FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY, March 30—6 P. M.

It will be seen by the Washington despatches that the Senate by a test vote this afternoon took up the consideration of the bill for a redistribution of the currency. The House committee have decided to await the action of the Senate, and make their amendments to the bill when it reaches the House. They received a letter to-day from Comptroller Hulburd, in which he proposes to issue fifty millions of four per cent bonds as an additional capital to the national banks, and to retire a similar amount of greenbacks. With all this it is the impression in the street that no change will be made in the law during the present session of Congress. The change which should be made is the repeal of the law entirely and the adoption of measures which will give the government the benefit of banking in so large an amount of currency. The national banks were created to make a market for government bonds, and that object was long since attained. The cancellation of the national notes and the issue in their place of additional greenbacks would not impair the national credit, except with the gold gamblers. The great mass of the community prefer the greenback to the other note. Their confidence would offset the speculators' disparagement. The Boston banks are seemingly anxious to disclaim participation in the movement proposed at the meeting a few days since in aid of expansion. The cry that redistribution will curtail capital in New England is aptly met by a correspondent of the *Advertiser*, who says:—"The capital of the banks was lent to the government and the interest-bearing bonds of the United States taken therefor. Those bonds were then deposited as security for the national bank currency with a margin of ten to twenty per cent. If the notes are called in the bonds can be sold for much more than they cost, and there will be a new demand for them made by the new banks organized in the West and South, to which the circulation withdrawn from Massachusetts will be distributed. The banks of Massachusetts will lose the profits of circulation, but will have more capital to lend to the business community than they had before, as they will have the margin between the amount of circulation and the market value of the bonds now pledged as security for them to lend to individuals, after the sale of the bonds." And the *Post* suggests:—"If their circulation is reduced they will get a portion of their bonds from Washington. Could they not be sold, and the proceeds loaned in lieu of the circulation? In fact, would they not bring ten per cent premium, while they are pledged at Washington at ten per cent discount? Could not the difference be added to the loan, and thus afford the business community increased facilities?"

The money market showed the steady approach of the stringency expected with April 1. The banks are shipping currency to the country and receiving very little in return. Call loans to-day were made at widely varying rates of interest. There are some houses who never ask more than seven per cent currency. Outside of these instances and of cases where mutual friendship or the question of favor entered the lowest rate was gold interest. Between stock houses loans were made at as high as one-eighth per cent per day in addition to the legal interest. Stocks were turned at an eighth. For "carrying" during periods extending from ten to thirty days one-half per cent was paid in addition to full interest. These high rates have demoralized the market for commercial paper, where the best double names are offering at from ten to twelve per cent discount with very little doing. Those who are calculating the probable duration of the stringency look for an immediate return of funds commencing on the 1st of April, New York being the settling point for a great many country engagements. Last year the money market did not begin to work comfortably until the second week of April.

The feature of the street to-day was the "break" in foreign exchange, the choicest bankers' sterling sixty days' bills selling at 108, with fractional concessions for large amounts. The same grade of sight bills were offered at 109. These figures make it profitable to bring specie this way, and some $4,000,000 in gold are now *en route*. Of this sum one million in sterling coin is coming to a prominent German house. Two millions more were to leave London to-day to catch the steamer to-morrow, consigned to a well known Anglo-American banking firm in the lower end of the city. Gold shipments turned this way once before since the suspension of specie payments—viz., at the close of the war, when there was, as now, a very large foreign demand for our bonds, which, with the exports of our produce and cotton, left the balance of money in our favor. Rates to-day were nominal in the demoralization which this decline produced, but the range of quotations is comprised in the following list:—Sterling, sixty days, commercial, 107 a 107½; good to prime bankers', 107½ a 108; short sight, 108¾ a 108½. Paris, sixty days, 5.26¼ a 5.22½; short sight, 5.23½ a 5.20; Antwerp, 5.27½ a 5.22½; Switzerland, 5.27½ a 5.22½; Hamburg, 35 a 35½; Amsterdam, 39¾ a 40¼; Frankfort, 39¾ a 40¼; Bremen, 77¼ a 78; Prussian thalers, 70 a 70¼.

Government bonds were steady and a shade firmer. The activity of money has exhausted its powers upon the market, apparently, and weak holders have let go of their bonds. Present sellers are not inclined to part with their bonds at any concession from the rate which has prevailed for the past week. The London price is slightly lower—83¾. The following were the closing street quotations this evening:—United States sixes, 1881, registered, 115 a 116½; do., coupon, 115¼ a 115½; do., five-twenties, registered, 113 a 113½; do., coupon, 1862, 118 a 118½; do., 1864, 113¼ a 113¾; do., 1865, 115¼ a 116; do., new, 1865, 112¾ a 113; do., 1867, 112¾ a 113; do., 1868, 112¾ a 113; do., ten-forties, registered, 104¼ a 104½; do., coupon, 105 a 105¼; currency bonds, 104¼ a 104½.

The market for Southern securities has been dull since the greater activity in money, but prices have remained steady. Louisiana levee eights sold at 81½, ex-coupon, in the recent auction sale at New Orleans. They are quoted here at 86. Tennessees are quiet. The North Carolinas are rather pressed for sale. The Alabamas are strong. Old Virginias are 57 bid. The Mobile and Ohio sterling bonds are dull but firm.

Gold was strong at the opening in response to the more active demand for cash gold, then weak through a reaction and through anticipations of the payment of the government interest, and then firm again in consequence of the calling up of the redistribution bill in the Senate and the lower quotation for bonds in London. Loans were made at from six per cent for borrowing to seven per cent for carrying during the period to Clearing House time, with the bulk of business at flat. The range of price was as follows:—

10 A. M.	131½	2 P. M.	131½
10:55 A. M.	131½	3 P. M.	131½
11 A. M.	131½	3:30 P. M.	131½
11:30 A. M.	131½	3:45 P. M.	131¼
12 M.	131½	4 P. M.	131½
1 P. M.	131½	5:30 P. M.	131¼

The Gold Exchange adjourned at one o'clock, out of respect to the memory of Mr. Rodewald, a late member of the board, whose funeral took place this afternoon at Staten Island. The following is the report of the Gold Bank:—

Gold clearings	$57,413,000
Gold balances	1,504,669
Currency balances	2,057,775

The Westphalia took out $12,000 in specie to-day. A telegram from Washington says that the House Ways and Means Committee have authorized a bill to be reported which provides for the selling of gold on contract, the contract to be in writing, and showing a business consideration, and so put as to demonstrate whether or not the sale is usurious.

The following were the bids for the city bank stocks this morning at the regular board:—New York, 131; Manhattan, 141; Merchants', 126; Mechanics', 132, Union, 135; America, 145; Phenix, 106; North River, 105½; National, 112; Seventh Ward, 114; State of New York, 112; Commerce, 122½; Mechanics' Banking Association, 120; Bank of the Republic, 117; Hanover, 109; Metropolitan, 142; People's, 141; Market, 122; Shoe and Leather, 130; Corn Exchange, 130; Continental, 99½; St. Nicholas, 115; Marine, 150; Commonwealth, 114; Importers and Traders', 130; Park, 153; Fourth National, 103; Ninth National, 111½; Tenth National, 90; Oriental, 140½.

The new stock board, or National Exchange, will move from their present quarters about the 1st of May and occupy their new room at No. 11 Broad Street—a spot well known to the street as the great centre of operations in Erie. The board comprises six hundred members and has further applications. An election comes off next Saturday to fill the place of secretary, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Delmar.

The stock market presented the paradox of buoyancy and activity in the face of greater activity in money. The explanation probably lies in the fact that the cliques and others who are "long" of stock have made time contracts for loans, bridging the present period of stringency. They are thus enabled to fight down the opposition of the "bears," while frightening the "shorts" into covering, the latter perceiving the danger which they run if they now fail to do so in fulfilment of sales made against this period of expected depression. New York Central was quite active, going up to 161 under reports that *pro rata* was to be beaten in the Legislature; that measures would be adopted to authorize the capitalization of the scrip, and that Mr. Vanderbilt started for Albany this morning. Those who are acquainted with the Commodore's opinion of the lobby will not be inclined to believe that his visit, if he be really gone there, has anything to do with legislative favors. A "corner" is reported in Fort Wayne which sold up to 125, while Rock Island touched 134. The highest period of the day was in the vicinity of the session of the last regular board, at which the following were the closing quotations on the call:—Canton, 58¾ a 59¼; Cumberland, 35 a 37; Western Union, 37¾ a 38; Quicksilver, 19¾ a 20; Mariposa, 18¾ a 19; do. preferred, 34¼ a 35; Pacific Mail, 90¾; New York Central, 160¼ a 160¾; Hudson River, 138 a 138¼; Reading, 91¼ a 91¾; Michigan Central, 117 a 119; Michigan Southern, 96 a 96¼; Illinois Central, 138 a 140; Pittsburg, 89 a 89¼; Northwestern, 83¾ a 83¾; do. preferred, 92¼ a 92½; Toledo, 106¼ a 106¾; Rock Island, 133¼; St. Paul, 70¾ a 71¼; do. preferred, 79¾ a 80; Wabash, 66¾ a 67; do. preferred, 76 a 78; Fort Wayne, 125 a 126; Ohio and Mississippi, 32¼ a 32¾.

Prices closed as follows at the last open board:—Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 30¾ a 30¾; American Express, 41 a 41¼; Adams Express, 58¾ a 59; United States Express, 57 a 57¾; Merchants' Union Express, 15¼ a 16; Quicksilver, 19¾ a 19⅞; Canton, 59 a 59¾; Pacific Mail, 89¾ a 89¾; Western Union Telegraph, 37¾ a 38; New York Central, 160¼ a 160¼; Hudson River, 138¾ a 139; Chicago and Alton, 150¼ a 150¼; Bankers and Brokers', 110; Toledo and Wabash, 67; do. preferred, 76 a 78; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 70¼ a 70¾; do. preferred, 79¾ a 79¾; Fort Wayne, 124 a 125; Ohio and Mississippi, 32¼ a 32¼; Michigan Central, 120; Michigan Southern, 95¾ a 96; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 89 a 89¼; Cleveland and Toledo, 106¾ a 106¾; Rock Island, 133¾ a 133¾; Northwestern, 83¼ a 83¾; do. preferred, 92¼ a 92½; Boston Water Power, 15 a 16; Mariposa, 18¾ a 19; do. preferred, 34¼ a 34¾; Harlem, 134 a 134½; Lake Shore, 105¼ a 106¼.

After the boards the market was lower but steady at the decline. The following were the bids for the New York State securities:—Reg stered Bounty loan, 109¼; coupon do., 109¾; sixes, canal loan, 1872, 101¼; do. do., 1873, 101¼; do. do., 1874, 101¼; do. do., 1875, 101¼; do. do., 1877, 101¼; do. do., 1878, 101¼; fives, do., 1871, 100; do. do., 1874, 100; do. do., 1875, 100; do. do., 1876, 100.

The following were the bids for the railway bonds and mortgages:—

New York Cen 6's, '83	90	Great West 2d m, '93	73¼
New York Cen 6's, r est.	87¼	Gal & Chicago unfd	91
New York Cen 6's, sub.	87¾	Chic & Rk I 1st m	93¼
Erie 7's, 2d m, end '81	89	Chic, Rk I & Pacific	93
Buff, N Y & Erie, 1 m, '77	87½	Morris & Essex 1st m	90
Hud 7's, 1st m, '69-'70	100¼	N Jersey Cen 1st m	93½
Hud 7's, 2d m, s f, '85	102¼	P, Ft W & Chic 1st m	102¾
Harlem 1st mtg	100	P, Ft W & Chic 2d m	96
Mich Cen 8 p c, '69-'72	113	P, Ft W & Chic 3d m	91
Mich Cen, n, 1 m 8's, '82	117	Clev & Pitts 3d m	85
Mich S 7 p c 2d m	93½	Clev & Pitts 4th m	74
M S & N I 1st p c	95¾	Chic & Alt sinking fund	99
Alton & T H 1st m	93	Chic & Alt 1st m	101¼
Alton & T H 2d m pf	81	Chic & Alt income	93
Alton & T H 2d m inc	79½	Ohio & Miss 1st m	94
Chic & N W s fund	96	Ohio & Miss con	84
Chic & N W 1st m	91	Dub & Sioux City, 1st m	80
Conos 7 p c convertible	94	Peninsula RR bonds	83
Del, Lack & West 2d m	91	Mil & St Paul 1st m, s'k	103
Tol & Wab 2d m	84¼	Mil & St P 1st m, 7 3-10	90¾
Tol & Wab equip bds	77	Mil & St Paul, 1st m	87
T, W & W con cons f	80	Mil & St Paul 2d m	83
Great West 1st m, '88	105½	Chic & Mil 1st m	88
Great West 1st m, '68	87½	New York & N H 6's	57

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.
March 29...$598,796	$2,178,336	$2,405,468	$94,464,151
March 30... 670,000	1,206,104	1,150,708	87,518,547

The value of exports (exclusive of specie) from New York to foreign ports for the week ending to-day was $3,085,395, against $2,440,320 for the week previous.

The following shows the totals of the average of the leading items of the Philadelphia banks for the past and previous weeks:—

	March 22.	March 29.	
Loans	$51,328,419	$50,527,100	Dec.. $731,319
Specie	225,037	210,584	Dec.. 14,453
Legal tenders	12,766,759	13,021,315	Inc.. 255,556
Due Banks	4,464,340	4,763,639	Inc.. 303,299
Due to banks	6,472,672	6,533,112	Inc.. 60,440
Deposits	30,487,337	30,325,232	Dec.. 162,105
Circulation	10,461,403	10,472,420	Inc.. 11,014
Clearings	33,039,170	32,786,135	Dec.. 253,035
Balances	2,516,850	2,801,810	Inc.. 284,960

Upon which the *Ledger* of that city says:—

The banks have improved a little on their condition of last week, having increased their legal tender notes $255,556, and lost of their deposits only $162,105. The reduction of their loans nearly $750,000 accounts for the stringency of the money market. Our banks being largely creditor to the New York banks have drawn heavily on the balances there, and continued to do so up to yesterday, when one bank there was drawn on for $3,000,000 in greenbacks for this city, and others for various amounts. Currency is going largely into the interior, and until there is a return hitherward, increasing the deposit line of the banks, there can be no material increase of bank accommodations and relief of the pressure for money.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tuesday, March 30—10:15 A. M.

$3000 US 5-20, c, '64 113¾
3000 US 5-20, c, '62 113
15000 US 5-20, c, '65, n 113¼
10000 US 5-20, c, '67 113¾
7000 do b5 112
10000 US 5's, 10-40, coup 105
10000 6's, currency 104½
30000 Tenn 6's, new 68
1000 Va 6's, ex c 57
5000 S Car 6's 60½
15000 N C 6's, new 37½
5000 do 37¾
2000 Missouri 6's 81¾
1000 Mich S & N I R 6's 93
1000 Alt & Ter H 1st m 93
2000 I & W con ds 80
3000 Chic & I 1st m, bs 92½
5000 C & R Is Pac 7's 93½
2000 Great West 2d 78¾
1000 C, C & I Cent 1st 84½
1000 Chic & NW 1st m 91
2000 Mich So 2d m 84¼
3000 C & NW c b 94
3000 Morris & Essex 1st 89½
5000 do 90
1000 P, Ft W & Chi 1st 92½
1000 do 92¾
1000 M & St P 1st 90

Quarter-past Twelve o'Clock P. M.

$30000 US 6's, '81, c b3 115¾
10000 do 115¾
5000 US 5-20, c, '62 115
3000 US 5-20, c, '62 115¼
5000 do b5 115¾
10000 US 5-20, c, '64 115¾
1000 do 115¾
15000 US 5-20, c, '65, n 112¾
20000 do 112¾
10000 do 112¾
10000 do 112¾
$1000 US 5-20, c, '65 115¾
100 do 115¾
15000 US 5-20, c, '66 115¾
10000 do 115¾
6000 US 5-20, c, '67 115¾
12000 do 115¾
1000 do 115¾
20000 US 5's, 10-40, reg 104¾
10000 do 104¾
10000 do 104¾
100 do 104¾
6000 do 105
$1000 US 5's, 10-40, coup 104¾
6000 do 105
100 do 105¼

Half-past Two o'Clock P. M.

$19000 Tenn 6's, ex cou 66
15000 do 65¾
10000 Tenn 6's, new 68
1000 do 68¼
15000 N Car 6's, new 37
12000 do 37¾
5000 Missouri 6's 87
20 shs Rk of Republic 117
100 West Union Tel 38
5 Pacific M SS Co 90
200 Mariposa M Co 18¾
50 Wells-Fargo Exp 39½
7 Am Mer U Ex 40
100 do 41
100 Adams Express 58¾
100 shs NY Cen RR 160¾
100 Hud River RR 138¾
100 do 138¾
200 Harlem RR 135
100 do 135¼
7 Panama RR ex d 331
20 do 330
3 0 Chic & N W pref 92¼
100 Mil & St P RR b30 72
100 Mil & St P pref 90
100 do 90¼
100 N J Central RR 108¾
200 Pitts, Fort W & Chic 127
34 do 127¼
100 do 126¾
100 do 126¾

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Half-past Five o'Clock P. M.

Pacific Mail	89¾ a 89¾	Ft Wayne	124¾ a 124¾
N Y Central	160¼ a 160¾	Ohio & Miss	32 a 32¼
Erie	34¾ a 34¾	Mich Southern	95¾ a 95¾
Hudson River	138¾ bid.	Rock Island	133¼ a 134
St. Paul	70¾ a 71	Northwestern	83¾ a 83¾
St Paul pref	79¼ a 79¼	Northwestern pf	92¼ a 92¼

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

TUESDAY, March 30—5 P. M.

BUILDING MATERIALS.—The market for most kinds was without material alteration. Laths were only in moderate demand and scarcely so firm, though $3 75 was still demanded, and about 250,000 were sold at that price. Stock light. Eastern spruce was in fair request, and prices were firm at $23 a $26 for common to choice schedules. Business was light, however, being checked by the smallness of the offerings. Lime was moderately dealt in at full prices, viz.: common, $1 20; lump, $2. Rosendale cement was steady and firm at $2 75 a $3. Bricks were in fair request at full prices, North river being quoted at $15 50 a $16 50, New Jersey at $13 a $15, Croton at $19 a $22 and Philadelphia front at $15 a $26.

COCOA.—No sales of moment were reported. Prices were steady, however, at 19c. a 19½c., gold, for Guayaquil, in bond, and 21c. a 22c., gold, for Maracaibo, in bond.

GUNNIES continued dull, the demand being entirely of a retail character. Prices remained steady, however, at 18c. a 22c. for adamantine (Western and city), 46c. for spears and 55c. for patent.

GORDAGE was dull, but without alteration in value, Manila being quoted at 21½c. a 22½c., and tarred Russia at 17c.

COOPERAGE STOCK was slow of sale, the demand being light, but former prices were prevalent.

COTTON.—There was an active demand from exporters and a moderate inquiry from spinners and speculators, and the sales were large, the market closing quiet, however. Prices were about ⅛c. higher, as will be seen by reference to our quotations subjoined. The sales were 4,355 bales, including 300 to arrive, of which 2,047 were for export, 861 on speculation, 407 for spinning, and 600 were in transit. For future delivery there were no sales. We quote:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis.	New Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	25	26	26½
Good ordinary	27	27	27¼
Low middling	28	28¼	28½
Middling	29	29¼	29½
Good middling	30¾	31¼	32

COFFEE.—Ingot was dull and heavy, though prices were no lower. The sales were limited to about 125,000 lbs. at 24c. a 24½c. for all kinds.

COFFEE.—The market for Rio was only moderately active, and prices were not strong. Sales 3,869 bags ex Merrimac on private terms; 4,500 bags ex Carl are to be shipped to Europe from first hands. Of Laguayra 201 bags were sold on private terms. We quote:—Rio, ordinary cargoes, 13½c. a 14½c.; fair do., 14½c. a 15½c.; good do., 16c. a 16½c.; prime do., 16¾c. a 17c.; extremes for lots, 14c. a 18c.; Java 21c. a 23¾c.; Singapore, 18c. a 20½c.; Ceylon, 17c. a 19½c.; Maracaibo, 18c. a 18½c.; Laguayra, 15½c. a 17½c.; Jamaica, 14½c. a 15½c.; St. Domingo, 13¾c. a 14c.; Costa Rica, Mandia and Mexican, 15c. a 16c.; Curacoa and Augostura, 14c. a 17c.—all gold, duty paid. Messrs. William Scott & Sons made the stock Rio to-day as follows:—77,824 bags in New York, 38,000 Baltimore, 10,300 New Orleans, 3,000 Mobile and 2,500 Boston.

DYEWOODS.—The market was unchanged; all kinds were dull and heavy except logwood, which was scarce and wanted and held at $29 50 a $30, currency, for St. Domingo, and $23 50, gold, for Jamaica. Sales, 40 tons of the latter at $23 50, gold. Lima wood was quoted at $35 and Cuba fustic at $22 a $29 50, gold.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 3,741 bbls. flour, 250 do. and 18 bags corn meal, 637 bushels wheat, 19,633 do. corn, 3,721 do. oats, and 2,635 do. malt. The demand for low grades of State and Western flour continued fairly active, mainly for shipment to the West Indies, and the market for that was decidedly firmer, the sales being for the most part at higher prices, to which we conform our quotations. High grades were still neglected and nominally unchanged. California flour was quiet and steady. The sales were about 11,000 bbls. Southern flour was steady under a moderate inquiry. Sales 375 bbls. Rye flour was steady and firm, with sales of 210 bbls. Corn meal was in moderate demand at steady prices, and sales were effected of 500 bbls. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$5 40 a $5 90
Superfine State	6 10 a 6 30
Extra State	6 40 a 6 75
Choice do	6 75 a 7 50
Superfine Western	6 10 a 6 30
Extra do	6 40 a 6 85
Round hoop Ohio	6 75 a 7 25
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 50 a 9 00
St. Louis low extras	7 50 a 8 00
St. Louis straight extra	8 00 a 9 00
St. Louis choice double extra	9 50 a 10 00
St. Louis choice family	11 00 a 13 00
Southern choice and fancy	10 00 a 12 50
Southern superfine and extra	8 00 a 9 00
California flour (sacks and bbls)	7 00 a 10 00
Rye flour	5 00 a 7 15
Corn meal, city	4 20 a 4 75
Corn meal, Brandywine	5 00 a 5 10
Corn meal, Jersey	4 25 a 4 50

—Wheat was in light demand, and though the market opened buoyant and strong under the favorable turn of the cable news business was restricted by the extreme views of holders, who demanded $1 50 a $1 55 for choice No. 2 Milwaukee spring in store. Chicago wheat sold to some extent at lower figures. California wheat was quiet—the high prices asked checking business. The sales were about 40,000 bushels at $1 48 for fair No. 2 Chicago, in store; $1 55 a $1 60 for No. 1 do., the latter an extreme price for small lots; $1 50 for California. Corn was active, and 5c. a 2c. dearer. The sales were about 80,000 bushels at 87c. a 90c. for new Western mixed, 92c. a 92c. for yellow, 85c. for old mixed, delivered, and 88c. for white Western. Oats were quiet, but very firm, closing at 75c. bid, in store, and no sellers below 76c. Sales were made of 12,000 bushels at 75c. in store, and 77c. a 77½c. afloat. Rye was firmer, the sales being 3,500 bushels State at $1 42½. Barley was in improved demand, and 10,000 bushels Canada and German were sold at $2 a $2 05. Of barley malt there were small sales at $2 05 a $2 10.

FREIGHTS.—The market was quiet and rates continued to favor the shipper. The chartering business exhibited more activity, the demand being chiefly for petroleum vessels, which commanded about the rates previously current. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, 800 bales cotton, ¾d., and, per steamer, 7,500 bushels grain at 4½d. and 50 bales cotton at ¾d. To Glasgow, per steamer, 500 bbls. flour at 1s. 3d., 200 do. rosin at 2s., 15,000 bushels wheat at 4½d. and 7,500 do. corn at 4¼d. To London, per steamer, 700 bales hops at 35d., 50 tons measurement goods at 35s. a 40s., and 5 hhds. tobacco at 45s. To charters were:—To American bark, from the Satilla river to Bath, with 160,000 feet lumber at $12 50; a vessel from Rucksville to Damariscotta, lumber at $12 50; a bark with about 150,000 feet lumber from St. Marys to the river Plate, on private terms; a North German bark, with 2,700 bbls petroleum from Philadelphia to Bremen, at 5s. 6d.; a Norwegian bark from Philadelphia to the Baltic, with 2,500 bbls. petroleum at 5s. 6d. a 5s. 9d.; a bark, with 30,000 bbls. petroleum from Philadelphia to a direct port on the Continent at 4s. 9d.; a Swedish brig, with about 2,000 bbls. petroleum to Elsinore for orders, at 5s. 9d.; if to a direct port in the Baltic at 5s. 6d.; a Norwegian bark, with 4,000 bbls. petroleum to Cronstadt at 5s.; an Italian brig, with 1,600 bbls. petroleum to Trieste, at 5s. 3d.; a North German bark to Hamburg, at 33s.; a British brig to Marseilles, with 2,000 bbls. petroleum, at or about 5s.; a British brig to Bahia and Pernambuco, general cargo, and a North German brig, 140 tons, to the West Indies and back, on private terms.

FISH.—The market for all kinds was very quiet, there being scarcely any demand, and prices were generally in favor of the buyer. Of dry cod there were small sales at $7 a $7 50 for George's and Bank. A few small sales of mackerel were effected at the following prices:—No. 1 bay, $26 50 a $27; No. 1 shore, $24 a $24 50; No. 2 do., $18; large No. 3, $15 a $15 50; medium do., $13 50 a $14. Herring were dull and nominal at 35c. a 40c. for scaled and 25c. a 35c. for No. 1. Pickled fish were dull and nominal at $5 a $5 25 for scale and $6 a $6 25 for cod.

GUNNIES continued to rule dull, but steady, at 9c. a 9½c., gold, for cloth in bond, and 16½c. a 17c., currency, for bags.

HOPS.—The demand was only moderate, but prices were steady at former quotations. About 60 bales were sold at 5c. a 15c. for inferior to choice grades.

HEMP was inactive, but held at full prices. We heard of no sales. Manila was quoted at 12c. a 12½c., gold; jute 4½c. a 5c., do., and Sisal 10c. a 10½c., do.

HIDES.—The market was dull and prices of almost all kinds were heavy, notwithstanding the smallness of the stock, being 37,500 hides. We heard of no sales. We quote:—Buenos Ayres, 25 a 27 lbs., 22c. a 23½c., gold; do., 20 a 23 lbs., 23c. a 23½c.; Montevideo, 21 a 23 lbs., 23c.; Corrientes, 21½ a 22 lbs., 22c. a 22½c.; Rio Grande, 20 a 22 lbs., 23½c.; Orinoco, 21 a 23 lbs., 22½c. a 23c.; California, 22 a 25 lbs., 21½c. a 22½c.; Texas, 21 a 23 lbs., 20c. a 21c.; Mexican, 18 a 21 lbs., 20c. a 20½c.; Matamoras and Mexican, 22 a 24 lbs., 17c. a 19c.; Vera Cruz, 18 a 19 lbs., 20c. a 21c.; Tampico, 20 a 22 lbs., 20c. a 21c.; Bogota, 18 a 20 lbs., 19½c. a 20½c.

INDIA.—For Scotch pig the market was dull, there being scarcely any demand, but the stocks were light and holders were firm in their pretensions in consequence. Prices ranged from $21 a $23. Amoy pig was neglected at $19 50 a $20 for No. 1 and $18 a $19 for No. 2, according to brand. We heard of no sales. Refined bar was dull at $85 a $90, while rails, though dull, were steady at $74 a $77, currency, for American, and $51 50 a $55, gold, for English. Old rails, &c., were dull and nominal.

IRON.—There was no change in the business of moment transacted, there being only small sales to jobbers at the following prices:—Madras, 75c. a $1 10; Manila, 75c. a $1 02½; Guatemala, $1 20 a $1 45, and Bengal, $1 70 a $2 25—all gold.

LEAD was dull at $6 32½ a $6 37½ gold, for ordinary foreign. No sales. Bar was quoted at 10½c., and sheet and pipe at 12c.

LEATHER.—Hemlock sole was in limited request, and with fair receipts and a moderate stock the market was heavy, while prices of some descriptions were a trifle lower. Oak was in active demand at unaltered prices. Annexed are the current quotations:—Hemlock—Buenos Ayres, heavy, 27½c. a 29c. per lb.; do., middle, 30c. a 32c.; do., light, 31c. a 32c.; do., California, heavy, 27c. a 29c.; do., middle, 29c. a 31c.; do., light, 30c. a 32c.; do., Orinoco, &c., heavy, 25c. a 27c.; do., middle, 30c. a 31c.; do., light, 30c. a 32c.; do. good damaged, all kinds and weights, 26c. a 28c.; do., poor do., 21c. a 24c.; do., in the rough, 35c. a 37c. Oak slaughter, heavy, 38c. a 43c.; do., middle, 40c. a 45c.; do., light, 36c. a 40c.; do. crop, heavy, 40c. a 42c.; do., middle, 42c. a 46c.; do., light, 43c. a 46c.; do., in the rough, heavy, 36c. a 44c.; do., middle, 38c. a 43c.; do., light, 38c. a 44c.; do., bellies, 32c. a 33c.

MOLASSES.—The demand was light, and, with a fair stock, the market was heavy for most kinds. We quote nominally:—

	Old Crop.	New Crop.
Cuba centrifugal and mixed	35c. a 38c.	— a —
Cuba clayed	32c. a 42c.	48c. a 50c.
Cuba muscovado, refining grades	40c. a 42c.	50c. a 53c.
Cuba muscovado, grocery grades	— a —	55c. a 60c.
Porto Rico	48c. a 55c.	55c. a 75c.
Brazils, in bond	45c. a 55c.	65c. a 70c.
New Orleans	— a —	70c. a 85c.

NAVAL STORES.—Receipts, 1,000 bbls. crude turpentine, 600 do. rosin and 1,100 do. tar. The market for spirits turpentine was dull, the demand being light, but prices were steady at yesterday's quotations, viz.:—40c. a 41½c. Sales 50 bbls. at 41c. The rosin market is nominally unchanged. We heard of buyers, who demanded $2 47½ a $2 50 for common strained, $2 62½ a $2 65 for good do., $2 40 a $2 50 for No. 2, $3 a $4 25 for No. 1, $4 50 a $5 50 for pale and $6 a $8 for extra do. Sales 250 bbls. No. 1 at $3 50 a $4 75. Tar was steady, with sales of 95 bbls. provision bbls. at $3 75.

OIL CAKE was steady, with sales of 20 tons Western at $48.

OILS.—Castor oils were dull, and there were no sales not previously reported. Prices were steady, however, at $1 10 for crude whale, $1 35 for bleached winter do., $1 20 a $2 for crude sperm and $2 10 for unbleached winter do. Menhaden was quiet but firm at 91½c. Olive was dull and nominal at $1 50, at which price the last sales were made. Western distilled red rose was steady at 92½c., with small sales at that price. Of lard, which was steady, for bbls. prime winter were sold at $1 60. Linseed was steady at $1 93 a $1 95 in casks and bbls., though we heard of no further sales.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts, 232 bbls. pork, 1,021 do. beef, 873 do. cut meats, 1,082 do. and 135 kegs lard and 18 dressed hogs. The market for pork still continued to rule dull and heavy, and prices were further lowered. Western mess, however, in the sales were only about 100 bbls. at $31 37½ for new mess, $31 62½ a $31 12½ for old do. and $31 50 for city do.; also for future delivery 500 bbls. new mess for April at $31 75, seller's option. Live hogs were dull but steady at 10½c. a 11½c., with arrivals of 340 head. Beef was dull, but unchanged in value; sales 70 bbls. at $11 a $11 50 for plain mess and $12 a $18 for extra do. Tierce beef was still dull and nominal at $23 a $28 for prime mess and $23 a $31 for India do. Beef hams were steady and sales were made of 50 bbls. at $35 a $41. Cut meats were slow of sale, but held at full prices; sales 65 packages at 15c. a 17½c. for dry salted and pickled shoulders, 13½c. for smoked do., 17c. for pickled hams and 20c. a 21c. for smoked and bagged do. Bacon was still neglected, but held at former prices, viz.:—Cumberland cut, 16½c.; short rib, 16½c. a 17c., and long short clear at 17½c. a 18c. Lard was in moderate demand at about former prices, though the tone of the market was heavier; there were sales of 800 packages at 15c. a 15½c. for No. 1 to prime steam and kettle rendered; also 750 packages, for April delivery, at 15½c. a 15¾c. Butter was in fair demand and the market was strong, the inquiry being mainly for the fine grades, which are scarce. Cheese was firm under a fair demand from the local and consumptive trade. We quote:—

Butter—		
Chenango, Sussex and Orange county dairies	50c.	a 55c.
Herkimer, Otsego and Chenango county dairies, fresh	45c.	a 48c.
Cortland, Broome and Steuben county dairies, fresh	44c.	a 47c.
Cattaraugus and Yates county dairies, fresh	42c.	a 44c.
Orange, Delaware and Sullivan county dairies, fresh	40c.	a 43c.
State, half firkin tubs, extra	50c.	a 55c.
State, half firkin tubs, fair to good	42c.	a 45c.
Welsh tubs, Lewis and Oneida county	42c.	a 45c.
Welsh tubs, fair to good State	42c.	a 45c.
Pennsylvania dairies, firkins, good to prime	42c.	a 45c.
Pennsylvania dairies, firkins, ordinary	38c.	a 40c.
Western Reserve, firkins, good to prime	38c.	a 40c.
Illinois and Wisconsin, firkins, good to prime	35c.	a 37c.
Ordinary Western, firkins, fair to good	32c.	a 35c.
Common Western	26c.	a 27c.
Western rolls	30c.	a 35c.
Canada, good to prime	38c.	a 40c.
Canada, common	30c.	a 37c.
Cheese—		
Factory dairies, fancy and Cheddar shapes, per lb	26c.	a 27½c.
Factory dairies, fair quality	25c.	a 26c.
Farm dairies, fancy and extra quality	26c.	a 27½c.
Farm dairies, fair to good	24c.	a 25c.
Orange county extra and special	30c.	a 35c.

PAPER STOCK.—Receipts 397 bale, reshed. Cuttings, in bulk, was in active demand, but the stock was weak at the close, when there were sellers at 1½c. and buyers at 1¾c. Sales were made of 1,320 bbls. in lots at 1¾c. a 1¾c., and 15,000 do. on the spot, and for April delivery on terms kept private. Rags were firm at the opening at 2½c. a 2¾c., but dull and heavy at the close at 2½c. a 2½c., and the sales were only 1,000 pcs. at 2½c., 1,000 do. for April at 2¾c., seller's option, and 1,000 do. from April to July at 2¾c. Naphtha was fair at about 60c. In Philadelphia the market was dull and lower, closing at 59½c. bid, however, for little offering at that price. The sales were 2,000 bbls., for March, at 60½c. a 60¾c.; 3,000 do., for April, at 59½c. a 59¾c., chiefly at 59½c.; 1,500 do., for April and May, at 59c., and 3,000 do., from April to September, at 58c.

SOAP.—Castile was steady at 14c. a 14½c., and within the range of these prices there were sales of 200 boxes, in lots.

SPELTER was quiet, but steady, at 6¾c., gold, for Silesian.

SPERMACETI—Refined was dull, but firm, at 45c. a 46c. No sales.

SKINS.—Goat were dull and sales could not be made except at a reduction in prices, at about previous prices. Deer were moderately dealt in, the sales being 6,000 lbs. Sisal, 2,000 do. Texas and 2,000 do. Para on private terms. We quote:—Deer—Honduras, 45c. per lb. gold; Vera Cruz, 47½c. a 50c., do.; Central America, 48c. a 50c., do.; San Juan, 45c. a 47½c., do.; Sisal, 45c. a 47c., do.; Augustina, 35c. a 37c., do.; Para, 51c., do. Goat—Tampico, 55c. per lb., gold; Matamoros, 50c. a 55c., do.; Vera Cruz, 50c. a 52½c. do.; Buenos Ayres, 45½c. a