08	a —
Smoked shad, "	0 12	a —
Soused salmon, per can	2 50	a —
Smoked salmon, per lb	0 13	a 0 15
Dry codfish, "	0 04	a —
SHELLFISH.		
Oysters—Princes' bay, per 100	1 25	a 2 00
Virginia "	0 62½	a 1 00
Clams, per 100	0 50	a 1 00
VEGETABLES.		
Potatoes, per half-peck	0 18	a 0 25
Mercer do. per bbl	3 50	a 4 00
June do. "	3 00	a 3 50
Turnips—white, per half-peck	0 15	a —
Russia, "	0 18	a —
Do. per bbl	2 75	a —
Onions, red, per half-peck	0 12	a —
Cabbages—new, each	0 10	a 0 15
red, "	0 06	a 0 18
Savoy cabbage	0 06	a 0 09
Beets, per bunch	0 08	a —
Carrots, "	0 06	a —
Celery, "	0 12	a 0 18
Salad, each	0 06	a —
Oyster plant, per bunch	0 12	a —
FRUIT.		
Apples—Spitzenbergen, per bbl	3 50	a 3 75
Do. per half-peck	0 30	a 0 37½
Greenings, per bbl	3 50	a —
Do. per half-peck	0 30	a —
Rox russets, per bbl	3 00	a —
Do. per half-peck	0 25	a —
Cranberries, per bbl	12 00	a 15 00
BUTTER, CHEESE, ETC.		
Butter—State, per lb	0 18	a 0 25
Orange, "	0 28	a 0 31½
Delaware "	0 26	a 0 28
Cheese—per lb	0 10	a 0 14
English, per lb	0 14	a —
Pineapple, each	1 25	a —
Sapsago, "	0 25	a —
Eggs, four for	0 12½	a —

ADVERTISEMENTS RENEWED EVERY DAY.

THE BALL SEASON.

PAINE BALL.—THE 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE birthday of Thomas Paine will be celebrated by a ball and supper at the Chinese Buildings, 539 Broadway, on Monday evening, January 29, 1855. Dancing will positively commence at 8 o'clock. A meeting of the managers and friends will be held on Sunday afternoons at the Free Inquirer's Library Rooms, in Military Hall, 193 Bowery, where tickets may be procured.

SPLENDID BALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR.—The first annual ball of the Astor House Club will be given at Niblo's saloon, on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst. The officers and employees of the Astor House, in giving this, their first annual ball, believe that they cannot devote the proceeds thereof to a more worthy object, than to the relief of the poor and distressed residents of this city; and to enable them to carry out their intention, and swell the proceeds of the entertainment, they rely upon the hearty co-operation of their friends and fellow-citizens. The committee beg leave to assure the public, that the ball will be second to none, in elegance or respectability, that has been or may be given this season; and they feel confident that it will detract nothing from the pleasures of the evening, to those who may attend, to know that the small sum that they may have expended for the entertainment, will through the agency of the Association for the Benefit of the Poor, serve to carry joy and gladness to many now wretched and desolate households. Dodworth's band is engaged for the occasion. Tickets $2, admitting a gentleman and ladies, to be had at the office and bar of the Astor House; Metropolitan Hotel, and of H. Pike, Esq. Astor House, January 1, 1855.

J. S. PARKER, President.

CHAS. C. FINO, Secretary.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL BALL FOR THE BENEfit of the New York Fire Department Fund, will take place at the Academy of Music, Fourteenth street, on Monday evening, Jan. 15, 1855. Tickets may be procured of the managers.

THIRD FANCY DRESS AND CIVIC BALL OF THE Union Association, will be held at Constitution Hall, 650 Broadway, on Wednesday evening, January 17. Tickets, $2. To be had at G. W. Sharragar's, 322 Broadway, and at the door. A presentation at supper of a $100 diamond pin to the best dressed lady, and a $100 diamond ring to the prettiest lady.

JAMES TURNER, Chairman.

M. W. P. COOKE, Secretary.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

$5,000.—PARTNER WANTED, SPECIAL OR active, with five to twelve thousand dollars in cash, to increase a profitable business. Address "Cash Capital," Herald office.

$2,500 WANTED AND A PARTNER—TO engage in manufacturing articles of universal demand. Sales unlimited, and 70 per cent profit. Details given to any respectable party with the cash, by applying at 31 Bowery, Held's Hotel, room 18.

CASH, CASH.—A GENTLEMAN FROM CONNECTICUT, having some cash means, would like to hear of profitable opportunities of investment. Apply at 312 Broadway, room No. 8, from 9 to 3 o'clock.

DISSOLUTION.—JANUARY 1, 1855.—THE COPARTnership heretofore existing under the name of R. S. Gould & Co., clothiers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

R. S. GOULD,
WM. H. DIKEMAN.

The clothing business, in the wholesale and retail branches, will be continued at 257 Greenwich street, by the new firm of GOULD, DIKEMAN & FISH.

R. S. GOULD,
WM. H. DIKEMAN,
January 1, 1855. E. H. FISH.

TO PAINT MERCHANTS.—THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS to acquaint dealers in the above trade that he has relinquished his situation as chemist with Lewis Cornell, Esq., No. 210 Nineteenth street, and in future will act as such with Messrs. Hainemann & Brothers, Nos. 269 and 271 West Twenty-eighth street.—New York, Jan. 11, 1855. CASPAR SCHNEIDER.

WANTED—30 GENTLEMEN, WITH A CASH CAPITAL of $10, to engage in a business from which $5 per day may be realized. Address a letter, containing twelve cents or stamps, or call on Brown & Gorham, 47 Dey street, up stairs. Full particulars and specimens sent by return mail.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, KINGS County.—J. Carson Brevoort, trustee of Mrs. Laura W. Brested, against Henry Castro and Amelia Castro his wife, Jeremiah Simonson, Charles M. Simonson, Mary Simonson, executors; Jas. E. Mauran, executor, &c.; Sylvanus Lyon and wife, Stephen Willette, Edmond Willette, S. Jaudon & Co., Guillaume Merle, Richard Patrick.—To Henry Castro and Amelia Castro his wife, you are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, at the City Hall, in the city of Brooklyn, on the sixth day of December, 1854, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office No. 54 Wall street, in the city of New York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. WM. ELLERY SEDGWICK, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Dated New York, Dec. 15, 1854.

SUPREME COURT, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW York.—Charles W. Lynde against Elisa Bingham David Bingham, Sarah J. Levy, Abraham G. Levy, Frederick H. Bartholomew Roswell, G. Pierce, Robert B. Atterbury, William Fleming and Aaron M. Burr.—To the defendants, Sarah J. Levy and Abraham G. Levy.—You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the city and county of New York, at the City Hall, in the city of New York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office No. 9 Court street, Brooklyn, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusively of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated Dec. 5, 1854.

CHARLES B. LYNDE, Plaintiff's Attorney.