FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Sudden Relaxation in the Money Market.

The Rate on Call Declines from 1-16 a Day to 5 Per Cent Per Annum.

THE LEGAL TENDER RESERVE

Backing and Filling of the Treasury Department.

The Street Puzzled to Comprehend Treasury Policy.

GOLD HEAVY AND LOWER.

A Drooping Speculation at the Stock Exchange and a Decline in Prices, with a Reaction at the Close.

Lake Shore Exceptionally Strong in View of a Contest at the Annual Election.

Decline in Government Bonds—The Railroad Bonds Active and Firm—The Bank of England Rate Unaltered.

WALL STREET, THURSDAY, March 13—6 P. M.

On 'Change to-day cotton was only in moderate request, and lower for both spot and future. Flour, wheat and corn were dull, but not materially changed in price.

THE GOVERNMENT GOLD SALE.

There were nineteen bids for the government gold, at prices ranging from 114.51 to 115.07, the amount called for being $2,945,000. The sale, which was confined to the advertised $1,500,000, was made at 114.92 to 115.07.

THE FOREIGN MARKET.

The London quotations show a higher and firmer market for consols this evening, as if prices had been strengthened by the reported refusal of the Queen to accept the resignation of Premier Gladstone; but some of the improvement is doubtless due to easier money in London, although there is a decrease of £257,000 in the weekly bullion account of

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

The latter fact is doubtless the explanation why the minimum of the rate of discount at the Bank of England remains unaltered at 3½ per cent. United States bonds were better in feeling, and in some cases in prices to the extent of ⅛ per cent. Erie shares were unsettled and strong, and after an advance to 53 closed at 52¾. The new French loan was quoted steady at 6¼ per cent premium, but French rentes in Paris were lower at 56.50.

MONEY EASIER.

The money market opened active, if not stringent, and a good deal of business on call loans was done early in the day at as high as 1-16 per cent, equivalent to pretty nearly 23 per cent per annum. This was the extreme, however, on the side of high rates, for the market, after a speedy relaxation to the familiar 1-32, and an intermediate recurrence to 1-16, weakened until loans were made at as low as 5 per cent in plenty of time for bank accounts, the rate

CLOSING AT 6 PER CENT

at 3 o'clock. Commercial paper was neglected, but quoted a 9 a 12 per cent discount for prime names. Foreign exchange was lower to the extent of ⅛ per cent for sight sterling, the prime rate for which was reduced to 108¾, the sixty-day rate remaining 108. The market was dull, with the actual business, such as there was, at a concession of ⅛ a ¼ upon the asking rates. The contraction of the margin between sight and sixty-day bills to ¾ per cent is an approach to an adjustment of the real difference between them, which, with the Bank of England rate 3½ per cent, ought not to be over ⅜ per cent.

GOLD LOWER—115¼ A 114⅞.

The gold market was heavy and the average quotation was lower, a few sales being made at a decline to 114⅞, but the last price was 115, which continued to be bid. The weaker temper of the market is referrible to the reduction in the rates for sight exchange and also to the large exports of domestic merchandise. The course of the market, which seemed wholly unaffected by the Washington telegrams about the increase in the legal tender currency, was as follows:—

10 A. M.	115½	2 P. M.	115
10:15 A. M.	115¼	3 P. M.	115
11 A. M.	115	3:15 P. M.	115½
12 M.	115¼	3:20 P. M.	115
1 P. M.	115	4 P. M.	115 a 115½
1:12 P. M.	114⅞		

In the gold loan market the rates ranged from 3 per cent per annum to 3-64 a day for carrying. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank were as follows:—

Gold cleared	$34,871,000
Gold balances	1,921,147
Currency balances	2,099,835

The Sub-Treasury paid out $16,000 on account of interest, and $2,500 on account of redeemed five-twenties.

SOUTHERN SECURITIES DULL.

The Southern State bonds were exceedingly dull. The Tennessees were strong and advanced to 84, which was bid at the close for more. The Missouris sold off to 93¾, but rallied to 94. The new South Carolinas were offered at 19¾ in the forenoon, but were held higher at the last call. The old bonds were offered at 40. New North Carolinas sold at 17¾. The following were the closing quotations:—Tennessee, ex coupon, 84 a 84¼; do., new, 84 a 84¼; Virginia, ex coupon, 45 a 50; do., registered stock, old, 37 a 42; do., sixes, consolidated bonds, 56 a 56¼; do. sixes, deferred scrip, 14 a 15; Georgia sixes, 70 a 80; do., sevens, 87 a 90; North Carolina, ex coupon, 30 a 33; do. to North Carolina Railroad, 60 a 61; do., funding, 1866, 20 a 26; do., funding, 1868, 17 a 22; do. new, 17 a 19; do., special tax, 13 a 15; Missouri sixes, 93½ a 93¾; do., Hannibal and St. Joseph, 90½ a 91½; Alabama fives, 55 a 60; do. eights, 80 a 85; South Carolina sixes, 30 a 40; do. new, January and July, 18 a 20; do. do., April and October, 20 a 22; Arkansas sixes, funded, 39 a 45.

THE RAILROAD BONDS.

The railroad bonds were more active, with a wider inquiry. Fort Wayne firsts sold at 105½ and Erie fourths at 99½. Union Pacific firsts were heavy and lower, but the land grants were higher and firmer. Central Pacifics were steady. The following were the bids at the regular call as amended by prices in subsequent dealings:—

New York Cen 6's, 1883	94½	Del, Lack & W 1st m	102
New York Cen 6's, 1887	92	Del, Lack & West 2d m	96
New York Cen 6's, reg	89	Del, Lack & W 7's con	99
New York Cen 6's, sub	87	Tol & Wab 1st m, ex	95½
Erie 1st m, extended	102¾	Tol & W 1st m, St L div	88½
Erie 1st m, endorsed	98	Tol & Wab 2d m	93
Erie 7's, 2d m, '83	97½	Tol & Wab con conv	87
Erie 7's, 3d m, '83	97½	Han & Naples 1st m	87
Erie 7's, 5th m, '88	97½	Gt West 1st m, 1888	94
Long Dock bonds	95	Quincy & Tol 1st, '90	90
Buff, N Y & E 1st m, '77	94	Galena & Chic 2d m	97½
Hud R 7's, 2d m, s f, '85	103½	Chic, R I & Pac	102
Hud R 7's, 3d m, '75	101½	Morris & Essex 1st m	105½
Harlem 7's, 1st m	102	Morris & Essex 2d m	96
Alb & Sus 2d bds	99½	N J Cen 1st m, b	102½
Alb & Sus 3d bds	93½	Pitts, Ft W & Chic 1st	104½
Mich Cen 8's, 1st m, '82	110	Pitts, F W & Chic 2d m	98½
Mich Cen 7's, con, 1902	100	Pitts, F W & Chic 3d m	95
Chic, Bur & Q 8's, 1st m	109	P, F W & C s pe eqtbd	98
Mich So 7's, 2d m	99	Clev & Pitts 2d m	98½
Mich So & N I 1st 7's	104	Clev & Pitts 3d m	98
Clev & Tol sf	100	Clev & Pitts 4th m	85
Clev & Tol new bds	96	Chic & Alton s f	100
C, P & A old bds	96	Chic & Altmconne	96
Buff & Erie new bds	97½	Ohio & Miss con s f	92½
Lake Shore div bds	96	Ohio & Miss con	92
Lake Shore con c	99½	Ohio & Miss 2d m, con	88
Lake Shore con r	99½	Dub & Sioux City 1st	92
Pac RR 7's, gtd Mo	97	Peninsula 1st m, con	90
Cen Pacific gold bds	103¾	Mil & St P 1st m, s's, PD	107
Cen Pac State aid bds	111¾	M & St P 1st, 7 3-10, P D	92
Western Pacific bds	94¾	M & St P 1st m, La C D	90½
Union Pacific 1st m	86	M & St P 1st m, I & M D	86½
Union Pacific L G 7's	77½	Chic & Mil 1st m	93

Union Pacific inc 10's	71¾	Col, Chic & Ind 1st	21½
Illinois Cen 7 per ct, '75	104	Col, Chic & Ind 2d	72½
Bell'ire & S Ill 1st m 8's	99	Tol, P & W, E D	91½
Alt & Ter H 1st m	99	Tol, P & W, W D	88½
Alt & Ter H 2d m, inc	81	Tol, P & W, Burl'n div	88
Chic & N W s f	98½	N Y & N H 6's	100
Chic & N W con bds	90½	Rost, H & Erie 1st m	39
Chic & N W exten bds	89½	Rost H & Erie g'td	59½
Chic & N W 2d m	88½	Ced Falls & Min 1st m	80
Han & St Jo 1st	104½	Bur, C R & M 7's, 1st, g	89½

GOVERNMENTS DOWN.

The government bond market, which was heavy at the earlier boards, became weak at the last call, when there was a sudden decline to 116 in the 6's, the 68's selling at 116¼. The other issues were ⅛ a ¼ lower, the currency sixes being offered at 113¾. The decline is attributed to the general fact of the coming change in the Treasury Secretaryship and in part to the issue of additional paper money, which latter, under the terms of the Public Credit act, must be convertible into coin at par before the government is allowed to anticipate the redemption of the funded debt. Hence each

INCREASE OF THE CURRENCY

is a fresh barrier to resumption and a protraction of the suspension of specie payments. The following were the closing prices:—United States currency sixes, 113½ a 113¾; do. do., 1881, registered, 116¼ a 116¾; do. do., coupon, 118¾ a 118¾; do. five-twenties, registered, May and November, 115½ a 115¾; do. do., 1862, coupon, do., 115½ a 115¾; do. do., 1864, do. do., 115½ a 115¾; do., do., 1865, do. do., 116½ a 116¾; do., 1867, registered, January and July, 114½ a 114¾; do. do., 1865, coupon, do., 114½ a 114¾; do. do., 1867, do. do., 116 a 116¼; do. do., 1868, do. do., 116 a 116¼; do. ten-forties, registered, 110¼ a 110¾; do. do., coupon, 110¼ a 110¾; do. fives of 1881, registered (not quoted); do. do., coupon, 113 a 113¼; Central Pacific gold bonds, 103¾ a 104.

STOCKS HEAVY AND LOWER.

The stock market was heavy and gradually drifted to lower prices, the decline being helped by a further fall in Pacific Mail, which went off to 56½. The weaker tone of the market was due to the demoralizing effects of the successive inflation and contraction of the currency by the Treasury Department and the uncertainty of the street as to the real position of affairs. At one time it was stated that

THE TREASURY

had begun to contract again, and would have all the new issues of currency withdrawn by the end of the week. This announcement and the coincident tightness of money caused the depression of the market to the lowest prices of the day about two o'clock. Still later came a positive and what seemed a reliable assertion that the currency had been expanded half a million more to-day (making two millions in all), whereupon the market cheered up and recovered some of the lost ground. These remarks apply to the general market, but not to a few features, such, for instance, as

LAKE SHORE,

which was strong throughout, and advanced to 96 on purchases by parties anxious to retain control of the company at the annual election in May next, for which event the books will probably close a month or so in advance. A disposition to sell the stock on long sellers' options was regarded as the counterpart to these purchases, in so far as the transactions secured a market for the stock after the books close. The weaker look of the opposition to the foreclosure of the Boston, Hartford and Erie mortgages caused a decline in the stock to 7¾. Union Pacific fell off to 34¾ and Western Union to 85¾, as if the heretofore adherents of both companies had been transferring their interests to Lake Shore against the expected struggle for control at the coming election.

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	105¾	105
Erie	65½	64⅞
Lake Shore	96	95¾
Wabash	74½	73⅞
Northwestern	(No transactions)	
Northwestern preferred	89¾	89½
Rock Island	116¼	115⅞
St. Paul	54⅞	54⅜
St. Paul preferred	75	74¾
Ohio and Mississippi	46¼	46
Union Pacific	35¼	34¾
C., C. and I. C.	41⅞	41¼
Western Union Telegraph	86¼	85½
Pacific Mail	58⅞	56½

In Philadelphia Reading was strong and advanced to 115½.

THE NATIONAL BANKS OF THE CITY.

Annexed is the quarterly statement of the national banks of the city of New York:—

	Liabilities, Dec. 27, 1872.	Liabilities, Feb. 28, 1873.	Comparisons.
Capital	$71,285,000	$71,285,000	—
Net profits	31,569,600	30,312,700	Dec. $1,256,900
Circulation	28,089,700	28,111,900	Inc. 22,200
Due banks	77,471,700	83,147,400	Inc. 5,675,700
Due depositors	111,690,400	109,089,900	Dec. 2,600,500
Unpaid div's	158,000	256,000	Inc. 98,000
Totals	$320,264,400	322,202,900	Inc. $1,938,500
	Resources.	Resources.	Comparisons.
Loans and discounts	$191,304,000	199,934,100	Inc. $8,630,100
Stocks	44,003,900	43,205,400	Dec. 798,500
Real estate	8,320,500	8,487,500	Inc. 167,000
Due from b'ks	18,827,200	14,804,500	Dec. 4,022,700
Cash items and bank notes	6,374,000	3,186,300	Dec. 3,187,700
Specie	13,784,800	14,977,700	Inc. 1,192,900
Legal tenders	37,485,500	37,461,100	Dec. 24,400
Overdrafts	164,500	146,300	Dec. 18,200
Totals	$320,264,400	322,202,900	

ERIE RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

The following is the official return of estimated weekly earnings commencing November 1, 1872:—

	1872. Six Days.	1873. Six Days.
Week ending March 7, 1873	$336,960	$339,137
Previously reported	5,527,037	5,743,242
Total since Nov. 1	$5,863,997	$6,082,379
Increase for week		$2,177
Increase for four months and one week to date		218,382

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thursday, March 13—10:15 A. M.

$29000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	114½	$16500 US 5-20, c, '67	116⅞
10000 do.	114⅝	5000 US 5-20, c, '68	116⅛
4000 US 5-20, c, '67	116½		

10 A. M.—Before Call.

100 shs West Un Tel	86¼	100 shs Pac M SS Co	58⅝
100 do	86¼	1400 do	58⅝
100 do	86	200 do	58⅝
700 do	86	1300 L S & M S RR	95½
100 do	86	1000 do	95⅝
400 do	85⅞	400 do	95½
400 do	85⅞	300 do	95½
400 do	86	1200 do	95⅝
700 do	86⅛	400 do	95½
200 do	86⅛	100 do	95½
1100 do	86¼	100 do	95½
100 New Cen Coal	46	200 do	95½
600 N Y C & H R RR	105⅝	300 Un Pac RR	58⅞
100 do	105⅝	200 do	58⅞
900 do	105⅝	700 Harlem RR	134
1800 do	105⅝	100 Chic & Rock I RR	116
1700 Erie RR	65⅞	500 do	115⅞
400 do	65⅝	400 do	115⅞
600 do	65⅝	100 do	116
700 do	65¼	100 do	116⅛
400 Pac M SS Co	58½	100 T, W & W RR	74½
500 do	58¼	800 Ohio & Miss RR	46½
100 do	58	200 do	46½
100 do	58¼	500 do	46½
400 do	58¼	100 B, H & E RR	9
800 do	58	100 Un Pac RR	35½
500 do	57⅞	100 do	35¼
100 do	57⅞	100 M & St P RR	54½
400 do	57⅞	100 do	54½
200 do	57⅞	200 do	54½
400 do	58	400 do	54½
300 do	58⅛	8 do	54½
300 do	58¼	200 do	54½
400 do	58⅛	100 C, C & I C RR	41⅞
100 do	58¼	100 do	41⅞
600 do	58⅛	100 do	41⅞
100 do	58⅛		

First Board—10:30 A. M.

$10000 Tenn 6's, old	83½	100 shs N Y C & H R	105⅝
15000 do.	83½	500 do	105½
1000 Tenn 6's, new	83½	200 do	105½
5000 Missouri 6's	93⅝	200 do	105⅝
5000 Va 6's, def	14½	58 do	105⅝
10000 N C 6's, new	17¼	200 do	105½
1000 Brooklyn 6's, w i	94	200 do	105½
1000 N Y C 7's, '70	102	20 N J Cen RR	104
5000 Erie 2d m	99¾	300 Erie RR	65¼
3000 Erie 4th m	99½	400 do	65⅝
2000 C, P & A, old	98	400 do	65
2000 C, P & A, new	97	800 do	65
1000 Cen Pac gold bds	103⅞	100 do	65⅝
3000 Un Pac 1st m	86⅛	100 L S & M S RR	95⅝
7000 do	86¼	300 do	95⅝
2000 do	86⅛	100 do	95⅝
16000 do	86	200 do	95⅝
2000 Un P 7's, l g b	77½	100 do	95⅝
6000 do	77½	100 do	95⅝
2000 U Pac 10's, inc	71⅞	20 do	95⅝
1000 Chic & N W ex	90	100 do	95½
5000 H & St J 8's, con	89½	700 do	95½
5000 Gt West 1st m, '88	94½	200 do	95½
1000 C & R I & Pac 7's	102½	75 do	95½
10000 N J Cen 1st, new	102⅝	900 do	95½
1500 P, Ft W & C 1st	105½	300 do	95½
8000 Ohio & M con s f	93½	700 do	95½
16000 do	93	1500 do	95½
2000 Ohio & Miss 2d m	88	1100 do	95⅝
4000 M & St P, lo div	87	200 Un Pac RR	35⅝
3000 W Un Tel 7's	100	300 do	35½
1000 Pac RR of Mo 1st	85	100 do	35½
10000 L'ville & N con, '98	96	900 do	35½
25 shs Am Ex Bank	111	800 do	35
46 Bank of Com'with	84	300 do	35
6 Central Nat Bk	97½	500 do	34⅞
7 Park Bank	148	800 do	34⅞
20 Del & H Canal	120	200 do	34⅞
10 do	120	100 Clev & Pitts gtd	89
100 Mid Coal Co	26¾	20 do	89½
100 do	26⅝	20 C & N W RR pf	89½
200 do	27	100 C & R I RR	116
100 do	26⅝	300 do	115⅞
200 Spring M Coal	59	300 do	115⅞
100 Cop C of Md	54½	700 do	115⅞

100 N Cent Coal	45⅞	200 do	115⅝
200 do	45⅝	610 do	115⅝
100 Mar Land & M'g	15½	700 do	115⅝
100 Penn Coal	130	400 do	116
800 Quick M pf	54	100 Mil & St P RR	54⅝
600 West Un Tel	86⅛	200 do	54⅝
800 do	86⅛	100 do	54⅝
400 do	86⅛	300 do	54⅝
100 do	86	100 do	54⅝
700 do	86	100 do	54⅝
100 do	86	200 do	54⅞
200 do	85⅞	20 Chic & Alt RR	108½
1700 do	85⅞	20 do	109
1700 do	85⅞	100 Mil & St P pf	74⅝
1800 do	85⅞	100 C, C, C & I	88⅝
1100 do	86	200 T, W & W RR	74⅛
500 do	85⅞	200 do	74
60 do	86	100 do	73⅞
700 do	86⅞	300 do	74
100 Am M'l Ex Co	68	15 P, Ft W & C pf	94½
100 do	68½	100 D, Lack & W RR	101⅞
5 Adams Ex	95⅝	100 do	101½
100 U S Ex Co	74⅞	200 do	101½
15 do	75	40 Mor & Essex RR	105½
300 Harlem RR	134	200 B, H & E RR	9
45 Mich Cen RR	106⅝	200 do	8⅞
100 do	106⅝	600 do	8⅞
100 Pac M SS Co	58⅞	100 do	8⅞
400 do	58⅝	400 do	8⅞
200 do	58⅝	100 do	8⅞
100 do	58⅝	200 do	8⅞
300 do	58⅝	900 do	8⅞
100 do	58⅝	200 do	8⅞
200 do	58⅝	500 do	8⅞
200 do	58⅝	500 do	8⅞
600 do	58⅝	100 do	8⅞
100 do	58⅝	100 do	8⅞
200 do	58⅝	300 do	8⅞
200 do	58⅝	100 do	8⅞
100 do	58⅝	600 do	115⅞
1000 do	58½	100 B, H & E RR	8⅞
300 do	58⅝	100 do	8⅞
700 do	58⅝	300 do	8⅞
900 do	58⅝	700 do	8
400 do	58	100 do	8⅞
200 do	57⅞	200 Del, L & West	101⅞
100 do	57⅞	300 Chic & Alt RR	109
1800 do	57½	100 Ohio & M RR	46⅛
1000 do	57⅝	200 do	46
400 do	57⅝	400 Mor & Essex RR	90½
300 do	57⅝	200 do	90½
1000 do	57½	100 N J Sout'n RR	27
1200 do	57½	100 C, C & I C RR	41⅞
1700 do	57½	200 do	41⅞
200 New Cen Coal	45⅞	700 do	41½
5 Adams Ex Co	95½		

2:15 and 2:15 P. M.

$7000 US 6's, '81, c	118⅛	$6500 US 5-20, c, '67	116⅞
10000 US 5-20, c, '64	115⅝	1500 do	116
3000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	114½	10000 US 5-20, c, '68	116⅛
35600 do	114½	5000 US 5's, 10-40, c	110⅞

12:30 P. M.—Before Call.

100 shs Maryland Coal	26⅞	100 shs L S & M S RR	95⅝
100 West Un Tel	86¼	1000 do	95½
200 do	86⅛	100 do	95½
300 do	86	500 do	95½
100 do	86	200 do	95⅝
100 do	86	700 do	95⅝
100 Pac M SS Co	58⅛	200 do	95⅞
200 do	58⅛	200 do	95⅝
100 do	58⅛	500 do	95⅝
200 do	58⅛	400 U Pacific RR	34⅞
200 do	58⅛	500 Ohio & Miss	46⅛
500 do	58⅛	100 do	46⅛
100 do	58⅛	500 M & St P RR	54⅞
100 do	58⅛	1100 B, H & E RR	8⅞
300 do	58⅛	100 do	8⅞
700 do	58⅛	200 do	8⅞
600 do	58⅛	300 do	8⅞
200 Erie RR	65	100 Chic & Alt RR	108½
100 do	65	100 do	108½
100 N Y C & H RR	105⅝	100 do	108½
100 do	105½	300 C, C & I C RR	41⅞
200 do	105⅝	200 do	41⅞
300 C & R I RR	116	100 do	41⅞
100 do	116		

Second Board—1 P. M.

$2000 Missouri 6's	94	100 shs Wells-Fargo Ex	82½
20000 Mad (First) 1st d	86½	100 N Y C & H R RR	105⅝
3000 Un Pac 1st m	86¼	713 do	105½
1000 do	86	400 do	105⅝
3000 L'le & Nash c '88	96	200 Erie RR	65
3000 C, C & I C 1st m	91¾	300 do	65½
6000 Mich Sou 2d m	99	100 Erie RR pf	74
2000 Cen Pac gold bds	103⅞	300 Harlem RR	135½
5 shs B'k of America	152	2100 L S & M S RR	95⅝
25 Bank of Republic	110	1600 do	96
100 Con Coal of Md	54¾	300 do	95¾
200 Spring Mount Coal	60	2000 do	95⅞
400 West Un Tel	86	500 do	96
100 do	86¼	2000 do	96
500 do	86⅛	1400 do	95⅞
600 do	86	2300 do	95⅞
800 do	86⅛	4200 do	95⅞
800 do	86⅛	1100 do	96
800 do	86⅛	600 do	96
300 do	86⅛	300 do	95⅞
800 do	86⅛	100 do	95⅞
100 do	86⅛	100 do	95⅞
200 do	86⅛	300 Panama RR	124
100 Pac M SS Co	58½	500 Un Pac RR	34⅞
200 do	58½	100 do	34⅞
100 do	58½	100 C & N W pf	89⅞
100 do	58⅝	130 C, C, C & I RR	87
200 do	58⅝	700 C & R I RR	116
100 do	58⅝	600 do	115⅞
1000 do	58½	100 B, H & E RR	8⅞
300 do	58⅝	100 do	8⅞
700 do	58⅝	300 do	8⅞
900 do	58⅝	700 do	8
400 do	58	100 do	8⅞
200 do	57⅞	200 Del, L & West	101⅞
100 do	57⅞	300 Chic & Alt RR	109
1800 do	57½	100 Ohio & M RR	46⅛
1000 do	57⅝	200 do	46
400 do	57⅝	400 Mor & Essex RR	90½
300 do	57⅝	200 do	90½
1000 do	57½	200 N J Sout'n RR	27
1200 do	57½	100 C, C & I C RR	41⅞
1700 do	57½	200 do	41⅞
200 New Cen Coal	45⅞	700 do	41½
5 Adams Ex Co	95½		

2:30 to 4 P. M.

$43000 Tenn 6's, new	84	700 shs Un Pac RR	34⅞
100 shs New Cen Coal	45⅞	100 Pittsburg RR	89½
300 do	46	100 T, W & W RR	73⅞
100 do	46½	600 N Y C & H R RR	105⅝
300 West Un Tel	85⅞	1000 do	105
500 do	85⅞	500 do	105⅝
200 do	86	700 do	105⅝
600 do	85⅞	300 do	105⅝
100 do	85⅞	300 do	105⅝
1500 do	85⅞	300 Del, L & W RR	101⅞
2100 Pac M SS Co	57⅛	100 B, H & E RR	7⅞
1200 do	57⅛	100 do	8
3000 do	57	900 do	8⅛
500 do	b60	1000 Erie RR	64⅞
300 do	57⅛	200 do	64⅞
1500 do	57⅛	1000 do	65
200 do	57⅛	400 do	65⅛
300 do	57⅛	800 do	65
1500 do	57⅛	200 do	64⅞
1000 do	57⅛	200 do	65
600 do	57⅛	500 Rock Island RR	116
1200 do	57⅛	200 do	116⅛
1500 do	57	200 do	116⅛
300 do	56⅞	100 do	116⅛
1100 do	56⅞	100 do	116
1400 do	56⅞	200 do	b3 116
1050 do	56⅞	200 do	115⅞
300 do	56⅞	400 do	116
200 do	56⅞	200 L S & M S RR	95⅝
300 do	56⅞	100 do	95⅝
400 do	56⅞	400 do	95⅝
1500 do	56⅞	300 do	s3 95⅝
300 do	56⅞	1500 do	b3 96
100 do	56⅞	2500 do	96
600 do	56⅞	4200 do	95⅞
800 do	56⅞	1100 do	96
800 do	s3 56½	600 do	b3 96
300 do	56½	300 do	95⅞
800 do	56⅝	100 do	s10 96
200 do	b3 56⅝	100 do	b2 96
200 do	56⅞	200 Mil & St P pf	75
100 do	57	400 Chic & Alton	109½
200 do	56⅞	200 Chic & Alt pf	112⅝
800 do	56¾	100 Ohio & Miss RR	46
100 do	b3 56¾	200 do	46⅛
900 do	56⅞	200 Han & St Jo RR	45
100 Con Coal	54⅞	200 C, C & I C RR	41⅞
30 Adams Ex	94½	100 do	41⅞
15 Am M Un Exp	68½	200 Atlan & Pac pf	28

CLOSING PRICES—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Western Union	85⅞ a 86	N J Central	104 a 104½
Panama	122 a 124	Rock Island	116 a 116½
Am Sec Un Ex	68 a 68⅞	St Paul	54⅝ a 54⅞
U S Express	74 a 75	St Paul pref	74⅞ a 75
Pacific Mail	56⅞ a 56¾	Wabash	74 a 74½
N Y Central	105⅝ a 105½	Ohio & Miss	46 a 46⅛
Erie	64⅞ a 65	Han & St Jo	44½ a 45
Harlem	134 a 134½	Han & St Jo pf	64 a 65
Lake Shore	95⅞ a 96	Boston, H & E	8¼ a 8⅜
Union Pacific	34⅞ a 34¾	C, C & I C	41⅞ a 41½
Northwest'n pf	89¼ a 89½		

NOTE.—In these prices yesterday an error was inadvertently made in the quotation of Western Union, the figures of which became confounded with those of Union Pacific. Doubtless the error corrected itself.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Lower; Receipts at the Ports 13,003 Bales—Flour Dull—Wheat Nominal—Corn Dull—Oats Firm—Pork Steady—Lard Easier—Groceries Quiet—Petroleum Dull—Naval Stores About Steady—Whiskey Firmer.

THURSDAY, March 13—6 P. M.

There was no perceptible betterment in the merchandise markets to-day, dulness being almost everywhere the leading feature. Cotton was still dull and lower. At the Produce Exchange the dead-lock in breadstuffs was unbroken. There was almost no demand for either flour or wheat, for home use or export. The impossibility of negotiating freight engagements was sufficient to prevent of itself any export movement, but there was no demand of moment at any price or for any purpose. There was no pressure to sell, however, though holders were willing to meet buyers whenever there was a probability of consummating business. Corn was almost equally dull and nominal. Oats improved somewhat, as did also whiskey. Provisions were scarcely so firm, except pork, which was about the same for jobbing lots. Groceries remained quiet and unchanged. Petroleum was dull, but held nominal at former figures. Naval stores were about steady, but quiet.

COFFEE.—The market remained dull, weak and entirely nominal of all descriptions. We annex our former quotations, as follows:—Rio—Ordinary cargoes, 17¾c. a 18¼c.; fair cargoes, 19c. a 19½c.; good cargoes, 19¾c. a 20c.; prime cargoes, 20½c. a 20¾c.; extreme range for lots, 17¾c. a 21c. Java—Government bags, 20c. a 21c.; do. grass mats, 20c. a 22c.; Singapore, 17c. a 18c.; Ceylon, 18c. a 19c.; Maracaibo, 18½c. a 19½c.; Laguayra, 18½c. a 20½c.; Jamaica, 18c. a 19c.; St. Domingo, 16½c. a 17c.; Porto Rico, 19c. a 20½c.; Costa Rica, 18½c. a 20½c.; Mexican, 18½c. a 19½c.; Manila, 18c. a 19c.; Angostura, 18c. a 19c.; Savanilla, 18c. a 19c., Curacoa, 18c. a 19c., gold, per lb., 60 and 90 days' credit.

COTTON.—For lots on the spot, holders were more anxious to oblige, and we reduce our quotations ⅛c. per lb. on ordinary and ¼c. per lb. on all other grades. For future delivery the market opened steady, but subsequently closed tame at a decline of ⅛c. per lb. The sales reported on 'Change to-day sum up as follows:—

	To-Day.	Last Fort'g.	Total.
Export	320	190	510
Consumption	1,000	196	1,196
Speculation	—	19	19
Total	1,320	405	1,725

—Included in the above are 150 bales to arrive. For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Sales last evening after three o'clock—March, 300 at 19⅝c., 1,300 at 19 7-16c.; 200 at 19 9-16, no notice; April, 1,300 at 19 9-16c., 100 at 19⅝c.; March, 800 at 19 15-16c., 400 at 20c., 300 at 19 15-16c., 800