THE GALLOWS.

Execution of Madison Youngblood, at Smithfield, N. C., for the Murder of Mills Draughon.

HISTORY OF THE BLOODY CRIME.

SMITHFIELD, N. C., May 5, 1871.

THE EXECUTION.

A bolt shot back, two rusty hinges squeaked with a dismal sound, thirty-six people stood glaring with a morbid taste, and Madison Youngblood was suspended in midair. This was the execution of a negro criminal for the murder of Mills Draughon, white, on the 13th of February, 1870.

THE MURDER.

From the minutes of the testimony the murder appears to have been a cold-blooded affair, induced by the most disreputable associations. The murder was committed by Youngblood on the night of February 13. It appears that Youngblood and Mills Draughon were in company at a place known as Meadow Township, in this county, both, at least Draughon was, known to be a gambler and horse thief; he was the murdered man, and of course sympathy rests entirely with him. On the evening of the murder Draughon and Youngblood came together by unaccountable circumstances in a gambling point of view. In Meadow Township, and near the public meeting place, Youngblood and Draughon met, they went to a negro shanty near by and a game was proposed. This resulted in a quarrel, during which Draughon laid down on a bed, when the dispute culminated in Youngblood shooting Draughon through the head. The murder was a cold blooded affair for the purpose of robbery.

HOW THE MURDERER WAS DISCOVERED.

The murderer had evaded arrest until January last, when he was first recognized on the steamer R. E. Lee, running between Fayetteville and Wilmington. One of the Lee's passengers was a gentleman named Robert Draughon, a brother of Mills Draughon. When but a short distance on the way another passenger was taken aboard, who as soon as he touched the deck was recognized by Mr. Draughon as being the murderer of his brother. He immediately made known this fact, when Youngblood was arrested and properly secured, being placed under guard until the boat should arrive at Fayetteville, where he would be delivered over to the authorities.

EFFORT TO ESCAPE.

When only about a mile below Council Bluffs, in Bladen county, the prisoner managed to elude his guards and jumped overboard for the purpose of swimming ashore; as he did so Mr. Draughon sprang in after him, but Youngblood succeeded in reaching the shore first, and in thus escaping it seems that he then crossed the country and came out on the county road on the way to Fayetteville, where he fell in with another colored man, named Tone Devane. These two journeyed together, when Youngblood became communicative and told Devane of his adventures, acknowledging in the course of the conversation, that he was guilty of the murder with which he was charged.

THE RECAPTURE.

Devane soon made up his mind to attempt the capture of the murderer, but awaited until he saw assistance at hand before he put it into execution. Happening to look behind him, he saw a gentleman named McSween riding along the same direction in which they were going, when, thinking that the proper moment had come, he quickly dropped behind Youngblood, and throwing his arms around him succeeded in securing him until Mr. McSween could arrive on the spot to assist him. This was done and the prisoner was properly secured and at once taken to Fayetteville, when he was lodged in jail until the Sheriff of Johnson county came for him.

THE TRIAL.

He was tried at Smithfield, Judge Watts presiding. Two counsel were assigned him by the Court; but after a fair trial Youngblood was found guilty of murder, and sentenced by Judge Watts to be hung to-day.

HIS LAST HOURS.

This morning there was a large crowd, though the execution was private. A fence had been erected by Sheriff Callom, in accordance with the law, and only thirty-six persons were admitted to witness the terrible tragedy.

THE SCAFFOLD.

In a corner of the jail yard stood the scaffold. It was an ordinary structure of pine, and allowed about four and a half feet fall. The crowd viewed it with curious and wistful eyes.

THE CONDEMNED.

When the condemned made his appearance in a suit of home manufactured cloth, with black slouch hat, and standing nearly six feet, there was a visible movement in the crowd suggestive of temporary excitement. Every eye was turned upon him as he ascended the scaffold. He steps with a firm and unfaltering stride. Near the scene of death Youngblood, like all condemned negroes, stared death in the face.

HIS LAST WORDS.

He briefly recounted the circumstances of the murder, alleging that he killed Draughon in self defence. He stated that he was prepared to die and had made his peace with the Creator who gave him being. This was more particularly taken notice of by the negroes present, all of whom placed the most implicit confidence in whatever Youngblood said.

DESIRE TO WITNESS THE EXECUTION.

In the vicinity of the jail yard places to obtain a view were in requisition. As much as five dollars was paid to a prominent white radical for a seat in his peach tree overlooking the jail yard. Windows, roofs and upper piazzas were thronged with spectators, and as the hour approached the excitement became intense.

TO THE SCAFFOLD.

At ten minutes past twelve o'clock the Sheriff, accompanied by his deputies, visited the cell of the condemned man amid the most impressive ceremonies, with a colored preacher in attendance. Sheriff Cullom proceeded to habit Youngblood in the garments. This done the condemned man seemed to lose his former fortitude, and he trembled visibly. Conducted by a sheriff's posse, and arrayed in a hideous-looking black cambric overshirt, which covered the entire person of the condemned, he was marched to the scaffold. Turning the corner of the jail yard, the machine of death burst on the view of the doomed man. Youngblood raised his eyes and saw the terrible structure, and he trembled visibly. He ascended to the steps in his ghastly robes, and when on the trap door he was asked by the Sheriff if he had anything to say. In a hoarse voice, which was rendered inaudible by the excitement of the moment he replied I have nothing to say. Arrayed in his ghostly robes, the Sheriff then proceeds to adjust the traditional black cap. Meanwhile the doomed man, trembling and shaking so as to be seen by all the throng in the yard, stood on the trap door awaiting the last moment. There stood the scaffold's victim, unable to speak, a living effigy in deathly robes, with an excited crowd gazing on the terrible spectacle. The ominous black garment reaching to the trap door, his black cap covering the head, and the hangman's noose adjusted round the neck, Youngblood presented a dreadful spectacle.

THE END.

There was a moment of fearful suspense. All eyes were turned on the scaffold's victim with a terrible interest. The dreaded hour had come. Sheriff Cullum walked upon the drop. Again there was a fearful suspense in the small crowd. In a silence that was terrible the sheriff adjusts the fatal noose, every eye is strained, every heart ceases to beat, and there is a dreadful silence. The officer of the law descends, and soon the squeaking of the engine of death is heard and the murderer, who, without any warning had sent a human soul into eternity, is hanging in mid air. The crowd turn away in horror. A few remain around the scaffold. The physicians stood manfully near the swinging corpse of the condemned, occasionally feeling his pulse, and by the aid of medical instruments ascertaining whether life was extinct. Drs. J. G. Rose, F. Smith and D. A. Telfair, who were in attendance, declared life extinct in fifteen minutes. After hanging forty minutes the body was cut down and consigned to a felon's grave, without a mourner save his unfortunate, bereaved and distracted mother.

METING OUT JERSEY JUSTICE.

The following sentences were pronounced yesterday afternoon by Judge Barkalow, in the Passaic County Court, at Paterson, N. J.:—John Hobartson, assault and battery, twenty-five dollars fine; policeman Alexander Morgan, assault and battery, fined ten dollars; John Murray, atrocious assault upon and attempt to murder his wife, ten years in the State Prison; Enoch Fletcher, assault and battery on his wife, six months in the State Prison; Dennis Sherman, assault and battery, thirty days in County Jail; William Jelly, entering and larceny, one year in State Prison; James Thomas, John Murphy and John Early, fined one dollar each for stealing fruit; John Manee, assault and battery, twenty dollars fine; John Hunt and Patrick Hughes, assault and battery, fined ten dollars each; Susan Roper, unlawful cohabitation, three months in County Jail; Thomas Boldshaw, selling liquor without license, fined ten dollars; Charles Messenger, adultery, fined twenty dollars; James Thomas, stealing flour, six months in State Prison.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

William A. Reid has retired from the Macon (Ga.) *Telegraph*, his place being supplied by Colonel H. H. Jones.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WALL STREET, FRIDAY, May 5—6 P. M.

On 'Change to-day wheat was firm and 1½c. a 2c. a bushel higher. The improvement is due to the continued interruption of canal communication and to favorable advices from Liverpool. The cotton market was also firm and a fraction better.

THE IMPORTS OF DRY GOODS.

The imports of foreign dry goods at this port for the week ending May 4 were $2,461,531.

THE NEW LOAN—THE TREASURY BALANCES.

The first instalment of the new five per cent bonds will be ready for delivery from the Treasury Department about the 15th inst. The additional subscriptions to the new loan reported at the Treasury Department to-day amount to $50,000—making the total subscriptions to date $62,733,700.

The following were the Treasury balances at the close of business this afternoon:—Currency, $9,475,000; coin, $102,600,000. Of the latter sum $21,300,000 is represented by outstanding coin certificates.

STOCK EXCHANGE GOSSIP.

The alterations of the Stock Exchange already alluded to in this column will be commenced at an early day, the governors having adopted the requisite resolutions authorizing them. The "boys" facetiously intimate that the expansion of the Long Room so as to take in the lofty apartments of the board room upstairs is for the purpose of giving the "bulls" a chance to develop their grand inflation of prices the coming summer.

The "opposition" ticket to be submitted at the annual election for officers of the Stock Exchange next Monday has been agreed upon and is now in the field. The independents, after casting about among numerous prominent gentlemen, decided upon and ratified the following selection:—

For President, George W. McLean; Chairman, M. A. Wheelock; Vice Chairman, Charles A. Minton; Secretary, B. O. White; Treasurer, D. C. Hays; Governing Committee, to serve four years, A. D. Williams, C. C. Suydam, Charles Graham, C. L. Haight, John Ten Brook, John Campbell, Samuel Barton, Julius Hallgarten, Alexander Taylor, A. A. Drake; to fill vacancy, to serve two years, Henry Clews.

The rival candidates for the Presidency are both heavy guns. The "regular" nominee is Mr. William B. Clerke, a scion of the distinguished judicial family, while the opposition candidate, Mr. George W. McLean, is famous in social and political as well as financial circles.

MONEY THREE TO FIVE PER CENT.

The supply of money was abundant for the temporary uses of the street, and lenders found difficulty in getting better than five per cent for loans on call, with pledge of the usual collaterals. As a general thing the stock houses borrowed quite easily at five per cent and the government dealers at four per cent. Indeed, some large balances were left with the latter at as low as three per cent.

The note brokers reported greater currency for prime paper at 6 a 6½ per cent, and some transactions were quoted at 5½ per cent, the paper being what is technically known as "gilt-edged."

Foreign exchange was only steady on the basis of 110 a 110¼ for prime bankers' sixty day sterling and 110½ a 110⅝ for sight.

GOLD DULL AND FIRM—111¼ A 111¾.

The gold market was firm, but very dull, the quotation standing 111¼ a 111¼ all day. Buyers who were in a hurry had to pay 111¾, and sellers who were likewise situated had to accept 111⅛. The shipment to-morrow, judging from the engagements to-day, will hardly exceed half a million. The course of the market is shown in the table:—

10 A. M.	111¼	2 P. M.	111¼
10:30 A. M.	111¼	3 P. M.	111¼
11 A. M.	111¼	4 P. M.	111¼
12 M.	111¼	5:30 P. M.	111¼ a 111¼
1 P. M.	111⅛		

In the gold loan market the rates ranged from two per cent for carrying to flat for borrowing. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank were as follows:—

Gold cleared	$22,567,000
Gold balances	1,177,952
Currency balances	1,311,980

GOVERNMENTS STRONG.

The government list recovered the fractional decline noticed the day before, an improvement not unexpected, considering the easier tone of the money market and the firmness of gold. The following were the closing street prices:—United States currency sixes, 115¼ a 115¾; do. sixes, 1881, registered, 117 a 117¼; do. do., coupon, 116⅞ a 117¼; do. five-twenties, registered, May and November, 111 a 111¼; do. do., 1862, coupon, do., 111 a 111¼; do. do., 1864, do. do., 111 a 111¼; do. do., 1865, do do., 111 a 111¼; do. do., registered, January and July, 113¼ a 113¾; do. do., 1865, coupon, do., 113¼ a 113¾; do. do., 1867, do. do., 113¼ a a 113¾; do. do., 1868, do. do., 113¼ a 113¾; do. ten-forties, registered, 108⅞ a 109; do. do., coupon, 109¼ a 109¾.

STOCKS HIGHER AND FIRM.

The "bull" cliques will have to bestir themselves more vigorously than they did to-day if they wish to initiate the "summer campaign" on the Stock Exchange, upon which they count so confidently as a means to provide a market for their stocks. There is no disguising the fact that there is very little accession of outside interest just now, and the "bulls" will be forced to do a great deal of hard work in getting up the requisite amount of speculative recklessness necessary to bring the street into the market. But money is very easy, and there is no knowing how much miracle work can be accomplished in Wall street. Certain it is that the cliques must not pause. They must keep on buying until the market is oversold, in which case they would have the power of dictating whatever prices they pleased. Indeed, it would not be surprising if the "bull" tactics contemplated a series of "corners" in the various stocks with which they are loaded up, as a solution of the problem of the future of the stock market. To-day their operations were barely sufficient to keep the market from drifting into inactivity; but they executed one or two rather brilliant little movements which redeemed the market from a charge of dulness. Pittsburg, which is just ex dividend of 2½ per cent, was run up to 130, and doubtless has vitality enough to go higher. But people who buy now buy with their eyes wide open. Last winter when stocks were low we told the public they were so. Now the chances are that they will go still higher; but we shift he responsibility of any guarantee on this point. History shows only one panic at this season of the year, and that one was due to the sudden contraction of the currency by Mr. Chase, when Secretary of the Treasury. Inferences are consequently obvious. The best prices were generally maintained to the close of business, except for Lake Shore, which fell off about one per cent. The following table will show the extreme fluctuations in the principal stocks:—

	Highest.	Lowest.
New York Central consolidated	99⅞	99¼
New York Central scrip	95⅛	94½
Harlem	132¾	132¼
Erie	24⅛	22⅞
Reading	113½	112⅝
Lake Shore	111½	110¾
Wabash	65⅛	64¾
Pittsburg	130	125¾
Northwestern	86¼	85⅞
Northwestern preferred	98¾	98⅜
Rock Island	115½	114¾
Milwaukee and St. Paul	62⅞	62¼
Milwaukee and St. Paul preferred	82⅛	81⅜
Ohio and Mississippi	51⅛	50⅞
Union Pacific	34	32¾
Hannibal and St. Joseph	104	103½
Hannibal and St. Joseph preferred	105½	105½
Western Union Telegraph	59¾	59¼
Pacific Mail	48⅛	47⅞

THE SOUTHERN LIST STEADY.

Outside of a slight decline in the South Carolinas the Southern State bonds were generally steady but dull, and closed as follows:—Tennessee, ex coupon, 67¼ a 67½; do., new, 67¼ a 67½; Virginia, ex coupon, 69 a 70; do., new, 72 a 72¼; do., registered stock, old, 56 a 56⅜; Georgia sixes, 81 a 84; do. sevens, 89 a 90; North Carolina, ex coupon, 47 a 48; do., funding, 1866, 37 a 39; do. do., 1868, 29 a 31; do., new, 25 a 26; do. special tax, 18½ a 19; Missouri sixes, 93⅞ a 94; do. Hannibal and St. Joseph, 92¼ a 93; Louisiana sixes, 67 a 70; do. new, 63 a 65; do. levee sixes, 70 a 74; do. do. eights, 85 a 87; do. Penitentiary sevens, 70 a 75; do. Railroad eights, 74 a 80; Alabama fives, 70 a 75; do. eights, 102 a 104; do. railroad eights, 94 a 98; South Carolina sixes, 72 a 80; do. new, January and July, 60¾ a 61¼; do. do., April and October, 59 a 59¾; Arkansas sixes, 55 a 60; do. sevens, 50 a 62.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company, for the election of four directors and transaction of the usual business, will be held in Milwaukee on the 10th of June, 1871. The transfer books will be closed from May 23 until June 26.

The annual meeting of the Harlem Railroad Company for the election of directors will be held on the 16th of May, the transfer books closing on the 8th inst.

LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

Cleveland papers of yesterday bring details of the annual meeting of the Lake Shore directors held at that city on Wednesday last. Among the resolutions adopted was one endorsing the loan for the short line between Dayton and Cincinnati, in continuation of the air line between Cleveland and Cincinnati. The result of the election has been already made known by telegraph. There was only one ticket, and the votes cast represented 230,000 shares. The following is a synopsis of the annual report:—

The first part of the report recites the organization of the company, which is a consolidation of several, forming a continuous line of railway from Buffalo to Chicago, 540 miles in length. The company owns and controls branches as follows:—Elyria to Sandusky, thirty-five miles; Oak Harbor to Milbury, fifteen; Toledo to Elkhart, Ind., 133; Adrian to Jackson, Mich., forty-six, and Adrian to Monroe, Mich., thirty-four miles. The following roads are under separate organizations, but the capital stock thereof is owned wholly by this company:—Detroit, Monroe and Toledo, sixty-five miles, and the Kalamazoo and White Pigeon, thirty-seven. The Jamestown and Franklin road, fifty-one miles, is operated by the company under a lease; it is contemplated at an early day to construct this line from Jamestown to Ashtabula. The Kalamazoo, Allegan and Grand Rapids road, fifty-eight miles, is also operated under a lease. The whole number of miles owned and leased by the company is 1,014. The company has thirty-four miles of double track, namely, between Erie and Cleveland, and 233 miles of side track. During the past year twenty-five new engines and 601 cars have been added to the equipment of the road at a cost of $651,309. The present equipment consists of 299 engines, 274 passenger cars and 6,077 freight cars.

The authorized capital stock is $50,000,000, of which sum $35,000,000 has been issued to the stockholders of the various companies entering into the consolidation, leaving $15,000,000, which can be issued only by authority of a previous vote of the stockholders. The bonded debt of the company amounts to $22,283,000, the annual charge for interest on which is $1,561,810, the rate being seven per cent on all except $200,000, which is eight per cent. Of this debt nineteen classes of bonds are secured by mortgages on distinct portions of the road. The company last July executed a consolidated mortgage, with a provision for a sinking fund, to secure the payment of bonds registered and coupons to the amount of $25,000,000, bearing seven per cent interest. Of the bonds secured by this mortgage a sufficient amount has been set apart to secure the payment of the bonded debt at maturity, and the proceeds of the residue will be appropriated to double tracking the main line and procuring additional equipment.

The earnings for 1870 were:—

From freight	$8,653,661
From passengers	4,153,612
From all other sources	645,367
Total	$13,157,540
Operating expenses, including taxes, 62 1-5 per cent	8,368,821
Net earnings	$5,088,719
Interest on bonded debt and guaranteed stock, leases, &c.	1,777,202
Dividends—2 of 4 per cent each	2,752,360
Total	$4,529,562
Surplus for the year	559,157

New depots and other structures have been built, at a cost of $129,567. Additional second and side tracks (thirty-four miles) have been constructed, at an expense of $314,466. The expense for bridge masonry and permanent embankment was $331,059; of miscellaneous construction, $39,449. During the year 18,661 tons of new and rerolled rails, including 3,054 tons of steel rails, have been laid. It has been determined to construct during the present year 114 miles of additional double track between Buffalo and Toledo. The Board of Directors recognize the ability and fidelity with which Mr. J. H. Devereaux, the general manager, and the other officers of the company have discharged their several duties, and attribute to their efforts the successful results of the year.

The earnings of the road for the first four months of the year 1871 show an increase of $303,000 over the corresponding period of last year.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Friday, May 5—10:15 A. M.

$1000 U S 5-20, r, '62 ... 110⅞
5000 U S 5-20, c, '62 ... c 111
2500 U S 5-20, c, '64 ... c 110⅞
1500 U S 5-20, c, '65, n ... 113⅛
10000 U S 5-20, c, '67 ... 113¾
1000 do ... c 113¾
10000 U S 5-20, c, '68 ... 113⅝
10000 U S 6's, currency ... 115⅛
5000 Tenn 6's, old ... 67⅛
2000 do ... 67⅛
6000 Va 6's, old ... 63⅝
5000 Geo 7's, gold bds ... 91¼
2000 S C 6's, R, JanA&Jy 61
2000 Ark 7's, L R, P B&
New O RR ... 47
116000 U Pac RR 1st m ... 90
2000 Cen Pac gld bds ... 103⅛
5000 Alb & Sus RR 2d m 91½
200 shs Con C of Md ... 38
800 do ... b c 38
300 West U Tel ... b c 99¼
10 do ... 99⅞
100 Pac M SS Co ... 48
50 do ... 47¾
100 do ... 48⅛
100 do ... b c 48
200 do ... 48⅛
1500 N Y C & H R RR ... b c 99⅞
10000 N Y C & H RR cts ... 99¾
1000 Erie RR ... b c 23
300 Erie RR pref ... 48⅛
600 Reading RR ... b c 113⅞
200 L S & M S RR ... 111⅛
$5000 US 5-20, c, '67 ... 113¾
1000 do ... 113¾
10000 US 5's, 10-40, c ... 108¼

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

$2000 US 5-20, c, '62 ... 111
5000 do ... c 111⅛
20000 US 5-20, c, '67 ... b 113¼
$5000 US 5-20, c, '67 ... 113¾
1000 do ... 113¾
10000 US 5's, 10-40, c ... 108¼

One o'Clock P. M.

$1000 Tenn 6's, old ... 67⅛
1000 Va 6's, new ... 72⅛
4000 Ga 7's, p bds ... 91⅝
2000 S C 6's, J&J ... 61
5000 Mo 6's, H&St Jo ... 83
10000 SC 6's, n, Jan&Jy 61
2000 Ark 7's, L R, P B&
New O RR ... 47
116000 U Pac RR 1st m ... 90
2000 Cen Pac gld bds ... 103⅛
5000 Alb & Sus RR 2d m 91½
200 shs Con C of Md ... 38
800 do ... b c 38
300 West U Tel ... b c 99¼
100 Pac M SS Co ... 48
50 do ... 47¾
100 do ... 48⅛
100 do ... b c 48
200 do ... 48⅛
1500 N Y C & H R RR ... b c 99⅞
10000 N Y C & H RR cts ... 99¾
1000 Erie RR ... b c 23
300 Erie RR pref ... 48⅛
600 Reading RR ... b c 113⅞
200 L S & M S RR ... 111⅛
600 shs L S & M S RR b c 111⅛
100 do ... 111⅛
500 Un Pac RR ... 35⅛
1000 Illinois Cen RR ... 135
69 Cleve & Pitts RR ... 124
200 do ... 124⅛
200 Chic & N W RR ... 86⅛
300 do ... b c 86⅛
200 Chic & N W pref ... 98⅛
200 do ... b c 98⅛
100 Han & St Jo RR ... 103⅛
50 C, C, C & Ind RR ... 80⅛
5 do ... 80
12 Chic & Rk I RR ... 115
200 do ... b3 115⅛
50 do ... 115⅛
500 do ... b c, c 115⅛
2000 do ... 115⅛
300 do ... 115⅛
200 Mil & St Paul RR ... 62⅞
200 Mil & St P RR pf ... 81⅛
100 do ... b c, b3 82
5 Pitts, Ft W & C gtd ... 90⅞
50 do ... 90⅞
500 Del, Lack & W RR ... 110⅛
100 do ... 110⅛
400 do ... 110⅞
800 do ... s3 110⅞
25 do ... 110⅞
24 do ... b c 110⅞
100 Alt & Ter H RR ... 39⅛
125 Ohio & Miss prf ... 53
100 do ... 53⅛
200 St L & I Mt ... 60
97 Morris & Es RR ... 93
100 do ... 93⅛
6 do ... 93⅛
55 Chic, Bur & Qy RR ... 108⅛
50 do ... 108⅛
100 H & St Jo RR pref ... 103⅛
100 do ... 103⅛
25 N Y & N H RR, scrip 150
400 C, C & I C RR ... 22
50 Atlantic & Pacific pf 36⅛
100 do ... 36⅛

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Half-past Five o'Clock P. M.

West Union Tel.	59⅛ a 59¾	NWestern pfd.	98¾ a 98⅞
Pacific Mail	47¾ a 48	Rock Island	115⅛ a 115⅜
N Y Cen con	99¾ a 99⅞	St Paul	62¼ a 62⅜
N Y Cen scrip	95 a 95⅛	St. Paul pfd	82 a 82⅜
Erie	23½ a 24⅛	Wabash	64¼ a 64¾
Reading	113 a 113⅜	Ohio & Miss	51⅛ a 51⅜
Lake Shore	110¾ a 110⅞	Union Pacific	33⅞ a 34⅛
Pittsburg	129¾ a 130	Ros, Hart & Erie	2 a 2⅛
Northwestern	85¾ a 86¼	Col, Chic & I C	23 a 23⅛

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY, May 5—6 P. M.

ASHES.—The market was firm at $6 75 a $7 25 for pots and $9 a $9 75 for pearls, but quiet, with only small sales within the range.

COPPER.—The market for American ingot was steady, with a moderate inquiry for lake, of which 300,000 lbs. were sold at 21⅞c. a 21¾c. per lb. New sheathing continued in moderate demand at 30c., old sheathing at 19c. a 21c., bolts and braziers at 32c., nails at 36c. a 38c., new sheathing, yellow metal, at 22c., yellow metal nails 22c. and do. bolts 24c.

COTTON.—The market at the opening was quiet and a shade lower, but subsequently ruled firmer, and a fair business was consummated at full prices. The demand from spinners was fair, but the chief inquiry was from exporters. The latter class of buyers, however, were restricted in their operations by the advanced pretensions of holders, who at the close were demanding the following:—

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	10¾	10¾	11	11¼
Good ordinary	13⅛	13¼	13½	13½
Low middling	14¼	14¾	14¾	14¾
Middling	15⅛	15⅜	15⅝	15⅝
Good middling	16¼	16¾	16½	16¾

—The sales were as follows:—

	Friday.	Last Evening.	Total.
Export	200	1,668	2,014
Consumption	1,364	317	1,681
Speculation	91	42	133
In transit	200	—	200
Total	2,170	2,017	4,187

—Forward deliveries were in active demand at full prices. The transactions comprised 9,900 bales, as follows:—May, 300 at 14 5-16c., 1,600 at 14⅜c., 100 at 14 7-16c., 1,400 at 14½c.; June, 1,100 at 14½c., 400 at 14 7-16c., 600 at 14⅝c.; 100 June and 100 July at 14⅝c., together; July, 1,300 at 14⅝c.; 200 July and 200 August at 14⅝c., together; August, 1,600 at 14⅝c., 300 at 14 11-16c., 100 at 14¾c.; September, 200 at 14¾c., 100 at 14⅞c. FOB. f. o. b. Charleston, private terms. Exchanged—700 May for 700 June, even. Yesterday, after 'Change, 1,100 bales were disposed of as follows:—May, 400 at 14⅝c.; June, 100 at 14 7-16c., 600 at 14¾c. Exchanges—100 May for 100 June, even. Total since last report, 11,000 bales. The average quotations of yesterday's forward deliveries:—May, 14.33c.; June, 14.46c.; July, 14.61c.; August, 14.73c., September, 14¾c. The receipts at the ports to-day were as follows:—Galveston, 1,349 bales; New Orleans, 4,449 do.; Mobile, 1,[illegible] do.; Savannah, 607 do.; Charleston, 582 do.; Wilmington, [illegible] do.; Norfolk, 484 do.; Baltimore, 165 do.; New York, 579 do. Total, 8,886 bales, against 11,125 bales this day last week and 10,713 bales this day last year. Receipts of this week were 51,[illegible]15 bales, against 57,019 bales last week and 57,495 bales this week last year. Total receipts since September, 1870, 3,607,860 bales; same period last year, 2,637,253 bales.

CANDLES.—The market continued quiet, with only a small trade in lots at 20c. a 20c. for plain sperm, 23c. a 4[illegible] for patent sperm, 28c. a 29c. for stearic and 13c. a 15c. for adamantine.

COFFEE.—Rio was in most active demand, but the prices bid were generally under the views of holders, and transactions were somewhat restricted. We note sales of 983 bags per Italy and 560 bags Adelaide Fendergast, on private terms—understood at full prices. Other descriptions were steady, with sales of 2,400 bags Muscovado on private terms. We quote:—Rio, ordinary cargoes, 20c. a 11¾c.; prime do., 12¾c. a 12¾c.; extreme range for lots, 10¼c. a 13¾c.; Java, 18c.; Singapore, 11c. a 15c.; Ceylon, 15½c. a 17c.; Maracaibo, 14c. a 18c.; Laguayra, 14c. a 16¾c.; Jamaica, 13c. a 15½c.; St. Domingo, gold, in bond, 9¾c. a 10c.; Costa Rica, 15½c. a 17c.; Manila, 14c. a 15c.; Mexican, 13c. a 17c.; Savanilla, 13½c. a 16½c.; Curacoa, 13c. a 16c., gold, 30 a 60 days, duty paid.

FREIGHTS.—There was a little stronger tone to the market for grain freights, but in other respects there was no improvement in rates, though the chartering demand was comparatively brisk. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, by steam, 7,500 bushels corn, 3¾d.; 15,000 bushels wheat, 6d.; 200 bales cotton, ⅝d.; and by sail, 500 bales cotton, ¾d.; 100 hhds. of molasses, 30s.; 65 hhds. tobacco, 22s. 6d.; steam, 500 tierces beef, 3s.; 500 bbls. pork, 2s.; 1,000 boxes cheese, 30s. To London, by sail, 5,000 bbls. flour, 2s. 6d.; 22,500 bushels corn, 7d.; 300 bbls. rosin, 2s. 3d.; 60 tierces beef, 4s. 6d.; 70 hhds. tobacco, 30s. To Havre, by sail, 500 hhds. tallow, ¾c. per lb. The charters include a British bark from Philadelphia to Elsinore for orders 3,000 bbls. petroleum, 5s. 3d.; a brig from the south to north side Cuba, railroad ties 35c., and shooks 17c.; an American ship, hence to Cronstadt, 4,700 bbls. petroleum, and return general cargo, 8s. 6d. for the trip; a British bark, 400 tons, to London, general cargo, lump sum; a Norwegian bark, hence to Stettin, 3,000 bbls. refined oil, 4s. 9d.; an American ship, from Philadelphia to the Continent, 7,000 bbls. petroleum on private terms; a British bark, from Philadelphia to the Continent, 5,000 bbls. petroleum, reported 4s. 6d.; a Norwegian bark, hence to London, 1,600 bbls. refined petroleum, on private terms.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 3,663 bbls.; wheat, 23,500 bushels; corn, 42,833 bushels; corn meal, 100 bbls. and 480 bags; oats, 13,230 bushels. The flour market ruled dull and prices were lower for nearly all descriptions. The sales were about 7,000 bbls. Rye flour was moderately active at steady prices. Corn meal was in small demand at quotations. Sales about 400 bbls. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$4 50 a	$5 50
Superfine State	5 75 a	6 00
Extra State	6 00 a	6 50
Choice do.	6 50 a	6 75
Superfine Western	5 75 a	6 00
Extra do.	6 00 a	6 50
Extra Minnesota	6 50 a	7 75
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	6 00 a	6 50
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	6 75 a	7 00
Family	7 00 a	8 25
St. Louis low extra	6 50 a	7 00
St. Louis straight extra	7 00 a	7 25
St. Louis choice double extra	7 25 a	8 00
St. Louis choice family	8 00 a	10 00
Rye flour	5 25 a	5 90
Southern No. 2	5 00 a	5 50
Southern superfine	5 50 a	6 10
Southern extra	6 00 a	8 75
Southern family	8 00 a	11 50
Corn meal, Western white	3 25 a	3 50
Corn meal, Western yellow	3 70 a	3 85
Corn meal, Jersey	3 70 a	3 85
Corn meal, Brandywine	4 00 a	4 25

—Wheat was in fair demand and firmer, but the demand was checked by a material advance in the rates of freight, and the market closed dull at about $1 57 a $1 58 for new spring. The sales were only about 15,000 bushels at $1 57 a $1 57½ for No. 2 spring, $1 60 for amber winter and $1 70 for a small lot of very choice amber Ohio. Corn was firmer, with sales of about 40,000 bushels at 86c. a 88c. for mixed and 89½c. for do. to arrive next week. Oats were in fair demand, but at lower rates. The sales were about 50,000 bushels at 61c. a 67c. for Western and 67c. a 68c. for white. Barley was dull, but unchanged. We note sales of 15,000 bushels Canada at $1 10. Rye was dull and nominally unchanged.

GUNNIES.—The market for both cloth and bags continued firm, but quiet. We quote:—Bags, 15c. a 15½c., and 15¾c. a 16c. for cloth.

HOPS were dull of sale. Small lots for brewing purposes were sold at from 8c. a 14c. for State, 7c. a 16c. for Eastern, 6c. a 9c. for Western and 2c. a 4c. for old.

HAY AND STRAW were moderately active at reduced prices. The demand was mostly for shipping. We quote:—North river, $1 10; retail qualities, $1 15 a $1 25. Straw—Long rye, $1 50 a $1 60; short rye, $1 25 a $1 30, and $1 for oat.

HEMP AND JUTE.—The market for both foreign and domestic was firm, but quiet. We note sales of 400 bales jute butts at 4½c. We quote:—Dressed American, $275 a $285 per ton, currency; undressed do., $175 a $185, do; Manila, 10½c. a 11c., gold; Sisal, 9c., do; Tampico, 7c. a 7½c. in bond, and Sunn, 7c. a 7½c., gold. Jute, 5¾c. a 6¾c., gold, and jute butts, 4c. a 4½c., currency.

IRON.—The market was inactive but firm, with reduced stocks of both foreign and domestic. The Hudson and Poughkeepsie furnaces were out of blast. Other furnaces were at half-blast for want of coal. The sales of American pig have been limited to small lots at $35 for No. 1 and $33 for No. 2. 100 tons No. 1 wrought scraps realized $41 50. We note sales of 150 tons Glengarnock on private terms, and of small lots do. at $38 at dock, Eglinton at $32 at dock, and Gartsherrie at $34 50 from yard. Refined bars were firm but quiet at $75 for American and English, and $85 a $100, gold, for assorted Swedes.

LEAD.—We note sale of 25 tons Spanish pig at $6 20, gold, per 100 lbs. There were no other sales worthy of note, the market being inactive at $6 a $6 20, gold, per 100 lbs. for Spanish and German, and $6 20 a $6 50, gold, per 100 lbs. for English. Refined was in small demand at $8 75 per 100 lbs. for bar, and $10 25 per 100 lbs. for sheet and pipe.

MOLASSES.—The market for foreign continued strong and the demand fair. A cargo of Trinidad, comprising 292 shds. and 41 tierces, realized 19c. We heard of no other transactions. Domestic was quiet but firm, with further sales of 110 bbls. New Orleans, in lots, at from 50c. to 65c. We quote:—

	O'd Crop.	New Crop.
Cuba—Centrifugal and mixed	20c. a 22c.	25c. a 30c.
Clayed	21c. a 22c.	27c. a 32c.
Muscovado, refining	—a—	30c. a 35c.
Muscovado, grocery	—a—	40c. a 45c.
Porto Rico	—a—	40c. a 42c.
English Islands	25c. a 35c.	35c. a 42c.
New Orleans	—a—	40c. a 70c.

NAVAL STORES.—The market continued strong for spirits turpentine, and a further advance was established; 150 bbls. sold at 58c., and 120 bbls. at from 58c. a 60c., closing at the latter price. Rosin was offered more sparingly; 240 bbls. good strained sold at $2 40. Large lots strained were offered at $2 35, with $2 30 a $2 32½ bid. We quote:—No. 2, $2 80 a $3 25; No. 1, $3 75 a $4; extra, $4 75 a $5 50. Refined pale, including virgin, $8 a $9 50. Tar was quiet and nominal at $2 40 for Washington and $2 60 for Wilmington, without sales beyond a few small parcels, which changed hands at the quotations.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts—Pork, 36 packages; cut meats, 234 packages; lard, 151 packages. The pork market ruled dull and prices declined. We note sales of about 1,000 bbls. mess at $17 12½ for May delivery and $17 25 for June. Beef continued quiet at $11 a $14 for mess, $14 a $16 for extra do., $24 a $26 for prime mess and $26 a $28 for India. Beef hams were dull at $24 a $28 for Southern and $27 a $30 for Western. Bacon was in fair demand. We hear of sales of 850 boxes city long clear at 8c. a 8¼c., Western do. 8c., short clear 9¾c. and short rib 8¼c. Cut meats—The market was without noteworthy change, with, however, more sellers