FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, Feb. 19—6 P. M.

Wall street during the last few days has shown certain symptoms which in the present importance of the financial question should not be lost sight of. The markets have been very illogical in their course, contrary to all the precedents which Wall street wiseacres have laid down as rules for the fluctuations of stocks. Thus gold has suddenly declined, and, according to the theory of the street, stocks should have followed in its wake. But the very reverse has been the case to-day. While gold was going down stocks were going up, to the great consternation of the "bears," who created such a flurry the other day by insisting that the fate of all Wall street and the country hinged upon the future of gold, which, then supported by a clique to the uttermost of their strength, was exhibiting the drooping signs which were prophetic of the truth. In the government market, too, there was something of this inconsistency, for late in the afternoon, when gold was at its lowest, bonds were at the highest point of the day. These facts make it proper to consider whether the appreciation of stocks and of the railway property which they represent is not, after all, founded upon more than the imitative efforts of parties interested in the fluctuations of the Exchange. The gradual improvement of our credit abroad is no simple burst of enthusiasm in favor of Americans or American enterprises. European capitalists are cool headed and long headed. Their investment in our property is the result of very deliberate investigation. They have calculated and probed the future, and are satisfied that the United States is entering upon a career of great prosperity. Their action affords us some clue to the inconsistency above referred to. It seems startling to suggest such a question, but as General Butler has said that America should originate a financial system of her own, so it may be that the course of our financial affairs is equally novel. Do not the facts referred to appear to intimate that gold is falling to par without that shrinkage of values and that crash in business which were the promised results? Stocks remain firm and buoyant in the face of declining gold. Is it unreasonable to surmise that our currency is undergoing a process of gradual solidification which will carry us to resumption without the dangerous interference of legislative expedients? Hands off, gentlemen in Congress! Let the good work go on! Our financial sick man is convalescent and no longer needs your nostrums.

Governments were again very quiet. Prices followed the decline in gold, especially as the quotations in London were steady. The operators for the fall which succeeded the recent advance are disposed to change their tactics and encourage a rise, for accomplishing which object they were instrumental in producing an easier condition of the money market by freely lending the currency which they withdrew in the recent "bear" movement. Bonds have been rendered scarce by the recent shipments. The issues of '62 and '65 are hardly to be had, and '67's, which were exchanged for the old seven-thirties, are absorbed by private investors and are exceedingly scarce for delivery, although very few have been exported. It is lamentable that the matter of our national credit should be made a means of speculation between Wall street cliques and Congressional rings. The Treasury ring have been constantly manipulating the resources at their command for the purpose of enriching themselves and their friends, but the demoralization has gone further and members of Congress are known to be in league with prominent Wall street operators for the purpose of alternately "bulling" and "bearing" United States bonds. Our financial condition is indeed a very healthy one when it withstands the effect of this corruption at the fountain head. The market was better late in the afternoon, in response to the ease in money, and prices closed as follows as five o'clock this evening:—United States sixes, 1881, registered, 112¾ a 112⅞; do., coupon, 113¾ a 113¾; do., 5-20's, registered, 110¼ a 110½; do., coupon, 1862, 114⅝ a 114¾; do., 1864, 111 a 111⅛; do., 1865, 112⅛ a 112⅝; do., new, 1865, 110¾ a 110⅞; do., 1867, 110¾ a 110⅞; do., 1868, 110⅝ a 110¾; do., 10-40's, registered, 103⅝ a 103¾; do., coupon, 109¼ a 109⅜; currency bonds, 101¼ a 101½.

The decline in gold was the feature in Wall street to-day, and the "bears" were quite jubilant over the success of their long and persistent attack. The appreciation of our bonds in London was the occasion of contributing at least $20,000,000 in gold to the market, so that while the "bear" side was the more popular one in the late struggle, admiration is felt for the pluck and determination of the "bulls" in sustaining the price under these disadvantageous if not disastrous circumstances. The evident tendency of the premium is downward. It is gold gambling which has kept it up so long. The gross clearings to-day were $86,719,000, the gold balances $2,322,506 and the currency balances $3,803,905. Cash gold was in good supply up to Clearing House time, loans being made at from five to nine per cent for carrying. Afterwards it was in better demand, the shorts "covering" extensively, and the lending rate ranged from "flat" for borrowing to 3 per cent for carrying. The range in price was as follows:—

10 A. M.	134	1 P. M.	133⅝
10:06 A. M.	133⅞	2 P. M.	133½
10:10 A. M.	133¾	3 P. M.	133⅛
10:11 A. M.	133⅞	3:15 P. M.	133⅛
11 A. M.	133⅞	3:30 P. M.	133⅛
11:04 A. M.	133⅞	4 P. M.	133⅛
11:05 A. M.	133½	4:30 P. M.	133⅛
11:06 A. M.	133½	5:30 P. M.	133⅛
12 M.	133⅝		

At half-past five sales were made on the "split" between 133¼ and 133⅛.

Foreign exchange was firmer, the decline in gold stimulating purchases by the importers, and prime bankers, sixty days, advanced an eighth, closing 109 a 109⅛.

The stock market was firm at the opening, except for Pacific Mail, which, it has been observed, cut loose from the general list and fluctuated independently. Prices steadily improved during the morning boards, and in the interval at noon New York Central rose to 164¼ and Michigan Southern to 94¾. The former advanced on the strength of the announcement that Judge Ingraham was about to modify his injunction so as to permit the payment of the cash dividend on the interest certificates. At this highest point there was a great pressure to sell, and large quantities of all kinds of stock were disposed of, New York Central being very freely offered. The reaction was assisted by a parade of the fact that the new freight tariff on the connecting lines to Chicago was such as to curtail the earnings of the different railways forming these lines. The market at the last open board was weak and the "Erie stocks" largely pressed for sale. The "Vanderbilt stocks" were steady, with the exception of Central, which yielded to 162⅞, although it soon recovered buoyancy, and returned to 163¾ before the close of street business. Pacific Mail fluctuated frequently between the extreme prices, 105¾ a 107¼. The transactions in it are becoming less numerous, operators fearing to deal in it. At the last regular board the following were the closing quotations on the call:—Canton, 60¾ a 61; Cumberland, 36¾ a 38; Western Union, 37¼ a 37¾; Quicksilver, 22¾ a 23¾; Mariposa, 9 a 9¾; do. preferred, 28¾ a 29¼; Pacific Mail, 105¾ a 106; New York Central, 163¾ a 164; Hudson River, 135¾ a 136; Harlem, 135 a 140; Reading, 92⅞ a 93¼; Michigan Central, 117 a 119¼; Michigan Southern, 94¼ a 94¾; Illinois Central, 141 a 145; Pittsburg, 90 a 90¼; Northwestern, 82¾ a 83¼; do. preferred, 90¾ a 90⅞; Toledo, 105¼ a 105¾; Rock Island, 127¼ a 128; St. Paul, 66 a 66¼; do. preferred, 78¾ a 79; Wabash, 66¼ a 66¾; do. preferred, 77 a 79; Fort Wayne, 119¾ a 120; Ohio and Mississippi, 34¼ a 34¾.

The following were the closing prices at the last open board:—American Express, 44 a 45¼; Adams Express, 64¾ a 65¼; Merchants' Union Express, 17 a 18; Quicksilver, 22¾ a 23¼; Canton, 60 a 61; Pacific Mail, 105¾ a 106¼; Western Union Telegraph, 36⅞ a 37; New York Central, 163¾ a 163; Hudson River, 135 a 136; Reading, 92⅞ a 92¾; Chicago and Alton, 154 a 155; Alton and Terre Haute, 38¾ a 40; do. preferred, 66 a 68; Toledo and Wabash, 66 a 66¼; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 66 a 66¼; do. preferred, 78 a 78¼; Fort Wayne, 119¾ a 120; Ohio and Mississippi, 34 a 34¼; Michigan Southern, 94 a 94¼; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 89¾ a 89¾; Cleveland and Toledo, 104¾ bid; Rock Island, 127¼ a 128¼; Northwestern, 82¾ a 82¾; do. preferred, 90¾ a 90¾; Mariposa, 8¾ bid; do. preferred, 29 a 29¼; Harlem, 136¾ a 137; Lake Shore, 104¾ bid.

The market for Southern bonds was better for the Virginias, the North Carolinas and the Louisiana levee sixes. Prices closed:—Tennessee, ex coupon, 63¾ a 67¼; do., new, 66 a 66¼; Virginia, ex coupon, 67¾ a 68; do., new, 62 a 62¼; [illegible], registered stock, 50¾ a 51; Georgia sixes, 80 a 83; do. sevens, 92½ a 93; do. do., interest payable Georgia, 88 a 90; North Carolina, ex coupon, 63¾ a 63¾; do., new, 50¾ a 60; Missouri sixes, 87¾ a 87¾; Louisiana sixes, 71¾ a 73; do. levee sixes, 67¾ a 68¼; do. levee eights, 84 a 85¾; Alabama eights, 94 a 96¼; do. fives, 65¾ a 66; do. sixes, sterling, 82 a 85; South Carolina sixes, 71 a 73; do., new, 69 a 69¾; do., registered stock, 61 a 64; City of Memphis sixes, 50¾ a 51¾; City of Atlanta eights, 78 a 80; City of Savannah sevens, 90 a 91; City of New Orleans consols, 78 a 80; do., do., railroad issue, 70 a 72; Mobile and Ohio sterling, 64¾ a 65¾; do. eights, 53 a 55; Mississippi Central Railroad, first mortgage, 69 a 70; do., second mortgage, 54 a 55; Memphis and Charleston, first mortgage, 90 a 91; do., second mortgage, 76 a 77; do., stock, 47 a 48; Greenville and Columbus Railroad, guaranteed, 55 a 57.

The Binghamton *Republican* says:—

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company have purchased the Syracuse and Binghamton and Oswego and Syracuse Railroads. This arrangement secures a broad gauge road from Lake Ontario to New York under one management. Samuel Sloan, President of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, with W. R. Dodge and Percy R. Pyne, directors, made a flying visit to our city this afternoon. They came in an extra train from Oswego, over their newly purchased road, and went on to New York via Scranton. Passenger trains will soon be made up at Oswego for New York and run direct through. When this is done our citizens will find the route to New York by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western a pleasant one. The distance is some twenty-five miles less than by the Erie.

The following is the first section of the bill introduced in the Legislature to prevent cheating by the use of fraudulent checks, drafts and orders:—

SECTION 1. Every person who, with intent to cheat or defraud another, shall, by the use of any false or spurious checks, drafts or orders upon any bank, banker, or banking institution, or by giving any such check, draft or order, with the knowledge that the same is worthless, and not drawn against a good and sufficient balance in the hands of such bank, banker or banking institution, obtain from any person any money, personal property or valuable thing, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in a State Prison not exceeding three years, or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding three times the value of the money, property or thing so obtained, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

An Albany correspondent says that it was the opinion of the best lawyers in the House, when the bill was subjected to a severe scrutiny in Committee of the Whole, that it reaches an evil not provided for by the general statute law. The bill had been carefully prepared with the assistance of several prominent New York bankers, who thought something of the kind was absolutely necessary to prevent frauds on persons accepting checks from parties who had only a nominal balance in the institution.

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.
Feb. 15..	$406,891	$963,991	$1,184,497	$87,818,227
Feb. 16..	553,120	1,059,624	674,272	88,203,579
Feb. 17..	581,185	1,242,620	528,081	89,118,127
Feb. 18..	560,072	966,400	650,304	89,474,223
Feb. 19..	476,000	1,534,984	1,067,085	89,942,123

The value of the importations of dry goods at this port for the week ending February 18 compares with the previous week as follows:—

	Feb. 11.	Feb. 18.
Entered for consumption	$1,627,994	$2,419,450
Withdrawn	762,434	710,487
Warehoused	429,068	976,046

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Friday, Feb. 19—10:15 A. M.

$13000 US 5-20, reg. '62	114⅝	100 shs Mariposa pref	29
3000 US 5-20, c, '64	110½	150 Pac M SS Co	105¾
6000 do	111	100 Adams Express	65
25000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	110	200 do	b5d 65¼
1000 US 5-20, c, '67	110¾	50 Mer Union Tel	17
2150 do	110⅞	400 N Y Cen RR	163
2000 US 5's, 13-40, cou	109⅝	200 do	163¼
14000 do	109	100 Hud River RR	b6s 128⅛
5000 Tenn 6's, new	62	250 do	135
20000 do	65¼	600 Reading RR	92⅞
1000 do	62 call	100 do	92¾
1000 Tenn 6's, ex cou	66¾	325 do	93
2000 Georgia 7's	83	500 Mich Southern	94⅛
2000 N C 6's	62	100 Clev & Pitts RR	90⅞
40000 do	62¼	200 do	91
1000 do	62	80 Col, C & I C RR	26⅛
5000 do	63	17 do	26¼
20000 N C 6's, new	59	500 Chicago & N W RR	83
8000 do	b30 58¾	100 Chic & N W pref	91
10000 do	58¾	100 Cleve & Tol RR	105¾
5000 do	58¾	100 Lake Shore RR	104¾
10000 La 6's, 1b. l., reg	69½	100 Chic & Ka I RR	128⅛
1000 N Y 7's, b. l., reg	109	200 do	128¼
1000 Va 6's, ex cou	57¾	200 Mil & St P RR	66⅞
1000 NY Cent 7's, '76	100¼	200 do bet call	66
1000 Chic & N W 1st	90	200 Mil & St Paul pref	78¼
1000 do	90¼	100 do	78¾
10000 Hud & St Jos c b	123	75 Del, Lac & West	114
10000 do	b49 120	100 do	117⅛
500 Chic & NW s f bds	93	100 do	117¾
6000 Great West 2d m	79	200 do bet call	117¾
5000 Chic & R I 1st m, bs	100½	100 Tol, Wab & W RR	66⅛
14000 C & R I Pac 7's	85	200 do	66¼
5000 P, Ft W & Chi 1st	101½	10 New Jersey RR	129¼
10000 Mor & Ess 1st mtg	97¾	105 N J Central RR	113
2000 Morris & Essex 2d	89	400 Morris & Essex RR	86⅞
4000 Chic & Alt 1st	100¼	200 Pitts, Fort W & Chic	119⅛
1000 C, C & I Cent 1st	84⅛	200 do b30	119⅝
22000 Pitts, FW & Chi 2d	98	100 do	119⅞
10000 Mil & SP 7 3-10 con	91⅛	100 do	119¾
10000 do	91¾	60 do	120
20000 Mar Tr 10's, c b60	67	100 Chic & Alton exd, b c	155
10000 do	65¼	10 Chicago & Alt pref x d	155
2000 Tol, P & Warsaw, c d	66	800 Ohio & Miss RR	34
5000 Long Dock bs	25⅛	100 do	34¼
50 shs Merchants' Bk	135	200 Han & St Jo RR	122
50 West U Tel	37¼	100 HA St J RR pref b60	121
100 do	37⅛		

Quarter-past Twelve o'Clock P. M.

$4000 US 6's, '81, cou	113⅝	$5000 US 5-20, c, '65	112⅛
10000 do	113¾	10000 US 5-20, c, '67	110⅞
1500 do	113⅞	25000 do	110¾
29000 US 5-20, cou, '62	114⅛	1500 do	110¾
500000 do b60	113⅝	2000 U S 5-20, c, '65	110⅞
16500 US 5-20, c, '65, n	110⅞	2000 do	110⅞
15000 US 5-20, c, '64	110⅞	10000 US 5's, 10-40, reg	103⅛
26000 do b5	110⅞	4000 US 5's, 10-40, cou	109

Half-past Two o'Clock P. M.

$2000 Brooklyn 6's, w i	95¼	100 shs Chic & NW RR pf	90¾
9000 Tenn 6's, new	62	100 do b5	90⅞
10000 Louisiana 6's, l b	67¾	500 Clev & Tol RR	105¼
20000 do	68	200 Mil & St Paul	66⅞
1 40 N Car 6's, new	59⅛	100 Mil & St Paul pref	78⅞
11000 do	59⅛	200 Tol, Wab & West	66¼
10000 N Car 6's bet c	62⅛	100 do b15	66⅛
1000 do	62⅝	200 P, Ft W & Chi RR	119⅞
10000 C, CA Ind Cent 1st	84¾	100 do	119⅞
2000 Chic & NW 1st m	91	11 Nor & Wor RR	102
2000 Morris & Essex 1st m	97⅛	100 Ohio & Miss RR	34⅝
2000 Morris & Essex 2d	89⅝	600 do	34¾
20 shs Am Ex Bank	115⅝	200 do b30	34¾
28 West Union Tel	37⅛	100 Chic & Alton ex d	155
200 Pacific M SS Co	106⅛	28 Morris & Essex RR	86⅞
50 do	106¼	50 N Y & N Haven RR	145
100 Adams Ex	65	20 N J Central RR	112
100 Am Mer U Ex	45	100 H & St Jos pref b3	119
100 N Y Central	163¾		

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Half-past Five o'Clock P. M.

Wells-Fargo Ex.	31¾ a 32¼	Ohio & Miss.	34 a 34¼
Pacific Mail	106¼ a 106⅝	Ft Wayne	119¾ a 120
N Y Central	163¾ a 163⅞	Mich Southern	94¼ a 94½
Erie	36 a 36⅛	Pittsburg	89¾ a 90
Reading	92¾ a 92⅞	Toledo	105¼ a 105¾
Wabash	66 a 66¼	Rock Island	127¼ a 127⅞
St Paul	65¾ a 66	Northwestern	82¾ a 83
St Paul pref	78 a 78¼	Northwestern pf	90¾ a 91

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY, Feb. 19—6 P. M.

BREADSTUFFS were slow of sale and scarcely so firm, though prices were unchanged, ranging from 45c. to 65c. Sales 750 bbls. at the inside price.

COTTON.—Only a moderate demand prevailed, and with free offerings the market was heavy and prices were again lower, as will be seen by reference to our quotations appended. The sales were 3,446 bales, including 1,337 for spinning, 942 on speculation and 565 for export. For future delivery there were no sales. Subjoined are the closing quotations:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis.	N. O. and Texas.
Ordinary	25½	26	26½
Good ordinary	26⅞	27	27¼
Low middling	27⅞	27⅞	28
Middling	28⅞	29	29¼
Good middling	29⅞	30	30⅛

COFFEE.—Rio was in active demand from the trade, and the market continued to rule firm. The sales were 2,294 bags, ex Courier; 2,856, ex Contest; 1,068, ex Hasbat; 1,427, ex Venedy; 1,620, ex Teresa, and 500 Santos, ex Hecla, on private terms. The resales were 3,600 bags Rio, ex Al Lancashire, and 2,760, ex Jenswoll, on private terms. Other descriptions were in moderate demand. Sales, 400 bags Maracaibo, and 200 do. government Java, on private terms. We quote (nominally):—Java, 31c. a 33½c.; Ceylon, 17c. a 19½c.; Maracaibo, 15c. a 18½c.; Laguayra, 14½c. a 17½c.; St. Domingo, 13½c. a 14c.; Jamaica, 14½c. a 15½c.; Costa Rica, Manila and Mexican, 13½c. a 15c., all gold, duty paid.

CANDLES.—All kinds were dull, but unchanged in value. We quote:—Western and city adamantine, 18c. a 22c.; sperm, 46c., and patent, 52c.

CORDAGE was quiet, but steady, at 21c. a 22c. for Manila and 17c. for tarred Russia.

COOPERAGE STOCKS.—The market was unchanged, being quiet, but steady. We quote:—Sugar shooks, 36 inch heads, $2 10 a $2 35; sugar shooks, 36 do., $2 a $2 15; molasses do., 32 do., $2 75 a $2 85; pipe do., $6 50 a $7; rum do., $5 50; box do., $600; green hoops, $45 a $55.

COPPER.—For ingot the market was dull and heavy, though the offerings were still light. The sales were about 150,000 lbs., part at 28½c. a 28¾c. for Lake Superior and Baltimore, and part for March delivery on private terms.

COTTON.—Gunayaquil was in demand, and sales were made of 200 bags on private terms. We quote:—Gunayaquil 10½c., gold, in bond, and Maracaibo 20c. a 21c., do.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 5,929 bbls. flour, 200 do. and 1,000 bushels corn meal, 8,000 bushels wheat, 8,275 do. corn, 3,941 do. oats and 925 do. malt. The flour market were still extremely dull and prices were wholly nominal. Sellers were in most cases willing to take off 10c. a 15c. and even more, to induce purchases to any considerable extent, but buyers were very shy and preferred to confine their purchases to small lots to supply immediate requirements, at about our quotations, rather than to buy largely at any price. The market was irregular and unsettled, while prices were still nominal for all kinds. California flour was unsalable at almost any price. The sales were 6,000 bbls. Southern flour was dull and nominal, in sympathy with other kinds, and buyers found no difficulty in supplying their wants almost at their own prices. The sales were 200 bbls. Rye flour was slow of sale, but prices were heavy; sales 325 bbls. Corn meal was dull and prices were heavy at our quotations. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$5 00 a $5 75
Superfine State	5 75 a 6 25
Extra State	7 00 a 7 25
Choice do	7 50 a 7 75
Superfine Western	5 75 a 6 25
Extra do	7 00 a 8 50
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	7 00 a 8 50
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 50 a 10 00
St. Louis low extra	7 50 a 8 00
St. Louis straight extra	8 50 a 10 00
St. Louis choice double extra	11 00 a 12 00
St. Louis choice family	11 50 a 13 00
Southern choice and family	13 00 a 14 50
Southern superfine and extra	9 00 a 11 00
California flour (sacks and bbls.)	9 00 a 10 50
Rye flour	5 25 a 7 25
Corn meal, city	4 25 a 4 75
Corn meal, Brandywine	5 00 a —
Corn meal, Jersey	4 50 a 4 70

—The market for spring wheat was dull and nominal and lower. California wheat was pressed for sale, and this combined with lower prices in Liverpool and the continued decline of gold, depressed the market for spring and rendered quotations nominal. California was dull and nominal at $1 65 a $1 70, with free holders at the outside figure and $1 60 bid. California wheat could not be shipped at a profit at over about $1 75, and millers are holding off in the hope of forcing it to that figure. The sales were about 20,000 bushels at $1 57 a $1 60½ for No. 2 spring delivered, and $1 65 for California, and $3 12½ for white Michigan. The corn market opened dull but closed firm under a good inquiry at 90c. for prime new Western mixed. The sales were about 40,000 bushels at 88c. a 90c. for new Western mixed, and 92c. a 93c. for Western and Southern yellow. Rye was quiet at former prices. Barley was quiet, with sales of 8,000 bushels German, to arrive, on private terms. Malt was dull and nominal. Oats were dull and lower, closing at 74c. The sales were about 25,000 bushels at 73c. a 74½c., in store, and 75½c. a 76c. afloat.

DRUGS AND DYES were rather more active at about former prices. There were sales of 325 drums caustic soda at 4¼c. a 4½c., gold, and 7½c., currency; 750 kegs bicarbonate soda at 3c., gold; 250 tons soda ash, part at 2½c. a 2 44-100c., do.; 100 tons ash soda at $1 75 a $1 72½, gold, and 2¼c., currency; 300 casks saltpetre, part at 4c. a 4½c., currency; 125 bbls. refined camphor and 100 cases gum damar on private terms.

FREIGHTS.—The market was still dull and rates were heavy and lower for grain. The chartering business was also dull. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, per steamer, 5½ bushels corn at 4½d.; 1,000 bales cotton at ⅝d.; 7,500 bushels corn at 4½d.; 1,500 do. wheat at 4¾d. To Glasgow, per steamer, 200 tierces beef at 4s. 6d. To London, 50 tierces beef at 4s. 6d. To Antwerp, 500 loads timber on private terms. The charters were:—A Norwegian brig to the Baltic with 1,600 bbls. petroleum, at 5s. 6d. A bark to Stockholm with 1,800 bbls. petroleum, at 5s. 6d. A vessel from a port in Mexico to Antwerp with 350 tons mahogany at 70s. An American brig to Demerara and back, at $6 6, port charges paid, and one 2,000 bbls. capacity, to New York from Spanish Main, on private terms; also a British ship (to lay on the berth) for Antwerp, at £2,800.

FISH.—Codfish were in light supply, and, being in demand, prices were firm. There were sales of 850 quintals at $7 50 a $7 75 for Grand Bank. George's were selling from store at $8 50. Mackerel were in moderate request, and firm and the sales were made of 300 bbls. at $27 50 a $28 for No. 1, nay, $24 50 for shore No. 1, $18 a $18 50 for shore No. 2, $14 50 for large 2's and $12 50 for medium do. In other kinds there was no business of consequence transacted; prices, however, were unchanged.

FRUITS.—There were sales of 9,000 lbs. German at 19c.

GUNNIES.—Bags were steady at 17c. a 17½c. Cloth continued steady, and sales were made of 200 bales in Boston at 22c. a 22½c., gold, in bond.

HIDES.—Dry were in fairly active demand, and the market for all kinds was firm at our quotations appended. There were sales of 10,000 Buenos Ayres at 23½c., gold, and 1,000 were salted West India, on private terms. Wet Salted, 11,000 Rio Grande cow, 1,676 dry and dry salted Maracaibo and 600 dry Minas on private terms. We quote:—Buenos Ayres, 21 a 22 lbs., 23½c.; Buenos Ayres, 24 a 27 lbs., 22c. a 23½c.; Montevideo, 20 a 22 lbs., 22c. a 23½c.; Corrientes, 21 a 22 lbs., 22c. a 23½c.; Rio Grande, 20 a 21 lbs., 19c. a 20½c.; Orinoco, 21 a 23 lbs., 22c. a 23½c.; Texas, 18 a 22 lbs., 19c. a 22c.; Central American, 18 a 22 lbs., 19c. a 22c.; Matamoras, 23 a 26 lbs., 18c. a 19c.; Vera Cruz, 18 a 19 lbs., 18c. a 21½c., gold.

HEMP.—Manila was firm at 11½c., gold, at which a sale of 1,000 bales was reported. Jute was quiet at 6½c. a 6¾c., gold, and Sisal plug, a 15c., gold.

HOPS.—The demand was light from all sources, and prices were heavy at 18c. a 20c. for prime and choice grades, 12c. a 15c. for fair to good do. and 6c. a 10c. for inferior to common do.

HONEY.—Sales 30 tierces Cuba on private terms.

HAY was unchanged, being moderately active and steady. Shipping was quoted at 75c., and retail lots at 80 a 85.

IRON.—For Scotch pig the market was a little more active at about former prices. There were sales of 400 tons Glengarnock, to arrive, at 50 a 52. Prices ranged from $40 to $44 for all brands. There was great activity and excitement in the market for American, the demand being partly from speculators and partly from consumers. There were sales of following: 500 tons Carbon Alleghenies, Crane and Thomas for March or October delivery, part, if not all, at $38 for No. 2 and $40 for No. 1, the market closing firm with but little offering at these prices. Of gray forge there were sales of 400 tons at $35, now held at about $36 50. Anthracite was steady at 50c. a 60c. New rails, though quiet, were firm at $74 a $75, currency, for American, and $75 a $80, gold, for English; 30 tons American steel were sold on private terms.

INDIGO.—There was only a moderate jobbing demand at the following prices: Manila, 70c. a $1 20; Bengal, $1 10 a $2 25. Madras, 80c. a $1 10, and Guatemala, $1 20 a $1 40—all gold.

LEAD was in demand and sales were made of 75 tons at 6c. a 6½c., gold. Bar was quoted at 10½c. and sheet and pipe, 12c.

LEATHER.—For all kinds of hemlock sole the market was active and firm. The stock is moderate and poorly assorted. Good light and light good sole, poor damaged being extremely scarce. The receipts are fair. We quote:—

Hemlock.	B. Ayres & R. Grande.	Chile, etc.	Orinoco, etc.
Light	30c. a 32c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 31c.
Middle	30c. a 32c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 29½c.
Heavy	30c. a 32c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 31c.
Good damaged	28c. a 29c.	25c. a 27c.	25c. a 27c.

—Poor damaged, all kinds, 18c. a 20c.; rough light, 27c. a 40c.; middle and heavy, 28c. a 32c.

Spanish.	Buenos Ayres.	Texas.	Coast.	Rio Grande.
Light	30c. a 32c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 31c.
Middle	30c. a 32c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 31c.
Heavy	30c. a 32c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 31c.	27c. a 31c.
Belts	35c. a 37c.			

MOLASSES.—The amount of business transacted was light, though there was a fair demand. Prices were firm at our quotations below. Sales of bbls. New Orleans at 65c., and 70 hhds. Barbadoes on private terms. We quote:—Old crop Cuba centrifugal and mixed, 25c. a 40c.; mixed, 20c. a 40c.; muscovado, refined grades, 40c. a 45c.; muscovado, grocery grades, 35c. a 40c.; Porto Rico, 35c. a 40c.; Cienfuegos, 35c. a 40c.; Demerara, 40c. a 45c. The stock yesterday was 10,324 hhds. Cuba, 4,[illegible] Porto Rico, 1,641 English Islands, and 900 bbls. New Orleans.

NAVAL STORES.—Receipts, none. The market for spirits turpentine was inactive, there being no demand and prices were heavy and again lower, closing at 60c. a 61c. for ordinary, and 62c. a 63c. for prime. Rosins were steady at $7 for common and good strained, and $7 50 a $8 for extra. We quote:—Rosin, common to good strained, $7 a $7 50; extra do., $8 a $8; Wilmington tar, $3 a $3 25; pitch, $3 a $3 25; crude turpentine, $6 a $6 50; spirits turpentine, 60c. a 63c.

OILS.—Linseed was in better demand and steady in value, and sales were made of 8,000 gallons on the spot, on private terms, and 10,000 Sperm, on private terms, at $1 60. Crude sperm prices were $1 60 a $1[illegible], as stated last week, and at $1 70 for prime winter; we heard of no sales of neatsfoot. Menhaden was attainable at 38c. and elsewhere at 40c. Fish oils were dull and nominal, at $1 30 for crude whale, $1 35 a $1 40 for bleached winter do., $1 40 for crude spermaceti and $1 60 a $1 65 for bleached winter do.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts, 1,456 bbls. pork, 125 packages and meats. There was but little activity in the pork market, and prices were scarcely as firm, closing heavy at about $32 50 for new mess. The sales were only about 300 bbls. for immediate delivery, at $32 50 for new mess; $28 for old do., and $29 50 a $30 50 for prime and extra prime. For future delivery there were sales of 1,000 bbls. new mess, for the balance of this month, at $32 50. Beef continued very slow of sale and prices were heavy at 15c. a 16c. for Western, and 14½c. a 15c. for city. Lard was quiet and moderately active at 15½c. a 15¾c., with arrivals of 1,170 tcs. and 500 bbls. Beef was steady at $11 a $12 for city plain mess and $14 a $15 for extra do. There were sales of 150 bbls. at these prices. Tierces beef was dull and nominal. Beef hams were being quoted at $26 a $31, and India do. $32 a $34, sales 20 tierces. Beef hams were steady, with small sales at $31 a $32. Tongues were steady, with small sales at $12 a $13. Pickled hams were dull and prices were nominal at 9½c. a 10c. for smoked do. and 8½c. a 9c. for pickled do. Bacon continued to rule dull and prices were nominal at yesterday's quotations, viz.:—Cumberland cut, 15½c.; long clear, 16c. a 16½c.; short do., 16½c. a 17c.; and short rib, 16½c. a 16¾c. The market for lard continued to rule dull, and prices were weak. The sales were confined to about 200 packages at 15½c. for Western, 15¾c. for prime steam and kettle rendered, and 1,000 tcs. for April delivery at 15½c., seller's option. Butter was in fair demand, and the supply of all kinds being light, prices were very firm at our quotations annexed. Cheese was freely sold in other, the demand being chiefly for the home and consumptive trade, and prices were higher, particularly for the best grades. We quote:—

Butter—	
Chemung, Sussex and Orange county dairies, firkins, per lb	45c. a 48c.
Chenango, Delaware and Susquehanna county dairies, firkins	45c. a 48c.
Cortland, Broome and Steuben county dairies, firkins	45c. a 48c.
Cattaraugus and Yates county dairies, firkins, etc.	45c. a 48c.
Ordinary to fair State dairies, firkins	38c. a 42c.
State, half firkin tubs, extra	45c. a 48c.
State, half firkin tubs, fair to good	40c. a 44c.
Western tubs, Lewis and Oswego county	40c. a 44c.
Welsh tubs, fair to good State	40c. a 44c.
Pennsylvania dairies, firkins, good to prime	40c. a 44c.
Pennsylvania dairies, firkins, ordinary	35c. a 38c.
Western Reserve, firkins, good to prime	40c. a 44c.
Illinois and Wisconsin, firkins, good to prime	35c. a 38c.
Ordinary Western, firkins, fair to good	30c. a 35c.
Common Western	25c. a 28c.
Western rolls	35c. a 38c.
Cheese—	
Factory dairies, fancy and Cheddar shapes, per lb	20c. a 21c.
Factory dairies, fair quality	16c. a 18c.
Farm dairies, fancy and extra quality	20c. a 21c.
Farm dairies, fair to good	16c. a 18c.
Orange county skimmed cheese	5c. a 10c.

PETROLEUM.—Receipts, 300 bbls. refined, and no crude and 200 do. naphtha. Crude in bulk was decidedly easier and lower, and we heard of sales of only 300 bbls. at 20c., the market closing at 18c. a 20½c. Refined was also more of a drug, but there was no particular change in prices. The market closing at 27c. a 27½c. There were sales of 500 bbls. standard white for this month at 27½c., and 1,000 do. for March at 28c. In Philadelphia the market was extremely dull and heavy; sales 500 bbls. standard white for the last half of this month at 27½c.

RICE was slow of sale, but without change in value. Carolina was quoted at 9½c. a 10c.

SALT.—The receipts were light and, with a fair demand, the market was firm at former prices. Jobbers' prices were as follows:—Ashton's, $3 75 per sack; Marshall's and Worthington's, $2 70 a $2 80; Higgins', $2 60; Greenwood, $2 a $2 10; Evans', Dean's, &c., $2 60 a $2 65, and Turk's Island, 48c. a 50c. per bushel.

SPELTER.—Spelter was in active demand, stimulated by the small stock, and prices were 10c. a 15c. higher, closing at 6½c. a 6¾c., gold. There were sales of about 100 tons, part, if not all, at 6½c. a 6¾c., gold.

SOAP.—Castile was in moderate demand at 14½c. a 15c.

STEARINE.—The demand was light, but there was no change of moment in prices. There were sales of 20,000 lbs. within the range of 16½c. a