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BOARD OF TRADE.

Committee of Arbitration for month of October.

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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, October 18, 1861.

The transactions at the Stock Board to-day were quite light, and the market generally was rather weaker than on yesterday. For Baltimore and Ohio Railroad only $42¾ was bid, ¼ a dollar less than was bid on yesterday, but none was offered under $45. Northern Central closed however steady at $14 bid, $14¾ asked, these figures being the same as were bid and asked on yesterday. Nothing was done in State or City stock. Maryland 6's closed at 83¾ bid for 1870's, a decline of 1 per cent. on the price bid yesterday, Tennessee 6's at 42¾ bid, 43¾ asked, and Baltimore City 6's at 70¾ bid, 80 asked for 1875's, and 81¾ bid, 82¾ asked for 1890's. For Railroad bonds there was some little inquiry, but the only sale made was one of $1,000 Baltimore and Ohio 1867's at 83. For 1875's 71¾ was bid, and 1885's closed at 65¾ bid, 66 asked. Northern Central 1885's left off at 57¾ bid, 59¾ asked. There was also some demand for Bank stocks and sales were made of 7 shares Merchants' at $84, and 5 shares Farmers and Merchants' at $27¾. We note also a sale of 5 shares Fireman's Insurance Company at $36¾. Canton Company closed without sales at 29¾ bid, 31¾ asked, and Springfield Mining at $1.7c bid, $1.9c asked.

There is nothing new to note in the condition of the money market. Money is abundant, and paper of the right stamp is easily negotiated at 6 per cent. for endorsed, and 9@12 per cent. for single name. Call loans can be very readily made at 6 per cent. on first class collaterals.

We quote to-day Western Virginia funds at 5 to 6 per cent. discount. Eastern Virginia at 18 to 20 per cent., and North Carolina, and all other Southern funds at 18 to 20 per cent. discount.

The value of the foreign exports from Baltimore for the week ending on Thursday was only $46,182, against $231,869 last week. Included in the exports were 6,263 bbls. flour, and 2,014 bushels wheat.

In New York to-day Missouri 6's advanced 1¼ per cent.; Tennessees ¾; Erie $1¾; New York Central $1¾, and Treasury notes ¾, the 6 per cents. selling at 99¾. Virginia and North Carolina 6's, Canton and Reading closed at the same figures as on yesterday.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

FRIDAY, October 18, 1861.

$1,000 B. & O. R. R. bonds '67	83
5 shares Farmers and Merchants' Bank	27¾
7 shares Merchants' Bank	84
5 shares Firemen's Insurance Co.	36¾

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	46	00
Missouri 6's	44¾	45
Tennessee bonds	42¾	00
North Carolina bonds	59	00
Canton Company	9	00
Erie Railroad	21¾	22¼
New York Central Railroad	77¾	78¾
Reading Railroad	35¾	35¾
Treasury notes 2 years 6 per cents	99¾	00
	steady.	firm.

The New York *Herald* of this morning says:

The stock market, which closed weak on Wednesday evening, was convulsed yesterday by an absurd panic created by Mr. Seward's letter to Governor Morgan.—Government stocks fell 2@2¾ per cent, and everything shared in the decline. At the first board New York Central fell 1 per cent., Erie 1¾, Hudson 1¾, Reading 1¾, Michigan Central 3, Toledo 2¾, guaranteed 2, Rock Island 1¾, Quincy 1¾, Pacific Mail 1¾, Galena 1¾, Missouris 1¾, Tennessees ¾. After the board still lower prices ruled, the bears being exceedingly active in putting out the notions at the decline, and using Mr. Seward's circular with effect against the market. It was noticed, however, that even pending the stampede stocks were so scarce that the shorts had the utmost difficulty in making their deliveries. At the second board some new orders came in for government stocks, which improved ¼ per cent., and the market generally closed a fraction better.

While Wall street was waking over visions of foreign wars the presidents of our city banks met at the American Exchange Bank this morning to consider the subject of the Government loan. The sense of the meeting was in favor of taking the third $50,000,000 loan at once, and of negotiating with Mr. Chase for the $100,000,000 of seven per cent. stock which he is authorized to issue at par. After some conversation, however, it was resolved to refer the matter to a committee, which will report at an early day.

There is nothing new to report in the money market.—The supply seeking employment on call continues large; it will probably be increased by the recent decline in stocks. The business in Treasury notes appears to absorb the attention of the brokers for the present.

Foreign exchange opens steadily but without much demand. Bankers ask 107¾ for sterling and 5 33¾ for francs, but we hear of first class bills at 5.33 for francs and 107½ for sterling. There are but few mercantile bills in market.

The statements of the banks of the three principal cities of the Union for the last week compare with the previous one and the corresponding time of 1860, as follows:

	Loans.	Deposits.	Specie.	Circul'n
N York, Oct. 12.	45,358,818	12,188,487	41,120,695	8,233,090
Boston, Oct. 14..	43,566,461	25,460,3	7,153,831	6,749,511
Phila., Oct. 12....	30,281,157	20,909,031	5,943,503	2,249,731
Total	$122,208,435	173,558,811	54,258,945	17,232,332
Last week	122,728,825	164,11,559	56,8 9,031	17,830,495
Last year	113,864,329	112,42 ,423	20,132,197	19,014,289

The Boston *Traveller* says:—

Money continues easy of access at from 6¾ to 7¾ per centum for four months' maturities of first class endorsed notes and acceptances and for strong collateral loans; but there is very little doing in anything else outside of the bank parlors. The specie gain reported last morning was $154,500, which made the total holding $7,070,000 a substantial basis for the currency. The stock market is very buoyant at a handsome advance in prices for almost everything usually bought and sold at the Brokers' Board. This is a natural consequence of the easy condition of the finances, and the only wonder is that there are so many willing to sell at the quotations.

The Chicago *Journal* of Tuesday says:—

Exchange is stiffer to-day, and some of the banks are charging ¼ per cent. premium, but the majority sell at ¼ per cent. On the street sales are made at par @¼ per cent premium. Currency continues plenty. Gold steady at ¼@¾ per cent premium. All kinds of Treasury notes are scarce and in active demand at par. Illinois war warrants are quiet at 90 cts.

REVIEW OF THE BALTIMORE MARKETS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18.

ALCOHOL.—Alcohol is wanted, and 95 per cent. would bring readily if here 41@45 cts. per gallon. There is however no stock here.

BRIMSTONE.—There is no Brimstone here, but crude Sicily is quoted at New York at $45 per ton.

BARK.—We have heard of no sales of Quercitron Bark, this week. There is a good inquiry for prime and it would bring if here $21@22, but inferior is dull at $16@17 per ton.

BREAD.—Bread is selling at 4¾ cts. for Navy; 5 cts. for Pilot; and 6¾ cts. for Water Crackers, less the usual discount. There is a moderate business doing in it.

COFFEE.—There has been very little done in Coffee this week, the sales so far as we have heard embracing some 500 bags Rio at 15@15¾ cts. net, and a lot of 300 bags do. at 16 cts. four months, but the market although quiet has throughout it been very firm in tone, the holders exhibiting no disposition whatever to press sales. We quote to-day as follows, viz: Rio at 14 cts. for ordinary; 15@15¾ cts. for fair to good; 15¾@16 cts. for prime; La guayra nominal at 15¾@16¾ cts.; and Java at 20 cts. per lb. The stock of Rio here is about 19,000 bags.

COTTON.—There has been a fair demand for Cotton this week from the spinners, and we note sales of about 600 bales ordinary to good middling Upland and Gulf, on a basis of 21¾@22 cts. cash for middling. The market closes firm with an upward tendency.

CHEMICALS.—Soda Ash is selling at 2¾@2¾ cts. cash, for 80 per cent; Sal-Soda at 1¾@1¾cts.; Bi-Carb Soda at 3¾@3¾ cts.; and Bleaching Powders at 2¾@2¾ cts. per lb.

COAL.—There is nothing doing in Cumberland Coal so far as we are advised, but Anthracite is active and quite firm. It is selling at $4.20@4.40 for steam purposes, and from the yards for domestic use at $4 75@5 per ton of 2,240 lbs.

COPPER.—We continue to quote Baltimore refined Ingots firm at 20 cts. per lb, but we hear of no sales this week. Yellow Metal Sheathing is selling at 18 cts. for American, and Yellow Metal Bolts and Nails at 22@23 cts. per lb.

CANDLES.—Candles continue quiet, but Adamantine have advanced, and we now quote them at 16@18 cts. We quote Chemical Sperm at 20@22 cts; Patent Sperm at 35@37 cts.; Paraffine at 25@35 cts.; and Patent Wax at 45@50 cts. per lb. Mould do may be quoted at 10@12 cts. for Western, and 12¼@15 cts. per lb. for Baltimore.

FRUIT.—For all descriptions of foreign Fruit the market is quiet but very firm. We quote Raisins at $2 37¾@2 50 per box for bunch, and $2.75 for layer; Figs at 8¾@9 cts.; Dates at 5 cts; and Zante Currants at 12 cts. per lb. There are no Lemons or Oranges in market. The last sales of Lemons were made at $8 per box.

FEATHERS.—Feathers are in moderate demand, and they are selling at 30@34 cts. per lb., as in quality.

FISH.—There has been no movement of consequence this week in Fish, but for all descriptions prices are unchanged. We quote Herrings at $2.25@2.50 for Halifax; $3 75@4.50 for Susquehanna and Potomac; $4.50@4.75 for Labrador; and Mackerel at $4.50@4.75 for medium 3's; $5@5 50 for large do.; $5.75@6.25 for medium 2's; and $8@10 per bbl. for No. 1's.

FLOUR.—There has been but little activity this week in Flour, and the feeling in the market has throughout it been rather heavy, although there has been no material falling off in prices. The receipts have increased, and there is a better supply of all descriptions offering than there has been. The transactions have been principally in City Mills Flour, the sales of which include 2,000 bbls. Super at $5.75, and 1,500 bbls. do. sold subsequently at $5.50 per bbl. In Howard Street and Ohio Flour the operations have been quite limited. The sales previous to to-day embrace some 300 bbls. Howard Street and 500 bbls Ohio Super at $5.75, and some 400 to 500 bbls. Ohio and Howard Street Extra at $6@6.25 per bbl. To-day sales were reported of 400 bbls. Howard Street cut Extra at $5.75, 200 bbls. Ohio do. also at $5.75, and 500 bbls. Ohio and Howard Street Extra at $6 per bbl., making the total transactions for the week about 6,000 bbls. Super closed at $5.50 for City Mills; $5.62½@5.75 for Ohio and Howard Street; and Extra left off at $6@6.12½ for Ohio; $6@6.25 for Howard Street, and $6.50@6 75 for standard brands City Mills. The Exports of Flour this week are as follows, viz:

	Bbls.
To Pernambuco	2,737
" St. Johns, N. F.	1,802
" Halifax	1,106
" St. Lucia	635
Total	6,263

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour is selling by the dray load to the trade at $8 for the best brands Baltimore, $7.25@7.50 for Ohio and Howard Street; and Baltimore high grade Extra is bringing $7.50 per bbl.

RYE FLOUR.—Rye Flour is scarce and firm at $4.25@4.37½ per bbl., and it is selling in small lots at these figures.

CORN MEAL.—Corn Meal is quite dull. We hear of no sales, but we quote it nominal at $3 per bbl. for both Baltimore and Brandywine.

Inspections of Flour and Meal for the week ending October 17th, 1861:

	bbls.	hf. bbls.
Howard Street	9,833	....
City Mills	10,036	100
Ohio	2,516	....
Family	2,356	....
Total wheat Flour	24,791	100

Together with 260 bbls. Rye Flour and 35 bbls. Corn Meal.

GRAIN.—The receipts of Grain have been fair again this week, the offerings at the Corn Exchange embracing 30,000 bushels Wheat, 20,000 bushels Corn, 4,000 bushels Rye, and 40,000 bushels Oats, making a total of 144,000 bushels. For all varieties the market has throughout the week been active and firm, and for Corn and Oats prices have improved.

WHEAT.—Wheat continues to arrive pretty freely, but the receipts this week fall somewhat below those of last. Both millers and shippers have been buying quite freely, and the market has throughout the week been quite firm in tone. Prices have, however, varied very little since the opening, and most of the lots received have changed hands at 110@120 cts. for common and medium red, 125@135 cts. for fair to prime do., 120@130 cts. for ordinary white, 133@135 cts. for fair do., 140@150 cts. for good to prime do., and 155@157 cts. for choice lots do. To-day red sold at 130@135 cts. for good to prime, and white ranged at from 130 up to 155 cts. for ordinary to prime.

RYE.—Rye has been in fair request this week, and most of the lots received have changed hands at 64@65 cts. for Maryland, and 68@70 cts. per bushel for Pennsylvania.

CORN.—Corn has through the week been quite active, and prices for it have improved since the opening, 3 to 4 cts. per bushel. The opening sales were made at 57@60 cts. for yellow, and 60@62 cts. for white, but to-day both white and yellow sold at 63@65 cts. per bushel, and the market closed firm at these figures.

OATS.—Oats have been active and very firm this week. They sold at the opening, at 36@40 cts. for Maryland, and 42@43 cts. for Pennsylvania, but for a day or two past they have been selling at 40@43 cts. for Maryland, and 42@45 cts. per bushel for Pennsylvania, and they closed to day firm at these figures.

GINSENG.—There is some inquiry for Ginseng but there is very little offering and we hear of no sales. We quote it nominal at 45@50 cts. per lb.

GUANO.—The business of the season is drawing to a close, and there is now comparatively little doing in Guano or other fertilizers. Prices are however unchanged. Peruvian Guano is selling at $60 per long ton, by the Agents, and by the dealers at $55 for short, and $61 per long ton. We quote California or Elide Island Guano at $45@47; Ichaboe do. at $45@48; Sombrero do. at $27; and AA 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 $43; Turner's Excelsior, Rhodes' and Delberg's Super Phosphate of Lime at $45; and Baugh's raw bone Phosphate at $45 per ton of 2,000 lbs.

GUNNY BAGS.—Gunny Bags have advanced within the last week or two, and they are now selling at 13 cts for small, and 16@18 cts. each for large.

HEMP.—We quote Hemp as follows, viz: at $130@135 for rough American; $215@220 for dressed do; $220 per ton for Russia; 5¾ cts. per lb. for Manilla; 5¾@5¾ cts for Sunn; and 5 cts. for Jute.

HAY AND STRAW.—There has been a very active inquiry for Hay this week, and we note sales of some 400 to 500 tons baled Timothy at $16@17, nearly all of which was taken by the government, and we quote it as closing firm at these figures. Straw is dull at $14@15 per ton for Rye. There is no other description offering.

HIDES.—We note the receipt here this week of a cargo of 10,600 Hides from Chili, but they have not been sold. This is the only lot of foreign Hides on the market. We continue to quote wet city slaughtered at 7¾ cts.; and do. country do. at 7@7¼ cts. per lb.

IRON.—There is some little movement in Iron but no sales of importance are making. We continue to quote as follows, viz: Baltimore Charcoal Forge at $27@ 27¾; Catoctin do at $24@25; Charcoal No. 1 Wheat at $27 @28; Anthracite Iron at $23@24 for No. 1; $21@22 for No. 2; $20@21 for No. 3; Scotch Pig at $22 from ship, and $23@24 per ton from the yards. We quote Blooms as before at $40 for puddled, and $60@62½ per ton for best Charcoal; Bar Iron at $47½@50 for common English and American, and $57½@60 per ton for refined do.; and Sheet do. at 3¾@4 cts. for English; 4¼@4½ cts. for American, and 17½ cts. per lb. for Russia. Boiler Plates are selling at 3¾ cts. for puddled, and 4@4¼ cts. per lb. or refined Charcoal, and we quote Nails at $2.80@2.85 per 100 lbs., cash, and $3, six months, for cut 4d. and upwards.

INDIGO.—Indigo is quiet but very firm at the quotations, which are as follows, viz: 120@175 cts. for Bengal; 105@130 cts. for Kurpah; 120@150 cts. for Guatemala; 75@85 cts. for Madras; 50@60 cts. for common to fair, and 70@112 cts. per lb. for good prime Manilla.

LEATHER.—There is still a fair business doing in Leather, but the sales continue to be mainly of descriptions for consumption for army purposes. Prices are generally unchanged and we quote as before City slaughtered Sole at 27@30 cts.; Country do. at 25@28 cts.; Spanish Sole at 26@28 cts.; City harness Leather, black, at 30@32 cts.; Country do. at 27@33 cts.; Rough Skirting at 25@28 cts.; Upper in rough hide at $25.50@34; Calf Skins at 50@60 cts. per lb., and finished do. at 85@100 cts. per lb.

MOLASSES.—There is nothing of consequence doing in Molasses owing to the very light stock here. It is however very firm at the quotations which are as follows, viz: 28@33 cts. for Cuba clayed; 33@35 cts. for Muscovado; 35 @40 cts. for Porto Rico; and 50@56 cts. per gallon for New Orleans.

MILL FEED.—Brown Stuff has advanced and we now quote it at 14@15 cts., but Middlings are still selling at 24 cts. per bushel.

NAVAL STORES.—We continue to quote Spirits Turpentine at $1.50 per gallon, Tar and Pitch at $4.50, and No. 1 Rosin $6 per bbl., but there is very little doing in these articles.

OILS.—Oils are still dull, but prices are unchanged, and we quote as follows, viz: Linseed at 60@63 cts. for American; Sperm at 155 cts. for fall, and 165 cts. for winter; Whale at 55@58 cts. for crude, and 60@65 cts. for patent bleached; Solar at 75 cts.; Sea Elephant at 70@75 cts; and Lard at 80@83 cts. per gallon.

PROVISIONS.—The market for all descriptions has ruled very quiet this week there having been no sales of importance except to the General Government, the particulars of which have not transpired.

PORK.—We quote as before, Mess at $14@15; Prime at $12@12.25, and Rump at $11 per bbl.

BULK MEAT.—We still quote at 5@5¾ cts., and 5¾@6 cts for Shoulders and Sides, and at 5¾ cts. per lb. for Hams.

BACON.—Moderate sales of Jobbing lots at 6@6¾ cts., and 6¾@7 cts. "for Shoulders and Sides, and 8@11 cts. per pound for Hams

LARD.—We quote Western at 9 cts.; city rendered 8¾ @8¾ cts., and refined 11¼@11½ cts. per lb.

BUTTER.—Prime continues scarce and in good demand. We quote new Glades at 19@15 cts.; Western solid packed at 8¾@10 cts., and New York State 14@16 cts per lb.—Eggs are selling to-day at 14@15 cts. per dozen for fresh selected.

CHEESE continues in fair demand at our last quotations, viz: Eastern cutting at 8@8¾ cts., do. English dairy 8¾@9 cts.; Western cutting 6¾@7 cts., and do. English dairy 7¾@8 cts per lb.

POWDER.—We quote Dupont's, Hazard's and Beatty's Powder at $3.25 for blasting, and $@5.50 per keg of 25 lbs. for sporting.

PLASTER.—We continue to quote Plaster at $3@3.25 per ton, but there have been no sales this week so far as we have heard.

POTATOES.—Potatoes are in good demand and they are selling freely at 65@70 cts. per bushel for Mercers

RICE.—Rice is firm at 7¾@7¾ cts. for good to prime. There is however very little here and it is only selling in retail lots.

STARCH.—Starch is steady at 4¾@5 cts. for Western Pearl, and 5¾@6 cts. per lb. for Oswego. There is however very little selling.

SPICES.—Spices are quiet but very firm. We quote as follows, viz: Pepper at 10¾@11¾ cts.; Pimento at 8@8¾ cts; Cloves at 13¾@14 cts.; Ginger at 10 cts; Cassia at 23@25 cts.; Mace at 40@45 cts., and Nutmegs at 45@50 cts per lb.

STAVES.—There is but little doing in Staves. We quote as follows, viz: W. O. Hhd. at $55@65; W. O. Pipe at $60@78; and W. O. Barrel at $20@30 per thousand. There are no Red Oak Staves in market.

SUGARS.—The market for Sugars has been quiet this week, the sales so far as we have heard embracing only a lot of 6,750 bags Manilla for refining, the terms for which were kept private, and some 25 hhds Porto Rico at $9@9.50. The feeling in the market is very firm, and holders exhibit no disposition to press sales. The stock here is very light. We quote to-day as follows, viz: Cuba at $8@8 25 for refining, and $8.50@9 for grocery grades; Porto Rico and New Orleans at $8 50@9 50; and current qualities of Manilla and Pernambuco at $8@8.25. The imports this week are 252 hhds. from New York.

REFINED SUGARS.—No change has been made for a week or two past in the rates for Refined Sugars, and the quotations for them are still as follows, viz: 11¾@11¾ cts. for loaf, 10¾@11¼ cts. for crushed, powdered and granulated; 10¾@10¾ cts. for soft crushed white; and 9¾@10 cts. per lb. for C yellow.

SALT.—Salt is in good demand and very firm. Liverpool is selling in lots as wanted at 120@125 cts. for Ground Alum, 170@175 cts. cash, per sack, for Marshall's, Worthington's and Jeffrey & Darcy's fine; and we quote Turks Island at 25@30 cts. per bushel. We note the import this week of 1,600 sacks Liverpool from New York.

SEEDS.—Grass Seeds are quiet and rather heavy.—Clover is selling at $4.50@4 75; Timothy at $2@2.50, and we quote Flaxseed at $1 25@1.30 per bushel.

TOBACCO.—The receipts of Maryland have not been large this week, but not only all that reached the market found ready sales, but purchasers took freely of the stocks in the hands of commission agents, and there are now not more than about 1,000 hhds. in first hands in market. The small stock on sale and the very little remaining to be sent to market have induced purchasers to buy freely, and in some cases a slight advance on last week's rates has been obtained. There were received this week two hhds. Ground Leaf, being the first of the new crop, which sold very promptly at about $9 50, being rated as middling fine red. Ground Leaf is much wanted, and will find prompt sale at comparatively high rates as soon as it appears in market. We quote Maryland as last week, the range including the advance noted above, viz: Inferior and common Maryland $2 50@4; good common $4 @4 50; middling $5.50@7.50; good and fine brown $7 50 @10; extra fine $11@12. The demand for Bay Tobacco from the upper counties of Maryland is confined to the common qualities, which sell freely at unquotably low prices, viz: tips $3@4; seconds $3@6.50; red $8@15; spangled $8@11; and yellow $12@18. The demand for Ohio Tobacco has not been active this week, but we understand one shipper entered the market and took about 500 hhds. on terms not transpired, but supposed to be at a decline on former rates. The stock of this description is quite light. We quote as before, viz: Inferior to good common $3@4.50; red and spangled $5.50@7; good and fine red and spangled $7.50@10 50; and yellow $10@12 50. There is an active demand for Kentucky for manufacturing purposes and rates have advanced. We now quote Mason county as follows, viz: Common lugs $7.50@8.50; good light heavy $8@9; common and good leaf $9@11; fine do. $12@13; and choice $14@15. The inspections of the week are 514 hhds. Maryland, 40 hhds. Ohio, and 1 hhd. Kentucky—total 555 hhds.

MANUFACTURED TOBACCO.—There has been an active movement within the last week or two in manufactured Tobacco and prices for it have advanced very materially. The stocks here are very light and they are mostly in the hands of speculators. We quote to-day as follows, viz: Common pounds at 16@20 cts.; medium do. at 22@25 cts.; good do. at 28@30 cts; fine do. at 38@30 cts; medium 5's and 10's at 23@25 cts., and fine do. at 28@30 cts.

TIN AND LEAD.—Tin Plate is still selling at $9 for I. C., and $10.75 per box for I. X., but it very dull. We quote Banca Tin at 29@30cts.; Straits 28cts.; Spelter at 4¾@4¾ cts.; and Lead at 6@6¾ cts. for Pig; 7 cts. for Bar; and 7¾@ 7¾ cts. per lb. for Pipe and Sheet.

TALLOW.—We quote Tallow this week at 8¾ cts. for City rendered, and 8 cts. for Country do., but we have heard of no sales.

WOOL.—There is an active inquiry for the low grades of Wool, but the finer qualities continue to be neglected We quote to-day as follows, viz: unwashed at 27@28 cts.; tubwashed at 35@38 cts.; pulled at 32@35 cts.; and common fleece at 34@38 cts. per lb. There are no sales of fine fleece Wools making.

WHISKEY.—The sales of Whiskey this week add up 300 bbls. at 22@22¾ cts. for Country and City, and 22¾@ 23 cts. for Ohio, but we quote it as closing to-day firm at 22¾ cts. for City, and 23 cts. for Ohio. The stock here is said to be quite light.

FREIGHTS.—The ship "John Clark" has been put up this week for Liverpool, but this is the only vessel on the berth for this port. We quote by her at 13d. for grain in shippers' bags, 35s. for tobacco, and 40s. for heavy goods. There is no flour offering, but the nominal rate for it is 4s. There are some engagements making to Cork and a market at 15d., and for direct ports in France at 25 cts. per bushel for grain. There are two vessels loading for Rotterdam at 40s. for tobacco, and a third has we believe been taken up for this port this week at the same figure. We quote to Bremen at 30@32s. 6d. for tobacco.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—The market for Flour continues very firm with a fair demand from the trade. We quote common brands Western at $4 25@5.37½; fancy brands at $5@5.62½; $5.75@6 for extra; and $6 25@7 25 for superior, including choice St. Louis brands. Southern Flour is quiet, and prices are nominal. Choice brands of Baltimore range from $8@8.75 per barrel. Corn is held for an advance; the sales have been moderate. We quote at 66@68 cts. per bushel for Western yellow, and 65@66 cts. per bushel for Western mixed. Oats remain without change, with further sales at 37@40 cts. for Western, Canada and Southern. Rye 75 cts. per bushel.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—Flour firm; sales 1,000 bbls. at unchanged quotations. Wheat buoyant; sales 7,000 bush. red at $1.25@$1.30. Corn firm; sales 2,000 bush at 65c. Whiskey steady, and prices unchanged.

ALBANY, Oct. 17.—Flour has an improving demand. Buckwheat Flour, in the street, 12s. 6d.@12s. 8d. Wheat sells readily, in car lots, for milling here, at $1.18@$1.21 for red State, $1.25 for red Western, $1.30 for white Genesee, and $1.38@$1.39 for white Michigan. Oats—36 cts. is paid for car lots of State, delivered, and 25,000 bushels State, afloat at 37 cts.; 3,000 do. Quinte at 64 cts., 17,300 do., part at 70 cts. and part on p. t and 80 cts. for 6,000 do. very choice, to arrive; 14,000 do. Canada West at 70 cts., and 6,000 do. Canada East on p. t., and 4,000 do. Brockport on terms that did not transpire. Nothing done in corn. Whiskey is active to-day; early, 60 bbls., at 1¾ cts. below New York prices, but not over 20½ cts.; 150 bbls. at 20¾ cts., and 50 do. at 21 cts.

BUFFALO, Oct. 17.—Flour unchanged. Wheat steady and in fair demand; sales 6,000 bushels Chicago spring at 95¾ cts., 9,000 do. at 96 cts., 12,000 do. at 98 cts., 8,000 do. Milwaukie club at $1.02, 10,000 do. at $1.7,000 do. at $1.01. Corn firm and in good demand; sales 13,000 bushels at 44 cts., 9,000 do. yellow at 43¾ cts. Lake imports—2,600 bbls. flour, 90,000 bushels wheat, 130,000 do. corn, 4,000 do. barley, 10,000 do. rye. Canal exports—4,000 bbls. flour, 291,000 bushels wheat, 241,000 do. corn, 5,000 do. barley.

OSWEGO, Oct. 17.—Flour steady; sales 800 bbls. at $5.25 for fancy from spring wheat. Wheat better, with less doing; sales 4,300 bushels No. 2 Chicago spring at $1.03. Corn scarce and firm; sales 17,000 bushels, to arrive, at 47 cts. Barley dull; sales last night 3,500 bushels Bay Quinte at 53¾ cts. Rye quiet.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Flour 5@10 cts. lower. Wheat declined ¾@1 ct.—77@78 cts. for No. 1, 72¾@73 cts. for No 2, in store. Corn firm—22@22½ cts. for mixed, in store. Oats advanced ¾ cts. Receipts—8,200 bbls. flour, 182,000 bushels wheat, 106,000 bushels corn. Shipments —5,300 bbls. flour, 133,000 bushels wheat, 18,000 bushels corn. Freights advanced 1 ct.—17 cts. on corn, 18¾ cts. on wheat. Buffalo exchange unchanged.

MONTREAL, Oct. 17.—Flour firmer—sales 40,000 bbls. No. 1 super at $5.45@5.52¾; fancy and extra dull and nominal. Wheat firm and more active—sales 50,000 bushels Michigan red at $1.28@1.30; 10,000 bushels Canada high mixed $1 28@1.32; 20,000 bushels Canada spring $1.14@1.16. Corn steady—sales 40,000 bushels 54¾@55 cts.; 50,000 bushels with freight to Liverpool, at 7s. Peas in demand at 76@78 cts. per 66 pounds, but the quantity offering is small and sales trifling. Ashes steady at $6.30 for Pots, $6.65 for Pearls. Freights firm—8s @ 8s. 3d. for grain to Liverpool and the Clyde; 8s. 6d. to London; 9s. calling at Cork for orders. Flour freights dull at 3s. 3d. to Liverpool and the Clyde. Exchange dull—Bank, sixty days on London, 8@8¾ premium; private 6¾@7 premium; Sight Drafts on New York ¾@ 1 per cent. premium.

IMPORTS INTO BALTIMORE.

FOREIGN.

ST. JOHNS, N. B.—*Schr. Bengal*—80 pcs. palings, Kelsey & Gray; 100 but shewires, Curtis & Fox.

SAN BLAS—*Ketch Ella*—176 tons cocoa, 10 bags cocoa, 3 pkgs. tortoise shell, Friend, Ricketts & Co.

COASTWISE.

BOSTON—*Bark Grand Turk*—400 bbls. fish, 168 bales hay, order.

NEW YORK—*Barge J. A. Shriver.*—152 hhds. sugar, order.

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Visit of General McClellan to Vienna, Va.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The most important item from the other side of the Potomac is that Gen. McClellan yesterday, accompanied by Gens. Smith, McCall and Hancock, and a strong escort of regular cavalry, proceeded to Vienna, which is five miles west of Lewinsville, and remained there several hours.

Reported Retreat of the Confederates Toward Manassas—Reconnoitering Across the Potomac.

WASHINGTON, October 18.—The reports in circulation about the Confederate army being in full retreat for Manassas are founded on conjecture, at least nothing of it is known in quarters most entitled to confidence.

As was stated in the previous despatch, a large reconnoitering party proceeded as far as Vienna yesterday, but returned before Gen. McClellan had quite reached the village.

A hundred men only, on similar business, proceeded to Anandale, which is about equal distance from Springfield and Fairfax Court House.

General Wadsworth was within a mile and a half of Fairfax Court House, with a company only small escort. From observations it was conjectured that there was a Confederate force there of about two regiments of infantry and a battalion of cavalry. The escort was fired on, but reached their camp in safety.

From a gentleman presumed to possess the best opportunities of judging, it is ascertained that the enemy has been alternately retreating and advancing within a breadth of five or six miles from our lines.

Arrival of Government Supply Vessels at Washington—The Confederate Batteries Passed in Safety—Accident to the Steamer Hugh Jenkins.

Quite a number of upward-bound vessels ran the Confederate batteries last night, and have arrived at the Navy Yard and at our wharves. Among these is the Government steamer Cœur de-Lion, which towed up the Government ship Granite. They passed the batteries shortly after midnight. The steam-tugs Murray and Pusey were several times fired upon as they passed, towing up a couple of schooners loaded with Government stores, but they were not touched. The Cœur de-Leon spoke the steamer Pawnee in the Chesapeake Bay. She had not been disabled, as reported, by the shots she received.

A large number of Confederates are still waiting at Smith's Point for an opportunity to come up.

The steam-tug Robert Leslie, while on the way down last night, ran into the steamer Hugh Jenkins, also bound down, near Mount Vernon. The Jenkins was struck near the bow and so crippled that she was compelled to run into shoal water, where she now rests on the mud bottom. She had cavalry on board. The Leslie returned to the Navy Yard for a scow to take off the horses.

The Harriet Lane left the Navy Yard this morning.

The new Confederate battery at Timber Creek mounts four guns.

Camp of Instruction for Sharp-Shooters.

The Secretary of War has ordered Col. Berdan to establish a camp of instruction in this city for his new arm in the service, and to collect all the sharp-shooters he can during the next ninety days; in fact, full power to accept companies and regiments who, on examination, may be found to be equal to the requirements which the Colonel has adopted.

All Quiet on the Upper Potomac.

An official despatch, received this morning from Darnestown, represents all quiet on the Upper Potomac.

Treasury Notes.

The Treasury Department yesterday sent West $1,300,000 in Treasury notes.

Judicial Appointment.

Bland Ballard has been appointed United States District Judge for Kentucky, in place of Judge Deweese, who has joined the Confederates.

FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

Further Particulars of the Fight—Threatened Conflagration.

We learn from a gentleman who spent the whole of the day yesterday at Harper's Ferry that the account we publish this morning of the fight there on Wednesday is in the main correct.

The cannon captured is a fine new siege gun, well mounted and in good order, with the exception of a fracture of one of its axles, inflicted by Colonel Geary during the fight. It was stationed yesterday near the abutment of the bridge, and workmen were repairing the axle. When it was about being retaken by the Confederates, a ten-penny nail was driven into it, which has already been drawn.

The statement that the Rhode Island battery participated in the fight is incorrect. They are stationed on the Maryland Heights, and found it impossible to discriminate in the distance between friend and foe.

The fight from 8 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock this afternoon was a regular skirmish, with varying results—the Confederates when hard pressed retreating into Swallwood's Woods, and at other times driving the Federal troops back into Bolivar, the main fight being back of that town, on the road to Charlestown. At 2 o'clock, however, Col. Geary arrived with three pieces of cannon, which were soon brought into action, silencing the enemy's guns, and putting their entire force in flight towards Charlestown.

The Chaplain, who was taken prisoner, stated that before he was captured eighty-seven killed and wounded had been carried from the field. The victors, however, estimate the loss of the enemy as high as one hundred and fifty. There was nothing positive known as to Col. Ashby having been killed, and it was not generally credited. An officer supposed to have been him was shot during the final retreat.

The Federal troops remained in the field all Wednesday night, and yesterday morning, having brought across the river the remainder of some ten thousand bushels of wheat captured from a Confederate military depot, which was being transported to Leesburg, an order was given for the whole force to retire to the Maryland side.

The enemy was not seen during Thursday at Harper's Ferry or vicinity. The gentleman who brought us this information entered Harper's Ferry and visited the battle ground on Thursday afternoon, and found the few remaining population in great distress. Information had reached them that it was the intention of the enemy to destroy both Bolivar and Harper's Ferry on Thursday night by fire, and they were all packing up preparatory to escaping into Maryland. Whether the threat of conflagration was carried out we have no means of ascertaining.

The river was too high to ford, and the troops were conveyed across in a scow. The whole force on the Federal side was 460, and the prisoners captured admit that the enemy's force was over 2,000, including the cavalry.

The change that has taken place in Harper's Ferry and the thriving village of Bolivar is represented as most shocking to behold. Ruin and desolation are everywhere visible, and the remaining inhabitants present the most sorrow-stricken aspect imaginable, consisting altogether of women and children and old men. The beautiful farms of the surrounding country have also been ravaged. The fencing has all disappeared, the houses are empty, and the fields trampled as if a scourge had passed over them.

More Vandalism at Harper's Ferry—Herr's Mill Burned by the Confederates—A Confederate Force Driven from Loudon Heights by the Federal Artillery on the Maryland Shore.

SANDY HOOK, Oct. 18.—The spacious mill of Messrs. Herr & Welsh, at Harper's Ferry, was fired this afternoon by the Confederates, and is now in flames, and will be completely destroyed. The mill was burned by a force under Col. Ashby, after our troops had taken twenty thousand bushels of wheat collected there by the Confederates. After removing the wheat, the Federal troops retired to their original position opposite the Ferry, after their victorious engagement at Berlin.

As soon as the Confederates commenced their work of destruction, Major Gould in command of this post ordered his three companies, C, I, and K, and a detachment of Col. Geary's Pennsylvania regiment under arms, and Capt Tompkins of the Rhode Island Artillery opened fire from the Maryland heights, whilst Capt Shriver, of the 13th Massachusetts regiment also opened with his two twelve pounders and the 32 pounder, all pouring a telling fire into the Confederates who made their appearance on Loudon Mountain, driving them back so as to prevent the further destruction of Harper's Ferry and Bolivar, which is threatened by Col. Ashby. The few remaining residents at the Ferry are rapidly emigrating into Maryland.

*From the