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BOARD OF TRADE.
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Monetary and Commercial Bulletin.

BALTIMORE, January 31, 1862.

The business at the Stock Board was light again to-day, but the market generally was as it has been throughout the week quite strong. For Baltimore and Ohio Railroad shares $49¾ was bid, an advance of ⅛ a dollar, and Northern Central do. closed firm at $17¾ bid $18 asked—regular way. Northern Central 1885 bonds were ⅛ per cent. better again to-day, a sale of $500 of them being made at 63¾, and they closed at 63¾ bid, 65 asked. City 6's were steady at previous quotations. A sale of $1,000 1890's was made at 90¾, and they closed at 88¾ bid for 1870's, 89¾ bid for 1875's, and 90¾ bid, 90¾ asked for 1890's. Maryland 6's closed at 91¾ bid, 93 asked for 1870's, but none of the other State stocks on the list were offered or inquired for to day. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad bonds closed to day with out sales at 83¾ bid for 1867's; 77 bid for 1875's, and 73¾ bid for 1885's; 1867's were offered at 90. For Northwestern Virginia first mortgage bonds 78 was bid, but there were none offering. Bank and Insurance stocks continue firm, the latter being particularly strong. Firemen's closed to day at $40 bid, $45 asked, Baltimore Fire at 22½ bid, $25 asked, Associated Firemen's at 36¾ bid, and Maryland Fire at $9 bid. For Canton Co. $10¾ was bid, but none was offered. For the Mining stocks there was some inquiry, and a sale was made of 200 shares Consolidated at 20 cts., which figure was bid for more. Gardner Hill closed at 80 cts. bid 90 cts asked, and Springfield at $1.05 bid, $2 asked.

We see little change to note in the condition of financial affairs. Money is abundant and capitalists find it a difficult matter to make satisfactory investments, the supply of capital being largely in excess of the demand. Prime endorsed paper is in demand at 6 per cent., and there is some single name paper which goes at 7@8 per cent, but most of the single name paper selling ranges at from 9 to 12 per cent. Money is offering very freely on call at 6 per cent. The 7 3-10 Treasury notes are selling to some extent at 97¾, or 2¾ per cent. discount.

The foreign exports from this port for the week ending on Thursday, amount in value to only $61,331, against $176,915 last week.

In New York to-day North Carolina 6's advanced ¼; but Virginias declined ¾; Missouris ¾; Tennessees ¾; Erie ¼; New York Central ¼; Rock Island ¼; and Reading ¼.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD
FRIDAY, January 31, 1862

$1,000 Baltimore 6's '90	90¾
500 Northern Central Railroad bonds '85	63¾
100 shares Consolidated Mining Co.	20

The following are the rates at which the Baltimore Brokers are buying and selling Gold and Treasury notes:

	BUYING.	SELLING.
Gold	2¾ per ct. prem.	3@3¼ per ct. prem.
Treasury notes	¾ " " dis.	¼ " " dis.

PRICES AND SALES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK BY TELEGRAPH.
Through WILLIAM FISHER & SON, Stock and Bill Brokers No. 22 South street.

	1st Board	2d Board
Virginia 6's	61¾	00
Missouri 6's	42¾	42
Tennessee bonds	44¾	00
North Carolina bonds	61¾	00
Canton Company	10¾	00
Erie Railroad	35	34¾
New York Central Railroad	83¾	83¾
Reading Railroad	42¾	41
Rock Island	55¾	00
Treasury notes 2 years 6 per cents	99¾	00
	steady.	unsettled.

The New York *Herald* of yesterday says:

This has been a dull day in the stock market, and most of the leading speculative securities, as well as government bonds, are a shade lower than they were yesterday. No particular cause is assigned for the decline. At the first board the market was irregular. The movement in Toledo continued, and the stock rose ¾, and the sinking fund bonds 1¾. Pacific Mail advanced ¼, Erie ¾, preferred ¾, Michigan Southern ¾, guaranteed ¾, Rock Island ¾, Reading ¾. On the other hand Central fell off ¾, Michigan Central ¾, Illinois Central ¾, Galena ¾, Milwaukie and Prairie du Chien ¾. After the board the market was dull and heavy. At the second board stocks were rather more active, without material change in prices. The market closed steady.

REVIEW OF THE BALTIMORE MARKETS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 31.

ALCOHOL.—The market is bare of Alcohol and of course there is none selling, but 95 per cent. would bring if here 50 cts per gallon.

ASHES.—Pot Ashes are selling at New York at $6 37½ and Pearl do at $6 25 per 100 lbs., but there is nothing doing in them here.

APPLES.—Green Apples are scarce and wanted and late in good order would sell very readily at $4@4.25 per bbl. We quote Dried do. at 6@7 cts. for old, and 7@8 cts. per lb. for new.

BREAD.—Bread is selling at 5 cts. for Navy; 5¾ cts. for Pilot; and 6¾ cts. for Water Crackers, less the usual discount. The local demand is active, but there is very little inquiry for it for export.

BARK.—There has been quite an active movement this week in Quercitron Bark, sales to the extent of some 200 bags being made at $17.50@20 for inferior and common, and $22@25 per ton for good to strictly prime. The last named figure was paid for a lot of some 600 bags very superior.

BEESWAX.—Beeswax is selling at 35@36 cts. per lb. for prime yellow.

BRIMSTONE.—The market is still bare of Brimstone, and we can give no quotations for it.

CHEMICALS.—We quote this week as follows, viz: Soda Ash at 2¾@3 cts. for 80 per cent; Sal-Soda at 2¾@2¾ cts.; Bi-Carb Soda at 5@5¾ cts. for Newcastle; Bleaching Powders at 2¾@3¾ cts.; Caustic Soda at 5@5¾ cts.; Nitrate Soda at 4¾@4¾ cts.; and saltpetre at 13@14 cts. for crude, and 18 cts. per lb. for refined.

CANDLES.—Candles are in moderate demand and steady at our quotations, viz: 15@17 cts. for Adamantine; 24@25 cts. for Chemical Sperm; 30@32 cts. for Sperm; 22@25 cts. for Paraffine; and 39@40 cts. per lb. for Patent Wax. Mould may be quoted at 10@12 cts. for Western, and 12¾@15 cts. per lb. for Baltimore.

COAL.—There is nothing doing in Cumberland Coal there being very little here, but Anthracite is in good demand. It is selling by the cargo for steam purposes at $3@3.25, and from the yards for domestic use at $5.50@5.75 per ton of 2,240 lbs. The stock here is unusually light.

COPPER.—There is still a good demand for Copper, and Baltimore refined Ingots are held very firmly at 28 cts. per lb. cash. We hear however of no sales this week. We quote Yellow Metal Sheathing as before at 25 cts., and Yellow Metal Bolts and Nails at 28 cts per lb.

COFFEE.—The demand for Coffee continues very limited, and the market for it may properly be said to be dull and heavy. The stock is increasing and the consumption has without doubt been very much restricted by the high prices. The sales this week so far as we have heard embrace only a lot of 300 bags Rio on private terms, but understood to be at 19 cts. net, and a lot of 250 bags do at 19¾ cts net. Although the market is dull, holders exhibit no disposition to sell except at full rates, and we still quote as follows, viz: Rio at 18¾@19 cts. for fair, 20@21 cts. for good to strictly prime; Laguayra at 23@24 cts, and Ceylon and Java at 24@25 cts. per lb. We note the import here this week of 3,000 bgs Rio per bark "Adelaide," and 3,376 bags do. per brig "Monticello," and the stock of Rio here to day is about 23,000 bags.

FEATHERS.—Feathers still range at from 30 to 45 cts. per lb., as to quality, but there is very little doing in them.

FISH.—Fish continue dull, but prices for them are unchanged, and we still quote Mackerel as follows, viz: $9 50@10 for No. 1's; $7.50@7.75 for medium No. 2's; $5 50@5 75 for medium and large No. 3's; and $3 25@3 50 per bbl. for small do. Herrings are especially dull, but we still quote them at $1.75@2.25 for Magdalen Halifax, and $4@4 50 per bbl. for Labrador. We quote Shad at $5@5.50 per bbl. and Hake at $1.75@2 per bbl. There are no sales of Fish whatever making on the wharf, and the sales from store are very limited extent.

FRUIT.—There have been some arrivals of Sicily Fruit in the coastwise within the past few days, and Oranges are selling at $3@3.25, and Lemons at $3@3.50 per box.—Raisins are selling slowly at $3@3 40 for bunch, and $3 70@3.75 per box for layer; Dates are bringing 8 cts.; Zante currants 12 cts; and Figs 14@16 cts. per lb. Cranberries are still selling at $9 per bbl.

FLOUR.—The transactions in Flour have been limited again this week, and although prices have been pretty well maintained, the market has throughout it been rather heavy. The sales add up about 3,500 bbls., and they embrace 1,200 bbls. Howard Street Super at $5.75, 300 bbls. do cut Extra at $5.87¾, 1,500 bbls. Ohio Extra at $6.25, and 400 bbls. do. at $5.12½ per bbl. There has been no movement in Ohio or City Mills Super, and we quote the former as closing dull at $5.62½@5.75, and the latter at $5.50@5.62½ per bbl. for regular standard brands. Howard Street Super may be quoted as closing at $5.75 per bbl., but of all varieties of Super there were fewer than buyers to-day. Extra Flour may be quoted as closing at the following rates, viz: $5.12½@5.25 for Ohio; $6.25 for shipping brands Howard Street; $6@6.75 per bbl. for standard shipping brands. There have been no foreign exports of Flour.

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour is selling by the drayload in the trade at $8 25 for the best brands Baltimore, Ohio and Howard Street, and Baltimore high Extra is bringing $7.75 per bbl..

CORN MEAL.—We notice a sale this week of 100 bbls. Meal at $4 per bbl., and we quote this as the rate of the market.

WHEAT FLOUR.—Buckwheat Flour is in fair demand and it is selling in 100 lb. bags at $2@2 25, but in packages it is bringing higher figures.

GRAIN.—We are not advised of any transactions in Corn Meal, but we still quote it at $3.20@3.25 per bbl. for Baltimore and Brandywine.

The following are the inspections of Flour and Meal for the week ending January 31st, 1862:

	bbls.	hf. bbls.
Howard Street	9,213	....
City Mills	7,820	116
Ohio	3,574	....
City Brandywine	1,231	....
Total wheat Flour	21,847	116

Also, 36 bbls. Rye Flour, and 26 hhds. Corn Meal.

WHEAT.—Grain has been in only moderate supply this week, the receipts adding up about 143,000 bushels; 68,000 bushels of which amount was offered at the Baltimore, and 75,000 bushels at the Maryland Corn Exchange. For the descriptions the market has through the week been rather unsettled. Corn has fallen off materially since last Friday. We note the export this week of some 16,000 bushels Corn, and 24,000 bushels Wheat.

WHEAT.—The receipts of Wheat this week add up about 70,000 bushels; about 11,000 bushels of which was offered at the Baltimore, and 19,000 bushels at the Maryland Corn Exchange. The receipts have been chiefly of red and the lots of this description have been sold at from 120 to 126 cts. The few lots of white received have been sold at 135@140 cts. for common, and 145@150 cts. for prime to good lots. Prime white is scarce and wanted, and could be sold if here at 155@160 cts. per bushel.

RYE.—Rye, of which there have been about 750 bushels received this week, has ruled throughout it at 71@72 cts. for Maryland, and 75 cts. for Pennsylvania.

CORN.—There has been a considerable falling off this week in the receipts of Corn, the offerings amounting to only about 72,000 bushels against 110,000 bushels last week. The receipts were pretty evenly divided between the two Corn Exchanges, 44,000 bushels being offered at the Baltimore, and 38,000 bushels at the Maryland. A single lot of yellow sold early in the week at 62 cts., but all the other lots of this description sold, have ranged at from 56 to 60 cts., these figures being the rates paid to-day, and for white prices have ranged through the week at from 59 to 62 cts., the latter figure being for prime dry lots suitable for shipment.

OATS.—Oats have, through the week been in good demand, and the receipts, about 30,000 bushels, have nearly all changed hands at 40@43 cts for Virginia and Maryland, and 42@44 cts. per bushel for Pennsylvania.

PEASE AND BEANS.—Black Eyed Pease are selling at $4 per two bushel, and White Beans range at from $1.75 to $2 50 per bushel. Beans are very active.

GUANO.—There is nothing doing in Guano the season for the sale of it not having yet opened. We quote Peruvian at $60, this being the Agents' price; California or Elide Island at $48@.47, Ichaboe at $48@48, Sombrero at $27, and A A Mexican do at from $18 to $22 per ton of 2,240 lbs. Reese Manipulated Guano sells at $45; Maryland Company's Super Phosphate at $40@.43, Whitelock & Co's. at $45, Turner's Excelsior, Rhodes' and Delleg's Super Phosphate of Lime at $45; and Baugh's raw bone Phosphate at $45 per ton of 2,000 lbs.

GINSENG.—Ginseng ranges in price at from 45 to 55 cts. per lb., but we hear of no sales.

HAY AND STRAW.—Hay is active and firm, with an advancing tendency. Prime baled Timothy may be quoted to day at $20@22 per ton, which is a considerable advance on our previous quotations. Rye Straw is bringing $14@15 per ton, but it is dull.

HEMP.—Hemp is very firm indeed, and prices have still further advanced. We quote American at $160@170 for rough, and $225@230 for dressed. Russian at $270 per ton, and Manilla at 9 cts. per lb.

HIDES.—There is nothing doing here in foreign Hides, there being none in market. In New York they are firm although quiet, at 24@25 cts for Buenos Ayres; 22@23 cts. for Rio Grande; and 10@11 cts. for green salted.—Wet city slaughtered Hides are selling here at 7¾@8 cts., and wet country dp at 6¾@7 cts per lb.

IRON.—Iron continues firm with an upward tendency, but we hear of no transactions in it worth noting. We quote as follows, viz: Baltimore Charcoal Forge Pig at $28@30; Catoctin Forge at $26@28; Charcoal No 1 Wheel at $22@23; and Anthracite Iron at $22@23 for No. 1; $21@22 for No. 2; $20@21 per ton for No. 3. Scotch Pig may be quoted at $24@25 per ton, cash, from the yards. Bar Iron is selling at $65@65 for American; $57½@62½ per ton for common English; and we quote Sheet do. at 3¾@4¼ cts. per lb. for English; 6¾ cts. for American; and 17¾@18 cts for Russia. Nails are selling at $3.10 cash, for Cut 4d. and upwards.

INDIGO.—Indigo is very firm at the quotations which are as follows, viz: $2 50 for Bengal; $2.25@2.50 for Kurpah; $2 50 for Guatemala; $1.25@1.50 for Madras; 75 cts. to $1.60 per lb. for Manilla.

LEATHER.—Leather is steady and firm at the following quotations, viz: 29@31 cts. for City slaughtered Sole; 26@28 cts. for Country do.; 26@29 cts. for Spanish Sole; 31@34 cts. for City harness Leather, black; 26@30 cts. for Country do; 27@28 cts. for Rough Skirting; $3@4 for Upper in rough hide; 60@75 cts. for rough Calf Skins; and 80@110 cts. per lb. for finished do.

MILL FEED.—Mill Feed is selling at 15@17 cts. for Brown Stuff, and 25@27 cts. per bushel for Middlings.

MOLASSES.—There is very little inquiry for Molasses, and we have have heard of no sales whatever this week. We still quote as follows, viz: old clayed Cuba at 26@25 cts.; new crop do. at 29@32 cts; old Muscovado at 26@28 cts; new crop do at 30@33 cts.; Porto Rico at 35@40 cts; and New Orleans at 52@56 cts. per gallon.

NAVAL STORES.—There are no sales of Naval Stores worth mentioning, but we quote as follows, viz: Spirits Turpentine at 155 cts per gallon; Tar at $10; Pitch at $8@9; and Rosin at $6@8 for common, and $10@12 per bbl for No. 1.

OILS.—We have no change to note since our last in the figures for Oils, and we quote to day as follows, viz: Linseed at 95@98 cts. for American; Sperm at 160@165 cts. for fall, and 165@170 cts. for winter; Whale at 60@62 cts. for crude, and 68@70 cts. for patent bleached; Solar at 68@70 cts.; Sea Elephant at 70@73 cts.; and Lard at 68@70 cts. per gallon.

PROVISIONS.—There has been very little done in Provisions here this week, and for all varieties the market has throughout it been heavy as well as dull. The Government is, for the present, out of the market, and the regular trade are buying and selling in very limited quantities. There has been some little inquiry for Lard, and we notice sales of 150 tierces Western at 8 cts. We have heard also of sales of some 10,000 lbs. each of Shoulders and Sides at 4¾ and 5¾ cts., and of some 40 to 50 casks Bacon at the quotations, viz: 4¾@4½ cts. for old Shoulders; 5@5¾ cts. for new do.; 5¾@5¾ cts. for old Sides; 6@6¼ cts. for new do., and 6@8¾ cts. for new and old Hams. Bulk Meat may be quoted as closing at 4¾ cts. for Shoulders, 5¾ cts. for Sides, and 6@6¾ cts. for Hams, and we quote Lard as closing at 8 cts. for prime Western in bbls. and tcs., 8¾@8¾ cts for do. in kegs, and 10@10¾ cts. for refined. No sales of barrelled Pork or Beef have been reported this week. We quote Pork at $12 50@12 75 for Mess, $10@10 50 for Prime, and $9 for Rump; and Beef at $12 50 for No 1; $13 50 for Mess; and $14 25@14 50 per bbl for Extra Mess.

BUTTER.—Butter is dull at our previous quotations, viz: 9@11 cts for Western solid packed; 14@16 cts. for Roll; 15@17 cts. for Glades; and 18@22 cts. for New York State. Eggs are selling at 13@14 cts. per dozen.

CHEESE.—Cheese is also dull. We quote as follows, viz: Cutting at 6@7 cts for Western; 7½@8 cts for Eastern; and English Dairy at 7@8 cts. for Western; and 8¾@9 cts. for Eastern.

POTATOES.—Potatoes are in good demand, and quite firm. The last cargo sale we heard of was made at 50cts., but in smaller lots they are bringing 55@60 cts. per bushel.

PLASTER.—We have heard of no sales of Plaster this week, but we quote it dull at $2.75 per ton.

POWDER.—Powder is firm at our previous quotations, which are as follows, viz: $7 for sporting, rifle and canister, and $4.25 for blasting per keg of 25 lbs.

RICE.—There is no Rice selling but we quote it at 7¾@7¾ cts. for Carolina, and 6@6¾ cts. for dressed East India.

SALT.—Salt is firm, and prices for it have a decidedly upward tendency. We note sales this week of two cargoes Liverpool, containing some 10,000 sacks, but the terms were kept private. It is selling in lots at the following rates, viz: 115@120 cts. for Ground Alum; 175@180 cts for Marshall's, Worthington's, and Jeffrey & Darcy's fine; and 200 cts. per sack for Ashton's do. Turks Island Salt is held at 35 cts. per bushel; 30 cts. was offered and refused for a cargo two or three days since.

SEEDS.—There has been a good demand this week for Cloverseed, and the market for it has throughout it been firm with rather an upward tendency. We notice sales of some 700 to 800 bushels at from $4 37½ to $4 62½ per bushel for fair to prime, and it closes steady and firm at these figures. We notice the export this week of 935 bushels to Liverpool. We quote Timothy Seed as before at $2@2.25, and Flaxseed at $1.80@1 90 per bushel.

SUGARS.—The market for Sugars continues very quiet. There is, however, some little demand for them from the trade, and we note sales this week in lots of about 100 hhds. Porto Rico at $8.50@8 75; and 20 hhds. Cuba at $8.50. We quote to day as follows, viz: Cuba at $7 60@8 for refining, and $8.25@9 for grocery grades; English Island at $7 50@8 50; Porto Rico and New Orleans at from $8.25 to $9.50; and Manilla and Pernambuco at $7 75@8. Clayed Cuba Sugars Nos. 9 to 18 range at from $7 87½ to $9 75. We note the import this week of 266 hhds. fr m Demerara, and 3,370 bags from Bahia, Brazil.

REFINED SUGARS.—The rates for refined Sugars are still as follows, viz: 11¾@11¾ cts. for loaf; 11¾@11¾ cts. for crushed, powdered and granulated; 10¾@10¾ cts. for soft crushed white; and 10¾@10¾ cts. for C yellow.

SYRUPS.—Baltimore refined Syrups are still selling at the following rates, viz: 42 cts. for Sugar House; 45 cts for Golden, and 51 cts per gallon net cash for Extra Golden.

STAVES.—There are no Staves coming forward, and consequently no sales are making. We quote prime W. O. Hhd nominal at $65@68, and prime W. O. Pipe at $78@80 per thousand.

STARCH.—There is very little doing in Starch, but we quote it steady at 5 cts for good brands Western, and 5½@6 cts per lb. for Oswego.

SPICES.—Spices continue very firm indeed, but no change has taken place in the rates since last week, and we still quote as follows, viz: Pepper at 20@21 cts.; Pimento at 15@16 cts.; Cloves at 22@23 cts.; Cassia at 37 cts.; Ginger at 17@18 cts.; Mace at 90 cts.; and Nutmegs at 75@80 cts. per lb.

TOBACCO.—The receipts of Maryland Tobacco continue very light, and for the want of stock there are no buyers in the market for shipping purposes. The few sales that are making are for home consumption. Prices are unchanged, and we still quote inferior and common Maryland $4@5.50; good common $6@7; middling $7 50; good and fine brown $8@11, and extra fine $12. There is nothing doing in Ohio Tobacco, there being none in market, and quotations are nominal. In Kentucky Tobacco there are no transactions and the stock is very light. We continue to quote lugs at $8@8 50, and leaf at $9 50@18. The inspections of the week are 35 hhds. Maryland, 32 hhds. Ohio, and 2 hhds. Virginia—total 69 hhds.

TALLOW.—We notice a sale this week of 20,000 lbs. Butchers' Association Tallow at 9¾ cts., at which figure it closes steady.

TIN AND LEAD.—Tin continues in good demand and firm. We still quote I. C. Plates, 10 by 14, at $11, and IX. @35 cts., Spelter at 7 cts., Pig Lead at 7@7¼ cts., Lead Pipe and Sheet Lead at 8¾ cts. per lb

WOOL.—There is comparatively little doing in Wool, but it is steady at our last quotations, viz: 31@34 cts. for unwashed; 45@50 cts. for tub-washed; 37@40 cts. for pulled; and 42@48 cts. for common fleece. Of the finer grades there are no sales making, and it is impossible to give correct quotations for them.

WHISKEY.—The sales of Whiskey this week embrace some 700 to 800 bbls. at 24 cts. for City and County, and 24@24¾ cts. for Ohio, and it may be quoted as closing inactive at these figures

FREIGHTS.—The English ship "Percy Pope" has, we understand, been chartered this week, hence for Cork for orders on terms not made public, but understood to be at 11½d. round for grain in bulk and shippers' bags, but we heard of no new engagements to Liverpool or to Continental ports. We quote to Liverpool as follows, viz: at 9d. for grain, 3s. for flour, and 37½@35s. for heavy goods. To Bremen and Holland there is very little doing. We continue to quote to Bremen at 28@30s., and to Holland at 35s. for tobacco.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BOSTON, January 29.—The market for Flour is quiet, but in prices no change. The sales have been at $5 00@5 25 for common brands, Western; $5.37½@5 50 for fancy; $5.62½@5.75 for extra; and $6 00@7 25 for superior, including choice St. Louis brands., Southern Flour is quiet and prices are nominal. Corn is quiet with small sales. We quote Southern and Western yellow at 67@70 cts., including new and old; and Western mixed at 67@68 cts. per bushel. Oats have been selling at 41@43 cts. per bushel for Western and Canada; and Prince Edward Island at 40½@41 cts. Rye 75@76 cts per bushel. Shorts $15 00@16 00; and Fine Feed and Middlings at $18.00@24.00 per ton.

CHICAGO, January 30.—Flour more active. Wheat 1 ct. better per bushel; 74@75½ cts for No. 1; 68@68½@69 cts for No. 2. Corn dull. Mess Pork firm, at $9.37½. Hogs—dressed. 5 cts higher—$2 60@2 80. Live Hogs firm at $2 25@2 40. Exchange unchanged; Gold 3@3½ prem.

CINCINNATI, January 30.—Flour dull, and lower; sales of Superfine at $4.10@4.15. Whiskey advanced to 18½ cts. Hogs dull, and held firmly at $3.20@3.40. Mess Pork $9 75. Lard dull at 6½ cts. Money market quiet; rates unchanged. Exchange steady. Gold dull at 3 per cent. premium.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Cotton is nominal at 32 cts. Flour is firm—sales of 20,000 bbls. at an advance of 5 cts. State $5.50@5.55. Wheat—sales of 52,000 bushels at an advance of 1 ct.: Chicago spring $1 30; red Western, common, $1 40. Corn has an upward tendency—sales of 38,000 bushels at an advance of 1 ct.: mixed 64@65 cts. Lard is heavy at 7¾@8 cts. Whiskey is dull [at 23½@24 cts. Sugar is dull—Muscovado 8¾@8¾ cts. Coffee is quiet. Molasses is also quiet—New Orleans 45 cts. Freights are dull.

Correspondence of the Maryland News Sheet.

FROM WESTERN VIRGINIA.

Municipal Election at Wheeling, Va.—Triumph of the Conservatives.

WHEELING, VA., Jan. 27, 1861.

The municipal election at Wheeling was held on Monday last. A regular Union ticket had been nominated by the Union clubs, which was defeated, as to the important officers of Mayor, City Sergeant and Treasurer, by unusually heavy majorities; A. J. Sweeney receiving 951 votes for Mayor, and J. W. Panton (Union) receiving 663 votes. Smith McDonald, for City Sergeant had a majority of 384 votes over John Bishop (Union), and R. W. Harding a majority of 441 votes over James McConnell the Union nominee for Treasurer. The result of this election seems to be pregnant of meaning, as indicative of the political sentiments of the city of Wheeling in this crisis, and will doubtless be interesting to their fellow-citizens in the eastern portion of the State.

The election, though contested with spirit, was as orderly and quiet as usual heretofore.

CONSERVATIVE.

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Africa.

Prohibition Against the Exportation of War Materials Removed in England.

NEW YORK, January 31.—The steamer Africa has arrived with Liverpool advices, via Queenstown, to the 19th inst.

The prohibition against the exportation of saltpetre, has been removed.

It is reported that Lord Russell has sent a despatch to the Federal Government hoping that the stone blockade will not be perpetrated at any other port.

Breadstuffs were firmer and wheat advancing.

Consols for money quoted at 93¼@93¾.

The suspension of specie payments continued to be a theme of gloomy prognostications for the North.

[SECOND DESPATCH.]

The Commissions of Customs have received orders to permit the free exportation of all articles against which a prohibition was recently issued.

It is reported that Earl Russell, in response to a memorial from the Liverpool Ship-owners Association relative to the stone blockade of Charleston, said he sent a despatch in December, warning the American Government against the ill feeling the proceeding would engender, and that it would lead to the opinion that the reconstruction of the Union was considered hopeless. After the design was carried out he sent another despatch expressing strong hopes that it would not be repeated elsewhere.

It is rumored also that the French and other Governments were taking similar steps.

The *Morning Post* rejoices at the general condemnation of the act, and says it is rousing European Governments to a common sentiment of indignation, and asks why more forbearance is shown America than was the case when Belgium was recognized, particularly as Holland was never guilty of the barbarities committed by the Washington Cabinet?

The *Daily News*, in reviewing Mr. Seward's Trent despatch, says that, although it contains much that is questionable in law, its main positions are correctly based on acknowledged legal principles.

More diplomatic correspondence has been published, including a letter from Secretary Seward to the Secretary of the Navy condemning in strong terms the fact that the Captain of the British schooner James Campbell was taken into New York with the British flag flying under that of the United States, and another note condemning the act of an American commander in exacting an oath from three British seamen captured for a breach of the blockade that they would not undertake a similar proceeding again. The seamen are released from the obligation of the oath.

It is reported that when Minister Dayton submitted the names of twenty or thirty Americans to Count Thouvenel for presentation to the Emperor, on New Year's day, the latter inquired as to the character of the Americans, and Mr. Dayton replied that they were all eligible for presentation to the President of the United States. The result, according, to the report was, that no Americans were at the reception.

The Latest.

LONDON, January 19.—The *Observer* suggests the expediency of the intervention of France and England between the Federals and Confederates of America. It says such an act would be approved by the whole world, and intervention would be gladly accepted by both sides.

The Persia arrived at Liverpool on the 18th and the Niagara at Queenstown on the 19th.

MADRID, Jan. 9.—The Sumter, having orders by the Spanish Government to leave Cadiz, has gone to Gibraltar.

PARIS, January 19.—The *Journal des Debats* thinks that Palmerston's intentions toward the United States are not pacific.

The *Temps* in announcing that Mason and Slidell were expected at Havre says no obstacle will be offered to the fulfilment of their mission to France and England. The plenipotentiaries of the South will be allowed to plead for the recognition of the South.

The *Presse* says the French Government will receive neither Mason nor Slidell, nor any other Southern Commissioners.

The *Independence Belge* says that France will assume the initiative in the remonstrance against the blockade of the Southern ports, and England will only afford France moral support.

VIENNA, January 19.—It is reported that fresh negotiations have been opened between Austria and Hungary.

PARIS, January 19.—The *Moniteur* says that the patrols [illegible] are increasing, and no doubt there are many advocates of the measure in Parliament.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LIVERPOOL, January 19—Saturday's sales of cotton amounted to 2,000 bales. The market closed dull, with a downward tendency. Breadstuffs are firm. Corn is tending upwards. Provisions are dull. Consols for money 93@93¾.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Nothing Further from the Burnside Fleet.

FORTRESS MONROE, January 29.—In anticipation of the success of General Burnside's Expedition in opening at least two Congressional districts in North Carolina, Marble Nash Taylor, Provisional Governor of that State, has issued a proclamation ordering an election on the 22d of February, to ratify or reject the ordinances of the Convention of the 18th of November, and also for the election of two Representatives to Congress.

The Norfolk papers say that some pilots who had refused to give their services to the officers of the Burnside Expedition report that the Federal forces are twenty thousand strong, and that the fleet numbered one hundred and seventy-five vessels.

A Call for Old Skirts.

The Norfolk *Day Book* calls upon the ladies to contribute their old woolen skirts and dresses to the Government, the price of flannel used for fixed ammunition being so high as to subject the Government to a serious tax.

The New Orleans *Delta* says a steamer ran the blockade from Charleston on the night of the 13th with one thousand bales of cotton.

The vacancy in the Confederate Congress occasioned by the death of John Tyler will be filled by an election on the 10th of February.

Washington Items.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The House, several days ago, called upon the Secretary of the Treasury to communicate the sum total of the present floating debt of the Government under its several divisions, but the Secretary, in his reply, says he is not prepared to do so until the heads of the other Departments shall furnish him with the statements necessary for that purpose.

Minister Corwin, although desirous of returning home from Mexico, says he will remain there if he can be of service to our country; and the Government thinks he can.

Members of the Cabinet, Senators and Representatives, and the members of all the Foreign Legations, with the exception of the British Legation, who were prevented by the court mourning for Prince Albert, were present at Secretary Seward's party to-night.

The Sumter.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—Four Federal steamers and three sailing vessels are now on the alert to capture the Confederate steamer Sumter, and the ship-of-war Constitution is now fitting out at Portsmouth for a similar purpose. Several national ships are lying in port for want of seamen, about 4,000 of whom are now needed by the Navy Department, while Flag-Officer Foote is in want of about 1,000 for service in the Western waters.—The New England fishermen, it seems, have in large numbers entered the army, there being a slight excess of pay over that of the navy, but in other respects no advantages.

General Fremont.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—General Fremont is still quietly domiciled in Washington. The charges against him and the requests that he be court-martialed have not, so far as can be ascertained, been definitely acted upon by the Government, and therefore it is not known what course will be pursued towards that gentleman.

The Military Department of Kansas.

LEAVENWORTH, January 31.—General Order No. 12 of the Department of Kansas prohibits the troops of this Department from entering another Department without special orders. All armed parties, whether belonging to the service of the Government or not, who shall hereafter cross the Kansas border and enter the Department of Missouri, without due authority, shall be adjudged to have entered for the purpose of depredation, and be held subject to the penalties of military law.

All armed bands of men in the State of Kansas not in the service of the United States, and now acting under special authority obtained from the Governor of the State, or General commanding, are hereby warned to disband and return to their homes. Military commissions for the trial of all such prisoners, and all who are now retained on charges of any depredations or jay-hawking, will be established.

The 9th Wisconsin regiment, Colonel Solomon, is quartered in this city. The 2d Ohio cavalry, Colonel Doubleday, are quartered at Platte City, Missouri, at present.

Approval of the Financial Measures of the Government.

ALBANY, Jan. 31.—The Assembly, by a vote of 79 against 28, have adopted, in effect, the resolutions recently reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, in favor of the financial measures of the Federal Government, including the tax bill.

The Austrian brig Giorgeito, from New York for Europe, has been totally lost on the New Jersey coast, and her entire crew—thirteen persons—drowned. She was a fine vessel of 430 tons, and valued at $25,000.

The materials for a correct biography of General Nathaniel Lyon have been placed by his relatives in the hands of Dr. Ashbel Woodward, of Franklin, Ct., and the work will shortly be forthcoming.

The United States ship Shepherd Knapp, Henry S. Eytinge, commander, was spoken January 6, latitude 24° 28', longitude 68° 40'; she was cruising for privateers.

The proprietors of the Liverpool *Mercury* have distributed to their subscribers 60,000 copies of the portrait of the late Prince Consort.

WAR ITEMS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

From the Washington Star, of yesterday.

A BOLD TRICK—A BALTIMORE SCHOONER PASSES UNDER THE NOSE OF OUR POTOMAC FLOTILLA AND LANDS SUPPLIES FOR THE CONFEDERATES AT AQUIA CREEK.

An oyster boat up to-day reports that on Tuesday night a schooner from Baltimore, called the "Dorothea Hames," Captain Wm. J. Langrall, passed under the very noses of the vessels of our lower flotilla and ran in safety up Aquia Creek to the wharf of the Confederates. The vessel arrived off the creek about sundown on Tuesday, and made a signal, which was answered by the Confederates, and she then moved into the creek. She was a large schooner, of over one hundred tons burden, and though ostensibly loaded with salt, no doubt had other articles in similar request in Dixie. Incredible as it may appear, the fact seems to be that no search of vessels is made by our river guard of the flotilla, but passing craft are merely required to send their papers on board the flotilla for examination. Apparently, the suspicion never leaked through the hair of the confiding souls of our river guard that said vessel was anything more than a trading vessel bound in good faith for the Washington wharves. The "French lady" is evidently "about" in Baltimore!

From the Washington Republican, Jan. 31.

A Secret Agreement Between England, France, and Spain, in regard to American Affairs.

The New York *World* refers to an unofficial letter just received here, containing a statement from a high diplomatic source, which is only corroborative of what has for months been pretty definitely understood, to the effect that there is an agreement between England, France and Spain, to prevent the reorganization of the States under our Government, and that the Mexican armada constitutes a part of that plan.

The War Debt.

Mr. Spaulding, of New York, told the House of Representatives on Tuesday that the national debt will amount next July to $650,000,000, and in July, 1863, if the war continues, to $1,200,000,000. These estimates are considerably higher than those made by Mr. Chase in December, and as they are made in view of later developments, are probably more correct.

Special Washington Despatches to the New York Tribune.

THE RELIEF FOR UNION PRISONERS.

Bishop Ames and Hamilton Fish, the commissioners to visit the Confederate States to look after the well-being of our prisoners, had an interview at the War Department to-day with Mr. Stanton and the Adjutant-General. They started this evening for Fortress Monroe, where the negotiations with the Consederate authorities for the commissioners' reception will be conducted through Gen. Wool. A petition is in circulation among Congressmen for the appointment of Alfred Ely as third commissioner.

THE REMAINS OF COLONEL CAMERON.

A request has been preferred through General Wool, to the Confederate military authorities in Richmond, to permit an agent to visit the field of Bull Run to obtain the remains of Colonel James Cameron, and bring them to Pennsylvania. His brother Simon is loth to go to Russia until he has performed this sacred duty.

COL. PEGRAM'S PAROLE.

Colonel Pegram was allowed to go South on his parole, on condition that he should return, unless he could secure the exchange of Colonel Wilcox, or of some other officer of equal rank. The exchange cannot be effected, and Colonel Corcoran will not be given up in return for Smith, the convicted privateer. The Confederates insist that none of the officers whom they hold as hostages for the privateersmen shall be surrendered until Confederates captured on the high seas, like those on land, are treated as prisoners of war.

Gloomy Anticipations in New York in Regard to the Burnside Expedition.

NEW YORK, January 30.—The "Croaker Family," to-day, are in the ascendant; it may be owing to the dismal weather, with which it would seem the gods are determined to perpetually afflict us. The congratulations that were heard on every side yesterday and the day before, that the mishaps to the Burnside expedition were no worse than they were, are succeeded to-day by complaints that so little has been accomplished in comparison with what was promised. On 'Change, in Wall street, and in the Bank parlors even