FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

A Startling Inference from the Public Debt Statement.

The Bonded Debt Increased in Violation of Law.

THE SECRETARY RISES TO EXPLAIN.

Another Dull Day in Wall Street.

CURRENT VALUES.

WALL STREET, TUESDAY, March 3—6 P. M.

The Funding bill of 1870, finally passed July 13 of that year, provided as follows:—

SECTION 1.—Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue, in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate $200,000,000, in coupon or registered bonds of the United States, in such form as he may prescribe, and of denominations of $50, or some multiple of that sum, redeemable in coin of the present standard value, at the pleasure of the United States, after ten years from date of their issue, and bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin at the rate of five per centum per annum; also a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate $300,000,000 of like bonds, the same in all respects, but payable at the pleasure of the United States after fifteen years from date of their issue and bearing interest at the rate of four and a half per centum per annum; also a sum or sums not exceeding in aggregate $1,000,000,000 of like bonds, the same in all respects, but payable at the pleasure of the United States after thirty years from the date of their issue, and bearing interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, all of which said several classes of bonds and interest thereon shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes or duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by or under State, municipal or local authority; and the said bonds shall have set forth and expressed upon their face the above specified conditions, and shall, with their coupons, be made payable at the Treasury of the United States. BUT NOTHING IN THIS ACT, OR IN ANY OTHER LAW NOW IN FORCE, SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE ANY INCREASE WHATEVER OF THE BONDED DEBT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE CONTRASTED DEBT STATEMENTS

for January and February of this year show the following figures:—

Total debt bearing interest in coin at the close of January	$1,712,749,200
Total debt bearing interest in coin at the close of February	1,720,360,700
Increase in bonded debt for February	$7,611,500

This needs no comment.

We, however, append the following by way of explanation:—

	Total Jan. 31.	Total Feb. 28.
Loan of 1858	$995,000	$260,000
Loan of Feb., 1861, ('81's)	18,415,000	18,415,000
Oregon war debt	945,000	945,000
Loan of July and August, 1861, ('31's)	189,321,350	189,321,350
Five-twenties of 1862	172,658,350	168,593,150
Loan of 1863, ('81's)	75,000,000	75,000,000
Ten-forties of 1864	194,567,300	194,567,300
Five-twenties of March, 1864	946,600	946,600
Five-twenties of June, 1864	58,046,200	58,046,200
Five-twenties of 1865	152,634,350	152,634,350
Consols of 1865	202,633,100	202,633,100
Consols of 1867	310,654,200	310,654,400
Consols of 1868	37,474,000	37,474,000
Funded loan of 1881	298,458,750	310,870,250
Aggregates	$1,712,749,200	$1,720,360,700

An evening paper contains the following explanation of Mr. Richardson's financiering:—

Our attention has been called to the fact that the gold interest bearing debt shows an increase of over $7,000,000 in the February statement, that amount of 5 per cent bonds having been issued in excess of the 6 per cent bonds redeemed. This difference, we believe, can be explained chiefly by the decrease in the debt on which interest has ceased.

The writer forgets that the provision of the law quoted above is mandatory, and does not leave the Secretary the option of issuing fresh bonds in lieu of called bonds until the latter are returned. It was at first explained on the street that the difference and increase arose from the conversion of 1858 fives into the funded loan of 1881, but this is rendered nugatory by the table we publish. The inference at the present is, that the Secretary has violated the law to a degree that in times of less pronounced political hostility might endanger his incumbency; but now the most we can say is *nous verrons*.

THE COIN CONDITION OF THE TREASURY

is illustrated by the following figures:—

	Debit.
Coin interest due and unpaid	$5,551,158
Accrued interest to date	22,110,476
Five-twenties, 1862, called and not returned	8,210,650
Interest	88,009
Total	$35,960,292
	Credit.
Coin in Treasury, less special deposit held for redemption of certificates	$35,190,223
Balance	$762,071
Additional loan of 1858, outstanding	260,000
Treasury deficit	$1,022,071

It is upon such an exhibit as this that Mr. Richardson undertakes to trifle with the inquiry of a great journal directed in the interest of commerce. It is satisfactory to learn that he deems some apology due to the public, as may be seen in the following extract from a letter addressed to this department from the HERALD Bureau in Washington:—

HERALD BUREAU, WASHINGTON, March 2, 1874.

Secretary Richardson says that it was not until Saturday afternoon last that it was determined to resume the sale of gold, and whoever started the rumor founded it on the accumulation of coin in the Treasury, and the supposition that the sales might be resumed in March. It was the President's approval on Saturday that determined the programme. This explanation he deemed due to the HERALD lest you might suppose he had intentionally misled your correspondent.

GOLD RANGED

to-day from 112¼ a 112⅜, without much excitement; the carrying rate ranging from flat to 4 per cent for borrowing. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank to-day were as follows:—Gold balances, $2,020,055; currency balances, $2,279,687; gross clearances, $49,042,000. The customs receipts to-day were $503,000. The Assistant Treasurer paid out $330,000 on account of interest, and $47,000 in redemption of five-twenty bonds. The total disbursements by the Treasury at this point to date, on account of March interest, are $2,477,000.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

was heavy and lower this afternoon, closing at 4.83¼ a 4.83½ for bankers' sixty days sterling and 4.86¾ a 4.87 for demand.

MONEY

continues easy at 3 and 4 per cent, in fact, were nominal rates. The outstanding legal tenders were unchanged at $382,000,000. Internal revenue receipts, $227,000. The Treasury disbursements for February were $14,700,000, exclusive of the principal of called bonds and interest on the public debt. Foreign exchange is weak, prime bankers' sterling being 4.83¼ a 4.83½ and 4.86¾ a 4.87. The total exports of produce from this port for the week ending to-day amounted to $3,934,686, mixed values, which is a decrease from last week of $2,523,619. The exports for the corresponding period of last year were $5,252,908, and for 1872, $5,075,113. The total exports since January 1, this year, are $47,412,340, against $44,209,975 last year and $37,587,344 in 1872.

GOVERNMENTS WERE STEADY,

closing at the following prices:—United States currency sixes, 116 a 116¼; do. sixes, 1881, registered, 119 a 119¼; do. do. do., coupon, 119¾ a 120; do. five-twenties, 1862, registered, 116½; do. do., do., coupon, 117 a 118; do. do., 1864, registered, 118 a 119; do. do., do., coupons, 118¾ a 119½; do. do., 1865, registered, 118¼ a 118½; do. do., do., coupon, 120¼ a 120¾; do. do., 1865, new registered, 118¼ a 118¾; do. do., do., coupons, 118¼ a 118¾; do. do., 1867, registered, 118½ a 119; do. do., do., coupons, 119 a 119¼; do. do., 1868, registered, 118¼ a 119; do. do., do. coupons, 118½ a 119; do. ten-forties, registered, 112½ a 113; do. do., coupon, 112½ a 113; do. fives, 1881, registered, 114¼ a 114¾; do. do., do., coupon, 114¾ a 114¾; Central Pacific gold bonds, 95¼ a 95½; Western Pacific gold bonds, 87¼ a 87½.

THE STOCK MARKET

exhibited no features of special interest, the postponement of the financial subject to make way for the Centennial bill simply disgusting operators. We give below early prices to form a basis of comparison with those at the close.

STOCKS ON THE FIRST CALL.

The following were the bid prices:—

N Y Central & Hud R	104⅝	Chicago & Alton scrip	94½
Erie	46¾	Ohio & Mississippi	30⅞
Erie preferred	75	Ohio & Miss pref	59
Harlem	130	St Louis & Iron Mount	59¾
Harlem preferred	129	Chi, Bur & Quincy	103
Michigan Central	88	U N J Rail & Canal Co	122½
Lake Shore & Mich So	80	Morris & Essex	92⅞
Panama	115½	New Jersey Southern	3
Union Pacific	34¼	N Y, N H & Hartford	131
Illinois Central	104	Hannibal & St Joseph	30¼
Clev & Pittsburg, guar	87¾	Hannibal & St Jo pref	38½
Chicago & Northw'n	54⅝	Joliet & Chicago	88
Chicago & Northw'n pf	73½	Del & Hud Canal Co	117
Clev, Col, Cin & Ind	80½	American Coal	66
New Jersey Central	104½	Spring Mountain Coal	50
Chicago & Rock Island	106⅝	Con Coal of Maryland	47
Chicago, Mil & St Paul	42½	Canton Co, Baltimore	70
Chi, Mil & St Paul pf	68½	Cen New Jer Land Im	45
Toledo, Wab & West	47⅝	Western Union Tel	74½
Pitts, Ft W & Chi, guar	95	Quicksilver Min Co	31½
Del, Lack & Western	109⅞	Mariposa Ld & Min Co	8
Boston, Hart & Erie	1⅞	Adams Express	94
Alton & Terre Haute	10	Wells-Fargo Express	75
Chicago & Alton	104	United States Express	70¼
Chicago & Alton pref	107½	Pacific Mail SS Co	42⅞

RAILWAY MORTGAGES

were in fair inquiry at the following bids:—

New York Cen 6's, '83	96	North Missouri 1st m	87
New York Cen 6's, '87	98	Han & St Jo land grant	90
New York Cen 6's, r e	94	Han & St Jo, 8's, conv	79
New York Cen 6's, sub	94	Del, Lack & W 2d m	103
New York Cen 7's, '76	101⅝	Del, Lack & W 7's con	103½
N Y Cen 7's, con, '76	101	Tol & Wab 1st m ex	91¾
New York Cen 1st m, r	106	Tol & Wab 1st m, St L D	87¼
New York Cen 1st m, c	106½	Toledo & Wabash 2d m	93
Erie 1st m ex	102⅝	Galena & Chi ex	100
Erie 2d m, 7's, '79	99	Galena & Chi 2d m	98½
Erie 4th m 7's, '80	98¾	Chi, Rock Island & Pac	101⅞
Long Dock Bonds	88½	Morris & Essex 1st m	106½
Hud R 7's, 2d m, s f, '85	104¼	N J Cen 1st m, new	105½
Harlem con m & s f, 6's	100	N J Cen 2d m	101
Alb & Susq 1st bds	102	N J Central, convert	101¾
Alb & Susq 2d bds	99½	Pitts, Ft W & Chi 1st m	105¼
Mich Cen con f's, 1902	98¾	Pitts, Ft W & Chi 2d m	101
Mich Cen 1st m, 8's, '82	105	Pitts, Ft W & Chi 3d m	95
Chi, Bur & Q 8 p c, 1st	110	Clev & Pitts 3d m	100
Mich South 7 p c, 2d m	99⅞	Clev & Pitts 4th m	88½
Mich So & N I s f 7 p c	103¾	Chi & Alton sink fund	105
Clev & Tol s f	101¼	Chi & Alton 1st m	105
Clev & Tol new bds	97	Chi & Alton income	98
Clev, P & A old bds	100¼	Ohio & Miss con s f	93¾
Clev, P & A new bds	97	Ohio & Miss con	92
Detroit, Mon & Tol bds	98½	Ohio & Miss 2d m, con	81
Buff & Erie new bds	96⅝	Dub & Sioux City 1st m	92
Lake Shore div bds	96⅞	Dub & Sioux City 2d d	88
Lake Shore con c bds	97	St Louis & I M 1st m	94⅝
Lake Shore con r bds	97	M & St P 8's, 1st m, PD	106
Pac RR 7's, gtd by Mo	98	M & St P 1st, 7-3-10, PD	94⅞
Cen Pac gold bds	95¼	Mil & St P 7's, gold, RD	88
Union Pac 1st m bds	85⅝	Mil & St P 1st, La C D	91
Union Pac l g 7's	82	Mil & St P 1st m, I & D	80
Union Pacific 10's, int	77½	Mil & St P 1st m, C & M	81
Ill Cen 7 per cent, '75	103¼	Mil & St Paul 2d m	80½
Bel & So Ill 1st m, 8's	94	Marietta & Cin 1st m	100
Alton & T H 1st m	100½	Chi & Mil 1st m	94
Alton & T H 2d m, pref	86¼	Joliet & Chi 1st m	102
Chi & N W s f	101	Col, Chi & Ind C 1st m	90¼
Chi & N W con bds	90	Col, Chi & Ind 2d m	64
Chi & N W exten bds	89	Tol, Peoria & War, WD	81
Chi & N W 1st m	101	Ohio & N W 6's	100
Chi & N W cou g bds	85¾	Bos, H & E 1st m	29¼
C, C, C & I 1st m 7's, s f	102¾	Bos, H & E, guaran'd	43

SOUTHERN SECURITIES.

The following were the bid prices for the Southern bonds:—

Missouri 6's	95¾	Georgia 7's, gold bds	68
Missouri 6's, H & St J	is 92¾	N C 6's, old, J & J	28
Missouri 6's, Asy or Uni	91¾	N C 6's, 7 off, J & J	29½
Tennessee 6's old	89	N C 6's, Fund act, 1866	24½
Tennessee 6's, old, ex c	69¾	N C 6's, Fund act, 1868	24½
Tennessee 6's, new	69	N C 6's, new bds, J & J	18
Tennessee 6's, new, x c	69	N C 6's, new bds, A & O	18
Tennessee 6's, new, n s	69¾	N C 6's, sp tax, class 1	9¼
Virginia 6's, old bds	39¾	N C 6's, sp tax, class 2	9
Virginia 6's, con bds	51¾	N C 6's, sp tax, class 3	9
Virginia 6's, def bds	11⅝	South Carolina 6's	25
Georgia 6's	75	South Carolina 6's, J & J	9¾
Georgia 7's, new	88	South Carolina 6's, A & O	16
Georgia 7's, end bds	78	S C 6's, Fund act, 1866	14

CITY BANK SHARES.

The following were the bid prices:—

New York	325	Irving	124
Manhattan	145	Metropolitan	130
Merchants'	116½	Market	118
Mechanics'	130	Corn Exchange	118
Union	135	St. Nicholas	105½
America	145	Importers & Traders'	195
Mechanics' & Traders'	121	Park	140
Leather Manufac'ers'	175	N. Y. Nat. Exchange	85
Commerce	119	Central National	100
American Exchange	109¾	First National	199
Chatham	120	Ninth National	100
Bank of the Republic	106	Bankers & Brokers A	90
Bank of North Amer	85	Germania	113

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tuesday, March 3—10 A. M., Before Call.

300 shs West Un Tel	74¾	500 shs Chi & NW RR	54¼
1100 do	74¾	700 do	55
1800 do	74¾	800 do	54⅞
1000 do	74⅞	200 do	54⅞
600 do	74½	100 do	54¾
1300 do	74½	1400 L S & M S RR	80¼
1200 do	74¾	1400 do	80¼
100 do	74¾	800 do	80¼
300 N Y C & H R RR	104¼	800 do	80
500 do	104½	100 do	79⅞
200 do	104¼	1050 do	80
400 Pac M SS Co	42¾	200 do	80
200 do	42½	1300 do	80¼
300 do	42½	100 Chi & NW RR pf	73
300 do	42½	100 do	72¾
400 do	42½	200 Chi & R I RR	106¼
100 do	42¾	500 do	106¾
500 Erie RR	46½	100 do	106⅞
700 do	46¾	200 do	106⅞
1000 do	46¾	100 do	106⅞
300 Harlem RR	130	100 do	106⅞
200 Harlem RR pref	129	100 Atl & Pac RR pf	18½
100 Un Pac RR	34¾	1500 Mil & St Paul RR	42¾
200 do	34¾	50 do	42¾
100 do	34¾	100 do	42¾
21 do	34	1600 do	42¾
50 do	34¼	500 do	42¾
100 Ohio & Miss RR	31	200 do	42¾
500 do	31½	200 Mil & St P RR pf	69½
500 do	31	100 do	69½
800 do	30⅞	100 do	69¼
400 do	31	100 do	69¼
100 Chi & NW RR	55¾	100 do	69¼
200 do	55⅝	200 Tol & Wab RR	48¼
100 do	55½	100 do	48½
500 do	55¼	800 do	48
200 do	55¼	500 do	47⅞
400 do	54⅞	1000 do	47¾
300 do	55	300 do	47⅞
100 do	54⅞	400 do	48
100 do	54¾	200 do	48
300 do	54⅝	300 do	48⅛
600 do	54¾	50 do	48
600 do	54⅞	300 do	48

10:15 and 11:30 A. M.

$500 US 6's, c, '81	119½	$800 US 5-20, c, '67, sml	118¾
5000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	120¾	5000 do, c, '65	119¼
2000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	118⅞	1000 US 5-20, c, '65	118⅞
3500 US 5-20, c, '67, n	119½	1000 US 6's, cur	116

First Board—10:30 A. M.

$16000 Tenn 6's, old	89	800 shs L S & MS RR	80¼
21000 Tenn 6's, old, x c	69⅞	600 do	80⅛
1000 Missouri 6's	95¾	105 P, Ft W & C guar	95
4000 do c	96	300 erie RR	46⅞
5000 N C 6's, special tax, third class	9½	1000 do s60	46
10000 S C 6's, new, J & J	9¾	100 do	46⅛
6000 N Y S b l, r	107	500 do	46⅛
3000 Alb & Sus 1st m	102	400 Harlem RR	130½
2000 Mich Cen 7's	98¾	700 do	131
1000 Mich South 2d m	100	200 do	130⅞
500 Buff & Erie, new	97½	200 Panama RR	115
15000 C & NW c c g	86	20 Un Pac RR	34½
19000 L Shore con c bds	97	500 do	34½
1000 L S 2d con r bds	97	100 do	34½
18000 Un Pac RR 1st m	85¼	100 do	34½
14000 Un Pac 7's, l g bds	82¼	500 do	34½
5000 Tol & W 2d	90¼	200 do	34½
6000 Gt West 1st, '88	93	1300 do	34¾
1000 Clev & Tol s f	97	500 do	34⅞
500 C & Pitts 4th m	89	700 do	34¾
2000 St L & I M 1st	94¾	100 Chi & R I RR	106
3000 do c	95	600 do	106¼
3000 Mil & St P 7 3-10	94¾	300 do	106⅞
6000 M & St P, H & D D	79½	600 do	106¾
7000 C F & M 1st	83	300 do	106¾
1000 Pac RR of Mo 2d	72	600 Chi & NW RR	54⅞
5000 Pac 7's, gd by Mo	98¼	100 do	54⅞
1000 Del & H r, '91	104	1000 do	55
5000 Clev & Ohio 1st	57	100 do	55
10000 West Un Tel 7's	97¼	1000 do	55¼
1000 L Island RR 1st	93	100 do	55¼
10 shs Del & H Canal	117¾	100 do	55¼
100 Quick Min Co pf	28½	100 do	55¼
1500 West Un Tel	74¾	100 do	55⅛
500 do	74¼	100 Chi & NW pf	72½
300 do	74¼	300 do	72½
400 do	74¾	200 do	72½
200 do	74⅞	100 do	72½
1200 do	74⅞	100 do	72½
600 do	74¾	100 do	72½
100 At & Pac Tel	16⅞	100 do	72¾
100 do	16⅞	100 do	72¼
100 do	16⅞	400 Mil & St P RR	42½
800 N Y C & H R RR	104⅞	600 do	42¾
100 do	104¼	100 T, W & W RR	43¾
300 Pac M SS Co	42⅞	100 do	43¾
600 do	42⅞	100 do	43¾
300 do	42⅞	1500 do	43¼
300 do	42⅞	1400 do	43⅞
300 do	42⅞	100 Bos, H & E RR	2
100 do	43	400 do	2
200 do	43	100 Del, L & W RR	110
25 do	42⅞	100 do	110
800 do	43½	300 do	110
300 do	43	200 do	110
100 do	43¼	20 Alb & Sus RR	94
100 do	43½	90 do	94
600 do	43¾	400 Han & St Jo RR	30¾
500 do	42⅞	100 do	30¾
200 L S & M S RR	80¼	200 At & Pac RR pf	18¼
300 do	80¼	100 do	18⅞
1300 do	80¼	200 Ohio & M RR	31
300 do	80¾	100 do	31¼
3800 do	80¾	100 C, C & I C RR	30⅞
500 do	80¼	100 do	30¾
600 do	80¼	400 do	30¾
600 do	80¼	300 do	30½

12:30 P. M.—Before Call.

600 shs West Un Tel	74¾	200 shs Chi & NW RR	54⅞
900 do	74½	100 do	54¾
200 do	74½	100 do	54⅞
100 do	74½	500 do	54⅞
200 do	74½	500 do	54⅞
300 do	74½	100 do	54⅞
500 do	74½	300 do	54⅞
100 N Y C & H R RR	104¼	400 do	54⅞
50 Atl & Pac Tel	16½	400 do	54½
100 do	16⅞	200 do	54¼
500 L S & M S RR	80⅞	200 do	54½
1100 do	80	400 do	54½
300 do	80	100 do	54½
2500 do	79⅞	100 Chi & NW RR pf	72⅞
400 do	80	200 Han & St Jo RR	30½
100 Pac Mail SS Co	42¾	400 Chi & R I RR	106½
300 do	42¾	100 do	106¼
200 do	42¾	100 Ohio & Miss RR	31
100 do	42¾	100 do	30⅞
200 Un Pac RR	34¾	400 do	30¾
700 do	34½	300 C, C & I C RR	30¾
800 do	34¾	100 do	30¼
100 Erie RR	46½	500 Tol & Wab RR	48¼
100 do	46¾	300 do	48¼
100 Panama RR	115¾	1300 do	48
100 do	115¾	900 do	47⅞
300 Mil & St P RR	42⅞	200 do	47¾
700 do	42⅞	500 do	47¾
100 do	42⅞	500 do	47¾
100 Chi & NW RR	55	100 Atl & Pac RR pf	18¼

2:15 P. M.

$3000 US 6's, c, '81	119⅞	$18000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	118⅞
8000 do	119⅞	1100 US 5-20, c, '67	119
11000 US 5-20, c, '65	120¼	500 US 5-20, c, '68	119¼
8000 US 5-20, c, '65, n	118½	2000 US 10-40, c	112⅞

Second Board—1 P. M.

$5000 Missouri 6's	95¾	100 shs L S & M S RR	79⅞
2000 N Y C 7's, '76	101¾	1700 do	79⅞
10000 Cen Pac g bds	95¼	160 Panama RR	115½
10000 Un Pac RR 1st m	84¾	1300 Un Pac RR	34⅞
10000 Alb & Sus 1st	102½	300 do	34⅞
1000 Alb & Sus 2d m	99½	100 Chi & NW RR	54⅞
2000 C, C & I C 1st	90¾	700 do	54⅞
1000 Morris & Es 2d m	99½	200 do	54⅞
2000 Tol & Wab c	75¾	300 do	54⅞
3000 C & NW c c g bds	85¾	300 do	54⅞
500 Ches & Ohio 1st	56¾	600 do	54⅞
40 shs Bank of Com	119½	800 do	54⅞
100 Con Coal of Md	47½	200 do	54⅞
200 West Un Tel	74¾	200 do	54⅞
400 do	74¾	300 do	54⅞
1300 do	74¾	700 do	54⅞
900 do	74¾	300 do	54⅞
100 do	74¾	100 Chi & NW RR pf	72
500 do	74¾	300 do	71⅞
300 do	74¾	100 do	71½
40 Amer Dis Tel	6	300 do	71¾
200 do	58	50 do	72
5 Am Express	64⅞	200 do	71¾
30 U S Ex Co	72¾	100 Chi & R I RR	106⅞
200 Pac M SS Co	42¾	200 do	106⅞
100 do	42¾	100 Mil & St P RR	42⅞
100 do	42⅞	500 do	42⅞
100 do	42⅞	100 do	42¾
100 do	42⅞	600 do	42¾
400 do	42⅞	100 do	43
100 NYC & H R R	104¾	200 Mil & St P RR pf	69¾
200 do	104¾	430 Tol & W RR	47⅞
200 do	104¾	500 do	47¾
300 Erie RR	46⅞	100 do	47¾
200 do	46¾	200 do	47⅞
100 do	46⅞	300 do	47⅞
500 do	46⅞	300 do	47⅞
1000 do	46¾	100 do	48
200 Harlem RR	130½	500 do	48
100 do	130½	400 Del, L & W RR	110
100 do	131¼	100 do	109¾
140 Mich Cen RR	89¾	200 B, H & E RR	2
2000 L S & M S RR	79⅞	200 Ohio & Miss RR	30⅞
1900 do	79⅞	700 do	30¾
100 do	79⅞	100 do	30⅞
1100 do	79⅞	200 H & St Jo RR	18¾
1500 do	79⅞	100 At & Pac RR pf	18¾
2800 do	79⅞	200 C, C & I C RR	30
500 do	79⅞	200 do	30¾
1000 do	79⅞	200 do	30¾
100 do	79⅞	200 M, K & Tex RR	15

2 to 3 P. M.

$50000 US 5's, c, '81	114¼	100 shs Panama RR	115¾
4 O C & NW c c g bds	85¾	100 Chi & NW RR	54¾
200 shs West Un Tel	74¾	100 do	54¾
100 do	74¾	400 do	54¾
700 do	74¾	200 do	54¾
300 do	74¾	100 Chi & NW RR pf	72
500 do	74¾	1 00 do	71¾
100 do	74¾	100 do	71¾
300 do	74¾	100 do	71½
100 do	74¾	100 do	71¾
200 do	74¾	200 do	71¾
300 do	74¾	100 do	48
400 L S & M S RR	79¾	200 do	47⅞
3700 do	79¾	100 do	48
20 do	79¾	1200 Mil & St P RR	42⅞
500 do	79¾	200 do	42⅞
200 do	79¾	300 Mil & St P RR pf	69¾
600 do	79¾	100 C, C, C & I RR	30
100 do	79¾	100 Ohio & Miss RR	30½
500 do	79¾	500 do	30⅞
100 do	79¾	500 do	30½
300 do	79¾	200 do	30⅞
600 do	79¾	200 C, C & I C RR	30⅞
300 do	79¾	400 do	30

CLOSING PRICES—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

West Un Tel	74¾ a 74½	Chi & N W	54¾ a 54½
Del, L & W	109½ a 110	Chi & N W pref	71 a 71¼
Panama	115 a 115¼	N Jer Cen	105 a 105¼
Pacific Mail	42¼ a 42¾	Chicago & R I	106¾ a 106½
New York Cen	103¾ a 103⅞	Mil & St Paul	42¾ a 42⅞
Erie	46⅞ a 46½	Mil & St Paul pf	69¼ a 69½
Harlem	130 a 131	Toledo & Wab	47¾ a 48
Bos. H & E	1⅞ a 2	Ohio & Miss	30½ a 30⅞
Lake Shore	79½ a 79⅞	Han & St Jo	29¾ a 30⅛
Union Pacific	34¾ a 34¾	C, C & I C	30 a 30½

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Quiet—Flour Firmer—Wheat Unchanged—Corn Higher—Oats Better—Provisions Quiet and Unchanged—Sugar Firm—Coffee Firm—East India Goods Quiet—Petroleum Dull—Naval Stores Easy—Wool Quiet—Whiskey Steady.

TUESDAY, March 3—6 P. M.

The trade movement was slow, but there was a pretty firm feeling in most marts. On 'Change flour was a shade firmer. Wheat was quiet, but prices were without essential change, the market closing quiet; most of the sales were for shipment. Corn was scarce and decidedly higher, particularly for good dry samples. Oats were also in better request, and prices were higher. Whiskey remained unchanged. Pork was quiet and easy. Lard was dull. Cotton quiet and unchanged for lots on the spot, and firmer for forward delivery. Groceries were in fair demand and firm. Petroleum was quiet and easy. Naval stores were quiet. East India goods were neglected. Wool was quiet but the market generally firm.

ASHES.—Receipts for the past three days, 105 packages. A moderate business has been consummated, principally in a jobbing way, and prices were steady. Pots quoted at 6¾c. and pearls 9c. per lb.

BUILDING MATERIALS.—There has been very little doing in the market for brick, and prices were not materially changed. We append our former quotations, as follows:—Pale, $3 75 a $4 25 afloat, $5 75 a $6 25 delivered; up river, $6 25 a $7 25 afloat, $8 25 a $9 25 delivered; Haverstraw Bay, $7 25 a $8 25 afloat, $9 25 a $10 75 delivered; Croton, $14 a $15 afloat and $17 a $18, delivered, for brown; Philadelphia front, $28 50 a $31 50 afloat, $33 50 a $37 50 delivered; Baltimore, $50 a $58 afloat. Lime—The market remained quiet, but steady. Jobbing parcels were placed at $1 10 for Rockland common and $1 75 for do. lump. Cement quiet; quoted at $1 75 per bbl. for Rosendale, $4 50 a $4 75 for Roman; $5 40 a $5 50 for Portland. Laths were quiet and unchanged; quoted at $2 a $2 10 for Eastern.

CANDLES.—Trade has been moderate in a jobbing way and prices steady. Quoted as follows:—Sperm, 28c.; patent do., 38c. a 39c.; stearic, 28c. a 29c.; paraffines, 28c.; adamantine, 12, 14 and 16 oz., 13½c. a 18c.

COURAGE.—Prices were unchanged and the demand only moderate. We append our former quotations, as follows:—Manila, large and small size, 1½c. a 1⅞c.; do., bolt rope yarns, 18½c. a 19½c.; tarred Manila, 16c.; sisal ropes, 15c. a 16c.; New Zealand cordage, 14½c. a 15½c.; Russia bolt rope, 17c.

COPPER.—The market since our last has been quiet and prices were a shade easier. The sales in lots foot up about 100,000 lbs. lake at 24½c. a 24¾c. cash.

EGGS.—Business to-day has been fair demand from the home trade and prices ruled steady. We quote:—Fresh Jersey, 24c. a 25c.; fresh State and Pennsylvania, 23c. a 24c.; Western, 23c. a 23½c. for prime, and 21c. a 22c. for ordinary; 23c. a 23½c. for Southern, and 21c. a 22c. for ordinary; State limed, at 16c. a 18c.; Western do., 14c. a 16c.

COTTON on the spot was sparingly offered, except at very full prices, and the market, though quiet, was firm. Future deliveries were moderately active, closing at 1-16c. a 3-32c. advance. We quote:—

	Uplands.	Alabama.	New Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	12½	12⅞	12¾	12¾
Good ordinary	13¾	13⅞	14⅛	14¼
Strict good ordinary	14½	14⅞	14 15-16	14 15-16
Low middling	15	15¼	15¼	15¼
Middling	16	16¼	16¼	16¼
Good middling	17¼	17½	17⅝	17⅝

—The quotations are based on cotton in store running in quality not more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted. The sales were as follows:—

	To-Day.	Last Evening.	Total.
Export	730	204	934
Consumption	255	148	403
Totals	985	352	1,337

—Included in the above are 530 bales to arrive. For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Last evening after three o'clock—March, 300 bales at 15 3-32c., 650