FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

A LULL IN WALL STREET.

Erie Feverish but Duller at 48 1-2 a 50 3-4.

The American Certificates Made "a Good Delivery" in London.

Pacific Mail Repairing Damages After the Squall that Upset the Subsidy.

Lingering Hopes for the Success of the Measure.

KOOPMANNSCHOOPF INSATIATE.

He Will Have the Union Pacific Road.

Graceful Yielding of the Vanderbilt Party.

Further Advance in Foreign Exchange—Gold and Governments Steady—The Southern State Bonds Lower.

WALL STREET,
THURSDAY, March 21—6 P. M.

On 'Change to-day wheat was strong and underwent a further improvement. The cotton market was firm, but without essential change in prices.

MONEY STRINGENT.

The money market was stringent, and the rate on call loans advanced from 7 per cent, coin, to 1-32 and 1-32 and interest. The government dealers were supplied at 7 per cent. Just at three o'clock, when accounts had been made up, some small amounts were pressed to the street, the lenders accepting 7, coin, and 7 per cent.

Commercial paper was nominal and dull. Prime names were quoted 8 a 11 per cent discount.

Foreign exchange was firmer, and the leading bankers advanced their asking rates to 109½ for sixty day sterling and 110¼ for sight, but a good many bills were sold out of second hands ⅛ a ¼ per cent below their rates.

GOLD DULL—109¾ A 109⅞.

The gold market was dull but steady, with all the recorded sales at 109¾ and 109⅞, and the quotation closing 109¾ a 109⅞. As usual in such a market the bulk of the day's business was at the intermediate sixteenth, or "split," viz., 109 3-16. The Sub-Treasury paid out $1,340,000 on account of redeemed five-twenties. The European steamer took out about $43,000. In the gold loan market the rates for carrying ranged from 5 per cent to 7 per cent, coin. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank were as follows:—Gold cleared, $35,471,000; gold balances, $2,213,738; currency balances, $2,680,849.

GOVERNMENTS STEADY.

The government list was quiet and steady, the only alteration of any moment occurring in the new fives, which were a trifle stronger on the advance to-day in London of these issues, and their apparent sudden favor with investors in that market. The advance in London over the closing price of yesterday was fully ¾ per cent. The following were the quotations at the close of business:—United States currency sixes, 115 a 115¼; do. sixes, 1881, registered, 114⅝ a 114⅞; do. do. coupon, 115¼ a 115½; do., five-twenties, registered, May and November, 111¾ a 112; do. do., 1862, coupon, do., 111¾ a 112; do. do., 1864, do. do., 111¾ a 112; do. do., 1865, do. do., 112⅜ a 112⅝; do. do., 1867, registered, January and July, 111⅝ a 111¾; do. do., 1865, coupon, do., 110⅝ a 111; do. do., 1867, do., do., 112⅜ a 112½; do. do., 1868, do., do., 112¾ a 112¾; do. fives of 1881, funded, registered, 109¼ a 109½; do. do. do., coupon, 109¾ a 109⅞; do. ten-forties, registered, 107⅜ a 107¾; do. do., coupon, 108 a 108½.

SOUTHERN SECURITIES LOWER.

The Southern State bonds were fairly active for the North and South Carolinas, the Tennessees, the Virginias and the Missouris. The North Carolinas were exceptionally steady and even firm, but the others were heavy and in some instances weak. The Virginia deferred bonds dropped to 16¼ on the action of the Legislature in repudiating them, although the bill has not been signed by the Governor, and may yet be defeated. The South Carolinas were lower all around, the old bonds falling off on the belief that with the validating law there can be in future no discrimination in their favor as against the new bonds, so far as they are an obligation upon the State. The ante-war bonds sold at 52, and the new January and July issues at 37. The following were the closing prices:—Tennessee, ex coupon, 66¾ a 67; do. new, 66¾ a 67; Virginia, ex coupon, 54 a 56; do. registered stock, old, 44 a 50; do. sixes, consolidated bonds, 58¼ a 59; do. sixes, deferred scrip, 16 a 17; Georgia sixes, 74 a 78; do. sevens, 88 a 90; North Carolina, ex coupon, 37½ a 38; do. funding, 1866, 27 a 28; do. do. 1868, 23 a 24; do., new, 23 a 24; do., special tax, 16 a 17; Missouri sixes, 94 a 95; do. Hannibal and St. Joseph, 93 a 94; Louisiana sixes, 59 a 62; do. new, 55 a 60; do. levee sixes, 62 a 65; do. do. eights, 70 a 80; do. do. eights, 1875, 78 a 84; do. penitentiary sevens, 63 a 68; do. railroad eights, 70 a 80; Alabama fives, 60 a 65; do. eights, 90 a 94; do. eights, Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad, 87 a 92; South Carolina sixes, 50 a 55; do. new, January and July, 36¾ a 37¼; do. do., April and October, 35 a 35½; Arkansas sixes, funded, 54 a 57.

THE RAILROAD BONDS.

The following were the bids for the railroad bonds:—

New York Cen 6's, 1883..	93½	Del, Lack & West 2d m..	96
New York Cen 6's, rec...	89	Gt West 1st m. 1888.....	95
New York Cen 6's, sub...	90	Gt West 2d m, 1892.....	90
New York Cen 7's, 1876..	102	Quincy & Tol 1st, 1890...	92
N York Cen 7's, con 1876.	102	Ill & So Iowa 1st m....	91
N York Cen 7's, '85-'76..	102	Gal & Chic extended.....	104
Erie 7's, 2d m, '79.....	97½	Chi, R I & Pacific	101
Erie 7's, 2d m, '83.....	94½	Mor & Essex 1st m.....	104¼
Erie 7's, 4th m, '80.....	94	Mor & Essex 2d m.....	97½
Erie 7's, 5th m, '83.....	90	Clev & Tol s f.....	100
Long Dock bonds.....	94	New Jer Cent 1st m, R..	104½
Buf, N Y & E 1st m, '77.	94¼	Pitts, F W & Chi 1st m..	102
Hud R 7's, 2d m, sf, '85..	105	Pitts, F W & Chic 2d m..	102
Hud R 7's, 3d m, s f, '75.	102	Pitts, F W & Chi 3d m...	98
Harlem 1st m, 7's.....	102¼	Clev & Pitts con s f	95
Alb & Sus 1st bds.....	105	Clev & Pitts 2d m.....	97
Alb & Sus 2d bds.....	100	Clev & Pitts 4th m.....	86
Mich Cen 1st m b's, '82..	119	Chic & Alt s f.....	100
Chic, Bur & Q, 8 pc, 1st m.	113¼	Chic & Alt 1st m.....	104½
Mich So 7 p c 2d m.....	99	Chic & Alt Income.....	96
Mich S & N I s f 7 p c...	104	Ohio & Miss 1st m.....	100
Pac RR 7's, guar by Mo.	99	Ohio & Miss con.....	90
Cen Pac gold bonds.....	102	Ohio & Miss 2d m, con..	86½
Union Pac 1st m.....	93	Dub & Sioux City 1st m.	94
Union Pac l g 7's.....	84½	St Louis & Iron M 1st m.	94½
Un Pac inc 10's.....	23½	Mil & St P 1st m, 7-10..	96
Belleville & So Ill 1st, 8's	98	Mil & St Paul 1st m.....	92½
Alt & T H 1st m.....	97	Mil & St Paul, Iowa div.	87½
Alt & T H 2d m, pref....	57¾	Mil & St Paul 2d m.....	67
Alton & T H 2d m inc...	31	Mar & Cin 1st m.....	96
Chic & N W s f.....	100	Chic & Mil 1st m.....	95
Chic & N W int bds.....	99	Col, Chic & Ind 1st m....	92¾
Chic & N W con bds.....	94¾	Col, Chic & Ind 2d m....	75
Chic & N W sk bds.....	90	Tol, Peo & W, E D.....	92
Chic & N W 1st m.....	99	Tol, P & W, Burl'n div...	87
Han & St Jo land gts....	105	Tol, Peo & War 2d m....	85½
Tol & Wab 1st m, ex....	97½	N York & N Haven 6's..	100
Tol & W 1st m, St L div.	88¾	Bost, Hart & E 1st m...	41½
Tol & Wab 2d m	94	Bos, Hart & Erie gtd....	49½
Tol & Wab equip bds....	86	Del, Mon & Tol.....	98
Tol & W cons conv.....	93	Lake Shore div.....	98
Han & St Jo con.....	92½	Clev, Pains'vl & Ash....	97

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

The earnings of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad for the second week in March were in

1871.....	$37,912
1872.....	35,608
Decrease.....	$2,304

The gross earnings of the Union Pacific Railroad during the month of January were $273,936 against an outlay of $379,741, being a loss of $105,505.

STOCKS DULL AND IRREGULAR.

The stock market was dull outside of Erie, Pacific Mail and Union Pacific, which naturally absorbed the larger share of interest, owing to the circumstances temporarily influencing them. Erie opened weak and declined to 48½, following in this respect the direction of the London market which seems to have staggered under the immense amount of stock brought from this side by the rivalry between the two parties in that market. In the afternoon Erie suddenly brightened up on a rumor that the unstamped shares had approximated quite closely to the quotation for those carrying the ticket of the Protection Committee, and when soon after it was reported in explanation that the London Stock Exchange had decided to recognize both as "a good delivery" the price here advanced to 50¾ on purchases by the bankers, who on this intelligence found a profit in buying for shipment. This demand satisfied, the stock became heavy, and drooped to 49¾, rallied momentarily to 49¾ and closed at 49½. Pacific Mail was at first weak, owing to the execution of a number of "stop" orders just as the Board opened, and sold to a small extent at 58¾, but advanced to 60½, closing at the medium of 59¾. The comparative strength of the stock after the defeat of the proposition to increase the subsidy is attributed to a belief that the Congressional advocates of the subsidy will not abandon the effort to get the increase, particularly as the resolution was not rejected by a very bad vote—namely, 87 to 92—and may be reconsidered at any stage of the discussion of the Post Office Appropriation bill, to which the proposed increase of subsidy is one of a thousand amendments. The Amsterdam bankers were buying Union Pacific, and the Vanderbilt party, with the figures of the January business before them, continued selling it. The outside dealers thought it a good chance to buy also, believing the orders from Holland to be unlimited, and took a hand in, making, for a portion of the day, a pretty lively market in this stock, and running it up to 39¼. Curious to relate, there was not a single sale to-day of New York Central scrip, unless effected privately. While dull the rest of the market was visited, at one time or another, but just enough to make prices. Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central was strong and active, with sales at 25⅝, being rather a feature of the day. Michigan Central declined to 113.

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.....	95	94⅝
Erie.....	50¾	48½
Erie preferred.....	79¼	78½
Reading.....	113½	113¼
Lake Shore.....	93½	92⅞
Wabash.....	75¾	75¼
Northwestern.....	79¼	78⅞
Northwestern preferred.....	92½	91⅞
Rock Island.....	113¾	113¼
St. Paul.....	59	58⅞
St. Paul preferred.....	79½	79¼
Ohio and Mississippi.....	45¾	45¼
Union Pacific.....	39¾	38
Hannibal and St. Joseph.....	45	44½
Western Union Telegraph	70¾	70⅜
Pacific Mail.....	60⅝	58¾

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thursday, March 21—10 to 10:30 A. M.

600 shs Erie RR.....	49	400 shs Pac M SS Co..	s3	59¾
500 do.....	48¾	500 do.....		59¾
200 do.....	48⅝	600 do.....	c	59½
200 do.....	48	1300 do.....		59
2000 do.....	48½	900 do.....		59½
500 do.....	48¾	800 do.....		59¾
200 do.....	49	1200 do.....		59
200 do.....	c 49½	400 do.....		59¾
400 do.....	49¾	300 do.....		59⅝
400 do.....	49½	300 do.....	s3	59⅞
700 do.....	49¾	800 do.....		59⅞
200 do.....	49½	400 do.....		59⅝
200 do.....	b3 49¾	200 do.....		59¾
1000 do.....	49¾	200 Union Pac RR..	s3	38⅞
400 do.....	49½	600 do.....		38½
200 do.....	c 49½	1000 do.....		38½
900 do.....	49¾	200 do.....		38½
500 do.....	b3 49½	200 do.....	c	38¾
200 do.....	49½	1400 do.....		38½
200 do.....	c 49¾	700 do.....	c	38½
300 do.....	49¾	300 do.....		38⅝
300 do.....	49½	400 do.....	c	38½
1500 do.....	49¾	1100 do.....	b3	38½
200 Pac M SS Co.....	59⅞	800 do.....		38⅝
1200 do.....	60	300 do.....		38½
2000 do.....	59¾	300 do.....	s3	38½
500 do.....	59	400 Roa, R & Erie.....		98½
1500 do.....	59¾	400 Chic & N W R.....		79
1100 do.....	59½	200 L S & M S R.....	s3	93
200 do.....	c 59½	500 O & Miss RR.....		45¼
400 do.....	59½			

First Board—10:30 A. M.

$18,000 Va 6's def.....	17	2200 shs Erie RR.....		49½
5000 N Car 6's, old.....	38	2400 do.....		49¼
5000 N Car 6's, n.....	24	1800 do.....		49
20000 Va 6's con.....	s3 58	500 do.....		48⅞
5000 N C 6's, sp tax.....	16½	500 do.....	c	48¾
10000 S Car 6's, old.....	52	1600 do.....		48¾
11000 SC 6's, Jan & July	38½	700 do.....		48¾
5000 do.....	b3 38¾	200 do.....	s3	48¾
15000 do.....	38½	2800 do.....		48¾
2000 do.....	38¼	300 do.....		48⅞
8000 do.....	38	800 do.....		48⅞
5000 do.....	b c 37¾	1400 do.....		49
2000 SC 6's, m, Oct & Apl.	35	300 do.....		49¼
20000 Missouri 6's.....	95½	1200 do.....		49¼
2000 N C Fd act, '68....	24	600 do.....	c	49¼
1000 NY Cen 6's, '83....	93¾	400 do.....		49½
2000 Alb & Sus 2d m.....	100	1600 do.....		49¼
5000 C, B & Q 6's.....	114	2500 do.....		49⅜
5000 do.....	113¼	500 do.....		49⅜
2000 Mich So 8 f bonds.	104½	100 Lake Shore & M S...		92½
10000 Un Pac 10's, inc...	84	400 do.....	b c	93½
5000 U Pac RR 1st.....	92	100 Un Pac RR.....	s3	38¾
4000 U Pac l g b.....	84½	200 do.....	b c, b3	38½
6000 do.....	84¾	1000 do.....		38½
8000 H & St J 8's, c b...	92	200 do.....	s3	38½
1000 Gt West 2d m.....	90	700 do.....	c	38½
1000 Tol & Wab 2d m...	94¼	400 do.....	b3	38½
6000 N J Central, 1 m, n	104½	2800 do.....		38⅞
15000 Col, C & I C 1st m	93	1200 do.....	b3	39
20000 Gal & Chic 1st....	104½	4000 do.....		39
5000 Bost, H & E 1st....	42	2200 do.....		39¼
5000 do.....	41¼	1200 do.....		39¼
5000 do.....	41½	1400 do.....		39½
5000 do.....	41¾	3000 do.....		39
10000 Ohio & Miss 2d....	87	200 do.....	b3	39
4000 Bos, H & E g b....	49¾	700 do.....		38⅞
1000 N Mo 1st m.....	91½	500 do.....	s3	38⅞
2000 New Jer Sou 1st..	79	300 do.....		38½
3500 Lake Shore div b...	99	800 do.....		38½
135 shs E'k of Cm'ce....	118	200 do.....	s3	38½
100 Con C of Md.....	38½	900 do.....		38⅞
200 Quick M C pf.....	c 40½	20 Cleve & Pitts guar..		91
400 Pac M SS Co.....	59½	200 do.....	b c	50¾
2100 do.....	b c 59½	100 Chi & N W R.....		79¼
100 do.....	60	400 do.....	b c	79½
1700 do.....	59½	500 do.....		79½
1000 do.....	59¾	500 do.....	b30	79½
400 do.....	59½	2100 do.....	c	79½
700 do.....	60	300 do.....		79
200 do.....	60½	500 do.....		79¼
1000 do.....	60	200 do.....	c	79
200 do.....	c 59½	500 do.....	s3	79
700 do.....	59½	500 Chi & N W pref.. b	c	92
700 do.....	c 59¾	600 B, Hart & Erie..b c		6¾
1000 do.....	59¾	200 do.....		6½
400 do.....	59¾	500 do.....		6½
200 do.....	s3 59½	500 do.....		6½
50 Manhattan Gas.....	111	200 do.....		6¼
500 do.....	210	200 C, C & I C RR.....		25½
200 West Union T..c, b c	70⅞	1600 do.....	b c	25½
100 Adams Ex Co.....	97½	200 do.....	b c	25¾
200 Wells-Fargo Ex..b c	76	700 do.....	b30	25¾
200 do.....	b60 77½	400 do.....		25½
100 U S Exp Co.....	73½	1300 do.....	b3	25¼
100 do.....	73¾	1700 do.....		25¼
20 do.....	73¾	700 do.....		25¼
100 do.....	c 73½	600 do.....		25⅜
100 N Y C & H R.....	s3 94¾	1200 Ohio & Miss.....	b c	45¼
1100 do.....	b c, b3 95	200 do.....	c	45½
200 do.....	b3 94⅞	700 do.....		45½
300 do.....	94½	100 New J Cen RR.....		112½
5 Mich Cen RR.....	113	500 Ch & A R I R.....	b c	113¼
199 do.....	113½	100 Mil & St Paul RR....		59
200 Erie RR pf.....	79¼	100 Tol, W & W.....		75½
50 Erie RR.....	49¾	38 Del, Lack & WRR....		110½
400 do.....	b c 49¾	200 Alt & Ter H RR....		28
2200 do.....	49¾	100 Alt & Ter H pref....		66
1800 do.....	49⅞	50 Chic & Alt RR.....		117
1100 do.....	49¾	50 St Louis & Iron M..		80
600 do.....	49¾	100 do.....	b c	80
500 do.....	49½	10 Morris & Es RR.....		95¾
1200 do.....	49¾	70 do.....		96
200 do.....	c 49½	50 New Jersey RR.....		126
600 do.....	49¾	100 B & St Jo RR.....	c	44¾
2800 do.....	49¾	600 do.....	b3	45

12:15 and 2:15 P. M.

$100000 U S 5-20, r '64..	111¾	$25000 US 5 20, c, '67...	112¼
5000 US-20, c, '65.....	112¼	1500 US 5-20, c, '68.....	112¾
10000 US 5-20, r, '65....	111¾	10000 US 6's, currencr.b3	115½
5000 US 5-20, r, '65, n...	110¾	25000 do.....	115¼
20500 US 5-20, c, '65, n..	111	25000 US 5's, 10-40, c....	108⅜
1000 US 5-20, r, '67.....	111¾	8500 do.....	108
13000 do.....	111¾	12000 U S 5's, 10-40, r....	107¾
6500 do.....	111⅞	30000 U S 5's, '81, c.....	109½
1000 do.....	111¾		

12:30 to 1 P. M.

1100 shs Pac M SS Co..	59¾	600 shs Erie RR.....	50¼
400 do.....	59½	4700 do.....	50¾
500 do.....	59½	2500 do.....	50½
400 L S & M S R.....	93	1000 Union Pac RR..b3	39
400 shs Erie RR.....	49¾	800 do.....	38⅞
2200 do.....	49½	1900 do.....	39
2200 do.....	49¾	1200 do.....	39½
200 do.....	b3 49¾	200 Chic & R I RR.....	113¾
2500 do.....	49¾	200 Alt & Ter H pf.....	65½
600 do.....	49⅞	400 Bost H & Erie..... b3	6¾
4600 do.....	50	600 do.....	6¾
1200 do.....	50¼	200 Col, C & Ind C RR...	25½
3500 do.....	50¼	200 do..... b3	25½

Second Board—1 P. M.

$15000 Va. 6's, def.....	16¼	6200 shs Erie RR.....	50¼
15000 S C 6's, n, J & Jy...	37¾	700 do.....	50½
10000 do..... b c	37	1500 do.....	50¾
1000 Cen Pac gld bds..	102	2800 do.....	50½
4000 Un Pac RR 1st m.	92	2500 do.....	50½
4000 U Pac 10's, inc.....	84	3000 do.....	50¼
2000 C & R I & P RR 7's.	101¾	1400 do.....	50½
500 shs Canton Co.....	92½	700 do.....	50
500 do.....	b60 93	400 do.....	49⅞
200 Con Coal of Md.....	38¾	1700 do.....	49¾
200 do.....	38½	800 do.....	b3 49¾
100 do.....	38½	2500 do.....	b3 49½
200 do.....	b5 38¾	2500 do.....	49¾
200 do.....	38½	1300 do.....	49¾
100 Quick Mir Co.....	35¾	20 Clev & P RR gtd.....	90½
500 West Union Tel..b c	70¾	200 do.....	90¾
105 Am Mer U Exp.....	71½	800 Chic & N W R.....b c	79½
100 Mariposa pf.....	13¾	200 do.....	b3 79¼
200 do.....	17¾	300 do.....	79
200 Pac M SS Co.....	59¾	500 Tol, Wab & W.....	75⅞
25 do.....	59½	50 Del, L & W RR.....	110¾
300 do.....b, c, s3	59¾	100 H & St Jo RR.....	44½
200 do.....	59¾	100 H & St Jo RR pf..s3	64
250 do.....s3	59½	100 Col, C & I C RR.....	25¾
900 do.....	59½	500 do.....b c	25¾
200 do.....	59½	400 do.....	25¾
200 do.....b3	59¾	1800 Un Pac RR.....b	39
900 do.....	59¾	200 do.....b3	39½
300 U States Express.....	74	400 do.....	38½
8 Adams Ex Co.....	97	500 do.....b3	38
200 Harlem RR.....	110¾	700 do.....	38⅞
18 Mich Cen RR.....	114	1900 do.....s3	38¾
50 L S & M S R.....	93¼	400 Ohio & M RR.....b c	45¾
300 do.....b c	93	200 do.....b3	45½
10 L S & MS scrip...b3	89¾	300 do.....	45¾
100 Erie RR pref.....	79	400 do.....	45½
100 Erie RR..... b4	50¾	200 do.....	45½
2300 do.....	50¼	200 Bos, H & E.....b c	6¾
200 do.....b c	50¾	500 do.....s3	6½
2500 do.....	50⅞	600 Mil & St P RR...b c, b3	59

CLOSING PRICES—5 O'CLOCK P. M.

Western Union.	70¼ a 70⅞	Northwestern...	79¼ a 79¾
Canton.....	93½ a 93¾	N'western pf....	91¾ a 92½
Pacific Mail....	59¾ a 59⅞	Rock Island....	113 a 113¼
N Y Cen, con...	94¾ a 94⅞	St Paul.....	58⅞ a 59
N Y Cen, scrip.	90 a 90¼	St Paul pref....	79 a 79¾
Erie.....	49¾ a 49¾	Wabash.....	75¼ a 75⅝
Reading.....	113⅜ a 113½	Ohio & Miss....	43½ a 45½
Lake Shore....	93 a 93½	Ros, Har & Erie	6¼ a 6½
Toledo.....	75¾ a 75⅞	Han & St Jo....	44¼ a 44½
Union Pacific..	39¼ a 39¼	Col, C & Ind Cen	25¾ a 25⅞
Pittsburg.....	90¾ a 90⅞		

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Moderately Active and Firm—Receipts at the Ports 6,886 Bales—Coffee Dull—Flour Firmer—Wheat Decidedly Higher, but Dull—Corn Higher—Oats Were Higher—Pork Easier—Spirits Turpentine Firmer—Whiskey Higher.

THURSDAY, March 21—6 P. M.

COFFEE.—The market still continued dull for all descriptions, and the appended quotations were entirely nominal. We hear of sales at New Orleans of 5,800 bags Rio, per John Shay, on private terms. We quote:—Cargoes (Rio) ordinary, 14¾c. a 15c.; do. fair, 15¼c. a 15¾c.; do. good, 16c. a 16¼c.; do. prime, 16¾c. a 17c., gold, in bond, sixty days; Maracaibo, 18½c. a 19¼c.; Laguayra, 18c. a 20c.; St. Domingo (in bond), 16c. a 16½c.; Java, 22c. a 26c., gold, duty paid.

COTTON.—The movement in cotton on the spot was decidedly more active, mainly for spinning purposes and full prices were readily obtained. For future delivery a fair business was in progress at about previous figures. The sales reported on 'Change sum up as follows:—

	To-Day.	Last Fr'y.	Total.
Export.....	346	715	715
Consumption.....	2,331	157	2,538
Speculation.....	119	67	186
In transit.....	750	—	750
Total.....	3,450	739	4,189

—For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Sales last evening after three P. M.—March, 100 at 22c.; April, 1,000 at 22 1-16c., 200 at 22½c., 200 at 22 1-16c.; May, 500 at 22 11-16c., 100 at 22¾c., 100 at 22 11-16c., 300 at 22¾c.; June, 100 at 23½c. Total, 2,600 bales. Sales to-day, up to three P. M.—March, 300 at 22c., 200 at 21 15-16c., 100 at 21⅞c.; April, 500 at 22½c., 1,200 at 22 1-16c., 900 at 22c., 100 at 21 15-16c., 1,300 at 22c., 300 at 21 15-16c., 2,000 at 22c.; May, 800 at 22¾c., 500 at 22 11-16c., 1,000 at 22⅝c., 100 at 22 9-16c., 700 at 22½c.; June, 100 at 22 1-16c., 200 at 22c., 300 at 22½c.; August, 100 at 22¾c.; September, 100 at 21c. Exchanged—1⅜c. paid to exchange 100 September for 100 August; ⅝c. paid to exchange 500 April for 500 May. Total, 10,700 bales. Grand total, 13,300 bales. The receipts at the ports sum up as follows:—Galveston, 165; New Orleans, 3,579; Mobile, 317; Savannah, 742; Charleston, 413; Wilmington, 74; Norfolk, 497; Baltimore, 205; New York, 854; Boston, 10. Total, 6,886. This day last week, 4,930. This day last year, 13,088. Rates on cotton to foreign ports closed steady as follows:—To Liverpool, by steam, ⅝d.; by sail, 3-16d. a 5-32d. To Havre, by steam, ⅜c., gold; by sail, ⅜c. To Hamburg, by steam, ⅝d., compressed; sail, ⅝c. To Bremen, by steam, ⅝c., gold, compressed; sail, ⅝c. To Baltic ports, by sail, ⅞c. a 1c., gold. To Mediterranean ports, by steam, 1c. We quote:—

	Orleans.	Alabama.	New Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary.....	19⅝	19¾	20	20¼
Good ordinary.....	21½	21¾	21¾	21⅞
Low middling.....	21⅞	22	22¼	22½
Middling.....	22½	22¾	22⅞	23⅛
Good middling.....	23¼	23½	23⅝	23¾

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

At a special meeting of the members of the Cotton Exchange held to day it was resolved to close the Exchange on March 29—Good Friday.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 4,496 bbls.; corn, 38,700 bushels; corn meal, 429 bags; oats, 11,775 bushels; barley, 2,500 do. The flour market was dull, but very firm, especially for lines of extras. The sales, part last evening, were about 15,500 bbls., including 900 bbls. of Southern and 150 bbls of superfine, at prices within the range of our quotations. Corn meal continued in moderate demand, with sales of 200 bbls. at $3 85 a $4 for Brandywine and $3 50 a $3 60 for Western yellow. We quote:—

No. 2 State.....	$4 00 a $5 65
Superfine State.....	6 00 a 6 60
Extra State	6 75 a 7 00
Choice do	7 00 a 7 50
Superfine Western.....	6 00 a 6 50
Extra do	6 60 a 7 00
Extra Minnesota.....	7 00 a 8 75
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands.....	7 00 a 7 10
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 50 a 8 00
Family	8 00 a 9 50
St. Louis low extra	7 25 a 8 05
St. Louis straight extra.....	8 00 a 8 50
St. Louis choice double extra.....	8 50 a 9 50
St. Louis choice family.	9 50 a 11 50
Rye flour	4 50 a 5 40
Southern No. 2.....	5 00 a 5 60
Southern superfine.....	5 75 a 6 50
Southern extra.....	7 00 a 8 75
Southern family.....	8 50 a 11 75
Corn meal, Western.....	3 60 a 3 85
Corn meal, Jersey.....	3 60 a 3 75
Corn meal, Brandywine.....	3 85 a 4 00
Baltimore.....	3 90 a 4 00
Caloric.....	3 90 a 4 00
Puncheons.....	19 25 a 19 70

—Wheat was in rather more demand, but the extreme views of sellers checked the sales. Prices for 2 Milwaukee at 55 in store was bid, but scarcely any was offered, and holders generally asked $1 58 to $1 60. The sales were about 50,000 bushels (part last evening) at $1 50 a $1 53 for Chicago spring in store, $1 68 for Pennsylvania red and $1 53 in store for No. 2 Northwestern club. Corn was better, but dull. The sales were about 23,000 bushels, at 71c. for mixed afloat, 70c. for do. in store and 71c. for Southern yellow. Southern white firm at 75c. a 76c., without business. Oats were active and better. The sales were about 90,000 bushels, at 53c. a 53½c. for Western in store, 55½c. for do. afloat, 57c. a 58c. for white. Rye was firmer, closing at 88½c. bid, and 90c. asked in store. Barley was quiet, but steady; held at 85c. for choice Western, 80c. a 82c. for two-rowed State, and $1 05 a $1 15 for Canada.

FREIGHTS.—The inquiry for berth room still continues very moderate. Available room, however, is scarce and rates are, consequently, firm. There was a fair call for vessels for charter, principally for the petroleum trade, but transactions were interrupted to some extent, owing to parties being apart in their views in regard to rates. The engagements reported to-day were as follows:—To Liverpool, by steam, 200 packages provisions, 25s.; 250 boxes bacon, 30s.; and by sail 37,500 bushels wheat at 5d., 1,300 bales cotton at 3-16d., 250 bbls. rosin at 2s. 6d. To London, by sail, 300 bbls. rosin, 2s. 6d. To Glasgow, by steam, 30,000 bushels corn at 5½d., and 300 bbls. rosin at 2s. 6d. There were no vessels reported closed at a late hour, although there were several charters pending.

MOLASSES.—The market for domestic was more active to-day and firm. Foreign still remained dull. We hear of sales of about 500 bbls. New Orleans at from 58c. a 69c. We quote:—

	Old Crop.	New Crop.
Cuba—Centrifugal and mixed.....	19c. a 20c.	
Clayed	22c. a 28c.	31c. a 35c.
Muscovado, refining	28c. a 30c.	31c. a 36c.
Muscovado, grocery.....	29c. a 35c.	33c. a 38c.
Porto Rico.....	35c. a 40c.	75c. a 55c.
English Islands.....		25c. a 35c.
New Orleans.....	30c. a 45c.	40c. a 70c.

NAVAL STORES.—The market for spirits turpentine was more active and closed decidedly firmer. The sales were 450 bbls. in merchantable order at 69c., closing at 70c., and 100 New York bbls. at 70c. Rosin was dull and weak, but not quotably changed. Sales 250 bbls. strained at $3 50, 500 bbls. do. at $3 75, delivered. We quote:—No. 2, $3 50 a $4; No. 1, $4 50 a $5; pale, $6 50 a $8; extra pale, $9 a $9 50. Tar remained quiet and unchanged.

PETROLEUM.—The market for refined showed no change, remaining dull and nominal; quoted for spot or remainder of month at 22½c. a 22¾c. Crude in bulk was also dull and nominal, with no disposition shown to do business; held at 14½c. Naphtha was a little more sought after, but we learned of no transactions. Sales were made late last evening of 1,300 bbls. on private terms; quoted at 10½c. a 10¾c. Case oil was also in limited demand, but without reported transactions; held at 27½c. a 28c. At the creek the market was dull and a trifle easier; quoted at $3 55 a $3 60 on both upper and lower road. The Philadelphia market was steady, although nominal. Refined