FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY, April 21—6 P. M.

The gold market has been strong to-day, and the fluctuations were from 138¾ to 139⅝, with the closing transactions at 139⅛. Loans were made at 2 a 4 per cent for carrying, the floating supply of coin being light. The gross clearings amounted to $40,381,000, the gold balances to $1,186,399 and the currency balances to $1,960,004. The steamer Hammonia took out $280,000 in specie. Money was in moderately good demand from the Stock Exchange, but the supply was ample at seven per cent in currency, and the indications are that the supply of loanable funds at this centre will be steadily augmented from this time forward by the return flow of currency from the interior, but at present the condition of the market is such that any material increase in the demand would be followed by a quickening of activity. The extreme distrust of last week with respect to collaterals is gradually passing away, but the banks are still very careful in their scrutiny of the speculative stocks, and there is a disposition shown rather to contract than to expand loans in this direction until the monetary situation becomes more settled. In the discount line there is almost total inaction, so far as the banks are concerned, and on the street first class commercial paper is quoted at 7 a 9 per cent.

The stock market has been dull after the spasmodic excitement of yesterday, and the tendency of prices during the day was somewhat drooping. The contradiction of the rumor that a compromise had been effected between the two railway kings exerted a rather depressing influence upon the speculation for a rise, but apart from this a reactionary lull was to be expected, a reaction naturally following every extreme movement, whether for a rise or a fall. The temper of the street has changed considerably during the last few days, and there is now considerable talk of an inflation of the currency under the radical programme, in which event of course prices will rise without regard to real values. The bulls and the bears will, however, alternately use conflicting arguments to influence the market in their own favor, and outsiders who venture within their reach will (if they are not exceptions to the rule) be crushed between the upper and nether millstones of the contending forces. Whether prices go up or down on the Stock Exchange is immaterial to the general public, for it is hardly, if at all, represented in Wall street at present; but those already actually interested on both sides of the bull and bear contest will struggle hard for the mastery. Those in favor of currency inflation, and they are many, may succeed in having it all their own way for a time, but a grand crash will finally overtake the market for the speculative railway, express and miscellaneous stocks, and its postponement for one, two or even three years makes it none the less certain in the end. Meanwhile it seems probable that the inflationists will carry their point, provided affairs take the turn they expect. The Governor has signed the Erie bill, and the work of opening the through broad gauge route to Chicago will be immediately proceeded with. The litigation in the case is going forward without interruption, and the President of the company, Mr. John S. Eldridge, together with Mr. Drew and Mr. Jas. Fisk, Jr., directors, are still understood to remain quartered in Jersey City, so that no apparent change has taken place in the aspect of the contest, although Wall street continues to be puzzled by the vote on the bill in the Assembly at Albany yesterday. We notice that the House of Representatives took up and passed Mr. Jenckes' bill amending the Bankrupt act this afternoon, and that one section of it extends until the 1st of January, 1869, the provision in the thirty-third section of the original bill that no discharge shall be granted to a debtor whose assets shall not equal fifty per cent of his liabilities, unless the assent in writing of a majority of his creditors be filed in the case. This is good so far as it goes, but no such restrictionary clause should have been introduced in the bill, and the Senate will do well to repeal the original clause referred to entirely. A bankrupt act should give equal relief to all, with or without assets.

Government securities have been strong and in good investment and moderate speculative demand all day, and a further improvement of ¼ a ½ per cent took place in quotations. The returning ease in the money market is inducing purchases by the Wall street dealers in anticipation of a rise, which will soon be favored both by an abundant supply of capital and the demand for the reinvestment of the May interest on the public debt. The amount falling due on the 1st proximo exceeds twenty-five millions in coin, and it is probable that at least half of this amount will be employed in the purchase of new bonds. At the same time the Treasury will be an almost constant buyer of seven-thirty notes until the whole of these are funded, and the amount remaining outstanding on the 1st inst. was $185,884,100. When these are converted into bonds the funded debt will have reached its maximum, and the demand for the reinvestment of interest at home and abroad will have to be supplied by sales by investment holders, which will of course not be made unless the market price offers a sufficient temptation. The firmness of the market for United States stocks was shown by its unyielding tendency during the late monetary stringency, and the current quotations are low in comparison with those for other interest and dividend paying securities. Moreover, the distrust of inflated speculative stocks which prevails makes it easier to borrow on governments than on any other stocks, and comparatively narrow margins are required, owing to the fluctuations in them being slight. Just now, next to governments, first class railway bonds are inquired after, and those of the Union Pacific Railway Company are being taken at par; but as the company has given notice that it will advance the price shortly it is uncertain how long they will remain at this figure. At the close this afternoon the market was firm at the following quotations:—Registered, 1881, 112¼ a 112½; coupon, 1881, 112½ a112¾; 5-20's, registered, 1862, 104¾ a 104⅞; 5-20's coupon, 1862, 111¼ a 112; do., 1864, 109¾ a 110; do., 1865, 110⅛ a 110¼; do., 1865, January and July, 108 a 108⅛; do., 1867, 108¾ a 108¾; 10-40's, registered, 102¼ a 102½; 10-40's, coupon, 102¼ a 102¾; June 7.30's, 106⅛ a 106⅛; July 7.30's, 106⅛ a 106⅛; May compounds, 1864, 118⅛; August do., 117⅛; September do., 117; October do., 116⅛.

At the commencement of business the stock market was slightly lower than at the close last evening, and at the early session of the open board Erie sold at 60¾ a 60⅞, and New York Central at 118¾ a 119. At the first regular board prices continued to react downward from the recent rapid advance, and Cleveland and Pittsburg was quoted ex dividend in stock of ten per cent. New York Central closed 5⅛ higher than at the same time yesterday, Erie 2⅜, Hudson River 2¾, Reading 1¼, Cleveland and Toledo 1¼, Rock Island 2¾, Northwestern preferred 2, Fort Wayne ⅝, Milwaukee and St. Paul preferred 2, Ohio and Mississippi 1¼, Pacific Mail ⅜, and Western Union Telegraph ⅜; while Cleveland and Pittsburg was 4 lower, ex dividend. Government securities were strong at an advance of ⅛ a ⅜—the most marked improvement being in five-twenties of 1862 and 1864. State stocks were ⅜ a 1⅛ higher. At the open board at one o'clock the market was dull, and Erie sold at 60¾ a 60, and New York Central at 118¾ a 118⅞. At the second regular board the market showed a fractional improvement, and New York Central closed ¼ higher than at the first regular board, Erie ⅜, Reading ⅜, Michigan Southern 1⅛, Cleveland and Toledo ¼, Rock Island ¾, Northwestern preferred ⅛, Fort Wayne ⅜, Milwaukee and St. Paul ¼, preferred ⅜, Ohio and Mississippi ⅛, Pacific Mail ¼, Canton ⅛ and Western Union Telegraph ⅜. Government securities were dull, but steady, at a decline of ⅛ a ¼ from the highest prices of the morning. At the open board at half-past three the market was dull and steady, and New York Central sold at 119¼ a 119¼; Erie, 60¾, and Rock Island, 93¼ a 93⅜. During the remainder of the afternoon there was no material change in the temper of the market and the volume of business was light, and at the close, at six o'clock, the quotations were as subjoined:—New York Central, 118⅞ a 118¾; Erie, 60⅞ a 60; Reading, 87⅛ a 87⅜; Michigan Southern, 90¼ a 90⅜; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 62 a 63; Rock Island, 92¾ a 93; Northwestern preferred, 74⅛ a 74⅜; Pacific Mail, 92 a 92¼; Ohio and Mississippi, 31⅛ a 31⅜; Western Union Telegraph, 37⅛ a 37⅜; Fort Wayne, 101⅛ a 102.

The foreign exchange market continues firm but quiet, and some of the leading drawers ask 110¼ for their sterling at sixty days. Buyers are, however, averse to paying more than 110⅛, and at this rate the [illegible] current second hand. Bankers' bills on England at sixty days were quoted at 110⅛; at three days, 110½; commercial bills, 109⅞ a 109¾.

Consols and American securities were quoted thus in London to-day and on the previous dates mentioned:—

	April 8.	April 14.	April 21.
Consols	93¾ a 93⅞	93¼ a 93⅜	93⅜ a 93½
Five-twenties	73 a 73½	72½ a 72⅞	70½ a —
Illinois Central	95 a —	93¼ a —	93¼ a —
Erie	48¾ a —	46 a —	46¾ a —

The receipts for customs and the 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.	Payments.	Balances.
April 20	$345,247	$2,873,852	$3,115,677	$104,513,054
April 21	396,000	803,759	428,732	104,888,080

The value of exports (exclusive of specie) from New York to foreign ports for the week ending to-day amounted to $4,111,405, against $3,013,393 the week previous.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tuesday, April 21—10:15 A. M.

$1000 U S 6's '81 cou... 112⅝
1000 do...12 o'clock 112¼
2000 do... 112⅜
4000 US 6's,5-20,r'62.12M 104¼
50,000 US 6's,5-20,c,'62, 12- 112⅝
100,000 do...b3 112
1000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '66, 109
3000 do...12 o'clock 110⅛
15000 U S 6's, 5-20, c, '65. 110⅛
5000 do... 110⅛
20,000 U S 5-20, c, '65, n. 108⅛
10000 U S 5-20, c, '67, n 108⅛
10000 do...12 o'clock 108⅛
200 do... 108⅞
2000 U S 5's 10-40, r, 12 M 102¾
7000 U S 5's, 10-40, cou.. 102¾
15000 do...b3 102¾
14000 do...s5 102⅝
66500 Tr n, 7 3-10, 2d s... 106⅝
18000 do... 106¾
2900 do...small 106¾
10000 do...3d a 106½
2000 City 6's, '73... 101
6000 Tenn 6's, ex c... 67¾
3000 Tenn 6's, new... 67¾
2000 do... 67
20000 Ohio 6's, '70... 99
5000 Virginia S 6's, n... 48
3000 N Car 6's, ex c... 69¾
15000 Missouri 6's... 87
5000 Mo 6's, H & M 1st. 87
1000 Ala & T H R 1 m p.. 53¾
1000 Tol & Wab 2d m... 32½
1000 Cleve & P 4th m... 80
2000 Mil & St Paul 1st... 90
5 shs Bank of Com... 130
25 Am Ex Bank, ex div 116
20 Ocean Bank... 12½
6 Canton Co... 34
400 Western Union Tel.. 37⅛
300 do... 37⅛
100 do...b10. 37⅛
200 Marlposa pref... 10
25 Boston W Power... 10
50 Adams Express... 63⅝
200 do...s5 63⅝
6 Pacific Mail SS Co... 93
100 do... 91⅞
100 do... 91¾
100 Union Navigation... 23
100 Wells-Fargo Ex... 27
100 do... 28¼
25 American Gold... 33
100 U S Express... 63⅛
100 do... 63¾

Half-past Two o'Clock P. M.

$20000 U S 6's, '81, cou.. 112⅝
18000 US 6's, 5-20, r,'62.. 104¾
1500 US 6's, 5-20, c, '62, 111¾
10000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '65, 110⅛
8500 US 5-20's,c,'65,new 108
2000 US 5's, 10-40, cou.. 102¾
6000 do... 102¾
6000 Tr n, 7 3-10, 2d ser 106½
10000 Tennessee 6's, new 67¾
1000 do... 67¾
20000 Missouri 6's... 87¾
100 shs Canton Co... 47¾
800 Western Union Tel. 37⅜
200 do... 37¼
600 Pacific Mail SS Co... 92
50 do... 92¼
100 Adams Express... 63⅛
200 do... 63⅛
50 do... 63⅛
100 do... 63
100 do... 63¾
500 do... 63
100 Wells-Fargo Ex... 27
100 U S Express... 63¾
1600 Mechanics' Union 33½
500 N Y Central RR... 119¾
500 do... 119¾
500 do... 119¾
200 do... 119⅞
200 do... 119⅞
200 shs Erie RR... 60⅝
50 Hudson River RR... 127
400 Reading RR... 87¼
200 do... 87⅜
300 do... 87⅜
400 Mich S & N Ind RR. 90⅜
100 do... 90⅜
50 do... 90⅞
400 Chi & NW RR pref.. 74
600 do... 74¼
200 Clev & Tol RR... 103¾
100 N J Cen RR... 115¼
100 Chi & Rock I RR.b30 92⅜
200 do... 92¼
200 do... 92¼
100 Tol, Wab & W RR... 49¾
500 Mil & St Paul RR... 62¾
100 do Mil & St Paul pref. 75
100 do...b10 75
500 do...b60 75⅛
500 do... 74¾
500 do...b60 75¼
100 Pitts,Ft W&Chi RR... 102¼
200 do...b30 102¼
100 Alton & Terre H pref 68
1300 Ohio & Miss RR... 31⅜
600 do...b30 31¾
50 Chic & Alton RR... 122

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

TUESDAY, April 21—6 P. M.

BEESWAX was quiet but steady at 45c. a 46c.

COTTON.—The transactions in this staple to-day were small, the demand from all classes of buyers being light. Previous prices were maintained, however. The sales were confined to 997 bales, including 200 for speculation, 125 for export and 672 for spinning. We quote:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis.	New Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	26	26	26½
Good ordinary	28	28	28½
Low middling	29½	29	29½
Middling	31	31½	32
Good middling	32	32½	33

COFFEE.—For Rio the demand was light, but holders were firm in their views. The news by the steamer South America, from Rio, which arrived to-day, was favorable. We quote:—Rio, ordinary cargoes, 9c. a 9½c.; fair, 10½c. a 11c.; good, 11½c. a 11¾c.; prime, 12½c. a 12¾c.; extreme cases lots, 9c. a 13½c.—all gold, in bond. Other kinds were quiet but firm at 23½c. a 24½c. for Java, 18c. a 20c. for Singapore and Ceylon, 15c. a 18c. for Maracaibo, 16c. a 17½c. for Laguayra, 15c. a 16c. for Jamaica, and 14½c. a 15c. for St. Domingo, all gold, duty paid. Messrs. Gunard, Arden & Co. make the stock to-day, April 21, 1868, in New York, 76,619 bags; in Baltimore, 25,894; in Mobile, 40; in New Orleans, 16,284; Galveston, 1,500, and of other descriptions 37,544 bags.

COPPER.—Ingot was in fair request, and the market closed firm. There were sales of about 800,000 lbs. at 22¼c. a 22½c. for Baltimore; 22½c. a 23½c. for Detroit, and 24c. for do., for July delivery.

CEMENT.—Rosendale was steady at $1 75 per bbl.

CANDLES.—Adamantine were in moderate demand at 21c. a 22c. for 14 ounce. Sperm were steady at 45c. a 48c., and patent at 55c. a 58c.

DRUGS AND DYES were generally quiet. The sales were 500 kegs bi carb soda at 6½c. a 6¾c.; 8 casks prime cream tartar 28½c., gold; 300 tons soda ash, part at $2 44 a $2 50, gold; small lots sal soda at $1 70 do.; caustic soda, 4½c. a 5c.; 7 70 gallons wintergreen oil, on the spot and to arrive, part at 4½c. a 4¾c., currency, closing at 4½c. a 5c., and 30,000 lbs. picked opal con private terms.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 7,963 bbls. flour, 751 do. and 850 bags corn meal, 3,272 bushels wheat, 49,320 do. corn, 5,600 do. oats, 150 do. rye and 600 do. malt. The flour market ruled strong under a continued fair demand for export, and some sales were made at a slight improvement. There was no general advance, however, and we reinsert our previous prices. The demand was mainly for shipping grades of extra State; but the buoyancy and firmness extends throughout the market. California flour was in fair demand at the quotations annexed. The sales were 11,000 bbls. including 3,000 a 4,000 bbls. for export, part last evening. Rye flour was in moderate demand and very firm. There were sales of 400 bbls. Southern flour, though quiet, ruled firm at our quotations. The sales comprised 600 bbls. Corn meal was moderately active at about former prices. Sales 1,000 bbls. at $6 20 a $6 50 for Brandywine, $5 90 a $6 for Jersey, and Western on private terms. We quote:—

Superfine State and Western	$9 25 a $9 50
Extra State	9 35 a 10 65
Choice do	10 75 a 11 25
Common to medium extra and choice Western	9 90 a 12 25
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	10 25 a 11 00
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	11 50 a 13 50
St. Louis low extra	10 50 a 11 00
St. Louis straight extra	11 50 a 13 00
St. Louis choice double extra	13 00 a 15 00
St. Louis choice family	15 50 a 16 00
Southern extra	11 00 a 14 00
Southern, choice and family	14 50 a 16 00
California flour (sacks and bbls)	12 75 a 14 75
Rye flour, superfine	7 75 a 9 00
Corn meal, city	5 90 a
Corn meal, Brandywine	6 20 a 6 30
Corn meal, Jersey	5 90 a 6 00

—The wheat market was somewhat irregular. Under the continued favorable advices from Liverpool per Atlantic cable holders demanded an advance on yesterday's prices, but there was almost no demand for wheat on the spot, and at the close prices were nominally the same as yesterday—viz., $2 60 a $2 65 for No. 1 spring in store and afloat. There was a good demand for wheat to arrive, however, and sales were at 2c. a 5c. for No. 2 spring above yesterday's quotations. Current prices are too high to admit of purchases for local milling, at least to any extent, wheat being already relatively higher than flour. The sales were 31,000 bushels, at $2 22½ for amber Long Island, $2 42 a $2 43 for No. 2 spring, to arrive; $3 17 a $3 24 for white California. Rye was firm; 4,000 bushels sold at $1 98 a $2. Corn was dull and heavy, but not essentially lower, choice closing at $1 20—the same as yesterday. The sales were about 50,000 bushels at $1 16 a $1 18 for low mixed Western, $1 18½ a $1 20 for high mixed, closing at $1 20 for choice, $1 16 a $1 17½ for white, $1 25 for yellow. Oats were a trifle more active, but at lower prices. Sales 30,000 bushels at 85½c. a 85½c., mainly at the latter price. Barley and barley malt were quiet, but firm.

FREIGHTS continued quiet, but rates were generally unchanged. The chartering business was rather more active. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, 700 bales cotton, 5-16d. a 5-16d.; and, per steamer, 700 boxes cheese at 40s. To London, 100 boxes bacon at 22s. 6d., 100 bbls. flour at 2s. 3d., and 500 bags cloverseed at 22s. To Glasgow, per steamer, 35,000 bushels grain at 6½d. a 7½d. (the latter rate for next week's steamer), and 500 tierces beef at 6s. To Rotterdam, 1,300 bbls. rosin on private terms. To Bremen, per steamer, 35 hhds. tobacco at 30s. and 400 bbls. shoe pegs at 2s. 6d. The charters were:—A Russian vessel, about 700 tons, for Havana, thence to Europe, with box sugar, at 23 per ton; a vessel to the Adriatic, with oil and bark, $11,000, gold; a British brig, 1,700 bbls. to the windward at 50c., gold; a vessel to Liverpool with logwood, about £520; a Prussian brig with 2,400 bbls. petroleum, to Cork for orders, and one with 2,800 bbls. petroleum to a direct port on the continent, on private terms.

GUNNY CLOTH continued in demand and firm at 21½c. a 22c.; sales 250 bales in Boston, for future delivery, at 22½c. gold, in bond.

GUNNY BAGS remained quiet but steady at 19c. a 19½c.

HIDES.—The demand was moderate, but prices are quite steady. The sales to-day were 8,000 city slaughter, 75 lbs., at 11½c. currency; 1,300 Texas, 23 a 34 lbs., gold, 23 lbs., on private terms, and 12 bales Calcutta cow dead green at 12½c., gold. We quote:—Buenos Ayres, 25 a 27 lbs., 20½c. a 21c., gold; Buenos Ayres, 20 a 23 lbs., 20½c. a 21c.; Montevideo, 21 a 23 lbs., 20c. a 20½c.; Corrientes, 21½ a 23 lbs., 19½c.; Rio Grande, 20 a 23 lbs., 20c.; Ormoco, 21 a 23 lbs., 19½c.; California, 22 a 25 lbs., 19c.; Central American, 18 a 21 lbs., 17c. a 18c.; Matamoros, 22 a 24 lbs., 16c. a 16½c., and Texas, 22 a 25 lbs., 13c. a 16c. Stock, April 21, 1868, 247,100 hides.

HEMP.—Manila was firmly held at 10½c., gold. Jute steady at $105 a $140, do. We heard of no sales.

HOPS were sparingly dealt in, but without change in value, 1867 crop being quoted at 25c. a 60c., 1866 do. 10c. a 35c., and Bavarian 35c. a 40c.

IRON.—American continued to rule dull and heavy. The only sales we heard of were 300 tons No. 1 Poughkeepsie on private terms. We quote No. 1 $38 a $39 and No. 2 $36 a $37. Scotch pig was extremely quiet, but no change in prices was reported. Eglinton from yard was quoted at $40; Glengarnock do., $41; Garnsherrie do., $44 a $46; and Gartness do., $44. There were sales of 200 tons double headed rails at $66 and 1,000 do. re-rolled rails on private terms. Refined bar was steady at $68 a $87 50.

LEAD.—Ordinary foreign was dull, but steady, at $6 87½ a $6 50, gold.

LEATHER.—For hemlock there was a fair inquiry, but sales were restricted by the continued scarcity of common hide stock and light weights and deadness of all kinds; prices were very firm; receipts light. Oak was in fair request and 1c. a 2c. higher than last week; stock light. Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, heavy and middle, were quoted at 27c. a 29½c.; do., light, 26½c. a 28c.; do., California, heavy, 25c. a 27c.; do., middle, 26c. a 27½c.; do., light, 26c. a 27c.; do., Ortoseo, &c., heavy, 25c. a 25c.; do., middle, 23½c. a 25c.; do., light, 26c. a 27c.; do., good damaged, all kinds and weights, 22½c. a 23½c.; do., poor do., 19c. a 21½c.; do., in the rough, 25c. a 29c. Oak slaughter—Heavy, 35c. a 40c.; do., middle, 38c. a 44c.; do., light, 38c. a 40c.; do., crop, heavy, 32c. a 40c.; do., middle, 42c. a 45c.; do., light, 42c. a 45c.; do., in the rough, heavy, 40c. a 45c.; do., middle, 38c. a 40c.; do., light, 38c. a 40c.; do., bellies, 32c. a 35c.

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the market was firm at the quotations appended. The sales were 300 hhds., 75 tierces, 10 bbls. Cuba clayed at 4½c. and 33 hhds. do. at 4¾c. By auction 55 hhds. Demarara at 6½c. a 7¾c. We quote:—Cuba muscovado, 48c. a 50c.; do. clayed, 45c. a 48c.; do. centrifugal, 35c. a 42c.; Porto Rico, 50c. a 52c.; English Islands, 45c. a 70c. Stock April 21, 1868, 6,287 hhds. Cubas, 493 do. Porto Rico, 2,864 do. English Islands.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits turpentine continued to rule firm, but the demand was light. We heard of sales of only 20 bbls. at 60½c. We quote, 60c. a 60½c. Rosin—The transactions were again light and the market was rather heavy, closing, however, quite steady at $3 42½ a $3 50 for common strained and good strained; $3 62½ a $3 65 for No. 2; $4 a $4 37½ for No. 1; $5 a $6 for pale, and $6 25 a $7 50 for extra do. The sales were 750 bbls. No. 2 and low No. 1 at $3 37½ a $4. 480 do. good strained at $3 50, 50 do. No. 1 at $4 75, 200 do. pale, part at $5 50, and to arrive 1,000 bbls. good strained No. 2 and No. 1 mixed at $3 60. Of tar the sales were 100 bbls. Washington at $3 and 100 do. at $3 12½; Wilmington was quoted at $3 50 a $3 62½.

OILS.—Linseed was dull, heavy and irregular. Crushers' prices were $1 16 a $1 29 in casks and bbls. Large lots were attainable at about $1 14. Lard was firm but quiet at $1 50. City distilled red quiet at 70c., and olive steady at $2 50. Fish oils were firm with a fair demand. The sales in New Bedford during the week were 420 bbls. crude sperm at $3, closing at this price, 800 bbls. prime Northern whale at 75c., 150 do. do. on private terms, 100 dark do at 70c., 1,025 Southern do. at 70c. a 72½c. Sales were rumored to-day of 500 bbls. whale at 75c.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts 814 bbls. pork, 1,238 do. beef, 229 packages cut meats and 329 do. lard. The pork market was rather demoralized to-day, and prices fluctuated considerably. At the commencement the market was firm at $27 75 bid for mess. Subsequently the market became rather unsettled, and prices declined 25 cents, but afterwards rallied and closed as below. The sales were light, being about 2,500 bbls., at $27 40 a $27 50 for new mess, closing at $27 62½ a $27 75, $26 25 a $26 50 for old mess, $24 25 a $24 50 for prime mess, and $22 45 for prime, including 250 bbls. new mess for June at $27 90, seller's option. Dressed hogs were steady at 9½c. a 10½c. The arrivals were 1,400 head. Beef was quiet, but steady at $15 a $20 50 for plain mess and $20 50 a $24 50 for extra do. Sales 275 bbls. Tierce beef was dull. Beef hams were dull and prices were nominal. Bacon was firmer, being influenced both by the price of gold and the favorable character of the European news; but prices were not quotably higher, except, perhaps, long ribbed. The sales were about 150 boxes. We quote Cumberland cut, 14½c. a 14¾c.; long clear, 16c.; short do., 16½c. a 17c.; long ribbed, 14½c. a 15c.; short do., 15½c. a 15¾c. Cut meats were firmer, but no higher, except pickled hams, which were higher, selling as high as 17½c. a 17¾c. The sales were 450 packages, at 13c. for pickled shoulders, 12c. for dry salted do., 14½c. for smoked, 17½c. a 17¾c. for pickled hams, 19c. a 20c. for smoked, 20c. a 21c. for bagged, and 13½c. for dried salted bellies. Lard was decidedly firmer, choice kettle rendered bringing as high as 18½c. The sales were 1,000 bbls. at 17¾c. a 18¼c., and 500 tierces at private terms. Tallow was quiet, 50c. a 53c. for new, 20c. a 30c. for old common, and 55c. a 57c. for do. fine. For cheese there was a fair demand for consumption and for export, at prices ranging at from 10c. a 16½c.

PETROLEUM.—Crude in bulk was in improved demand and firmly held at 13½c., at which the sales were 1,000 bbls. Crude in the barrels was firm at previous prices; 3,500 bbls. were disposed of at 17c. There was more demand for bonded, and the market was firmer, closing at 24½c. a 24¾c. The offerings were light. There were sales of 1,000 bbls. standard white at 28c., 1,000 do. do. at 28¼c., 2,000 do. on private terms, 1,000 do., for May delivery, at 26½c., and 1,000 do., for June, at 27c. Free was quiet, but firm, at 34c. a 34½c. In Philadelphia the market ruled quiet, with refined sales 5,000 cases standard white on private terms, but understood at 31½c.; 1,000 bbls. standard white, 1,000 do. for August, September and October at 28¾c.; 500 do. for May and 500 do. for June on private terms.

RICE.—Carolina was quiet at 10½c. a 11½c. Rangoon was steady and firm at 6c. a 6½c., gold, in bond, and 7c. a 7½c., duty paid. Sales 300 bags in bond at 4½c., gold.

STEARINE was quiet, but firmer, at 17½c. a 18½c. Sales 15,000 lbs.

SUGAR.—The market was firm and a fair business was consummated, the sales footing up 975 hogsheads, part at 11c. a 12c. for Cuba, 12½c. for Barbadoes, 11¼c. a 12½c. for Porto Rico; also 150 boxes, part at 11½c. a 11¾c. Refined was firm at 16½c. a 17c. for powdered, crushed and granulated, 15½c. a 15¾c. for soft white. We quote raw, fair to good refining Cuba, 10½c. a 11¼c., and fair to good grocery, 11½c. a 11¾c.; prime to choice, 12c. a 12½c.; centrifugal, (hhds. and boxes), 10½c. a 14c.; refining grades, Porto Rico, 10½c. a 11½c.; fair to good grocery, 11½c. a 12½c.; prime to choice, 12½c. a 14c. Stock, April 21, 1868—32,629 hhds., 28,434 boxes, 25,973 bags.

SKINS.—For goat the demand was fair and prices were firm. Sales, 100 bales Cape and 150 bales Mexican, on private terms. Deer were quiet. The sales were 17,000 lbs. Sisal on private terms. Goat—Tampico were quoted at 45c. a 47½c., gold; Matamoros, 45c.; Vera Cruz, 40c. a 45c.; Buenos Ayres, 40c. a 45c., currency; Payta, 40c., do.; Curacoa, 35c. a 40c., do.; Cape, 45c. a 55c., do; Honduras, 45c., gold; Vera Cruz, 42½c.; Central American, 45c.; San Juan, 40c. a 42½c.; Sisal, 40c.; Angostura, 35c., and Para, 47½c.

SALT.—There was no important change in the condition of the market. The demand was moderate, but prices were generally firm. Arrivals continue light. Jobbers prices were as follows:—84 Liverpool, per sack, $2 85 a $2 90; 70 Turk Island, $2 a $2 05; 100 Cadiz, $2 a $2 05; 100 Cape Verde, $2 a $2 05; 100 Cape Lisa, $2 a $2 05; 100 Liverpool fine, $3 a $3 05; 100 Liverpool coarse, $2 a $2 05; 100 Liverpool Ashton's, $3 a $3 05; 100 Liverpool Worthington's, $3 a $3 05; 100 Liverpool Saxonia, $3 a $3 05; 100 Liverpool Higgins', $3 a $3 05; 100 Prussian, and 52½c. a 55c. for Turks Island, per bushel.

SEEDS.—Of Calcutta linseed sales were made in Boston of 2,400 bags on private terms. Clover was dull, but steady at 10½c. a 10½c. Timothy was dull and unchanged at $2 40 a $2 50, while rough flax was dull at $2 75 a $2 85.

SPELTER.—Silesian was dull and nominal at about 6½c., gold.

TIN.—Pig was dull, but prices were without change of moment. Straits were quoted at about 24c. a 24½c. gold, English, 24c. a 24½c. do.; and Banca, 27½c. a 27½c. do. Plates were quiet at $8 25 a $8 50 gold for I C charcoal.

TOBACCO.—The market for all kinds remained dull. Sales 45 hhds. Kentucky at 7½c. a 15c., and 25 bales Yara on private terms.

TALLOW ruled quiet, but steady. The sales were 60,000 lbs., at 12¼c. a 12½c.

WHISKEY.—Receipts none. There were no sales, and prices were entirely nominal.

WOOL.—The market is unusually quiet, buyers being indisposed to operate before the auction sale of 1,500 bales foreign, which will be held on the 23d inst. Prices of almost all kinds of domestic tended downward. The sales are confined to 50,000 lbs. fleece at 47c. a 55c., the latter price for 10,000 lbs X and above Ohio; 35,000 pulled at 42c. a 48c. for super and extra; 4,000 Texas, part at 26c., and 10,000 California at 24c. a 25c. for fall clip, and 35c. a 36c. for spring; also 50,000 lbs. extract on private terms. Of foreign the sales are 2 bags Cape at 41½c. 5,000 lbs. scoured Mexican at $1 10 a $1 30, 1,6 bales Rio Grande at 21c. a 32c., 85 bags washed Cape and 200 bales Donskoi on private terms.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

Sales in New York and Brooklyn Yesterday.

Winter's tears at the near approach of her forced retirement continuing still to flow freely, again operated adversely to any improvement in the real estate market. The salesrooms yesterday were but thinly attended, although, in a comparative sense, not badly, considering the condition of the weather. One of the finest residences which has this season come into the market was sold by A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co. The house (of brown stone) is situated on West Fifty-fourth street, opposite St. Luke's Hospital, and is known as No. 18. It has a frontage of thirty-two feet and a depth of seventy feet, and was built for the owner in first class style with all the modern improvements. At a short distance from the house is a stable, twenty feet front by 100 feet in depth. The entire premises sold have a frontage on Fifty-fourth street of 112 feet eight inches, and a depth of one-half the block. The grounds adjoining are elegantly laid out, and the entire *ensemble* of the place of a palatial character. It was purchased by Mr. W. B. T. Lane for $128,000. Another feature of yesterday's sales was the sale of the balance of the estate of the late John O'Donahue, by order of the administrators, consisting of valuable New York and Brooklyn improved and unimproved property. Below are given particulars of the sales:—

BY A. J. BLEECKER, SON AND CO.

West 54th st, house and lots No 18, house 32x70, lot 112.8 x[illegible] block, W B T Lane... 128,000
Hess st, house and lot, s s, 375.9 e of 4th av, 18.9x45x100.11, Charles Gallespie... 10,200
123d st, house and lot, 180.9 e of 2d av, 18.9x45x100.11, James Finey... 8,750
21 av, house and lot No 1,046, 2 x24x63, S E Goele... 5,150
1 lot e s, 25.6 ft n 38th st, 25.6x100, M H Kavanagh... 2,200
1 lot adjoining, 25.6x100, John B Dye... 2,250
1 lot adjoining, 25.6x100, H Babcock... 2,300
Madison av, 1 lot, e s, 25.5 ft n of 67th st, 25x100, J Marriner... 8,000

BY MELLIN, WALDRON AND CO.

Building lots n e corner Delancey and Christie sts, No 20, 22 and 24 Delancey, 75x100... 45,100
Stable and lot No 323 W 21st st, 25x98.9... 2,000

BY JAMES M. MILLER.

Two lots of land on the south side of 51st st, commencing 325 ft e of 11th av, each 25 ft front, 100.1 ft western boundary, and 176.7 ft eastern boundary... 4,550
The four lots of land with building thereon on Chatham st, known as Nos 100, 102, 104, 106 and 1-8, having an entire front of 75.6 ft, and a mean depth of 114 ft; sold as follows, irrespective of building lines, commencing at the extreme southern point:—
Front of 18.10 ft... 20,200
Front of 18.10 ft... 17,100
Front of 18.10 ft... 16,000
Front of 22.6 ft... 19,000

BY JOHNSON AND MILLER.

Lexington av, cor East 55th st, 25x100, vacant lot, Mr McKnight... 10,600
4th av, cor East 59th st, 25.5x100, vacant lot, Mr McKnight... 8,100
7th av, near West 30th st, 2 lots, each 24.4x100, H J West, each... 8,600
West 34th st, bet 9th and 10th avs, 2 lots, each 25x98.9, Mr Sullivan, each... 5,500
West 43d st, cor 11th av, 3 lots, each 25x100, Goss & Morrison, each... 3,500
West 43d st, near 11th av, 2 lots, each 25x100.5, Edward Murray, each... 2,600
West 44th st, near 10th av, 2 lots, each 25x100, Mr McKnight, each... 1,800
1 lot on West Broadway, corner Franklin st, 25x50, Mr McKnight... 21,500
1 lot on West 55th st, near 11th av, 25x186, Mr McKnight... 3,200
1 lot on West 54th st, near 10th av, 25x187.7, H Mitchell... 2,000
6 lots on West 55th and West 56th sts and Hudson River Railroad (plot 54.4, 204.2, 84.11), J Castle, each... 810

BROOKLYN SALES BY JOHNSON AND MILLER.

1st st, corner South 6th, plot 86x98x200x105, 4 lots Joseph Reilly, each... 5,800
2 story brick building and lot, 27.9x23, s e corner South 6th st and Dunham place, Mr McKnight... 6,000
Corner lot, 23x88.10x31.7x92.4, s w corner Dunham place and South 6th st, Mr McKnight... 2,800
Frame house, renting for $300 a year and corner lot on s e corner South and 1st sts, Mr McKnight... 4,850
House adjoining, rented for $350 a year, lot same size, Mr McKnight... 2,800
North 5th st, near 3d, vacant lot, 20x80, W J White... 750
3 lots on North 5th st, near 4th st, 25x76, J White, each... 900
1 lot, 20x75, n e corner 5th and North 5th sts, J White... 1,100
1 lot, 20x100, on 4th st, 80 ft from North 7th st, Gavin Hogg... 1,050
1 lot, 30x80, n e corner 4th and North 7th sts, John Clark... 1,100
1 lot adjoining on 4th st, same size, John Clark... 1,025
2 houses and two lots, leased till 1875 at 240 per cent on 2 lots, each 25x78 (lease pays taxes), Francis Reynolds, each... 2,000
2 lots on Penn st, s s, near Marcy av, each 20 ft, 2x100, Mr Disbrow, each... 750
4 lots on Rutledge st, adjoining above, each 20.3x100, James Carty, each... 600
1 lot on s e cor Rutledge and Marcy sts, 20x85, E Hayes... 1,200
4 lots on Steuben st, near De Kalb av, 20x100, Mr Cassin, each... 450
2 lots on Park av, at junction of Classen, plot 25x232, Andrew Feely... 350
Three story brick house and lot, 25 Second st, 25x100; lot 20x60 rented for $60 a year, Andrew Feely... 5,500
4 gores on Middleton st, near River; plot 72.4x50x30 (triangle), Mr Lalsiow, each... 75
2 gores at junction of Middleton and River (opposite), E. H. Quinn... 75
6 lots, each 20x100, on River st, near Middleton, Wm Johnston, each... 175
Farm of 24 acres at Newtown, Mr Riley... 8,000

BY OTHER FIRMS.

8 lots on Fulton av, between Howard and Saratoga ave, each 25x100, C Rodd