FINANCIAL.

The financial situation here is quiet, with a fair supply of currency available to tenders at 8 to 10 per cent. discount on suitably indorsed commercial paper or acceptable collateral. Exchange is steady at ⅛ discount for demand bills on the east, and ⅜ discount for sight on New England. Checks on New York are sold at ¼ premium. On New Orleans rates are steady ⅛ discount buying, and par selling. Gold opened in New York yesterday at 102 and closed at the same, having been ⅛ higher during the forenoon. Dealers here paid 101 and sold at 102. There is but little strength left in the yellow coin, most dealers being of opinion that the premium will ere long vanish entirely. In relation to the advance in gold at New York on Monday last, the New York *Bulletin* says: "The advance was not because of a wholesale change in opinion as to the prospects for silver remonetization, but because the opinion which has prevailed that no bill to make 412½ grains of silver a full legal-tender can become a law slightly weakened to-day. With three events of such overshadowing importance as silver remonetization, a railroad war, and peace in Europe overhanging the markets, and with it not fully known whether silver will be remonetized, whether there will be a general railroad war, or whether the negotiations for peace in Europe will result satisfactorily, the general effect on the Wall street markets was to cause stagnation." A dealer here yesterday sold a $10,000 five per cent. government bond at 105. There is a fair amount of four per cents held by people here and hereabouts, the larger share being of small denominations. There is reported to be a profit of ⅛ to ¼ per cent. now between the value of American bonds in London and New York, and dealers at the latter point are importing them in considerable sums. The New York *Bulletin*, of Tuesday, says the amount imported is only restricted by the borrowing facilities of that market. In describing the way it is done, the same paper says: "The operation is this: The bonds are bought in London by cable, and sold here the same day; they do not arrive for ten days or two weeks; in the meantime the sellers here have to borrow them to deliver, and continue borrowers from day to day until the London shipment arrives here; the trouble now is that bonds enough cannot be borrowed in this market to anywhere near the amount that the bonds can be obtained in London for sale here. To-day the four per cent bonds could be bought in this market cheaper than the treasury can by law sell them. Silver in London was 53⅜ to-day, and the New York price would permit the easy purchase of enough to make a 412½ grains dollar for 89¾ cents gold. A feature worth noting is the fact that several of the large banks have been putting part of their capital into gold; all the foreign bankers are already on a gold basis. Their main purpose is to extend the use of gold in mercantile transactions. If what they seek to accomplish shall be accomplished, then the sacrifice that they make of 1⅜@2 per cent. will many times over be saved to them and to their customers."

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

PARIS, January 31.—Rentes, 110f. 27½c.

NEW ORLEANS, January 31.—Gold, 102⅛@102⅜. New York sight, par. Sterling exchange, bankers' bills, 493.

LONDON, January 31.—The directors of the Bank of England to-day fixed the rate of discount at 2 per cent. Consols for money and on account, 95 9-16; United States 5-20s of 1865, 104¼; 5-20s of 1867, 106⅜; 10-40s, 109¼; new 5s, 105; Erie, 9⅝; Erie preferred, 22½; Illinois Central, 75⅞.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Money, 5@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5@6½ per cent. Customs receipts, $209,000. The assistant treasurer disbursed $527,000. Clearings, $28,000,000. Sterling dull; long, 482½; short, 485⅝. Gold was weak to-day, and declined from 102¼ to 101⅞, with closing sales at the latter figures. Carrying rates, 6 to 2 per cent. The decline in gold was due to the reduction in the Bank of England rate to 2 per cent. and advices from Washington that there was a slight defection in the silver ranks, which might prevent the Bland bill from getting a two-thirds vote in the senate. The announcement that the bill had been postponed until Monday next also had some effect. Silver at London, 53 1-6d per cunce. Here, silver bars are 119¼ greenbacks, 117 gold; silver coin, 1 and 2 per cent. discount. Government bonds steady; coupons of 1881, 106¾; do. 1865, new, 102⅞; do. 1867, 105⅜; do. 1868, 105⅜; new 5s, 105⅛; new 4½s, 103½; new 4s, 101¾; 10-40s, 107⅝; 11-40s, coupons, 108⅝; currency 6s, 121. State bonds were quiet; Tennessee 6s, old, 37; Tennessee 6s, new, 37; Virginia 6s, old, 30; Virginia 6s, new, 30; Missouri 6s, 105. Railroad bonds firm. Tennessee bonds lower. At the opening the stock market was firm and higher on the favorable result of the meeting of the trunk line representatives yesterday. The advance in prices ranged from ½ to 1 per cent., as compared with yesterday's closing prices. During the afternoon the market was extremely dull, and prices declined a fraction from the highest point of the day, closing with a firm undertone. Lake Shore sold up to 62½ and closed at 62, Lackawanna to 50⅞ and closed at 50½. Granger shares were generally firm, and Western Union declined ¼ for the day. Transactions aggregated 73,000 shares, of which 2800 Lake Shore, 5000 Northwestern common, 2000 preferred, 9000 St. Paul common, 3000 preferred, 11,000 Lackawanna, and 4000 Western Union. The closing quotations were as follows: Western Union telegraph, 76⅞; Quicksilver, 15¼; Quicksilver preferred, 30; Pacific Mail, 22⅝; Mariposa, 100⅝; Mariposa preferred, 101; Adams Express, 100; Wells & Fargo Express company, 83; American Express company, 47½; United States Express company, 47; New York Central, 105⅝; Erie, 9⅝; Erie preferred, 23; Harlem, 41; Michigan Central, 60½; Panama, 209½; Union Pacific stock, 67⅝; Lake Shore, 62½; Illinois Central, 74⅝; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 71⅛; Northwestern, 35¾; Northwestern preferred, 62½; Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis, 34¼; New Jersey Central, 16¾; Rock Island, 99¼; St. Paul, 37⅝; St. Paul preferred, 68¾; Wabash, 16⅝; Ft. Wayne, 96½; Terre Haute, 3¼; Terre Haute preferred, 12½; Chicago and Alton, 77½; Chicago and Alton preferred, 100½; Ohio and Mississippi, 7¼; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 50¼; Atlantic and Pacific telegraph, 19¼; Missouri Pacific, 1½; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 3½; Hannibal and St. Joe, 11; Central Pacific bonds, 5; Union Pacific bonds, 4¾; Union Pacific land grants, 4⅜; Union Pacific sinking funds, 95¾.

COTTON.

There was a slight improvement in the feeling yesterday, due to light port receipts and a steadier tone in New York, but without any perceptible change in prices. Demand moderate, and chiefly for spinners' account. Sales, 1600 bales, official quotations remaining unchanged.

	Yesterday.	Day Before.
Clean Stains	8⅛@ 9⅝	8⅛@ 9⅝
Ordinary	—@ 8	—@ 8⅛
Good ordinary	@ 8⅞	@ 8⅞
Low middling	@ 9¾	@ 9¾
Middling	@10⅛	@10⅛
Good middling	@10⅝	@10⅝
Middling fair	@11¼	@11¼
Fair	@11⅞	@11⅞

Market quiet. Demand moderate. Sales, 1600 bales, of which 600 bales were for export, and 1000 bales for spinning.

COTTON STATEMENT.

COTTON EXCHANGE, January 31.

Stock September 1, 1877		5,292
Received to-day	1,595	
Received previously	285,601—287,196	
Shipped since last statement	1,608	292,488
Shipped previously	227,858—229,466	
Stock (running account)		63,022
IMPORTS.		
Thus far this week	13,123	
Thus far last week	11,957	
Since September 1st	287,196	
Memphis and Charleston railroad		302
Mississippi and Tennessee railroad		432
Louisville, Nashville and C's Southern R. R.		379
Paducah and Memphis railroad		78
Memphis and Little Rock railway		91
Steamers		263
Wagons and other sources		50
Total	1,595	
EXPORTS.		
Thus far this week	11,671	
Thus far last week	11,294	
Since September 1st	229,466	
Mississippi and Tennessee railroad		355
Steamers north		556
Steamers south		697
By rail south		355
Total		1,608

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

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

Latest Telegrams.	State of Market.	Rec'pts.	Prev Middling.
Galveston	Irreg'lar	1,011	10⅜
New Orleans	Irreg'lar	1,826	10⅝
Mobile	Quiet.	1,111	10½
Savannah	Quiet.	2,177	10 9-16
Charleston	Steady.	2,569	10⅝
Wilmington	Quiet.	57	10¼
Norfolk	Quiet.	2,643	10½
Baltimore	Quiet.	.....	10⅞
New York	Steady.	480	11 1-16
Boston	Dull.	70	11¼
Philadelphia	Quiet.	75	11¼
St. Louis	Dull.	815	10½
Augusta	Steady.	639	10¼

Yesterday's New York telegrams reported: Ordinary, 8 11-16c; good ordinary, 9 13-16c; low middling, 10 9-16c; middling, 11 1-16c; good middling, 11 7-16c. At 10:30, nothing doing, prices nominally unchanged; 12:08, dull; 2:14, quiet and steady; 3:10, quiet and steady. Sales, 541 bales.

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

Months.	Yesterday.	Day Before.
February	10.95@10.96	10.88@10.90
March	11.07@11.09	11.04@11.05
April	11.21@11.22	11.17@11.18
May	11.34@11.35	11.30@11.31
June	11.46@11.47	11.42@11.43
July	11.52@—	11.48@11.49
August	11.59@—	11.54@11.56
September	11.32@11.34	11.29@11.30
October	11.10@11.12	11.06@11.08
November	10.97@12.00	10.92@10.94

Tone of the market at 10:15, irregular and steady; 11:10, quiet and steady; 12:30, quiet and easy; 1:35, a shade easier; 2:18, quiet; 3:17, firm. Sales, 67,000 bales.

New Orleans closed dull and irregular at 10⅝c for middling. Sales, 5400 bales; receipts, net, 7826 bales; gross, 8858 bales. Exports—to Great Britain, 7197 bales; coastwise, 1161 bales. Stock, 370,435 bales.

Yesterday's Liverpool telegrams reported moderate demand; freely supplied; middling uplands, 6¼d; Orleans, 6½d. Sales, 10,000 bales, of which 8100 were American. Received, 11,800 bales, 10,900 of which were American.

Liverpool *arrivals*, 1-32d lower; January, 6⅛@6 5-32d; February, 6 1-16d; January-February, 6 1-16d; February-March, 6 1-16d; March-April, 6 1-16d; April-May, 6 3-32d; May-June, 6⅛d; June-July, 6 5-32d. At the close of the market arrivals were dull and steady.

The movement at the ports was reported as follows:

	This Week.	Last Week.	This Week Last Year.
Rec'ts since Friday	130,691	136,721	119,881
Exp'ts to G. Britain	41,067	63,443	63,144
Exp'ts to Continent	31,116	39,857	30,787
Stock	914,221	876,728	891,647

The port receipts since Friday, at the same time last week, 136,721 bales; same time last year, 119,861 bales.

GENERAL TRADE.

The leading items brought by the packet from St. Louis, and the Shinkle, from the Ohio, was 600 bales hay, 500 sks of corn and a liberal lot of oats. These consignments, with what remained over from the Millar, embraced the principal sales since last report. The sloppy streets and generally unfavorable weather did much to restrict operations. Freight rates are unchanged, being 17½c and 35c from St. Louis, 12½c and 25c from the Ohio; $4 per ton on hay from the latter stream, 15c per sack on corn below Cairo. *Flour*—movement light, prices drooping, but not quotably lower; from first hands to jobbers, $5 to 6 50 per brl; a few special brands a shade higher; on small orders 50c per brl is added to wholesale rates. *Cornmeal* unsettled, and some of the millers are likewise; sale of a small lot on the landing at $2 25½ per brl; the Washington street mills fill orders at $2 22½, and Clarke's mills at $2 25 per brl; the demand is chiefly local. *Corn*—sales of 156 sks ear at 45c; 220 and 50 sks shelled at 48c; the market is steady, with a fair demand. *Oats*—light movement; last sales in bulk, per car-load, for heavy northern, 37½c; in sks do, 38½c; in a small way from store, 42@45c. *Bran*—no sales; market quiet at $16 50 per ton and 90c per cwt for wheat, and $13 per ton and 70c per cwt for corn; chopped feed 50c per bushel and $16 per ton. *Hay*—sales of 50 bales prime timothy at $12 50 per ton; 100 do choice at $14; 65 do. mixed at $14 per ton; the range of prices is $16 for gilt-edge timothy; $15 for the best Ohio river, per ton; also, prime, $13 @14; good mixed, $11@12; common, $10@11; prairie, $10 50 per ton; in a small way, 60c per cwt. for the latter, and from 70 to 90c for timothy and mixed clover. *Vegetables*—Potatoes were quiet, free sales having been made of peachblows during the week at $1 10 @1 20 per brl, and perhaps lower, a number of transactions being part trade; seed-potatoes are not overly plentiful, and the strong tone is fully sustained, the following being about the ruling quotations: Early rose, from store in lots, $1 75@1 80 per brl; eastern rose, in a small way, $2@2 25 per brl; peerless, $1 50 per brl; russets, $1 40@1 50; in a small way, 25c higher; sweets, from Louisiana, sell at $3 50@4 per brl; onions, on the landing, for choice, at $2 25 per brl, and 25c higher from store; cabbages scarce; Chicago, 8c per head, and $3 25@4 50 per crate; turnips, $1 per brl; rutabaga, $1 75 per brl. *Fruit*—green apples are scarce and meet ready demand when offered, at $3 50@4 50 per brl for sound; bananas, fresh from West Indies, $4@6 per bunch; oranges, $8 50@9 a brl for Louisiana; $3 50 per box for Messina and for Palermo; figs, 10@12½c per pound; dates, 6½c; lemons dull at $4@4 50 per box; dried peaches, 3¾@4¼c for quarters, 5@5½c for halves, unpeeled, and 13@15c for peeled; dried apples, 4@4½c. *Butter*—poor butter dull and slow; good, in fair demand; supply moderate; yellow country, 20c; Iowa tub, 23@25c; cooking and common, 12@15c; country, 18@22c; choice, 25c; western factory, 20@21c; do. rolls, 20@25c; creamery, 34@35c. *Poultry*—chickens are quiet, with small supply and light demand; sales at $2 25@2 50 per dozen for live; turkeys offered in small lots to dealers at $9@12 per dozen; no dressed turkeys offered; ducks, $3@3 25 per dozen; geese, $4 75@5; guineas, $1 50@2 per dozen. *Eggs* steady at 11@12½c per dozen. *Game*—a few quails were in market yesterday, and sold at $2 per dozen; game has been scarce for several days past; last sales were of rabbits at $1 25@1 50 per dozen, mixed; wild ducks dull at $1 50; squirrels, $1 per dozen; venison, 4c whole; 8@10c for saddles, and 12@15c for hams. *Hogs*—on foot, $3 50@3 75 per cwt., gross; country dressed, 4½@5c; city dressed, 5@5½c per pound. *Beef*, 2½@4c for fore and 4½@7c for hindquarters, gross. *Mutton*, 5@6c in the whole. *Provisions*—market indicated but little animation yesterday; prices exhibit no quotable change, though the tone of the other markets was dull; prices here are as follows, for trade orders: Clear sides pork, packed, 6⅜@6½c; clear rib, 6⅛@6¼c; long clear, 6½c; shoulders, 4⅝c; mess pork, $12 50 per brl; small orders are filled slightly higher than these rates; car-load lots sold for cash during the past few days for $5 60 per cwt for long clear sides, and a shade under 4c per pound for shoulders. *Lard*—tierces, 8¼c; half brls, 8¾c; pails, 9⅛@9⅜c; country lard, 8@8½c. *Hides* lower; dry flint, 15@16c; seconds, 11@12c; dry salted, 13@14c; green salted, 8c; sheep-skins, 25@75c. *Beeswax*, 25c. *Tallow*, 7⅝@8¼c. *Salt*, $1 25 per brl by the drayload, delivered; Liverpool, $1 30; Turks Island, $1 25 per sack. *Cotton seed*—delivered on the landing, $11; oil-cake, $18 per ton by the cargo; seed-meal, $17 50 per ton; oil dull and no movement; last sales 40c per gallon. *Nuts*—Cocoa, 4½@5c; peanuts, 4½c for red, 5c for good white; chestnuts, $9 50@4 50 per bush; pecans, 5@6c for Arkansas, and 6@10c for Texas.

Merchants' Wholesale Cash Prices.

Chamber of Commerce Official Statement.

FLOUR — Superfine, $5@5 25; double extra, $5 50@5 75; treble extra, $6@6 25; choice family, $6 50@6 75; fancy, $7 25@7 50 per barrel.

CORNMEAL—Kiln-dried, $2 40@2 50 per barrel.

CORN—Mixed, 55@56c; white, 55@56c per bushel; ear, 45c per bushel.

OATS—Firm; good demand; mixed, 42c; white, 45c per bushel; black seed, 45c per bushel.

BRAN—Firm, 95c@$1.

HAY—Firm; choice western, $18@19; prairie, nominally, $8@9 50; mixed, $14@15 per ton.

BULK PORK—(As to age) quiet; shoulders, 4⅛@4¼c; long clear, 6@6⅛c; clear rib, 6⅛@6¼c; clear sides, 6⅜@6½c; casked, ⅛@¼c higher.

BACON (Loose)—None; breakfast, 9c; sugar-cured hams, uncanvased, 10@10½c; packed, ⅛@¼c higher.

MESS PORK—Mess pork, heavy, $12 50 @13.

LARD—Quiet; in tierces, 8⅛@c; kegs, 9@9½c; half barrels, 9@9½c; pails, 20 lb, 9½c.

BALING STUFFS—Bagging, 2 lb, according to quality, 10½@11c; bagging, 2¼ lb, according to quality, 11@11½c; baling twine, 12c; iron ties, per bundle, $2 25.

MACKEREL—Half barrels, No. 1, $7 75@8 25; half barrels, No. 2, $6 25@6 75; half barrels, No. 3, $6; kits, No. 1, $1 55@1 65; kits, No. 2, $1 25@1 40; kits, No. 3, $1 10@1 25.

COFFEE—Quiet; ordinary, 17½@18½c; fair, 19@19½c; good, 20c; prime, 21c; choice, 22c; Java, 27@30c; Cordova, 21@22c.

RICE—Higher; ordinary to choice, 6½@7½c.

STARCH—4c.

WHISKY—85c@$4.

SUGAR—LOUISIANA—(In hhds)—Fair, 6⅛@6¾c; fully fair, 7@7¼c; prime, 7⅛@7¾c; choice, 8@8⅛c; yellow clarified, 9@9½c; white clarified, 9½@10c; barreled, ¼c higher.

SUGAR—REFINED—Refined A, per lb, 10@10⅛c; crushed and powdered, 11@11½c; granulated, 11@11½c; cut loaf, 11½@11¾c.

MOLASSES—Firm; common, 25@27c; fair, 30c; prime, 34@36c; strictly prime, 40@41c; choice, 44@46c; half brls 5c higher.

SYRUPS—Common to fancy, 35@65c.

SALT—Coarse and common fine, per bcl, $1 30; dairy, in brls, $2@2 25; Liverpool, coarse, sacks, $1 25@1 30; Liverpool, fine, sacks, $1 40@1 50.

SOAP—Resin and German, 4½@6¼c; Latting's Dixie, 4½c; Latting's laundry, 5½c; Latting's German, 6c; refined oil, 6½c.

CANDLES—Boxes, full weight, 13½@14c; half boxes, 14@14½c; quarter boxes, 14½@15c.

LIME—$1 25@1 35.

CEMENT—Louisville, $2 25; Rosedale, $2 75.

ESCULENTS AND FRUITS—Apples, nominally, per brl, $3 50@4 25; lemons, per box, $5; oranges, per brl, $8 50@9 50; potatoes, per brl, $1 25@1 50; cabbage, per crate, $2 50 @3; onions, $2@2 50; beans, per bushel, $2@2 50; dried apples, 4@5c; dried peaches, 6@7c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Butter—western table, choice, 23@25c; butter, country, 10@16c; eggs, 11@12c; nails, per keg, $2 65; vinegar, per gallon, 18@25c; tobacco, per lb, 43@90c; spice, 18c; pepper, 17@18c; sardines, $14 50@15; oysters (light) 1 lb, 65@70c; oysters (light) 2 lb, $1 20@1 25; coal-oil, 19c; matches, $6 50@6 75; cotton rope, 18c; grass rope, 11@11½c; powder, kegs, $6 35; shot, patent, $2 15@2 25; soda, kegs, 4¼@4½c; soda, cases, 5¼@5½c; cheese, 12¼@13c; new raisins, $2 25@2 40.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

LOUISVILLE, January 31.—Flour dull; family, $4 50@5. Wheat dull; red, $1 23. Corn in fair demand, 41@43c. Oats dull, 30@31c. Hay dull, $9@12. Pork steady, $11 50. Lard steady; choice leaf, tierce, 8¼c; choice leaf, kegs, 9c. Bulk meats steady, 4, 5¾@6c. Bacon steady, 5, 6¾@7c. Sugar-cured hams, 9@10c. Whisky, $1 02.

ST. LOUIS, January 31.—Flour stronger with a good demand; family, $5 50@5 65. Wheat firmer; No. 3, $1 16¼. Corn higher, 42c. Oats higher at 25¼c. Whisky lower, $1 02. Pork dull and lower at $10 90@11. Lard firmer, 7.25@7.30c. Bulk meats are quiet and weak; only a jobbing trade. Bacon easier, but active, 5@5⅛@6⅝@6¾c. Hogs are quiet and rather slow, $3 50@4 10; receipts, 8600 head.

CINCINNATI, January 31.—Flour dull; family, $5 30@6 75. Wheat inactive; red, $1 12@1 15. Corn firmer, 39@40c. Oats dull, 28@31c. Pork in fair demand at lower rates, $11. Lard in fair demand at lower prices; steam, 7.32½@7.35c, closing at the inside rate; kettle, 7½@8c. Bulk meats dull, 4, 5.70, 5.87½c. Bacon quiet but steady, 5½, 6¾, 7c. Whisky, $1 02. Butter dull. Hogs dull and lower, $3 40@4 10; receipts, 5526 head; shipments, 345 head.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Flour—shipping extras at $5@5 25, and steady; other grades dull and in buyers' favor; superfine western and State, $4@4 60; St. Louis, $5 10 @8 25. Wheat firmer with moderate demand; No. 2 Chicago, $1 26. Corn opened firm, but closed heavy; steam mixed, 56½ @57c. Oats easier; mixed western and State, 35@39c. Coffee more active; Rio, cargoes, 14½@17¾c; jobbing, 14½@19c gold. Sugar quiet. Molasses quiet, but steady; New Orleans, 28@50c. Pork dull; uninspected, $11 50. Middles, 5¾@6c. Lard easier, 7.67½@7.70c. Butter and cheese unchanged. Whisky, $1 07½@1 08.

CHICAGO, January 31.—Flour steady and firm. Wheat unsettled, but generally higher, active and firm; No. 2, $1 04¾ cash, $1 05⅞ February. Corn easy, but active, 39½c. Oats—demand light, but holders firm, 23¾c. Pork active, but lower, $10 62½ cash, $10 62½@10 65 February. Lard in fair demand at lower rates, 7.25c cash, 7.25 @7.27½c February. Bulk meats easier, 3¾, 5⅜@5⅝c. Whisky, $1 03.

Second Board.—At the close wheat was active, but lower, $1 03⅞ February. Corn easier and ⅛c lower. Oats steady and unchanged. Pork unsettled and lower, $10 77½ @10 80 March. Lard steady and unchanged.

DRY GOODS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

NEW YORK, January 31.—Business light owing to stormy weather. Cotton goods quiet and steady at unchanged prices. Piques and quilts in fair demand. Prints continue quiet. Ginghams in fair request. Woollen goods quiet. Twelve hundred cases of wide sheetings were sold at auction at fair prices.

RIVER NEWS.

Weather.

Count one for this chronicler, and tell Tice he has a rival in the weather prognosticating business. Our prophetic soul inspired us to say that weather conditions would grow worse, and as a reward for our smartness we had to walk home in the snow yesterday morning. It was a diminutive effort at a snow-storm, however, still it *was a* snow-storm, and we claim the beans. It was not so bad yesterday, but the mud gets so deep here every bad spell of weather it has to be clear two or three days before we can begin to realize a favorable change. We heard of some localities on our streets yesterday where soundings could be taken, but additional fathom-tags had to placed on lines usually employed in getting the deepest places in the Mississippi. The above maybe considered a joke, but those who try to navigate our principle thoroughfares without trouble will not appreciate the joke part of the story.

Rivers.

OFFICE SIGNAL SERVICE, ORS., U. S. A., MEMPHIS, January 31, 1878.

STATIONS.	Above low water. Feet.	Inches	Rise Inches	Fall Inches
Cairo	23	4	8	.....
Cincinnati	24	10	5	.....
Davenport	2	11	.....	1
Dubuque	5	9	.....	1
Helena, Ark.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keokuk	1	10	.....	.....
Leavenworth	5	5	7	.....
Little Rock	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville	11	.....	3	.....
Memphis	16	8	.....	1
Nashville	18	3	.....	.....
*New Orleans	6	7	.....	1
Pittsburg	7	7	.....	15
Shreveport	25	11	1	.....
St. Louis	13	4	.....	3
Vicksburg	31	.....	.....	.....

*Below high water mark of 1874.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS YESTERDAY.

Time.	Bar.	Ther	Wind.	Rain Fall.	Weather.
7:00 a.m.	29.66	35	N. W.	.10	Cloudy.
2:00 p.m.	29.74	39	N. W.	—	Cloudy.
9:00 p.m.	29.84	36	N.	.0	Clear.

Maximum thermometer, 40 deg.
Minimum thermometer, 34 deg.
Total rainfall, .10.

W. M. M'ELROY, Sgt. Sig. Ser. U. S. A.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NASHVILLE, January 31.—River rising very rapidly, with 12 feet on the shoalh.

VICKSBURG, January 31.—Weather cloudy. Thermometer 49 deg. River rose 1 inch. Up: City of Helena, 11 a.m.; City of Alton, noon. Arrived: John B. Maude.

PORT EADS, January 31.—No arrivals. Sailed: Steamships New Orleans, New York; Amy Dora, Liverpool; ships Canova, Bremen; Commerce, Havre; schooner Sargent S. Day, Belize.

PITTSBURG, January 31.—River 7 feet 9 inches, and falling. Weather, snowing here steady since midnight....Night—River 7 feet 9 inches, and falling. Weather cloudy, and snowing.

CINCINNATI, January 31.—River stationary. Weather, heavy snow....Night—River rising, with 25 feet in channel. Weather, light snow falling all day. Departed: Chas. Morgan, New Orleans.

EVANSVILLE, January 31.—Weather, snow and rain since last night. Thermometer 36 to 39 deg. River 31 feet large, and rising. Up: Golden City, 10 p.m. The Golden City discharged largely, and left at 3 a.m.

NEW ORLEANS, January 31.—Arrived: Fred Wilson and barges, Pittsburg; Gold Dust, St. Louis. Departed: Thomas Sherlock, Cincinnati; Alice, Pittsburg; Susie Silvey, St. Louis; John A. Scudder and Charles P. Chouteau, Memphis. Weather clear and cold

CAIRO, January 31—Noon.—Weather cold, with light snow. Arrived: Bigley, Memphis, 8 p.m.; City of Vicksburg, Vicksburg, 10 p.m.; A. C. Donnally, Cincinnati, 1 a.m. Departed: Grand Tower, Vicksburg, 8 p.m.; Bigley, Ohio river, 9 p.m.; City of Vicksburg, St. Louis, midnight; J. Sharp M'Donald and A. C. Donnally, New Orleans, 7 a.m.; Port Eads, St. Louis, 7 a.m.

Movements at the Levee.

ARRIVALS.

City of Chester, St. Louis; Geo. W. Cheek, Friars Point; Phil Allin, Arkansas City; Vint Shinkle, Cincinnati; U. P. Schenck, New Orleans; New Mary Houston, New Orleans; Grand Tower, St. Louis; Belle of Shreveport, St. Louis.

DEPARTURES.

U. P. Schenck, Cincinnati; New Mary Houston, Cincinnati; City of Chester, St. Louis; Phil Allin, Arkansas City; George W. Cheek, Friars Point; Belle of Shreveport, New Orleans.

IN PORT.

Grand Tower, Vint Shinkle.

BOATS DUE.

Down.—Osceola Belle, A. C. Donnally, A. J. White.

Up.—Capitol City, Coahoma, Ruth, Belle of Texas.

BOATS LEAVING THIS DAY.

JOHNSON LANDING—Osceola Belle, J. G. Andrews, master, five p.m.

VICKSBURG—Grand Tower, George Lennox, master, ten a.m.

FRIARS POINT—Coahoma, Stack Lee, master, five p.m.

ST. LOUIS—Capitol City, John C. Crane, master, five p.m.

NEW ORLEANS—A. C. Donnally, H. O. Hart, master, ten a.m.

RECEIPTS.

George W. Cheek—63 bales cotton, 24 sks cotton-seed, 19 pkgs sundries.

Phil Allin—137 bales cotton, 37 bags seed-cotton, 117 sks cotton-seed, 10 pkgs sundries.

City of Chester—474 brls flour, 972 sks oats, 401 sks corn, 103 sks ear-corn, 72 brls apples; 29 mules, 63 bales cotton, 41 bags seed-cotton, 113 sks cotton-seed, 1105 pkgs sundries.

Vint Shinkle—2000 rolls bagging, 665 bales hay, 53 brls flour, 405 brls potatoes, 100 bxs soap, 200 bxs candles, 50 tubs butter, 40 brls onions, 50 bxs glass, 150 pkgs furniture, 3300 pkgs merchandise.

Levee Paragraphs.

Business moderate.

Weather *mud*-erate, as it were.

The Mary Elizabeth left for the upper Arkansas night before last.

The John Gilmore and barges passed down for New Orleans yesterday.

The Belle of Shreveport passed down for New Orleans yesterday morning.

The Ruth is the Saturday packet for White and the Belle of Texas for Arkansas river.

The Schenck, about six and a half days out from New Orleans, passed up yesterday with a good trip all over.

The Mary Houston, five days out from New Orleans, passed up yesterday with a good cargo and a crowd of passengers.

The Grand Tower, from St. Louis, is laying over at the elevator till ten o'clock this morning, when she sails for Vicksburg.

The City of Chester, in from St. Louis yesterday, had 3373 packages of freight, and returned last night with 100 bales cotton and a lot of sundries.

The genial countenance of Captain J. A. Lindsay, of the Vint Shinkle, drove the shadows from our sanctum yesterday. He was accompanied by Colonel Pye, editor of the Cincinnati *Post*.

The United States survey boat Arkansas arrived yesterday morning in tow of the steamer George W. Cheek. The surveyors worked as far as Scanlan's Landing, when the appropriation ran out. Louis Powell and Lockwood were in charge of the two parties.

Evansville *Journal*, Wednesday: "Pilot Joe M'Cullough, of the Andy Baum, will today lead to the altar Miss Venia Kercheval, eldest daughter of Hon. R. T. Kercheval, of Rockport. We heartily congratulate M'Cullough on his good fortune, as Miss Kercheval is one of the most estimable young ladies of our acquaintance."

The Vint Shinkle arrived from Cincinnati yesterday with 450 tons freight, the chief item being 2000 rolls bagging. She has a number of round-trip excursionists aboard, who are enjoying the muddy beauties of these bluffs. Among them are Colonel Pye, editor of the Cincinnati *Post*, his wife and her mother and sister; Mrs. J. A. Lindsay, wife of the chief clerk, and her daughter, Miss Jennie Lindsay, and her son Walter.

The A. C. Donnally passes down for New Orleans to-day. The Evansville *Journal*, of Monday, gives her business trip as follows: "The A. C. Donnally arrived at eleven in the morning, with a fair start in the way of freight and with a large passenger trip. She received here 1070 dry barrels, 175 bags of corn and oats, 150 barrels and kegs Bethesda water and a large quantity of furniture, stoves, hollow-ware, moving plunder, etc., and a number of passengers, and received orders for 3000 or 4000 bags of corn below. Among her passengers from Cincinnati were C. H. Harper and wife on their bridal trip, accompanied by Misses Carie and Lu'a Duncan, of Greenfield, Ohio; Mr. C. Fred Henking, of Gallipolis; Frank C. Owens, Delaware, Ohio, and Miss Sadie Vivian, of New Orleans. Among her passengers from here were W. H. Warren, jr., and wife, Miss Beatrice Bethell, sister of Mrs. Warren and her cousin, Miss Mamie Bethell, of Newberg, and Mrs. Daniel Aiken, of Aiken's landing, who shipped 500 bags of corn on the Donnally. Captain Henry U. Hart and Ed A. Donnally, with their associates, Frank Donnally and George L. Ruppert, were in good health and excellent spirits. The Donnally left at four in the afternoon, and will go out of the river flat on the water."

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100 Prizes of 100		10,000
200 Prizes of 50		10,000
500 Prizes of 20		10,000
1000 Prizes of 10		10,000
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