# MONEY AND COMMERCE.

## MONETARY.

FRIDAY EVENING, April 3, 1874.

It has been often claimed that what appeared to be for the time a great calamity to the city was, in its results, productive of many real, if not of corresponding benefits. The great fire, though it destroyed about two hundred millions of property, has been the means of giving us a vastly finer city than we had before. Stimulated by the abundance of money that followed and the desire to secure an income from their property, business facilities were increased far beyond the immediate demand for stores, and especially for offices. For months past a large number of splendid buildings have been standing idle, and owners have been put to their wits' ends to know how to get the wherewithal to meet interest and taxes. While this is a great calamity to them, it is beginning to have a marked effect upon the business of the city. Taking advantage of the low price of rentals, especially out of the immediate centres of business, parties are coming in very considerable numbers from surrounding Western cities, and from the East, to get themselves well established before this era of "overproduction" in buildings shall give place to a general scramble for any opportunity to hang out a sign. Reports of bankers to-day give a sure index that this increase in new firms in various departments of trade is steady and promising. One President told us he sometimes received four or five new accounts per day, and all with whom we conversed at least several every week. Some of them were combinations of leading clerks in our larger houses with Eastern capitalists or firms, and some were from cities East and West. We add that the accommodations for new houses are by no means exhausted, and the more and the sooner they come the better. Thus, if many property-holders are mourning over empty buildings, tenants and the city generally will reap great and permanent benefits.

The weather to-day has been abominable, and business slow and dull. Bank clearings were only a little more than half of what they were for the past two days, reaching only about $3,800,000. The demand for money with some of the banks is active and all they care for; while a few have a large surplus. One banker told us to-day he would be glad to take half a million of satisfactory paper at 8 per cent. The usual discount figure is 10.

Exchange is a shade firmer, but the rate between banks and to customers is par.

The note-brokers are doing comparatively little to-day. The range for transactions is 8@10 per cent per annum. Large first-class five-year loans can be placed at 8.

No one can form any definite judgment as to what Congress will finally do from what occurs from day to day, and therefore the voting in the Senate yesterday did not attract very much attention in financial circles. The inflationists seemed to have got the worst of it in the day's doings, but their ultimate defeat can scarcely be expected. An amendment to the Finance bill was adopted adding $46,000,000 to the National Bank circulation. It was voted for by the opponents of expansion, in order, if possible, to prevent an inflation of $110,000,000. The bill was laid on the table, but it will be brought up again early next week.

A mistake occurred in our table in this morning's issue, taken from the quarterly reports of our savings banks. The Commercial Loan Company was credited with having $188,291 of real estate and office fixtures. It should have been $33,483.

### LOCAL STOCK RATES.

The banking-house of Preston, Kean & Co., No. 100 Washington street, report as follows:

| | *Buying.* | *Selling.* |
|---|---|---|
| United States 6s of '81 | 120½ | 121½ |
| United States 5-20s of '62 | 117½ | 118 |
| United States 5-20s of '64 | 119½ | 119¾ |
| United States 5-20s of '65 | 120¼ | 120¾ |
| United States 5-20s of '65—January and July | 118¾ | 119¼ |
| United States 5-20s of '67—January and July | 119¾ | 120¾ |
| United States 5-20s of '68—January and July | 119½ | 119¾ |
| 10-40s ex Int | 114¾ | 114¾ |
| United States 6s (new issue) | 115¼ | 115¾ |
| United States currency 6s | 116½ | 117 |
| Gold (full weight) | 113½ | 113¾ |
| Gold coupons | 113¾ | 113¾ |
| Eastern ex. (counter rates) | 1-10 to ¼ dis. | Par. |
| Gold exchange | 113¼ | 113¾ |
| Sterling | $4.85@4.88 | |
| Chicago City 7s | 98¼ & int. | par & int. |
| Cook County 7s | 93½ & int. | par & int. |
| Town, county, and city 10 per cent bonds | 90@95 | 95@97½ |
| Money on approved collaterals | | 8-10 per ct. |

### REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record Friday, April 3:

CITY PROPERTY.

The premises No. 79 Aberdeen st, dated April 2; consideration, $8,000.

Flournoy st, 288½ ft w of Leavitt st, n f, 24x108½ ft, dated April 1; consideration, $6,000.

Indiana av, 131 ft n of Twenty-ninth st, o f, 50x100 8-10 ft, dated March 11; consideration, $14,000.

Hickory st, 480 ft n e of Deering st, s e f, 25x150 ft, dated June 5, 1873; consideration, $800.

Lincoln st, 137 ft s of Monroe st, o f, 25x125½ ft, dated April 2; consideration, $4,500.

Halsted st, 181 ft n of Thirty-fifth st, w f, 25x124½ ft, dated March 31; consideration, $1,500.

Blue Island av, 331 1-10 ft s w of Sixteenth st, s of, 24x100 ft, with building, dated Aug. 7, 1873; consideration, $5,500.

Snell st, 198 ft n of Second st, e f, 24x100 ft, dated Jan. 7, 1873; consideration, $1,000.

Bremer st, 123½ ft s of Oak st, w f, 40x90 ft, dated March 21; consideration, $1,800.

State st, 100 ft s of Thirty-eighth st, o f, 25x120 ft, dated April 3; consideration, $2,125.

Shurtleff av, 430¾ ft s of Thirty-fifth st, o f, 25x125¾ ft, dated March 30; consideration, $3,000.

May st, n e cor of Twentieth st, w f, 25x100 ft, with building, dated April 2; consideration, $2,325.

Ogden av, bet Taylor and Twelfth sts, s of, 53 7-10x68.93 ft, dated March 18; consideration, $1,600.

Twenty-second st, n w cor of Jefferson st, entire sub block 4, dated Aug. 2, 1873; consideration, $60,000.

Sedgwick st, 88 ft n of Wisconsin st, o f, 25x123 ft, dated April 2; consideration, $1,800.

Milwaukee av, 300 ft s of Jane st, n e f, 25x125 ft, dated April 2; consideration, $4,250.

Fullerton av, 100 ft w of Cooper st, n f, 25x120 ft, dated March 27; consideration, $800.

Huron st, 140 ft e of North Wells st, s f, 22x100 ft, dated Feb. 1; consideration, $5,000.

West Monroe st, 75 ft e of Wood st, s f, 25x104½ ft, with improvements, dated April 2; consideration, $14,000.

Prairie av, 175½ ft n of Twenty-sixth st, e f, undivided ¾ of 24½x172 6-10 ft, dated Jan. 1; consideration, $3,500.

All of the above lot, dated Jan. 19; consideration, $7,500.

Wabash av, 120 ft s of Jackson st, e f, 40x171 6-10 ft, with building, dated March 30; consideration, $60,000. William Arnold to Henry Cornwith.

Langley av 214½ ft n of Thirty-eighth st, e f, 20½ ft to alley, dated Feb. 12; consideration, $18,000.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lots 13 and 14, in Block 11, Ravenswood, dated March 30; consideration, $2,650.

Seventeen lots in Peck's e ½ of Block 18, e ½ Sec 29, 40, 14, dated March 23; consideration, $34,342.

E ½ of s w ¼ Block 42, Sheffield's Addition (5 acres); also, Lot 7, in Block 16, e ½ Sec 29, 40, 14, with building, dated March 3; consideration, $23,000.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lot 19, in Block 2, of Heintz's part n ¼ n ¼ of s w ¼ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated Aug. 11, 1873; consideration, $800.

Lot 80, Fish & Young's part Lot 8 (west of Wallace st), in e ½ of s w ¼ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated April 1; consideration, $500.

Lot 3 and east 17 feet of Lot 4, in McDougall's Lot 7, of Block 37, Sec 16, 38, 14, dated April 2; consideration, $1,000.

## COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING, April 3.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

| | RECEIPTS. | | SHIPMENTS. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1874. | 1873. | 1874. | 1873. |
| Flour, brls | 10,530 | 7,300 | 11,007 | 11,010 |
| Wheat, bu | 54,502 | 24,460 | 62,721 | 26,898 |
| Corn, bu | 88,180 | 41,136 | 17,361 | 6,951 |
| Oats, bu | 45,270 | 27,710 | 37,110 | 13,035 |
| Rye, bu | 4,415 | 1,508 | 700 | 700 |
| Barley, bu | 7,250 | 5,730 | 5,000 | 7,603 |
| Grass seed, lbs | 202,565 | 62,041 | 211,228 | 128,690 |
| Flax seed, lbs | 43,000 | 22,900 | | |
| Broom corn, lbs | 4,000 | | 2,980 | 44,500 |
| Cured meats, lbs | 338,155 | 158,490 | 775,830 | 1425,450 |
| Beef, brls | | | 165 | |
| Pork, brls | 38 | | 727 | 61 |
| Lard, lbs | 279,820 | 426,200 | 195,375 | 140,440 |
| Tallow, lbs | 17,700 | 25,780 | 28,400 | 43,575 |
| Butter, lbs | 46,195 | 41,770 | 6,803 | 9,030 |
| Dressed hogs, No | 201 | | 91 | |
| Live hogs, No | 14,297 | 14,189 | 7,992 | 11,430 |
| Cattle, No | 2,556 | 3,039 | 2,257 | 2,826 |
| Sheep, No | 1,952 | 2,231 | 1,486 | 658 |
| Hides, lbs | 131,882 | 134,310 | 109,012 | 63,041 |
| Highwines, brls | 537 | 150 | 386 | 211 |
| Wool, lbs | 13,550 | 22,230 | 1,090 | 9,000 |
| Potatoes, bu | 12,080 | 4,934 | 120 | 1,573 |
| Lumber, No. ft | 653,000 | 355,000 | 1090,222 | 1096,000 |
| Shingles, No | 925,000 | 1280,000 | 1241,000 | 1114,000 |
| Lath, No | | 80,000 | 64,000 | 40,000 |
| Salt, brls | | | 1,786 | 286 |

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 8,673 bu wheat, 1,473 bu corn, 1,003 bu oats, 1,016 bu rye.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 74 cars wheat, 164 cars corn, 17 cars oats, 5 cars rye, 1 car barley. Total, 261 cars, or 103,000 bu.

There was some talk about circulating a paper on 'Change for signatures, demanding of the Directors of the Board of Trade an explanation of the why and wherefore that august body invested some $14,000 in Chamber of Commerce stock after having, solemnly resolved "not to do it again." It can scarcely be that certain members are so much afraid of being turned out of the building that they feel they must own it to prevent such a catastrophe. If it be so, then popular opinion is wrong for once, as the general impression is the other way.

This being Good Friday, was generally observed as a holiday in produce circles in London, Liverpool, and New York. Hence, there were no dispatches from those points, and operators here were obliged to operate on what they conceived to be the merits of the case, without assistance from elsewhere. The markets were, however, generally stronger, though less active, as a good many dealers held off, or operated more sparingly than usual, on finding that Chicago was, for the nonce, left to its own resources.

No news has been received from the Straits of Mackinaw up to 1 o'clock to-day; but the thermometer at Alpena and Escanaba stood at 15 and 12 degrees at 7 o'clock this morning, and the falling of snow here, though not heavy, was not calculated to brighten the hopes of those who wished for the opening of the season of navigation much earlier than usual. Yet the day was the first of the season in a potential sense, as some charters were reported, and it was rumored that several others had been taken, or vessels been ordered to load on owner's account, to the extent of nearly 2,000,000 bu. This was probably a wide exaggeration. The preparations for moving out are not so rapid as this, though there is undoubtedly a better inquiry from British and Eastern operators, about the cost of grain; and this has stimulated to firmness in freights, both on the ocean and by rail to the seaboard.

Dry goods were in good demand, and the tone of the market for all standard cotton productions was sensibly firmer than at the beginning of the week. There were no price changes worthy of note. In the grocery market a fair degree of activity was witnessed, with no quotable change in values. Sugars were less firm than on the preceding days of the week, while coffees were held with more confidence. Prices of rice, sirups, molasses, and teas were firmly maintained. The butter market was moderately active and easy. Receivers seem anxious to prevent any augmentation of stocks, and evince a willingness to concede a little where concessions are necessary to enable them to effect sales. Cheese remains firm, under a fair demand and scant supplies, at 10@17c for mild Western factory, and at 17@18c for New York do. Canned goods are quiet and some lines are easier. In the fish and dried fruit markets there were no new features, trade ruling quiet at about steady rates. Coal is inactive and weak. Pig iron, leather, tobacco, and wood remain quiet at former quotations. Paints are active. Oils met with a good inquiry at yesterday's prices.

At the lumber yards a fair number of orders from the country were received and placed at the current prices. Shingles on track are 12½c lower, now quoted at $3.12½@3.25, and afloat at $3.00@3.12½. The decline is due in part to the increase in the receipts, the arrivals by water having been quite liberal of late. The offerings at the wholesale market were small and chiefly piece-stuff, which is quoted nominal at $10.50@11.00 per m. The interior demand for metals and hardware continues active, and nearly all the leading staples are steady. Tin is rather weak owing to an unsettled feeling East, but without quotable change. Naval stores were in fair retail demand and steady. Ropes, especially Manilla, are firm, and an advance in the latter is likely to occur soon. Building materials were steady, under a fair local demand. Timothy seed was dull, except choice qualities, which met with a moderate inquiry. Prices were easier. Other seeds were without material change. Wool and hops remain quiet, also broom corn. Potatoes were dull and easier, though choice varieties, owing to scarcity, were held firmly. Poultry is in light supply and firm. Eggs were selling at 12½@13c.

Lake freights were quiet, but there was something doing at last. A total of three vessels were reported taken, which will carry out about 60,000 bu wheat. The engagements were reported on private terms, which was generally regarded as a sign of weakness in rates. The most probable figures were 12c to Oswego, and 12½c to Kingston. To Buffalo, for wheat by sail, carriers asked 7½c.

Highwines were quiet and unchanged, in the absence of any dispatches, except one from Cincinnati, quoting that market firm at 92c. Sales here were confined to 100 brls at 93c per gallon, at which figure the market closed steady.

Provisions were again active and strong. This remark applies chiefly to mess pork, as for two or three days past, that being in urgent demand, at an advance of 20c per brl, while lard and meats were firm at yesterday's quotations, with not much demand. Hogs were plenty and a shade easier, and reports from other points indicated that what is called summer packing is in fair progress. But this will only affect the supply of meats and lard. The hogs are not fat enough to make mess pork; hence the stock of that on which speculators may operate during the summer may be said to be "in sight," and though we have a large quantity on hand, there is not much to the back of us. The pork now in Chicago is mostly in strong hands, and the short interest are obliged to pay asking prices, while those anxious to get into the deal are so numerous as to make the market very active from their buying alone. The market closed quiet at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller April, $15.87½@15.90; do seller May, $16.02½@16.05; do seller June, $16.20@16.25; do seller September, $17.12½@17.25; prime mess pork, $13.25@13.50; extra prime do, $12.25@12.50. Lard, cash or seller April, $9.30@9.32½; do seller May, $9.45@9.47½; do seller June, $9.60@9.62½. Sweet-pickled hams, 9¾@10½c per lb for 18@16 lb averages; dry-salted meats, loose, at 5¾c for shoulders, cash, and 6¼c seller May; $8.20@8.25 for short ribs, cash, and $8.47½@8.50 seller May; $8.45@8.50 for short clear, cash, and $8.70@8.75 seller May; 8c for Cumberlands; 8¾@8¾c for long clear. The same boxed at ¼@⅝c per lb above these prices. Bacon meats, 6¾c for shoulders, 9¼@9¼c for short ribs, 9¾@10c for short clear, all packed in hhds; the same loose, ¼c lower. Bacon hams, 11½@13c. Mess beef, $8.75@9.00; extra mess do, $9.75@10.00; beef hams, $23.00@23.50. City tallow, 6¼@7c; grease quotable at 4¾@7c. Sales were reported of 750 brls mess pork seller the month, at $15.00; 250 brls do at $15.87½; 850 brls do at $15.75; 1,000 brls do, seller May, at $16.05; 250 brls do at $16.02½; 1,500 brls do at $16.00; 3,000 brls do at $15.97½; 1,750 brls do, seller May, at $15.95; 1,750 brls do, seller June, at $16.17½; 1,500 brls do at $16.15; 250 tcs lard at $9.32½; 250 tcs do at $9.30; 500 tcs do, seller May, at $9.47½; 2,500 tcs do at $9.45; 750 tcs do at $9.42½; 100,000 lbs shoulders, at Milwaukee, at 6c; 120,000 lbs short ribs at do, at 8½c; 2,000 lbs sweet-pickled hams, at 10@10½c; 500 tcs sweet-pickled hams (15 lbs) at 10½c; 250 tcs do (16 lbs) at 10¼c; 55 tcs do at 10½c.

Flour was less active, at unchanged prices. There were very few export orders on the market, as European dealers were enjoying the holiday, and left their agents here to do the same. A few lots were bought on Eastern account, and for local use; holders being very firm in their views, in sympathy with wheat. Bran was stronger. Sales were reported of 25 brls spring extras (patent) at $10.00; 50 brls do at $6.75; 200 brls do at $6.50; 100 brls do at $6.37½; 250 brls do at $6.25; 100 brls do at $6.25; 200 brls do at $6.00; 30 brls do at 5.75; 630 brls do on private terms; 100 brls superfines at 4.12½. Total, 1,685 brls. Also 40 tons at $17.00 on track. The following were the asking quotations at the close:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fair to good white winters | $ 7.00 @ 8.00 |
| Choice do | 8.50 @ 9.25 |
| Red winters | 6.50 @ 7.00 |
| Choice spring extras | 5.75 @ 6.75 |
| Medium to good do | 5.25 @ 5.62½ |
| Good to choice Minnesota | 5.75 @ 6.75 |
| Patent do | 8.00 @10.00 |
| Fair to choice spring, superfine | 4.00 @ 4.75 |
| Common do | 3.00 @ 3.75 |
| Rye flour | 4.00 @ 5.15 |
| Bran | 17.00 @17.50 |

Wheat was rather less active, but quite strong, and very steady. The May option advanced 1½c, while cash wheat was about 2c higher, the premium on May deliveries diminishing to 4¼c under a good demand for this month. There was no public news from Liverpool or New York, but private advices from the former city were said to quote that market as stronger, and there is no doubt that English operators are turning their attention more fully this way, now that water communication bids fair to be soon restored. A good English demand is anticipated, and it is not improbable that it existed here to-day, but concealed by operating through brokers. A good many of the April deliveries are supposed to be still unmade, and some of the purchases made to-day were understood to be on short account, while the May deals, which are out probably to the extent of all the wheat now here, began to be filled in when the market turned upward, and it was rumored that our stocks were soon to be largely reduced by shipments. The snow-storm also tended to firmness, by threatening to reduce the volume of receipts. Seller May opened at $1.25¼, rose to $1.25⅝, receded to $1.25¼, advanced to $1.25¼, and closed at $1.25½. Seller the month, or regular No. 2 spring, sold at $1.20¾@1.21¼, closing at $1.21. Strictly fresh receipts of No. 2 closed at $1.23. No. 1 spring closed at $1.27 for straights, and $1.28 for Northwestern, in Northwestern or Central elevators, both on 2c storage. No. 3 spring closed at $1.18¼, and rejected do at $1.09, both on 2c storage. Cash sales were reported of 1,000 bu No. 1 Northwestern at $1.28; 400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.27; 38,800 bu No. 2 spring (strictly fresh) at $1.23; 1,000 bu do (2c storage) at $1.22½; 2,400 bu do regular at $1.21½; 5,000 bu do at $1.21⅝; 15,000 bu do at $1.21¼; 25,000 bu do at $1.21⅛; 70,200 bu do at $1.21; 5,000 bu do at $1.20¾; 2,000 bu No. 3 spring at $1.18¼; 3,200 bu do at $1.18½; 1,200 bu do at $1.18; 400 bu rejected spring at $1.09; 400 bu by sample at $1.27 on track. Total, 168,200 bu.

Corn was moderately active and steady at the outside range of yesterday,—the average being ⅝c higher. The course of the market seemed, to an outsider, to be much the same as in wheat, there being a better demand for cash lots, in anticipation of a speedy lifting of the ice embargo, and less wanted for May. But there were indications of a little finesse, peculiar to the corn deal. Two parties have been carrying a large quantity of the corn now here between them, and one commenced to sell out to-day, while the other was buying. No. 2 changed his tactics immediately, and, by offering to undersell his friend, induced him to withdraw. The receipts were again large, but the shipments were also fair for the season, and there seemed to be several buying orders on the floor from parties who had sold for next month, and apparently do not want to deliver it. Seller May opened at 65¾c, advanced to 66c, and receded to 65⅝c at the close. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, sold at 62@62¼c, closing at 62¼c. April receipts of No. 2 closed firm at 63¾c. New No. 2 and old rejected closed with buyers at 50¼c, and new rejected at 58¾c, both on 2c storage. High mixed was at a premium of about ⅝c over No. 2. Cash sales were reported of 1,200 bu high mixed at 64c; 1,200 bu do, new, at 60c; 22,000 bu No. 2 at 63⅝c; 48,200 bu, part strictly fresh, at 63½c; 5,200 bu do at 63¾c; 5,000 bu 2c storage at 63c; 10,000 bu do regular at 62¼c; 5,000 bu do at 62½c; 20,000 bu do at 62c; 2,000 bu do, new, at 60c; 800 bu rejected at 60c; 800 bu do at 59½c; 9,200 bu do, new, at 58¾c. Total, 130,600 bu.

Oats were rather slow at ⅛c advance, buyers not taking hold willingly, while sellers insisted on higher prices, to correspond with the stronger feeling in wheat and corn. Seller May opened at 40¾c, and closed dull at 40¾c. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, opened at 43c, and closed at 42¾c. Strictly fresh receipts were in moderate request, closing at 45c for No. 2 and 42½c for rejected. Cash sales were reported of 4,800 bu No. 2 (strictly fresh) at 45c; 20,000 bu do at 43c; 5,000 bu do at 42½c; 600 bu rejected at 42½c; 600 bu do at 42¼c; 1,200 bu white by sample at 50c (delivered); 600 bu do at 49½c; 600 bu do at 47¾c; 1,200 bu mixed by sample at 47c; 600 bu do at 46½c; 600 bu do at 46¼c; 600 bu do at 46c. Total, 36,400 bu.

Rye was in good demand and stronger, though the supply was rather larger than the average. The market closed at ⅗c advance, at 90½c for regular No. 2. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2, strictly fresh receipts (N. W.), at 93c; 800 bu do at 92c; 1,200 bu, regular do, at 90½c; 1,600 bu do at 90c; 2,000 bu by sample at 95c; 400 bu do at 94c. Total, 6,400 bu.

Barley was dull and irregular. There was very little No. 2 on the market, and that grade was nominally 1c higher, at $1.51@1.53 for regular to fresh. No. 3 was easier, at $1.39@1.34 for fresh receipts. Rejected was nominal at $1.17@1.20. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 3 at $1.34; 400 bu do at $1.33; 400 bu rejected (Central) at $1.20; 400 bu by sample at $1.60; 400 bu do at $1.50; 400 bu do at $1.45; 400 bu do at $1.40; 400 bu do at $1.25. Total, 3,200 bu.

### AGRICULTURE AT THE SOUTH.

The New Orleans *Picayune* has accounts from all parts of the Gulf States showing that the farmers are planting extensively of corn, wheat, oats and rice. Labor is abundant, and is secured at rates much lower than have heretofore ruled.

The change of the policy of planters from hiring on shares to monthly wages has had the effect of clearing the plantations of idlers, and of bringing into the field a large number of laborers. The weather has been most favorable for an early start of the cane, and the indications for a good crop are gratifying. In many of the parishes, the extent of land to be sown in rice will be one-fourth more than was cultivated last season. From the Attakapas (Southern Louisiana), corn will be the crop upon which the planters will rely. In many quarters it is already up, and seems to be flourishing.

From Texas flattering reports are received. The farmers are in fine spirits, and hope that the end may be as good as the beginning. In Alabama large tracts of the magnificent prairie and canebrake, which stretch from Demopolis to Columbus, have been prepared for corn and cereals. Many plantations have been converted into stock farms in consequence of the exodus of negroes. After three successive failures of the cotton crop in that section, the planter has been forced to diversify his crops, and, from his inability to borrow money, finds himself at last on the right road to independence.

As an indication of what Georgia is doing the newspapers are filled with congratulations that a complete revolution has been effected in agriculture. In the country around Columbus about 100,000 bushels of oats have been sowed, which is almost twice the amount of last year. The acreage in wheat is much greater than last year, and farmers are preparing to plant 30 per cent at least more corn and use 50 per cent less of commercial manures.

Altogether, the outlook for 1874 in the Gulf States is most promising.

### HARD COAL.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* says: The supply of anthracite coal at the principal seaboard centres is estimated within 400,000 tons, and there is a seeming indisposition on the part of the great carrying companies controlling the trade not to increase the amount by early pressing coal on the market. Individuals and firms whose coals have the reputation of being first quality we understand have contracted as nearly up to their capacity to supply coal as they desire to do at this time. The last public sale of Scranton coal, and the notice to reduce the production of coal 15 per cent during April, are indications that the prices of coal will be maintained at the monthly advances heretofore announced. The Committee of the associated coal companies, which monthly adjust the prices of coal, have advanced the price for the month of April 5 cents per ton. The trade just now is healthful, though not as vigorous as we have sometimes known it to be, and a large tonnage may with reasonable certainty be calculated on for this year. There were in operation in the Schuylkill coal region in 1873 166 colliers. In the same year twenty-eight colliers were for various reasons abandoned, principally, however, for the reason that they had ceased to be remunerative in competition with mines more favorably located and worked.

### THE GRAIN TRADE OF NEW YORK.

The New York *Bulletin* says: "Perhaps least needs to be said upon what is one of the most serious obstacles,—the lack of adequate terminal facilities for handling and transhipping heavy freights; for this evil has already diverted so much of our trade to Boston, Montreal, and other points as to have aroused our merchants to concerted action for providing an effective remedy. It has come to be well understood that we cannot much longer hold our trade in grain and other bulky freights against ports which provide direct access for loaded cars to elevators, warehouses, and ocean vessels; and this being understood, we can only expect to see this branch going steadily away from us until we provide just such accommodation. How much trade we shall lose from this cause depends simply upon how long we are in providing adequate terminal facilities; and we know of no stronger argument than this fact for the gentlemen who have taken this matter in hand pushing their measures with sleepless energy, unless it be that the business thus driven elsewhere will prove more difficult of recovery."

### LATEST.

Was moderately active and about ¼c lower. Seller the month sold at $1.20¾@1.21, closing at $1.20¾. Seller May at $1.24¾@1.25¼, closing at $1.25. Corn was quiet and easy at 62@62¼c seller the month, and 65¼@65⅝c seller May, the latter closing strong at the outside.

### CALL BOARD.

Mess pork was fairly active and firm at an advance of 5@10c. Lard and meats were unchanged. Mess Pork—Cash or seller the month, $15.87½@16.00; seller May, $16.10@16.15; seller June, $16.27½@16.35; seller July, $16.45@17.00; September, $17.15@17.25. Lard—Cash or seller the month, $8.30@9.40; seller May, $9.45@9.50; seller June, $9.60@9.65. Short Clear—Cash or seller the month, quoted at 8¼c. Short Ribs—Cash or seller the month, offered at 8¼c; seller May, offered at 8¼c; seller June, no bids, no offers. Shoulders—Cash or seller April, offered at 6c; seller May, 6¾c; seller June, no bids, no offers. Sales include 250 brls mess pork, seller May, at $16.10; 250 brls do at $16.12½; 1,250 brls do, seller June, at $16.27½; 500 brls do at $16.30; 1,250 tcs lard, seller May, at $9.47½; 250 tcs do, seller June, at $9.60.

## CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

FRIDAY EVENING, April 3.

ALCOHOL—Quotable at $1.86@1.91.

BEANS—Were dull. The offerings are fair, but there is little demand at present. We quote: Navies, hand-picked per bu, $2.30@2.50; mediums, do, $1.90@2.00 in brls.

BUTTER—Prices range substantially the same as on the earlier days of the week, but the feeling was scarcely so firm, receivers appearing anxious to realize immediately upon arrival, there being little confidence in the permanence of present prices. Most of the trading was done at prices ranging downward from 38c, sales at our outside quotation being rare. Thus far sellers have succeeded in preventing any material accumulation, the arrivals receipts being but slightly excessive. We quote: Choice to fancy yellow, 36@40c; medium to good grades, 32@34c; inferior to common, 22@30c; common to choice roll, 28@33c.

BAGGING—Continues quiet, with no material fluctuation in values. The following quotations were firmly adhered to: Stark, 34c; Ludlow A, 33c; Lewiston A, 32c; American A, 29c; Amoskeag, 31c; Otter Creek, 32c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 bu, 18@20c; gunnies, single, 17@18c; do double, 27@28c; wool sacks, 60@62c.

BROOM-CORN—Was quiet and unchanged. A few small orders were placed each day, but there is not much demand from any source. We quote: Choice hurl, 6@6½c; do extra, 6c; corn that will work itself into a choice hurl broom, 2¾@3c; for good do, 6@7c; good to choice stalk brush, 7¼@8c; inferior brush, 4@5½c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Continue in fair local demand for the season, at previous prices: Michigan stucco, $2.50; New York stucco, casting, $3.25@3.50; Utica, Louisville, and Akron cement, $2.00 ₮ brl; Portland cement, $7.00@7.50; lime in bulk, 75c@$1.00; lime (brls) $1.00@1.25 ₮ brl; white sand, ₮ brl, $1.50@2.00; plastering hair, ₮ bu, 40c; fire brick, ₮ 1,000, $35.00@90.00; building brick (common), $7.50@8.50; Milwaukee and Racine pressed, $27.00@32.50, del.; Indiana pressed $15.00@25.00; do common, $10.00@12.00; fire-clay, ₮ brl, $3.00@4.00.

CHEESE—Nothing new was developed in the cheese market, a fair movement being witnessed at about steady prices. We quote: New York factory, choice, 17@18c; Ohio and Western factory, do, 16@17c; lower grades, 12@15c.

COAL—Was unchanged. We quote: Lehigh, prepared, $11.00; Lackawanna, $10.00; Pennsylvania, Cannel, $8.50@9.00; Indiana Cannel, $7.50; Erie and Walnut Hill, $8.50; Brooks, $8.00; Blossburg, $8.50@9.00; Kirkland grate, $7.00; Hocking Valley, $6.50; Indiana block, $6.00; Minonk, $5.50; Wilmington, $5.00; Barclay, $5.00.

COOPERAGE—Was quiet and unchanged. We repeat: Pork barrels, $1.05@1.15; whisky barrels, $1.00@2.10; lard tierces, $1.40@1.45; flour barrels, 48@55c; pork staves, rough, $18.00@22.00; do, bucked, $20.00@25.00; tierce staves, rough, $22.00@24.00; bucked or sawed, $25.00@33.00; whisky staves, rough, $26.00@28.00; do bucked, $33.00@38.00; flour staves, $9.00@11.00; circle flour heading, 8@9c per set; flour hoop-poles, $10.00@12.00 per m.

EGGS—The market is liberally supplied and the receipts continue larger. The unpleasant weather interfered with the trade to-day. Eggs are easier than on yesterday, though some dealers reduced prices then in the afternoon. Sales were made at 12½c, and a few late in shipping order brought 13c.

FISH—Quiet again prevailed in this department, and the easy feeling noticeable during the preceding days of the week still a feature of the market. There was, however, no quotable decline in any description, nor is any decline looked for just at present. We quote: No. 1 whitefish, ¾-brl, $7.25@7.50; No. 2 do, $7.00@7.25; No. 1 trout, $6.75@7.00; No. 1 shore-mackerel, new, ¾-brl, $13.00@14.00; No. 1 bay, $10.50@10.75; No. 2 mackerel, ¾-brl, $8.50@9.00; family mackerel, ¾-brl, $7.50@7.75; No. 1 shore kits, $2.15@2.25; hake or codfish, $5.00@5.25; St. George's codfish, $6.25@6.50; Labrador herring, split brls, $6.00@6.50; do, ½-brl, $4.25@4.50; Labrador herring, round brl, $7.00@8.00; do, ½-brl, $4.00@4.25; box herring, No. 1, 30@33c; box herring, scaled, 40@43c; Columbia River salmon, ½-brls, $9.75@10.00.

FRUITS AND NUTS—In the situation of this market there was little or no change. Business was just fair, or little more,—and prices were comparatively steady as previously quoted. For ruling rates the current rates: FOREIGN—Dates, 10½@11c; figs, drums, 12½@13½c; figs, in boxes, layers, 15@16c; Turkish prunes, 13½@14c; raisins, layers, $2.95@3.00; raisins, loose Muscatel, $3.60@3.70; raisins, Valencia, 12½@13¾c; Zante currants, 7½@8c; citron, 32@33c; lemon peel, 18@20c. DOMESTIC—Apples, new, $5.00@5.25; New York extras, 13½@13¾c; Michigan sliced, 13¼@13½c; Michigan quarters, 12½@13c; Western do, 11½@11¾c; Southern do, 10½@11c; peaches, pared, 24@25c; peaches, halves, new, 14½@15c; do, mixed, 11¾@12½c; blackberries, 17@18c; raspberries, 38@40c; pitted cherries, 27@28c. NUTS—Filberts, 17@17½c; almonds, Terragona, 21@22c; Naples walnuts, 20@22c; Chili walnuts, 10@20c; Grenoble walnuts, new, 16@17c; Brazils, 11@11½c; pecans, Texas, 9½@10¾c; Wilmington peanuts, fancy, 12@13c; do second quality, 7@10c; Tennessee peanuts, 8@9c

GREEN FRUITS—Choice fruits were firm, especially oranges, apples, and cranberries. The demand is fair. A letter recently received from Wentworth, North Carolina, states that a severe frost has visited that region, killing all, or nearly all, the peaches, cherries, plums, and grapes. The crop of blackberries there is usually large, and probably more attention will be given to the gathering of it than usual this season: Lemons $6.50 per box; Valencia oranges, $11.00@12.00 per case; Palermo and Messina do, per box, $5.50@6.50; fair to choice apples, $4.00@6.00 per brl; cultivated cranberries in boxes, at $6.50@6.00.

GROCERIES—There was some improvement in the demand for groceries, nearly all staple articles meeting with a better inquiry than at the beginning of the week. In prices there were no decided changes. Coffees were steadier. Sugars showed less firmly. Rice, sirups, molasses, and other lines ruled steady and firm. We quote:

BI-CARB. SODA—7¼@8¼c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 40@41c; O. G. Java, 35¼@36½c; Java, No. 2, 33½@34½c; fancy Rio, 29¼@30c; choice do, 29¼@29½c; prime Rio, 28½@29c; good do, 28@28½c; common do, 27@27½c; roasting do, 26@26½c; Singapore Java, 32¼@33½c; Costa Rica fancy, 30¼@30½c; do, prime, 29@29¾c; Maracaibo, 29¼@30¼c.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 17¼@18c; stearine, full weight, 14@14½c; do, short weight, 13@13½c.

RICE—Patna, 8¼@8¾; Rangoon, 8@8¼c; Carolina, 9@10¼c; Louisiana, 8¼@9¼c.

SUGARS—Patent cut loaf, 12¼@12½c; crushed and powdered, 11¼@11½c; granulated, 11¼@11½c; A, standard, 10¼c; do, No. 2, 10¼c; B, 10@10¼c; extra C, 9¾@10c; C No. 2, 9¼@9¾c; yellow C, No. 1, 9¼@9½c; choice brown, 9¼@9¾c; prime do, 9¼@9¾c; fair do, 8¼@8¾c; common do, 7¼@7½c; New Orleans sugar, choice, 9¼@9½c; do prime, 9@9¼c; do, fair, 8@8¼c; common, 7¼@8c.

SMUPS—Diamond drips, $1.33@1.38; silver drips, extra fine, 83@88c; good sugar-house sirup, 58@63c; extra do, 63@73c; New Orleans molasses, choice, 83@88c; do prime, 78@80c; do common, 65@70c; Porto Rico molasses, choice, 65@68c; common molasses, 35@38c.

SALERATUS—Common to best, 8¼@9¼c.

SPICES—Allspice, 17½@18¾c; cloves, 58@60c; cassia, 35@37c; pepper, 28@30c; nutmegs, No. 1, $1.40@1.45; ginger, African, 25@28c; do Calcutta, 18@20c.

SOAPS—German mottled, 6¼@6½c; Golden West, 6@6¼c; White Lily, 6¼@6½c; White Rose, 6¼@6½c; palm, 6@6½c; Savon Imperial, 9@9½c; white Russian, 6¼@6¾c; Champaign, 6@6½c; primrose, 6@6½c.

STARCH—Silver gloss, 9¾@10c; common, 8@10½c; pure, 8½@8c.

HAY—Was in liberal supply, dull, and weak. There is a light local inquiry for prime prairie, but other grades are dull. We quote the wholesale prices paid by dealers as follows, cars to contain 20,000 lbs: Timothy, prime, $13.50@14.00; do No. 1, $13.00@13.50; No. 2, do, $10.50@11.50; mixed, $9.50@10.50; prime prairie, $9.50@10.00; do No. 1, $8.50@9.00; do No. 2, $6.00@7.00. LOOSE ON WAGON—Timothy, $11.00@13.00; prairie, $8.00@10.00. For delivery of pressed, $1.00@1.50, according to distance.

HIDES—Were steady under a fair local demand and moderate offerings. We quote: Green city butchers', 7c@8c; green cured, light, 9¾; heavy do, 8½@8¾c; part cured, 8½c; green calf, 14@14½c; green kip, 9¾c; dry calf, 20@22c; dry kip, 20c; dry salted, 14@15c; dry flint, 18@20c; deacon skins