coupon, 118¼ a 118¾; do. five-twenties, registered, May and November, 115¾ a 116; do. do., 1862, coupon, do. do., 115¾ a 116; do. do., 1864, do. do., 115¾ a 116; do. do., 1865, do. do., 116¼ a 116¾; do. do., 1867, registered, January and July, 114¾ a 115; do. do., 1865, coupon, do. do., 114¾ a 114⅞; do. do., 1867, do. do., 116¼ a 116⅝; do. do., 1868, do. do., 116¼ a 116¾; do. ten-forties, registered, 110¼ a 111; do. do., coupon, 110¾ a 111; do. fives of 1881, coupon, 113 a 113½.

STOCKS WEAK AND LOWER.

The stock market was strong at the opening, and the bullish side of the street was encouraged by an improvement in prices during the progress of business up to the middle of the first session of the board. Toward noon, however, the market became heavy and prices began to recede, falling eventually to lower figures than they started from, New York Central going off to 100½ and Lake Shore to 93¾. The announcement of Judge Richardson's appointment and confirmation as Secretary of the Treasury occasioned a rally at the last board, but the more active demand for money toward the close of banking hours induced a second downward reaction, which in turn was followed by a faint upward turn at the close. Pacific Mail, which was

THE MORE ACTIVE FEATURE

of the market, was unsettled but exceptionally strong, and at one time showed an improvement of nearly two per cent, but lost nearly all of it before the day was over. St. Paul was firm and advanced to 56⅝, but was also compelled to part with some of the advance in the general decline of the afternoon. Wabash went off to 73¼ on the discovery of forged certificates, but became steady when the extent of the imposture became known. A detailed account of the matter will be found in another column. Boston, Hartford and Erie declined quite suddenly to 6¾ this afternoon, from which it was inferred that the Boston Courts had refused to grant an injunction to prevent or defer the foreclosure of the mortgages to-morrow. The directors of the Panama Railroad announce a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent cash, payable April 1, the transfer books closing March 20.

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 (ex div.)	101½	100⅜
Erie	65⅜	65⅛
Lake Shore	94¾	93¾
Wabash	74	73⅛
Northwestern	(No transactions)	
Northwestern preferred	89¼	88½
Rock Island	115¾	114⅞
St. Paul	56⅝	55½
St. Paul preferred	76¾	75¾
Ohio and Mississippi	45¾	45⅛
Union Pacific	34⅞	33⅞
C., C. and I. C.	41	40⅛
Western Union Telegraph	86½	85⅞
Pacific Mail	58¾	56½

In Philadelphia Reading was strong at an advance to 116.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Monday, March 17—10:15 A. M.

$6000 US 5-20, r, '65	a3 115⅝	$40000 US 5's, 10-40, r	110⅝
3000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	114½	10000 do	b3 110⅝
10000 U S 5's, 10-40, r	110⅝		

10 A. M.—Before Call.

700 shs Pac M SS Co	56½	1200 shs N Y C & H R	101⅜
500 do	56⅝	100 do	b3 101½
900 do	56⅝	1000 Erie RR	65⅝
100 do	56⅞	100 do	c 65⅝
400 do	57	100 Harlem RR	c 137⅝
200 do	57⅛	100 do	138⅜
500 do	c 57⅛	2200 do	138⅜
300 do	57⅛	300 do	139
200 do	57⅛	600 do	138⅜
100 do	57⅛	400 do	138⅜
100 do	57⅛	200 do	138⅛
100 do	c 57⅛	1000 do	138
400 do	57⅛	500 do	138⅛
100 do	c 57⅛	200 L S & M S RR	94⅛
100 do	57⅛	100 do	94⅛
200 do	57⅛	500 do	94⅛
100 do	57⅛	500 do	94⅛
100 do	b3 57⅛	500 do	94⅛
400 do	57⅛	300 do	94⅛
300 do	57⅛	500 do	94⅛
200 do	57⅛	500 do	94⅛
1000 do	58	600 do	94⅛
200 do	c 57⅞	500 do	94
200 do	58	800 do	94⅛
300 do	58⅛	1900 do	94⅛
200 do	58⅛	100 do	94⅛
100 do	b3 58⅛	900 do	b3 94⅛
100 do	58⅛	100 do	c 94⅛
100 do	58	1100 do	94⅛
100 do	c 57⅞	23 do	94⅛
100 do	58	900 do	94⅛
200 do	58⅛	200 Chic & Rock I RR	115⅛
100 do	58⅛	100 do	115½
2900 do	58⅛	600 do	115⅜
100 do	58⅛	100 T, W & W RR	b3 74
200 do	58⅛	500 do	c 74
700 do	58	300 Mil & St P RR	b3 55⅛
100 Con Coal of Md	56½	100 do	56⅛
100 Md Coal Co	b3 27⅛	100 Mil & St P pf	76½
800 West Un Tel	86½	700 B, H & E RR	7⅞
400 do	b3 86½	200 do	7⅞
1300 do	86⅝	300 Ohio & M RR	c 45⅝
200 do	86⅝	200 do	45⅝
300 do	86⅝	100 do	45⅝
100 do	86⅝	100 do	45⅝
100 do	86⅝	100 do	45⅝
400 do	b3 86⅝	200 do	45⅝
200 do	86⅝	100 do	45⅝
2000 do	85⅝	100 do	45⅝
500 do	85⅝	500 do	45⅝
1100 do	85⅝	100 T, W & W RR	b c 73⅛
2100 do	85⅝	400 do	73⅛
100 do	c 85⅝	100 Mo, Kan & Tex RR	35
200 do	c 85⅝	100 Mil & St P RR	56½
1000 do	85⅝	300 do	b c 56⅛
200 do	b5 85⅝	700 do	56⅛
200 Quick M pf	b5 45	600 do	56⅛
100 Mar L'd & M'g	b c 15	100 do	56⅛
100 Pac M SS Co	a3 58	400 do	56⅛
100 do	58⅛	400 do	56⅛
10 do	59	100 Mil & St P pf	76⅝
100 do	b c a3 58⅛	300 B, H & E RR	b c 7⅞
50 do	58⅛	100 do	c 7⅞
100 do	58⅝	100 do	7⅞
300 do	58	200 Chic & Alt RR	110⅝
200 do	57⅞	100 Chic & Alt RR pf	112⅝
300 do	57⅝	200 N J South'n RR	27
600 do	57⅝	100 do	b c 26⅝
600 do	57⅝	200 St L, K C & N pf	61
200 do	57⅝	400 Ohio & M RR	b c 45⅝
300 do	57⅝	100 do	a3 45⅝
700 do	c 57⅝	800 do	45⅝
900 do	57⅝	100 do	45⅝
100 do	c 57⅝	1400 do	45⅝
400 do	57⅝	200 do	45⅝
100 do	57⅝	100 do	45⅝
100 do	57⅝	100 do	a3 45⅝
100 Adams Ex	94½	1400 do	45⅝
10 Am M Un Exp	69	100 St L & I M RR	b c 90
16 do	68¾	200 Il & St Jo RR	b c b3 45
5 U S Ex Co	72½	100 C, C & I C RR	b c 40⅝

2:30 to 4 P. M.

$18000 US 5's, 10-40, c	110⅞	200 shs L S & M S RR	93⅞
5000 P, Ft W & C 1st	105⅞	100 do	b10 94
3000 Un Pac 7's, 1st	78	100 do	b3 94
50 shs Bank of N Y	132	1300 do	93⅞
22 Del & H Canal	120	2500 do	93⅞
200 New Cen Coal	45⅝	100 do	93⅞
100 do	45⅝	900 do	93⅞
100 do	45⅝	1100 do	93⅞
200 Con Coal	b3 57	800 Rock Island RR	115
600 West Un Tel	86	100 do	114⅞
700 do	85⅞	100 M & St P RR	b c 56½
1200 do	85⅞	100 do	56⅝
200 do	a3 85⅞	200 do	56⅝
1500 do	85⅞	400 do	56⅝
600 do	86	100 do	56⅝
2800 Harlem RR	139	800 do	56
100 do	138⅞	100 do	56⅛
100 do	138½	200 Mil & St P pf	76
400 do	138	100 do	75⅞
100 Pac M SS Co	57⅛	200 Ohio & Miss RR	45⅛
100 do	b3 57⅛	1400 do	45⅛
1900 do	57	100 B, H & E RR	7⅞
10000 do	56⅞	600 do	7⅞
1500 do	56⅞	100 do	7⅞
400 do	56⅞	500 do	7
700 do	57	100 do	6⅞
100 do	b3 57	200 do	6⅞
400 do	56⅞	100 do	6⅞
200 Panama RR	120	300 do	6⅞
200 C & N W RR pf	88½	100 do	a3 6⅞
1100 N Y C & H R RR	100⅞	600 do	6⅞
100 do	b3 100⅞	300 do	6⅞
500 do	100⅞	300 do	6⅞
20 do	101⅛	200 do	6⅞
1200 do	100⅞	100 do	6⅞
100 do	b30 101⅛	100 do	6⅞
100 Un Pac RR	34⅛	200 do	6⅞
100 do	b3 34⅛	100 do	6⅞
100 do	b3 34⅛	100 Alt & T Haute	b3 17
100 do	34⅛	300 Morris & Essex RR	90½
150 C, C, C & I RR	88½	100 Han & St Jo RR	44⅞
100 L S & M S RR	b3 93⅞	200 C, C & I C RR	40½
400 do	93⅞	100 do	40⅞

CLOSING PRICES—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Western Union	85⅞	a 86	Northwest'n pf.	88½	a 88¾
Panama	119	a 120	N J Central	104	a 104½
Adams Ex	94½	a 94¾	Rock Island	115	a 115½
Am Mer Un Ex	69	a 69½	St Paul	56	a 56⅛
Pacific Mail	56⅞	a 57	St Paul pref	75½	a 76
N Y Cen ex d	100½	a 100⅝	Wabash	73½	a 73¾
Erie	65¼	a 65⅞	Ohio & Miss	45⅛	a 45½
Harlem	137½	a 138½	Han & St Jo	44½	a 45
Lake Shore	93½	a 93¾	Boston, H & E	6¾	a 6¾
Union Pacific	34¼	a 34⅞	C, C & I C	40½	a 40⅞
Northwestern	79	a 81½			

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Excited and Decidedly Lower; Receipts at the Ports, 18,759 Bales—Flour Remained Dull—Wheat Dull—Corn Lower—Oats Lower—Pork Firm—Lard Easy—Groceries Quiet—Petroleum Dull—Naval Stores Lower—Whiskey Firmer.

MONDAY, March 17—6 P. M.

The trade movement was somewhat accelerated to-day—but generally at the expense of the seller—merchandise of most descriptions being lower. The markets were still dull, though the reduced price induced rather more business than has been done for some days. In some departments business was better, while prices were sustained. The hardware business was fairly active, though trade was very unequally divided, some dealers reporting considerable activity, while others were doing little or nothing. The cotton market broke decidedly and prices were lower both for immediate and future delivery. Sales were made to-day of fine cotton more than 1c. lower than prices current a week ago. At the Produce Exchange there was no betterment. The dead-lock in breadstuffs was unbroken, freight room being as scarce as ever, and the indisposition to venture beyond the exigencies of the moment was as plainly manifest as ever. Flour was dull and heavy. Wheat was dull and nearly nominal in the absence of sales of moment. Corn was lower, but decidedly more active. Oats were dull and lower. Whiskey was firmer under a scarcity. Pork was firm, and there was rather more tone to the lard market. Groceries continued quiet and unchanged, except for coffee, which showed a marked decline. Petroleum was dull and nominal. Naval stores were quiet and decidedly easier, particularly for spirits.

COTTON.—Market excited and decidedly lower. Lots on the spot were in moderate request, with quotations reduced ¼c. per lb. Future deliveries were fairly active, large transactions being effected, but at a decline of full ⅞c. a 1c. per lb., the market closing weak. The sales reported on 'Change to-day were as follows:—

	To-Day.	Sat. Ev'g.	Total.
Export	646	268	914
Consumption	173	244	417
In transit	1,500	—	1,500
Total	2,319	512	2,831

—For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Sales Saturday evening after one o'clock—March, 600 at 18⅜c., 700 at 18⅜c., 400 at 18 11-16c., 100 at 18⅝c.; no notice; 100 at 18⅝c.; April, 100 at 18 13-16c., 2,300 at 18¾c., 500 at 18⅞c., 300 at 18 25-32c., 2,000 at 18 11-16c., 200 at 18¾c., 500 at 18⅝c., 100 at 18 11-16c., 200 at 18 9-16c.; May, 200 at 19¼c., 1,600 at 19c., 500 at 19 1-16c., 3,000 at 19c., 100 at 18 15-16c., 200 at 19⅞c., 200 at 18 15-16c., 200 at 19c., 200 at 18⅞c.; June, 1,900 at 19⅛c., 100 at 19 11-32c., 300 at 19 5-16c., 500 at 19¼c., 100 at 19⅜c., 200 at 19 5-16c., 500 at 19⅜c., 300 at 19¼c., 200 at 19⅛c., 100 at 19 1-16c.; July, 1,000 at 19½c., 300 at 19 7-16c., 500 at 19⅜c., 500 at 19 7-16c., 100 at 19⅜c., 500 at 19 3-16c.; October, 700 at 17c. Total, 22,100 bales. Sales to-day up to three o'clock P. M.—March, 200 at 18⅛c., 200 at 18¼c., 500 at 18⅛c., 500 at 18¼c., 400 at 18 3-16c., 700 at 18⅜c., 700 at 18c., 100 at 17 15-16c., 100 at 18c., 100 at 17 15-16c., 200 at 17½c.; April, 100 at 18 5-16c., 100 at 18⅜c., 400 at 18⅜c., 200 at 18⅜c., 100 at 18 5-16c., 500 at 18⅜c., 700 at 18⅜c., 100 at 18⅜c., 200 at 18 7-16c., 100 at 18 5-16c., 200 at 18⅜c., 400 at 18 5-16c., 100 at 18 9-32c., 2,500 at 18¼c., 100 at 18 3-16c., 800 at 18⅛c., 100 at 18 3-16c., 800 at 18⅛c., 400 at 18 1-16c., 800 at 18c., 100 at 17 15-16c., 100 at 17⅞c., 100 at 18c.; May, 100 at 18⅝c., 100 at 18⅝c., 1,600 at 18⅝c., 100 at 18 11-16c., 100 at 18⅝c., 600 at 18⅝c., 200 at 18 11-16c., 100 at 18 13-16c., 400 at 18⅝c., 300 at 18 9-16c., 400 at 18⅝c., 1,500 at 18 7-16c., 1,000 at 18⅝c., 100 at 18 7-16c., 700 at 18⅝c., 200 at 18 5-16c., 500 at 18⅝c., 200 at 18 5-16c., 400 at 18⅝c., 100 at 18 7-16c., 100 at 18⅝c., 500 at 18⅝c., 500 at 18 5-16c., 200 at 18⅝c., 400 at 18 3-16c., 400 at 18⅝c., 300 at 18 3-16c., 300 at 19⅛c.; June, 200 at 18⅞c., 200 at 18 15-16c., 100 at 18⅞c., 200 at 18 15-16c., 300 at 19c., 100 at 18 15-16c., 200 at 18⅞c., 500 at 19c., 100 at 18 15-16c., 200 at 19c., 100 at 18⅞c., 100 at 18⅞c., 100 at 18 13-16c., 500 at 18⅞c., 500 at 18 11-16c., 800 at 18⅞c., 200 at 18 11-16c., 100 at 18⅞c., 200 at 18 9-16c., 200 at 19⅛c., 100 at 18 9-16c., 200 at 18⅞c., 1,100 at 18⅞c., 50 at 18⅞c.; July, 100 at 19⅛c., 700 at 19c., 900 at 18 15-16c., 400 at 19c., 100 at 18 15-16c., 400 at 19⅛c., 500 at 18 15-16c., 100 at 18⅞c., 200 at 18 15-16c., 400 at 18⅞c., 200 at 18⅞c., 100 at 18 13-16c., 100 at 18 11-16c., 200 at 18⅞c., 600 at 18¾c. Total, 35,050 bales; grand total, 57,150 bales. The receipts at the ports, as far as heard from (Galveston being missing), have run up thus:—New Orleans, 12,855 bales; Mobile, 1,237; Savannah, 1,801; Charleston, 635; Wilmington, 128; Norfolk, 1,157; New York, 860; Boston, 86—Total, 18,759. This day last week, 13,564. This day last year, 8,846. Rates to foreign ports closed nominally as follows:—To Havre, by steam, 1¼c. a 1½c.; sail, 1c. compressed; to Hamburg, by steam, ¾d. compressed; to Bremen, by steam, 1¼c.; sail, 1c.; to Liverpool, by steam, ⅜d. a 7-16d.; sail, 9-32d. a 11-32d. We quote:—

	Uplands.	Alabama.	New Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	14⅜	14⅜	14⅜	14⅜
Good ordinary	16⅜	16⅜	16⅞	16⅞
Strict good ordinary	17⅞	17⅞	27	17⅞
Low middling	18	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
Middling	19⅛	19⅜	19⅜	19⅜
Good middling	21⅛	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜

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

CORN.—The market continued very quiet for all descriptions. Rio has declined 1½c. per lb. from the highest point for fair, good and prime cargoes, and about 1c. per lb. for ordinary. A sale was reported of 2,324 bags, ex Ontario, on private terms; other descriptions were not dealt in, and the quotations are revised. We quote as follows:—Rio—Ordinary cargoes, 16½c. a 17½c.; fair cargoes, 18c. a 18½c.; good cargoes, 19c. a 19½c.; prime cargoes, 19½c. a 19¾c.; extreme range for lots, 16½c. a 20c. Java—Government bags, 20c. a 21c.; do. grass mats, 20c. a 22c.; Singapore, 16½c. a 17½c.; Ceylon, 17½c. a 18½c.; Maracaibo, 18c. a 19c.; Laguayra, 18½c. a 20c.; Jamaica, 17½c. a 18½c.; St. Domingo, 16c. a 16½c.; Porto Rico, 19c. a 20c.; Costa Rica, 18c. a 20c.; Mexican, 18c. a 19c.; Manila, 17½c. a 18½c.; Angostura, 17½c. a 18½c.; Savanilla, 17½c. a 18½c.; Curacoa, 17½c. a 18½c., gold, per lb., 60 a 90 days' credit.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 7,409 bbls.; wheat, 11,900 bushels; corn, 16,300 do.; corn meal, 469 bags; oats, 32,475 bushels. The flour market ruled dull and heavy, but there was no marked change in prices. The sales since our last foot up about 8,200 bbls., including all kinds, at prices within the range of the appended quotations. Corn meal was in active demand, and the market steady. Sales, 4,200 bbls. at from $3 20 to $3 30 for Western yellow on the dock and delivered. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$4 00 a $5 25
Superfine State	6 00 a 6 50
Extra State	7 25 a 7 75
Choice State	7 75 a 8 25
Superfine Western	6 00 a 6 50
Extra Western	6 90 a 7 50
Extra Minnesota	7 50 a 9 50
Round Hoop Ohio, shipping brands	7 00 a 7 50
Round Hoop Ohio, trade brands	8 00 a 9 00
Family	9 00 a 10 25
St. Louis low extra	7 00 a 7 75
St. Louis straight extra	8 00 a 8 50
St. Louis choice double extra	9 00 a 10 00
St. Louis choice family	10 00 a 13 00
California, Jersey	9 00 a 10 00
Rye flour	5 50 a 6 00
Southern No. 2	4 25 a 5 50
Southern superfine	6 00 a 6 50
Southern extra	7 25 a 9 50
Southern family	10 00 a 13 00
Corn meal, Western	3 25 a 3 45
Corn meal, Jersey	3 60 a 3 65
Corn meal, Brandywine	3 75 a 3 85
Baltimore	4 00 f. o. b.
Caloric	3 60 a 3 65
Puncheons	19 50 f. o. b.

Wheat was dull and nearly nominal at $1 60 a $1 64 for Chicago Spring, $1 63 a $1 64 for No. 2 Milwaukee, in store; $1 65 a $1 66 for do., afloat. The sales were 15,000 bushels, at $1 40 for inferior Spring, $1 75 for common red Winter and $1 65½ for No. 2 Milwaukee. Corn was lower but more active; the sales were about 75,000 bushels, mainly for export, at 65½c. for old mixed, in store; 65½c. for do., afloat; 64½c. a 65c. for new do., afloat; 64c. for Jersey, on the pier; 66½c. for Western yellow, afloat; other descriptions were nominal. Oats were dull and lower. The sales, since our last, foot up about 32,000 bushels, at 51½c. for old Western mixed, in store; 46c. a 48c. for new Western mixed, afloat, and 53c. for white State, on the track. Barley was active and firm; sales 42,500 bushels, including 36,000 bushels of Canada, in store and afloat, at $1 24 a $1 25, and the balance choice do. at $1 26, delivered. Rye continued inactive and nominal.

FREIGHTS.—Berth freights continued very quiet, but rates were not essentially changed. There was a continued fair demand for vessels for charter, particularly for those suitable to the petroleum trade, and rates in some instances showed an improvement. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, by steam, 7,500 bushels corn, at 6½d.; 1,000 wet hides at 35s.; and by sail, 1,000 wet hides at 2os. To Glasgow, by steam, 300 bbls. of apples, at 4s. The charters include:—A British bark, 670 tons, hence to London, full cargo of oil cake, on private terms; an American bark, 710 tons, hence to Anjer for orders, oil and general cargo, on private terms; a British ship (now at Tybee), from Philadelphia to Antwerp, 5,600 bbls. refined petroleum, at 7s. 3d.; a British bark (now at Tybee), 4,800 bbls. refined ditto, same voyage and rate; a German bark, from Philadelphia to a direct port, United Kingdom, 2,200 bbls. refined petroleum, on private terms.

MOLASSES.—The general market ruled quiet; still there was a moderate inquiry noticeable, but without leading to reported sales of any importance. In a jobbing way we heard of sales of about 60 bbls. of New Orleans at from 70c. to 75c. We quote:—

	Old Crop.	New Crop.
Cuba, centrifugal and mixed	17c. a 19c.	— a —
Cuba, clayed	— a —	28c. a 34c.
Cuba, muscovado, refining	— a —	29c. a 35c.
Cuba, muscovado, grocery	— a —	32c. a 38c.
Porto Rico	30c. a 50c.	35c. a 55c.
English Islands	— a —	25c. a 45c.
New Orleans	— a —	55c. a 75c.

NAVAL STORES.—The market for spirits of turpentine was dull and decidedly lower; quoted at the close at 58c. We heard of sales, late Saturday, of 130 bbls. at 58½c.; to-day 51 bbls. at 59c. Rosin was quiet and easier. Strained quoted at the close at $3 45 a $3 50. The transactions include:—500 bbls., including strained and No. 1, at $3 50 a $4; 700 bbls. strained at $3 50; 200 bbls. No. 2 at $3 60, and a cargo of strained afloat at $3 45. Tar and pitch were inactive and nominal.

PETROLEUM.—On 'Change to-day the market for refined was very quiet, but prices were nominally steady; quoted at 19c. for prompt delivery or remainder of month. Crude in bulk was firmly held at 8½c. for early delivery. Cases were steady at 25½c. a 26½c., the higher price for small lots. Naphtha was dull and entirely nominal at 12c. for city and 15c. for Western. At the Creek the market continued dull; quoted at $2 on the roads and $2 15 at Oil City. The Philadelphia market was dull and nominal. Refined quoted at 18c. for early delivery. Later sales were made of 2,200 bbls. of high test for March at 19c.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts—Pork, 309 bbls.; beef, 58 packages; cut meats, 5,983 do.; lard, 3,368 bbls. and tierces and 18 kegs. The market for mess pork was quiet but firm. Sales were reported of 250 bbls. medium mess at $16, 250 bbls. or new mess at $16 25 cash, and 500 bbls. for April late Saturday at $16 05; prime mess quoted at $14 75 a $15 50, and extra prime at $12 75 a $13. Bacon continued quiet at Saturday's prices. We heard of sales of 140 boxes Western long clear on private terms, quoted at 7¾c. a 7⅞c., 200 boxes Western short clear at 8¾c., 50 boxes city do. at 8½c., and 50 boxes half long and short clear at 8¼c. Beef was quiet at unchanged prices. Sales about 60 packages within the range of $10 a $12 for new plain mess; $13 a $14 for do. extra do. bbls.; $21 a $22 for do. prime do. tierces, and $23 a $25 for do India do. do. Beef hams were steady at from $25 a $30 for Southern and Texas, and $30 a $33 for Western. Sales 50 bbls. Southern at $30. Cut meats were in some demand, the market ruling steady. We heard of sales of 400 smoked hams, 14 lbs., at 12¾c.; 1,000 do., 10 a 11 lbs. average, at 13c.; 200 do., 13 lbs. average, at 13c.; 100 do. 17 lbs. average, 12c.; 250 boxes dry-salted shoulders at 6 3-16c.; 100 boxes do., on private terms; 50 boxes bellies, 14 lbs. average, at 19¾c.; 25 boxes do., 12 lbs. average, at 9¾c.; 20 boxes do., 14 lbs., at 9½c.; 40 boxes do., 14 lbs. average, on private terms; 60 boxes do., 12 lbs., at 10c.; 20,000 lbs. of loose bellies, 11 lbs. average, at 10c.; 10,000 lbs. of do., 9 lbs., at 9½c., and 500 green bellies, 11½ lbs. average, at 9c. Lard—The market for Western was easy, with the demand only moderate. The sales include:—1,000 tierces for March at 8¾c., buyer paying brokerage; 2,000 tierces for April at 8 9-16c.; 500 tierces for do. at 8½c.; 500 tierces for May at 8 11-16c.; 50 tierces No. 1 spot at 8½c.; city was in better demand, with sales reported of 400 tierces at 8¼c.; No. 1 quoted at 7⅞c. a 8c. Dressed hogs quoted at 7c. a 7½c. for city, and 7c. for Western.

RICE.—The demand to-day has been fair for both domestic and foreign. The sales amounted to about 45 casks of Carolina at from 7¾c. a 8½c., and 300 bags of Rangoon at 6¾c. a 7c.

SUGAR.—The market for raw was quiet but steady. Several sales were pending, but the only transaction reported was 200 hhds. centrifugal at 9⅝. Refined was active at unchanged prices. We quote:—Cuba—Refining, inferior to common, 7c. a 8c.; fair to good fair, 8¼c. a 8⅜c.; good to prime, 8⅝ a 8¾c.; grocery, fair to good, 8⅞c. a 9c.; prime to choice, 9¼c. a 9½c.; centrifugal, hhds. and boxes, 9¼c. a 9½c.; molasses, hhds. and boxes, 7c. a 8¼c. melado, 4c. a 6¾c. Havana—Boxes, Dutch standard, Nos. 7 to 9, 7¾c. a 8½c.; do., 10 to 12, 8¾c. a 9¼c.; do., 13 to 15, 9½c. a 10c.; do., 16 to 18, 10½c. a 10¾c.; do., 19 to 20, 11c. a 11½c.; white, 10¾c. a 11½c. Porto Rico—Refining, common to prime, 7½c. a 8¾c.; grocery, fair to choice, 8¾c. a 9½c. Brazil—Dutch standard, Nos. 8 to 12, 7½c. a 8½c. Java—Dutch standard, Nos. 10 to 12, 8¾c. a 9¼c. Manila—Superior and extra superior, 7¾c. a 8¼c.

STEARINE was dull and entirely nominal. Former prices asked.

TALLOW was also dull, but prices nominally the same as those previously quoted. Late Saturday 16,000 lbs. sold at 8⅞c.

WHISKEY.—Receipts, 193 bbls. The market was ½c. better, and the demand moderately fair at the improvement. Sales 250 bbls. at 92½c.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

GALVESTON, March 17, 1873.

Cotton—Estimated net receipts, 7,000 bales. Stock 67,630.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17, 1873.

Cotton unsettled and lower; ordinary, 13½c. good ordinary, 15⅞c.; low middlings, 17⅝c.; middlings, 18⅝c. Net receipts, 12,855 bales; gross, 13,298. Exports to Great Britain, 9,597. Sales, 700; last evening, 1,800. Stock, 210,333.

MOBILE, March 17, 1873.

Cotton unsettled and nominal; low middlings, 17½c. a 17¾c.; middlings, 18½c. a 18⅝c. Net receipts, 1,237 bales. Exports—To Great Britain, 1,765; coastwise, 217. Sales, 500. Stock, 44,910.

SAVANNAH, March 17, 1873.

Cotton—Nothing doing; prices nominally unchanged; middlings, 18⅝c. Net receipts, 1,801 bales. Exports coastwise, 1,163. Sales, 614. Stock, 56,613.

CHARLESTON, March 17, 1873.

Cotton dull and nominal; middlings, 18⅜c.; low middlings, 18½c. good ordinary, 17½c. a 17¾c.; ordinary, 16c. a 16½c. Net receipts, 635 bales. Exports—To Great Britain, 2,894; coastwise, 1,220. Sales, 100. Stock, 30,762.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 17, 1873.

Grain in store and afloat:—Wheat, 75,795 bushels; corn, 116,430 do.; oats, 67,176 do.; barley, 91,667 do.; rye, 6,456 do.; peas, 1,893 do.; barley malt, 26,634 do. Flour quiet; Western Spring at $7 50 a $8; amber, $8 50 a $9 25; white, $9 50 a $10. Wheat dull; sales of small lots Milwaukee No. 2 Spring at $1 60; quoted, Chicago No. 2 Spring at $1 49 a $1 50; Duluth No. 1 Spring at $1 68; white Canada, $1 75 a $1 93; white Michigan, $1 80 a $2; red Winter, $1 75 a $1 80. Corn steady; sales 6,000 bushels Western on the track at 51c. Oats quiet; sales of small lots Western at 42c. Barley quiet; sales of 2,500 bushels two-rowed State on the track at 82c.; 1,500 do. Western at 90c.; Canada held at 95c. a $1 25. Rye—Sales of Western at 85c. Barley malt quiet; Western, $1 a $1 10; prime Winter Western, $1 10 a $1 15; prime Canada, $1 20 a $1 25. Rye malt held at 95c. Other articles unchanged.

CHICAGO, March 17, 1873.

Flour quiet and unchanged; most of the sales private. Wheat dull and lower; No. 1 Spring nominal; sales of No. 2 at $1 20 a $1 20⅛ for regular and fresh, cash; $1 20⅜ seller April; $1 24½ seller May; No. 3 do., $1 08½ a $1 09; rejected, 92c. a 93c. Corn dull and a shade lower; sales of No. 2 mixed at 31⅜c. cash; 31⅞c. seller April; 33½c. seller May, 200 at 34c.; rejected, 28c. a 28½c. Oats dull and lower at 26½c. a 26¾c. for No. 2; 23½c. for rejected. Rye quiet and unchanged at 65c. for No. 2. Barley steady at 70c. a 70½c. for No. 2 Fall regular, 58c. a 61½c. for No. 3, according to location. Pork quiet and rather easier; sales at $14 70 a $14 75 seller April, $14 90 a $15 seller May, closing with sellers at the outside figures. Lard firm and a shade better; sales at $7 80 cash, $7 90 seller April. Bulkmeats firm at 5¾c. for shoulders, loose, seller April; 7½c. for short rib middles, loose, seller April. Bacon quiet and unchanged. Whiskey—Buyers and sellers apart; sales at 86½c.; 87c. asked for best. Receipts—10,000 bbls. flour, 26,000 bushels wheat, 105,000 do. corn, 61,000 do. oats, 2,000 do. rye and 10,000 do. barley. Shipments—9,000 bbls. flour, 19,000 bushels wheat, 14,000 do. corn, 24,000 do. oats, 1,000 do. rye and 20,000 do. barley.

HAVANA MARKETS.

HAVANA, March 15, 1873.

Sugar—The market opened firm, but fell at the close; all qualities slightly declined; stock withdrawn in anticipation of higher prices; quotations barely maintained; stock in warehouses in Havana and Matanzas, 212,500 boxes, 26,000 hhds.; receipts, 60,000 boxes, 11,000 hhds.; exported during the week at Havana and Matanzas, 29,000 boxes, 6,100 hhds., including 17,000 boxes and 6,100 hhds. to the United States; Nos. 10 to 12, Dutch standard, 10¼ reals a 10⅜ reals per arroba; Nos. 15 to 20, Dutch standard, 11⅜ reals a 14 reals per arroba. Molasses sugar—Nos. 8 to 10, 7⅜ reals a 8⅛ reals for mixed cargoes. Molasses—Muscovado, 6 reals a 6⅛ reals per keg; clayed, 6 reals a 6⅛ reals per keg. Muscovado sugar—Inferior to common, 8½ reals a 9⅛ reals per arroba; fair to good refining 9⅛ a 9⅜ reals per arroba; choice grades, 10½ a 11 reals per arroba. Bacon, $15 a $16 50 per cwt.; market quiet and weak. Butter steady; superior American, $29 a $30 per quintal; Goshen, $31 a $33 per quintal. Flour weak; American, $17 50 a $17 75. Hams—American sugar cured dull at $24 50. Lard quiet and weak; in kegs, $16 25; in tins, $21 a $22. Potatoes active at $5 50 a $8 50. Tallow buoyant. Wax firmer. Coal oil, in tins, quiet and weak at 5 reals per gallon. Empty hogsheads in fair demand at $4 50 a $5. Lumber heavy; dealers have agreed to purchase nothing in their line unless allowed a discount of 5 per cent instead of 2 per cent, as hitherto. Shooks quiet and steady; box, 11 a 12 reals; sugar hogsheads, 24 a 27 reals; molasses hogsheads 24 reals a 27 reals. Naval stores firmer. Hoops in fair demand; long shaved $90 a $95 per M.; short shaved $75 a $90 per M. Freights firm—per hogshead of molasses, loading at Havana for the United States, $3 50 a $3 75; per hogshead of molasses, from ports on the north coast for the United States, $4 a $4 25; to Falmouth and orders, 42s. 6d. a 45s. 6d., loading at Havana; 52s. 6d. a 55s. 6d., loading at ports on the north coast of Cuba.

HAVANA, March 16, 1873.

Exchange weak; on United States sixty days, in currency, 11¾ a 12¼ per cent premium; short sight, 14½ a 15