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## THE PROGRESS OF INFLATION.

The flood-tide of currency has been reached, and it offers an opportunity for observation to those persons who study finance, not only in books and newspapers, but by the better method of personal contact with the living world of experience and fact. There are several directions in which to look for infurmation. The first is the gold market. Gold is the thermometer of currency depreciation. It is not a very accurate gauge; but it is the best we have, Gold should go up on an over issue of currency, and in proportion to the extent of the issue. Like our inductive theories of the tides, our currency reasonings are liable to perturbation, but they usually agree with facts if they are rightly worked out. What are the facts? The price of gold is undoubtedly three per cient higher than it was when Mr. Richardson began to po uf out his 44 millions of
currency. In October the price stood as low as $107 \frac{3}{4}$; and everybody was expecting an immediate further fall, if not an early recession to par. Now the price is $111 \frac{1}{2}$, and few uf our far-sighted merchants or conservative bankers are conducting their business in anticipation that gold will fall much below the present figures for some time to come.

Such anticipations rest, however, on a somewhat precarious basis of facts. The greenback issues are, no doubt, chietly to blame for the late rise in gold. The premium has risen as the flood of currency has risen. But has this upward tendency spent its force? How will it be in the future? Are the expectations of our merchants of a steady price well founded ? Will the premium of gold keep up at its present level, or will it go hrgher or lower? These questions bring into full view one of the chief dangers of the monetary situation. No man can solve the problem of gold except he first knows what the Treasury will do. If the Treasury issue?more greenbacks, gold may be expected to go up. If the outstanding greenbacks are not taken in, gold may also be expected to go up. If more greenbacks are issued, gold certainly will go up; and if the limit of 356 millions is restored gold may probably go down. In presence of these dubious contingencies who will venture to say whether gold will go up or down? All these doubts centre as we see in the Treasury. All have their origin in the recent claim of Mr. Richardson to increase the greenbacks at pleasure. He has added new dangers to those which always surrcund mercantile business in paper money times.
It will be objected that we are arguing as if the price of gold depended only upon the volume of the currency, and were not at all governed by other circumstances. This is true, we have done so. We have concentrated our investigation on this single factor in the problem, because $i t$ is the variable. All the other factors are constant; and may, for our purpose, be left out of the account. The price of gold other things being equal, may be expected to fluctuate with the emission of currency, and to rise and fall with the varying level of the greenbacks or in a close approximation thereto. History and experience combine their evidence that gold has so fluctuated in the past, and it is reasonable to look for similar movements hereafter.

But let us turn next to the money market. Everyone knows the familiar misinterpreted fact that issues of paper money usually, if not always, give immediate ease to the loan market. Such issues are like a cordial to the consumptive. They revive while they exhaust, and cool while they inflame. "Paper money issues create new capital." As Law told the men of his day, and so our John Laws tell us. Others more imaginative will have it that what paper money creates is not capital, but "credit." Others again of
a more metaphysical turn mystify themselves with the theory that paper money creates some shadowy entity that they call "credit capital." Now, theory aside, it is an undeniable fact that if paper issues do not create anything, they do, at all events, what seems to our gross senses equivalent to such creation. They give ease to the loan market. This we see. We know that such issues tend to put down the rate of interest. We need not except we choose, trouble ourselves with any vague notions as to how paper does thiswhe!her by "creating" anything, and if so, whether the thing created is "capital" or "credit," or "credit-capital." For all practical purposes it is enough for us to know the simple fact, which all experience attests, and which we see before us every day in W all street, that prper issues make the loan market easy. No doubt Wall street would have an easy money market had there been no new issues of greenbacks. We examined last week some of the forces which are tending towards monetary ease. To these forces paper money has given a recent impulse. It adds new fuel to the fire. It put on a new head of steam when the financial mechanism was already rushing under too high a pressure towards the limit of dangerous expansion.

If our readers will have a theory as to how all this can be explained, there is, of course, no objection and some convenience. We only permise that as in astronomy so in finance, thecry is of no value except as it can be used to interpret and predict facts. Facts are our aim, a theory we only invent and imagine as a means to their dis covery and proof. The quertion how paper issues give ease to the money market requires that we should know and carefully analyze the money market itself. What is the money market? It is our organized machinery for lending capital It facilitates the movements of capital between lenders and borrowers. This being granted it follows that in the money market, as in every complex mechanism, there are two things to be considered, the work to be done, and the mechanism by which that work is done. The thing done in the loan market we have seen to be the transter of "capital," what is the mechanism ly which it is done?

The mechanism of the loan market, like that of a steam factory, may be regarded in two aspects. There is first the machinery, and secondly the force which gives it motion. If we ask for the force that moves the money market, what is the answer? That force is "credit." If we seek for the mechanisin of the loan market we find it in the "currency," and in the complex organism that centres in our banks.

In the money market, then, we have "capital" as the thing handled; we have "currency" as the machinery by which it is handled ; and, thirdly, we hava "credit," as the force by which this complex machinery is kept in motion. Are we asked how we explain on this theory the feverish ease which paper issues give to the loan market? The answer is easy; but too long for to-day. It is enough tor say that such legal tender issues do not add one jot to the realized capital of the country. They act wholly on the distributing parts of the monetary organism. They act di rectly on the currency and throw it into disorder. This derangement communicates itself to every movement of the financial organism. The mischief spreads. The whole machine is disturbed, accelerated and worried. Its motions are neither so. safe, so accurate, nor so healthful as before, and at last, as in all overworked machines and tortured organisms, a collapse puts an end to the excess, or an explosion of less or greater magnitude offers to the world another admonition of the dread Nemesis that avenges abuses of the mighty but delicate appliances of modern credit.

Thirdly, we might look into the stock market for further
illustrations of the inflating power of paper issues. On another page are some suggestive figures to this purport in our gazette of the movements of the week. The great distinctive fact which they proclerm is that the banks of this city are so full of funds that they are lending too freely, and we all know by world-wide experience what comes of that.

## OUR PUBLIC DEBT AND ITS MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Latham, formerly Governor of the Bank of England, in a recent letter on our finances, speaks of the great difficulty which foreigners have in understanding how our financial policy can work well so long as it is closely entangled with our monetary policy. Mr. Latham's difficulty is not limited to our friends abroad. It is equally puzzling to ourselves. Till last Octolver few of us thought of the possibility of issuing legal tender notes except as a last resource for revenue in time of war. How we have been made familiar with these illegal issues as a means of replenishing the Treasury we need not say. The debt statement just published shows that the papermoney issues have reached their maximum, and they may now be expected to decline. From official figures given elsewhere we compile an analysis which shows the changes in the debt since the late inflation began. The general aggregates are as follows
funded debt, sept. 1873 to jan. 1884.

| Funded 5 per cents | Sept. 50. <br> \$488,567,300 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } 31 . \\ \$ 489,272.300 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } 31 . \\ \$ 494,021,054 \end{gathered}$ |
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| Funded 6 per cents | 1,235.000,200 | 1,234,098,050 | 1,218,728,150 |
| Total funded debt | \$1,723,567,500 | \$1,723,370,350 | $\$ 1,712,749,2$ |
| Unfunded debt. | 415,226,398 | 418,463,126 |  |
| Total debt | ,138,793,898 | \$2,141,833,476 | \$2,157 |

From this table it appears that we have added since September 30th, no less a sum than 17 millions to the public debt. We have paid off 15 millions of old sixes. Consequently we have had to raise loans to the amount of both these sums, or 34 millions of total deficit. We have raised only 6 millions by fives, and the rest by additions to the unfunded debt. The general resuit is that the inflation period of four months which is just closing, has added to our unfunded obligations and has diminished the funded $d \approx b t$ in proportion. In other words, we have started a backward policy. Never since the war have we seen an increase in the floating debt at the expense of the funded obligations. The way in which this increase is distributed may be seen from the subjoined table:

|  | Sept. 30, 1873. $\$ 356,079,742$ | Oct. 31,1873. <br> \$361,031,948 | $\begin{aligned} & J_{i} t n, 31,1873 . \\ & \$ 381,794,029 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Greenbqcks.. | -46,229,392 | 47,876,150 | 47,793,333 |
| Fractional curr | 6i78,000 | 6i8,000 | 678,000 |
|  | 15,756,130 | 14.226,2.20 | 15,1:6,550 |
| Past crued interest | 32,033,523 | 39,706,595 | 30,415,576 |
| Navy pension fund... | 14,000,000 | 14,000,000 | 14,000,000 |
| Gold notes | 33,935,400 | 27,569,880 | 45,004,000 |
| Total. | \$498,732,187 | \$505,088,863 | \$534,861;489 |
| Less gold b | 80,246,757 | 82,3i3,581 | 85,359,369 |
|  | \$418,515,430 | \$422,775,282 | \$449,502,119 |
| Less currency balances. | 3,259,032 | 4,312,156 | 4,781,205 |
|  |  | \$ $418,463,1$ | \$444,220,914 |

It has been supposed that the fractional currency has been greatly increased during the last quarter. This is an error, as will be seen by the foregoing figures. The increase has been slight. Either from Mr. Richaráson's experiments with silver redemplion, or from some other restrictive cause, it has been fuund impossible to expand the fractional notes, pari passu with the greenbacks. The limit of 48 millions is the Rubicon, over which they seem not to be able to pass. The only notable changes in the untunded debt appear in the gold notes and the greenbacks. The former are a very treacherous security, and often run down
very rapidly, as they are redeemable in coin, on demand. On the latter,-the greenbacks,-has fallen the chief burden, and they have increased from 356 millions to $\$ 381,794,029$. In other words, the Government has borrowed by paper money nearly 26 millions since 30 th $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{p}$ tember last. Not more than half of this sum is believed to have been needed to supply the deficit of tax revenue cut off by the panic. How true this report may be we do not know. The question should be put to the Secretary of the Treasury, and a report made to C ngress. Wee next turn to the coin in the Treasury. The aggregate balances have fluctuated as follows during the period we are investigating:

GOLD OWNED BY THE TREASURY SEPTEMBER, 1873, TO JANUARY, 1874.


It appears from this statement that the Government owns but 40 millions of gold coin at present, while the interest accrued but not due amounts to 30 millions, so that the net balance is but 10 millions. With dwindling revenues and an increase in the issue of greenbacks it is evident that 10 millions of gold in the Treasury are not a very promising basis on which to build any hopes of a speedy movement in the direction of specie payments.

The perplexity of which Mr. Latham complains in regard to the management of our public debt is not a mere trifling matter. It touches the vitels of our national credit. Except we reverse the dangerous new policy into which the Treasury management is drifting, some serious mishap may well be apprehended. Our business now, however, is rather to exhibit facts as they are than to speculate upon their future outcome. We pass on, therefore, to the further details set forth in the debt statement, One of the chief of them is that in consequence of the revival of the revenue there has been an aggregate decrease in the total debt to the amount of $\$ 1,845,211$. The sum is small, but it serves to slow the turn in the tide. The public debt has increased since June 30 by the sum of $\$ 9,651,400$. The first three months of the fiscal year, from July to September, made a net decrease of 8 millions. Although we have added 17 millions since that time to the public debt, still since March, 1869, the total decrease of the public debt has been 366 millions-a sum almost as large as that of our outstanding greenbacks. From this it follows that if we had paid off our greenbacks instead of our bonds, we might have redeemed the whole of our paper monoy at par, and the suiplus in the Treasury would not even then have been exhausted. During the past five years, that surples redeemed, as we have seen, 366 millions of debt, while the greenbacks, till the late inflation, amounted to ten millions less, or 356 millions.
In opposition to this argument it is sho wn by those among us who do uot believe in greenback redemption that we have less to pay now every year fur annual interest. The interest on the.public debt has fallen to the extent of some 25 millions a year, in consequence of the paying off of our five-twenties before maturity. These gen:lemen, however, do not take into their account the reduction we should have made in the burden of our annual interest if we had reached specie payments some years since, and if our public credit were such that we could refund our debt at four per cent, as we un doubtedly should have done long ago if we had had competent fiscal management in the Treasury and in Congress.

## RALLWAY MORTGAGES-DUTIES OF TRUSTEES.

We remarked two weeks since upon certain features of railway mortgages wherein great and important differences
were observable. In what we have to say to-day we pro. pose to confine ourselves to the points affecting trustees. Who $m$ ay be nampd as trustees in a mortgage deed may not be of material consequence when the company promptly provides for the payment of the interest coupons, and per forms all the stipulations required by the wording and spirit of the instrument. It can add nothing to the security aftiorded when the mortgage is that of an old established dividend-paying road to say that the trustees are irreproachable in every respect. But the very large class of roads which are not such, will always fair best when they exercise the greatest care in the selection of the persons, or corporation who shall act as trustees for those from whom they borrow money.
It frequently happens that the trustees named are some trust company whose charter allows it to exercise such a trust. But in the majority of cases the railway companies select one or more gentlemen of prominence in the financial world whose quasi endorsement of the bond is thought to assist in its negotiation. It is not our purpose at present to discuss at length the propriety of any appointment a company may see fit to make. We must say, however, that the appointment of an officer, director, or stockholder whose other interests may lead him to oppose the rights of the bondholders cannot but be understood as implying that the company expect their rights and privileges to be protected firs. It was recently decided by Judge Barrett, of the Supreme Court of this State, in a case where a new trustee was to be appointed in the place of ons deceased, and the sanction of the Court was necessary, that the tact of a near family relationship to the President of the road was sufficient reason for the non confirmation of the person proposed by the company. Ttis is only just and proper, and yet this principle is frequently not conformed to when the appointment is first made. In the case of the W allkill Valley Railroad the President and two other directors are not only trustees of the first, but also of the second mortgage. In the case of the Lake Superior and Mississippi one of the Executive Committee of the company is one of the trustees, while the other one is, or was, as a member of the large banking house whose affairs are now being settled in bankruptey by a eommittee of creditors, very heavily interested in the stock of the road and in the ownership of the entire issue of its income bonds. The President of the Pennsylvania Rail. road Company was appointed trustee of so many mortgages that it became a physical impossibility for him to affix his signature to the bonds, and his autograph had to be lithographed on them. This we see, therefore, is an important point which those who prepare bonds in future will be wise to consider.
But what are the duties of trustees? They are to act, under certain circumstances, for the best interests of the bondholder. The property mortgaged is deeded to them in trust upon condition, however, that if the mortgagors perform all the obligations set forth, they shall not be disturbed in their possession. But the company failing in the performance of the obligation, then and in that case the duties of the bondholders' trustees begin. We will not now discuss the propriety of the bondholders having a representative in the person of their trustee who shall at all times waich over their interests, and be empowered to act in their behalf under certain contingencies other than simple default in the payment of interest. It is frequently a matter of notoriety that certain things are taking place within a com. pany which show evidently that the coupons next due will not be met, and a trustee, had he the power, might in such case, prevent questionable procee Cings and avert the threatened non payment of interest. We know of no case, however, where this plan has besn tried, and we are
not prepared to insist upon its advisability. But in the case of a defaulting railroad it would seem that the bondholders of right might demand such supervisory power. In the case of the Chicago, Danville and Vincennes Company, which failed to pay its October coupons, although the earnings appear sufficiently large to have enabled it to have done so, a number of the bondholders have requested that they may have a representative to watch over their interests acting in harmony with the Directors, and that, too, without implying, or wishing to imply, that these latter gentlemen are guilty of any injustice or want of good faith. In cases where sirking funds are required by the mortgage, it is eminently the duty of the trustees to be continually watchful of the interests of their principals. Some companies pay such sinking funds as they accumulate directly to the trustees; but others do not.

Any one unacquainted with the working of railway mortgage deeds would naturally expect that the duties of the trustees would be specifically set forth in such deed. But an examination reveals the fact that in the majority of cases no definite duties are stated as being required of them. The general wording is, " it shall be lawful for" the trustees to do this or that. The clause is permissive, not mandatory. "It shall be lawful for" the trustees to take possession of the road and operate it, or to sell it, or to reorganize on behalf of the bondholders, but it is not made obligatory upon them to do so. They (the trustees) do not promise to io anything, and in very many cases are not legally bound to do anything in the premises unless they elect to do so. If they are directors and more largely interested in the future value of their stock than in the present value of other persons bonds, it can scarcely be expected that they will act speedily. Or if the trustees are a corporation controlled by the same persons who control the railroad, the effect is the same. "It shall be lawful for," is the wording of the mortgage deeds of the Lake Superior and Mississippi, the Canada Southern, the Grand Rapids \& Indiana, the Burlington, Cedar Rapids \& Minnesota, the Cnicago \& Canada Southern, the Rockford, Rock Island \& St. Louis, the Atlantic \& Pacific, and many others.

The first and second mortgage deeds of the New York and Oswego Midland, and of the New Jersey Midland say that "on demand" of the Trustees they will be given possession of the road. The first mortgage deed of the Union Pacific provides that the Trustee " may and shall" take possession on the written request of holders of a majority of the Bonds. In the first mortgage deed of the Central Railroad of Iowa the Trustee " is hareby expressly authorized and required upon the request in writing of a majority of the owners or holders of said bonds." The Atlanta and Richmond Air Line mortgage says plainly that in case of the establishing of the fact of default, as stated by us last week, then the Trustees "shall" proceed to sell the mortgaged properly. In the Northern Pacific mortgage it is stated that it "shall be the duty of the Trustees" to enforce the rights of the bondholders, but this they are required to do only after they shall have received "a proper indemnifcation," and not sooner than three years from the date of the default in the payment of the interest. The Chicago and Canada Suuthern mortgage says that, at the request of the specified number of Bondholders, the Trustees "shall immediately" declare the prinçipal of the Bonds due, and "shall foreclose" the mortgage. This is in strong contrast with the provision of the deed of the Canada Southern, in which the chief requirement is that after having operated the road until it can pay interest, then the trustees "shall restore" the road to the original owners. In the case of the Connec-
ticut Valley Railroad, the trustee, who is the Treasurer of the State, "may and shall," upon the written request of the holders of one-third in amount of the bonds outstanding, take possession, and it is then stated expressly that "he may retain such possession until all arrearages of interest shall have been tully paid, and thereupon such possession shall be restored to the officers of sard railroad company." It is, however, provided that he "shall" upon the request of the holders of one half the bonds proceed to foreclose in the usual manner.

These instances indicate sufficiently clearly the importance of closer attention to this portion of the instrument in preparing mortgage deeds, and also the wisdom of investors who examine carefully the obligation of unestablished roads before purchasing.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW OF. THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

The month of January was characterized by a marked recovery in financial and mercantile affairs and closed with good promise for future improvement. Compared with 1873 the month presented a striking contrast, then the banks were in an impoverished condition, money commanded exorbitant rates for call and time loans, and the commercial outlook was decidedly discouraging; this year there has been a steady gain in the bank reserves from week to week, and capital seeking investment has been very abundant. The economy forced on the people by the late panic and the conservative course of the mercantile interests had much to do with the easy condition of the money market, but the same was partly the result of the Treasury policy, the $\$ 44,000,000$ legal tender reserve having been further encroached upon to the extent of $\$ 5,000,000$, forming the basis for $\$ 20,000,000$ new bank credits. There were less defaults on the part of railroad corporations than anticipated, and the mercantile embarrassments were also fewer in numbar than usual at the beginning of the new year. On the other hand some of the leading banking houses which succumbed during the September panic resumed business, which tended greatly to increase confidence in the financial situation. There was also increased activity in the export trade, while the imports showed a material increase, thus evincing the steady revival of business and the expectations of merchants in a brisk Spring trade. The leading railroad corporations made their annual statements (which have all appeared in previous issues of the Chronicles) to the State Engineer, and showed large gains in net earnings over last year. The highest rate paid for call loans in money during the month was 7 per cent and the lowest 3 , the preponderance of transactions having been at 4 to 6 . This enlarged supply of loanable funds had its influence in the discount market, and prime endorsed business notes sold freely at $6 @ 8$ per cent, inferior grades of commercial paper ranging all the way up to 12 per cent. The last statement of the associated city banks in 1873 showed an excess over legal reserve of $\$ 12,601,250$ while the exhibit for the third week of January, 1874, was $\$ 27$, 683,275 , an increase of $\$ 15,092,025$. The legal tenders and specie at the close are considerably above January, 1873, while the loans are lower by about $\$ 16,000,000$. The banks are therefore very strong and able to incraase their accommodations to their customers largely. The remaining few hundred thousand dollars of loan certificates, issued during the panic as a measure of relief, were cancelled in the early part of the month.
Government sezurities were strong and higher, the improve ment being general. The demand from capitalists and corporations, the savings banks in particular, stimulated chiefly the upward movement, while the course of the London market also favored an improvement here.
closing priges of consols and u. g. begurities at london in january.

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State bonds were exceedingly dull, and devoid of interest. Prices, however, were steady and uniform, as will be seen below. There were no outside influences to affect the market.

Railroad bonds were active throughout, the dealings having been well distributed. The market hesitated at the opening, but the fact that so few defaults occurred soon imparted a strong tone to the dealings, and caused a marked improvement in prices. The great ease in money induced large purchases, and assisted the advance materially, while the favorable returns of the leading railway companies strengthening the belief in prompt payments of interest in the future also had much to do with the advance. The convertible bonds $(\$ 5,000,000)$ of the Central Railroad of New Jersey were added to the call at the Stock Exchange. Prominent features of the market were the Pacific mortgages and the Chicago $\mathbb{\&}$ North Western consolidnted gold bonds. Some of the defaulted roads were also liberally traded in, both at the Stock Exchange and over the counters of the leading dealers in miscel laneous securities. Of the $\$ 3,000,000$ New York Central bonds offered, $\$ 2,100,000$ were awarded at an average of $100 \frac{8}{4}$, leaving $\$ 900,000$ in the hands of the company. The Lake Shore sinking fund bonds were closed out, after an advance in the price had been made.
The early part of the month was characterized by a firm, $i_{f}$ not buoyant, market for stocks, and prices advanced sharply in the entire list. Investment shares were particularly prominen ${ }_{t}$ in the dealings, and towards the close the coal roads were favor ably influenced by the announcement of the termination of the strike in the mining regions. Disbursements, which were large, on account of January interest and dividends, had a wholesome effect, while the large gain in earnings of the different roads as compared with last year helped on the upward movement. A memorial was presented by the stockholders to the Executive Committee of the Western Union Telegraph Company, requesting a division of the company's surpius, which it is claimed repre sents, the accumulation of the net earnings. New York Centra was strong under the report of the company to the State Engi neer, first published by The Chionicle. The rise in Lake Shore received stimulus, first from the closing up of its sinking fund loan, and second by the settlement of the notes given by the company to the Union Trust Company, amounting to $\$ 1,750,000$. Subsequent non-payment of the usual dividend dragged down the price of the stock from $84 \frac{5}{8}$ to $78 \frac{1}{2}$, and this communicated a weak feeling to the general market, the downward movement receiving further assistance from the reports that the dividend on St. Paul preferred would be made in new consolidated mortgage bonds. Union Pacific was conspicuous, rising five per cent on a reported contest for the election in February. The general market was to a considerable extent influenced by the Secretary's use of the $\$ 44,000,000$ greenback reserve.
The following table will show the opening, highest, lowest and closing prices of railway and miscellaneous stocks during the months of December and January :

|  | High. |  |  | Open. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { ary.-- } \\ \substack{\text { apw } \\ \text { Low }} \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { Clos. } \\ 911 / 2 \\ 10 y y}}{ }$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aibany \& Susqueha |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic \& Pacific pref.. 133 | 15\% | 10 | 12 | 127\% | 1931/ | 12 2 |  |
| Boston, Hartford \& Erie 13/6 | 3/2 | 1/8/ | 3/4 | 33 | 3 | $23 / 4$ |  |
| Central Pacific |  |  |  | 71 | 71 | 71 |  |
| Chicago \& Alton........ ${ }^{99}$ | $1021 /$ |  |  | 103 |  | 103 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 110 |  |  |  |
| Chicago, Burl. \& Quincy 95 | 96 | $\begin{aligned} & 941 / 2 \\ & 47 \end{aligned}$ | 953 | 97 | 106 | 97 | 105 |
| do \& Northwest'n ${ }^{49}$ | 73 | $47$ |  | 573 |  | 59 | , |
| do do prer. 70 | 1007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| eve.,Col., Cin. \& Ind.. 72 | 75 | 71 | 72 | T | 80 |  | 77 |
| eve |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Columb |  |  | 27 | 27 |  |  |  |
| Del., Lack. \& Western.. 95\% | 4 | 941/ | 104 |  | 105 |  | 1051/2 |
| Dubuque \& Sioux Cit |  |  |  | 55 | 56 | 5 |  |
| 47 | 473 | 25 | 461 | 773 | 51 | 46 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 75 |  |  |  |
| Hannibal \& ${ }_{\text {do }}$ St. Joseph. ${ }_{\text {pref. }}^{23}$ | $373$ | ${ }_{34}^{233 / 2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 271 / 2 / 2 \\ & 35 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} 27 \\ 37 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{43} 34$ |  |  |
| arlem ............ ${ }^{\text {pref. }} 1{ }^{1515}$ | 1224 | 115 | 120 | 120 |  | 118 | 12 |
| do pref........... 121 | 121 | 121 | 121 | 118 | 119 |  |  |
| Illinois Cel | 1003 | 93 | 99 | 100 | 103 | 00 | 17/6 |
|  |  |  |  | 85 |  | 55 |  |
| Lake Sho. \& Mich.South |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Louisville \& Nas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Michigan Central...... 77 | 77 | 72 | 77 | 79 | 49 | 78 | 94\% |
| Milwaukee \& St. Paul.. ${ }^{35}$ | 423 | 343 | 41 | 42 | 49 | 117 |  |
| do | 66 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ,ris \& Essex........ ${ }^{\text {andzas }}$ | ${ }_{93}$ | 88 | 83 | 893 | ${ }_{92}$ | ¢ | 2 |
| New Jersey |  |  |  |  | 122 | 17 | 12.2 |
| New Jersey Central.. .. 96 | 102 | ${ }_{6}^{95}$ | 162 | 10214 | 104 | 8 | ${ }_{6}^{102 \%}$ |
| Y. Cen. \& |  | 907/8 | 99 | 993 | 104 | 993 | $1031 / 6$ |
| do N.Haven \& Hart. 1243 | 127 | 121 | 1223 |  | 134 | 122 |  |
| Ohio \& Mississippi. |  | , | 30 | 3\% | 36 | 301 | , |
| $\begin{array}{ll} \text { do } \\ \text { do } & \text { serip } \end{array}$ |  |  |  | 60 |  |  |  |
| Paciilc of Missouri..... 313 | , | 28 |  |  |  | 293/3 |  |
| nama. | 111 | 87 | 110 | 112 | 118 |  | $117 \%$ |
| tte., F. W. \& Chii.guar 883/4 | 90 | 881 | 283/4 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 93 \\ & 851 / 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \\ & 85 y / 2 y_{2} \end{aligned}$ | 913/4 |
| Renssalaer \& Sparato | 103 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8.51 / 2 / 2 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85 x \\ & 1018 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 851 / 2 \\ & 103 \end{aligned}$ | 851/2 |
| ome \& Watertow |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L., Alton |  |  |  |  | 20 |  | 51/2 |
| do pref 25 | 34 | 24 | , | 35 | 1 |  |  |
| Lonis \& Iron Moun.. ${ }^{52}$ |  | ${ }^{49}$ | ${ }^{49}$ | 49 | , |  | 69/3 |
| L., K. City \& N. pref. 31 | 351/ | 29 | 31 | 29 | 32 | , |  |
| nington |  |  |  | 25 | 25 |  | 5 |
| do do do pref. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Union Pacific.......... 26/d | 327 | 243/4 | 303 |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Mail |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pacific Mail............. 32 | 42 | 12 | 38 年 | 138 |  |  | 41 |
| Am. District |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic \& Pacific |  |  |  | 163 | 16 | 151/2 | 163 |
| Western Un | 75 | $661 /$ | 3 | \% |  |  |  |
| American Coal......... |  |  |  |  |  | 63 | 5 |
| Consolidation Coal..... 47 | 513 | 46 | 50 | 50 | 51 |  | 46 |
| Maryland Coat........ ${ }^{17}$ | 19. | 17 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 201/2 | 22 |
| Peunsylvania Coal...... 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |  | 50 |  |
| Spring Mo | 40 | $393 / 4$ | 393 |  | 50 |  |  |
| Brunswick City Land ... ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  | 314 | 3.4 | 34 |  |
| anton............ 60 | 70 | 57 | 70 | 74 |  | 13\% |  |
| Cent. N. J. L. Imp. Co. 60 | 60 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar'p'sa Land \& Mng Co 10 | 10 |  | -3/4 |  |  | 8 | 2 |
| Quicksilver............ $201 / 2$ | 29/3/ | 20 | 28 | $2 \times 3$ |  | 8 | 析 |
|  | 313/4 | 33 | 33 |  |  |  |  |
| dams.......... ...... 85 | 92 | $\underset{8}{8}$ | 92 |  | $45 \%$ |  | 94\% |
| merican............... 60 | 601/2 | 57 | 0 | 58 | $6: 3$ |  | 621/6 |
| United Sta |  | 60 |  | 69 | 71 | 888 | 69\% |
| els, F | 73 | 64 | 72 | ${ }^{699}$ | \% | 693 | 70 |
| 139 | 116 | 1091/2 | 116 | 115 | 121 | 113 |  |
| New York Gas........ 130 | ${ }_{121}^{132 / 8}$ | ${ }_{120}^{130}$ | ${ }_{1}^{1321 / 2}$ | 1351/2 | 135/2 | 135\% | 1352/2 |
| Wankers \& Br |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boston Water Pow |  |  |  | 20 | 20 | 181/2 |  |

The extreme range of gold was $110 \frac{1}{8}$ and $112 \frac{1}{8}$, with a reaction from the latter price to 111 , and still later a recovery to $111 \frac{7}{\%}$. The advance of two points was occasioned by speculation growing out of the increase of currency; but the movement being in the face of disbursements of January interest, met with a quick reaction. In fact, the market was singularly devoild of interest, and the reaction noted above was superinduced by the heaviness of cash gold, though the conflicting reports in regard to Congress in connection with the currency leading to slight fluctuations, alternately up and down.
course of gold in January, 187.


Foreign exchange was for the most part strong, the chief elements of strength having been the unexpectedly small supply of
cotton and commercial bills at various times during the month and the demand to cover remittances of January coupons sen here for collection. Advantage wastaken of these considerations and rates advanced sharply, though the full advance was not maintained at the close.

## sterling exchange for january, 1874.

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| Jan. | 1. |
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| " | $12 . .4$ |
| " | $13 . .4$ |
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| " | $15 . .4$ |
| " | 16..4. |
| ' | $17 . .4$ |

60 days. $\quad 3$ days.

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& \dot{9} 4.83
\end{aligned}
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The following is the official statement of the public debt, as appears from the books and Treasurer's return; at the close of business on the last day of January, 1874:

Debt bearing interest in Coin.


Aggregate of debtbearing inter't in coln. $\overline{739,143} \overline{9759} \overline{97601,850} \overline{12,220,936} 17$, , 4,861 (a) Interest payable Jan. \& July, (b) May \& Nov, (c) March \& Sept., excep
 $\& 1,000$.

Debt IBearing Interestin Lawfin Money.


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## Debt on Which Interest IIas Ceased Since RIaturity.

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s. Bonds.........


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Honds Issued to the Pacific Railroad Companies, Interes Payable in Lawiul Money.

Interest Balance of Character of Issue. Amount accrued paid by repaid by int, paid Central Pacific.......... Union Pacific Co........ Western Pacinc.........
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## changes in tie redeeming agents of nationie bines.

The following are the changes in the Redeeming Agents of National Banks approved since the 29th ult. These weekly chanses are furnished by and published in accordance with an arrangement made with the Comptroller of the Currency:

| LOCATION. | NAME OFP BANK. | REDEEMING AGENT. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CounecticutNorwalk ... <br> Vircinia-- | Fairfield County Na - I tional Bank. | Importers' \& Traders' National Bank. New York, approved in place of Na- |
|  |  |  |
|  | National Pank of 1 | Hanover National Bank, New York, |
| Virginia-Richmond |  | approved in place of American Ex- |
| OhioSpringfield . . . | First National Bank | Nat onal Broadway Bank, New York. approved in place of Central Natl |
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| IowaCouncil Bluffs. | Pacific Natl Bank. | Union National Bank, Chicago, ap- |
|  |  | prover in place of Cook County |
|  |  | tional Bank, Chicago; National |
|  |  | Bank of the Republic, Washington, D. C approved as an addition.ll re- |
|  |  | ning agent. |
| Iowa- <br> Knoxville....... | Marion County NatlBank. | Union National Bank, Chicago, approved in place of Cook Cuunty National Bank, Chicago. |
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| $\begin{gathered} \text { Minnesota- } \\ \text { Daluth..... } \end{gathered}$ | First National Bank American Exchange National, New |  |
|  |  | York, approved in place of First |
| MinnesotaRochester...... | Union Nat'l Bank. | Union National Bank, Chicago; approved in place of Manufacturers' National Bank, Chicago. |
|  |  |  |
|  | First National Bank |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Missouri- } \\ & \text { Kansas City...... } \end{aligned}$ |  | Metropolitan National Bank, New <br> York, approved in place of Nintl National Bank. New York. |
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No Natioual Banks organized during the past week.

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EXCHANGE AT LONDON -
JANUARY 23.

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| Paris | 8 months. | 25.55 |
| Vienna |  | 11.55 (011.60 |
| Berlin. |  |  |
| Frankfort ${ }_{\text {S }}$ St. Petersburg |  | 13.1681315 .10 |
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|From our owa correspondent,
Lonmon, Saturday, Jan. 24, 18.4.
The position of the Bank continues, to improve, and the pro portion of rescrve to liabilities, which was last week about 46 per cent, is now rather more than $4 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. In the discount market there has been continued ease. The supply of money seek ing employment is large and in the open market the best bills have been taken at 3 to $3 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. At one period of the week, however, it was considered that there were indications of return ing firmness. This was due to the fact that in consequence of the famine in certain parts of Bengal the demand for silver had largely increased, and that as the supply here was very small, the price of fine bars had risen to $59 \frac{1}{2}$ d. per ounce. The German government has still, of necessity ${ }_{x}$ large quantities on hand, and has taken advantage of the present demand to sell £2,000,000 sterling. Some gold, scarcely amounting, however, to $£ 250,000$, has been sent away to purchase it, but as the present demand has arisen out of circumstances beyond the ordinary rules of com
merce，it is doubtful what will be the magnitude and duration of the movement．The latest feature in the silver market is that there is much desire to sell fine bars at $59 \frac{1}{2}$ d．per ounce，as it is expected that that price will attract a large supply from various quarters，and more than will suffice for the Indian demand．The German government holding a large supply，and being under no pressure to sell，will seize all such opportunities as the present to convert their silver into gold，so that the demand must be of more than ordinary magnitude to promote siringency，more especially as moderate supplies continue to be received each week from the United States．
Some，and，indeed，considerable interest has attached to the sale of Council bills on India at the Bank of England on Wednes． day．The amount ailotted was，as usual，$£ \% 00,000$ ，the whole of which was to Calcutta．The minimum was raised to 1 s .10 d ．，and the majority of the tenders were at $1 \mathrm{~s} .11 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{~d}$ ．the rupee，being an advance of 1 d ，compared with the previous sale．This resu－t was to some extent anticipated，but the sales will no doubt become easier as soon as the silver market is more abundantly supplied．

Throughout the week the demand for money has been very moderate，and at the Bank，notwithstanding the reduction to $3 \frac{1}{2}$ jer cent made last week，there has been no increase of import－ ance in the discount business．Gold has been received in con． sider\＆ble amounts from provincial circulation，and as there has also been a return of notes，the increase in the total reserve is some－ what substantial，viz．，£338．823．The Government，it appears， has repaid a further sum of $£ 400,000$ to the Bank．The quota－ tions for money are as follows ：


Joint stock banks．

The following are the rates for money at the leeding con tinental cities：

|  | Bank Open rate．market． per cent．per cent． | Bank Open rate．market per cent．per cent |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | St．Petersburg |  |
| Amsterdam |  | Brussels．．．．．．．．． | 4／2 |
| Hamburg | ＋ | Turin，Florence and |  |
| Berlin． | 4 | Rome．．．．．．．．．． | 41／2 |
| Frankfort． | 4 | Antwerp | 发等 |
| Madrid，Cadizand |  | Leinzig． | 4／2 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |
|  |  | Genoa． | 4／6 |
| Lisbou and Opor | 7 |  |  |

The demand for gold has been chiefly in connection with the silver movement，and is for the moment somewhat uncertain，as stated above．About $£ 250,000$ has been taken out for Paris，but apart from that operation there has been no material change． Silver advanced on Monday to $50 \frac{1}{d}$ d．per ounce；but there are now numerous sellerd at that quotation．The following prices of bullion are from Messrs．Pixley \＆Abells circular：


## silver．

 Fine Cake Silver Mexican Dollars． Five Franc Pieces $\qquad$ ．．．．．．．．．．．．． ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．per ozoz． 4
According to Messrs．Pixley \＆Abell＇s circular，the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United Kingdom for 1872 and 1873 were as under ：

IMPORTS．

Gold．．
Silver．
Total．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．$\overline{\text { £31，02i，140 }}$
$18 \% 2$.

| $£!9,239,240$ |
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| $10,766,078$ |

£30，005，413
£21，305，190
$\xlongequal[£ 32,404,687]{11,099,497}$
The wheat trade was somewhat quieter to－day，but late price ${ }_{S}$ were steadily supported．

The stock markets have been greatly wanting in animation， and British railway shares have been dull，and have further receded in value；but foreign government securities，aided by the cheapness of money in the discount market have been firm，
with an upward tendency．United States Government securi－ ties have not varied in price to any important extent，but Erie shares are less buoyant，and have receded from the high point reached last week．Atlantic \＆Gréat Western Railw ay securities are also weaker，but Illinois Central，New York Central，and most other American lines have ruled firm．Grand Trunk Rail． way securities have experienced a heavy fall，the adjourned meeting having passed off somewhat unsatisfactorily；but for South American Railroad bonds there has been a steady demand， and the quotations have had an upward tendency．Other depart． ments of the Stock Exchange have been exceedingly quiet．The closing prices of consols and the principal American securities this aiternoon were as follows：
Consols．．．．．
nited States 6 per cent $5 \times 20$ bonds，ex $4-0$
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do $\qquad$ Atlantic and Gt west．， 8 per cent．Debents，Bischoffshein＇s ctfs． Ditto 1st Mortgage， 7 per cent bonds． Ditto 2d Mortgage， 7 per cent bonds．
Ditto 3d Mortgage．．
Erie Shares，ex
do preferred
Ditto 6 per cent．Converibla Bonds，
Illinois Central Chares
Illinois and $\operatorname{sta}$ ．Louis Bridge， 1 st mort
Louisiana 6 per cent．Levee Bonds
Massachusetts 5 per cent．sterling bds， 1900 ． New Jersey United Canal and
New York Central $\$ 100$ shares．
Panama Gen．Mort．千 per cent．bonds， 1897 Pennsylvania Gen．Mort． 6 per ct．bds， 1910 Virginia 6 per cent．bonds．ex 4－0． $\qquad$
$\qquad$ d． 1053
$\mathrm{s..4}$
es． 39 10431027 Annexed is a statement showing the present position of the Bant of England，the Bank rate of discount，the price of Consols， the average quotation for English Wheat，the price of Middling Upland Cotton，of No． 40 Mule Farn fair second qualits， and the Bankers＇Clearing House return compared with the four preceding years ：

|  | $\begin{gathered} 18 \% 0 \\ £ \end{gathered}$ | $18 \pi 1 .$ | $18 i 2 .$ | $18 \pi 3 .$ | $18 \% 4 .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| bank post bills．．．．．．．． | 23，446，114 | 24．255， 561 | 25， $38.4,332$ | 25.456 .411 | 26，172，663 |
| Public deposi | 8，346．939 | 4，360， B 336 | 4，617，244 | 8，282，177 | 4，854，041 |
| Other deposit | 17，369，5：5 | 20，194，6i59 | 23．160，520 | 18．5．7．751 | 20，586 533 |
| Goverument sec | 14．211，399 | 13，925，669 | 14，696．099 | 13，270，325 | 14，795，26 |
| Other securiti | 18，567，121 | 15，981，360 | 16，63：2，583 | 17，397，530 | 16，719．45 |
| Reserve of notes and coin． |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coin and bullion in both departments．． |  |  |  | 2， | 23.0 |
| Bankrate． |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consols | 923 |  |  |  |  |
| Price of wheat | 43 sc .6 d ． | 52 s | 5.53. | 55 s .9 d ． |  |
| Mid．Upland eo | 1138．8． |  | 10 | 9）15－16d． |  |
| No． 40 mule yarn fair quality |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clearing Wouse retur | ，61j， 6 （io | 466，U0 | ， | 10，00 | \％． |


＊P＇rices Janaary 15.
The wheat trade has been somewhat quiet，but has also remained very firm．Asthe available and prospective supplies are far from being abundant，merchants and importers are naturally very firm in their demands，and as the annual returns have revealed deficient stocks at the ontports the tendency of prices continues upwards．For fine Australian wheat 733．per quarter is now demanded．Malting barley is very firm，and the finest descriptions are selling at 55 s ．to 56 s ．per quarter；while all feeding stuffs are in request，and command higher prices．From the French and German markets the reports point to considerable firminess in the trade，rith short supplies of grain offering ；but millers were operating with caution，and no activity was apparent． The accounts received with reference to the growing crops con－ tinue favorable；but cs the win＇er has，so far，been very mild，an unpropitious spring is apprehended．

Messrs．J．S．Morgan \＆Co．have announced an issue of $£ 2,000,000$ sterling in 6 per cent bonds of $£ 200$ of the Baltimore \＆Ohio Railroad Company．The price of issue will be $96 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent，or $£ 195$ per bond，$£ 40$ per bond being payable on allotment， $£ 80$ on March 2 ，and $£ 73$ on April 1．The bonds are secured by a mortgage of the undertaking from Baltimore to Wheeling，a dis－ tance of 379 miles，and its branch railroad from Washington City to Point of Rocks， 42 miles，and all their appurtenances and equipments．An accumulative sinking fund of $£ 18,000$ will be applied half yearly，in May and November，for redeeming the loan．The proceeds of the loan will，it is stated，supply the means required to complete all the roads in which the under－ taking is engaged．

A prospectus has been issued this evening of the Honduras Inter Oceanic Railway Co．limited．The share capital of the under－ taking amounts to the sum of $£ 5,347,720$ ，which is to be repre－ sented by the conversion of the bonds held in the existing Hon－ duras loans，and the company has been formed for the following purposes：First，the acquisition from the Government of Hon－ duras of the Inter－Oceanic Railway，and all its rights，privileges
and interests therein; second, the acquisition and working of important concessions; and third, the construction, completion, equipment and working of the railway. The bonds of the existing loans will be received at their par value, including the unpaid coupons; and the shares issued in exchange for bonds will, during construction, be entitled to $£ 2$ for every $£ 100$ on the amount represented by them, which, on the assumption that the line will be completed in two years, is equal to $6 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the present price of the bonds. It is stated that 57 miles of the railway from Puerto Cabelios to Rio Vento have been made and worked at a profit, and that the completion of the next 15 miles will be easily accomplished within six months from the period of resuming operations. When this portion of the line is completed, a large increase in the timber traffic is anticipated. Iu order to complete the line, the directors have decided on issuing debenture capital to the extent of $£ 2,000,000$, which is to be created in the form of 20,000 ten per cent first mortgage bonds of $£ 100$ each, being part of $£ 2,500,000$ which under their articles the company have power to issue. Interest is payable half yearly, on January 1 and July 1, and they are to be redeemed at par by annual drawings in twentyfive years. The first drawing will take place on the 31st of December, 1876 , before which date the directors believe that the line will be open from sea to sea. Of the railway 177 miles are still unbuilt, and the prospectus states that Messrs. R. G. Huston $\&$ Co. have undertaken to execute the work for $£ 9,000$ per mile, payable one-fourth in cash and the balance in the company's debentures. The last instalment is due on the 1st of March 1876. Mr. Sampson Copestake, of the firm of Copestake, Moore, Crampton \& Co., and Alderman Sir Thomas White, are trustees or the funds

## English Market Reports-Per Cable. <br> The deily closing quotations in the markets of London and Liver pool tor the past week have been reported by submarine telegraph

 as shown in the following summaryLondon Money and Stock Market.-American securities have ruled quiet throughout the week, with a slight decline at the close. There has been no change in the Bank rate. The bullion in the Bank has decreased $£ 782,000$ during the week.


Thy daily quotations tor United States 6s (1862) at Frank. fort were:

Liverpool Breadstufts Market.-Breadstuffs close quiet, with lower prices on wheat.

 bacon and lard are all lower.
 Sheose (Amer'n fin

Liverpool Produce Mo $\begin{array}{cccccccc}68 & 0 & 69 & 6 & 70 & 0 & 70\end{array}$ lower; spirits turpentine is 2 s . higher.

combergial and misoellaneous news.
Imports and Exports for the Week.-The imports this week show an increase both in dry goods and general merchandise. The total imports amount to $\$ 5,883,972$ this week
acainst $\$ 4,795,247$ last week, and $\$ 7,712,254$ the previous week. The exports are $\$ 5,672,206$ shis week, a gainst $\$ 5 ; 406,967$ last week, and $\$ 5,960,132$ the previous week. The exports of cotton the past week were 9,653 bales, against 10,975 bales last week The following are the imports at New York for week ending (for dry goods) Jan. 29, and for the week ending (for general merchspndise) Jan. 30: foreign imports at new yche for the week.

Dry goods.
rchandise.
Total for the week.
$\frac{\substack{1871 ., 34 \\ 3,176,6242}}{\substack{\$ 4,651,876}}$

. | 20,937 |
| :--- |
| 030 | 1872. $\underset{\substack{\$ 3,555 \\ 6,243}}{(8,5)}$

$\longdiv { { } _ { 2 9 } ^ { 9 , 5 9 6 3 , 1 2 3 } }$ 1873.

3
$3,411,220$ $\mathbf{3}, 411,220$
$6,250,378$

$\qquad$ | 1874. |
| :--- |
|  |
| $2,727,250$ | $12,727,250$

$3,156,722$ 49,661,5! 5.883,972

Since Jan. 1...... $\overline{\$ 25,585,906} \quad \overline{\$ 39,430,124} \quad \overline{\$ 42,685,171} \quad \overline{\$ 25,645,597}$
In our report of the dry goods trade will be found the imports of dry goods for one week later.
The following is a statement of the exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New York to foreign ports, for the week ending Feb. 3:

|  |  | 1872 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| f'or the wee | \$4,72i,384 | \$5,308.173 | \$5,611,700 | *5,672,2 |
| eviously reported. | 21,340,76, | 19,065,417 | \$77,411,481 | .81,4 |
| Since J | \$26,068,147 | \$21,373,59 | 823,023,18 |  |

The following will show the exports of specie from the port of New York for the week ending Jan. 31, 1874, and since the beginning of the year, with a comparison for the corresponding date in previous years : | Jan. 27..Str. Morro Castle....Havana.........3kgs. Amer. silv. coin. | $\$ 15,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Jan. 28..Str. Acapulco.......Aspinwall.....American silver coin. | 500 | 5000

50 Panama.........American silver coin.

$\begin{array}{r}51,000 \\ \hline 1,055\end{array}$ Jan. 30.. Brig. Morning Light..Ponce, P. R....American gold ana
Jan. 30..Brig Julia Esson.
Jan. 31. Str. America..... Maracaibo silver coin. 13,835
$\qquad$ London. American 34,010
30,000
39,000 Jan. 31..Str. City of Montreal.Liverpooi....... Silver bars... 24,300

| Total for the week |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hat{+} 297,491 \\ 2,363,017 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total since Jan. 1, 1871............................................... $\$ 2,660,508$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 873. | .\$7.402,732 | 1869 | $\$ 3,214,3 \pi 9$ |
| 1872. | 1,540,301 | 1868. | 7,149,331 |
|  | . 3,405,521 | 1867. | 3,190,309 |
|  | 2,932,693 | 18 | 2,827,804 |

The imports of specie at this port during the past week have been as follows:


Atlantic \& Pacific Telegraph Company.-The stock of this company has been added to the Stock Exchange list. 'The following is from the official statement
Incorporated Dec. 20, 1865, under the laws of the State of New York, chapter 265 of the laws of 1848; has also availed itself of the United States postal law of 1866. Principai office, To. 198 Broadway, New York city, with branch offices throughout the city.

## CAPITAL STOCK

Authorized capital stock (in 100,000 shares of $\$ 100$ each)........ .... $\$ 10,000,000$ Capital stock issued to Dec. 31, 1873, shares........................ 85,895 Capital stock to be issued under contract, by which A. \& P . ${ }^{80,895}$ Co. acquire 260 miles additional poles and wire............... $1,690-1$ Reserved stock belonging to the company and to be sold or
to its benefit................................................................
 Miles of wire, with all necessary equipment........................
Offices, with all necessary furniture, instruments and fixtures.
The company owns sufficient instruments, batteries, ottice wires, \&c., to equip 250 offices; stationery and general supplies sufticient for two months use; rights of way and franchises in principal cities and towns in and from Union Pacific Railroad; a majority ( 5,100 ) of the shares of capital stock, and a controlling interest in the Franklin Telegraph Company.
Note. - The Franklin Telegraph Company is chartered by the State of Massachusetts, and has an authorized capital of $\$ 1,000,000$ in 10,000 shares of $\$ 100$ earh, the whole of which is issued. The Franklin Company's wires run
by two routes- from Boston to New York by way of Providence, Worcester New two routes-from and principal cities, and from New York to Washington by way of Baltimore, Philadelphia, \&c. The Franklin company has a contract connection with the Southern \& Atlantic Telegraph Company, by this means reaching Richmond, Charleston, Savannah. Mobile, and in course of construc tion to New Orleans. The Franklin Company's lines are under the immediate management of the Atlantic \& Pacific Telegraph Company

## finances.

No notes, bonds or floating debt. In 1872, the Company dcclared a stock dividend, but has not paid any cash dividend, the surplus over all expenses earned each mo
tions to lines.
Gross receipts for year ending Dec. 31st, 1872, consisting of

Gross receipts for business.
Premium on gold...
Interest on deposits

sengers, battery, stationery, consisting of rents, salaries, mes
Net profit, 1872.
 the year 1873, and none of the profits accruing from the ownership of such interest appear in the foregoing exhibits of A. \& P. Co.'s business.
The accounts of $18 i 3$ are not jet complete, but each month of the year the tariff from New York to San Francisco was reduced from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 250$ for ten words, and in July, 1873, large $\mathbf{r}$ ductions in tariff were made over the entire lines of the company east of Chicago.
From New York to San Fraveisco (New York to Chicago by two routes) by way of Albany, Utica. Rome, Syracuse, Auburn, Rochester, Oswego, Buffalo, nati, Marshalltown, Omaha, Cheyenne, Laramic, Evanston, Ogden, Sacramento aqd San Francisco.
Officers: President, Tohn Duff; Vice President, W. H. Fuion; Treasurer. G. S. Bowdoin; Secretary, Alfred Nelson; Execntive Manager, E. D. L. Sweet-
Stock transfer at the office of the company, 199 Broadway, New York Stock reg
New York.
South Side Railroad of Long Island.-The annual report of this railroad to the 30 th of September, 18\%3, shows the total amount of capital stock paid in to be $\$ 1,000000$; funded debt as by last report, $\$ 2,250,000$; total amount of funded debt, $\$ 3,250$,000 ; Hoating debt as by last report, $\$ 170,355 \mathrm{r} 3$, and by this report, $\$ 967,656$ 82, making the total now of funded and floating lebt $\$ 4,217,65882$; cost of road and equipment by last report $\$ 3,815,47620$, and by this report. $\$ 4,531,73390$; length of road 57 miles, length of double track, including sidings, 21 miles; branches owned by the company, $11 \frac{1}{2}$ miles; number of passenger cars, 55; freight cars, 117. Earnings: From passengers, $\$ 290,19272$; from freight, $\$ 147,93088$; from other sources, $\$ 49,41084$. Total earnings, $\$ 488,03444$. Payments : Transportation expenses, $\$ 680,77713$; interest, $\$ 257,63155$; internal revenue tax, $\$ 98603$. Total payments, $\$ 939,354$ 71. This statement in regard to the earnings and expenses, if unexplained, would be prejudicial to the road. The report shows the total earnings of 1873 to be $\$ 488,03444$, which is correct. It also shows a total payment for transportation expenses, interest, \&c., of $\$ 939,35471$, being an apparent loss of $\$ 457,320$ 27. But it is stated that this is made up from the books of the former adminissation that had spent upon the Bay Ridge Railroad, Moriches extension, and in other directions, a sum in the aggregate equal to the deficiency, all of which had been charged to transportation expenses ; and there was no way for the present administration to separate the charges at the time the law required the report to be sent to the State Comptroller. For a just basis in estimating the comparative earnings and cost of operating the road, the directors refer to the report of 1872 , which rives total earnings $\$ 501,87124$, total expenses, including interest, $\$ 437,85818$, show ing a balance of $\$ 64,01306$ in favor of the road.
-The Atlantic Mutual statement was published just before our issue of last week. The company shows for the year 1873 premiums received on marine risks, $\$ 6,511,114$, or about $\$ 700,000$ more than in 1872 ; premiums on policies not marked off Jan. 1, 1873, $\$ 2,212,160$. Total amountof marine premiums, $\$ 8,723,274$. Premiums marked off during the year, $\$ 6,290,016$; losses paid, $\$ 2,960,882$; returns of premiums and expenses, $\$ 1,258,319$. The company, Dec. 31, 1873, has the following assets, viz.: United States and State of New York stock, city, bank, and other stocks, $\$ 8,567,105$; loans secured by stock and otherwise, $\$ 2,802,000$; real estate and bonds and mortgages, $\$ 467,000$; Interest, and sundry notes and claims due the ompany, estimated at $\$ 422,894$; premium notes and bills receiv able, $\$ 2,833,302$; cash in bank, $\$ 521,340$. Total amount of assets, $\$ 15,613,642$. Six per cent interest on the outstanding scrip is paid. The sutstanding certificates of the issue of 1870 are redeemed, and a dividend of 40 per cent is declared on the net earned premiums of the company for the past year. It is hardly necessary to add that the officers of the Atlantic remain unchanged, and that the prosperity of the company for many years past has been largely due to the efficient administration of those now controlling its affairs.
-We are just in receipt of the thirty-sixth report of the City Bank of London. The directors' report to the shareholders for the half year ending December 31, 1873, shows that, after providing for liabilities, the gross profits were $£ 70,68017 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d}$. Provision being made therefrom for current expenses and rebate on discounted bills not due, the directors declared a dividend at the rate of $£ 10$ per cent per annum free of income tax, payable on and after the 27 th of January, add $£ 10,000$ to the reserved fund, thereby increased to $£ 1 \% 0,000$, and carry forward to the next account $£ 2,3413 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d}$. The shareholders passed a vote of thanks to the officers for their efficient services.
-We publish to-day the annual statement of the affirs of the Orient Mutual Insurance Company for 1873. By it we notice that the premiums received during the year were $\$ 1,830,21497$, which with the premiums unearned for 1872 makes a total of $\$ 2,164,82853$, and brings the available assets up to the handsome sum of $\$ 2,044,54672$. The officers of this old-established company are men of sterling worth, and, notwithstanding the dangers and disasters which have beset marine ingurance of late years, they have been able not only to hold their own, but also to strengthen he position of the Orient among its many friends each succeeding twelve months.
-We have received from Mr. George Wotherspoon, of the banking house of Wotherspoon \& Co., a copy of his "Hand Book of Sterling Exchange," containing tables for reducing sterling nto our money, with the equivalents of the new and old rates, by
quarters of a cent, from 4.56 to 5.73 per pound sterling, together with rules for converting federal money into sterling. Also, directions for ascertaining the equivalents of American securities as now quoted on the London Stock Exchange. The information is accurate, and being the work of a practical dealer in excliange, is invaluable to parties having business relations with England.
-The Monitor Post Office, Telegraph, Express and Shipring Guide, for the United States and Canada, a bound volume, issued as a supplement to the Counting-House Monitor, has been received from the publisher, Mr. E. W. Bullinger, 75 Fulton street. It is hardly necessary to say that any such Directory or Guide, coming from thè office of the Counting-House Monitor, is prepared with great care and labor, and is made complete in its department.
-The old and stable Etna Insurance Company, of Hartford, is again prominent with its favorable statement, showing assets on Jan. 1, 1874, of $\$ 5,735,925$. Their statement serves to strength en the confidence of those already insured in this "company, and should induce a free offering of new business. The agents in New York are Messrs. James A. Alexander \& Peck, at 173 New York are Messrs. James A. Alexander \& Peck, at 173
Broadway, whose courtesy and fair dealing are appreciated among insurers in this city.
-Attention is called to the notice in our advertising columns addressed to the holders of Mobile \& Montgomery Railroad bonds and calling for the signatures and deposit of bonds by bondhold ers who have not yet come into the proposed agreement. Messrs Drexel, Morgan \& Co. in this city are agents for the bondholders committee, and signatures can be given at their office.

- Messrs. Winslow, Lanier \& Co., are now offering at 85 and interest, the 7 per cent gold bonds of the Toledo, Wabash \& Western Railway. The Wabash road is well known as one of the old established lines, and its prospects have been improved of late by the opening of the Canada Southern and the election of Mr. Cox, of Ohio, to its presidency.
-We are indebted to Messrs. Thomas Denny \& Son, bankers and dealers in railroad bonds, 32 Wall street, for a copy of their seventeenth annual circular, which contains a valuable record of prices for the year 1873, showing the highest and lowest price each month of all stocks called at the Exchange; also United States bonds and the more active Southern State bonds.
-Ry reference to our advertising columns it will be noticed that Messra. F. \& E. Tillou are offering for rent the fine offices formerly occupied by Jay Cooke \& Co. These are by far the most eligibly situated offices now unoccupied, and will hardly remain long without a tenant
-The N эw York Loan \& Indemnity Company started Jauuary 1873, capital, $\$ 1,000,000$. Acts as trustee or executor, as guardian of infants, will keep transfer books. Registers of stocks or pay dividends or coupons for States or companies. The President is Mr. William Foster
-The Illinois Central Railroad is now offering one per cent premium (101) for $\$ 3,000,000$ of its construction londs, as the price of par (100) brought few of them out.


## banking and Finavcial.

## BANKING HOUSE OF FISK \& HATCH,

## No. 5 Nassau Street

New York, February 2, 1874.
We buy and sell GOVERNMENT BONDS and GOLD at cur
rent market rates ; buy Gold Coupons; buy and sell Stocks and Bonds at the Stock Exchange on Conimission for cash : receive Deposits, and allow interest at the rate of Four per cent; make Collections, and transact a general Banking and Financial business.
We also deal in the CENTRAL PACIFIC and WESTERN PACIFIC GOLD BONDS, which, at present prices, are very desirable for investment.
We are selling also the small balance of the CENTRAL PACIFIC GOLD SIX PER CENT LAND BONDS at 85 and accrued interest. The immense value of the Company's lands (some $\$ 30,000,000$ ), together with the enormous and increasing business of the road-reaching last year $\$ 14,000,000$, of which over $\$ 8,000,000$ were net, while the interest on the entire bonded debt, including the Land Bonds, is only $\$ 3,500,000$-render these bonds, as well as all other securities issued by this Company, undoubtedly good.

FISK \& HATCH.
THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
offers par and a PREMIUM OF ONE PER CENT ( 101 per cent), with accrued interest, for any of its Construction Mortgage Bonds presented for prepayment prior to July 1, 1874, at its office in New York.
The outstanding balance of its Construction Mortgage Debt is about $\$ 3,000,000$. These Bonds mature April 1st, 1875.

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December 31, 1873.
THE HON. RONALD LESLIE MELVILLE will become a PARTNER in our firm on the 9 proximo.

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RAILROAD BONDS.-Whether you wish to BUY or SELL write to

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## DIVIDENTN

The following Dividends have been declared during the past week :

| Company. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pen } \\ & \text { Cent. } \end{aligned}$ | When P'ABLE. | Boors Closed. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 5 | Feb. |  |
| Middlesex Central.................i. ${ }_{\text {a }}$ | \$3 | Feb. |  |
| Milwankee \& St. Paul, pref. (payabie in bonds) | 7 | Mch. 2 | ceb. 14 to Mch. 2 |
|  | 5 | Feb. 10 |  |
| St. Nicholas National.................... | 4 | ${ }^{\mathrm{Feb}}$. | Jan. 31 to Feb . |
| City Fire. | \$78 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb.e. } 9 \\ & \text { On dem. } \end{aligned}$ | Feb. 3 to Feb. 9 |

The Money Market and Financial Situation.-The
ease in money continues to increase, and the tendency of Wall street affairs seems to indicate, in the words of a prominent banker, that investors and the business public are beginning to take in the idea more thoroughly than heretofore that there is to be a plethora of money at this centre, and are shaping their affairs accordingly. There is an evident inclination on the part of conservative people to accept lower rates of interest, both on temporary engagements extending over a few months, and on the purchase of securities for permanent investment. The mora of the late crisis is embodied in the idea of "greater security and more moderate profits," as it is now seen that it was impossible for railroads to borrow money at the extravagant rates of interest which many of them paid, and at the same time make their principal and interest secure to the bondholders.
The principal topic of discussion this week has been in regard to the course of legislation in Congress, and the probability that one measure or another will ultimately be adopted; but among the great multitude of propositions brouglit forward the chance that this or that particular measure will become a law, seams hardly greater than the chance in a lottery, and upon the whole we cannot see that there is anything yet to be added to the remarks of our last report.
For call loans the prevailing rates have been $3 @ 4$ per cent on government collsteral, and $4 @ 6$ per cent on stocks. Commercial paper of the best class has been done as. low as $5 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent, while the general quotations for prime paper are 6@7 per cent, the volume of business being pretty large.
Cable advices from London on Thursday reported a decline of £782,000 in the bullion of the Bank of England, but no change in the rate of discount, which remained at $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The Bank of France reported a gain of $15,403.000$ francs in specie.
The total U. S. legal tender circulation cutstanding yesterday was $\$ 381,484,727$, a slight decrease from last week. The last statement of the city Clearing House banks on January 31 showed a slight decrease in legal tender reserve, the excess abnve the 25 per cent requirement being $\$ 27,215,150$ against $\$ 37,693,275$ last week.
The following table shows the changes from previous week and a comparison with 1873 and 1872 :

better than 3 or 4 per cent interest. Considering the resources of the United States and the ability of the country to pay its debt the bonds of our Government are almost universally considered to be very cheap, as compared with the Government securities of foreign countries, and unless our credit is damaged by bad legislation or bad financial management, there would seem to be every prospect that United States bonds will reach a permanently higher range of prices.

Closing prices daily have been as follows

|  | Int. period. | $\mathrm{Jann}_{31}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Feb} \\ 2 . \end{gathered}$ | $3 .$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Fel} \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5s, funded, 1881, ..coup | ...Quarterly. | 1133/4 |  | +1118 |  | $\begin{gathered} 1117 / 8 \\ 118 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 6s, 1881.............re | n. \& July. | 117 | 117 |  |  |  |  |
| $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1881 \ldots . . . . . .$. coup | an. \& July. | 1183/8 |  |  | 1185 |  | 8 |
| 6s, 520 's, 1862.....coup | ay |  |  |  | 1116\% | 116\% | $111 /$ |
| 68, $5 \cdot 20$ |  |  |  | 11 |  | 118 | 1183 |
| 20's, 1865 new,cou | \& |  | 11 | 1163/6 | 1167/3 | 117 | $1171 / 2$ |
| 20's, 1867....cou | an. \& Jul | 117\% | 11 | $1173 / 4$ | 118 |  | 1185/6 |
| coup | an. \& Jul | 117/2 | 117 | *1175/8 | 1177/8 |  | 11188 |
| 's...........re | Mar. \& Sep | 1123/4 | $\times 110$ | *11 |  |  |  |
| s, 10-40's.......... cou | Mar. \& Sep | \% |  | *1 |  |  |  | s, $10-40$ 's.

* This is the price bid, no sale was made at the Board.

The range in prices since Jan. 1 and the amount of each class of bonds outstanding Feb. 1, 1874, were as follows:


Closing prices of securities in London have been as follows:

|  | $\underset{\substack{\text { Jan. } \\ 23 . \\ \text { din }}}{ }$ | Jan. 30. | Feb. | -sin | n. H . Ch hest. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 10 | 1053/ | 10876 | $10 \%$ Jan. 2 | 1083 |
| U.S. 6 s , 5-20 | 1093 | 1088 | 1033/ |  |  |
| U. S. 5 s, $10 \cdot 40$ | $105 / 3$ | 105 | 1023/3 | 102/2 Jan. 15 | 103\% Jan. |

State and Railroad Bonds.-There have been very few transactions in Southern State bonds beyond a few transactions in Tennessees, which are about the firmest of the Southern list. Railroad bonds have been more active, and prices of the old bonds generally firmer. Several railroad loans have recently been brought forward again, which were withdrawn at the time of the September panic, and the respective financial agents have encouragement in the easy rates of money now prevailing in this market. The miscellaneous bonds in default have not been active lately, and the result of the funding-operations proposed by the several companies will be awaited with interest. We regret to learn that the Rockford, Rock Island \& St. Louis Com pany has just made another default on its interest due on the half-bonds issued under its compromise. A proposition has been made by the committee of the N. Y. \& Oswego Midland bond holders, but the full terms are not yet published. The Baltimore \& Ohio Railroad has just offered in London a new loan for $\$ 10,000,000$ at $96 \frac{1}{2}$. The Milwaukee \& St. Paul directors have decided to issue a new mortgage for $\$ 35,000,000$, of which $\$ 27,000,000$ will be reserved to take up ola debt.
Closing prices daily, and the range since Jan. 1, have been:

68 Tenn., old...
68 Tenñ., new Cent. Pac Unt. Pac., Iogid...
do L'd. Gr't
do Income


## "This is the price bid, no sale was made at the Board.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.-There has been no great movement in stocks, but the market has been strong upon the whole, and prices are higher than last week. Among the features of the market have been the active dealings in several stocks either entirely new on the Board list, as the Atlantic \& Pacific Telegraph, or which had heretofore been quite inactive as the Michigan Central and St. Louis \& Iron Mountain. Central Pacific stock has not yet been active, but as it has already paid a dividend, and will probably pay again this year, and as there is a large amount of stock outstanding, it will very likely become one of the " active" list hereafter.

February 7, 1874.]
THE CHRONICLIE.

The general situation of the stock market has not materially changed since last week; an active and decided bull movement has not yet been apparent, but the influences of very easy monay and a strong exhibit in earnings are present, so far as these furnis $h$ any inducements as the basis for speculative operations.
The daily highest and lowest prices have been as follows
Saturday, Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, $\underset{\text { Harie }}{\text { H.Y. }}$
 $\underset{\text { Canton. Coai }}{\text { Cons. }}$

* This is the price bid and asked : no sale was made at the Board.

The entire range from Jan. 1,1873, to this date was as follows: - -Jan. 1,184 , to date.- $/-$ Whole year 1878.-
N. Y. Cen. \& Hud. R Harled

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Rock Island
t.

Michigaa Central. Atlantic \& Pacific Ohio \& Mississippi... Central of New Jers
Pacific of Missouri. Del., Lack. \& Western Mannibal \&'St. Jo..... Union Pacific.........

Panama
St. Lonis \& Tron M
West. Un. Telpgraph.
Atlantic $\&$ Pacitic
Atlantic \& Pacitic Tel
Mariposa LL $\&$
Pacific Maii.....
Adams Express
American Express.
United States Expren Wells, Fargo \& Co...
Canton
Canton
Maryland Coal.........................
Feb 4.
$103 \% 101 / 4$




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 Saturday, Jan. 31 Monday, Feb Wednesd Thirsday, Previous week $\begin{array}{llll}1113 / 8 & 1115 / 8 & 1115 / 6\end{array}$ \begin{tabular}{ll}
\%/ \& $20,491,0$ <br>
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$\quad$

$23,97,0$ <br>
\hline
\end{tabular} \$151,942,000 \$1,146,484 $11,279,44$ 110 友 110 112\% 1115

Foreign Exchange.-During the early part of the week exchange was firm, and rates for 60 days sterling advanced to 4.85 , but to-day there was very little demand, and business was almost at a stand-still, so that leading drawers reduced their rates $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. There has been no special feature in the market, and so far as commercial bills are concerned, the supply is principally limited to cotton bills, which are nearly all con trolled by a few bankers in this city, who are therefore better able to regulate their effect upon the market from time to time. Dr. Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, urnishes the following figures, showing the trade movements the whole country for the $n$
$18 \pi 3$, all being specie values:

|  |  | Domestic |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Imports. | exports, <br> 436.445 rat | $\begin{aligned} & \text { of Foreign } \\ & \text { B19,20e,055 } \end{aligned}$ |
| Nine months ended Sept. 30, 18 | $\$ 433,011,833$ | $\$ 436.445 .776$ 391,081,634 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 19,20 c, 055 \\ & 17,841,047 \end{aligned}$ |
| Nine months ended Scpt. 30, $18 i 2$. The amounts of the above, | $37,169,164$ <br> ich cons | d of spec | nd bul. |
| lion and of merchandise resp | vel |  |  |
|  |  | Exports of Domestic. | Exports of Foreign. |
| ccie and bullion, 1873. | \$12,247,998 | \$46,3633.504 | \$5,929,442 |
| Merchandise, 1873. | 480, 463,835 | 390,083, 2 22 | 13,270,613 |
| Specie and bullion, | 16,354,098 | $77.549,917$ | 5,399,402 |
| Apece an but 182 | 520,815,066 | 313,331,717 | 12,4 | 520,815,066 313,3:31,717 12,441,645

The total value of foreign commodities remaining in the warehouses of the United States $S \iota$ ptember 30,1873 , was $\$ 68,606,404$, against $\$ 82,788,675$, Sentember 30, 1872 .

Allowing for the difference in warehouse, the imports are in excess of the domestic and foreign exports combined, for the nine months ended September 30,1873 , to the amount of $\$ 51,547,273$, as compared with $\$ 109,853,055$, for the corresponding period of 18 2.
Nominal quotations are as follows:


| 60 day 8. | 3 days. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4.841120 .10 | 4.88 @ |
| 4.81 @... | 4.87> @... |
| 4.81 (a) $4.81 \frac{1}{2}$ | 5i5 ${ }^{\text {® }}$ |
| 5.2) 0.... | 5.15 @. |
| 5.2114@.... | 5.1610 @ |
| 5.21 4.6... | 5.1614.3... |
| 403/43... | 41) 1 (6.. |
| 95\% (0) 96 | 96\% © 97 |
| 41130.. | 41/8@.... |
| 9578 (1) 96 | 96\% ${ }^{96 \%} 9$ |

The transactions for the week at the Custom House and SubTreasury have been as follows:


New York City Banks.-The following statement shows the condition of the Associated Banks of New York City for the week ending at the commencement of business on Jan. 31. 1874:

|  |  | d |  | Legal |  | Circula- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | d |  |  | pos |  |
| ${ }_{W} \mathrm{Y}$ | §?,(м),00¢ | \$10,94:000 | \$3.46 | \$2,253,000 | 1.41 |  |
| Manhattan | 20550,000 | 6.103.600 | \%90,400 | 1,26i,500 | ${ }_{8}^{4.915,200}$ | 870, 910 |
| Merchant | 3,00 |  | $1.766,800$ |  |  |  |
| ectanics |  |  | 188.900 | -0.040, 50] | 4.739,800 | 48,3,600 |
| Union | 1,500,000 | 8,25\% 400 | 2,5¢8,100 | 2, 688,200 | 8,093.400 | 00 |
|  | 3,000, | 8,532.200 | 1,025,800 | 463,600 | 3,966,000 | 510,300 |
| ¢@lix | $1,000,000$ | 6,057,900 | 2,23 1,600 | ,4x1,000 |  |  |
| Tradesme | 1,000,000 | 3,157,00 | $22^{258,20}$ | 440,900 | 1,8511:000 |  |
| alton, | 6100,000 | 1.908,000 | 1,367 , P00 | 1,617300 | 7,658,600 |  |
| - | 1,235,010 | \%,262, 200 | 2188,410 | 809, | 2,823,000 | 49,200 |
| Gallatin, Natio | 1,500,000 | $4,07 \times 00$ |  | 468 | 2, 8 86:000 | 242,000 |
| Butchers'\&Dro |  | (100 | $5{ }^{1 \prime}, 00$ | ${ }_{4} 55,500$ | 1,317.710 | 195, 600 |
| Mechanicse ${ }^{\text {r }}$ (raders | 500000 | $1.0 . \mathrm{C}, 100$ |  | 156,\%00 | 1,103,100 |  |
| reenwich. | 660, 0000 | 3, 172,50 | 429,100 | 395,100 | 2,40,200 | 10 |
| eventh W | 500,000 | 1.144,i00 | 47, 00 |  |  |  |
| State of N. Yori | 2,000,000 | 41, ${ }^{140001}$ | 9919000 | ${ }_{2}^{1}$ 2, 9 | - ${ }_{-914,900}$ | 931.20100 |
| American Exch'ge. | 5,000,000 | ${ }_{18}^{11,4446,500}$ | 1,99,100 | 4, 103,100 | 8;,433,910 | 3,091,00 |
| er | 10,000,000 | $5.935, f 00$ | 671.100 | 562, 00 | 3,981,100 | 8c3 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Broadwa Mercant | 1,000,000 |  | 125.8100 | ${ }_{513,000}$ | 3,060, 100 | 418.00 |
| Prcific | 2000 | 2,02i,300 | 27.500 $1,693.400$ | 531.6300 | 3,696,200 | 841,300 |
| Republic | 45 | 2,669,200 | ,215,200 | 8113, 100 | 3,013,800 | 52,900 |
|  | 412,500 | 1,444,600 |  | 150000 | 1,162,600 | 0 |
| North America. | 1.00 |  | 182,100 | 716.900 | 8,531,400 | 299.20] |
| Hanove | 1.0010 | 2,12, | 175 , 00 |  |  | 173,900 |
| Irving | 4,00r'con | 12, 1258,1000 | 2,060, M00 | 1,296,000 | 9,(42,0010 | 1,145,100 |
| Metrop |  | 1,5:2.310 | 40,160 | , $354,6.10$ | 1,189 | - |
| Nas | 1, Micho | 2. 2978.800 | 47,400 | 283.800 559,200 | $\stackrel{1}{2,189,000}$ | 37,500 |
|  | 1,000,000 | 3.035 .9100 | ${ }_{74,210}$ | 499.400 | 1,050,500 | \%38,300 |
| St. | 1,000 | ${ }_{3,989}^{2,010}$ | 91,660 | 74.100 | 2.67 .110 | ${ }_{5}^{2.76}$ |
| Corn Exchang | 1,:00, , \% | 2,730. 203 | 108,510 |  | $1.563,2 c 0$ <br> 1,415 <br> 100 |  |
| Continental.. | 2.900 | 2,4)7.310 | 23, 6100 |  | 1,18\%,300 | 4,100 |
| Orie | 400000 | $\underline{2}$ 2, 161,200 | :10.600 | 49\%,50 | 1,933,500 | 360.con |
| Importers'\& Trad'rs | 1,500,000 | 13,865, 100 | 491.500 | 3,931,800 | 14,881.300 | 465 9 9 |
| Park | 2,00,000 |  | 1,76,000 |  | 1,025,900 | 312,9 |
| Mech. |  | 695300 | 7.900 | 201,¢00 | 613,600 |  |
| North Ri | 400,000 | 1,071,400 | 18100 | $\begin{aligned} & 221,900 \\ & 225 \end{aligned}$ | 564,800 591,700 | 203,000 |
| 保 | , | 1,122,900 | 2,i00 | 318,900 | 924,010 |  |

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| Fourth National | 5,000,000 | 18,526,800 | 1,060,300 | 4,912,200 | 15.961,500 | 2,797,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Central National... | 2,000,000 | 5,461,000 | 18,000 | 1,611,000. | 4,106.000 | 1,393,0<0 |
| Second National.... | 300,000 | - 2069,000 |  | 169,000 | 1,353,000 |  |
| Ninth National .... | 1,500,060 | 7,166,400 | 519,000 | 1,735.3'0 | 7,348,700 | 579,600 |
| First National. | $50 \mathrm{c}, 03$ | 3, 569,200 | 1,241,300 | 383, 600 | 4,807.500 | 314.200 |
| Third National. | 1,000,000 | 4,7i7,900 | 973,3C0 | 1,664,20' | 5,423,610 | 787,200 |
| N.Y.National Exch.. | 500,000 | 1,3¢2,300 | 5,000 | 297,700 | 919,000 | 265,510 |
| Tenth National. | 1,000,000 | 1,627,700 | 303,800 | 235,500 | 908,400 | 874,200 |
| Bowery National. | 250 , COC | 1,115,000 | 4.000 | 332,00 | 931,000 | 225,000 |
| New York Co. Nat. | 20e,000 | 84i,000 | 25.000 | 265,0c0 | 902,000 | 180,060 |
| Ger:nan American. | 2,000,000 | 5,253,300 | 565,700 | 1,402,500 | 5,577,900 |  |
| Dry Goods........... | 1,000,000 | 2,302,610 | 19,000 | 407,000 | 1,928,300 |  |

The deviations from the returns of previous week are as follows:
Loans...........
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Lender

The following are the totals for a series of weeks past :


Hostom Banks.-Below we give a statement of the Boston
National Banks, as returned to the Clearing House on Monday. Feb. 2, 1874


Philadelphia Banks.-The following is the average condition of the Philadelphia National Banks for the week ending Monday, Feb. 2, 1874:

qUOTATIONS IN BOSTON, PHILADELPIIIA, BALTIIIORE, \&C.

QUOTATIONS OF STOCKS AND BONDS IN NEW YORK.
Government Bonds ana active Railroad Stocks are quoted on a prevous page ane not repeatal here. Prices represent the per


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## STATE, CITY AND CORPORATION FINANCES.

## 2 2 EXPLANATION OF STOCK AND BOND TABLES.

1. Prices of the most Active Stocks and Bonds are given in the "Bank ers' Gazette," previously.
2. Government Securities, with full information in regard to each ssue, the periods of interest paym, with full information in regard to each numerons other details, are given in the U. S. Debt statement published in The Chronicle on the first of each month. Gas Stocks, with quotations, will usually be published the first three weeks of each month, on the page immediately preceding this. 4. The Complete Trables of State Securities, City Securities, and Reailroad and Misceelianeous stocks and The pnbliwill be regularly published on the last saturday in ench these tables, occupying fourteen pages, requires the issue of a supplement, which is neatly stitched in with the asual edition and furnished to all regular subscribers of The Chronicle.

Boston Dividends.-Mr. Joseph G: Martin, stock broker, has compiled his list of dividends payable in February, and remarks:
"The changes in dividends are as follows-The Laconia Company reduces from 6 to 4 per cent, Lyman 4 to 3 , Mason \& Hamlin Organ Co. 4 to 3 (quarterly), and the Winthrop Manufacturing Company increases from 3 to 4 per cent. The Clinton, Norway Plains and Norwich Woolen Mills having passed twice, are omitted from the list. The Dorchester Gaslight Company passes, although having earned a dividend, which has been spent in new works. The $\$ 8$ dividend of the Quincy Mining Company is for the year, and the Central Mining Company will pay $\$ 8$ per share, annual, in New York, February 9; making, with the Calumet and Hecla, $\$ 720,000$ in mining dividends next month. It is not certain whether the February interest will be paid on the Nashua, Acton and Buston bonds. The Illinois Central Railroad reduces from 5 to 4 per cent, and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern passes. The new Middlesex Central Railroad (leased to the Bos ton and Lowell for 30 years at 6 per cent), pays its first dividend of 3 per cent. The Pulliman Palace Car Company dividend, due February 16, has not yet been declared, but it is expected that the usual $\$ 3$ per share will be paid.
Lonisiana Finances. - A petition to the Governor and Legislature of Louisiana, relating to the proposed funding of the dubt of that State, was sent to New Orieans, signed by the principal holders of Louisiana bonds in New York, including such firms as E. D Morgan \& Co., J. \& W. Seligman \& Co., Drexel, Morgan \& Co., Williams \& Guion, L. H. Zerega \& Co., and others. The petitioners say they have read with much gratification the full and authoritative statement of the present financial condition and prospects of the State as made in the Governor's message sent to the Louisiana Legislature on Jan. 5 (published in the Chronicle). It justified their reliance upon the will and ability of the State to discharge promptly and in full the lawful deits of the Commonwealth. They recapitulate as follows:
Revenue of the State for the year 1873-74
$\$ 4,000,000$
$2,493,358$

## Excess of income over outlay.

\$1,506,642
"The large surplus of income over outlay. as we are further gratified to learn from the message of the Governor, has been raised after a rate of taxation for all purposes of $21 \frac{1}{2}$ mills. The rate of taxation imposed to raise the revenue of New York for the current year is 34 mills, or nearly 50 per cent in excess of the rate imposed upon Louisiana." The favorable light in which this exhibit places the financial ability of Louisiana becomes more favorable when the special circumstances of the State, as set forth in the Governor's message, are considered. The bill regarding the State debt, which the Governor urges the Legislature to pass, the petitioners say, "is simply a proposition of a forced purchase from present holders, at the rate of sixty cents on the dollar of the outstanding obligations of a Commonwealth, which, as the Governor has so abundantly shown, is perfectly able to discharge those obligations in full. The guilt of such unnecessasy and even wanton repudiation would be almost without parallel, and we cannot believe that the citizens of Louisiana will incur it, and thus destroy at one blow a well-earned character for scrupulous honesty which their State has hitherto borne.
Lonisville Finances.-The annual message of the Mayor shows that the bonded debt of the city on the first day of January 1874, was $\$ 8,482,500$, and the floating debt $\$ 775,266$. Over $\$ 4,-$ 000,000 of the bonded debt is on account of subscriptions to railroads. The entire assessed value of property, real and personal, of the city, for 1873 , was $\$ 77,225,372$, upon which $\$ 1,601,934$ of taxes were levied for all purposes.
A resolution passed the Council memorializing the Legislature for the passage of a law for the equalization of taxes throughout the State. Under the present system of taxation, the city of Lnuisville and Jefferson County pay one fifth of the entire taxes of the State.
Philadelphia Finances.-The Comptroller of Philadelphia states that the total amount of cash, paid out of the City Treasury for all purposes in the year 1873 , was $\$ 17,812,200$. But that sum does not include the disbursements of the gas trust for 1873, which have not been much less than four millions of dollars. Add these, and we have nearly twenty-two millions of dollars for the total disbursements for the year 1873 . During the year 1873 the " funded debt" of the city was increased by the sum of $\$ 7,048,150$, and the aggregate of the debt is now $\$ 58,745,292$. The "outstanding warrants" (Jan. 1, 1874), amount to $\$ 2,465,354$. This is
the "floating debt" of the city. When it is added to the $\$ 58,745$, 292 of the funded debt, the aggregate is $\$ 61,210,646$. The annual interest on this is $\$ 3,672,000$.

Tennessee Bonds.-The " new series of funded bonds," bearing 6 per cent interest, redeemable after July 1, 1884 and payable July 1, 1914, as provided by the act of March 17 last, into which all outstanding and legally issued bonds of the State due or to become due prior to January 1 last as well as all past due coupons, may be funded, were placed on the call list of the Stock Exchange in January.
-The committee recommended that said bonds, numbered 1 to 3,000 inclusive, dated on the day of issue, each for $\$ 1,000$, be placed upon the regular list, and that the call of Tennessee bonds placed upon the regulas.
Old bonds, coupon on, viz.: those issued prior to and including letter C, No. 1 to 1878 inclusive, dated January 1, 1861, with coupon on due July 1, 1869, and all subsequent.
Old bonds, coupons off; Ten coupons off, due July 1, 1869, and including January 1, 18\%4, leaving coupon due July 1, 1874, and all subsequent, attached to the bond.
New bonds, coupons on : bonds daied January 1, 1866, and thereafter, with coupons on due July 1,1869 , and all subsequent.
New bonds, coupons off: Ten coupons off, due July 1, 1869, and including January 1, 18\%4, leaving coupons due July 1, 1874, and all snbsequent, attached to the bond.

New series, funding bonds: issued under act approved March $17,18^{\prime \prime} 3$, dated the day issued, numbered 1 to 3,000 inclusive, redeemable at the option of the State after July 1, 1884; due and payable July 1, 1914, with coupons on due July 1, 1874, and all subsequent.
Coupons, on the old and new bonds, maturing on and after July 1, 1874, will not be paid by the State until the bonde to which they belong have been presented to the Comptroller and examined and registered, and the registration properly indicated thereon by him and the Secretary of State.
The old and new bonds, with coupons off, must be registered by the Comptroller and Secretary of State, to be a delivery.

St. Louis City Bonds.-Messrs. Junius S. Morgan \& Co., of London, have brought out a sterling 6 per cent loan of the city of St. Louis, at the rate of 85 per cent, for $\$ 1,00^{7} 0,000$, or $£ 214,000$ sterling. The proceeds go to the liquidation of maturing loans, so that the debt of the city is not increased.

Alabama \& Chattanooga.-The Montgomery Advertiser says: We understand that the United States Circuit Court has decreed the sale of the Alabama \& Chattanooga Railroad in the interest of the mortgage creditors, but no bid to be tallen under $\$: 3,220,000$. We trust the road will never be sold for a less sum. Even then the State would lose heavily on account of back interest.

Atlantic \& Gulf.-A Southern paper says: The friends of the Atlantic \& Gulf Railroad are delighted with the news from Atlanta, in referenco to the donation to the company, by the State, of her stock in the road. It is also stated that the city of Savannah is likely to follow suit. This would be magnanimous action on the part of both, and at the same time a far-seeing action on the part of poth, and at stock thus to be transferred economical policy. The amount of stock thus to be transferred is about two and a quarter millions, and would at once make certain the extension of the road to Mobile. The State aad city
will probably do this rather than increase their bond obligations by further aid.

Atlantic \& Pacific Railroad.-We are glad to notice that this company advertises, the regular quarterly dividend on the Missouri Pacific stock, to be paid on February 20, at their office, No. 3 Broad street, New York; also the payment of coupons on the first mortgage bonds of the Missouri Pacific Railroad on the 1st inst., at the National Bank of Cummerce. The roads operated by the company show increased earnings since December last. Mr. D. I. Garrison, of St. Louis, the former energetic manager of the Missouri Pacific line, has recently been elected its President, and is now associated with Mr. Andrew Pierce in the general manage. ment of the property.
Belleville \& Sonthern Illinois Railroad.-The preferred stock of this company has been added to the Stock Exchange list. The official statement of the company shows that the length of road from Belleville, Ill., to Duquoin, Ill., (on the Illinoir Central Railroad) was 56 miles, with the privilege of extending the road to Paducah on the Ohio River.
The road is leased for 999 years, from the 1st day of October, 1866, to the St. Louis, Alton \& Terre Haute Railroad Company, at an annual rent of forty per cent, on the first $\$ 7,000$ per mile gross receipts; thirty per cent on the next above $\$ 14.000$ per mile.
The St. Louis, Alton \& Terre Haute Railroad Company engage o keep the rosd well equipped and in good repair, and to pyy a
damages and expenses in maintaining and operating it.
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First mortgage 8 per cent sinking funds conpon bonds, with the privi-
lege of being registered, dated Oct. 1, 1866, mature Cct. 1, 1.96 .

12,500 shares preferred 8 p. c. stock, at $\$ 100$ each.
12,500 shares preferred 8 p. c. stock, at $\$ 100$ each....
4,300 shares common 8 per cent stock, at $\$ 100$ each.
Total. \$2,780,000
The $S$ L. Louis, Alton \& Terre Haute Railroad Company guarantees that the rent shall be sufficient to pay the interest, and the obligation is andorsed on each bond and signed by the president of said company,
sinking fund provided in the mortgage securing the honds.
sinking fund provided in the mortgage securing the honds.
officers.-President, David L . Phillips, Springfield, Ill.; Secretary, Edward F. Leoficers.-President, Springfield, Il.; Treasurer, Russell Sage, New York.

Cairo \& Vincennes.-The hearing on the motion for the appointment of a receiver for the Cairo \& Vincennes Railroad was had at Springfield, Ill., January 28, after three days of argument and testimony, The company filed a counter-motion
to dissolve the injunctions heretofore issued, and to dismiss the bill. The two motions were considered together and taken under advisement by the Court. The defense of the company rests mainly in a denial of the jurisdiction of the Court, but was supplemented by a detailed denial also of the indebtedness. The road runs from Cairo to Vincennes ( 157 miles). The company became indebted to the contractors, Messrs. Winslow \& Wilson, in cash $\$ 764,000$, and the par value of 25,110 shares of stock, representing $\$ 2,511,000$, and $\$ 1,500,000$ in second mortgage bonds, on which there is due 15 months' unpaid interest, a mounting to $\$ 144,375$. In addition, the company has $\$ 3,500,000$ first mortgage bonds, with interest amounting to $\$ 336,875$, and a floating debt of $\$ 100,000$, which makes an aggregate, leaving out the stock, of $\$ 6,345,250$. Gen. Burnside has been elected President of the road.
Des Moines Valley--The reorganization of the southern section is in progress and will soon be completed. This section extends from Des Moines to Keokuk, a distance of 161 miles. The debt covered by the first mortgage bonds amounted to $\$ 2,310$,000 . On the 17 th of October last the sale took place, in fore closure, and Mr. Johnson, as chairman of the purchasing committre, and on behalf of the bondholders, bought the road for $\$ 1,175$, 000 . Of the holders of the $\$ 2,310,000$ of bonds, all but the holders of $\$ 15,000$ placed their bonds in the hands of Mr Johnson with which to pay for the road, together with about $\$ 20,000$ in money with which to pay the non-assenting bonduolders their pro rata of the net proceeds of the sale of the road, defraying legal expenses, \&c. The non-assenting bondholders who have presented their bonds have received $\$ 49551$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond, and the trustees are ready to redeem the remainder when presented to Mr. Johnson. A rebate of $\$ 19$ per bond, not having been used by the purchasing committee, will be paid to the subscribing bond holders on application.

The new issue of bonds is tor $\$ 2,200,000,20$ per cent of which will be reserved for improvements, new iron, equipments, \&c., to meet the demands of business. The issue of stock will be $\$ 1,524$, 600 of preferred and $\$ 2,400,000$ of common stock. The bond holders who come into the reorganization will receive for every old bond of $\$ 1,000$, with attached coupons, a new bond of $\$ 800$ also $\$ 660$ of preferred and $\$ 500$ of common stock. John E. Che ney of Davenport, Iowa, is the present executive officer of the road, which he is operating in the interest of the Purchasing Committee.
Of the Northern section the Tribune says: At an adjourned meeting of the bondholders of the Des Moines Valley Railroad northern section, about $\$ 1,500,000$ of the first land grant mort gage bonds were represented. Messrs. Whitehead, Dana, Bliss and Smith, the committee appointed last week to prepare a plan of reorganization. reported a scheme which met with the appro val of all present. The following are the principal points of the agreement which was adopted by the meeting, and which will be presented to all the first mortgage bondholders for approval
The name of the new corporation is to be the Des Moines \& Fort Dodge Railroad Company.
The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation may at any time be subjected is $\$ 3,000,000$.
The amount of the capital stock of said corporation shail be $\$ 4,000,000$ of tull paid stock, divided into shares of $\$ 100$ each, of which 10,000 shares shall be preferred stock, and 30,000 shares shall be common stock. The preferred stock to be entitled to 7 per cent dividends from the first earnings of the road, after paying interest on its bonded debt.
The said preferred stock may be subscribed and paid for either in cash, or the holders and owners of the first mortgage land grant bonds, now having a lien on the railway property proposed to be purchased, may take the same at par in satisfaction of the past due interest upon their bonds, and the interest to which they would have been entitled up to January 1, 1875.
The common stock shall be issued for the purchase of said rail way and the Board of Directors shall have authority to cancel such part thereof as may not be issued within two years from the organization of this company, or to distribute the same among the holders of the first mortgage bonds.
This company, by its board of directors, is authorized to issue its bonds for an amount not exceeding $\$ 2,400,000$ for the sum of $\$ 1,000$ each, payable in thirty years, with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, from January 1, 1875, interest payable semi annually.
Twelve hundred of said bonds shall have coupons annexed, and 1,200 shall be registered. Interest shall be paid on the second class of bonds only after the payment of the taxes and assessments upon all the property of the road, its running expenses and repairs, and the interest upon the first series of bonds.
The said bonas are to be paid and delivered to the holders of the first mortgage land grant bonds in the proportion of one of each class of the new bonds in place of two of the former bonds. The Board of Directors shall have power to lease the road for a term of years.
The governing power of the corporation shall be vested in a board of uine directors, five of which shall constitute a quorum. The following are designated as the first Board: John L. Ludlum, T. C. M. Paton, David E. Green, Charles Dana, George Bliss, George B. Smythe, Charles E. Whitehead, all of New York ; and John A. Elliott and C. C. Nourse, of Des Moines, Iowa.
Indianapolis, Bloomington \& Western Railroad.-An advertisement in a London paper contains the prospectus of a ne gotiation of $\$ 2,500,000$ of 7 per cent first-mortgage bonds (gold) of the Indianapolis, Bloomington \& Western Railway, the bonds convertible at any time into capital stock of the Company at par. The price at which the bonds are offered is $£ 170$ for each bond of $\$ 1,000$ in gold. This is at the rate of 82.6 per cent. The pros.
pectus is signed by the directors. It is stated that the main line, rom Indianapolis to Peoria, is 212 miles long ; the extension connecting with the main line at Champaign runs to Keokuk, Iowa, 185 miles, with a branch to Decatur, 35 miles; total length of ex tension, 217 miles. As a consolidated line, it is 429 miles (exclusive of sidings). The statement of the earnings of the main ine are thus given: For the year ending October, 1871, \$837,180; year 1872, $\$ 1,316,462$; year 1873, $\$ 1,558,976$; and the working expenses are put down at not exceeding 55 per cent of these gross receipts. From these ascertained facts, it is represented that the gross receipts of the entire line will be $\$ 3,154,437$ per annum. Deducting $\$ 1,734,939$, or 55 ver cent, for working expenses, leaves surplus earnings of $\$ 1,419,498$. The annusl interest on "all the mortgages of the Company, including this present one," is put down at $\$ 855,000$, leaving a net profit for stockholders of $\$ 564,498$ a year. It is distinctly stated that the subscribed capital of the Company is $\$ 10,000,000$, " of which $\$ 7,000,000$ is fully paid up." The whole amount of mortgage bonds for the complete road is $\$ 12,000,000$, of which $\$ 9,500,000$ have been issued. The total amount of stock subscribed by municipalities is stated in a Chicago paper at $\$ 1,071,500$, the same paper making an inquiry as to where the balance of the paid up stock of $\$ 7,000,000$ is held.

Indianapolis, Cincinnati \& Lafayette.-Certi ficates of stock, funded debt bonds and equipment bonds of this railroad company were ready for delivery at office, 13 Exchange Street, Boston, on and after January 19.
Long Island Railroad.-The capital stock is now $\$ 3,300,000$, it having been increased by $\$ 300,000$ since the previous report. The amount of funded and floating debt is $\$ 1,70 \overline{0}, 000$-increased $\$ 80,000$; cost of road and equipment, $\$ 5,226,90250$-an increase of $\$ 210,000$; length of main line, from Hunter's Point to Greenport, 94 miles; length of branches, 63 miles; earnings, $\$ 895^{5}$.71636 ; payments, $\$ 542,55707$; including a cash dividend of 4 per cent to the stockholders. The balance of the receipts is accounted for by a stock dividend of 10 per cent, equal to $\$ 300$, 000 , which was added to the amount of stock, as above noted.
Milwaukee \& St. Paul.-At the meeting of the directors of the Milwaukee \& St. Paul Railway, held Feb. 2, the following resolu tions were passed :
Whereas, The business of 1873 shows earnings after paying all expenses and interest on the bonded debt seven (i) par
(6) per cent for the common stock; and
Whereas, The earnings have been used in laying down stecl rails, purchase of rolling stock, the erection of bridges, and in making other permanent im provements; and
1872 which There was a balance of undivided earnings for the years 1871 and specially recognized by a resolution of the Board, passed on the 20th of January, 1872;
Therefore resolved, That we hereby declare from the carnings of 1873 a dividend of seven dollars per share on our preferred stock, payable on the 2 d day of March, 1874, in the bonds of the company (at par) about to be issued
under a consolidated mortgage, provided that the consent of the stockholders be obtained by that time to the making of such mortgage and the issuance of said bonds; otherwise as soon as such consent is obtained and the bonds prepared for delivery, notice of which shall be duly given;" and further provided that for fracticnal amounts scrip shall be issued of the form set forn in the accompanying resolution:
to the common stockholders seven per cent is hereby recognized as now due same, to wit, seven dollars per share, shall be deemed due and payable to them before any dividend exceeding seven per cent in any one year be paid to the preferred stockholders
Resolved, That the scrip referred to in the foregoing resolution be sub-
stantially in the form following:
25 Whlliam street, New York. M - This scrip in the hands of bearer is good for 1874 . M Bond of the Chicago, Milwaukee \& St. Paul Railway Company Mortgage interest from the first day of January, i874, secured by a consolidated deed of trust or mortgage, dated February 1
Chicago, Milwaukee \& St. Paul Railroad Company by
Transfer Agent
Another resolution was passed as follows:
Resolved, That the transfer books of the company be closed at 3 P. M. on holders to said consolidated mortase and for the said proposed dividend case the mortgage be authorized ; and that they be reopened on 2 d of March, $18 i 4$, at 10 A . M.
Still another resolution was passed, as follows :
Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that the next dividend be payable on the 15th of October, and thereafter that they be payable on the 15 th of April and 15th of October in each year
After these resolutions had been passed, a committee, consist ing of Messrs. Gurnee, Morton and Frank, was appointed to prepare a circular to the shareholders, setting out in brief the present condition of the company and asking their consent to the consolidated mortgs ge.

Montclair (N. J.) Railroad.-The Montclair Railway is to be sold under the hammer on the 24th of April by an order of Chan cery. All the chartered rights, privileges and franchises of the company are included.
New Orleans, Mobile \& Texas Railroad.-A few weeks ago the branch of this road, running west of the Mississippi, was sequestrated by the State, under proceedings instituted to secure the rights of the State resulting from its guarantee of the second mortgage bonds (12,500 per mile). Under this seizure, Mr. Aifred Morgan was appointed by the Superior Court receiver of the road. Meantime, or a little in advance of these proceedings Ames and others, first mortgage bondholders of the road, liad brought suit on the chancery side of the United States Circuit Court, praying that Ames be placed in possession of the road, as trustee for the bondholders, and also asking for an injunction
against W. P. Kellogg and others from interfering with them and against the Superior Court from exercising any jurisdiction in the case.

There was also an application pending the proceeding in the United States Court, that the company be permitted to go on with the extension of the road to Grand River. A written agreement or consent of Kellogg was flled to this latter order. On the issue thus made, Judge Wood before leaving the city entered up an order perpetuating the injunction, and placing the road in the hands of Mr. Ames. setting at naught all the proceedings in the Superior Court, and virtually non-suiting the same.-N. $O$. Picayune.
New York \& New England Railroad.-An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the New York \& New England Railroad Company was held this week at their office in Boston. After an expression of the views of the gentlemen present it was voted, in view of the pending financial negotiations in Eurspe, to adjourn to Friday, April 7
N. Y. \& Oswego Midland.-In regard to the recent strike the receiver, Mr. Abram S, Hewitt, stated to a $N . \cdot Y$. Tribune reporter that the troubles had been exaggerated, and that through trains were running regularly. When Mr. Hewitt became receiver of the road, on Sept. 18, 1873, there were five months' wages ( $\$ 500,000$ ) due the men. Men all along the line have suffered the extremity of misery for want of the pay which they had honestly earned, and for which nothing had been given them but Company scrip, which was valueless. By an order from Judge Blatchford, authority was given to retire this scrip, and to suostitute receiver's certificates, which constitute a first lien upon the property of the road. This was in effect, said Mr. Hewitt, taking the road out of the hande of bondholders and stockholders, and turning it over to the men for the satisfaction of their claims, as the proceeds of the sales of property would go first to them. On account of the delay in completing the transaction, some of the employes who did not understand the matter became impatient and unreasonable. Since the road was placed in the receiver's hands every effort has been made to pay the men. It was found necessary to cut down expenses as much as possible, and to discharge two-thirds of the men. In this way a pay-roli of $\$ 166,000$ was reduced to $\$ 60,000$; but the season has been very
unfavorable for a new road, and the Midland has run nearly
$\$ 100,000$ behind since the receivership began. The action of the Deleware and Hudson Canal Company, in refusing to pay $\$ 25,000$ due to the Midland Company for carrying coal, retaining it as a guaranty for the lease of the Rome and Utica Railroad-had embarrassed the Midland Company with regard to the payment of December wages only. Superintendent Flint of the New York and Oswego Midland Railroad returned from Ellenville Feb. 4. As soon as the strikers understood the arrangements made to satisfy their claims, they went to work to remove the spikes which closed the switches, loosed the locomotives and the turn-tables, and, as far as possible, restored the property to its former condition. No track was torn up either at Ellenville or at Summitville, as has been asserted. At the conference of the Superintendent and Deputy Marsbal Robinson with the strikers, held at Ellenville, little difficulty was found when the men were assured that they should get certificates from the receiver as soon as they turned in their company scrip, and that these certificates constitute a first lien upon all the property of the company.
The committee consisting of Henry Whelen, E. A: Wickes, Geo. Opdyke. B. Schlesinger, Farl P. Mason, Samuel J. Tilden, and Henry R, Low, appointed by creditors some two months since, have made arrangements for a foreclosure sale, and have pre pared a plan of reorganization, the principal features of which are as follows
First mortgage bonds will be issued to redeem the outstanding first mortgage bonds, dollar for dollar, the new bonds to be at the rate of $\$ 30,000$ per mile, including the unbuilt portion of the Western extension to Buffalo. The old first mortgage bonds were issued at $\$ 20,000$ per mile, to take up the receivers' certificates which have been issaed in payment of equipments and labor, and to provide for building from Middletown to the State line, to provide terminal facilities when required, and to provide for building to Buffalo. All these bonds which are not required for the redemption of outstanding obligations will be put in trust until the proceeds are required for building purposes. Second and third mortgage bonds will be issued to cover the bonds of the same class now outstanding. The second mortgage bonds will be retired dollar for dollar. The third mortgage bonds will be paid two-thirds in cash, and one-third in preferred stock. The secured creditors will be assigned the position that their collateral entitles them to, and the unsecured will be paid in full with interest in preferred stock.

MONTHLY EARNINGS OF PRINCIPAL RAILROADS.

| Atlantic \& G. W. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Atiantic \& Pacific. } \\ 1872 . \end{gathered}$ |  | Bur.,C.R. \& Minn. |  |  | -Central Pacific- |  | Chicago \& | Alton. | Chic.\& N.western. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1872. | 1873. |  |  | 1872. | 1873. |  | 1872 . | 1873. |  | 1873. | 1872. | 1873. |
| (567 m.) | ( $60 \pm \mathrm{m}$.) | (323 m.) | (328 m.) | (261 m.) | (261 m.) |  | (1,050 m.) | (1,222 m.) | ( 600 m .) | ( 649 m .) | (1,314 m.) | (1,459 m.) |
| \$351,343 | \$334,718 | \$30,594 | \$85,85t | \$65,319 | \$61,363 | ..Jan.... | \$592,223 | \$852,860 | \$371,708 | \$352,538 | \$774,856 | \$752,46? |
| 334,210 | 324,210 | 69,844 | 87,619 | 64,476 | -78,346 | .. Feb... | 571,836 | 694,015 | 332,902 | 402,477 | 714,122 | - 665,249 |
| 372,397 | 420,250 | 98.831 | 122,348 | 69,346 | 85,561 | ..Mar... | 875,762 | 974,460 | 373,217 | 424,614 | 846,394 | 907,25 |
| 374,273 | 434,845. | 87,54.3 | 105.352 | 64.581 | 77,387 | ..April.. | 949,598 | 1,132,920 | 379,879 | 412.218 | 900, 376 | 1,034,022 |
| 441,877 | 423.524 | 80,759 | 112,275 | 66,725 | 82,682 | ..May... | 1,380,922 | 1356,378 | 409,254 | 426,316 | 1,074,779 | 1,236,072 |
| 423,983 | 423.514 | 96,567 | 98,500 | 74,242 | 96,696 | ..June.. | 1,138,272 | 1,313,790 | 419,197 | 482,205 | 1,070,459 | 1,292,143 |
| 431,761 | 422,396 | 85,344 | 110̈,231 | 73,834 | 88,637 | ..July. | 1,272,510 | 1,211,765 | 488,352 |  | 1,029,957 | 1,240,987 |
| 465,995 | 447.252 | 108,838 | 126,435 | 93,420 | 108,100 | ..Aug.. | 1,271,623 | 1,258,500 | 559,882 |  | 1,196,700 | 1,281,094 |
| 633.538 | 554,205 | 103,116 | 119,989 | 113,83 | 144,901 | ..Sept.. | 1.254,688 | 1,392,125 | 497,261 |  | 1,303,304 | 1.511,781 |
| 517.928 | $469,2.5$ | 122, 355 | -115,503 | 126,968 | 139,938 | .. Det. | 1,235,567 | 1,423;875 | 540,756 |  | 1,433,948 | 1,451,827 |
| 471,774 | 391,259 | 103,5:30 | 88,853 | 98,592 | 105,430 | Nov | 1,299,996 | 1,296.812 | 431,315 |  | 1,067,386 | 1,039,306 |
| 404,900 | 421,309 | 97, 196 | 91,651 | 81,622 | 115,916 | De | 1,037,992 | 1,072,750 | 352,604 |  | '859,779 | 1,019,502 |
| 5,257,983 | 5,181,288 | 1,111,278 | 1.271,910 | 995,959 | 1,183,049 | Yea | 12,734,729 | 13,938,969 | 5,156,326 |  | 12,272,061 |  |


| Chic., Danv | $\& \text { Vin }$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| (132 m.) | (132 $m$.) |
| \$11,558 | \$47,515 |
| 43,952 | 49,107 |
| 46,997 | 49, 773 |
| 49,516 | 33,132 |
| 50,139 | 60,481 |
| 52.104 | 59,501 |
| 47,259 | 64,416 |
| 57,375 | 65,608 |
| 55,290 | 72,273 |
| 56.169 | 79.093 |
| 55,000 | 64,230 |
| 49,440 | 51,958 |
| 604.830 | 696, 226 |


| Marietta \& Cin. |  |
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| 1872. | 1573. |
| (284 m.) | (284 m.) |
| \$152,578 | \$170,02:3 |
| 142,407 | 162,585 |
| 150,781 | 180,467 |
| 145,859 * | 190.562 |
| 15S,713 | 185,683 |
| 154.587 | 185,953 |
| 147,550 | 131,8is |
| 162.591 | 173,469 |
| 191,841 | 203,514 |
| 203,97\% |  |
| 207,911 | ... .. |
| 201,196 |  |
| 2,029,927 |  |

St. L. \& S. Eist.
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| \$320,022 | \$358,612 | \$1,333,310 |  |
| 340,791 | 408,849 | 1,294,056 |  |
| 372,974 | 465,517 | 1,464,209 | 1.515 |
| 381,112 | 432,928 | 1,527,993 | 1,541,9 |
| 73,619 | 394,485 | 1,767,986 | 1,751 |
| 341,104 | 340,675 | 1,607.492 | 1,71 |
| $32 \mathrm{i}_{+} 268$ | 351,5i¢ | 1,5!8,911 |  |
| 401,251 | 4:6,283 | 1,653,292 |  |
| 417,327 | 432,139 | 1,758,062 |  |
| 439,58i | 4015,922 | 1,817,369 | 1,882,42 |
| 389,829 | 311,935 | 1,745,729 | 1,560,023 |
| 5,143 |  |  | 1,625 |
|  |  |  |  |

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| $\underset{\text { Michigan Cent. }}{\text { M }}$ (1872. |  | Mil \& St. Paul. |  |
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| \$505, | \$ 815,897 | * 4 |  |
| 481,022 | 542,008 | 387,565 | 423,716 |
| 558,533 | 690,017 | 426,22:3 | 555. |
| 607,678 | 675,840 | 474,188 | [569,236 |
| 593,641 | 679,333 | 580,432 | ${ }^{\text {® } 805,599}$ |
| 505,314 | 603,955 | 594,769 | п929,210 |
| 505.808 | 581,168 | 488,349 | 834,320 |
| 580.903 | 576,790 | 565,728 | 767,800 |
| 667,819 | 763,481 | 811,961 | 1,193,209 |
| 786,333 | 6,77,043 | 950,945 | 1,012,701 |
| 616.024 | 苼 | 702,838 |  |
| 5 | 44,022, | 513,787 | 843,200 |

St. L. \& Iron Mt. (212 $m$.) ( 212.2 . $\$ 173,707 \$ 146,16 i$ $\begin{array}{cc}\$ 173,707 \\ 156,292 & \$ 1165,161 \\ 155,104\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}182,055 & 239,264\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}178,665 & 208,144\end{array}$ $187,425 \quad 230,309$ $\begin{array}{ll}180,786 & 195,479 \\ 181243 & 178,862\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}191,155 & 178.862 \\ 201,038\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}191,155 & 201,038 \\ 194,000 & 205,514\end{array}$ $213,325 \quad 178,070$ $\begin{array}{ll}203,731 & 160,800 \\ 205,698 & 171,601\end{array}$ $2,251,2422,260,345$
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267 $\begin{array}{ll}23,159 & 231, \\ 96,51,20 & 274,5 \\ 67,685 & 232, \\ & 24,\end{array}$


$\begin{array}{ccccccc}\text { Year . } & \overline{1,896,600} & \overline{3,413,027} & \overline{2,952,001} & \overline{2,801,077} & \overline{3,526,695} & \overline{3,606,168} \\ 3,532,562 & 3,671,866\end{array}$

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## (JOMMEROLAL EPITOME.

Fhiday Night, Feb. 6, 1874.
Severe weather and a fall of snow sufficient somewhat to bstruct travel and transportation have been obstacles to trade during the past week, and yet our markets for merchandise have not iveen without features of interest. The speculation which has been noted in some articles of importation, as well as in leading Western products, seems to have almost wholly suband petroleum.
The following is a statement of the stocks of leading articles of domestic and foreign merchandise at dates given


Freights have been inactive, and, with a fair extent of room seeking employment, rates have somewhat declined. There is no considerable supply of breadstuffs available for shipment, even if prices were satisfactory, and tbe speculation in petroleum has been carried to such an extent that most shippers have retired from the market. Late business embraces grain to Liverpool by steam at 1110121 . for corn and wheat. Petroleum at $7 \mathrm{~s} . @ 7 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d British ports and 7 s 6d to the Baltic, and cases to Cadiz for orders at 35c. To day business was dull, notwithstanding a considerable decline in wheat and corn ; a ship on the berth for London took wheat at 9 d .

Coffee has been dull, and Rio is quoted lower at $24 @ 97 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. gold. Rice and molasses have been without change of moment. Sagars have been a little weak, with prices irregular, as between the new and old crops.

Provisions have shown a depression in "hog products," but more activity, with an upward tendency, in the products of neat attle. The late sperulative advance in pork, bacon, lard and cut meats have so far reduced the export demand, checked consumption, and increased the supply, that, in order to realize, lower prices have been conceded in the past few days. Beef, on the contrary, has been active and bucyant; the salas of the week amount to several thousand bbls. and tes., and the old stock has been pretty well closed out. It will be observed that stocks have become quite reduced. Butter has brought high prices, and cheese shows some advance. To-day mess pork sold at $\$ 16 @ 1612$. on the spot, the latter in a jobbing way. Some 800 tes. buet were eported sold at $\$ 21(020$ for Western India mess, and $\$ 25(\omega 29$ for Western and city India mess. Bacon was in small request, at ard prime Western selling at 9 B9 3-16c. spot and Feb., $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. for March, and 95 sc . for April. Cheese sold at $16 \frac{1}{2} @ 16 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. for strictly choice State factories.
Hides have declined to 26c. gold for dry Buenoss Ayres, in expectation of large supplies. In leather we note a large business for Germany, with shipments of 20,000 sides
Refined petroleum has been excited, and higher; producers nd refiners have entered in a combination to force an advance. the porompt delivery, with late sales of $6,000 \mathrm{bbls}$ for this month at $15+015$ c. Crude in bulk also advanced; at the close it was offered at 8 c . on the spot, without buyers. In rosin there has been a better feeling, and quite a good business at $\$ 260$ for strained. Spirits turpentine has been more active, though held at a heavy advance; sales at the close at 51@51.c.
Wool has been quiet. Ingot copper has been easier ; 50,000 bs. Lake sold at $21 \frac{1}{2}$ c. cash. Pig iron has been dull and nominal at $\$ 35$ ( $\$ 36$ for No. 1 American. Linseed oil has declined, a dd closed at $94 \widehat{a 6 c}$; crude sperm is held higher at $\$ 160$; Menhaden is held at 47 c . Lard oil is higher at $90 @ 92 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. Tallow has been active at 7 ${ }^{2}$. © 7 7c. for prime. Whiskey declined to day to $\$ 1$.

The market for Kentucky tobacco has been quiet for the want of suitable stocks. Sales for the week have only been 200 hhds , of which 75 were for export and 125 for consumption. Prices have been firm at $5 @ 7 \frac{1}{2} c$. for lugs, and $\delta @ 12 \frac{1}{2}$ c for leaf. Seed leaf has also been less active, and yet a fair amount of business has been done. The sales embrace: Crop of 1870,100 cases, at $6 @ 8 c$ : crop of 1871,100 cases, at $15 @ 6 J c$, and crop of 1872,603 cases Counecticut and Massachusetts at $5 \times 7 \mathrm{c}$ for fillers, $9 @ 14 \mathrm{c}$ for aends and $16-35 \mathrm{c}$ for wrappers: 100 cases New York at $61(71 \mathrm{c}$ 400 do Pennsylvania at 6311 c , and 100 do. Wiscousin at 7c. Spanish tobacco in fair request, with sales of 500 bales Havana at $75 @$ 95c, currency, duty paid.

Exports of Leading articies from New rork
The following table,compiled from Custom House returns, shons the exports of leading articles from the port of New York since January 1, 1.874 , to all the principal foreign countries, and also the totals for the last week, and since January 1. The last two lines show total values including the value of all other articles besices







Imports of Leading Articles.
The following table, compiled from Custom House return hows the foreign imports of leading articles at this port sinc Jan. 1, 1874, and for the same period of 1873:
[The quantity is given in packages when not otherwise specified.]

|  | $\underset{\mathrm{Jan}, 1,71}{\text { Since }}$ | Same time 1878 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Jan. } 1,{ }^{\prime},{ }^{2} 4 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Same } \\ \text { time } 18 \pi 3 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| China, Glass and |  |  | Ctals \&c.- |  |  |
| Earthenware- |  |  | Cutlery | 356 | 756 |
| China..... ..... | 9\% | 1,834 | Hardw: |  | 300 47.693 |
| Earthenware. - | 1.736 36.80 180 | 64.09: | Lron, R1 | 21,933 | 64.69.3 |
| Gass........... | 36,821 | 61, 4.74 | Spelter, ibs |  | 747.606 |
| Glass plate | 693 | 1,144 | Steel. | 6.957 | 22,975 |
| Buttons. | 333 | 70: | Tiu, boxes. | 60.554 | 699,281 |
| Ccal, tons: | 832 | 3,817 | Tin slabs, lbs | 232,970 | 931,430 |
| Cocoa, bags.. | 615 | 3,218 |  | 9,397 | 12,306 |
| Coffee, bags.. | 133,762 | 183, 96 | Sugar, hhds, tcs. \& |  |  |
| Cotton, bales..... |  |  | Sugar, bas \& bags. | 166,944 | 200,419 |
| Druge, Bark, Peruvian.. | 5.690 | 2,0¢0 | Sugar, bxs a bags. | 108,43S | 130,497 |
| Blea. powders... | 1,752 | 3,23i | Tobacco | 3,845 | 11,383 |
| Cochineal....... | 25.3 | 579 | Waste. | 404 | 364 |
| Cream Tartar | 43 | 67 | Wines, $\mathbb{C c}$ - |  |  |
| Gambier. |  | 2,192 | Champagne, bks | 9,799 4,699 | -39,939 |
| Gum, Arabic. | 291 | 810 |  | 4,699 2,126 | 10,828 8,462 |
| Indigo ..... | 76? | $\begin{array}{r}861 \\ -35 \\ \hline 15\end{array}$ | Articles reported by | 2,120 | 8,102 |
| O:ls, essential.. | 78 | 111 | ralue- |  |  |
| Oils, Olive.. | 1,440 | 1,614 | Cigars. | \$122,996 | \$230,066 |
| Opium... | 66 | 43 | Corks | 5,555 |  |
| Soda, bı-carb.. | 1,0co | 4,260 | Fancy goods.. | 62,399 16,331 | 16,937 $5 \%$ |
| Soda sal | 2,692 | 6.475 |  |  | 5,143 |
| Soda ash Flax...... | 1,055 | 2,05 | F"uits, | 16.688 | 20.460 |
| Furs. | 6\%3 | 736 | Oranges | 144, 713 | 140,624 |
| Gunny cloth | 14 | $8 \cdot 6$ | Nuts. | 135,890 | 141,4ヶ0 |
| Hair.. | 319 | 368 | Raisins... ... .. | 239.373 | 221,366 |
| Hemp, bale | 8,162 | 22,658 | Hides. undressed. . | 1,215,244 | 1,34.456 |
| Mides, \&c- |  |  | Rice....... | 44, 123 | 110,383 |
| Bristles | 27 | 115 | Spices, |  |  |
| Hides, dressed. | 507 | 1,310 | Cassia. | 13, 379 | 21, 443 |
| India zubber.... | 3,906 | 8 | Gi | 4,160 | 5.22 |
| Jewelry, \& dic. $^{\text {d }}$ |  |  | Saltpetre | 15,664 | 39,859 |
| Jewelry .... | 236 | 431 | Noods- |  |  |
| Watches | 64 | 120 | Cork | 10,598 | 30,888 |
| Linseed. | 124,536 | 119,648 | Fustic........... | 1,79 | 10,369 |
| Molasses. | 791 | 3,341 | Logwood <br> Mahocany | $43,1: 11$ | $\begin{array}{r} 107.593 \\ 10.991 \end{array}$ |

Receipts of Donnestic Produce.
The receipts of domestic produce since January 1, 187t and for the same time 1873, have been as follows

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Jan. }, \text { 'T4. } \end{gathered}$ | Same me 1873 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Tan } 1,{ }^{7} 74 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Same } \\ & \text { time } 157 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ashes.,......pkgs. | 614 | 439 | Pitch. |  |  |
| Breadstuifs, de.- |  |  | Oil cake.... pkgs. | 1?,485 | 9,180 |
| Flour.... bbls. | 401,903 | 193.303 | Oil, lard... |  |  |
| Wheat.....bush. | 3,173.462 | 529.332 | Peanuts. ....bags. Provisions - | 5,328 |  |
| Corn Oats | -,001.655 | 509,330 704,508 | Provisions- Butter C. .pkgs. | 79,106 | 60,746 |
| Rye | 59.825 | 6i0 | Cheese.... ...... | 32, 993 | 49.196 |
| Barley. de | 103,563 | 187,55\% | cutmeats. | $6 \pm .8 .5$ | 94,601 |
| Grass seed. bays. | 13.216 | 17, 428 | Ergrs | 17,314 | 9,826 |
| Beans......bbls. | 9,026 12,030 | 5,$56 ;$ 4,120 | Purk | 30,505 | 25.179 |
| Peas.......bu-h. | 12,030 31,511 | 4, 21.92 21.941 | Lard | 38,65.3 | 60,345 |
| Cotton......bales. | -55,242 | 121,257 | Lard........kegs | 3,994 | ${ }^{865}$ |
| Hemp........bales. | 171 | 493 | Rice........ pkig. | 33.963 | 1,749 |
| Hides..........No. | 58,981 | 46, $14{ }^{\text {a }}$ | starch............ | 21,984 | 20,3976 |
| Hons......... bales. | 2, 2,928 | ${ }^{2} 2,4613$ |  |  | 1,8\% |
| Lather. . sides. | 310,322 | 261,196 | Sucrar....... bbls |  | $15 \%$ |
| Molasses....hids. do $\ldots$ bble | 19,534 | 1-,998 | Tallow........pkge: | 5,468 | 4.044 |
| Nival Stores- | 1,3, |  | Tobaces . ....... | 17.201 | 12.532 |
| Cr. turp. . bbls. | 1,793 | 1,283 | Pobacco.... hhts. | 3,354 | 2.715 |
| Spirits turpen... | 5.431 84.751 | 6,339 48,068 | Whi key ..... bbls Wool......bates | 22,742 | 17,278 |
| Rosin. | 34,751 4,869 | 48,079 | Dresad Hogr No. | $54.2 \%$ | 32.464 |

## COTTON.

## Fridat, P. M., Feb. 6, 1874.

By special telegrams received to-nightfrom the Southern ports, We are in possession of the returns showing the receipts, exports, \&c., of cotton for the week ending this evening, Feb. 6. It appears that the total receipts for the seven days have reached $145,6 \tilde{5}^{7}$ bales against 170,652 bales last week, 153,574 bales the previous week and 154,284 bales three weeks since, making the total receipts since the first of September, 1873, 2,680 306 oriesagainst $2,379,826$ bales for the same period of $1872-73$, showing an increase since September 1, 18゙3, of 300,480 bales. The details of the receipts for this week (as per telegraph) and for the corresponding weeks of the five previous years are as follows:

| Receiven this week at- | 1814. | 1873. | 1872. | 157. | 18.0. | 1869. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Orleans..........bales. | 62,057 | 46,699 | 35,162 | 67,666 | 47, 808 | 23, 160 |
| Mobile | 11,341 | 10.236 | 8.988 | 19, 916 | ${ }^{9}, 4,391$ | 5,636 6,088 |
| Charlesto | 12,026 | 11.296 | 6.995 | 2\%,010 | 16.515 | 9,152 |
| Savaunah | 15,4,5 | 14, 519 | 5,603 | 8 8,i\% | 9,321 | 2,82 |
| Tennesse | 10,210 | 7,416 | 5,531 | 12, 886 | 6. 195 | , 1.1 |
| Florida | ${ }_{4}^{413}$ | +399 | 1698 | -814 | 1,489 | 1,5:5:3 |
| North Carolin | 16,545 | 14, 131 | \%, 1,3 | 12,913 | 5,329 | 5,663 |
| Total this week | 145,657 | 126,521 | 86,236 | 161,095 | 101,601 | 67,865 |
| Total since Sep | 2,680,305 | 2,3:9,396 | 2,093,053 | 2,510,631 | 1,835,290 | 1,475,183 |

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 108,986 bales, of which 65,508 were to Great Britain, 16,035 to France, and 24,313 to rest of the Continent, while the stocks as made ap this evening, are now 824,277 bales. Below are the exports and stocks for the week, and also for the corresponding week of last season:

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Weekending } \\ & \text { Feb. } 6 \end{aligned}$ | Exported to- |  |  | Totalth: week. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { his Samew.k'k } \\ & \text { 18;3. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Stock. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | G. Brit. |  | Contin't |  |  |  | 18\%4. | $18 \% 3$. |
| NewOrlean | 14,612 | 11,444 | 11,215 | 37, 3.1 |  | 763 | 6533 | 50, 26.56 |
| Moblie. | 555 |  | 3,365 | 8 8,920 |  | 927 | 65,329 | 50.006 |
| Savanuah | 19,026 |  | 7,152 | 26,179 |  | 2\% | 86,2:3 | 64, 51 |
| Texas... | 11,214 |  |  | 11,214 |  | 891 | 120,505 | 7, 7.88 |
| New Yor | 7,886 2,621 | 61 | 1,006 1,043 | 9,633 8,664 |  | 121 <br> 191 | 11,990 65,000 | \%8,403 |
| Other por | 2,6at |  | 1,030 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 65,503 $958,17 i$ | (16,035 | 21,343 26,135 | 105,886 $1,446,471$ |  |  | 824,277 | 546,995 |
| The exports this week under head of "other ports" include from Boston $\%, 690$ bales to Liverpool, from Norfolk 40 bales to Liverpool, ald from Baltimore $00^{3}$ bales and 102 Sea 1 sland to Liverpool and 1,013 bales to Bremen. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| From the foregoing statement it will be seen that, comparid |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| with the corresponding week of last season, there is an increase in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| the exports this week of 28,321 bales, while the stocks to-night are |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 277,282 bales more than they were at this time a year ago. The following is our usual table showing the movement of cotton at |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| POİTS. | BRORIPTS <br> SINOR SRPT. 1. |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Coast- } \\ & \text { wise } \\ & \text { Ports. } \end{aligned}$ | Stock. |
|  |  |  | EXPORTED AINOR SEPT.1TO- |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Gritain. | France. |  |  |  |  |
|  | 13i3. | 187 |  |  | r'gn. | Tot |  |  |
| New Orleans | 781,486 | 676,551 | 256,713 | 136.153 | 108,534 | 501.890 | 77,6:2 | 296.5: |
| Mobile. | 216,956 | 231,24 | 33,40 | 3.216 | $10,3+4$ | 51,250 | 98, 933 | 71, |
| Charlesto | 309.883 | ${ }^{2664} 891$ | 94,200 | 23,310 | 15,429 | ${ }^{133} 1$ | ${ }_{1}^{13,1146}$ | 5i. ${ }^{515}$ |
| Savannah | 4 | ${ }^{469,627}$ | ${ }^{144,412}$ | - | ${ }_{6}^{68,154} 8$ | ${ }_{8}^{238.93}$ | 47,429 | 1iin, 4 S |
| New Yor | 85,165 | 55,150 | 24, $4 \times 5$ | \%,Ulit | 17, 812 | 26i, 566 |  | 111,852 |
| Florida. | 9,527 | 9,23\% |  |  |  |  | 901 | 3597 |
| No. Carolina | 53, 37 | - | 5,1.9 |  |  | $10,1 \% 5$ |  | 80,12 |
| Other ports... | 3-4, 66 | 28,101 | 31,2is | c5 | 10, 059 | 4, 4 , 102 |  | s2,40 |
| tal this year | 2534,619 |  | 892,663 | 20, 130 | 24, 49 | 1333,585 | 869,283 | 818,501 |
| Total last ypar |  | 2253,305 | 837,054 | i4, 5,49 | 20,25 | 1253, 699 | 369,5 | ,9 |

The market the past week has been very quiet for spot cotton, and without any change in prices. Up to Tuesday night the sales were less than 1,500 bales. Wednesday and Thursday there was more doing, but not enough to relieve the market from the prevailing dullness. In the meantime the receipts at this market were liberal, and although a portion was at once transhipped to the New England States, our large stock was in no wise diminished, the exports hence to foreign markets having been comparatively small. This inactivity has been caused mainly by a difference in views between buyers and sellers; the former reduced their bids, and made an effort to bring holders to their terms, but without success. The better businoss the last half of the week was because the views of holders were more freely met. To-day there was a fair spinning demand, but the operations of shippers were limited to such lots as were needed to complete freight engagements. The poorer qualities could be purchased at some reduction from late quotations. For future delivery speculation has been much less active than last week, nor has there been such wide fluctuations in prices. For some days reduced estimates of the receipts at the ports for the week, a belief in the large needs of Liverpool for the remainder of the crop year, and the fact that the stocks showed no great increase at American ports during January, have had a steadying influence, and yesterday's prices indicated some recovery from the lowest figures of the week. 'Io-day the market opened firm, owing to the reduced receipts at the ports yesterday, but later, with large figures from New Crleans again, the close was dull and a little weak; after 'Change, however, the market recovered tone The total sales of this descrintion for the week are 11~ 450 bat For immediat delivery the total sales foot up this week 5,832 bales, including 1,821 for export, 2,968 for consumption, 1,043 for speculation, and in transit. Of the above re bales were to arrive. The following are the closing quotations:

|  | Uplandand Fiorida. | Mobile. | $\begin{gathered} \text { New } \\ \text { Orleans. } \end{gathered}$ | Texas. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ordinary ${ }_{\text {in }}$........... ..per lb. | ! 3 | i3 @ | 13 @.. |  |
| Good Ordinary Strict Good Ordinary............. | !3: 14.6. | +14\%..... | 14 $13-16$ | 14:3-16 |
| Low Middling. | 15 180... | 151\%..... | 15356... | $1.5 \%$ ce. |
| Mrddling. | 1720.... | 16 © ${ }_{15}$ | 161, ${ }^{16}$.... | ${ }_{174}^{164}$ |

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


For forward delivery the sales (including - free on board have reached during the week 117,450 bales (all low middling or on the basis of low middling), and the following is a statement of the sales and prices

| ror January. | es. | bales. cts | For April. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }_{1010}$ | 200) …....148i-3 | 8.600........... 153/6 | 260....... 5 513-16 |
| ror February. | 3010 ¢. n........ 5 | $4,400 \ldots \ldots . . .1513-32$ | 2,669........15 27 -83 |
| 8550 s. n....... | 1.700 | 6,00........ ${ }^{15} 7.16$ |  |
| 2.003 | $100 . . . . . . .15 \cdot 1-n 22$ | 4.200....... 15 15-32 |  |
| 1,400 ....... $14^{2} 12.32$ | 103. $\ldots \ldots . .151-16$ |  | 2,800.........15 $31-3$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} 760 \\ 2.600 \end{array}$ | 12,450 total Feb. | 3,\%10..........15 15 9-26 |  |
| 2100........14 29.32 | For March. | 200............1Es/8 |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.600 \ldots \ldots . . i^{15}: 5-15 \\ & 3,400 \ldots . . . i^{5-15} \end{aligned}$ | 43,500 total Mar | 4,200.......... 16 3 |



The following exchanges have been made during the week:

The following will show the closing prices each day on the basis of low middling uplauds, for the several deliveries named:

| Fri. | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| On spot.... 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| February.. ${ }^{15}$ 1-16 | 15 | 14 !3-16 | 14 15-16 | 14 27-32 | 14 15-16 | 15 |
| March...... i5 9-16 | 15 9-16 | 15 11-32 | 15 10-83 | 15 13-32 | 15 9-16 | 15 15-32 |
| April ...... 16 3-32 | 16 1-32 | 15\% | 16 | 15 29-32 | 16 3-3\% | 16 1-16 |
| May....... 16 9-16 | $169-\mathrm{i} 6$ | 16 5-16 | 163/8 | 163/8 | 16 17-32 | $161 / 2$ |
| June....... 16 15-16 | 16 13-16 | 16 23-3! | 16 27-32 | 16\% | 16 25-32 | 16 15-16 |
| July... . . 17 7-16 | 17 5-32 | 17 | 173/8 | 17 1-16 |  | $171 / 4$ |
| Gold....... 111/8 | $1111 / 2$ | 1111/2 | 1111/2 | $111 / 1 /$ | . $111 \%$ | 111\%/8 |
| Exchange. 4.81 | 4.81 | 4.81 | 4.81/2 | 4.821/3 | 4.821/2 | 4.821/2 |
| Sales, spot.. 2,159 | 174 | 704 | 6.6 | : 2666 | 1,516 | 1,556 |
| Sales.future 36.600 | 18.700 | 32,050 | 19,500 | 16,900 | 15,500 | 23,3\% |

Weather Reports by Telegraph.-Considerable rain has fallen throughout the cotton States the past week. It has rained on three days at Galveston, the rainfall reaching two and ninetyone one-hundredths of an inch; there is much leaf and stick in the current receipts, but less sand and dirt than ever knownThey have also had rain on three days at New Orleans; it has been in the nature of showers, however. At Vicksburg it has rained on three days, with the rest of the week cloudy, the rain. fall being twenty eight one-hundredths of an inch; wages are going to be lower this year in this vicinity. It has rained on two days at Memphis, the rainfall being twenty-nine one-hundredths of an inch. It has also rained at Nashville on two days. At Mobile the rainfall has been one and twenty-seven hundredths of an inch, with rain on two days; the early part of the week was clear and pleasant. It has rained at Selma on three days, with the rest of the week cloudy. It has also rained on three days at Montgomery, the rainfall reaching two and ninety hundredths inches. At Columbus our correspondents report an unusually severe storm this week, and at Savannah they have had a very hea vy and widely extended rain during three days. It hás rained on two days at Macon. The thermometer at Macon has averaged 47 ; at Memphis, 44 ; Savannah, 48 ; Columbus, 53 ; Vicksburg, 55 ; Montgonery, 55 ; Mobile, 55 ; Selma, 52 ; and Galveston, 54.
Receipts and Crop.-The small arrivals at the ports yes. terday (Thursday), and rumors that the receipts at New Orleans of late weeks have been much more largely than last year, at the expense of the stocks on the tributary rivers, have again strengthened the position of the smaller crop believers. To indicate the nature of the argument advanced the following figures will be of use; they were prepured by Mr. Hester of New Orleans for Mr. Easton of this city, and through the latter's kindness we have received them. They show the New Orleans movement from Sept. 1. up to Jan. 23 this crop year, aud the corresponding movement up to Jan. 31, last year :


To $\stackrel{1873 .}{J_{\text {Jan. }}}$
( $\$ 43,879$
$\pm 30,223$ 18,960
\$93,067
182,369 400,944 \$376,380
It will be sen from the above that the tributary rivers had, at the dates mentioned, furnished New Orleans with 122,696 bales more cotton this season than last season ; the argument therefore is that from this time we must expect a very large falling off in the arrivals at that port. We have written in various quarters for information with regard to the point here raised, and by the end of another week we shall hope to receive replies. In the meantime there were some considerations affecting the question of the total crop which it will be well for us to keep in mind lest we reach too hasty a judgment.
First-Even though up to the present date the tributary movement. shows such an increase, it is by no means a certain conclusion from these figures that there is less coton remaining in those sections now than there was a year go. We have not the year's returns for the Arkansas River, at leaving that out of the question, and taking the year's total for the Red and Ouachita for the past three years and comparing what has been received tbus far this season with those totals we reach the following result:

Receipts by
The Red Tiver. The Ouachita River.

## Total.

 These returns show that if the cop in these rogions is as as in $1870-71$, then there is still to come forward from those as in sections 300,000 bales, against 217,000 bales for the balance of last year. It should be borne in mind that we do not assert the crop is as large as in 1870-71, but we simply wish our friends to see that it can be 83,000 bales less than it then was, and still the cot ton now remaining on those tributaries be equal to the amount there at this time a year ago. In other words, the argument for a speedy falling off in the receipts drawn from the comparative arrivals in New Orleans for the two seasons up to the last of January is by no means conclusive.Second. No estimate of the crop thus far made contemplates the keeping up or continuing of these large weekly totals-there must be a falling off soon. It is really surprising that the move ment has been so free during the past two months. Commencing witn December, the comparison is as follows :

Week ending- 1873-74.

| Dec. $6 \ldots .{ }^{170,084}$ |
| :--- |
| Dec. $13 \ldots$ |
| 172 |
| 1010 |

Dec. 20.... 195,925
Dec. $27 . .$.
Total Dec. 753,645
Jan. 3.... 176,215
Jan. 10.... 142,255
Jan. 17.... 154,284
Jan. 24.... 158,574
Jan 31... 120,65
Total Jan. 801,980 Total crop.
$18 \pi 2-73$.
133,973
$1871-72$.
105.839
$\begin{array}{ll}125,057 & 120,916 \\ 127,013\end{array}$
103,443

## 488,337

## 104,703 133,235

133,235
136,225
135,493
114,616
624,272.
$1870-71$
152,321 $1869-70$
103,054 100,348 110,071 114,031

427,504 114,090 98,790
88,311
88,311
98,851
104,2'7
-104,272

## $\overline{504,314}$

$2.974,351 \quad 4,350,31 \quad 0,154,940$ been unprecedented. Of course during December the reasons were unusually pressing for marketing the crop, but since then we are a ware of no special inducement which has operated to hasten cotton forward, while the question of pric6, one would think, must have had an influence tending in an opposite direction. At all events there cannot fail to be a very considerable falling off in the weekly total, and that speedily.
Bombay Sifipments.-According to our cable dispatch received to-ciay, there have been 12,000 bales shipped from Bombay to Great Britain the past week and 4,000 bales to the continent, while the receipts at Bombay, during the same time have been 27,000 bales. The movement since the first of January is as follows. These are the figures of W. Nicol \& Co., of Bombay, and are brought down to Thursday, Feb. 5:

|  | $\sim$ Shipments this week to |  |  | $\sim$ Shipments since Jan. 1 t |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ${ }_{\text {Great }}^{\text {Great }}$ | ${ }_{\text {cone }}^{\text {Conen }}$ | Total. | Gritain. | tinent. | Tot |  |
| 18 | 12,000 | 4,000 | 16,000 | 44,000 | 24,000 | 68,000 | 27,000 |
| 1573 | 19,600 | 5,000 | 24,000 | 45,000 | 24,000 | 69,000 | 34,000 |
| 1872.. | 6,000 | 11,000 | 17,000 | 108,000 | 30,000 | 138,000 | 43,00 |

From the foregoing it would appear that compared with last year there is a decrease of 8,000 bales this year in the week's shipments from Bombay to Europe, and that the total movement since Jan. 1 show a decrease in shipments of 1,000 bales compared with the corresponding period of 1873 .
Gunny Bags, Bagging, Etc.-The market for gunny cloth has been rather quiet the past week, but in sympathy with the improved feeling in jute butts, the tendency is towards higher prices. Domestic cloth is now held at $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{C}$; India bales quoted at 9 c .; Messrs. G. Tuckerman \& Co., in their circular of the 2d inst., make the stock of India cloth here 10,500 bales, and in Boston 4,700 bales, against a stock of 26,400 bales at both ports last year. Gunny bags are also quiet but firm at $1 \geqslant$ ? 13 l . Jute butts met with an active demand, and the market is firmer, few lots being obtainable under 2916 c ., cash. We note sales of 1,800 bales at $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$, cash ; 1,500 bales, to arrive, per Edith Warren, at 2 ge., gold ; 1,000 bales, per Lord Palnerston, and 1.000 bales, per Caernavon Castle, both at $25{ }_{3} c_{\text {. }}$, and 3,000 bales, May to July deliveries, at 2 各c. The Calcutta sircular of Messrs. Atkinson, Tilton \& Co., under date of December 26, says that "induced by the high prices ruling for jute the dealers have been bringing very heavy supplies into the market during tha week, and stocks have accumulated to about 180,000 bund les of all descriptions, while it is reported that larger quantities are on the way, and expected to arrive by next week, so that the advancing tendency has been checked, so far as the good and middling qaalities are concerned. though the low and common grades are up to $1 @ 1 \frac{1}{2}$ annas per maund higher. The excitement in butts still continues, and all available parcels are eaǵerly seized upon at constantly improving prices, the last purchases being at 13-8@13-12 lis for 400 lb . bales, or 12 annas and 1 R aoove our last quotations.

Visible Supply of Cotton as Made up by Cable and 'Tele GRAPH.-Below we give our table of visible supply, as made up by cable and telegraph to-night. The continental stocks are the figures of last Saturday, but the totais for Great Britain and the afloat for the Continent are this week's returns, and consequently brought down to Thursday evening; hence to make the totals the complete figures for to night (Feb. 6), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

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Total visible supply................. $\overline{2,982,46}$
Of the above, the totals of American and other Of the above
Liverpool stock.......................... 218,000
Continental stocks....... ................ 113,000
American afoat to Europe............... 657,000
United States stock..........
United States interior stocks.. 824,273

United States exports this week.
156,435

$$
22,000
$$

Total American..............
East Indian, Brazil, \&ec.-
Liverpool stock.................. .......... 418,0
London stock. $\qquad$
$\qquad$
,000
Continental stocks..
India afloat for Europe. $\qquad$ 139,000
130,750
Egypt, Brazil, \&c., afloat

.......................

Total East India, \& $\qquad$
Total American......................................970,712
Total visible supply. ....... . . . bales. 2,982,462 Price Midding Uplands, Liverpool...... 7\%/4d.

The following are the recelpts of cotton at New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore for the last week, and since Sept. 1,'73:
1873.1872. 1873.
445,000
205,000
650,000
210,000
13,000
45,010
27,000
36,000
66,000
17,000
31,000
38,000
1872.
499,000 $\begin{array}{r}499,000 \\ 178,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\frac{178,000}{677,000}$ 677,000
193,000
13,060
46,000 46,000
14,000
13,006

## 14,000 13,006

46,000
8,000
8,000 !1,000 31,000 375,000 1.052,000 1,133.000 $1,133.000$
152,000 152,000
475,000 475,000
88,000 88,000
546,995 546,995
85,036 10,000 $\overline{2,490,031}$

## 

110,000
130,000
130,000
475,000
546,995
85,036
85,036
10,000

## $\overline{1,357,031}$

### 335.000

205,000
353,000
152,000
$-88,000$
$1,133,000$
$1,357,031$
1,357,031

157,000
13n,000
337,000
75,407
88,051
6,000

## $\overline{1,293,458}$

342,000 78,0n0 345,000
366,000 366,000
100,000

7\%10d. 1114@11, \% d. e cotton in sight to icht of 492.431 bales as compared with the same date of 1873 and an increase of 458,004 bales as compared with the corresponding date of 1872.
Movements of Cotion at the Interior Ports.-Below we give the movements of cotton at the interior ports-receipts and shipments for the week, and stock to-night and for the corresponding week of 1873 :
-Week ending Feb. 6, 1874-- -Week ending Feb. 7, 73 Receipts. Shipments. Stock. Receipts. Shipments. Stock $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Augusta } \ldots \ldots & 5,536 & 4,463 & 27,733 & 4,950 & 9,611 & 13,013 \\ \text { Columbus } \ldots . . & 1,367 & 1,734 & 16,879 & 1,680 & 1,758 & 11,813\end{array}$ Macon........ $1,204 \quad 1,425 \quad 12,387 \quad 1,410 \quad 2,187 \quad 13,257$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Montgomery } . . & 279 & 737 & 3,967 & 910 & 1,015 & 9,488\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Selma........ } & 1,330 & 2,508 & 5,024 & 1,258 & 1,177 & 4,059\end{array}$


## $30,976 \quad 29,562 \quad 156,435 \quad 24,992 \quad 28,601 \quad 85,036$

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 8,444 bales, and are to-night 71,399 bales more than t the same petiol last year. The receipts have been 5,984 bales more than the same week last year.

The exports of cotton this week from New York show a decrease as compared with last week, the total reaching 9.653 bules, agrinst 10,975 bales last week. Below we give our usual table showing the exports of cotton from New York, and their direction for each of the last four weeks; also the total exports and direction since Sept. 1, 1873; and in the last column the total for the same period of previous year.
Exports of Cotton(bales) from New Yorksince sept. 1,1873

| EXPORTED TO | WEEK ENDING |  |  |  | Totalto aate. | Same time prev. year. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. 14. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ 21 . \end{array}$ | Jan. $28 .$ | Feb. 4. |  |  |
| Liverpool | 7.211 | 13,470 | 10,525 | 7,886 | 250,874 | $\begin{array}{r}238,264 \\ 208 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Total to Gt. Britain | 7,211 | 13,470 | 10,525 | 7,886 | 250,874 | 238,472 |
| Havre | 672 |  | $\ldots$ |  | 6,126 | 1,928 |
| Other French ports........ | ... | 107 | $\ldots$ | 761 |  | ... |
| - Lotal French | 672 | 107 | $\ldots$ | 761 | 7,827 | 1,928 |
| Bremen and Hanover...... | 400 | $\ldots$ | 450 | 400 | 12,543 | 17,152 |
| Hamburg................... | 400 | .... | ... | .... | 3,193 | 4,598 |
| Other ports | 200 | .... | $\ldots$ | .... | 493 | 118 |
| rotal to N . Europe. | 1,000 | $\ldots$ | 450 | 400 | 16,229 | 21,868 |
| Bpain,Oporto\& Gibraltar\&c All others. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 906 | 2,589 | 2,607 |
| Total Spain, dec..... |  | .... | $\ldots$ | 606 | 2,589 | 2,607 |
| Grand Total. | 8.883 | 18.577 | 10.975 | 9,653 | 277.519 | 264,875 |


| RBOE'TS PROM- | NEW YORK. |  | boston. |  | PHiladele'ia |  | BALTIMORE. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | This week. | Since Sept. 1. | This week. | Since Sept.1. | This week. | Since Sept.1. | This week. | Since Sept.1. |
| W 0 | 3.932 | - 49,885 | 1,435 | 5.800 |  | 2,631 |  |  |
| zas | 1,756 | 27,860 |  |  |  |  | 779 | 10,992 |
| Savanna | 3,197 | 113,981 | 1,940 1,219 | 27,766 2,046 | 421 | 7.335 | 779 | 10,992 |
| 'th Carolina. | 2,941 | 98,969 | 523 | 13,955 |  |  | 390 | 6,277 |
| N'th Carolina | 1,573 | 14,718 |  |  | 251 | 5,009 | 365 | 10,515 |
| Virginia. | 13,290 | 171,020 | 6,373 | 41,2:9 |  |  | 2,226 | 44,077 |
| North'rn Ports |  | 4,986 | 3,421 | 54,357 |  |  |  | 4.4 |
| Tennessee, \&c | 8,097 | 93,262 | i,227 | 16,149 | \%91 | 8,8i2 | 25 | 2,588 |
|  | 34,804 | 575,418 | 16,138 | 161,324 | 1,463 | 23,847 | 3,885 | 74,896 |
| tal last year | 29,451 | 532.183 | 8,263 | 176,357 | 1,826 | 29,515 | 3,379 | 63,618 |

SHipping News. The exports of cotton from the United States the pest week, as per iatest mail returns, have reached 103,460 bales. So ar the Southern ports are concerned, these are the same. same exnorts reported by telegraph, and publishores for that port rcle last Friday, except Galveston, and the figures for that port are the exports for two weeks back. With regard to New York,
weinclude the manifests of all vessels cleared up to Wednesday night of this week :
New York-To Liverpool Manhattan 2-44 Total bales.
Montreal, 1,460...Italy, 1,163.... Cornwall, 10..Abyssinia, 728 $\ldots \ldots$ per ships Royal George, 1,053 .. Knight Companion, 723 .
To Marseilles, per brigs Myronus, 600. ........erto, 95.
To Genoa, per bark Jupiter, 606 ..
7,880
761

New Onleans-To Liverpool, per steamers State of Alabama, 4,? $\ddot{6}$.


To Bremen, per ships Beethoven, $2,863 \ldots$ S. Vaughn, $2,604 \ldots$ per
bark Adelina \& Marianne, 767.

To Barcelona, per ship Pedro Plandolit, 2.400...............................
To San Sebastian, per bark Eulalia, 1,2299 ............... Fritz, 600.
To Genoa, per bark Saga, $1,274 \ldots . .$.
Mobile*-To Bremen, 3,820..
Charleston-To Li verpool. per ships Livingstone, 2, 2 oup Uland and 72


To Bremen, per hark Nova Scotian, 2,3
To Barcelona, per brige Indio, 412 Upland.... Panchita. 627 Upland.
Savannah-To Liverpool, per ship Southern Rights, 2.999 Upland

Upland....Trusko, 2,004 Upland.............................
To Cronstadt, per brig Rana, 795 Upland.
To Barcelona, per bark Amalia, 1,069 Upland....................................... 7959
Texas-To Liverpool, per ship Calliope, $3,504 . .$. per varks Elinor,

Port Royal--To Liverpool, per bark Alice Reed, 2,071


|  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Boston-To Liverpool per steamers Erl King, 5.0 .. Batavia, $512 \ldots .$. | 1,022 |

The particulars of these shipments, arranged in our usual form
are as follows:
Liver-
pool. Havre. men. werp. $\begin{gathered}\text { Ant. Amst- Barce-S. Se- } \\ \text { dam. lona. bust'n. noa. }\end{gathered}$

Mohile*.
Charleston.
Savannah.
Texas....
Norfolk
Port Royal.
Boston...
Total........ $\overline{50,533} 1 \overline{11,091} \quad \overline{22,628} \quad \overline{3,864} \quad \overline{1,590} \quad \overline{6,937} \quad \overline{1.229} \quad \overline{2,904} \quad \overline{103,460}$ Included in the above totals are from New York, 761 bales to Marseilles;
from Sxvannah $\overline{75}$ bales to Cronstadt; from Norfolk 1,128 bales to Cork or Hamburg.

* We are compelled to omit the vessels, with their respective cargoes, at Mobile this week, in consequence of hext woek.

Below we give all news received, during the week, of disasters to vessels carrying cotton from United States ports
Camargo, str., from Hoaston for Galveston. with 200 bales of cotton, struck a suag and sunk below Toband's Ferry Jan. 30 .
Glaucus, sir., from New York with a general cargo of merchandise, which arrived at her dock, Boston, at PM , Jan 29, was discovered to be on fas in the hold at alongside the dock. Hull not much injured deck honse nearly all destroyed. She was pumped out and raised night of the 31st The cargo is nearly all badly damaged, the cotton wet and partiall burned.
Odin, str. (Swed.), Young, from New Orleans for Br
Casilda, ship, from New York for Liverpool, which put into Cadiz leaky, had discharged part of her cargo, slightly damaged, into hulks Jan. 15. Th vessel needed repairs.
Winona, ship, from New Orleans for Liverpocl, previously repoited detained at key West, owing to the refusal of the crew to proceed on the ground vey previous to Jan. 1 and anthy, had been examtned by a board of sur foot solit, causing a slight leak of three inches in four hours. The board of survey pronounced the ship in a seaworthy condition,
Clifton, bark, Jacobs, from Galve
LEPANTO. brig (SD.), for Barcelona, run into and sunk at New Orleans Dec. 17 by steamer Belle Lee, has been raised and was in the dry dock, Jan. 28 repairing.

SJailand, brig (Dan.), Lund, eailed from Mobile for Harre with about 500 bales of cotton, Sent. 29 last, and has not since been heard of
QUEEN OF The South, schr., 420 tons, of New York, Corson. from Mobile for Boston, has sent assistance.
Cotton freights the past week have been as follows :


Friday. .... . . . . Liverrool, February 6-3.30 P. M.-By Cable from liver-Pool-The market opened steadier and closed firm to day. Sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 2,000 bales were
for export and speculation. Of to-day's sales 8,000 bales were American. The weekly movement is given as follows

| American. The week | Jan. 16. | Jan. 2:3. | Jan. 30. | Feb. 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Salcs of the week | 81,000 | 66,000 | 72,000 | 73,000 |
| of which exporters took | 9,000 | 3.000 | 7.000 | 6,000 |
| of which speculators too | 5,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 | 7,7,000 |
| Total stock .............. | .579,060 | 613,000 | 638,000 | 6336000 |
| of which American. | .156, ${ }^{\prime} 10$ | 205,000 | 230,000 | 218,000 |
| Total import of the we of which American. | 39.000 21,000 | 98,000 80,000 | -75,000 | 67,000 27,000 |
| of which Ameri ctual export ... |  | 9,000 | 9,000 | 11,000 |
| mount afloa | .435,000 | 418,000 | 407,000 | 445,009 |
| of whi | .331,000 | 319.000 | 302,000 | 341,000 |

The following table will show the daily closing prices of cotton for the week


Eoropean Cotron Markets.-In reference to these markete our correspondent in London, writing under the date of Jan. 24, states:
Liverroor, Jan. 22.-The following are tho prices of middling qualities of cotton, compared with those of last year


The following statement shows the sales and imports of cottor for the week and year, and also the stocks ou hand Thursday evening last:


Of the present stock of cotton in Liverpool $33 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent is American, against $21 \frac{8}{4}$ per cent last year. Of Indian cotton the proportion is 40 per cent, against 54 per cent.

London, January 24.-The demand for cotton has been very quiet during the week, and in some instances prices were in favor of buyers. Annexed are the particulars of imports, deliveries and stocks

Imports, Tan. 1 to Jan. 2 Deliveries.

| 1872. | 1873 |
| :---: | :---: |
| bales. | bale |
| 49.018 | 15,42 |
| 38.540 | 2?,8 |

## BREADSTUFFS.

Fridely P. M., Feb. 6. 1874.
The market for flour this week showed a downward tendency till towards the close of Wednesday's business, when there was some improvement in the demand for low grades, and as they were found to be scarce, prices advanced $10 @ 25 c$. per bbl. Choice

2 sold at $\$ 550$, and prime superfine at $\$ 615$, with common good extras at $\$ 650 @ 685$. The comparative scarcity of low grades of flour is attributed to the "patent" process by which much flour is is now milled. Yesterday good to prime lines of shipping extras.were in.some demand at $\$ 68597$. The medium
and better grades have generally been inactive and irregular, but a feature of the business has been the sale of $2,000 \mathrm{bbls}$. Southern for the South American trade at $\$ 325$. To-day the general market was quiet, but shipping grades well held.
The wheat market has recovered in part from the decline noted in our last, but with frequent, though slight fluctuations. The business has been moderate for export at $\$ 156 @ 158$ for No. 2 Chicago, $\$ 159 @ \$ 161$ for No. 2 Milwaukee, and $\$ 162$ @ $\$ 165$ for No. 1 spring, but yesterday the higher figures could not be realized by one cent. The receipts at the West have fallen off somewhat, as usual at this stage of the season, and this fact, together with recent large export clearances, has imparted more strength to the views of holders, notwithstanding large supplies now in sight. The winter has thus far been unfayorable to the full grown wheat. There has not been enough snow, and too frequent alternations of thawing and freezing. To-day there was a further decline of one cent, with sellers of No. 2 spring at $\$ 157$ for Chicago, and $\$ 159$ for Milwaukee, in good lines
Indian coin has been more active at variable prices, but show. ing some recovery from the prices accepted at the date of our last. Yesterday, a very good business was done at $83 @ 85 \mathrm{c}$ for good new Western mixed, $89 @ 90$ c for old do., and $84 @ 86 \mathrm{c}$ for Southern and Western new yellow, all afloat. The export demand has been stimulated somewhat by an advance in exchange and a decline in ocean freights, but the local trade has been held in check by the fall of snow. To-day, there was a liberal supply of new corn, by rail, and pricss 1@cc. lower, at $80 @ 34 c$ for new mixed as in quality.
Rye has been in demand and firm. Barley has been active, and prices show a further material advance. There have been large sales at $\$ 180 @ 185$ for Hungarian, $\$ 10$ for German, and $\$ 220 @ 225$ for Canada West, but yesterday, with a further advance, jusiness was brought to a stand still. To day the market was quiet.

Oats have generally ruled firm, but owing to transportation difficulties and other causes the demand has been light. Early in the week prime sold at $62 \frac{1}{2} @ 63 \mathrm{c}$. for mixed, and 631@64c for white, but yesterday few sold at over 62c. for mixed, and 63 c . for white. To-day there was a firm and more active market for oats.

The following are closing quotations:
H'lour.
No. Flour.
 Extra State, \&c........... 6 \% 5 \% 700 Red Western. Western Spring Wheat extras.
do double extras........
do winter wheat extras do winter wheat extra City shipping extras City trade and famil brands.
Southern b
Southern bakers and fa mily brands. Southern shipp'restras. Rye flour, superfine.
Cornmeal-Western,
$\left.\begin{array}{ccc}650 @ & 65 \\ 7 & 00 @ & 8\end{array} \right\rvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { White..................... }\end{gathered}$

The movement in breadstuffs at this market has been as follows:

| Flour, blbls. | For the = Since |  | time Jan. | For the | Since | For the | Since |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | week. | - Jan. 1. | 1,1873. | week. | Jan. 1. | week. | Jan. 1. |
|  | 63.989 | 401,908 | 193,303 | 49,2,33 | 247,031 | 28,688 | 125.859 |
| C. meal, ". | 8,372 | 31,611 | 21,941 | 4,185 | 15,387 | 3,118 | 15,421 |
| Wheat, ins. | 746.940 | 3,172,462 | 529,132 | 692,542 | 2,408.650 | f0,553 | 663,509 |
| Corn, ". | 345,272 | 1,001,658 | 509,390 | 286,140 | 987,883 | 373,986 | 1,445,537 |
| Rye, | 33,805 | 59, 825 | $6{ }^{1} 0$ | .... | 73,385 | .... |  |
| Barley, \&c.. | 30.425 | 105,563 | 187,553 | 1.413 | 70 | 160 | 1,6i5 |
| Oats | 2:24,295 | 892,293 | 701,508 | 1.413 | \% | 160 | ( ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |

mollowing tables show the Grain in sight and the movement of Breadstuffs to the latest mail dates
RECEIPTS AT LAKE AND RIVER PORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 31, AND FROM ACG. 1 TO JAN. 31.


## *Estimated.

Suipments of Flour and Grain from the ports of Chicago Milwautee Toledo, Detroit Cleveland, St. Louis and Duluth for the week ending Jan. 31, 1874

|  | Flour, | Wheat, | Corn, | Oats, | Barley, | Rye |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Week ending- | bls. | bish. | bush. | bnsh. | bnsh. | bush |
| fan. 31, 1574 | 104,989 | 632.146 | 209,659 | 131,310 | 87,146 | 13,656 |
| Jan. 24, 1874. | 113,763 | 831,225 | 334,616 | 257,025 | 77,.373 | 16,577 |
| 'Corresp'ng week 1873 | 74,294 | 105,241 | 148,418 | 93,535 | 38,434 | 6,743 |
| Corresp'ng week 1872 | 41,382 | 11.294 | [458,158 | 106,585 | 42.532 | 17,069 |
| Corresp'ng week 1871 | 5.,478 | 45,583 | 380,049 | 42,288 | 27,652 | 6,156 |
| Corresp'ng week 1870 | 67,100 | 203,177 | [175,461 | 40,069 | -6.751 | 7,190 |

RECEIPTS OF FLOUR AND GRAIN AT SEABOARD PORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 31, 1874.


Tee Visiblef Supply of Grain, including the stocks in granary at tho principal points of accumulation at lake and soaboard ports, in transit by rail and trozen in in transit on the New York canals, was, on Jan. 31, 18\%4:


* Estimated.


## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Fridat, P. M., Feb. 6. $18 i 4$.
The improvement in trade during the past week has been much less rapid than was anticipated. The early buyers who were in the market during previous weeks, and whose purchases constituted the bulk of the business during that period, have, for the most, left, and new arrivals are not numerous. Buyers who are coming in from the West, Southwest and South, operate sparingly thus far, and are disposed to give the market a thorough canvass before making purchases. The feeling among our dealers now is that the season will be much less spirited than they had anticipated. This view of the outlook is warranted by the information obtained from buyers from the leading distributive points with whom we have conversed, and who, without exception, regard the prospect for the trade as not over flattering. It is stated, with good reason, that the effect of the panic of last Fall is still severely and widely felt, and that consumers will feel disposed to purchase as little as possible during the Spring, The prices of most descriptions of goods are ather high, and this fact will be a further check upon consumption. Thus far there has bsen no important turn in the tendency of prices in most lines, and the market continues to rule very firm, with some of the leading styles of brown and bleached cottons a shade higher than when we last wrote. The firm and advancing tone in cotton fabrics is based solely upon the short supply of goods, and is not due to the activity of trade, which has not been, at any time. more than ordinarily active. Indeed, the sales from both first and second hands have not been up to the average season. The price of the raw material has been low throughout the season, and gouds are now rather above their relative value. Should the trade continue slack and stocks accumulate, there will be a probability of prices declining a shade from the extreme point reached, unless the raw material take a turn upward that will sustain the present quotations. The only important change that has occurred during the week, has been in prints, which are off $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ on all standard marks.
Domestic Cotton Goods.-The market is without essential change in brown and bleached fabrics, though an occasional make of fine goods has been advanced a fraction. The sales have been very moderate, both in piece goods and full package lots, and stocks of the leading grades remain very light. A few fine
makes of bleached goods have advanced a fraction, and close steady at the improvement. Drills have sold fairly for home use, but the demand for export is iight. Colored cottons are moving moderately at about previous rates, and are very steadily held. Prints have moved rather more freely in consequence of a reduction to 10 c . of all of the principal makes, with the exception of Cocheco's, which were reduced last week from 11 to $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. The offerings are liberal, and well assorted. Other cottons are quiet and unchanged.
Domestic Woolen Goods.-The market is dull and without notable change. Clothiers are indisposed to operate with any degree of freedom, and for the most part restrict their purchases to small lots of desirable goods for sorting up stocks. The pro duction of spring gonds by the majority of the mills will be unusually light, as the sales thus far and prospective do not warrant manufactures in turning out very large amounts. The finest grades of cassimeres produced by some of the leading mills are of superior quality this season, and the profitableness of giving special attention to these qualities is shown " by the freedom with which the sales have been effected. Cloths sell moderately in fine grades, but the lower qualities of all fabrics more slowly. Flannels are dull and without feature. Hosiery is quiet and easy. Worsted dress goods sell freely, and full prices are realized Worsted coatings meet ready sale at very satisfactory prices. The raw material is still held at pretty full rates, though some of the lower grades have eased off a trifle from the extreme range of a few weeks ago.

Foreign Goods.-The market is steady with a moderate call for the more staple descriptions of British and Continental dress fabrics. The demand is light for this period of the year, as buyers seem to be unusually diligent in making examinations of goods before entering upon their purchases. Fancy fabrics are not actively inquired for, and the market is not fully established as yet. There have been two or three regular auction sales which have resulted very satisfactorily, but have scarcely shown the position fully. The imports have not increased and are still below those of previous years. The stocks in first hands are well assorted, but in no instance have importers largely anticipated their wants, and orders will be sent out only as goods are needed.
The importations of dry goods at this port for the week ending Feb. 5, 1874, and the corresponding weeks of 1873 and 1872 have been as follows:
entered for consumption for the week ending peb. 5, $18 \% 4$.
 Total............. $\overline{8,935} \underset{\$ 3,427,018}{4,336} \frac{81,715,781}{4,984} \widehat{\$ 1,91,403}$ WITHDRAWN FROM WAREBOUSE AND THROWN INTO THE MARKET DURING THE
SAME PERIOD.


| fac | wool.... 717 |
| :---: | :---: |
| do | silk..... 268 |
| do | flax...... 1,037 |
| Miscellaneous | dry goods.1,972 |


$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Miscellaneous dry goods.i,972 } & \left.\begin{array}{l}178,989 \\ 31,988 \\ \hline\end{array}\right]\end{array}$ Add ent'a for consumpt'n $8,035 \quad 3,427,018$ Total thrown upon m'k't.13,017 | $\$ 4,490,154$ | $\overline{9,055}$ | $\overline{\$ 2,873,490}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | Manufactures of wool....


| do | cotton.. |
| :---: | :---: |
| do | silk.... |
| do | flax |
| dion |  |

Totnl
 Total entered at the port $\overline{10,187} \widetilde{8}, 2-283,566$
 manufacture our prices quoted being those of leadang joblems:
Woodberry, Druid Mills

Empreses 6 to $12 .$.
Pendleton
Ellerton.
Franklin...
Garner..........
Ashworth..

| Brooks, per doz. |
| :--- |
| 200 F , |

J. \& P Coat Cliark John, Jr.
Clark's,o.in T

Cotton Sail Duck

| No. $8 . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 30 |
| :--- | :--- |
| No. $9 . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 25 |

Light duckBear (8 oz.
do
29 m . $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { do heavy (90z.)... } & 20 \\ \text { Mont.Ravens29in.. } & 22 \\ \text { do } & 20\end{array}$ do 40 in.:.
On
On Ontario and Woodberr
Cotton Yarns. $\quad$ Cotton Yarns.
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Sargeant } \\ & \text { do } \\ & \text { Fontenoy } 6 \text { to } 12 .: \\ & 26\end{aligned}$ Glazed Cambrica

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## GENERATH

## PRICES CURRENT．

 BREADSTUFFS－See special report． bullding materials－

| Bricks－Common hard，afloat．$P$ M． <br> Croton fronts |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cement－Rosend |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Whber－Southe |  |
|  |  |
| White pine merchan．box |  |
| Spruce boards \＆planks |  |
|  |  |
| Nails－0＠60d 0 m |  |
|  |  |
| clinch， 1 to 3 in． $\begin{gathered}\text { longer．．．．．．．．．．} \text { ．}\end{gathered}$ 2d and $3 d$ fine． |  |
|  |  |
| Catintspleses，all sizes．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． |  |
|  |  |
| Paints－Lead，white，Am，pure，in oil <br> Lead，wh．，Amer，pure dry |  |
| Zinc，wh．，Amer．，dry，No．A ．．．．． |  |
|  |  | BUTTER－

Firkins，per invc＇e（N．Y．e，N．J．\＆Pa．）
Single dairies entire Welsh tubs，per invoice CHOlls
State factory，com．to fan $\ldots . . . . . . .1 .10$
State dairy，common to fair．．．．．．．．io COAL－
6，000 tons of Scranton，Jan． 28 ：
10,000 tons grate．．．．．
5,000 tons egg．．．．
23，000 tons stove．．．
6,000 tons chestnut
Liverpool gas cannel $\rightarrow$


Shelts．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Braziers＇（over 16 oz．）．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
American ingot，Lake．．．．．．．cash． COTTON－See special report．
DRUGS \＆DYES－

| Alum，lump．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | © |
| :---: | :---: |
| Argols，crude．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．gold． | $16 \times 1{ }^{\text {co }}$ |
| argos，refned．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．${ }^{\text {arsenic，powdered．．．．．}}$ | 25 ＠32 |
| Bicarb．soda，Newcastle．．．．．．．．．： | 537318 |
| Bichro．potash，Scotch．．．．．．．$\ddot{\text { a }}$ | 17\％1731／4 |
| Bleaching powder $\ldots$ ．$\ldots$ ．．．．．．． | 250 ¢ 3 62／12 |
| Brimstone，Am．roll ．．．．．．．．．．．．\％刀 刀 |  |
| Camphor，crude．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．gold | ．． |
| Castor oil，E．I．in bond，\％gal．．© | 90 |
| Chlorate potash．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 30 － 31 |
| Caustic soda ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 6 | 565 5 0 |
| Cochineal，Hondurds．．．．．．．．．．${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
| Cochineai．Mexican．．．．．．．．．．．． if $^{\text {a }}$ | 52 © 55 |
| Cream tartar，prime．．．．．．．．．．．${ }^{\text {a }}$ | （ $351 / 2$ |
| Cubebs，East India．．．．．．．．．．．．．${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 61／306 6 |
| Gambier |  |
| Ginseng，Wester |  |
| Ginseng，Souther |  |
| Jalap |  |
| Lsac dye，good \＆fine．．．．．．．．．．．．gold． | 20 － 30 a |
| Licorice paste，Calab | 311／20 361／2 |
| Licorice naste，Sicily | 25 － 28 |
| Madder，Fr．E．X．F．F．．． | 7 \％ 9 |
| Nutgalls，blue Aleppo | 16 ¢ 17 |
| Oil vitriol（66 degrees） | 2319 931／ |
| Opium，Turkey， 14 bond．．．．．．．．．gold． | $\because{ }^{3} 5373$ |
| Quicksilver．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．ioi | 135 |
| Quinine． | $\ddot{2} 0$ |
| Rhubarb，China，goo | 35 ¢ ${ }_{\text {¢ }}$ |
| Bal soda，Newcastle．．．．．．．．．．．．．sold | 180 ＠ 185 |
| Shell lac，2d \＆：st Eng | 65 （a） 70 |
| Soda ash $\qquad$ | $225{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Vitriol，blue，commo | 10＊＠ |
| ISH－ |  |
| Dry |  |
| Mackerel，No．1，Mass．，shore，new | $2300{ }^{26} 00$ |
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| Citron，Leghorn | $27 \%$ 2s |
| Prunes，Turkis | 12\％12\％ |
| Prunes，French |  |
| Figs，Smyrna，new ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． |  |
| Canton Ginger．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．＊ \％ase．$^{\text {\％}}$ | $725 @ 350$ |
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