

Letter from Colonel Forbes.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The following has been received by a gentleman of this city:

November 16, 1893.

My Dear Sir—I thank you very much for having forwarded to me the particulars of the demand made for my books and papers.

When I returned to 707 Broadway from the West, in December, 1887, I was for a long time confined to my bed from a severe illness, so that I was wholly unable to get to Boston to see the Humanitarians. I found, on being able to move out of the house, that I was charged for less accommodation 25 per cent more than I paid before; and I left, besides other things, a large writing table and bureau, which was, without my knowledge, sold for \$25, to which I submitted, though I could not replace it.

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Opening of the Spring.

It is expected that the Southern trade will be more active than usual, owing to the fact that the receipts at the ports have reached nearly 1,000,000 bales, or about one-fourth of the entire crop.

The chief movements in cotton domestic goods were confined to the demand for exports and to the receipts by trade. The stocks in general, with the exception of heavy sheetings, were ample, and prices dull, while in fine goods, though not active, prices were sustained. The demand for fine bleached shirtings was in fair request for the season, and prices unchanged. Drills were in good demand, and woolen goods in fair request.

The movement in foreign goods the past week has not been large. Importers were not pressing sales, while exporters had a fair amount of spring trade. The market was quiet, and prices were steady. The supplies in the hands of jobbers, considering the previous heavy importations, were ample, and prices were steady.

CITY COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18.—P. M. 5:15. Small sales of pots and pearls were made, at 5 1/2 c a 5 1/2 c.

REMARKS.—The market was heavy for most descriptions of State and Western flour, and prices were again easier. The sales embraced about 10,000 bbls, closing within the following range of prices:—

Superior Western... 5 00 to 5 10
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Mixed to straight Southern... 5 00 to 5 75
Straight to good extra do... 5 00 to 5 25
Good to fair do... 4 50 to 5 00
Fair to poor do... 4 00 to 4 50

Flour, Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Beans, Peas, Potatoes, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Spices, etc.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Bologna sausage, 16c per lb; beef, 12c per lb; pork, 10c per lb; mutton, 14c per lb; lamb, 12c per lb; veal, 10c per lb; chicken, 12c per lb; turkey, 14c per lb; ducks, 12c per lb; geese, 10c per lb; eggs, 12c per lb; butter, 14c per lb; cheese, 12c per lb; fish, 10c per lb; etc.

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Financial and Commercial.

The dry goods importation for the week ending today is \$1,000,000, against \$1,100,000 for the week ending last week. The aggregate importation of dry goods at this port since January 1 only falls a few thousand dollars short of \$102,000,000, against \$104,000,000 to same date of 1888, and \$87,500,000 to same date of 1887.

Foreign exchange for the packets of to-morrow may be quoted inactive. The leading drawers are asking 110 and 110 1/2 for sterling. The rate is rather below than above 110; eight bills 110 1/2 c. France, for which there is a pretty fair demand, good at 15 1/2 c. for 60 day bills, and 15 1/4 c. for short sight. The steamers will be in specie, of which about \$100,000 will be in silver. The shipment promises now to be larger than was expected yesterday.

The course of the domestic exchanges is shown by the following table of the price of eight bills on New York at the cities mentioned:—

Table showing exchange rates for various cities: Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, etc.

The stock market continues quiet. At the first board there was a slight falling off in some descriptions. Between the boards prices rallied; in the afternoon they were better, and the market closed steady.

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