FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONEY MARKET.

SUNDAY, Feb. 10—6 P. M.

The stock market closed yesterday with a strong upward tendency. With an activity seldom equalled in the most exciting times, there appeared to be on the part of buyers unlimited means and unlimited confidence. With such intelligence as that brought by the steamship Persia, the market cannot be considered at all inflated. Six months ago, while the war was going on vigorously, and threatened to involve the whole of Europe, all our leading stock securities ranged ten and fifteen per cent above current rates. At that time there was no hope of peace, and at home our affairs were not at all prosperous compared with our present condition. We were at that time just emerging from a long period of depression and contraction, and in consequence of the short harvest of the previous year, and the reduction in business generally, the operations of our works of internal improvement were limited, and their receipts comparatively light. Notwithstanding these facts, and the uncertain position of all our financial affairs, prices for most of our railroad stocks were up above par, and a good many left the market for permanent investment. At the present time a very different state of things exists. It has, since the last important inflation in the stock market, been shown that the harvests of 1855 were greater than ever before known; that the economy and contraction of the past year has placed our commercial affairs upon a substantial basis; that the people at large never were richer, more remuneratively employed, and in every particular more prosperous than at this moment. Within the last three months we have added more than ten millions of dollars to our supply of specie throughout the country, and our banking movement is reduced to the lowest average. All these things point to an expansion of credits of prices, of business, and this must lead to more or less speculation in stocks. The accumulation of capital is going on rapidly, and it must find active employment. A portion will be absorbed in stock investments, where it will be permanent, and a portion will enter into new enterprises, and give activity to trade. With all these evidences of prosperity opening upon us—with the opening of a new season, and that the most active one usually in the year—with accessions to our specie basis by every steamer from California—with our principal railroads doing a large and profitable business, at peace ourselves with all the rest of mankind, and with the strongest probabilities of peace being established throughout Europe, we do not see how it is possible to escape a period of speculation in stock securities equal to anything of the kind we have known for years. All the elements are propitious. The public mind is already strongly inclined in that direction, and it follows that a steady advance in market value must be the result. Our banks are not at all inflated. With the increase in banking capital there is a margin for an increase in loans of full fifteen millions of dollars. This would raise the aggregate to one hundred and ten millions of dollars, and we have no doubt that figure will be touched before next July. Such an expansion of bank loans would be sufficient of itself to give a great impetus to speculation, but when all the other elements are in a favorable condition, the movement must be irresistible, and to the shorts perfectly overwhelming.

The money market is steadily working easier, and the rates are gradually working downward. First class business paper is not plenty. Among the brokers there is no difficulty in hypothecating stocks. Call loans are negotiated with great facility, and some of our large private banking houses have carried over from day to day larger balances than they desired, on account of their inability to put it out.

A. H. Nicolay's regular semi-weekly auction sale of stocks and bonds will take place on Monday next, the 11th inst., at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange.

The exportation of specie from this port during the past week was much smaller than anticipated It was the general impression that we should ship considerably more than half a million of dollars.

RECEIPTS OF SPECIE FROM THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

St'ship Africa, Liverpool, U S. Mint gold bars	$216,361 74
do do do gold coin	60,000 00
do do do Thalers	27,580 00
do Fulton, Havre gold bars	74,569 69
do do do American gold	42,600 00
Total for the week	$421,111 43
Previously reported	142,336 00
Total, 1856	$563,447 43

The Subtreasury of this port has disgorged considerable gold lately. Payments on account of the Mexican indemnity have drawn largely, and the drain for that purpose will continue. We understood that about two thirds of the three millions will be shipped to England, that portion being owned in London. As it will all come out of the Subtreasury, it will not unfavorably affect the money market. The seven millions due Texas will not be available at present. A notice of ninety days is required, and it has not yet been given. It is fortunate that such drains are about being made on the government's strong box. With these payments all made, there will be a balance of ten to twelve millions—a sum sufficient to meet all contingencies.

It appears from an official statement made by the Catawissa, Williamsport and Erie Railroad Company, that the capital and indebtedness of the company is represented by $1,700,000 of stock, $1,500,000 of first mortgage bonds, and $200,000 of income bonds, and $200,000 of floating debt, chiefly incurred in the purchase of rolling stock. Total cost and debt, $1,640,000, for which the company hold 63½ miles of road, the greater portion of it graded for a double track, an equipment of 12 locomotive engines, 152 eight wheeled freight cars, 11 passenger and baggage cars, depots, wood and water stations, and all the essentials of a road in full business. The earnings of the road for the current year are estimated at $25,000 per month, or $300,000 for the year—a sum sufficient to pay the interest on the whole debt.

The report of the Auditor of the State of Louisiana has just been published. It appears that the grand total of the debt and liabilities of the State of Louisiana is $12,768,736 35. Of this, however, the sum of $8,421,888 consists of liabilities for the property banks of the State, as follows:—

For the Consolidated Association	$1,376,000
Citizens' Bank, principal and interest (bonds)	7,045,888
Total	$8,421,888

These are merely formal indebtedness. The security of the State for the loan of these credits is ample. There is no possibility of loss. There is also an item of $198,240 for bonds loaned to the Second Municipality, which is not a debt, in fact, of the State. Deducting these from the aggregate stated above, the debt proper of the State is $4,148,608 35. Of this sum, $1,014,608 35 consists of trust funds due on demand. The sum is composed of the free school fund, the seminary fund, balance due on vacant successions, and a few small items with the United States deposit of 1836, ($479,919 14.) But this last is only a nominal liability, so that the real debt of the State is less by that amount. The trust funds, therefore, actually amount to only $534,689 21, which may be called for, and the whole debt proper of the State $3,668,689 21, and the whole bond debt of the State, proper, $3,164,000. Of these there are due in 1857, $250,000; in 1867, $482,000; in 1869, $30,000; in 1870, $70,000; in 1872, $125,000; in 1893, 1894 and 1895, $2,167,000. The time of the maturity of $9,000 is not ascertained.

The following copy of a letter, addressed to the Secretary of the Galena and Chicago Railroad Company, at Chicago, by a large stockholder, and to which no reply has been received, is handed to us with a request for its publication:—

NEW YORK, Jan. 23, 1856.

W. B. LARRABEE, Esq.—

DEAR SIR—In the last annual report of the company, issued in June last, it was estimated that about $1,800,000 would complete the line and pay off the floating debt. But a large contingency was mentioned, in which more money might possibly be needed, viz: the contemplated purchase of the St. Charles line. That contingency has arrived. The line in question has been purchased, and paid for in stock and bonds. Now, the company has resolved, since the June annual statement above referred to, some $380,000, proceeds of second mortgage bonds, and $500,000 ten per cent new issue. The net earnings for the present fiscal year cannot fall short of $1,500,000. Deduct the two 5 per cent cash dividends, and there remains $1,000,000. In all, say—

From Second Mortgage Bonds	$350,000
From 10 per cent stock issue	500,000
Net earnings over cash dividends	1,000,000
Total	$1,850,000

This would leave the company, at the close of the present fiscal year, in May next, with all floating debt paid, 10 per cent cash dividends paid, entire amount of estimate realized, and $50,000 on hand, besides the $315,000 surplus remaining over at the commencement of the year, and $300,000 laid aside from renewal fund.

I respectfully submit that, with this view of the position of the company, the stockholders might reasonably look for something more hereafter than 10 per cent cash dividends. If all the money which was estimated in June last to be wanted for the payment of the floating debt and the completion of the line, has been realized, why should not the construction account be closed, and the company begin to pay its entire net earnings in cash? These earnings have been shown to be in the neighborhood of 30 per cent. Is it apprehended that they will fall off to 10 per cent? Or has the company determined upon some new projects?

In the absence of any officer or any person capable of explaining to stockholders in this city the real situation of the company, I have taken the liberty to address these inquiries to you they are based upon the last annual report, and upon known facts which have transpired since. Starting, then, in June last, with no cost—with no further construction money required—with a flourishing and rapidly increasing business, and with every prospect of being able to earn thirty per cent next year, as well as this, we are not a little surprised at the tone of the company's circular recently issued. We are there told that "the directors believe" from "careful estimates," &c., that the company will "doubtless" be able to pay "ten per cent per annum in cash dividends," and that the surplus net over the ten per cent will be sufficient to answer "future wants"!!

Even this moderate prediction is not hazarded without extra caution. "There is little probability," we are told, that a further issue of bonds will be necessary, &c. The circular does not positively say that no more bonds will be issued, nor even that ten per cent cash will be paid.

Will you, my dear sir, have the goodness to explain? What can the directors mean by hinting at a future issue of bonds, when they have already realized more money than their estimates of last June called for? Such things, unexplained, necessarily raise doubts as to the competency of the directors, and cannot be otherwise than injurious. Stockholders have a right to know the real condition of the company and the plans of its directors.

The importations last week were comparatively small, and the aggregates of our foreign trade do not vary materially. The exports of merchandise were rather less than usual, while the outward movement of specie was more active. The serious interruption to navigation is the principal cause of the moderate receipts and shipments of merchandise. The severe weather at sea has detained a great many ships. We shall have a small fleet along soon. The difficulty in loading vessels and the delays in consequence of the depth of snow in our own streets and in the interior, tend materially to limit all operations connected with our export trade. The following tables give the particulars of our importations and exportations during the week:—

COMMERCE OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

IMPORTATIONS OTHER THAN DRY GOODS.

	Quantity.	Value.		Quantity.	Value.
Bricks	—	$434	Hats goods	55	27,483
Books	13	1,459	Hemp	3,075	47,225
Brushes	1	438	Honey	72	2,383
Buttons	33	10,185	India rubber	204	3,306
Coffee, bags	1,772	24,082	Instruments—		
Coal, tons	490	1,092	Musical	8	1,614
Clay	42	417	Optical	1	507
Cigars	—	13,531	Surgical	1	843
Drugs, &c.—			Jewelry	6	1,935
Argols	20	745	Oil paintings	7	711
Blea. powder	286	6,024	Brandy	201	8,473
Borax	190	7,601	Gin	10	729
Brimstone	400	574	Rum	44	1,604
Bicarb. soda	747	3,014	Leather	12	3,230
Chemicals	1	400	Boots & shoes	2	173
Cantharides	3	693	Dressed skins	7	1,346
Calomel	3	239	Undr'ed do	—	178,157
Essl. oils	14	1,652	Metal goods—		
Kreosote	2	178	Cutlery	41	24,459
Ipecac	3	338	Hardware	339	47,271
Magnesia	36	2,187	Guns	30	5,468
Opium	27	13,641	Iron, tons	172	12,962
Peruvian bark	60	5,794	Chains	110	10,522
Soda ash	25	584	Railroad	4,810	51,159
Sal. amonia	6	535	Sheet	435	1,150
Saltpetre	237	2,331	Needles	7	1,244
Salts	263	1,611	Steel	385	4,728
Other articles	—	3,869	Do. frames	8	752
Dyewoods, Paints, &c.—			Saddlery	8	1,539
Litharge	20	579	Sh'ting copper	218	23,831
Vermilion	6	1,751	Tin plates	1,931	14,461
Logwood	—	4,145	Do. block	320	4,845
Indigo	21	1,231	Machinery	5	742
Paints	350	2,378	Old metal	—	8,561
Madder	11	1,142	Marble	—	4,184
Fruit, &c.—			Molasses	115	5,149
Currants	93	2,313	Perfumery	2	405
Lemons	—	600	Plants	8	200
Nuts	—	344	Rags	90	1,350
Oranges	—	755	Rattan	—	948
Sauces	100	2,023	Spices	16,730	15,761
Engravings	4	2,785	Salt	—	2,897
E. ware	53	4,401	Sugar, hhds	571	42,602
Fancy goods	33	5,762	Do. bxs&bg	17,994	58,896
Furs	1	433	Stationery	7	1,245
Fish	—	13,945	Tea, chests	7,706	100,209
Firecrackers	4,000	1,475	Tobacco	4,310	10,062
Glass	500	3,277	Watches	16	16,381
Do ware	—	219	Wines	32	1,387
Plate glass	38	3,263	Mahogany	—	5,122
Mirror plates	40	3,058	Wool	197	17,853
Hair	127	11,859			
Do. cloth	28	3,480	Total		$970,942

EXPORTS.

TO LIVERPOOL.

	Quantity.	Value.		Quantity.	Value.
Cotton, bales	1,362	$59,256	Tallow, lbs	222,225	$27,745
Wheat, bus	4,377	44,936	Furs, cases	3	2,756
Flour, bbls	1,078	14,460	Lea. cloths	34	4,502
Corn, bushs	37,403	32,939	Books	4	650
Beef, tcs	1,725	50,700	I. R. goods	4	210
Pork, bbls	500	9,523	Straw do	18	8,094
Bacon, lbs	422,400	36,200	Skins	32	530
Lard	133,260	15,824	Lard oil, gals	8,863	7,681
Total					$315,868

GLASGOW.

Flour, bbls	2,650	$24,250	Lard oil, gals	1,600	$1,600
Wheat, bus	17,755	34,365	Rice, hhds	200	7,160
Beef, hhds	565	11,830	Seeds, bags	100	1,960
Pork, bbls	50	1,000	Clocks, cases	100	1,448
Bacon, lbs	324,444	31,420	Oil pep'mint	19	4,000
Lard	428,096	55,936	Rosin, bbls	150	250
Cheese	23,250	3,730	Ashes	88	3,405
I. R. goods	1	350	Staves	11,000	580
Total					$185,282

HAVRE.

Flour, bbls	2,190	$19,170	Sugar, boxes	400	$9,594
Wheat, bus	20,951	50,000	I. rubber, bgs	164	4,241
Skins, bales	7	400	Mahog'y, logs	22	275
Pimento, bags	600	6,350			
Total					$70,033

GENOA.

Flour, bbls	1,861	$15,554	Coffee, bgs	712	$9,765
Tobacco, bales	9	126	Statue	1	725
Wi'bone, lbs	6,014	3,007	Clocks, pkgs	12	104
Total					$29,281

BREMEN.

Cotton, bales	211	$8,163	Tobacco, lbs	7,024	$1,128
Rye flour, bbls	50	275	Sugar, bxs	129	3,859
Rye, bus	7,456	10,007	Log wood, tons	45	1,285
Saltpetre, pgs	158	3,426	Chem. prep.	300	1,805
Lard, lbs	71,441	8,094	Cocoa, bags	100	848
Total					$38,890

HAMBURG.

Cotton, bales	397	$16,675	I. rub. gds.	13	$2,413
Iron pipes, cs	1	1,550	Shoepegs, bbls	200	1,870
Grain, bus	2,481	2,340	Hops, bales	29	422
Lard, lbs	39,963	4,516	Potashes, bbls	50	1,950
Oilcloth, cs	11	1,168	Es. log'd, bxs	1,050	5,571
Slices	1	252	Planks	76	464
Rice, tcs	122	4,253	Logwood, tons	112	2,750
Total					$47,194

ROTTERDAM

Rye, bus	15,545	$20,364	Potashes, bbls	193	$3,733
Total					$24,097

COPE.

Flour, bbls	1,823	$14,800

BREST.

Flour, bbls	4,500	$54,000	Pork, bbls	5,500	$115,500
Total					$169,500

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES.

Meal, bbls	400	$1,600	Tea, chests	150	$3,086
Pork	109	1,728			
Bread	100	550	Total		$6,964

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Flour, bbls	197	$1,600	Matches, cs	25	$325
Corn, bushels	880	850	Books	1	134
Meal, bbls	310	1,308	Peas, bgs	100	250
Pork	500	9,500	Candles, bxs	800	1,150
Hams, lbs	6,250	625	Cigars	1	180
Lard	1,800	189	Tongues, bbls	50	750
Merchandize	34	445			
Total					$17,301

CUBA.

Beef, bbls	10	$110	Boards, ft	13,389	$1,555
Hams, lbs	1,480	148	Belting, cs	1	259
Lard	20,709	1,605	I. R. goods	1	135
Butter	1,200	165	Books	2	290
Tallow	2,215	208	Apples, bbls	110	250
Rice, tcs	25	813	Hay, bales	50	200
Rope, coils	40	1,206	Cement, bbls	100	200
Furniture, cs	44	847	Ale	47	394
Iron, tons	26	1,554	Drugs, cs	50	2,474
Hinds	1,059	2,083	Gr. shawls	14	5,738
Shooks, hds	6,867	11,000	Clocks	8	210
Hoops	165,425	2,063	Cordials, pks	21	400
Candles, bxs	29	246	Varnish, kgs	40	405
Oil, bbls	28	1,220	Watches, cs	1	1,300
Whiskey, cs	3	158	Potatoes, bbls	400	900
Tobacco	1	281	Turpentine	50	1,000
Hardware	43	2,558	Soap, bxs	98	373
Paper, rs	2,575	643			
Total					$43,514

HAYTI.

Pork, bbls	356	$5,938	Cod do. bbls	13,500	$540
Tobacco, lbs	5,120	605	Candles, bxs	200	350
Do. bales	123	2,051	Alcohol, cs	2	157
Soap, boxes	600	746	Candles, bxs	100	165
Fish, bbls	50	263			
Total					$10,800

NEW GRANADA.

Flour, bbls	699	$6,751	Zinc, casks	5	$140
Beef, bbls	75	918	Rope, coils	15	505
Pork, bbls	75	1,106	Hardware, cs	2	257
Butter, lbs	1,731	473	Cars	2	1,450
Lard, lbs	3,134	637	Machinery, cs	2	3,541
Bread, bbls	75	675	Sugar, bbls	58	1,253
Tobacco, cs	128	2,361	Lumber, feet	5,037	211
Books, cs	15	2,796	Brandy, cs	12	349
Drugs, cs	49	2,267	Dry goods, cs	2	177
Clothing, cs	39	12,201	Lifeboat	1	177
Yellow metal	60	5,610	Peas, bags	100	200
Rice, tcs	70	1,200	Fish, bxs	200	178
Cement, bbls	300	450			
Total					$48,413

CHINA.

Flour, bbls	160	$2,044	Furniture	9	$354
Beef	145	1,937	Machinery	1	436
Pork	45	778	Soap, boxes	103	550
Butter, lbs	1,859	753	Candles	25	416
regars, cs	1	225	Varnish, cs	20	220
Brandy	104	2,010	Sp. turpentine	12	140
Bread, bbls	66	1,792	Gingseng	180	28,451
Cordage, pkgs	151	1,562	Stationery	1	200
Domestics, bales	448	138,437			
Hardware, cs	7	1,815	Total		$210,130

HONDURAS.

Flour, bbls	230	$2,160	Drugs, cs	57	$981
Cheese, lbs	1,380	166	Domestics, pk	22	985
Pork, bbls	171	2,680	Fancy goods, cs	10	150
Hams, lbs	864	104	Coffee, bags	15	271
Lard	2,507	284	Cocoa	15	195
Butter	2,405	740	Woodware, cs	2	320
Breed, bbls	96	434	Rum	15	685
Sugar, cases	12	510	Codfish, lbs	14,500	680
Rum	2	112	Onions, cases	10	150
Rice, tierces	32	745	Shoes	3	210
Hardware, cs	2	480	I. rubber goods	8	230
Candles, bxs	150	570	Lumber, feet	5,000	112
Trunks, nests	14	120			
Total					$13,917

CENTRAL AMERICA.

Flour, bbls	88	$559	Books, bxs	2	$211
Beef, do	12	218	Clothing, cs	12	1,103
Butter, lbs	433	116	Crockery, cs	2	220
Hams, do	1,020	127	Ch'mp'ne, cs	45	317
Lard, do	1,118	169	Segars, cs	1	115
Wine, cs	108	811	H. ware, cs	22	1,860
Boots, cs	8	586	Preserves, cs	76	289
Candles, bxs	81	794	Fancy g'ds, cs	4	450
Drugs, cs	119	1,402	Soap, bxs	52	170
Domestics, bales	169	7,212	Salt, pkgs	32	103
Brandy, cs	111	1,812	Ale, bbls	36	108
Gin, cs	10	105	Furniture, cs	12	516
Paper, reams	3	328			
Total					$19,895

BRITISH GUIANA.

Flour, bbls	310	$2,047	Bread, bbls	460	$1,575
Corn, bus	258	233	Candles, bxs	800	2,760
Meal, bbls	100	413	Oil, gal	816	784
Beef	80	1,965	Paper, rms	1,000	340
Pork	402	5,426	Carriage	1	175
Hams, lbs	2,316	289	Sheep	85	618
Lard	18,125	2,447	Staves	4,000	270
Cheese	6,018	674			
Soap, bxs	146	400	Total		$21,924

AFRICA.

Flour, bbls	20	$186	Segars, cs	1	$230
Bread	30	128	Cordage, coils	20	243
Dry goods, cs	41	2,360	Lumber, ft	8,000	150
Rum, bbls	200	4,084			
Tobacco, cs	42	7,558	Total		$14,929

BRAZIL.

Flour, bbls	1,300	$12,825	Domestics, ba	20	$1,228
Tea, chests	209	4,277			
Total					$18,330

The value of merchandise exported from this port during the week ending and including Friday, Feb. 8, 1856, was $1,319,112
Specie exported 421,111

Total exportation $1,740,223

The value of imports in the same time was as follows:—

General merchandise	$970,942
Dry goods	1,090,947—$2,061,889
Excess of imports over exports	$321,666

The following is a comparative statement of the value of exports from the commencement of the year to Feb. 7:—

	1855.	1856.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cotton	$1,068,442	$809,746	—	$2,3,696
Flour	145,395	5,514,643	$1,069,248	—
C'meal	46,168	20,781	—	24,397
Wheat	59,724	1,043,764	984,030	—
Corn	58,374	289,545	—	248,829
Beef	369,473	297,443	—	72,030
Pork	399,014	562,426	163,412	—
	$3,215,600	$4,858,338	$2,236,690	$593,952
Net increase to Feb. 7, 1856				$1,642,738

Stock Exchange.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9, 1856.

$10000 Missouri 6's	s3	85	200 shs Erie RR	b10	54⅞
7000 do		85⅛	200 do	b30	54⅞
4000 do		85⅛	150 do		54⅞
2000 do	b30	86	100 do	b20	55
5000 do	b5	85⅛	1500 do		55
16000 Virginia 6's		96	100 do	b10	55
3000 Erie C Bds '71		81	1050 do	b3	55
1000 H R 1st M Bds		96⅛	100 do	b60	55⅛
2000 H R 3d M Bds		69⅞	100 do	b30	55⅛
1000 M S 1st Mge		92½	500 do	b30	55⅛
46000 Ill Cen RR Bds		86½	100 do	s60	54⅞
28000 do		86⅞	150 do	s60	54⅞
30000 do	b30	86½	200 do	s3	55
2000 N Y Cen 6's		86½	50 do	s20	55
2500 do		86½	200 Mich Central RR		91⅛
500 do		86⅞	150 do	b30	94⅛
5000 T H & A 2d M Bs		76	100 do	b60	94⅛
3000 L E & W 1st M B		74⅛	1000 Reading RR		89⅞
1000 N J C 1st M Bs		99	700 do		89⅞
10 shs Am Ex Bank		117	100 do	s60	89⅞
18 Ohio L & T Co		93	100 do	s60	89⅞
100 Canton Co		23⅛	100 do	s30	89⅞
100 do		23⅛	100 do	b3	89⅞
250 Nic Tran Co		22½	200 Hudson RR		31⅛
150 do	b30	22½	200 do	s60	31
100 do		22⅞	50 Mh Sok&Nor la RR		97
400 Bruns City L Co		5	50 do	s3	97⅛
100 Cum Coal Co		24⅛	890 do		98
200 do		24⅞	50 do		98⅛
400 do	b3	24⅞	200 do	s3	97⅞
600 do	s60	24	100 do		97⅞
600 do		24⅛	100 do	b10	97⅞
100 do	b60	24⅛	100 do	bnwk	97⅞
50 do	b60	24⅞	100 do	s30	96⅞
100 do	b10	24⅞	47 Clev, C & Cin RR		100⅞
100 do	b30	24⅞	250 Ills Central RR		96⅞
100 do	s60	24⅞	10 Cleve & Pitts RR		62⅞
1490 N. Y Central, otg		92	28 Gal. & Chi. RR		109⅞
150 do	pkc	92	100 do		109⅞
600 do	b60	92	250 Cleve. & Tol. RR		75⅞
120 do	b60	92⅛	1000 do		76
1200 Erie RR		54⅞	100 do	s60	75
150 do	s3	54⅞	100 do	s60	75⅛
300 do	b3	54⅞	100 do	b60	76⅞
1100 do	b60	55	200 do	s60	75⅞
100 do	s3	54⅞	100 do	s60	76
100 do	s30	54⅞	50 Ch. & Rk. Is. RR		92⅞
100 do	s10	54⅞	100 do		92⅞
100 do	b10	54⅞	70 do		93
50 do	s15	54⅞	60 do		93⅛
100 do	s60	54⅞	50 do	b30	93⅞

SECOND BOARD.

$15000 Ill Cen RR Bs		86⅛	150 shs Erie RR	s3	55⅞
1000 Ill Fd Bs w priv		68⅛	100 do	b3	55⅞
5000 Erie Bds of '75		68⅞	100 do	b60	55⅞
1000 New Y Cen 6's		86⅛	100 do	s60	55⅞
5000 do		86⅞	93 Galena & Chi RR		110
160 shs Nic Tran Co		22⅞	2000 Reading RR	b10	90
500 do		22⅞	150 do	b30	90⅛
500 do	b60	23	100 do	s60	89⅞
600 do	s4m	22⅛	1000 do	b3	90
200 Cum Coal Co	s60	24⅛	100 Mich Cen RR		94⅛
100 do		24⅞	25 do		94⅛
100 do	b60	24⅞	50 Mich S & N la RR		98⅞
1000 Flor & K J	b90	⅛	250 do		96
200 Erie RR		55⅛	200 Clev & Tol	s60	75⅛
150 do	s3	54⅞	200 do	b30	75⅞

CITY COMMERCIAL REPORT.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9—6 P. M.

ASHES.—The market continued dull and transactions were confined to small lots, without change in prices. The stock on hand in the inspection office of Messrs. Lester, Palmer & Co., was as follows:—

	Pots.	Pearls.	Total.
First sort, bbls	196	63	259
Second, "	40	11	51
Third, "	41	5	46
Condemned, "	7	1	8
Total pots and pearls	284	80	364

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour—Dealers were expecting a further decline in the Liverpool market, by the Persia, while it appeared that no change of moment had occurred in prices, which caused holders to become firmer, and to decline to sell at the inside figures of the previous day. The sales embraced about 4,000 a 5,000 bbls., including common to extra State, at $7 50 a $7 75; Western mixed, fancy and extra brands, at $7 37½ a $8 25; extra Genesee ranged from $8 87½ to $10 50. In Canadian the sales were limited, with 200 a 400 bbls. at $8 a $10 for good common to extra brands. Southern, with a limited stock, continued firm; sales of 400 a 500 bbls. were made at $8 62½ a $8 87½ for common to choice, and $8 87½ a $10 25 for fancy and extra brands. Wheat—The market was quiet and quotations nominal; Canada white was offered at $2. Corn was dull and lower; sales of 4,400 bushels were made at 85c.; Jersey yellow was dull at 80c., and old mixed nominal at 82c. a 85c. Rye was quiet at $1 27 a $1 30 from store and delivered. Oats were in good supply and dull, at 44c. a 47c. for State, and 41c. a 47c. for Western; Jersey ranged from 40c. to 44c.

COFFEE.—A cargo of Rio, with some lots, in all about 4,000 bags, at 11¼c. a 12c. Java was at about 14¼c. a 14½c., and 100 bags St. Domingo sold at 10½c.

COTTON.—The news imparted great firmness to the market, and some holders asked an advance of ⅛c. a ⅜c. These pretensions restricted sales, which were confined to 600 a 800 bales, at full ⅛c. higher, the market closing quite firm.

FISH.—Sales of 1,200 a 1,500 quintals dry cod were made at $3 37½ a $3 50. Mackerel and herring were quiet, and prices unchanged.

FREIGHTS.—Room to Liverpool was reduced, and rates were firmer. About 2,000 bbls. flour were engaged at 2s. 6d., 3,000 bushels corn in ship's bags at 7½c., and 5,000 bushels wheat in ship's bags at 8½c.; 200 a 300 packages into at 25s.; afterwards 27s. 6d. a 30s. were demanded. Cotton was at 7-32d., and ¼d. asked. To London rates were firm without engagements of moment. To Havre flour was at 75c., cotton at ⅝c. a ¾c., grain at 16c., and ashes at $10. To California rates were inactive at 30c. a 35c. per foot measurement.

HAY was firm, with light sales at $1 12.

IRON.—Sales of about 100 tons were reported, at $33 50 a $34, six months.

MOLASSES.—Sales of 100 bbls. New Orleans were made at 44c a 45c. The price obtained for the cargo of clayed Cuba previously noticed, was said to be about 36c.

NAVAL STORES.—The market was inactive, and, without change in quotations. 100 bbls. spirits turpentine were sold at 41½c.

PROVISIONS.—Pork—The market was heavy, with a tendency to lower rates. Sales of 300 a 400 bbls. were made, including mess at $16 and prime at $14. At the close there were few buyers above $15 87½ for mess. Beef continued dull, with sales of about 120 bbls., including country prime at $9 a $9 62½, and country mess at $10 a $11; Western repacked was at $11 a $14 50, and extra do. was at $15 a $16. Beef hams were steady, at 11 a 15, with small sales. Bacon was in fair demand, at 9c. a 9½c. for short and long middles to arrive and on the spot. Cut meats were steady, with sales of 75 a 100 packages, including shoulders at 7¼c. a 7½c. and hams at 8½c. a 9c. Lard was dull. Sales of about 200 bbls. were made, at 10½c. a 10¾c. Butter was dull, at 18c. a 22c. for Ohio, and at 22c. a 27c. for State. Cheese was at 9½c. a 10½c., and dull.

RICE was dull and quiet, at 4½c. a 5c.

SUGAR.—A small lot of new clover sold at 12c.

SUGAR.—Sales of 200 hhds. old New Orleans were made, at 8 5-16c. a 8⅜c., and 200 a 300 hhds. new do. at 8¼c. a 8½c. A cargo of 190 hhds. Cuba was reported at p. c.

TALLOW was quiet at about 12c.

WHISKY.—The market was heavy and prices lower. Sales of about 150 a 200 bbls. were made, including Jersey at 31c. and prison at 32½c.

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