FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

A Flurry in Stocks—The Influence of Congressional Legislation.

GOLD STEADY AT 114 5-8.

The Bond Market Without Feature.

MONEY ON CALL UNCHANGED.

WALL STREET, TUESDAY, Feb. 23—6 P. M.

The stock market to-day was the scene of considerable excitement, and, in some instances, decline was sharply indicated. The leader in speculation was Pacific Mail, in which the transactions amounted to 69,000 shares. The opening price was 34. The "point" was freely circulated that the subsidy would certainly be restored, and on the strength of what purported to be "private advices" the price advanced to 36. Those who were "short" of the market hastened to cover, and contributed to the existing firmness. An hour later, however, despatches began to pour into the street stating that the action of Congress had been adverse, and the subsidy was lost, whereupon the stock began to decline, and steadily receded to 31¾. The close was made at 31¾.

A STOCK JOBBING OPERATION

was recognized by a few, but not promptly enough to check depression, in a report that an amendment to the Tax bill had been introduced into the House of Representatives imposing a tax of one-tenth of one per cent upon all sales of stocks, bonds, gold, &c. It was not known during or at the close of the market that this proposition was merely a burlesque, or that the bill embodying this facetious proposition had been referred back to the Committee of the Whole. Hence there was much disturbance on the street in every office, and the figures recorded to-day must be measured by the fears thus excited. There is no good reason, however, to believe that Wall street will be oppressed. Members of Congress are not a class of men who will enter into a contest with their chief interests. The telegraphic tape that reports prices within twenty feet of the main entrance of the two houses of the national legislature is too potential in its suggestions to induce much opposition to the work of a business community. In other words, Wall street is stronger than Congress, and Congressmen recognize the fact every day, by sending their orders to buy and sell stocks, according to the political outlook.

THE PRICES.

The stock market opened strong, and under the impetus of an advance upon the closing figures of Saturday, the only exceptions being Lake Shore and Wabash. The former opened at 74¾ and declined to 73½. The latter sold at 10 a 11¾ a 10⅝. Erie changed from 28¼ to 27⅞. Ohio and Mississippi began at 24¾, advanced to 25¾, and closed at 24⅞. Northwest common advanced from 43¾ to 44¾, but under the influences above mentioned, receded to 42⅝. The preferred stock sold at 56 a 55. Union Pacific opened at 41½ and receded to 40½. Rock Island sold at 104½ a 103¾. St. Paul at 34⅞ a 35½ a 34¾. Western Union opened at 73¼ and receded to 72½.

ADVANCE AND DECLINE.

Compared with the closing prices on Saturday, the following are the changes at the end of the market to-day:—

ADVANCE.—New York Central, ⅛; Delaware and Lackawanna, ¼; Erie, ⅛; Hannibal and St. Joseph, ⅛; Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, ¼.

DECLINE.—Atlantic and Pacific preferred, ⅛; C. C. and I. C., ¼; Lake Shore, ⅛; Northwestern C. C. and I. C., ¼; Lake Shore, ⅛; Northwestern preferred, ⅛; Ohio and Mississippi, ¼; Pacific Mail, 1¾; Rock Island, ¼; St. Paul, ⅛; Wabash, ⅛; Union Pacific, ⅛; Western Union, ⅛; Northwestern preferred, ⅛.

The stocks without change were Harlem, Panama, Canton, Quicksilver.

THE SALES

to-day amounted to 209,700 shares, which were distributed as follows among the active stocks:—New York Central and Hudson, 410; Erie, 1,900; Lake Shore, 8,800; Northwestern, 16,200; Northwestern preferred, 1,000; Rock Island, 800; Pacific Mail, 69,200; St. Paul, 6,100; St. Paul preferred, 100; Ohios, 15,700; Western Union, 44,700; Wabash, 5,900; Union Pacific, 36,400.

OPENING, HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

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

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.
New York Central	101⅝	101⅝	101¼
Erie	28⅛	28⅛	27⅞
Lake Shore	74¼	74¼	73½
Wabash	10	11¾	10
Northwestern	43¾	44¾	42⅝
Northwestern preferred	56	56	55
Rock Island	104⅛	104⅛	103¾
Milwaukee and St. Paul	34⅞	35⅛	34¾
Mil. and St. Paul pref.	55¼	55¼	54½
Ohio and Mississippi	24⅞	25¾	24⅞
New Jersey Central	108½	108¾	108½
Del., Lack. and West.	109¾	110	109¾
Union Pacific	41½	41½	40½
Western Union	73¼	73½	72½
Pacific Mail	34	36	31¾

THE MONEY MARKET.

Money loaned on call at 2½ a 3 per cent. The rates on commercial paper were unchanged. Foreign exchange was reduced to-day to 4.83 for bankers' 60 days sterling and 4.86½ for demand, with actual business at 4.82½ and 4.86.

GOLD 114½ AND 114⅝.

The market to-day was without excitement, the opening being made at 114½ and the close at 114⅝. Meanwhile the price was pressed down to 114⅜. The course of speculation in this department is such as to defy criticism.

OPERATIONS OF THE GOLD EXCHANGE BANK.

Gold balances	$1,030,887
Currency balances	1,189,739
Gross clearances	42,281,000

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$84,776,256
Currency balances	4,108,255
Gold exchanges	17,130,140
Gold balances	1,069,102

BANK SHARES.

Metropolitan sold at 132, American Exchange at 117½, Grocers' at 101.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

These were dull, and closed without notable change at the following quotations:—United States currency sixes, 119½ a 119¾; do. do., 1881, registered, 118¾ a 119; do. do. do., coupon, 120 a 120¼; do. do. five-twenties, 1862, registered, 116¾ a 116⅞; do. do. do., coupon, 116¾ a 116⅞; do. do., 1864, registered, 117¼ a 117¾; do. do. do., coupon, 117½ a 118; do. do., 1865, registered, 118½ a 119; do. do. do., coupon, 119¼ a 120; do. do. do., new, registered, 118½ a 118¾; do. do. do., coupon, 118¾ a 118¾; do. do., 1867, registered, 119½ a 119¾; do. do. do., coupon, 119¾ a 119¾; do. do., 1868, registered, 119¾ a 119¾; do. do. do., coupon, 119¾ a 120; do. do. ten-forties, registered, 114 a 114¼; do. do. do., coupon, 117 a 117¼; do. do. fives, 1881, registered, 115 a 115¼; do. do. do., coupon, 114¾ a 115¼.

THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

The Custom House receipts to-day were $633,000. The Treasury balances to-day were as follows:—Currency, $7,827,700; special deposits of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $61,005,000; Coin, 71,427,963, including $21,455,760 in coin certificates; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000. The Assistant Treasurer paid out to-day $100,000 on account of interest and $119,000 in redemption of five-twenty bonds.

EXPORTS OF PRODUCE.

The produce exports from this port for the week ending to-day were $5,133,631, against $6,458,305 for the corresponding week in 1874, and $5,024,810 in 1873. The total exports since January 1, this year, were $31,939,682, against $43,477,634 in 1874, and $39,047,037 in 1873.

THE FOREIGN MARKET.

Late London advices give the following prices:—Consols, for money, 93 a 93⅛; do., for account, 93¼ a 93⅜; five-twenty bonds, 1865, old, 107⅛ a 107⅜; do., 1867, 107⅜; ten-forty bonds, 102⅜; new fives, 102⅜; Erie, 25¼. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day is £163,000. Rentes in Paris are quoted at 64.60. In Frankfort five-twenties of 1872 are 99¼.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Lake Shore first consolidated regular sold at 100¼; Harlem firsts, sevens, coupon, 110¼; Great Western second, 53½; Ohio and Mississippi second, 81¼; Union Pacific sinking fund, 88¾; Central Pacific gold bonds, 96½; New Jersey consolidated, 104⅝; do., convertible, 107; New Jersey Central firsts, new, 109; Hannibal and St. Joseph eights, convertible, 84½; Wabash firsts, St. Louis division, 59¾; C., C. and I. C. seconds, 20; Alton and Terra Haute income, 77; New York Central firsts, registered, 111¼; Erie fourths, 99¼; Delaware and Lackawanna, convertible, 110; Chicago and Northwest consolidated, 90; Milwaukee and St. Paul eights, 105¾; Chicago and Alton, 109; Chesapeake and Ohio firsts, coupons on, 41.

SOUTHERN BONDS

were neglected. Missouris were steady at 96½ a 97 for plain sixes, and 95½ a 96½ for Hannibal and St. Joseph issue. Old North Carolinas were offered at 27, and new at 16¾, special tax, first and second series being 2½ bid, and third, 3 a 3½. Old South Carolinas were 31½ bid, and new July and January and April and October 31 bid. The Tennessees were firmer at 66 bid for plain old issues, 65 bid for new, 47 a 49⅞ for old ex coupon; do. new, 47 to 50, and new series, 47 a 49½. Texas tens were 98 bid. Old and new Virginias closed at 30 bid, and consols at 56¼ bid, deferred offering at 11.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

TUESDAY, Feb. 23, 1875.

BEFORE CALL—10 A. M.

500 shs West Un Tel	73	230 shs Un Pac RR	s60 41¾
100 do	73¼	100 do	41⅝
300 do	73⅛	100 do	s3 41¼
2500 do	73¼	200 Erie RR	28
800 do	73⅝	100 do	28⅛
600 do	7 3/8	300 do	28
2600 do	73⅞	200 Chi & A RR	104⅛
400 do	s3 73⅞	500 Mil & St P RR	34⅞
700 do	73¾	300 do	35⅛
200 do	73⅝	200 do	34⅞
10 do	73⅝	100 do	34⅝
500 do	73½	500 do	34⅞
900 do	73⅝	900 L S & M S RR	74⅛
3600 do	73¾	400 do	74⅛
100 Pac Mail SS	34	100 Tol & Wab RR	10⅛
500 do	33⅞	200 do	10
200 do	34	200 do	10⅛
200 do	34⅛	200 do	10⅛
300 do	34⅛	100 do	10⅛
400 do	34¼	100 do	b3 10⅛
300 do	35	100 do	10⅛
300 do	35⅛	200 do	b3 10⅛
600 do	35¼	25 do	10⅛
300 do	35⅛	200 do	10⅛
800 do	35⅛	100 do	10⅛
1000 do	35¼	100 do	11⅛
100 do	36	500 do	11⅛
400 do	35⅞	200 do	11⅛
100 do	35⅝	100 do	11⅛
200 do	35⅛	500 do	11⅛
1200 do	35⅛	100 Chi & N W RR	43⅛
600 do	35⅛	400 do	43⅛
700 do	35⅛	900 do	43⅛
300 do	35⅛	16.00 do	44
500 do	34⅞	500 do	43⅞
100 do	35	100 do	c 43⅞
800 do	34⅞	200 Del. L & W RR	109⅛
500 do	34⅛	100 Han & St Jo RR	c 21
100 do	34⅛	100 Han & St Jo pf	c 25⅛
500 do	s3 34⅛	100 Ohio & Miss RR	24⅞
200 do	34⅛	200 do	24⅞
300 do	s3 40⅛	100 do	b3 25
300 do	b3 40⅛	300 do	24⅞

CLOSING PRICES—3 P. M.

Pacific Mail	31½ a 31⅝	Mil & St P pf	53½ a 54½
West Un Tel	72½ a 72⅝	Ohio & Miss	6 a 6⅛
Quicksilver	34¾ a 35	Tol, L & W	11⅛ a 11⅛
Quicksilver pf	41½ a 41	Erie	27⅞ a 28
C. C. C & Ind	63½ a 65	Han & St Jo	21¾ a 21½
Adams Ex	101 a 102	Han & St Jo pf	25½ a 30
Amer Ex	65⅝ a 64⅛	Lake Shore	73½ a 73⅝
U S Express	58⅞ a 59	Harlem	128 a 128½
Wells-Fargo Ex	56 a 56¾	N Y C & H RR	111⅛ a 101⅝
Chi & Alton x di 2	a 132½	N Jer Cen	8½ a 109
Clev & Pitts	90½ a 91	Ohio & Miss	24½ a 25
Chi & N W	42⅝ a 42⅞	Panama	114 a 114
Chi & N W pf	54½ a 55⅛	Tol & Wab	10½ a 10⅝
Chi & R I	104⅝ a 105⅛	Union Pac	40⅝ a 40⅞
Mil & St Paul	34⅞ a 34½		

100 do	c 32¾	100 Ohio & Miss	b c 25⅛
400 do	32¾	1000 do	25⅛
1400 do	32⅛	400 do	25⅛
300 do	32⅛	50 H & St Jo RR pf	b c 30
1000 do	32¼	12 Morris & Ess	b c 97

2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$2000 Un Pac 1st	93¾	100 shs Union Pac RR	40⅝
200 shs Pac M ss	32	300 do	40¾
300 do	s3 31⅞	1300 do	s3 40⅞
1200 do	31¾	100 do	s3 40⅞
700 do	s3 31⅝	1000 do	40⅞
3500 do	31⅞	800 Mil & St P RR	34⅞
400 West Un Tel	s3 73¼	300 do	34⅞
100 do	s3 73⅛	500 L S & M S RR	73⅞
100 do	s60 73⅛	700 do	73⅞
700 do	s3 73⅛	500 do	73⅞
300 do	73⅛	100 Tol & Wab RR	c 10⅛
100 do	b3 73⅛	200 do	10⅛
1000 do	s3 73⅛	500 Chi & N W RR	s3 43⅞
1300 do	73⅛	600 do	s3 42⅞
100 U S Ex Co	58⅞	700 do	s3 42⅞
100 Chi & R I RR	103⅞	2200 do	42⅞
10 do	104	500 do	s3 42⅞
600 Un Pac RR	40⅞	200 do	42⅞
100 do	40⅞	200 Del. L & W RR	b3 110
700 do	40⅞	600 Ohio & Miss RR	s3 25
1300 do	40⅞	200 do	s3 24⅞
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COMMERCIAL REPORT.

COTTON HIGHER, CLOSING TAME—FLOUR FIRMER—WHEAT FIRM—CORN IRREGULAR—OATS QUIET AND EASY—PORK DULL AND NOMINAL—LARD EASIER—GROCERIES QUIET AND UNCHANGED—FREIGHTS QUIET BUT FIRM—PETROLEUM INACTIVE—SPIRITS TURPENTINE NOMINAL—STRAINED ROSIN EASIER AND ACTIVE—EAST INDIA GOODS QUIET—METALS QUIET—WOOL DULL—WHISKEY LOWER.

TUESDAY, Feb. 23—6 P. M.

The general merchandise markets were firmer as a rule to-day, the week commencing under circumstances more favorable. The demand for goods was more brisk, and in some cases the markets were more active at advancing prices. There was a better demand for dry goods, while the hardware business was decidedly active, the leading houses having about all they could do to attend to the wants of customers. On 'Change flour ruled firmer under an improved demand, while wheat was much inquired for for shipment at full prices. A fair business was consummated at the extreme prices of Saturday. Corn was irregular. The market opened higher, but closed quiet with the advance lost. Rye was quiet and weak. Whiskey was easier, under large arrivals. Pork was still dull and nominal. Lard was easier and not active. Freights were quiet but firm, particularly for accommodation on the berth. Cotton was in fair demand, the market opening higher, but subsequently closing tame. Groceries, with the exception of sugar, were quiet and unchanged. The market for petroleum continued quiet, owing to the firmness of holders, who demanded a further advance. Spirits of turpentine was neglected, but held at previous figures, while for rosin the market was active, but at a decline. The market for metals, generally speaking, remained dull. Wool was dull, but no change in prices was noticeable.

ASHES.—There has been no change in the market, which remained quiet, with pots quoted at 6c. and pearls nominally at 8c. a 8¼c. per lb.

BUTTER.—There is no change of any importance to notice in the butter market except the scarcity and good demand for fine rolls. Really choice half-firkin tubs, or even whole dairies if fine, are held with confidence. Low and medium grades are being pressed upon the market and are very slow of sale. We quote as follows:—late dairies, firkins and tubs, fine, 32c. a 34c.; do. do., good to prime, 29c. a 31c.; do. do., fair to good, 25c. to 28c.; State firkins, choice selected, 32c. a 33c.; do. do., good to prime, 28c. a 30c.; do. do., common to fair, 23c. a 26c.; State, half firkins, tubs, choice selected, 30c. a 40c.; do. do., good to prime, 33c. a 37c.; do. do. do., common to fair, 23c. a 26c.; State Welsh tubs, choice fall made, 33c. a 35c.; do. do., prime, 30c. a 32c.; do. do., good, 28c. a 29c.; do. do., common to fair, 22c. a 24c.; State pails, dairy, fair to good, 30c. a 33c.; do. do., winter made, 25c. a 30c.; Western Reserve and Michigan, tubs, choice dairy, packed, 30c. a 32c.; do. do., good to prime, 25c. a 24c.; do. do., fair to good, 20c. a 22c.; do. do., firkins, choice, 26c. a 28c.; do. do., fair to good, 20c. a 22c.; Northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, tubs, choice, 25c. a 27c.; do. do., fair to good, 22c. a 23c.; do. do., common to fair, 18c. a 21c.; do. do., firkins, good to prime, 22c. a 24c.; do. do., fair to good, 20c.; do. do., common to fair, 16c. a 20c.; Central Ohio and Indiana, firkins, fair to good, 20c. a 22c.; do. do., common to fair, 18c. a 20c.; do. do., tubs, choice, 23c. a 25c.; do. do., fair to good, 19c. a 21c.; various styles, very poor, 16c. a 17c.; rolls, Western Reserve and Michigan, fine, 23c. a 27c.; do., good to prime, 20c. a 22c.; do., fair to good, 20c. a 22c.; do. do., common, 17c. a 19c.

BEANS AND PEAS.—Marrow beans are in ample supply and very slow of sale. Medium beans are fairly active and steady. Green peas in good demand and firm, other descriptions materially unchanged. We quote:—Medium, new, choice, $1 75 a $1 80; do., fair to good, $1 40 a $1 50; marrows, new, choice, $2 20 a $2 25; do., fair to good, $2 a $2 10; peas, new, $2 10 a $2 15; red kidney, prime, new, $3 75 a $3 25; green peas, new, $2 a $2 10; white kidney, choice, $2 40 a $2 50; do., fair to good, $2 a $2 25; black eye peas, $3 75 a $4.

CHEESE.—It is almost the same story in the cheese market, excepting that the home trade has improved and is buying more freely. Shippers are buying very little or nothing. We learn of a number of sales being made for the Baltimore and Philadelphia markets, also several lots sold to Boston dealers. Our quotations are:—late factory, fancy, jobbing trade, 16½c. a 16¾c. do., fine to fancy, for export, 16c. a 16½c.; good to fine, 15c. a 15½c.; state factory, fair to good, 13c. a 15c.; dairies, fine, 14c. a 14½c.; Orange county skims, 5c. a 11c.; Ohio factory, cheddar shape, choice, for export, 14c. a 15½c.; do. do., fair do., for domestic trade, 11c. a 13½c.; do. do., fair to good, for export, 8c. a 11c.; do. do., poor to fair, 4c. a 7c.; Michigan and Wisconsin factory, fine, 14c. a 15½c.

COTTON.—An advance of ⅛c. per lb. is shown in the annexed quotations of spot cotton. A moderately active demand was noticeable mainly from a few exporters and speculators. The extreme views of holders prevented a larger business. A line of some 3,000 bales, Memphis cotton, was offered here for Boston account. The market for spot cotton is closed quiet. Futures opened decidedly stronger, mainly in consequence of improved Liverpool and declining receipts. Receipts thus far this week, as co-pared with the receipts of last week for the same period, show a decrease of 8,886 bales. The market for future deliveries closed easy at the following quotations:—February, 15 31-32c.; March, 15 29-32c.; April, 16 9-32c. a 16 5-16c.; May, 16 21-32c.; June, 16 15-16c.; July, 17 3-16c. a 17 7-32c.; August, 17 5-16c. a 17 11-16c.; September, 16½c. We quote:—Prices based on standard of classification in force September 1, 1874, and on upland cotton in store running in quality not more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted:—Ordinary, 14c.; good ordinary, 15½c.; strict good ordinary, 15¾c.; low middling, 16⅞c.; middling, 16⅝c.; good middling, 17⅛c. Quotations based on American standard of classification:—

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Good ordinary	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾
Low middling	15⅞	15⅞	16	16
Middling	16	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛
Good middling	16⅛	16⅛	16⅜	16⅜
Middling fair	17	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
Fair	17⅞	17⅞	18	18

The sales were:—

	To-day.	Last Eve'g.	Total.
Export	504	630	1,184
Consumption	453	30	483
Speculation	—	425	425
In transit	—	450	450
Total	1,007	1,535	2,542

—Included in the above are 166 bales to arrive. For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Saturday after one P. M.—February, 100 at 15 13-16c., 300 at 15 27-32c.; March, 1,600 at 15 29-32c.; April, 1,100 at 16 5-32c., 100 at 16 3-16c.; May, 400 at 16 13-32c., 700 at 16 15-32c., June, 25 at 16 23-32c.; July, 200 at 17 1-32c.; August, 300 at 17 3-16c. Total, 3,800 bales. Saturday's closing prices:—February, 15 13-16c. a 15 27-32c.; March, 15 29-32c. a 15 15-16c.; April, 16 5-32c. a 16 9-16c.; May, 16½c.; June, 16 23-32c. a 16 15-16c.; July, 17 1-32c. a 17 16c.; August, 17 5-16c. a 17 7-32c.; September, 16 23-32c. a 16½c. Market quiet and steady. To-day up to two P. M.—February, 43 at 16c., 200 at 15 31-32c., 600 at 16c., March, 2,100 at 15 15-16c., 1,300 at 15 31-32c., 100 at 15 15-16c., 300 at 15 29-32c., 500 at 15 13-16c., 200 at 15 31-32c., 5,100 at 15 15-16c.; April, 500 at 16 9-32c., 100 at 16 5-16c., 300 at 16 9-32c., 4,100 at 16 5-16c., 200 at 16 9-32c., 200 at 16 11-32c., 400 at 16 5-16c., 1,000 at 16 11-32c., 1,700 at 16½c., 700 at 16 13-32c.; May, 800 at 16½c., 1,300 at 16 21-32c., 200 at 16½c., 400 at 16 21-32c., 100 at 16½c., 100 at 16 21-32c., 1,200 at 16 11-16c., 800 at 16 23-32c., 500 at 16 15-16c., June, 1,000 at 16 15-16c., 400 at 17c., 900 at 16 31-32c.; July, 100 at 17 5-32c., 500 at 17½c. August, 600 17 9-32c., 100 at 17 5-16c., 400 at 17 11-32c., 400 at 17½c. Total, 33,000 bales. Grand total, 47,400 bales. Receipts at the various ports:—Galveston, 190 bales; New Orleans, 3,848; Mobile, 896; Savannah, 2,121; Charleston, 946; Wilmington, 312; Norfolk, 2,340; Baltimore, 231; New York, 564; Philadelphia, 202. Total, 12,301. This day last week, 12,530. This day last year, 1,993. Rates on cotton quoted thus:—To Havre, by steam, ⅝c. To Hamburg, by steam, ⅝c. To Bremen, by steam, ⅝c. To Liverpool, by steam, ¼d. a 9-32d.; by sail, 7-32d. a ¼d., compressed.

COFFEE.—Business continues dull, and the only dealings reported are small invoices to the jobbing trade. Holders of cargoes do not appear to be anxious to realize, as no large lots are being pressed for sale. The tariff question still agitates the market very much. Mild grades remain inactive. We quote:—Rio, ordinary cargoes, 17c. a 17½c.; fair do., 17¾c. a 18c.; good do., 18¼c. a 18½c.; prime do., 18¾c. a 19c.; extreme range for lots, 17½c. a 19¾c.; Java, government bags, 27c. a 29c.; do., grass mats, 28c. a 30c.; Singapore, 22c. a 24c.; Ceylon, 23c. a 24c.; Maracaibo, 19½c. a 21½c.; Laguayra, 19c. a 21c.; Jamaica, 18½c. a 20c.; St. Domingo, 16c. a 17½c.; Porto Rico, 18c. a 20c.; Costa Rica, 16c. a 21c.; Mexican, 19½c. a 21c.; Anzostura, 20c. a 23c.; Savanilla, 19c. a 21c.; Curacoa, 18c. a 20c.; gold, 30 and 90 days.

COPPER.—Market quiet and easy. The sales for the past three days foot up 100,000 lbs. of lake at 21¼c. a 22c. per lb.

DRIED FRUITS.—Quartered apples are in good demand and are firm. Sliced apples are selling well and are held very steady. Blackberries are dull. Plums are in fair demand and firm. Raspberries are steady. We quote as follows:—state apples, sliced, 8¼c. a 9c.; do., quarters, 8¼c. a 8½c.; southern apples, quarters, 7½c. a 7¾c.; do. sliced, 7½c. a 9c.; do. do., fancy, 10c. a 11c.; Western apples, quarters, 7¾c. a 8¼c.; peeled peaches, North Carolina, prime, 20c. a 22c.; do. do., fair to good, 28c. a 29c.; do., new, Georgia, 27c. a 28c.; do., state, 20c. a 22c.; unpeeled do., halves, new, 5½c. a 9c.; do. do., quarters, do., 3½c. a 5c.; blackberries, 9c. a 9½c.; cherries, state, 27c. a 28½c.; do., southern, new, 27c. a 28c.; raspberries, new, 3½c. a 3¾c.; plums, Southern, 17c. a 19c.; do., State, 21c. a 22c.

EGGS.—Since our last the market has been irregular and unsettled, continuing so up to the close; our quotations show decline of fully 5c. Aimed are in fair request and lower in proportion. The following are our quotations:—Long Island, New Jersey and near by, 32c.; State and Pennsylvania, 31c. a 32c.; Western, choice brands, 30c.; other Western, 28c. a 30c.; Southern, 30c.; limed, choice brands, 28c.; do., fair to good, 23c. a 26c.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 9,105 bbls.; wheat, 79,920 bushels; corn, 202,600 do.; corn meal, 800 bbls. and 856 bags; oats, 37,475 bushels; barley, 5,000 do.; rye, 300 do. The flour market ruled firmer under a better demand for shipping extras, which were in some cases 5c. dearer. Reported sales were 13,800 bbls., of which 6,000 were shipping extras. Corn meal was steady, with 500 bbls. reported sold. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$3 80 a $4 00
Superfine State	4 25 a 4 50
Extra State	4 75 a 5 00
Choice State	5 10 a 5 25
Superfine Western	4 25 a 4 50
Extra Western	4 75 a 5 00
Minnesota	4 90 a 6 90
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	4 75 a 5 00
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	5 25 a 5 50
Family	5 00 a 6 50
St. Louis, low extra	5 00 a 5 25
St. Louis, straight extra	5 25 a 5 50
St. Louis, choice double extra	5 75 a 6 50
St. Louis, choice family	7 00 a 8 00
Rye flour, fine to superfine	4 90 a 5 30
Southern, No 2	Nominal.
Southern, superfine	Nominal.
Southern, extra	5 00 a 6 00
Southern, family	6 00 a 8 25
Corn meal, Western	3 90 a 4 50
Corn meal, Jersey	3 90 a 4 30
Corn meal, Brandywine	4 75 a —
Corn meal, puncheons	21 50 a —

—Wheat was in better request, and the market was firm, closing at about $1 08 a $1 01 for No. 2 Chicago and Northwest in store and afloat, and $1 11 a $1 13⅝ for No. 2 Milwaukee. The sales were about 75,000 bushels at $1 07 for No. 3 Chicago in store, $1 08 a $1 10 for No. 2 do. in store and afloat, $1 17 a $1 18 for No. 1, $1 25 a $1 25 for winter red, $1 30 a $1 26½ for amber. Corn was irregular, closing easy at about 84½c. a 85c. for new mixed. Sales were reported of 97,000 bushels at 84½c. a 86c. for new mixed, and 84½c. a 85½c. for yellow. Oats were dull and easy, with 44,000 bushels sold at 67c. a 68c. for mixed Western, and 68c. a 70c. for white. Barley was dull and nominal, with a few buyers in the market at $1 30 a $1 55 for Canada West; a small lot of 500 bushels of extra quality sold at $1 40. Rye was dull and entirely nominal at 8 c. a 83c.

FREIGHTS.—There was a fair demand for grain accommodation on the berth to Liverpool, but otherwise the market ruled quiet. Tonnage for charter was neglected and rates comparatively nominal. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, by steam, 32,000 bushels of grain (8,000 do. of which was relet), at 8½d. for corn; 270 bales of cotton (compressed) at ⅝d., and by sail, 250 tierces of lard at 30s. To London, by steam, 40,000 bushels of grain at 9d.; 200 tons of oil cake at 27s. 6d.; and, by sail, 350 bbls. flour at 2s. 4½d. To Glasgow, by steam, 8,000 bushels of corn (relet) at 8½. To Hull, by steam, 48,000 bushels of grain at 8½d. In charters we have only to report:—An American bark, 499 tons, hence to Corunna, with a full cargo of tobacco at 42s. 6d., or if to Santander, 44s.; an Italian bark (to arrive), from New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore, with 15,000 quarters of grain at 6s. 9d.

GAME.—The demand continues brisk for all descriptions and prices are held with a fair amount of firmness. On and after the 28th day of February, the law prohibits the sale of grouse, partridge or quail. We quote as follows:—Grouse, trapped, prime, per pair, 55c.; grouse, shot, 50 a 55c.; partridge, State and Western, prime, $1 a $1 15; partridge, Western, drawn, 80c. a 90c.; partridge, Eastern, 90c. a $1; rabbits, 35c. a 40c.; hares, 45c. a 50c.; quail, good to prime, per dozen, $2 50; quail, fair to good, 90c. $2 25 a $2 37; Philadelphia squabs, do., $4 a $5; canvas back ducks, per pair, $1 50 a $1 75; red head ducks, 75c. a $1; mallard ducks, 70c. a 75c.; teal and wigeon, 50c.; common ducks, 40c. a 45c.

GUNNIES.—There has been no change in prices, with trade confined to jobbing parcels. We quote in domestic cloth on the spot, 11¾c. a 11¾c.; Calcutta, 9¼c.; Borneo, 12¼c. a 12½c.; bags, 1c.

HEMP AND JUTE.—We have no business to report in hemp, the market for which was nominally steady at the following quotations:—American dressed at $490 a $510 for double. $250 a $2 5 for single and $175 for undressed. Manila hemp quoted at 7½c. a 8c., gold, the latter for choice. Russian clean at $220 a $230, gold; Italian, $270 a $280, gold. Jute was neglected, but quoted firm at 4½c. a 5½c. gold, June butts met with a fair demand, with sales of 1,000 bales at 2 9-16c. a 2¾c., currency.

HAY AND STRAW.—The arrivals are light, and with a good demand in a distributing way prices were firmly held. We quote:—Bale hay, shipping, at 65c. a 75c.; retail quality, 75c. a $1; clover, 65c. a 65c.; salt at 50c. a 60c. Straw is in fair demand; quoted at 65c. a 75c. for long rye; 40c. a 50c. for short rye, 45c. a 50c. for oat.

HIDES.—We have to report a quiet market, with prices nominally unchanged. The receipts for the week ending this evening foot up 16,000 hides and 1,000 bales of Calcutta buffalo. The sales for the same period aggregate 37,240 hides and 100 bales of Calcutta cow. Stock on hand this date, as reported by Messrs. Weitzel, Wells & Co., was as follows:—28,000 dry Buenos Ayres, Entre Rios, &c.; 87,400 dry Montevideo, 3,400 dry Rio Grande, 600 dry Cantorinia, 5,400 dry Central American, 400 dry Bogota, 900 dry Porto Cabello, 700 dry Porto Plata, 2,500 dry Mexican, 8,800 dry Texas, Western and Southern; 5,400 wet salted Texas, Western and Southern. Total 144,200 hides and 99 bales Calcutta cow, and 498 bales Calcutta buffalo. Same time last year, 159,800 hides and 603 bales East India. Same time 1873, 117,300 hides and 816 bales East India. Same time 1872, 28,000 hides. Same time 1871, 145,000 hides and 660 bales East India. We quote:—Dry Buenos Ayres, 21 lbs. a 24 lbs., 26c. a 26½c.; Montevideo, 20 lbs. a 23 lbs., 25c. a 25½c.; Corrientes, 21 lbs. a 23 lbs., 24c.; Rio Grande, 20 lbs. a 22 lbs., 23½c.; Orinoco, 20 lbs. a 22 lbs., 24c.; California, 21 lbs. a 25 lbs., 24c.; Central American, 18 lbs. a 21 lbs., 21½c. a 22½c.; San Juan, 22 lbs. a 24 lbs., 20½c.; Matamoros, 23 lbs. a 25 lbs., 22c. a 22c.; Vera Cruz, 18 lbs. a 20 lbs., 21c.; Tampico, 22 lbs. a 24 lbs., 20c.; Campeachy and Tobasco, dry and pickled, 16 lbs. a 18 lbs., 19c. a 20½c.; Cuba, 18 lbs. a 21 lbs., 16c.; Bogota, 18 lbs. a 20 lbs., 22½c. a 23½c.; Maracaibo, 20 lbs. a 23 lbs., 17c. a 18c.; Bahia, 17 lbs. a 20 lbs., 17c.; Porto Cabello and Laguayra, 19 lbs. a 22