FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24—6 P. M.

The money market worked with continued ease to-day and the rates on call loans ranged from four to seven per cent. These were the extreme or exceptional figures both ways. The legitimate quotable rates are five and six per cent on government collaterals and six and seven per cent on miscellaneous securities. Commercial paper was not active, but rates remained firm at seven to nine per cent. Foreign exchange was quiet but steady at the last quotations. The decline in gold tends to still further curtail the supply of cotton and produce bills. During the afternoon foreign exchange manifested a tendency to firmness, but its disposition that way was checked by the cable news of an advance of bonds in London to 79¼, subsequent private telegrams announcing 79⅝.

Gold in the early portion of the day reflected the demoralization produced by the announcement that the Hooper bill was killed in the Senate. The price opened at 132⅝ and went up to 132⅞; but realizations at this point caused a reaction, which was stimulated by the news of a further advance of bonds in London. The market was afterwards variable and sensitive. The range of price was as follows:—

10 A. M.	132⅝	12:35 P. M.	132⅞
10:01 A. M.	132⅝	12:52 P. M.	132⅞
10:03 A. M.	132⅞	1 P. M.	132⅝
10:09 A. M.	132⅝	1:07 P. M.	132⅝
11 A. M.	132⅞	2 P. M.	132⅝
12 M.	132⅝	2:30 P. M.	132⅝
12:03 P. M.	132⅝	3 P. M.	132⅝
12:12 P. M.	132⅞	4 P. M.	132⅝

The immense amount of short sales made cash gold in good demand, and 5 to 3 was paid for carrying. The gross clearings were $98,464,000, the gold balances $3,052,884, and the currency balances $4,438,455. The Cuba took out $15,000 in specie.

Governments at the opening were weak and dull, for the reasons cited in the case of gold. At the noon board there was a better feeling and a decided improvement in the afternoon, based upon the advance in London, as well as the passage by the House of the Schenck bill. Both these causes should have operated to create a larger advance here than they did, and doubtless would have done so had not operators been made timid as to the fate of the Schenck bill in the Senate, by the fate which there met its predecessor, the Hooper bill. On the other hand, the decline in gold on the side of the Atlantic renders it almost profitless to ship bonds to catch the advance on the other side. The market at the close was a healthy one, all the more so for the equilibrium established by the causes just enumerated, and prices were firm at the improvement, without speculative or undue excitement. At five o'clock the following quotations prevailed on the street:—United States sixes, 1881, registered, 113¼ a 113½; do., coupon, 114 a 114½; do., 5-20's, registered, 111 a 111¼; do., coupon, 1862, 115 a 115½; do., 1864, 111⅞ a 112; do., 1865, 113 a 113½; do., new, 1865, 110¾ a 111; do., 1867, 111¼ a 111⅝; do., 1868, 111¼ a 111½; do., 10-40's, registered, 103¼ a 103½; do., coupon, 109⅝ a 109¾; currency bonds, 101⅜ a 101½.

The following were the bids for the city bank stocks to-day at the regular board:—New York, 133; Manhattan, 140; Mechanics', 129; America, 146; Phenix, 107; Mechanics' and Traders', 125; Merchants' Exchange, 117½; State of New York, 114½; Commerce, 120; American Exchange; 116; Chatham, 150; North America, 109; Hanover, 109; Irving, 109; Metropolitan, 140; Corn Exchange, 128; Continental, 99; Commonwealth, 110½; Park, 157½; Manufacturers' and Merchants', 101; Central National, 109; Fourth National, 103; Ninth National, 111.

The stock market was animated under large and numerous transactions in Pacific Mail, Michigan Southern and Fort Wayne, which occupied the attention of the hour to the neglect of the general list in the earlier portion of the day. Pacific Mail was noticeable for a steady recovery from 97¼ to 101, under the covering of speculative sales. As its price advanced the "bears" were quite ill-tempered and some of them were loudly offering to bet $5,000 that the stock would touch 85 before it would touch 110. Michigan Southern advanced to 97⅞, which figure brought out sellers who were long of the stock at 86 to 90 and were content to "take their profit." The price reacted between one and two per cent, but recovered to 97⅝ at the close. Fort Wayne suddenly advanced to 125, and under similar circumstances sold back to 123½, reacting upward at the close. Pittsburg improved about one per cent, under reports of a treaty of peace between the present directors and the Erie-Lane party. The feature of the day, however, was a sharp decline in express stocks, Adams falling five per cent and United States about seven, based upon a threatened renewal of the war against the express companies by the railway companies simultaneous with the campaign against "fast freight" lines. How far these stories are started by the express companies themselves remains to be seen. One of these stocks was run up very suddenly a few weeks since, and then "unloaded." It is possible now that the sellers want to get their stock back again. At the annual meeting of the Almaden Quicksilver Mining Company to-day the following directors were elected:—James W. Elwell, James D. Fish, Ashbel Green, Charles Gould, Edwin Hoyt, David Mahany, Ludlow Patton, John K. Pruyn, G. E. Taintor, John M. Tobin and Alfred E. Tilton. The success of this ticket promises improved management. Eighty-four thousand shares were polled. Of the miscellaneous list Mariposa preferred was active, advancing to 30½. Prices closed as follows at the last regular board:—Canton, 60 a 61; Cumberland, 37 a 38½; Western Union, 37 a 37½; Quicksilver, 24 a 24½; Mariposa, 8½ a 10; do. preferred, 30½ a 30¾; Pacific Mail, 97¾ a 98; New York Central, 164 a 164½; Hudson River, 137 a 137½; Harlem, 136 a 138; Reading, 92 a 92½; Michigan Central, 118 a 118½; Michigan Southern, 96½ a 96¾; Illinois Central, 140½ a 142; Pittsburg, 89½ a 91; Northwestern, 82½ a 82¾; do. preferred, 91 a 91½; Toledo, 105½ a 105¾; Rock Island, 126¾ a 127½; St. Paul, 65½ a 65¾; do. preferred, 77¾ a 78; Wabash, 67½ a 68; do. preferred, 77 a 78; Fort Wayne, 122¾ a 123½; Ohio and Mississippi, 33½ a 34.

The following were the closing quotations on the call at the last open board:—Cumberland, 36 a 39; Wells-Fargo Express, 30¾ a 31¾; American Express, 39½ a 40½; Adams Express, 59¾ a 60; Merchants' Union Express, 16¼ a 17; Quicksilver, 24¼ a 25; Canton, 60½ a 61; Pacific Mail, 97½ a 98; Western Union Telegraph, 37¼ a 37½; New York Central, 163½ a 164; Hudson River, 136½ a 137; Reading, 92¼ a 92½; Chicago and Alton, 156½ a 160; do. preferred, 157 a 160; Alton and Terre Haute, 38½ a 40; Toledo and Wabash, 67½ a 67¾; Toledo and Wabash preferred, 77 a 78; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 65½ bid; do. preferred, 77¼ a 78; Fort Wayne, 123½ a 123¾; Ohio and Mississippi, 33¾ a 34; Michigan Southern, 96½ a 96¾; Illinois Central, 140 a 141; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 90¾ a 90½; Cleveland and Toledo, 105¾ a 105½; Rock Island, 126 a 126¾; Northwestern, 82½ a 82¾; do. preferred, 91½ a 91¾; Boston Water Power, 15½ a 16; Mariposa, 8½ a 8¾; do. preferred, 30½ a 30¾; Harlem, 136½ a 138.

The market was firmer after the board and subsequent street transactions were marked by an improvement in New York Central, Pacific Mail, Rock Island, Fort Wayne, Michigan Southern and Northwestern preferred.

Herapath's (London) *Railway Journal* says of Erie:—

We are delighted to learn that a director (Mr. Lane) has arrived in this country. We hope he will call a meeting of the London shareholders and explain to them the real state of the Erie, and why no dividend is paid. Here is a line which used to pay eight per cent and now pays nothing. Nor have we seen any monthly traffic returns of late—not a directors' report since the one for 1866. Its traffic is said to be enormous, while its capital cost is not heavy. Why the Erie is not one of the very best railway properties in the world we are at a loss to conceive, and we trust Mr. Lane will remove all doubts about it. The shareholders want particularly to know the new engagements entered into and their terms, with other facts enabling them to see whether the company will lose or gain by the additions to their territory—additions which are said to be on an extremely large scale. From what we know of the circumstances we should say that the lease of the Atlantic and Great Western on the terms is a fair bargain, calculated to be of advantage to both undertakings; but the Atlantic and Great Western, though a long line, is but a chicken by the side of the Columbus and Chicago and Indiana Central, the Ohio and Mississippi, with other lines and to form part of the grand leasing scheme the Erie have entered upon, to the amazement of not a few of their British proprietors and certainly not to the advancement of Erie stock in either country. The longer and more glowing the stories of these enterprises the lower fall Erie shares in the market, until they have touched about seventy-five per cent discount.

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.	Sub-Treasury. Payments.	Sub-Treasury. Balances.
Feb. 23....	$650,323	$1,229,180	$705,501	$90,889,660
Feb. 24....	915,000	1,438,489	447,244	91,880,804

The exports (exclusive of specie) from New York to foreign ports for the week ending February 24 and since the commencement of the year compare as follows with those of 1867 and 1868:—

	1867.	1868.	1869.
For the week....	$4,017,029	$2,968,819	$3,261,173
Prev. reported...	23,728,425	22,943,310	20,665,571
Since Jan. 1....	$27,745,454	$25,912,129	$23,926,744

The Philadelphia bank statements of this and last week compare as annexed:—

	Feb. 15.	Feb. 23.	
Capital.....	$16,017,150	$15,792,150	Dec.. $225,000
Loans.....	52,929,391	52,416,146	Dec.. 513,245
Specie.....	304,681	231,307	Dec.. 73,374
Legal tenders.	13,573,043	13,208,607	Dec.. 364,436
Due fm. banks.	3,646,978	3,562,877	Dec.. 84,101
Due to banks..	6,194,069	6,435,409	Inc.. 241,340
Deposits.....	32,517,506	31,564,577	Dec.. 952,929
Circulation....	10,582,260	10,458,335	Dec.. 123,925
Clearings.....	32,253,705	35,495,034	Inc..3,241,329
Balances.....	2,893,146	3,608,398	Inc.. 715,252

Respecting which the *Ledger* of the city says:—

The Fourth National Bank having been ruled out of the Clearing House, the above comparison of items of averages for the last two weeks loses much interest in that respect. The main feature of the exhibit is a general and rather sharp cutting down. There has been a large loss of deposits and a corresponding decrease in legal tenders. The specie is also further reduced, as are also the loans and discounts. The amount of banking business has been large, the clearings showing an increase of $3,241,329, and the balances an increase of $715,252.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Wednesday, Feb. 24—10:15 A. M.

$7000 US 6's, '81, cou....	113⅝	100 shs Quicksilver Min.	25⅛
5000 US 5-20, c, '62.....	114⅛	100 do.....b5	25
25000 do.....	114⅝	50 do.....bet call	24⅝
50000 US 5-20, c, '64.....	111½	100 Pacific M SS Co.....	97⅝
10000 US 5-20, c, '65, n..	110⅝	450 Adams Express.....	62½
100000 US 5-20, c, '67....	110⅝	200 do.....	62¼
15000 do.....b1	110¾	100 do.....	62½
1000 N Y 6's, b1 cou....	109	200 do.....	62½
1000 Tenn 6's, new.....	65⅝	200 do.....2d call	62
20000 do.....	65¼	300 Am Mer Un Exp.....	41¾
10000 do.....	65¼	600 Mer Union Ex.....	17
8000 Va 6's, ex cou.....	57⅝	50 N Y & N Haven RR.	144
15000 N C 6's.....	63½	15 Hud River RR.....	137
25000 N C 6's, new.....	59½	100 do.....bet call	137¼
1000 do.....2d call	59¾	200 Reading RR.....	92½
5000 Rhode Island 6's..	10¾	50 do.....	92⅝
5000 Georgia 7's.....	93	100 Mich Southern.....	97½
5000 La 8's, 1b.....	85	100 do.....	97⅝
2000 Erie 1st m.....	102	200 do.....	97¾
1000 Erie 2d m.....	92¼	50 Panama RR.....	330
2000 Mich So 2d m.....	83½	100 Mil & St P RR.....	65⅝
1000 Alt & T H 2d m pf.	82	9 Mil & St Paul pref....	79
14000 do.....	82¼	100 do.....s30	77¾
3000 Morris & Essex 2d.	89¾	100 Tol, Wab & West....	66¾
500 do.....	90¼	100 do.....	67
25000 Chic & Alt 1st.....	100½	142 N J Central RR.....	111
2000 Mil & St P 1st m....	96¾	100 do.....2d call	110⅝
4000 do.....	91	50 do.....2d call	110½
10000 St. Jack & Chic 1st	97	40 P, Ft W & Chi RR.....	123½
1000 Tol, Peo & Wist, wd	84½	150 do.....	124
10000 C, C & I Cent 1st.	84⅝	100 do.....	124¼
4000 NY & N H bds, 6's.	97	100 do.....s15	124
10000 Mar Tr 10's, ctfs, b c	66	100 do.....s30	124
200 shs Phenix Bank....	107	100 do.....	124¾
20 Bk of Commerce....	122	35 do.....	124⅝
7 Cen National Bk....	110	100 do.....	124⅞
10 Del & H Can.....	128¼	100 Chic & Alton RR....	156
200 Mariposa pref.....	30	100 Mar & Cin 2d pref...	8½

Quarter-past Twelve o'Clock P. M.

$51000 US 5-20, c, '62..	114½	$10000 US 6's, currency.	101½
10000 do.....	114⅝	5000 do.....	101½
140000 do.....s60	114½	20000 US 5-20, c, '67....	110¾
15000 US 5-20, c, '64....	111½	25000 do.....b5	110⅞
61000 do.....	111½	10000 do.....	110⅞
8000 US 5-20, r, '65, n..	110¾	20000 do.....s3	110¾
5000 US 5-20, r, '65.....	111½	112000 do.....b3	111
10000 do.....	111	10000 do.....	111
20000 US 5-20, c, '65, n.b3	110½	5000 do.....	111¼
31500 do.....	110½	8000 US 5's, 10-40, cou.	109¼

Half-past Two o'Clock P. M.

$18000 Tenn 6's, ex cou..	66½	100 shs Hud River RR..	137
15000 Tenn 6's, new.....	66½	50 N Y Central.....	164¾
15000 do.....	65¼	100 Mich Central RR.....	118
10000 do.....	65⅝	100 Mich Sou RR.....	97¾
10000 N Car 6's, new....	59¼	100 do.....	96¾
5000 Missouri 6's.....	87⅝	200 C, C, Cin & Ind RR..	63
12000 La 6's, 1b.....	67⅝	100 Illinois Cen RR..b c	141
5000 Georgia 7's.....	93	8 do.....	140
3000 Louisiana 8's, 1b..	85	200 Chic & N W pref....	91½
5000 Chic & Alt 1st.....	100½	100 Mil & St Paul.....	65½
10000 Mar Tr 10's, c.....	66	10 Ohio & Miss RR.....	34½
4000 Han & St Jo 1 g b.	107¾	223 Col, C & I C RR.....	45¾
75 shs Pacific M SS Co.	98	11 N J Central RR.....	110¾
200 do.....	97¾	100 do.....	110
200 do.....b10	98	20 N Y & N H RR.....	143
100 Wells-Fargo Ex..b c	31¼	100 H & St Jos RR pref..	115½
50 Central Coal Co.....	65	100 do.....	115
100 Del & Hud Canal....	125	100 Tol, Wab & W RR....	68
100 Am Mer U Express..	40	100 Lake Shore RR..b c	103¾
100 Merchants' Union Ex	16⅝		

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Half-past Five o'Clock P. M.

U S Express.....	43⅞ bid.	Ohio & Miss.....	34 a 34¼
Pacific Mail.....	101¼ a 100⅞	Mich Southern....	97¼ a 97⅝
N Y Central.....	164¼ a 164¼	Toledo.....	105¾ a 106
Erie.....	33 a 36½	Rock Island.....	126¾ a 126⅞
Reading.....	92¼ a 92½	Northwestern....	82½ a 82¾
St Paul.....	65¼ a 65½	Northwestern pf	91¼ a 91¾
Ft Wayne.....	123½ bid.		

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24—6 P. M.

ASHES.—Receipts, 33 bbls. Pot were only moderately sought after, but firmly held at $7 75 a $7 87½, at which there were a few sales. Pearl were dull and prices were nominal in the absence of sales.

COTTON.—Consequent upon the unfavorable cable advices from Liverpool the market was quiet and heavy, and prices depreciated about ⅛c. per lb. The sales were confined to 1,577 bales, of which 850 were taken by exporters, 483 by spinners and 244 by speculators, the market closing weak. For future delivery the business was fair, the sales being 700 bales low middling for March at 28c. We quote:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis.	N. O. and Texas.
Ordinary.....	25¼	26½	26⅝
Good ordinary.....	27⅝	28	28
Low middling.....	28½	28½	29
Middling.....	29¾	29½	30
Good middling.....	30½	31	32

COFFEE.—Rio still continued in active demand from the trade at full prices. Sales were made of 3,123 bags of Mississippi on private terms. Other descriptions were still dull but unchanged in value.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 5,624 bbls. flour, 641 bbls. and 3,774 bags corn meal, 61,781 bushels wheat, 12,389 do. corn, 5,775 do. oats, 116 do. rye, 1,969 do. malt and 13,469 do. barley. The flour market was still dull, irregular and nominal. There was some little demand for export, but generally at prices too low to admit of anything being done. Although holders were generally willing to meet buyers when business was likely to result from it. California flour was still dull and nominal. The sales were only about 5,300 bbls. Southern flour was dull and nominal at our quotations. Sales 300 bbls. Of Canada flour 500 bbls. were sold, in bond, at $6 90. Rye flour was quiet, but steady. Sales 200 bbls. For corn meal there was a fair demand, and sales were made of 1,000 bbls. at $3 for Western and Brandywine. We quote:—

No. 2 State.....	$5 00 a	$5 50
Superfine State.....	5 50 a	6 25
Extra State.....	6 50 a	7 00
Choice do.....	7 25 a	7 75
Superfine Western.....	5 75 a	6 25
Extra do.....	6 50 a	8 00
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands.....	6 50 a	7 00
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands.....	7 25 a	9 00
St. Louis low extra.....	7 00 a	8 00
St. Louis straight extra.....	8 00 a	9 50
St. Louis choice double extra.....	9 50 a	11 00
St. Louis choice family.....	11 00 a	13 00
Southern choice and family.....	10 00 a	13 50
Southern superfine and extra.....	6 00 a	9 00
California flour (sacks and bbls).....	6 00 a	10 00
Rye flour.....	5 25 a	7 25
Corn meal, city.....	4 25 a	4 75
Corn meal, Brandywine.....	4 80 a	5 00
Corn meal, Jersey.....	4 25 a	4 60

—There was a moderate demand for wheat, but holders in some cases manifesting an anxiety to realize. Buyers were enabled to fill their orders at slightly lower prices. The sales (just reported) were about 90,000 bushels at $1 55 for No. 2 spring in store, $1 56 a $1 57 for do. delivered, $1 64 for No. 1 do. in store, $1 77½ for a small lot do. for seed, $1 80 for a small lot California, $1 83 a $1 83½ for amber Michigan and Canada new. Corn was fairly active at full prices, but old was dull and nearly nominal at about $1 in store. The sales were about 45,000 bushels at 89c. a 91c. for new mixed, 91c. a 93c. for yellow and white Southern and 94c. for white Jersey. Oats were dull and nominal, closing at 75½c. in store. There were sales of about 15,000 bushels at 72½c. a 74c. in store, and 76c. afloat. Rye was dull and unchanged. Barley was steady, with sales of 2,700 bushels, State, on private terms. Malt was dull and unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—The market was more active and rates were higher in some cases. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, per steamer, 20,000 bushels wheat at 8½d. a 4 9-16d., 900 barrels cullings at 4s. 6d. To Bremen, 200 cases tobacco at 11c. 6d. To London, 20 tons oil cake at 20s. and 7,500 bushels wheat at or about 6d. To Glasgow, per steamer, 15,000 bushels wheat at 5d., 7,000 do. corn at 5d. and 1,500 bbls. flour at 1s. 9d. The charters were:—A North German bark, 250 tons, to the River Plate, with lumber, at $20. A British schooner to Glasgow, white, 1,500 bbls. tar, at 5s. 3d. An American bark, 3,000 bbls. capacity, to Gibraltar for orders, petroleum, at 4s. 6d. in bbls. and 10d. in tins. An American bark, 279 tons, to the north side Cuba, with cooperage stock, and back with sugar at 50c. and molasses at $5 gold charges paid; a brig 2,000 bbls. to Barbadoes and one 2,200 bbls. to Curacoa and back on private terms.

GRENTS were dull and unchanged, bags being quoted at 12c. a 17½c. and cloth at 21½c.

HOPS.—The demand was without improvement and prices were heavy. We quote prime and choice grades, 1c. a 20c.; fair to good do., 19c. a 15c.; and inferior to common do., 5c. a 10c.

HUNP.—We heard of no sales, but prices were firm at yesterday's quotations.

MOLASSES.—There was a fair demand and the market was strong, though the transactions were light. Sales 80 hhds. new crop Porto Rico at 80c.

NAVAL STORES.—Receipts, 160 bbls. spirits turpentine, 400 do. rosin and 70 do. pitch; the market for the former was dull, but former prices were demanded, viz:—35c. a 35c.; we heard of no sales. Rosin—The low grades were in demand and steady; sales 1,250 bbls. strained at $2 55 a $2 55, and 400 No 2 at $2 80 a $3. We quote:—Strained, $2 47½ a $2 55; No. 2, $3 60 a $3; No 1, $3 12½ a $4 25; pale, $4 50 a $5 50; extra do., $6 a $7. Tar was in demand; sales 130 bbls. Wilmington at $3 87½.

OILS.—Linseed was quiet at $1 62 a $1 66 in casks and bbls., while other kinds were steady at yesterday's quotations.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts, 1,340 bbls. pork, 712 do. beef, 949 packages cut meats, 91 do. lard and 195 dressed hogs. The market for pork was still quiet, but with continued light offerings prices were firm. There were sales of about 900 bbls. at $22 for new mess, $21 a $21 25 for old do., $21 for thin mess and $28 50 a $27 50 for prime and extra prime. For future delivery we heard of no sales. Dressed hogs were dull and lower. Western being quoted at 12½c. a 13½c., and city 13½c. a 14c. Live hogs were dull and nominally lower, common to prime grades being quoted at 9½c. a 10½c. The arrivals were fair, being about 2,300 head. Beef was slow of sale but unchanged in value. The sales were limited to about 50 bbls. at $11 a $17 for plain mess and $17 a $19 for extra do. Beef hams were dull. Bulk sought after and scarcely so firm. There were only a few small sales at 8½c. a 8¾c. Tierce beef was still slow of sale but steady in value. We quote:—Prime mess, $18 a $20; India do., $31 a $33. For cut meats the market was still dull and prices were generally heavy, though steady, however. The sales were about 100 packages, at 10½c. for pickled and dry salted shoulders, 12½c. for smoked do., 15c. for pickled hams and 16c. a 21c. for smoked ham packages.

Bacon was dull and heavy at 15½c. for Cumberland cut, 17c. for long clear, 17½c. for short do. and 18½c. for short rib. Lard was freely bought after and higher prices were realized, the sales being about 1,500 packages, at 16c. a 19½c. for No. 1 to prime steam and kettle rendered; also 3,000 tierces, for March and April delivery, at 19c. a 19½c., seller's and buyer's option.

PETROLEUM.—Receipts 1,190 bbls. crude and 341 do. naphtha. Crude, in bulk, was still slow of sale, but without particular change in value, the market closing steady at 21½c. a 21¾c. A small lot was sold at the inside price. Refined was in improved demand, but the business was light, being checked by the increased firmness of sellers, who demanded 36c. a 36½c. Sales 800 bbls. on private terms, and 7,000 do., for the last half of March, at 37c. Naphtha was in demand, and 500 bbls., in bulk, were sold at 5c. In Philadelphia the market was passably active, and higher prices were prevalent. The sales were 2,000 bbls. standard white at 36c. a 36½c., 2,000 do., for the first half of March, at 36½c.; 1,000 do., for the last half of do., at 36½c.; 4,000 do., from March to June, at 36½c., and 1,500 do., from April to June, at 37c.

RICE.—The market was quiet, but prices were steady. Carolina was quoted at 9½c. a 10c.

SUGAR.—The business in raw was very large, the demand being both for speculation and refining, and the market was ⅛c. a ¼c. higher, closing strong at 13½c. a 13¾c. for fair refining Cuba, and 12½c. a 14c. good do. The sales were about 4,000 hhds. (part to arrive), part at 13¼c. a 14¼c. for Cuba, and 15½c. for Porto Rico; also 2,530 boxes, part at 13½c. a 14½c. Refined was in fair demand and firmer, though prices were no higher. We quote:—Hards, 20½c. a 20¾c.; soft white, 18¾c. a 19½c.; yellow, 17½c. a 17¾c., and extra C, 18½c.

SEEDS.—Linseed was firm, with sales in Boston of 1,000 bags at $2 35, gold, duty paid. All kinds of grass, though inactive, were held at yesterday's prices.

TALLOW was in fair request, but prices continued to rule heavy. Sales 95,000 lbs. at 11c. a 11¼c. for inferior to prime.

WHISKEY.—Receipts 318 bbls. The market continued to rule dull and unsettled. A few small sales were reported at 90c. a 96c., tax paid.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

The market for cotton fabrics continues to be controlled almost exclusively by the state of the cotton market, and prices advance or decline in almost exact proportion to the fluctuations of cotton. Since the writing of our last weekly review cotton has fallen considerably, and as a natural consequence cotton goods have likewise materially declined. Standard sheetings and shirtings have ruled comparatively firm, however, owing to the paucity of supply and to the fact that they cannot be replaced still a profit at the present valuation of cotton—the cost of production, with cotton at its present figure, being about equal to the current prices of fabrics. Holders are therefore not at all anxious to sell at current prices. But almost everything else has fallen materially, prints taking the lead, they having declined from ½c. to 2c. per yard, and that, too, without leading to an active business. Since the cotton market has become more steady there has been more apparent inclination to take hold; but the movement is the result of an apprehended advance in cotton, though any advance of moment is not reckoned at all probable. Buyers are apparently very indifferent about making their purchases, and the season promises to be backward. There appears to be a most determined effort to force prices down still further; but this will depend more upon the course of the cotton market than upon any action or inaction on the part of buyers. As we so frequently remarked, cotton regulates the goods market now-a-days, and in this respect is more a "king" than it ever was. Despite the inactivity of the market, the accumulation of goods is pretty slow, and there is no superabundance of any description of goods, while some assortments are in light supply and would now run out should the demand become in any wise active.

Though there is some stir in some departments, and considerable doing at a few of the leading houses, the general trade is very dull and very unsatisfactory. In nearly all cases prices are unsatisfactory and in some they are wholly nominal. Our table of quotations annexed shows a good many important changes.

Woollen goods remain quiet, but prices are sustained.

Imported goods are quiet, and we hear of few changes of importance.

The Providence printing cloth market last week was dull and drooping, in sympathy with the decline in raw material. Sales 42,000 pieces at 3⅞c. for 64x61. At Fall River the market was dull, only 10,000 pieces having changed hands on the basis of Providence quotations.

Annexed are the current quotations for the leading kinds of goods:—

BROWN MUSLINS.			
Amoskeag A	17	Pepperell E	16
Atlantic A	17	Pepperell R	15
Agawam	13½	Stark A	17
Lawrence	14 a 15	Pittsfield	12½
Pacific extra	16½	Tremont	12½
BLEACHED MUSLINS.			
Amoskeag A	17	New York Mills	27½
Bates	29	Utica	25
Hope	15½	Wamsutta	25
James Mills	16½	Waltham	15½
Lonsdale	18	White Rock	17½
PRINTS.			
American	12	Pacific	13
Amoskeag	12½	Sprague's	14
Lancaster	12½	Wamsutta	10
Lowell	12	Mourning	12
Merrimac D	13½	Dunnell's	13½
Merrimac W	14½		
DRILLS.			
Amoskeag	17½	Stark	17½
Lawrence	17½	Winthrop	15
Pepperell	18		
DENIMS.			
Amoskeag	31	York	30
Union	19		
TICKS.			
Amoskeag	20 a 35	York	27½ a 33
Everett	31		
STRIPES.			
Amoskeag	22 a 23	Everett	12½
American	15	York	22½
JEANS.			
Amoskeag	15½	Newmarket	14
Bates	17½	Pepperell	16
Naumkeag (satteen)	17½	Lawrence	15½
DELAINES.			
Pacific	20	Lowell	20
Hamilton	20	Sprague's	19
Manchester	20	Armures	21
GINGHAMS.			
Glasgow	16	Lancaster	17

REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

The activity so often noticed in the market was well maintained yesterday. The special attractions in the auction mart were the sale of another portion of the Talman estate, situated on the west side of the city, up town, by A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., and a sale of valuable improved and unimproved Brooklyn property by Johnson & Miller. The attendance at both of these, as well as at the several other sales, was quite equal to former similar occasions and the bidding fairly animated. Below we give particulars of the sales:—

Auction Sales of Real Estate Yesterday.

NEW YORK PROPERTY—BY A. J. BLEECKER, SON AND CO.

1 lot, n e corner 7th av and 58th st, lot 25.3x100	$18,150
1 lot adjoining, 25x100	15,000
1 lot adjoining, 25x100	12,750
1 lot, s e corner 68th st and 11th av, 25.5x100	4,400
2 lots adjoining and fronting on 11th av, each 25x100	6,050
2 lots adjoining, each 25x100	12,000
1 lot n w corner 68th st and 11th av, 25.5x100	4,000
1 lot n s 68th st, 100 ft w of 11th av, 20x100.5	1,825
3 lots adjoining, each 25x100	1,850
3 lots adjoining, each 25x100.5	3,075
3 lots adjoining, each 25x100	3,075
4 lots adjoining, each 25x100.5	5,600
3 lots adjoining, each 25x100.5	4,500
1 lot n e corner 68th st and 12th av, 25.5x100	630
6 lots adj, fronting on 12th av, each 25x100	2,700
1 lot s e corner 12th av and 69th st, 25.5x100	975
4 lots s s 68th st, 100 ft w of 11th av, each 25x100.5	10,300
4 lots adj, each 25x100.5	8,200
2 lots adj, each 25x100.5	5,150
7 lots adj, each 25x100.5	4,515
1 lot s e corner 68th st and 11th av, 25.5x100	3,700
3 lots adj, each 25x100	6,075
2 lots adj, each 25x100	4,050
1 lot adj, 25x100	1,325
1 lot, n w cor of 11th av and 67th st, 25.5x100	975
6 lots, n s of 67th st, 100 ft w of 11th av, each 25x100.5	4,400
6 lots adjoining, each 25x100.5	4,620
2 lots adjoining	1,610
4 lots, s s of 68th st, 100 ft w of 11th av, each 25x100.5	5,600
9 lots adjoining, each 25x100.5	10,575
4 lots adjoining, each 25x100.5	2,200
4 lots adjoining, each 25x100.5	2,040
8 lots, n s of 67th st, 100 ft e of 12th av, each 25x100.5	6,570
1 lot n e corner 12th av and 67th st, 25.5x100	720
3 lots adj and fronting on 12th av, each 25x100	1,575
1 lot s e corner 12th av and 68th st, 25.5x100	800
3 lots adj, each 25x100	1,650
16 lots, 8 lots fronting on 12th av, 4 lots s s 68th st, 4 lots n s 68th st, each 25x100.5	16,100
16 lots, 8 lots fronting on 12th av, 4 lots s s 68th st, 4 lots n s 67th st, each 25x100	20,000

BY E. D. LUDLOW AND CO.

House and lot No. 165 W 25th st, 3 story, basement and sub-cellar; house 20x48 ft; lot 20x80.9	16,750

BY JOSEPH M'GUIRE.

1 five story house and lot, No 665 3d av, 40 ft n of 45th st, 19.10x45	22,500

BROOKLYN PROPERTY—BY JOHNSON AND MILLER.

Nos 125 and 127 Atlantic st, two three story and basement and sub-cellar brick stores, 12.6x70, lots 99 ft deep, near Henry st; together	15,000
Nos 124 and 126, two stores, same as above and adjoining, sold together for	14,700
Nos 218 and 220 Atlantic st, near Court st, two one and a half story frame houses, 20.3x25.4, ground 53.5x75.5, sold together for	11,500
1 gore lot, s e corner of Fulton and Vanderbilt avs, 40.11 front, 93 ft deep	15,000
1 lot on Fulton av, adjoining, 20x80, with front of 8 ft on Vanderbilt av	7,250
1 lot on Fulton av, adjoining, 23x80, running 22.6 to Vanderbilt av, with a front of 16.6 on latter av	8,350
1 lot on Fulton av, adjoining, 20x80	6,500
1 lot on Fulton av, adjoining, 20x80	6,800
1 lot on Fulton av, adjoining, 20x80	7,250
1 lot on Fulton av, adjoining, 20x72	7,400
1 lot on Fulton av, adjoining, 20x80	7,000
1 lot on Fulton av, n e corner Clinton av, 20x74.9	6,950
1 lot on s w cor of Clinton and Fulton avs, 18 ft front on latter av and 61 ft on former av	13,100
(The above comprises the entire front between Vanderbilt and Clinton avs, on Fulton av.)	
1 lot on Vanderbilt av, near Fulton av, rear of above, 18x78.6	2,500
1 lot on Vanderbilt av, adjoining, same size	2,300
2 lots on Fulton av, s s, near Classon av, 20x105 each	5