FINANCE AND TRADE.

THE BANKS were the quietest places in town yesterday, a natural consequence of "ten Sundays" having come together. Exchange was steady at the existing rates, quoting New York buying at ¼ discount, selling at par; New England sight ⅛, demand same as New York, both selling at par. The holidays have, of course, slackened the demand for money, but it is still fair; for short periods the rate is 10 per cent., for longer time 8 per cent. The event actively in this department may be judged of from the fact that the loans of one bank alone amount to nearly a million—or, more exactly, to $985,500. This shows a much more active state of things than existed when money sought the banks and rested there, although offered at almost nominal rates. Gold quoted 107⅛ in New York, and our brokers would give the same for lots; $500 was taken at 107. The New York *Bulletin*, of Monday, said: "What the effects of the present taxes really are upon banking in this city may be judged from the fact that two national banks with a combined capital of $3,000,000 have received on withdrawing $2,000,000 of that sum, and that three others with a total of $16,500,000 capital have in contemplation a like course. This driving of capital out of banking is a direct and most serious injury to the trade of the whole city and to every class dependent upon it." Nothing reported of local scrips or stocks.

	Buying.	Selling.
Memphis gold bonds	—@—	—@—
Memphis ledger bal., 1874	45—@48	50—@52
Memphis ledger bal., 1875	75—@80	88—@90
Memphis ledger bal., 1876	—@85	88—@90
Memphis currency bonds	—@30	—@35
Memphis gas stock	—@—	—@—
Shelby county warrants	—@94	98—@97
Bluff City Insurance	40—@—	42½@—
Phœnix Insurance	35—@—	—@—
Merchants Insurance stock	—@20	—@—
Memphis City Insurance	—@14½	—@—

THE COTTON MARKET yesterday had the advantage of receiving all the regular telegrams; notwithstanding the warlike appearance of events in Europe, Liverpool retains the quotations that existed before Christmas. New York was firm and strong, and the general appearance of the markets was good, with an advance of ⅛c in New York. It is noticeable, however, that Liverpool imports were large, 36,000 bales. In our market the opening was quiet and steady, but as the day advanced, and telegrams showed favorably, the demand grew more active. At the close quotations were firm, with most factors holding higher and making but light offerings.

	Yesterday.	Day Before.
Ordinary	—@ 9½	—@ 9½
Good ordinary	—@10½	—@10½
Low middling	11—@11½	11—@11½
Middling	—@11⅝	—@11⅝
Good middling	—@11¾	—@11¾
Middling fair	—@12⅛	—@12⅛

The market was firm, held higher. Sales, 2400 bales, of which exporters took 1400; spinners, 900; speculators, 100 bales.

COTTON STATEMENT.

COTTON EXCHANGE, December 27.

Stock September 1, 1876		5,403
Received since last statement	1,494	
Received previously	273,088	274,582
		279,985
Shipped since last statement	1,494	
Shipped previously	187,291	188,655
Stock at noon this day		91,330

IMPORTS.

Thus far this week	12,075
Thus far last week	10,595
Received previously	274,582
Memphis and Charleston railroad	744
Mississippi and Tennessee railroad	405
Louisville, Nashville and G'l Southern R. R.	45
Estimated per wagons and other sources	300
Total receipts to-day	1,494

EXPORTS.

Thus far this week	6,199
Thus far last week	6,742
Since September 1st	188,655
Memphis and Charleston railroad	199
Memphis and Tennessee railroad	703
Louisville, Nashville and G'l Southern R. R.	372
By rail north	571
By rail south	793
Total shipments to-day	1,364

The following are the official telegrams of the condition of the domestic markets as received at the cotton exchange:

Latest Telegrams.	State of Market.	Receipts.	Sales.	Price Middling.
Galveston	Quiet.	3,039	.....	11½
New Orleans	Steady.	1,584	.....	11⅝
Mobile	Steady.	537	.....	11¼
Savannah	Easy.	3,402	.....	11⅝
Charleston	Steady.	4,016	.....	12
Wilmington	Steady.	306	.....	11⅝
Norfolk	Firm.	2,252	.....	11½
Baltimore	Firm.	.....	.....	12⅛
New York	Dull.	2,300	.....	12⅛
Boston	Quiet.	966	.....	12⅛
Philadelphia	.....	175	.....	.....
St. Louis	Unch'gd	1,344	.....	.....
Augusta	Quiet.	1,559	.....	11⅝@11¾

Yesterday's New York closing telegram reports: Ordinary, 10½c; good ordinary, 11½c; low middling, 11⅞c; middling, 12⅛c; good middling, 12⅜c. Tone of the market: At 10:30, dull; 12:30, firm; 2:00, steady at ⅛c higher; 3:10, steady. Sales, 171 bales.

The following are the closing rates in New York futures for yesterday and the day before:

Months.	Yesterday.	Day before.
Jan.	12⅛@12 9-16	12 7-16@12⅝
Feb.	12 13-16@12⅞	12⅝@12 13-16
March	13 1-16@13⅛	13@13 1-16
April	13 5-16@13⅜	13 3-16@13⅜
May	13 9-16@13 11-16	13 7-16@13 9-16
June	13⅝@13 15-16	13 9-16@13⅝
July	13 15-16@13⅞	13¾
Aug.	13⅞@13 15-16	13 13-16@13⅞
Sept.	13 9-16@13 11-16	13⅝@13 9-16
Oct.	13¼@13⅜	13⅜@13½
Nov.	.....	.....
Dec.	12⅞@12 9-16	12⅞@12 7-16

Sales, 22,000 bales. The tone of the market at 10-15, easy; 11-15, firm; 12-15, firm; 1-30, strong; 2-30, strong; 3-15, firm.

New Orleans yesterday quoted middling at 11⅝c at the close; receipts, 1854 bales; sales, 3000 bales. The market closed active and strong.

Yesterday's Liverpool closing telegram reports: Uplands, 6 9-16d; Orleans, 6¾d. Sales, 12,000 bales; American, 6900 bales. Received, 36,000 bales; American, 18,000 bales. The market was active and firmer.

Yesterday's Liverpool telegrams reported arrivals 1-32d lower; *delivery*, March and April, 6 21-32d; April and May, 6 23-32d; *shipment*, November, 6½-32d, 6 17-32d; *delivery*, December, 6 15-32d; February and March, 6 19-32d. At 3:05, *delivery*, January and February, 6 17-32d; *shipment*, February and March, 6 25-32d, March and April, 6 27-32d. At 4:30, *delivery*, March and April, 6 11-16d; *shipment*, November and December, 6 17-32d and 6 9-16d. At 5:10, arrivals were firmer; *delivery*, January and February, 6 9-16d; April and May, 6¾d.

The movement at the ports was reported as follows:

	This Week.	Last Week.	Same Time Last Year.
Rec'ts since Feb.	114,239	110,774	114,372
Exp'ts to G. Britain	80,559	41,048	30,271
Exp'ts to Continent	20,319	37,994	15,850
Stock	960,273	839,097	794,258

THE GENERAL MARKET is kept quiet by the holidays, and the slippery state of the streets that have rendered handling a difficult operation, also assisted the dullness. *Corn* has been in better supply, with sales of 300 sacks at 58c, 500 at 59c, one car-load at 60c—all white; in store, 60@62c. *Oats*—sale of 240 bushel, between doublers, in bulk, at 45c; in store, 48@55c. *Bran* is offering actively, but prices were unsettled and transactions were not concluded; some corn bran, "to arrive," was also offering, but with no determinate price; wheat bran, in store, 90@95c cwt. *Hay* was quiet; one car-load of prime, sold at $17; in store, 80@$1 10 cwt. *Cornmeal*, $4, with lots "to arrive" in the market; St. Louis packers quote it at $2 30@2 35. *Meats* were unchanged; in store, $3 50@3 75, the latter for peachblows; some stores at $4 for early rose; on the landing sales were at $3 50, at which 150 barrels changed hands. *Onions* quiet at $2 75@3 00 in store. *Cabbage* still scarce at $15 a hundred, $6 a crate. *Apples* unchanged at $2@2 50 in store; on the landing $2@2 25 for good to choice, and of 100 barrels of russets at $2. *Eggs* in only moderate demand at 30@32c. *Chickens* dull at $1 75@3. *Turkeys* too scarce for quotation; dress, 16c. *Ducks*, $3@3 50; dressed, $4. *Geese*, $5@6. *Butter*, 15@30c, extra, 32@35c. CAPITAL—Flint & LeCroix give us the following quotations: Choice, 42@45c; good, 32@40c; fair, 25@30c; common, 18@22c; prestings, $¼ a bushel. Milch cows, $20@35 a head. Beeves, $1 50@2 a head; first quality, 4@4½c per lb; second quality, 3½@4½c. *Hogs*, 6@7½c. *Tame-fowl*, low, $1 75@2. *Potatoes*, 75c per bushel. *Horseradish*, $6 per barrel. *Carrots* $3 per barrel. *Parsnips*, $2 75 per barrel. *Beets*, $2 50 per barrel. *Cranberries*, $8@10 per barrel. *Oranges*, $6 50@7. *Lemons*, $6@6 50. *Cocoanuts*, $5@5 50 a hundred. *Pecans*, 8c per pound by the barrel. *Peanuts*, 3½@5½c for fresh; red, white, 4½@5c. *Dried fruit*—apples, 4½@5c; peaches, nominally 9c. *Peeled peaches*, 18@20c per pound. *Beans*—white, $1 50@1 75; old navy, $1 75; new, $2 15 a bushel. *Green peas*, $1 65 a bushel. *Molasses*, $6 00@6 50 a barrel, $3 75@4. *Buckwheat*, $8 50 a barrel. *Pearl barley*, $8 25 a barrel. *Oatmeal*, $5@5 50 a barrel. *Crushed wheat*, $5 50 a barrel. *Rosin*, $1 a barrel. *Pickles*, $5 50 per half-barrel. *Cheese*, 9½@10c. *Cider*, $10@11 a barrel. *Sorghum molasses*, 35c a gallon. *Beef*—quarters, 3½@4c for fore, and 6@6½c for hind. *Hogs*—city dressed, 7½@7½c; country dressed, 7@7½c. *Bacon*—ribs, 8c; clear ribs, 8½c; clear sides, 9c per pound. *Sheep*, 50@75c per lb by the carcass. *Pig's feet*, $4 25 per keg; barrels, $9. *Sparerib*, 3c per pound. *Bologna sausages*, 8½c per pound. *Minced meat*, 11c per pound. *Brooms*, $2@3 50 per dozen. *Tobacco*—Finest brands, $1 50 a dozen. *Wine*—Catawba, $2 50 per gallon. *Whiskey*—Bourbon and rye, $2@3 50 per gallon. *Brandy*, $3@3 50 per gallon. *Gin*, $3@3 50 per gallon. *Port wine*, $2@3 per gallon. *Sherry wine*, $2@3 per gallon. *Lime*, $1 35@1 40 per barrel. *Cement*, $4 per barrel. *Plaster*, $2 50 per barrel. *Hair*, 40c per bushel. *Salt*—Liverpool, $1 50 per sack; Kanawha, $1 25 per sack. *Nails*, 100 per cent off list. *Iron*—Tennessee, $2 50 per hundred. *Powder*—Blasting, $5 per keg; rifle, $6 50 per keg. *Shot*, $1 50 per bag. *Lead*, 8c per pound.

MONEY MARKETS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

PARIS, December 27.—Rentes 104f. 90c.

FRANKFORT, December 27.—New 5s, 101⅞.

NEW ORLEANS, December 27.—Gold, 107½@107¾; New York sight, ⅛ discount; sterling exchange, bankers' bills, 517⅛.

LONDON, December 27.—The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills is 5⅛ per cent., being ⅛ per cent. below the Bank of England rate. Consols, for money and on account, 93 15-16; ⅝ per cent. of 1867, 104¾; do. of 1867, 103¾; 10-40s, 108¾; new five, 107; New York Central, 102; Erie, 9¾; Erie preferred, 17.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Money in demand at 6@7 per cent. for call loans, closing at 5@6. Prime mercantile paper, 6@8 per cent. Customs receipts, $360,000. The assistant treasurer disbursed $2,000,000. Clearings, $26,500,000. Sterling exchange—long, 482¾; short, 484½. Gold opened and closed at 107⅛, with sales at 107. Carrying rates, 7, 6½, 6, 7, 5 and 4 per cent. Silver remained unchanged in London, since Friday last, when it was quoted at 50½d per ounce; here to-day the quotations are: silver bars, 122 in gold and 120¾ in currency; silver coin, 121½@121¾. Government bonds were active and steady: coupons of 1881, 117½; do. 1864, 109¾; do. new, 113½; do. 1867, 113¾; do. 1868, 118; new 5s, 111¾; new 4½s, 108¾@109; registered, 112¾; do. coupons, 112¾; currency 6s, 121¾. State bonds quiet and prices nominal. Tennessee 6s, old, 42; Tennessee 6s, new, 41¾; Virginia 6s, old, 29; Virginia 6s, new, 29; Missouri 6s, 101. Railroad bonds firm, with small transactions. The stock market was irregular, and lower prices prevailed in the general list, which closed dull. The greatest decline was in Illinois Central and New York Central, the former declining from 63¾ to 61, and the latter from 102¼ to 100¾, with closing sales respectively at 61⅛ and 101. Commodore Vanderbilt was reported worse. New Jersey Central made the next greatest decline, selling down from 37¼ to 35¾, closing at the latter figure. Lake Shore and Michigan Central were firm, and advanced early in the day, but declined and lost the improvement: Lake Shore rose from 57½ to 58, and closed at 57½; Michigan Central rose from 45 to 45¾, and declined to 44¾. Rock Island was firm at 102@102¼. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western rose from 71½ to 71¾, and later declined to 71⅛. The remainder of the list declined from ¼ to ½ per cent. Later in the afternoon there were rumors on the street of two distributions of an extensive character. Transactions on the stock exchange to-day aggregated 66,000 shares, of which 20,300 were Lake Shore, 3700 New York Central, 2000 Erie, 3900 St. Paul, 2100 Western Union, 2600 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 2600 New Jersey Central, 3800 Michigan Central, 2700 Illinois Central. Closing quotations: Western Union telegraph, 71¾; Quicksilver, 12; Quicksilver preferred, 18; Pacific Mail, 33¾; Mariposa common, 8; Mariposa preferred, 7; Adams Express, 102½; Wells & Fargo Express, 89; American Express, 50¼; United States Express, 52¾; New York Central, 101; Erie, 9¾; Erie preferred, 17¼; Harlem, 136; Harlem preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 50¾; Panama, 95; Union Pacific stock, 50; Lake Shore, 57½; Illinois Central, 61½; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 80¼; Northwestern, 56¼; Northwestern preferred, 55¾; Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis, 37; New Jersey Central, 35¾; Rock Island, 102; St. Paul, 19¼; St. Paul preferred, 31½; Wabash, 6¾; Fort Wayne, 100¾; Terre Haute, 3; Terre Haute preferred, 15; Chicago and Alton, 98½; Chicago and Alton preferred, 107; Ohio and Mississippi, 6¼; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 71½; Atlantic and Pacific telegraph, 14¾; Missouri Pacific, 3; Atlantic and Pacific preferred, 2; Indiana Central, 2¾; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 134; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 13¾; Central Pacific bonds, 9; Union Pacific bonds, 6; Union Pacific land grants, 100½; Union Pacific sinking funds, 91.

DRY GOODS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, December 27.—There was a moderate business in cotton goods, prints, and prices ruled firm. Augusta and Alabama plaids advanced half a cent. Shirting prints more active. Renfrew ginghams advanced half a cent. Men's woolens and worsteds in fair request. Flannels continue in full demand. Shawls and skirts and dress goods quiet.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, December 27.—Flour firmer, but not quotably higher. Wheat active, firm and higher; No. 2 spring, Chicago, $1 25. Corn in fair demand and prices higher, 43½c. Oats—demand active and prices advanced, 34c. Rye higher, 71½@72c. Barley dull and lower, 67c. Pork steady and in fair demand, $16 50. Lard fairly active and a shade higher, 10.80c. Bulk meats firmer, 6½@6¾. Shoulders, 8½c. Whisky, $1 08.

LOUISVILLE, December 27.—Flour firm. Wheat firm; red, $1 25@1 30; amber, $1 35@1 40; white, $1 40@1 45. Corn steady and firm at 44c. Rye is in good demand at full price, 84c. Oats stronger; white, 40c; mixed 37c. Hay is steady and firm at $12. Pork is scarce and firm at $17. Bulk meats firmer, but not quotably higher. Bacon dull and nominal. Lard quiet but firm; tierces, 11c; kegs, 11½c. Whisky quiet. Bagging is steady and firm at 11½c.

CINCINNATI, December 27.—Flour strong and higher; family, $6@6 75. Wheat in fair demand and the market firmer; red, $1 35@1 40. Corn stronger at 42@45c. Oats steady and firm at 33@38c. Rye quiet at 80c. Barley dull and nominal. Pork firm; held at $16 75. Lard higher; steam, 10½c; kettle, 11@11½c. Bulk meats firm, but firm; shoulders, 6½@6¾c; short ribs, 8@8¼c; bulk short clear, 8½@8¾c. Bacon dull at 7¾@9c. Whisky firmer, 94c. Butter firm; choice Western Reserve, 25@30c; fancy, 35@40c. Sugar—Cuba fair to good refining, 9@9½c; prime, 10@c; refined, 12½@12¾c. Molasses quiet. Petroleum dull and nominal; crude, 16c; refined, 30c. Pork firmer; mess, $17 25@17 50. Beef quiet; long clear middles, 8½@9c. Lard—prime steam, 11@11 05c. Butter—western, 14@30c. Cheese quiet, 7@14c. Whisky, $1 14.

NEW ORLEANS, December 27.—Flour—superfine, $5 75@6; double extra, $6 25@6 37½; treble extra, $6 50@7 50; high grades, $7 75@8. Corn in fair demand; mixed, in bulk, 54c; yellow, 65c. Oats—St. Louis, 48c. Galena, 50@52c. Cornmeal quiet, $3@3 25. Hay scarce and firm, prime $21@22. Pork, $17 62½@17 75. Lard—tierce, 11@11½c; keg, 11¾@12½c. Bulk meats stronger, 7, 6¾, 6¾c. Bacon—shoulders, 7½c; clear rib, 9½c; clear sides, 10c. Sugar-cured hams, 14½@15½c, in size. Whisky, $1 11@1 12. Coffee—Jobbing, 17¾@21½c. Sugar in active demand and prices advanced; inferior, 57@6½c; common to good common, 7¼@7½c; fair, 7⅝c; good fair to fully fair, 7¾@8½c; prime to choice, 8¼@8⅝c; centrifugal, 8½@9½c; yellow clarified, 9½@10c. Molasses steady; centrifugal, 25@45c; common, 35@37c; fair, 38@40c; prime to choice, 43@50c. Rice—Louisiana, ordinary to choice, 4@6c.

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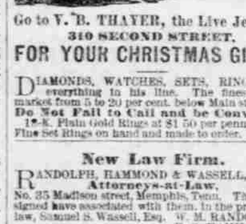

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RIVER NEWS.

Weather and River Chronicle.

Cloudy and cold. The snow on the ground was in a melting condition until about four o'clock in the evening, when it began freezing again, and the streets and sidewalks became as slick as glass and dangerous for man and beast. The condition of the rivers above here is reported horrible, and navigation is next to impossible, even if the ice was out of the way. We append the latest by telegraph:

OFFICE SIGNAL SERVICE OBS. U. S. A., MEMPHIS, December 27, 3 P.M.

STATIONS.	Above low water. Feet.	Inches	Changes. Rise Inches	Fall. Inches
Cairo	1	8	.....	3
Cincinnati	13	7	.....	.....
Davenport	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dubuque	.....	.....	.....	.....
Helena, Ark	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keokuk	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leavenworth	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Rock	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville	4	3	.....	2
*Memphis	2	6	.....	.....
Nashville	2	.....	1	.....
*New Orleans	14	11	.....	3
Omaha	2	9	2	.....
Shreveport	4	1	.....	1
St. Louis	11	7	.....	3
Vicksburg	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Below high water mark.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS YESTERDAY.

Time.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Rain Fall.	Weather.
6:43 a.m.	30.167	22	Calm.	.00	Cloudy.
3:43 p.m.	30.093	28	N.E.	N.M.	Cloudy.
10:08 p.m.	30.084	26	N.E.	.00	Cloudy.

Maximum thermometer, 28 deg.
Minimum thermometer, 20 deg.

W. MELROY, Sergeant Sig. Ser. U. S. A.

By Telegraph.

NEW ORLEANS, December 27.—No arrivals or departures. Weather cool.

NASHVILLE, December 27.—River rising slowly, with 22 inches on the shoals.

LOUISVILLE, December 27.—The river is unchanged. Weather cool and cloudy.

LITTLE ROCK, December 27.—Weather cold and cloudy. River falling with 1 8-10 feet at Plummerville yesterday.

VICKSBURG, December 27.—Weather cold and fair. River fell 6 inches, and now stands 4 feet 7 inches. No boats up or down to-day.

CINCINNATI, December 27—Noon.—The river is unchanged. Weather cold.... Night—The river is unchanged. Weather cloudy and moderating.

CAIRO, December 27—Night.—River matters unchanged. The river is 1 foot 4 inches by the gauge, and falling. Weather clear. Mercury 22 deg.

EVANSVILLE, December 27.—Weather cloudy and cold, and the air full of snow. Wind from the east till evening, but is now from the west. Mercury 20 to 23 deg. River 4 9-10 feet and rising. Up: Maggie Smith. Down: Bob Lee. No business.

Movements at the Levee.

ARRIVALS.

Colorado, Cairo; Hard Cash, White river.

DEPARTURES.

Phil Allin, Arkansas City; Hard Cash, White river.

IN PORT.

Grand Tower, Osceola Belle, Colorado.

BOATS DUE.

Belle of Texas, Osceola, John H. Hanna, Coahoma, Kate Kinney, Governor Garland, Maumelle.

BOATS LEAVING THIS DAY.

FRIARS POINT—Belle of Texas, N. S. Green, master, five p.m.

VICKSBURG—Colorado, Ed Gray, master, ten a.m.

NEW ORLEANS—John H. Hanna, John A. Blanks, master, five p.m.

ASHWORTH—Osceola, O. K. Joplin, master, five p.m.

NEW MADRID—Osceola Belle, J. G. Andrews, master, eight a.m.

Receipts Yesterday.

Colorado—300 sacks oats, 40 sacks bran, 250 packages miscellaneous freight.

The Hard Cash brought out of White river 664 bales cotton, 470 sacks cotton-seed, 110 sacks corn, 265 packages sundries.

Levee Paragraphs.

Weather still cloudy and cold.

Business on the levee yesterday was only moderate.

The Anchor Line packet Grand Tower has laid up for the present at this port.

The Hard Cash, Captain Ed. Postal, departed last evening for White river with a good trip.

The Phil Allin departed last evening for Arkansas City with a good trip of freight and passengers.

Captain Grammar will put the Idlewild in the Cairo and Memphis trade as soon as the river gets clear of ice.

The Ashland raised steam yesterday and went down below the Fort Pickering point to be in a safe harbor from the ice.

The Osceola is the regular packet for the upper bends this evening, going as high up as Ashport. O. K. Joplin is in command.

The Anchor Line Colorado is on the bills for Vicksburg, leaving the elevator at ten o'clock this morning. Edward Gray, master.

The ice was running too heavy for the Osceola Belle yesterday, and she will leave here at eight o'clock this morning for New Madrid.

The John H. Hanna is advertised to leave for New Orleans at five o'clock this evening. Captain John A. Blanks commands, Joe Holmes clerk.

Al Baycock, formerly of the Osceola, goes out clerk of the Osceola Belle, O. K. Joplin, formerly clerk of the latter boat, taking command of the first-named packet.

George Miltenberger, clerk of the Grand Republic, arrived yesterday by rail and went down to Helena last night on the Hard Cash, to join his boat which turns back at that port.

The Colorado was pulled off the bar at Bradley's by the Grand Tower and both boats arrived in port yesterday. The Colorado leaves for Vicksburg at ten o'clock this morning.

The Lone Star packet Belle of Texas sails for Friars Point as usual this evening. Captain Nat Green commands, with Charley Smithers, Marlin Jones and John Langdon as clerks.

Cincinnati *Times*, Monday: "Captain Jas. M'Cord, local steamboat inspector at St. Louis, has been confined for thirteen days to his bed by a stroke of paralysis, and is not able to use a pen."

The John Boone and four barges, laid up in Green river, have 2200 bales hay, 1500 barrels flour, 2000 barrels cement and lime, 500 barrels pork, 60 dozen bulk meats, and a lot of furniture and miscellaneous freight.

St. Louis *Republican*, Monday: "Weather yesterday cold, with a northeast wind and a considerable fall of snow. No change at the harbor. A number of tugs and steamboats will break up the ice when it is partially thawed."

Louisville *Courier-Journal*, Tuesday: "The situation remains the same, and is not likely to be changed for some time to come. Navigation closed tighter than 'wax.' Weather yesterday cold and cloudy, with indications at night favorable for more snow."

Ice ran very heavy until about three o'clock yesterday evening when it commenced getting lighter, forming a continuous line in the middle of the current, and about half the width of the river. It is possible that another gorge has formed somewhere above here.

Of the 664 bales of cotton brought out of White river by the Hard Cash, 174 bales were consigned to the Memphis house of Hill, Fontaine & Co. Colonel James A. Paine, of this house, and known as the Arkansas traveler, was also a passenger to this city on that boat.

New Orleans *Times*, Tuesday: "Captain Hec. Broad, of the Opelousas packets Bertha and Sandy No. 2, now bar bound in Old river with cargoes of cotton, etc., on board, has chartered the lightdraught steamer Fanchon, and will leave with her this evening at five o'clock for the mouth of Red river, and from there he will wagon the cotton, supplies, etc., around the bar to the boats below."

A young lady named Miss Jennie Lawrence was put on the Colorado at Cairo, sick and penniless, by a man, name unknown, who paid deck fare for her. When the boat arrived here yesterday the young lady was found to be quite ill and entirely helpless, although the officers of the boat did everything in their power for her relief and comfort. Mrs. Clarence Hall, wife of the Anchor-Line passenger agent, and several other ladies of the Ladies' Christian Association, learning of the young lady's condition, took her in charge and provided comfortable quarters for her until she could be carried to the city hospital, which was done later in the evening by Captain Arrata and Sergeant Haggerty, of the police department.

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Thursday, December 28, 1876,

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By W. T. Colman, Deputy Sheriff.

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Memphis, December 18, 1876. de19 28

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