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## general gravt in new yolk.

In conformity with general desire, President Grant has decided to visit New York himself at this clisis, and he is bere to see with his own eyes and to bear with his own ears the symptoms of the most protracted monetsry pinch which has been known for a quarter of a century. This is doubtless one of the objects he has in view in coming at so unusual a seasun. Keport says that he is already beset by a multitude of sdvisers, all eager to have their tactics adopted for the subjugation of the recalcitrant stringency of the loan market.

Of course, the inflationists muster in great strength around the President, and if he were disposed to yield his judgment to the majority of those who approach him, he would no doubt believe in a larger or smaller amount of tampering with the currency as a panacea for the present time.

But the country is now getting somewhat weary of these clamors for more greenbacks. Such cries for forbidden re-
lief are nothing new; we have had them before. Other countries approaching a specie basis have suffered in the aame way. It is a law of resumption that it ean be made perfect only through suffering; but in our case the present trouble is enhanced, and almost wholly caused, by a set of reckless speculators, who make money tight by artificial means, that they may provoke the public to ask for these issues of greenbacks.

These men well know that if they can gain success, and if more greenbacks are issued, everything in Wall street will go flying. Prices will rise violently. After a further lapse of time thert will be a sudden and hurried fall. Then another furious advance. An atmosphere of turbid excitement will thus be generated, which is so favorable to speculators. For of them we may say, as Tacitus says of a certain class of politicians, "facilius turbidis et inquiet is temporibus exstiterunt." They have the best chance when the monetary turmoil is at the worst. These inflationists, who are rich and restless, are busy preparing the way for an artificial excitement in stocks and gold during the summer, after the severe depression of the winter. They know the hope of such speculation is very slim without greenbacks, but that with infition of the currency it is sure. If the President has a mind to listen to these men and their emissaries, he will need no other callers to fill up the whole time of his wisit to New York.

But there are a few persons who will gain the ear of Gen. eral Grant, and will tell him what the masses of the conservative people now think, and what everybody will be ready to acknowledge before long, that the stringency which has lasted six months is sure before long to terminate by its own limitation ;-that it cannot possibly be drawn out many days longer;-that the cliques are straining every nerve to keep it up even at this moment;-that to issue greenbacks now would be to create untold mischief, sud to give an evil remedy for a disease that is already curing itself. Which of these advisers he will listen to remains to be seen.

Even it he is willing to be led by those who point out the mischiefs that new issues of curreney must let loose on the country be cannot wholly undo the harm that has been lately done. Among the most prolifio sources of evil which trouble the prosperity of business, one of the chief, for some time past, has been the state of uncertainty which has been induced by the constant repetition of these reports. This week they bave taken a new form, and declare that 5 to 10 millions of new greenbacks are actually at the SubTreasury here awaiting issue.

This uncertainty some persons charge on Mr. Rıchardson; who is certainly not wholly to blame; for officially he has started none of these rumors. On the contrary, since he
became chief in the Treasury department he has maintained a proper reticence as to such problematical and dangerous topics, and he has given a full publicity to the daily business in his department. The lessons taught by the unfortunate effects of the argument put forth in his book claiming power to issue greenbacks will not probably be lost on a mind as careful and safe as Mr. Richardson's.

The harm dnne by these rumors is easily understood. Every merchant, manufacturer, or ordinary man of business argues the matter pretty much in the same way. "If we are to have an issue of greenbacks," says he, "then everything 1 deal in will go up. I may buy freely and everything I buy will rise in price, so that my profits will be sure and ample beyond the usual average." Such is his argument when le hears that new greenbacks are to come out. But let us see how he argues on the other side, the next day when he hears that no greenbacks are to be issued. "In this case," says he, "I must contract and narrow down my ${ }^{\text {J }}$ iabilities. Money will not be very easy, and I must be careful not to let my outgo exceed my means. Prices will not be so buoyant. Goods will not be forced up by arti. ficial causes beyond their current value. There is no inducement for me to enter into speculative purchases, but the sternest warning to limit my trausactions within my $l_{\text {egitimate capital." Such are the alternate fluctuations by }}$ which greenback rumors disturb the plans of our merchants who have capital to invest. If they have bills to pay their financial arrangements are thrown into still greater confusion by these repeated oscillations of public opinion, and by the effort to meet the probable exigencies of future currency derangement.
We have not even hinted at half the trouble that these greenbacks have inflicted on the country by the merdrumor of their possible issue. So heavy are these lusses, and such a use has been made of the greenback rumors by speculators, that there are even men of considerable sagacity and con. servative habits who have expressed the opinion that any certainty is better than this continued suspense, and that if the same uncertainty is to remaia;-if the President is determined to claim the power to Inflate the currency, and is ready to risk the conseouences;-it would be for the good of the country if he would issue the whole sum at once, to the full length of his powers, so that the people may know where they are. We by no mears indorse the advice of these groups of advisers who daily enliven the President's levee; but, like the witnesses in a complicated trial, each of these classes of men is worth hearing, and testifies sometimes unconsciously and often unwillingly, but always with earnestness, to an important part of the truth. 'Should the President decide that our monetary trouble is on the point of healing, and that his interference in the methods proposed would do more harm than good, he will not be very wide of the mark.

## LONG CREDITS AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES.

There is one reason for the high rates of interest recently prevailing in our loan market, which has not had so much attention as it seems to demand. We learn that for some time past longer credits have been given in tbis city to merchants in the South and West than have been regarded as safe since the war. The Chronicle has often sbowed that the short credit system is one of the indispensable parts of our financial mechanism. If it be true that the two months or three months' credits which used to be the limit sre giving place to those of 4 or 6 or 8 n:onths, our merchants and jobbers and their bankers will have occasion to regret tbis retrograde policy.

About five or six years ago, as our files will show, a similar extension of credits was attempted and made some
progress, but was promptly rebuked as unsafe and involving too much risk. It was checked at that time; and short credits were continued; but the bad habit has once more begun, and throughout the past year a larger volume of such long credits were reported than for a considerable period betore. The consequences of this new policy may be seen in the subjoined list of failures during the last year as comared with the two previous years:

COMMERCLAL FAKLURES FOR 1870, 1871 AND 1872.


A more significant illustration of the working of these long credits could scarcely be found. The first point which ccmmands notice is the immense increase in the aggregate sum for which the insolvents failed. This sum wea 121 millions in 1872, against 85 millions in 1871, and 88 millions in 1870. A part of this increase is doubtless due to the fires at Boston in October, 1872, and at Chicago a year earlicr. For the Massachusetts failures reached 25 millions in 1872, against 8 millions in 1871, and those of Illinois were 11 millions in 1872, against 6 millions in 1871. It is more satisfactory to find that in the State of New York the failures remain at the aggregate of 20 millions for each of the last three jears. This suggests the inference, which we know from other sources to be correct, that the expansion of credits is not so great in this State or in the East, or in the near-by trade, as in that of the Soutiern and Western States.
Thus the failures in Alabama increased $\$ 525,000$ in 1871 io $\$ 1,501,000$ in 1872 ; in Georgia from $\$ 964,000$ to $\$ 1,293$,000 , in Kentucky from $\$ 1,163,000$ to $\$ 2,059,000$, in Louisi ana from $\$ 2,437,000$ to $\$ 3,100,000$, in Missouri from $\$ 1,995,000$ to $\$ 2,670,000$, in Maryland from $\$ 1,194,000$ to $\$ 5,045,000$, in Michigan from $\$ 1,521,000$ to $\$ 2,720,000$, in Tennessee from $\$ 369,000$ to $\$ 1,438,000$, and in Wisconsin from $\$ 386,000$ to $\$ 1,127,000$. Such a general and widely diffused increase of failures duting the year indicates that some general causes are at work to produze it. And among these a conspicuous place is no doubt claimed by the system of long credits, to which we lave referred. These credits have been conceded from an anxiety among our mercantile clases to force business and to offer inducements to conntry buyers to purchase. If such enlarged credit continues to be given, and this policy be allowed to establish itself as the rule of mercantile dealing, we stall part with one of the important and not too numerous safeguar!'s we have long enjoyed against financial revulsions.
But as we have said this expansion of mercantile credits
th ita resulting dangers has in part arisen from the high rates of interest which our merchants liave had to nny for the money they uss in their business. To keep this "dear", money moring was a needful condition for the payment of such rates for its use. Being under so heavy a charge for monetary accommodation they were forced to send out their drummers and to use every applianee (1) aell goods. They were tempted to overstep the prudent lino which the experience of years had drawn against expansive credits, and they trusted their customers more freely in order to increase their business and keep in constant circulation the capital for the hire of which they had to pay so m्uch. We trust the warnings of the past will suffice, and that we shall see indications that this costly and dargerous habit of undue expansion and of granting long credits is discarded. It has a tendency not only to foster the causes of commercial failures, but it undermines the strengith of the financial aituation in many other ways.

## free rallrodds in New jersey.

Railroad extension has just won a signal triumph in New Jersey. After a therough examination of the whole question, and a discuesion of it trom all sides and by all classes of people interested in the commerce of that State, the Legislature have passed the General Railroad law. The Governor has signed it, and it is now in ful 1 force. New Jersey has thus set an example to other States that, like herself, have submitted from necessity to concede for a time extraordinary powers and valuable privileges to railroads. The original object of these concessions was of course that these public highways of commerce might build themselves up and become thoroughly efficient as distributors and creators of the National wealth. In New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and in many States, both North and South, our people adopted this liberal policy in the infancy of railroads; but there are ominous murmurs all over the country that the time has come for a change. Thls new movement beling inevitable, care must be taken to coatrol it by the rrinciples of equity, and of enlightened regard both for vested rights and for the public good.
These fundamental canons of reform have been followed in this legislation by New Jersey. Vested rights have been cared for, and not a hand touched the old contract which has made the Camden \& Amboy Railroad so notorious for years, not a hostile movement was made till this charter had legally expired, and the State, could with honor get rid of the conditions indorsed by the people in poorer days, as the only means of getting canital subscribed for a through railroad at all.

As to the safeguards of the public the measure apperrs to be carefully drawn. Its chief provisions are, first, that " no franchise heretofore granted to construct a railroad, or to build or establish bridges or ferries, or operate any lino of travel, and take tolls or fares therefor, shall hereafter continue to be or be construed to remain exclusive, and that no like franchise hereafter granted shall be or be construed to be exclusive, unless in such grant heretofore made or hereatter to be made it be so expressly provided."

Secondly, it prescribes the following simple regulations for the organzing of new railroad companies. Tha number of incorporators requisite to form a new railroad company is fixed at thirteen, a majority of whom must be residents of the State. Their articles of agreement shall name the termini of the road and the counties through which it is to run. They must state their aggregate of capital stoek at not less than ten thcusand dollars for every mile, with the privilege to issue bonds not exceeding the amount of the paid-up capital stock. When at least two thousand dollars
for every mile of road is subscribed and ten per cent. paid in cash, an affidavit to that effect nrd aetting forth that it is intended in geod faish to build a road must be appended to the articles of agreement and filed for record in the office of the Secretary of State. That filing constitutes the charter. The construction of the road must be begun within six months after the date of organization. If the road is not more than fifty miles long a track shall be ready for use in two years; if more than fifty miles, six montha additional are allowed for every twenty miles.
Thirdly, there are the needful provisions as to entry on lands. And any new company organizing under this law is authorized to lease its property or to merge and consolidate with auty connceting line. All connecting roads are required to transport all goods and passengers for each other. Passenger tickets are good until usei, and the police arrangements of the roads aro carefully prescribed.

We are not so aanguine as to contend that the bill is quite as perfect as some of its promoters auppose. But it is' uadoubtedly the best that could be passed; and like our own General Railroad law it will doubtless receive auccessive amendments as experience may shew their necessity. It is no small satisfaztion for the friends of legislative purity that the disgraceful corruption is at an end which has been fostered of late years at Trenton by the special charters concocted and urged forward for the very purpose of being sold out to the "monopolists." This is an impor. tant point gained, and justifies us in congratulating New Jersey on her recent triumph.

We are often told that among the numerous evils inflcted ou us by our paper money inflation, one of the worst and the most threatening to the polstical and material future of the country is the growth of huge monopolies, rings, corporations, and cliques. To coafirm this view we are pointed to the price of the two prime necessaries of life, fuel and food, which is every year more completely regulated by raiiroad corporations, while a similar control over the money market and over the premium on gold is held at critical seasons by a little knot of soveieign capitalists. We are by no means disposed to approve the violent fears of our foreboding friends against these movements of large masses of capital. The doctrines well known in mechanics, founded on the composition and resolution of forces, have their counterpart in the domain of finance. The resultant is very different from any single force which has combined to produce it, and a sailor can thus win even contrary winds to impel his ship in her course. So is it with our financial barque. What it wants is good scamanship.
The experience of life, and the testimony of history show us that all abuses when they culminate tead to produce a reaction against them. Thus in finance as at sea, the most contrary winds, with good seamauship, help us toward port. The success of the railroad fight in New Jersey illustrates other aspects of the great principle, which we omit for the present. The chief use we make of it now is to illustrate the two cardinal maxims which must rule over all similar reforms. The first maxim is a respect for vested interests, and for the security of private property; and the second an enlightened and unswerving regard for the public rights. What thess rights are in the case of New Jersey and her railroads everybody knows. They begin and end with the freedom to build railroads and to work them as extensively as capital will construct them; the freedom to open new connections as fast as they are needed by the great States on the Allantic seaboaid; the freedom to give an unrestricted passage for commerce between the interior States and the port of Now York.

## TIIE MANE CENTRAL RAILROAD.

The Maine Central Railroad, and the several leased roads operated in connection with it, cover the south middle portion of the State of Maine, and form an important section of the great through line between Boston, Mass. and Halifax, Nova Scotia. They reach, in fact, every important town between Portland and Bangor, at the former connecting with the roads to Buston, and at the latter with the European and North Anserican Railroad, which, passing through the eastern part of Maine, is continued into and through the British provinces io Halifax, having termini of its own on the harbors of Portland, Bath, Belfast and Bangor.

Up to $18 \% 0$ this corporation, a wide gaage road (a consolidation in 1862 of the Androscoggin \& Kennebec and Penobscot \& Kennebéc), had comparatively an unimportant existence. Extending simply from Bangor to Danville Junction, it had no eastern terminus, but was compelled so reach Portland from Danville over the Grand Trunk, with only such accommodations at Portland as could be conceded by that road. The result of such an arrangement was that the Maine Central was obstructed in the movement of its trains and cramped and restricted in its terminal facilities. At the same period the Portland \& Kennebec Railroad (with a guage 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ inchea), extending from Portland to Skowhegan, and crossing the Maine Central at Kendall's Mills, had ample accommodations at Portland, but had no connection with the east except over the Central. These roads were substantiaily equal in length, in cost, equipment, and in business. alone each was defective, but united these defecte were all well supplied, making one through company from Bangor to Portland; with such natural advantages to a union existing, its final accomplishment could not be prevented. Hence, on the 12th of May, 1870, a contract of consolidation was executed between these two roads; and during that year the guage was made uniform, the American width of $56 \frac{1}{3}$ inches, the same as the Portland \& Kennebec hitherto had been, being adopted. A short piece of road was also buill between Danville Junction (the termiuus of the Maine Central up to that time) and Cumberland Station, on the Portland \& Kenuebec. By these changes the Maine Central was provided with two roads betweeu Portland aud Bangor, of uniform guage, so that the same cars and engiues can now pass freely from Boston to beyond their eastern terminus, making the road the connecting link between the States and the eastern outlying Brltish Provinces.

The arrangement made between these two roads is not absolutely a consolidation-the working organization has been fully merged, but there is still a technical corporate existence under their clarters of the separate organizations. This is made necessary because the Maine Legislature has hitherto refused to permit the dissolution of the old corporations. In June, 1871, a leaso for 999 years of the Androscoggin Railroad (which included the nuexpired term of the lease of the Leeds \& Farmington road) was executed; and subsequently arrangements were made by which the latter road also became permanently a part of the consolidated line. In 1871 a lease was also obtained of the Belfast \& Moosehead Railroad for fifty years, so that the system now con sists of -
Maine Central (old line, a consolidation of Androscoggin \& Kennebec and Miles. Peuobscot \& Kennebec)....................................................... Portland \& Kennebec (lesse executed May, 18 80 o, for 999 yeara)... Newpert \& Dexter
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The prosperity of this company since the union above described was completed has been very marked. The roadway has been greatly improved, the rolling stock. increased, and new and expensive bridges and station houses have been built. During the past year ten new bridges were built, new iron was laid to the extent of 31.73 miles, and re-rolled iron to the extent of 18.09 miles. There were also laid 3.86 miles of new side tracks. Five new locomotives were put on the roads, and 13 old ones thoroughly repaired. The additions to the car department were 42 box and 200 flat freight and construction cars; and 246 passenger and merchandize cars were thoroughly overhauled.' The increase in the passenger traffic in 1872 over 1871 was 87,708 travelers, and the increase in the freiglit traffic was 41,839 tons. The nett earnings show an increase of $\$ 135,267$. This is an encouraging result, and if continued the company will soon have the ability to pay dividends on all classes of stocks named in the subjoined list of their liabilities.
Below we give the returns of the rcad for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1872 :

ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.
Main Line-Cumberland, Me., to Bangor, Me.
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Equipment-Locomotive engines, 55 ; passenger cars, 58 ; haggage, mail and express cars, 34; and freight and other cars, $1,090$. Total of all ( $8-\mathrm{wh}$.) cars, 1,182
operations and fiscal resulta.
Train Mileage-Passenger, 532,807; freight, 397,940 , and other, 256,136 . Total, $1,186,883$ miles.
Passenger Traffic-Passengers carried, 672,215; carried one mile, 24,930,491.
Freight Traffic-Freight (tons) carried, 350,286; tons carried one mile, 21,034,946.
Gross Earnings-Passenger, $\$ 877,409$; freight, $\$ 947,805$; car use, $\$ 34,776$; mail, $\$ 33,912$; Eastern Express Company, $\$ 33,159$ and extra jaggage, $\$ 1,746$. Total. $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. $\$ 1,028,807$
Operating Expenses-Way, $\$ 465,449$; train, $\$ 386,002$
fuel, $\$ 227,490$; tools in shops, $\$ 2,643$; stations, $\$ 176$,
739 ; office, $\$ 43,861$; and general, $\$ 26,798$.
$1,328,982$
Nett Earnings over expenses.

- $\$ 599,825$

Interest on funded debt.
.\$373,314
Interest on floating debt............................... 56,686
lividends on interest scrip......................... 29,814
Dividends on Portland \& Kennebec RR. stock. 44,484
Dividends on Yarmouth stock. 2,664
Rent of Dexter \& Newpori RR. 18,000
Rent of Belfast \& Moosehead Lake RR........ . 36,000
United States excise tax
658-561,620
Surplus undivided
. 838,205
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Leeds \& Farmington Railroad Iea..
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Dexter \& Newport RR. ©tock, $\$ 5,000$, and Ticouic water Power 8tcck, \$5,000..

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Enropeas \& North American Raiiway Co. Ioan
Materials and fnel...............
10,000
20,000
Total

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Miles of RR. owned | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 129 |
| Miles of RR. leased |  | 14 | 14 | 228 | 28 |
| Total ralirosd ope | 110 | 124 | 124 |  | 357 |
| Locemotive engiues | 14 | 15 | 18 | 50 | 55 |
| Pgss'r, bag'e, maill, \&c., cars | 26 | 30 | 80 | 92 | 92 |
| Freight and ether ca | 285 | 309 | 320 | 88 | 990 |
| Total of all ( $8-\mathrm{wh}$.) cars | 311 | 339 | 350 | 940 | 1,182 |
| Operations and Frseal Results. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Passenger train mileage.... | 87,326 | 86,265 | 89,284 | 418,026 | 532,807 |
| Frelght train milesge |  | 924,710 |  |  |  |
| Total train mileaga. | $\begin{aligned} & 214,512 \\ & 1 \in 3,880 \end{aligned}$ | 284,243 188,849 | ${ }^{229.572}$ | 934,585 | 1,186,883 672,215 |
| Passenger mileaga |  |  | 6,581.681 | 20,932,599 | 24,930,491 |
| Freight (tons) carrled | 103,824 | 97,939 | 108,201 | 314,902 | 359,286 |
| Fretght mileage. |  |  | 5.548,889 | 0.813,730 | 1,i,34,945 |
| Grosb Pabsenge | 6269,257 | \$293.815 | \$288,902 | 8696,914 | \$877,409 |
| errn- $\zeta$ Freight ............. | 251.900 | 259.537 | 272,09 | 795 | 997,805 |
| Inge. . Total, 1nc. mall, \&c. | 544,950 | 585,637 | 590,033 | 1,563,436 | 1,928,807 |
| Operating expenges | 331,506 | 405,499 | 414,169 | 1,094.639 | , 323,982 |
| Nett earn | 218,444 | 180.138 | 175,870 | 468,797 | 599,825 |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest scri |  |  | 297.700 |  |  |
| Netes payzble | 16,099 | \%8,354 | 149,349 | 740,321 | 820,815 |
| Inco | 277,956 | 292,852 | 491,783 | 524,267 | 641,190 |
| Total | 4,337,635 | 4,383,526 | 6,936,957 | 11,947,801 | 12,726,026 |
| Constraction and equipm't. | 4,193,298 | 4,197,023 | 4,295,764 | 8,059,118 | 8,405,390 |
| Leases...................... ...... |  |  | 1,716,600 | 3,356,416 | 3,505,159 |
| Investments <br> Msterials and fuel |  |  | 81.356 | ${ }_{123,735}$ | 132,593 |
|  | 59,881 | 75, | 88,734 | 171,170 | 191,695 |
| Caeh, potes and dxes....... | 56,341 | 29,500 | 225,320 | 224,962 | 491,189 |
| Total. | 4,387,635 | ,526 |  |  |  |

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The general trade of the city during the month of March was acarcely better than in February, and the spring prospects, up to the close, were not partlcularly promising. Some allevlation of the etringency in money had been expected from tho call of the Comptroller of the Currency for a statement of the condition of the banks on the 28th of Febrnary, but the banks were unable to expand materially, and could do little for thelr customera, although their aggregato returas were below the required 25 per cent reserve during most of the month. On Saturday, the 8th lastant, they werg uader $\$ 204,875$, and on the 15 th ingtant $\$ 364,259$, but on the $22 d$ they had, throngh the gmin in specie, recovered their surplus and held $\$ 217,225$ in excess, whith again sakk on the 20th to the extent of $\$ 217,225$ deficiency. 'this deficloacy rests sutirely with tho State banks, the untional banks at the last date showing an excess of $\$ 650,450$. The Treasury aid to the banks, througlt the issue of part of the $\$ 44,000,000$ drawn in durigg the administration of Mr. McCulloch, has beon to the extent of something over $\$ 2,000,000$, the legal tendere outstandiag on Monday, March 31 , being $\$ 353,300,000$. Despite this nssistance, however, the stringency of the month was remarkablo, nud scarcely a duy passed during which a bonus, ranging from 1.64 to $1-16$ of one per cent, bas not been paid. The closing day of the moath showed almost a panic in the money market, the highest rate on call loans reaching s@1 per cent for the uee ot money for twenty-four houra. The forago bankers bave for some timo past liberally oxtended their credits to stock speculators by leading their 60 day sterling bills, which are thrown upon the market by the latter to obtain currency for thoir operations. This has been carried to a pretty heavy extent, and has elicited considerable disajproval from the London press. For the pur pose of checking this movement, as well as to meet the drain of bullion caused by the French indemnity payments, the Bank of England on the 25tle mado an advance of $\frac{1}{3}$ per ceut in its dis conat rate to 4 per cent.

Other influsnces of minor importance which worked against the money market were the failure of the Bull's Head Bank, ths circulation of a limited amount of forged certificates of certain railroad stocke deposited as collaterals, and the opgration of the 'Treasury sales and parchases which took about $\$ 3,000,000$ of currency out of the street. It is a source of congratalation that nelther panic or important failures followed this unusual stringency.

The government bond market moved quietly during the early part of the month, withont any special variation in prices. About the fifteenth a buying movement set in, coming principally from Now Eogland capitalists, who are led to invest their money in this class of securities for the purpose of avoiding tasation on property held April 1. There was also an upward reaction in the London markat. The Secretary issued the amended call for fifty millions fivetwenties of 1862, on the 1st of March, interest to cease June 1. Of the general market it may be atated that the atreet is pretty well swept of bouds, and round lots were difficalt to obtain. The atrength oi the market continued until near the close, being further supported by the rise in gold, but the final stringoacy in money gave prices a weaker tone, and the month closed with some reaction from the best prices reached.

PRICES OT GOVEANMENT BECURITLES IN MABCH, 1873.
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| Date. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} C o n g \\ \text { for } \\ \text { noo. } \end{array}\right\|$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} 5-20 \\ 1867 \end{array}$ | 10-40 | Data. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Cons } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { mon. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 5.8 \\ 5-20 \\ 50 \\ 60 . \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5-20, \\ & 1607 . \end{aligned}$ | 10-40 |
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| Sslarday.. .. 1 | 92>1 | 93\% | 93\% | 893 | Tharsday .... 20 | 921/ | $98 \%$ | 93\% | 91 |
| Huaday ...... 2 |  |  |  |  | Frtday....... 21 | 923/4 | 933 | 93\% | gJ |
| Monday ..... 3 | 924 | 93\% | 9316 | 893 | Satarday.... $2 \cdot 2$ |  | Holi | day) |  |
| Taeaday...... ${ }^{\text {4 }}$ | $92 \%$ | $93 \% 1$ | 983 | $89 \times 1$ | Sundsy ...... 231 |  |  |  |  |
| Wedneeday: | 92\% | 93\% | 98\% | 891 | Menday ...... 24 | 82x | 94 | 93\% | 89\% |
| Thuredsy..... 6 | 92\% | 93\% | 93\% | $89 \%$ | Taceday.....25 | 92\% | 94 | 9,1\% | 89\% |
| Friday ....... ${ }^{\text {? }}$ | 92\% | 831, | 938 | 8931 | Wednenday... 26 | 924 | 9410 | 931. | 893 |
| Saturday.... 8 | 923 | 93\% | 93x | 89131 | Tharsday .....271 | $92 \%$ |  | ${ }^{93 \%}$ | 891 |
| 8unday ...... ${ }^{1}$ Monday..... 10 | $92 \times$ | 9316 | 93x | $89 \times$ | Frldsy........ 28 | 92\% | 94 | 933\% | $89 \%$ |
| Trenday ... 11 | 92, | 931/ | 9:3/4 | 893 | Sanday....... 80 |  |  |  |  |
| Weduceday...12 | 023 | 47\% | 93\% | 80 | Monday...... 81 | 02\% | 9436 | 93\% | 891/4 |
| Thursday..... 18 | $92 \times$ | 433 | 98\% | 89 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday....... 14 | 92\% | 981/ | 934 | 89 | Opening. ...... | 923 | 937/6 | 9314 | 803 ${ }^{\text {ch }}$ |
| SaLurday.... 15 Savday 161 | 82\% | 933 | 98\% | 893 | Higluer | 923 | $94 \%$ | $93 \%$ $93 \%$ | $89 \times$ |
| Sauday ..... 161 | 92\% | 932 | 933\% | 873 | Lowest <br> Cloalng | 92\% | 914 | 88 | $89 \times$ |
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| Weduesdsy.. 19 | 92\% | 93\% | $93 \%$ | 89 | Lowest ¢ Jan. 1. | 9:4 | 92\% | $92 \%$ | 89 |

The rallwsy speculation was dall during the greaser portion of the inonth, the money market affordlag no sufficlent rensona for an actlve upward movement in any direction; while the strength of the parties controlling the leading shares rendered comparttively futile any demonstrations for lower prices. In certain specialties movementh have been Important, depending more upon particular causes for their success than upon ceneral ones. Pacific Mail was the feature at the close of February, baving broken down to $55 \frac{1}{2}$, and the movement was continued into March, the price touching 49. A bnll movement was nubse? queatly projected in this stock, which carried tho price back agsin to 62, though from that point it cessed 10 be seature. StPanl made a steady advance of 88 per cent up to 60\%, on the reported cession of a valnsble land grant to the company by the State of Wisconsla and some talk of a pooling of earnings with the Northwestern Road. New York Central and IIarlem wers active on negotiations looking to the lesse of the Iarlem Road. Erie moved in sympathy with the palsations of London, while Boston, Hartford \& Erie was nearly extingaished by the decision of the United States Court at Bostoo. The final severity In money and the construction placed upon the policy of the now Secretary of the Treasury gave prices a weak tone at the close of the month.

The following table will show the opening, highest, lowest and closing prices of railway and miscellsnoous stocks during the months of Februnry and March

| Raliroad Stocks- | Ope | 18 | Low. | Clos. | Open. | Hiph. | Low. | Clo |
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| Alhany \& Susquchańns. | 0. | 03 | 93 | 93 | 948 | 941 | 933 | 998 |
| Alton \& Terre Laut |  |  |  |  |  |  | 234 | 233 |
| Allantin \& Pactic | 87 | 38 | 0 | 26 | 23 | 30\% | 29 | 25 |
| Boston, Hartford \& Eria | 洗 | 104 | 8 | 87\% | 8\% | 93/8 | 25 | 37 |
| Chicago \& Alten. | 115\% | 116 | 110 | 110 | 119\% | 119 | 108\% | 112 |
| do do scri | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 17 |
| do do prep | 118 | 119 | 112\% | 11213 | 112, | 1113 | 112 | 114 |
| Chicago, Burl. \& Quinc | 1193/4 | 120 | 117\% | 117\% | 111\% | 112\% | 111 | 111 |
| do \& Northweat | 83 | 85 | 80 | 81\% | 81 | 82 | 80 | 80 |
| do do pre | 914 | 94 | 89 | 89 | 89 | $89 \%$ | 87\% | 8 |
| Rock [s)nn | 13\% | 1141/6 | 1111/4 | 113\% | 1134 | 117\% |  | 113 |
| Calamb., Cbic. \& Ind. | 40\% | 437\% | 38 | 40\% | 40\% | 42x | 36 | 7 |
| Cleve. \& Pittsborg yua | $911 /$ | 92 | 8836 | 89 | 893 | 90\% | 89 |  |
| do Col., Cin. \& lo | 91 | 94\% | 90 | 90 | 893 | 90 | 87 | of |
| el., Lack. \& Wester | 1013/13 | 103 | 100 | 102 | $101 \%$ | 1017 | 100 | 100 |
| Debuque \& Slaox | 6.3 | 63 | 133 | 63 | 63 | 63 | 43 | 63.3 |
| Erie... | 667 | 698 | 63 | 663 | 66 | $66^{2}$ | 62) | CA |
|  | 803 | +2 | 78 | 78 | 79\% | 79 | 74 | 74 |
| Msrlem | 120 | 130\% | 1181/3 | 1293 | 124 | 1391 | 127 | 136 |
| do pre |  |  |  |  | 135 | 138 | 135 | 135 |
| Hannibal \& St. Jose | $70$ | $521 / 9$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4216 \\ & 65 \end{aligned}$ | $653 / 4$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \% 6 \\ & 61 \% \end{aligned}$ | $45 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ |
| Illivels Central. | 12013 | 121 | 119 | 1202 | 12216 | 123 | 117 | 1171 |
| Lake Sho. \& Mlch.Sonth | 913/2 | 973 | 90 | 923 | 9:36 | 96\% | 91 |  |
| Long Island. | 75 | 75 | 5 | 75 |  |  |  |  |
| Louisville \& Neahvilc. |  |  |  |  |  | 79 | 79 | 79 |
| Marlelta \& Cin., 1 st pref. do do ad pref. | 20 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 21 12 | 24 12 |  | 12 |
| Michigan Ceotral....... | 1091 | 111 | 107\% | 107\% | 108x | 109\% | 105 | 105 |
| Milwsukee \& Sl. Psul | 53\% | 54\% 79 | $51 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & 53 \% \\ & 79 \% \end{aligned}$ | $593$ | $\begin{aligned} & 607 \\ & 76 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{52}{73}$ |  |
|  | $78 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \% \\ & 40 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 73 \\ & 38 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 793 / 6 \\ & 39 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 735 \\ & 8-2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \% \\ & 8 y \end{aligned}$ | $73$ |  |
| Morris \& Easex | 91 | 91 | 91 | 91 | 91 | 91\% | 03 |  |
| New Jersey | $121 x$ | 121 | 121/3/6 | 121\% |  |  |  |  |
| New Jerse | 105 | 106 | 102 | 1031/2 | 1033 | 101\% | 103 | 103 |
| J. Southern | 261 | 27\% | $2{ }^{2} \%$ | 26\% | 26 | 30 | 26 | 30 |
| N. Y. Cen, \& II |  | 106\% | 10111 | 1034 | 103\% | 1063 | 100 | 100 |
| do N.Haven \& Hart. | 142\% | 142 | 141 | 141\% | 141 | 141 | 189\% | 139 |
| hlo \& Miasisalppl. | $453 /$ | ${ }_{75}^{493}$ | 443 | 46 $74 \%$ | 457 | 76\% | 44\% |  |
| Pscific of Missourt. |  | 595 | 49 | 49 | 52 | 14 | 51 | 52 |
| Psnsms. | 125\% | 126 | 95 | 108 | 1081/2 | 1273 | 106 | 193 |
| Plits. F . W. \& Cl | 933 | 94 | 9218 | 933\% | 93\% | 95 | 83 | 3 |
| do do apec | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |  |  |  |  |
| Rome \& Watertewa | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 |  | 0 |
| St. Lonls \& Iroa Meun | 92 | 921 | 91 | 911 | 90 | 91 | 90 |  |
| St. L., K. Clity \& N. Pre | 177 | 67 | P6 | 66 | 6416 |  |  |  |
| Unlon Psclic. .-........ | 363 | 86\% | 33 | 343 | 34. | 35] 74 | 833/8 |  |
| Tel. Wsh. \& Western.. Miscelladeauy- | 73\% | 747\% | 713 | 739 | 73\% | 743 | 71 |  |
| Conaolidsted Co | 49 | d, | 48 | 7 | 518 | 57 | 51 | - |
| Camberlsud Coal \& Iron | 75 | 87 | 73 | 8 | 91 | 98 | 9 | 97 |
| Americsn Coal. | 60 | 641 | 57 | 631/8 | 55 | 623 | 55 | 81 |
| Spring Monntain cosl |  |  |  |  |  | 62 | 59 |  |
| Maryland Coal. | 2375 | 24\% | 23 | 2831 | 234 |  |  | 45 |
| New Central | 4418 | 45 | 215 |  | $2341 /$ | $230 \%$ | 2251 | 450 |
| Pennsylvana C | 215 | 280 |  |  |  |  |  | 230 |
| Atlantic Matl. | 7x | 7 | , | 5 | + | 43 | 3/. | \% |

 day was most impertant in its speculative character on the last day of the month，when it had reached the high figure of $118 \frac{1}{5}$ ns against $114 \frac{5}{5}$ on the first day．Among the varions causes contributing to the adrance we may notice the change on the 25th in the rate of discount at the Bank of England，which came very unexpectedly．Up to that time the price had not risen alove 116す，but the small supply of gold as compared with former years our excessive importations；an expectation of an ad－ ditional issue of greenbacka；the large ontstanding short in terest，and the heavy speculative backing of the market，all con spired to force up the premium to the above mentioned figure．

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\hline Saturday ．．．．． 15 \& 114\％ \& 11436 \& 1151／6 \& 115 \& ＂ 1869 \& 1311 \& 13031 \& 1323 \& 181\％ <br>
\hline Snnday ．．．．．． 16 \& \& \& \& \& 1868 \& 1403 \& $137 \%$ \& $141 / 3$ \& 138\％ <br>
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\hline Tupsdny．．．．． 18 \& 1153／ \& 1153 \& 115\％ \& 1151／4 \& ＂1866 1865 \& 1301／ \& 1247／6 \& 18 \& $1271 / 8$
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1865．．．．． \& 15913 \& 1489 \& 12018 \& 157\％ <br>
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\hline Sstarday．．．．．22 \& 115\％ \& 115\％ \& 1153／ \& 115\％ \& ＂ 1862 \& 1023 \& 101\％／8 \& 102\％ \& 10： 3 <br>
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The Foreign Exchanges were greatly affected by rising gold and the monetary stringency．The demand from importers has been checked for the above reasons，and remittances were there－ fore postponed wherever it was poasible．The course of rates was also influenced to some extent by the borrowed billa alrendy，and yet to be，aettled for，these being thrown upon the market at con－ ceasions varying from $\frac{7}{6}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent from the asking rates of the standard drawers．The advanced discount rate at London gave temporarily a better tone to sterling，but at the close the entire market was again demoralized by the difficulties in money and high price of gold，and bills，were obtainable much below the nominal quotations：
aterleve exceange for warci， 1873.


## CURRENT TOPICS

The Nev Coinaae Act．－The United States Coinage Act， passed February 12th，1873，went into operation on the 1at of this month．This measure has for its object ${ }^{\text {the }}$ securing of ad inter－ national coinage of silver for the use of the civilized countries of tho world．The following is the now coinage authorized by this act：
SEO．14．That the gold coine of the United States shall be a one dollar plece，
which，at the standard weigh of twenty－five and eight－tenths graina，shall be Which，at tha standard weight of twenty－Ave and eight－tenths grinins，shall be the unit of valac a quartcr eagle，or twe and a－half dollar piece；a three
dollar plece；a halt eagle，or five dollar plece；an cagia，or ten dollar piece； dollar pece；a halt eagie，or five doilar piece；an eagia，or ten dollar piece
and a donhle eanle，or iwenty dollar piece．And the gtandard weight of the
gold dollar ahill he gold dollar shali he twenty－five and eight－tentha grains：of the quarter eagic， or two nnd a－half dollarplicce，eisiy－foarand a－half graing；of the three dollar
piece，Aeventy－aeven and four－tentha graina；of the half cagle，or five dollar plece，neventy－aeven and four－tenths graina；of the half cagle，or five dollar
tro hundred and fify－cight graing；of the donble eagle，or twerty dollar Piece，five handred und sirteen grains．
Silf dollar，or fifte silver colns of the United States ehall be a trido dollar，a half dollar，or fiftecent plece，a quarter dollar，or twenty－ive cent piece，a
dime，or ten－cent piece；and the waicht of the irade dollar ghall be four hant dime，or ten－cent picce；and the weight of the trade doilar ghmbe four hath－
dred and fwenty gralue troy；the weight of the half dollar shall bo iwelva drams（granmmev）and one haif of a gram（gramme）：the anntict dollar and grame（grammes）and ene hall be，respectively，one－halr and oue－fith of the welght of eaid half dollar；and sald coina shnill he a legal tender at their nomlal valua for nny amount not excecding five dollars in any one payment．
SEo．16．That the minor coins of the United States gha
Sieco．16．－That the minor coins of the United States ahall he a five cent pieco，a ihree cent plece aud a one cent plece，and the alloy for the fire and fourthe copper and onefonrth nickel，and the alloy of the ons ceat plece ehall he nincty－ilve per centum of copper and five per centum of in and zinc．In auch propertiona as shall he determined by the Directer of the Miut．The welght of the piece of five cents shall be seventy－seven and sixtecn hun－ dredtha gralas，troy；of the thrce cent piece，inirty graina；and of the one cent plece，forty－elght grains ；which coins shall be a legal tender，at iheir
nominal valuo，for any amoant not excceding twenty－fiva cents in any one nominal valuo，for any amoant dot excceding twenty－fiva cents in any one
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The principal changes made are the internationalization of the silver half dellar by fixing its weight at $12 \frac{1}{3}$ metrical grammes， so that two half dollars are precisely equal to the five franc coin of Europe and ita equivalenta；and the providing for the coinage， solely for the purpose of commerce and not for currency，of a heavy silver trade dollar，to weigh 420 grains，excceding in value by 27－100 of one cent the Mexican dollar．This will cause the new＂trade＂dollar in a short time to command a preminm，and eventually to supplant the Mexican dollar largely used in com－ merce with the Oriental nations on the Pacific．It is also believed that this premium will advantageously affect the price of our silver bullion，the yearly product of which，as stated in the official report to the Secretary of the Treasary made in November last， by Dr．Linderman，former Director of the Philadelphia Mint，and Prof．Torrey，Chief of the Assay office in New York，＂has been increasing in the last thres yeara and now amounts to tweuty million dollars．＂
The slight addition made by the act of less than one half of one per cent to the 192 grains，the lately existing weight of the half dellars of the United States makes them exactly one half the existing weight of the principal silver coin in a large number of the nations of continental Europe，to wit：The five－franc silver coin of France，of Belgium，and of Switzerland；the five－livre silver coin of Italy；the five－peseta silver coin of Spain；the five－ drachma ailver coin of Greece，and precisely equal in weight to the new silver florin of Austria．Thus the metrical internation－ alization of our half dollar will allow it to pass unchanged in name and withent recoinage，bearing the emblems of our lepub． lic throughout the majority of the nations of Europe．

## TIIE DEBT STATEMENT FOR APRIL， 1872.

The following is the official statement of the public debr， as appears from the books and Treasurer＇s returns at the close of business on the last day of March， 1873


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The following are the changes in the Redeeming Agents of National Banks approved since the 27 th ult. These weekly changes are furnished by, and published in accordance with an arrangement made with the Comptroller of the Currency:


## New National Banke.

The following is the only National Bank organized since the 27ih ult., viz.:
Ontctul No.
2,096-The Fourth National Bank of Memphls, Tenn. Anthorized cspital,
 Warren C. Mcclure, Cashicr. Authorized to commence bnsincs March 31, 1873.

Catest filonetary and Commercial Cuglisy News.
RATES OF EXCHANGEAT LONIBON, AND ON LONGON

| EXCHANGK AT LONDONMARCH 21. |  |  | EXCHANGE ON LONDON. |  |  |
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| ON- | time. | mate. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LATEST } \\ & \text { DATE. } \end{aligned}$ | time. | rate. |
| Ampterdsm... | short. | $121 \quad 2122$ | Mchis ${ }^{21}$ | short. | 12.05 |
| Hambry. |  | 20.45 @20.50 | * | 3 mos. | 20.05 |
| Parto. | ahort. | ${ }^{25.35}$ O25.45 | " | short. | 25.40 |
| Paris... | 3 months. |  |  |  |  |
| Berlio... | $\ldots$ |  |  | 3 mos. | 109.10 6.203 |
| Framiort | ..... | $1193.166119 \%$ | " | short. | 1184 |
| Csdiz........ |  | 47\% ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
| Lisbon. | 90 disye. | 52\% (053 |  |  | . |
| Milan | 3 months. | $292 \times 8297 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Genos. | .... | 2923 \% $2927 \%$ | Mch. 21. | short. | 28.70 |
| New Yoriz | $\ldots$ | 29 2x@29 7/83 | Meh. 21. | 60 disys. | 1083 |
| Rlo de Jsnciro |  |  | Feb. 21. | 90 days. | 26314 |
| Bahia... |  |  | Jan. 27 |  |  |
| Buesos Ayren. |  |  | Feb. 14. |  | 423 |
| Valparaiao.... |  |  | Feb. 1. | .... |  |
| Pernambuco.. | 80 däys. | 48. | Meh. 19. | 6 mos . | 263\% ${ }^{2} / 6$ |
| IIong Koag... |  | 4s. 5 d. | Mcli. 14. |  | s. $5 \times 1$. |
| Sharghai. |  |  | Mch. 14. | 6 mos. | 8. 114 |
| Bombsy........ | 60 diby | 18. $100 \%$ d. | 3ich. 20. | 6 mios. 6 mos. | 8. $11 \%$ d. |
| Msdrae. | oo | 18. $10 \%$ d. |  |  |  |
| Csicutas... .. |  | 18. $10 \%$ d. | Mech. 19. | 6 moa . | 18. 115-16d. |
| Sydney.i..... |  | 1 p. c. dis. | Jar. <br> Mch. <br> 19. | 60 daya <br> 3 mos. | \& p.c. d. \$ p.c.p. |

LFrom oar own correspoadent. i
London, Saturday, March $22,18 \% 3$.
Notwithstanding the liabilitles of the Bank have lacreased, its position has somewhat improved since last week. Both the bulition and the reserve have been augmented to a slight extent, and hence the increase of liabilities has been counteracted by larger resources, the proportion of reserve to liabilitiee, which was about $42 \frac{1}{2}$ por cent, beling now about 43 per cent. Under these circumstances the Directors of the Bank have made no chango in their rates of dlecount, the nivimum quotation boing still af $9 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Tho payment of the Imperial taxes continues rapid, the amount of public money held by the Bank being as much as $£ 16,338,088$, which is one of the leaviest if it is not the heaviest total known. The larger proportion of the taxea has now been paid, so that all appreliended difficalties under that head will boremoved; and not only will this be the case, but in the course of a fow weeks, that is to say early in April, a considerable proportion of the money now locked up at the Bank will be distributed to the public in ths shape of dividends on the National stocks. Judging from this, the belief is prevalent that the tendency to dearer money will bo checked, at least temporarily, as one source of demand will have been removed, while at the same time a fresh source of supply will have been crented. It may also be remarked that the commercial demand, in it etrict sense is not so active as it wes, and it is consldered to be more than prolable that there will be no immediate revirsl of it. In fact the very general impression is that the cause producing dearer money will be not a commercial but a financial demand; and should that be the case, the advance may be not only unexpected but rapid, while, like as on former occasions, the rebound will be at an equally quick pace, as the requirements, though large will be only of a temporary character.
The demand for money during the week has been good, and the Bank return shows an increaso in "other secarities" of $£ \gamma 64,000$, raising the total to $£ 25,150,123$, which is considerably above that of former yeare. The reserve and the stock of bullion are both large, and this naturally gives the bank a atrong posi. tion. The amount of money aceking employment in the open market is amail, as the bank posecsses, as naual at this poriod of the year, by far the larger proportion of floating capital. Siace the present government's accession to power, money during tho first three months of the year has bean cheaper, so that the fuil effect of the present system of collecting so large an amonnt of taration at that period has not been felt. At some period, no doubt, the year will open with dearer money, and it is more than probable that great inconvenience will be caused by locking up so large au amount as $£ 16,000,000$. The present state of thangs leads already to considerable discussion. In the open market money is scarce enough to justify a higher rato than $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent, but as the bank has an ample supply, the directors are wialing to take eny number of good bills at that price. Thns it would appear that the Bank has now the lion's share of the discount business. The following are the present quotations for money:


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The rates of interest allowed by the joint stock banks and discount houses for deposits are subjoined:

Joint atock banks.
Discount houses at call
Discount housea with 7 daya' notice
Per cent.
scolnt houses with 14 days' aotice
23
The following are the rates of discount at the leading Con tinental cities

|  | Bank Open rate. market. per cent. per cent. | Bunt Opea. rate. market per cent. percent |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pario................... |  | Liaboa and Oporto... |  | 6\%-7 |
| Amaterd | 4 | St. Peterabarg | 6x | 64 |
| Kamburg | . 4 | Brussels. | 3\% | 3\% |
| Berlio | 4 | Turiu, Florence and |  |  |
| Frankfort | 4 4 | Rome................. | 8 | 4\% |
| Vienaa and Tricate | 4\% | Bremen. |  |  |
| Madríd, Cadizsad Bar celons | r- | Lelpaig. | 43 | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \% \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ |

It will be noticed that tho German markets are firm, the open market being fally equisalent to the official rates of discount.
Bilis on France and Germany have been in demand, and are firmer in price, but in other respects the foreign exchanges are without material alteratiou. Gold continues in demand for ex port, but the inquiry is not sufficient'y pressing to uecessitate any withdrawals of importance from the Bank. Silver and dollars have bcen in fair request, and the quotations are without ins terial variation. The following prices of bullion are from the circular of Messrs, Pizley, Abell, Langley Blake:

|  | O0LD. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bar Gold.......................... per per | oz. Niandard, last pri |
| Bar Gold, Ane....................per | oz standard, do. |
| Bar Gold, Redrable | ....... ........... per oz. |
| Sonta american | noue bere. |
|  | . -. poroz. abo |

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Bar Sllver, Fine....................... oz. atandard. last price. 41130

 Mexican Dellars. $\qquad$ .........................per oz, new, newe here.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
The stock markets have not been animated, but the value of British railway shares has further improved. Numerous "bear" accounts have been closed, the necessity of it being obvious when it was aacertained last week that during the recent depres sion the bona fide holders of stocks were not large sellers. The American markct has been on the whole steady. Government bonds have not materially changed in value, and Erie shares and Atlantic and Great Western securities show no especial inovement ; but Illinols Central have been dull and declined in value. The scrip of the French loan gave way during the early part of the week, notwithstanding that the negotiations for an earlier evacuation of French territory by the Germans had terminated satlafactorily. The Paris Bourac, however, was very depressed, there being an idea that the Government would be compelled to raise a fresh loan this year in order to allow the new treaty to be carried out. The Government intimate that no loan will be necessary, and this has liad $\Omega$ good offect, the scrip of the last loan having risen to six premium. The Stock Exchange being closed to-day with a view to hasten the extension works in progresa, the following were the closing prices of consols and the principal American stocks yesterday


The following statement shows the present position of the Bank of England, the Bank rate of discount, the price of Consols, the average quotation for Engliah Wheat, the price of Middling Upland Cotton, of No. 40 Mule Yarn fair second qualits, and the Bankere' Clearing House return compared with the four previous years:

|  |  | $1870 .$ | $1871 .$ | $1872 .$ | $\begin{gathered} 1873 . \\ £ \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| bank posi bllls | $\pm$ | 22,175,853 | 23,459.899 | 24,648.060 | 25,009,113 |
| Public deposita | 7507,009 | 12,219.608 | 10,757,237 | 13,6129,817 | 15,439.588 |
| Other deposits. | 17,049 451 | 15.781,829 | 19.831,030 | 18,362.220 | 18,686,200 |
| Government secar | 18,997,053 | 1.3,832.460 | 12,235,298 | 13,9ค3,444 | 13,865,5.32 |
| Other securitie | 19,124,481 | 19,580,860 | 23,196,212 | 22,852,337 | $25,159,123$ |
| Reserve of notea snd coln. $\qquad$ | 10,098,900 | 12 | 14,107,72\% | 13, | 15,218,153 |
| Coin and hullion in both departmenis.... | 18,035,225 | 20,314,81! | 21,951,947 | 23,013,841 | '24,831,213 |
| Bankrate | $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. | $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ | $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. | $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. | 316 p . . |
| Consols | 9314. | 931/8d. | 924d. |  | 927\% d. |
| Price of whe | 47s.9d. | 418.9d. | 54s. 7 d . | 559. 5 d . | 658. 4 d . |
| M11d. Upland cotto | 123/d. | i1\%d. | 71/2d. | c. 0 15-16d. | 9\%d. | No. 40 mule yarnfair 2 d d $\quad 12 \% \mathrm{~d}$. $\quad 11 \% \mathrm{~d} . \quad 7 \% / 2 \mathrm{~d} .18 .015-16 \mathrm{~d} . \quad 9 \% \mathrm{~d}$.

 At a meeting held on Thursday of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway a propoaal to issue $£ 10,000,000$ of ordinary stock at a discount not exceeding 80 per cent was adopted, with only three dissentients. The object of this scheme is to pay off eome of the preference bondholders, and to improve the general position of the undertaring.

Messrs. Baring Brothers have issued the prospectns of a 6 per cent loan for $£ 200,000$ at 93 per cent for the Eastern Railroad of Massachusetts. Interest accrues from the 1st of April, and is payable half yearly on April 1 and October 1. The principal is to be repaid in twenty years. A slnking fund of 1 per cent per annum will be employed to purchase the boads when below par the company reserving the right to increase the amount to be so employed.

The great strike in South Wales has been brought to a close the men having at length gone to work on the employers, terms. Since the commencement of the strike the men have sacrificed in wages as much as $£ 800,000$, and the sufferings have been severe; but yet, remarks the Times correspondent ln his concluding letter, "from the first day of the strike
to the last, the quietness of the people has been some thing to exclte astonishment and attention. In the midst of the severest weather which we have experienced in this part of the country for many yeara, with neither money, food nor fuel, except what others gave them, thousands of hungry poople, men, women and children, have preserved the utmost ordor and propriety of bchavior. Not a single policeman has been sent to assist the ordinary force. Another striking circumstance may be mentioned. Noteven the poorest among them would sacrifice his indenendence by accepting the relief of the Poor Lavr Guardians : and contrary to general expectation, the strike las mado no appreciable difference in the burdens of the taxpayers. On the other hand, this position has been maintained by a large proportion of the men at the expense of a heavy discount of their credit." The Postmaster at Merthys will long remember the strike, and is no doubt glad at its terminatiou, for since the movement began 400,000 words have been sent array from that office alone, chiefly to the newspaper press.
The wheat trade has hoen without activity, but good and fine qualitics of foreign produce have been in steady consumptive demand at, in some instances, a slight advance in price. 'The Con tinental markets are also firm for the better qualitiee of grain with an upward tendency in the quotations. The weather cold, and a week of dry weather has enabled the farmors to makc considerable progress with agricultural work. Vegetalion is far from forward, but so early in the season this may be looked upon as a hopeful sign.

The following statement shows the imports and exports of cereal produce into and from the United Kingdom since barvest, viz., from Septenber 1 to the close of last week, compared with the corresponding periods in the three previous years :

| MrOI |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1872-73 .$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1871-7 \% . \\ 24.357,948 \end{array}$ | 18:0-71. 18.260.414 | $\begin{array}{r} 1860-\pi 0, \\ 25.552 \mathrm{in} 159 \end{array}$ |
| Whea | 9,744.430 | 7,190,014 | 4,397,2\%5 | 4,424,845 |
| Oat | 5.299.367 | 5,160, 181 | 5,187,698 | 5,625,418 |
| Pess | 756,642 | ${ }^{464.079}$ | 9,9,069 | 1 1063:446 |
| Bcads. |  | 2,036,711 |  | 11, 735,25: |
| Indian C | 1,029,824 | 1,857,041 | 2,643, ${ }^{\text {8, }}$ 91 | 3, ${ }^{1,759,369}$ |
| Exports. |  |  |  |  |
| Whest....................cwt. | 122.223 | 2,008,516 | 1,715,488 | \$43.222 |
| Barle | ${ }^{7} 8.708$ | ${ }_{8}^{13,1816}$ | ${ }_{728}{ }^{40.1887}$ | 513.45 |
| Oats. | 5,107 | 6.56 ¢0 | 36, 898 | 9,31! |
| ${ }^{\text {Pers }}$ | ${ }_{932}$ | 4,119 | 8.356 | 1,225 |
| Indisn Cord | 16.701 | 19,343 | 56.196 | 12.676 |
| Flo | 12,537 | 41.910 | 1.223,231 | 11,844 |

The bullion operations at the Bank to day have been important £487,000 in bar gold haviag been taken out for transmission to Germany, and $£ 32,000$ in sovereigns for Lisbon.

## Luglish Market Reportm-ier Cable.

The dnily closing quotations in the markets of London and Liver pool for the past week have been reported by submarine telegraph as alown in the following summary:

London Money and Stock Market.-Amcrican securitios witn the exception of 65 s, close at a decline in prices as compared with last Friday.

The hullion in the Bank of England has decreased L640,0c0 during the past week.

| nsols for money. | Sat | Mon | Tnes | Wed. | Th | Fr |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 993/4 | $923 / 4$ $92 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9936 \\ & 923 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.25 \\ & 92 \% \\ & 92 \% \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| U. 5.68 (5-208, 1865 | 91 ${ }^{\text {93 }}$ | 94\% | 9448 | ${ }_{931 \%} 9$ | 9415 | 94 |
|  | 89\% | 891 | 89\% | 891 | 89 |  |
|  | 91 | 91 | 91 | 91 | 90 |  |

The daily quotations for United States 6s (1862) at Frankfort were
Frsnkfort
95\%
$953 / 2$

Liverpool Cotton Markets.-See special report of cotton.
Iiverpool Breadstufs Market.-This market closes steady with a decline in California wheat and corn

|  | Mon. | T | Wed. | Thur. | ${ }_{8} \mathrm{Fr} 1$ d |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 276 | ${ }_{27}{ }_{27}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | ${ }_{27}^{8 .}{ }_{6}^{\text {d. }}$ | ${ }_{27}{ }^{27}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | ${ }^{8} 8$ |
|  | 110 | 110 | 11 | 11 |  |
| * (Red Winter).... 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 1 |
| (Cal. White clabj) " 11 | 11 |  |  |  |  |
| Corn (West. m'd) \% quarter 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |  |
| Barley(Canadian)....69 bnsh |  |  |  |  |  |
| a(Am. \& Cann.)...t bis bns |  |  |  |  |  | Pesa (Cansdian)... onsrter $40 \quad 0 \quad 40 \quad 0 \quad 40 \quad 0 \quad 40 \quad 0 \quad 40 \quad 0 \quad 40$ o

Iiverpool Provisions Market.-Beef and cheese have declined, and pork and lard have each advanced

|  | S | Mo | Tu | We |  | Fri. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beef | $\begin{aligned} & 8 . \\ & 82 \\ & 80 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{3}$ d. <br> 820 | ${ }_{82}{ }_{8}^{2} \mathrm{~d}_{0}$ | ${ }_{81}^{8} \mathrm{~d}_{0}$ | $8 i{ }_{0}^{\mathrm{d}} .$ | ${ }_{89}^{\mathrm{o}} \dot{0}$ |
| Pork (Pr, mess) new \% ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 636 | 610 | 650 |  | $65$ |  |
| Bacon (Cum. cat) new ${ }^{\text {c }}$ cwt | 39 | 39 | 39 |  |  |  |
| Lard (American) | ${ }^{38}$ |  | 38 |  |  |  |
| Oheese(Amer'n fne) " | 730 | 780 | 73 |  |  |  |

Liverpool Produce Mrarket.-These prices close at an ad. vance in spirits turpentine, and a decline in spirits petroleum, tallow and clover seed,


## com UERCIAL AND MISCELLANBOUS NEWS.

Imports and Exports for. the Week.-The importa this seek show an increase in both dry goods and general merchandisu. The total isaports amount to $\$ 13,884,598$ this week acrainst 10,997, i2S last week, and $\{5,974,593$ the previous week Tho exports are $\$ 5,361,289$ shis week, againat $\$ 5,260,047$ last woek, and $34,068,273$ the previous woek. The exports of cotton the pasi weck were 12,960 bales, sgainst 9,360 bales last week The fullowing are the imports at Now York for week ending for dry (rooda) March 27, and for the week ending (for genera) buerchandiso) March 28

| Dry gooda. | $\begin{array}{r} 1870 . \\ \text { S2.090,116 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1871 . \\ & \$, 625,725 \end{aligned}$ | 1872. 82,207,507 | $\begin{gathered} 1873 . \\ \$: 3,531,65 ? \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| General merchandlae | 3,786,597 | 7,304,561 | 7,434,437 | 10,32,94 |
| Total for the week.. | : $5,5,882,712$ | 8119891.886 | \$9,641,914 | *13,884,593 |
| Prevlously reported.... | 67.9:43,916 | 85,199,129 | 97,561,115 | 105,734,84 |

In our report of the dry goods trade will be found the imports of dry groode for one week later.
The following is a statement of the exports (exclusiva of specie) from the port of New York to foreign ports, for the week ending April 1

The following will show the exports of apecie from the port of New lork for the week ending March 29,1873 , and since the beginniag of the year, with a comparison for the corresponding date in previous years :

| March 21-SIt. Ontario, St. Thomas- | March 29 -Str. Rheld, Sonth. |
| :---: | :---: |
| American gold colo....... $\$ 20,000$ | Forelgn silver coin. $\qquad$ $\$ 19.753$ |
| rclı 21-Brig A. 13. Patter- | March 28 Sitr. Cily of Parie, |
|  |  |
| Ah 26-Str. Cuba, Livior- ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | March 29-Str. Ceitic, Liver- |
|  |  |
| 306,473 | American silver colo...... 2,000 |
| Total for the |  |
| Preatonaly reported | 13,675,604 |
| Total alnce |  |
| Sume thae io | Same lime 1 a |
| 1872 .................... ${ }^{\text {8 } 5,222.381}$ |  |
| 1371 .....................14,131.817 | 1867........... ............. 8,513,611 |
| 1870 .............. ........6 6,582,314 | 1866........................ 5,3188,304 |

The imports of specie at this port during the past week have been as follows:
Herch 20-Schr. Silver star,
Savanills-
Silver...
March 6 .- Bric...............
Cindad Bolivar-
March $29-$ Str. Ribing

## Total for the week

Total sidece January 1, 1873
Same time in
1872
1871
1
\$561.21
1869
1868
metime in
518.954 8868
*4,372,058
1,746.025

National Treasury.-T'he following forms present a bummary of cortaia weekly transactions at the National Treasury.
1.-Securities held by the U.S. Treasurer in trust for National bsuks aud balance in the Treasury:


| Week |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ending |  |  |  |  |
| Feh. 8. | 843,174,874 | 477,600 | 663,000 | 728,600 |
| Feb. | 843,832,729 | 420,090 | 684,000 | 1,200,000 |
| March | 813,372,901 | 912,000 | 180,400 | 35,000 |
| March 8. |  | 538.000 | 494,600 | 1,095,000 |
| Narch 16 | 343,613,849 | 912,000 | 848,200 | 1,149,600 |
| March 22 | 313,813,955 | 741,000 | 625,400 | 1,025,600 |
| March 29 | 843,869,000 | 619,000 | 402,500 | 115,000 |

Clesapeake \& Ohio Railroad.-The Chesapeake \& Ohlo Railroad, which was epened a few weeks since, is now io practleal through operation for freights and paascngers. At Richmond, the eastern terminus, it connects with lines leading sonth to Charles. ten, Sapannah, Wilmington, Nerfolk, and with the Old Domiaion llae of steamaliips at New Fork. At Gordonsplle it connecta with the rallroad lines for Waslington, Baltimore \& Philadelphia. At Huntington, on the Ohlo liver, tho westorn terminus, It connects with daily lines of steam psckets to Ciaclnnatl sind points forther Weat. A regular achedule of tlirongh irelght rates has been catablished, and large shipments of provislons and bulk frelghts are slready belag made to and from Cincianatl and Louisville The coal traflc between the Kianswha mines and the staboard and between the mines and the Western clties, is rapidiy rislag in importance. The best gas and steam coals known to the Unlted States are found along the lino of the Chesspeske and Ohio rond in ite course througlı. Weat Virginia. The requirements of the coastwise ports will be large, and the high price of coal and Iron in England is leaving more and nore room for the Unlted States to supply the fuel to distant ports, of lato furnished exclusively by English mines.
The Canada Southerı Railroad.-The Canada Senthern Railway Compeny have applied to the Stock Exchange to have their first mortgage bonds put on the regular call. The following is a copy of the official slatemont accompraying the application

Cannda Southern Railway Company.
Organlzed uader charter from tho Provinso of Ontario, Dominion of Canada.
Length of main line, from Fort Erio to Amherstburgh on the Detroit River, all of which is laid with steel raile, 60 pounds to the yard, 229 miles; length of St. Clair branch, from Sl. Thomas (on the main line) to Mooretown on the St. Clair River, opposite the town of St. Clair, Mich., 63 milea ; Canada Southern, proper, 292 miles. In addition to the above this company owns a controlling interest in the capital stock of the Toledo, Canada Southern \& Detroit Railway Company, ruaning from Toledo, Ohio, to Detroit, Michigan, 56 miles. This company alao owns the majority of the capital stock of the Michigan Midland \& Canada Southern Railway Company, running from St. Clair, Mllch. weat to Ridgewsy, 14 miles. Total 362 miles. Tho maximum grades on the 362 miles of road do not exceed 15 feet to the mile, and 90 per cent of the line is straight. This company has also leased the Erie \& Niagara Railway Company, ruaning from Fort Erie, opposite Buffslo, via Niagara Falls to Niagara C'ity, At the month of tho Niagars River on Lake Ontario, 88 miles. Total road owned, controlled and leazed, 394 mlles. The whole of the above will be opened on the 1st of May for local buaineas, and on the Lst of June for through traffic, via Buffalo, Toledo and Detroit. The first and only mortgage sinking fund bonda now jasued amount to $\$ 8,760,000$, the authorized amount as per charter of $\$ 30,000$ per mile on 292 miles of road; principal and interest payable in gold; dsted January 2, 1871, due January 1, 1906 ; interest 7 per cent per annum, payable January 1 and July 1 each year at the Union Trust Company in New York, or at the company's agencics in London or Frankfort. All the bonds, both regiatered and conpon, are of the denomination $\$ 1,000$ each, and at the option of the holder; the cotupon bonds are, at any time when the transfer books sro open, convertible into registered bonds. The coupon bonds originally isaned are numbered from 1 to 8,200 laclusive. But changes have been made by conversion of coupon into registered since.

Trustees-William L. Scott, of Erie, Pena.; Kenyon Cor, of New York.

Capital stock anthorized (ahares $\$ 100$ each) $\$ 10,000,000$; do. issued, $\$ 8,000,000$; do. unissued, $\$ 2,000,000$

Ofhcers-President, Milton Courtright, 13 William street, New Yosk ; Trenaurer, M. H. Taylor, St. Thomas, Canadr; Secretary, Nicol Kingsmill, Toronto. Canada; Assiatant Treasurer, Kenyon Cox, 31 Wall street, New York; Transfer Agents, Kenyon, Cox \& Co. 31 Wall streat, New York.

Directora-M. Courtright, Erie, Pa.; John F. Trscy, Chicago, Ill.; Sidncy Dillon, New York; William A. Thomson, Queenston, Canadr; William L. Scott. Erie, Pa.; Daniel Drew, New Iork; John Ross, Nerv York; O. S. Chapmesn, Canton, Mass.; Benjamin F. Ham, New York.
-The North British and Mercantile Insurance Company of London aad Edinburgl, held its general sanual meeting in London March 28 th . The following report was made of the company's fire business for the year 1872:
Entire fire premiums for the year.
Increase of premlims over 18i1.
\$3,9:1,575
$\$ 1,9,1,430$
Frre losasas prer the year
2,546,825
Atter making two semi-annail divide uds for ihe jear of ten per cent
fach, there wha carried to fire revenne fand and smrplas acconat. Leaving their capital intact.
337.685 And incresing the entre fire reserve sad onrpias accint io over.. $3,000,000$
We believe that this company was consplcuous for paying very promptly its large losses suffered at Chicago and Boston, its United States branch being located at 50 Willism streat, New York, of which Messrs. Ezra White, Clisrles E. Whiteand Samuel Blagden are the well known managers.
-We are in receipt of the Banker'a Almanac for 1873, published by Mr. I. Smith Homans, No. 251 Broadwsy, corner of

Murray street. Thls volume contains, among much other valaable Information, extended lists of the Banks, Bankers and Savings Banke in the Unlted Stater and Canada, and it haa become a rtandard book for reference in the offices of business men, editors, \&ce.

## BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

## OFFICE OF FISK \& HATCH,

## 5 Nassat Street.

New York, April 4, 1873.
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## DIVIDENE。

The following Dividends have been declared dnring the past week:


Tho Money Market.-The past week has been one of extraordinary excitement in the money market, and the rate of interest on call lonns adyanced on Monday and Tuesday till the enormous figare was reached of $\frac{3}{4}$ of one per cent. per day, and in some exceptional cases even 1 per cent. per day was reported to have been paid.. This culmination in the monetary stringency which has been noticed for a long time past is apparently the result of natural causes assisted by artificial manipulations. The scarcity of money in the banks was aggravated by the withdrawal of considerable deposits on or about the first of April for remittance to the county or for our city treasnry, and this drain, coming at the same tims with a very ective speculation in gold, so dopleted the market as to make it unusually sensitive to the slightest speculative pressure. Under these circumstances the bear operators in stocks had an opportunity to force the most severe stringency, and quickly took advantage of it with the result above mentioned. On Monday the range in call loans was 1-32@1-16 per day, afterward advancing up to $\frac{\pi}{3}$, and closing at @ ${ }^{\frac{3}{3}}$ per day. On Tuesday, from $\frac{1}{6}$ @ $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the morning advancing to $\frac{5}{6} @$, aud declining after bank hours to $\frac{1}{8} @ 1$ per cent. Ou Wednesday the range was substantially as followa: $\frac{1}{2}$ declining to $\frac{1}{8}$, ap again to $\frac{8}{8}$, down to 7 gold, up again to $\frac{1}{3}$ 용 per cent. On Thursday the highest rates were $\frac{8}{b} @ \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and in the afternoon $\frac{1}{2}$ s, with some transactions down to 7 gold nfter kank hours. To-day, Friday, the rates have boen $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, 3.16, \frac{1}{6}, 516$, and at the close 1-j2@i-16. Thers has been at times almost a fever of excitement as to whether the Secretary of the Trensury would or would not issue more greenbacka, but up to the date of writing would not issue more greenbacka, but up issue would be made.
Business in commercial paper has naturally been checked by the extraordinary movements above noticed, and transactions are but nominal.
No turther advance has been made in the Bank of England rate, although money in London is decidedly firmer and rates in the open marset wers higher to-day than the bank minimum which remains at 4 per cent.; the bank loses this week $£ 640,000$ in bullion. The Bank of France gains in specie $3,500,000$ francs.

The laat atatement of our city banka (March 29) showed a decrease in the rescrves of $\$ 594,425$, so as to leave a deficiency of $\$ 377,200$ helow the 25 per cent. required by law, against an excess of $\$ 217,225$ the previous week. The total liabilities were $\$ 221$, 144,400 , and the reserves $\$ 54,008,900$.
The following statement shows the chauges from provious week and a comparisou with 1872 and 1871:

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 Net deposits.38,29,800 Inc.. $423,600 \quad 4,619,760 \quad 53,2 i 1,543$ pretty well mas bonds.-Government secnrities lave beeu which have effectually checked any large business. It nuay be conaidered somewhat remarkahle that there liss not been more selling to realize by parties who wero obliged to get money during the late apasmodic stringency, but the sales of that sort have not been of great extent, and prices alrcady show a recovery from tho decline unde at the height of the monetary pressure.

Thero has recently been some buying on foreign account, part
of the bonds being taken on buyera' 60 days option.
During April the Treasury will purcbase only $\$ 1,000,000$ of bonds ; $\$ 500,000$ on the 9 th, and $\$ 500,000$ on the 23 d .

Closing prices daily, and the range since Jan. J. hara been:
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State and Eaflroad Bonds . - Dhere has naturally been but a moderato business in State bonds, even in Tennessees, the leading apecialty of the market; the prices of these bonds ta-day, both old and new, was 80@80t. Virginia consols, ex-interest, sold at 52.

Railroad bonds hare maintained their pricea better than might have been expected, although the volunio of buainess has been but moderate. A damaglig statement in regard to American railroad bonds in default for Interest in Germany appeared this week in several of tho daily newspapera, giving the tollowlng list of such bonds, viz.
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This was immediately contradicted as to the Enst Tennessee, Vlrginia and Georgia, the lort Roysl, and the Oregon and California roads, by their officers or financial agents, and it is but justice to those companies to refer to llie subject here for the purpose of reiterating their denials of tho unjust cluarge. If we deduct the amounts covered by these three roads the sim total of the abovo railroad loonds in default wonld be $823,480,000$, and not all of those are held abroad. This is so far bad, but the amount constitutes only a small porcentage of the whole ancunt of American bonds held in Germany, aud furnisbes no sufficient basis to throw diseredit apon the securitios of our old established ronds.

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Kallroad and Miscellaneone stockn.-The stock market has been subjocted to a pressure of most unprecedented severity, and considering the circumstances prices have been pretty well maintained. The rate of ${ }^{3} 1$ per cent a day formoney, which was rached this week, is something far beyond the usual range oven of our worst periods of monetary stringency. Prices necessarily yielded, and in some cases made a decline of 2@3 per cent, but at no time was there a regular break in the nature of a panic, which might, in fact, have been expected with some reason, by bose long familiar with Wall street businers.
I'lere lias been no leading specialty this week ss the principal businces has consisted in the selling of stocks by parties who found it necessary to realize, and the purchase of the sams by other parties better able to hold them. The market recovered somewhat to-day, and closed with an improved feeling.
The following were the hlglest and lowest prices of the active list of railroad and niscellaneousstocks on eachday of the lastweek:


## The range ln these stacks gince Jan. 1 ham been as follows:




The Goli Market - At the date of our last report gold had sdvanced to 116 as the lilghest point "rorehed, bat on Monday, March 3i, the market becamo much excled, and on large trans actions tho price advanced to $118 \frac{1}{2}$, closing at $117 \frac{1}{3}$. Subsequently It fell off to 1164 , and ranged from that to $117 \%$ until to-day; when It again advanced to $118 \frac{1}{6}$ in the afternoon, closing at $118 \frac{1}{6}$ at $3: 30$ P. M. The upward turn to-day was based on a London telegram that $£ 170,000$ of specio had been withdrawn from the bank, and that the discount rate would probably be further advanced. The announcement of the Sceretary of the Treasury that he will sell $\$ 1,500,000$ per week during April has not apparently had much effect in intimilsting the gold cllque which still holds control of tho markel. The rates on gold loans today wera $132,7,3-64$ and 1.16 paid for carrying. Time loans of zold werayesterday quoted as follows for borrowing: 30 days "flat" 60 days $\frac{1}{8}, 00$ days $\$ @ \frac{1}{2}$ 4 montlis $\frac{1}{4} @ \frac{5}{8}, 6$ months 1 ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$, and all the year 2@2 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent. At the Treasiry sale of $\$ 1,500,000$ on Thursday the tolal bids amounted to $\$ 5,540,000$
The following table will sbow the conrse of the gold preminm each day of the past week:

## Previoun week.

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Forelgn wxeliange.-The rates of exchange have been campletely unsettled by the influences ot the gold and money markets, and yesterday and this morning primo bills sold down to very low Gigures. I'o-dry the market opened weak, but goon advanced under a better feeling and moderate parchases of bills, and was still stringer in the afternoon on the cable report from London, which wo have noticed above. In the morning primo banker's rates were $107 \frac{1}{8}$ for 60 days, and 108 for short sight, and at the close they asked $107 \frac{7}{2}$ for long and $108 \frac{8}{8}$ for short bills, though actual business was dane somowbat lower.

An important event in regard to exchango this week was the making of a careful canvas of all the principal forelen banking louses to ascertain the amount of their 60 dajs sterling billa loaned and now oustanding. The staten.ents were made upon loonor, and are said to be entirely reliable, slowing that the total of all these bills amount to only $£ 1,8 \% 2,000$. 'I'hls result was published in the Journal of Commerce, with some remarks as to the ntethod by which it was reached.
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## .82.228,000 <br> Balance, March 28. <br> $\qquad$

NEW YORK CrTY BANKs.-The following statement showg tl: condition of the Associated Banks of New York City for the week ending at the commencement of business on March 29,1873 :



QUOTATIONS OF STOCKS AND BONDS IN NEW YORK
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## EXPLANATION OF STOCK TAND BOND TABLES

1. Prices of the most Active Stocka and Bonds are given in the "Mak. frs Gazette" previongly.
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Virginia Finances.-A circular iesued by the Virginia Auditor to the tas-gntherers directs that in receiving coupoas of the funded loan for taxes they shall only credit the taxpayer with the amount of the coupon less the tax imposed on ench coupon by a recent act of the Legislature. The tax upon each coupon will be as follows: On the $\$ 30$ coupon, $\$ 135$; on the $\$ 15$ coupon, 67 cents, and on the $\$ 3$ coupon 13 cents; in the two latter cases discarding fractions.

The Commitice on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange stated in a circular. March 26 : "An act of the State of Virginis, approved March 13, 1873, directs the payment, on the 1st of January, 1873, or as soon thereafter as may be, and on the lat of July, Isf3, of two per cent interest upon two-thirds of the principal of the old bonde snd new bonds (13.33), and two per cent iaterest upon the principal of the cousolidated bonds (\$20).

The Auditor lins given notice that the payment on the January 1873, coupons will commence on the 1st of April next.
These payments are the same as were mado in $18 \% 2$, the differ ence being that the conpon must be surrendered and cancelled. A non-interest bearing certificate, for the anpaid portion, will be issued.

This commitice direct that, on and after the 1st of April, the bonds be called, Jnnuary, 1873, conpon off.'

Tennessee Finances.-In regard to Teanessees the depression whs caused (March 24) by the fact that the Tennessee Legislature adjourned without increasing the tax rate a as to make surs that the Funding Bill can be made operative.
This bill, now a law, it will be remembered, provided for the funding of all past due interest, and all which will accroe up to the first of next Januay y, into 40 year 6 per cent bonds, which are to draw interest from January 1, 1874, the first coupon falling due July 1 of that year. The Legtalature, however, it is asid, passed a bill under which assessments of property throughout the State will be equalized, and it is expected that this bill, with the preseut rate of taxation, will yield a sufficient revenue to sustain the funding operations. It would, however, have been a perfectly sure mntter if the rate of taxation had been raised. This matter of assessments is very properly complained of by the people of that State, the assessors in some districts and counties valuing property at not more than half the amount at which the same class of property is valued in other districts and counties, so that taration falls unequally. A uniform assesament is therefore a step in the right direction, and, as we sajd, may result in a larger revenus for the State.-Daily Bulletin.
-The Atlanta (Ga.) News atates that the new 8 per cent bonds of that State are taking rost favorably in the fiancisl market. Already it is encouraged to hope that ere the first of August dewns all the bonds will be out in the market. They sell at par.
Right to Tax Railroad Land Grants.-The right of a State to tax the lands granted by the United States to a railroad where that corporation lass not obtained a full title was the question which arose in a case to which tho Kemeas Pacific Railroad was a party. The charter of this road requires the cost of surveying and conveying the lands in question to be paid to the United Statea by the railroad company, or by the party in interest, betore a final patent shall be issued, and further dirccts all lands not sold by the railway company within three years to be open for snle to bcna fide settlers at the minimum price of $\$ 125$ an acre, the money to be paid by the United States to the railroad company. The Supreme Court holds that a State cunnot tax such land for two reasons: first, if it could tax them and sell them for delinquency, the United States government's right to receive the cost of the surveys and convcyance before losing its title to them would be interfered with; and, second, because it would interfere with the right of settlers to purchase the lnnds at the minimum price of $\$ 125$ an acre.
Taxation to Build Railroads.-Wasmington, March 31. Among the more important and intcresting decisions were the following: In the case of Alcott agt. The Supervisors of Fond Du Lac County, Wisconsin, appenled from the Supreme Court of that State, the important question whether a State has a right to lovy taxos for the purpose of aiding in the conatructiont of railrosds or not, was iavolved. It is the opinion of tho Supreme Court that railroads are public highwaja, no matter whether they are built and operated by the State or by private corporations. The building of railroads is, therefors, a matter of public concern, to ald which it is just as lawful to levy taxes as for the building of a wagon road or any other public work, and the collection of
these taxes cannot bo reslsted by anthority of Artide V. of Amend ments to the Constitution of the United States, which providen that private property shall not be taken for public use whthout jast compensatlon.
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Howing testimony was given concerning tho negotiation (hortgage bonds: When the now loard came hat power in March, 1872, so much money was due on the road hat he suggested it would be necessary to raiso money on tho consolidated bonds. Bischoffsheim advanced $\$ 4,000,000$. Wlth that money the company was eaved from bankruptcy. The bonds were nominatly on the market at 70, but were not snlable; rad $\$ 3,000,000$ of them had been sold to Gould at 60 . Not belng nble to get a market in Fogland while Gould held the bonds, witness entered into negotiations to repurchase the bonds in Gould's hands, and obtained them at about 70. Negotiations were then made to ratify the contract with Bischoffsheim. Tho advantage of this contract was that the bonds were sold at par in currency, nod the company realized a profit of over $\$ 2,000,000$. On Jan. I, 1873 , there were still in Bischoftsheim's hands about $\$ 2,000,000$ of the bonds unsold, and the London Banking Associalion agreed to take them at about 90 in gold. This wrs an adrantage to the Company, sud the proceeds were drawn sgaiast some timo in February. When Mr. Homan, one of the London dircctors, visited New York in July, inquiry was made as to tho high amount of commission; but he said that Bischoffsheim had to pay J. S. Morgan \& Co. $\$ 70,000$ commission for bonds in their hands, which had not been sold, but upon which they claimed commission. Mr. Homan was one of the directors who effected the contract; wituess was not aware that Mr. Homan had mado any ut the advances that were used to effect the change of directors of the Erie road. Mr. Homan thought that. no other bankar in London at that time would have made the large advances that Bischoffsheim did, and he believed tho commlasion was not too large uader such cireumstances. The amonnt retained by Bis. choffsheim \& Co. was about $£ 80,000$, the amount claimed by them as due from the Company. Bischoffsheim \& Goldschmidt, under the contrnct, are not entitled to two snd $\Omega$ Lhelf per cent on the whole $\$ 30,000,000$, but on the bonds actually sold by them, namely, the $\$ 5,500,000$ issucd. Bischoffsheim \& Goldschnitdt hawe made no such claim for commission.
Thers is no clause in the contract to prevent Bischoffslefm \& Goldschmidt claiming commission on the bonds if issued to the public during the thirty years by the Fammers' Lonn and Trust Company. When the $\$ 23,000,000$ of reserved bonds are issued Bischoffsheim \& Goldechmidt will be entitled to tho commiosion of two and a half per cent, no matter by whom the bonds are actually issued.
On the 21st of January the Board of Directors of the Eric Rall way Compeny passed resolutions, which were communianted to the Stock Exchange, that the conversion of bonds into the mew consolidated was discontinued.
Early in the present ino sth notice was sont to the Exchange that the conversion would be resumed, but subeequently it was again suspended, by notice addressed by Mr. Shearman, Treasurer of tho Erie Company, to the President of tho Stock Exchange, dated March 13, as follows:
Sin: I am directed by President Watson to notify you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Erie Railway Company held to-day, it, was resolved that the further exchange if the con solidated bonds of this company for the bonds of the New York \& Erie Railroad Company be discontinued, except when tho same are made in each cass upon the orders of the Treasurer.
(Signed)
W. F. Sifearman, Treasurer.
N. I. Central \& Hndson River Raiiroai.-The Directors of the Central and of the Harlem Railroads met on Tuesday, and after a long conference, made an agreement by lie termas of which the Central leases the Grand Central depot and all the track nud real estate of tho Harlem from Forty-second street in this city to Chatham Four Corners, for the term of 401 years. For this lease the Central agrees to pay 8 per cent in annual dividends in the capital stock of the Harlem and the jaterest on its bonds. The Harlem road retains possession of the Fourdh avenue horse car track and all its real estate below Forty second street.

It is said that there are about 20,000 shares of the Ifarlem stock which have not yet been issued, and which pass into tho liands of the Central. These shares may be lasued at any time for roprirs or construction expenses, and in the meantime the Central is paying into its own pocket 8 per cent. NHe city railroads of the Harlem, which are to be reserved to the Harlem, already earn 3 per cent on the cntire Harlem capital. The city resl estate of the Harlem, it is supposed, will be sold as soon as practicable, and the proceeds, estimated as eqnivalent to 30 to 40 per cent of the Harlem stock, to be givon also to the Harlem stockholdorw.

The se venteen locomotives belonging te the New York Ceatral Hudson River Railroad Company, seized by U.S. Collector Bailey, were sold on Saturday, March 29, at Albany, realizing only abeut $\$ 17,000$. They were bought by E. D. Worcester, treasurer of the company. There is still $\$ 445,000$ due the gevernment.

It is reported that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the officers of the New York Centrul and Hudson River Rail road Company have loag been anxious to have the controversy between them over the scrip dividend tax settled by the United States Courts, but neither has been willing to become the plaintiff in a suit. The receat seizure of locomotives by Collector Bailey brings the matter into such a position that a judicial decision will be obtained. The Comprny can sue the Collector to recover the money they have paid in purchasing back their loco motiven, nnd the whole question of the legality and equity of the tax will be involved in the decision.
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne \& Chicago Railway.-The anaual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne \& Chicago Railway Company was held at Pittsburg. General Cass; President, submitted a verbal report, in which he stated the most important matter transpired duriag the year was the deciaion of the Supreme Couft of Ohio in what was-known ss the quo war ranto case, which was brought for the purpose of compelling the coupany to show by what authority they exercised the riglite of a corporation in that State. The decision was adverse to the interests of the cempany in some particulsrs, and decidedly favorable in others. Under the authority given by a resolution that "Betterment Bonds," to the aggregate of $\$ 2,000,000$ had been issued to the lessees to reimburse them for repairs and for bettering the condition of the road, the lessees asked for authority to spend $\$ 2,000,000$ additional for adding to the rolling stock of all kinds, eularging the shops, purchasing new tools, and making extensive repairs, \&c.

The lessees report that the aggregate net earnings for the year of the road, exclusive of the two branches, reached $\$ 9,839,000$, and the total, including the two branches, were $\$ 10,336,000$. There had been paid during the year, of old debts, a little less than $\$ 150,000$, the main item of which sum was the amount due the Cleveland and Pittsburg road on a contract for a division of receipts.

The President then referred to the effect of the past winter on railroads and machinery, and remarked that the past four months were the most severe ever exeperienced since railroads were first operated in this country. The Pittsburg, Fort Wsyne and Chicago Ruilway lisd met the fate of other roads, the track having been injured and the machinery impaired. The lessees promise that as soon as the weather will permit the track will be put in first-class condition and the machinery restored. Reference was then made to the extraordinary large amount of business which had been and is being thrown upon railroads, the aecessity of providing sadditionnl facilities in the way of tracks, sidings and equipment, in order to accommodate the busioess offered. The lessees of the road recognizing this necessity had asked authority to construct a double track along the entire length of the road The request had not yet been acted upon by the Board, but would be at an early day. After the report had been submitted, the election of three directors resulted in the election of the following gentlemen, who will serve for the ensuing four years: Wm. B Ogden, of Chicago; Jesse L. Williams, Fort Wayne; Louis H Meyer, New York.

General George W. Cass was continued as President, and F. M Hutchinson, Esq., as Secretary and Treasurer of the company.

Boston, LIartford \& Erie-Action of the Berdell Bond Trusters.-Wm. T. Hart, George T. Olyphant and Charles P. Clark, trustees under what is known as the Berdell mortgage on the Boston, IIartford \& Erie Railway Company, have called a meeting of bondholders for April 17. Their mortgage which is for $\$ 20,000,000$, provides that on failure to pay interest they may ht once foreclose the mortgage, enbject, however, to a right in the original company to redeem within 18 months. Sept. 18, 1871, they took possession, under foreclosure, of the rond, subject, of course, to the eighteen months right of redemption. 'I'he receat litigation has been to prevent the completion of the foreclosure, in view of certain provisions of the Bankrupt Act. A meeting of all those bolding thie bends at Horticultural Hall, Tremont street. Boston the $1 \%$ th inst., to hold an election, to be presided over by the trustees under the mortgage, or those present, for a board of directors of the same number as now authorized for the railroad, to organize themselves into a corporation with the ssme privileges as the present railrosd.

At this meeting a new corporate name is to be selected; the capital stock is to be the amount of the Berdell bonds outstanding, and each bondholder will be entitled to ten one hundred dollar shares of the new stock for each thousand dollars of bouds when surrendered, and is to vote according to his boads.
-It is claimed by the assignee in bankruptey that the Berdell bonds do not cover the Norwich \& Worcester lease or the equity of redemption in the Hartford, Providence \& Fishkill Railroad. If this claim should be sustained, a certain amount of assets claimed by the boadholders might revert to the creditors and stockholders.
Illinois Central Railroad.-A report from Chicago says: The annusl report of the Illinois Central Railroad shows that the net earnings for the year 1872 amounted to $\$ 2,103,106$. This is $\$ 629,741$ less than the aet earnings for 1871 , owing to the increased expenses for the baadling of freight, to the burning of the elevators at the time of the Chicaso fire, and to the deficieacy in lnke transportation. These obstacles are disappearing, and greater earaings are expected next year. The contract entered iato with the Mississippi Central and New Orlesns, Jackson and

Great Northern railways, which provides for sa extension of the former railroad to Cairo, and a mutual intercbange of traffic. In coasideration of the performence of this contract, the Illinois Con. tral is to iavest anaually one-eighth of its earnings to the smount of $\$ 100,000$, in consolidated mortgage boads of each road for ten years. During the past ten years there has been paid la the aggregrate, dividends to the amount of $\$ 22,582,40707$, and the debt has beeu reduced to the amount of $\$ 8,390,500$. Of the debt out standing, $\$ 3,390,500$ of the constrnction honds, and $\$ 2,500,000$ of redemption bends will become paysble April 1, 1875. The mansgers have set apart in trust or sinking fund of $\$ 2,761,500$."
[A more exteaded summary of the report will be published hereafter.]
New York \& Oswego Midland Rallroad.-The Midland Railrond having been practically completed to Oswego, the company have recently entered under a new organization, and the following named gentlemen have been elected officers: President D. C. Littlejohn; Vice President, Delas E. Culver; Tressurer, John R. Clarke ; Secretary, Theodore Houston; Chief Engineer, H. B. Gilbert; Attorney, David L. Foliett.

Within the past few weeks a large amount of stocks and bonds have been subscribed for by prominent capitalists in New York, Philadelphia snd eleewhere for the purpose of furnishing additional equipments and means to complete the road to Buffalo with the least possible delay.
A couple of engineers have recently been engaged surveying the line for location for the extension of the road between Auburn and Buffalo, and the work of construction is to be com menced at once, and it is designed to have the rosd in operation in July, 1874. The cost of the extension is estimated at $\$ 6,000,000$.

The New Jersey Midland Railroad Company own 2,000 feet of water-front at the Elysian Fields, together with fifty acres of lnnd. This is to be the termiaus for the treight line of the New York Midland Company. A contract was given ont on Saturday last for the coustruction of a branch road from New Durham to We日hawken, with a cut over the Palisedes, to be built at ouce. A tunnel is also to be built under the hill, the work to be commenced this Spring. It will be 3,500 feet in length, which will be 800 feet ahorter than the Erie tunnel. The tunnel will require two years for construction. This, with the vast improvements at the Elysian Fields, in the way of warelnouses, docks, \&c., will iavolve an estimated cest of $\$ 4,003,00.0-N . Y$. Times, April 3.

Alabama \& Chattanooga Railroad.-A report states that this company has been reorganized and will be under the management of eastera capitalists. The entire indebtedness is represented by a first mortgage bond of over $\$ 16,000$ per mile, with full equipment. The Hon. F. B. Loomis, President of the First National Bank of New London, Conn., has been elected President. The London Times of March 18 (money article, 17th) says:
At a meeting to-day of holders of Alabama and Chattanooga Rsilroad bonds and of Alsbams gold bonds, Lord Wm. Hay in the chair, it was resolved to accept, in satisfaction of the coupons respectively overdue since the lst of July, 1872, and the lst of Jsnuary, 1973, a new issue of 8 per cent currency bonds, at the rate of 82 per cent, the overdue coupons being calculated at the rate of exchange of the day. It was also decided

That should it be necessary to advance to the State of Alabama the sum of $\$ 250,000$ currency. to enable it to complete the purchase of the railroad sold in bsnkruptcy, and thus to secure the said railroad for the benefit of the bondholders, the Council of Foreign Bondholders and the Committee of Alabama and Chattanooga bontholders should be authorized to make such advance on such terms aad conditions and on such security as they may deem fit, and to invite the Alabama and Chattanooga bond holders to participste in such adrance in proportion to their hold ing. At the same time the council and committee were em powered to pay all expenses and commission which may be necessary for raising the moneys to make the advance to the Government and other outlay, and to make a rednction pro rata ou the bonds to he received for coupons in repayment of the same."

The Paeifle Railroad Question.-A despatch from Washing ton, March 31, states: The Treasury Department in withholding certain moneys from the Union Pacific and CentraI Railroads, is acting nader the following provisions of a law of Congress: The Secretary of the Treasury is directed to withhold all payments to nny railroad company and its assignees on account of freights cr transportation over their roads of any kind to the nmount of the puymeats made by the Uaited States for interest upon the bonds of the United States issued to any such company, and which shall not have been reimbursed, together with five per cent of the net earnings dae and unapplied as provided by law. Any súch company may bring suit in the Court of Claims to recover the price of such freight, and in such suit the right of such company to recover the same upon the law and facts of the case shall be determined, snd also the rights of the United States upon the merits of all the polats presented by it in answer thereto by them, and either party to such suit may appeal to the Supreme Court, and both Courts shall give such cause or causes precedence of all other business.

Kansas Paeifle-Annual Statement.
EARNINGS FROM GENERAL BUSINESS.
1872.
Increase

Freight.
Passengers..
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Expenses.
Net earninge.
1872.
$2,147,149$
$1,184,197$
89,853 90
$\$ 3,471,20062$
$\begin{array}{r}3723,71318 \\ \mathbf{2} 229,26577 \\ \hline\end{array}$
81,494,447 41

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$\$ 371,9400$
35,551
> 43,37373

$\$ 450,886,04$
$\$ 39,63069$
$\$ 411,1956$
$77_{4}^{2} 2119$
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\$ $\$ 48,51954$
$1,148,64591$
46,48017
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 3,020,3145 \\ 292,203 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\$ 3,312,51783$
$2.302,58996$
$\$ 1,009,92787$

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$149-10$
$.47-10$
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Gross earnings per millo of road operaled in 1871
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71，798 1011日．
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153.340

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Unlon Pacifle．－Among the information obtained by Congress concerning this company is a atatement of that part of the flonting debt，nmounting to $\$ 2,373,891$ ，which is funded Into noteo，all fniling due before August 1，and $\$ 600,000$ in a sterling loan．The notes are held by tho directors．Some of the largest are as fol－ lows：John Duff，$\$ 398,724$ ；Oliver and Oakee Ames，$\$ 457,419$ ；G． M．Pallman，H．F．Clark，Aug．Schell，Sidney Dillon，C．S．Bush－ nell，L．P．Morton，$\$ 130,000$ each．－Railroad Gazette．

The following is the statement of the Union Pacific Railrond Company，traffic departmeat：


Jan． 1 tヘ eb．29， 1872. ${ }^{\$ 472,035} 81$
$\$ 33.95536$ Increase groas earinge year 1873，compared with $1872 . .$.

8207，707 24
Chleago \＆Northwestern．－The following statement of earn inge June 1 to March 7，nine months and one week，has been published

| Earninga． | 1871－2． | 1872－3 | Increase． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Passenger．． | \＄2．443，6767 71 | \＄2．660，726 P4 | \＄2006，040 63 |
| Freighi．． | 5，879，103 76 | 6，554，273 56 | 675，169 80 |
| Exprea | 179，076 13 | 183，886 16 | 4，807 93， |
| Mall． | 145．4946 91 | 1488.3323 .3 | 2.83341 |
| Miscellnneo | 100，044 17 | 113，055 04 | 13，010 87 |

The increase in passenger traffic was 8 暑 per cent，in freight $11 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent．，and the tetal increase $10 t$ per cent．
Lonlsville \＆Nashville．－Earninge for February were
Main etem and branches In Kentncky，excluaive of Mem．
brauch， 1 s73．
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Increare．

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$\$ 43,087{ }^{\circ} 50$
\＄26，198 78
Nashville increaso．
818．888 $5^{2}$
Southern \＆Decatur Road，leabed．
76,60000
Clereland，Columbus，Cincinnatl \＆Indianapolis．－The annual report for the year ending December 31，1872，contains the following exlibit
From frelgbt．．．
From passenger
From mails
From rents．
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Frous other sourcea．
Total．
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Total．
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State and national taxes．
Intereat on bonds．．．．．．．．．
sarminges．

Balance applicable to dividends
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Surplas for the year 1872
Add aurplua Decemher 31,1871 ．．．．．
$\$ 3,439,99991$
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76,295
75
76,29575
58.97075
74.46298

| 68,91075 |
| :--- |
| 74,46298 |
| 36,1828 |

## Surplas December 31， 1872.

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\＄2，208，256 28
$\overline{\$ 3,193,64484}$
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39,64819

Great Western of Canaila．－The Directors of the Great West ern Rail way of Canada state that the accounts for the half year ended Jannary 31，ahow a dividend on the ordinary shares ai the rats of 0 per cent per annum．The severity of the weather adversely affected the ner earnings of the haif year；especlally during January，which yielded little or no surnlus fer dividend on the ordinary elhares．
Grand Trunk Rallway（Canada）．－The Pertland（Maine） Argus states that at a meeting of the proprieters of the Grand Trunk Railway in London，the acheme of Mr．Alexander McEwen for dragging the road out of its difficalties and improving it to firat class in every respect，was adopted almost unanimeasly，but throe dissentionts appearing，This scheme includes the narrow－ ing of the gauge of the road to thes standard width，four feet eight and a half inches，the laying of ateel rails the whole length of the main line，the supply of a complete equipment of rolling steck and the placing of the road in the mest perfect working condition in all respects，including double track on a part or whele of the line shonld the business reader this necessary to its most efficient working．A half million has already been advanced teward the work，and nine and a half millions more will be ready as soee as the Dominion Parliament takes the aeed－ fil action，as it no doubt will．

New York，Boston \＆Montreal．－The Bulletin says：＂Tho fact that J．\＆W．Soligman \＆Co，were liberal drawers，gave rise to the report that they were drawlag against the loan of the Bos－ ton，Now York \＆Montreal Railroad Company，In whlch thls firm is interested．This loan was brought out in London last weok， the books opening March 16 and clesing the 19th，the subrcrip－ tions aggregating about $\$ 24,000,000$ ，the amount of bonds offered being $\$ 6,250,000$ ．Thess bonds bear 7 per cent goid interest，run thirty years，and were sold at 84 sterling，equlvalent to about 105 In our money，and they are now sald to be rmling in London sbout 2 per cent abeve tho subserjption prico．Although thess bonds have been sent to Europe，they will not be drawn against for two or three weeks，the calculation being that next month，when so much borrowed sterling matures，botler rates for tho blles can be obtalned．

Brunswlek \＆Allany Rallroal．－There seems to be a pros－ pect for the sattlement of the litigstion between the bondholders and the other creditors of tlee Brunswick \＆Albany Railread． The Augusta（Cr．）Chronicle says：－＂The bondholders proposu to place $\$ 100,000$ in tha hands of Gcerge II．Hazlehurat，who is to bo made the referce for both partles，for the purpere of settling all claima agalast the company．This sum will pay about one－ third of the floatiag debt．It the offer is accepted the bondholders declare that they will push the road forward to completionas rapldly as possible．＂

Wlhmington，Charlote \＆Rutherforil Rallroad．－Wir mington，N．C．，March 28．－On the complaint of L．D．Childs and other creditors，Hanley W．Logan，＂Judge of the Superior Court of the ninth judicial district of this State，has issued an order restraining and enjoining the commissioners from selling the Wilmingtoe，Charlotte \＆Rutherford Rnilway，now advertised to be pold April 10th，under a decres of the Superior Court of New Hanover county
（falveshon，Harrishnrg \＆San Antonio Railmay of Texas．－ This company offerud for sale on the London market $\$ 1,200,000$ （balance of $\$ 1,700,000$ ）of their first mortmage rix per cent．gold bonds at 72 per cent．，being $£ 162$ per bond of $\$ 1,000$ ，secured on eighty－live miles of completed road from LIarriaburg to Columbus， the entire rond when completed being stated to comprise 212 miles in leogth．
Connecticut © Passmmpic Rivers．－At a special meeting of the stockholders，beld in March，it was voted to take up all the netes and bends now in exlatence and isaue $\$ 1,500,000$ first mort－ gage bouda，bearing 7 per cent interest，to bear date April， 1873, payable 1896．Tho road is about 110 miles leng．which would make this new iasue of bonds at the rate of $\$ 18,636$ per mlle． The net earnings of the road last year were $\$ 308,000$ ，or $\$ 2,800$ per mile．

Mlssissippl Valley \＆Western．－A meating of the stockholdern of this company war held at Canton，Mo．，March 1，to authorize the issue of the bonds of the company，bearing date January 20 ， 1873．to the amount of $\$ 5,300,000$ ，pursuant to the action of the Board of Directors．

St．Panl \＆Pacifle．－Previous to its adjourament Congress passed the bill extending for nine months from March 3 the tlme allewad the St．Paul and Pacific Company for the completion of ite rosd without forfeiture of the land grant．

Shepang Valley（Conin）－This company failed to pay the State tax，and the road was aeized by the State Treasurer．The read extends from Litchfield to Hawlegville．Cona．， 32 miles．
－The Knoxville and Charleston Railroad，one of the delinquen ${ }^{t}$ railroads in tha State，was offered for sale April 1，and bought in by the State of Tenuesses for $\$ 100,000$ ，there being no other bidder．

The Finances of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company－ A Bridgepert deapatch says that the Howe Sewing Machine Co．． of Bridgeport，through their agent，Levi S．Steck well，executed on the asth instant a mortgage to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company of New York，covering all the land，manufsctories，ma－ chinery，\＆c．，owned by the company in Bridgeport，together with all its patent rights aud royalties and a block of twenty dwolling houses．The mortgage has been recorded in the Town Clerk＇s office there，and was given as security for the payment of $\$ 1,140$ ， 000 due from Alden B．Steckwell，president of the Howe Cem－ pany，to the Pacific Mail Company．This sum is payable in twalve monthly instalments（the first eleven of $\$ 100,000$ each and the twalfth of $\$ 40,000$ ），commencing April 1，1873，and ending April，1874．Appended to the dead is a certificate of approval and notification from all the principal stockholders of the Howe Company．A portion of the property mertgaged is，however， subject to the right of dower of the widew of the late Elias Howe，Jr．An instrument of slmilar tenor，dated March 1， 1873 ， having contained certain informalities，the one above described was executed in its stead．
Consolidation of Telegrapli Companies．－It is stated that the Atlantic and Pacific Telegrapu Company，whose lines extend from New York to San Francisco along the Central Pacific Rallroad route，bave bought up the stock of the Franklin Telegraph Com－ pany，whose lines extend from New York to Washington，with a View to the conselidation of the two companies．
At Wsahington，the lines of the consolidated company connect with these of the Southern Atlantic Company，which have already been exteaded to Montgomery，Al．，and are being rapidly pashed forwsrd to Now Orleans．Other companies in opposition to the Weatern Union are expected to join the new combination．

The new iren building No． 198 Brondway，nearly eppesite the new building now erecting by the Weatern Union Company，has beea leased by the new company，and will be occupled by them early in May．

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## OOMMERCIAL EPITOME.

## Friday Nigitt, April 4, 1873.

Sprlng lis made some further progress, but the season is atill late; ninety miles up the Hudson ice two feet thick was reported yesterday; of course the resumption of the navigation of that rlver is delayed to a date later than any recently recorded, or fully two weeks later than the sverage. And yet the prospect is not altogether unfarorable. Undoubtedly when the break up of the ice in the rivers and harbors does take place it will be rapid and complete.

The following is a statement of the stocks of leading articles of domestic and forcign morchandise, at dates given:


Provioions have been in holders' favor. Pork has met with a pretty good demand, and has advanced. New mess las sold for April at \$17@17 05, Bxtra prims \$13 50@13 75, and Western prime mess at $\$ 163 \div \frac{1}{2}$. Lard las been in good demand; prices have been rariable, and after an advance had been paid there was some reaction; prime Western steam has sold on the spot and for April at 811.16 c ., for May delivery at $815-16 \mathrm{c} @ 9 \mathrm{c}$., and for Juns at 9 3-16c.@9tc. Bacon has been quiet, owing to the unfavorable condition of the money market, but latterly there has been some increase in the business; long clear lias sold at 88 §9c. on the spot, and 9c. for April ; short clear at 9c. for April and 98 , for May, and short rib on the spot at 9 c . The feature in the market for cut meats has been a good demand for pickled hams, which have sold at $12 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{c} @ 13 \mathrm{c}$, according to weight; dry salted shoulders have met with a moderate sale at an advance to 78. city long cut hams have sold to a small extent at 12@13c. for heary and light. Beef has been in moderate demand and about steady. Butter has been in fair demand for new, the receipts of which are becoming more liberal. Cheese has continued in demand for the lower grades, and late business in medium was at 13 @14 l c.; shippers have rather neglected the finer descriptions; an advance in Liverpool has tended to strengthen the market here, yet no great buoyancy is noticeable. To-day pork was dull. Lard was dull on the spot, at 8 11-16c. for prime Western, bnt active for May at 9 c ., and advanced for June to 9 ghe. Bacon quiet, and dry salted shouldere sold at 7 tc.,
 export, with the Liverpool quotations down to 71s.

Metals are without imnortant feature or change in prices. Fish oile have been quiet, but linseed oil has slightly improved. Hides have been dull, with dry South American quoted $26 @ 27 c .$, gold ; but of leather, we notice shipments of 20,000 sides, mostly to Coutinental markets.

Freights have shown an advance in berth rates, especially for Liverpool, the loss of the steamship Atlantic having deranged the plans of ebippers, aud yesterday bacou was ahipped, by steam, at 50 s ., an advance of 10 s. ; cotton at $916 @ \frac{5}{8} d .$, and grain 7t@8d. Fessels for charter Lave been plenty, and there has been a brisk business done in petroleum charters, with a few for grain, naval stores and staves. To-day, there was little doing, and there was no change from the above rates.

Weol has been fairly active and firm; domestic fleece 52@58c.; Cape 32@37c.; Port Philip 4e@42c.; fall clip California at 20@24c.

Petroleum has been fairly active, but the close is irregalar at 19 c . for refined in bbls., and 9c. for crude in bulk. Strained rosin has declined to $\$ 3$, with a fair business, and opirits turpentine is lower at 5 J. . Whiskey declined to $90 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$., and recovered to 91 c . Tallow has bsen active at 8 @ $@ c$. for good to prime.

Foreign fruits have been firmer, with a largo business in raisins, layors having advancad to $\$ 225$ per box. Several cargoes of Sicily fresh fruits have been sold at auction.

Kentucky tobacco has been more active, with sales for the week of 1,000 hidds., of which 800 for export and 200 for home consumption. The business has been wholly of new crop, at 71 ( 38 c . for $\operatorname{lugs}$ and $8 \frac{1}{2} @ 13 \mathrm{c}$. for leaf; old crop is in reduced stock and nominal. Seed leaf tobacco has been only in moderate request. The inspection report showed a stock of 17,819 cases on the first of Aptil, against 22,626 cases on the first of January last Sphles hàve been as follows: Crop of 1872,231 cases Ohio, 6i@ic. crop of 1871,100 cases Ohio on private terms, and 100 cases Connecticut at 25@süc.; crop of 1870,500 cases sundries, 8@11c. The moverrent in Spanish tobacco has oentlnued active at the decline qoted in our last; sales 1,000 bales Havana at 80 c .@ $\$ 110$,

## Export of Leading Articles from New York

The following table, compiled irom Custom House returne, shows the exports of leading articles from the port of New York sinie January 1, 1873, to all the principal foreign countrics, and also the totals for the last week, and since January 1. The last two lines show total ralues, including the value of all other articles besides those mentioned in the table.

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Tho following table，coinpiled from Custom House retarne shows the forviga imports of lemding articles at this port since Jan．1，1873，and for the same period of $187 \%$ and 1871 ：


Recelpts of Domestle Frodueg for the Week and winco Sanuary
The receipts of domestic produce have been as follows

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alhes．．．pkgs． | 188 | 1.826 | 1，761 | Pftch．．．．．．．．．． | 113 | 66 | 414 |
| Breadsuifs－ |  |  |  | Oll cake，prgs．．．． | 2，193 | 49．690 | 21，431 |
| Ftour．，bbla． Wriesto．buz． | 52．192 | 55i， 590 | 485,011 881,071 | Oll，lard． | 9，912 | 55，700 | 1，953 |
|  | （1）．500 | 1，270， 27 | 3，963，313 | 1＇rovisions－ |  |  |  |
| Oats | 133．175 | 1，993， 151 | 887．301 | Butter，pkga．．． | 4.799 | 140， | 122，925 |
| Rye．．． |  |  |  | Cheeso． | 12.996 | 121， 25 | $6: 37$ |
| liarley，cre． | 20.630 | S51．112 | 703096 | Curmeat | 24.601 | 291.437 | 167，933 |
| Grass ad，bgs | 867 | 51，428 | 89.917 | Euga | 15．177 | 20.735 | S3， 512 |
| Beans，bble： Peas，bash． | 590 | 14，${ }^{12}$ | $16.13)$ | ${ }^{\text {Pa }}$ | 3，746 | 60，339 | 55，921 |
| Peas，masho | 5，973 | 78， 735 | 43，823 | Lard，pkg | 12，954 | 187， 182 | 178，477 |
| Cutton．，bales． | 15，692 | 233.697 | 225，134 | Lard，K9g | 1，125 | 10，239 | 7.071 |
| Harp．．bries． |  | 1.081 | ［，4331 | rica，pk |  | 4，065 | 4，500 |
| Hidea．．．．．No． | 42，236 | 205．85： | 202.10. | Starch | 11．579 | 8！，104 | 61，620 |
| Hopa．．．bales． |  | 4.820 | 8,719 | Starta | 1 | 4，896 | 8，933 |
| Lesther．afdes <br> Molssse日．hule， | 65，963 | 681，016 | 879， 304 | Sugar，bbls Sugar，hhd | 53 | 968 | 4，180 |
| Do．．bbls | 203 | 21，581 | 23，434 | Tallow，pkg | 789 | 10，490 | 9，734 |
| Nsvalstoren－ |  |  |  | Tobscco，pl | 4．562 | 86．472 | \＄2．689 |
| Critarp bbla |  | 9.035 | 2.632 | Tobacco，hb | 2，120 | 17．293 | 3.517 |
| Snirtstarp． | 1，451 | 13，55． | 11.816 | Whisk | 4，5739 | 49，312 | 85，752 |
| Tar．．．．．．．．．．．） | 2,766 ！ | 11，972 | 14．152 | Dressed hoga，${ }^{\text {Nöö．}}$ | 434 | 93， 695 | 80.218 |

## COTTON

Friday，P．M．，April 4， 1873.
By special telegrams received to－night from the Southern ports，
We are in poseession of the returns showing the recelpts，exports， Sce．，of cotton for the weak ending this evening，April 4．It appears that the total receipts for the seven days have reached 43，637 oales against 56，015 bales last week， 74,195 bales the pre－ vious week and 83,433 bales three weoks since，making the total receipts since the first of September，1872，3，059，435 oaiea against $2,464,228$ bales for the same period of 1871－72，showing an in－ crease since September 1，1872，of 595,207 bales．The details of the receipts for this week（as per telegraph）and for the corres－ ponding weeks of the five previous years are as follows：

| Rocelve！thia week at－ |  | 1873. | 972. | 871 | 1870. | 1869. | 1868. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 12. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 8，735 |  |  | \％，2，23 |  |
|  |  | 4，303 |  |  | 8.191 |  |
|  |  | 4，588 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | ＋10 |  |
|  |  | 1，339 |  |  | 2，001 | 2，765 |
| Virgiala． <br> Totai Lhis week． $\qquad$ |  |  | 49，637 | 33，062 | 69，832 | 18, | 87， | 12，439 |
| Total alnce Sept．1．．．．．．．$\overline{8,059,1 / 35}$ |  |  | 2．454．223 |  | 108．s | 1．944，490 | 1．920．951 |
| The exports tor the week ending this evening reach a total of 49,076 bales，of which 37,614 were to Great Britain，2，445 to |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| France，and 0,017 to rest of the Continent，while the stock as made ap this ovening，are now 518,125 bales．Below are the exports and stocks for the week，and also for the corresponding week of last season： |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Waek endin $\alpha$ April 4. | Kixporled ro－ |  |  | Totailuis ${ }_{\text {waek．}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Samewnew } \\ 1872 . \end{gathered}$ | Stock． |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1873. | 1872. |
|  | 2，45 |  |  |  | ，053 | 31，25 | 194.017 | 238，${ }^{\text {cie }}$ |
| Charlenioni．．．${ }^{\text {ofi }}$ |  |  |  |  | $0 \cdot 13$ | ${ }^{2.400}$ | ${ }^{51} 8.684$ | － |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 8， 894 | 17. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1i， 2,26 |  |  |
| tbor poris．： |  |  |  |  | ：2，26 | 65，000 | 0 |
| 37， 114 | 2， 2,45 |  | 28 | \％3 | （7，．605 | B18．2 | \％1，42 |

From the foregolng statement it will be seen that，compared with the correaponding week of last season，there is a decrease in the exports this week of 8,589 bales，while the stocks to－Dlght are 146,696 bales more than they were at this time a year ago．The following le onr manal table showing the movement of cotton at all the ports from Sept． 1 to March 28，the latent mall dates．

| FORTS． | BEOEIPTA OIXOR AEPT． 1. |  | EXPOBTRDASNOE AXPT． 1 TO－ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cons } \\ & \text { porise } \end{aligned}$ | 8tock． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1672. | 1871. | Britain． | Frame． | For＇s， | Tolsl． |  |  |
| Now Or | 1016 | 851.0 | 481.96 | 149，260 | 188.161 | 507.225 | 152，489 | 23，192 |
| Mobile | 200，186 | 271：41 | 89，538 | 1.058 | 7.588 | 98.019 | 158，141 | 87，273 |
| Charlenio | 22 4.61 | 244.275 | 91：60 | 10，929 | 22，545 | 121，674 | 1isidus | 26.747 |
|  | 552． 5010 | 418， 18.178 | 176，0）t 118.01 | 23,258 5.243 | 115，084 | 809，813 | ${ }_{145.281}$ | 62． 6.018 |
| New Yor | 89，117 | 1／35，210 | 307，620 | 2,18 | 24，974 | 84，\％\％8 |  | 1030100 |
| Fiorlda．： | 14,957 | 16,578 46888 |  | ．．．． | ．．．． | 41 |  |  |
| Virginja． | 348.887 | 283，750 | 4，920 |  |  | 4.920 | 352，006 | 3.895 |
| Other poris | \＄0，40 | 83.937 | 14，180 | 200 | $8.88{ }^{\text {\％}}$ | 23，212 | － | 22000 |
| Total this year | 801C，698 | ．．．． | 12，5，549 | 197，019 | 873，265 | 1815，885 | 1220.021 | 53，501 |
| Total lant yaar |  | 2432，160 | 1151，718 | 148，190 | 261.71 | 1558，677 | $89 . .916$ | 396，427 |

The market for spot cotton the past week hss been subject to various influences，favorable and unfavorable，and under theso influences prices have fluctusted considerably．Small reccipts early in the week，an advance in gold to $118 \frac{1}{3}$ on Monday，in－ creased activity and advancing prices at Liverpool，all contribut od to impart strength to our market，and prices improved from 1912c．for Middling Uplands on Satnrdsy，to 20c．cn Monday．At this point the quotations remsined stationary，though almost nominal，under a very slack demand，until Wednesday，when the transactions contlouing extromely light，money being very active， the rates of interest high，our receipts increasing，and tho Liverpool movement showing less steadiness，there was a decline here of ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{c}$ ．，followed by a further redaction of $\frac{1}{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{c}$ ．on Thuraday． To－day，with a dull market here and some depression at Liverpoul， our quotations remained nominally unchanged．For future de－ livery，the fluctuations have been even more marked．On Monday， contracts for April，on the basis of low middling，touched $19 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{c}$ ．； for May 19 15－16c．，June 20tc．，July 208c．；but this advance was not suatained at the close，and after＇chango on that day prices took a sharp turn downward，which was continued throughout Tuesday．Since then the market has been variable，the close to－ day being dull under moderate transactions，the late months， however，showing a slight improvement．The prices for futures last reported were（basis low uniddling） 185 c c．for April， $10 \frac{1}{8} \mathrm{e}$ ．for May， $19 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$ ．for June， $15 \mathrm{G}-16 \mathrm{c}$ ．for July，and 19 sc c．for Angnst．The total sales of this description for the week are 126,400 bales，including 1,000 free on board．For immedinte delivery the total sales foot up this week 8,434 bales，including ᄃ，310 for export，2，294 for consumption， 00 for speculation，and 800 in transit．Of the above 200 bales were to arrive．The fol－ lowing are the closing quotations to－day

|  | Opland and <br> Florida． | Mobile． | Oricms． | Tes3： |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ${ }^{1513}$ | 15\％ | 15 |
| Good ordin ary Strict Good ordi．．．．．．．．．． |  | ${ }_{18}^{18}$ ¢．．．． | 18\％ | ${ }_{1}^{17 \%}$ |
| Low Mldding．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 18\％ | 188（6．．．． | 19 | 1914 |
| Good Mdadio．．． | 21\％6．．． | 21\％6．．．． | 22\％${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $22 \%$ |

Below we give the sales of spot and trapsit cotton and price of Uplands at this market each day of the past week：

|  | 61les． |  |  |  |  | PRIOMA． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exp＇t． | Cone | ¢8pac． |  | Total． | Ord＇ry | Onod | ${ }_{\text {M }{ }^{\text {ow }} \text { \％}}$ | M1d－ |
| 8atarday | 668 | 295 |  | 5 | 1，018 |  | $18 \%$ | 181／4 | ${ }^{93}$ |
| Mondny． | 2， 1,238 | ${ }_{1}^{188}$ | $\stackrel{7}{4}$ |  | 3，${ }^{3.250}$ | 15\％ | 1\％ |  | 20 |
| Wedreadzs．．．．． | ${ }^{1} .365$ | 874 | 4 | 200 | 973 | $15 \%$ | 15\％ | ${ }_{18}^{14}$ | 29\％ |
| Thiday | 441 | 698 | ．．．． |  | 1，183 | 15\％ | 17 | 18\％ | 㖪 |
| Total． | 5.910 | 8，234 | 9 | 800 | 8，994 |  | ．．．． |  |  |

For forward delivery the ssles（inclading 1,000 free on board）， have reached during the week 126,400 bales（all low middling or on the basis of low middling），and the followlng is a statement of the sales and prices；
 $11 \%$
$19 \%$
$18 \%$


The gales during the week of free on board have reached 1,000 bales；the particulars of these sales are as below： 000 F．O．B．Moblle，privata terma．
The following exchanges have been made during the week
3－16c．pald to exchange 2100 June for Juty．
200 Aprll for May．


The following will shew the closing prices each day on the basls of low middling uplands, for contracts for the several months named:


Weatuer Rejohts by Tefearapm.-The weather the past week has been fuirly favorable for crop purposes, and good progress has in general boen made in planting preparations. at New Orleaus there were very hoavy showers on one day. It lias rained on two days at Mobilo, and at Selma and Moatgomery it has been warm and dry all the week, with the exception of rain on one day. They have also had rain on oneday at Macon and Columbus and Augusta; at the two last mentioned places the rain is spoken of as being an unusnally severe ntorm, but that no serious damare was done. It has been warm and dry all the week at Charleston, while at Savannall there have been showere of considerable extent; tarm work is stnted in both telegrains to be making good progress. At Memphis thcy have had rain on two drys; plowing is becoming quite general, and there is an iucrense in the land being put down to cotton; labor is said to be At Nashville they have had rain on two days; planting arrangements are getting on slowly. The thermometer af Charleston and Suramaah lasaverared 65; at Mobile, 64 ; Macon, 67 ; Columbus, 68; Montgomery, 67 ; aud at Selma, 70.

Pfanting for the Next Cror and the Citedit Systey.Are not some of the Southern merchants running more risk than is wise,and will they not be the innocent cause of serious injury not only to planters but also to themsolves, in lielping to iucrease so largely the nest cotton crop? This is a thought which is well worthy of deliberate censideration. Not that we would counsel a limited planting for the purpose of keeping up price; that would be childish. But at the sar.e time we most erraestly desire that the South shall not ralse an over supply of cotton at an increased cost per poind under the stimulus of high prices, and have nothing at the end as the result of the yeare work except the burden of a large debt; in other worde we desire them to raise as much as they can economically and no more.

1. That this plan is not being puraued this year is becoming too evident. The increase in acreage may nof be large, but the use of fertilizers will be beyond all precedent. One of our correspondenta in Georgia, writing under date of March 28, states that planters are "buying up every pound of everything they can get-in sacks or barrels-that smells bad and costs $\$ 50$ a ton. The supply originally lad in by our dealers, longe since exhausted, has been renewed and again exhausted, and the demand not even abnted. Guano dealers liave made fortunes in planter's paper, and could have made as much more, as planter's wagons are camping around the townanaiting expected car loads, and when it comes they almost fight for it." We should not object to this if it were not for the fact that the fertilizers are mainly bonght on credit and the crop isbeing raised ou credit, and will therefore cost very much more than the last one. For instance, the farmer who thus makes his purchasea, mist pay in the first instance about 25 per cent more than if he bought for cash, and then seven per cent interest with the usual one per cent a month added, and $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent commission for obtaining the advance, besides the commissions for the storage and the sale of the cotton. Now if we add these expentes to the other costs of production we will readily see one good reason why so many planters keep poor even where they sell their cotton at high prices.
2. But this plan of making the crop an expensive one is particularly unwise now. An excessive crop this yerr certaialy means low prices. However much we may fight agaiast the con clusion it is inevitable; and low prices with high cost of production means loss, and a burden of debt and continued poverty. We are very desirous of seeing a large crop of cotton, as we think it will greatly help to drive out other competitors lrem the field, and help to stimulate all kinds of business; but at the same time We would have it limited in the main by the money capasity of the planters, ,o that they would be able to sell it at a low fignre if necessary, and not be left in a worse condition for their year's work. A reasonable credit wonld be unolyectionsble; this excessive expanslon, however, if not checked will, we might almost say, be fatal ; if it is versisted In nothing but a very unfaporable deason for cotton growing will save the producers fromgreat loss.

We are glad to know that what we have aaid does not apply to every part of the South. In some sections there is a very conservative feeling: a determination among commission merchants to tho cautions in extending credits, and espeçinlly wliere planters show a dispositlon not to put in a proper proportion of corn.

Stock of Cotron in New York.-Charles A. Easton, Chairman of the Cominittee on Statistics of the cotton exchange gives the followiug statement of the stock of cotton in New York March 31st by actual count-in warehouse, 72,164 bales; in Brooklyn, 6,65l ; on wharves, 6,377 ; on shipboard not cleare $3,14,509$. Total, 99,701 .
Bombay Shipments, - According to our cable dispatch received to-ciay, there have been 28,000 bales shipped from Bombay to. Great Britain the past week and 18,000 bales to the continent, while the receipts at Bombay, during the same time have been 43,000
bales. The movement since the firat of January is as follows These are the figures of W. Nicol \& Co., of Bombay, and are brought down to Thuraday. April 3:

|  | -Shipmenta thas week to- |  | $\overbrace{\text { Great }}^{\text {Shipmenta since Jsn. }{ }^{\text {Con- }} \text { to- }}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Week's |
| 1873. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Britain Inent. } \\ & 28,01013,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Totat. } \\ 41,000 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Britain. } \\ & 221,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { tinent. } \\ & 80.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Totat. } \\ \hline 04,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { receipts. } \\ & 40,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1372 | 23,000 15,000 | 38,000 | 285,000 | 143,000 | 428,000 | 31,000 |
| 1871. | 25,000 26,000 | 51,000 | 176,000 | 92,000 | 268,000 | 40,000 |

From the foregoing it would appear that compared with last year there is an increase this year in the week's shipments from Bombay to all of Europe of 5,000 bales, and that the total move ment since Jan. 1 shows a decrease in shipmente of 124,000 bales compared with the correspourling period of 1872.
Gunny Baos, Bagoino, \&c.-There have been no sales of bagging to note excepting small amounts on Sontsern orders. We quate 13c. cash for spot, $14 \frac{1}{2}(15 \mathrm{c}$. asked for summer montus. India bales dull and nominal. The last sales of bags reported were 250 bales Boaton at $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. gold, in bond, and 250 bales heavies in Boston at $15 \frac{1}{2}$ c. currency, time. We quote heavies $15 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. For butts, the market has declined atill further, and 1,000 bales sold ex ship at 2c. currency, 60 days. We quote market at 2@2de. cash and time, with more sellers than buyers. The lollowing have been the imports, \&c., of bags and cloth up to April 1st:

Imported into the United States from Jan. 1
 Statce.
Stock is
Stock is importers, a.........................................
in Boston, March 31.... in Boston, March 31.... ..................... Stock in 'mporters' and specalatorg handa
in New York, March it rad Boat Imported into the Uaited States from Jan. 1 Importerl
to date. On date. On the way to iounited sione......... Loading at Calcuta led dste Mor Mite Stock in importera' and apeculatora' hande
 Stock in importers sud speculators hand in
New York, March 31 Shew York, March 31

| $\text { ' } 1873 .$ Balce. | $\begin{aligned} & 1872 . \\ & \text { Bales. } \end{aligned}$ | $187 \mathrm{t}$ 13ales. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2,100 | 2,550 | 3,598 |
| None. | 2,684 |  |
| None. | 1,500 | Nonc. |
| 1,400 | 3,030 | 6,809 |
| 3,900 | 4,800 | 5,300 |
| 1,000 | 600 | 1,100 |
| 1,070 | 1,512 | 3515 |
| 197 | 2,375 | 4,370 |
| 75 | 1,000 | Nod |
| 9,200 | 9,800 | 5,930 |
| 16,800 | 11.303 | 9,100 |

 16,800
11.300 9,100

Vibible Supply of Cotron Made up by Cable and Telie-arapu.-By cable we have to-night the stocks nt the differeat Eurepean ports, the India cotton afloat lor all of Europe, and the American afloat for esch port as given below. Fron figures thus received, we have prepared the following table, showing tha quantity of coiton iu fight at this date (April 4) of each of the two past seasons:
Stock in Liverpoel.
1873.
645,000 Stock in London.
. bales.
Stock in Havre
170,000
1872.

Stock in Marseillea
100,000
Stock in Bremen.
15,500
48,000
80,000
28,000
31,000
Stock in Antwerp.
Stock in Hamburg
Stock in Barcelona
69,000
714,000

Stock in Trieste..
15,009
202,000

Afloat for Great Britain (American)........................195,000 13,000
Afloat for Havre (American and Brazil)... 22,500 11,000
Atloat for Bremen (American)............ $33,000 \quad 10,500$
Aflort for Amsterdsm (American)........ 6,.50 $\quad$ 5,100

Tctal Indian cotton afloat for Europe..... 298,000
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Tctal Indian cotton afloat for Europe...... } & 228,125 & 393,000 \\ \text { Stock in United Statee ports.............. } & 10,125 & 371,429\end{array}$
Stock in inland towns......................... 100,861 $\quad 10,076$ 1,183
Exports from United States this week...
49,076
57,663
Total..
2,444,812
$\overline{2,464,877}$

- These figures indicate a decrense in cotton in sight te-night of 20,065 bales compared with the same date of 1872 .
Movemente of Cotton at the Interior Ports.-Below we give the movements of cotton at the interior ports-receipts and shipmente for the veek, and stock to-night and for the correspondlng week of 1872
-Week ending April 4, 1873———Week ending Aprit 5, ${ }^{\circ} \boldsymbol{T}^{2}$ -


## Angusta.

Colnmbís
Macon.......
Mont gomery.
Selma.
Memphis.
Nashville
Receipta. Shpments. Stock.
Receipta. St
1,480
.
1784
$11,494 \quad 16,073 \quad 100,861$
10,044
The above total show that the interior atocke have decrersed dur ing the week 4,579 bales, and are to-night 39,678 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts have beeu 1,450 bales more than the name week last year.
The exports of cotton this week from New York show an in crease since last week, the total reaching 12,060 bales, saingt 9,360 bales last week. Below we give our table showing the exports of cotton from New York, and their direction for each of the last foux weeks; also the total exports and direction since September 1, 1872 ; and in the last column the total for the same mriod of the previous jear:

Exports of Cotton (bitles) from Now York wheesept.1, 1872

| Exponted to | WEEK ENDINO |  |  |  | Total to date. | Same 11 ms prav year. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March 12. | March 19. | March 26. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aprll } \\ & 2 . \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Liverpoos $\qquad$ Other Brltioh Ports | B,085 | 9,713 | 9,011 | 12,860 50 | 319,200 430 | 278,070 916 |
| Total to Gt. Mritalin | 6,985 | 9,713 | 9,025 | 12,010 | 819,630 | 278,019 |
| Mavre $\qquad$ Other French porla | .... | ... | ;85 | .... | 2,184 | 881 119 |
| Total french | $\ldots$ | ... | 138 | $\ldots$ | 2.184 | 1,000 |
| Bremen and ILanover....... | .... | $\ldots$ | ... | 50 | 17,152 4,648 | 6,840 849 |
| Other por | .. | .... | 197 | .... | 483 | 1,183 |
| Total to N. Europe. | ... | -'.. | 197 | 50 | 22,283 | 6,822 |
| Spala,Oporto\&Gibraltarde <br> All othera. | .... | .... | ..... | $\ldots$ | $2.74 i$ | 1,196 |
| Total Sprati, Ace | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2,741 | 1,196 |
| Grand Total........ | 6,985 | 0,713 | 9,360 | 12,960 | 346,838 | 288.037 |

The following are the receipts of cotton at New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore for the last weak, and since Soptember 1,1872:

| BHOE'T8 FROM- | NEP YORK. |  | moston. |  | PGILADELP'IA |  | BALTIMORE. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | This week. | Sincs | This weck. | Since Scpt. 1. | Thia week. | Since Scpt. 1. | This week. | Since Sept.i |
| New Orleana. | 1,717 | 80,255, | 3,653 | 39,057 |  | 2,830 |  | 1,478 |
| Texas......... | 3,357 | 43, 016 |  | 10,422 |  | 985 |  |  |
| Savanma | 1,434 | 133,723 |  | 33,916 | 3.54 | 13,553 | 3 | 6,953 |
| Florlda. |  | 683 |  | 8,814 |  |  |  |  |
| S'th Carolina. | 1,072, | 123.52\% | 87 | 12,861 |  | 374 |  | 8.448 |
| N'th Caroliaa. | 36f | 25,262 |  | 132 | 254 | 3,696 | 0 | 18,222 |
| Vlrginia. | 4,686 | 176300 | 791 | 66, 277 |  |  | 877 | 35,450 |
| North'ra Porta | 805 | 6,408 | 1,197 | 69,301 |  |  |  | 1,097 |
| Tenacrrec, \&c | 2,693 | 89,311 | 238 | 17,578 | 191 | 13,871 ${ }^{1}$ | 521 | 10,000 |
| Foralgn. | 235 | 4,269 |  | 68 |  | 105 |  |  |
| Total this year | 16,035 | 692, 031 | 5,968 | 257,929 | 799 | 40,414 | 1,931 | 81,545 |
| Total last year. | 11,848 | 574,812 | 13,179 | 211,178! | 896 | 51,047 | 3,065 | 83,883 |

Sulppine News.-The exporis of cotton from the United States the past week, as per latest mail returne, lave reached 54,532 balea. So far as the Southern ports are concerned, these are the same oxnorta reported by telegraph, and jubilabsd in The CBinonrcLe laat Friday, except Galveston, and the figures for that port are the exporta for two weeks back. With regard to New York, weincludg the mrnifesta of all vessals cleared up to Wednesday night of this ween:

Total balea.
NEw Your *-Te Liverpool, per ateancrs Celtic, $1,637 \ldots$. Fgypt, 1,036 1.002....Abysalola, 9ó.... Castalia, $1,481 \ldots .$. .Nevada, $3,559 . .$. Flamatced, 1,870 .

To Glasgow, per ateamer Thuringia. 50
To Ifamburg, per steaner Victorla, 50 .
2.455...Latona, 3,571 ... per barka Biaggio, 319....Maggle L. Car-

To Falmonth, per Mhipa Helen clinton, $3,913, \ldots$. Mincrva,

nina, 1,354 .
12,409

To LIamburg, per bark Japan, 719.
To Genoa. per barks Australla, 1, 6io
To Genoa. per barks Australla, $1,603 . .$. Fleetwing, 1,600
 SAvaNNA1-To Livernool, per barka Cnirmenciita, sas Upläd........... To Bremen, per bark Marla de Upland.... Olano, 1,351 Upland.
 1,343 .... Niord, 983 ..
To Cork, ior orders, per bark Miaria Amguta, $1,525$.
To Bremee, per achr. Ieland Citr. 1,250 ..
Boston-To Liverpool, per ateamer Pialmyra, 1 i 1

## Total.

 ars as follows| Ham- An |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Tew York | pool. |  |  |  | men. |  | worp | Genoa. | Total. |
| Naw Orlean | .12,409 | 6,420 | ... | צ,789 | …. | 719 | 932 | 3.2009 | 27,467 |
| Moblle |  |  | .... | .... | .... | .... |  |  | 711 |
| Savannat | 1.,20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,720 |
| Toxan. | 4,614 |  | 1,525 |  | -1,250 |  |  |  | 5.114 |
| Boston. | .. 171 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 171 |

 Included In the above totals ars from New York, 50 bales to Giaegow.
*The ship Khersoneac, for Liverpool, reported in our last an carrying 1,741 bales, took only 811 balet
Beiow we give all newa received, during the wook, of disasters Lo vessels carrying cottun from any port of the United States: Bertaa Templis (Br), McFee, from Gnlveaton for Liverpool, with 1,478 balee cotton, wefore reported at Southweat Pasa, leaking badly, arrived at New
Orleans March 20. Orleans March 20
civo (or St. John, NB, 665 tons), Farnaworth, from Moblle, Feb. 21, for
Liverpoel, with 1,878 balea cetton, has been barned abandoued on fre (date not given), In late 36.14, lon. 70.36. The crew were landed at Itavana, March 23, In brig Monea Day, from Philladelphia. Skare (Sw) from Texas for Bremen, with f92 bulea cottoa, which was run Into of quarantinc, Galyeaton, solae weeka ninca, by the ateamer Geo. W. Clyde, was uadergolag repaira in the channel E of Kohn'e wharf,

March 10
Gold, Exciranae and Freigirts.- (iold haa fluctuated the past weck betweon $116 \frac{1}{2}$ and $118 \frac{3}{2}$, and the close was $118 \frac{5}{8}$.

Foreign Exchange market ia dull. The following were the last quotations: London bankera', long, 1061@107t; short, 107\%@108, and Cominerclal, 100@106\%. Freighta closed at 0.16 d @ fd , by steam and 7-10d.@td, by sall to Liverpool, 1t@13c. gold by steam and 1c. by sall to Havre, and fd. by steam to Hamburg.

By 'teleorapi from Liverpool.
Livenroot, Aprlt $4-5 \mathrm{P}$. M. - The market opened quict and cloned dull and depresecd to-day, Fith balen footing ap 10,000 balcn, Includlag 1,000 bales fer export and apeculation. The nalea of the week have been 90,000 balea, The atock in port le 815,000 balen, of which 306,000 halee are American. The slock of cotton at sea, bound to this port Is 520,000 , bales of which 195,000 bale aro American.

## Total anles.

 Salea for expert Total atock Stock of American Total afoat. American anoal.
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| 73,000 | 82,000 | 88,000 |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 7,000 | 8,000 | 9,000 |
| 68.000 | 6,000 | 8,000 |
| 632000 | 607,000 | 592,000 |
| 302,000 | 269,000 | 25,000 |

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 270,000 } & 289,000 \\ 2755,000\end{array}$ The following table will show the dally closing prices of cotton tor the weel:
 Trade Report.-Tha market for yarns and fabrles at Manchestor is doll with a downward tendency.
Eumopean Cotton Marietb.-In reference to these markets, our correspondeat in London, writing under the date of March 22. states:
Liverrool, March 22.-The following are the prices of middling qualitios of cotton, compared with those of last year:


## BREADSTUFFS.

raiday P. M.. April 4. 1873.

There has been a very good shipping demand for flour daring the past week, but mainiy superfins for the British Provinces at \$6 $250 \$ 650$, and medium extras for the West Indies at \$7 i5@ $\$ 850$, the latter including Western and Southern from winter wheat. Common extra State and Weatern flour from spring wheat has been noglocted, but, being in very amall supply, has ruled firm. The better grados, at $\$ 875$ and upward, have been "shaded" to some extent to sell; the approach of warm weather threatens to impair the conditiou of much of the stock in stors, which consiats mainly of baker's and family brands. To-day the market was generally weak, but there was a good demand from the West Indies, and considerable sales of city shipping extras at \$8@\$815,
The wheat markat has bsen inactive. The demand fanm millera has beon' steady, bnt slow; yet, in view of the smali supply in store and coming forward by rail, holders have bsen able to insist upon inearly full prices. Latterly, bowever, there bas been ratber more diaposition to realizs. The prospect is fair for an early opening of the Eris Canal and the great lakee, notwithatanding the esverity of the weather, the heary fall of snow having protected in a measure the ground from the frost. No. 2 Milwaukes has been offered at $\$ 160$ for May. Advancing ocean froights and a decline in exchangs have contributed to the obstacles in the way of business by shippere. To-day the markst was quiet and weak. Within a few days there has bsan a markod decline in wheat at Chicago, in anticipation, it is stated, that lake froights will be scarce and high.

Indian corn bas declined; the stock in store continues large, approximating two million bushels, and there is a vast accumulation at the West, for which there appears to be no considerable outlet, except such as this market may afford; consequently, holders have shown more disposition to realize, and shippers have bean compeiled to insist upon lower prices, owing to an advance in ocean freights and the decline in sterling exchange. Late tranaactions embrace old mixed Westera at 63@03\% y c. in store; prime new do. at $65 \frac{1}{2} c$. afloat, and new Southern yellow 66c. afloat. The bide for prime Weetera mixed, Juns delivered, have been rednced to 61 c., after some business carly in the week at 62c. To-day the market was quist and drooping.

Rys has been dull and depressed, and closed quite uosettled. Burley has been in better demand and closes firmor.

Oats have been gaining strength. The aupply has been small, and there has been some apeculative influence operating. To day tho market was firmer and fairly active.
The following ars cloaing quotations :

*Estimsted
SaIPMENTS of Flour and Grain from Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland, and St. Louis for the week ending March 20, and from Jan. 1 to March 29 :

|  | Floar, | Whest, | Corn, | Osts, | Barley, | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Weak endiog- | bbls | hos | has | hush | bush. |  |
| March 29, 1873. | 123,965 | 156,240 | 341,884 | 194,083 | 83,761 | 5,494 |
| Mch. 22, 2873 | 147.183 | 180,021 | 301,523 | 240,320 | 97.820 | 5,565 |
| Corresp'ag week 1872 | 60,529 | 63,693 | 431,985 | 143.364 | 61.906 | 10,087 |
| Corresp'g week 1871* | 67,658 | 134,032. | 605,104 | 36.834 | 10,154 | 7,264 |
| Corresp'g week 1870* | 64,809 | 162,681 | 177,094 | 28,063 | 4,875. | 3,917 |
| Tots) Jin. 1 to date.. 1 | ,234.055 | 1,739,284 | 3.395,108 | 2,881,051 | 963,221 | 91,052 |
| Same time 1872. | 780,211 | 624,986 | 5,715,403 | 1,883,481 | 590,474 | 216,957 |
| Same time 1871 | 672,790 | 622,629 | 4,191.365 | 631,945 | 218,881 | 48,349 |
| game time 1870\% | 813,681 | 1,416,142 | 1,786,228 | 429,657 | 151,536 | 70,988 |

## *St. Loris not Included.

BECELPTE OF FLOUR AND GRAIN AT GEABOARD PORTS FOR THR
WEEK ENDING MARCH 29, AND FROM JAN. 1 TO MARCH 29.


## * Estímated.

The Visible Supply of Grain, including stocks in atore at the principal points of accumulatlon at lake and seaboard porta, in transit by rail, and frozen in New York canals, March 29 18\%3:
In store st New York ..
In store at New Yor
In store at Albsay.
In store at Boffalo.. In store at Boffalo... In store at Milwsake. In store at Dulinth.. In atore at Toledo.. In store at Oswego. In atore at St. Loulia. In store at Boston.. In Btoreat Toronto In store st Mlontresl. In store st Pinilsdelphia
In store st Baltimore.. In store at Baltimore. $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Amonot on New York canals............. } & 150,840 \\ 52,120\end{array}$
To'al....................
Cotal nstore \& in trasit

## GROCERIES.

## Friday Evenine, April 4, 1873

The excitement in gold has had the effect of strengthaning pricas on most lines of grocaries during the past weak, and in some cabes buyers have bsen inducel to operato more freely in consequence. As the rula, however, sales have been only on a fair scale, and while prices have been strong no material adrance has occurred. Raw sugars are vary firm, and refined has advanced a point. Coffee is firm at about previous quotations. Foreign dried fruits have sold fairly, and show more strength with some lines higher. Tea remains dull and nominal. Spices are quiet but strong.

## TEA.

The past week has shown very little Improvement tu the volume of bestacse but the tone of the market bas been strengthened somewhat by the advance in gold. Holders have not been able to alvauce thetr preteations owing to the extreme dulaces, but they have showa less disposition to press ssles, while the cost of layiog down fresh stock was oo mnch enhsaced by the upward movemeat ia gold. The Eales are mainily restricted to the small amouats accessary to keep np sssortmenta in the interior, and oaly smsll assorted hioes sre dtstributed. Ievoices are slow of sale, sud remsia nomfaslly anchanged in price. There are still s few smsll holders who are willing to concede for the parpose of pressing sales, bat the msjority of importers decline to make concessions from the curreat low rates for ressons given ia our previons report. The market remains beavy on nesriy all grades, and in the absence of sctivity must re considered somewhat nominsl. The intertor stocka are light, and holders beronaticipate, with rood ressoa, a bealthy ran of trade before the spring season closes. The alcs amount to 2,400 half chests Japses, 3,819 do. Grcen, 700 do. Oolong.
Imporis the past week have inciuded 12.500 lbs . Green, per "Witch," from Hong Kong : and 392,063 lbs. Green sud 13,164 lbs. Japaa, per "Claro Bsbay an," from Shaghsi. The indirect importations have incladed 46 pkgs . by The following table shows the importa of Tea into the Uafted Statce from Javasry 1 to date, in 1873 and isi2


The indirect receipts at New York, priocipslly overland receipts from San Ersncisco. have beer $\quad$ Imports st San Fraclico from Jan. I to March 16, were $121,165 \mathrm{lbs}$. of China Imports st San Francisco
and $500,430 \mathrm{lba}$ of Japan tea.

## COFTEE

Tbere has becu a good dermand for the Brazil gradea during the past week, sad large sales hava resulted. The quotable range of values bas not beea altered, though the better grades have in some instances been beld at a sbsde sbove our last figures. The feeling of firmness engendercd by the last Rio telegram has continaed through this weck, and the rise in gold, while it has ansettlod trade to some extent, uss steadied the market somewbat, and holdera manifest more firmnees. The arrivala of the week have been considerable, and inclade large smounts of Santos, a part of whicb bas been eold witbin the range. There has beea more activity in the India grades, with libersl sales of East Iodia coffee st prices a sbade ander the extremes of last weck. There hss been constderable West Iadis stock sold into consumption, and the prices on these grades rule firm at about last quotations. The market closea with s firm feeling but is rsther quiet at the moment. The eales since our last have fucluded $6,245 \mathrm{msts}$ Java, cx "Queea of the Seas;" 3,677 baga Ceyloa, ex "Skimmer of the Waves ;" 2,310 bsgs Msracaibo, ex "Impulse ;" 2,025 Lsguayra, 849 Mexicaa, 560 St. Domingo, 65 Costa Rica, 40 Curacos: 1,750 bags Ssatos cx "Mozart," 1,036 do. ex "Flsmsteed," and 114 do. ex "Merrlmack, At Baltimore, 1,500 Rio ex "New Light;" st New Orleass, 1,500 do. ex "Haccock," st 18c.; st Gsiveston 1,192, Savanash 200, and Chsrieston 500.
"Imports at this port the past week have fnciuded $3,300 \mathrm{bsgs}$, Rio, per do per "Cathsrina;", 1,670 bags Lagasyrs ?, per "Vid," 4,634 dd, do., per dries.
The atock of Rio April 3, and the importa aince Jan. 1, 1873, are as follows:


Of otber sorts the stock at New York, April 3, and the imports at the seversl ports sioce Jsausary 1, 1873, were as follows:


Tbe arrivals of raw augar duriag the psst week bave bsen rather frec, and receivers have shown a willingaess to psirt with stock from the wharf at abou last week's figares, althongb values bave been matcrislly cnhaaced by the rise in gold. The mooey etriagency bas operated as a check afon prices, and has prevented the development of soy arvaace that might hsve resolted from the rise in gold. Had money been easier, holders woald have beea tadisposed to scll except st bigher figures, notwithstandiag the fact that their offerings wera becomtag more liberal. The basiness continoes to rua largely apon ceatri fugsl sugars, bnt Muscovs dos are becoming more in favor, and rule stroug at the range of 8@8yc. for fair to good. There has been an improved feeling developed in reined sugara, and the marke adrancad a sbade duriog the Feok, but is easfer agaln at the close. Harde were especially drm, the pro.
daction being very Ittilo in excess of the trside requifemente; 'and soits, whlle stilt prodnced in pretty llberal amonate, wero also advanced, bat are off 8 polnt to-day. The salea of rawy sagara include 8,009 hbde. Cubs, 7xa $8 \% \mathrm{c}$. ; Martinque and Gasdsionpe, $7 \%$ ©8c.; 68 bbls . do., 7\%(a8c.; 98 hhds. Demersra, $7 \% \mathrm{c}$.; 287 clarificd do., $10 \%(1010 \% \mathrm{c}$ c; 322 bhds. contrifagal, $93 / \mathrm{cc}$; 64

 $7 \% \mathrm{c}$. To-day a eale of 5,000 bage bect root augar, allightly damaged, was sold at action at7\%@769-100c., prluclpsily at tha former figure.
Imports at Now York snd stock in firet hinds Aprtl 8. wore ne follows

|  | Cuba. | Cubs. | dhd |  | rrazil | ${ }^{\text {an }}$ | do |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 10, 10.4 | 88, 3 \% | 1.83 |  |  |  | 2.425 |
| 1 mporth this meek. <br> - amme time, ${ }^{2}$. | 88,197 | f22,337 | 6,918 | : 2,298 | 117839 | 218,191 | 10,888 |
|  | 105,181 | 43,520 | 2.243 | 13,035 | 89,03: | 893, | 12 |
| block in $\Delta$ rat hands. <br> ssmo timo $1872 . . . .$. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 80.899 \\ & 81.51 \\ & 80.356 \\ & 80.36 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 131.893 \\ & 81,931 \\ & 201,204 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { and } 1161 \\ 2.168 \\ 9,900 \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

MOLASSES.
The supply of Cuba melssses hna run down to sbout 725 bhdes, and tbis dimiusehed apply prevents any fery liberal operstioas, although the demsad st preasen la activo, and large balce could be effected it holdera were $\ln$ a position to meet tho wante of renners. Threc cargocs of Coba molass a have been taken out doring the week, at prices covered by a range of 35(a37c. The stock of Porto Rico amennta to 634 hbde., and aslcs of modersto smonnts in lots have boen effected to the trade darling the week. Salce of English Ielands aro fatr and prlecs remain strong. There has been a good bnelnoes done in domeatic grader, and the atock is reduced to 3,800 bble. Pricea aro anchangod and continas arm. The trade in syraps fa fairly active, and the market continues atrong at former prices, with light offerings of the lower grades, which, at the moment, aro most destralle. The manea cf molnasea sre 370 bhds. and 40 tea. Cabs, 37 c .; \% F hhds. Perto Rico, and 625 bblb . New Orlesns within the ranga.
Thereccipte at New York, and stock in firet hands April 3, were aa follows:


Import of Sugar \& Molasmes at leading portm since Jan. I.
Thelmports of sagar (inclading Mclado), and of Molseses st the lesding ports from Jsnaary 1, 1873, to date, bave been aa follows :



## WHOLESALE PRICES OURIERNT



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## Molannem. <br> Nemorloani new .......... ${ }^{50}{ }^{50}$ <br> ล75 <br> ba Clayed <br> Cuba centriag <br> (i....... \% \%

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

 Fnidat. P. M., April 4, 1878. Local rotailers and those dolng business in the interlor are engaged rathor moro actively In distributling goods to consumers, but the trade Improves slowly, especislly In the country. The effects of the sovere winter are moro lasting In the rural districts than here, and the consumptivo demand ln the country will no doubt be unnsually late this year. The growing stringency in money, while it cannot altogether cut off extravaganco on the part of the masses, will do much toward cartailing the business of this year, as thero are comparatively few among tho masses in mercantile pursuits who do not feel the necesslty, In a tlme liko the present, to practice more economy in living and incidental expenses. The holders of fereign merchandise aro able to sttest the fact by the slow sales which their goods are meeting. Staple fabrics move with considerable freedom at all times, but the more fancy lines, designed especially for the spring trade move slowly. Dumestics of most descriptions contlnue to meet moder ate sale, but are quiet for this period of the year. Collectionsaro coming in slowly, the provailing stringency of money having the effect of delaying remittances from the intorior.Domestic Cotton Goods.-The volume of besiness since our last has not been very liberal, though the principal lines are still meeting a fairly active distribution, and the market remsins steady. Ageats hold all of the more staple grades of brown shectings and shirtings, with much firmness, but jobbers having become depressed under tive protracted dulness, are dlsposed to yield a fraction on some makce, and the medium and fiue browns have, in several instances, been selected by jobiers to make a run upon. For this purposo prices lave been shaded a polnt on some of the more prominent brands. The feature of the week has been the excitement in prints occasioned by the action of a leading jobbing firm in reducing prices $\frac{1}{2} c$. on many of the principal brands, with a view to encouraging buyers to operate. As usual agenta protested against this single-handed action on the part of a jobbing house, sad the result was a letter signed by most of the print agencies, protesting against the course of tho jobbing firm, and stating that unless they returned to regular prices no mere goods would be delivered them by the agents. The jobbing house in question replicd to the effect that they should sell goods at their own prices, and so the matter rests. Quotations in prints are nominally unchanged, bnt there are doubtless many of the regular makes that by means of extended discounts reach retailers at a lower price than $11 \frac{1}{\text { ctc. less regular }}$ discount. Colored cottons are quiet and chiefly steady at unchanged prices. The asles are confined to the limited immediate requirements of the trade, but with reduced stocks in first hands all cotton fabrics are pretty steadily held by agents.
Domestic Woolen Goods.-The same ansatisfactory condition of affairs that has been noticed for some time past continues to prevail In the market for woolen fabrics, and sales are still on a very restricted scale. $\Lambda$ few of the more staple lines of goods are moved with a fair degree of freedom, but goods about the movement of which there is the least question are slow to sell, and quotations are mainly nominal. Light weight fancy cassimeres of the better grades are sold readily and rule firm. The peorer qualities are hard to sell, and the current quatations are nominul. Flannels are quiet, and these, in connection with other woolen goods, are drooping. The supplies of most descriptions of woolen fabrics are not unusually large for this season of tho year, bat the prospects for the spring distribution are too unfavorable th prodnce smy buoyancy in values. The demand for heavy weights for the fall trado has not amounted to much as yet, clothiers holding off in anticipation of easier rates later in the year, and for a more"encouraging out. look in their trade.

Foreign Goons.-The rise in gold has checked business, but importers are disposed to feel rather strong in goods, althongh they are somewhat anxious just now to realize if this can be accomplished without too great a sacrifice on the stocks they now hold. The importations are decreasing, but the supply here is liberal, and the auction houses find no difficulty in obtaining goods to sell. In the retisil stores there is a good business doing in cheap silks and in linens and other light fabrics for warm weather. A few of the most staple lines are strong, but for the most part prices are very irregular.

We snnex a few particulars of leading articles of domestic manufacture, our prices quoted bejag those of leading jolbors :


