CUSTOM HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

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to Mr. Jay, in which he exonerated Mr. French and stated that it was Mr. Sperry who "took up the collection." It is stated that Alderman Pinckney, of this city, is to be summoned next week to testify as to what he knows about assessments having been paid by the Custom House employés last fall. Witnesses will also be summoned to show how it happens that the inspectors are charged twenty-five cents notary fees for swearing to their monthly payrolls, and also whether the charges that the clerks exact a fee for hurrying up entries of merchandise are true.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS ACTIVE AND HIGHER.

A Decline, Followed by a Sharp Rise.

GOLD STEADY AT 106 7-8.

Government Stocks Steady and Railroad Bonds Higher.

Money on Call Easy at 2 a 2 1-2 Per Cent.

To-day's market has been without event, yet there was buying and selling enough to run transactions up to 230,000 shares. Most of it recorded the views of petty speculators, who backed their opinions by eighths and quarters and were enriched or impoverished by a corresponding decline or fall. The arch-operators remained quiet, viewed the vicarious efforts of their subalterns with equanimity and showed no signs of interest in the existing child's play for the greater part of the morning. Later on they bestirred themselves somewhat, and, bending their energies in the direction of higher prices, started a buying movement, which at the close marked up quotations to the best figures of the day, and such best figures were ¼ to 4 per cent above the opening ones. It is beginning to appear that even the bears, who could see no future for stocks short of a bottomless pit, are inclined to modify their views and admit that everything may not be going to the "demnition bow-wows" after all. They have so expressed themselves by covering their short lines with an alacrity which belied their words, while it, at the same time, gave false strength to the market. Such false strength gave out as shorts were covered, and, accordingly, prices receded to where they belonged, which was still at many points higher than they had ruled ten days ago. It is not extravagant to predict that a new departure will be made from this point in the way of progress, followed, doubtless, by the same overdoing of the matter and the same falling back, but with the result of a definite advance from the starting point. This, because the reign of terror which the bears had organized has pretty much come to an end, because the clouds which lowered over commercial prospects are slowly lifting, and because a belief exists that the bed rock of a declining market has been struck at last.

THE SALES TO-DAY.

The sales of active stocks to-day aggregated 233,000 shares, which were distributed as follows:—New York Central, 13,168; Harlem, 100; Erie, 500; Lake Shore, 56,670; Northwestern, 1,090; Northwestern preferred, 2,150; Rock Island, 22,800; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 1,200; Milwaukee and St. Paul preferred, 16,850; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 31,310; New Jersey Central, 521; Delaware and Hudson Canal, 3,825; Morris and Essex, 3,400; Michigan Central, 5,890; Illinois Central, 2,596; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 1,700; Ohio and Mississippi 100; Panama, 100; Western Union, 82,820; Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, 250; Pacific Mail, 6,125.

OPENING, HIGHEST AND LOWEST.

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

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.
N. Y. Cen. and Hud. R. RR.	92⅝	93⅝	91⅝
Erie	6⅝	6⅞	6⅝
Lake Shore	50⅛	52½	50⅛
Northwestern	19¼	20⅜	19¼
Northwestern preferred	43⅜	44¾	43⅜
Rock Island	90½	92¼	90½
Milwaukee and St. Paul	17½	18½	17½
Mil. and St. Paul pref.	46¾	47⅞	46¾
Del., Lack. and Western	48¾	51¾	48¾
Western Union	61½	62¾	60⅞
Pacific Mail	21½	22¼	20¾
Panama	94⅞	94⅞	94⅞

CLOSING PRICES—3 P. M.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
N Y Central	93½	93¾	Illinois Cen	55½	56
Harlem	136⅝	137	C, C, C & I	—	2
Erie	6¾	7	Han & St Jo	12	12½
Lake Shore	52⅝	52¾	H & St J pref.	22½	—
Northwestern	20¼	20½	Ohio & Miss	4⅝	4¾
Northwest pref	44¼	44½	Panama	95	—
Rock Island	92	92¾	Western Union	62⅜	62¾
Fort Wayne	95	97	At & Pac Tel	20¾	21
Mil & St Paul	18½	19	Pacific Mail	22	22½
M & St P pref	47½	47¾	Quicksilver	14	15
Pittsburg	85	86	Quick pref	21½	22¼
Del., L. & W.	51½	51¾	Adams Ex	97	98
N Y Central	93½	93¾	Wells-Fargo	83	84
Del & Hudson	47¼	47½	American Ex	51½	52½
Morris & Ess	77	77½	United States	41	41½
Mich Central	43	43½			

ADVANCE AND DECLINE.

The following shows the advance and decline in the closing prices of the principal active stocks to-day as compared with those of yesterday:—

ADVANCE.—Western Union, 1½; New York Central, 1⅜; Lake Shore, 1⅜; Illinois Central, ¾; Northwestern, 1¼; do. preferred, ⅝; New Jersey Central, ⅝; Rock Island, 1½; St. Paul, ⅝; do. preferred, ½; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 3½; Morris and Essex, 4; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 1½; do. preferred, 2; Delaware and Hudson, 2; Michigan Central, 1½; Pacific Mail, ¾.

DECLINE.—Wabash, ¼; C., C. and I. C., ⅜.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The money market was again very easy to-day, money on call lending at 2 a 2½ per cent and closing at the same figures. The following were the rates of exchange on New York at the undermentioned cities to-day:—Savannah, 5-16 premium; Charleston, ⅜ a 1-5 a ¼ premium; St. Louis, 1-10 premium; Cincinnati steady, buying par, selling 1-10; New Orleans, commercial 9-32, bank ⅜, and Chicago par. Foreign exchange is steady, with actual business at 4.87 a 4.87½ for bankers' sixty days sterling and 4.89½ a 4.90 for demand, the nominal asking rates remaining at 4.88 for long and 4.90½ for sight drafts.

THE GOLD MARKET.

Gold opened and closed at 106⅞, with sales in the interval at 106⅝. The carrying rates were 1½, 2, 2½ and 3 per cent. Loans were also made flat.

Gold clearings at the National Bank of the State of New York:—

Gold balances	$964,700
Currency balances	1,075,201
Gold cleared	15,457,000

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$71,168,346
Currency balances	3,489,406
Gold exchanges	6,335,406
Gold balances	942,946

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Government bonds were firm and closed steady at the following quotations:—United States currency sixes, 124⅜ a 125¼; do. do., 1881, registered, 113½ a 113¾; do. do., do., coupon, 114⅜ a 114¾; do. do., 1885, registered, 108; do. do., do., coupon, 108; do. do., do., new, registered, 110½ a 110¾; do. do., do. do., coupon, 110½ a 110¾; do. do., 1867, registered, 113½ a 113¾; do. do., do., coupon, 113¼ a 113½; do. do., 1868, registered, 115¼ a 115½; do. do., do., coupon, 115¼ a 115½; do., ten-forties, registered, 112¼ a 112⅜; do. do., coupon, 113 a 113¼; do. fives, 1881, registered, 111¼ a 111½; do. do., do., coupon, 111½ a 111¾; do., 4½'s, 1891, registered, 108½ a 108¾.

DRY GOODS IMPORTS.

The imports of dry goods at this port for the week ending to-day were $1,261,231, and the amount marketed $1,371,514. The total imports of dry goods at the port since January 1, this year, were $33,921,287, and the total amount marketed $34,678,999.

THE FOREIGN MARKET.

The London advices report a comparatively heavy decline (⅛ per cent) in consols, with United States bonds irregular, 1867's and ten-forties being a fraction higher—both selling at 108½ a 108¾—and old 1865's and new fives being a shade lower. In American railway shares Erie advanced to 7 for the common and 16½ for the preferred. New York Central was steady at 90 and Illinois Central declined 1½ per cent. Paris rentes were 32½c. lower. The closing prices in London were:—Consols for money and on account, 98⅝; five-twenty bonds of 1865, old, 102¾ a 102⅞; do., 1867, 108¾ a 108¼; ten-forty bonds, 108⅛ a 108¼; new fives, 105⅞ a 106; Erie common shares, 7; do. preferred, 16½; New York Central, 90; Illinois Central, 52. A later despatch quotes Illinois Central at 51½. In Paris rentes closed at 102f. 95c., and exchange on London at 25f. 12½c.

STATE BONDS.

State bonds were dull. Louisiana sevens, consolidated, were ⅛ lower and District of Columbia, after declining ⅛, to 74½, recovered to 74¾.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Railroad bonds were active and generally higher, with the following changes in prices compared with last previous sales:—An advance of ⅜ in New Jersey Central firsts, new, and Ohio and Mississippi consolidated sinking funds; ¼ in Morris and Essex firsts, consolidated; Union Pacific sinking funds and Delaware and Hudson registered bonds of '91; ⅜ in Milwaukee and St. Paul consolidated sinking funds, New York Central sixes of 1883, Harlem firsts, sevens, coupons, and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy sevens, and ⅝ in Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific sevens and Central Pacific gold bonds. There was a decline of ⅛ in Milwaukee and St. Paul firsts (La Crosse division) and Canada Southern firsts (coupon on), and ¼ in Lehigh and Wilkesbarre consolidated and Chicago and Northwestern consolidated.

BANK SHARES.

The sales of city bank shares were:—City at 205 (ex dividend), Fourth National at 99¾ and Shoe and Leather at 119.

MINING SHARES.

The following were the closing prices in San Francisco to-day:—

Alpha	11	Justice	6
Belcher	5	Kentuck	3¼
Best & Belcher	15⅝	Leopard	1
Bullion	2⅝	Mexican	1
Con. Virginia	31½	Northern Belle	14½
California	31½	Overman	13
Chollar	51⅝	Ophir	12½
Confidence	3	Raymond & Ely	3¼
Caledonia	2	Silver Hill	13¼
Crown Point	5¾	Savage	4
Exchequer	2¾	Seg. Belcher	17
Gould & Curry	5⅛	Sierra Nevada	2¼
Hale & Norcross	2	Union consolidated	3
Imperial	1	Yellow Jacket	5¾
Julin consolidated	1	Eureka con	16¼

The sales of mining shares in New York as officially reported were:—

FIRST BOARD—11 A. M.

200 shs Bullion	s10 3	100 shs Eureka	b30 16¾
200 Caledonia	b30 2	100 Gould & Curry	s10 5
200 do	b30 2	200 Hale & Nor	s30 2
100 do	s30 1⅞	100 Hukill	c 3⅞
50 California	32⅛	100 Kentuck	s10 2¼
200 Chollar Potosi	s10 34½	100 Mexican	s10 1
100 Con Im Min Co	s10 1⅛	100 Ophir	s10 13
100 Con Virginia	s30 30	200 Overman	s10 14
100 do	b30 30	200 Savage	s10 4
100 Confidence	3⅛	300 do	b30 4½
200 do	s30 3	100 Seaton con	bc 4⅜
300 Crown Point	s30 5¾	100 do	bc 4⅜
100 Exchequer	s10 2½	100 do	bc 4⅜
100 Eureka	s10 16	200 do	bc 4¾

SECOND BOARD—1:30 P. M.

200 shs Cleveland	bc 7	100 shs Mexican	b60 6⅛
200 do	7	100 Overman	s10 13⅛
100 do	7	100 do	b30 13⅛
5 Con Virginia	36	300 Seaton	bc 4⅜
200 Hukill	bc c 3¼	100 do	bc 4⅜
100 Mexican	s10 6¼	100 do	bc 4⅜
100 do	b30 6⅜		

SALES AFTER CALL.

100 shs Seaton	b3 4⅜	100 shs Seaton	4⅜
100 do	4⅜	100 do	4½
100 do	4⅜	100 do	b5 4½
100 do	4⅜	100 do	4½
100 do	sbw 4⅜	200 Hukill	3¾
100 do	s5 4⅜		

The following is the official report of sales at the New York Open Stock and Gold Exchange, May 4, 1877:—

FIRST CALL—9:40 A. M.

$10000 Am gold	b4 106⅞	100 shs Lake Shore	b3 50⅝
200 shs Erie	6⅞	100 Western Union	61½
100 do	b3 6⅞	100 Western Union	s3 61½
500 Lake Shore	50½	100 Ohio & Miss	s3 4⅜

SECOND CALL—12.30 P. M.

$50000 Am gold	b4 106⅞	100 shs Lake Shore	s3 51⅝
100 Lake Shore	51⅝	500 do	51⅝
100 do	b3 51⅝	100 Western Union	61⅝

THIRD CALL—3:15 P. M.

100 shs Erie	6⅞	300 shs Western Union	62⅜
100 Ohio & Miss	4⅝	100 do	s3 62⅜
100 N Cen	93½	100 Del, L & W	51⅝
200 Lake Shore	52⅛	200 St Paul pref	s5 47⅜
100 do	s3 52⅛	100 do	47⅜
100 Mich Cen	s3 53	100 Rock Island	92⅜
100 Lake Shore	b3 52⅝	100 do	92⅜
200 do	52⅝		

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

FRIDAY, May 4, 1877.

BEFORE CALL—10 A. M.

$2000 NW cg b	88¼	200 shs Rock Island	90⅛
500 shs Del & Hud	45⅛	700 do	90⅛
100 do	45⅛	300 do	90⅛
100 do	46	600 do	90⅜
700 do	45⅞	100 do	c 90⅜
1000 Lake Shore	50⅛	500 do	90⅜
1500 do	50⅛	300 do	90⅜
1200 do	50⅛	100 do	90⅜
500 do	50⅛	200 do	90⅜
1700 do	50⅛	400 St Paul	17⅞
1200 Western Union	61⅞	100 St Paul pref	46⅞
1600 do	61⅞	300 do	46⅞
200 do	s3 61⅞	400 do	46⅞
300 do	s3 61⅞	500 do	46⅞
300 do	c 61⅞	200 do	46⅞
2000 do	61⅞	800 do	46⅞
1000 do	61⅞	100 do	46⅞
400 do	61⅞	100 do	46⅞
100 do	61⅞	500 do	46⅞
25 do	61⅞	200 do	46⅞
25 do	s10 61⅞	200 do	46⅞
300 Morris & Essex	72½	400 do	46⅞
300 Pacific Mail	21⅛	800 do	46⅞
50 do	20⅞	400 do	46⅞
300 do	21	100 Mich Central	41⅛
200 do	20⅞	100 do	s3 41⅛
100 do	20⅞	100 do	41⅛
500 do	21	200 do	41⅛
100 Northwestern	s3 19⅛	1200 Illinois Central	54⅛
40 do	19⅛	100 do	55
100 do	19⅛	100 Del, Lack & West	48⅞
100 do	19⅛	200 do	c 49
100 do	19⅛	100 do	48⅞
300 NW pref	s3 43⅞	400 do	49
200 do	43⅞	10 do	48⅞
50 do	44	700 do	49⅛
100 do	43⅞	700 do	49⅛
100 N Y C & Hud R	92⅞	600 do	49⅛
100 do	92	100 do	s3 49⅛
600 do	91⅞	400 do	49⅛
100 do	92⅛	200 do	c 49⅛
200 do	92⅛	100 do	49⅛
100 do	92⅛	100 do	49⅛

10:45 AND 1:30 A. M.

$1000 US 6's '81, r	be 113⅝	$6000 US 5's, 10-40, r	112⅜
11000 US 5-20s, r, '65, n	110⅛	30000 do	be 112⅜
10500 US 5-20s, c, '65, n	110⅛	30000 US 5's, '81, r	b3 111⅛
10000 US 5-20s, r, '67	113⅛	100000 US 4½, '91, r	108½

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$10000 Louisiana 7's, c	77	50 shs Un Pac RR	be 65
5000 do	76¾	50 Clev & P RR, c	be 86
1000 do	be 76¾	100 Mich Cen RR	be, c 41⅞
5000 Dis of Col 3-65s	74½	100 do	41⅞
2000 Bur, C R & N 1st	45	200 do	41⅞
2000 Chic, B & Q 8's	115	200 do	41⅞
9000 C, B & Q con 7's	109¾	100 do	41⅞
20000 C, B & Q 5's, s f	89⅛	300 do	41⅞
1000 do	89⅛	100 do	41⅞
5000 C, R I & Pac 7's	108⅞	1600 L S & Mich So	be 50⅛
5000 N J Cen 1st, n	108	100 do	s3 50⅛
2000 do	108¼	600 do	50⅛
1000 Lehigh & We	29½	1300 do	s3 50⅛
1000 M & St P 1st, Ld div	100½	100 do	s3 50⅛
39000 Mil & St P con 7's	84¾	200 do	50⅛
12000 Chic & NW con	104	500 do	50⅛
1000 Chi & NW 1st m	105⅛	400 do	50⅛
1000 Chic & Mil 1st	106½	1600 do	50⅛
1000 do	107⅞	2000 do	50⅛
2000 Ind & Ill 7's, '71	96	1100 do	50⅛
1000 Mor & Es 1st, c	90	1500 do	b3 51⅛
12000 do	90⅛	1500 do	51⅛
5000 do	90⅞	50 Illinois Central	be 54⅞
1000 Mich Cen 7's	100	210 do	55
9000 do	b3 100	100 do	55⅛
2000 N Y Cen 6's, '83	102¼	80 do	55⅛
6000 Har 1st m 7's, s f	117⅛	100 do	55⅞
1000 Cen Pacific g b	108⅝	100 Chi & NW	be, s3 79⅞
15000 Union Pac 1st m	104⅞	10 do	79⅞
5000 U Pacific s f	b3 93⅛	100 Chi & NW pref	be 84
2000 Pacific of Mo 2d	85⅞	100 do	s10 84⅞
1000 Col, C & I C 1st	29	100 do	s4 84⅞
3000 Ala & T H 1st	90	200 do	s3 84
3000 Del & H r g, '91	97	5 N Jersey Cen	be 8⅞
2000 do	97¼	300 do	8⅞
2000 do	be 98⅞	200 Chic & R I RR	be 90⅛
12000 O & Miss c s f	b3 88	700 do	90⅛
2000 do	88	1000 do	90⅛
4000 Can So 1 m, c s	90⅝	700 do	90⅛
12 shs City Bank ex d	205	100 do	90⅛
6 Fourth Nat Bank	99⅝	1700 do	91
8 Shoe & Leather Bk	119	100 do	c 91⅛
100 Maryland C Co	be 10	100 do	91⅛
150 At & Pac Tel	be 20	600 do	s3 91
1000 West Un Tel	be 61⅞	200 do	91⅛
100 do	61⅞	1700 do	91⅛
100 do	c 61⅞	400 do	91⅛
700 do	61⅞	100 N Jersey So	be, s3 91⅛
1000 do	61⅞	100 Chic, Mil & St P	c 17⅞
2100 do	61⅞	100 do	46⅞
1200 do	61⅞	200 C, M & St P pf	be 46⅞
1000 do	61⅞	100 do	s3 46⅞
2800 do	61⅞	100 do	46⅞
2,000 do	s3 61⅞	100 do	b3 46⅞
1200 do	61	100 do	46⅞
500 do	60⅞	400 do	46⅞
2600 do	61	800 do	46⅞
1100 do	61⅞	100 do	46⅞
100 do	61⅞	500 do	46⅞
25 do	61⅞	200 do	46⅞
25 do	s10 61⅞	200 do	46⅞
300 Morris & Essex	72½	400 do	46⅞
300 Pacific Mail	21⅛	800 do	46⅞
50 do	20⅞	400 do	46⅞
300 do	21	100 Mich Central	41⅛
200 do	20⅞	100 do	s3 41⅛
100 do	20⅞	100 do	41⅛
500 do	21	200 do	41⅛
100 Northwestern	s3 19⅛	1200 Illinois Central	54⅛
40 do	19⅛	100 do	55
100 do	19⅛	100 Del, Lack & West	48⅞
100 do	19⅛	200 do	c 49
300 NW pref	s3 43⅞	400 do	48⅞
200 do	43⅞	10 do	48⅞
50 do	44	700 do	49⅛
100 do	43⅞	700 do	49⅛
100 N Y C & Hud R	92⅞	600 do	49⅛
100 do	92	100 do	s3 49⅛
600 do	91⅞	400 do	49⅛
100 do	92⅛	200 do	c 49⅛
200 do	92⅛	100 do	49⅛
100 do	92⅛	100 do	49⅛
200 Pac M SS Co	be 21⅛	100 do	49⅛
100 do	21⅛	10 do	49⅛
400 do	21	100 do	49⅛
300 do	c 21	100 do	49⅛
300 do	21⅛	400 do	49⅛
200 do	21⅛	500 do	49⅛
100 N Y Cen & Hud	92⅞	300 do	49⅛
500 do	92⅞	100 do	c 50
100 do	92	400 do	49⅞
100 do	s3 91⅞	100 Morris & Es RR	be 73½
50 do	92	100 do	s30 72
200 do	91⅞	200 do	73⅛
200 do	91⅞	500 do	74
100 do	s3 91⅞	100 do	74⅛
100 do	s3 91⅞	25 New Jersey RR	be 133
100 do	91⅞	7 do	132⅛
200 do	92	27 P, Ft W & C g b	s3 96
310 do	92⅞	25 do	95¼
900 do	92⅞	100 Chi, B & Q RR	be 100⅛
100 do	92⅞	100 Harlem RR	be 137

BEFORE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$500 U S 5-20 c, '67	113⅛	800 shs Lake Shore	51⅝
500 U S c s f, '81	111⅛	1000 do	51⅝
500 U S c s f, '81	111⅛	2000 do	51⅝
1000 St L & I M 1st	97	2000 do	52
3000 M & St J 7-10	95	600 do	52⅛
26000 N Y Cent 1st c	118⅛	200 Erie Railway	6⅝
2000 Cen Pac, S J B	87	300 St Paul pref	46⅞
100 shs Del & Hudson	46⅛	200 do	47
100 do	46⅛	300 do	47⅛
100 Quicksilver pref	21⅛	100 do	47⅛
100 Quicksilver	22	100 do	47⅛
100 Mar L & M Cal	5	700 do	47⅛
1000 Western Union	61⅛	300 do	47⅛
800 do	61⅛	80 do	47⅛
200 do	61⅛	100 Morris & Essex	74½
100 Pacific Mail	21⅛	100 do	76
600 do	b3 21⅛	100 do	76
400 Rock Island	91⅛	1800 Del, Lack & West	50
200 do	91⅛	700 do	49⅞
400 do	91⅛	300 do	50
700 N Y C & Hudson	92⅛	200 do	50⅛
300 do	92⅛	500 do	50⅛
5 do	92⅛	400 do	50⅛
100 do	92⅛	100 do	c 50⅛
200 do	92⅛	800 do	50
100 do	92⅛	100 do	50⅛
100 do	93	20 do	50⅛
100 Mich Central	41⅛	100 do	50⅛
200 do	42	400 do	50⅛
300 do	42⅛	100 do	50⅛
300 do	42⅛	100 Northwestern pref	44⅛
900 Lake Shore	51⅛	100 do	44⅛
2200 do	51⅛	100 Illinois Central	s3 55⅛
500 do	s3 51⅛	200 Han & St Jo	10⅛
1200 do	51⅛	250 St Louis & Iron M	5

2 P. M.

$3400 U S 5-20, r, '65, n	110⅛	$16000 U S 5-20, r, '68	115⅛
6900 U S 5-20, c, '65, n	110⅛	1000 U S 5's, 10-40, c	113
60000 U S 5-20, r, '67	113⅛	4500 U S 5's, c, 1881	111⅛

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$1000 Mo 6's, S & S, '87's	106⅛	50 shs LS & MS RR	51⅝
3000 Albany & Sus 2d	75⅝	900 do	52⅛
8000 NJ Cen, con	55	800 do	52⅛
4000 M & St P 1st, Ld div	101	2000 do	52⅛
25000 Chi & NW con	104⅛	1200 do	52
10000 Un Pacific 1st	104⅝	60 Un Pac RR	be 66
6000 Un Pac 7's, 1 g	100⅛	200 Ill Cen RR	be 55⅛
7000 Pac of Mo 1st, be	90⅛	100 do	55⅛
5000 Del & H reg, '91	98	100 Panama RR	be 94⅞
100 shs Quicksilver Min	15	50 Chi & NW RR	be 79⅞
100 do	14⅛	200 do	79⅞
100 Del & H Canal	be 47	300 do	79⅞
100 do	46⅞	500 Chi & NW RR pfd	44½
100 do	46⅛	100 NJ Cen RR	be 8⅛
100 Mar L & Min	be 530	100 do	8⅛
100 West Un Tel	be, s3 61⅞	1100 Chi & RI RR	be 92
400 do	61⅞	600 do	92⅛
1800 do	62	200 do	92⅛
600 do	62⅛	400 do	92⅛
1200 do	62⅛	400 do	92
1100 do	62⅛	600 do	91⅞
1100 do	62⅛	400 do	91⅞
1200 do	62⅛	500 do	91⅞
1500 do	62	100 do	91⅞
100 do	61⅞	1100 do	92
2000 do	61⅞	100 do	91⅞
800 do	61⅞	1000 do	91⅞
1000 do	61⅞	300 C, M & St P RR	be 48⅛
100 do	s3 62⅛	300 C, M & St P RR pf	be 47⅞
100 do	62⅛	100 do	47⅞
100 do	62⅛	100 do	47⅞
100 do	62⅛	300 Mor & Essex RR	76⅞
100 do	62⅛	100 do	be 76⅞
100 do	62⅛	100 do	76
100 do	62⅛	700 Del, L & W RR	be 50⅛
100 do	62⅛	100 do	50⅛
100 do	62⅛	100 do	50⅛
100 do	42	1200 do	50⅞
100 do	42⅛	300 do	51
100 do	42⅛	200 do	s10 50⅛
200 do	42⅛	100 do	50⅞
200 do	42⅛	200 do	50⅛
100 Erie RR	be 6⅛	200 do	50⅛
200 do	6⅞	300 do	s3 50⅛
2520 LS & MS RR	be 52	300 do	50⅛
2500 do	52⅛	600 do	50⅛
200 do	b3 52⅛	100 do	50⅛
500 do	52⅛	100 do	50⅛
1800 do	52	1900 do	50⅛
500 do	s3 51⅞	600 do	50⅛
1900 do	s3 51⅞	900 do	50⅛
700 do	51⅞	700 do	50⅛
500 do	51⅞	100 St L, KC & N RR	be 4
500 do	52		

2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$5000 Dis Col 3-65's	74⅛	50 shs Ill Cen RR	55⅛
2000 shs C P, St J	87⅛	200 do	55⅛
100 Del & Hud Canal	47⅛	200 Northwest pf	s3 44⅛
100 do	47⅛	100 do	44⅛
300 do	47⅛	34 C, C, C & I RR	29⅛
300 West Un Tel	62⅛	200 Rock Island RR	91⅞
500 do	62⅛	200 do	91⅞
700 do	62⅛	2200 do	b3 92
700 do	62⅛	1000 do	92
900 do	62⅛	16 N J Cen RR	7⅛
1300 do	62⅛	200 St Paul RR	s3 18⅛
400 do	s3 62⅛	200 do	18⅛
800 do	b3 62⅛	100 St Paul RR pf	47⅞
1800 do	62⅛	200 do	b3 47⅞
600 do	62⅛	100 do	47⅞
400 N Y C & HR RR	93⅛	200 do	47⅞
100 do	b3 93⅛	400 Del, L & W RR	50⅛
100 Mich Cen RR	42⅛	600 do	51
400 do	42⅛	200 do	51⅛
200 do	42⅛	200 do	51⅛
200 do	42⅛	500 do	51⅛
200 do	42⅛	500 do	51⅛
100 do	43	400 do	51⅛
100 do	43	300 do	51⅛
100 do	43	1300 do	51⅛
100 Lake Shore RR	52	100 St Paul RR pf	47⅞
2600 do	52⅛	100 Mor & Es RR	76⅞
1000 do	b3 52⅛	500 do	77
40 do	52⅛	200 Han & St J RR	11⅞
100 do	s3 52⅛	100 do	b3 11⅞
500 do	52⅛	300 do	12

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

COTTON ON THE SPOT FIRM; FUTURES CLOSED STRONG—FLOUR FIRMER—WHEAT HIGHER—CORN FIRMER—OATS HIGHER—WHISKEY NOMINAL—PORK AND LARD UNCHANGED—PETROLEUM QUIET—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE QUIET—ROSIN QUIET—OILS QUIET—COFFEE FIRM—SUGAR VERY STRONG—FREIGHTS MORE ACTIVE AND FIRMER.

FRIDAY, May 4—6 P. M.

There has been altogether less excitement in the merchandise markets during the past week than during its predecessor, although there has been a more general movement in trade commodities affected by the war, and more especially those articles imported from the countries actually at war and those contiguous thereto, the supplies of which are likely to be curtailed by the war. A glance at the review below will show the material changes which have occurred in those articles, as also the actual condition of the markets at the present writing, and the market value of all such. The late excitement in breadstuffs seems to have worn itself out until today—at all events there was but little evidence of it during the week, some such as was to be found in the enhanced values, as compared with the prices current before the outbreak of the war—albeit there has been a considerable reduction from the extreme prices of a week ago to-day (Friday). There was a renewal of the excitement, although there was not so much of it, nor so great changes. Flour was firmer. Wheat recovered 5c. of its decline. Corn was firm and fairly active. Oats active and higher. Whiskey nominal. Pork and lard without decided change. Freights were more active. Cotton on the spot was firm. Futures closed strong. Coffee was firm and sugar was strong. Oils, petroleum and naval stores were quiet.

ASHES were quiet at 5c. for pots and 6¾c. a 7c. for pearls.

ANTIMONY remained quiet at 12½c. a 13c., gold, for regulus.

BEESWAX was steady, but quiet at 33c. a 34c. for Western and Southern.

BROOMCORN was quiet, but unchanged. Quoted at 3½c. a 5c. for red tipped, 5c. a 6c. for medium and 6c. a 7c. for choice green.

COFFEE.—The market for Rio was firm. We note sales of 1,794 bags Rio, ex Carrie Purington; 2,180 bags ex Johann; 2,000 do., ex Olbers; 1,321 do. Santos, ex do., and 1,170 do. Rio, ex Messina, all on private terms. Sales at Baltimore were 1,600 bags Rio, ex David Stewart, at 14c. for common, and 533 do. ex Winnefred, at 19c. for barely fair. Mild coffee was firm. We quote:—ordinary cargoes, 16½c. a 17c.; fair do., 19½c. a 19¾c.; good do., 19¾c. a 20c.; prime do., 20½c. a 20¾c.; extreme range for lots, 17