FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Stocks Generally Firm—Speculation Moderately Active and Fairly Distributed.

GOLD 109 7-8 A 110 3-8.

Government Bonds Quiet and Firm—Railroad Bonds Irregular, but Generally Strong—Money on Call Easy at 1 a 1 1-2 a 2 Per Cent.

WALL STREET, SATURDAY, Sept. 9—6 P. M.

Short sellers are to the bulls what the goose that laid the golden egg was to the farmer, and they are stupidly brought to the slaughter, as was the auriferous bird, when their functions are most required. This is particularly true of a market like the present one, which evidences but a mere suspicion of outside support and owes its main vitality to the purchases of bears when driven to cover. As these latter disappear from the market with them vanish at once both support and customers—the goose has been killed by the avaricious bulls, and the whole process has to be commenced *de novo*.

Something like this occurred to-day. There was more ease in the market for loaning and borrowing stocks, rates showing a very decided decline in the prominence obtained during the last few days, a fact which ought to prove a very considerable diminution of the former short interest. Added to this we have a market more remarkable for its strength than activity, and a tendency at the end to a lower average of figures, as the result of a diminished demand.

The two elements of demand and supply being, as it were, in equilibrio to-day, the usually active stocks were marked by few changes of consequence; nor were there any tales or rumors, nor anything of particularly good report or evil report to disturb the placidity of business.

The bulk of the day's work was centred in the coal stocks, New Jersey Central running up from 31 to 33¾ under the impression that a cure-all had been found for the company's maladies in a problematical placement of $5,000,000 additional mortgage bonds and a general reconstruction of its board of management. What particular property was in the power of the company to "spout," free from the lien of the first mortgages, the consolidated firsts, the convertibles and the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre millstone was not mentioned, neither were the names of the generous parties who are to advance the money.

Delaware and Hudson and Delaware and Lackawanna were in a measure steady, though Morris and Essex fell off from 94½ to 90 on limited sales of fractional shares, under some occult influence, probably from the Lackawanna quarter.

Lake Shore and Michigan Central, which seem to have resolved themselves into a band of brothers, although of somewhat limited numbers, went up and down the scale of prices together with great unanimity. Unfortunately their weakest showing was at the end, despite of the official yearly report of Lake Shore, just published, which on a cursory examination appears to be highly favorable, and should have had an equally favorable influence upon the price.

A slip downward to 19¾ created some business in Pacific Mail, which a subsequent rally to 20½ checked, the decline having simply developed the fact that some holders of long stock, sick of its stagnation, and probably of his bargain, had essayed to sell to a market which contained no buyers.

In the bond market the mortgages of the Western roads were in demand at higher figures, and the remainder of the list steady, except the one weak spot of the New Jersey Central issues, which do not appear to improve under the threatened addition to the family.

The market at three o'clock closed fairly steady, but with a tired air, as though worried with the activity of the work.

THE SALES TO-DAY.

The transactions at the Stock Exchange to-day aggregated 127,670 shares:—New York Central and Hudson, 120; Erie, 100; Lake Shore, 1,200; Northwestern, 600; Northwestern preferred, 100; Rock Island, 900; Pacific Mail, 16,400; St. Paul, 3,900; St. Paul preferred, 3,250; Ohios, 600; Western Union, 4,300; Panams, 300; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 44,250; New Jersey Central, 19,310; Michigan Central, 7,500; Delaware and Hudson Canal, 1,700; Morris and Essex, 830.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

The following were the highest and lowest prices of stocks to-day:—

	Highest.	*Lowest.*
Chicago and Northwestern	37½	37
Chicago and Northwestern preferred	61	61
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	105¼	105
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	79¼	77½
Delaware and Hudson Canal	79¾	74½
Hannibal and St. Joseph	12¼	12
Lake Shore	52¾	51⅝
Michigan Central	42	40¾
Morris and Essex	94½	90
Milwaukee and St. Paul	32½	31½
Milwaukee and St. Paul preferred	66¼	65¾
New Jersey Central	33¾	30¾
Ohio and Mississippi	11¾	11½
Pacific Mail	21¼	19¾
Western Union Telegraph	70⅛	70⅛

CLOSING PRICES—3 P. M.

Pacific Mail	20¾ a 20⅞	St Paul pf	65¾ a 65⅞		
West Union	70⅛ a 70⅜	C. C. C & I	36 a 37		
Ad. Express	15 a 17	C, C & I C	3¾ a 4		
Quicksilver	12½ a 15	Del, L & West	78½ a 78⅝		
Quicksilver pf	18¾ a 20	Erie	10⅛ a 10¼		
Mar Lake & M	5 a 6	Han & St Jo	1½ a 12		
M L & Min pf	5¾ a 6	Han & St Jo pf	18 a 20⅛		
Adams Ex	108 a 111	L S & M So	51½ a 51⅝		
Amer Ex	59⅝ a 60	Mich Central	40½ a 40¾		
U S Express	60¼ a 61	N Y & Harlem	136 a 137		
Wells-Fargo	83 a 84	N Y C & H R	10 3/4 a 106½		
Chic & Alton	97 a 98½	N J Central	33¼ a 33¾		
Clev & Pitts	91¼ a 91¾	Ohio & Miss	11⅛ a 11¾		
Chi & N W	37¼ a 37½	Panama	126 a 130		
Chi & N W pf	61¼ a 61¾	Tol & Wabash	17½ a 2¼		
Chi & RI	105 a —	Union Pacific	62 a 63		
Del & Hud	81½ a 81¾	Mo Pacific	1¾ a 2		

ADVANCE AND DECLINE.

The following shows the changes as compared with yesterday's closing prices:—

ADVANCE.—Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, ¾; Delaware and Lackawanna, ¾; Erie, ¼; St. Joseph, ¼; Illinois Central, ¾; New Jersey Central, 1¼; Northwestern, ¼; do. preferred, ¾; New York, New Haven and Hartford, ¾; St. Paul, ¾; American Express, ¾; Wells Fargo, ½; gold, ⅜.

DECLINE.—Chicago and Alton, ¼; Delaware and Hudson Canal, ¾; Lake Shore, ½; Michigan Central, ¾; Missouri Pacific, ¾; Morris and Essex, 4¼; Ohio and Mississippi, ¼; Pacific Mail, ¾; St. Paul preferred, ⅛; Western Union, ⅜.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Money continues in abundant supply, loaning on call at 1 a 1½ a 2 per cent. Sterling exchange was dull; prime, asking rates, 4.85 a 4.86½; selling rates, 4.83½ a 4.84½ and 4.85 a 4.86; reichmarks, 94¼ a 94½ and 95 a 95¼; cables, 95½ a 95¾; prime Paris, 5.18¼ and 5.16¼. The following were the rates of exchange on New York at the undermentioned cities to-day:—Savannah, par; Cincinnati, shade firmer, 75 discount; St. Louis, par to 50 premium; New Orleans, commercial, par; bank, ¼ a ⅜; Charleston, ⅛ discount to ¼ a ⅛ premium; Chicago, par.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

The bank statement shows an enlargement of loans of $2,607,600; the total reserve is $384,600 higher than last week, while the surplus reserve is $234,525 less, it amounting to $22,540,025. The following is a comparison of the bank averages for the past two weeks:—

	Sept. 2.	*Sept. 9.*	*Differences.*	
Loans	$255,823,500	$258,431,100	Inc.	$2,607,600
Specie	22,142,200	22,778,400	Inc.	636,200
Leg. tend's	57,780,600	57,529,600	Dec.	251,600
Deposits	228,593,000	231,069,500	Inc.	2,476,500
Circulation	14,608,800	14,371,200	Dec.	237,600

The following shows the relations between the total reserve and the total liabilities:—

Specie	$22,142,200	$22,778,400	Inc.	$636,200
Leg. tend'rs	57,780,600	57,529,600	Dec.	251,600
Total res've	$79,922,800	$80,307,400	Inc.	$384,600
Reserve required against deposits	57,148,250	57,767,375		
Excess of reserve above legal requirem'ts	22,774,550	22,540,025	Dec.	$234,525

THE GOLD MARKET.

Gold opened at 109⅞ to day and closed at 110⅜—the highest price of the day. Sales were made in the interim at 110¼ a 11¼. The market appeared strongest just before the close, an effect that was attributed to reports concerning the new four and a half per cents.

The borrowing rates for gold were 1, 1½ and 2 per cent. Loans were also made flat, and at 1½ and 1 per cent for currency.

OPERATIONS OF THE GOLD EXCHANGE BANK.

Currency balances	1,937,502
Gross clearances	25,089,000

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$58,096,634
Currency balances	3,874,132
Gold exchanges	5,016,329
Gold balances	716,015

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Government bonds were quiet but firm. The following were the closing quotations:—United States currency sixes, 126½ a 127; do. do., 1881, registered, 117⅛ a 117¾; do. do., do., coupon, 118½ a 118¾; do. do., 1865, registered, 113 a 113½; do. do., do., coupon, 113 a 113½; do. do., do., new, registered, 113⅝ a 113¾; do. do., do., coupon, 113¾ a 113⅞; do. do., 1867, registered, 116¾ a 117; do. do., do., coupon, 116¾ a 117; do. do., 1868, registered, 118¼ a 119¼; do. do., do., coupon, 118¼ a 119¼; do. ten-forties, registered, 115⅛ a 115½; do. do., coupon, 115¾ a 116; do. fives, 1881, registered, 115⅜ a 115⅝; do. do., do., coupon, 115⅜ a 115½.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Railroad bonds were irregular, but generally strong and in good request. In the early dealings Northwestern sinking funds brought 106½ and interest bonds 105. St. Paul firsts sold at 117, La Crosse Division advancing to 102¼. Michigan Central sevens rose to 101. Hannibal and St. Joseph convertible were firm at 76. New Jersey Central convertible advanced five per cent—from 75 to 80. New Jersey Central firsts were four per cent lower, selling at 105, and do. consolidated ½ per cent lower, declining to 90½. Toward the close New Jersey Central consolidated firsts sold at 90 a 90½ and convertible at 80. Lehigh and Wilkesbarre consolidated declined to 59. Delaware and Hudson, of 1884, brought 105. Chicago and Northwestern consolidated gold coupons sold up to 94. The following were the closing quotations for Pacific Railroad bonds:—Union firsts, 106½ a 106¾; Union land grants, 105 a 105½; Union sinking funds, 91⅜ a 91¾; Centrals, 110 a 111.

THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

The Assistant Treasurer paid out to-day $54,000 gold on account of interest and $2,000 in redemption of five-twenty bonds. The Sub-Treasury released $13,100 silver coin to-day. The following are the Treasury shipments for the week ending to-day:—Legal tenders, $1,170,000, silver, $13,000. The Treasury holds $337,650,000 in bonds to secure bank circulation, a decrease for the week of $730,000; bonds held to secure public deposits, $18,740,000; bank circulation outstanding, $323,250,000 currency, and $2,100,000 gold notes. Revenue receipts to-day $350,000; customs receipts, $530,000; bank notes $600,000. Total for the week, $3,800,000.

THE FOREIGN MARKET.

The London advices report a gain of £2,000 bullion by the Bank of England on balance to-day. Consols were steady, as were also United States bonds, with the exception of 1865s, which declined ⅛ per cent. Erie common improved ⅛ a ⅛, while the preferred fell off 1 per cent. Rentes at Paris advanced slightly. The following are the last quotations:—Consols for money, 95½ a 95⅝; consols for account, 95½ a 95⅝; five-twenty bonds of 1865, old, 105½; five-twenty bonds of 1867, 108½ a 108⅝; ten-forty bonds, 107⅛ a 107⅜; new fives, 107½ a 107⅝; Erie common shares, 9¾.

MEMORANDA.

The following are the earnings of the Chicago and Alton Railroad for the month of August:—

1876	$499,271 58
1875	411,960 46
Increase	$87,311 12

During the month of August 1,040 acres of land were sold by the Illinois Central Railroad Company for $7,212; the cash collected on land contracts was $8,676 94. The traffic on the main line in Illinois yielded $491,651 75 against $469,299 19 in August, 1875. The traffic of the Iowa lines, leased at thirty-five per cent of gross receipts, was $103,488 53 against $144,147 15 in August, 1875.

A statement of the affairs of the New Jersey Central Railroad is promised as soon as it can be prepared.

The official report of the Lake Shore Company for the year ending June 30, 1876, is out. The total earnings were $14,993,975 against $15,413,858 the previous year. Out of the total earnings $7,558,932 was for local freights and $3,121,706 for local passengers. The operating expenses for 1876 were $9,529,990 against $11,035,613 in 1875. The net earnings for 1876 were $4,692,311 against $4,378,165 the previous year. The funded debt of the company was decreased from $36,511,000 to $36,125,000. In operating the road the expenses of maintenance of way and structures were reduced from $2,870,082 in 1875 to $2,173,244 in 1876, and the cost of conducting transportation was reduced from $6,045,335 in 1875 to $5,193,818 in 1876.

W. B. Clerke, whose failure was recently reported, has notified the Stock Exchange that he is prepared to pay all indebtedness in full on presentation.

EARNINGS OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

For the month of August, 1876	$1,689,000
For the month of August, 1875	1,553,014
For the month of August, 1874	1,322,557
Earnings first eight months, 1876	11,257,166
Earnings first eight months, 1875	10,999,422
Earnings first eight months, 1874	8,923,460

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS.

The following are the closing prices of Philadelphia stocks by telegraph:—

	Bid.	*Asked.*
City sixes, new	110¾	111
United Companies of New Jersey	138	138½
Pennsylvania Railroad	48¾	48½
Reading Railroad	44¾	44¼
Lehigh Valley Railroad	53¼	53½
Catawissa Railroad preferred	40¼	42⅜
Philadelphia and Erie Railroad	15¾	16
Schuylkill Navigation preferred	12	12½
Northern Central Railroad	31	32
Lehigh Navigation	32¾	33
Oil Creek and Alleghany Railroad	9¼	9⅞
Hestonville Railroad	25¾	25⅞
Central Transportation	38¾	39½

MINING STOCKS.

The following are the closing prices of mining shares by telegraph from San Francisco:—

Consolidated Virginia	57¾	Crown Point	11
California	60¾	Yellow Jacket	28
Segregated Belcher	76	Alpha	49
Ophir	59½	Belcher	22½
Chollar	98	Confidence	18
Savage	21	Sierra Nevada	14½
Consolidated Imperial	5	Exchequer	16
Mexican	35¼	Overman	72½
Gould & Curry	15	Justice	22½
Best & Belcher	48½	Caledonia	8¼
Hale & Norcross	12¼		

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

SATURDAY, Sept. 9, 1876.

BEFORE CALL—10 A. M.

$3000 N J Cen conv	75	100 shs N J Cen RR	31¾		
2000 do	75½	300 do	31½		
300 O Un Pac sink f	91¾	100 do	31½		
1,000 U. K & T est	58¾	100 do	31¼		
20 shs D & H Can	73	300 do	31¼		
100 do s30	73½	100 do	30¾		
100 Chi & N W R	57	5 do	31¾		
100 do	37¾	100 do	31		
100 Mich Cen RR	79¾	100 do	31¼		
200 do	79¾	100 do	32		
200 do	79¾	200 do	32¼		
300 Pac M SS	21¼	2 sh do	32		
400 do	21¼	100 do	31¾		
400 do	21	200 do	32		
400 Mil & St P RR pf	66	200 do	32½		
100 do	66¼	700 do	31¾		
100 do	66¼	15 do	32¼		
100 do c	66¼	400 do	32½		
10 Mil & St P RR	31½	200 do	32¾		
300 do	31¾	100 do c	33		
200 do	32¼	120 Del L & Wes RR	77½		
15 O L S & M S RR	52¾	300 do	77¾		
100 do	52	1500 do	78		
100 do s5	52	500 do	78¼		
500 do s3	52	1100 do	78		
100 do	52⅛	500 do	78¼		
100 Harlem RR	137	1100 do	78½		
200 Mich Cen RR	40¾	600 do c	78¾		
200 do	41⅛	600 do	78¾		
300 do	41⅛	200 do c	78¾		
300 do	41⅛	300 do	78¾		
100 do c	42	200 do	78¾		
100 do	41¾	100 do	78¾		
300 do	41¾	200 do	79		
500 do	41¾	800 do	79¼		
100 do	41¾	300 do	79½		
100 Chi & N W RR	15	200 do	79¼		
300 N J Cen RR	31¾	200 do s3	79		
900 do	32	300 do	79¼		

10:45 AND 12:30 P. M.

$70000 U S 6-20s, c, '65	113¼	$2000 U S 5s, c, '81	115⅛		
6,000 U S 5-20s, c, '67	116⅜	6000 do	115½		
5,000 U S 5s, c, '81	115⅜	100,000 U S 5s, r, '81	115½		

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$4000 S C 6s, n, J & J	33	15 shs Chi & Alt RR	97¼		
1000 Bos, H & E 1st	18¾	100 Han & St Jo RR bc	41¼		
1,000 L, N & F 7s	110	300 do	41		
2000 N J Cen 1st, n	105	100 do c	40¾		
4000 N J Cen 1st, con	90½	100 do	41		
3000 N J Cen conv	80	100 do	41¼		
2000 L & W B con	79	200 do	41		
1000 Mo 2d	50½	200 do	40¾		
7000 Wells Fargo 6s	105	100 do	41		
7000 L & W B con	59	100 do s3	41¼		
2,000 Un Pac 1st	91¾	100 do	33¾		
7,000 shs W Un Tel	70¾	100 do	32⅞		
100 do s3	70½	100 do	33¼		
200 Pac Mail SS	20¾	300 do	33½		
400 do	20¾	100 do	33¼		
200 Wells Fargo Ex	84	800 do	33¾		
100 N Y C & H R RR	106	200 do	33¾		
500 Erie RR	10¼	50 do	33¼		
300 Mich Cen RR	40¾	100 do c	33¾		
300 do s3	40¾	300 do	33¾		
200 do	40¾	400 do	33¾		
200 do	40¾	100 Del, L & W RR	78		
200 do s5	40¾	300 do s3	78¼		
200 do	40½	100 do s3	78¼		
100 do	40½	100 do	78½		
200 Chi & R I RR	105¼	400 do urc	79		
300 do	105	100 do arc	78¾		
100 Lake Shore RR bs	51¾	200 do	78½		
300 do s3	51¾	150 do	78¼		
17,000 do s3	51¾	400 do	78¾		
100 do b3	51¾	100 do urc	79		
400 do	51¾	100 do urc	79¼		
500 do	52	400 do urc	79¼		
100 do s3	51¾	500 do urc	79¼		
100 do b3	51¾	100 do	79¼		
100 do	51¾	100 do urc	78¾		
800 do	51¾	100 Mil & St P RR pf	65¾		
300 Panama RR	126	500 do	65½		
100 N J Cen RR	32	500 do	65¾		
400 do	31¾	100 do	65¾		
200 do	32	200 do	65¾		
300 do s3	32	100 do	65¾		
200 do	32¼	100 Chi, B & Q RR	114¼		
400 do	32½	100 Ohio & Miss RR	11⅜		
100 do	32⅜				

BEFORE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$3000 U S 6's, '81, c	118¾	300 shs N J Cen RR	32¼		
7000 U S 5's, c, '81	115½	10 do	32¾		
10000 C & N W e c g b	93½	100 do	32¼		
7000 do	94	300 do	32		
18,000 Ca So 1st, con	82	300 do s3	32		
3,000 Na C 1st, con	93½	10 do	32¼		
100 shs D & H Can	73¼	100 do	32⅜		
50 do s45	71½	100 do s3	32		
30 do	76	200 do	32¼		
100 West Un Tel b3	70¾	100 do s3	32½		
500 do	70⅝	100 Chi & N W RR	37½		
600 Pac Mail SS	20¾	100 Mil & St P RR	31¾		
500 do	20½	200 do c	31¾		
200 do	20½	100 Mil & St P RR pf	66		
500 do s3	20½	100 St L, K C & N RR	51¼		
100 do	20¼	500 Del, L & W RR	78¾		
100 do	20⅛	100 do c	78¾		
100 do	20	100 do	78¾		
100 do b 0	20¼	22 0 do	78¼		
600 do	20¼	1000 do	78¼		
1300 do	20⅛	200 do	78¼		
700 do	20	600 do	78½		
1200 do s3	20	200 do	78¾		
100 do	20⅛	300 do s3	78¼		
100 Mich Cen RR	41	400 do	78¾		
100 do	40¾	1000 do	79¼		
7 O L S & M S RR	52½	12 do	79		
100 do c	52½	10 Mor & Ess RR	92½		
100 do s3	52½	10 do	92		
		100 Ohio & Miss RR s3	11½		

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

100 shs D & H Ca, bc s3	75	1600 shs L S & M S RR	51¾		
100 do	75	1000 do s3	51¾		
100 do	74½	2100 do	51⅞		
20 do	75¼	800 do	51¾		
225 do	75	1200 do	51⅞		
100 West Un Tel b c	70¾	1000 N J Cen RR bc	32¼		
600 do	70¾	400 do	32		
25 American Ex	92¾	200 do	31¾		
50 do	92½	700 do	31½		
5 Pac Mail b c	20	200 do	31¾		
300 do s3	19⅞	3 0 do	31⅞		
700 do	20	500 Mil & St P RR bc	65¾		
100 do	20¼	800 Chi M & St Pb c	31½		
500 do s3	20½	800 do b60	31¾		
200 M L & M pf	5	800 do c	31½		
700 Erie RR	10¼	300 Del, L & W RR bc	78¾		
100 Mich C RR b c	40¾	500 do	78½		
100 do s3	40¾	100 do c	79		
300 do	4 ¾	700 do	78¾		
100 do	40¾	400 do	78¾		
800 do	40½	12 P F W & C RR c bc	101¾		
2 o L S & S RR b c s3	52½	50 Chi, B & Q RR b c	115		
1800 do s3	52	100 Han & St Jo RR	12¼		
10 0 do	52	100 do bc	12		
8,0 do	51⅞	25 Mor & Ess RR b c	91		
		251 do	90		

2 TO 3 P. M.

$1000 Alb & Sus 3d	101½	100 shs N J Cen RR	32¼		
500 do	101	200 do c	33		
13000 Ca So 1st, c on	81¼	100 do	32¾		
2000 N J Cen 1st, con	90½	400 do	33		
2000 do	90¼	400 do	33½		
2000 do	90	300 do	33¼		
1000 N J Cen 1st, conv	80	00 do	33¼		
40 0 Del & H r, '84	105	100 do	33¾		
7000 West Pac bonds	101½	200 do	3 ¾		
7000 L & W B con	59	100 do s3	33¼		
2,000 Un Pac s f	91¾	100 do	33½		
7,0 shs W Un Tel	70¾	100 do	32⅞		
100 do s3	70½	100 do	33¼		
2 0 Pac Mail SS	20¼	300 do	33½		
400 do	20¼	100 do	33¼		
2 0 Wells Fargo Ex	84	800 do	33¾		
100 N Y C & H R RR	106	200 do	33½		
500 Erie RR	10¼	50 do	33¼		
300 Mich Cen RR	40¾	100 do c	33¾		
300 do s3	40¾	300 do	33¾		
200 do	40¾	400 do	33¾		
200 do	40¾	100 Del, L & W RR bc	78		
200 do s5	40¾	300 do s3	78¼		
200 do	40½	400 do s3	78¼		
100 do	40½	100 do	78½		
200 Chi & R I RR	105¾	400 do urc	79		
300 do	105	100 do arc	78¾		
100 Lake Shore RR bs	51¾	200 do	78½		
300 do s3	51¾	150 do	78¼		
17 0 do s3	51¾	400 do	78¾		
100 do b3	51¾	100 do urc	79		
400 do	51¾	100 do urc	79¼		
500 do	52	400 do urc	79¼		
1 0 do s3	51⅞	500 do urc	79¼		
100 do b3	51¾	100 do	79¼		
1800 do	51¾	100 do urc	78¾		
6 0 do b3	51¾	100 Mil & St P RR	31½		
800 do	51¾	100 Mil & St P RR pf	65¾		
3 0 Panama RR	126	500 do	65½		
100 N J Cen RR	32	500 do	65¾		
400 do	31⅞	100 do	65¾		
200 do	32	200 do	65¾		
300 do s3	32	100 do	65¾		
200 do	32¼	100 Chi, B & Q RR	114¼		
400 do	32½	100 Ohio & Miss RR	11⅜		
100 do	32⅜				

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

COTTON: SPOT QUIET AND STEADY; FUTURES CLOSED STEADY, BUT GENERALLY 1-32c. LOWER—FLOUR STEADY—WHEAT ACTIVE—CORN STEADY—OATS FIRM—WHISKEY QUIET—PORK QUIET BUT FIRMER—LARD FIRMER—PETROLEUM FIRMER—SPIRITS TURPENTINE FIRMER—ROSIN STEADY—OILS GENERALLY STEADY—COFFEE FIRM—SUGAR NOMINALLY UNCHANGED—FREIGHTS QUIET.

SATURDAY, Sept. 9—6 P. M.

There was more trading in some quarters to-day, and good steady markets were reported everywhere. On 'Change flour was steady. Wheat was in active request at improved prices for all kinds. Corn was also in fair demand and steady. Oats were firm. Whiskey was quiet. Pork was quiet but firmer. Lard was firmer. Freights were quiet. Cotton on the spot was quiet but steady; futures closed steady, but generally 1-32c. lower. Coffee was firm. Sugar was quiet but nominally unchanged. Oils were generally steady. Petroleum was firmer. Rosin was quiet but steady. Spirits turpentine were firmer.

COFFEE.—There was a quiet, but very firm market for Rio; 300 bags, ex J. B. Walker, sold on favorable terms. Mild coffee was steady. We quote:—Ordinary cargoes, 15¼c. a 15½c.; fair do., 17¼c. a 17½c.; good do., 17¾c. a 18c.; prime, 18¼c. a 18½c.; extreme range for lots, 15¼c. a 19½c.; Santos, fair to good, 16½c. a 17¼c., gold, ninety days; Java, government bags, 19c. a 21c.; do., grass mats, 23c. a 22c.; Singapore, 17c. a 18c.; Ceylon, 16c. a 17c.; Maracaibo, 14½c. a 16½c.; Lagusyra, 16c. a 17c.; Jamaica, 15c. a 16c.; St. Domingo, 14c. a 14½c.; Porto Rico, 16½c. a 17½c.; Costa Rica, 16c. a 18c.; Mexican, 16c. a 17c.; Manila, 15½c. a 16c.; Angostura, 15c. a 17c.; Savanilla, 14½c. a 17½c.; Curacoa, 14c. a 16c.

COTTON.—The market for spot cotton was quiet and steady. For future deliveries the market closed steady, with a decline however, of 1-32c. on all months except November, January and February. The closing prices to-day compare with Friday's as follows:—

Friday, September 8.		*Saturday, September 9.*	
Sept. 11 19-32 a 11⅝		Sept. 11 19-32 a —	
October. 11½ a 11 17-32		October. 11½ a —	
Nov. 11 15-32 a 11¾		Nov. 11 15-32 a 11¾	
Dec. 11¾ a —		Dec. 11 15-32 a 11¾	
January 11 19-32 a 11⅞		January 11 19-32 a 11⅞	
Feb. 11 25-32 a 11 13-16		Feb. 11 25-32 a 11 13-16	
March. 11 31-32 a 12		March. 11 15-16 a 11 31-32	
April. 12¼ a 12 3-16		April. 12¼ a 12 5-32	
May 12 5-16 a 12 11-32		May 12 9-32 a 12 5-16	
June. 12 15-32 a 12½		June. 12 7-16 a 12 15-32	
July 12⅝ a 12 21-32		July 12 19-32 a 12⅝	
August. 12¾ a 12 25-32		August. 12 23-32 a 12¾	

—Quotations based on American standard of classification, and on cotton in store running in quality not more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted:—

	Uplands.	*Alabama.*	*N. Orleans.*	*Texas.*
Ordinary	9 7-16	9 7-16	9 7-16	9 7-16
Strict ordinary	9 13-16	9 13-16	9 13-16	9 13-16
Good ordinary	10⅛	10⅛	10¼	10¼
Strict good ordinary	10⅝	10⅝	10 9-16	10 9-16
Low middling	10⅞	11	11⅛	11⅛
Strict low middling	11 3-16	11 5-16	11 7-16	11 7-16
Middling	11 3-16	11 11-16	11¾	11¾
Good middling	11 13-16	11 15-16	12 1-16	12 1-16
Strict good middling	12 3-16	12 5-16	12 7-16	12 7-16
Middling fair	12 13-16	12 15-16	13 1-16	13 1-16
Fair	13 5-16	13 7-16	13 9-16	13 9-16

—Stained—Good ordinary, 9⅝c.; strict good ordinary, 9⅞c.; low middling, 10⅝c.; middling, 10 13-16c. Spot sales were as follows:—

	To-Day.	*Last. Fr'g.*	*Total.*
Export	—	150	150
Consumption	518	550	1,068
Totals	518	700	1,218

—Delivered on contract, 200 bales. For future delivery the sales were as follows:—Yesterday, after two P. M.—September, 100 bales at 11 9-16c.; October, 200 at 11 7-32c.; November, 200 at 11 15-32c.; January, 100 at 11 19-32c.; February, 100 at 11 13-16c.; March, 2 0 at 12c., 700 at 11 31-32. Total, 1,900 bales. To-day, up to one P. M.—September, 100 bales at 11 19-32c., 100 at 11¾c., 1,100 at 11 19-32c., 700 at 11¾c.; October, 600 at 11 9-16c., 100 at 11 17-32c., 800 at 11¾c., 100 at 11 17-32c.; November, 500 at 11 17-32c., 200 at 11¾c.; 300 at 11 15-32c.; December, 400 at 11¾c., 500 at 11 17-32c., 300 at 11¾c., 100 November and 100 December, 11¾c. together; January, 600 at 11¾c.; February, 600 at 11 13-16c. Total, 7,200 bales. Grand total, 11,400 bales. The receipts at the ports were as follows:—Galveston, 1,417 bales; New Orleans, 145; Mobile, 287; Savannah, 1,914; Charleston, 517; Wilmington, 57; Norfolk, 182; New York, 9; Boston, 49; Philadelphia, 86. Total, 4,660. This day last week, 1,678. This day last year, 3,158. Total since September 1, 21,600 bales, to last night. Cotton freights closed as follows:—To Havre, by steam, 11-16c., compressed; to Hamburg, by steam, ⅜c., compressed; to Bremen, by steam, ½c., compressed; to Liverpool, ¾d. a 13-32d. by steam; by sail, 5-16d. a 11-32d.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 55,561 bushels; corn meal, 250 bbls. and 228 sacks; corn, 207,000 bushels; oats, 33,655 do.; barley, 8,980 do. The flour market was steady, with a moderate inquiry for all grades. The sales were about 17,000 bbls., including state, Western and Southern, at the annexed quotations. Rye flour was steady. The sales were 300 bbls. Corn meal was steady, at $3 25 a $3 30 for Brandywine and $2 95 a $2 90 for Western and Jersey yellow. The sales were about 1,500 bbls. within the range. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$2 50 a $3 25