MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors met at 4 o'clock P. M on Friday, in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen. Alder man Ely, President of the board, was present.

No business of importance was transacted.

The Committee on County Offices reported in favor of paying $485 16 as an additional appropriation for repairs on the County jail, under direction of the Sheriff. The report was adopted. The Board concurred with a resolution to pay Henry Vandervoort $180 for furnishing the Secretary of State transcripts of convictions in the Criminal Courts, for 1855.

A petition for paying the *Literary Gazette* $35 for advertisements published in that paper, and not yet paid for, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on County Offices, in favor of paying John Oyser the amount of judgment recovered against him, was adopted.

The Board awarded $200 to Daniel Fowler, for his services as Secretary of the Board of County Canvassers.

A petition presented by Henry Howard, Receiver in the Tax Office, asking for an additional clerk, to assist the Deputy Receiver in keeping the books of that office, elicited a slight debate, but was finally adopted.

It was stated that it is almost impossible to prevent cheating and dishonesty in that office, and that a man of firm principles, known diligence and honesty should be appointed as that clerk.

The Board then adjourned to Monday at 4 o'clock P. M.

Board of Councilmen.

MINORITY REPORT ON FINANCE—THE MOTION TO EXTEND THE EXTERIOR LINE OF THE CITY AND TO ERECT TOMPKINS MARKET, ADOPTED—A VENTRILOQUIST—CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT.

The Board met last evening—B. F. Pinckney, Esq., presiding.

After the passage of a number of unimportant bills the minority report of the Finance Committee passed to a third reading. A long and exciting discussion took place in reference to the vote on this bill, as the vote had been recorded in the usual rapid manner. A number of members asked for a reconsideration of their vote, and asserted that the measure had been smuggled through. The President said if those members had paid attention to their business they could have known what bills were being acted upon.

After several members gave vent to a great amount of billingsgate, the resolution to reconsider the report was lost.

There was a ventriloquist in the lobby, who, in the strength which ensued among the members, expressed his approbation and disapprobation of the sentiments of the various speakers in very expressive terms, such as, "Go it, boys!" "Bravo, old fellow!" &c. Some of the Councilmen suggested the propriety of ejecting the intruder, but he ceased to exhibit his ventriloquial powers as soon as the debate had closed.

The report of the Aldermen Committee on wharves, piers, and slips, proposing to alter the exterior line of the city on the East river side from Corlears Hook to Thirty-eighth street, on motion was put and concurred in, by 34 affirmative to 16 negative votes.

Councilman SWAN opposed the passage of the measure in an effective speech.

The Chairman of the Committee on Croton Aqueduct of the Board, and also of the Board of Aldermen, report that from the thorough examination they have made by the urgent invitation of its officers, they are well satisfied that the affairs of the Croton Aqueduct Department are managed for the best interests of the city, and with the strictest economy, by the municipal authorities and the public at large. The report was adopted.

The contract proposed to be awarded to Theodore Hunt for the erection of an iron building on the site of the present Tompkins Market was carried by a vote of 40 to 5, notwithstanding the Mayor's veto.

After an unusually long session, the Board adjourned, to meet next Monday.

Meeting of Committee on Streets.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen met in Mr. Valentine's office, City Hall, at 3 P. M. yesterday—Alderman Briggs Chairman. The following petition explains the business before the Committee:—

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK—

The undersigned is one of the estimators for paving the square blocks Lexington avenue, from Thirty-fourth to Forty-second street, which estimates were opened by the Street Commissioner in the presence of the Comptroller on the 18th inst., and the estimates of the undersigned rejected without sufficient cause and in contravention of law and usage. The award was made to John B. Merrill, at a price in the aggregate $7,200 higher than the undersigned. The award to the said John B. Merrill was on the same day sent to your Board for confirmation, but at my request laid over. The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body to refer the same to a select committee, before whom the undersigned can have a hearing, being satisfied he can then and there show conclusive evidence why such award should not be confirmed. And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c

GEORGE R. BUCKINGHAM,
Contractor, 51 Wall street.

New York, Dec 22, 1856.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM appeared before the committee and stated that he was capable of proving the statements contained in the petition. The estimates for paving Sixth avenue were regularly advertised, and he as a contractor put in his estimate; it was thrown out, and the Street Commissioner had no right to do so, either in law, justice or equity. He had no right to go behind the oath of Morris Mountjoy, who went my security. He, Buckingham, also offered, if his security was not sufficient, to give other security—the best that could be obtained in the city. He thought they should have allowed him to bring other security if they wanted it.

Comptroller TAYLOR, the Street Commissioner, stated to the committee that the bids having been made according to law, he opened them and found that one person, Mr. Mountjoy, had gone security for $10,000 to three parties, knowing that said Mountjoy was not worth $10,000, and threw those three bids out. Nor was the security otherwise legal, for Mr. Mountjoy did not swear that he was worth $10 000.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM declared that Mountjoy was accepted by the Street Commissioner only two days before for $1 00, and that he would bring witnesses to prove that Mountjoy did swear that he was worth $10,000.

Comptroller FLAGG said the charter makes it the duty of the Street Commissioner to give awards to the best bidder upon adequate security. In this case Mr. Taylor said he knew that the security was inadequate—Mr. Mountjoy was not worth $10 000. I agreed with him that the contract should not be awarded to a man for whom he stood security. Mr. Mountjoy said he had not sworn that he was worth $10,000. It has been customary for a person to be allowed to change his security, but it is a matter entirely optional with the Street Commissioner whether he allows the security to be changed or not. I think this Commissioner has never allowed any one to change his security.

Mr. GEORGE MOUNTJOY being present, stated to the committee that he did not swear to being worth $10,000; he gave security for perhaps a dozen persons before Mr. McCarthy, and never spoke a word to him; it was done by proxy.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM still persisted in his former statement, declaring that he could prove them; it was a principle with him, and even if the Common Council did not approve of the contract, he would contest the validity of the estimate was not the lowest one.

The committee considers that the whole matter lay in being made optional by law with the Street Commissioner to admit or reject a change of security after the bids are closed.

Fires in New York.

FIRE IN BROOME STREET—TWO PERSONS ARRESTED CHARGED WITH ARSON—REMARKABLE CASE.

Before Justice Davison.

Between four and five o'clock on Friday morning the alarm of fire for the Fourth district was caused by the discovery of fire in the liquor store kept by Hiram Le Roy, at 482 Broome street, corner of Wooster. Policeman West, of the Eighth ward, was the first to discover the fire and to give the alarm. Assistant Foreman of Hose Company No. 11, Mr. John Wildey, resides next door, heard the alarm, and quickly had men to the premises. The fire was found burning behind the liquor counter, between two casks. It was soon extinguished by the firemen. The upper part of the premises is occupied by John Riley, boarding house keeper; and no less than thirty persons were sleeping up stairs at the time of the fire. Mr. Baker, the Fire Marshal, was quickly at the store, and once went into an examination. Inquiry was made by him as to who was the occupant of the store. Wilday replied that at No. 51 Wooster street, a house of ill repute, Mr. Le Barnes might be found. Officers were directed to go for Mr. Le Barnes; they returned and said they had rung at the bell, but no one responded, and could they obtain an entrance. The Fire Marshal proceeded to the premises, accompanied by Sergeant Kelly, together with officers Miller, West and Wark and Mr. Wilday. The door bell was rung, but no response; the policemen then used their clubs loudly on the door. After a short time a young woman, named Julia Lenox, came to the window. The officers inquired her they wished to come in; she refused to open the door; she was asked if Mr. Le Barnes was there; she said he was not. An officer had previously been posted at an alley gate on Broome street, in order to prevent an escape from the rear. The woman refused most emphatically to open the doors. The Fire Marshal then ordered a pane of glass to be broken in the basement door; this was done by Mr. Wilday, the fastening put aside, and officer Miller and Mr. Wilday entered the basement, then forcing open the basement door, got into the basement hall and unbolted the street door. On entering the premises the officers found a bed in the parlor and an elderly man seated on a sofa, fully dressed, with hat and overcoat on. He was asked if he was Mr. Le Barnes; he denied knowing such a person; he was put in charge of an officer. The woman Isabella was next asked about the affair, as she was known to be the mistress of Le Barnes; first she denied all knowledge, but shortly after she informed Mr. Wilday that a lot of wine and liquor in casks and demijohns, belonging to Le Barnes, was stored in the closet between the folding doors, but she refused to say or give information in reference to the whereabouts of Le Barnes. The Fire Marshal believing that Le Barnes might be secreted somewhere in the house, went into a systematic search, and coming to the third story, back room, found the door locked and a key on the inside. Officer's clubs were made to sound loudly upon the door with a request from the Fire Marshal that if the door did not instantly opened it would be forced. In a minute the door was unlocked and there stood Le Barnes in nothing on but his drawers and shirt. He was directed to dress himself, but this was found to be a difficult task, as no clothing was there. Much excitement was manifested by Le Barnes, and he was ultimately invited down stairs to the back parlor, where it was supposed he would find his clothes. Here he looked about the room in search of his clothes, but without avail. Isabella was then in bed. He asked her about his clothes. She refused to answer. Mr. Baker then turned over the head of the bedding and between the mattresses he found all Le Barnes' clothes. He then dressed himself, and Sergeant Millar conveyed him to the Eighth ward station house. The old man found fully dressed in the back parlor, turned out to be a friend and associate of Le Barnes', who occupied the room back of Le Barnes' store as a sleeping apartment. There are witnesses to prove that Le Barnes and this old man, whose name is Joseph L. Linford, were in and out of the back room of the store up to a very short time prior to the fire. Sergt Gleason also testifies that he saw the light of a gas burner in the store at about 4 o'clock; his curiosity led him to the door; he then heard the sound of splitting wood; the noise appeared to him like splitting up pieces of wood for kindling. The appearance of the burning indicates the wilful act of some one—and the two men above named are suspected of knowing something about it. Mr. Le Barnes was involved, and expected a foreclosure of a mortgage every day against his effects. In the forepart of the week a lot of wines and liquors had been conveyed to the house No. 51 Wooster street, where it was found by the officers locked in the parlor closets; also boxes of segars, cordials, &c. Mr. Le Barnes has an insurance, we understand, on his stock and fixtures to the amount of $1,500. There was but little stock in the store at the time of the fire. The accused parties, together with several of the witnesses, were taken before Justice Davison, who detained the accused for a further examination. The whole matter will be thoroughly investigated before the above magistrate.

The New York Weekly Herald.

NEWS FROM EUROPE, MEXICO, CUBA, ETC.—PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS—THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES—THE LOSS OF THE SHIP NEW YORK AND BARK TASSO, ETC., ETC.

The WEEKLY HERALD will be published at ten o'clock this morning. Its contents will embrace news from Europe, Mexico, Cuba, West Indies, &c.; Full particulars of the loss of the ship New York and bark Tasso, including a list of the passengers by the New York; Proceedings in Congress; Annual Report of the Secretary of War; Editorials on various subjects; The New Treaty between England and the United States relating to Central America; Latest News by Telegraph; Financial, Commercial, Political, Religious, Theatrical, Sporting and Maritime Intelligence; together with a variety of local and miscellaneous items. Single copies, in wrappers, ready for mailing, can be had at the counter. Price sixpence.

Knox's Depot is at the corner of Broadway and Fulton street, where, beside hats, an assortment of furs, the like of which was never before seen here, can be inspected. Furs are very dear this season, but KNOX manages to sell them at low prices.

Beebe & Co., 156 Broadway.—Hats for the holidays, of every desirable pattern and fabric.

Hats, for New Year's Calls, are only to be got at the New Hat Company, 146 and 148 Nassau street, N. Y

Hats and Caps for the Holidays, of Every desirable pattern, at ARCHER & MARTIN'S, 270 Greenwich street, between Warren & Murray.

Brady's Lower Gallery, 205 Broadway, will be found convenient for merchants' clerks and others employed down town, who desire to procure ambrotypes for the holidays. Corner of Fulton street.

Holidays.—Bacon's Gallery of Photographs, daguerreotypes and ambrotypes. The pure, perfect ambrotype in souvenir cases, 50 cents. 205 Bowery.

N. Y. Young Men's Christian Association.— Monthly meeting Dec. 29. Essay by R. C. McCormick, Jr., Esq. EDWARD C. MARSHALL, Rec. Sec'y.

Four Photographs for $1. FARRAND, 307 Broadway.

$60,000 Fonthill & Holmes' One Shilling portraittypes, dedicated to pretty women and charity. Dollar photographs, &c. At 289 Broadway.

20 Cent Ambrotype Likenesses, with Case, beautifully colored. 1,500 taken daily at KIMBALL'S original cheap picture factory, 347 Broadway.

Hunter's Celebrated Crystal Miniatures are the most perfect and brilliant likenesses taken. Low prices. HUNTER'S Gallery, 473 Broadway.

Furs.—Capes, Victorines, Talmas, Muffs and cuffs in sets. Elegant presents for children. BANTA, corner of Canal and Wooster streets.

Mink Capes, Largest Size, and all Other furs, 25 per cent below Broadway prices, at ARCHER & MARTIN'S, 270 Greenwich street.

Furs.—Elegant and Costly Furs, Fascinating gifts for the ladies, at BANTA'S, corner of Canal and Wooster streets.

Furs, Furs, Furs—At Waite's, 148 Fulton street, between Broadway and Nassau. Gents' hats at $3.

Furs.—Ladies' and Children's Furs, Gentlemen's fur collars and gloves. Fascinating articles for presents. BANTA, corner of Canal and Wooster streets.

Change Your Shirts and Drawers for the Society's for the Encouragement of Wearing Clean Shirts, 166 Chatham street, corner of Pearl, New York.
For shirts to fit, of the finest descriptions, at 75 cents and upwards.
For splendid double breasted fire shirts,
For Alexander's kid gloves,
For every kind of fur driving gloves,
For the best woollen knitted jackets,
For wash leather under shirts,
For twilled red flannel under shirts and drawers,
For knitted under shirts, drawers and half hose,
For mufflers, comforters and dressing gowns.
For every article of gentlemen's furnishing outfit of nether garments, retailed at wholesale prices.
Go to the SOCIETY'S, 166 Chatham street, New York.

Clarke's Raglans and Overcoats will be sold at cost till 1st January. Prize ranges from $10 to $20. CLARKE 116 William street.

The Great Undergarment Depot for Men, women and children, is McLAUGHLIN'S, 269 Greenwich street, corner of Murray street. Wholesale and retail.

Custom Made Shirts, all Sizes, Warranted in every particular, at McLAUGHLIN'S, 269 Greenwich street, corner of Murray.

Winter Gloves—The Best Assortment ever offered at retail you will find at McLAUGHLIN'S.

The Celebrated Scotch Wool and Shaker undergarments; all sizes, at McLAUGHLIN'S, corner of Greenwich and Murray streets.

A Splendid Assortment of Gentlemen's Furnishing goods, imported expressly for the drawing room; nice during the gay season, together with every variety of article suitable for festal souvenirs, at GREEN'S shirt and furnishing establishment, No. 1 Astor House.

Gold and Silver Watches, Diamond Rings and pins, jewelry, and silver spoons, forks, &c., for sale at wholesale and retail, at less than the usual prices, by GEO. C. ALLEN, importer of watches and jewelry, 11 Wall street, second floor, near Broadway.

Smithsonian House, Broadway.—Hotel Accommodations on the European or American plan at option. Steam heat throughout. SIDNEY KOPMAN.

Fine Wedding Cards, Envelopes, &c.— EVERDELL'S is the oldest establishment on Broadway for fine card engraving. Established 1840.

Seal Engravings, Crests, Coats of Arms, Ciphers, &c., on stone and metal seals, rings, &c., at EVERDELL'S, 302 Broadway, corner Duane street.

$5.—A Great Treat for the Holidays.—A case of liquors, containing one dozen bottles assorted wine of different kinds, will be sold, and delivered free of expense to any part of the city, for the small sum of $5. MARTIN & MILLS, 14 Broadway.

A. Grandjean is the Only Person who can be consulted scientifically on all diseases of the human hair, at 34 Church street, corner of Barclay. The Sixth and Eighth avenue cars stop at the door of the establishment.

Batchelor's Hair Dye, Wigs and Toupees, the best in the world, made, sold and applied at No. 233 Broadway.

Cristadoro's Wigs, Scalps and Hair Dye have no equals. Wholesale and retail, and the dye privately applied, at No. 6 Astor House.

Falling of the Hair Should not be considered too lightly and but few persons can stop its disastrous consequences. Call on GRANDJEAN, 34 Church street.

Please & Lubin.
Frangipanni perfume, 7s. 12s. 25
Frangipanni sachet, 4s.
Frangipanni soap, 4s.
Frangipanni pomade, 6s.
Frangipanni incense, 4s
Perfumery factory, GEO. E. INGER & CO., corner of Walker street and Broadway, Chemists.

The Root of Disease is Eradicated by BRANDRETH'S pills.—This has been fully proven in the last thirty years by the evidence of 500,000 persons cured. They renovate enfeebled constitutions by purifying the blood. Purchase at the principal office, four doors from Broadway, in Canal street—Brandreth Building. Price 25 cents per box. Beware of counterfeits.

A Card.—To Druggists and Fancy Goods dealers.—PETRIDGE & CO., proprietors of Balm of a Thousand Flowers, are making arrangements with over two thousand newspapers, all over the United States, at an expense of upwards of forty thousand dollars, to advertise a new and improved article of pomade for the hair, to be called "Woodland Cream," which name they have adopted as a trade mark. This cream will be superior to any French article imported, and for half the price. It will be put up in octagonal glass ones, with metallic tops, the whole enclosed in an elegant blue and gold wrapper similar to the balm, with the same scale of prices. Druggists will please send in their orders, as they will be filled in the order in which they come.
PETRIDGE & CO., Franklin square, New York.

It is Most Extraordinary, but Not More so than true, how SPOLABCO, with his fragrant cassets, producing rosy health, is throwing the faculty into the shade—colleges, hospitals and all.

Hernia Cured by Marsh & Co.—Radical cure truss at 2½ Maiden lane, New York.

Holloway's Ointment.—Scorbutic Eruption and scrofula. Nearly half the human race can bear witness to the efficacy of this wonderful ongument in the cure of these diseases.

Hill, Inimitable Cutter of Hair and Whiskers, No. 1 Barclay street. Hair dye 4 shillings a box' black or brown.

Samuel Campbell, Chemist—Formerly with Rushton, Clark & Co., southwest corner of Sixth avenue and twenty eighth street

A Card.—Dr. Hunter begs to intimate that he has returned from Europe and will be at home 323 Broadway for consultation in bronchial and pulmonary affections, during the usual hours daily.
New York, Dec. 26, 1856.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONEY MARKET.

FRIDAY, Dec 26—6 P. M.

The news from Europe has had a favorable influence upon the stock market. The advance in consols and the increase of bullion in the Bank of England have filled our speculators in fancy railroad stocks with all sorts of hopes. They feel confident now that all difficulties have passed away, and that we are about entering upon a new period of inflation. These sanguine and hopeful individuals may have a little longer lease of their present prosperity, but the more they expand their operations the greater the revulsion when it comes. They are rapidly exhausting themselves by the sacrifices made to carry stocks. It costs two and three per cent per month for money to enable speculators to hold on to their stocks. They are all looking for an easy money market, but none of them know where it is coming from. They put down what little money they may have upon a certain stock the same as upon a certain card at the gambling table, if they win, all well and good, but if they lose, they keep on in the same way until they get cleaned out, then burst up and retire, to give way for a new operator of the same stamp. Wall street is simply a place for gambling upon a large scale, and speculators in stocks, on either side of the game, whether bulls or bears, come out no better than regular gamblers at faro or roulette.

At the board to-day there was more activity than we have noticed for some days. Illinois Central bonds advanced ¼ per cent; Pennsylvania Coal, 1; New York Central Railroad, 1; Erie, ¼; Reading, ¼; Illinois Central Railroad, 2; Cleveland and Toledo, ½; Galena and Chicago, ½; La Crosse and Milwaukie, ½. Chicago and Rock Island Railroad sold at 94¼ a 95 per cent, dividend of 12¼ per cent off. It is, we believe, the intention of most of the holders of the convertible bonds to convert them into stock on the 10th of January, so as to realize on their investment and let the road drop. There are many safer and better places to put money than in the bonds of a railroad company which boldly acknowledges that the object of declaring a large stock dividend is to depreciate or destroy the value of the convertible clause in its bonds. An injunction has been talked of, but the best way is to sell out such securities and place the proceeds in the bonds or stock of some company managed by strictly honest and honorable men, if such can be found.

At the second board the buoyancy continued, with considerable activity. Delaware and Hudson advanced ¼ per cent; Erie, ¼; Reading, ¼; Chicago and Rock Island, ¼; Illinois Central bonds, ½. Nicaragua Transit sold at 4¼ per cent at both boards to-day. The demand for money appears to be daily getting more active. The next six or seven days will without doubt try the strength of many speculators and many business men. The banks are all hard up, and are calling in rapidly. Those who look for an easy money market immediately upon the opening of the new year, will be disappointed.

The London *Times* of the 11th inst., thus announces the failure of a heavy bear operator on the Stock Exchange:—

This has been settling day in the English funds, and they have again exhibited uninterrupted animation. Consols for money, which left off last evening at 94¾ to ⅞, were first quoted 94⅝ to ⅞. Owing to the announcement of the failure of a dealer who had been speculating largely for a fall, and whose account remained to be adjusted, a fresh advance then occurred to 94⅞ to ⅞. Subsequently the reduction of the bank rate of discount imparted additional strength to the market, and there was a rise to 94⅞. This was in a great degree maintained up to the close of business, the last transactions being at 94⅞ to ⅞ for money and 95⅜ to ½ (or 98⅞ to 94 ex dividend) for the 11th of January. The differences of the person whose failure was announced were stated to be about £7,600. He had sold between £400,000 and £500,000 consols, and was almost destitute of assets to meet any loss.

The Albany *Argus* published a few days since the following absurd paragraph:—

The New York Central Railroad Company manufactures its own railroad iron at less cost than one-half its market value. The average cost to railroad companies is now $60 to $65 per ton, while the cost to the manufacturer is about $30 per ton. The cost of the Central Railroad Company's iron works, all complete, including 1,560 acres of land containing their ore, was $145,600. This sum the company saved in one year by making for itself the iron necessary to supply the annual wear and tear of the road.

This is all bosh. The *Argus* must find some other way to puff the management of the New York Central Railroad. It is well known that Mr. Corning, the President of that company, owns a large rolling mill, and of course re-rolls all the old rails of the road. His charge is $30 per ton simply for re-rolling old rails. The *Argus* appears to have lost sight, in its zeal, of the fact that the old iron is worth something and cost the company a pretty round sum at the beginning. The company's "organ" has been deceived, or wilfully misrepresents facts.

The Assistant Treasurer reports to-day as follows:—

Total receipts	$183,039 00
Total payments	182,887 45
Total balance	11,970,189 70

The warrants entered at the Treasury Department on the 22d and 23d inst., were as follows:—

Texas debt warrants	$484 60
For the redemption of stocks	1,538 02
For the Treasury Department	67,228 21
For the Interior Department	39,923 95
For Customs	300,850 29
War warrants received and entered	267,771 23
On account of the Navy	47,949 05
From miscellaneous sources	21,553 31
From lands	219,121 05
From Customs	181,273 93
War repay warrants received and entered	675 07

The Toledo and Detroit Railroad was opened to day, and a train was run over the road from each terminus. The line will be at once opened for business, and the connection made with the Michigan Southern road. It is expected that the Toledo and Detroit line will add largely to the through business of the Michigan Southern.

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, December 25, 1856:—

MOVEMENTS IN FOREIGN DRY GOODS.

Entered for Consumption.	Quantity.	Value
Manufactures of wool	130	$139,181
Do. cotton	489	83,845
Do. silk	174	170,209
Do. flax	117	30,293
Miscellaneous	164	39,479
Total	1,264	$463,007
Withdrawn from Warehouse.		
Manufactures of wool	68	$34,285
Do. cotton	259	46,948
Do. silk	22	19,822
Do. flax	102	22,407
Miscellaneous	225	18,963
Total	676	$142,225
Entered for Warehousing.		
Manufactures of wool	15	$5,878
Do. cotton	382	74,178
Do. silk	27	21,755
Do. flax	16	2,726
Miscellaneous	41	30,062
Total	481	$132,599

Value put on the market during the week $605,282

The Mitchell County (Iowa) *Republican* says:—

An efficient corps of engineers is now locating and establishing the grade for the Cedar Valley Branch of the Chicago, Iowa and Nebraska Railroad through this place. Mitchell county voted at the late election to loan the credit of the county to this railroad company for two hundred thousand dollars, to aid in the construction of the above road, by a majority of one hundred and eighty votes. This road crosses the Mississippi River at Clinton City, runs thence to Cedar Rapids, where it intersects the Cedar Valley, thence up the Cedar River, passing through the finest interior counties and the most thriving inland towns in the State, among which are Vinton, Waterloo, Waverley, Bradford, Osage, Mitchell, and on to St. Paul. That part of the road between Clinton City and Cedar Rapids is under contract to be completed by January, 1858, and it is probable that the entire road to the State line between Iowa and Minnesota Territory will be put under contract in the spring.

Stock Exchange.

FRIDAY, Dec. 26, 1856

$10000 Virg'a 6's..s60	94		200 shs Erie RR..	b60	62¾
5000 Missouri 6s..o	89		100 do.....	b60	61½
1000 do.....c	89¾		50 do.....	c	61½
1000 Cahl'a 7's,'75	79		150 do.....		61½
5000 N Y C R 7's.s3	99		100 do.....s60		61½
1000 Erie 2d M B.s3	97		100 do.....s45		61½
2000 Erie Cvt s, '71	87		600 do.....s3		61½
1000 Erie 3d MB,'83	96		200 do.....b30		61½
1000 Harlem 2d M.	75		5 Sixth Av RR..b3		92½
1000 Goshen Bds. s3	82		50 Hud River RR.s3		29¾
28000 Ill Cen Bds.s3	96		800 Reading RR.....		85⅝
17500 do.....	96¼		500 do.....b30		84
10000 do.....b60	97		100 do.....s3		85⅛
7000 T'e B&A 2d M	74		110 MichS&NIaRR.s3		88½
2000 T,W&Wd M B	5½		10 do.....		88⅞
1000 Hud Riv 1st M	98½		150 do.....		88⅞
10 shs Cont'l Ins Co.	100		100 do.....		88⅞
150 Canton Co.....	22		300 do.....		88⅞
50 Nica Trans Co...	4¾		150 do.....		88⅞
10 Del & Hud Canal.	117		50 Ill Central RR..s3		122¾
75 Penna Coal Co.s3	99¾		100 do.....s3		122¾
100 do.....	100		10 Cleve&Tol RR....		74
100 Cumb Coal...b15	17¼		650 do.....b3		74¼
300 do.....c	17		850 do.....		74¼
100 do.....b60	17¼		200 do.....b10		74¾
15 American Expr..	100		200 do.....b60		75
50 N Y Cen RR...s3	92¼		100 do.....		74¾
50 do.....s10	92¾		200 do.....b3		74¾
100 do.....s10	93		400 do.....s60		74¾
219 do.....	93		200 do.....		74¾
50 do.....s30	93¼		100 do.....b10		74¾
300 do.....b60	94		100 C&RIsldRR ex div		94¾
110 do.....s3	93¼		50 do.....s60		94
100 do.....b10	93¾		50 do.....P & c		94¾
50 do.....s60	93		150 do.....cgs		95
600 Erie RR.....s30	61¾		50 Galena & Chi RR.		119
450 do.....s3	61¼		100 Clev & Pitts RR..		86
400 do.....b3	61¼		50 LCrosseAMRS&S0		75¾
200 do.....b15	61¾		50 do.....		75
300 do.....b60	62¼				

$16500 Ill Cen RR bds	96¼		200 shs Erie RR...s60		61¼
1000 Har RR 2d mtge	75		200 do b7		61¾
100 shs Canton Co...	22		200 do		61¾
100 do b60	22¾		100 do s45		61¼
150 Nic Transit Co...	4¾		150 Reading RR.....		85¾
20 Del & Hud Canal Co	117¼		200 do.....b30		86¾
50 Ill Cen RR.....s3	122¼		100 do.....s30		86
200 N Y Cen RR..s60	93¼		100 do.....b30		86¼
30 do	93¼		200 do.....s60		86
200 do.....	93¾		150 do.....s3		86
50 do s60	93¾		800 Cleve & Tol RR..		74¼
120 do.....	93¼		200 Chi & R IsldR.b15		95¼
100 Erie RR.....b3	61¼		25 do		95¼
150 do s3	61¼				

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The following is our weekly report of failures, assignments, &c.:—

G. F. Sargent, Bangor, Me., suspended.
Seldom Cook, Springfield, Vt, suspended.
N. P. Harrington, Danby, Vt., failed.
O. B. Morse, Lawrence, Mass., suspended.
James M. Follansbee, Worcester, Mass., failed some time since; now gone into insolvency.
George Weeden, Shamrock Mills, R. I., suspended.
P. Walton & Co., Vernon, Conn., assigned.
Chandler Norton, Bristol, Conn., assigned.
E. Levy, Middletown, Conn., assigned.
William Cane & Brother, New York city, failed; liabilities about $30,000.
Ralph Warriner, Saratoga, N. Y., assigned.
B. F. Woodruff, Flattsburg, N. Y., failed and assigned.
H. H. Barton, Utica, N. Y., failed and assigned.
B. F. Austin, Saratoga, N. Y., assigned.
Huntingdon & Co., Newark, N. J., suspended.
Stockman & O'Neil, Philadelphia, Pa., (referred to last week.) suspended; liabilities about $125,000.
William Duity, Philadelphia, Pa., suspended; is asking an extension.
J. K. Scam, Catasauqua, Pa., failed.
Weiss & Bartholomew, Pa., failed; liabilities large.
W. R. Ardman, Glonsville, Pa., failed; indebtedness large.
G. W. Sheff, Glen Hope, Pa., failed, and store closed.
W. A. Sands, Reading, Pa., failed.
William Mason & Son, Baltimore, Md., suspended.
Baugher & Carroll, Baltimore, Md., suspended.
Hardwick & Cook, Savannah Ga., cotton, suspended.
Webster & Palmer, Savannah, Ga., grocery, suspended.
James O'Hara, Savannah, Ga., failed; closed up by the Sheriff.
J. C. Carmichael, Augusta, Ga., suspended.
E. & J. T. Reynolds, Waynesburg, Ohio, failed; liabilities about $40,000; small dividend expected.
James Hall, Indianapolis, Ind., assiged.
E. Winchell, Peori, Ill., suspended; poor dividend expected.
B. & E. R. Smith, Hamer, Mich., assigned.
The cashier of a bank in Racine, Wis., has suffered his paper to go to protest in Chicago. Whether he will take it up and continue to maintain his credit remains to be seen.

FAMILY MARKETING.

RETAIL PRICES OF PRODUCE IN WASHINGTON MARKET—MEAT STILL HIGH—THE POULTRY AND GAME BUSINESS—ADVANCE IN THE PRICE OF FISH, ETC.

Most of the stalls in the market are decorated with Christmas greens in commemoration of the festive season, and everything has a very holiday appearance. Poultry, as might have been expected, rates very high, notwithstanding the immense quantities in market; nor can we expect much reduction until after New Year's day. Well fattened and dressed turkeys sell at from 16c. to 18c., while the poorer varieties bring 14c. Chickens are nearly as high and have advanced 4c. per lb. during the past week. A great number of tame ducks are in market from Pennsylvania, but do not sell well. Wild game is getting plenty. Wild pigeons are in from the West and sell well. Wild geese are selling at $1 a piece, and command a ready sale. We saw several wild turkeys in market, for one of which the dealer asked $16. It came from Virginia. They average, however, about $4 per pair. Bears meat, a great rarity, is in market, but brings 37½c. per lb. Quail has fallen in price. Fish has advanced in price in a most remarkable manner. The high winds along the coast have prevented fishermen from pursuing their ordinary avocations, and the consequence has been that scarcely any fish is in market and it all brings high prices. Some fish has advanced five and six cents per lb. Even cod has been raised in price. This is the more strange as very little fish is bought this season. Meat is firm at somewhat lower rates than last weeks' market. However, it is still high enough in all conscience. There is but little new in vegetables. The prices are the same as quoted last week, with an upward tendency. Winter apples are likely to be a little lower. Butter has cheapened some, but cheese remains the same. The following has been carefully revised.

RETAIL PRICES.

BEEF.	d.	d.	FISH.	d.	d.
Beef steak	—	a 14	Flounders	6	a —
Sirloin steak	—	a 18	Catfish	—	a 8
Porterhouse steak	16	a 18	Perch	—	a 10
Rump	14	a —	Eels	—	a 12½
Roasting pieces	14	a —	Haddock	8	a —
Chuck roast	10	a 12	Blackfish	8	a 10
Corned pieces	9	a 10	Pickerel	10	a 12
MUTTON.			Smelts	18	a 20
Hind quarters	—	a 10	SHELL FISH.		
Fore quarters	8	a —	Oysters, per 100	50	a$2 00
Lamb	—	a 12	Clams, per 100	25	a$1 00
VEAL.			" soft shell, p. 100	—	a 37½
Hind quarters	14	a —	Soft clams, per 100	30	a —
Fore quarters	10	a —	Lobsters, per lb	6	a —
Veal cutlets	18	a 20	Crabs, per doz	25	a —
PORK.			BUTTER EGGS, &c.		
Fresh pork	11	a a —	Butter—		
Salted pork	—	a 12½	Orange county	28	a —
Hams	13	a 14	Western	18	a 22
Shoulders	10	a 11	Salt	18	a —
Sides	14	a —	Cheese	10	a 12
Jowls	10	a —	Eggs, fire for	12½	a —
MISCELLANEOUS.			Honey—		
Country sausages	14	a —	Strained, per lb	12	a 14
Bologna sausages	15	a —	In comb	18	a 20
Beef tongues	14	a —	VEGETABLES.		
Lard, tubs	12	a —	Potatoes, per bbl	2 75	a$3 00
POULTRY.			Do. sweet	3 00	a —
Chickens, per lb.	12	a 14	Do. half p'k	15	a 18
Fowls	75	a 1 00	Carrots, per bush	—	a 50
Turkeys, per lb.	12	a 16	Onions, white, p. qt.	—	a 8
Geese	—	a 14	Salad, per doz	—	a 25
Ducks, per pr.	1 00	a 1 50	Pumpkins, each	12	a 25
GAME.			Squash, each	18	a 25
Duck—			Parsnips, bunch	6	a —
Black, per pair	—	a 1 50	Preserv'd tomatoes, per quart	35	a —
Can. bk. p. p.	—	a 2 25	New turnips, b'l p'k	12	a —
Broadhill, p. pr.	75	a —	Do. per bunch	6	a —
Redhead, p. pr.	—	a 1 25	New