FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, March 19—6 P. M.

There is continued anxiety in financial circles to determine to what extent the activity of the money market will progress in the period around the 1st of April. In the corresponding time last year the stringency became so great that as high as one-quarter of one per cent per day interest was paid on call loans. But the activity of the market then was aggravated by the concurrence of quarterly bank statement day as well as by the forcible removal of currency in the flight of the Erie officials to New Jersey. Our banks at the present time are in a very feeble condition, so far as their ability to extend accommodation is concerned, and from this fact some alarm is taken for the state of money when the day comes. The drain which is expected at the beginning of the new month may not after all prove as great as anticipated. It should not be forgotten that the country banks, in getting themselves into a condition to be prepared at any time for a statement such as may be called for under the new law, have gradually withdrawn their balances from the city, and that very little currency is now to their credit. What our banks have is their own. The lowness of these country bank accounts is further shown in the accumulation of commercial paper in the market. These institutions have been steady buyers of our mercantile paper, the large margin in discount making it very profitable. But the necessity of being conservative in their position as regards the Comptroller, as well as the demand at this season of the year in the rural districts among the farmers in preparation for the summer crops, prevents them from employing their funds in the city as freely as they have been accustomed to do. This is perhaps a very hopeful view of the situation. The "bears" think and speak differently and prophesy "tight times" and a grand "break" in stocks. The market frequently answers to the influence of unsubstantial as readily as to that of real causes. There was a converted toper once who for a long time after his reformation felt inclined to reel at a particular hour every day, just through the force of habit. Money has been so long accustomed to a spasm at this time of the year that the fear of it may bring on quite a panic, while the crisis would be decidedly aggravated by a raid from the "bears" and the locking up of money. To-day the growing uneasiness of borrowers was manifested in great activity during the period up to two o'clock in the afternoon, gold interest being freely and generally paid on call loans with pledge of miscellaneous collaterals. In the intervening half hour before the closing of the banks this activity greatly moderated, and loans were made at seven per cent currency, with reported exceptions at six. The money comes from private sources, the banks refusing to give accommodation. The probable reduction of the specie item in the bank statement to-morrow by the loan of $3,000,000 representing the payments for customs during the week will be conducive to further conservatism in the matter of loans and discounts.

The activity of the money market was reflected in a depression of governments despite the firmer tone of the market in London, where '62's touched 84 this morning, which figure is the highest ever reached there. The difficulty which the foreign bankers encountered in disposing of exchange withdrew their support, while speculative holders were compelled to sell in preference to carrying bonds with the present high rate for money. '62's yielded to 119¾, and '67's, which sold at 114 in the morning, declined to 113¾ in the afternoon. There was a rally in prices at the last government board as a consequence of the easier feeling in money just at the time of the session; but this recovery was lost again in subsequent street transactions, and the market closed at five o'clock with the following quotations:—United States sixes, 1881, registered, 116 a 116¼; do., coupon, 116½ a 116¾; do., five-twenties, registered, 113¾ a 114¼; do., coupon, 1862, 119 a 119½; do., 1864, 114¾ a 115; do., 1865, 117 a 117¼; do., new, 1865, 113½ a 113¾; do., 1867, 113½ a 113¾; do., 1868, 113½ a 113¾; do., ten-forties, registered, 105¾; do., coupon, 105¾ a 105½; currency bonds, 103¾ a 103¾.

At the beginning of business the gold market was weak, under the temporary operation of the influences which depressed the market yesterday, arising out of the continued advance of bonds in London. The price was run down to 130¾ in a few minutes after the opening of the board, when the "bulls" engineered a decided "squeeze" in cash gold, which was in earnest demand for delivery to fulfil the short sales of the previous afternoon. The excitement ran very high at this time, and loans, which opened at flat for borrowing to two per cent for carrying, were run up through the fractions 1-64, 1-32 and 3-64, until as high as 1-8 was paid before closing hours. The price under this pressure advanced to 131¾. Later in the day loans were made at flat for borrowing to seven per cent for carrying, while the price gradually fell off to 131. Late in the afternoon a "scare" was produced among the "shorts," who began to cover, running the price up to 131¾; while 1-64 was bid for the use of gold to-morrow. The inability of the foreign bankers to dispose of their bond bills, that is at satisfactory figures, as well as the heavy payments into the Custom House for imports, renders cash gold quite susceptible of a "squeeze." The range of price was as follows:—

10 A. M.	130¾	12:27 P. M.	131¾
10:01 A. M.	130¾	12:30 P. M.	131¾
10:02 A. M.	130½	1 P. M.	131½
10:03 A. M.	130¾	2 P. M.	131¾
11 A. M.	130¾	3 P. M.	131½
11:30 A. M.	130¾	3:30 P. M.	131
11:33 A. M.	131	4:30 P. M.	131½
12 M.	131½	5:30 P. M.	131¼
12:18 P. M.	131¼		

The figures of the Gold Bank report show the immense sales of yesterday. The business of the day resulted as follows:—

Gold cleared	$121,118,000
Gold balances	2,236,791
Currency balances	3,366,892

Foreign exchange was weaker and still demoralized. Cable transfers were made at 108¾ and bond bills sold at 107¾. The present figures would admit of the reshipment of the smaller denominations of coin in Europe on which there is a discount as compared with the large pieces. The following quotable rates are nominal:—Sterling, sixty days, commercial, 107¼ a 108; good to prime bankers', 108¼ a 108¾; short sight, 108¾ a 109. Paris, sixty days, 5.22½ a 5.18¾; short sight, 5.17½ a 5.16¼. Antwerp, 5.22½ a 5.18¾. Switzerland, 5.22½ a 5.18¾. Hamburg, 35¾ a 35¾. Amsterdam, 40 a 40½. Frankfort, 40 a 40½. Bremen, 78 a 78½. Prussian thalers, 70¾ a 71½.

Stocks were strong under a persistent contest of the cliques against active money, which carried prices up at the open board session just after the relaxation in money noticeable toward the close of bank hours. The "bulls" maintained the market with great firmness during the previous boards, so that the upward turn at this time was quite sharp. The exceptions to the general strength of the list were the express stocks, Adams selling down to 58¾, and Pittsburg Railway, which declined at one time to 87. Mariposa was very buoyant and Reading very strong. The Northwestern stocks were firmer and higher and continued to be the feature of the market. New York Central was steady at 159½ a 160. The closing quotations at the last open board were as follows:—Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 30¾ a 31¼; American Express, 41 a 41½; Adams Express, 58½ a 59; United States Express, 54½ a 55; Merchants' Union Express, 16 a 17; Quicksilver, 20½ a 20¾; Canton, 59 bid; Mariposa, 18¼ a 18½; do. preferred, 34½ a 34¾; Pacific Mail, 91¼ a 91½; Western Union Telegraph, 38 a 38¼; New York Central, 159¾ a 159¾; Hudson River, 140; Reading, 92¼ a 92½; Chicago and Alton, 150 a 154; do. preferred, 150 a 154; Bankers and Brokers', 105 bid; Alton and Terre Haute preferred, 65 bid; Wabash, 66¾ a 67¼; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 69¼ a 69¾; do. preferred, 79¼ a 79½; Fort Wayne, 120 bid; Ohio and Mississippi, 32¾ a 32½; Michigan Southern, 96¾ a 97; Illinois Central, 140½; Pittsburg, 88 a 88¼; Toledo, 106½ a 106¾; Lake Shore, 106½ a 107; Rock Island, 128¼ a 128¼; Northwestern, 85¼ a 85¼; do. preferred, 92¼ a 92½.

The formal consolidation of the Cleveland and Toledo and the Lake Shore railroads was to take place to-day at Toledo.

After the boards the agitation and uneasiness noticed in the Gold Room and government market spread to the Stock Exchange, and prices at the close were from ¼ to ¾ per cent lower than at the highest point of the day.

Southern securities were weak and dull, with a pressure to sell Tennessees and North Carolinas.

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.	Sub-Treasury.		
Receipts.	Receipts.	Payments.	Balances.
March 15.. $226,491	$1,467,570	$971,162	$88,283,481
March 16.. 689,416	4,478,932	1,131,155	91,631,258
March 17.. 510,767	1,500,226	1,052,609	92,078,876
March 18.. 567,361	1,235,990	990,882	92,414,485
March 19.. 379,000	1,740,645	667,501	93,487,029

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

	March 11.	March 18.
Entered for consumption	$2,031,275	$2,116,210
Withdrawn	697,695	818,534
Warehoused	1,005,329	502,836

The bids at the regular board this morning for the railway bonds and mortgages were as follows:—

New York Cen 6's, sub.	87½	Great West 1st m, '88	87
N Y Cen 7's, '65-'76	105	Great West 2d m, '93	78¼
Hud 7's, 1st m, '69-'70	100	Gal & Chicago exld	98
Hud 7's, 2d m, s f, '85	108½	Gal & Chicago 2d m	95
Harlem 1st mtg	103	Chic, Rk I & Pacific	98¼
Mich Cen 8 p c, '69-'72	113½	N Jersey Cen 1st m	99
Mich Cen, n, 1 m 8's, '69	116	Morris & Essex 1st m	99½
Chic, B & Q 8 p c 1st m	111	Morris & Essex 2d m	89⅞
Mich S & N I s f 7 p c	93¼	P, Ft W & Chic 1st m	101
M S & N I s f 7 p c	98	P, Ft W & Chic 2d m	97
Ill Cen 7 p c, '70	116	P, Ft W & Chic 3d m	91
Alton & T H 1st m	92	Clev & Pitts 2d m	93
Alton & T H 2d m inc	76½	Clev & Pitts 3d m	88
Chic & N W s fund	96	Chic & Alt income	93
Chic & N W 1st m	91½	Ohio & Miss 1st m	94
Consol 7 p c convertible	94½	Dub & Sioux City, 1st m	90
Han & St Jo convertible	108	Mil & St Paul 1st m, sc	103
Del, Lack & West 1st m	92	Mil & St P 1st m, 7 3-10	91
Del, Lack & West 2d m	91	Mil & St Paul, 1st m	88¼
Tol & Wab 1st m, ex	91	Mil & St Paul 2d m	86
Tol & Wab 2d m, ex	84¾	Mil & St P I & M d	85
Tol & Wab equip bds	77	Chic & Mil 1st m	88
T, W & W con conv s f	80	New York & N H 6's	96
Great West 1st m, '88	105		

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Friday, March 19—10:15 A. M.

$10000 US 5-20, c, '62	119¾	5 shs Continental Bk	109
1000 do. small	119	5 Bk of Com'nwealth	114
19000 US 5-20, c, '67	113⅞	5 Imp & Traders' Bk	150
50000 do. b3	114	20 Am Exchange Bk	118
35000 US 5-20, c, '64	115¼	50 Fourth Nat Bk	103
11000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	113⅞	10 Am Mer Un Exp	41¼
4000 U S 5-20, c, '65	114	30 Pacific M SS Co	91
2500 US 5's, 10-40, cou	105¾	100 do.	90¾
100000 do. b30	105	100 Boston Water P'r	17
1500 do.	105½	200 Quicksilver M Co	19¾
25000 US 6's, cur'cy	109½	100 West U Tel b c	37½
12000 Tenn 6's, ex cou	63	100 N Y Central RR	159½
10000 Tenn 6's, new	65	100 do. b5	159⅞
6000 do.	65¼	10 Reading RR	91
1000 Michigan 6's, '78	98	50 Mich Central RR	118
5000 Missouri 6's	88	100 Mich Sou RR	96¾
3000 do. bet call	87½	200 Clev & Pitts RR	87
2000 Georgia 6's	82	27 Chic & N W RR	84½
1000 NY 6's, '77	102	100 do.	84¼
1000 Mich S s f bonds	98	400 do.	84¾
2000 Chic, Bur & Quin 6's	111	200 do.	84⅞
500 Chic & N W 1st	90	5 C, C, Cin & Ind RR	65
1000 Tol & Wab 1stm, ex	91	50 do.	64
500 Mich Cen 8's, n bs	117½	100 Mil & St Paul	69¼
2000 Great West 2d m	79	400 do. w	69¾
5000 C & R I & Pac 7's	94	50 Del, Lack & West	114¾
500 Morris & Essex 1st m	99½	100 Tol, Wab & W RR	67
2000 do.	99¼	200 do. s60	66⅞
2000 Morris & Essex 2d	90	500 do. b60	67½
6000 do.	89⅞	125 N J Central RR	110
1000 N J Cent, 1st m	99	55 do. bet call	110¼
1000 P, Ft W & Chi 1st	101½	10 Morris & Ess RR	87½
12000 C, C & Ind Cent 1st	86⅞	100 do. b5	87¼
9000 do.	86¾	550 H & St Jos RR pref	113⅞
6000 do.	86¾	400 do.	114
1000 W U Tel 7's, bds	87	20 do.	114½
10000 Mex Tr 10's, c	68¾	400 Col, C & I C RR b c	43
5 shs Metropolitan Bk	142		

Quarter-past Twelve o'Clock P. M.

$30000 US 6's, '81, cou	116¾	$9000 US 5's, 10-40, cou	105¾
5000 US 5-20, c, '64	115	25000 do. b5	105½
1000 do.	115	545000 US 5-20, c, '67	113⅞
5000 U S 5-20, c, '65	117	4500 do.	113¾
9500 US 5-20, c, '65, n	113¾	250000 do.	113⅞
1500 do.	113½	200000 do. b60	114¼

Half-past Two o'Clock P. M.

$4000 Indiana 5's b c	97½	5 shs Am Mer U Ex	41
19000 Tenn 6's, new	65	125 Pacific M SS Co	91¼
2500 Va 6's, new	61	10 Mer Union Ex	16
4000 N Car 6's	62	9 N Y Cen RR	158¾
5000 Tenn 6's, ex cou	65¾	200 Chicago & N W RR	85
2000 C, C & I Cent 1st	86½	100 do. b60	86
5000 do.	86¾	100 Mil & St P RR	69¼
20 shs Bd of Commerce	132½	100 Mil & St Paul pref b30	89
100 West Union Tel	38	100 do. b60	89¼
200 Qu'ksilver Min Co	20¼	500 Ohio & Miss RR	32½
100 do. b10	20¾	100 H & St Jos pref	114¼
100 Mariposa Min Co	18½	75 C, C, Cin & I RR	63
200 do.	18¾	100 C, C & I C RR	43
100 Mariposa pref	34¼	25 N J Central RR	110¼
100 do. b10	34½		

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Half-past Five o'Clock P. M.

Pacific Mail	91¼ a 91¾	Ft Wayne	120 a 120½
N Y Central	159¼ a 159¾	Mich Southern	96¼ a 96¾
Erie	33¾ a 33⅞	Pittsburg	88 a 88¼
Reading	91¼ a 91½	Northwestern	85¾ a 85⅞
St. Paul	69¼ a 69¾	Northwestern pf	92¼ a 92½
St Paul pref	79¾ a 79¾		

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY, March 19—6 P. M.

BUILDING MATERIALS.—There was no change of consequence to note in the market for most articles coming under this heading. Eastern spruce was quite freely sought after and firmly held at $22 a $25 for common to choice schedules, but the business was small, owing to the light stock. Laths were in demand and firm at about $3 75, at which price the last sales were effected. The offerings were light and business restricted in consequence. Rosendale cement was steady at $2 50 per bbl., while lime was moderately dealt in at full prices, viz:—Common, $1 25, and lump $2. Bricks were unchanged. Long Island being quoted at $14 50 a $16, New Jersey at $13 50 a $14 50, North river at $15 a $16 50, Croton at $15 a $22 and Philadelphia front at $50 a $55.

COOPERAGE STOCK, though still in light demand, was quite steady in value. We quote:—Sugar shooks, 38 inch heads, $3 a $3 15; sugar shooks, 36 inch heads, $2 40 a $2 85; molasses do., 32 inch do., $2 60 a $2 85; pipe do, $6 50 a $7; rum do., $5 50; box do., $80. Green hoops, 14 feet, $45 a $55; green hoops, 12 feet, $40 a $45.

CORDAGE was dull but steady at 21½c. a 22½c. for Manila, and 17c. for tarred Russia.

COCOA.—We heard of no business. Prices were nominally 10 a 10½c. gold, for Guayaquil in bond, and 27c. a 30c. do. for Maracaibo do.

COFFEE.—The market for Rio was quiet, there being but little demand, and prices were rather weak at the following quotations:—Ordinary cargoes, 9c. a 9½c., gold, in bond; fair do., 10c. a 10½c.; good do., 11½c. a 11¾c.; prime do., 12c. a 12½c.; extremes for lots, 9c. a 13c. Other kinds were quiet; sales 500 bags St. Domingo at 9¾c., gold, in bond. Prices were nominally 21c. a 22½c., gold, duty paid, for Java, 17c. a 19½c. do. for Ceylon, 18c. a 20½c. do. for Singaporf, 15c. a 18½c. do. for Maracaibo, 15½c. a 17½c. do. for Laguayra, 14½c. a 15½c. do. for Jamaica, and 15c. a 18c. do. for Costa Rica, Manila and Mexican.

COTTON.—The market exhibited more activity. There being an increased demand, chiefly for export, but prices were heavy and irregular, though we make no alteration in our quotations. The sales were 3,929 bales, including 1,759 for export, 671 for spinning, 594 on speculation, and 905 were in transit. For future delivery the sales were to a fair extent, being as follows:—200 bales low middling, for May, at 27½c.; 100 do., for April, at 27¾c.; 200 do., for May, at 27¾c., and 150 do., for the last half April, at 27¾c. We annex the closing quotations:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis.	N. O. and Texas.
Ordinary	25¼	25¼	25½
Good ordinary	26¼	26¾	26¾
Low middling	27¼	27½	27¾
Middling	28½	28¾	29
Good middling	30	30	30

CANDLES were still almost neglected but without alteration in value, adamantine (Western and city) being quoted at 18c. a 22c., sperm 48c. and patent 58c.

COPPER.—Ingot was in better demand but at lower prices, the offerings being fair. There were sales of about 950,000 lbs., part at 25½c. a 25¾c, the market closing weak and unsettled.

DYEWOODS.—Logwood was in demand and still in light supply, but other kinds were abundant and neglected. St. Domingo logwood was quoted at $27, currency. Jamaica do. at $19 50 a $20, gold, and Cuba fustic at $28 a $29 50, gold.

DRUGS AND DYES.—The market for almost all kinds was dull, but prices were generally steady at former quotations. There were sales of 75 tons of sal soda at $1 77½c. a $1 87½c., gold; 150 drums caustic soda at 4½c. a 5½c., do.; 75 tons soda ash at $2 35c. a $2 37½c., do.; 50 casks bleaching powders at 3½c. a 4c., currency; 500 kegs bi-carbonate of soda at 3½c., gold; 250 kegs bi-carbonate of potash, 25 tons sal soda, and 50 tons soda ash on private terms. Gum arabic was firm at 22½c., gold, to arrive, while gum gadda was firm at 15½c. a 16c., gold.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 5,480 bbls. flour, 606 do., and 1,290 bags corn meal, 98,008 bushels wheat, 8,914 do. corn, 41,960 do. oats. The flour market was quiet but more steady. The low grades were wanted to some extent for shipment, and No. 2 and supers being scarce were a trifle firmer, holders realizing an advance of about 5c. per bbl. in some cases. High grades were dull and nearly nominal. California flour was unchanged. The sales were about 9,000 bbls. Southern flour was slow of sale, and prices favored the buyer. Sales 400 bbls. Rye flour remained quiet but steady at former prices. Sales, 200 bbls. Corn meal was steady, with sales of 250 bbls. at our quotations. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$5 00 a	$5 50
Superfine State	5 75 a	5 90
Extra State	6 00 a	6 50
Choice do.	6 75 a	7 25
Superfine Western	5 25 a	5 50
Extra do.	6 00 a	8 00
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	6 25 a	7 00
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 00 a	9 00
St. Louis low extra	7 00 a	7 75
St. Louis straight extra	7 75 a	8 50
St. Louis choice double extra	9 00 a	10 00
St. Louis choice family	11 00 a	13 00
Southern choice and family	10 00 a	12 50
Southern superfine and extra	6 00 a	9 00
California flour (sacks and bbls.)	7 00 a	10 50
Rye flour	5 00 a	6 90
Corn meal, city	4 50 a	4 75
Corn meal, Brandywine	5 00 a	5 10
Corn meal, Jersey	4 25 a	4 50

—Wheat was dull and heavy under the continued adverse news per Atlantic cable, but holders did not press sales, and spring wheat sold only in small lots at rather lower prices. Other kinds were unchanged. The sales were about 25,000 bushels at $1 44 a $1 45½ for No. 2 Spring in store and delivered, $1 60 for amber Michigan, in store, and $1 70 for a small lot choice California. Corn was steady, with a fair demand at 86c. a 88c. for new mixed Western, closing at 87c. for good parcels. The sales were 45,000 bushels, at 86c. a 88c. for new mixed Western, and 88c. a 90c. for Western white and yellow. Oats were in fair demand at former prices, the sales being 60,000 bushels, at 72c. a 73½c., in store, and 75c. afloat. Rye was dull and nominal. Barley was steady, with sales of 2,000 bushels Trieste at $1 90. Barley malt was dull and unchanged.

FISH.—The market for almost all kinds was without activity and prices were generally easier. Dry cod were but little sought after and weak, new George's, which are arriving slowly, selling at $7 50 a $7 75 per quintal. Grand Bank were quoted at $7 a $7 25. Mackerel were difficult of sale and lower. Sales about 500 bbls. at $36 50 a $37 for No. 1 bay, $24 for No. 1 shore, and $18 for No. 2 do. Smoked herring were dull and nominal at 40c. a 45c. for scaled, and 30c. a 35c. for No. 1. Labrador and Eastport herring were quoted at $6 a $6 50 per bbl. Pickled fish were dull and unchanged, scaled being quoted at $5 a $5 25, and cod at $6 25.

FREIGHTS.—The market was extremely quiet and heavy, though rates were not quotably lower. The chartering business was less active. The engagements were:—To Liverpool 500 bales cotton at 3-16d. a 7-32d., and per steamer 700 bales do. at 3-16d. a ¼d. To Glasgow 15,000 bushels grain on steamer's account. To Antwerp 2,500 bags coffee on private terms. To Bremen, per steamer, 220 hhds. tobacco at 22s. 6d. a 25s., 50 tons machinery at 22s. 6d., 40 hhds. bark at 20s. and 150 bbls. beef at 5s. 6d. To London, per steamer, 25 tierces beef at 5s. The charters were:—A British ship from Pensacola to Ancon with railroad materials at 70s., and back with guano to Baltimore at $16. A British bark (from Philadelphia) to a port on the Continent between Havre and Hamburg, 5,300 bbls. petroleum at 5s. A Norwegian bark (from Philadelphia) to Elsinore for orders, with 2,800 bbls. petroleum at 6s. 3d., and a vessel, 1,300 bbls., to the Windward on private terms.

GUNNIES.—Bags were dull and heavy at 17c., with sales in Boston of 50 bales at 16½c. Cloth was heavy at 20½c. a 21c.; 200 bales were sold on private terms.

HIDES.—The market was quiet but the offerings were moderate, and full prices prevailed for all descriptions. We quote:—Buenos Ayres, 21 a 22 lbs., 24c.; do., 24 a 27 lbs., 22c. a 22½c.; Montevideo, 20 a 23 lbs., 23½c. a 24c.; Corrientes, 21 a 22 lbs., 22c. a 22½c.; Rio Grande, 20 a 21 lbs., 22½c.; Orinoco, 20 a 21½ lbs., 22½c. a 22¾c.; California, 21 a 25 lbs., 24c. a 25c.; Central American, 18 a 20 lbs., 21c. a 22c.; San Juan, 21 a 23 lbs., 20c. a 20½c.; Matamoros, 23 a 25 lbs., 18c. a 20c.; all gold.

HEMP continued quiet but steady at 11½c. a 12c., gold, for Manila; 4½c. a 5c., do., for jute, and 10c. a 10½c. for sisal. We heard of no sales of moment.

HOPS.—The demand was light and but little business was transacted, though prices were quite steady. The sales were 50 bales, at from 5c. a 18c. for inferior to choice.

HONEY continued in demand and sales were made of 15 bbls. Cuba at $1 15 and 28 do. do. on private terms, all for home consumption.

IRON.—For Scotch pig the market was dull, but stock being light prices remained steady and firm at $40 a $45 50 for all brands. We heard of no sales of importance. In American the business was light, but prices were unchanged, common to best No. 1 being quoted at $40 a $42 and No. 2 at $33 a $40. Of wrought scrap further sales were made of 700 tons on private terms. Refined bar was dull at $85 a $90. Rails were also dull at $74 a $77, currency, for American, and $54 a $56, gold, for English.

INDIGO.—The market was dull, there being only small sales. Prices were quite steady, however, at 75c. a $1 02½c. gold, for Manila; 75c. a $1 10, do., for Madras; $1 70 a $2 25, do., for Bengal, and $1 20 a $1 45, do., for Guatemala.

LEAD was quiet, but firm, at former prices. 50 tons ordinary Spanish were sold at $6 55, gold. Bar was quoted at 10½c. and sheet and pipe at 12c.

LEATHER.—But little demand prevailed for hemlock sole, but with a moderate stock prices were steady, particularly for prime lots. Oak was in moderate demand, but steady in value. Rough was dull and heavy for all but very choice lots. We quote:—

	Hemlock.		
B. Ayres & R. Grande.	California.	Orinoco, &c.	
Light	30c. a 32c.	30c. a 31c.	30c. a 31c.
Middle	30c. a 32c.	30c. a 31c.	30c. a 31c.
Heavy	27c. a 28c.	26½c. a 27½c.	26c. a 27c.
Good damaged	26c. a 28c.	26c. a 27c.	25c. a 27c.
—Poor damaged, all kinds,	20c. a 24c.;	rough light, 37c. a	
40c.; middle and heavy, 35c. a 38c.			

	Oak.		
	Slaughter.	Crops.	Rough.
Light	38c. a 42c.	42c. a 45c.	41c. a 44c.
Middle	38c. a 46c.	42c. a 45c.	38c. a 42c.
Heavy	40c. a 46c.	42c. a 44c.	39c. a 46c.

Belting, 23c. a 35c.

MOLASSES.—The demand from all classes of buyers was light, and we heard of no important sales, while prices continued to rule heavy at the appended quotations. By auction 112 hhds. Demerara at —, 15 bbls. New Orleans at 82c. and 20 hhds. Porto Rico at 68c. We quote:—

	Old Crop.	New Crop.
Cuba centrifugal and mixed	35c. a 38c.	— —
Cuba clayed	37c. a 42c.	50c. a 52c.
Cuba muscovado, refining grades	40c. a 45c.	52c. a 55c.
Cuba muscovado, grocery grades	44c. a 50c.	55c. a 60c.
Porto Rico	40c. a 55c.	60c. a 75c.
English Islands	45c. a 55c.	55c. a 70c.
New Orleans	— —	70c. a 85c.

NAVAL STORES.—Receipts, 470 bbls. spirits turpentine, 790 do. rosin and 955 do. tar. The former continued in demand and prices were again higher, the market closing strong at 53c. a 53½c.; sales were made of 110 bbls. at 52c., 119 do. at 53c. and 25 do. at 53½c. Rosin—Strained was in demand at about yesterday's prices, but other kinds were sparingly dealt in; the sales were 2,000 bbls. common strained (to arrive) at $2 45, 2,000 do. to arrive at $2 47½, and 900 do. at $2 50, 100 good do. at $2 55, and 345 do. No. 2, at $2 65 a $2 70. We quote:—Strained, $2 40 a $2 50; No. 2, $2 55 a $2 90; No. 1, $3 a $4 50; pale, $5 a $5 50, and extra do., $6 to $8. Wilmington tar was quiet at $3 75.

OILCAKE.—Western was dull and nominal at $46 a $46 50.

OILS.—Linseed was in fair demand, and the market was rather firmer though prices were no higher. There were sales of 200 bbls. for the West at $1 05, 100 do. (boiled) also for the West at $1 09 and 15,000 gallons for April delivery at $1 01, now held at $1 02½ a $1 03. Crushers' prices were $1 02 a $1 05 in casks and bbls. Olive was dull at $1 70 on the spot. To arrive, about $7,000 gallons were sold, part at $1 60. Lard was in moderate demand at about former prices. Sales 100 bbls. prime city winter (part to arrive) at $1 62. Menhaden was dull and nominal at 67½c. a 90c. Crude sperm was held at $2—$1 95 a $1 98 was bid. Unbleached winter sperm was quoted at $2 10 a $2 15, crude whale at $1 20 and bleached winter do. $1 25 a $1 28.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts, 270 bbls. pork, 19 do. beef, 250 packages cut meats, 260 do. lard and 33 dressed hogs. The market for pork was less active, the demand being rather light, and there was less firmness in prices. The sales were 750 bbls. at $32 a $32 25 for new mess, $31 75 for old do. and $27 a $27 50 for extra prime. For future delivery 500 bbls. new mess were sold for the first six months at $33, seller's option. Dressed hogs were dull and heavy, closing at 13½c. a 14c. for Western and 14½c. a 14¾c. for city. Beef was in improved demand at former prices, the sales being 250 bbls. at $11 a $16 for plain mess and $12 a $18 for extra do. Tierce beef remained dull and nominal at $23 a $28 for prime mess, and $20 a $24 for India do. Beef hams were moderately dealt in; sales 125 bbls. at $25 a $30. Cut meats were steady and firm, with sales of 100 packages at 12¾c. a 13¾c. for dry salted and pickled shoulders, 15½c. for smoked do., and 16½c. a 17c. for pickled hams. Bacon was dull, and we heard of no sales. Prices were firm, however, at 16½c. for Cumberland cut, 16½c. a 17c. for short rib and 17¼c. a 17½c. for long and clear. The business in lard was moderate and prices favored the purchaser. Sales 550 packages at 18c. a 19½c. for No. 1 to prime steam and kettle rendered; also 250 tierces, for April and May delivery, part at 19½c. Butter—The better grades, being in light supply and in fair demand, were firmly held at former prices, while the low grades, being in fair supply and but little sought after, were heavy, while prices were somewhat lower. Cheese was slow of sale, the demand being confined to the wants of the local and coastwise trade and prices were a shade off, as will be seen by reference to our quotations annexed. We quote:—

Butter—

Chemung, Sussex and Orange county dairies, firkins, per lb	50c. a 55c.
Chenango, Delaware and Chautauqua county dairies, firkins	46c. a 48c.
Cortland, Broome and Steuben county dairies, firkins	44c. a 47c.
Cattaraugus and Yates county dairies, firkins	43c. a 45c.
Ordinary to fair State dairies, firkins	42c. a 45c.
State, half firkin tubs, extra	50c. a 55c.
State, half firkin tubs, fair to good	43c. a 48c.
Welsh tubs, Lewis and Oswego county	40c. a 42c.
Welsh tubs, fair to good State	42c. a 45c.
Pennsylvania dairies, firkins, good to prime	42c. a 45c.
Pennsylvania dairies, firkins, ordinary	40c. a 42c.
Western Reserve, firkins, good to prime	35c. a 38c.
Illinois and Wisconsin, firkins, good to prime	32c. a 35c.
Ordinary Western, firkins, fair to good	28c. a 30c.
Common Western	20c. a 25c.
Western rolls	25c. a 35c.
Canada	35c. a 45c.

Cheese—

Factory dairies, fancy and Cheddar shapes, per lb	21c. a 22½c.
Factory dairies, fair quality	20c. a 21c.
Farm dairies, fancy and extra quality	21c. a 22c.
Farm dairies, fair to good	19c. a 20c.
Orange county skimmed cheese	10c. a 15c.

—Potatoes—The market was dull for all kinds, but prices were generally without alteration. We quote:—Peach blows, $2 25 a $2 75 per bbl.; Mercers, $2 50 a $3; Jackson whites, $2 a $2 25; Prince Albert's, $2 25 a $2 50; Buckeyes, $1 50; monitor, $1 50, and Delaware, sweet, $5 50 a $6 50. Onions were quoted at $6 a $8 for red per bbl. and $6 a $8 for yellow do. Marrow squash, $5 a $5 50 do. and Russia turnips, $1 50 a $1 75 do.

PETROLEUM.—Receipts, 2,516 bbls. refined. For crude in bulk the market was dull and heavy, and prices were lower, closing at 16¼c. a 16½c. At these prices there were sales of 1,000 bbls. Refined was but little sought after, and with fair offerings the market was again lower, closing at 24½c. There were sales of 2,500 bbls., part at 29½c.; 250 do. at 29c., 500 do., for March, at 30c., and 2,000 do., for April, at 31c. In Philadelphia the market was fairly active, but at lower prices, closing at about 29½c. for lots on the spot. There were sales of 1,000 bbls., for March, at 30c.; 6,000 do., for April, at 31½c. a 32c.; 5,000 do., for June and July, at 34c.; 1,000 do., for April and May, at 32½c.; 1,000 do., for May, at 33c.; 5,000 do., from May to September, at 34½c.; 2,000 do., from May to August, at 34c., and 1,500 do., from May to July, at 34c.

RICE.—Carolina was in better demand, and sales were made of 150 tierces at 9¾c. Rangoon was dull and unchanged.

SUGAR.—With the news from Europe and an improved demand, the market for raw was a shade firmer, closing strong at our quotations appended. There were sales of 1,000 hhds., part at 11¾c. a 14c. for Cuba and 15c. for Demerara; also 4,000 boxes, part at 11½c. a 13c. Refined was selling only moderately at the following prices:—Hard, 16½c. a 16¾c.; soft white, 15¾c. a 15¾c.; yellow, 14¾c. a 14½c.; extra C, 15c. We quote:—Cuba—Inferior to common refining, 11¼c. a 11½c.; fair refining, 11¾c. a 11¾c.; good refining, 12c. a 12¼c.; fair to good grocery, 12¼c. a 12½c.; prime to choice grocery, 12¾c. a 13c.; centrifugal, hhds. and boxes, 11c. a 15½c.; molasses, hhds. and boxes, 10½c. a 11½c.; melado, 7c. a 9c. Porto Rico—Refining grades, 11¾c. a 12¼c.; grocery grades, 12½c. a 13½c.

SKINS.—For both goat and deer the market was quiet, and we heard of no sales not previously reported. Prices were quite steady, however, at the following quotations:—Deer—Honduras, 45c. a 47½c. per lb., gold; San Juan, 42½c., do.; Bolivar, 35c., do.; Sisal, 45c. a 47c., do.; Vera Cruz, 45c. a 50c., do.; Chagres, 45c. a 50c., do.; Porto Cabello, 40c. a 45c.; Para, 50c., do. Goat—Tampico, 50½c. per lb., gold; Matamoros, 55c. a 57½c., do.; Vera Cruz, 55c., do.; Buen