RAPID TRANSIT AND REFORM.

Foley's Flank Movement in Favor of a Speaker of the Assembly.

He is Beaten on His Own Ground—Did the Committee of Seventy Steal Carpets and Chairs?

In compliance with a call published in all the papers of yesterday morning a meeting of the Citizens' Reform Association was called to meet yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. FOLEY called the meeting to order and Mr. Hoes was appointed secretary *pro tem.*

Mr. FOLEY opened the meeting by calling for a report from the committee appointed at the last meeting to secure rooms in which the committee and sub committees could meet.

Mr. JOHN MCDONALD quickly picked his feet from beneath the table, and, assuming a perpendicular position, reported that his committee had endeavored to secure rooms, were defeated, and, as a *dernier ressort*, had applied to the

OFFICERS OF THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY.

(Laughter.) The application was refused, the man in charge giving the information that the trustees were alarmed on account of THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH THE COMMITTEE OF SEVENTY,

who had leased the rooms, and, on vacating, had carried away carpets and chairs.

Mr. FOLEY—The reporters will not note this.

Mr. MCDONALD—Please don't; it is a side remark.

Mr. FOLEY—I can take the responsibility upon myself to say that we can have the rooms of the Committee of Seventy, at No. 52 Union square, for two meetings.

A MEMBER—The Glass Hall is more central.

Mr. FOLEY—Is won't do. I think we can get the rooms of the Committee of Seventy for Thursday.

Mr. A. J. DUVALS suggested that at the attendance of the Committee of Ninety was so insignificant today it would be well to declare this meeting an informal one.

Pending Mr. Duvale's suggestion a motion was made and carried that the Committee meet on Friday next, at 52 Union square, at eight o'clock P. M.

Mr. JOHN F. DAILY here put his head very close to Mr. Foley's, and the former at once arose, made a speech in which he spoke of the "busy bees" of the committee and the "drones," and offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee on admission.

MYER STERN—What do you mean by a committee on admission?

Mr. DAILY—The committee want working men. We don't want drones, and we want power to dismiss them.

Mr. FOLEY—We want no drones in the Committee of Ninety. If they don't want to work they should send in names and the committee can then act.

The CHAIR then announced the following gentlemen as a committee to dismiss the drones, viz.:—John F. Daily, Lewis B. Brown, Myer Stern, A. J. Duvale and W. M. Hoes.

Mr. FOLEY—This committee of five should have power to declare vacancies and fill them.

The Committee then adjourned to meet at 52 Union square on Friday evening next.

While the thirteen gentlemen were

FILING OUT OF THE ROOM,

Mr FOLEY suddenly called six gentlemen who were within the room to order, and declared that the object of the meeting had been forgotten. The six gentlemen stood aghast, and waited for their chief to speak. Mr. FOLEY stepped into the breach and said:—

Gentlemen, we have forgotten something. Robert H. Strahan is a candidate for Speaker of the Assembly. You will remember that he was one of the counsel in the celebrated "Foley injunction" case. He lives in Newburg, is a gentleman of purity, a member of the last Assembly who could not be bribed.

LEWIS L. BROWNING—Mr. Foley, do you wish to compliment Mr. Strahan? If so, I would remind you that we have here but six members present of the Committee of Ninety. Your action to-day looks like an effort to kill Mr. Strahan's chances for Speaker of the Assembly.

Mr. FOLEY—Not at all; we are now in executive session.

Mr. MCCLELLAND—In executive session, with the reporters of all the papers present, Mr. Foley?

Mr. FOLEY—The reporters will suppress these proceedings at my request.

Mr. MCCLELLAND—You don't know reporters. They will give the news, no matter who it affects.

Mr. BROWN (addressing Mr. Foley)—Don't you think that you are taking a singular course in the interest of Mr. Strahan, your candidate for Speaker? Do you want the reporters of the press here present to announce that in a Committee of Ninety on "Rapid Transit," a resolution was passed by six—wait a moment; I will count them—one, two, three, four, five, six! yes, six—declared in favor of Robert H. Strahan for Speaker? Won't this, if the reporters do their duty, kill Strahan? Mr. Foley, on Friday evening fifty men may endorse Mr. Strahan, whereas to-day only six of a committee of ninety are present to participate in our proceedings.

Mr. FOLEY—I am Mr. Strahan's friend, and want to aid him.

Mr. MCCLELLAND—The best way you can do it is to defer action until Friday.

Mr. FOLEY—But the republican party meet in joint caucus on Monday next. There is no time to spare.

Mr. MCCLELLAND (aside)—It don't make any difference. Your friend Strahan won't be Speaker.

Mr. Foley requested the reporters to suppress the proceedings in the interests of Strahan until next Friday night, when he promises that his entire committee will endorse him, and the Legislature approve the selection. Mr. Foley remarked, "If you say anything about it it will kill rapid transit."

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A Man Knocked Down and Robbed by a Gang of Roughs at the Corner of Broadway and Bleecker Street—One of the Thieves Arrested.

James Woods, of 245 avenue B, was passing up Broadway at three o'clock yesterday morning, and when at the corner of Bleecker street was set upon by three burly roughs, who knocked him down and beat and kicked him most outrageously. Woods cried out for help, whereupon two of the gang took to their heels. The third one remained long enough to take from Mr. Woods' pocket a gold watch valued at $45, and when he finally did start to run he found the prostrate man had such a strong hold upon his coat-tail that it became necessary for him to slip out of it in order to get away. As soon as he had done this, and had placed considerable distance between himself and his victim, a valiant policeman made his appearance from around the corner and at once began consoling the unfortunate man, who had so recently exchanged a gold watch for an overcoat. While engaged in this commendable and humane occupation who should interrupt his words of consolation but Mr. Henry Ward, the veritable owner of the coat, who stepped up and demanded his property like a man.

"All right, sir," said the officer; "if that is your coat you must be the thief who stole this gentleman's watch, so I think I'll take you in."

Ward protested in language far more forcible than elegant, and swore that the coat was not his, and that he had not claimed it. The officer had misunderstood, for he only wanted to know what time it was and had not said coat once; but as he failed to give anything like a satisfactory explanation of how he happened to be out at that hour in his shirt sleeves he was ignominiously taken in. About nine o'clock we was favored with an introduction to Judge Dowling, of the Tombs Police Court, after which he very soon found himself gloriously occupying a cell all to himself.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

The United States Squadron in the Asiatic Waters.

A HERALD special letter from Japan, dated at Jeddo on the 19th of November, supplies the following report of the movements of the United States squadron on the coast:—The Colorado and Alaska leave for Yokohama to-day. All are reported well on board. The Benicia has gone to Ningpo, the Ashuelot is up the river near Nankin, and the Monocacy was at Shanghae at last accounts. The Colorado is expected to leave soon for Nagasaki and Shanghae.

The HERALD special correspondent at Yokohama, writing on the 21st of November, reports:—The United States steamship Colorado (flagship) and the Alaska are at Yokohama. The Palos is at Shanghae, the Ashuelot at Poochow, the Benicia at Chee Foo, and the Monocacy has just left Shanghae for a cruise to the southward.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1871.

Captain Frank M. Cox, of the Twenty-fifth infantry, is appointed Inspector of Unserviceable Material at Memphis, Tenn. Lieutenant Commander William H. Whitney has been detached from the Swatara and placed on a sick leave; Commander W. N. Allen from the command of the Swatara and placed on waiting orders; First Assistant Engineer James J. Vanolain from the Swatara and placed on waiting orders.

MURDER IN A NEGRO CHURCH.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26, 1871.

At a Christmas festival held by the negroes at their church at Florence, Ky., near Covington, on Sunday night, a white man named Henry Snyder, who was intoxicated, became disorderly and took unwarrantable liberties with the females. Peter Reylor, one of the negroes, remonstrated with him, which so irritated Snyder that he drew a pistol and shot him in the head, inflicting a fatal wound. He then shot three other negroes, two of whom, Albert Gowell and John Brent, are seriously wounded.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WALL STREET,
TUESDAY, Dec. 26—6 P. M.

On 'Change to-day wheat was dull, but rather firmer. The cotton market was not so strong, but unchanged.

Two failures are reported this afternoon—one in the flour trade and one in the malting trade.

MONEY STRINGENT.

The money market worked more closely, and late in the afternoon was positively stringent. Early in the day the stock brokers were accommodated at 7 gold to 1-16 per cent, the latter rate being paid for turning stocks, lenders being quite disposed to accept these rates through an impression that with the experience of last week they were as much as money was worth. After two o'clock the inquiry became sharp, and as three o'clock approached many borrowers had not made up their accounts. In the scramble for money after this hour as high as ¼ per cent was paid for the use of balances over night, the market relaxing again somewhat at the close of sidewalk dealings, which were kept up until half-past three o'clock, the latest loans being made at ½ per cent. As usual the government dealers found it easier to supply their wants, the rates on government collaterals being 7 per cent currency and 7 per cent coin.

Prime paper was quoted 8 a 12 per cent discount, with little doing.

Foreign exchange was steady on the basis of 109½ a 109¾ for prime bankers' sixty day sterling and 109¾ a 109⅞ for sight bills—the market being firmer toward the close.

GOLD UNSETTLED—108¾ A 108⅛.

The gold market was unsettled by the stringency of the money market, but without important fluctuation. The first feeling was bullish, as a "short turn" and the price advanced to 108¾, but here the "bulls" grew apprehensive of being compelled to pay extravagantly to-morrow for carrying gold, and in unloading they sold the market back to 108⅛, the decline being assisted by the continued firmness of our securities in London, where, although the market was on the street, the Stock Exchange being closed until Wednesday, the prices were up to the highest yet made. Quite late in the afternoon the foreign bankers began buying, and occasioned a reaction to 108⅝, starting a surmise of some important political news in Europe. The course of the market is shown in the table:—

10 A. M.	108⅛	2 P. M.	108⅛
10:30 A. M.	108⅜	3 P. M.	108⅛
10:40 A. M.	108¾	4 P. M.	108¾
11 A. M.	108⅜	5 P. M.	108⅛
12 M.	108⅛	5:15 P. M.	108⅜
1 P. M.	108⅜	5:30 P. M.	108⅛ a 108⅜
1:39 P. M.	108⅜		

In the gold loan market the rate for carrying ranged from 6 per cent to 1-32. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank were as follows:—

Gold cleared	$28,711,000
Gold balances	1,959,053
Currency balances	2,405,988

THE JANUARY INTEREST.

The prepayment of the January interest did not begin to-day and may be deferred until Thursday, the Treasury Department having given a holiday to its clerical force, whose absence has delayed the preparation of the schedules.

The disbursement to-day on account of redeemed '62's was $210,000, making the total since December 1, $21,657,000.

GOVERNMENTS STRONG.

The government list was strong, owing to the demand for the reinvestment of the January coupons, and buyers were more confident in view of the steadier ruling of the gold market. The chief feature were the currency bonds, which were selling at 117½ a 117¾, these issues, unlike the rest of the list, being quoted exclusive of accrued interest, which is now within a trifle of three per cent. The market seemed unaffected by the stringency in money, and closed with the following street prices:—United States currency sixes, 114¼ a 114¾; do. sixes 1881, registered, 113¾ a 113¾.; do. do., coupon, 117½ a 117¾; do. five-twenties, registered, May and November, 109 a 110; do. do., 186 2, coupon do., 109¼ a 109½; do. do., 1864, do. do., 109½ a 109¾; do. do., 1865, do. do., 111 a 111½; do. do., registered, January and July, 111 a 111¾; do. do., 1865, coupon, do., 114 a 114½; do. do., 1867, do. do., 115¼ a 115¾; do. do., 1868, do. do., 115¾ a 115¾; do. fives of 1881, funded, registered, 108½ a 109; do. do. do., coupon, 108¾ a 109; do. ten-forties, registered, 108¼ a 108¾; do. do., coupon, 109½ a 109¾.

STOCKS ACTIVE, STRONG AND UNSETTLED.

The stock market was more active than usual for some time past, and "holiday week"—ordinarily a period of stagnation in Wall street—led off with great animation. The chief impetus given the market and occasioning this sudden revival of business was the covering of "short" contracts by the "bears," who came to the conclusion that the "bulls" displayed more wisdom in discounting the January rise by laying in their stocks some time ago, and that it was folly to resist the evident current of prices. The "short" interest having been largely increased by the anticipation of the present stringency in the money market had no inconsiderable extent, and included many wealthy operators, who had been heavy losers by the rising tide. Accordingly, when this element of the street showed the white feather this morning, the demoralization of the "bears" became general, and speculators who erst had been allies against the "bulls" abandoned each other and eagerly bought in their stocks, causing a most rapid rise in several of the leading specialties, such as Wabash, which jumped to 71½, and Northwest, which sold at 67½. The "short" interest satisfied, the market relaxed, and as money became stringent there was a fresh pressure to sell, which robbed much of the market of all the day's improvement, the closing dealings being attended by a decline, which, while it left Northwest and Wabash in possession of a good portion of the day's advance, carried Lake Shore, Union Pacific and Erie to below the opening figures of the morning. Meantime Lake Shore had sold at 93 and the scrip at 85, which figures would make the old stock equivalent to 113⅞—or pretty nearly the price reached last summer. The speculation in Wabash, outside of such of it as is stimulated by purchases of the stock against the "puts" of Mr. Drew, is assisted by a revival of the old rumor that negotiations are pending for a lease of the road to the Lake Shore company, its value as a connection to St. Louis being heightened by a fear of its possible absorption by the Erie road, now that the Ohio and Mississippi is no longer an extension of the broad gauge system of the Erie and Atlantic and Great Western. In this connection much significance was attached to a protracted interview held this afternoon at the Broad street agency of the Erie Railway between Daniel Drew and Jay Gould, and the "street" was quite anxious as to the nature of the deliberations supposed to have taken place between the present President and the ex-Treasurer of Erie. Curiously enough, these rumors come at a time when stocks have risen a great deal, and when there may be a necessity for enlisting the interest of the public in the enterprises concerned, in order to form that desirable requisite to the success of every "bull" movement—viz., "a market." Those who divine correctly these various signs of the hour will, it is quite evident, be first in the advantages gained by an early information of the real plans of the parties controlling the market.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices of the principal stocks during the day:—

	Highest.	*Lowest.*
New York Central consolidated	95⅞	94⅛
New York Central scrip	90	89⅛
Erie	32⅝	32⅛
Reading	111¼	111
Lake Shore	93	92¼
Wabash	71⅛	69
Pittsburg	128⅝	128
Northwestern	67⅛	64⅝
Northwestern preferred	90	89
Rock Island	107¾	106⅝
St. Paul	55⅛	54⅝
St Paul preferred	79	78⅝
Ohio and Mississippi	45⅛	44⅛
Union Pacific	29	28⅛
Western Union Telegraph	69⅝	68⅞
Pacific Mail	54	53¼

THE RAILROAD BONDS.

The following were the bids for the railroad bonds:—

New York Cen 6's, 1883	93	Del, Lack & W 1st m	100
New York Cen 6's, 1887	88	Del, Lack & W 2d m	97
New York Cen 6's, c m	88	Tol & Wab 1st m, ex	95½
New York Cen 6's, sub	84	Tol & W 1st m, St Louis div	87
New York Cen 7's, 1876	102	Tol & Wab 2d m	91½
New York Cen 7's, '85-'76	100	Tol & Wab cons con	87
Erie 7's, 2d m, '79	95	Gt West 1st m, 1888	91
Erie 7's, 3d m, '83	91¼	Gt West 2d m, 1893	85¼
Erie 7's, 4th m '89	87	Quincy & Tol 1st, 1890	87
Erie 7's, 5th m, '91	84	Ill & South Iowa 1st m	87
Buf, N Y & E 1st m, '77	90	Gal & Chic extended	103
Long Dock bonds	90	Gal & Chic 2d m	95
Hud R 7's, 2d m, s f, '85	103	Chic, R I & Pacific	103¼
Hud R 7's, 3d m, '75	100	Morris & Essex 1st m	108
Harlem 1st m 7's	101	Morris & Essex 2d m	96
Harlem con mtge 6's	75	Clev & Tol s f	101¼
Alb & Sus 1st bonds	105	New Jersey Cen 1st, n	104⅞
Alb & Sus 2d bds	98¾	New Jer Cen 2d m	100
Mich Cen 8's, 1st m '82	114	Pitts, F W & Chi 1st m	106¾
Cal, Bur & Q, s p c, 1st m	113¼	Pitts, F W & Chic 2d m	102¼
Mich So & N I 7's p c, 2d m	99	Clev & Pitts con s f	93
Mich So & N I 7's p c	101¼	Clev & Pitts 2d m	95
Pac RR 7's, guar by Mo	102¼	Clev & Pitts 3d m	87
Central Pac gold bonds	108¾	Chic & Alton s f	96¼
Union Pacific 1st m bds	93	Chic & Alton 1st m	106⅝
Union Pac 1st grant 7's	79¾	Chic & Alton income	90
Union Pac income 10's	82⅛	Ohio & Miss 1st m	109⅛
Ill Cen 7 p c 1875	105	Dub & Sioux C 1st m	95
Alton & T H 1st m	100	Mil & St Paul 1st m 8's	108
Alt & T H 2d m inc	77	Mil & St Paul 1st m	94
Chic & N W s f	101	Mil & St Paul 2d m	64
Chi & N W int bds	94	Chic & Mil 1s m	84¼
Chic & N W con bds	92	Col, Chi & Ind Cen 1 m	89
Chic & N W ex bds	88	Col, Chic & Ind Cen 2 m	71
Chic & N W 1st m	99¼	Tol, Peo & W, F D	95
Han & S Jos 1 grants	100	N York & N Haven 6's	97
Han & St Jo con	93		

SOUTHERN SECURITIES DULL.

The Southern list was quiet with a firmer tone and for the Tennessees, Virginias and South Carolinas considerable improvement. The following were the closing street prices and the best of the day:—Tennessee, ex-coupon, 63¾ a 63½; do. new, 62½ a 64; Virginia, ex-coupon, 57 a 60; do. registered stock, old, 46 a 50; do. sixes, consolidated bonds, 55 a 55¼; do. sixes, deferred scrip, 21 a 23; Georgia sixes, 70 a 80; do. sevens, 80 a 90; North Carolina, ex-coupon, 31¼ a 33; do., new, 14 a 17; do., special tax, 12 a 14; Missouri sixes, 97¼ a 98; do. Hannibal and St. Joseph, 93 a 94; Louisiana sixes, 60 a 65; do. levee sixes, 63 a 67; do. do. eights, 70 a 80; Alabama fives, 60 a 65; do. eights, 94 a 100; South Carolina sixes, 50 a 60; do. new, January and July, 25 a 25½; do. do. April and October, 21 a 24; Arkansas sixes, funded, 52¼ a 54.

COMPARISON OF THE IMPORTS.

The following shows the imports, exclusive of specie, at the port of New York for the week ending December 23 and since the beginning of the year:—

	1869.	1870.	1871.
Dry goods	$1,043,778	$1,614,104	$1,470,798
General mdse	2,660,438	4,674,448	3,764,232
Total for week	$3,704,216	$6,318,552	$5,235,030
Prev. reported	278,848,973	288,121,184	362,439,302
Since Jan. 1	$282,553,189	$294,439,736	$367,674,332

THE SPECIE MOVEMENT.

The imports of specie from this port during the past week and since the beginning of the year have been as follows:—

Total for the week	$470
Previously reported	8,582,209
Total since January 1, 1871	$8,582,679
Same time 1870	11,550,710
Same time 1869	14,749,666
Same time 1868	7,013,821

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tuesday, Dec. 26—10:15 A. M.

$1000 US 5-20, c, '65, m	114½	400 sha N Y C & H R, b c	94½
9000 U S 5's, 10-40, c	109⅝	400 do	94⅛
5000 Va 6's, con	55½	500 do	94⅜
5000 Va 6's, def	21½	100 do c	94½
3000 N C 6's act, '68	20	200 do c	94¾
10000 N C 6's, sp tax	12½	60000 N Y C & H RR ctfs	81½
10000 Missouri 6's	98	30000 do c	81¾
1000 N Y Cen 7's, '76	103	300 Erie RR	32½
3000 Mich So 2d m	98½	200 Reading RR	111¼
10 Union Pac 1st m	93	50 L S & M S RR	92½
10000 U Pac 1st gold	89	200 do	92½
1000 U Pac 10's, inc	83½	100 do b c	92½
6000 do	83	80 L S & M S Scrip	85¼
3000 Tol & W 1st m, s f, Ld	87	600 do b c	85
13000 Tol & W con cb	67	100 Panama RR	60
1000 C & R I & P RR 7's	106¼	100 do	69½
1000 W Union Tel 7's b	78	100 Clev & Pitts RR	128¼
3000 Lake Shore d bds	92	300 Chic & N W	65⅝
100 shs Canton Co	78	100 do c	65⅝
100 Quick Min Co	28	300 do b c	65½
100 Quick Mt Co pf	30½	200 do	65¼
300 West Un Tel	69⅝	800 do	65¼
100 do b c, 53	69⅝	100 Chi & N W RR pf	80½
800 do	69⅞	100 do	83⅝
500 do	69⅝	82 do	89
100 do	69¼	200 do b c	89¼
10 Pac M SS Co	53½	200 Ch & R I RR b c, c	107½
200 do	54	85 C, C & I RR	88
300 do	53⅞	100 Mil & St P RR	55
400 do b c	53⅞	100 O & Miss RR b c	44¾
100 do	53½	65 Ohio & Miss R pf	73½
100 do	53⅝	100 do	74
525 Adams Ex	91	400 Morris & Ess RR	93
50 do	91½	100 R & St Jo RR	55½
100 do	91¼	100 do	55
500 U States Express	65½	200 T, W & W RR b c	70¼
300 N Y C & H R RR	94½	200 Union Pac RR b c	29
100 do	94½	200 do	28⅞
10 do	94¼		

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

$50000 US 5-20, r, '62	109½	$24000 US 5-20, c, '67	115¼
15000 US 5-20 c '62	109½	5000 US 5-20, c, '68	115⅝
58000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	114½	5000 US 5's, 10-40, r	108½
22000 US 5-20, c, '67	115½	25000 US 5's, 10-40, c	109½
20000 do 53	115¼	5000 U S 6's, cur	114⅞
26000 do	115⅛		

One o'Clock P. M.

$5000 Va 6's, con	55¼	200 shs N Y C & H R R	95
6000 do	55⅝	10000 N Y C & H R ctfs	89⅞
2000 Missouri 6's	98	400 Reading RR	111½
5000 Mo 6's, H & St J's	93	20 do	110½
1000 C, C & I C 2d m	72	300 L S & M S RR	92½
4000 Clev rac gold b	105½	700 do b c	92⅝
28000 Un Pac RR 1st m	93	400 do	92½
3000 do	93¼	100 Un Pac RR	28⅞
3000 Un P 7's, 1 g b	79½	100 Chi & N W RR b c	65¾
2000 do	80	200 do	65⅞
5000 Han & St Jos's, sb	94	200 do	66
10 shs Bk N Am'ca, x d	105	100 Chic & N W RR pf	89¼
100 Quick Mt Co	25⅝	100 Chic & Rk I RR	107½
700 do	25½	200 do	107½
100 West U Tel b c	69½	100 Tol, W & W RR	71½
100 do	69⅝	100 do b30	71⅝
100 Con Coal of Md	29½	500 do b c	71
200 rac M SS Co b c	53½	100 do	71½
100 do b c	53½	200 Del, L & W RR	109½
10 Am Mer U Exp	50½	300 do	109⅞
200 N Y C & H RR c	94½	100 H & St Jo RR b30	55
1000 do	94½	300 Col, C & I C RR	19¼
100 do b c	94⅝	100 Ohio & M RR	44⅞

STREET QUOTATIONS.

Five o'Clock P. M.

Western Union	68½ a 68⅞	Northwestern	65⅝ a 65⅞
Pacific Mail	53½ a 53¾	N'west'n pf	89½ a 89⅝
N Y Cen con	94⅝ a 94⅞	Rock Island	106⅝ a 106⅞
N Y Cen scrip	89⅝ a 90	St. Paul	54⅝ a 55
Erie	32½ a 32⅞	St. Paul pref	78⅞ a 79¼
Reading	111¼ a 111½	Wabash	69⅝ a 69⅞
Lake Shore	92½ a 92¾	Ohio & Miss	44⅛ a 44½
Union Pacific	28⅛ a 28¼	Bos, Har & Erie	2⅞ a 3⅞
Pittsburg	128½ a 128¾	Col, C & Ind Cen	19¼ a 19⅝

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26—6 P. M.

ASHES.—The market was only very moderately active, but prices were unchanged. We quote:—Pots, $8 a $8 50 and pearl $11.

CANDLES.—There has been no change in the market since our last, either in the demand or prices; it still remains quiet and nearly nominal at 35c. for sperm, 45c. for patent do., 28c. a 29c. for stearic, 15c. a 19c. for adamantine and 25c. for paraffine.

COPPER.—The market has been only moderately active since our last, but prices still remain firm. The sales aggregate about 50,000 lbs. of lake, 27½c., cash, and about 27¾c. for January.

COFFEE.—The market to-day was very quiet but firm. We heard of no sales. We quote nominally:—Cargoes (Rio), ordinary, 16c. a 16½c.; do. do. fair, 16½c. a 16¾c.; do. do. good, 17¼c. a 17½c.; do. do. prime, 18c. a 18¼c., gold, in bond, 60 days; Maracaibo, 19c. a 20c.; Laguayra, 18c. a 20c.; St. Domingo, in bond, 12c. a 12½c.; JAVA, 25c. a 24c., gold, duty paid.

COTTON.—There has been only a moderate inquiry for cotton on the spot, with prices somewhat favoring buyers, but not quotably changed. For future delivery the demand was moderate at ⅛c. lower rates. The sales reported on 'Change to-day were as follows:—

	Tuesday.	*Saturday Evening.*	*Total.*
Export	—	75	75
Consumption	345	—	354
Total	345	75	429

—For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Saturday evening—December, 100 at 19 11-16c.; January, 300 at 19 13-16c., 100 at 19½c., 300 at 19 13-16c.; February, 50 at 20½c., 200 at 20¼c., 200 at 20 3-16c., 100 at 20⅛c.; March, 100 at 20 9-16c., 800 at 20⅝c.; April, 100 at 20⅞c., 100 at 20¾c. Exchanged—¼c. paid to exchange 100 December for 100 January. Total, 2,450 bales. To-day—December, 400 at 19⅝c., 100 at 19 9-16c.; January, 300 at 19⅞c., 450 at 19 11-16c.; February, 400 at 20 1-16c., 200 at 20⅛c., 100 at 20 1-16c., 100 at 20⅛c., 100 at 20½c.; March, 100 at 20½c.; April, 300 at 20⅝c.; 200 at 20 11-16c., 600 at 20¾c. Exchanged—¼c. paid to exchange 100 December for 100 February. Total, 3,350 bales. Grand total, 5,800 bales. Rates on cotton to foreign ports closed as follows:—To Liverpool, by steam, ¼d.; by sail, 7-32d. a ½d. To Havre, by steam, 1c., gold; sail, ⅛c. To Hamburg, by steam, ¼d., compressed. To Bremen, by steam, 1c., gold, compressed. To Baltic ports by sail, ⅛c. a 1c., gold. We quote:—

	Uplands.	*Alabamas.*	*N. Orleans.*	*Texas.*
Ordinary	17¼	17¾	17¼	18
Good ordinary	19	19¼	19½	19⅞
Low middling	19½	19¾	20¼	20⅝
Middling	20¼	20⅝	21	21¼
Good middling	21	21¼	21½	22

—The quotations are based on cotton running in quality not more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 10,346 pbls.; wheat, 13,800 bushels; corn, 20,300 do.; corn meal, 300 bbls. and 564 bags; oats, 7,676 bushels; barley, 8,800 do. The flour market remained dull, but prices were no lower. Shipping grades were held firm, though there was almost no demand for them. The sales were about 4,200 bbls. Rye flour was quiet and unchanged. Southern flour was dull but unchanged. The sales were about 550 bbls. at our quotations. Corn meal was quiet and unchanged. We hear of sales of 150 bbls. at $4 20 for Southern and $3 75 for Western yellow on the dock. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$4 50 a $5 50
Superfine State	5 75 a 6 25
Extra State	6 50 a 7 00
Choice do	7 00 a 7 25
Superfine Western	5 75 a 6 25
Extra do	6 50 a 6 90
Extra Minnesota	7 00 a 8 75
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	6 75 a 7 00
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 00 a 7 50
Family	7 50 a 8 50
St. Louis low extra	6 75 a 7 00
St. Louis straight extra	7 00 a 7 40
St. Louis choice double extra	7 50 a 8 50
St. Louis choice family	8 50 a 11 00
Rye flour	4 50 a 5 40
Southern No. 2	5 25 a 5 75
Southern superfine	5 75 a 6 25
Southern extra	6 75 a 8 25
Southern family	8 25 a 11 00
Corn meal, Western white	4 00 a 4 10
Corn meal, Western yellow	3 75 a 4 10
Corn meal, Jersey	3 75 a 4 10
Corn meal, Brandywine	4 20 a —
Corn meal, puncheons	19 00 a 19 75
Baltimore	4 15 a —
Caloric	4 00 a —
Caloine	3 85 a 3 90
Western	3 70 a 3 80

—Wheat was dull, but there was no pressure to sell and the market was unchanged. The sales were only about 7,700 bushels, in lots, at $1 55 for choice, No. 2 Milwaukee spring and $1 56 a $1 58½ for red winter. Rye was quiet at 90c. a 86c., with sales of about 15,000 bushels Canada in bond at the outside price. Corn was quiet but steady. The sales were about 75,000 bushels at 73½c. a 73c. for new, 73½c. for old mixed. Other descriptions were nominal. Oats were steady at 54c. a 55c. for Western in store and afloat, 57c. a 58c. for white, with sales of about 21,000 bushels within the range. Barley was dull and nominal at from 82c. to $1 15c. for common Western to prime Canada. Choice was held as high as $1 25.

FREIGHTS.—The market was dull, but rates generally were unchanged. There was very little call for vessels for charter, no disposition being evinced to engage in business until after New Year. The engagements reported were as follows:—To Liverpool, by steam, 30,000 bushels corn at 5d.; 700 packages provisions on private terms; 50 tons oil cake, 15s. 9d.; and by sail 4,000 bushels corn, 6d. To London, by sail, 7,300 bags clover seed, 20s.; 2,000 bbls. oil cake on private terms; and 4,000 bushels corn at 6d. To Glasgow, by sail, 30,000 bushels grain, 6d. To Antwerp, 200 tierces lard, 30s. The only charter we heard of was a Liverpool brig, 417 tons, hence to Gibraltar and Tarragona, 5,000 cases refined petroleum, at 28c., and balance of cargo, staves, at $60, gold; a North German bark, from Wimpington to a port in the United Kingdom or Continent, 3,500 bbls. rosin, on private terms; a British brig, hence to a direct port in the Mediterranean, 1,400 bbls. refined petroleum, on private terms.

GUNNIES.—The market was dull but unchanged. Sales have been made, principally of a jobbing character, at 14½c. a 15½c. for bags, and 13½c. a 14½c. for Calcutta and 14½c. a 15c. for domestic cloth.

HEMP AND JUTE.—All descriptions of hemp continue quiet at unchanged prices. Jute and jute butts have also been inactive, but still remain steady. The sales have been small and unimportant. We quote:—Dressed American, $265 a $275 per ton; undressed do $160 per ton; Manila, 13½c. a 13¾c., gold; sisal, 11¾c. a 12c., do.; Tampico, 7½c. a 7¾c., do., in bond; Sunn, 7c., currency; jute, 4¾c. a 6½c., gold, and jute butts, 3¾c. a 3½c., currency.

HOPS.—The market still remains quiet but firm. There are a number inquiring for prime new hops who would purchase at slight concessions, but sellers show no disposition to force sales. The current quotations were:—State, 35c. a 42c.; Eastern and Western, 35c. a 55c.; yearlings, 20c. a 35c.; olds, 10c. a 30c.; old olds, 9c. a 15c.; California, 35c. a 75c.; do. yearlings, 15c. a 25c.; do. old, 9c. a 15c. Foreign were quoted within the range of 58c. a 75c.

HAY AND STRAW.—There has been less inquiry for the past few days, but prices remain unchanged. Small sales were made at $1 25 a $1 40 for shipping, $1 50 a $1 75 for prime retail qualities, $1 20 a $1 30 for clover, $1 20 a $1 25 for long rye straw, $1 a $1 05 for short do., 90c. a $1 for oat and 80c. a 85c. for wheat.

HIDES.—The market continues active for most all descriptions, and prices have again advanced fully ½c., gold, per lb. The total sales for the week of all kinds aggregate 97,50 hides, also 3,500 bales of Calcutta buffalo. The receipts for the week were 78,857 hides and 64 bales of Calcutta cow. The total stock on hand this date was 58,400 hides, 147 bales Calcutta cow and 212 bales do. buffalo, against 18,700 hides and 231 bales of Calcutta cow and buffalo same time last year.

LEATHER.—The demand for hemlock sole continues good, and large sales have been effected at asking prices. The receipts were moderate and the stock much reduced, consequently the market closed firm with an upward tendency. Oak was active for all descriptions. We quote:—Hemlock—Buenos Ayres, heavy, 28c. a 29c. per lb.; do., middle, 28c. a 29c.; do., light, 26c. a 27c.; California, heavy, 27c. a 27½c.; do., middle, 27c. a 27½c.; do., light, 25½c. a 26c.; Orinoco, &c., heavy, 26c. a 27c.; do., middle, 26c. a 27c; do., light, 25c. a 25½c.; good damaged, all kinds and weights, 23c. a 25c.; poor damaged, all kinds and weights, 19c. a 20c.; in rough, 22c. a 32c. Oak—Slaughter, heavy, 35c. a 38c.; do., middle, 32c. a 40c.; do., light, 38c. a 42c.; do., cropped, heavy, 33c. a 33c.; do., middle, 38c. a 40c.; do., light, 34c. a 38c.; do., in the rough, heavy, 31c. a 36c.; do., middle, 31c. a 36c.; do., light, 32c. a 35c.; do., bellies, 17c. a 19c.

MOLASSES.—The demand was only moderate and entirely for domestic. Prices were steady. The