FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Stocks Active and Prices Firmer---A Feverish Market.

GOLD FIRM AT 114 5-8.

Money Easy and Investment Securities Steady.

WALL STREET, TUESDAY, March 2—6 P. M.

The stock market to-day was strong but erratic. Bulls and bears vied with each other for the control, and the changes were rapid and exciting. At the last, however, the former held the ascendancy and stocks closed a fraction higher than yesterday. The leader was again Pacific Mail, which for the moment appears to exercise some strange fascination over those who take risks in the speculative world, and prices fluctuated to a degree that permitted as many profitable turns as there were unprofitable losses. The opening figure was 38½, from which point it advanced on large transactions to 39⅞. At this figure a considerable amount of long stock was emptied on the buyers, producing a reaction to 37⅞. The close, however, was made at 38¼ a 38½. Comment was freely indulged in concerning the future of this stock, and while there were not a few who regarded its sudden rise as a part of

A "SODA WATER" SCHEME,

there were others who based their confidence in the advance on the fact, broadly intimated, that new relations had been established between this and the Union Pacific Company, and that the latter would hereafter exercise over its marine rival a fostering care. The thought gathered fresh weight during the day, when it was quietly intimated that a meeting of the directors had taken place, at which it was arranged that a number of the latter would retire and give occupancy to a representation from the Union Pacific Board. It has been already announced that the rates of transportation are raised on both lines. The next most important stock on the list was Union Pacific, which appears to have been firmly held, and, according to the indications afforded by purchases, is advancing with more steadiness and less of feverishness than any other security subject to speculation. The opening figure was 42; the highest price of the day, 42¾; the lowest, 42, and the close, 42¼.

NORTHWEST COMMON

exhibited unusual strength, notwithstanding contradictory rumors from the West concerning the action of the Wisconsin Legislature. Up to the closing hour of the market no definite news was made public; yet, meanwhile, the price advanced from 40¾ to 42¾ a 43, after which there was a decline to 41⅝. The preferred stock sold at 53½ a 54½ a 52¾ a 53½. Wabash opened at 12¼, receded to 11⅝ and ended at 12⅜. Erie, in its steadiness, sympathized with London prices, and sold from 27¼ to 27⅜, ending at 27⅜. Lake Shore fluctuated indifferently, the opening price being 73¾, the highest, 74; the lowest and the close, 73½. There was a good deal of talk about this stock being the "anchor" of the market; but thus far it does not seem to have been employed in this capacity. St. Paul sold from 33¾ to 34¾, ending at 34¾. The preferred stock advanced from 52¾ to 53¾ and closed at 53. Rock Island ranged from 103¾ to 103⅞, going down to 103½ and ending at 103⅝. C., C. and I. C. was steady at 6¼. Western Union opened at 75¼, advanced ½ per cent, declined to 74⅞, recovered and declined again to 74¾, and finally ended at 74⅞. Hannibal and St. Joseph moved up to 21¾.

THE TRANSACTIONS

amount to 291,000 shares, which may be distributed as follows among the active stocks:—New York Central and Hudson, 300; Erie, 6,100; Lake Shore, 25,700; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 315; Northwestern, 43,500; do. preferred, 1,800; Rock Island, 1,300; Pacific Mail, 97,900; St. Paul, 8,700; do., preferred, 700; Ohio, 18,000; Western Union, 41,700; Wabash, 8,300; Union Pacific, 30,100; C., C. and I. C., 500.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

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

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.
N. Y. Central	101½	101½	101½
Harlem	128½	128½	128½
Erie	27½	27½	27⅜
Lake Shore	73¾	74	73½
Wabash	12⅜	12⅜	11⅞
Northwestern	40¾	43	40¾
Northwestern pref.	53½	54¾	52¾
Rock Island	103¾	103⅞	103½
Pittsburg	91	91	91
Mil. and St. Paul	34	34¾	33⅞
Mil. and St. Paul pref.	52¾	53⅞	52¾
Ohio and Mississippi	25¾	26⅞	25¾
New Jersey Central	109¼	109¼	109
Del., Lack. and West.	110⅞	112	110⅞
Union Pacific	42	42¾	42
C., C. and I. C.	6¼	6¼	6
Western Union	75¼	75⅞	74¾
Pacific Mail	38½	39⅞	37⅞
Panama	111	111½	111

ADVANCE AND DECLINE.

The closing prices to-day show the following results compared with those of yesterday:—

ADVANCE—Atlantic and Pacific preferred, ¾; New York Central, ¼; Erie, ⅜; Hannibal and St. Joseph, ¼; Harlem, ½; Northwest common, 1⅛; Ohio and Mississippi, ⅜; Pacific Mail, ¾; Rock Island, ½; St. Paul, ¼; Wabash, ⅛; Union Pacific, ½, Western Union, ⅜; Northwest preferred, ⅜; Erie, in London, ⅞.

DECLINE—gold, ⅛.

The stocks that remained steady were C., C. and I. C., Delaware and Lackawanna, Lake Shore, Panama, Quicksilver, Atlantic and Pacific telegraph and Canton.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Money closed at 2½ a 3 per cent on call loans, and was quoted at former rates for commercial paper. Foreign exchange was dull, actual business being done on the basis of 4.81½ a 4.82 for bankers' sixty days' sterling and 4.85¾ a 4.86 for demand. Continental quiet and steady—asking rates 94½ and 95¼, selling at 94¾ and 95; cables, 95¾; prime Paris, 5.18½ and 5.15.

THE GOLD MARKET.

Gold was steady at recent prices, opening today at 114⅞, receding to 114½ and closing at 114⅝. The rates paid for carrying were 2, 2½, 3, 4, 1 and 3½ per cent. A strong undertone is still shown in the market.

OPERATIONS OF THE GOLD EXCHANGE BANK.

Gold balances	$1,354,698
Currency balances	1,562,140
Gross clearances	32,096,000

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$72,977,706
Currency balances	3,620,125
Gold exchanges	6,264,811
Gold balances	1,034,261

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Government bonds closed steady at the following quotations:—United States currency sixes, 118¾ a 119; do. do., 1881, registered, 118¾ a 119; do. do., do., coupon, 119¾ a 120; do. five-twenties, 1862, registered, 116⅜ a 117; do. do., do., coupon, 116⅜ a 117; do. do., 1864, registered 117¼ a 117¾; do. do., do., 117¼ a 117¾; do. do., 1865, registered, 118⅜ a 119; do. do., do., coupon, 119¾ a 120; do. do., do., new, registered, 118⅜ a 118¾; do. do., do., coupon, 118⅜ a 118¾; do. do., 1867, registered, 118⅞ a 119¼; do. do., do., coupon, 119⅜ a 119¾; do. do., 1868, registered, 119 a 119½; do. do., do., coupon, 119¾ a 120; do. ten-forties, registered, 113¾ a 114¼; do. do., coupon, 114 a 114¾; do. fives, 1881, registered, 114¾ a 114¾; do. do., do., coupon, 114¾ a 114¾.

EXPORTS.

The exports of produce for the week were $3,469,070, against $5,133,631 last week, and $3,952,584 the previous week. The total exports since January 1 are $39,361,336, against $47,412,340 for the corresponding period in 1874, and $44,299,975 in 1873.

RAILROAD BONDS.

In railroad bonds the leading features were the Pacific issues, New York Central firsts and Chicago and Northwestern consolidated. The Union Pacific bonds made a further advance, firsts selling as high as 95¾, land grants, 96¾, and sinking fund, 87. New York Central coupon firsts rose to 113¾, and do., registered, sold at 111, $65,000 of the former and $20,000 of the latter having changed hands. Chicago and Northwestern consolidated, plain, sold at 89 a 88¾; do. gold bonds advanced from 79¾ to 80, the transactions amounting to $99,000.

THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

The customs receipts to-day were $420,000. The Assistant Treasurer paid out to-day $169,000 on account of interest and $71,000 in redemption of five-twenty bonds. The outstanding legal tenders are $382,000,000.

BANK SHARES.

Bank shares sold at 119 for Commerce, and 97¾ for Fourth National. The latest bids were as follows:—America, 150; American Exchange, 117¼; Butchers and Drovers', 132; Chatham, 137; Chemical, 1,600; City, 300; Citizens', 125; Commerce, 119; Continental, 91; Corn Exchange, 125; First National, 200; Fourth National, 97; Fulton, 160; Gallatin National, 128; German-American, 86½; Gold Exchange, 113; Grocers', 99; Hanover, 98; Irving, 127; Manhattan, 147; Marine, 130; Market, 120¾; Mechanics', 140¼; Merchants', 119½; Merchants' Exchange, 101; Nassau, 108¼; New York, 127½; New York National Exchange, 95; North America, 98; Park, 140; People's, 140; State of New York, 113; Union, 136.

FOREIGN MARKET.

London advices report as follows:—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day was £90,000. Rentes in Paris, 65.25. In Frankfort five-twenty bonds, of 1862, are 99¼. The English market is as follows:—Consols for money, 93⅝; consols for account, 93⅛ a 93¼; 1865 bonds, old, 107¾; 1867 bonds, 107¾; ten-forty bonds, 103; new fives, 103½; Erie, 24½ a 24¾. Market steady.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

TUESDAY, March 2, 1875.

BEFORE CALL—10 A. M.

$5000 C & N W c c g b	79¾	600 shs Ohio & Miss	25⅝
40 shs West Un Tel	75¼	300 do	25⅞
37.0 do	75	700 do	26
1000 do s3	74⅞	100 Erie Railway	27¼
500 do	75	100 do	27¼
10 do b3	75½	200 do	27½
200 do s3	75	1000 Un Pac RR	42
800 do c	75	1000 do	42⅛
700 do c	75⅛	3880 do	42¼
1500 do	75⅛	100 do	42⅜
2600 do	75¼	240 do b3	42⅜
1500 do b3	75¼	100 do	42⅜
700 do s3	75⅛	100 do c	42⅜
100 do c	75⅛	700 do	42¼
400 do	75	1200 Chi & N W RR	40¾
1200 L S & M S RR	73¾	200 do	40⅞
2700 do c	73⅞	300 do	41
900 do s3	73¾	400 do	40¾
600 do	73⅞	700 do	40⅞
100 do c	73⅞	200 do s3	40⅞
500 do	74	500 do	40¾
300 do	73⅞	200 do	40¾
500 do s3	73⅞	600 do	40¾
2500 Pac Mail SS	38½	200 do	40⅞
2100 do	38¼	300 do	41
500 do	38⅛	400 do	41¼
13.00 do	38	100 do	41
600 do	37⅞	400 Chi & NW RR pf	53¾
1500 do	38	200 do	53
1900 do	38⅛	300 Chi & S C RR	103¾
400 do	38¼	1.0 Pac RR of Mo b3	45
2900 do	38⅛	100 Mil & St P RR	34
400 do b3	38⅛	200 do	33⅞
1500 do	38⅛	100 do	34
300 do s3	38⅛	1200 do	34¼
1100 do	38⅜	100 do	34¼
1200 do	38¼	100 do	34⅜
900 do	38⅞	100 Mil & St P RR pf	52¾
500 do	39	100 Han & St Jo RR	21½
100 do	39¼	400 Tol & Wab RR	12⅛
200 do	39¾	1700 do	12⅛
700 do	39⅞	200 do c	12¼
1100 do	39½	600 do	12⅜
1000 do	39⅝	100 do s30	12½
9200 do	39⅝	400 do	12⅜
1100 do	39⅞	200 Atl & Pac pf b3	13
1100 Ohio & M RR	25⅝	200 do	13

10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$50000 U S 6's, r, '81	119	$20000 U S 5-20, r, '67	119½
3000 do b c	119	50000 U S 5's, 10-40, r bc	103⅝
10000 U S 6's, c, '67	119⅞	9000 U S 5's, c, '81	114⅞
1000 U S 5-20, c, '62 c b	119½	6000 U S 5-20, c, '67	119⅝
500 U S 5-20, c, small	117½	500 do small	117½
2000 US 5-20, c, '65 m	118⅜	10000 U S 6's, cur	118⅞
1000 US 5's, 10-40, c	114	10.00 do b c	119
13.00 do	113⅞		

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$11000 Chi, B & Q 7's	103¾	1000 shs LS&MS RR b3	73⅞
2000 C & O 1st, c on	43½	13.0 do	74
4000 M & St P 8's, 1st	105	3.0 do	74¼
1000 Mil S's, 1st La'd	84¾	3785 do	74
10000 M & St P, C & M	80	50 Panama RR b c s3	111
10.0 La & Mo 1st	91	25 Cleve & Pgtd b c	96⅞
1000 do	91½	65 do	91
1000 Chi & N W con	89	31 Ill Cen RR b c	101
7700 do	88¾	500 Chi & NW RR b c	40⅞
3000 C & N W c c g b	80	100 do c	40¾
16.00 do	79⅞	500 do	40¾
48000 do b3	80	1000 do	40¾
4000 C, R I & P 7's b c	107¼	400 do b3	40¾
1000 R & St J 8's, con	91½	100 do c	40¾
2000 L Scon 1st, r	103	200 do	40¾
1000 Mich Cen 7's	102	200 do	40¾
65000 N Y Cen 1st, c	113½	100 do	41
29000 N Y Cen 1st, r	111	100 do	41½
3000 Un Pac 1st	95¾	10.0 do	41
1000 Un Pac 7's, 1g	96⅝	100 do	40¾
37000 Un Pac sk'g fd	87	200 do	40⅞
10.00 P, Ft W & C 1st	108½	7.0 do	40⅞
5000 do	108¾	100 do	41½
1000 C, C & I C 1st	92	500 do	41¼
25 shs Bk of Com	119	100 do	41½
17 Fourth Nat B'k	97¾	600 do	41½
100 Con Coal	42¾	300 do	41½
10 do b c	42	200 do	42
28 Del & H Canal b c	114	300 do	41⅞
200 Erie RR b c	27½	100 do c	42
600 do	27¼	1200 do	42¼
800 do	27¼	1300 do	42¼
500 do	27¼	100 N J Cen RR	109
500 do	27½	5 do	109¼
200 do	27¾	65 do b c	109
10 Erie RR pref	45	5 do	109½
100 do b c	42¾	800 Un Pac RR b c	42¾
100 do	43	600 do	42¾
1100 Pacific Mail SS b c	39¾	800 do	42¾
2100 do	39¾	700 do	42¾
1000 do	39¾	25.0 do	42¾
100 do	39¾	900 do	42¾
700 do	39¾	200 do	42¾
300 do	39¾	600 do	42¾
100 do c	39¾	1300 do	42¾
200 do	39¾	200 do b3	42¾
800 do	39¾	200 do	42¾
1000 do	39¾	100 do	42¾
500 do	39¾	100 Mil & St P R pf s3	53½
1000 do	39¾	100 do & Wab RR	12¼
100 do c	39¾	100 do	12¼
100 do	39¾	100 do s3	12¼
100 do	39¾	100 do	12
100 N Y C & H RR	101¼	100 do	12¼
10 do	101¾	100 do	12¼
100 Erie RR	27½	500 Ohio & Miss RR	26½
400 do b3	27½	100 do b3	26¼
100 L S & M S RR b4	74	600 do	26¼
600 do	73⅞	100 do s3	26
2400 do	73¾	2.0 do b3	26⅛
200 do	73⅞	200 do	26¼
200 do b3	74	850 do	26⅜
200 do s3	73⅞	700 do	26½
500 Chi & N W RR	42⅞	500 do	26½
500 do	42½	200 do	26¾
200 do	42¾	11.0 do	26¾
500 do	43	400 do	26¾
400 do	42¾	500 do b3	26¾
800 do	42⅞	200 do	26¾
100 do s15	42	500 do	26½
1.0 do s15	42½	200 Pittsburg RR	91
200 do	42⅞	1.0 Del, L & W RR	111½
7.0 do	42¾	100 Atl & Pac pf	13⅞

2 P. M.

$5000 U S 5-20, c, '62 b c	116¾	$11000 U S 5-20, c, '67	119¼
5000 do	116½		

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$2000 Mil & St P 7 3-10 c	87¾	100 shs Chi & R I R	103⅝
8000 Un Pac 1st c b c	95	100 Tol & W RR b c	12⅛
5000 Un Pac 7's 1g	96½	1.0 do	12⅛
1000 Un Pac s f	87	800 do s3	12
6000 do	96⅞	100 do	11⅞
10.0 C & R & P 7's	107	500 Chi & NW RR b c	42¾
2000 C, I & I C 1st	89	500 do	42⅞
1000 do	89	200 do c	42⅞
1000 Tol & Wab 2d	52	1.0 do	42⅞
10000 O & Miss con s f	98¾	200 do	42⅞
3000 Ohio & Miss 2d	81½	100 do	42⅞
500 C & O 1st, con	40⅞	700 do	42⅞
1000 N Y C 1st c b c	113½	10.0 do	42⅞
5 shs Cen Ex RR	103½	700 do	42⅞
200 West Un Tel b c	75⅝	1.0 do s15	42
200 do	75¼	500 do	41⅞
500 do	75⅛	700 do	41⅞
1300 do	75	3.0 do	41⅞
2100 do	74⅞	100 do	41⅞
50 do	74⅞	500 do	41⅞
500 do s3	74¾	900 do	41⅞
1000 do	74⅞	500 do	41⅞
10 Wells-Fargo Ex	89¾	400 do b3	41⅞
52 do	89¾	100 do s3	41⅞
100 do b c	89	100 do	41⅞
6 Adams Ex b c	1 4¾	500 do	41⅞
100 Amer Express b c	69½	100 do	40⅞
50 Hl Cen RR	109½	100 do	41
1100 Pac Mail SS b c	39¾	400 do	41⅞

900 do b3	39¾	200 do	41¾
1200 do	39¾	100 Chi & N W pf b c	53¾
800 do	39¾	100 Mil & St P R b c	34¾
100 do s3	38⅞	100 do	34⅝
1600 do	39	400 do	34⅞
300 do	38⅞	300 do	34¼
200 do	38¾	300 do	34¼
200 do	38¾	200 M & St P R RR pf b c	73⅞
1800 do	38¾	100 do	53¾
1200 do	38¾	10 P, Ft W & C 1st b c	98¼
400 do s3	38⅞	132 Del, L & W RR	112
3700 do	38¾	400 do b c	112
500 do c	38¾	100 do b3	112
100 do	38¾	250 Chi, Bur & Q b c	106
1800 do	38¾	100 Chi & Alt RR	102¼
300 Erie RR b c	27⅞	10 do	1 2¾
100 do	27¼	18 Chi & Alt scrip b c	98¾
100 Erie RR pf b c	42⅞	300 Ohio & Miss b c	26⅛
300 L S & M S RR b c	73⅞	400 do	26⅛
1100 do	73¾	800 do s3	26⅛
400 do	73⅞	700 do	26⅛
100 Un Pac RR b c s3	73½	100 do b c b3	21⅞
200 Un Pac RR b c s3	42⅞	200 do	21¼
800 do	42⅞	100 do	21⅛
500 do	42⅞	500 do s3	21⅛
25 Clev & PR gt b c	91	50 Alt & T H RR pf b c	26½
20 N J Cent RR	109½	50 C, C & I C RR b c	6⅛
100 do b c	109¼	100 do	6⅛
200 Chi & R I RR b c	103⅝	200 do c	6

2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$13000 U P RR 1st m	95¼	200 shs Un Pac RR b3	42⅛
10000 Un Pac s f	86½	500 do b3	42⅛
5000 C, C & I C 1st	89	100 do s3	42⅛
1000 shs Erie RR	27⅛	1800 do	42⅛
500 do	27¼	200 do	42
200 do b3	27⅛	100 do b3	42⅛
24 Adams Ex b3	102	400 do	41⅞
100 Wells-Fargo Ex	86	100 do b3	41⅞
300 West Un Tel	74⅞	400 do	42¼
100 do s3	74¾	200 Chi & N W RR s3	41⅞
500 do	74⅞	300 do	41⅞
500 do s30	74½	100 do s3	41⅞
100 do b3	75	100 do	41⅞
300 do	75	500 do	41⅞
200 do s3	74⅞	100 do	41⅞
100 do s3	75	100 do	41⅞
100 Pac Mail SS	39⅞	100 do	41⅞
200 do b3	38½	1000 do	41⅞
100 do	38¾	200 do	41⅞
300 do	38⅞	10.0 do	41⅞
400 do	38⅞	100 Chi & N W pf c	53½
1600 do	38	100 Mil & St P RR	34¼
100 do	37⅞	100 M & St P RR pf	53
100 do b3	38	100 Tol & Wab b3	12
1000 do	38	200 do	12⅛
2000 do	38⅛	200 do	12⅛
700 do	38⅛	100 do b3	12⅛
100 do s3	38⅛	100 do	12⅛
300.0 do	38⅛	600 Ohio & Miss RR	26⅛
10 L S & M S RR	73⅞	400 do	26⅛
100 do	74½	300 do b3	26⅛
200 do	74½	200 do	26⅛
300 N J Central RR	109¼	300 do	26⅛
28 do	109⅛	100 N J South RR b3	3½
200 Chi & R I RR	103⅝	50 Pac RR of Mo s3	46¼
300 Un Pacific RR	42⅞		

CLOSING PRICES—3 P. M.

Pacific Mail	38¼ a 38⅜	Mil & St P pf	53 a 73½
West Un Tel	74⅞ a 75	C, C & I	6⅛ a 6¼
Union Pacific	3½ a 4½	L S & M S	11½ a 11¾
Mar Hd & Min	5⅛ a 6½	Erie	27⅛ a 27⅜
C, C & Ind	64½ a 65½	Han & St Jo	20¾ a 21
Adams Ex	101½ a 103	Han & St Jo pf	29 a 31
Amer Ex	68 a 69½	Lake Shore	73⅝ a 73¾
U S Express	58 a 58½	N Y C & Har	128½ a 129
Wells-Fargo Ex	85⅞ a 86½	N Y C & H RR	101½ a 101⅝
Chi & Alton	129 a 129½	N Jer Cen	109¼ a 109½
Clev & Pitts	90¾ a 91	Ohio & Miss	26⅞ a 26⅞
Chi & N W	41½ a 41¾	Panama	111½ a 113
Chi & N W pf	53⅝ a 54	Tol & Wab	12⅝ a 12¾
Chi & R I	103½ a 103¾	Union Pac	42⅛ a 42¼
Mil & St. Paul	34¼ a 34⅝		

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

COTTON DULL AND UNCHANGED—FLOUR FIRM—WHEAT STEADY—CORN EASIER—OATS FIRMER—BARLEY LOWER—PORK EASY—LARD EASIER—GROCERIES QUIET AND UNSETTLED—FREIGHTS QUIET—PETROLEUM FIRMER—NAVAL STORES UNCHANGED—EAST INDIA GOODS QUIET—METALS QUIET—WOOL DULL—WHISKEY DULL.

TUESDAY, March 2—6 P. M.

The merchandise markets were characterized by a fair degree of animation to-day, but there was no especial activity anywhere. A good trade was in progress in dry goods, hardware, &c., the markets for which were firm. On 'Change the trade movement was slow, taken as a whole, while there was a fair business in some commodities. Flour was rather quiet. Wheat was in moderate demand and closed easy, although the transactions were at full prices. Corn was quiet and easier. Oats were firm. Whiskey was lower, but still nominal. Barley was easier. Provisions were quiet but steady, save lard, which was easier. Cotton was quiet and easier for future early in the day, but at the close there was no perceptible change from yesterday's prices. Groceries were quiet and unsettled, coffee closing easier. Freights were quiet and steady. Petroleum was firmer, but the market closed weak and rather easier. Naval stores were quiet and steady. Wool was dull and unchanged.

ASHES.—Receipts for the past three days, 52 packages. The market ruled quiet and steady; transactions were of a jobbing character. Pots quoted at 6c. and pearls at 8c. per lb.

BROOM CORN was without change, either as regards the demand or prices current. We quote:—Brush—Short green, choice, 13c. a 14c.; hurl, green, 12c. a 14c.; green, medium, 10c. a 12c., and red and red tipped, 9c. a 10c. Brooms are held very firmly at old prices.

BREESWAX continued about steady in value, but was only in limited request. Sales were made within the range of 31c. a 32c. for yellow Western and Southern.

BUTTER.—The arrivals are gradually increasing and with a still more moderate demand stocks in store are gradually accumulating. Choice butter is in very light supply and very firmly held; low and medium grades are dull and heavy. We quote:—State 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, ball firkin, tubs, choice selected, 33c. a 40c.; do. do., good to prime, 33c. a 37c.; do. do. do., common to fair, 23c. a 25c.; State Welsh tubs choice fall made, 33c. a 34c.; do. do., prime, 30c. a 32c.; do. do., good, 26c. a 28c.; 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, choice dairy, packed, 25c. a 27c.; do. do., good to prime, 22c. a 24c.; do. do., fair to good, 20c. a 22c.; do. do., firkins, 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, 20c. a 22c.; do. do., fair to good, 18c.; do. do., common to fair, 16c. a 18c.; Central Ohio and Indiana, firkins, fair to good, 20c. a 22c.; do. do., common to fair, 17c. a 18c.; do. do., tubs, choice, 23c. a 24c.; do. do., fair to good, 19c. a 21c.; various styles, very poor, 15c. a 17c.; rolls, Western Reserve and Michigan, fine, 25c. a 27c.; do., good to prime, 23c. a 25c.; do., fair to good, 20c. a 22c.; do., common, 17c. a 18c.

BEANS AND PEAS.—Marrow beans are selling fairly for export, but the value remains nominally the same. Medium continue in good request and firm. Green peas are scarce and firm. Black-eye peas are nominal from scarcity; other peas essentially unchanged. Our quotations are:—Medium, new, choice, $1 80 a $1 85; 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; pea, new, $2 10 a $2 15; red kidney, prime, new, $4 15 a $4 25; green peas, new, $2 15 a $2 20; white kidney, choice, $2 40 a $2 50; do., fair to good, $2 a $2 20; black-eye peas, $3 75 a $4.

COURTRAGE STOCK.—The market since our last shows no quotable change; the demand has been limited, with previous prices current, which were as follows:—Molasses sheeks, 34-inch, with heads, $2 a $2 25; sugar shooks, with heads, 34-inch, $2 60 a $2 65; sugar shooks, with heads 36-inch, $2 10 a $2 30; box shooks 75c. a 80c.; rum shooks, $4 50; pipe shooks, $6 50 a $7; empty hogsheads, nominal; hoops, 14 feet, ordinary to prime, 38c. a 40c.; hoops, 12 feet, ordinary to prime, 35c. a 36c.

COURDAGE.—The market, generally speaking, ruled quiet at steady prices, as follows:—Manila, large and small sizes, per lb., 15c. a 16c.; Manila cordage, bolt rope yarns, 16½c. a 17½c.; tarred Manila, 14½c.; Sisal rope, 12c. a 13c.; New Zealand cordage, 12c. a 13c.; Russia bolt rope, 17c.

CANDLES continued in demand in a jobbing way, but otherwise the market ruled quiet. Prices were unchanged and quoted thus:—Sperm, per lb., 28c.; do., patent, Macy's, 28c. a 30c.; stearic, S. G. Mitchell & Co.'s, 16 oz., 27c. a 28c.; adamantine 12, 14 and 16 oz., 13c., 15c. and 17c.; paraffine, 4's, 6's and 12's, 26c. a 28c.

COFFEE.—Notwithstanding a fair movement the market wears a weak tone and holders are very anxious to reduce stocks. Some few transactions were reported from first hands and in a jobbing way, particularly for Western account. The demand was quite good, but buyers generally have no difficulty in obtaining under figures. The cleanings reported included 300 bags ex steamer Ontario, good in quality, at 17½c.; 157 bags, same steamer, quality fair, at 17c. We quote:—Ordinary cargoes, 16c. a 16½c.; fair do., 17c. a 17½c.; good do., 17½c. a 17¾c.; prime do., 18c. a 18½c.; extreme range for lots, 16c. a 18½c.; Java, government bags, 26c. a 28c.; do., grass bags, 24c. a 26c.; Singapore, 22c. a 24c.; Ceylon, 26c. a 31c.; Maracaibo, 18½c. a 21½c.; Laguayra, 18c. a 19½c.; Jamaica, 17½c. a 19c.; St. Domingo, 16c. a 16½c.; Porto Rico, 18c. a 19c.; Costa Rica, 17c. a 20c.; Mexican, 18c. a 19½c.; Angostura, 18½c. a 20c.; Savanilla, 18c. a 20c.; Curacoa, 17c. a 18½c. Good to fair old Java and Mocha.

COTTON.—Business in spot cotton partook of a retail character in the absence of any considerable demand from any source. Exporters were not justified in making purchases, our prices being above the Liverpool figures by fully ⅛d. Inducements were held out to exporters to take short notices, but without resulting in business as far as we were able to learn. The Greeks sold back to the parties who originally issued them 2,000 bales in the way of short notices at 16⅛, instead of exporting them. Regular March contracts at the time of this transaction were selling 7-32c. higher. These notices will be released in the course of a few days. After a change of 800 bales were sold to an exporter, but we understand the cotton goes in store. A few small trades were made late for spinning purposes. The market for spot cotton, while dull, was without pressure to sell. Futures lost 1-16c., which was subsequently regained, the market closing quiet but steady at the following quotations:—March, 16 3-16c. a 16 11-32c.; April, 16 19-32c.; May, 16 25-32c.; June, 17 7-32c. a 17¼c.; July, 17 7-16c.; August, 17 9-16c. a 17 19-32c.; September, 16 29-32c. a 16 15-16c.; October, 16½c. a 16⅝c. We quote:—Prices based on standard of classification in force September 1, 1874, and on upland cotton in store running in quality no more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted:—Ordinary, 15½c. good ordinary, 15¾c.; strict good ordinary, 15⅞c.; low middling, 16¼c.; middling, 16⅝c.; good middling, 17⅛c. Quotations based on American standard of classification:—

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13¾
Good ordinary	15⅝	15¾	15⅞	1 5
Low middling	15⅞	16	16¼	16¼
Middling	16¾	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝
Good middling	16⅞	16⅞	17⅛	17⅛
Middling fair	17⅛	17⅛	17⅜	17⅜
Fair	17⅞	18	18¼	18¼

—The sales were:—

	To-Day.	Last Fr'g.	Total.
Consumption	150	125	225
Speculation	65	77	142
Totals	165	202	367

—For future delivery (basis low middling) the sales have been as follows:—Yesterday, after two o'clock P. M.—March, 100 at 16⅛c.; 500 at 16 3-32c.; April, 1,100 at 16 17-32c.; May, 400 at 16 27-32c., 800 at 16⅞c.; June, 200 at 17 5-32c.; July, 100 at 17⅜c.; 100 at 17 7-16c.; August, 200 at 17 9-16c. Total, 4,400 bales. Yesterday's closing prices—March, 16 9-32c. a 16 5-16c.; April, 16 17-32c.; May, 16 27-32c. a 16⅞c.; June, 17⅛c. a 17 5-32c.; July, 17 1-32c. a 17 7-16c.; August, 17 9-32c. a 17 9-16c.; September, 16⅞c. a 16 15-16c.; October, 16⅝c. a 16 11-16c. Market barely steady. To-day, up to two o'clock P. M.—March, 100 at 16 5-16c