FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Gold 112 1-8 a 112 1-4—Money Lending at 2 and 2 1-2 Per Cent.

DULNESS IN THE MARKET.

WALL STREET, WEDNESDAY, May 20—6 P. M.

Money was abundantly offered on call, loaned down to 2 and closed at 2½ per cent. The rates for commercial paper are unchanged. Foreign exchange was dull at 4.87½ a 4.88 for bankers' sixty days sterling and 4.90½ a 4.91 for demand. Commercial sterling is scarce and Continental exchange quiet at previous rates.

THE GOLD MARKET

was without feature, the sales being made at 112¼ a 112⅛, which were, respectively, the opening and closing prices. The rates paid for carrying were 2½, 3, 1 and finally 2 per cent. Loans were also made flat. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank to-day were as follows:—

Gold balances	$1,125,321
Currency balances	1,276,311
Gross clearances	19,944,000

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$72,428,934
Currency balances	3,036,835
Gold exchanges	5,087,135
Gold balances	1,027,816

The steamship Abyssinia, for Europe to-day, took out $400,000 in American gold coin and $59,334 in gold and silver bars. The specie engagements for to-morrow's steamer thus far amount to $830,000, of which $545 is gold coin and the remainder in gold and silver bars.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Government bonds closed dull at the following quotations:—United States currency sixes, 116¾ a 117; do. do., 1881, registered, 119¾ a 119⅞; do. do., do., coupon, 121⅛ a 121⅞; do. five-twenties, 1862, registered, 115 a 115½; do. do., 1862, coupon, 115½ a 115¾; do. do., 1864, registered, 116½ a 117; do. do., do., coupon, 117 a 117⅛; do. do., 1865, registered, 116½ a 117; do. do., do., coupon, 117⅞ a 118⅛; do. do., new, registered, 119¼ a 119½; do. do., do., coupon, 119⅛ a 119⅝; do. do., 1867, registered, 119⅛ a 119⅞; do. do., do., coupon 120⅞ a 120¾; do. do., 1868, registered, 119⅛ a 120; do. do., do., coupon, 120⅝a 120¾; do. ten-forties, registered, 114⅝ a 115; do. do., do., coupon, 114⅞ a 115¼; do. fives, 1881, registered, 115¾ a 115⅝; do. do., do., ex coupon, 115¼ a 115¼.

THE FOREIGN MARKET.

Cable advices from London indicate that the market there closed quiet and firm. The final quotations were as follows:—Consols for money, 93 5-16 a 93⅜; do., for account, 93⅜ a 93½; five-twenty bonds of 1865, old, 107⅜; do. do., 1867, 109⅜; ten-forty bonds, 104¼ a 104½; new fives, 104⅜; Erie Railway shares, 32 a 32¼; New York Central, 88. The Bank of England made a large gain in bullion to-day, £329,000 having gone into the Bank on balance. In Paris the Bourse closed flat, with rentes at 59f. 35c. In Amsterdam American securities closed as follows:—Central Pacific, first mortgage, 77; Union Pacific, do. do., 70½ a 71¼; Union Pacific stock, 23¾; Northwestern preferred, 51¾; St. Paul preferred, 45 a 46; Erie Railway shares, 30¾.

SOUTHERN BONDS.

The market in this department was dull and without noteworthy features. New and old Tennessees sold at 83.

BANK SHARES

were quoted as heretofore.

RAILROAD BONDS.

The principal attraction to investors in this class of securities is the first mortgage bonds of the old and best sustained roads. Others are dull and lower. The depression in American securities in Frankfort and Amsterdam, resulting from causes recently described in this column, has found its way to this country, and we note considerable sales on account of German bankers of Central Pacifics. It is now intimated that the interest on the income and extension bonds will not be met in July. The latest bids were:—

Alb & Susq 1st bds	102¾
Alb & Susq 2d bds	98½
Bos. H & E 1st m	22
Chi & Alton 1st m	107
Chi & Alton income	97
Joliet & Chi 1st m	106½
St L, Jack & Chi 1st m	93
Ches & Ohio 6's, 1st m	93
Chi, Bur & Q 8 p c, 1st	105
Chi, Rock Island & Pac	105
C, C, C & I 1st m 7's, s f	99
N J Central, convert	109
Am Dock & Imp bonds	98
Mil & St P 1st, La G D	87
Mil & St P 1st, I & M D	75
Chi & N W s f	102
Chi & N W 1st m	100¾
Chi & N W con g bds	83
Iowa Midland 1st m, 8's	80
Galena & Chi ex	101¾
Galena & Chi 2d m	98
Chi & Mil 1st m	94
Del, Lack & W 1st m	102¾
Del, Lack & W 2d m	104
Del, Lack & W 7's con	105¾
Morris & Essex 2d m	101¾
Morris & Essex con	92
Morris & Essex 7's, '71	93¾
Erie 1st m ex	101
Erie 2d m, 7's, '79	97
Erie 3d m, 7's, '83	94
Erie 4th m, 7's, '80	90¾
Long Dock bonds	103
Buff, N Y & E 1st m, '77	88¾
Ill Cen 7 per cent, '75	100
Dub & Sioux City 1st m	94
Dub & Sioux City 2d di	90
Cedar F & Minn 1st m	80¾
Mich South 7 p c, 2d m	99½
Mich So & N Ind 7 p c	102
Clev & Tol s f	105
Clev & Tol new bds	95
Clev, P & A old bds	99
Clev, P & A new bds	96
Detroit, Mon & Tol bds	97

THE STOCK MARKET.

Stocks to-day showed the effect of more or less covering by the shorts, and at one time promised an advance encouraging to holders; out the gain of the morning was subsequently lost, and it was not until the close that reaction set in, which brought figures back to the opening point. There is nothing to be added to recent comments, and there is no reason to modify the views that have been presented in this column. Business was dull, and operations were confined principally to brokers and others who operate for quick turns. The transactions amounted to 136,000 shares, which were distributed as follows:—Western Union, 43,000; Union Pacific, 32,520; Wabash, 7,100; Pacific Mail, 5,000; Ohio and Mississippi, 1,700; New York Central, 10,147; St. Paul preferred, 1,070; St. Paul common 7,500; Lake Shore, 15,800; Rock Island, 2,520; Northwestern common, 5,600. The range of prices was as follows:—Western Union sold at 71¼ a 70¾ a 71¼ a 71¼ a 71 a 71¼, Pacific Mail at 42¼ a 42¼ a 41¼ a 42¼, Rock Island at 96¼ a 95¾ a 96, New York Central at 97¼ a 97¼ a 97¾ a 96¾ a 97¼, Lake Shore at 75¾ a 75¼ a 74¾ a 75⅛, Erie at 35 a 35¼, Northwestern common at 40¾ a 41¼ a 40¼ a 40⅞ a 41—preferred closed at 59¼, Union Pacific sold at 27 a 26½ a 23¾ a 26¾; Ohio and Mississippi, 23¼ a 23¼ a 23; Hannibal and St. Joseph ended at 26¾, C., C. and I. C. at 19. St. Paul opened at 32⅞, advanced to 33¼ and closed at 32¾—preferred at 51 a 51¼; Wabash, 36¼ a 35⅞ a 35 a 36¼.

No little surprise was felt on the street at the announcement of the election of Mr. James H. Banker as one of the directors of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company. It having generally been understood that Mr. Banker had recently commenced proceedings in the courts against the Lake Shore Railroad and other parties, it very naturally was supposed that the relations existing between the parties were not of such a nature as to produce this result. The opinions expressed as to its real meaning were various. It has also brought forward more prominently the fact that the recent report of the Lake Shore Company is entirely silent in regard to the company's transactions with Messrs. Clark, Schell and Banker, in their famous pool of last year, in Lake Shore stock, which was disclosed by the panic of September. It was, at the time, a well authenticated fact, that these gentlemen had used some $2,200,000 of the sinking fund bonds of the company as a margin on their (or the company's) speculative transactions, and it was equally well understood that by the subsequent settlement made between the company and these gentlemen the company sustained a certain loss on the bonds of $700,000, subject to such further loss as might arise in case of possible failure to meet the terms of settlement at its maturity. It is, therefore, not to be wondered at that comment should be made upon the strange fellowship disclosed. Are the shareholders of the Lake Shore Company entitled to know anything about the true position of their property and its finances?

HIGHEST AND LOWEST.

The following table shows the opening, highest and lowest prices of the day:—

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.
New York Central	97¼	97¾	96¾
Harlem	128¼	128¾	128¼
Erie	35¼	35¼	35¼
Lake Shore	75¾	75¾	74¾
Wabash	36¼	36¾	35
Northwestern	40¾	41¼	40¾
Northwestern preferred	59¼	59¼	59¼
Rock Island	96¼	96¼	95¾
Pittsburg	88	88	87¾
Milwaukee and St. Paul	32¾	33¼	32¼
Milwaukee and St. Paul pf.	51	51½	51
Ohio and Mississippi	23¼	23¼	23
New Jersey Central	105¼	105¼	105¼
Del., Lack. and Western	107¼	107¼	107¼
Union Pacific	27	27¼	26¾
C., C. and I. C.	19¼	19¾	19
Western Union	71¼	71¼	70¾
Atlantic and Pacific Tel	15¼	15½	15¼
Pacific Mail	42¼	42¾	42¼
Panama	105	105	105

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Wednesday, May 20—10 A. M.—Before Call.

1500 shs West Un Tel	71¾	600 shs L S & M S RR. s3	75
200 do c	71¼	400 do	75
2500 do	71¼	100 do s3	74¾
600 do s5	71¼	100 do	75
300 do	71	100 do	75¼
1800 do s3	71	100 Chi & NW RR	40¾
2000 do	70¾	300 do	40¾
100 do s3	70¾	100 do	40¼
1000 do	70¾	100 do b3	40¼
100 do b3	70¾	1500 Un Pac RR	27
1400 do	70¾	30 do s3	27
500 Pac M SS Co	42¼	500 do	26¾
1000 do	42¼	1200 do	26¾
100 do b3	42¼	15 0 do	26¾
900 do	42¼	300 do	25¾
500 Chi & R I RR	96¼	600 do	26¾
200 do	96¼	100 do	26¾
200 do	96¾	300 do	26¾
200 N Y C & H RR R	97¼	100 Ohio & Miss	23¾
500 do	97	300 do	23¾
35 do	97¾	100 Mil & St P RR	32¾
20 do	97¼	100 do	32¾
20 do	97¼	100 do c	33¾
100 do b3	97	900 do	32¾
100 do s3	96¾	70 Mil & St. Paul pf	51
100 do	96¾	100 do b3	51
600 do	97	700 Tol & Wab RR	36¼
100 Erie RR	35	100 do	36¾
700 L S & M S RR	75¾	500 do	36¾
500 do	75¾	700 do	36
300 do	75¾	300 do	35¾
300 do	75¾	100 do c	36
500 do s3	75¾	600 do	36¼
700 do	75	100 do	36¼
300 do c	75	300 C, C & I C RR	19¾
400 do b3	75		

10:15 and 11:30 A. M.

$25000 U S 6's, r, '81	119¾	$10000 U S 5-20 c, '67	120¼
4000 U S 6's, c, '81	121¼	15000 U S 5-20, r, '67	119¾
10 00 U S 5-20 c, '65, n	119¾	4000 do	119¾
7000 U S 5-20, r, '65, n	119¾		

First Board—10:30 A. M.

$4000 N Y S b l, c	109	100 shs Chi & R I R s3	96¾
6000 N Y S 7's, b l, r	109	100 do	96¾
2000 Tenn 6's, old	83	300 Tol, W & W RR b c	36¾
300 Tenn 6's, new	83	300 do	36¾
10 00 St L, J & Chi 1st m	93	400 do	36¾
10000 C & N W c g b's s3	85	600 do	36¾
2000 C, C, C & I 1st	99¾	400 do	36¼
10000 Can Pac gold bds	91¾	300 Un Pac RR b c b3	27
1000 do	91¾	600 do	27
1000 Un Pac RR 1st	88	500 do	27¼
5000 C & P con s f	97¼	200 do b3	27¾
6000 Pac R of M 1st	79¾	400 do	27¾
1000 Mor & Es 1st m	103¾	1100 do	27¼
1000 Mich South 2d s3	99¾	500 do s3	27¼
20 shs Del & H Can	116¼	100 do s3	27¼
10 Pac M SS Co b c	42¾	600 do	27¾
100 do b3	42¾	200 do	27¾
100 do	42¾	200 do b3	27¾
800 do	42¾	500 do	27¾
800 do s3	42¾	400 do	27¾
200 do	42¾	500 do s3	27¾
100 do	42¾	1000 do	27¾
100 N Y C & H R b c	97¾	100 do	27¾
600 do	97¾	300 do s3	27¾
45 do	97¾	500 do b3	27¾
100 Erie RR b c	35¾	800 do	27¾
200 L S & M S RR b c s3	75¾	400 do	27¾
100 do b3	75¾	600 do b3	27¾
500 do	75¾	900 do	27¾
1300 do	75¾	400 do	27¾
1600 do s3	75¾	300 do	27¾
1100 do	75¾	1100 do	27¾
400 do b3	75¾	100 do s3	27¾
1100 do	75¾	40 Clev & Pitts guar	88
300 do	75¾	100 Chi & NW RR b c s3	40¼
500 do	75¾	200 do	40¾
100 do b3	75¾	100 do	40¾
400 West Un Tel b c	70¾	100 do c	40¾
100 do b3	71	100 do	40¾
700 do	71	100 do s3	41¼
900 do	71¼	600 do	41¼
200 do s3	71	200 do s3	41¼
100 do c	71	100 do	41
400 do	71¼	200 do s3	41¼
300 do	71¼	200 do	41¼
1600 do	71¼	400 do	41
200 do s3	71¼	100 do	41
200 do	71¼	100 do s10	41
200 do b3	71	500 do	41¼
1500 do	71¼	400 do	41¼
400 do	71¼	100 do c	41¼
600 do b3	71¼	100 do s3	41¼
500 do s3	71¼	50 Alb & Sus RR	96¼
400 do	71¼	100 P, Ft W & C guar	93¼
2200 do c	71¼	50 do b c	93¼
500 do s3	71¼	50 Mor & Es RR	97
2000 do	71¼	600 Mil & St P RR b c	33¼
300 do	71¼	300 do	33
300 do s3	71¼	100 do b3	33¼
1100 do	71¼	400 do	33¼
500 do	71¼	600 do	33
300 do b3	71¼	300 do b3	33
3300 do	71¼	1500 do	33¼
200 do b3	71¼	100 do s3	33¼
1100 do s3	71¼	200 do s3	33
900 do	71¼	100 do	33¼
100 do	71	500 do	32¾
200 do	70¾	100 do b3	32¾
200 do s3	70¾	300 Mor & Es RR b c	96
800 do	70¾	200 Tol, W & W RR b c	34¼
200 do s3	70¾	200 do	36
155 Am Ex Co	61¾	200 do	36¼
25 Adams Ex b c	102¾	100 do	36¼
100 Mar Min Co b c	8¼	100 do	36¼
10 do c	8	100 do	35
1100 Pac M SS Co b c	42¾	100 do	35¾
1 0 do s3	42¾	100 do	36
100 do s10	42	100 Ohio & Miss RR b c	23¾
100 do s60	41¾	100 do	23
100 do	42¾	200 At & Pac pf b c b3	14
100 do s3	42		

3:30 to 3 P. M.

100 shs West Un Tel b3	70¾	500 shs L S & M S RR	75¼
600 do s3	70¾	100 do b3	75¼
2 0 do s3	70¾	800 do	75¼
13 0 do	71	200 Un Pacific RR	26¾
100 do b3	71¼	400 do	26¾
100 do s3	71	4 0 do b3	26¾
1000 do	71	100 do	26¾
200 do b3	71¼	100 Chic & N W RR	40¾
100 do	71¼	200 do	41
100 do	71	100 Chi & NW RR pf	59¼
1300 do	71¼	20 N J Central RR	106¾
100 Pacific Mail 8SC o	42¾	400 Chi & R I RR	96
200 do	42¾	400 Tol & Wab RR	36
100 do s3	42¾	600 do	36¼
500 N Y C & H R R	96¾	500 Mil & St P RR	32¾
1500 do	96¾	2 0 do	32¾
100 do b3	96¾	200 do	32¾
700 do	97	200 do	32¾
300 do	97¼	25 Del, L & W RR	107¼
200 do	97¾	100 Ohio & Miss RR	23
300 do	97¾	100 Han & St Jo RR	26¾
100 L S & M S RR	74¾	100 C, C & I C RR	19
300 do	75	100 do	19¼
2 0 do s3	75		

CLOSING PRICES—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

West Un Tel	71¼	a 71¼	Chi & N W	40¾	a 41
*Quicksilver	25	a 27	Chi & N W pref	59¾	a 59¼
Canton	53	a 60	N Jer Cen	105	a 106¼
Del, Lack & W	107	a 107¼	Chi & R I	96	a 96¾
Panama	143½	a 105	Mil & St Paul	33¾	a 32¾
Pacific Mail	42¼	a 42¾	M & St Paul pf	51¼	a 58
New York Cen	97¼	a 97¾	Tol & Wabash	36¾	a 36¾
Erie	35¼	a 35½	Ohio & Miss	23	a 23¼
Harlem	128	a 129	Han & St Jo	26¾	a 27
Lake Shore	75	a 75¾	C, C & I C	19	a 19¾
Union Pacific	26½	a 26¾			

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Lower—Flour Dull—Wheat Firmer—Corn Firmer—Oats Steadier—Pork and Lard in Demand and Firmer—Groceries Quiet and Steady—Freights Firm—Petroleum Lower—Spirits Turpentine Nominal—Rosin Easier—Whiskey Lower.

WEDNESDAY, May 20—6 P. M.

The merchandise markets were without decided change, though less irregular. In some commodities there was some speculation, but as a rule trade marts were quiet. At the produce exchange flour was dull. Wheat was rather firmer, but business was moderate, and the market closed quiet and scarcely so firm. Corn was firmer, with a fair inquiry. Oats were firmer, but business was moderate. Whiskey was a shade easier. Pork was still firm, with a preference for future business. Lard was also better under a good demand, mainly for forward delivery. Freights were firmer. Cotton on the spot was inactive and declined ⅛c per lb., while "futures" met with a fair trade at 3-16c. a ¼c. per lb. lower prices. Groceries were quiet, but the market, generally speaking, remained firm. Petroleum was lower and the market quiet. Naval stores were dull, spirits nominal and rosin easier.

COTTON.—The market continued dull and weak, but prices were not quotably changed. We note sales of 583 bags of Rio, ex Lord Baltimore, at 17½c., and 1,264 bags of Porto Rico, at auction, at from 17c. a 19½c per lb. We quote:—Rio, ordinary cargoes, 17¼c. a 17½c.; fair do., 18½c. a 18¾c.; good do., 19c. a 19¼c.; prime do., 20c. a 20¼c.; extreme range for lots, 17¼c. a 20¾c.; Java, government bags, 23c. a 24c.; grass mats, 23c. a 25c.; Ceylon, 18c. a 22c.; Maracaibo, 18c. a 22c.; Laguayra, 19c. a 20c.; Jamaica, 18c. a 20c.; St. Domingo, 16c.; Porto Rico, 19c. a 20c.; Costa Rica, 19c. a 20½c.; Mexican, 19c. a 20c.; Savanilla, 17½c. a 21½c.; Curacoa, 17½c. a 19½c., gold, per lb., sixty and ninety days' credit.

COTTON.—The market for cotton on the spot was depressed, in consequence of the continued apathy of buyers, and the appended quotations show a decline of ⅛c. per lb., at which the market closed dull and nominal. The offerings to-day were large. "Futures" were again excited, but lower. Closing with a fair business reported at a decline of 3-16c. a ¼c. per lb. We quote:—

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	15⅜	15⅜	15⅜	15⅜
Good ordinary	16⅞	17	17⅜	17⅜
Strict good ordinary	17¼	17¼	17 11-16	17 11-16
Low middling	17⅞	18	18⅛	18⅛
Middling	18⅜	18⅜	19⅛	19⅛
Good middling	20	20⅛	20⅜	20⅜

—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:—

	To-Day.	Last Evening.	Total.
Consumption	74	811	885
Speculation	—	236	236
Totals	74	847	921

—For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Last evening after two o'clock—June, 200 bales at 18 1-32c., 1,100 at 18c., 300 at 17 31-32c.; July, 500 at 18 17-32c., 100 at 18 9-16c., 300 at 18 15-32c., 600 at 18 7-16c.; August, 200 at 18⅜c., 300 at 18 23-32c.; September, 100 at 18 13-32c., 100 at 18⅜c., 600 at 18 11-32c. Total, 4,100 bales. To-day up to 2 P. M.—May, 100 at 17 13-16c., 400 at 17⅝c., 100 at 17 23-32c.; June, 100 at 17 31-32c., 2,200 at 17 29-32c., 1,100 at 17 15-16c., 600 at 17 29-32c., 300 at 17 15-16c., 1,100 at 17 29-32c., 1,800 at 17⅝c., 300 at 17 29-32c., 1,000 at 17 15-16c., 1,900 at 17 29-32c., 200 at 17⅞c., 300 at 17 29-32c.; July, 200 at 18⅛c., 100 at 18 13-32c., 100 at 18⅜c., 1,100 at 18 7-16c., 1,200 at 18½c., 500 at 18 13-32c., 300 at 18⅝c., 300 at 18¾c., 2,600 at 18 11-32c., 600 at 18⅝c., 500 at 18 13-32c., 100 at 18¾c.; August, 200 at 18 11-16c., 700 at 18⅝c., 100 at 18 21-32c.; September, 100 at 18 11-32c., 200 at 18 5-16c., 200 at 18¼c., 100 at 18 5-16c., 200 at 18 9-32c.; October, 200 at 17⅝c.; November, 100 at 17 9-16c. Total, 20,100 bales. Grand total, 30,900 bales. Rates were quoted thus:—To Havre, by steam, 3c.; by sail, ⅝c. To Hamburg, by steam, 4c.; by sail, ⅝c. To Bremen, by steam, ⅝c.; by sail, ⅝c., compressed. To Liverpool, 7-32d. a ¼c. by steam.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 12,940 bbls.; wheat, 129,934 bushels; corn, 33,800 do.; corn meal 103 bbls. and 50 bags; oats, 57,600 bushels. The flour market ruled dull, but prices were nominally unchanged. The sales since last report aggregate about 13,400 bbls., including all kinds, at prices within the range of the subjoined quotations. Corn meal was in good demand and firm. We note sales of 1,400 bbls., including Brandywine, at $4 75 a $4 80; Jersey at $4 40, Western at $4 40 a $4 55 and 200 sacks of coarse Southern at $1 60 per 100 lbs. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$4 50 a $5 50
Superfine State	6 00 a 6 25
Extra state	6 25 a 6 60
Choice state	6 75 a 7 25
Superfine Western	6 00 a 6 25
Extra Western	6 25 a 6 50
Extra Minnesota	6 75 a 8 00
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	6 25 a 6 50
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	7 00 a 7 50
Family	7 50 a 9 00
St. Louis, low extra	6 25 a 6 75
St. Louis, straight extra	7 00 a 7 75
St. Louis, choice double extra	8 00 a 8 50
St. Louis, choice family	8 50 a 10 50
California	Nominal.
Rye flour, fine to superfine	4 50 a 6 00
Southern, No. 2	4 00 a 5 00
Southern superfine	5 00 a 5 50
Southern extra	6 40 a 8 25
Southern family	8 25 a 10 75
Corn meal, Western	4 25 a 4 60
Corn meal, Jersey	4 25 a 4 30
Corn meal, Brandywine	4 25 a 4 30
Calcutta	4 15 a 4 45
Golden car	4 40 a —
Puncheons	21 50 a —

—Wheat was in moderate demand, but the market was a shade firmer, closing quiet. The sales were about 130,000 bushels at $1 44 a $1 47 for No. 3 spring, $1 48½ a $1 50 for No. 2 Chicago, $1 53½ a $1 54 for Milwaukee, $1 51 a $1 55 for ungraded, $1 52 a $1 58 for No. 1, $1 60 for red and amber winter and $1 72 for car lots of white Western. Corn was firmer and in demand; sales about 124,000 bushels at 86c. a 87½c. for new and old mixed, 87c. a 88c. for yellow. Included in the sales are 40,000 bushels of mixed, for first half of June, at 86c. Oats were steadier and moderately active. The sales foot up 78,000 bushels at 51c. for inferior, 61½c. for mixed in store, 64c. a 65c. for fair to choice do., afloat, and 66c. a 67c. for white. Barley—Market dull and entirely nominal. Rye quiet and closed easier; sales 3,000 bushels of Western at $1 05.

FREIGHTS.—Room by vessels on the berth was only moderately sought after, yet the market was firm and better rates were obtained for grain accommodation. Tonnage was in good demand for charter, and those closed were at steady full rates. The engagements include:—To Liverpool, by steam, 8,000 bushels of wheat at 9¼d.; 75 hhds. of tobacco at 35s.; 40,000 bushels of grain, steamer of next week, through freight, with privilege of London, on private terms. To London, by steam, 32,000 bushels of grain at 10d. a 10½d.; 500 tierces of beef at 8s.; 50 hhds. of tallow at 40s. The charters embrace:—A Norwegian bark, hence to Cork for orders to the United Kingdom, with 3,000 quarters of grain, at 7s. 3d.; a Norwegian bark, hence to a direct Continental port, with 2,500 quarters of grain, at 7s.; a British bark, hence to Stettin, with 3,800 bbls. of refined petroleum, at 5s. 9d.; a British bark, hence to a Baltic port, with 1,800 bbls. of refined do., at 6s. 1½d.; a Norwegian bark, hence to Antwerp or Havre, with 3,600 bbls. of refined do., at 5s. 3d.; a Norwegian bark, hence direct to Cronstadt, with 4,000 bbls. of refined do., at 5s. 9d.; a British bark (now here) from Philadelphia to Cork, for orders, with 5,500 quarters of grain, on private terms; a Norwegian bark of 600 tons, from Charleston to Cork, for orders to the United Kingdom, full cargo of naval stores, on private terms.

MOLASSES.—We notice a continued good demand from the jobbing trade, for both domestic and foreign, and the sales made were at full current prices. We quote:—New crop—Cuba, centrifugal and mixed, 29c. a 30c.; do., clayed, 26c. a 27c.; do., muscovado, refining, 37c. a 42c.; do., do., grocery, 42c. a 45c.; Porto Rico, 40c. a 70c.; English Islands, 30c. a 50c. New Orleans, 70c. a 83c.

NAVAL STORES.—The market for spirits of turpentine was dull and easier, but nominal in the absence of transactions; merchantable order offered at 39c. without finding purchasers. Rosin—Market dull and easier; the owners little or no disposition to operate at any price; sales reported quoted at $2 55 a $2 67½ for common, and $2 60 a $2 65 for good: we heard of sales of 300 bbls. of good strained at $2 60 and 200 bbls. of pale at from $4 a $5 12½. Tar was inactive, but firm; quoted at $2 60 for Washington and $2 75 for Wilmington; pitch sold in jobbing lots at $3 for city.

PETROLEUM.—Market for refined quiet and easier, closing weak at 13¼c. spot and 13½c. for balance of month. Sales 5,000 bbls. spot at 13¼c. and 5,000 bbls. for May at 13½c. Crude in bulk was inactive and also easier; quoted at 5½c. Cases met with some inquiry and were quoted steady at from 19½c. a 19c. Naphtha was entirely nominal at 8½c. a 8¾c. The Philadelphia market was inactive and entirely nominal; refined quoted at 13½c. a 13¾c. spot and month. Late yesterday 2,500 bbls. sold for May at 13½c. At the oil producing points the market was quiet, but firm; quoted as follows:—Oil City, $1 75; Petroleum Centre, $1 20 a $1 40; Titusville, $1 42½ a $1 45; Reseville, $1 35 a $1 55; Parker's—$1 12½ at Union, $1 37½ a $1 40 at United and $1 30 at other lines.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts—Pork, 14 bbls.; beef, 97 packages; cut meats, 154 do.; lard, 548 bbls. and tierces and 350 kegs. For mess pork the market was firmer under a good demand for forward delivery; quoted at $18, cash, or May. Sales 4,000 bbls. for July, at $18 65; 500 bbls., for August, at $18 25, and 100 bbls. of prime mess at $16. Bacon—The market was quiet, but firm. Sales 390 boxes of long clear at 10¼c. per lb.; short do. quoted at 10½c. Dressed hogs were quiet, but steady. City quoted for the range at 7½c. a 7¾c. per lb. Beef—The market continued quiet, but prices were not materially changed. Lots, in a jobbing way, were placed to the amount of 200 packages, at prices ranging from $10 a $12 for prime mess, bbls., $13 a $14 for extra do.; $20 a $23 for prime mess tierces, $24 a $25 for India do. do., and $30 to a $32 for extra India mess. Beef hams were not wanted, save in small lots; prices were steady, with Southern ranging from $16 a $25, as to quality, and Western from $23 a $25. Cut meats—Most descriptions were quiet and the market easy, but values not quotably changed; the sales include 100 boxes of short cut hams, 15 lbs. average, at 10¾c.; 500 smoked hams at 12¾c. a 13c., 500 smoked shoulders at 8¾c. per lb., 500 pickled do. at 7¾c. per lb., and 5,000 lbs. of pickled bellies, medium average, on private terms. Lard—The market for Western was firmer, and active for future delivery. The sales include 250 tierces for May at 11¼c., 3,000 tierces for June at 11⅝c. a 11 5-16c., 4,250 tierces for July at 11⅝c. a 11 7-16c., and 2,500 tierces for August at 11¾c. a 11 9-16c. per lb.

SUGAR.—The demand for raw sugar was only fair, but the market was firm on the basis of 7½c. a 7¾c. for fair to good refining. Sales 250 hhds. of Demerara on private terms, 108 hhds. of molasses sugar at 7¼c., 500 boxes centrifugal at 8¾c. a 8¾c., 550 do. of molasses sugar at 7¼c. a 7½c., 50 boxes of do. at 8c., and 200 bags of centrifugal on private terms. We also note a sale made within a few days, but not previously reported, of 800 hhds. on the basis of $7 94 per 100 lbs. for good refining. Refined was in moderate request and steady at 9¾c. for standard "A's," 10¼c. for granulated and 10½c. for crushed and powdered. We quote:—Cuba—Refining, inferior to common, 7c. a 7¼c.; fair to good fair, 7¼c. a 7¾c.; good to prime, 8c. a 8¼c.; grocery, fair to good, 8¼c. a 8½c.; prime to choice, 8¾c. a 8⅞c.; centrifugal, hhds. and boxes, Nos. 8 to 13, 9¾c. a 9¾c.; molasses, hhds. and boxes, 7c. a 7¼c.; melado, 4½c. a 6½c. Clayed—Boxes, Dutch standard, Nos. 7 to 9, 7c. a 7¼c.; do., 10 to 12, 7½c. a 8¼c.; do., 13 to 15, 8¼c. a 9¼c.; do., 16 to 18, 9½c. a 9¾c.; do., 19 to 20, 10¼c. a 10¾c.; white, 9¾c. a 10½c. Porto Rico—Refining, common to prime, 7c. a 8½c.; grocery, fair to choice, 8¼c. a 8¾c. Brazil—Dutch standard, Nos. 8 to 12, 6½c. a 8c. Java—Dutch standard, Nos. 10 to 12, 8c. a 8¾c. Manila—Superior and extra superior, 7c. a 7½c. RICE.—Trade to-day has been moderate in a jobbing way at steady prices. Sales 35 tierces of Carolina at 7½c. a 8¾c. per pound, according to quality; small sales of Patna at 7½c. a 7¾c., and 175 bags of Rangoon at 7¼c. a 7¾c. per pound.

STEARINE was in demand and higher. Sales, 150 tierces of Western for May at 12½c., and 250 tierces for June delivery at 12¾c.

TALLOW.—The market was quiet and steady. Sales 10¾ hhds. at 7 11-16c. and 25 hhds. at 7 13-16c.

WHISKEY.—Receipts—682 bbls. The market was quiet at a decline of ½c. per gallon; sales 150 bbls. at 91½c.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

GALVESTON, May 20, 1874.

Cotton dull; good ordinary, 16c.; middling, 17½c. Net receipts, 306 bales. Sales, 100. Stock, 16,393.

NEW ORLEANS, May 20, 1874.

Cotton—Demand better for low middling and above; middling, 18c.; low middling, 17c. Net receipts, 1,610 bales; gross, 1,850. Sales, 2,000; last evening, 1,000. Stock, 79,549.

MOBILE, May 20, 1874.

Cotton dull and tending down; middling, 17½c.; low middling, 16½c.; good ordinary, 15½c. Net receipts, 32 bales. Exports coastwise, 1,080. Sales, 100. Stock, 21,016.

SAVANNAH, May 20, 1874.

Cotton very dull; middling, 17¾c. Net receip