FINANCE AND TRADE.

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FINANCE.

Local money matters have not changed materially during the past week. Owing to an unlooked for activity in cotton there was a few days when currency was close with some of our banks, but it lasted only a day or two. Liberal receipts by express and an active demand for exchange from wholesale and retail dealers generally has characterized the week. Many of our dry goods houses are remitting heavily at this season. Exchange is firm as follows:

	Buying.	Selling
New York	½ dis.	par@⅛ dis.
New England	½ dis.	" "
St. Louis	½ "	"
Cincinnati	½ "	"
Louisville	½ "	"
New Orleans	¼@½ "	½@1 dis.

The New York gold market has been tending downwards during the week. On the 1st of January the Government will disburse about $32,000,000, and as that amount must necessarily affect the market to a considerable extent, buyers are holding off for lower prices. Until then there will be no speculative demand. It is hoped that after the holidays Congress will seriously take hold of the questions of taxation and finance. The New York gold market to-[illegible] closed at 134¼c. We have no demand to report except for shipment, and buyers are expecting a light shipping margin of say ¼@1c on Eastern quotations.

City Bonds appear to be more active as interest day approaches. We have a sale to report which occurred late on Saturday of $10,000 paving at 52½c. 52¾c was offered for $10,000 plain to-day and refused. $25,000 paving sold to-day at 52c. Other negotiations were on foot during the day at about the same figures.

County Warrants are decidedly firm but they do not advance. Brokers buy at 77c and sell at 78@80c. The demand will be better to-morrow and until Friday, the last day of grace.

City Scrip is steady, with no sales of any moment to note. Speculators take all they can find at 79@80c. Dealers sell to taxpayers at 82@85c.

Police Scrip is firm at 93@94c, buying. Selling at 95@96c.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to-day there were thirteen members present. As it takes fifteen for a quorum there was nothing done. We would not mention the meeting at all except to raise our voice against those gentlemen who so far forgot themselves and neglected their business as to be present. To be sure trade was not active and there was nothing to do them at their places of business, it shows such utter rockiceseness—such want of dignity—such a progressive spirit—such innovation upon good old mercantile ideas—such an apeing after the ways of live, go-ahead cities, that it would be frowned down, and it will be for these indiscreet individuals if they are not put down as doubtful in future mercantile reports. We would suggest an indignation meeting by the old men on Sunday next. We propose to do nothing, knowing that they could not spare the necessary time during the visit of the Mexican maritime congress for the first six months of next year. Or, if our customhouses to $150,000 per annum, commercial travelers was to stay in the Astor House, for the purpose of securing the present obnoxious law, various cities and towns was appointed to [illegible] in order to test the legality of laws with reference to foreigners.

Nor currency there is [illegible] more than $350,000 of the [illegible] currency represent the clearing [illegible] who paid on [illegible] to the United States in 1867. [illegible]

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Peoria (Ill.) Demo[illegible] from a ge[illegible] Bloomingt[illegible] of the parents [illegible] about four [illegible] eight miles [illegible] started in a [illegible] that place, [illegible] remely cold [illegible] in to the [illegible] straw, at [illegible] the parent [illegible] Fair receipts [illegible] Selling at 35c. [illegible] comfort [illegible] CABBAGES—Fair supply, Crates 35@40c, [illegible] per hundred $2@3.5. [illegible] CHEESE—Stock fair and prices are stiffening [illegible] factory, 18c, 20c; English Dairy, 18@20c; Western Reserve, 17@18c; English Goosen, [illegible] passed away [illegible] while the [illegible] COFFEE—There is a very good demand, and [illegible] prices are firm. We quote Common to Fair Rio at 21@23c, in lots of 10 to 25 sacks; [illegible] death [illegible] CORNMEAL—Market dull. Fresh $3 75@4 00 [illegible] [illegible] COTTON—171 sacks sold on levee at 25c. Ever[illegible] [illegible] 100 sacks sold; 35 sacks on [illegible]. Market dull [illegible] [illegible] FRUIT—Dried Apples, 7@8c; Peaches, 20@25c; [illegible] [illegible] half boxes $3 00@3; quarter boxes $1 75@2; [illegible] 20@30c; almonds 20@22c; pecans 20@25c. [illegible] OIL—We have no change to note in [illegible] Low grades are very firm and scarce; [illegible] they brands are in fair supply. Prices [illegible] Super Ext $8 25; XXXX $8 50; [illegible] XXX and fancy $10@11. We quote a [illegible] 1000 barrels "Pocket Mills" at 18c. [illegible] Mississippi Goodwin's Wenlock, 7½c; [illegible] round; Sodus Hazlite, [illegible]. Wild Turkeys 12. Wild Geese 10@11. Ducks $1 50@[illegible] Quails $2@2 25; Squirrels $3@3 25. [illegible] Held at $27 on levee; $25 from store. [illegible] Green Apples; Sale Hazlite; Dry Pears at 25c; Dried Plums, green, 12@15c; [illegible] Hogs active and rather scarce. [illegible] there is a fair stock on hand [illegible] selling at 6@7c as to [illegible] [illegible] City rendered in [illegible] Country in tierces [illegible] 22@23; oakdale [illegible] and stock [illegible] only [illegible] and [illegible] "Ice" is [illegible] [illegible] Hogs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]