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**TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**  
Senators and Representatives have the DAILY NATIONAL REPUBLICAN delivered regularly and promptly at their residences, in the city, by order of the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or at the office of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, No. 511 Ninth street, near Pennsylvania avenue.

## THE NEW ORLEANS RIOT—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Upon our outside today will be found an important budget of telegraphic correspondence relating to the New Orleans riot, with an introductory explanation of its importance.

## GOVERNOR LYON, OF IDAHO, IN A RECKLESS.

Publication was recently made that CALVIN LYON, of Lyonsdale, New York, who has been Governor of the Territory of Idaho for several years past, while on his way to this city from New York, in the night train, was robbed of the sum of forty-seven thousand dollars, Government funds, which he held as Superintendent of Indian Affairs of that Territory. Governor Lyon says he put the sum of money named in a belt, (which for protection sake should be worn around the body,) but that when he laid down in the sleeping car he put the belt under his head; that the thief took the money and left the belt exactly where the Governor put it. To say the least, this was a considerable theft. What makes the statement about the loss of the money seem very strange is the fact that Mr. Lyon should have allowed himself to bring such a large amount of money upon his person to this city. There was no occasion for it. He could have deposited it in any Government depository and taken a certificate therefor, the stealing of which would not necessarily have subjected him to the loss of the money.

It will appear by the record, we understand, that since July 28, 1864, the Government has advanced to Superintendent Lyon, at different times, about one hundred thousand dollars, for which, we learn, he has never rendered any account whatever. Therefore Governor Lyon will not only have to account to the Government for the \$47,000 taken from the belt under his head, but for the still larger sum named above, for the disbursement of which there is no official detail rendering at the Department. We certainly hope Governor Lyon will make a satisfactory settlement of the financial affairs of his administration in Idaho, reference to which we thus allude to publicly because the subject is a public one, and will probably be brought before the courts at an early day.

## Theatricals.

The National Theatre has been crowded during the week as it has never before been crowded since it was in existence. JOE JEFFERSON'S acting in "Rip Van Winkle" has charmed the town. He plays the part again to-night.

Wall's Opera House has been the theatre of a series of performances during the week that would have done credit to the very best dramatic institutions in the country. The stock company, individually and collectively, will bear a favorable comparison with that of any in the United States or the Southern dependencies. Mrs. BOWEN has been the leading "star," but the company is made up of illustrious stars, as will be seen by all who attend the theatre to-night.

THE NEW YORK COLLECTOR—Thurlow Weed is at Washington endeavoring to secure the appointment of Homer J. Franklin as Collector of the Port of New York. Mr. Franklin is at present Deputy Collector—Boston Journal.

Slightly mixed, Mr. Journal. WEED was not here urging HOMER J. FRANKLIN for Collector, nor is the latter a Deputy Collector. He is a Revenue Assessor. Mr. WEED favors another man, by the name of FRANKLIN, for naval officer of New York, not for Collector.

SECRETARY McCULLOUGH will be absent from the city a few days, when Assistant Secretary CHANDLER will be Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

SECRETARY STANTON has returned to the city, after an absence of some ten days.

## CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Our readers will have no difficulty in finding any article they desire for the holidays if they will glance at our advertising columns.

Toys and fancy articles, at very low prices, are for sale at BURNER'S, 314 F street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

Dr. De Wolfe displays a great stock of fish, rare, beautiful articles, particularly adapted for holiday gifts, comprising gold and silver, jewelry, things wrought in paper, made of pearl, etc. Mr. De Wolfe's store, No. 358 Pennsylvania avenue, near the Metropolitan Hotel, presents a tempting display.

The "Boston Market," kept by Mr. Charles Mallard, is located at No. 190 Pennsylvania avenue. Our types have placed this fine supply depot of choice provisions at a wrong number on one or two notices of this market.

Skates, sleighs, and a variety of fancy articles suitable for holiday gifts are offered for sale by S. F. Savage, dealer in foreign and domestic hardware, housekeepers' goods, etc.

H. BAYLEY & Co., corner of Seventh and F streets, have opened a lot of cheap toys, lamps, chandeliers, fine vases, punch bowls, plated ware, cutlery, etc., which challenge the attention of customers.

A lively poem in our advertising columns reveals, very ingeniously, the way to find BURNER'S book store, under Beaton Hall, on Ninth street, corner of D street, where a large lot of pretty things in the holiday line are exposed for sale.

LAWSON & Co., 413 Pennsylvania avenue, earnestly invite the attention of those who intend to have a good Christmas dinner to their stock—the luxuries as well as substantial that make a desirable banquet.

Fashionable overcoats and other desirable garments are offered to all who desire to make a fine appearance during the holidays, at WALL, BRYAN & Co.'s, Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

The Chinese Tea Company, 356 Seventh street, recommend that packages of their excellent tea be distributed as Christmas and New Year's presents. It is a good suggestion.

Among those who offer elegant goods for holiday purchases is J. B. POLAR, 275 Pennsylvania avenue. Skates, vases, French porcelain sets are comprised in his new stock.

## RESPIRE OF THE FENIAN PRISONERS IN CANADA.

The following official correspondence in reference to the Fenian prisoners in Canada is authorized to be published by the State Department:

[DISPATCH.]

Toronto, Dec. 7, 1886.

Hon. Wm. H. Seward.

Fenian prisoners respite until the 13th of March.

D. THURGOOD, U. S. Consul.

[LETTER.] S. CONSUL.

Toronto, Dec. 12, 1886.

Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State, Washington.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose herewith the official communication of the Sheriff of the county that his Excellency, the Governor General of these Provinces, had granted a respite until 13th March, 1887, to the following prisoners, sentenced to death on 13th day of December, 1886. (Here follows names of prisoners.)

I am, with respect, Sir, your obedient servant.

FRED. W. GAYNE, Sheriff N. C. of York and Peel.

David Thurston, Esq., American Consul, Toronto, W. C.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I have this day received a communication from the assistant clerk of the Executive Council of Canada, enclosing an order in Council to the effect that it had pleased his Excellency, the Governor General, to order the sentence of death passed upon the following prisoners, i. e., Robert B. Lynch, John McMahon, William Seaden, Wm. Heenan, James Whelan, John Quinn and Thomas Lehoue, be postponed, and a respite granted until Wednesday, the 13th day of March next.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

FRED. W. GAYNE, Sheriff N. C. of York and Peel.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE POEMS OF ALFRED D. SHERIDAN, in two volumes. Published by H. B. Houghton, New York. For sale by Houghton, Mifflin &amp; Co., Washington.

This is a very neat bound, handsomely printed work of most excellent miscellaneous poems, not merely of promise but performance, as was Mr. Sheridan's poems, originality of thought, freshness of perception, delicacy of sentiment and individuality of tone.

OUT OF TOWN. A Rural Episode, by BARRY GRAY, with illustrations by Wm. H. Houghton, New York. For sale by Houghton, Mifflin &amp; Co., Washington.

This is a handsome duodecimo volume of 200 pages. It is exceedingly interesting and will increase the enviable reputation of its already very popular author. His descriptions of country life make one disgusted with the city, and yearn for the comforts and sweets which he so graphically describes. His humor, in his narrative, that facility of style which can only come from a genial disposition in the writer, namely, pleasant.

A critic, speaking of the work, says: "There is good cheer in his manner, and to read his 'Rural Episode' gives one the same sort of pleasing glow which is felt in being cordially welcomed to a rural home where we are shown the simplicity of life which can only come from a genial disposition in the writer, namely, pleasant."

THE BROWNS: A Tale of the Great Rebellion. By J. G. FULLER, author of "The Grays," etc. New York: M. W. DODD. For sale in Washington by W. B. ALLEN.

This is a neatly bound volume, containing a beautifully illustrated Christmas story, of much interest.

THE HUDSON, FROM THE WILDERNESS TO THE SEA. By BENJAMIN J. LOSSING. New York: VINTAGE &amp; TONSON. Washington: F. &amp; S. BLOOM.

This elaborate and elegant work is illustrated by three hundred and six engravings on wood, from drawings by the author, and a frontispiece on steel, entitled "The Source of the Hudson in the Indian Pass." The pen and pencil sketches representing scenes on the Hudson and its associations contained in this interesting volume were made by Mr. Lossing a few years ago, and were published in a series of numbers of the London Art Journal, for which they were originally prepared. They have been revised for publication in the present form, and give an excellent idea of the beauty and grandeur of the scenery of the Hudson river. The subjects described bear relations to the history, traditions, and business life of the river course from the wilderness to the sea measure a distance of full three hundred miles. A more valuable gift book has not been produced by the publishers this year.

PASSAGES IN THE LIFE OF THE FAIR GOSPELLER, MISTRESS ANNE ARKLE. Recounted by the unworthy pen of RICHARD MOWAT, Esq., B. A., and now first set forth by the author of "Mary Powell." New York: M. A. DODD. For sale in Washington by W. B. ALLEN.

This is a work more creditable to the printer and binder than to the writer of the book. It is written in the ancient style of 1586, and would gratify the lover of antiquities.

THE BREWSTER'S FAMILY. By Mrs. ELLIS. New York: M. W. DODD. For sale in Washington by B. ALLEN.

This is a very pretty volume of 325 pages. The story is deeply interesting, and argues the necessity of abstaining from the use of intoxicating drinks.

LALLA ROOHI, by THOMAS MOORE, with illustrations by design by JOHN TAYLOR, N. Y. Published by H. B. Houghton, Washington: F. &amp; S. BLOOM.

This edition is done up in the neatest style of the Riverside press, and the poem of the greatest Irish poet, of the rival and compeer of Byron and Scott, is pleasantly arranged and prettily illustrated, so that it makes an agreeable volume for Christmas and the holidays. As there is nothing new in the volume, so there is little which is novel in its print, and we can only commend it as being good among the good.

PARADISE LOST. A poem in twelve books, by JOHN MILTON. A new edition, with explanatory notes, by H. B. Houghton, New York: H. B. Houghton, Washington: F. &amp; S. BLOOM.

The publishers deserve credit for giving us a "Paradise" free from all other matter, in a convenient form and in legible type. The edition compares favorably with those which have preceded it, and will constitute an agreeable holiday present.

## PERSONAL.

SPEAKER COLFAX will hold his first winter reception on the evening of the 10th of January.

EDWARD V. MURPHY, for many years one of the reporters in the United States Senate, has been appointed Superintendent of Exports at the port of Philadelphia.

JOHN MAHONEY, Esq., lately appointed Minister to Stockholm, is in town to receive his final instructions from the State Department prior to his departure to his new post of duty.

G. F. MANNING, late Secretary of the Confederate States Treasury, was pardoned by THE PRESIDENT on Thursday last. His pardon was strongly recommended, mainly by the leading representative men of the Northern States.

J. FREDERICK MAHIE is the name of the journalist who died in Boston on Thursday, and not "FREDERICK W." as erroneously printed.

SHERMAN SLAYER, formerly the property of Gen. Taylor, of Newport, Ky., deceased, has just gained a suit against Taylor's executor. The case involved the right of the late slave to a considerable amount of property bequeathed to him in Taylor's will.

## TELEGRAMS

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FENIAN TRIALS IN CANADA.

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EARTHQUAKE IN CALIFORNIA.

Yesterday's News by Cable.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—A p. m.—The case of Pirolean was before the court to-day. Minister Adams would not sanction the recent agreement made with Consul Moore relative to the disposal of the vessels seized as Confederate property and the payment of \$150,000 claimed by Frazier, Trenholm &amp; Co., of Charleston, as due to them from the late Southern Confederacy. An extension of time was given to the United States to continue the case. The sureties for the steamer Bat were discharged.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A p. m.—At the grand banquet given in this city yesterday in honor of Mr. Bigelow, ex-Minister of the United States, nothing of political importance transpired. Mr. Bigelow returned his thanks in eloquent words for the brilliant compliment paid him on his taking his formal leave of the French people. Mr. Kellogg, who was present, said the new Minister, General Dix, would find no stormy questions to settle.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A p. m.—Consols are firm at the opening quotation, 90 for money. American securities—5-20's, 72 1/4; Ill. Central, 79; Erie, 49.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 21.—Noon.—Consols, 90; 5-20's, 72; Cotton, 14 5/8, with sales of 12,000 bales.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Noon.—Lined oil is quoted at one cent lower.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Noon.—The cotton market is steady. Sales to-day estimated at 12,000 bales. Middling uplands quoted at 14 5/8.

The provision market is dull. Lard has declined 6d. Bacon 2s. lower.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Noon.—The market for petroleum here and at Antwerp unchanged.

[LATER.]

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—The seizures of Fenian arms and munitions of war continue to be made in various parts of this island. The warlike spirit of the Brotherhood is evidently dying out. The preparations to put down any rising they may attempt to make continue to be vigorously pushed.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—It is generally believed here that the plan to reorganize the French army will be modified, it being so unpopular throughout France.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The American monitor Miantonomah, at anchor in the river Zegus, is about to leave in a few days for Cape Horn.

This vessel is attracting a great deal of attention, and is visited daily by large crowds of visitors.

ATHENS, GREECE, Dec. 1.—The Greek Cabinet has sent a note to the European Governments, directing their attention to the atrocities committed by the Turks in the island of Candia.

ROME, Dec. 21.—A p. m.—It is said that the King, at the opening of the Italian Parliament, has greatly pleased the Pope. M. Tonelli, the new minister from the Italian Government, has held his first conference with Cardinal Antonelli, and the progress towards an arrangement of all matters at issue was marked. Rome is quiet. The Italian National Committee has issued an appeal to the people, in which they inculcate caution against disorder.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—A p. m.—The cotton market closes steady at the rates noted at noon to-day. The sales amounted to 10,000 bales. The breadstuffs market is unchanged. Mixed Western corn is still quoted at 38s.

The petroleum market closes steady at previous rates. The market for tallow is firm, with a slight advance.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 21.—A p. m.—Trade at Manchester continues good, and prices for cotton yarns are steady.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A p. m.—Breadstuffs firm. Money continues easy. Consols closed at 90 for money. American securities closed steady at the following figures: Five-twenties, 72 1/4; Erie, 48 3/4; Illinois, 48 3/4.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A p. m.—A Constantinople dispatch of the 4th inst. says that the silence of the official papers of that city upon the war in Candia has led people to doubt the pacification of the island. The struggle is thought to have begun anew between the Candians and the Turks, inasmuch as the Turkish Government is constantly sending troops and ammunition in that direction.

The United States and Russia having interfered in behalf of the Candian prisoners who had been condemned to be shot in a council of war, their sentence, it was hoped, would be commuted, and a full pardon granted by the Sultan.

VIENNA, December 5.—Notwithstanding the resistance of the municipality of Vienna to the admission of the Jesuits into that city, the Government has decided that a house belonging to the State should be placed at their disposal to be used as a public college.

The treaty of commerce between France and Austria is to be signed and ratified in the course of the present month.

All Austrian iron-clads of small size armed with small rifled pieces are to be provided with large Armstrong guns.

The whole Austrian army is to be reorganized as to show advantage in the coming campaign.

The official papers of Vienna say: "The situation of the Austrian volunteers in Mexico has caused so much anxiety among the Austrian people that the Cabinet of Vienna is now entering into arrangements with France for carrying back the Austrian Legion to Europe in the same vessels as the French-Mexican troops. Such is the cruelty practiced by the Mexican guerrillas upon the Austrian Legion that the officers and soldiers of that corps have solemnly sworn to shoot each other rather than to suffer themselves to be captured."

In a council of naval officers, in which Admiral Tighetto, the victor of Lima, was present, a proposition was introduced to send an Austrian fleet to the Gulf of Mexico. The proposition was rejected by a large majority.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Several Catholic priests of Hungary have signed a petition addressed to the Hungarian Legislature, asking permission to marry such as was sent in the Catholic church before the reign of Pope Pius IX.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The French Government has not received from Mexico any communication calculated to settle public opinion as to the condition of affairs in that country.

MADRID, Dec. 5.—In the elections which have just taken place, the nomination of deputies in Catalonia, the candidates of the Government have carried all the votes except in the city of Barcelona, where two progressive candidates have been elected.

The Fenian Trials.

SWANSEA, December 21.—The court met at 10 o'clock. Thomas Madden was again placed at the bar.

Mr. Ramsay addressed the jury for the prosecution, and answered first the statements of the counsel for the defence as to the exclusion of Catholics from the jury; the counsel holding the trials in Bedford district instead of in Swansea, and the alleged ex post facto character of the legislation under which the trials took place.

The only points in the defence, he said, which were any answer to the accusation were four:

First, That there was no evidence affecting the prisoner before the 9th. He replied that the Crown was pleading prosecuting for what took place on the 9th.

Second, That the prisoner could not be bringing them there, because the Fenians were retreating. He replied that it was enough that, no matter what day they entered, they were still in the Province on the 9th.

Third, That Sewell had no right to fire on the prisoner without demanding first his surrender.

He replied that when the country was overrun by armed invaders and Sewell encountered a party of them, he was not bound to stop and parley before firing.

Fourth, That it had not been proved that the prisoner was in the district.

The Judge then charged the jury. The jury had to determine, first, whether there was a foreign invasion or not; secondly, if there was such an invasion, was the prisoner found among the party of the invaders, and were his intentions innocent or not? If they believed that he was at Eecl's house on the 9th, and was in company with those men, they must find him guilty. If they had any reasonable doubt on the subject he must be acquitted.

The jury retired at 12:30 to consider their verdict.

Thomas Smith was then placed in the dock, charged, as an American citizen, with being and continuing in arms, on the 9th of June, against Her Majesty in Lower Canada.

A jury was empanelled for his trial.

Interesting from the Rio Grande.

BROWNSVILLE, December 19, via New Orleans.—General H. Clay Davis, of the Rio Grande city, accidentally killed himself, on the night of the 8th inst., while on a hunting expedition a few miles from his ranch. Davis was in company with several army officers. They were moving on a rough road, when the ambulance struck a stump and turned over. In the fall the General's gun discharged, and the contents lodged in his hip and abdomen. He lived but a few hours after.

A movement on foot to present General Sedgwick with a testimonial for his interference on the other side of the river was dropped at his own request.

Continuing with his hundred men, and a cañon, with three hundred left Matamoros on the evening of the 13th for Monterey, with a view of taking part in the campaign in the interior.

Escobedo and his staff left suddenly on the 17th, as it was supposed, to enable Minister Campbell to profit by his escort to Monterey to meet Juarez.

The Minister and Mr. Plum, the Secretary of Legation, are still here.

[LATER.]

It was rumored that Escobedo had received intelligence that Cortinas and Canales had pronounced on the road against Juarez Government, and in favor of Ortega.

Yesterday's courier brought intelligence that Cortinas and Canales had attacked Escobedo fifty miles from Matamoros, and captured himself and staff.

Attempt to Rob Frustrated—Clergyman Dead.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—An attempt is supposed to have been made for three or four days past to rob a safe at 74 1/2 for Lincoln.

It was followed for several nights by three men on its way between the railroad depot and the express office. The suspicious action of the men caused the driver to call a policeman who arrested two of them, the other making his escape. The two men arrested had a quantity of red pepper in their pockets, which it is believed they intended to throw into the eyes of the driver at a convenient opportunity.

The Rev. Dr. Albro, of Cambridge, who was seized with an affection of the heart while preaching in West Roxbury on Sunday last, died yesterday afternoon. He was 66 years old, and had been settled in Cambridge 31 years.

The New Orleans Investigation.

NEW ORLEANS, December 20.—The clerk of the House investigating committee on the New Orleans riot obtained from Mayor Monroe a list of names of persons holding office positions in New Orleans, by election or by appointment of the Mayor, in July and August last, and the names of the police force of said city, both regular and special, and the Mayor is respectfully requested by the committee to give such aid in the premises as will enable them to obtain the information required.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—The Congressional Committee will commence their investigations to-morrow at the St. Louis Hotel. They expect to complete their work in about two weeks.

Fire in Jersey City.

NEW YORK, December 21.—St. Peter's church, in Jersey City, was damaged to the extent of \$2,000 by fire last night. The fire new organ was nearly destroyed. The edifice has just been completed, and is one of the most imposing structures in the country.

Savannah Market.

SAVANNAH, December 21.—Cotton dull and prices unchanged. The news of the decline in gold has unsettled the market.

## From California and Arizona.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Gov. McCormick, of Arizona, arrived here yesterday to ask additional aid for the suppression of the Indian troubles. He has been consulting with Gen. Halleck and McDowell, and entertains hopes of the successful termination of his mission.

Official returns from Nevada give Bladell for Governor, 1,025, and Ashley for Congress, 850 majority.

The brig Josephine, from Colorado river, brings 100 tons of fine copper ore for transportation east.

In the case of the assessors of the fifteen counties, indicted for making returns to Avery instead of Bigler, the United States District Judge yesterday fixed the bail in each case at \$1,500, allowing it to be given before any State magistrate, thus avoiding the necessity of the personal attendance of the assessors here.

The surveyors and engineers' reports brought here recently for the projected railroad between Guadalajara and Lake Chapala, Mexico, a distance of 14 leagues, is under the charter derived from Maximilian last year. It is thought the Imperial Government will sanction the enterprise.

The receipts of the treasury from the interior during the present month is three millions of dollars.

The Bellingham Bay coal mine has been flooded from the sea to extinguish a fire. It will be opened at another point, and yield a supply two months hence.

The gold diggings near Randolph, California, prove to be extensive. Some claims pay \$100 per day to a hand.

News from the Hub.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Common Council held a long and important session last evening. The committee on the South Boston flats, after seven months consideration of the subject, presented a voluminous report, favoring the filling up of a large area of the flats between the city proper and South Boston and Castle Island. The city limits will thus be increased one-third or more in area, and an immense amount of taxable property added, including hundreds of warehouses. It is thought that the United States Government will also occupy some portion for navy purposes. The peninsula of South Boston would thus lose its present shape, and portions of it become almost the heart of the city. It is estimated that the cost of the improvement will be about \$7,000,000. Orders to take preliminary action in the premises were read once.

The committee of inquiry on the purchase of a school house site on Hawkins street made a report exonerating the committee on public instruction from all charges of corruption.

An order was passed to inquire whether the city has a right to place a soldiers' monument on the Common. The Board of Aldermen have concurred in referring the whole matter of the monument back to the committee, and a hearing of the disaffected takes place to-day.

The weather is cold and clear this morning. The thermometer was at three degrees below zero early this morning, and at 9 a. m. it was three degrees above.

The Gunboat Winoski—Report that Marshal Basaine Desires a Conference with Juarez—Release of an Army Officer from Civil Arrest.

GALVESTON, December 21.—The gunboat Winoski, from Vera Cruz on the 17th inst., was spoken by the Blackbird of Brazos on the 20th, and reported that Marshal Basaine had sent for Juarez to confer with him.

Captain Craig, U. S. A., and assistant commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, imprisoned at Seguin on a civil process, has been released by force, after three days' imprisonment, by a detachment of the 43d and 46th regular cavalry, commanded by Captain Hunt, marching from San Antonio.

Captain Craig is now discharging his duties, guarded by Lieutenant Sutherland and sixteen men of the 17th regulars.

New York Markets—Gold Falling.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton lower; sales 1,500 bales at 34 1/2-35c for middling. Flour market is 10-20c less and dull. Speculators are more disposed to realize. Sales 6,000 barrels of Superfine State and Western, 82c-83c. Common to choice extra Western, 80c-81c. Round Hoop Ohio, 11-12c. Trade Brands, 12-13c-14c. Southern flour is heavy and declining; sales 300 barrels of common 11-12c-13c. Fancy and Extra, 13-14c-15c. Rye flour steady; sales 223 barrels at 62c-63c. Wheat very quiet and 1-2c less; sales only 7,000 bushels at 82c-83c. Cut meal very quiet; sales of 100 packages at 9-10 for shoulders and 10-12 for hams. Bacon dull. Lard heavy and lower; sales 1,600 barrels at 11 1/2-12 1/2 for old and new. Butter and cheese are firm, but quiet. Whisky dull. Oil very quiet at 1.32-1.35 for linseed. Naval stores are irregular at 7-10 for turpentine and 4-5-10 for rosin. Rice in moderate demand; sales 135 casks Carolina at 83-85 1/2. Coffee quiet. Sugar dull; sales 21 hogsheads Cuba Muscovado at 10c. Molasses quiet, with sales of 230 barrels New Orleans at 80-88c. Hops are firmer at 35-65 for all kinds. Petroleum quiet; sales 43 barrels at 19-20 for crude and 30-31 for refined in bond.

The money market is rather more active, at 6-7 per cent for call loans. Sterling exchange rates heavy at 109-109 1/4 for bank bills. American gold is active and lower, opening at 134 1/4, closing at 133 3/4.