FINANCE AND TRADE.

FINANCIAL MATTERS during the week have been very uninteresting, showing no special changes as compared with several weeks before it. Money is less easy, consequently borrowers are not so readily accommodated; when they are it is at ten per cent. per annum; in the street 2@2½ per cent. per month is the general rate. Exchange continues to offer in great plenty, and rates are firm at ¼ discount on New York and ½ discount on New Orleans; selling at par on both. Gold in New York yesterday morning opened at 114¼ and advanced to 114½, then fell to 114⅛; here brokers were offering 113@113½. The financial article of a recent copy of the first newspaper of a southern city assured its readers "there is nothing new in scripture quotations;" we can assure ours that there is nothing new in scrip quotations. Memphis police and fire scrip are in rather better inquiry; Memphis tax scrip is firm, with some irregularity in the demand. Shelby county warrants are firm at former figures; State warrants are in good inquiry and unchanged.

	Buying.	Selling.
Memphis police and fire	80@—	85@90
Memphis tax scrip	75@80	75@80
County warrants	72@75	75@80
State warrants	80@—	97@—
New issue Tennessee	75@80	—@—

OUR REVIEW of the cotton market last week reported middling cotton in New York at 13¾c, on Wednesday it declined to 13 11-16c; New Orleans to-day it declined 12½; and has so remained since September 13th. Liverpool quoted 6¼d since September 10th. Memphis quoted 12¾@13c and has remained unchanged. We see by this statement that there has been but one decline during the week in New York; cotton therefore has remained very steady, and its condition is described as follows in a Hunt & Co.: "As predicted in our circular of last month, cotton has ruled low, and prices have continued to decline. In view of existing facts, however, it could scarcely have been otherwise. Freights have been so high, that both exporters and buyers for eastern account have been forced to reduce their limits. Foreign exchange has likewise been dull, while gold, with but little variation, has oscillated between 14 and 15p, with all the chances in favor of still further decline. Considering these facts, together with the low price of dry goods and flattering reports from the crop, it is not to be wondered at that buyers declined to operate except at very low figures. The demand has unquestionably been good, but at prices that, except for the very best grades, were ruinous to the planter. No decline can last always, however, and we think that prices have about touched bottom, or so nearly so, that it would be unwise to base any operation upon a still further decline. Indeed, the whole aspect of affairs so far as the crop is concerned, have materially changed during the last three weeks. The weather for this season of the year has been unprecedently bad, and picking operations, which earlier in the fall were retarded by general sickness throughout the country, have been still further restricted by the constant rains. Thus whole fields, some of them untouched, have been exposed to the damaging influence of the elements, and thousands of pounds of cotton have been beaten from the plant to the ground and destroyed. Even the saved will be much injured in character, and we fear that receipts from this time on will show an excessive proportion of low cotton. We are no advocates for very high prices, because we do not think they will transpire, nor for a small crop, because we shall have, as compared with last year, a large one; but when we reflect that middling cotton is selling in New York to-day for 13¾c per pound, gold, and in Liverpool for 6¼d, and that for the three years preceding the war—1857, 1858 and 1859—it averaged about 11¾c in New York and 6¾d in Liverpool, we think it fair to presume (with the unlooked for curtailment in crop) that when there is a change we shall have a moderate advance. To our friends we say sell on every active market; because the expense of carrying will probably cancel any advance that may occur; but do not force your cotton off on dull days in anticipation of a still further decline. And now, a word to our merchant friends who buy: beware of dusty cotton—stain and leaf do not make so much difference—but we have now on hand a large stock of dusty cotton, which is daily increasing, and which is utterly neglected except at extreme low prices. Bright and medium grades may advance—they probably will—but low dusty cotton must surely go lower."

Receipts in Memphis during the week ending Friday aggregated 23,465 bales, against 21,485 bales the previous week, and 20,240 bales the corresponding week last season. The total receipts since September 1, 1875, are 180,876 bales, against 148,352 at the corresponding time last season, showing an increase of 32,524 bales.

Shipments during the week ending Friday aggregated 17,525 bales, against 18,314 bales the previous week, and 12,394 the corresponding week last season. Total shipments since September 1st are 140,706 bales, against 102,244 bales the same time last year, an increase of 38,457 bales.

The stock on hand was 42,657 bales, against 36,717 bales last week, and 51,939 at this time last year.

Sales during the week were 14,300 bales, against 14,100 bales the previous week, and 12,090 the corresponding week last year. Of the 14,300 bales sold this week, spinners took 6290, exporters 5900, speculators 2200; against 4600 bales to spinners, 3100 to speculators, and 4400 to exporters the same time last year.

The following shows the course of the Memphis market and the price of middling cotton from the opening of the season:

Week Ending.	Receipts 1875-6.	Receipts 1874-5.	Shipts.	Stock.	Price Middling.
Sept. 3	80	742	5	2,69	15@14⅞ 16-
Sept. 10	222	1,057	400	2,48	15@14⅞ 15⅝
Sept. 17	378	3,140	1,041	1,982	15@14⅞ 15⅜
Sept. 24	1,275	3,430	1,700	1,557	15@14⅞ 15⅜
Oct. 1	4,230	7,762	2,762	4,025	15@14⅞ 14⅞
Oct. 8	7,641	8,800	6,480	6,181	15@14⅞ 14⅞
Oct. 15	12,651	11,448	10,776	8,012	15@14⅞ 14⅞
Oct. 22	16,689	12,851	9,109	15,593	15@14⅞ 14⅞
Oct. 29	19,759	14,722	15,942	19,380	15@14⅞ 14⅞
Nov. 5	21,703	13,738	18,727	24,356	15@14⅞ 14⅞
Nov. 12	23,240	17,608	21,003	28,593	15@14⅞ 14⅞
Nov. 19	27,294	15,029	20,501	33,546	15@14⅞ 14⅞
Nov. 26	21,485	16,395	18,314	36,717	14 1-16@14⅞ 14⅞
Dec. 3	23,465	20,240	17,525	42,657	13 15-16@14 13-16

Sales, 11,400; 10:15, opened quiet and steady; 10:45, quiet and steady; 11:15, quiet and firmer; 1:45, quiet and firmer; 2:15, quiet and firm.

Yesterday's Liverpool closing telegram reports: Uplands, 6¼d; Orleans, 7 3-16d; sales, 12,000 bales, of which 6600 were American. Upland middling same time last year, 7¾d. The tone of the market steady throughout. Receipts of American, 10,500.

Liverpool arrivals were dull and unchanged.

The movement at all the ports was reported as follows:

	This Week.	Last Week.	Same Time Last Year.
Rec'ts since 1st	65,654	60,800	72,888
Exp'ts G. Britain	10,854	10,117	10,785
Exp'ts to Contin't	23,557	21,402	20,881
Stock	691,388	592,027	624,913

Gold in New York closed at 114¼; same time last year, 111¾.

THE GENERAL MARKET is less active than might be looked for at this time of the year, especially as our receipt of cotton is now 32,500 bales beyond what it was at this time last year, while the stock left in hand is less. We are now, however, nearing the holidays, and as they approach we may expect more activity. *Corn* was lifeless yesterday, no boat having arrived from up the river for the past two days there was little offering; an offer of 45c for ear corn in sacks was made, and the offerer expected his proposition would be accepted. *Oats* were without transactions; they were offering at 44@45c. *Bran* was offering at $17 75, but we heard of no sale. *Hay* is very dull for common qualities; some fair bright mixed sold at $12. *Cornmeal* was again very quiet at $2 35. *Eggs* were quiet and steady at 26@27c. *Butter* is tame and unchanged. *Chickens* offering on the market are generally small, and they are not wanted; dealers have to accept $2 a dozen for them, and some poor, shivering chicks brought as little as $1 50; for fat, large hens $4 and $4 50 can be had, and such sell well. *Ducks* bring generally $3 50@4, and geese $5 50@6. *Turkeys*, like chickens, are neglected when small; fine and large will bring as high as $18; dressed turkeys, when fine, are readily taken. *Apples* have no change of price; some choice belle-flowers brought $6 a barrel. *Cabbage* has been scarce, but some fine and large arrived yesterday, which sold for $8@10 for a hundred head. *Potatoes* generally remain weak, except that there is more firmness in early rose, on account of a better inquiry; Ohio river sold, in store, down to $1 40 a barrel. *Onions* are very heavy, and common in sacks can be had low; for good $1 90@2 are paid. *Provisions* are in incressing demand, but prices are drooping, as will be seen by referring to the tables below. The Cincinnati *Enquirer* of Thursday says: "The market is decidedly dull and heavy, with prices ruling a little lower on most articles, and not much disposition to buy at the decline." The St. Louis *Globe* of Saturday reports: "The day was only a quiet follower in the path of a long line of saddened predecessors. Orders scarce and business light. At the stock-yards the hogs were all gobbled at about Thursday's prices. In nearly all the offerings the feeling was dull and lower." The December Chicago Provision Circular of Messrs. Eggleston, Hennees & Co., says that during the month the weakness of the market has been more fully developed, and meats were off 1@1½, and decidedly dull at the decline. "Foreign orders in meats have generally been at reduced limits, while southern inquiry is small compared with previous weeks. Packers, in view of the marked falling off in this demand, have turned their attention the past few days to making mess pork, and we look for an increase in our stock of that article, which has been meager thus far. Hogs began to arrive more freely about the middle of the week, which packers were quick to take advantage of, and succeeded in getting prices down 30c per 100." We remind buyers that they may save themselves much toil, and have opportunity to compare prices and samples, by attending every morning at the board of trade, corner of Front and Union. The board give notice that they are about to elect their permanent officers.

Quotations are for round lots, unless otherwise expressed; for feed and produce, levee rates. For small purchases rates are proportionately higher.

APPLES—Per bbl. $2 50@3 50 for medium; $4@5 for fine to fancy. Sale of 40 bbls small Greitons at $2 25; 50 bbls New York pippins at $4.

BEEF, FRESH, ETC.—Fore quarters, 3@5c; hind-quarters, 4@7c. Hogs, city slaughtered, 5@10c; country, 7@8c. Sheep, 6@10c.

BUTTER—Cooking, 15@20c; good, 25@30c; selections, 32c.

BRAN—Offered at $17 75.

BEESWAX—Scarce and firm; country selling on arrival at 26c, as in quality.

BEANS—Per bushel, $1 50@2 25.

BALING STUFFS—Too irregular for quotation.

CORN—Nothing doing in shell; 45c offered for 178 sacks ear corn.

COARNMEAL—Very little doing; sales at $2 35.

CEMENT—Rosedale in store $2 25 per bbl, with Louisville $2 15@2 20; Portland, $8@10; Rosendale, $9@10.

CRANBERRIES—Per bbl., $11@12.

COTTON YARNS—No. 400, 16@16½c; 60's, 14@14½c; 800, 12@12¼c; 700, 10@10½c.

CIDER—Per bbl., $10.

CANDLES—Star, whole boxes, 16½c; half and quarter boxes higher.

CHICKENS—Young, $2@3 50; old, $4@4 50; market heavy for young and small. It takes fine fowls to reach the outside figures. Dressed chickens, $2 50.

CHEESE—Western factory, 13@13½c; extra, 14c; common, 11¼@12c.

COFFEE—Rio, inferior to choice, at 22@25c as in quality.

COAL-OIL—Per gallon, 18c.

CABBAGE—Arrival of large and fine at $8@10 per 100 head.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8@10c per lb; peaches, 8c.

DUCKS—Per dozen, good, $3@4.

EGGS—Per dozen, 26@27c, and quiet.

FLOUR—Some animation in the lower grades; quiet at $4 50@8.

GAME—Whole deer, per lb, 7c; venison, saddles, 10@12c per pound; rabbits, per dozen, $2@2 50; squirrels, per dozen, $1 50; prairie chickens, per dozen, $2 75@3; quails, per dozen, $1 75@2.

GEESE—Quiet at $5@6; some very fine sold at $6 25.

HAY—Arkansas prairie, $9@10 by the carload; common to good mixed, $15@16 50; good, $18@20; timothy, $24 50; choice timothy, $25 50. Sales of 100 bales prairie from store, at $11, 100 fair western mixed at $12.

HOMINY—In store, $4 75 per bbl.

HIDES, ETC.—Quiet at the following rates: Flint hides, 15c; dry-salted, 11@12c; green-salted, 7@8c; and green, 6@7c, as in weight, quality, etc., with damaged 3@5c per cent. lower. Deer skins—dry, 30@32c for choice. Sheep and lamb skins command 25c@$1 50, as in quality, amount of wool, etc.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $5 50@6 for choice.

LIME—In store, on orders, $1 35 per barrel.

LEMONS AND ORANGES—Lemons, $9; oranges, $8@8 50.

MOLASSES—New, 40@55c; syrups, 40@70c.

NAILS—In store, $3 25 rates.

NUTS—Cocoanuts, $5@6; peanuts, red 5c, white 6c, by the lot; by the barrel, 6@8c.

ONIONS—Round lots, say 100 bbls., in bbls., $1 60; in sacks, 55c a bushel; sale of 25 bbls nice yellow at 55c.

OILS—Raw linseed, 70c; boiled ditto, 75c; turpentine, 55c.

OATS—Mixed offered on 'change at 44@45c.

PROVISIONS—Bulk meat—shoulders, 7½c; clear rib, 10½c; clear sides, 10½c; long clear, 10½c; bulk hams, 10½@11c. These are for loose, packed ½@¾c higher.

Lard—Tierces, 13½c; Kegs, 14½c; pails, 14½c for refined.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $21 75@22.

Bacon—Sugar-cured hams, 16@16½c; breakfast bacon, 15@15½c.

PIGS FEET—Per bbl, $11; firkin, $4 50; keg, $2 25, according to size of package.

PEAS—Green peas, per bushel, $2 25.

POTATOES—Illinois peachblows heavy at $1 35; Illinois early rose, $1 40. Iowa peachblows in store, $1 65@1 75. Sale of 100 bbls. Michigan at $1 70; early rose in better demand; sale of 10 bbls. at $1 65; 50 bbls. Ohio river, from store, at $1 40.

PLASTER—Per bbl., $3 25@3 50.

SALT—Domestic, per bbl., $1 75@1 85.

STRAW—Sale of 50 bales at $15.

SUGAR—Clarified, 8¾@9¼c; white clarified, 9¼@10¼c; refined, 11¼@12½c; hard white, powdered, crushed and granulated, 11¾@12¾c; Louisiana brown, 7¾@9¼c.

TURNIPS—In store, $1 50.

TALLOW—Firm at 8@8½c for country on arrival.

TURKEYS—Per dozen, $10@14. Dressed, 10@15c per pound.

WOOL—Wool quiet, with washed salable at 30@45c, and unwashed at 15@30c, on arrival, as to quality, condition, etc., but such as can be sold higher than 40c is rarely seen in the receipts

MONEY MARKETS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

PARIS, December 6.—Rentes, 66f. 57½c.

NEW ORLEANS, December 6.—Gold, 114½; sight, ¼ discount; sterling commercial, 546@547.

LONDON, December 6.—The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills is 2⅝ per cent., being ⅛ below the Bank of England rate. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £1000. Consols for money, 93⅞@93 13-16; on account, 93 31-32; 5-20s of '65, 105¾; do. 1867, 109½; 10-40s, 105½; new 5s, 104½; New York Central, 96; Erie, 14¾; Erie prefered, 31.

NEW YORK, December 6.—Money, 4@5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6@8 per cent. Customs receipts, $420,000. The assistant treasurer disbursed $585,000. Clearings, $47,000,000. Gold opened at 114¾, fell off to 114⅝, advanced to 114⅞, and closed at 114¾. Rates paid for carrying, 1½ 1, and 2 per cent. Loans were also made flat. Government bonds firm; coupons of 1881, 123½; do. 1865, 113¼; 1865, new, 120¼; do. 1867, 122¾; do. 1868, 122¾; new 5s, 117½; 10-40s, regular, 117¼; do. coupons, 117½; currency 6s, 121½; State bonds quiet; Tennessee 6s old, 44¾; Tennessee 6s, new, 43½; Virginia 6s old, 37; Virginia 6s, new, 38; Missouri 6s, 102½. Railroad bonds were in good demand. Stocks opened ⅛@⅜c lower than Saturday's closing rates, and declined ⅛@¾ more, led by Union Pacific. Subsequently there was more than a full recovery, except in Union Pacifics. In the last hour the market was decidedly strong and higher. The greatest advance was in Union Pacific, which rose from 76¾ to 78⅜, with no stock offering at the close under 80. The principal activity was in Lake Shore and Pacific Mail, the former advancing to 69¾ and the latter to 41¾, with the closing sales at the highest prices reached. Northwestern common advanced to 39¾, and preferred to 55⅝, on more active dealings. Michigan Central advanced to 61¾, St. Paul to 36½ and preferred to 69¾, Ohios to 17⅜, Rock Island to 105⅝, and Pittsburg to 90¾. Panama sold at 127. Atlantic and Pacific telegraph reacted to 20. Transactions at the stock exchange were 110,000 shares, of which 32,000 were Pacific Mail, 11,000 Western Union, 3,000 Northwestern common and 2500 preferred, 21,000 Lake Shore, 2500 Union Pacific, and 2500 Michigan Central. Closing quotations were: Western Union Telegraph, 76½; Pacific Mail, 41¾; Adams Express company, 102½; Wells & Fargo's Express company, 83; American Express company, 96; United States Express company, 54; New York Central, 105¾; Erie, 16¼; Erie preferred, 25; Harlem, 133; Harlem preferred, 132; Michigan Central, 61¾; Union Pacific stock, 78¾; Lake Shore, 69¾; Illinois Central, 93¾; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 90; Northwestern, 39½; Northwestern pref'd, 55½; Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis, 80½; New York Central, 104½; Rock Island, 105½; St. Paul, 36½; St. Paul preferred, 66½; Wabash, 4¾; Wabash preferred, 7; Fort Wayne, 98¾; Terre Haute, 5; Terre Haute preferred, 20¾; Chicago and Alton, 97; Chicago and Alton preferred, 105; Ohio and Mississippi, 17¾; Indiana Central, 4¾; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 114¾; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 21¾; Delaware and Lackawanna, 120; Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, 19¾; Central Pacific bonds, 106¾; Union Pacific bonds, 104⅝.

DRY GOODS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, December 6.—Business continued quiet with package houses. Cocheco fancy prints reduced to 7½c, and Cocheco and Sprague's robes to 8c. Brown sheetings are in good demand, and bleached shirtings quiet. Plaid ginghams are fairly active and in comparatively light supply. Woolen goods remained quiet. Shawls dull.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LOUISVILLE, December 6.—Flour quiet. Wheat quiet but firm, $1 05@1 25. Corn quiet but firm, 62@63c. Oats quiet and steady. Rye steady, 75c. Hay dull. Provisions dull; prices nominally. Pork, $21 50. Bulk meats 7¾, 10½@10¾c. Lard quiet, 13@14c. Whisky lower, $1 09. Bagging quiet.

CHICAGO, December 6.—Flour dull. Wheat active, but lower; No. 2 spring, 87¾@87¾c. Corn quiet but firm; No. 2 mixed a shade higher, 46¾@46¾c. Oats quiet and weak; No. 2, 29¾c. Rye inactive and lower at 67½@68c. Pork in good demand, but at lower rates, $19 95 seller all the year; $19 20@19 35, seller March. Lard firm at 12.15c. Bulk shoulders, 7c. Whisky, $1 11.

ST. LOUIS, December 6.—Flour dull, only a local demand. Wheat dull and lower; No. 2 red winter, $1 01@1 02 cash. Corn dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 41¾@41c cash; 42c December. Oats scarce and firm; No. 2, 34c. Rye firmer at 67c cash and December. Pork dull at $20. Lard dull at 12c; some packers holding at 12½c. Bulk meats dull at 7, 10@10¼c. Green meats dull and nominal at 6¾, 9¾@10c. Bacon firm, but only a peddling trade.

CINCINNATI, December 6.—Flour quiet and firm. Wheat firmer; red, $1 01@1 07. Corn inactive; new, 48@48c; old, 58@60c. Oats steady and firm at 30@35c. Rye steady. Pork quiet. Lard in fair demand at lower rates; sales at 12½c; kettle, 13@13½c. Bulk meats dull and lower; sales of shoulders at 7¾c; Cumberland middles, 9¾c boxed; also sales of shoulders and clear ribs at 9¾c seller February. Bacon—only a limited jobbing demand. Green meats—nothing doing. Whisky, $1 09. Butter quiet.

NEW YORK, December 6.—Flour steady, $5 30. Cornmeal heavy, $3 15@3 60. Wheat heavy and lower; No. 3 Chicago, $1 10@1 11. Corn a shade lower; mixed western and State, 43@50c. Coffee quiet and heavy; Rio, cargoes, 18½@19c gold; jobbing, 19¾@22c gold. Sugar firm prime, 8¾c. Molasses—New Orleans quiet, 56@61c. Rice heavy; Louisiana and Carolina 7¼@7¾c. Petroleum dull; crude, 6¾@7c; refined, 12¾@13c. Pork dull and easier; uninspected, $21 80. Cut meats—western long clear, 10¾@10¾c; city long clear, 11c. Lard dull; prime steam, 12¾c. Western butter, 18@22c. Cheese quiet at 6@12¾c. Whisky steady at $1 06.

NEW ORLEANS, December 6.—Sugar in good demand and firm; common to good common, 5¾@6¾c; fair to fully fair, 6¾@7¾c; prime, 7¾@7¾c; choice, 7¾c; yellow clarified, 8¾@8¾c. Molasses firm; centrifugal, 25@35c; common, 30@35c; good common, 36@38c; fair, 40@42c; prime, 44@45c; strictly prime to choice, 47@48c. Flour quiet; superfine, $4 25; double extra, $4 50; treble extra, $4 75@5 50; choice and family, $5 75@6 50. Cornmeal dull and lower, $2 65. Corn steady at 58@60c. Oats firmer, 45@50c. Bran steady at $1. Hay quiet; prime, $22@23. Pork firm; new mess held at $22 25; old, $21 25. Dry salt meats dull at 8¾, 11, 11¾ @11¾c. Bacon dull and nominal. Hams—choice sugar-cured; sugars at 17¾c; inferior dull at 16c. Lard—jobbing tierce, packers, 13c; refined, 13¾c; keg, 14½c. Coffee dull—ordinary to prime, 18½@21¾c. Whisky dull; rectified, $1 12@1 15.

RIVER CHRONICLE.

Weather and Rivers.

Yesterday was fine as silk overhead, but decidedly the reverse under foot. Long toward the dead hour of night, however, the beauties of midnight were hidden from view by thick clouds, and a rapid lowering of the temperature indicated the near proximity of the approaching Artic wave that has hovered in more northern latitudes. The thermometer reached the altitude of 61° during yesterday, but the day closed at fully twenty degrees lower temperature. Rivers as follows:

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION,
SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. ARMY,
MEMPHIS, TENN., December 6, 1875.

	Above low water.		Changes.			
	Feet.	In's.	Rise. Ft.	In.	Fall Ft.	In
Cairo	20	8	.....	.....	.....	10
Cincinnati	19	6	.....	.....	1	2
Davenport	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1
Dubuque	3	11	.....	3	.....	.....
Evansville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keokuk	2	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Leavenworth	3	8	.....	2	.....	.....
Little Rock	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville	9	10	.....	1	.....	.....
Memphis	**19**	**4**	.....	.....	.....	**3**
Nashville	12	6	1	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans	11	2	.....	5	.....	.....
Pittsburg	6	6	.....	9	.....	.....
Shreveport	4	8	.....	8	.....	.....
St. Louis	4	1	.....	2	.....	.....
Vicksburg	23	3	3	3	.....	.....

H. M. LUDWIG, Sergeant
BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW ORLEANS, December 6.—No arrivals or departures. Weather cloudy this morning with rain to-night.

LITTLE ROCK, December 6.—After rising several inches the river is again falling. Weather cloudy and rainy the past three days.

CAIRO, December 6—Noon.—Arrived: Mary Miller, Cincinnati, 6 a m. Departed: Mary Ann, New Orleans, 8 a.m. Weather cloudy and mild.

PITTSBURG, December 6.—River 6 feet 3 inches and rising slowly. Weather cloudy and mild. Night—River 6 feet 7 inches and rising. Weather cloudy and mild.

LOUISVILLE, December 6.—River 9 feet 2 inches in the canal, and 7 feet 2 inches on the falls. Weather clear and pleasant. Departed: Louisville, New Orleans.

CINCINNATI, December 6.—River 20 feet 6 inches and rising. Weather cloudy and damp.....Night—River 19 feet 2 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and mild. Arrived: Charles Morgan, New Orleans.

EVANSVILLE, December 6.—Weather: Raining hard, with lightning and thunder. Mercury 52° to 60°. River 20 feet scant and falling. Port-List—Down: Kittie Hegler, 10:30 a.m.; Minneola, 3:30. Up: James D. Parker, 11:30 a.m.

Movements at the Levee.

ARRIVALS.

George W. Cheek, Helena; Phil Allin, Friars Point; Belle of Texas, Ashport; A. J. White, Napoleon; Legal Tender, mouth of White river; Era No. 9, St. Francis river; Rosa Miller, Arkansas river; Carrie V. Kountz, New Orleans; Colorado, Vicksburg; Robert Mitchell, Cincinnati; Belle St. Louis, St. Louis; Illinois, Vicksburg.

DEPARTURES.

Colorado, St. Louis; George W. Cheek, Helena; Phil Allin, Friars Point; Belle of Texas, Ashport; A. J. White, Napoleon; Legal Tender, Arkansas river; Carrie V. Kountz, St. Louis; Belle St. Louis, Vicksburg; Robert Mitchell, New Orleans.

IN PORT.

Illinois, Era No. 9, Rosa Miller, Quickstep.

BOATS DUE.

Thompson Dean, Vint Shinkle, St. Francis Belle, Mary Miller, Nellie Peck, May Houston, Osceola, Belle Memphis, Ste. Genevieve.

BOATS LEAVING TUESDAY.

FOR NAPOLEON—The Quickstep, Captain Stack Lee, master, leaves this evening at five o'clock. Harry Bateman is clerk.

FOR NEW ORLEANS.—The steamer Mary Miller Captain Crane, master, leaves for New Orleans at four o'clock this evening, giving strict attention to business at all way landings. Captain Glenn is her agent.

FOR ARKANSAS RIVER—The Rosa Miller Captain Banks, master, cuts loose at five o'clock this evening for all points on Arkansas river, including Red River, the Yazoo, New Gascony, Pine Bluff, and all points through to Little Rock, carrying the mail.

FOR WHITE RIVER—The St. Francis Belle, Captain Harry, master, sails for White river at the usual hour this evening, taking business for the mouth of White river, Bay St. Charles, Crockett's Bluff, Mt. Adams, Clarendon, Devall's Bluff, Des Arc, Augusta, Jacksonport, West Point and Searcy. She carries the mails. J. C. Abbott is chief clerk.

Receipts Yesterday.

The following comprises the receipts by river since last report:

Illinois—241 bales cotton, 139 bags seed-cotton, 700 sacks cotton-seed, 28 head cattle, 90 packages sundries. From Vicksburg to Memphis, registered 128 cabin passengers and 167 deck passengers.

George W. Cheek—187 bales cotton, 20 bags seed-cotton, 823 sacks cotton-seed, 12 packages sundries.

Phil Allin—501 bales cotton, 1200 sacks cotton-seed, 16 packages sundries.

A. J. White—117 bales cotton, 8 bags seed-cotton, 605 sacks cotton-seed, 3 head cattle, 17 packages sundries.

Legal Tender—513 bales cotton, 40 bags seed-cotton, 1525 sacks cotton-seed, 12 packages sundries.

Belle of Texas—358 bales cotton, 146 bags seed cotton, 723 sacks cotton seed.

Era No. 9—Brought out of St. Francis river 338 bales cotton, 1599 sacks cotton-seed, 19 head cattle, 69 cabin passengers, 43 deck-rs.

Levee Dots.

The Louisville Drummer was in port yesterday.

The Belle of Shreveport leaves for New Orleans at noon to-morrow.

The Ella left Jacksonport for this place Sunday, with 250 bales cotton.

Dispatches from all points, Sunday, reported rain and cloudy weather.

The Belle of Texas leaves on her first trip for the Arkansas river next Saturday.

The propeller Come and See Me came in Sunday, from the Ohio river, with a tow of produce boats.

The Carrie V. Kountz laid at the upper landing yesterday, making some repairs. She left last night for St. Louis.

The Illinois had a splendid trip of both freight and passengers when she arrived yesterday. She left evening.

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The Illinois had to discharge at the foot of Jefferson street yesterday, where the levee presented a tolerably fair landing place when the water is at present stage.

The Robert Mitchell passed down yesterday from Cincinnati for New Orleans; her trip consisted of 1200 tons miscellaneous, 400 head stock, 90 cabin passengers, 40 deck-rs.

The weather here since last report has been somewhat of the half-and-half persuasion, winding up last night with a tendency to clear up—in fact, the sun got in a few peeps at these bluffs yesterday.

A St. Louis dispatch, Sunday night, reported the breaking of the gorge near Keokuk, and from which it is expected that a sufficient rise will come down to let out the grounded boats below St. Louis and Cairo.

A dispatch from St. Louis Sunday night, says: "William J. May and John Wagner, two caulkers, who worked at the sectional dock in the southern part of the city, got into a quarrel at Schultz's saloon, corner of Lesperance and Kosciusko streets, a half-past three o'clock this morning, during which, in return for a blow, May plunged a long dagger-shaped knife into Wagner's abdomen, inflicting a wound from which he died this evening. May was arrested."

Cincinnati *Enquirer*, Thursday: "The Mary Miller left for New Orleans last night with full four hundred tons of freight, which, both Captain Crane and his agent assure us, was received at full rates, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The Miller has engagements at Madison, Louisville, Tell City, Evansville and Shawneetown for more than enough to fill her out flat. She had twenty-one cabin and seventeen deck passengers. Henry Thomas was her pilot. Louisville, where she takes on New Orleans men."

Sullivan, of the *Herald*, has returned to Vicksburg, and complains that the newspapers of that city have been giving him some very flattering notices, etc. We have the particulars in full of his voyage by rail from Memphis to St. Louis, which, when we print them, will "furbish new the name of" Sullivan of Vicksburg, and to which he will exclaim "Good enough." There's a pile of goods-boxes in the picture with a diminutive specimen of human nature among them enjoying nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep, from whence proceeded familiar arias from the opera of the *Grand Mogul*. Now, Jimmy, my son, keep quiet, or we will blow a blast that will put the ideal Gabriel to open shame.

Hat on the Brain.

Have we a poet among our marines? Aye, and one whose brain seems as prolific of poetic ideas of the land-dragon type as the Mississippi river is of catfish. While we may not altogether admire his judgment in the selection of a theme, we must acknowledge we have a great partiality for that theme—but here's the evidence:

To the Brooks whose oily tongue I hope may forever run:

Will some kind hatter try and fit
The head of this eccentric wit
With *full* to keep it cool or warm,
As may seem fit, in calm or storm,
With which it is so oft beset,
And most when friends do forget
The kind deeds it doth always do
By rendering the thanks that's due—
Much less to try and help and lift
It o'er the gull by some kind gift;
When, then, every time it doth bow,
Or scratch its muddled, fevered brow,
Will make it kindly think of one
Who's thankful for a favor done?
Oh, how true that all kindly deeds
Are but healthy and fruitful seeds,
Sown, though they be, by mortal hands,
Are harvested in other lands.
Yes, lands beyond the bounds of time,
In the bright, never-changing clime,
Where *Brooks* do sweetest music give—
Forever run, forever live.

Fit him good, and when fit
Send bill to —— and "git"
Pay—not in rhymes,
But pay in dimes.

We showed the above to Mr. Leidy, the pioneer of hatters here, who interpreted it into a splendid title, which will adorn our upper works, shielding our "eccentric wit" machine from storm and sunshine, whenever we attend church.

[OFFICIAL.]

PROPOSALS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
MEMPHIS, TENN., November 30, 1875.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 3 o'clock p.m., Friday, December 10, 1875, for grading, paving, piling and protecting the wharf in front of the city of Memphis, commencing at the north side of Jefferson street and running down parallel with the river to connect the north end of the present Elevator. Said work to be done as hereinafter described. The present stone pavement to be taken up and carefully piled away; the grading to commence at extreme low water mark, and continue up about two hundred feet, and to be prepared and graded so as the ascent or descent will not exceed, when complete, eight degrees; the front at extreme low water mark to be protected with two tiers of piles; said piles to be spiced, banded, capped and shod; also, said front to be protected with square, hewed timber of cypress or cedar, free or clear of all sap, to be bolted and fastened with the best of wrought iron in said bolts and laps, the footings or adverse anchors to be cypress or cedar, well protected; the pavement to be relaid from the north side of Jefferson street to the south side of Union street by regular stone masons or pavers, in the most approved manner, with a sufficient quantity of cholse sand or gravel; that portion of the wharf from the south side of Union street to the north side or end of the Elevator to be paved with such stone, and in such manner, as the present pavement, on Beale street, from Main to Shelby streets. Also, for the erection of one breakwater at or near the foot of Jefferson street, or such other point as may be hereafter designated, of the following-named materials: Piling of sound cypress, spliced, banded, capped and shod in the most substantial manner, with willow or other timber of a choice selection, together with a sufficient quantity of stone to complete said breakwater. The grading to be done so much per cubic yard; the paving to be relaid at so much per superficial yard; the paving, where the stone is to be furnished by the contractor, to be laid at so much per superficial yard; the piling to be paid for at so much per lineal foot of the amount of pile driven; hewed timbers to be paid for per cubic foot; iron bolts and nuts to be paid for per pound; willow wood or fascine in breakwater to be paid for at so much per cord; stone to be paid for at so much per perch. All proposals to be in accordance with the spirit and letter of the 67th section of the city charter.

Blanks for proposals will be furnished at this office on application.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals

d-1 C. C. BURKE, City Engineer.

Non-Resident Notice.

No. 1634.—In the Chancery Court of Shelby county, Tennessee—B. P. Anderson, Commissioner of Revenue, vs. Mary Malone, et al.

IT appearing from the bill in this cause which is sworn to that the defendants Wm. B. Duncan, David Duncan, Francis Grain and W. W. Sherman (firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co.) and Andrew J. Wood are non-residents of the State of Tennessee; and it appearing from the Sheriff's return in this cause that the defendant A. Radjesky is not to be found in his county:

It is therefore ordered, That they make their appearance herein, at the courthouse in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, on or before the first Monday in January, 1876, and plead, answer or demur to complainant's bill, or the same will be taken for confessed (to them and set for hearing ex-parte; and that a copy of this order be published once a week, for four successive weeks, in the Memphis Appeal. This 23d day of November, 1875.

A copy—attest: EDMUND A. COLE,
Clerk and Master.

By E. B. M'HENRY, Deputy C. & M.
John Johnston, Sol. for Compl't. no23-tu

Attachment Notice.

BEFORE J. T. ELLIOTT, Justice of the Peace for Shelby county, Tennessee.—R. Dudley Frayser, trustee, vs. Joseph Flannery.

In this cause an attachment having been sued out under section 3465 of the Code of Tennessee, and returned levied by the proper officer upon the property of the defendant, and affidavit having been made that the defendant is justly indebted to plaintiff in the sum of $56 65, due by note, and that defendant is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee;

It is therefore ordered, That the said defendant, make his personal appearance before me, on Wednesday, the 22d day of December, at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office, No. 315 second street, in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, and defend said attachment suit within the time presc