FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

An Unsettled Condition in the Stock Market.

GOLD FIRM—111 5-8.

Governments, Railroad and Southern Bonds Generally Steady.

WALL STREET, MONDAY, Dec. 14, 1874.

The opening of the market was not attended by the development of new features. The same old speculative influences that have prevailed were again in active force, and the street witnessed a depression here and a rise there that at the close left almost every one in the dark with reference to near results. The bearish attempts of the day were persistent and well maintained, but whether they fully accorded with the purposes of their projectors remains to be established. A suspicion prevails that those who are accredited with the depression of stocks are themselves secret buyers, being already assured that the general commerce of the country is everywhere improving, and must by sympathy advance even the speculative values of the Stock Exchange. For many weeks there have been experienced a series of sudden and sharp reactions, but when traced to general causes they invariably find explanation in the absence of speculative funds—for the panic abstracted scores of millions from active use—in the caution that attaches to the ventures of outside speculators, and in the poverty of those who, operating locally as members of the board, are frightened by changes that exceed the vulgar fractions of one per cent. There are still left, however,

A FEW BOLD MEN

with capital, who do not readily succumb to antagonistic influences and who have faith and patience in whatever side of the market they espouse, and who, by their personal influence, conversation and example, silently contribute in giving character to the temporary situation. In the face of existing facts it would be clearly unwise to prognosticate concerning the immediate future—to say that one class of operators are selling and looking for lower prices, or that another class are buying and waiting for improvement, on which they count as one of the elements of recuperation throughout the country. Whether Western Union, Lake Shore, Erie, Pacific Mail, Union Pacific, Northwestern, Wabash or any other stock advances or declines is a question that, for the moment, must be determined by the speculators of the hour. The steady investor, however, bases his calculations, especially with reference to the cheap stocks, upon premises of his own, and is not apt to be dismayed by figures which his experience has frequently taught him during the last ten months suddenly react from the most threatening to the most promising attitude. In brief, the stock market is in that condition in which the operator must personally draw his own inferences concerning existing facts, and determine by the character of his bank account and his transactions how long he can afford to wait for profit.

THE DEALINGS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

to-day amounted to 125,000 shares, of which the subjoined table exhibits the principal dealings:—New York Central and Hudson, 525; Erie, 10,100; Lake Shore, 8,300; Pittsburg, 340; Northwestern, 17,500; Northwestern preferred, 300; Rock Island, 500; Pacific Mail, 32,100; St. Paul, 3,600; Ohios, 6,100; Western Union, 24,800; Wabash, 17,500; Union Pacific, 1,200; C., C. and I. C., 3,000.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

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

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.
New York Central	102	102	102
Harlem	131	131	131
Erie	27⅝	27⅝	26⅞
Lake Shore	80⅝	80⅝	80⅛
Wabash	29⅛	29⅜	29⅛
Northwestern	47	47⅛	46⅞
Northwestern, preferred	61	61⅛	61
Rock Island	101⅛	101⅛	101⅛
Pittsburg	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛
Milwaukee and St. Paul	38⅞	38⅞	38
Ohio and Mississippi	31	31⅛	30⅞
Del., Lack. and Western	108⅛	108⅛	108⅛
Union Pacific	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛
C., C. and I. C.	9⅝	9⅝	8⅞
Western Union	82⅛	82⅝	82
Pacific Mail	39⅝	39⅞	38⅞
Panama	116	116⅛	116

GOLD

opened at 111⅜, declined to 111⅛, advanced to 111⅝, with final transactions at that figure. The rates paid for carrying were 1, 2 and 2⅛ per cent. Loans were also made flat. The specie engagements for to-morrow's steamer are $500,000, but it is not positively known whether the whole amount will be shipped.

OPERATIONS OF THE GOLD EXCHANGE BANK.

Gold balances	$1,908,800
Currency balances	2,130,267
Gross clearances	30,921,000

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$87,162,155
Currency balances	3,377,312
Gold exchanges	12,000,178
Gold balances	1,597,832

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

was quiet, but firm; nominal rates for prime sterling being 4.85½ and 4.90½ for bankers' sixty days and short sight respectively, with selling rates 4.84⅝ a 4.85⅛ and 4.89⅝ a 4.90⅛. Continental was quiet, but firm. Reichmarks, 94⅞ a 95 and 96 a 96⅛; Cables, 97. Prime Paris was firm, 5.14⅛ and 5.11⅞.

FOREIGN ADVICES

represent British consols as ⅛ lower and United States bonds steady. Closing Paris quotations give Rentes 62f. 45c.

MONEY WAS MORE ACTIVE

and lenders generally marked up their rates, loans which had been placed at 4 per cent yesterday being marked up to 5 per cent. The ruling rate on the Stock Exchange was, however, 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper was unchanged at 6 to 7½ per cent., according to the time it has to run. Internal revenue receipts to-day, $538,000. National bank notes received for redemption to-day, $291,000.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

were firm without new features, and closed as follows:—United States currency sixes, 116¾ a 116½; do. do., 1881, registered, 116½ a 116⅝; do. do., do., 120¼ a 120½; do. five-twenties, 1862, registered, 112¾ a 113⅛; do. do., do., coupon, 112⅞ a 113⅜; do. do., 1864, registered, 114⅛ a 115; do. do., do., 114¾ a 115; do. do., 1865, registered, 116¼ a 116½; do. do., do., coupon, 116⅛ a 116⅝; do. do., do., new, registered, 115⅞ a 115⅛; do. do., do., coupon, 118⅞ a 119; do. do., 1867, registered, 116⅜ a 116½; do. do., do., coupon, 120 a 120½; do. do., 1868, registered, 116⅜ a 116½; do. do., do., coupon, 119⅜ a 120; do. ten-forties, registered, 113⅛ a 113¾; do. do., coupon, 114 a 114¼; do. fives, 1881, registered, 112¾ a 113; do. do., do., coupon, 112⅞ a 113.

RAILROAD BONDS

were firm in the late afternoon dealings. New York Central first, coupon, sold at 112⅝, Central Pacifics at 95⅝, do. San Joaquin Branch at 81⅞, Union Pacific sinking funds at 77⅛, Albany and Susquehanna firsts at 108 and North Missouri firsts at 86⅛.

SOUTHERN BONDS.

There was more activity in State bonds than usual. Missouri long bonds sold at 97⅛, Missouri sixes of 1886 at 100, do. of 1887 at 99, Tennessee old ex coupon at 57 a 57⅛, new series at 57, Georgia sixes at 79, South Carolina old at 30⅛ and South Carolina new non-fundable at 6⅛.

UNITED STATES SUB-TREASURY.

The customs receipts to-day were $350,000. The Assistant Treasurer to-day paid out $40,000 on account of interest, and $701,000 in redemption of five-twenty bonds.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Monday, Dec. 14—10 A. M., Before Call.

$1000 Mor & Es 2d	103⅛	500	shs L S & M S RR.	s3	80⅞
100 shs West U Tel.	b3	82⅝	500	Erie RR		27⅜
2000	do	82⅝	200	do		27⅛
500	do	82⅝	1400	do		27⅛
800	do	82⅝	100	do	b3	27⅜
700	do	s3	82⅝	900	do	27⅛
100	do	b3	82⅝	300	do	27⅛
400	do	s3	82⅝	600	do	27

10:15 and 11:30 A. M.

$27000 US 5-20, r, '65	116	$10000 U S 5-20, r, '67	bc	116⅛
19000 U S 5-20, r, '66	n	115⅛	5,00 U S 5-20, c, '67		119⅞
20000 U S 5-20, c, 65	n.bc	116⅜	2,000 U S 5-20, r, '68		116⅛

First Board—10:30 A. M.

$13000 Mo 6's, l b	97⅛	1200	shs Pac M SS	39
4000 Missouri 6's, '76	100	900	do	b3	39
1000 Missouri 6's, '77	99	300	do	38⅞
5000 Tenn 6's, n s	57	9	Penn Coal	243
8000 Tenn 6's, o, xc.bc	57	5	Amer Ex	xd	62⅝
10000 do	bc	57⅛	100	Adams Ex	bc	115
1500 Georgia 6's	79	700	Erie RR	bc	27⅛
5000 S C 6's, old	30⅛	200	do	b3	27⅛
40 U S C 6's, new, n f	6⅛	800	do	27⅜
1000 C & O 1st, c on	50	300	do	b3	27⅜
2000 L & Mo RR 1st	85	100	do	b10	27⅜
1000 N J Cen 1st, c	102	500	do	27⅛
3000 Am Dk & Imp 7's	103⅛	100	Mich Cen RR	82⅝
5000 M & St P 7's, gold	85	2,0	do	bc	82⅝
2000 C & N W c g b	81⅛	400	do	82⅝
2000 Chi & NW con	89	100	L S & M S RR.b c o	80⅛
1000 Erie 1st	103	200	do	c	80⅛
1000 B, N Y & E 1st	86⅛	100	do	b3	80⅛
3000 H & St Jo 8's, c	88⅛	1200	do	s3	80⅛
4000 N Y C 6's, '83	98	300	do	80⅛
1000 N Y Cen 7's, '76	102⅛	6	do	80⅛
1000 N Y Cen 1st, c	112⅛	500	do	80⅛
500 do	112⅛	200	Un Pac RR	b c	35⅛
3000 Ohio & Miss con s f	98	100	do	s3	35⅛
2000 Ohio & M 2d	b c	79⅛	200	NY C & HRR	bc b3	102
1000 Un Pac RR 1st	92	5	do	102⅛
2000 Un Pac sink fd	77⅜	20	do	102
1000 Un Pac 7's l g b c	89⅛	200	Clev & PRR gtd	b3	88⅛
6000 Cen Pac g bs	95⅛	41	do	bc	88
25000 C Pa 1st, S J B	81⅜	100	Chi & NW R	b c	87
3000 Pac RR Mo 2d	82	300	do	46⅜
2000 do	83	700	do	47
10000 C & P con s f	103	600	do	47⅛
6000 do	102⅞	400	do	b3	47⅛
5000 St West 1st '88	87	100	do	c	47⅛
1000 Mil & St P 8's, 1st	108	100	Mil & St P RR. bc b3	38⅛
1000 Mor & Es 2d	b c	103⅛	700	do	38⅛
2o shs Bk of Com	119	100	do	b3	38⅛
15 Cen Nat Bank	104	600	Tol & Wab RR	bc	29⅛
5 Del & H Can Co	116	100	do	c	29⅛
100 do	115⅛	200	do	s3	29⅛
50 do	b c	115	500	do	s10	29⅛
6 o West Un Tel.	bc b3	82⅛	100	do	s3	29⅛
800 do	82⅛	700	do	29⅛
25 do	82⅛	800	do	s3	29⅛
800 do	82⅛	300	do	29⅛
600 do	b3	82⅛	400	do	b3	29⅛
600 do	82⅛	30	Chi & R I RR	b c	101⅛
100 do	s3	82	50	Chi, B & Q RR	106
300 do	b3	82⅛	32	Del, L & W R	b c	108⅛
50 shs Pac Mail SS	39	30	Mor & Ess RR. b c	96⅛
900 do	b c	39⅛	100	Chic & Alton. b c b3	104⅛
100 do	b3	39⅛	100	Han & St Jo RR	26⅛
400 do	s3	39⅛	200	do	b c	26
1400 do	s3	39	900	Ohio & Miss	b c c	31
1070 do	39	100	do	31
1300 do	38⅞	100	do	31⅞
400 do	38⅞	100	C, C & I C	bc s3	9⅛
700 do	38⅞	200	do	9⅛
700 do	39	600	do	9
1700 do	39⅛	100	do	8⅞
100 do	c 39⅛	100	do	s10	8⅞
200 do	b3	39⅛	200	do	9⅛
600 do	s3	39	100	do	s3	9⅛

12:30 P. M.—Before Call.

1100 shs West Un Tel	82⅛	400	L S & M S RR	b3	80⅝
100 do	82⅛	300	Un Pac RR	b3	35⅛
100 do	s3	82⅛	100	Chi & N W RR	47⅛
600 do	82⅛	300	do	b3	47⅛
500 do	b3	82⅛	500	do	47⅛
200 Pac Mail SS	38⅞	100	do	b3	47⅛
100 do	s3	38⅞	300	do	47⅛
500 do	s3	39	100	do	b3	47⅛
200 do	39	700	do	47⅛
1100 do	39⅛	200	Mil & St P RR	s3	38⅛
100 do	b3	39⅛	400	Tol & Wab	s3	29⅛
500 Erie RR	27⅜	300	do	c	29⅛
67 Harlem RR	130	400	do	b3	29⅛
500 L S & M S RR	80⅛	1200	do	29⅛
900 do	80⅛	200	C, C & I C RR	b3	9⅛

3 P. M.

$5000 U S 5-20, r '65	n	115⅞	$3000 US 5-20, c, '68		119⅞
5000 U S 5-20, c, '67		120			

Second Board—1 P. M.

$5000 Tenn 6's, n, xc	57⅛	100	shs L S & M S	80⅛
10,00 N Y Cen 1st	112⅛	100	Union Pac R	b c	s3	35⅛
15000 Cen Pac g bds	95⅛	200	do	35⅛
5000 C P 1st, S J br	81⅞	100	Chi & N W RR	bc	47⅛
10000 Clev & Pitts c s f	108	300	do	b3	47⅛
4000 C, C & I C 1st	68⅛	200	do	s3	47⅛
4000 Chi & N W c g b	81⅛	300	do	47⅛
1000 Un Pac sk'g fd	77⅛	200	do	s3	47⅛
1000 North Mo 1st	86⅛	400	do	47⅛
3000 Pac RR of Mo 2d	83	500	do	b3	47⅛
1000 Alt & TH 2d pf	90	100	do	s3	47⅛
10000 Alb & Sus 1st	108	200	do	47⅛
10 shs Bank of Com	119	200	do	b3	47⅛
200 West Un Tel	82⅛	2,0	Chi & NWRR pf b c	61⅛
1000 do	82⅛	2,0	Mil & St P	bc s3	38⅛
200 do	b3	82⅛	100	do	c	38⅛
50 Amer Ex Co	62	400	do	38
200 Pac Mail SS	b c b3	39⅛	2,0	Tol & W RR	b c s3	29⅛
800 do	39	1200	do	29⅛
700 do	38⅞	200	do	b3	29⅛
1000 do	b3	39	100	Del, L & W RR	b3	108⅛
700 do	39	20	do	108⅛
100 do	s10	39	50	Chi & Alt RR	b c	104⅛
100 C & Pitts RR gt	88⅛	200	Ohio & Miss	b c	30⅞
20 Erie RR	b c	27	100	do	c	30⅞
100 do	s3	27⅜	500	do	30⅞
400 do	27⅛	300	Han & St Jo RR	b c	25⅞
200 do	b3	27⅜	2,N Y, N H & H	b c x	132
200 Harlem RR	b3	131	200	Atl & Pac pf	b c	16⅛
100 do	b c	131	100	do	b3	16⅛
10 Mich Cen RR	b c	82	200	Pac RR of Mo	b c	47⅛
500 L S & M S RR	b c b3	80⅝	300	do	b3	47⅛
100 do	80⅛

2:30 to 3 P. M.

$3000 U S 6's, c, '81	120⅛	600	shs C & NW RR	b3	47⅛
500 C P 1st, S J br	82	100	Mil & St P RR	b3	38⅛
100 shs West Un Tel	82⅛	200	do	s3	38
100 do	s3	82⅛	300	do	38
100 Erie RR	27⅜	100	Tol & Wab RR	s3	29⅛
500 Pac Mail SS	39	1200	do	s3	29⅛
100 do	b3	39⅛	600	do	29⅛
200 do	39	100	Chi & Alt RR	b60	104⅛
100 do	38⅞	1400	Ohio & M RR	20⅛
600 do	39	100	C, C & I C RR	9⅛

CLOSING PRICES—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Pacific Mail	38⅞ a	39	Mil & St P pf	56⅛ a	57⅛
West Un Tel	82⅛ a	82⅛	C, C & I C	9⅛ a	9⅞
C, C, C & Ind	62⅛ a	65	Del, Lack & W	108⅛ a	108⅛
Canton	59⅛ a	60	Erie	27⅛ a	27⅜
Adams Ex	114⅛ a	115⅛	Han & St Jo	25⅛ a	26⅛
Amer Ex	62 a	62⅛	Han & St Jo pf	34 a	35
U S Express	64⅛ a	64⅞	Lake Shore	80⅛ a	80⅛
Wells-Fargo Ex	82 a	83⅛	N Y & Har	131 a	131⅛
Chi & Alton	104 a	105	N Y C & H RR	101⅞ a	102
Pittsburg	88⅛ a	88⅞	N Jer Cen	107 a	107⅛
Chi & N W	47 a	47⅛	Ohio & Miss	30⅞ a	30⅞
Chi & N W pf	61⅛ a	61⅛	Panama	116 a	116⅛
Chi & R I	101⅞ a	101⅞	Tol & Wab	29⅛ a	29⅞
Mil & St Paul	37⅞ a	38	Union Pac	35⅞ a	35⅞

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Lower—Flour Dull—Wheat Lower—Corn Firm—Oats Firm—Pork Nominal—Lard Lower—Groceries Dull—Spirits Turpentine Higher—Rosin Quiet—Petroleum Quiet—Whiskey Quiet.

MONDAY, Dec. 14—6 P. M.

The merchandise markets were generally dull and irregular. On 'Change flour was dull and heavy. Wheat was dull and in buyers' favor, though holders yielded very reluctantly, and some of them would not grant any concession. Business was light, and at the close the market was easier. Corn was in light request, but, with small receipts, the market ruled comparatively firm. Oats were in demand and firmer. Barley was dull and easy. Rye was nominal. Whiskey was unchanged. Pork was still nominal. Lard was in better request and firmer. Freights were firm, but charter rates were easy. Cotton was irregular and ⅛c. a ¼c. lower for spots. Futures declined ¼c. a 5-16c., but 1-16c. a ⅛c. of the loss was recovered. Groceries were generally dull. Petroleum was quiet. Spirits turpentine ruled higher. Rosin was quiet and tar neglected.

COFFEE.—The market for Rio and Santos rules quiet, but holders are firm at the reduced prices. Some few small invoices were sold to the trade within the quoted range. Mild grades remain very quiet but firm. At Baltimore sales were reported of two cargoes, including 4,600 bags by the Eleverton and 4,494 bags by the August, on terms not made public. Rio, ordinary cargoes, 17c. a 17¼c.; fair do., 17⅜c. a 18c.; good do., 18½c. a 18¾c.; prime do., 19⅛c. a 19½c.; extreme range for lots, 17c. a 19⅝c.; Java, government bags, 25c. a 27c.; do., grass mats, 26c. a 28c.; Ceylon, 17c. a 19c.; Maracaibo, 16½c. a 19c.; Laguayra, 18c. a 19c.; Jamaica, 17c. a 18½c.; St. Domingo, 16c. a 17c.; Porto Rico, 17½c. a 19c.; Costa Rica, 17½c. a 19½c.; Mexican, 18c. a 19c.; Angostura, 17c. a 19c.; Savanilla, 16c. a 19c, Curacoa, 16c. a 18c., gold, 60 and 90 days.

COTTON.—The market for cotton on the spot was dull and irregular, with literally no business, and prices were, of course, almost wholly nominal. The subjoined quotations show a decline of ⅛c. for ordinary and good ordinary and ⅛c. for low middling to good middling. Middling fair and fair unchanged. For future delivery the market was feverish and excited. The early transactions were at a decline of ¼c. a 5-16c. 1-16c. a ⅛c. of this loss was regained under a larger demand, which was mainly to arrest the decline, in the fear that any further material reduction might result in failures. Notwithstanding the closing firmness of futures, short notices were offered quietly at 13⅝c. To-day's improvement was generally regarded as artificial and only a temporary expedient. We quote (American class):—

	Uplands.	Alabama.	New Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝
Good ordinary	13	13	13⅛	13⅛
Low middling	13⅝	13⅝	14⅛	14⅛
Middling	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
Good middling	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Middling fair	14⅞	15	15⅛	15⅛
Fair	15⅝	15⅝	15⅞	15⅞

The sales were—

	To-day.	Saturday Ev'g.	Total.
Export	15	500	515
Consumption	61	282	343
Speculation	6	50	56
Total	82	832	914

—For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Saturday, after one P. M.—December, 100 short notice at 13 15-16c.; January, 200 at 14 1-16c., 700 at 14 1-16c., 2,500 at 14c.; February, 300 at 14 7-16c., 900 at 14 13-32c.; March, 200 at 14⅝c., 600 at 14 27-32c., 100 at 14 15-16c.; April, 600 at 15⅛c., 600 at 15 7-32c.; May, 100 at 15 17-32c., 500 at 15⅝c.; June, 400 at 15⅞c.; July, 600 at 16⅛c. Total, 8,600 bales. Saturday's closing prices:—December, 13c., nominal; January, 14c.; February, 14 13-32c.; March, 14 13-16c.; April, 15 7-32c.; May, 15⅝c.; June, 16 7-32⅝c. a 16⅝c.; July, 16 1-16c. a 16 1-16½c. Market weak. To day up to two P. M.:—December, 100 (short notice 15th) 13⅝c.; 300, short notice, at 13¾c.; January, 200 at 13 29-32c., 2,000 at 13⅞c., 400 at 13 27-32c., 1,000 at 13⅞c., 100 at 13 27-32c., 100 at 13 15-16c., 200 at 13 25-32c., 1,200 at 13¾c., 100 at 13 25-32c., 100 at 14⅛c.; February, 300 at 14⅛c., 200 at 14 5-16c., 200 at 14⅛c., 400 at 14 9-32c., 2,9 0 at 14¼c., 200 at 14 3-16c., 100 at 14 5-32c., 100 at 14⅛c., 100 at 14 5-32c., 300 at 14 7-32c., 700 at 14⅛c.; March, 100 at 14⅜c., 200 at 14 23-32c., 200 at 14 11-16c., 100 at 14 23-32c., 900 at 14 11-16c., 100 at 14 21-32c., 600 at 14 23-32c., 100 at 14⅜c., 600 at 14 11-16c., 100 at 14 23-32c., 300 at 14 11-16c., 500 at 14 23-32c., 500 at 14⅝c., 400 at 14 9-16c., 100 at 14⅝c.; April, 1,200 at 15⅛c., 300 at 15 3-32c., 200 at 15 1-16c., 400 at 15c., 100 at 15 3-32c., 100 at 15⅛c., 400 at 15 1-16c., 2,100 at 15c., 100 at 14 15-16c., 200 at 14⅞c., 500 at 15c.; May, 700 at 15 7-16c., 700 at 15⅝c., 1,200 at 15 7-16c., 800 at 15⅝c., 100 at 15 11-32c., 600 at 15 5-16c.; June, 1,400 at 15⅝c., 500 at 15⅝c., 500 at 15 19-32c., 600 at 15⅞c.; July, 100 at 16c. Total, 29,200 bales. Grand total, 42,000. The averages of Saturday's forward deliveries were as follows:—December, 14; January, 14.08; February, 14.32; March, 14.93; April, 15.32; May, 15.60; June, 16; July, 16.22. First call—January, 1,300 at 15⅝c.; February, 100 at 14 5-16c., 200 at 14 9-32c.; March, 400 at 14 23-32c.; April, 200 at 15⅝c., 100 at 15 3-32c.; May, 400 at 15 7-16c.; June, 100 at 15⅝c. Total, 2,800 bales. Second call—January, 400 at 13⅞c.; February, 300, at 14 5-16c.; April, 300 at 15 1-16c.; June, 300 at 15 11-16c.; July, 300, at 15 31-32c. Total 1,600 bales. The receipts at the ports were:—Galveston, 7,376 bales; New Orleans, 9,686; Mobile, 6,709; Savannah, 6,522; Charleston, 4,210; Wilmington, 1,235; Norfolk, 3,232; Baltimore, 301; New York, 1,025; Boston, 167; Philadelphia, 91. Total, 40,646 bales; this day last week, 41,305; this day last year, 41,015. Freights for cotton closed:—To Havre, by steam, ⅜c.; by sail, ⅜c. To Hamburg, by steam, ⅜d.; by sail, ½c. To Bremen, by steam, 1c.; by sail, ⅝c. compressed. To Liverpool, ⅜d. by steam; by sail, ½d.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 21,989 bbls.; wheat, 63,000 bushels; corn, 29,800 do.; corn meal, 100 bbls. and 375 bags; oats, 10,775 bushels; rye, 250 do. The flour market was dull and heavy, though without decided change. Sales were reported of 7,400 bbls. within the quoted range of values. Corn meal was quiet. Sales of 450 bbls. at prices annexed. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$3 50 a $4 00
Superfine State	4 15 a 4 75
Extra State	5 00 a 5 25
Choice State	5 50 a 5 75
Superfine Western	4 15 a 4 75
Extra Western	5 00 a 5 25
Minnesota	5 25 a 6 25
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	5 00 a 5 25
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	5 25 a 5 75
Family	6 00 a 7 00
St. Louis, low extra	5 25 a 5 50
St. Louis, straight extra	5 50 a 6 00
St. Louis, choice double extra	6 00 a 7 00
St. Louis, choice family	7 50 a 8 50
Rye flour, fine to superfine	4 00 a 5 35
Southern, No. 2	Nominal.
Southern, superfine	Nominal.
Southern, extra	5 25 a 6 25
Southern, family	6 25 a 8 50
Corn meal, Western	4 15 a 4 75
Corn meal, Jersey	4 00 a 4 50
Corn meal, Brandywine	5 00 a 5 10
Corn meal, puncheons	22 00 a —

—Wheat was in limited demand, and the market was easier, closing nominally at $1 09 a $1 10 for Chicago and Northwest, $1 14 for Milwaukee and $1 27 for prime red winter in store. Sales about 77,000 bushels at these prices. Corn was quiet but steady, with sales of 112,000 bushels at 94c. a 94½c. for old in store, 96½c. for do. afloat, 90c. a 93c. for new mixed and yellow. Oats were in demand and firmer. Reported sales were 57,000 bushels at 69c. a 70c. for Western mixed afloat, 69c. for do. in store, 70c. a 71c. for white Western on track, closing firm. Barley was easy. Prime Canada held at $1 60 a $1 65 and State at $1 30 a $1 40 for two and four rowed. Rye was quiet; 7,500 bushels sold at 96½c. afloat.

FREIGHTS.—There is a moderately active business in berth freights, but with the advantage as to rates in favor of shippers, particularly in grain; and the chartering business also shows a weaker market, with a slow movement. To Liverpool, by sail, 1,000 bbls. flour at 2s. 3d. per bbl. and by steam 850 bales cotton at ⅝d. per lb.; 94,000 bushels grain at 9d. per standard bushel; 2,500 packages provisions, within the range of 5s. a 60s., chiefly at 50s. a 55s. per ton. To London, by sail, 8,000 bushels grain reported at 9d. per bushel; and by steam 500 bbls. flour at 3s. per bbl.; 32,000 bushels grain, in bags, part at 11d. per 60 lbs.; 5,000 boxes cheese at 60s., 100 bags clover seed at 42s. 6d per ton. To Bristol, by steam, 200 bags flour at 3s. 6d. per bbl.; also a British schooner, with oilcake, from Philadelphia, at 27s. 6d. per ton. To Glasgow, by steam, 8,000 bushels grain at 11d. per bushel; 450 packages provisions, part at 50s., and 350 bbls. apples on private terms. To Bristol Channel, a British bark, with about 1,600 quarters grain from Baltimore, reported at 7s. 9d. per quarter, an extreme rate. To Belfast or Londonderry, an Italian bark hence with about 4,100 quarters grain at 6s. 10d. per quarter. To Cork for orders, a Norwegian bark with peas from Boston reported at 5s. 6d. per quarter. To Bremen, a German bark hence with general cargo, mainly provisions, on the basis of 32s. 6d. per ton. To an Irish port direct, an American bark with about 3,200 quarters grain from Baltimore reported at 7s. 6d. per quarter, now above the market rate. To Elsinore for orders, a Norwegian bark hence with about 3,300 bbls. refined petroleum on private terms, quoted nominally at 6s. 6d. per bbl. To Alexandria, an American schooner hence with about 16,500 cases petroleum at 5½c., with option of Beyrout at 35c. per case. To Aspinwall, an American brig with general cargo reported from Boston at $1,400 gold. To Havana a schooner with lumber from Calais reported at $6, gold. To Cardenas, a bark and brig with shooks, from St. John, reported at 19c. and 18c. gold. To St. Thomas, an American brig, with general cargo, reported from Boston, at $750. To Cienfuegos and back, north of Hatteras, two schooners reported at 45c. for sugar. To Rio Janeiro, a bark with flour from Richmond, reported at $1 per bbl., and a schooner, with lumber from Brunswick, reported at $13, gold. To the south side of Cuba and back of Boston, a schooner reported at 40c. for sugar. To Kennebunk, a schooner with lumber from Darien, at $8. To Boston, a schooner with lumber from Pensacola, at $8 50. To New York, a schooner with lumber from Savannah, at $6, and another with stone from Cape Ann, at $2.

MOLASSES.—There was a fair inquiry for domestic, but foreign grades were neglected. Sales, 220 bbls. of New Orleans, within the range of 60c. a 65c.; latter choice. We quote—Cuba, centrifugal and mixed, 33c. a 38c.; do. clayed, 37c. a 42c.; do. muscovado, refining, 38c. a 43c.; do. do. grocery, 42c. a 53c.; Porto Rico, 40c. a 65c.; English Islands, 40c. a 60c.; New Orleans, 55c a 65c. for new crop.

NAVAL STORES.—There was more activity in the market for spirits of turpentine, and a slight improvement in figures is noted. The sales embraced 125 Southern bbls., at 35½c. and 100 New York do. at 35¾c. In rosin there was nothing of special note; quotations were nominally the same as those current at Saturday's market, with business to the extent of 150 small bbls. good strained at $3 40, 700 bbls. No. 1 at $3 a $4, and 100 bbls. good strained at $2 25 a $2 35. Tar was in small jobbing demand at $2 25 a $2 50 for Washington and Wilmington. City pitch quiet at $2 37½ delivered.

PETROLEUM.—There was a small business in crude at about steady figures, though the advices from the Creek were of a very weak nature. Sales 700 bbls. in bulk for prompt delivery, at 5¾c., and 1,000 bbls. on private terms. The market for refined was nominally the same, business continued quiet and figures inclined to be rather weak; quoted at 11½c. a 11¾c. for prompt and balance of the month. Cases unchanged at 16½c. a 16¾c. for common cargoes. Sales 10,000 at this range. Naphtha was firm at 10½c. for city in shipping order. Refined at Philadelphia continued dull and nominally 11c. for this month's delivery.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts—Pork, 5,436 bbls.; beef, 1,147 packages; cut meats, 3,685 do.; lard, 3,253 bbls. and tierces and 50 kegs. The market for mess pork has been dull and nominal; quoted at $20 50 for old mess and $20 62½ a $20 75 for new do. Uninspected Western steam opened weak, subsequently ruled firmer, closing in the buyer's favor. Sales 150 tierces, on spot, 13 5 16c. a 13⅞c.; 1,000 do., December, 13¼c. a 13 5-16c.; 1,000 do., January, 13 5-16c. a 13½c.; 4,000 do., February, 13 7-16c. a 13 9-16c.; 1,750 do., March, 13 9-16c. a 13 11-16c.; 1,250 do., seller's option, six months, 13⅝c. City steam has been quiet at 13⅛c. Sales of 90 tierces at 13½c. Beef—The market was quiet, but values were quoted steady, as follows:—$10 a $11 for plain mess, bbls.; $11 50 a $12 for extra do., do.; $19 50 a $20 for prime mess, tierces; $22 a $23 for India, do., do., and $24 a $25 for extra city, do. Beef hams were inquired for moderately, and quoted firm at $22 a $24 for Western. Cut meats were quiet, but prices exhibited no appreciable change. We note sales of 65 boxes rib bellies at 10⅝c.; pickled shoulders, 7¾c. a 7⅞c.; smoked do., 8¾c. a 9c.; pickled hams, 11¼c.; smoked do., 12c. a 12½c.; pickled bellies, 10c. a 10½c. Bacon has been dull. Western long clear, 10½c.; short clear, 10¾c.; long and short clear together, 10⅝c.

RICE.—Business to-day was confined to small jobbing parcels, but the market ruled steady, with quotations as follows:—Carolina, 7¾c. a 7⅞c. for fair, 7⅞c. a 7¾c. for good, 7⅞c. a 8c. for prime, and 8¼c. a 8½c. for choice; Louisiana, 7¼c. a 8c.; Patna, 7c. a 7½c., and Rangoon, 6¼c. a 6⅝c. per lb.

SUGAR.—The market for raw goods was very dull and values were nominally lower, though quotably unchanged. Refiners were not in the market, owing to the slow rate of refined product