FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY, June 22—6 P. M.

The fact is definitely settled that there will be no change in the present programme of gold sales and bond purchases by the government before the 1st of July, when the new fiscal year will begin. Secretary Boutwell was known not to be in Washington, and hence the discredit of the rumor in the street last night, which was subsequently verified, that he would so modify his policy on and after the 1st proximo as to provide for the sale of less than two millions of gold weekly. The letter of instructions on the subject, it will be noticed, is signed by the acting Secretary of the Treasury, instead of by Mr. Boutwell, who passed through the city to-day in returning from his Eastern tour. The letter referred to is addressed to the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Van Dyck, and says:—

After the close of the present fiscal year, and until further notice, the Secretary of the Treasury will purchase one million of bonds in alternate weeks, commencing Thursday, July 1, and will offer for sale one million of gold on alternate weeks, commencing Thursday, July 8, subject to the usual conditions.

Under the new programme the annual contribution to the sinking fund will be about $25,000,000. This is just one per cent of the national debt. Mr. Boutwell is therefore simply about to put in force during the ensuing fiscal year the law of the sinking fund. In buying $25,000,000 he will be acting up to its spirit and will discharge his duty. Should the revenues of the government continue to warrant a greater reduction of the debt than one per cent per annum he will be able to avail himself of his undisputed right so to employ the Treasury balance at any time. To those who wish to see fair play and justice this policy must commend itself as perfectly correct. The Sinking Fund act was never put in force until he first made it operative. His platform is a simple one. In future he will cancel the national debt at the rate of one per cent per annum. If there be a surplus in the Treasury he will feel himself at liberty to buy bonds to an amount not greater than a sum equal to one per cent for the time the law was allowed to remain a dead letter by his predecessors. The street was disposed to favorably interpret the effect of the change, and a buoyant feeling set in. The earliest rate for money was gold interest upon stocks, but the prominent government houses obtained all they wished at seven per cent currency. Discounts remained as heavy as yesterday, and some "gilt-edged" paper was offering at nine to ten per cent. In the afternoon there was a rather sharp demand for funds, and the stringency of previous days again visited the market, as high as one-eighth and interest being paid to make accounts good at bank, which, from the fact that "cash" stock was sold as late as fifteen minutes to four o'clock, evidently remained open beyond their usual time to accommodate dilatory customers. The "bears" were again at work operating on the feelings of their opponents by alleging that the change in the policy of the Secretary of the Treasury would not bring relief, for the reason that his new programme would continue to increase his currency balance by the difference between the price of a million of gold and that of a million of bonds. Even if this difference be trivial the new plan will disburse none of the thirty millions which the present plan has transferred to its vaults, and which constitutes a contraction of the currency to that extent until he finds some means of returning it to circulation. The foreign exchange market was nominally steady, the prime bankers maintaining their rates at 109¾ for sixty days and 110¾ for sight sterling. Bills out of second hands were sold at concessions of an eighth to a quarter per cent upon these quotations, the holders being forced to realize or choosing to employ the money on call. The following shows the range of rates:—Sterling, sixty days, commercial, 108¾ a 109¼; good to prime bankers', 109¾ a 109⅝; short sight, 110¼ a 110¾; 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, 35¼ a 35¾; Amsterdam, 39⅞ a 40¼; Frankfort, 39⅞ a 40¼; Bremen, 77¾ a 78¾; Prussian thalers, 70¼ a 71.

Government bonds were irregular, with the general market, and sympathized with gold. In the buoyant feeling which carried the price of the latter up to 138¼ the '67's sold at 119¾; but the whole market reacted late in the afternoon with the decline in gold and the renewed activity in money. The following were the closing street quotations:—United States sixes, 1881, registered, 116¾ a 117; do. do., coupon, 121¼ a 121½; do., five-twenties, registered, 116¼ a 116¾; do. do., coupon, 1862, 122¾ a 122¾; do. do., coupon, 1864, 116¾ a 117; do. do., coupon, 1865, 118¾ a 118½; do. do., coupon, 1865, new, 119½ a 119⅝; do. do., coupon, 1867, 119¾ a 119½; do. do., coupon, 1868, 119¼ a 119½; do., ten-forties, registered, 107¾ a 107⅝; do. do., coupon, 108 a 108¼; currency bonds, 106 a 106½.

In Southern securities there was a continued weakness in Tennessees, the new bonds selling down to 60 late in the afternoon. Prices closed as follows:—Tennessees, ex coupon, 62½ a 63; do., new, 59 a 60; Virginias, ex coupon, 56½ a 57; do., new, 60½ a 61; Georgia sixes, 82 a 83; do., sevens, 95½ a 97; North Carolinas, ex coupon, 58½ a 59½; do., new, 55¼ a 56; Missouri sixes, 91½ a 92; Louisiana sixes, 72 a 73; do. levee sixes, 67 a 67½; do. do., eights, 86 a 87; Alabama eights, 99 a 100; do., fives, 65 a 67. South Carolina sixes, old, 82 a 84; do., of '67, 76 a 78; do. of '69, 70 a 71.

The following were the bids for the city bank stocks:—New York, 133; Mechanics', 136; City, 200; Phenix, 109; Tradesmen's, 150; National, 112; Merchants' Exchange, 119; Leather Manufacturers', 180, Seventh Ward 115; State of New York, 112; Commerce, 128; Ocean, 107; American Exchange, 113½; Chatham, 160; Bank of the Republic, 120; Bank of North America, 110; Hanover, 112; Metropolitan, 143½; People's, 143; Market, 125; Nassau, 105; Shoe and Leather, 132½; Corn Exchange, 130; Continental, 102¼; Commonwealth, 117½; Park, 160; Manufacturers and Merchants', 102; Central National, 116; Fourth National, 107; Ninth National, 116; Oriental, 150; Gold Exchange, 140; Bankers and Brokers' Association, 109.

The gold market was quite irregular, the opening price being 137⅞, the highest 138¼, the lowest 136⅞ and the closing 137¼. It will be seen that these figures indicate the fulfilment of the clique strategy so visible yesterday. Becoming possessed of the knowledge of Mr. Boutwell's change of policy they bought gold at prices ranging from 136⅞ to 137 and sold it to-day at 137 to 138¼. The clearings at the Gold Bank were over a hundred millions yester day. It is fair to presume that they were purchasers of a large fraction of this sum. Even a profit of one per cent would net an enormous amount. The surreptitious obtainance of this knowledge by the clique is a matter which Mr. Boutwell should immediately investigate; otherwise he will lay himself open to the charge which was so frequently made against Mr. McCulloch, viz., that he was the tool of the gamblers of Wall street. The market to-day exhibited a lack of faith on the part of the clique in a higher premium, for they steadily unloaded at the advanced figures. The street in first discovering the fact, run the price down to 136⅞, but the recovery at the close was in sympathy with the general upward turn in values late in the day. The course of the market was as follows:—

10 A. M.	137⅞	2:40 P. M.	137⅞
10:05 A. M.	137⅞	3 P. M.	137½
10:15 A. M.	138	3:30 P. M.	137⅞
10:30 A. M.	138¼	4 P. M.	137¼
11 A. M.	138	4:45 P. M.	137
12 M.	137⅞	4:50 P. M.	136⅞
1 P. M.	137⅞	5 P. M.	137½
2 P. M.	137⅞	5:30 P. M.	137¼ a 137½

The rate for carrying gold ranged from seven to ten per cent during the time to Clearing House, with an exceptional transaction as low as five per cent. In the afternoon the figures were more dependent upon the general money market, and 1-32 and 3-64 were paid. The disbursements of coin interest to-day amounted to $23,010. The steamship Cimbria, for Europe to-day, took out $129,000 in specie. The following is the report of the Gold Exchange Bank:—

Gold cleared	$42,035,000
Gold balances	1,900,688
Currency balances	2,745,789

The stock market underwent two distinct general fluctuations in sympathy with the money market. From the outset there was a buoyant feeling, which, in the middle of the day, carried prices to the highest attained since the inception of the present stringency, the street being confident of a better order of things under the change in the Treasury plan of gold sales. The advance brought out sellers, however, and as money began to become more active as three o'clock approached there was a renewal of the apprehensive feeling, and prices went off again, but not to the lowest of the day. The exception was Pacific Mail, which broke to 85½, recovering eventually to 86. After banking hours the "bull" speculation set in again, led on by a sharp upward turn in Michigan Southern, which rose to 106¾, in the expectation that the stockholders' meeting of the Buffalo and Erie Railroad will result in a consolidation of all the railway interests between Buffalo and Chicago. Under this stimulus there was a return to the highest prices of the day for some of the list, New York Central advancing to 190, Reading to 98 and Hudson River to 159¾. In the noon activity Northwestern rose to 78¾ for the common and 94½ for the preferred, while Rock Island, which was heavily sold all day, touched 117¼. The following were the closing prices on the call at the last session of the Stock Exchange:—Cumberland, 33 a 34; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 30¼ a 30½; American Express, 40 a 40½; Adams Express, 60 bid; United States Express, 69½ a 70; Merchants' Union Express, 14¾ a 15; Quicksilver, 14½ a 15; Canton, 61¾ a 63½; Mariposa, 7¾ bid; do. preferred, 16 a 16½; Pacific Mail, 86½ a 86¾; Western Union Telegraph, 38¼ a 38¾; New York Central, 189¾ a 189½; Hudson River, 159 a 159¾; Harlem, 144½; Reading, 97¾ a 98; Chicago and Alton, 154½ a 156; Alton and Terre Haute, 39½; do. preferred, 59 a 62; Wabash, 69¾ a 70¼; do. preferred, 82; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 72½ a 72¾; do. preferred, 84½; Fort Wayne, 155¼ a 157; Ohio and Mississippi, 32¾ a 32¾; Michigan Central, 132½ a 133; Michigan Southern, 105¾ a 105¾; Illinois Central, 142½ a 144; Pittsburg, 96 a 96½; Rock Island, 116¾ a 116¾; Northwestern, 78 a 78½; do. preferred, 94 a 94¼; Boston Water Power, 15¾ a 16½; New Jersey Central, 106½ a 107; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 122½ a 124; do. preferred, 119½ a 120; Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central, 40½ a 40½.

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

	June 14.	June 21.		
Loans	$53,124,800	$55,840,058	Inc.	$715,298
Specie	152,451	148,795	Dec.	3,666
Legal tenders	15,178,332	14,972,123	Dec.	206,209
Due f'm banks	4,627,886	4,284,486	Dec.	343,400
Due to banks	5,888,776	6,394,681	Inc.	505,900
Deposits	36,116,301	35,672,220	Dec.	444,081
Circulation	10,621,932	10,617,864	Dec.	4,068
Clearings	34,430,205	38,392,356	Inc.	3,962,141
Balances	2,955,725	3,087,126	Inc.	831,401

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

The banks, it will be seen by their return of averages for the past week, increased their loans $715,298, and in lessening their liabilities of deposits and circulation $443,149; lost of their reserve of coin and legal tenders $209,365, or nearly fifty per cent. The banks are not, therefore, in this respect, relatively as strong as they were last w eck.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tuesday, June 22—10:15 A. M.

$10000 US 6's,'81,cou	121½	10 shs NY Cen RR	188
73300 US 5-20, c,'65, o	119¾	100 Lake Shore &MS RR	104¾
15300 US 5-20, c, '67...c	119¾	2100 do	105
20000 do	119¾	100 do	105⅛
3500 US 5's, 10-40, c...c	105	400 do	105¼
20500 Tenn 6's, new	61	500 do	105⅜
5000 do.....bet call	63¾	1000 do.....c	105¼
21000 Tenn 6's, ex c..b c	63	400 Mil & St P pref.	85
9600 N C 6's, new	55½	300 do	85½
10000 S Car 6's, new	70¾	100 Tol, Wab & W RR	68½
10000 do.....bet c	70½	400 C & N W RR	78¾
5000 Mo 6's, H &StJo iss	92	150 do	78¼
100 Missouri 6's	91¾	500 do.....c	78¼
3000 do	92	500 do	78⅛
5000 Va 6's, ex c	56¾	500 do.....c	78⅛
5000 do.....bet call	57	500 do	78⅛
2500 NY 6's, '74	102	15 C. C, Cin & I RR	72
10000 N Y C 6's, '87	91	500 Chic & N W RR pf	94¾
1000 Erie 3d mtge	88¾	100 do	94¾
1000 Harlem 1st mtg	109¾	100 Chic & Rk I RR	116¾
2000 Chic & NW 1st m	91	2500 do	117
4000 Tol & Wab 1st mtg	32	100 do.....b10	117¼
3000 Del, Lack&W 1st m	98	80 do	117¼
3000 Han & St Jos c	122	300 do.....b15	117¾
4000 Chic & Alt 1st	104	100 Mil & St Paul RR	72¾
2000 M & St P 1st	93¾	300 do	72¾
1000 Mil & St P 7-10 con	93	100 do	72¾
10000 C, C & I Cent 1st	83½	200 Pitts, Fort W&Chic.c	135¾
1000 Am D & Im C, 7's	96¾	700 Ohio & Miss RR	32¾
9 shs Continental Bk	102¾	35 Del, Lack & West	116¾
200 Shoe & Leather Bk	132	200 N J Central RR	107
5 Fourth Nat Bk	107¾	100 do	106¾
15 Ninth Nat Bank	116	166 do	106¾
6 Del & Hud Canal	130	100 do	106¾
100 Brunswick C Land	11	100 do.....b15	107¼
100 Mer Union Ex..bet c	15	200 do.....b15	107¾
100 Illinois Cen RR	143¾	21 Morris & Es RR	89
1100 Clev & Pitts RR	95¼	50 Joliet & Chicago RR	96
500 do	95¾		

12 M. and 2:15 o'Clock P. M.

$2000 US 6's, '81, c	121¼	$10,000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	119¾
10000 do	121¼	20000 do	119⅝
20000 do	121¾	10000 US 5-20, r, '65, n	115⅞
7000 US 5-20, reg, '62	116¾	45000 do	115⅛
6300 US 5-20, c, '62	122¼	10000 US 5-20, c, '67	119¾
10000 do.....b15	122¼	25000 do	119¾
10000 do.....b20	122¾	100000 do.....c	119¾
4500 US 5-20, c, '64	117¾	17000 US 5's, 10-40, reg	107¾
25500 US 5-20, c, '65	118¾	2000 US 6's, currency	106½

One o'Clock P. M.

$5000 Tenn 6's, ex c	63	200 shs L Shore&MS RR	105¾
6000 Tenn 6's, new	60¾	1200 do	105¾
20000 do	60½	200 do.....bet c	106
15000 Va 6's, new	61	200 Chicago & N W RR.c	78
30000 N Car 6's, new	55½	100 do	78¼
10000 do	55¼	500 do	78¼
1000 Chic&NW 10's,eq bs	100	100 do	78⅛
1000 C, C&Ind Cent 1st	83½	100 do	78
6000 Del,Lack&W,1st m	98	500 do	78⅛
100 shs Quicksilver Min	14⅞	100 do.....b30	78⅛
200 do	15	200 Mil & St P RR	90
200 Pac M SS Co	86½	100 do	72¾
100 do.....s30	86	100 Mil & St Paul pref	84¾
50 do.....bet c	86	400 do	84¾
68 West U Tel.....ex d	38	10 C, Col Cin & I RR	73
10 Am Mer U Ex	39¾	100 Tol, Wab & West	70¼
100 do	40¼	100 do	70⅛
5 Adams Express	69	400 do	70
100 N Y Cent RR.....c	189¾	100 N J Central RR	106
100 do.....b3	189¾	200 do.....b3	106¾
200 Hud River RR	159¾	50 do	107
100 do.....b10	160	100 do.....2d call	106¾
200 Reading RR	97⅞	100 P. Ft W & Chi RR	155¼
200 do.....b3	98	100 Han & St Jo RR..b c	120¾
1500 do	98	100 H & St Jos pref	120
50 Mich Cent RR	133	100 do.....b c	119⅞
500 Chicago & R I RR	116¾	300 Col, C & I C RR	40
500 do	116¾	100 Ohio & Miss RR	32¾

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Five o'Clock P. M.

Pacific Mail	85¾ a 86	St Paul pref	84 a 84¼
West Un Tel,ex d	38¼ a 38¾	Ft Wayne	156½ a 157¼
N Y Central	189¾ a 190	Ohio & Miss	32¼ a 32½
Erie	29¾ a 30	Mich Southern	106¼ a 106¾
Hudson River	159 a 159¼	Rock Island	116¾ a 116¾
Reading	98 a 98¼	Northwestern	78¼ a 78½
St Paul	72 a 72¼	Northwestern pf	94¼ a 94¾

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

TUESDAY, June 22—6 P. M.

BEESWAX has ruled steady, with small sales within the range of 46c. a 48c.

BUILDING MATERIALS.—A fair degree of activity prevailed in the market for most articles coming under this classification. For Eastern spruce the demand was tolerably active, and, the offerings being only moderate, the market was firm at $19 50 a $23 for common to choice schedules. There were sales of 750,000 feet within the range of these prices. Laths were steady at $2 75, with sales of 600,000 at that price. Lime though quiet was steady at $1 25 for common and $1 50 for lump. Rosendale cement was in fair request at $3, while bricks were freely sought after at $8 a $11 for North river, $6 50 a $8 for pale, $16 a $18 for Croton and $45 a $50 for Philadelphia front.

CANDLES were dull, the demand being confined to small lots, but prices were steady at 18c. a 23c. for Western and city adamantine, 48c. for sperm and 58c. for patent.

COTTON.—The demand from all classes of buyers continued light, and holders generally being anxious to realize the market was heavy and prices receded ⅛c. per lb. The sales were only 843 bales (including 132 to arrive), of which 547 were taken by spinners, 163 by speculators and 132 by exporters. For future delivery the sales were 150 bales—basis, low middling for December at 24⅝c. a 25c. We quote:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis.	New Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	27	27¼	27½
Good ordinary	29	29¼	29¾
Low middling	32	32¼	32¾
Middling	33	33	33½
Good middling	34	34¼	35½

COPPER.—For ingot the market was dull and heavy, closing at about 22c. for all kinds. There were sales of 300,000 lbs., chiefly at 22c. for Lake. Some sales were rumored as low as 21½c., but we could not trace them to a reliable source.

COFFEE.—Rio was in improved demand, and sales were made of 1,100 bags ex steamer Merrimac, and 500 do. ex Wanderer, on private terms. Of Laguayra sales were reported of 1,500 bags on private terms. Other kinds were dull but unchanged. We quote:—Rio, ordinary cargoes, 13½c. a 13¾c.; fair do., 14¼c. a 14¾c.; good do., 15¼c. a 16c.; prime do., 16¼c. a 16½c.; extremes for lots, 13¾c. a 17¾c.; Java, 22½c. a 25c.; Singapore, 20c. a 22½c.; Ceylon, 17c. a 19½c.; Laguayra, 16¼c. a 18½c.; Maracaibo, 16c. a 19c.; Jamaica, 15c. a 16c.; St. Domingo, 15c. a 15½c., and Manila, Costa Rica and Mexican 16c. a 19c., all gold, duty paid. Messrs. William Scott & Sons made the stock Rio to-day as follows:—149,291 bags in New York, 45,400 in Baltimore, 17,600 in New Orleans, 4,600 in Mobile and 2,500 in Boston.

COOPERAGE STOCK was in light demand, but prices were without alteration. We quote:—Sugar shooks, 28 inch heads, $3 a $3 10; sugar shooks, 26 inch do., $2 40 a $2 80; molasses do., 32 inch do., $2 60 a $2 80; rum do., $5 25 a $5 50; box do., $80; pipe do., $6 50 a $7; green hoops, 14 feet, $45 a $50, and green hoops, 12 feet, $40 a $45.

CORDAGE.—Manilla continued steady at 24c. a 25c., with a moderate demand.

COCOA was dull and nominal, at 10½c. a 11c., gold, for Guayaquil in bond, and 20c. a 27c., gold, for Maracaibo do.

DYE WOODS.—Fustic was in good supply, but in light demand, and nominal at $20 a $32, gold, for Cuba, and $20 a $22, gold, for other kinds. Logwood was in demand, but sales were still restricted by the scarcity. St. Domingo was quoted $36, currency, at which price the last sale was made; while Jamaica was quoted $27 50 a $28, gold. We heard of no sales of consequence.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 13,447 bbls. flour, 50 do. corn meal, 109,421 bushels wheat, 49,445 do. corn, 18,744 do. oats and 12,000 do. malt. The flour market continued to rule very firm under a good demand for low grades of extra State, which were sold 15c. a 25c. higher. This checked the demand and business was comparatively light. The demand was confined almost exclusively to extra State, and other kinds were quiet. The sales were about 20,000 bbls., of which about 4,000 were for export, in part to arrive, at $6 75. California flour was dull and nominally unchanged. Southern flour was quiet but steady. The sales were 375 bbls. Rye flour was more sought after and firmer; sales 400 bbls. Corn meal was steady, with small sales at $4 for Jersey, $4 25 for white Western and $4 60 for Brandywine. We quote:

No. 2 State	$4 25 a	$5 00
Superfine State	5 00 a	5 50
Extra State	6 25 a	6 50
Choice do	6 50 a	6 75
Superfine Western	5 00 a	5 50
Extra do	5 75 a	6 25
Extra Minnesota	6 00 a	7 00
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	6 00 a	6 50
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 00 a	8 50
St. Louis low extra	6 00 a	7 00
St. Louis straight extra	7 00 a	8 50
St. Louis choice double extra	8 00 a	9 00
St. Louis choice family	10 00 a	11 00
Southern choice and family	9 00 a	11 50
Southern superfine and extra	5 50 a	8 00
California flour (sacks and bbls.)	6 00 a	9 50
Rye flour	5 00 a	6 35
Corn meal, city	4 00 a	4 50
Corn meal, Brandywine	4 60 a	4 65
Corn meal, Jersey	4 00 a	4 25

—The market for spring wheat was excited by the very favorable tenor of the cable news yesterday and to-day (private advices quoting 9s. yesterday and 9s. 2d. to-day), and prices advanced 5c. a 6c. per bushel. Considerable sales were made last evening at $1 48 for No. 2 spring, to arrive, but nearly all the sales to-day were at $1 50 a $1 53, the market closing tame at $1 52. California wheat was not active, but the market was firmer in sympathy with spring wheat; choice was held at $1 72½ a $1 75, with at 70 old. A boat load was taken for export on private terms. The sales comprised about 275,000 bushels (in large part last evening at $1 48 for No. 2 spring to arrive), at $1 52 a $1 55 for No. 2 spring on the spot, $1 48 a $1 53 for do. to arrive, closing weak at $1 52 on the spot; $1 56½ for No. 1 do. delivered, $1 65 for amber Michigan on the spot and to arrive, $1 52 for red winter, $1 67½ a $1 72½ for small lots California and $1 85 a $1 90 for white Michigan. Corn was more active and 1c. a 2c. higher. The sales comprised about 72,000 bushels at 65c. a 99c. for inferior to choice new mixed Western—mainly at 85c. a 92c. for fair to good canal and railroad—91c. a 93c. for white Western and 96c. a 99c. for yellow do. Oats were firm, with sales of 30,000 bushels at 79½c. in store and 78c. afloat. Rye, barley and barley malt continued to rule dull and nominal.

FISH.—With increased receipts and a limited demand the market for dry cod was heavy, and prices were rather lower. 1,000 quintals George's were sold at $7 50, the market closing at $7 37½ a $7 50. Mackerel were only moderately sought after, but with a light stock prices were generally steady. There were sales of about 156 bbls. at $28 50 a $29 for No. 1 bay, $27 50 for No. 1 shore, $8 50 for medium No. 3, $10 50 for large do., and $17 50 a $18 for new No. 3. Box herring were firm at 35c. a 40c. for scaled, and 30c. a 32c. for No. 1, though we heard of no sales. Of pickled fish there were small sales at $4 50 for haddock and $7 50 for cod.

FREIGHTS.—The market was more active and rates were higher in some cases, as will be seen by reference to the engagements below. The chartering business was quiet, though an improved demand prevailed for grain and petroleum vessels, which were held at about former rates. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, 22,500 bushels wheat at 7d., and per steamer, 30,000 bushels wheat at 8d., 300 boxes bacon at 27s. 6d., 200 hhds. tallow at 27s. 6d., 30 cases lard at 30s. To London, 15,000 bushels wheat at 7½d., 500 bbls. rosin at 2s. 3d. and 100 hhds. tobacco at 30s. a 35s. To Glasgow, 30,000 bushels wheat at 8s. per quarter. To Bremen, 300 bbls spirits turpentine at 4s. To Bristol (not previously reported), 22,500 bushels wheat at 6½d., and 600 tons oilcake at 20s. The charters were:—An Italian brig to the British channel with 1,350 quarters grain at 4s. 9d.; an American bark, 450 tons to the river Plate, with lumber, at $16 50; a Norwegian brig, 350 tons, to the river Plate, lumber, &c., at £700; a Danish bark to Rio, general cargo, on private terms; a North German bark from Philadelphia to the Mediterranean, with 2,100 bbls. petroleum, at 4s. 3d.; a North German bark from Philadelphia to Stettin, with 2,400 bbls. do., at 4s. 7½d., and a British bark from Philadelphia to Cork for orders, United Kingdom or Continent, with 1,800 bbls. petroleum, on private terms.

GUNNIES.—Of cloth 300 bales were sold in Boston at 23c. Bags were dull and nominal at 16½c. a 17c.

HIDES.—There was a moderate degree of activity in the market at former prices, viz.:—Buenos Ayres, 25 a 27 lbs., 21c., gold; do., 20 a 23 lbs., 22c.; Montevideo, 21 a 23 lbs., 21c. a 21½c.; Corrientes, 21 a 22 lbs., 20c.; Rio Grande, 20 a 22 lbs., 21½c. a 21¾c.; Orinoco, 21 a 23 lbs., 20½c. a 21c.; California, 22 a 25 lbs., 19½c. a 20c.; Central America, 18 a 21 lbs., 17c. a 19c.; Central American, 18 a 21 lbs., 17c. a 19c.; Matamoras and Mexican, 22 a 24 lbs., 16c. a 17c.; Vera Cruz, 18 a 19 lbs., 18c. a 19c.; Tampico, 20 a 22 lbs., 18c. a 19c.; Bogota, 18 a 20 lbs., 18½c. a 19½c. Total stock hides, June 22, 1869, 143,800; corresponding date last year, 94,900.

HOPS.—The market was very quiet, there being scarcely any demand. Prices ranged from 5c. to 15c. for inferior to choice grades.

HEMP continued to rule dull and nominal at 12½c. a 13c., gold, for Manila, and 4c. a 5c. do. for Jute; 16c. a 16½c. do. for Sisal, and 5c. a 8½c. do. for Tampico, in bond.

HAY.—The demand was tolerably active, and prices remained steady at 80c. for shipping, 90c. a $1 15 for retail lots, $1 10 for long rye straw, and 90c. a 95c. for short do.

IRON.—For Scotch pig the market was dull, there being but little inquiry, and prices were heavy at $40 a $45. We hears of no sales of consequence. American was firmly held at $41 a $42 for No. 1 and $38 a $39 for No. 2, the offerings of the former being extremely light. Sales 1,500 tons No. 2 Thomas, on private terms. Refined bar was quiet but steady at $85 a $90. New rails were quoted at $55 a $56, gold, for English, and $74 a $76, currency, for American, without sales of moment.

LEATHER.—There was prevalent a fair demand for hemlock sole, the market for which exhibited considerable firmness at the quotations appended. The receipts are still only moderate and the stock is light, while prime of all grades continues scarce and wanted. Oak—Crops were moderately sought after at steady prices, while other kinds were dull, but unchanged. Rough was steady, with a moderate inquiry. We quote:—

	B. Ayres & R. Grande.	Hemlock. California.	Orinoco, &c.
Light	20c. a 22c.	30c. a 31½c.	29½c. a 30½c.
Middle	20c. a 22c.	30c. a 31½c.	29½c. a 30½c.
Heavy	28½c. a 29c.	26½c. a 28c.	25c. a 27c.
Good damaged	25c. a 28c.	25c. a 27½c.	24c. a 26½c.

Poor damaged, all kinds, 20c. a 23c.; rough light, 37c. a 40c.; middle and heavy, 35c. a 38c.

	Slaughter.	Oak. Crops.	Rough.
Light	38c. a 42c.	42c. a 45c.	41c. a 44c.
Middle	38c. a 46c.	40c. a 45c.	38c. a 43c.
Heavy	40c. a 46c.	38c. a 42c.	39c. a 45c.

Belting, 42c. a 24c.

LEAD.—Pig was in light request but steady, with small sales of ordinary foreign at $6 3/4 a $6 31½, gold. Bar was quoted at 10½c., and sheet and pipe, 12c.

MOLASSES.—The demand was more active, but the market was heavy for all grades. There were sales of 600 hhds. Cuba clayed at or about 50c. We quote:—

	Old Crop.	New Crop.
Cuba centrifugal and mixed	— a —	37c. a 40c.
Cuba clayed	— a —	49c. a 50c.
Cuba muscovado, refining	— a —	50c. a 52c.
Cuba muscovado, grocery	— a —	50c. a 60c.
Porto Rico	— a —	50c. a 75c.
New Orleans	— a —	70c. a 85c.
Barbadoes	— a —	57c. a 60c.

NAVAL STORES.—For spirits turpentine the market opened lower, but subsequently became firmer under a fair demand, chiefly for shipment, and closed firm at 41½c. a 42c. for merchantable and 43c. for shipping lots. The sales were 153 bbls. at 41c., 63 do. (from the barr) at 40½c. a 42c., 85 do. (New York bbls.), in lots, at 42c. a 43c., and 500 do., in shipping order, on private terms, but understood at 43c. Rosin was dull for the low grades, but moderately active for the fine grades. Prices were generally without alteration. The sales were 550 bbls. No. 1 and low pale at $4 50, 700 do. No. 1 and pale at $4 a $5, and 150 do. No. 2 at $3 60 a $3 70. We quote:—Strained, $3 30 a $3 42½; No. 2, $2 50 a $2 75; No. 1, $3 a $4 25; pale, $4 50 a $5 50; extra do., $6 a $9, and window glass $9 50 a $10 50. Tar was dull at $3 a $3 25 for Wilmington and $2 50 a $2 75 for Washington. Sales 50 bbls. of the latter at $2 75.

OIL CAKE.—Western was dull and nominal at $51.

OILS.—Crude whale was in active request, and prices were higher in consequence. The sales amounted to 5,000 bbls. at $1 02 a $1 04. Bleached winter whale was quoted at $1 12 a $1 15, without sales of moment. Crude sperm was only moderately sought after and lower, closing at $1 85 a $1 90. Sales of 500 bbls., on private terms. Unbleached winter sperm was quoted at $1 97 a $2, bleached do. do. at $2 a $2 05 and Menhaden at 75c. a 80c., without sales. Linseed was dull and heavy at $1 03 a $1 06 in casks and bbls., while lard, though quiet, was steady, with small sales spring and winter at $1 45 a $1 50. Olive was dull and nominal at $1 42½ a $1 45. Saponified red oil was quoted at 90c. a 91c.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts, 18 bbls. beef, 427 packages lard and 100 kegs do. The demand for pork was more active and a fair business was consummated, but the market was lower, closing rather weak at $32 75 for new mess. The sales were 1,000 bbls. at $32 75 for new mess, $28 50 for Western prime mess and $32 for city mess. For future delivery we heard of no sales. Live hogs were dull and heavy at 9½c. a 9¾c., with arrivals of 4,732 head. Beef was in light demand and prices were heavy; about 100 bbls., in lots, were sold at $9 a $14 for plain mess, and $12 a $16 for extra do. Of beef hams, which were steady in value, about 50 bbls. were sold at $20 a $30 for Southern and Western. Tierce beef was dull and nominal at $20 a $25 for prime mess and $28 a $31 for India do. Bacon was dull, but held at 16½c. a 16¾c. for ice cured. The stock is light. Cut meats were in limited demand, but without change, of consequence, in value. About 50 packages were sold within the range of 14c. a 14½c. for dry salted and pickled shoulders, 15½c. a 16c. for smoked do., 17c. a 17½c. for pickled hams, 18½c. for a fancy lot do. and 20c. a 21c. for smoked and bagged do. For lard there was an improved demand, but the market was scarcely so firm. The sales were 550 packages at 17c. a 20¼c. for No. 1 to prime steam and kettle rendered. For butter the market was passably active, the inquiry being mainly for the fine grades, and prices were firm at our quotations. Cheese was sparingly dealt in and prices were lower. We quote:—

NEW CROP BUTTER.

State firkins, full yellow	per lb.	34c. a 36c.
State firkins, light colored		31c. a 33c.
Western reserve firkins, full yellow		30c. a 32c.
State, half firkin tubs, good to extra		34c. a 35c.
State, Welsh tubs, good to prime		31c. a 33c.
Orange and Susses, fresh pails, good to extra		32c. a 35c.
Western tubs, fair to good		28c. a 29c.
State and Western, common		20c. a 23c.

NEW CROP CHEESE.

Factories, extra	19c.	a 19½c.
Factories, fair to good	15½c.	a 18c.
Factories, common	9c.	a 15c.
Factories, skimmed	6c.	a 12c.
Farm dairies, extra	17c.	a 18c.
Farm dairies, fair to good	14c.	a 16c.

PETROLEUM.—The business in crude in bulk was still unimportant; there was but little demand and the best bid was 15½c., while sellers were generally anxious to realize at 16c. Crude in barrels continues to rule dull and nominal at 21½c. a 22c. Refined was held firmly at 31½c. until after 'change, when 31c. was accepted for about 3,500 bbls., for June delivery, the market closing at about 31c. The sales were 3,500 bbls. for June at 31c., 500 do. for July at 31½c., 500 do. for August at 32½c., and 500 do. prime white in bulk at 26c. In Philadelphia the market was dull and heavy. Sales 500 bbls. standard white for June at 30½c.

RICE.—Carolina was quiet but steady, with small sales at from 8c. to 9c., according to quality.

SUGAR.—The market for raw was quiet, the demand from all classes of buyers being light, but prices were unchanged, closing at the quotations below. The sales were 250 hhds., part at 11¾c. for Cuba. For refined the demand was only moderate, and the market was rather heavy at 15¾c. for hard, 14¾c. a 14¾c. for soft white, 13¾c. a 13¾c. for yellow, and 14½c. a 14¾c. for extra C. We quote:—Cuba—Inferior to common refining, 10¾c. a 11¼c.; fair to good do., 11¾c. a 11¾c.; fair to good grocery, 11½c. a 11¾c.; prime to choice do., 12¼c. a 12¾c.;