FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, April 3—6 P. M.

The gold market has been steady to-day at the decline of yesterday, and the fluctuations were from 137¾ to 138¼, with the closing transactions prior to the adjournment of the board at 137¾, following which the latest quotation was 137¾ a 137⅞. There was considerable pressure to lend coin, and from 1-32 to 7-32 per cent per diem was paid for having it carried. The gross clearings amounted to $61,316,000, the gold balances to $1,582,589 and the currency balances to $2,168,967. The fact of the Amendatory Tax bill having become a law would operate to advance the premium under any other monetary conditions than those at present affecting the market, but as it is the measure has exerted no influence, although it will involve a large reduction in the internal revenue receipts from the 1st of the present month. The Sub-Treasury is understood to have sold gold to a moderate amount, but as these sales are made in the ordinary manner through brokers it is impossible to form anything more than a rough estimate of their extent. There is a strong prejudice against this method of selling the government coin, and it is advisable that Congress should pass an act requiring all such sales to be made publicly. With regard to their effect upon the money market, it is obvious that they tend to stringency unless their proceeds are disbursed on the same day that they are received, in the purchase of seven-thirty notes for instance, in which event they ease the money market to the extent of the amount of gold sold—provided the latter finds its way into the banks, where it can be held as a portion of the lawful reserve; but as they already hold too much of this kind of unavailable reserve, including compound interest notes and three per cent certificates, there is little practical relief afforded by the influx of Treasury gold on a tight money market, even when the currency representing it is simultaneously paid on it.

There was no abatement of the extreme stringency of the last few days, and seven per cent interest and an eighth per cent commission were freely paid for call loans all day, and the borrowing demand was kept up until half-past three. In some instances the commission was three-sixteenths, and the difference between the cash and buyer three price of New York Central was three-eighths per cent during the forenoon. The demand was rather light and somewhat in proportion to the supply, owing to most of the brokers carrying stocks having "bridged over" to Monday by paying heavy "shaves" for the necessary accommodation; but the high rates current for money showed its real scarcity. The drafts from the interior continued heavy until yesterday afternoon, a day or two later than usual; but it is fair to infer that the worst of the pressure has already been felt and that the ensuing week will witness a partial abatement of it, although the market will doubtless continue very active at or above the legal rate until near the middle of the month, when the return flow of currency from the interior will restore ease to it. To-morrow the supply of loanable funds will be increased by the usual effort of lenders to make the two days' interest resulting from loans made on Saturday; but on Monday a very large aggregate of such obligations mature, and the expectations of a decided change for the better so soon are likely to be disappointed. The banks are weak in point of reserve, and it would be imprudent for them to extend their loans without at least a corresponding increase of their deposits. In the discount line there is no business doing, and commercial paper is unsalable. It was rumored late in the afternoon that one of the largest and oldest of the Wall street banks was in trouble, but there appeared to be no foundation for the report.

The stock market was strong until after two o'clock, when a break in Erie occurred, with which the rest of the railway list sympathized. This at the moment was without any assignable cause, but it was soon afterwards reported that the bill legalizing the acts of the Erie Company had or would pass the Senate, and that a majority in the Assembly also favored it; further, that there were several hundred petitions in the two houses in favor of the bill, and that it was regarded as certain to become a law. The flurry subsided after the stock had touched 72 a 72¼; but the spirit of the market was broken by the shock and outside holders were wisely disposed to sell their Erie. The passage of this measure seems highly probable, its provision for the extension of the wide gauge to Chicago in opposition to the New York Central interest being very popular. The ease with which the market can be demoralized was conspicuously shown in this instance, and the public will do well to profit by it and leave railway shares to the cliques.

Government securities were very firm, with an advancing tendency all day, and there was a substantial improvement of about a quarter per cent upon the prices current last evening. The Sub-Treasurer bought about a million of seven-thirty notes for cash, but the market price afterwards rose above the Treasury bid. There was an improved investment demand at the counters of the leading dealers, and at the close the market was strong at the subjoined quotations:—Registered, 1881, 111 a 111¼; coupon, 1881, 111½ a 111¾; 5-20's, registered, 1862, 102¾ a 103; 5-20's, coupon, 1862, 109¾ a 109⅞; do., 1864, 108 a 108⅛; do., 1865, 108¼ a 108⅜; do., 1865, January and July, 106⅞ a 107; do., 1867, 107⅛ a 107⅜; 10-40's, registered, 100⅜ a 100⅝; 10-40's, coupon, 100⅝ a 100⅞; June 7.30's, 105⅛ a 105⅜; July 7.30's, 105⅛ a 105⅜; May compounds, 1864, 118⅜; August do., 117⅞; September do., 117; October do., 116⅝.

The stock market was strong at the commencement of business, and at the early session of the open board Erie was active at 75½ a 75¾, and New York Central at 122¾ a 122⅞. At the first regular board Erie was slightly lower, but the remainder of the railway list was steady and quiet except for New York Central, which was active. Pacific Mail was pressed for sale, and the lowest price at which the stock has sold for years was touched, namely, 100½. New York Central closed 1¼ higher than at the same time yesterday, Erie 1⅛, Reading ⅞, Cleveland and Pittsburg 1¼, Cleveland and Toledo ⅞, Rock Island 2½, Northwestern preferred ⅞, Fort Wayne ⅛, Ohio and Mississippi ⅜, Quicksilver 3 and Western Union Telegraph 1⅛, while Pacific Mail was 2¾ lower and Atlantic Mail ½. Government securities were firm at an advance of ⅛ a ¼. At the open board at one o'clock the market was firm, and Erie sold at 75¾ and New York Central at 123¾ a 124, while Pacific Mail declined to 99. Following the call Erie advanced to 75¾, but about half-past two there was a sudden rush to sell it, and the price declined to 72 a 72¼ in the midst of great excitement. At the second regular board the transactions were not large, although there was considerable activity in the lower hall. Erie closed 1⅜ lower than at the first regular board, Pacific Mail 1¾ and Quicksilver ⅜; while Rock Island was 1¼ higher and Ohio and Mississippi ⅜. Government securities were strong at an advance of ⅛ a ¼. At the open board at half-past three Erie sold at 73¼ a 73⅜; New York Central, 122⅝ a 122¾; Fort Wayne, 99⅝; Michigan Southern, 88¾; Rock Island, 94 a 94⅛; Northwestern preferred, 74⅞, and Pacific Mail, 98¼. After the call Erie declined to 72⅝, and Pacific Mail to 96¾, but railway shares subsequently recovered slightly, and at the close at six o'clock the quotations were as follows:—New York Central, 122¼ a 122⅜; Erie, 73¼ a 73⅜; Reading, 90 a 90¼; Michigan Southern, 88¼ a 89; Rock Island, 93¼ a 93¾; Pacific Mail, 96½ a 96¾; Ohio and Mississippi, 30¼ a 30¾; Western Union Telegraph, 36⅛ a 36¾; Fort Wayne, 99⅝ a 100.

The highest and lowest prices of the leading speculative stocks in 1864 and 1865 respectively were as follows:—

	1864. Highest.	1864. Lowest.	1865. Highest.	1865. Lowest.
New York Central	145	109	119	80
Erie	126¼	82	98¼	44⅛
Hudson River	104	107	117½	88
Reading	165	111	118¾	88
Michigan Central	157	114½	118¼	90⅛
Michigan Southern	118¾	57	84¼	49¾
Illinois Central	138	116½	138¾	90
Cleve. and Pittsburg	132	90	101	47
Northwestern	77	34	40½	20
Northwestern pref.	97	61	71⅞	48
Rock Island	149¾	85¼	113½	81¼
Fort Wayne	152¾	82¾	107	77½

The foreign exchange market was very firm in tone but quiet, the demand for bills from importers being checked by the monetary stringency. The best bankers' sterling at sixty days can be bought at 109¾, however. At the close bankers' bills on England, at sixty days, were quoted at 109¼ a 109½; at three days 110 a 110⅛; commercial bills, 109 a 109¼.

The receipts for customs, and the total receipts, payments and balances at the Sub-Treasury in this city for the expired portion of the week have been as follows:—

	Custom House. Receipts.	Sub-Treasury. Receipts.	Sub-Treasury. Payments.	Sub-Treasury. Balances.
March 30	$513,899	$2,167,660	$2,894,562	$101,086,425
March 31	499,931	6,619,940	9,574,499	98,161,867
April 1	426,688	1,934,650	1,329,518	98,766,979
April 2	319,819	2,388,977	3,452,936	97,703,020
April 3	426,000	3,198,546	4,241,666	96,659,900

The importations of dry goods at this port for the week ending April 2 compare with the previous week as follows:—

	March 26. Pkgs.	March 26. Value.	April 2. Pkgs.	April 2. Value.
Consumption.				
Manufact's of wool	875	$309,587	1,019	$327,048
Manufact's of cotton	824	266,355	1,041	251,959
Manufact's of silk	398	350,288	658	495,814
Manufact's of flax	946	217,042	936	240,549
Miscellaneous	493	121,815	1,807	199,342
Total	3,536	$1,265,087	5,461	$1,514,712
Withdrawn.				
Manufact's of wool	787	$272,874	894	$315,960
Manufact's of cotton	582	153,300	810	223,694
Manufact's of silk	130	133,105	127	139,266
Manufact's of flax	2,370	139,486	7,622	159,253
Miscellaneous	3,252	53,757	3,134	61,621
Total	7,121	$753,112	12,587	$899,794
Warehoused.				
Manufact's of wool	536	$189,167	607	$215,039
Manufact's of cotton	244	69,582	395	102,977
Manufact's of silk	53	43,454	76	72,271
Manufact's of flax	314	84,378	503	77,307
Miscellaneous	610	18,512	6,747	85,011
Total	1,757	$405,093	8,128	$552,595

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Friday, April 3—10:15 A. M.

$5000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '62 . . 109⅛
13500 do . . 12 o'clock 109⅜
50000 do s3 109⅜
5000 US 6's, '81, coup . . 9 110⅞
5000 do 111⅛
6000 US 5-20, c, '65, c, new 105⅝
10000 do . c . 12 o'clock 105⅝
5000 do 105¾
5000 US 5-20, c, '67, n . . 107
10000 do b3 107
5000 do s3 107
10000 US 5's, 10-40, coup . . b3 100⅜
15000 do . . . . . c 100⅜
10000 do . . . . . 12 o'clock 100⅜
4000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '64 . . 109⅝
5000 US 6's, 5-20 cou, '65 . 107
1000 do . . . 12 o'clock 108
1000 do 108¼
31500 Tr n, 7 3-10, 2d ser . 105⅝
20000 do . . 12 o'clock 105⅝
3000 Brooklyn 6's, w l . . 97
2000 Tenn 6's, ex cou . . 68
10000 do 67¾
29000 Tenn 6's, new 67¾
10000 do b10 68
10000 do b10 68⅛
20000 do 67⅞
6000 N Y Cent 6's, '83 . . 96
1000 Hud Riv 1st mtge . 100⅛
5000 Chi & N W s f bds 95⅞
10000 C & R I & Pac R 7's 94⅞
1000 Tol & Wab, 2d m . . 82
10000 Pit, Ft W & Chi, 1st m 105⅝
1000 Ohio & Miss 1st m . . 92
2000 Missouri 6's 88
1000 Tenn 6's, new 67¾
15000 do 67⅞
10000 NC 6's, ex cou 77
100 Mer Union Ex . b10 . 55
20 Bk of N Amer . . 108
5 Central Nat Bank . . 135
20 Ninth Nat Bank . . . 105
100 Canton Company . s30 48
300 Western Union Tele 38⅜
100 Quicksil Mining Co . . 25
300 do 25⅛
20 American Exp Co . . 69⅜
1 do 69
55 Merch Union Exp . . 24½
47 Pacific Mail SS Co . . 103
500 do . . . . . c 101⅛
500 do 101⅛
20 do 101⅜
100 do 101⅜
300 do 101⅜
200 do b10 101⅜
100 do . . . . . c 101⅜
100 do b30 101⅜
100 do b30 102⅜
100 do b30 102
100 sha Pac M SS Co . b30 99⅝
100 do b60 100
100 Wells-Fargo Exp . . . 35⅛
100 N Y Central RR . b10 128
100 do b10 128⅛
200 do b10 128⅜
100 do 128⅜
200 Erie RR 73⅜
400 do 73⅜
20 Reading RR 90⅛
300 Mich S & N Ind . . b3 88⅜
400 Clev & Pittsburg RR 91⅞
200 do 92
300 Chicago & NW pref . 74⅞
300 do b5 75⅜
200 Chicago & Rk Isl RR 94
100 do 94⅛
100 do b4 94⅛
100 Pacific Mail SS Co . . 99
100 do b10 99
1500 do 98⅜
100 do b5 99
100 Ohio & Miss RR . . . 31
100 do 31⅛
100 do b5 31⅛

Half-past Two o'Clock P. M.

$5000 U S 6's, '81, coup . . 111⅛
6000 US 6's, 5-20, cou, '64 108⅛
1000 US 6's, 5-20, cou, '65 108⅜
5000 do 108⅜
10000 US 5-20, c, '65, new . 108⅛
25000 US 5-20, cou, '67, n 107⅛
10000 US 5's, 10-40, cou . 103⅞
50000 do s5 103⅞
40000 Tennessee 6's, new 68
2000 do 68⅜
3300 NY 7's, b l, coup . . 108⅜
4000 Morris & Essex, 1m 88
10 shs Bk of Commerce 119
100 Canton Co 47⅛
200 West Union Tel . . . 36⅜
1000 do 36⅜
400 Quicksilver Min'g Co 25⅛
100 do 25
100 do b5 25⅛
150 Pacific Mail SS Co . . 99
100 do b10 99
1500 do 98⅜
100 do b5 99
100 do 99
100 sha Pac M SS Co . b30 99⅝
100 do b60 100
100 Wells-Fargo Exp . . . 35⅛
100 N Y Central RR . b10 128
100 do b10 128⅛
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20 Reading RR 90⅛
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400 Clev & Pittsburg RR 91⅞
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300 do b5 75⅜
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100 do b5 31⅛

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY, April 3—6 P. M.

COTTON.—Consequent upon the favorable news from Liverpool the market ruled decidedly firmer and prices advanced fully 1c. per lb. There was an unusually active demand and the sales were large, footing up 20,120 bales, including 8,750 for speculation, 8,880 for export, 1,540 for spinning and 1,150 in transitu. Annexed are the closing quotations:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis.	New Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	25	25	25⅛
Good Ordinary	27	27	27⅛
Low Middling	28	28¼	28⅜
Middling	29	29⅜	29⅝
Good Middling	30	30⅜	31

COFFEE.—Rio was held a trifle firmer, owing to the very favorable news from Rio, but we heard of no transactions. Other kinds were in better demand at about former prices. A cargo of about 2,700 bags Maracaibo was disposed of on terms kept private.

COPPER.—The market for ingot was quiet, but prices were without change of moment. The sales were 250,000 lbs. at 22½c. cash for Baltimore, and 23c. cash for Detroit, including 75,000 lbs. of the latter for export.

CANDLES.—Adamantine were steady at 21c. a 22c. for 14 ounce. Sperm were also steady at 46c. a 48c., and patent at 55c. a 58c.

COIR YARN.—Sales were made of 100 bales on private terms.

DRUGS AND DYES.—These were quiet, but prices were generally unchanged. The sales were 100 tons sal soda, at $1 70 a $1 72½, gold; small lots caustic soda at 7½c., currency; cream tartar at 28½c. a 28¾c., gold; 100 casks bleaching powders at 4½c., currency; 125 tons soda ash at 2½c. a 2¾c., gold; 175 tons do., 300 casks bleaching powders and 1,000 kegs bi carb soda on private terms.

DYEWOODS.—We heard of no important sales. St. Domingo logwood was quoted at $18 a $18 50, currency.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 7,866 bbls. flour, 936 do. and 742 bags corn meal, 450 bushels wheat, 36,200 do. corn, 226 do. rye and 650 do. malt. The market for State and Western flour ruled heavy to-day, though there was some inquiry for export to Great Britain and also for shipment to the provinces. The bids of shippers were generally too low, however, so that only a moderate business was done. At $10 50 extra State would have sold freely, but holders demanded more. California flour was dull and fully 25c. per bbl. lower. The sales were about 8,050 bbls., the market closing rather irregular at our quotations. Southern flour was in fair demand at about previous prices, the sales comprising 1,500 bbls. Rye flour was quiet, the sales being confined to about 275 bbls. Corn meal was inactive. We quote:—

Superfine State and Western	$9 25 a $9 75
Extra State	10 25 a 10 65
Choice do	10 75 a 11 25
Common to medium extra Genesee	9 75 a 12 00
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	10 00 a 10 75
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	11 50 a 13 00
St. Louis low extra	10 00 a 11 00
St. Louis straight extra	11 50 a 12 00
St. Louis choice double extra	13 00 a 15 00
St. Louis choice family	15 00 a 15 50
Southern extra	11 00 a 13 50
Southern choice and family	14 00 a 15 75
California flour (sacks and bbls.)	12 50 a 14 25
Rye flour (superfine)	7 75 a 9 68
Corn meal, city	5 90 a 6 00
Corn meal, Brandywine	6 10 a 6 15
Corn meal, Jersey	6 00 a —

—The market for wheat was depressed by the cable news quoting a decline of 1d. on the other side, and with almost no demand prices were 2c. a 5c. lower and wholly nominal. Holders were in most cases willing to meet the views of buyers, but there was no disposition to purchase on any terms. The only sales we heard of were 15,000 bushels at $2 50 for No. 1 Milwaukee, and $2 48 for Nos. 1 and 2 mixed, delivered, closing unsettled and nominal at $2 40 a $2 42 for No. 2, and $2 50 a $2 52 for No. 1. Corn opened quiet, but closed firm at $1 24 bid for new under a good demand. For old in store there was a good speculative inquiry, and after selling down to $1 20 a $1 22, prices advanced, and closed firm at $1 24 in store. The sales were 68,000 bushels at $1 22 a $1 24 for new mixed, $1 20 a $1 25 for old do. in store, and $1 27 for yellow. Oats were quiet but firm at 83½c.; there were no sales. Rye was dull, but unchanged in price. Barley, though quiet, ruled firm; the sales were 2,000 bushels Canada West at $2 35. Of barley malt we heard of no further sales.

FREIGHTS.—There was considerable business done in cotton rates for which were a trifle firmer by steamer and steady by sail. Of articles other than cotton the engagements were light, but rates were quite steady. For vessels suitable for the sugar trade there prevailed a brisk demand, and rates were strong. Petroleum vessels were more sought after. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, 5,500 bales cotton at 5-16d. a ⅝d., 7,500 bushels wheat at 5d. or 5½d., 184 bbls. petroleum at 6s. a 7s., 300 do. rosin at 3s. per 280 lbs., and per steamer 1,100 bales cotton at ⅜d. a ½d., mainly at 7-16d. a ½d.; 400 tierces beef, at 5s. 6d.; 200 bbls. pork, at 4s.; 150 tierces lard, at 35s. To Bristol, 12,000 bushels wheat at 7d. and 2,500 bbls. flour at 2s. 9d. To London on steamer's account, 45,000 bushels grain. To Bremen, per steamer, 50 bales cotton at 1c. The charters were:—Two vessels to the south side Cuba and back, sugar, at 56c., port charges paid; three vessels from the north side Cuba, sugar, at 50 a $3 per hhd.; one about 500 hhds. to the north side and back, 55c.; one from Darien to Jamaica with yellow pine timber at $9, gold, and back from the south side Cuba with sugar at 60c. or molasses at $5 50; one 1,400 bbls. to Porto Rico and back, $1,600; a Belgian ship 1,100 tons, to Valparaiso, general cargo, on private terms; a Danish brig 2,000 bbls. to the windward, 50c., and a Bremen bark, 891 tons, to St. Jago and back with sugar on private terms.

GUNNIES were quiet but steady at 18c. a 18½c. for bags and 21c. for cloth.

HOPS were in moderate demand for consumption at 25c. a 60c. for 1867 crop. 10c. a 35c. for 1866 do., and 30c. a 45c. for Bavarian.

HEMP.—All kinds were dull but unchanged in value. We quote Manila 10½c., gold, and jute at $105 a $110, do.

HORNS.—Sales were made of 5,000 ox at 6c.

HIDES.—The demand was moderately active and prices were steady. There were sales of 1,500 Buenos Ayres, 22 lbs., at 21c., gold; 1,300 African, 9 lbs.; 900 wet salted New Orleans, 45 lbs., and 4,000 Bogota, 21 a 22 lbs., on private terms, Buenos Ayres, 20 a 23 lbs., were quoted at 20½c. a 21c., gold; do., 24 a 25 lbs., 20½c. a 21c.; Montevideo, 20 a 24 lbs., 20c.; Rio Grande, 20 a 22 lbs., 20c.; Orinoco, 21 a 23 lbs., 18c.; California, 21 a 25 lbs., 19c. a 19½c.; Porto Cabello, 25 a 28 lbs., 15c. a 16c.; Vera Cruz, 18 a 19 lbs., 16c. a 16½c.; Tampico, 20 a 22 lbs., 16c. a 16½c.; Matamoras, currency, and Texas, 18 a 20 lbs., 20c. a 22c.

IRON.—Scotch pig was dull, but unchanged in price. Of previous prices were demanded for all kinds. We quote Eglinton, from yard, $41 50; Glengarnock, do., $42 50; Langloan, $49, and Dunsyre at $48. American was also dull at [illegible] for No. 1. We heard of no sales. Of wrought scrap the sales were 175 tons, at $47 50. Bar was steady at $85 a $87 50.

LIME.—Common was quoted at $1 50 and lump at $2 25.

LATHS.—Eastern were in moderate demand at $3 [illegible] three months.

LEAD.—Ordinary foreign was dull and nominal at $6 37½ a $6 50, gold.

LEATHER.—Business in hemlock was restricted materially by the scarcity of common hide material and light, and of good and poor damaged of all kinds. Prices ruled steady and firm. Receipts continue light. Oak was quiet, but steady. Hemlock, Buenos Ayres and Rio Grande light were quoted at 26½c. a 27½c.; middle, 25½c. a 26½c.; heavy, 23c. a 24c.; good damaged, 24c. a 25c.; California light, 26c. a 26½c.; mid do., 25c. a 27c.; heavy, 26c. a 27c.; for good damaged, 24c. a 25c.; Orinoco, &c., light, 26c. a 26½c.; middle, 25½c. a 27c.; heavy, 24c. a 25c.; good damaged, 23c. a 24c.; poor damaged, all kinds, 19c. a 21c.; rough light, 27c. a 40c.; middle and heavy, 35c. a 38c. Oak slaughter, light, 32c. a 42c.; middle, 35c. a 45c.; heavy, 40c. a 46c.; crops light and middle, 41c. a 44c.; heavy, 41c. a 43c.; rough light, 38c. a 42c.; middle, 38c. a 39c.; heavy, 39c. a 46c.; bellies, 21c. a 24c.

MOLASSES.—A moderate business was done, the sales being 50 hhds. Neuvitas at 53c., and 210 hhds. and 25 bbls. St. Croix on private terms. Prices were generally steady. By auction, 125 hhds. Demerara at 45c. a 63½c., 4 months; 70 bbls. New Orleans at 79½c. a 87c., net, cash.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits turpentine continued to rule dull, but steady. Sales were made of about 50 bbls. at 67c. The market for rosin was quiet, but former prices were maintained. The stock of the lower grades is considerably diminished and the bulk of what is arriving was sold previously. The sales were 400 bbls. No. 1 at $4 25, 500 do. low No. 2 at $3 50, and 1,600 do. strained at $3 25 a $3 35. We quote:—Common to strained, $3 25 a $3 37½; No. 2, $3 50 a $3 75; No. 1, $3 87½ a $4 37½; pale, $5 a $6, and extra do., $6 25 a $7 50. Of tar we heard of no sales; Wilmington was quoted at $3 25.

OILS.—Linseed was firm at $1 20 a $1 23. Sales of 8,000 gallons on private terms. Lard was dull at $1 35 a $1 45. Olive was quoted at $2 50, and city distilled red at 65c. a 70c. Fish oils were dull but steady at 68c. a 70c. for crude whale, 80c. a 85c. for bleached winter do., $2 for crude sperm and $2 25 for unbleached winter do.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts, 136 bbls. pork, 59 do. beef, 89 packages cut meats and 182 do. lard. There was a good business consummated in pork to-day, and higher prices were realized, but the market closed at about yesterday's prices, viz.:—$25 50 a $25 62½ for new mess; the sales were 3,500 bbls. at $25 25 a $25 50 for mess, $25 40 a $25 75 for new do., $21 a $21 25 for prime and $22 87½ a $23 25 for prime mess; also, for future delivery, 500 bbls. new mess for May, seller's option, on private terms. At the afternoon board the sales were 2,500 bbls. new mess, cash and regular, at $25 50 a $25 62½, and 2,000 do. for June, buyer April and seller May. Dressed hogs were dull at 9c. a 9½c., with light arrivals. Beef was in moderate demand but firm, with sales of 200 bbls. at $14 a $20 for plain mess and $20 a $24 50 for extra do. Tierce beef was moderately active, the sales being 150 tierces prime mess at $38, and 200 tierces repacked do. at $28. Prime mess was generally quoted at $35 a $36 and India do. at $39 a $41. Beef hams were dull and heavy at $35 a $38; sales 100 bbls. Cut meats were firm at about 11c. a 11½c. for dry salted shoulders, 13c. a 13½c. for smoked, 15½c. a 16c. for pickled hams, 17½c. a 19c. for smoked, 19c. a 20c. for bagged and 12½c. a 13c. for bellies; sales 150 packages. Bacon was dull but very firm, under continued favorable cable news and in sympathy with pork. Lard was dull but about former prices were asked; sales 200 bbls. at 15½c. a 16½c. for No. 1 to kettle rendered; also late yesterday 250 tierces, for May, at 17c. sellers' option. Butter was quiet and prices were in buyer's favor. New is coming in freely. Cheese was in moderate demand for consumption and export at 8c. a 15½c. for common to extra. We quote butter—Chemung, Sussex and Chenango counties, firkins, 48c. a 52c.; Chautauqua, Cayuga and Delaware counties, firkins, 48c. a 50c.; Broome, Cortland, Steuben and other counties, firkins, 45c. a 48c.; Lewis, Jefferson and other counties, Welsh tubs, 43c. a 47c.; ordinary State, firkins and tubs, 40c. a 45c.; fair to extra State, half firkins, tubs, 48c. a 53c.; Canada, 30c. a 35c.; extra do., 35c. a 37c., and new, 48c. a 50c.

PETROLEUM.—Crude was unsettled and lower, but a trifle more active, the sales being 1,100 bbls. in bulk, at 11c. a 11¼c. (closing at 11c. a 11¼c.), and 2,500 do., in bbls., in shipping order, deliverable in May, at 15c. A sale of about 6,500 bbls., in bulk, for April delivery, at 11¾c., was rumored, but we could not trace it. The transactions in bonded were light, but full prices were asked. We quote standard white 26c. We heard of no sales. Free was dull and lower, standard white being obtainable at about 24c. Of naphtha the sales were 200 bbls. on private terms. The market in Philadelphia was dull. Sales 2,500 bbls. standard white for the last half June at 26½c., buyer's option.

PETROLEUM BARRELS.—Sales were made of 2,000 refined (as they run) at about $1 50.

RICE.—We heard of no sales of moment, but prices ruled quite steady at 10½c. a 11½c. for Carolina, and 6½c. a 7c., gold, for Rangoon.

SUGAR.—For raw there was a good demand from refiners and the trade, and prices ruled steady. Fair to good refining Cuba was quoted at 10½c. a 11½c. Fair to good grocery, 11¾c. a 12½c.; prime to choice, 12c. a 12½c.; centrifugal (hhds. and boxes), 10½c. a 12½c.; refining grades Porto Rico, 10½c. a 11½c.; fair to good grocery, 11½c. a 12½c.; prime to choice, 12½c. a 13½c. The sales footed up 2,142 hhds. at 10½c. a 13c. for Cuba, the latter price for centrifugal and 11½c. for Porto Rico. Refined was in fair demand at 16½c. for hard, 15½c. a 15c. for soft white and 14½c. a 15½c. for yellow.

SEEDS.—Of Calcutta linseed a sale of 6,500 bags in Boston was rumored at $2 35, gold. Clover was dull and again lower, at 10½c. a 11c; Timothy was also lower, being quoted at $2 30 a $2 40. Rough flax was quiet, but steady at $2 80 a $2 90.

SALT.—The market for Liverpool was moderately active, and prices were steady and firm. Jobbers' prices were as follows:—$3 75 a $3 85 for Ashton's, per sack; $2 75 a $2 85 for Marshall's and Worthington's, do.; $1 90 a $2 for ground, $3 a $3 10 for Higgins', $2 25 for Prussian, and 52½c. a 55c. for Turk's Island, per bushel.

SPELTER continued dull and nominal at 6½c., gold, for Silesian.

STEARINE was in light demand. Sales, 15,000 lbs. within the range of 15½c. a 16½c.

SOAP.—Castile was quiet but steady at 16½c. a 17c.

TALLOW.—There was a moderate demand at steady prices, the sales comprising 50,000 lbs. at 9 3-16c. a 9½c.

TOBACCO.—The transactions in all kinds were light, but prices were without change of moment. Sales 84 hhds. Kentucky at 8c. a 18c., 72 cases State seed leaf at 5c. a 55c., and 37 do. Connecticut at 30c., and 177 bales Havana on private terms.

TUG.—All kinds of pig were dull and prices were nominal. We quote:—Suratts, 25½c.; Bancas, 28½c. a 29½c., and English 29½c. a 29½c.—all gold. Plates were also dull at $8 25 a $8 50, gold, for I. C. charcoal.

WOOL.—There is not much activity in the market for fleece, manufacturers still purchasing only lots sufficiently large to meet immediate requirements, and no great improvement in the demand is apprehended until goods sell more freely and command higher prices. Consequent upon the light stock, however, which is composed mainly of the finer grades, holders remain firm in their views, demanding full prices for every description. What demand prevails is, as usual, mainly confined to the low and medium grades, of which there is a scarcity. In California the transactions are light, but for almost all grades full prices are prevalent. Business in Texas continues to be restricted by the small supply. Foreign remains quiet, but prices are generally firm. The sales are 160,000 lbs. fleece at 28c. a 31c., including 40,000 XX Ohio at 57c., 4,000 XX do. at 56c., 50,000 coarse, No. 1 and above at 48c. a 54c., 25,000 X Michigan at 52½c., 10,000 State at 47½c. a 52c., 2,500 Georgia at 38c., 10,000 unwashed Western at 35c. a 36c., 3,600 unwashed at 30c. and 3,600 scoured at 80c.; also 40,000 lbs. super and extra pulled at 41c. a 48c., 50,000 lbs. California at 26c. a 31c., chiefly at 24c. a 27c. for fall clip, 55,000 lbs. Texas at 20c. a 32c. Of foreign the sales are 80 bales East India at 19c. a 32c., and 9,000 lbs. Mestiza on private terms.

WHISKEY.—Receipts, 45 bbls. There were no sales made, and prices were entirely nominal.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

Approaching Close of the Season—General Feeling of the Market—Sales Yesterday.

The season of real estate operations, which has heretofore continued active into the middle of May, April being generally regarded as equally as busy a month as March, has this year exhibited, somewhat unaccountably, unmistakable indications of a much earlier close. From present appearances the market will probably not maintain its spirit for many weeks longer, and real estate auctioneers and others seem in considerable doubt how to account for this early falling off. The reason, however, is not by any means mysterious, and is at once curious and significant. Never before has such attention been paid to these sales by the leading daily journals as this year, an attention confined not barely to a mere report of each day's operations as furnished by the several operators, according to their peculiar views and to suit their own private ends, but which produced in each day's resumé of the previous day's transactions a reflex of the conditions affecting them and a truthful analysis of the manner in which they had been conducted. Thus much of the management which in previous years has been so effective in bulling certain lots and bearing others, has this year come to naught, because of the exposé from time to time of the *modus operandi* by which this was sought to be accomplished. Thus bogus sales, a common means of attaining this end being detected, speedily grew into such disfavor and latterly became so well known or of such frequent occurrence as to be no longer of any practical effect. The great advantage which unimproved property has enjoyed over improved property in a speculative sense has, as has been before referred to here, been another noticeable condition of the market this year, referrible as well to the same cause. Brooklyn lots obtained a recognition never before accorded them, and lately, in view of proposed and established means of easy and rapid transit to the upper end of the island, Westchester county has loomed prominently into favor and become the subject of much inquiry as to suitable sites for suburban dwellings. Plots of one or more acres have here been sold at $200 to $500 per city lot, and in anticipation of the speedy establishment of an underground or elevated railroad to Harlem bridge such on the elevated region bordering the East river have been in considerable demand. This is likely to be a great field of speculation next season. There was but little doing at the auction mart yesterday, one sale only occurring, as follows:—

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

Premises Nos 214, 216, 218 Stanton st, n w cor Pitt, with Nos 147 Pitt st, in rear, about 75 ft square, Clifford A Hand $27,500
3 lots s s 121st st, 125 ft e of Broadway, each 25x100, Robert J Houghton, each 1,150
3 lots adjoining, Houghton, each 1,150
2 lots s s 111th st, 100 ft w of Boulevard, each 25x100, John H White, each 3,300
2 lots e side 11th av, 75 ft s of 97th st, each 25x100, Oscar Crisler, each 2,750
1 lot s s 50th st, 400 ft e of 8th av, 25x100, J Babcock . . . 6,200
4 lots adjoining, each 25x100, Jas Thomas, each 6,300

Official Transfers of Real Estate.

Below we give a list of the official transfers and leases recorded yesterday in this city, Kings county, N. Y., and Hudson county, N. J.:—

TRANSFERS IN NEW YORK CITY.

Beekman st, No 77, 25.8x125x22.4x118 . . . . . $32,250
Broadway, n w s, 101 ft n e of 130th st, 24x102 1,750
Commerce st, No 84, 22x87.5 7,500
Houston st, n s, 403 ft w of av C, 18.3x63.3x22.8x25 9,500
Lewis st, w s, 142.8½ n of North st, 21.4x100 6,300
Leroy st, No 25, 25x100 9,000
Manhattan st, e s, 47.10 ft n of Houston st 4,000
Rivington st, No 343, 25x100 14,200
3d st, n s, between Lewis st and av D, lot 34, 20x96 9,000
6th st, n s, 324.8 ft e of av C, 54.1x25 (2 lots) 14,000
6th st, s s, 221 ft w of av D, 22x97 11,200
7th st, s s, 196 ft e of av C, 22.8½x90.10 11,800
9th st, n s, 293 ft w of av C, 40x92.8 14,800
10th st, n s, 352 ft e of av C, 24x94.9 15,000
14th st, s s, 171 ft e of av A, 25x103.9 8,200
14th st, n s, 88 ft e of av B, 21.10½x103.3 13,300
18th st, s s, 206.6 ft w of 2d av, 25.6x92 19,200
23d st, s s, 225 ft w of 4th av, 27x98.9 70,000
27th st, n s, 124 ft w of 8th av, 24x98.9 7,500
33d st, n s, 325