FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, Dec. 21—6 P. M.

Great depression has prevailed in Wall street to-day, and the efforts of the bears to carry down stocks, gold and foreign exchange were renewed with vigor. The market for the former was heavy up to three o'clock, when the rush to sell was intensified, and it became extremely weak. The immediate cause was the increased activity of the money market, which developed itself after two o'clock, owing mainly to artificial causes, the bears having borrowed with the connivance, it is rumored, of certain bank officers, a considerable amount of currency for the mere sake of locking it out of circulation. First class houses had, however, no difficulty in supplying themselves at 6 a 7 per cent, although some of the banks were resolute in refusing accommodation to weak holders of fancy stocks on the usual margins, whether from personal and speculative motives or otherwise is open to inference. The general rate for call loans was seven per cent, and not a few large houses having bank loans at six volunteered to pay seven early in the day in order to avoid the calling in and shifting process. There is no change in the discount line, and the best signatures are taken at 6½ a 7 per cent. The Sub-Treasury here is in an easy position, its balance being up to $113,266,653 this evening. The remittances to the South are not important, and they are neutralized by the drain from the West.

At the open board at ten o'clock Erie sold at 71½; Michigan Southern, 80¾ a ¾; Northwestern, 49¾; do. preferred, 78¾ a ¾; Fort Wayne, 104. At the first regular board the market was dull and heavy. New York Central closed 1¾ lower than at the same time yesterday; Erie, 1⅛; Reading, ⅝; Michigan Central, 8⅛; Michigan Southern, 1; Illinois Central, 1½; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 1⅜; Rock Island, 1; Northwestern, 4; do. preferred, ⅝; Fort Wayne, 1½; Toledo, Wabash and Western, 1⅜; Ohio and Mississippi certificates, ⅛; Atlantic Mail, 1; Quicksilver, ⅛; Mariposa preferred, ⅜. Cleveland and Toledo was ⅛ higher. Government securities were weak. Coupon five-twenties of 1862 showed a decline of ⅛; new issue of 1865, ⅛; seven-thirty notes of the first series, ⅛.

At the one o'clock open board the market was firmer and moderately active. Erie sold at 71¼ a ⅛; Reading, 104⅝; Michigan Southern, 80¾; Toledo, Wabash and Western, 42¾ a ⅝; Cleveland and Toledo, 125¾; Rock Island, 103¾ a ⅝; Northwestern, 48⅝ a 49¾; do. preferred, 78¾ a ⅞; Fort Wayne, 105 a 105¾.

At the half-past two board railway shares were well sustained on the call, although a bearish feeling prevailed among a majority of the members. New York Central closed ⅜ lower than at the first regular board; Erie, ⅛; Michigan Central, ⅛; Michigan Southern, ⅛; Cleveland and Toledo, ⅜; Rock Island, ⅜; Northwestern, 3; do. preferred, ⅜; Fort Wayne, ⅛; Toledo, Wabash and Western, 1; Ohio and Mississippi certificates, ⅛; Atlantic Mail, ⅛. Reading was ⅛ higher; Illinois Central, 1; Cleveland and Pittsburg, ⅜. Government securities were dull but steady in tone. Immediately afterwards the bears resumed their operations to break the market, and prices fell like monumental dust under the hand of the destroyer. There was a general sweeping away of margins, and brokers on the bull side were eager to lighten their load, which fact of itself materially assisted the bears, who chuckled inwardly over their triumph; and there is no doubt whatever that they have had a triumph at the expense of the bulls, although it is due almost entirely to speculative influences, the material conditions affecting the value of railway property being favorable to a rise. Real values, however, exert little influence over the course of prices in Wall street. It is, to a great extent, a mere question of money and force.

At a quarter to six o'clock the railway share market was unsettled at the subjoined quotations:—New York Central, 108 a 108⅛; Erie, 68 a ⅛; Reading, 103 a 103¼; Michigan Southern, 78¾ a 79; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 84¾ a 85; Rock Island, 102 a 102¼; Northwestern, 43 a 43¼; do. preferred, 77 a 77¼; Fort Wayne, 104½ a 104¾. Compound interest notes were quoted thus:—June, 1864, 116¾ a ⅛; July, 115¾ a 116; August, 115¾ a ⅛; October, 114¾ a ½; December, 113¾ a ⅛; May, 1865, 111¾ a ⅛; August, 110¾ a ½; September, 110 a 110¼; October, 109¾ a 110.

Gold continued on its downward course, although the large extent of the "short" interest was shown by the fact that loans of coin commanded 1-32 a ⅛ per cent per diem. Nearly, if not quite, all the speculators in the room are on the bear side, and gold for the time being has no friends. But it is clearly against the interest of the government and the mercantile community that it should go down so rapidly. The opening price was 134½, followed by a steady decline to 133¾, the closing quotation being 133⅝.

The decline in the premium, combined with the uncertainty attending the future legislation of Congress with regard to the finances, has produced apprehensions in the public mind which tend to the stagnation of trade and limit production accordingly. There is no doubt that Congress will pursue a very cautious course in dealing with the currency, and it is probable that the present rate of contraction will be decreased before the session expires. A rather uneasy feeling prevails among manufacturers, importers and others owing to the onerous taxation to which they are subjected, and against which they loudly complain. Such taxation is too burdensome to be long endured, and we call the attention of Congress to the prompt amendment of the present law. The mere payment of taxes takes away a considerable portion of every man's income and impoverishes the whole community. And for what? Why merely for the sake of reducing the national debt, which may as well be paid by posterity, for whose benefit it was incurred, as the present generation. It stands to reason that excessive taxation acts as a check upon the productive powers of the country, and by paralyzing industry it reacts upon immigration. Hence we have already seen of late large numbers of newly arrived Irish immigrants returning to the place from whence they came, simply because they could find no work to do, the labor market being overstocked.

The foreign exchange market experienced a further weakening, owing to importers deferring remittances and the increased offerings of Southern bills. Bankers' bills on England at sixty days were quoted at the close at 108¾ a 109¼; at three days, 109¼ a 110. France at sixty days, 5.20 a 5.15; at three days, 5.15 a 5.11. Bills on Berlin, 72 a 72¼; on Bremen, 78¾ a 79; on Frankfort, 41¼ a 41¾; on Amsterdam, 41¼ a 41¾; on Hamburg, 36¾ a ⅜; on Antwerp, 5.18¾ a 5.15.

American securities were quoted as under in London to-day and previously:—

	Dec. 18.	Dec. 19.	Dec. 21.
United States five-twenties	71	71¼	71¼
Erie	47¾	47¾	48½
Illinois Central	77¾	78	78¾

Mining stocks were generally firmer than when last recorded. At the first board Consolidated Gregory Gold closed 65c. higher than at the same time yesterday, selling at $10 50; Smith and Parmelee 50c., selling at $7 75. Quartz Hill was 25c. lower, selling at $3 60. Corydon sold at $3 75 (s. 3). At the second board Consolidated Gregory Gold closed 85c. higher, selling at $11 35; Quartz Hill 25c., selling at $3 75. Smith and Parmelee was 40c. lower, selling at $7 65.

The Continental Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. The Manufacturers' and Merchants', the Eighth National, the Mechanics', and the Butchers' and Drovers' have also declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent each.

The importations of dry goods at this port for the week ending December 20 compare as follows with those of the previous week:—

	Dec. 13.		Dec. 20.	
Consumption.	Pkgs.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.
Manufactures of wool	149	$77,507	336	$145,785
Manufactures of cotton	447	148,097	390	140,443
Manufactures of silk	83	85,571	151	154,008
Manufactures of flax	172	49,409	754	170,459
Miscellaneous	205	90,419	648	105,490
Total	1,076	$451,063	2,279	$716,295
Withdrawn.				
Manufactures of wool	280	$131,782	457	$208,932
Manufactures of cotton	82	27,183	121	43,347
Manufactures of silk	70	75,129	53	58,614
Manufactures of flax	260	68,635	458	129,437
Miscellaneous	146	7,183	209	5,300
Total	838	$309,912	1,259	$445,630
Warehoused.				
Manufactures of wool	595	$269,261	1,176	$525,695
Manufactures of cotton	302	112,043	943	290,299
Manufactures of silk	66	76,609	123	174,760
Manufactures of flax	645	204,800	2,027	501,095
Miscellaneous	24	10,093	193	66,861
Total	1,632	$672,206	4,462	$1,558,710

Dividends (free of government tax) have been declared by New York city banks as follows:—

Banks.	Per cent.	Banks.	Per cent.
Park	7	Tradesmen's	7½
Continental	5	Metropolitan	5
People's	5	Merchants' Exchange	5
Manufacturers' and Mer.	5	Seventh Ward	5
Mechanics'	5	Bank of New York	5
Grocers'	5	Eighth National	5
Butchers' and Drovers'	5	Ninth National	5
Shoe and Leather	5	Bull's Head	4

The Harlem Railroad Company has declared a half-yearly dividend of four per cent (less the government tax) on the preferred and common stocks.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Friday, Dec. 21—10:30 A. M.

$5000 US 6's, '81, cou. 111⅛ | 1000 she Erie RR. b30 71⅝
8000 US 6's, 5-20 cou. '62 107 | 500 do. al0 71
12000 do. 106⅝ | 50 Erie RR pref. 85⅛
27500 US 6's, 5-20 cou. '65 105⅝ | 200 Reading RR. 103⅛
100000 US 6's, 5-20 cou. '65, n1 108⅛ | 800 do. 103⅝
50000 do. 108 | 400 do. 103⅝
1000 Tenn, 7 3-10, 1st s. 105 | 100 Mich So & N In RR. 80
8000 do. 3d s 105 | 1000 do. 80⅛
1000 Missouri 6's 66 | 1500 do. 80⅛
1000 N Y 7's, b1, reg. 104⅝ | 100 do. s30 80⅛
10000 Ohio & Mississ. 38⅝ | 100 Mich Cen RR, six dv 107⅛
30000 do. 38⅝ | 100 do. 107⅛
4000 Alt & Terre Haute m pf 61⅛ | 100 Ill Central RR. 115⅝
1000 Mich Cent 8's, n bds 110 | 200 do. 115⅝
10000 Chi & N W 1st m. 87⅝ | 500 Cleve & Pitts RR. 85⅛
5000 Pitts, Ft W & Chi 2d m 97⅝ | 400 do. 85⅛
5000 do. 97⅝ | 100 Chi & N West RR. 48⅝
1000 Chi & Mil 1st m. 81⅝ | 700 do. 48⅝
25 shs Bk of Commerce 116⅝ | 600 do. 48⅝
21 Manhattan Gas 148 | 500 do. 48
100 Canton Company 48⅝ | 2000 Chi & N W pref. 78⅝
200 West Union Tel. 44⅝ | 2000 do. 78⅝
200 do. 44⅝ | 4500 do. b30 79
100 do. 44⅝ | 200 Clev & Tol RR. 125
200 do. 44 | 200 do. 125⅛
400 Quicksilver Min. 46 | 1000 do. 125⅛
100 Mariposa pref. 30 | 2000 do. 125
100 do. 30⅛ | 48 do. 124
100 do. s60 30 | 200 Chi & Rock Is RR. 103⅛
150 Atlantic Mail SS Co 105 | 200 do. 103⅛
100 do. b15 105 | 200 do. b30 103⅛
700 Union Navigation. 108⅛ | 100 do. b10 103⅛
200 Boston W Power 30 | 400 do. 103⅛
200 do. 30⅛ | 200 Indianapolis & C RR 87
50 Del & Hud Canal 156 | 1000 Pit, Ft W & Ch RR. 105
5 Adams Express 78 | 700 do. 105⅛
250 do Am F & M RR Co 113⅛ | 100 Morris & Essex RR. 95
100 Pacific Mail SS Co 108 | 100 Tol, Wab & Wet RR 42⅛
15 do. 108 | 138 N Jersey Cent RR. 124
1100 N Y Cen RR. 108⅛ | 200 Alton & Terre H RR 39
100 do. 108⅝ | 200 Mil & St Paul pref. 69
500 Erie RR. 71 | 100 Chi, Bur & Q RR. 121
1000 do. 71⅛ | 48 Warren RR. 81
500 do. 71⅛

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY, Dec. 21—6 P. M.

ASHES.—Receipts, 5 packages. The market remained quiet and nominal.

BREADSTUFFS.—Receipts, 2,873 bbls. flour and 5,200 bushels malt. The demand for State and Western flour was moderate and with few offerings; prices favored the buyer 10c., and in some cases 15c. per bbl. The sales comprise 6,000 bbls., at our revised quotations subjoined. Southern flour was dull of sale, and prices were nominal and lower. The sales were about 250 bbls. Rye flour was dull of sale and nominal in value. The sales embrace 200 bbls., at $6 25 a $7 50. Corn meal was quiet, but steady. We quote:—

Superfine and Western	$8 20 a $10 00
Extra State	10 50 a 10 00
Choice State	11 10 a 11 00
Common to medium extra Western	9 50 a 11 00
Extra round hoop Ohio	11 00 a 13 00
Western trade brands	12 10 a 15 00
Common Southern	11 10 a 13 25
Fancy and extra do.	13 30 a 16 50
Rye flour (superfine)	6 10 a 7 00
Corn meal, Jersey	5 00 a 5 20
Corn meal, Brandywine	5 30 a 5 50
Corn meal, Buckhorn	nominal.

—The market for wheat ruled lc. a 2c. per bushel in favor of the buyer, without eliciting any improvement in the demand. The sales comprise about 75,000 bushels, including common No. 2 Milwaukee, at $2 13. The corn market was steady. The demand was quite moderate, and only about 45,000 bushels were disposed of, mainly at $1 09 a $1 10 for mixed Western afloat, and $1 12 for mixed Western afloat. Oats ruled a shade in buyer's favor, with sales of about 50,000 bushels, at 65c. a 65c. for Chicago and Milwaukee, 66c. for new Ohio, and 69c. for State. Rye was quiet, but unchanged in value. Barley was inactive, with a declining tendency. Sales 5,000 bushels Canada West, in bond, at 99c. 3,000 bushels malt realized $1 30.

BEEF.—We notice sales of 1,500 lbs. at 40c.

COFFEE.—The market was quiet and nominally unchanged in the absence of business.

COTTON was dull of sale, and prices ruled lower, closing with a continued downward tendency at the reduction indicated in our revised quotations appended. The sales comprise about 1,400 bales. We quote:—

Cotton.	Upland.	Florida.	Mo'ls.	N.O. & Tex.
Ordinary	29	29	30	30
Low middling	32½	33	33	34
Middling	34½	35	35	36
Good middling	36	37	37	38

COFFEE.—Consequent upon the decline in the gold premium the price of American ingot has ruled lower, and the closing quotations were nominally as follows:—Detroit 27c., Portage Lake 26c., with sales of 100 and 200,000 lbs. Transactions have been reported at lower figures, but could not be traced.

CANDLES.—Adamantine were quiet but steady at 21½c. a 22½c.; sperm and patent continued dull but unchanged at 40c. a 60c.

DYEWOODS continued dull, and we heard of no transactions. Prices were entirely nominal.

FISH.—Dry cod continued dull and prices were without material change, ranging at from $6 50 to $7 50; mackerel were quiet but steady at $19 for No. 1 shore, $17 50 a $18 for No. 2 do., $17 a $18 for No. 1 bay and $16 50 a $17 for No. 2 do.; herring were quiet and beyond the sales noticed last, we heard of nothing. We quote scaled 40c. a 45c., and No. 1 25c. a 28c.

FREIGHTS were dull and almost nominal at the subjoined quotations:—To Liverpool—Cotton per lb. ¼d. a 9 32d., flour per bbl. 2s., petroleum per bbl. 4s. 6d., heavy goods per ton 12s. 6d., oil per ton 20s., corn bulk and bags, per bushel 4½d.; wheat, bulk and bags, 4½d.; beef per tierce 2s. 6d., pork per bbl. 1s. 9d. To London—Heavy goods per ton 22s. 6d., oil per ton 27s. 6d., flour per bbl. 2s. 4½d., petroleum per bbl. 5s. 6d., beef per tierce 4s. 6d., pork per bbl. 3s. 6d., wheat per bushel 6½d., corn per bushel 6d. The engagements were:—To Liverpool per steamer—1,500 boxes cheese at 50s. To London—600 bbls. beef at 4s. 6d., and per steamer 208 bales jute at 40s., 150 bbls. beef at 7s. and 50 tierces rice at 2s. 6d. To Bremen per steamer—254 tierces rice at 20s., 200 bales cotton at 1¼c. and 50 hhds. tobacco at 30s. The charters were:—A Br. bark to a direct port in the continent from Philadelphia, petroleum 5s. 9d.; a Br. bark to Sydney, general cargo, and a Br. brig 1,120 bbls. to Genoa, petroleum, both on private terms.

GUNNY BAGS.—We heard sales of about 500 bales in Boston and here at 22½c. a 23½c., now generally held at 24c.

HIDES.—The market ruled very firm under a small supply, though quiet. We only heard of a sale of 1,000 Buenos Ayres, 22 lbs., on private terms. Messrs. Hunt & Brown quote:—Buenos Ayres, 21c. a 22c.; Montevideo, 18c.; Rio Grande, 17½c.; Orinoco, 16½c. a 17c.; California, 17½c. a 18c.; Central American, 15c. a 15½c., gold, usual selection; Matamoros, 16½c. a 17c.; Vera Cruz, 15c. a 15½c.; Tampico, 15½c. a 17c.; Bogota, 16c. a 16½c.; Maracaibo, 14c. a 14½c., gold, half hide.

HEMP.—Manila continued dull, and in the absence of important transactions prices were entirely nominal.

HOPS were quiet but steady. Sales of 80 bales were made at from 25c. a 70c., according to quality.

LEATHER.—Under a moderate supply and a fair demand the market has ruled firm at the subjoined quotations, viz.:—Hemlock Spanish sole, middles, 32c. a 35c.; do. backs, 34½c. and upwards; do. slaughter, 30c. a 33c.; heavy do., 29c. a 31½c., and light do., 29c. a 31; oak slaughter, middle and heavy crop, 46c. a 50c., and light do., 44c. a 48c.

LIME.—We notice sales of 1,000 bbls., at $2 20 for lump and $1 70 for common.

LUMBER were in moderate request at $3 50.

LEAD was discussed of in small lots at 6¾c. a 6¾c., gold, per lb., but large sales were not heard of.

MOLASSES was quiet and heavy, without sales of importance.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits turpentine was in limited request, and the market ruled slightly in favor of the purchaser. A lot of 300 bbls., real 38c. Rosin—Common continued irregular, though a fair business was consummated—the sales reaching 3,500 bbls., at $4 25 a $4 37½, including a sale of 1,000 bbls. at $4 50; also 400 do., for January, at $4 25, seller's option—the market closing quite firm at $4 37½. We note sales besides of 500 bbls. No. 1 at $6 50 a $7, and 100 do. strained at $4 50. Of tar 70 bbls. Wilmington sold at $2 87½.

NAILS were generally quiet but steady at 6¾c. a 7c. for cut, 8½c. for clinch; forged horse, 28c. a 32c.; pressed do., 22c. a 24c.; yellow metal, 30c., and copper, 48c.

OILS.—Of linseed we heard of sales of 5,000 gallons English on private terms. Jobbing lots commanded $1 83 a $1 85. Fish oils were exceedingly quiet, though not materially lower. We quote bleached winter sale at $1 20 a $1 25; crude sperm, $2 60 a $2 65, and unbleached winter do., $2 20 a $2 25. Lard and city distilled red were quiet at previous figures.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts, 325 bbls. pork, 183 do. beef, 96 pkgs. cut meats, 502 do. and 699 kegs lard. The pork market at the opening was dull and drooping, but at the close there was greater firmness manifested on the part of holders, and the market closed at a slight advance over the prices ruling at the commencement. The sales cover 6,500 bbls., cash and regular, at from $19 12½ a $19 50 for old mess, closing at $19 50, regular; $20 25 a $20 75 for new mess, and $17 37 a $17 50 for prime. For future delivery 4,000 bbls. were sold, seller's option, mostly for January and February, at $20 50 a $22. The demand for beef was moderately active, but the market was heavy and quite nominal. The sales comprise 550 bbls. at $13 a $17 for new plain mess and $16 50 a $20 50 for new extra mess. Beef hams at previous prices were steady, with a moderate demand. The sales were 300 bbls. at $30 a $32. Bacon was nominal. Dressed hogs were in moderate demand only, but prices ruled in seller's favor. We quote State and Western 9½c. a 10¼c. Cut meats were steady. Sales 200 pkgs. at 9c. a 10c. for shoulders and 10c. a 12c. for hams. Lard declined. The sales were about 1,800 pkgs. at 11c. a 12½c. for old and 12c. a 12½c. for new. Butter and cheese at former prices were steady but quiet.

PETROLEUM.—There was but little demand for either crude or bonded yesterday, and prices still continued to rule in favor of the purchaser, though some holders manifested but little disposition to operate at the annexed quotations. Of crude moderate sales were made at 19½c. a 20c. Of bonded we heard of sales to the extent of 2,000 bbls. at 29c. a 29c. for prime light straw to white, and 30c. a 31c. for standard white. In Philadelphia 1,000 bbls., in bond, were sold at 29c. for standard white, and 29c. for prime light straw to white.

RICE at previous nominal prices was dull and heavy. We heard of no sales.

SUGAR was quite neglected. The further decline in the gold premium caused a general desire to realize, and the market, though without important change, had a decided downward tendency. The sales comprise 450 hhds., including Cuba, at from 9½c. a 12c., and Porto Rico at from 10c. a 11½c. Refined sugar was slow of sale and nominal.

SPICES were without improvement. No sales have been made that are of any consequence, the demand being confined to small lots for consumption.

SPELTER.—Silesian was held at 6½c., gold, but at this price the business was extremely limited. No sales of large lots have been effected.

SALT.—In view of the moderate stock the market for all kinds continued firm, but little business was done. We heard of sales of about 5,000 bushels Turks Island, ex Carroll Isle, at about 58c.

STEARINE.—We heard of sales of 21,000 lbs. at 10c. a 11c.; also 8,000 lbs. grease at 7½c. a 8c.

SEEDS.—Timothy was quiet, but unchanged in value, at $3 a $3 75. Clover was steady at 14½c. a 15½c., according to quality. Of flaxseed sales have been made in Boston of 30,000 bags Calcutta, at $3 35; 10,000 bags at $3 37½, and 3,800 bags at $3 35, all gold prices, duty paid. Flax was dull and nominal at $2 75 a $2 80.

SOAP.—Moderate sales of Castile were made at 18½c.

TALLOW was neglected and nominal. We note sales of 65,000 lbs. at 10½c. a 11c.

TIN was quiet but steady, with a small business, in lots, at 23½c., gold, for Banca; 24½c. a 25c., gold, for Straits, and 21½c., gold, for English.

TOBACCO.—Of Kentucky 1,000 hhds. have been taken by a prominent manufacturer; otherwise the business in this description has been very limited, and the market quiet. For export 72 hhds. were sold at 6½c. a 14c. We note sales of 200 bales Havana at 75c. a 90c., and 251 do. Yara at 60c. a 70c.

WHISKEY.—Receipts, 304 bbls. The market was quiet and nominal. No sales were heard of.

WOOL.—The market has not essentially changed, though firmer for the finer grades of domestic fleeces, which were more inquired for. Low and medium grades ruled comparatively steady. In the market for foreign there has been more doing, and a firmer feeling prevailed. The sales of domestic fleeces comprised 160,000 lbs., at 45c. a 62½c., including Western at 42c. a 46c.; Ohio at 55c. a 62½c., Western unwashed at 35½c. a 36c., small lot Virginia tubbed at 46c., and Canada scrib at 47c.; 225 bales pulled, at 36c. for lambs, 40c. a 52½c. for extra (chiefly at the latter price), and 40c. for superfine; 40,000 lbs. Texas at 31c. a 32c., and of foreign 8,000 lbs. East India at 16½c.; 5,000 lbs. Cape at 36½c., gold, and about 200 bales Mexicana at 23c., gold, and 28c. a 31c., currency.

FAMILY MARKET REPORT.

BUTTER—35c. a 45c. per lb.

EGGS—40c. a 50c. a dozen.

FRUITS.—Apples—Greenings, $7 per bbl.; Spitzenbergs, $8 per bbl.; Malaga grapes, $25 a $34 a keg, $1 per lb.; bananas, $6 a $8 a bunch; dried figs, 14c. a 15c. per lb.; oranges, $12 a $16 per bbl.; raisins, $4 50 a box; prime do., $4 a box; figs, in American boxes, 40c. per lb.; prunes, 15c. a 20c. per lb.; lemons, $3 75 a $5 a box.

FISH.—Salmon, $4 a $4 25 per lb. Haddock, 10c. a 12c. per lb.; cod, 10c. a 12c. per lb.; halibut, 12c. per lb.; bluefish, 12c. a 15c. per lb.; flounders, 12c. a 15c. per lb.; pickerel, 15c. a 20c. per lb.; perch, 12c. a 15c. per lb.; eels, 12c. a 20c. per lb.; striped bass, 25c. a 30c. per lb.; Oswego bass, 18c. a 20c. a lb.; whitefish, 20c. per lb.; catfish, 12c. per lb.; oysters, 75c. a $1 50; hard clams, 87c. a hundred; soft crabs, 75c. a $1 a hundred; smelts, 25c. per lb.; lobsters, 8c. a 10c. per lb.; hard crabs, 20c. a 30c. per lb.; scallops, 20c. a 25c. per lb.

GAME.—Partridges, per pair, $3; squabs, per dozen, $5 50; grouse, per dozen, $1 25 a $1 50; canvas back ducks, per pair, $5 a $7; quail, $4 50 a $6; English pheasants, $7 a $10; do. hares, $4 a $5; teal ducks, $1 a $1 25; mallard ducks, $2 25 a $2 50; black ducks, $1 75 a $3; venison, 25c. a 30c.; rabbits, 75c. a pair.

MEAT.—Porter house steak, 30c. a 32c. per lb.; sirloin, 25c. a 30c.; prime ribs, 20c. a 30c.; chuck ribs, 15c. a 18c.; shoulder pieces, 10c. a 12c.; rumps, corn, 15c. a 22c.; rump steak, 20c. a 25c.; corned beef, fine, 15c. a 18c.; do., coarse, 12c. a 15c.; mutton, hind quarter, 15c. a 20c.; do., fore quarter, 12c. a 15c.; mutton chops, 20c. a 30c.; lamb, by quarter, 15c. a 20c.; do., chops, 20c. a 30c.; do., fore quarter, 12c. a 15c.; veal, hind quarters, 25c. a 30c.; do., fore quarters, 15c. a 18c.; do., cutlets, 25c. a 40c.; fresh pork, 16c. a 18c.; salt pork, 16c. a 18c.; hams, 18c. a 22c.; smoked shoulders, 16c.; tongues, $1 40 a $1 50; bacon, 20c. a 22c. per lb.; tripe, 10c.; bologna sausages, 20c.; pork sausages, 18c.

POULTRY.—Turkeys, 25c. a 28c. per lb.; chickens, 25c. do.; ducks, 25c. a 30c. do.; geese, 23c. a 25c. do.; fowls, 20c. a 22c. do.; capons, 30c. a 35c. do.

VEGETABLES.—Cabbages, 10c. a 15c. a head; onions, 25c. a 40c. per half peck; turnips, 20c. a 25c. do.; potatoes, 25c. a 30c. do.; sweet potatoes, 40c. a 50c. do.; beets, 5c. a 10c. per bunch; table celery, 15c. a 20c. do.; common celery, 10c. a 15c. do.; cauliflowers, 25c. a 50c. each; carrots, 5c. a 5c. per bunch; oyster plant, 12c. a 15c. do.; red cabbage, 20c. a 25c. do.; Brussels sprouts, 25c. per quart; Dutchman turnip, 25c. do.; brown cabs, 5c. a 10c. per bunch; Cabinbe turnip, 10c. a 15c. do.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21, 1866.

Stocks are firm; Pennsylvania State 5's, 95¼; Morris Canal, 57; Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 31¼; Reading Railroad, 51¼; Pennsylvania Railroad, 54½. Exchange on New York, par. Cotton is dull; 33¼ a 34. Flour is dull; superfine, $8 a $8 50; Northwestern extra, $11 a $12 50. Corn scarce; sales unimportant; new yellow, $1 a $1 03; old, $1 17 a $1 19. Oats firm, 67c. a 68c. Rye, $1 35 a $1 38. Whiskey dull.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21, 1866.

Flour:—Howard, superfine and extra, $11 a $11 50; family, $15 a $15 50; Ohio extra, $12 50 a $13 50; Baltimore family, $17 50. Wheat firm, with an advancing tendency. Prime choice red $3 10 a $3 20. Corn dull; prime white and yellow, $1 03. Oats range from 56c. to 58c. by weight. There have been small sales of mess pork at $22 50 a $23. Lard 15c. a 15½c. Sugars tending downward; Porto Rico common to choice 10½c. a 13½c. Rio Coffee 16c. to 18½c., gold, for inferior to strictly prime. Whiskey depressed; nominally at 35c. for free.

ALBANY, Dec. 21, 1866.

Cattle Market.—For the week ending with to-day 4,250 cattle were received here, nearly all from Illinois. The demand has been fair, but the extreme cold weather has checked operations somewhat. Prices are about the same as last week, the range being from 5c. per pound for inferior to 10c. a 10½c. for the best extra heavy steers. The outside figures were refused for a choice lot of extra Illinois steers, averaging over 1,700. Fair to good range from 7¼c. a 8½c. per pound. Upwards of 3,000 have changed hands. Sheep are in light request. Receipts, 2,800. Sales at 5c. a 6c. per pound. Hogs—Receipts for the week, 5,400. Dressed hogs fair at 7¾c. a 8¼c.

OSWEGO, Dec. 21, 1866.

Flour is in good demand, and steady. Sales 1,200 bbls. at $11 75 for No. 1 spring; $13 50 a $13 75 for red winter; $15 for white, $15 50 a $15 75 for double extra. Wheat firm but dull; sales 400 bushels choice white Canada at $3; a small lot choice white Michigan at $3 20, and 235 bushels No. 1 Milwaukee club, $2 40. Corn quiet at $1 12 for No. 2 Illinois by car load. Oats quiet and unchanged. Other grains nominal. Shorts 18c. a 21c. Ship stuff, 25c. a 27c., middling, 32 a 35 per ton. Freights on flour unchanged.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21, 1866.

The demand for flour is moderate, but the market is steady. The sales are 150 bbls. at $11 50 for No. 1 spring, and $12 50 for common winter. Grains—Wheat is quiet. Sales of 2,000 bushels Canada spring at $2 35, and 3,000 bushels white Canada at $2 80. Corn is nominal at $1. Oats quiet at 56c. Barley nominal at $1 a $1 05. Rye is quiet at $1. The provision market is quiet and steady. Dressed hogs are quoted at 8c. a 8½c. Whiskey is firm at $2 39, at retail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21, 1866.

Markets are generally dull and drooping. Flour is quiet, and unchanged. Wheat is firmer; No. 1 spring, $2 09 a $2 12; No. 2 spring dull, $2 02½, closing lower at $1 85½. Corn dull and heavy, closing ½c. lower; No. 1 76½c. a 77c. Oats heavy and drooping, 1½c. a 2c. lower, closing dull at 41c. Mess pork firmer, and 50c. higher, sellers demanding $18 50, cash, and portward delivery, with rumored sales as high as $19. Lard firmer, and more active.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21, 1866.

Flour dull; XX spring, $10 ; choice X, $9 87½ a $10. Wheat declining; $2 35 a $2 15 for No. 1, $1 93 a $1 95 for No. 2, $1 77½ No. 3. Corn declining; 45½c. for No. 2. Provisions firmer; mess pork, $18; prime lard, 11½c; dressed hogs firm at $6 50 a $7; live hogs active at $5 60 a $5 80. Receipts, 110 bbls. flour, 7,500 bushels wheat, 1,300 bushels corn, 3,080 dressed hogs. Shipments, 800 bbls. flour, 1,000 bushels wheat.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21, 1866.

Flour quiet and unchanged; wheat dull, No. 2 spring $2 10. Corn dull, old white 96c.; new white, 95c. Oats dull and lower at 74c. Barley unchanged. Rye $1 20. Cotton 30c. a 31c. Whiskey inactive at $2 25. Pork unchanged at $20 50. Lard dull; keg 14c., tierce 11½c. a 12c. Hogs $5 60 a $6 20.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21, 1866.

Flour dull and nominal. Mess pork lower, $19 a $19 50. Lard steady at 11½c. a 12c. Cotton held firmly at 31½. Whiskey dull and lower at $2 26, in bond. Gold 134.

FRAUDS ON THE REVENUE.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Alleged Illicit Distillation of Spirits—Burning Fluid Case.

Before Commissioner Osborn.

The United States vs. *Max Berenger.*—Defendant was charged with having illegally distilled spirits. His defence, as we have already stated, was that he was not engaged in the manufacture of whiskey, but of burning fluid.

Mr. Bell appeared for the government and Mr. A. J. Dittenhoefer for the defendant.

Mr. Commissioner Osborn now pronounced his decision in the case. He said:—Being called away this morning, I have not been able to prepare a written decision in this case. Last night I read over a portion of the testimony submitted to me (it being very voluminous) taken in the case before Commissioner Newton, and, from the expert testimony, particularly that of Mr. Squib, giving his opinion of what this material is, it strikes me it is a case of too much importance for me to decide within twenty-four hours; so, under these circumstances, I am disposed to refer this matter to the Court and hold this man *pro forma* for trial, so that you may have a writ of certiorari immediately and the matter brought up before the court. It is a question that involves matters of considerable importance both to the government and also to the individual, and I would require more time to enable me to prepare a written opinion; so I think it best I should hold the man *pro forma*. If I were to examine into the case more particularly, with my present impression of the law applicable to it, I think the Commissioner who has just made a decision as to this question and I would differ in opinion. But I do not feel at liberty to say that positively without examining the question. I therefore hold this man *pro forma*, in order that a certiorari may lie.

An application was then made by defendant's counsel to Judge Smalley for a writ, which was granted, directing the record of testimony, &c., to be brought before the Court, the argument to be heard at an early day next week.

The Alleged Whiskey Frauds in Brooklyn.

THE GREENPOINT CASE.

The case of James C. Provost, who, it will be remembered, was apprehended on the charge of illicit distilling of whiskey, came up again yesterday morning before Commissioner Newton, but was dismissed from further consideration. The defendant has been present upon several previous occasions and ready to proceed with his defence, but the witnesses summoned by the Assistant District Attorney having failed to put in an appearance at any time, the Commissioner deemed the above course proper.

DEVLIN'S SAFE SOLD AT AUCTION.

The safe owned by the well known John Devlin, together with its contents, was sold at auction yesterday morning by the United States Marshal, and realized the sum of $110. The articles in the safe, which was seized by the government officials at the time of Devlin's arrest, were one $50 Treasury note, certificates of Titus Oil Stock (one hundred shares), also twenty shares of Tea Lake Iron Mining stock, a breakfast and some old papers.

WHISKEY SEIZED NEAR HEMPSTEAD.

On Wednesday night Deputy Marshal Bagley, together with an officer of the Second district, made a raiding excursion upon a small whiskey distillery, somewhere in the vicinity of the toll-gate, about two miles beyond Hempstead, where they seized three barrels of the ardent "Keep still." The still was also taken into custody, together with a Dutch groceryman named Frederick Krers, who is said to be the owner thereof. The liquor found a ready market in New York, whither it was conveyed, concealed in a load of hay. The purchaser of the hay would also pay for the extra weight of the whiskey, which would of course be weighed as hay. The wagon, then, are being unloaded at the stable of the purchaser, would be disgorged, privately, of its illicit contents to the whiskey receiver.

Seizure of Whiskey in this City.

Yesterday morning officer Lineback observed on a cart driven by two men named Michael and John Flanigan five barrels of whiskey, which were without the government brand. On being questioned at the Sixteenth precinct station house, the men said they had been engaged to cart the barrels, which they were told contained lard. The men were discharged and the whiskey was retained by the Captain of the precinct.

The Burning Fluid Cases.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

In your paper of yesterday is a decision of Commissioner Newton against Bochm & Co., in the "burning fluid case." The evidence has conclusively shown that we are in no way connected with the case. Knowing your sense of justice, we hope you will insert the above, and thus correct the mistake of your reporter.

S. C. BOCHM & CO.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.

A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., made the following sales at auction yesterday:—

W. 13th st., house and lot 156 13th st., between 7th and Greenwich avenues; lot 20x81.6	$11,000
Washington st., house and lot 749, between Bank and Bethune sts, house 20x38, lot 58.9	6,400
Washington st., house and lot 751, house 20x38, lot