

FINANCIAL AND COMMERICAL.

There was a more quiet condition of affairs to-day owing to the steady falling in the gold market. GOLD COMPATIVELY FIRM.

The transactions in the precious metals were less active than any day since the great decline commenced, and the fluctuations were limited to a margin of about three quarters per cent, the earliest sales before the board being made as low as 112 1/2.

There was a steady advance to 112 1/2, which price it touched some time after two o'clock, when it became known in the Gold Room that after a brief contest in the House of Representatives the President had been re-elected to the Committee of Ways and Means instead of the Committee on Banking and Currency, its assignment to the former being regarded as fatal to its chances of passage in the House.

The Gold Room, however, becoming very obtuse to these Washington telegrams. A piece of intelligence such as the above would, a few weeks ago, have produced great excitement; but after the movement to 112 1/2 the market became quiet and flat. Here we can report an advance to 101 for five-twelves in London and a firm market for cotton in Liverpool and Genoa.

The foreign exchange market was heavy, quiet and dull on all grades of bank's sixty day letters for London. The chief fluctuations in gold were as follows: 10 A. M. 111 1/2 2 P. M. 112 1/2 3 P. M. 112 1/2 4 P. M. 112 1/2 5 P. M. 112 1/2 6 P. M. 112 1/2 7 P. M. 112 1/2 8 P. M. 112 1/2 9 P. M. 112 1/2 10 P. M. 112 1/2 11 P. M. 112 1/2 12 P. M. 112 1/2

THE MONEY MARKET. The money market was irregular, with rates on extreme quotations ranging from four to seven per cent. The general business was as five to six per cent. Four and seven per cent were the exceptions.

THE STOCK MARKET. The absence of any special strength in the market left the stock market without one and rendered it susceptible to a rather sharp decline in some of the stocks which are without the support of the bull camp.

THE EXTERIOR FLUCTUATIONS. The highest and lowest prices of the leading speculative stocks to-day were as follows: Highest. Lowest. New York Central & Hudson River. 97 97 1/2

THE SOUTHERN SECURITIES STEADY. The Southern States bonds were steady and in some instances firmer, the new North Carolina bonds especially strong and in demand.

THE SUB-TREASURY REPORT. The following shows the result of to-day's business at the Sub-Treasury in this city: General balance yesterday. \$1,203,477

THE EARNINGS OF THE S. L. LOUIS, ALTON AND TERRE HARCOURT RAILROAD. The earnings of the S. L. LOUIS, ALTON AND TERRE HARCOURT RAILROAD for the month of February show an increase of \$20,711 over last year.

THE HULLS RAILROAD. The Hulls Railroad, Mahopac and Boston Railroad in the name of a proposed railway starting from the Union Station on the Erie Railroad at the City Hall, as its western terminus, and running through the series of valleys to Lake Mohopac and Carmel, thence to the Hudson River, and connecting with the New York and Hudson River Railroad and the New York and Boston Railroad.

SOUTH CAROLINA FINANCES. The Charleston Republic, in a special of the financial measures adopted at the recent session of the Legislature, is referring to the establishment of a financial agency in this city and the enactment of a law to pay the interest on coin.

Following this measure, and in admirable keeping with it, are several other financial measures, to which we wish to call especial attention. First, the bill for the redemption of the State bonds, which has been introduced into the Legislature, and which authorizes the sale of all unproductive State property and the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 to the redemption of the State bonds.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Tuesday, March 15—10 1/2 A. M. \$1000 U. S. 5's, 102 1/2 110 1/2

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STREET QUOTATIONS. Wed. March 15—9 P. M. New York Central & Hudson River. 97 97 1/2

COMMERCIAL REPORT. Wednesday, March 15—9 P. M. ASHES. Receipts, 11 packages. Demand for good ash was moderate, but the receipts being small the market was steady and firm at 75 to 76. Pearl was dull and prices were nominal for former quotations.

BEESWAX. Beeswax was slow of sale, though prices were firm. A few small lots were sold within the range of 36 to 40. Notwithstanding the fact that the market was dull, prices were not materially affected.

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