FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE.

The Vagaries of the Speculative Current for Six Days.

The Rise and Fall of Erie—The Truce in Pacific Mail—The "Jump" in Quicksilver—The Demoralization of Union Pacific.

The April Settlements and the Strategy of the Cliques.

WALL STREET, SUNDAY, March 24, 1872.

In the general trade of the city the week has offered several features of considerable interest. The more important of these was the firmer tone of the grain market, which emerged from its recent depression and underwent a promising revival. This change has been all the more remarkable for the contrast with the immediate previous character of the market, the dulness and depression of which had begun to impugn grain paper with the banks. The cotton trade has been more active and irregular, but on the whole firmer. A newer feature of the market is the speculation in futures running over six months. In dry goods there has been a diminution of the movement and deferment if not check to business by the protracted coldness of the weather. There is little complaint from the uptown trade, and retailers are doing well for the season.

THE WEEK IN WALL STREET.

The amount of business on the Stock Exchange has been large and rather better distributed than during the previous week when the attraction was almost exclusively Erie. That stock served, apparently, to revive the speculative sentiment, and once attaining a price which was deemed a discounting of all that is to be done under the new *regime*, the inquiry branched out in other directions, inspiring fair animation in a large portion of the list. The extreme fluctuation in Erie was four per cent, viz., between 48 and 52, with 50 as an average for the week's business. The street has discussed all the merits and demerits of the contest between the two parties, and is inclining to the belief that the McHenry party have gained possession of a majority of the stock. Indeed, it was the discovery of a loan from the London bankers of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway to the Erie road, amounting to £400,000, that occasioned the decline from 52 to 48. Yet, with this impression existing, the stock recovered by Saturday to 51½. The rest of the list was unsettled and without special movement either way, until after the middle of the week when the relaxation in money gave a sudden and strong upward impetus to prices, the usual gossip being circulated to account for the rise in each specialty as soon as it came into notice. The Pacific Mail litigants buried the hatchet Saturday and are now reported to be working harmoniously, but their plans of operations are not definitely understood. It is generally believed that the "bears" settled on the basis of 64 a 65 with the "bulls," an agreement then being entered into to depress the stock below 60 and load up for a magnificent rise in the spring and summer. It is even said that the "bulls" sold out to the street pending the favorable prospects of an increased subsidy, the movement for which in Congress they thereupon helped to defeat. The next string to be pulled will be the bill before the Legislature to allow the reduction of the capital stock to $10,000,000. The Northwestern shares improved nearly four per cent, after an interval of inactivity on the part of the pool controlling them, and Ohios nearly three per cent. The greatest rise was in Quicksilver preferred, which is under the manipulation of the Rothschilds, the part Daniel Drew is playing being simply that of a figurehead for Wall street. The stock has been run up suddenly to discount the termination, on April 1, of the contract with the Bank of California by which the product of the mine has been sold below cost, the price of quicksilver in the open market being nearly twice that obtained for it under this contract. Union Pacific early in the week was in strong demand for the Dutch market, but was freely supplied and broke down, being the weak feature at the close, when the general market was strong.

Money was worth in a few instances as much as ¼ per cent a day, but closed Saturday at 4 a 5 per cent per annum. The sudden change is attributed to speculative manipulation, the relaxation being abnormal and intended to make a market for stocks which the larger holders are unwilling to carry through the expected stringency of the next two or three weeks.

Gold fell off from 110¼ to 109¾ on the weakness of exchange, the result in turn of heavy shipments of Erie to the London market, but closed at 110 on a pretty large specie shipment notwithstanding and a small loss of specie in the bank statement, the anomaly of which was surprising in view of the heavy coin disbursements of the Sub-Treasury during the week.

Governments were firmer and for a time buoyant and active, but closed quiet and steady.

The Southern State bonds were moderately active and irregular. The Virginia consols were in demand for the German market, and advanced to 59¾, thereby causing the failure of a Baltimore firm "short" of them. The new South Carolinas advanced to 39¾, fell off to 36¾ and closed 38¾.

CLOSING PRICES OF SOUTHERN SECURITIES.

The following were the closing prices Saturday evening for the Southern State bonds:—Tennessee, ex coupon, 67 a 67¼; do. new, 67 a 67¼; Virginia ex coupon, 54 a 56; do. registered stock, old, 45 a 50; do. sixes, consolidated bonds, 59 a 59¼; do. sixes, deferred scrip, 15½ a 16½; Georgia sixes, 73 a 78; do. sevens, 88 a 90; North Carolina, ex coupon, 37 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, 95¼ a 95½; do. Hannibal and St. Joseph, 93 a 94; Louisiana sixes, 59 a 62; do. new, 55 a 60; do. levee sixes, 60 a 65; do. do. eights, 70 a 80; do. do. eights, 1875, 78 a 84; do. penitentiary sevens, 63 a 67; do. railroad eights, 70 a 80; Alabama fives, 62 a 65; do. eights, 90 a 95; do. eights, Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad, 87 a 92; South Carolina sixes, 52 a 55; do. new, January and July, 38 a 38¾; do. do., April and October, 35 a 36; Arkansas sixes, funded, 54 a 57; Mobile and Ohio Railroad, sterling, 92 a 95; do. interest eights, 86 a 87; do. second mortgage eights, 73 a 78; Mississippi Central Railroad first mortgage sevens, 85 a 87; do. second mortgage eights, 76 a 78; New Orleans and Jackson first mortgage, 90 a 93; do. second mortgage, 79 a 82; Memphis and Charleston Railroad first mortgage, 86 a 87; do. second mortgage, 78 a 80; Greenville and Columbia Railroad, guaranteed by South Carolina, 47 a 55; Macon and Brunswick, guaranteed by Georgia, 63 a 65; Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford eights, 46 a 50; Memphis City sixes, 57 a 59; Savannah city sevens, 63 a 66; New Orleans consols, old, 73 a 76; do. issued to railroads, sixes, 74 a 76; do. sevens, 68 a 70.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

The weekly statement of the associated banks is slightly unfavorable, but is without important feature. The tendency seems conservative, in view of a possible active demand for money in the country about the 1st of April, and the loans have been contracted two millions. The specie item is not readily reconciled with what is generally known of the difference between the Treasury receipts and disbursements of coin during the week, but as the average is a rising one the statement next week may make amends. The following are the totals as compared with the previous week:—

	March 16.	March 23.
Loans	$279,868,900	$277,761,500
Specie	19,604,400	19,436,600
Circulation	28,098,500	28,018,300
Deposits	206,044,900	203,717,000
Legal tenders	43,187,800	42,618,300

—The changes in each item being as follows:—

Decrease in loans	$2,107,400
Decrease in specie	167,800
Decrease in circulation	80,200
Decrease in deposits	2,332,900
Decrease in legal tenders	569,500

An analysis of the above shows that the banks now hold a surplus of $4,121,075 reserve in addition to the lawful requirement of 25 per cent—a gain for the week of $134,025.

THE COURSE OF THE GOLD MARKET.

The extreme fluctuations daily in the price of gold during the week are shown in the table:—

	Highest.	Lowest.
Monday	110¼	110
Tuesday	110¼	109¾
Wednesday	110	109¾
Thursday	109¾	109¼
Friday	109¾	109¾
Saturday	110	109¾

LATEST PRICES OF GOVERNMENTS.

The following were the closing quotations on Saturday evening for government bonds:—United States currency sixes, 115½ a 115¾; do. sixes, 1881, registered, 114⅝ a 114¾; do. do. coupon, 115¾ a 115⅞; do., five-twenties, registered, May and November, 111⅝ a 111¾; do. do., 1862, coupon, do., 111⅝ a 111¾; do. do., 1864, do. do., 111⅝ a 111¾; do. do., 1865, do. do., 112⅛ a 112⅜; do. do., 1867, registered, January and July, 111⅝ a 111¾; do. do., 1865, coupon, do., 110¾ a 111⅛; do. do., 1867, do., do., 112⅜ a 112½; do. do., 1868, do., do., 112⅝ a 112¾; do. fives of 1881, funded, registered, 109¼ a 109½; do. do. do., coupon, 109¼ a 109½; do. ten-forties, registered, 107⅛ a 107¾; do. do., coupon, 108 a 108½.

STOCKS ON SATURDAY—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	90¼	90⅛
New York Central scrip	95¼	94⅞
Erie	51½	50
Erie preferred	75¼	75¼
Reading	114¾	114
Pacific Mail	94	93½
Wabash	76⅞	76⅛
Northwestern	82	81
Northwestern preferred	94½	92⅞
Rock Island	114	113½
St. Paul	59⅝	59⅛
St. Paul preferred	79⅞	79⅝
Ohio and Mississippi	48½	47½
Union Pacific	38⅝	37¾
Hannibal and St. Joseph	43	42
Western Union Telegraph	71¾	70⅞
Pacific Mail	62	61¼

The quotations at the adjournment of the Board at four o'clock P. M. were as follows:—Western Union Telegraph, 71¼ a 71½; Quicksilver, 39½ a 39¾; do. preferred, 49½ a 50; Adams Express, 98 a 98½; Pacific Mail, 61⅜ a 61½; New York Central, consolidated, 94⅞ a 95; do. scrip, 90½ a 90¾; Erie, 51⅜ a 51½; Reading, 114 a 114⅜; Lake Shore, 93¾ a 93⅞; Union Pacific, 38⅛ a 38¼; Pittsburg, 91 a 91½; Northwestern, 81⅞ a 82; do. preferred, 94¼ a 94¾; Rock Island, 114 a 114⅛; St. Paul, 59⅜ a 59½; do. preferred, 79⅛ a 79¾; Wabash, 76¼ a 76½; Ohio and Mississippi, 47½ a 47⅝; Boston, Hartford and Erie, 6¼ a 6½; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 43 a 44; Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central, 25½ a 25¾.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Market Quiet but Firmer—Receipts at the Ports 6,682 Bales—Wheat and Corn Dull and Lower—Oats Firmer—Pork Heavier—Spirits of Turpentine Active and Firm—Freight Market Dull—Rice Active—Whiskey Higher.

SATURDAY, March 23—5 P. M.

COFFEE.—The market still remained dull and nominal. At Baltimore we hear of sales of 1,500 bags of Rio, per Gray Eagle, 4,000 bags do. per Paladine, and 450 bags per Adelaide—all on private terms. Messrs. William Scott & Sons received the following despatch from Washington in reference to the pending coffee question:—Each house has voted for free coffee, but in different bills. It will undoubtedly be made free during this session, to take effect most likely July 1, 1872. Signed by T. M. Ross, Clerk of the Financial Committee. We quote:—Cargoes Rio ordinary, 14¾c. a 15c.; do. fair, 15½c. a 15¾c.; do. good, 16c. a 16¼c.; do. prime, 16¾c. a 17c., gold, in bond, sixty days; Maracaibo, 18½c. a 19½c.; Laguayra, 18c. a 20c.; St. Domingo (in bond), 14c. a 14½c.; Java, 22c. a 23c., gold, duty paid.

COTTON.—The market for cotton on the spot, though inactive, was decidedly firmer, in consequence of a further rise in the price of future deliveries, and quotations were marked up ⅛c. per lb. for all grades. Future deliveries were rather quiet at an advance of an ⅛c. a ¼c. per lb. The sales reported sum up as follows:—

	To-Day.	Last Evg.	Total.
Export	—	223	223
Consumption	233	166	399
Speculation	345	8	353
Total	578	497	1,075

—For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Sales last evening after three P. M.—March, 600 at 22c.; April, 2,100 at 22¼c., 100 at 22 1-16c., 700 at 22⅛c., 1,000 at 22⅜c., 400 at 22 7-32c., 1,100 at 22 3-16c.; May, 800 at 22¾c., 100 at 22 3-16c., 700 at 22⅜c.; June, 100 at 23⅛c., 600 at 22 3-16c.; July, 200 at 23⅜c., 600 at 23¼c.; August, 700 at 23c.; September, 500 at 21¾c.; December, 300 at 18⅜c. Total, 10,600 bales. Sales to-day up to two P. M.—March, 100 at 22c., 100 at 22 1-16c., 200 at 22 3-16c.; April, 500 at 22 3-16c., 600 at 22½c., 200 at 22 7-16c., 2,300 at 22¾c., 400 at 22 5-16c., 800 at 22⅝c.; May, 300 at 22⅞c., 100 at 22 13-16c., 1,700 at 22⅞c., 200 at 22 15-16c., 900 at 23c., 800 at 22⅞c.; June, 300 at 23 5-16c.; July, 100 at 23⅛c., 200 at 23⅜c.; August, 500 at 23 1-16c., 100 at 23⅛c. Exchanged—1½c. paid to exchange 400 April for 400 July; ⅛c. paid to exchange 100 April for 100 May. Total, 10,800 bales. Grand total, 21,400 bales. The receipts at the ports sum up as follows:—Galveston, 290; New Orleans, 2,489; Mobile, 146; Savannah, 1,295; Charleston, 422; Wilmington, 94; Norfolk, 862; Baltimore, 238; New York, 772; Boston, 164. Total, 6,682. This day last week, 5,948. This day last year, 15,527. Rates on cotton to foreign ports closed steady as follows:—To Liverpool, by steam, ¼d.; by sail, 3-16d. a 7-32d.; to Havre, by steam, ⅜c. gold, sail; ⅜c.; to Hamburg, by steam, ¾d., compressed; ⅝c. sail; 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	19¾	19¾	20⅛	20⅛
Good ordinary	21¾	21¾	21¾	21⅞
Low middling	22	22⅛	22⅛	22⅜
Middling	23⅜	23	23¼	23¼
Good middling	24	23⅞	23¾	24

—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, 7,705 bbls.; corn, 42,200 bushels; corn meal, 2,860 bbls. and 900 bags; oats, 10,875 bushels; barley, 1,500 bushels. And for the week, Flour, 39,046 bbls.; wheat, 6,300 bushels; corn, 244,760 bushels; corn meal, 3,475 bbls. and 3,158 bags; oats, 35,080 bushels; barley, 14,300 bushels. The flour market was dull, but unchanged. The sales (part last evening) were about 14,000 bbls., including 1,200 bbls. of Southern and 200 bbls. superfine rye, all at prices within the range of our quotations. Corn meal was quiet; 200 bbls. Western yellow sold within the range of the appended quotations. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$4 50 a $6 00
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 75 a 7 00
Extra Minnesota	7 00 a 8 75
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	7 00 a 7 25
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 50 a 8 00
Family	8 00 a 9 50
St. Louis low extra	7 25 a 8 00
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 00 a 9 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 50 a 4 00
Caloric	3 90 a 4 00
Puncheons	19 25 a 19 75

—Wheat was dull and 1c. a 2c. lower, particularly for Chicago spring. The sales were about 38,000 bushels at $1 55 for Chicago afloat, $1 58 for No. 2 Milwaukee in store, $1 70 on the pier for red Jersey, $1 82 a $1 85 for good to choice white Michigan and $1 95 for extra choice do. Corn was dull and lower. The sales were about 44,000 bushels at 70c. for mixed in store, 71c. a 71½c. for do. afloat, 72c. for yellow. Other descriptions were nominal. Oats were firmer and in fair demand; sales 35,000 bushels at 53½c. for No. 2 Chicago in store, 52c. for light Southern Illinois, 58c. a 58½c. for white State on the track, 55c. a 55½c. for mixed on the track; market closing firm. Barley quiet; sales 3,000 bushels Western at 82c. and 1,600 bushels two-rowed State at 75c. Rye was also quiet; sales 400 bushels Jersey at 90c. delivered.

FREIGHTS.—The inquiry for berth room still continued very moderate, but the scarcity of available tonnage keeps rates firm. The chartering business was also quiet, there being but little call for vessels for any purpose. The engagements reported to-day were as follows:—To Liverpool, by steam, 26,000 bushels grain at 5½d. a 5¾d. per standard bushel, chiefly at the inside rate, and by sail, 100 bales cotton, 3-16d.; 250 packages provisions at 22s. 6d. To Antwerp, 1,000 boxes bacon, 27s. 6d. The only charter we heard of was a British bark, 267 tons, to Havana, general cargo, $1,100, gold. One or two vessels were under refusal for petroleum, but not closed at a late hour.

MOLASSES.—The market for domestic continued quiet but firm. Foreign remained neglected and nominal. We hear of sales of 200 bbls. New Orleans at from 56c. a 68c. We quote:—

	Old Crop.	New Crop.
Cuba—Centrifugal and mixed	19c. a 20c.	—
Clayed	22c. a 23c.	31c. a 35c.
Muscovado, refining	32c. a 33c.	31c. a 36c.
Muscovado, grocery	30c. a 35c.	33c. a 35c.
Porto Rico	35c. a 40c.	35c. a 55c.
English Islands	—	25c. a 35c.
New Orleans	30c. a 45c.	40c. a 70c.

NAVAL STORES.—The market for spirits turpentine was active and firm. Sales, 256 bbls. from yard at 70c. and 159 bbls. at 69c., closing at the higher price. Rosin was also in good demand at about former prices. We hear of sales of 500 bbls. strained at $3 50, 1,000 bbls. on the basis of $3 50 and 1,200 bbls. No. 2 at $3 87½. Tar dull and unchanged. City pitch was quiet and low, quoted at $4 25 a $4 50.

PETROLEUM.—On Change to day the market remained firm, although dull and nominal. Refined quoted at 22¾c. for prompt delivery or balance of month. Crude in bulk was steady and also nominal; held at 12½c. a 12¾c. Naphtha quoted at 10½c. a 10¾c., but nominal at those figures. Case oil met with some inquiry, but we heard of no transactions; held at 27¾c. a 28c. At the creek, the market was a shade firmer, but quiet; quoted at $3 60 on both upper and lower roads. The Philadelphia market was decidedly firmer, but dull. Refined held at 21½c. a 21¾c. for spot or remainder of month, and 21¾c. for first half of April.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts—Pork, 208 bbls.; beef, 47 packages; cut meats, 3,064 do.; lard, 1,910 bbls. and tierces, and for the week, pork, 3,551 bbls.; beef, 1,072 packages; cut meats, 13,654 do.; lard, 14,628 bbls. and tierces and 388 kegs. The market for mess pork was steady for the month, but a trifle lower for future delivery; demand fair. We hear of sales of 250 bbls. for March at $18 05, 250 do. for April at $18 10, 250 do. for May at $18 20, and 250 do. for June at $18 37½. In jobbing lots the sales were small and unimportant. Bacon was in active demand for export at former prices. Sales 2,250 boxes, chiefly short clear, at 7c. for long clear, 7½c. for short do. and 8½c. for short rib. Dressed hogs were quiet and steady at 6c. a 6½c. for the range of city. Western scarce. Beef remained quiet and unchanged. In small lots abot 75 bbls. sold within the range of $8 a $11 for mess, $10 a $12 for extra mess, $15 a $18 for prime mess tierces, and $18 a $20 for India mess tierces. Beef hams were also quiet but firm, within the range of $23 a $27. Cut meats met with the usual demand from store, but we learned of no important transactions. We quote:—Smoked shoulders, 6½c. a 6¾c.; do hams, 10c. a 12c.; dry salted shoulders, 5c. a 5¼c.; pickled shoulders, 5c. a 5½c.; do. hams, 8½c. a 9¼c.; do. bellies, 7c. a 8c. for packed or loose. Lard.—The market for Western continued steady but only moderately active. Sales, 150 tierces spot at 9½c., 1,000 tierces for May at 9¾c., and 750 tierces for June at 9⅞c. a 9¾c. City lard was quiet and lower. Sales, 75 tierces at 8½c.

RICE.—The market to-day was fairly active for all descriptions, and prices were firm. Sales, 180 tierces Carolina at 8¾c. a 9¼c.; 200 bags Patna at 7¾c. a 7⅞c., and 400 bags Rangoon at 6⅞c. a 7¼c.

SUGAR.—There was considerable more demand for raw today and the market remained firm. We hear of sales of 1,548 hhds. refining at 8¾c. a 9c., 700 boxes clayed at 9¼c. a 9⅜c. and 162 boxes Muscovado at 9c. a 9¼c. We quote:—Cuba—Inferior to common refining, 8c. a 8¼c.; fair to good fair refining, 8¼c. a 8⅝c.; good to prime refining, 8⅝c. a 8¾c.; fair to good grocery, 9¼c. a 9½c.; prime to choice grocery, 9¾ a 10c.; centrifugal, hhds. and boxes, 9c. a 10¼c.; molasses, hhds. and boxes, 7½c. a 8¼c.; melado, 4½c. a 5¼c. Havana—Boxes, Dutch standard, Nos. 7 to 9, 8c. a 8¼c.; do., 10 to 12, 9c. a 9½c.; do., 13 to 15, 9¾c. a 10½c.; do., 16 to 18, 10¾c. a 11½c.; do., 19 to 20, 11¾c. a 12½c.; do., white, 11¼c. a 11¾c. Porto Rico—Common to prime refining, 8¾c. a 9½c.; fair to choice grocery, 9¼c. a 10c. Brazil—Dutch standard, Nos. 8 to 11, 7¾c. a 9¼c. Java—Dutch standard, Nos. 10 to 12, 9c. a 9½c. Manila—Superior and extra superior, 7¼c. a 8¾c. New Orleans—Refining grades, 7½c. a 9c.; grocery do., 9½c. a 10¾c.

STEARINE continued dull, and, in the absence of business, entirely nominal.

TALLOW.—The market was moderately active and steady, although not firm. Sales 200 hhds choice city at 9c.

WHISKEY.—Receipts, 668 bbls., and for the week, 4,341 bbls. The market was quiet, but again firmer, with sales of 150 bbls. at 89c. a 89½c.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23, 1872.

Cotton—Holders firm, light offerings, few buyers; middlings, 23½c. Net receipts, 2,489 bales; gross, 3,374. Exports coastwise, 2,031. Sales, 160. Stock, 166,266.

SAVANNAH, March 23, 1872.

Cotton firm, demand good, offerings fair; middlings, 21¾c. a 21⅞c. Net receipts, 1,295 bales. Exports—To Great Britain, 3,164; coastwise, 217. Sales, 1,000. Stock, 49,746.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 23, 1872.

Spirits of turpentine firm, at 61c. Rosin quiet, at $2 25 for strained. Crude turpentine steady, at $3 05 for hard; $5 05 for yellow dip and virgin. Tar steady, at $2 20.

CHARLESTON, March 23, 1872.

Cotton firm; middlings, 23½c. Net receipts, 422 bales. Exports to Great Britain, 2,565. Sales, 300. Stock, 19,576.

LOUISVILLE, March 23, 1872.

Tobacco strong; sales of 200 hhds at full and unchanged rates.

CINCINNATI, March 23, 1872.

Pork—An advance asked, but none established; $12 asked; $11 75 offered. Lard—An advance asked, but none established; steam, 8⅞c.; kettle, 8¾c. Bulk meats quiet and unchanged; shoulders, 4c.; sides, 5¾c. for clear rib and 6¼c. a 6¾c. for clear. Hams soil at 6¾c. Bacon quiet and unchanged; shoulders can be bought at 5c. a 5¼c.; clear rib sides, 6⅝c.; clear sides, 7¼c. Live hogs steady at $4 50 a $4 60. Whiskey steady at 84c.

BUFFALO, March 23, 1872.

Rail shipments for the week:—9,000 bushels of wheat, 7,000 bushels corn. The market for flour and grain is generally dull, and prices are without important change; sales 4 cars Western corn at 56½c. a 57c., on the track; 15,000 bushels Canada barley at 95c., partly on time; 2,000 bushels Western barley at 72c. Pork and lard dull and unchanged. Highwines scarce and nominal. Seeds quiet, and small sales at unchanged rates.

OSWEGO, N. Y., March 23, 1872.

Flour unchanged; sales 1,100 bbls. at $7 75 for No. 1 spring, $8 25 for amber winter, $8 75 for white winter, $9 25 for double extra. Wheat quiet; sales one car No. 1 Milwaukee club at $1 60. Corn unchanged; sales 1,600 bushels at 71c. on the track. Barley—$1 for Bay Quinte. Rye held at 85c. for Western. Corn meal—$1 60 for bolted, $1 50 for unbolted, per cwt. Millfeed steady; shorts, $25; shipstuffs, $26 a $27; middlings, $28 a $30, per ton. Highwines, 88c. a 88½c. Railroad freights—On flour to Boston, 69c.; to New York, 59c.; to Albany, 49c.

CHICAGO, March 23, 1872.

Flour quiet; double extra spring, $6 50 a $6 75. Wheat active; No. 2 spring, $1 21¼ a $1 21½ cash, $1 21¼ April. Corn weak, and closed dull; No. 2 mixed, 37½c. April. Oats lower; No. 2 at 30½c. cash, 30½c. a 30¾c. April. Rye lower; No. 2 at 66c. April; no demand. Barley neglected; No. 2 spring 50c. Mess pork, $17 70. Lard, $8 40. Bulk meats steady and firm. Loose shoulders, 4c. Clear rib sides, 5⅞c. a 6c. Clear sides, 6½c. a 6¾c. Hams, in pickle, 8½c. a 9c. Dressed hogs, $5 10. Whiskey firm at 89c. Hogs, $4 25 a $4 80. Receipts—4,000 bbls. flour, 4,000 bushels wheat, 40,000 do. corn, 19,000 do. oats, 2,000 do. rye, 5,000 do. barley and 6,000 hogs. Shipments—5,000 bbls. flour, 3,000 bushels wheat, 7,000 do. corn, 9,000 do. oats, 3,000 do. rye, 7,000 do. barley and 6,000 hogs.

HAVANA MARKETS.

HAVANA, March 23, 1872.

Sugar—Stock in warehouses at Havana and Matanzas, 257,000 boxes and 18,000 hhds.; receipts for the past week at Havana and Matanzas, 67,000 boxes and 3,600 hhds.; exported during the week from Havana and Matanzas, 31,000 boxes and 5,500 hhds., including 5,000 boxes and 1,500 hhds. to the United States. Market active; Nos. 10 to 12, Dutch standard, 9¾ a 10¼ reals per arroba; Nos. 15 to 20, Dutch standard, 11¼ a 12½ reals per arroba. Molasses sugar firmer but not quotably higher. Muscovado sugar—Demand good, at full prices; inferior to common, 8¾ a 9 reals per arroba; Talvto, good refining, 9¾ a 9¾ reals per arroba. Grocery grades, quiet and weak. Molasses—Clayed, active, 5¾ a 5¾ reals per keg; Muscovado, buoyant, at 5¾ a 6 reals per keg. Bacon $13 a $13 50 per cwt. Butter $25 a $26 per quintal for superior American. Flour—Heavy receipts depress the market, quoted at $15 a $14 per bbl. for American. Hams—American sugar cured, $21 50 a $22 per quintal. Lard steady. Potatoes flat at $1 a $1 50 per bbl. Tallow quiet and weak. Wax firm. Honey firmer. Coal on the fair demand. Stocks dull and declined; box 6¾ a 7 reals; hogsheads, 20 a 22 reals; empty hogsheads, $2 50. Turpentine lic. a 12c. per lb. Tar, $6 per bbl. Rosin—Demand fair and market firm; sales at $6 a $6 25 per bbl. Freights firm; vessels in demand for the United States; per box of sugar to Northern and Southern ports of the United States, $1 50 a $1 62½; per hogshead of sugar to Northern and Southern ports in the United States, $5 50 a $7; per hogshead of molasses to Northern and Southern ports in the United States, $3 87½ a $4 75. Freights quiet and weak to Europe; to Falmouth and orders 37s. 6d. a 42s. 6d. per ton. Exchange active. On the United States, sixty days, currency, par a 1 premium; short sight, 1 a 2¼ premium; short sight, gold, 12½ premium. On Paris, 8¾ a 9¼ premium.

ENGLISH RACING.

Moreton-in-Marsh Steeple Chases.

Stewards—The Earl of Coventry, Hon. G. D. Pennant, Sir C. F. Rushout, Bart.; Sir W. Throckmorton, Bart., and T. E. Case, A. Brassey, Algernon Rushout and T. Wright, Esqs. Starter, A. Rushout, Esq. Treasurer, Mr. R. King. Weighing Department, Mr. H. Rouse. Clerk of the Course, Mr. E. Weever.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20.

THE HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE STAKES of 5 sovs. each, with 30 added; four-year-olds, 10 st. 3 lb.; five, 11 st. 8 lb.; six and aged, 12 st. 3 lb.; penalties and allowances; gentlemen riders; professionals 7 lb. extra; about three miles; 15 subs.

Mr. R. Allday's b. h. Morning Star (h. b.), by Neville out of Alicia, aged, 12 st. 3 lb. 1
Mr. T. Bowles' Maid of Lorn (h. b.), aged, 12 st. 10 lb. (including 7 lb. extra) 2
Mr. G. Pearce's br. g. Bredon Hill (h. b.), 5 years, 12 st. 8 lb. (including 14 lb. extra) 3
Mr. J. Chetwynd's Trumpeter (late County Court), aged, 12 st. 10 lb. (including 7 lb. extra) 4
Mr. T. Champ's Emperor, aged, 12 st. 10 lb. (including 7 lb. extra) 0
Mr. G. Stratford's ch. g. Trumpeter (h. b.), 5 years, 12 st. 11 lb. (including 7 lb. extra) 0
Mr. J. Fletcher's Solicitor (h. b.), aged, 12 st. 3 lb. 0
Mr. W. Wilson's br. g. Argyll (h. b.), 5 years, 11 st. 8 lb. 0
Sir C. Wolseley's b. g. Leicester (h. b.), aged, 11 st. 10 lb. 0

Betting—5 to 2 against Bredon Hill, 3 to 1 against Morning Star, 5 to 1 against Trumpeter (late County Court), and 6 to 1 against Argyll.

THE OPEN STEEPLE CHASE HANDICAP of 5 sovs. each, 2 ft., with 50 added; the second saved his stake; winners extra; about three miles; 16 subs.

Mr. Lepton's br. m. Vivandiere, by Voltigeur out of Mary, aged, 11 st. 1
Mr. Stevenson's br. g. Gloster, aged, 11 st. 4 lb. 0
Mr. T. E. Case's b. g. Phœbus, aged, 10 st. 7 lb. 0

Betting—6 to 5 against Vivandiere, and 6 to 4 against Phœbus.

THE FARMERS' AND TRADESMEN'S STEEPLE CHASE of 3 sovs. each, with 40 added; 11 st. 7 lb. each; thoroughbreds 7 lb. extra; winners extra; gentlemen riders; professionals 7 lb extra; about three miles; 9 subs.

Mr. T. Lloyd's Congress, 6 years, 12 st. (including 7 lb. extra) 1
Messrs. T. and J. Cook's The Monk, aged, 12 st. (including 7 lb. extra) 2
Mr. T. Calder's Kemerton (h. b.), aged, 12 st. (including 7 lb. extra) 3
Mr. S. A. Clifford's b. m. Princess Louise (late Miss Blundson) (h. b.), 6 years, 11 st. 7 lb. 0
Mr. J. Fletcher's b. g. Glamis, aged, 12 st. (including 7 lb. extra) 0
Mr. W. Wilson's Guy Fawkes, 6 years, 12 st. (including 7 lb. extra) 0
Mr. R. Allday's gr. m. The Wasp (h. b.), aged, 11 st. 7 lb. 0
Mr. W. Smith's ch. g. Petruchio (h. b.), aged, 12 st. (including 7 lb. extra) 0

Betting—5 to 4 against Congress, and 3 to 1 each against Wasp and Kemerton.

THE SELLING STEEPLE CHASE of 3 sovs. each, with 30 added; four-years-olds, 10 st. 10 lb.; five, 11 st. 12 lb.; six and aged, 12 st. 7 lb.; the winner to be sold for 50 sovs.; if for 30, allowed 10 lb.; about two miles; 4 subs.

Mr. Moreton's Fancy Boy, 5 years, by Dundee out of Whimsey, 11 st. 2 lb. (50 sovs.) 1
Mr. B. Land's Baider, aged, 11 st. 11 lb. (30) 2

Betting—6 to 4 on Baider.

THE MAIDEN STEEPLE CHASE, for bona fide hunters; the winner received 10 sovs., second 4 sovs.; about two miles and a half.

Mr. S. Davis' Dainty, by Loyola out of Titbit, 6 years, 11 st. 1
Mr. P. Merton's Ouragan II., aged, 11 st. (carried 11 st. 7 lb.) 2
Mr. W. Wilson's Charley Foster, 6 years, 11 st. 3
Mr. P. Merton's Stonehenge, 5 years, 11 st. 4
Mr. Philip's Marie Louise, aged 5
Mr. G. Edkin's Busy Bee, aged, 11 st. (carried 11 st. 5 lb.) 6

Betting—6 to 4 on Ouragan II., and 4 to 1 each against Charley Foster and Dainty.

Boston Steeple Chases.

Stewards—J. M. Malcolm, Esq., M. P.; T. Collins, Esq., M. P.; W. J. Morgan, J. H. Thomas, George Massey, R. H. Swain, Esqs. Judge—Mr. G. B. Colley. Clerk of the Scales—Mr. C. H. Sharpe. Clerk of the Course and Starter—Mr. W. J. Bland.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22.

THE HUNT STEEPLE CHASE of 3 sovs. each, with 30 added; weight for age, with penalties and allowances; gentlemen riders, professionals 5 lb. extra; about three miles and a half.

Mr. W. Pearson's ch. g. Pensioner, by Flatcatcher or Drumour out of Apropos, aged, 12 st. 7 lb. 1
Mr. H. Seabrook's gr. h. Old Squire, aged, 12 st. 2 lb. (including 5 lb. extra) 2
Mr. Brewster's The Sluggard (h. b.), aged, 12 st. 2 lb. 3
Mr. J. Neale's ch. m. Plenty, aged, 12 st. 2 lb. 0
Mr. N. Melbourne's b. g. Merry Legs (h. b.), aged, 12 st. 9 lb. 0

THE FARMERS' SELLING STAKES of 2 sovs. each, with 20 added; weight for age, with selling allowances; about two miles.

Mr. J. J. Clarke's br. g. Broughton, aged, 11 st. 2 lb. 1
Mr. W. Pearson's b. g. Brilliant, aged, 11 st. 2 lb. 2
Mr. N. Melbourne's b. g. Merry Legs (h. b.), aged, 11 st. 2 lb. 3
Mr. H. Seabrook's Old Squire, 11 st. 2 lb. 0

THE SCURRY STEEPLE CHASE of 1 sov. each, with 10 added; about two miles.

Mr. L. Nicholson's b. h. Bar One, 5 years, 10 st. 1
Mr. H. Seabrook's Old Squire, 10 st. 2
Mr. Horwood's b. h. Kingfisher, 10 st. 0

THE FARMERS' PLATE of 10s. each, with 10 sovs. added, the second to receive 2 sovs., catch weight, about two miles, was won by Mr. H. Seabrook's Old Squire, beating Mr. P. Swain's ch. m. Miss Priscilla, second, and four others easily.

STEEPLE CHASING IN FRANCE.

PRIX D'OUVERTURE (handicap) of 80 sovs.; entrance 8 sovs. each, h. ft. Two miles and a half.

Mr. H. Gibson's ch. m. Belle Duchesse, by Charlatan—