

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MARKET.

We have had a very quiet stock market for some days, and prices have been gradually settling down. At the close yesterday the ruling prices were lower than at the close of the week previous, but the demand was more active, and buyers appeared by no means disposed to lose the opportunity of getting good stocks at the present prices. It is only a matter of time when we can take advantage of the present depression. Outsiders must be attracted by the current quotations of the leading Western railroad stocks. They are all doing a very large business and earning more money than ever before. The business of the country never was in a more prosperous condition than it is at this moment, and railroad traffic never larger. Whatever may be the price for the leading railroad stocks among the bulls and bears, it will not influence in the least the actual value as investments, and those who can carry until they may have need have no fears as to the result. The steadiness of prices at the stock exchange is pretty good evidence that the railroad values are rather above than below current rates. There are several important matters hanging over the political world, but there is no danger of anything serious growing out of them. A few days may clear away all the difficulties and misanderstandings, and leave the horizon perfectly clear. But to the quibbling of politicians we should long since have arrived at a satisfactory adjustment of all the questions now at issue. Recent events will, without doubt, hasten the movements of the governments concerned, and give us, we hope, a safe and speedy deliverance. Our financial affairs are in a sound and satisfactory condition. We need not to complain of, and the indications point rather to greater abundance of capital and lower rates of interest.

The exportations of specie from this port last week were not so large as anticipated. It was expected that the steamship Perla would take out much more than the total shipment reported. The exports in the same time were as follows:
Specie for the week... \$1,504,419
Previously reported... 9,312,548
Total... \$10,816,967

REMARKS ON THE PORT OF NEW YORK.
The quantity and value of certain articles exported from this port, during the week ending and including Friday, May 18, 1856, distinguishing the destination and extent of shipments to each place, were as follows:
COMMERCIAL OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK—WEEKLY EXPORTS.

Table with columns for Commodity, Quantity, and Value. Includes items like Cotton, Flour, Sugar, and various oils.

Amount of State debt, last January, 1855... \$7,137,117
Surplus in favor of the Commonwealth... \$4,309,027
The assets of the Commonwealth were as follows:
Western Railroad... \$3,900,555
Eastern Railroad... 500,000
Boston and Worcester Railroad... 400,000
Boston and Maine Railroad... 150,000

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MORRIS CANAL AND BANKING COMPANY.
The company has been before us several days. The company makes a favorable exhibit for the last season's business. The current receipts and expenditures for the year 1855 were as follows:
Income from tolls and transportation... \$72,719.73
Receipts from... 5,271.94
Interest... 574.43
Total... \$78,566.10

IN 1848 the liabilities of the company, in the form of a floating debt, amounted to \$87,724, and there has been a decrease of \$10,000 since that time.

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THE HEAVY PART OF THE GRADING IS DONE. THE IRON IS PURCHASED, AND A PART OF IT NOW AT NEW ORLEANS, AND THE BALANCE WILL BE THERE IN MAY, SO AS TO BE UP BY THE JUNE 1ST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. THE LOCOMOTIVES ARE ALSO PURCHASED AND THE TIES ARE PROCURED. THE ROAD, IT IS HOPED AND EXPECTED, WILL BE IN RUNNING ORDER EARLY IN THE FALL, AND CERTAINLY BEFORE THE 1ST OF JANUARY NEXT.

THE WESTERN DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND WARSAW RAILROAD, FROM THE JUNCTION OF THE WARSAW AND ROCKFORD RAILROAD, ON THE BANK OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, IMMEDIATELY OPPOSITE KOOKUK, TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERN CROSS AND MILWAUKEE TRAIL RAILROAD FROM QUINCY TO CHICAGO, HAS BEEN PUT UNDER CONTRACT TO ENERGETIC AND RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTORS AND THE MEANS PROVIDED TO COMPLETE IT WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS.

THE VALUE OF CERTAIN MERCHANDISE IMPORTED INTO THIS PORT DURING THE WEEK ENDING AND INCLUDING FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1856, WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Total importation... \$4,050,202
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