FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY, May 11—6 P. M.

The principal feature of interest in Wall street today was the inauguration of the new order of things consequent upon the consolidation of the several stock boards. The change was made easily and without disturbance to the business interests of the street, although it was felt before the day was out that the plan of abolishing calls entirely upon the speculative stocks was objectionable in many respects. Late in the afternoon, at a meeting of the Governing Committee, a special committee of five was appointed to complete the regulations for the new Stock Exchange, to whom these objections being urged, it is stated they decided to have two calls in the Long Room each day of the speculative stocks, commencing with to-morrow morning.

Dealings in the gold and government markets today turned mainly upon the announcement made in the morning papers that Secretary Boutwell did not intend applying any bonds purchased by him to the creation of a sinking fund, but might reissue them. The immediate effect of this was to harden gold, which, opening at 137⅞, rapidly and steadily advanced to 138¾, whence it fell off again to 138⅜, rallying later, however, and closing in the Gold Room at three o'clock at 138½. The advance was likewise aided by despatches stating that bonds had fallen off in London, variously to 77¾ to 78, and reports of Cuban successes. Business was continued after the adjournment of the board at the high figure, but upon the receipt of improved quotations in London, the premium declined and stood at the close 137½ a 137⅝. Just about this time also information was received, although not generally circulated, that the statement credited to Secretary Boutwell of his intention to reissue whatever bonds he might purchase, if he saw fit, was never made by him. The contradiction was by his authority, and contained the additional announcement that he would not reissue.

This bit of telegraphic sensation appears to have been a stock jobbing fable, concocted in the interest of the gold gamblers operating for a rise in the premium and a decline in bonds, both of which objects were attained, notwithstanding the fact that the report was discredited by some of the leading houses from the first.

Gold was in free supply, increasing in ease towards the close, when transactions were at five and six per cent for carrying, the extreme rates paid being four to seven per cent. The following table will show the course of the premium during the day:—

10 A. M.	137¾	1 P. M.	138¾
10:02 A. M.	137¾	1:15 P. M.	138½
10:07 A. M.	137⅞	2:20 P. M.	138¾
10:08 A. M.	138	2:45 P. M.	138½
10:14 A. M.	138⅛	2:58 P. M.	138¾
11:10 A. M.	138⅛	3 P. M.	138½
11:15 A. M.	138¾	3:15 P. M.	138¾
12:40 P. M.	138½	4:30 P. M.	137½ a 137⅝
12:49 P. M.	138⅝		

The report of the Gold Exchange Bank for to-day is as follows:—

Gross clearings	$108,377,000
Gold balances	1,427,080
Currency balances	2,194,547

Foreign exchange was dull but steady during the day, and closed firm at the following rates:—Sterling, sixty days commercial, 108¾ a 108⅞; good to prime bankers', 108⅞ a 109¼; short sight, 109⅞ a 110; Paris, sixty days, 5.21¼ a 5.16¼; short sight, 5.15 a 5.13¾; Antwerp, 5.21¼ a 5.16¼; Switzerland, 5.21¼ a 5.16¼; Hamburg, 35⅜ a 35⅞; Amsterdam, 40⅛ a 40⅜; Frankfort, 40¼ a 40⅜; Bremen, 78¼ a 78¾; Prussian thalers, 70⅛ a 71¼.

Governments, under the depression occasioned by the same Washington despatch that sent gold up, opened weak and unsteady, continuing quite feverish through the day, in consequence of the decline. Towards afternoon, however, the market rallied and closed firm at five o'clock, at the following prices:—United States sixes, 1881, registered, 119½ a 119¾; do., coupon, 119¾ a 119¾; five-twenties, registered, 115¼ a 115½; do. do., coupon, 1862, 119¼ a 119¾; do. do., coupon, 1864, 115¼ a 115⅝; do. do., coupon, 1865, 116 a 116⅛; do. do., coupon, 1865, new, 117¼ a 117⅜; do. do., coupon, 1867, 117¼ a 117⅜; do. do., coupon, 1868, 117¼ a 117⅜; do., ten-forties, registered, 107¾ a 108; do. do., coupon, 108⅛ a 108¾; currency bonds, 106¾ a 106⅝.

The money market is without change, with a good supply of currency corresponding to an active demand. The rate on call loans remains at seven per cent, with the usual exceptions at six.

The influences which disturbed gold and governments failed to operate to any degree upon the general stock list, the market opening strongly active, New York Central selling at 182¾, and continuing with frequent fluctuations to maintain fair figures. The new system of dealing operated toward the close to produce a decline, brokers getting fatigued with their continuous labor in the Long Room and retiring earlier than usual. The principal transactions were in the speculative railway stocks, the expresses and miscellaneous shares, excepting Mariposa, in the latter, being neglected. Excepting New York Central and Hudson River, which sold highest in the morning, the latter at 159, the best prices were obtained about the middle of the day, Rock Island reaching to 132⅝, Fort Wayne 158, Harlem 150, Erie 32, Michigan Southern 107¾, Northwestern common 89¾, do. preferred 1.2½ and Ohio and Mississippi 33¾. The market fell off through the afternoon, the following being the prices at five o'clock, at the time of the close of the Long Room:—Wells-Fargo Express, 35½ a 35⅞; United States, 63¾; Quicksilver, 19½ bid; Canton, 61½ a 62; Mariposa, 24¼ a 24¾; do. preferred, 48½ 48¾; Pacific Mail, 92½; Western Union Telegraph, 43¼ a 43½; New York Central, 181⅝ a 181¾; Hudson River, 158 a 158¾; Reading, 96 a 96¼; Wabash, 76 a 76¼; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 77⅞ a 78⅛; do. preferred, 86¾ a 87; Fort Wayne, 154 a 154¾; Ohio and Mississippi, 33¼ a 33½; Michigan Central, 128 a 128¼; Michigan Southern, 107; Pittsburg, 92¾ a 93; Lake Shore, 106¾ a 107; Rock Island, 131¼; Northwestern, 88⅛ a 88¾; do. preferred, 101⅞ a 102.

Some little business was done on the street afterwards, but of a very straggling character. The changes made in the quotations will be found below.

State bonds, with light transactions, preserved their firmness throughout the day, and closed steady at five o'clock, as follows:—Tennessees, ex coupon, 68⅛ a 68¾; do., new, 66⅞ a 66½; Virginias, ex coupon, 57⅛ a 58; do., new, 62¼ bid; Georgia sixes, 82 a 83; do. sevens, 95¾ bid; North Carolinas, ex coupon, 60⅝ a 61; do., new, 55⅛ a 55⅞; Missouri sixes, 89¼ a 89½; Louisiana sixes, 73 a 74¾; do., levee do., 70 a 70¼.

The Gold Board had under consideration to-day a proposition to unite with the Stock Exchange, and appointed a committee of conference upon the subject. It is understood that a majority of the members of the Gold board who are already members of the Stock Exchange favor this union.

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.	Payments.	Balances.
May 10...	$466,930	$1,666,385	$1,159,062
May 11...	537,000	1,147,000	1,328,964

$83,708,063
83,526,788

The value of exports (exclusive of specie) from New York to foreign ports for the week ending today amounts to $4,622,424, against $2,809,834 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:—

	May 3.	May 10.	
Loans	$51,510,982	$51,936,530	Inc.. $425,548
Specie	201,758	270,525	Inc.. 68,766
Legal tenders	14,220,370	14,623,803	Inc.. 403,432
Due from banks	4,697,287	4,487,618	Dec. 209,699
Due to banks	6,107,589	5,638,390	Dec. 469,199
Deposits	32,863,692	33,840,413	Inc.. 976,721
Circulation	10,617,315	10,679,934	Inc.. 619
Clearings	31,557,587	40,726,900	Inc.. 9,169,313
Balances	2,498,042	3,216,898	Inc.. 718,856

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tuesday, May 11—10:15 A. M.

$3000 US 5's, '74, c	120	$5000 Del, Lack & West 2m	93
30:0 do bet call	120	1000 T & W equip bds	97
40000 US 5-20, reg, '62	113¾	10000 Great West 2d m	78
15000 do 2d call	113⅝	1000 Mil & St P 8's, 1st	106
2000 do	113⅝	1000 M & St P 1st l div	90
10:00 US 5-20, r, '64 3d c	115⅛	2000 Peninsular RR 1st	90
50000 US 5-20, c, '64	115⅛	11000 Mar Tr 10's, ctfs	75
7500 US 5-20, c, '65	115⅛	15000 do	75¼
60000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	117⅜	5000 do	75
1000 do	117⅜	1000 N J Cen, new bds	93½
35:00 US 5-20, c, '67	117⅜	5000 C, C & I Cent 1st	86½
22500 do	117⅜	20 shs Continental Bk	102
15000 do 3d call	117⅜	20 Merchants' Bk	118⅛
3 00 do 2d call	117⅜	20 Am Exchange Bk	112
15000 US 5's, 10-40, c	108⅞	50 Cen National Bk	113½
11000 do 2d call	108⅞	28 Fourth Nat Bk	108
20:0 US 6's, currency	106⅞	20 Del & Hud Canal	144
10000 do 3d call	106⅞	200 Mariposa M Co b c	24¾
12500 Tenn 6's, ex cou	68½	25 Merchants' Union Ex	15⅛
3000 do bet call	68⅛	700 Reading RR	96⅛

100 shs Mich C RR b30	129	100 shs Hud River RR	158
17 N J Central RR	112½	300 Harlem RR	148¼
100 do	113	200 Reading RR	96⅛
100 do	113¼	200 Mich Sou RR	107⅛
100 Chic & Alton RR	159⅛	500 do	107⅛
40 do	159	100 Illinois Central RR	145⅛
100 H & St Jo RR	116	1:00 Clev & Pitts RR	94
100 do	116⅛	200 Chicago & N W RR	89⅛
100 do	116⅛	100 do	89⅛
100 Col, C & I C RR	46⅞	100 do	89⅛
100 do	47	200 do	89
130 do b10	47	100 Chic & NW RR pf	102¼
100 Chic, Bur & Qy RR	187⅛	300 Chicago & R I RR	132¾
100 Nor & Wor RR	105	200 Mil & St Paul RR	78
400 Mil & St Paul pref	87	200 Mil & St P pref	86⅞
100 do b30	87⅛	500 H & St Jos RR pref	117
		300 C, C & I C RR	47

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Half-past Five o'Clock P. M.

U S Express	64 bid.		St Paul	77¾ a	78
Mariposa	24 a	24¼	Ft Wayne	155 a	155⅛
Pacific Mail	92 a	92⅛	Ohio & Miss	33¼ a	33⅜
West Un Tel	43¼ a	43⅜	Mich Southern	107¾ a	107⅞
N Y Central	181¾ a	181⅞	Pittsburg	93¼ a	93¾
Erie	30½ a	30¾	Lake Shore	107 a	107¼
Hudson River	158 a	158¾	Rock Island	131¼ a	131½
Reading	96 a	96¼	Northwestern	88¾ a	88⅞
Wabash	76 a	76¼	Northwestern pf	101¾ a	102

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

TUESDAY, May 11—6 P. M.

BEESWAX was slow of sale, and prices were heavy at 45c. a 46c.; 1,500 lbs. were sold at 46c.

BUILDING MATERIALS.—For most articles coming under this classification the market was quiet but steady. Eastern spruce was in moderate request, and with limited offerings prices were steady at $21 a $25 for common to choice schedules. Sales 200,000 feet. Laths were in moderately active demand, the sales being about 500,000, at $2 75 a $2 85. Lime was firm at $1 25 for common, and $1 75 for lump, with a fair inquiry. Rosendale cement was steady, at $2 per bbl.

COFFEE.—The market for Rio continued to rule quiet, and we heard of no sales. Prices favored the buyer. Other kinds were dull, but unchanged. We quote:—Rio, ordinary cargoes, 14c. a 14½c.; fair do., 15c. a 15½c.; good do., 16 a 16½c.; prime do., 17c. a 17½c.; extremes for lots, 14½c. a 18c.; Java, 24c. a 25c.; St. Domingo, 16c.; Singapore, 20c. a 22½c.; Maracaibo, 15½c. a 19½c.; Jamaica, 5c. a 16c.; Laguayra, 16½c. a 18½c.; Manila, Costa Rica and Mexican, 16c. a 18c., all gold duty paid. Messrs. William Scott & Son made the stock Rio to-day, as follows:—10,584 bags in New York, 3,400 in Baltimore, 19,000 in New Orleans, 2,500 in Boston, and 2,500 in Mobile.

COOPERAGE STOCK.—The demand for almost all kinds was light, but in prices there was no change. We quote:—Sugar shooks, 36 inch heads, $24 40 a $2 80; sugar shooks, 36 inch heads, $3 a $3 15; molasses do., $2 60 do., $2 80; rum do., $5 50; box do., 80c.; pipe do., $6 50 a $7; green hoops, 14 feet, $45 a $55, and green hoops, 12 feet, $40 a $45.

COPPER.—But little business was transacted in ingot, though the market closed steady at about former prices, viz.:—Baltimore 23¾c. a 24c., and Lake Superior 24c. a 24½c. The sales were 200,000 lbs. at 23¾c. for Baltimore and 24¼c. a 24c. for Lake Superior.

COTTON.—A good demand prevailed and a fair business was consummated, though prices were heavy and irregular, especially for the low grades, which were freely offered. The sales were 2,923 bales, of which 1,420 were taken by spinners, 946 by exporters and 547 by speculators. No sales were effected for future delivery. We annex the current quotations:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis.	New Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	24½	24½	24½
Good ordinary	26¼	26¼	26½
Low middling	27½	27½	28
Middling	28⅞	29¼	29½
Good middling	30½	31½	32½

COCOA was dull and unchanged. Maracaibo was quoted 27c. a 30c. gold, in bond, and Guayaquil 19½c. a 19½c., do., do.

CANDLES.—All kinds were but little sought after, but full prices were demanded, viz.:—Western and city adamantine, 18c. a 23c.; sperm, 48c., and patent, 58c.

COORDAGE, though quiet, was firm at our last quotations, viz.:—Manila, 22½c. a 23½c., and bolt rope, Russia, 21c.

DYEWOODS.—St. Domingo and Jamaica logwood was scarce and wanted, and prices were firm at $24 a $26, gold. Other kinds continued dull and nominal.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 7,506 bbls. flour, 292 bags do., 210 bbls. corn meal, 22,750 bushels wheat, 15,815 do. corn, 13,529 do. oats. The market for State and Western flour was moderately active, the inquiry being principally for the low grades, for shipment, which were held with firmness. Prices of other grades were without change. California was dull but unchanged. The sales were about 6,500 bbls. at prices within the range of the quotations subjoined. For Southern flour a moderate demand prevailed at former prices, the sales being 350 bbls. Rye flour was steady, with sales of 275 bbls. at our quotations. Corn meal, though quiet, was steady in value. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$5 00 a	$5 75
Superfine State	5 75 a	6 00
Extra State	6 00 a	6 50
Choice do	6 50 a	7 00
Superfine Western	5 75 a	6 00
Extra do	6 10 a	7 00
Extra Minnesota	7 00 a	8 00
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	6 25 a	7 00
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 50 a	9 00
St. Louis low extra	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 family	10 00 a	12 50
Southern superfine and extra	6 00 a	9 00
California flour (sacks and bbls)	9 00 a	10 00
Rye flour	4 75 a	6 85
Corn meal, city	4 10 a	4 40
Corn meal, Brandywine	4 75 a	—
Corn meal Jersey	4 25 a	4 35

—In wheat a moderate business was transacted, sales being restricted by the increased firmness of sellers, who demanded 1c. a 2c. higher prices in consequence of the favorable cable advices from Liverpool and the decline of ½d. a 1d. in freights. The sales were 45,000 bushels at $1 48 a $1 49 for No. 2 spring, $1 49½ a $1 50 for small lots do.; $1 90 for white Genesee; $1 85 for white Michigan, and $1 70 a $1 75 for California. Corn was only moderately sought after, and being freely offered, the market was heavy and prices were lower, closing heavy at 82c. for new and 86c. for old in store. The sales were 45,000 bushels at 82c. a 84c. for new mixed Western; 85c. a 86½c. for old do. afloat and in store, and 88c. a 90c. for yellow Western. Oats were dull and closed weak at 87c. in store. A few forced sales amounting to about 5,000 bushels, were sold at 87c. delivered from the cars. Rye continued in demand and firm; 8,000 bushels western were sold at $1 34. Both barley and barley malt were dull and nominal.

FREIGHTS.—The market exhibited rather more activity, but rates to all ports continued to rule heavy. The chartering business was more active, though the demand was almost entirely for petroleum vessels. The engagements were:—To Liverpool per steamer, 22,500 bushels wheat at 3d., 200 bales hops at ¾d., 250 tierces lard at 15s., 2,0 0 boxes bacon at 12s. 6d., 80 bbls. pork at 1s. 6d., 50 tons copper ore at 10s. To Glasgow per steamer, 30,000 bushels corn at 3½d. a 4d. To London, 60 tons wool at 15s., 2,038 bbls. flour at 1s. 3d., 200 bales hops at 16s., 1,000 bbls. petroleum 5s., 500 bbls. shoe oil at 1s. 6d., 140 tons reapers at 10s. and 100 do. sperm oil on private terms. To Antwerp, 50 hhds. tobacco at 25s., and per steamer, 2,200 bbls. rosin at 1s., 25 hhds. tallow at 20s. and 75 bbls. ashes at 22s. 6d. The charters were:—A North German bark to Bremen or Hamburg, with 2,000 bbls. petroleum at 5s.; a Norwegian bark from Philadelphia to the Baltic, with 2,300 bbls. petroleum at 4s.; an Italian brig, to Gibraltar for orders, with 1,000 bbls. petroleum at 3s. 6d.; an Italian brig, same voyage, with 500 bbls petroleum at 3s. 6d.; a Swedish bark from Philadelphia with 3,350 bbls. petroleum to the Baltic at 4s.; a Hamburg bark from Boston hence to Hamburg with 4,500 bbls. refined do. at 5s. 6d.; a Russian bark to the Baltic with 3,300 bbls. petroleum at 4s.; a bark to the Baltic with 2,500 bbls do. at 4s. 3d.; a British ship from Philadelphia to the Continent with 6,000 bbls. crude petroleum at 4s.; an American bark with 3,200 bbls. refined petroleum from Philadelphia to Cork for orders, United Kingdom or Continent; a British bark hence to the Continent with 3,000 bbls. crude petroleum on private terms; a British bark to Greenock with 3,300 bbls. tar at 5s., and a Norwegian bark to Cork for orders with 1,500 quarters grain at 4s.

FISH.—Dry cod were only in moderate request, but quite steady in value, George's being quoted $7 62½ a $7 75 per quintal. Mackerel were steady and firm, with a moderate demand and light stock. There were sales of about 250 bbls. at $29 a $29 50 for No. 1 bay, $26 50 a $27 for No. 1 Shore, $19 a $19 50 for No. 2 do.; $12 a $12 50 for large No. 3 and $10 50 a $11 for medium do. Box herring were quoted 46c. a 46c. for salted and 35c. for No. 1, though we heard of no sales of moment. Eastport and Labrador herring were dull and nominal at $6 a $6 50 per bbl. We quote:—Pickled scale $5 a $5 25 and do. cod $6 a $6 50.

GUNNIES were quiet, but steady at 16c. for bags, and 22½c. a 22c. for cloth.

HOPS.—The demand was only moderate, and prices remained heavy at 5c. a 15c. for inferior to choice grades.

HEMP was dull and nominal at 12½c. a 13c., gold, for Manila, 4½c. a 5c., do. for jute, 10c. a 10½c., do., for Sisal, and 8c. a 9c., do. for Tampico, in bond.

HIDES.—The market was quiet, there being but little demand, and prices were generally in favor of the buyer. The sales were 1,000 Texas on private terms. We quote:—Buenos Ayres, 25 a 27 lbs., 21c.; do. do., 20 a 23 lbs., 21c.; Montevideo, 21 a 23 lbs., 20½c. a 21c.; Corrientes, 21½ a 22 lbs., 20c.; Rio Grande, 20 a 22 lbs., 21c.; Orinoco, 21 a 23 lbs., 23c. a 20½c.; California, 22 a 25 lbs., 20c. a 20½c.; Central American, 18 a 21 lbs., 18½c. a 19½c.; Matamoros, 22 a 24 lbs., 16c. a 18c.; Vera Cruz, 18 a 19 lbs., 18½c. a 19½c.; Tampico, 20 a 22 lbs., 18½c. a 19½c.; Bogota, 18 a 20 lbs., 19c. a 2 c.; Maracaibo, 20 a 25 lbs., 14c. a 15c., all gold.

IRON.—Scotch pig was in but little demand, but holders were firm in their views, owing to the smallness of the stock; prices ranged from $41 50 to $45; sales 100 tons Eglinton from yard on private terms. For American the market was dull and heavy, though prices were not quotably lower. No. 1 being quoted $40 a $42 and No. 2 $38 a $40; the sales were 100 tons Mineral Vale on private terms. Refined bar was quoted $85 a $90, without sales of any consequence. Rails, though quiet, were firmly held at $75 a $77, currency, for American and $56 a $56 50, gold, for English.

LEAD, though quiet, was steady at $6 30 a $6 35, gold, for ordinary. Foreign bar was quoted 10½c. and sheet and pipe 12c.

LEATHER.—The market for hemlock sole was unchanged, being tolerably active and steady for heavy weights, but quiet for others. The receipts continue fair. Oak was only moderately sought after, and prices of most descriptions were heavy. We quote:—Hemlock—Buenos Ayres, heavy, 27c. a 28c. per lb.; do., middle, 30c. a 31c.; do., light, 30c. a 31½c.; do., California, heavy, 26c. a 27c.; do., middle, 30c. a 31c.; do., light, 30c. a 31c.; do., Orinoco, &c., heavy, 26c. a 28c.; do., middle, 29c. a 30c.; do., light, 29½c. a 30½c.; do., good damaged, all kinds and weights, 24c. a 27c.; do., poor do., 20c. a 23c.; do., in the rough, 35c. a 39c. Oak slaughter, heavy, 38c. a 40c.; do., middle, 38c. a 44c.; do., light, 38c. a 40c.; do., cropped, heavy, 40c. a 42c.; do., middle, 42c. a 46c.; do., light, 42c. a 46c.; do., in the rough, heavy, 38c. a 44c.; middle, 38c. a 42c.; light, 38c. a 44c.; do., bellies, 22c. a 23c.

MOLASSES.—The demand was moderate and we heard of no sales. Previous prices were demanded, however. We quote:—New Cuba muscovado, refining grades, 48c. a 52c.; do., grocery, do., 53c. a 60c.; Cuba clayed, 43c. a 50c.; Cuba centrifugal and mixed, 40c. a 45c.; Porto Rico, 55c. a 80c.; New Orleans, 73c. a 85c., and Demerara 50c. a 70c.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits turpentine was only in moderate demand and the market was a shade lower, closing at 45½c. for merchantable and 46½c. a 47c. for shipping lots. The sales were 275 bbls., at 45½c. for merchantable, 46½c. for New York bbls. and 47c. for shipping.

OIL CAKE.

State firkins, extra yellow	per lb.	35	a 40
State firkins, fair to good		30	a 35
Welsh tubs, fair to good		27	a 33
Western firkins, fair to good		25	a 30
Canada, fair to good		25	a 30
Western and Canada, common		23	a 25

NEW CROP BUTTER.

State, half firkin tubs, good to extra		40	a 42
State, Welsh tubs, good to prime		37	a 39
Orange and Sussex, fresh pails, good to extra		43	a 45
Western tubs, fair to good		33	a 36
State and Western, common		30	a 35

OLD CHEESE.

Factory dairies, fancy and cheddar shapes		22	a 23
Factory dairies, fair qualities		20	a 21½
Farm dairies, fancy and extra quality		22	a 23
Farm dairies, fair to good		21	a 22

NEW CHEESE.

Factory dairies, fair to good		20	a 22½
Factory dairies, common		16	a 18

PETROLEUM.—Crude, in bbls., was in moderate demand for export, but at lower prices, the market closing at 22½c. a 23c. There were sales of 3,500 bbls. on private terms. Crude in bulk was in light demand, and prices were heavy and irregular, closing at about 16½c. No sales were reported. For refined the market continued active, but the offerings were considerable and prices were again lower, closing at 32c. for standard white on the spot and 32½c. for do. for the balance of this month. The sales were 19,000 bbls., partly for export, including 2,000 on the spot at 32c., 7,000 for the first half June at 32½c., seller's option, 2,000 for the first half do. at the same price, 1,500 for the last half do. at 32½c., 1,000 do. at 32 ½c., 1,500 for May at 32½c. and 3,000 for the first half July at 33c. In Philadelphia a fair business was consummated, but the market was weak, closing at 32c. for refined on the spot and about 32½c. for the balance of this month. The sales were 15,000 bbls., including 500 bbls. standard white at 32c., 4,000 do. for the balance this month at 32½c., 20,000 do. for August at 32½c., 1,000 do. for June at 32c., 2,000 do. for July at 32c., 1,000 for May and June on private terms, 2,000 from May to August at 32c., and 2,000 do. buyer's option for all the year at 33c.

RICE.—Carolina was steady, with sales of 150 tierces at 9c. a 9¼c. for fair to good. Of Rangoon, 400 bags were sold at 8½c. a 8¾c.

SEEDS.—Linseed was still dull and nominal at $2 18 a $2 20, gold, duty paid. Clover was steady at 15c. a 16c., while timothy was dull at $4 a $4 50, and rough flax steady at $2 60 a $2 70.

SALT was in fair request and, with a light stock, the market was firm for all descriptions. Jobbers' prices were:—$3 75 a $3 85 for Ashton's per sack; $3 75 a $2 85 for Marshall's and Worthington's do.; $2 60 a $2 70 for Evans', Lea's, &c.; $3 a $3 25 for Higgins'; $1 90 a $2 for ground, and 50c. a 55c. for Turks Island per bushel.

SKINS.—Goat were fairly active for Mexicans, but dull for other kinds; prices were steady. Sales 80 bales Mexicans and 33 do. Capes on private terms. A moderate business was transacted in deer at full prices, the sales being 6,000 lbs. Matamoros, 8,700 do. Truxillo, 1,000 do. Central American and 1,200 do. Para, on private terms. We quote:—Goat—Tampico, 52½c. a 55c. per lb., gold; Matamoros, 52½c. a 55c., do.; Vera Cruz, 50c. a 52½c., do.; Buenos Ayres, 42½c. a 50c., currency; Payta, 50c., do.; Curacoa, 50c. a 52½c.; Cape, 40c. a 50c., do. Deer—Honduras, 44c. per lb., currency; Vera Cruz, 45c. a 47½c., do.; Central American, 45c. a 50c., do.; San Juan, 38c. a 40c., do.; Sisal, 45c. a 47c., do.; Angostura, 30c. a 31c., do.; Para, 46c., do.

SUGAR.—The demand for raw was tolerably active, and prices were steady at yesterday's quotations. The sales were 6,100 hhds. (chiefly for refining) at 11¾c. a 12½c. for Cuba, 12½c. for Porto Rico, and 15½c. for clarified Demerara; also 530 boxes, part at 11¾c. a 13c. Refined was in fair request and higher, hard selling at 16½c. a 16¾c. soft white, 14½c. a 15½c.; yellow, 13½c. a 14½c., and extra, 14½c. a 14¾c. We quote:—Cuba—Inferior to common refining, 10½c. a 11½c.; fair refining, 11½c. a 11¾c., good refining, 11¾c. fair to good grocery, 12c. a 12½c.; prime to choice grocery, 12½c. a 12¾c.; centrifugals, hhds. and boxes, 10½c. a 13½c.; molasses, hhds. and boxes, 10c. a 11½c.; melado, 6c. a 9c. Havana—Boxes D. S. Nos. 7 to 9, 11½c. a 12c.; do. do. 10 to 12, 12½c. a 12¾c.; do. do. 13 to 15, 13c. a 13½c.; do. do. 16 to 18, 13¾c. a 14½c.; do. do. 19 to 20, 14¾c. a 15½c.; do. do. white, 14½c. a 15½c.; Porto Rico, refining grades, 11½c. a 12c.; do., grocery grades, 12½c. a 13¾.

STEARINE was steady, with small sales, at 18½c. a 18¾c., in hhds. and tierces.

SPERMACETI.—Refined was dull at 45c.

SPELTER.—Silesian was quiet but steady at 6¼c. a 6½c., gold. We heard of no sales of moment.

TALLOW was steady, with sales of 40,000 lbs., at 11¾c. a 11½c.

TIN.—Pig was firmer owing to the advance in gold and the favorable news from Europe, the market closing at 33c. a 33½c., gold, for Straits on the spot; 31½c. do. for do. to arrive; 35c. a 35½c. do. for Banca, and 31c. for English. The sales were 250 blocks Straits on private terms at 33½c., gold, and 1,000 do. (part to arrive here) on private terms. Of English 7 tons were sold at 31c., gold. Plates were dull and heavy; sales 300 boxes assorted charcoal on private terms. We quote:—I. C. charcoal, $8 62½ a $8 75; I. C. coke, $6 75 a $7 50; coke terne, $6 12½ a $6 25, and charcoal do., $8 a $8 27½, all gold.

TOBACCO.—For Kentucky the market was still active, the demand being principally for the low grades, and prices were firm. The sales were 1,000 hhds., at from 7c. to 14c. Seed leaf was quiet, the sales being limited to 26 cases 1868 crop, Connecticut and 25 do. 1866 do. do., on private terms. Havana was in good demand, and 300 bales were sold at $1 05. We quote:—

Kentucky New Crop.	Light Leaf.	Heavy Western and Clarksville.
Common lugs, per lb	5c. a 5½c.	7c. a 8c.
Good lugs	6c. a 7c.	8½c. a 10c.
Common leaf	7½c. a 8½c.	10½c. a 12c.
Medium leaf	9c. a 10½c.	12½c. a 13½c.
Good leaf	11c. a 12½c.	14c. a 15c.
Fine leaf	12c. a 14c.	15½c. a 18c.
Selections	14½c. a 15c.	Old Crop.
Seedleaf.		
Connecticut and Massachusetts fillers	8c. a 12½c.	
Wrappery lots	18c. a 45c.	
Fine wrappers	50c. a 65c.	
New York State fillers	7½c. a 9c.	
Average lots	12c. a 25c.	
Wrappers	15c. a 40c.	
Pennsylvania and Ohio fillers	7½c. a 8c.	
Average lots	12c. a 20c.	
Wrappers	12½c. a 35c.	

Havana—Common, 82½c. a 85c.; good 95c. a $1; fine $1 02½ a $1 10.

YARN—One cut, 75c. a 80c.; two cut, $1 02 a $1 08; average lot, 85c. a 92½c.

WOOL.—The demand for fleece is light, as it is usually during the fore part of the week, and, with fair offerings, the market is weak for almost all grades, though prices are no lower than they were last week. Pulled continues in fair request, and prices are decidedly in favor of the seller. Texas is slow of sale, but held at full prices, in consequence of the smallness of the stock, while California is steady for spring, but dull and weak for fall, which is in fair stock. For foreign the market continues dull, and prices of almost all descriptions are entirely nominal. We append the current quotations:—Fleece—Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, choice Saxony, 60c. a 65c.; X and XX, 62c. a 65c.; ¾ and ⅝, 47c. a 50c.; common and ½, 47c. a 50c.; New York, Michigan and Indiana, X and above, 46c. a 50c.; ¾ and ⅝, 47c. a 50c.; common and ½, 47c. a 50c.; Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, X and above, 46c. a 50c.; common to ¾, 47c. a 50c.; Texas, medium to fine, 32c. a 37c.; burry to common, 23c. a 27c.; unwashed fleece, 54c. a 62c.; California, spring clip, A2 and A. P., 31c. a 37c.; fall clip lambs, A. P., 26c. a 28c.; A1, 23c. a 26c.; A2, 22c. a 25c.; B, 21c. a 24c.; extra pulled California, 30c. a 40c.; super do., 30c. a 38c.; low do., 24c. a 30c. The sales are 90,000 lbs. fleeces at 48c. a 65c., including small lots picklock at 60c. a 65c.; 40,000 low and medium Ohio at 46c. a 50c.; 25,000 X to XX Ohio at 51c. a 54c., 4,000 X and above Pennsylvania at 50c., 30,000 Ohio and Pennsylvania on private terms; also 45,000 lbs. pulled at 42c. a 46c. for super and extra, and 38½c. a 40c for heavy city extra; 10,000 lbs. California, at 32c. a 37c for spring and 23c. a 28c. for fall and small lots Texas at former prices. Of foreign the sales are 75 bales Cape on private terms.

WHISKEY.—Receipts, 561 bbls. The market was dull and prices were entirely nominal at 97c. a 98c., tax paid.

WHALEBONE was quiet, but steady in value. The sales were 5,000 lbs. Arctic at 92c., gold, and 3,000 lbs. do. on private terms.

WHALEOILS were quiet at 95c. for unbleached and 10½c. a 11c. for bleached, which were scarce.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE QUAKER CITY.

A Revenue Cutter Watching Her Movements—She is Searched by Officers and Men from the Cutter.

The sidewheel steamship Quaker City is lying at the foot of Twelfth street, East river, at the wharf of the Novelty Iron Works. She is on the south side of the wharf, and the Arizona, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, on the north side. Anchored in the stream, about a hundred yards to the northeast of the Arizona is the United States revenue cutter McCullough, her guns directed towards the end of the wharf. This warlike attitude has been assumed in consequence of an intimation made by Mr. Roberts, the Spanish Minister at Wasnington, to the Secretary of State that the Quaker City was about to sail for Cuba with arms and munitions of war for the revolutionists. The officer in charge of the Quaker City denies all knowledge of any such intention on the part of her owner, an Englishman, who has lately purchased her, but whose name cannot be ascertained. There is nothing about her to indicate such a purpose. Some alterations are being made in her deck house and in the hold of the vessel, and her windlass is to be moved further aft. Yesterday she was visited by two officers and four men from the revenue cutter, who made a tour of inspection, but could discover, so the officer in charge states, nothing contraband of war or anything to indicate that she is to be used as a vessel of war, and retired, expressing themselves perfectly satisfied.

Previous to this the officer in command of the cutter had directed that she should exchange places with the Arizona, but on representations made by the authorities at the works she was allowed to remain where she is. The alterations and repairs on board are being conducted as rapidly as possible, and everything seems to indicate that she will very shortly be ready to put to sea. The officer in charge states that there will not be the slightest difficulty in obtaining her clearance.

EASTERN SHIPBUILDING.—The Calais (Me.) *Advertiser* says:—"The Messrs. Short have laid the keel and commenced timbering out a ship of about a thousand tons burden on the St. Stephen side. There are four schooners in course of construction in Calais, three or four in Robbinston, three or four in Perry, four in Eastport and four in Pembroke, we understand. Shipbuilding is not as brisk as usual in Calais, or as it was expected it would be this season."

INVITATION TO THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET TO ATTEND THE BOSTON MUSICAL JUBILE