FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, May 11—6 P. M.

The stock market has lacked animation to-day, but there is no perceptible abatement of firmness, and confidence in higher prices is general. All the indications point to a summer speculation for a rise, and the disposition to invest in railway property is strengthened by the large current earnings of the roads.

At the early session of the open board Michigan Southern sold at 78¾, Cleveland and Pittsburg 88, Rock Island 94¾, Northwestern 29¼—preferred 60¼, Fort Wayne 99¾, Canton 58¾, Quicksilver 55¾, Mariposa preferred (b. 3) 24¾. At the first regular board the market was moderately active and firm. Hudson River closed ¼ higher than at the half-past two board yesterday, Michigan Southern ¾, Cleveland and Pittsburg ¾, Rock Island ⅝, Western Union Telegraph ¼. Erie was ⅛ lower, Milwaukee and St. Paul preferred 1, Tennessee sixes ¾. Government gold bearing securities were steady. Seven-thirty notes of the first series declined ¼; the second series advanced ⅛.

At the open board at one o'clock the market was quiet and without material change. At the half-past two board it was rather weak on Northwestern preferred and Illinois Central, but steady on the remainder of the list. The former closed 1¾ lower than at the first regular board, and the latter ¾; Western Union Telegraph ¾, Cumberland ⅛. Atlantic mail advanced 2¾. There was no change in Erie, Hudson River, Reading, Michigan Southern or Rock Island. Government securities were steady. Ten-forties advanced ⅛, seven-thirty notes of the first series ¼. The second series declined ⅛.

At the open board at half-past three the market remained steady, but dull. New York Central sold at 92¾ (s. 3), Erie 73¼ (s. 3), Hudson River 109¾, Reading 107⅛, Illinois Central 122¾, Cleveland and Pittsburg 83¼, Rock Island 94¾, Northwestern 28¾—preferred 58¾, Fort Wayne 98¾ (b. 3), Ohio and Mississippi certificates 26¼, Canton 58¾, Quicksilver 55¼, Mariposa preferred 23. Afterwards the market was firm, but without activity.

At five o'clock New York Central closed at 92¾ a ⅝, Erie 73½ a ⅝, Reading 107⅛ a ¼, Michigan Southern 78¾, Cleveland and Pittsburg 83¼ a ⅜, Cleveland and Toledo 104¼ a ¾, Rock Island 94¾ a ⅝, Northwestern 29⅛ a ⅛—preferred 58⅝ a ¾, Fort Wayne 98½ a 99, Ohio and Mississippi certificates 26¼, Canton 58¾, Cumberland 45 a ¼, Quicksilver 55¼ bid.

Money continues a drug and large amounts were offered to-day at four per cent. The general rate to the Stock Exchange is 4 a 5, with a light demand.

Petroleum and mining stocks were fairly active in the morning, but dull in the afternoon. At the first board Bonnehoff Run closed 60c. lower than at the same time yesterday, Pithole Farms 10c., United States 15c., Consolidated Gregory Gold 10c. Central was 10c. higher, Tygert's Creek 20c. At the second board United States closed 10c. lower than at the first board, selling at $8 30; Consolidated Gregory Gold 25c., selling at $15 25; Smith & Parmlee 25c., selling at $9 95. Bonnehoff Run sold at $12 30, Downieville Gold 40c., Gunnell Gold $1, Benton $1 50, New York Gold 45c., Walkill Lead $1 10.

Gold has been barely steady. The opening quotation was 129⅝, followed by an advance of ⅛ and a decline to 129. The closing price was 129⅛ a ¼.

Foreign exchange was rather dull, and the leading drawers accepted 109¾ for their bills on England at sixty days. Three days' bills were quoted at 110 a ⅛, commercial 107¾ a 109.

The Arbitration Committee of the Clearing House presented their report in the case of the Continental Bank versus the Bank of the Commonwealth, at a meeting of the association held on Wednesday last, which was to the effect that there was nothing in the constitution of the body which gave it jurisdiction in a case of this kind; but the opinion of the committee was that the Bank of the Commonwealth ought to pay to the Continental Bank the amount of the check in dispute, and that the constitution was defective in not specifically providing for the payment of checks returned as not good by one bank to another. The committee, therefore, recommended an amendment to section fourteen, which says:—"Errors in the exchanges and claims arising from the return of checks or from any other cause are to be adjusted directly between the banks who are parties to them, and not through the Clearing House, the association being in no way responsible in respect to them," by adding, "but in case any bank shall refuse promptly to refund payment for any check, draft, or other obligation sent in the exchanges through the Clearing House upon demand made by the bank receiving the same, such refusal shall be deemed good cause for suspending the said bank from the privileges of the Clearing House by the vote of a majority of all its members." Some such amendment is obviously necessary for the self-protection of each of the banks making their exchanges through the Clearing House, and as the one proposed comes up for consideration at the next meeting on Wednesday, it, or its equivalent, will probably be adopted and take effect immediately afterwards. Meanwhile the sentiment of the Clearing House is against the Bank of the Commonwealth in its dispute with the Continental.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city, at a special meeting held yesterday, protested against the proposed tax of five cents per pound on raw cotton instead of the tax of two cents per pound, as at present levied. The report of the special committee appointed to consider the subject expressed, it seems to us, an exaggerated idea of the effect of such a tax and undue fear of foreign competition. The experience of the war has proved that no other country can thoroughly compete with the United States in the cultivation of the staple, and foreign manufacturers will be glad enough to take it from us permanently at a higher price than they were accustomed to pay antecedent to 1861. Cotton fabrics being articles of universal consumption, a tax on the raw material would be distributed in equal proportions among all the consumers, and thus constitute a very light burden, while the ease and economy with which such a tax can be collected strongly recommend it to the consideration of the government as a means of raising revenue. It is an open question whether or not five cents per pound is too heavy an impost; but the present tax has elicited no complaint. If a tax of five cents would check the cultivation of cotton in the United States by making it unprofitable, or if it had the effect of so raising the price and limiting the demand for American cotton abroad as to impair our market for the product, then it would be unwise to levy it, and the more moderate tax of three cents per pound might be imposed without danger of its interrupting our trade. Considering the great improvement which has taken place in our revenues during the past year, and that Southern industry is but slowly recovering from its long prostration, a tax of three cents per pound would be more prudent than the higher one advised by the Revenue Commission. We are under no necessity now to tax heavily and indiscriminately, the public income being in excess of its current expenditure, and above all other interests the cotton trade should be free from onerous impositions. But we maintain that American cotton is too indispensable to the world to be as seriously affected by a tax of five cents per pound as the special committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce seem to think it would be.

The United States Treasurer has issued a circular addressed to the cashiers of all national banks which have been designated government depositories, requiring them to render to him, simultaneously with their transcripts of accounts current, a statement showing the amount they hold to the credit of the disbursing officer of the United States. This is well; and the regulation should be strictly enforced in future. But what is even more imperatively called for is a searching examination of the affairs of all the national banks by the Comptroller of the Currency, under the authority conferred upon him by that section of the national banking law which we quoted yesterday. To our own knowledge, banks which have been in existence under the system nearly two years have never yet been visited by an examiner, and this we believe is the case with the great majority of the banks elsewhere.

The Paymaster General has followed up the circular in question by instructing every paymaster at the close of each week, in his report to the United States Treasurer, "to report the deposit balance of public money to his credit, designating the place or places of such deposit." This will serve as a salutary check upon gentlemen who have a talent for concentrating their financial forces, as in the case of Paymaster Paulding.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* of to-day says:—

A good deal of loose capital seems to be finding its way for permanent investment into the good interest and dividend-paying securities. There was quite a large number of sales yesterday, of comparatively small lots, but no evidence of speculation.

The amount on deposit with the national banks was, on the 17th of March, according to a report made to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, $21,780,358. More than half of this amount was held by eighty-two national banks in cities where Sub-Treasuries are established, namely:—

	No. Banks.	Deposits.
Baltimore	5	$588,189
Boston	8	699,520
Buffalo	2	196,740
Chicago	7	519,173
Cincinnati	4	1,939,626
Louisville	1	20,734
Memphis	2	164,836
Mobile	1	31,656
Newbern	1	148,992
New Orleans	2	311,675
New York city	28	1,574,354
Omaha	1	45,084
Philadelphia	12	1,077,348
Pittsburg	4	226,650
St. Louis	4	364,618
St. Paul	1	7,633
Washington, D. C.	5	3,331,054
Total		$12,400,471

The importations of dry goods at this port for the week ending May 10 compare as follows with those of the previous week:—

	May 3— Pkgs.	Value.	May 10— Pkgs.	Value.
Consumption.				
Manufactures of wool	577	$245,333	809	$388,511
Manufactures of cotton	549	175,648	803	283,099
Manufactures of silk	175	189,509	198	189,071
Manufactures of flax	365	115,466	923	260,475
Miscellaneous	491	105,082	243	98,287
Total	2,097	$831,098	2,981	$1,192,943
Withdrawals.				
Manufactures of wool	752	$320,518	247	$105,906
Manufactures of cotton	321	103,066	135	45,956
Manufactures of silk	158	170,488	47	62,322
Manufactures of flax	478	132,149	178	49,193
Miscellaneous	6,867	46,655	1,033	9,918
Total	8,576	$772,876	2,140	$274,295
Warehoused.				
Manufactures of wool	220	$95,906	217	$108,748
Manufactures of cotton	84	29,065	171	61,709
Manufactures of silk	72	61,711	67	82,046
Manufactures of flax	63	21,464	294	46,896
Miscellaneous	10,696	49,029	1,095	16,351
Total	11,135	$257,166	1,844	$315,810

New York Stock Exchange.

FRIDAY, May 11, 1866.

FIRST SESSION—10:30 A. M.

$10000 U S 6's 1867	121	500 shs As'b'n C'l Co	17⅛
20000 do,2d call	121⅛	200 do	17⅛
8000 U S 6's 1881 reg	109⅛	200 Spruce Hill C'l Co	4½
10000 US6's,5-20cou'62	102⅛	100 do s10	4½
16000 do, 2d call	102	100 Wy'g Val Coal Co	40
14000 US6's,5-20cou'65	102	300 Central Coal Co	43
2000 U S 5's '74,c cn	96	200 Cum'ld Coal pref	45⅛
500 U S 5's 10 40 c s	95½	100 American Coal	64½
500 do	96	100 Spng Mount Coal	47
1000 do	95⅞	200 do 2d call	47
4000 Tren n7-30,1st s	102⅛	600 Q'silver Mg Co	55½
1250 do small	102	10 do	54
240000 2d series	102⅛	100 Atlantic M SS Co	129
1350 3d s small	102	100 do	129⅛
8500 do	102⅛	100 NY Central RR	92⅞
30000 US6's, 1yr c nl	100⅛	200 Erie RR	73½
3000 NYS6's 1873	96⅛	100 Erie RR pref	78½
5000 NYS5's 1874	87⅛	150 N Y & N Hav RR	98
9000 NYS7's b loan	103⅛	200 Hud River RR	109⅛
6000 PennS 6's	90⅛	700 Reading RR	107⅛
10000 Virginia 6's	68	300 do b10	107⅛
13000 NorthCa 6's	84	100 do 2d call	107⅛
6000 Missouri St 6's	74½	200 Mich S & N Ind	79⅞
7000 Mo 6's, H&StJ is	78	200 Illinois Cen RR	122
4000 Ohio & Miss cer	26	200 do	122½
9000 Ohio & Miss p c	75	100 do	122⅞
16000 NY Cent 7's, '76	102	100 do 2d call	122⅞
1000 Harlem 1st m	100	100 do s10	122⅛
2000 MichCent 8's, nl	108	200 Clev & Pitts RR	83
7000 Mich So 2d m	88	1400 do	83⅛
5000 do 2d call	87⅛	18 Clev, Col & CinRR	115
5000 Mich So s f bs	93⅛	150 Chic & NWRR pref	60⅛
9000 Alt & TH 2dm pf	80	200 do	60⅛
10000 Chic & NW con	78	100 do s10	60⅛
5000 Clev & Tol s f b	98	100 do s30	60
5000 do	98⅛	200 do s10	60
2000 P, Ft W & Chi 1st	102	200 Chi & Rk Is RR	94⅞
3000 do	102⅛	50 Pitts, Ft W & Chi RR	99⅛
1000 M & St P 1st mtg	87	20 do	99
45 shs Bnk of Com	109⅛	300 Clev & Tol RR	104⅛
10 M Mer Bnk	104	100 Chic & Alton RR	97⅛
70 Gl Nat Bnk	108	200 Mil & St P RR	56⅛
43 Gal Nat Bank	106	200 do 2d call	57
100 Cant Co s10	58⅛	200 Mil & St P pref	71
100 We'rn Union Tel	62⅞	200 do	70⅞
50 Del & Hud Canal	143	100 do	70⅛
100 Bruns City Land Co	9⅛	100 Alton & T H pref	64⅛
200 Ashb'ton Coal Co	17		

SECOND SESSION—1 P. M.

$10000 US5's 5-20 c'62	102	200 shs Mariposa prf	24⅛
30000 US5's, 10-40, cou	95⅞	100 Spring Mt Coal	47⅞
30000 Ohio & Miss cer	26⅛	200 Reading RR	107⅛
100 shs At M'l SS Co	131	200 Ill Central RR	122½
100 do	131⅛	100 Chicago & NW prf	59½
100 Western Union Tel	62⅞	200 Clev & Tol RR	104⅛
200 Quick Mining Co	55⅛	400 Mil & St Paul prf	71

THIRD SESSION—2:30 P. M.

$3000 US 6's, '81, cou	109⅛	200 shs Ash Coal Co.	17⅛
10000 US6's, 5-20, c, '62	102	400 Spruce Hill Coal Co	4⅛
23000 US6's, 5-20, c, '64	102⅛	100 do	4½
34500 US6's, 5-20c, '65	102⅛	100 do b10	4⅛
1000 US5's, 10-40cou	96	200 N Y Central RR	92⅞
1000 Tr n, 7 3-10, 1 s	102⅛	700 Erie RR	73⅛
15000 do 2d s	102⅞	500 Hudson River RR	109⅛
5000 do	102⅛	400 Reading RR	107⅛
2500 do 3d s	102⅛	1000 do	107⅛
100 shs Mariposa pref	24⅛	200 Mich Sou & NI RR	78⅞
100 do	24⅛	100 do b10	78⅞
200 Cumb Coal pref	45	100 Ill Cent RR s15	122
100 Quick Mining Co	55⅛	100 do	122
100 Western Union Tel	62⅞	500 Chic & N W	28⅞
200 At Mail SS Co	132	100 Chic & N W pref	59⅛
100 Boston W P b30	38⅛	300 do	59
200 Spring Mount C'l	49	1200 do	58⅞
100 do b30	49⅛	100 Chi & Rk I RR	94⅞

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY, May 11—6 P. M.

ASHES.—Receipts, 79 packages. The business continued small, but prices were maintained, owing to the light arrivals. We quote $6 87½ for pot and $13 25 a $13 50 for pearl.

BREADSTUFFS.—Receipts, 8,098 bbls. flour, 1,650 bags corn meal, 5,900 bushels corn, and 14,123 do. oats. The market for State and Western flour was without animation, and with a limited demand holders were free sellers at lower prices, the market closing with a continued downward tendency, at a reduction of from 25c. a 50c. per bbl. on all qualities. The sales were confined to about 7,500 at the revised quotations annexed. Southern flour was dull and lower, with a continued drooping inclination at the close of the market. The sales embrace 400 bbls. Canada flour was inactive, at a decline of 15c. a 20c. on all grades. The market was very irregular at the close. The sales were about 350 bbls. Rye flour was dull and heavy, with sales of 350 bbls. at our quotations. Corn meal was in moderate demand at previous prices. The sales embrace 700 bbls., mostly Brandywine. We quote:—

Superfine and Western flour	$7 80 a $8 50
Extra State	8 75 a 9 10
Choice State	9 15 a 9 75
Common to medium extra Western	8 80 a 10 00
Extra round hoop Ohio	9 40 a 10 00
Western trade brands	10 10 a 13 75
Common Southern	10 75 a 11 50
Fancy and extra do	11 60 a 16 75
Common Canadian	9 60 a 10 00
Good to choice and extra	10 05 a 13 85
Rye flour (superfine)	6 25 a 7 00
Corn meal, Jersey	4 15 a 4 25
Corn meal, Brandywine	4 35 a 4 45
Corn meal, Brandywine, puncheons	22 50 a —

—The wheat market was dull, and prices ruled nominal and somewhat irregular, closing at a decline of 3c. a 5c. The sales were limited to about 12,000 bushels, at $3 for prime white Michigan, $2 10 for No. 1 new Milwaukee, and $2 68 for white Illinois. Corn was steady, with a fair demand. The sales comprise 75,000 bushels at 77c. a 80c. for unsound and 80c. a 83c. for sound mixed Western, in store and delivered. Oats were steady and in moderate demand. The sales were mostly at 49c. a 51c. for new Western; 58½c. a 61c. for old do.; 63c. a 64c. for State; 57c. a 58c. for Jersey, and 60c. a 61c. for Canada. Rye was quiet and unchanged. The sales comprise 5,000 bushels Western at 85c.. Malt was dull and heavy. Barley was in moderate request, but buyers were looking for lots at lower prices, and the business was light, as holders were unwilling to make concessions. The following table shows the amount of flour and grain in store in Chicago in the 5th inst., compared with the amount in store on the same day last year:—

	1865.	1866.
Flour, bbls	66,250	33,341
Wheat, bushels	1,122,641	780,054
Corn	624,716	1,618,193
Oats	702,893	898,925
Rye	89,882	157,557
Barley	129,720	184,225
Total	3,001,102	3,709,659

BEESWAX was steady, but quiet. We quote Southern and Western at 38c. a 40c.

COTTON.—The market was very firm and holders were generally demanding higher prices, though the business was mainly if not all at yesterday's prices. The sales comprised 1,700 bales. We quote:—

	Uplands.	Florida.	Mobile.	N. Orl'ns.
Ordinary	28	29	29	30
Low middling	32	32	33	33
Middling	34	34	35	35
Good middling	36	36	37	37

—1,500 bales of government cotton were sold at auction yesterday, under the direction of the United States Cotton Agent, at the following prices:—New Orleans—4 bales good middling, at 29½c.; 8 ordinary, 27½c.; 7 low ordinary, 25c.; 267 rebaled (average), 27c. Mobile—17 bales low middling, at 32c.; 51 good ordinary, 29¾c.; 25 ordinary, 29c.; 342 rebaled, 29½c.

COFFEE was inactive and almost nominal. No sales from first hands were made. A moderate business was done in lots from second hands at about previous prices, comprising 1,500 bags Maracaibo at 20½c. a 21½c., and 1,500 bags Rio at 16½c. a 18½c., gold, duty paid.

CANDLES.—Adamantine continued dull and heavy, with a slow jobbing inquiry at 21c. a 22c. for fourteen ounce city. Patent were quoted at 50c., and sperm 40c., with a very moderate trade in lots for immediate use.

COPPER was without buyers, excepting a few inquirers for small quantities for immediate use, and prices were quite generally nominal, though holders were firm. We note sales of 80,000 lbs. in lots, mainly of Baltimore, at 28c. We quote Detroit 29c., and Portage Lake 28½c. New sheathing, &c., were moderately active in a small way at about last quotations.

COTTON was quiet, Manila only selling in a small way at 20c. a 21c., while there was almost no market for other descriptions, which were nominal at the following prices:—Tarred American at 19c., and Russia bolt rope at 28c.

FREIGHTS.—There was no decided change either in the amount of merchandise offering or the rates current. Cotton was wanted, and rates were nominally ⅜d. by sail and 3-16d by steam. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, 200 bales cotton, private; by steamer, 800 bales cotton at 3-16d., 45,000 bushels corn at 3¾d. To London, 250 tons oilcake at 15s. To Cadiz, 200 bbls. petroleum at $2 per bbl. The charters comprise ship Musquash to Liverpool, deals, at 72s. 6d.

FISH.—Dry cod and mackerel were firmer. No business was heard of in a large way, but a fair demand prevailed for all grades from store. A basis of $20 a $21 for bay No. 1 mackerel, and $6 a $6 50 for Georges Bank. Other descriptions of fish, including barrel herring, pickled, scaled and codfish and salmon were very dull and almost nominal, with a small trade at last quotations.

FRUITS.—The current prices are much the same as last quoted. The business has been moderate, and we have no special sales to mention. The market is steady at the following prices:—Sardines, 80c. a 82c. per box; 34c. a 36c. per half box; 18½c. a 19½c. per quarter box; figs, Smyrna, 18c. a 22c. per lb.; raisins, layer, $3 85 per box; bunch, $3 70 do.; currants, new, 13c. per lb.; citron, Leghorn, 28c. a 30c.; Turkish prunes, 13½c. a 14½c.; dates, 10c. a 15c.; almonds, Languedoc, 29c. a 30c.; Provence, 28c. a 29c.; Sicily, soft shell, 25c. a 27c.; shelled, 44c. a 47c.; Brazil nuts, 8c. a 9c.; filberts, Sicily, 12c. a 13c.; walnuts, Bordeaux, 13c. a 14c.

HIDES were without important alteration in any particular. The sales embrace 4,500 Orinoco, 22 lbs. average, at 15c.; 3,000 Montevideo, 21 lbs. do., at 20½c.; 1,500 Buenos Ayres, 22 lbs. do., at 19½c.; and to arrive, 11,500 Rio Grande, 20½ lbs. do., at 16½c.; all gold. Also 600 a 1,000 Texas, 24 lbs. do., at 12½c., and 1,800 Vera Cruz, 19 lbs. do., at 15c. currency, and 4,000 Puerto Cabello, 26 lbs. do., on private terms; and by auction, 328 dry Maracaibo, at 9½ a 13¾c.; 177 Vera Cruz at 17¼c, and 1,347 dry salted Maracaibo at 13¾ a 13¾c., all damaged.

HEMP.—Manila was dull and heavy, with a small business in lots, comprising 200 bales at 9¾ a 9¾c., gold. We quote Sisal, 10 a 10½c., currency. American was dull and nominal at $315 a $335 for dressed, and $200 a $215 for undressed. Russia clean was worth $340.

HAY was in moderate request at previous rates. We quote:—City bale 85c. a 90c., and shipping qualities 85c.

HOPS.—The market was moderately active, and in view of light arrivals holders were very firm. The sales comprise 95 bales, mainly at from 25c. a 65c. for American as to quality. A few small lots extra fancy Western realized 70c.

HONEY was not offered except at full prices, but buyers were scarce and the market was dull. The stock only comprises about 300 tierces and 200 bbls. Cuba. We quote:—Cuba in bond 63c. a 63½c., and Cuba duty paid 84c. a 85c., both gold.

IRON was not in demand. Prices were nominally a shade in buyers' favor, but as the business was all in small lots the change was hardly noticeable. Holders were anxious to sell at $42 50 a $44, cash, for No. 1 Scotch, and $40 a $42 for No. 1 American. Refined English and American bars were quoted $94 a $105. We note sales of 250 tons Glengarnock, ex ship, at $42 50, 200 tons Englington, from yard, $42, and 280 tons scrap on private terms.

INDIGO.—Scarcely any demand prevailed, and prices for all grades continued nominal. We have no special transactions to report. We quote:—Bengal, per lb., $1 20 a $2; Oude, 95c. a $1 25; Madras, 70c. a $1 25; Manila, 85c. a $1 35, currency; Guatemala, 85c. a $1 05, and Caracas, 70c. a 85c., gold.

LEATHER.—The market was without much change. A brisk demand continued to absorb the receipts, which were light, and to further reduce the stock. Eastern manufacturers buy quite freely, and there is a fair home trade. Prices were as last quoted, only somewhat firmer.

LEAD.—Pig was steady, but not much inquired for, and the business continued light at prices more or less nominal. We quote Spanish, German refined and English, $6 50 a $6 75, gold, and $8 25 a $8 50, currency. Bar was quiet at 9c., and sheet and pipe at 11½c.

MOLASSES.—The sales were light, but prices were quite steady. A moderate business was done in lots, including 100 hhds. Porto Rico, mostly at 70c. a 73c.; 50 hhds. Cuba muscovado at 40c. a 51c., and 60 hhds. Trinidad at 50c. Also, by auction, 40 hhds. Porto Rico at 53¾c. a 59½c., four months.

NAILS.—Cut were in good demand and in short supply both here and at the West. The market was very firm, with a good business at $6 50 for ordinary assortments, and $6 62½ for the most desirable brands in small lots. Clinch continued quiet at about $8. We quote pressed horse shoe 20c. 22c.; forged 8d. do., 28c. a 30c.; yellow metal, 33c.; copper, 45c. a 50c., and zinc, 20c., cash.

OILS.—Whale and sperm oil were on the advance. The business has not been large, but holders generally demand higher prices for lots both here and in New Bedford. Crude whale was held at $1 05. We quote:—Whale, bleached winter, $1 15 a $1 20; sperm, crude, $2 25; sperm, winter, unbleached, $2 45 a $2 50; red oil, city distilled, 85c. a 90c.; Bank and shore, $1 10 a $1 15; Straits, $1 20; kerosene (free), 60c. Linseed oil was in active demand for Western account at a further advance, large sales being made at $1 50 for cask and $1 51 for bbl., while some holders refuse to sell under $1 54 a $1 55. The business for future delivery is only moderate. Lard oil was very firm, with a good demand and limited supply, at $1 85 for prime city winter.

OIL CAKE was not in very good demand, but the supply was very much reduced, and holders were not offering except at higher prices. In the absence of sales our quotations are nominally unaltered. City thin, oblong, in bbls. $52 a $53; do., do., bags, $50 a $51; Western thin, oblong, $49.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts 35 bbls. cut meats and 148 pkgs. lard. The pork market was decidedly firmer at the commencement, but prices ruled heavy and irregular towards the close, new mess closing at $31 37 cash. The sales comprise 13,000 bbls. for immediate delivery, at $31 12½ a $31 43 for new mess; $29 50 a $30 for old do., and $25 a $25 50 for prime. Also 6,000 bbls. new mess for future delivery, including the months June and July, seller's and buyers' option, chiefly at $30 75 a $31 50. Beef was in good demand at firmer prices. The sales comprise 1,050 bbls. at $16 a $21 for new plain mess, and $21 50 a $24 50 for new extra mess. Beef hams were very firm, with sales of about 200 bbls. at $42 a $43, which is in advance. Bacon was in moderate demand. We note sales of about 300 packages, mainly at 14¾c. for Cumberland cut. Cut meats were in active demand at full prices. The sales reached 1,300 packages, at 12¾c. a 13½c for shoulders, and 17¾c. a 19c. for hams. Lard was quiet, but prices were without decided change. The sales were 900 packages at 19c. a 22½c. Butter was quiet and heavy. Cheese was dull and lower. A small business was done at 10c. a 20c. as to quality.

PETROLEUM was not very active, but holders were firmer and the tendency was in favor of an advance. We note sales of 3,800 bbls., mainly at 28½c. a 29c for crude, and 42c. a 43c. for refined, the latter for prime standard white. Holders asked 47c. a 48c. for July and August delivery.

RICE was quiet, but nominally unchanged. We note sales of 500 bags Rangoon, in lots, at 9c. a 9¾c. Rangoon, in bond, was quoted, per 100 lbs., $4 a $4 25, gold. 50 tcs. Carolina realized $12 50 per 100 lbs. 13½c. per lb. was an outside price for Carolina.

SUGAR.—The market was evidently a shade easier, though the business was very light, and prices were more or less nominal at previous quotations. We note sales of 400 hhds. Cuba muscovado, mostly on private terms, but part at 12½c.

SALT was held with increased firmness. Several cargoes of Ashton's salt have arrived, but they were sold previously. The only transaction reported was 11,000 bushels Turk's Island, ex bark Talba, at 43c. The market was rather quiet, though a moderate business has been done in small lots from store at the following prices:—Turk's Island, 50c. a 55c.; Liverpool ground, $1 80 a $1 90; Ashton's fine, $4, and Worthington's do., $3 10 a $3 20.

SPICES.—There is no particular change to note. Prices were quite steady. The demand was fair for lots. We note sales of 100 cases cassia at 44c., 1,000 mats do. at 45c., 25 bales cloves at 27¾c., 500 bags pepper at 22½c., 100 do. pimento at 20½c., and 15 cases Penang nutmegs at 90c., all in lots, gold, cash. We quote:—Cassia, in mats, 45c. per lb., gold; cassia, in cases, 44c., gold; cassia, 25c. a 25½c., gold, in bond; ginger, race and African, 20c. a 23c.; mace, 90c.; nutmegs, No. 1, 87½c. a 90c.; pepper, 22½c. a 23c., gold; pepper, 7c. a 7½c., gold, in bond; pimento, Jamaica, 20½c., gold; pimento, 5c. a 5½c., gold, in bond; cloves, 27½c., gold.

SEED.—An active demand continued for linseed, at steadily advancing prices. In Boston the transactions comprise over 15,000 bags, on the spot and to arrive, these mainly if not all at from $2 60 a $2 70; $2 80 a $2 85, gold, was demanded for lots here. We quote:—American rough, per bushel, $2 90; Canary, $4 50 a $4 75; timothy, $6 a $6 50, and clover, per pound, 8½c. a 10c.

SPELTER.—The market was quiet, but prices were very firm. No especial sales were reported. Foreign plates were quoted 7 1-16c. a 7½c., gold, and domestic do. nominally 10¾c. a 11c., currency.

STEARINE was very firm. A fair demand prevailed and the sales reached nearly 200,000 lbs. at 20c. a 22½c. as to quality.

TOBACCO was very quiet, and, with more sellers than buyers, the market was quite heavy. The sales comprise 40 hhds. Kentucky at from 6c. a 17c., including light common leaf and heavy selections. 115 cases State at 12½c., 73 do. Ohio at 5¾c., and 23 do. Connecticut at 21c. We quote:—

	Light	Heavy
Lugs	4½c. a 5½c.	5½c. a 7½c.
Common Leaf	6c. a 7c.	8c. a 9c.
Medium Leaf	7½c. a 8½c.	10c. a 11½c.
Good Leaf	9c. a 11c.	12c. a 14½c.
Fine Leaf	12c. a 13½c.	15c. a 17c.
Selections	14c. a 15½c.	17½c. a 20c.

TIN was not in very good demand; but holders were firm at previous prices, for both pig and plates. The sales of the former comprise 300 slabs Straits at 20c. gold, and 300 do. at 26c. currency. We quote Banca 21½c. a 22c.; and English 20½c. a 20¾c. gold. I. C. charcoal plates were held at $12 75 a $13 25. We quote I. C. coke $10 a $12; Terne coke $9 25 a $9 50; and charcoal coke $11 75 a $12 25, all currency.

TALLOW was in moderate demand, and steady with further sales of 80,000 lbs., mainly at 11¾c. a 11½c.

WOOL—was in moderate demand, at about previous prices. The sales comprise 250,000 lbs. State and Western fleece at 49c. a 64c., 60,000 pulled 45c. a 58c., 80,000 California 21c. a 30½c., 10,000 Texas 18c. a 36c., 1,000 bales Metiza mostly at 20c. a 23c., gold; 50 bales Cape 33c. a 40c., 20,000 lbs. do. 42c.

WHALEBONE.—The market was rather quiet, but very firm. We note sales of 15,000 lbs. Arctic at $1 29 and 20,000 lbs. at $1 30. Northwest Coast was scarce, and held at $1 30. We quote South Sea at $1 15 and Ochotsk at $1 27 a $1 28.

WHISKEY.—Receipts 600 bbls. The market continued dull, with more sellers than buyers. Trifling sales realized $2 26 a $2 27 for State and Western, closing heavy at the inside price.

FAMILY MARKET REVIEW.

There is a considerable decline in the prices of many commodities at Washington Market since last week. Mutton in particular has gone down and beef evinces decided symptoms of following its example. The condition of the market has been considerably improved this spring, and many of the odoriferous nuisances that assailed our noses previously have disappeared. The following are the latest retail prices for family marketing at this market:—

MEATS.—Porterhouse steak, 32c. a 35c. per lb.; sirloin, 28c. a 30c. per lb.; chuck ribs, 16c. a 25c. per lb.; mutton, fore quarter, 10c. a 12c. per lb.; do., hind quarter, 14c. a 16c. per lb.; veal, 15c. a 20c. per lb.; pork, 18c. per lb.; tongues, $1 25 each.

POULTRY AND GAME.—Turkeys, 35c. a 38c. per lb.; ducks, 40c. per lb.; chickens, 34c. a 37c. per lb.; wild pigeons, $3 50 per dozen; prairie chickens, $1 50 per brace; geese, 25c. a 30c. per lb.

VEGETABLES.—Sweet potatoes, 70c. a 80c. per half peck; common do., 23c. a 27c. per do.; asparagus, 40c. a 90c. per bunch; lettuce, 6c. a 15c. per do.; parsnips, 3c. a 5c. each; radishes, 8c. a 15c. per bunch.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.—Orange county butter, 50c. a 58c. per lb.; prime State do., 40c. a 45c. per lb.; cheese, 20c. a 26c. per lb.; eggs, 11 to 13 for 25c.

FISH.—Salmon, $1 per lb.; cels, 15c. a 20c. per lb.; halibut, 20c. a 23c. per lb.; haddock, 8c. a 9c. per lb.; herrings, 8c. a 10c. per lb.

Telegraphic Market Reports.

ALBANY, May 11, 1866.

The cattle market opened dull, with somewhat of a downward tendency, owing to the decline in the New York market last Monday; but the demand to-day was active, both for New York and the Eastern markets, and at prices nearly up to the ruling rates of last week, a fact not much appreciated by the Western sellers, however, as they paid more for their stock than they did then. Altogether the Central Railroad has brought in since Monday 5,500 beeves, and of these upwards of 3,000 have changed hands at 6½c. a 7c. for light common Illinois; 7½c. a 8c. for ordinary to fair; 8½c. 9½c. for good to extra, and 10c. for the choicest extra fine and heavy Ohio. Sheep are down to 6c. a 6¾c for clipped, and 7c. a 8c. for light coarse to heavy fine wooled. Receipts, 3,200; sales, 5,000.

PHILADELPHIA, May 11, 1866.

Stocks firm. Pennsylvania State 5s, 89; Morris Canal, 75; Reading Railroad, 53⅞; Pennsylvania Railroad 53¼. Gold, 129¼. Exchange at sight on New York at par. Petroleum firm at 26½c. a 27c. for crude; 42c. a 42½c. for refined in bond, and 58c. a 62c. for refined free. Flour firm. Western extra $10 a $11 50. Wheat firm; good and prime red at $2 55 a $2 70; white at $2 80 a $3. Corn—yellow, 81c. a 83c. Provisions upward. Mess pork, $31. Whisky dull. Pennsylvania, $2 25; Ohio, $2 27.

BALTIMORE, May 11, 1866.

Flour excited and buoyant. Wheat firm; red 85c. for ton tending upwards; white 87c. a 88c; yellow 82c. Oats firm. Provisions very firm. Sugars dull. Coffee dull. Whiskey firm; Western $2 26½.

OSWEGO, May 11—1 P. M.

Flour unsettled; sales at $10 a $10 50 for No. 1 spring. Wheat scarce; sales of small lots of No. 1 Milwaukee club at $2 17½. Corn dull; sales 7,500 bushels Western mixed at 65c. Canal freights dull; flour 40c., wheat 10c., corn 8½c., rye 9c., and oats 5½c. to New York.

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