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## THE SILVER BILL A LAW.

The silver bill was returned to the House with a veto message from the President on Thursday, and without debate and almost without allowing its opponents time to take breath, was pushed through both branches of Congress on the same day, by a vote nearly the same as it received on its original passage.

Prediction of its effects is now unnecessary, as we have only to wait and watch them. What shape the inter national conference suggested in the bill will take, and what effect the law will exert upon the future of silver, are problems which must be left for time to solve, as they are beyond human foresight; what the immediate results here will probably be, we have already suggested. There is little reason for supposing that United States bonds will at once respond very noticeably to the bill; its effects will be disturbing, but hardly for a time to such an extent hurtful. So much does what the silver men have obtained fall short of what they sought. Capital, however, will grow more timid, and business may be expected to continue dull.
Discussion of either the morality or the expediency of the measure has also become useless. What remains is,
to submit to the inevitable. But what is the inevitable? Financial interests should understand that this is by no means the end of the agitation, for if such measures as that recently proposed by Mr. Buckner are dismissed from consideration as being too revolutionary to have any chance of passage, this paipable fact remains:- the silver men are not yet satisfied. The Bland bill is what they want; they are emboldened instead of discouraged; they did not accept the Senate amendments as a compromise, but as what they could get just then, and they now pro. pose to push on for the objects of the Bland bill. It is both unwise and unsafe to ignore, or mistake, or underrate the signs which show the earnestness and power of the movement. That none of the supplementary measures can command two-thirds of the Senate, is generally claimed; we hope they cannot. But the advocates of a sound currency will need still to be on the alert, for desire has rather been encouraged than satisfied by this partial success.

## A CANAL-RALLROSD PROJECT:

On Weduesday of this week a prominent advocate of making the canals free, delivered an elaborate speech in the Assembly, its text being the constitutional amendments which he has offered. It will be remembered that State Auditor Schuyler, in his last annual report, said that as the last instalment of the Canal debt (the whole anount of which is $\$ 9,020,200$ ) falls due in 1893 , the total interest to be paid will amount to $\$ 6,930,709$, making an aggregate debt and interest of $\$ 15,950,909$. From present appearances, he added, this must be paid from taxation; $a$ tax of $5 \frac{3}{4}$ mills on the dollar of the present valuation, distributed over sixteen years, would meet it; or a single levy of $3 \frac{3}{4}$ mills would pay the entire principal of the debt at 15 per cent premium; and an annual tax of one-third of a mill would be ample for the working and maintenance of all the canals which the Constitution prohibits selling, including the Black River canal. These statements were presumably made, not for information merely, but to convey the suggestion of how slight a burden of tax the proposed step would impose, and the Auditor considers the canals to be well worth the outlay. Waiving, however, the questions which may be raised about the plan as a matter of public policy, it does not seem to us a practicable one at present, for-although there can be no objection, on its own merits, to allowing the people to say by a vote whether they wish to pay for free canals by a general tax-it is improbable that the counties not touched by the canals will be ready to do so. It is injudicious to submit propositions for amending the Constitution, unless an end Which must be reached can be reached by no other in-
strumentality; and if reliance is placed upon such instrumentality in this case, other measures of canal reform, less difficult of adoption, may perhaps be allowed to slip. One of these measures-Senator St. John's bill for a canal railroad-was introdueed several weeks ago and received a hearing last Wednesday, before the Joint Commi tee on the Canals. As it contains novel features, and will probably become one of the most earnestly discussed measures of the present session, a brief sketch of it will be interesting.

The bill contains ten sections. Sections 1 and 2 repesl all acts under which tolls are now levied on the canals, and provide that, in lieu of tolls, all boats or rafts shall pay 25 cents per mile, for any distance, greater or less, for tonnage. Section 3 provides that, "to economize in the expense of canal navigation and in the coilection of its revenues," the Buffalo Syracuse \& Alvany Railroad Company is authorized to introduce on all the cana's "a system of towage by locomotives upon tracks to be laid upon each bank of the canal, so as to cause the least inconvenience to the present system of towing by animal power." Sections 4 to 6 provide that this company shall tow for hire, "by their locomotives or by animal power, all the boats, floats, and rafts that may be offered, loaded or empty, at 25 cents per mile, for any (greater or less) distance, except where other means of towage may be used by other parties;" that in the latter case tolls shall not exceed 1 cent per 1,000 per mile on timber in rafte, $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cents on lumber in rafts, $1 \frac{1}{2}$ mills on sawed lumber, and 1 mill per ton per mile on all freights, these tolls to be collected by the company or by any State collector, and to be paid over to the State on account of $\$ 900,000$ yearly, which the company is to pay to the State in seven equal monthly instalments, begin. ning May 15 in each year, the company being permitted to "retain any residue of the sums $t$, be collected by them in full compensation for cost of establishing and maintaining said system of towage and of collecting said tolls;" that in order to prevent any discrimination in charges "in the transportation of persons or property" the company shall not charge more than $7 \frac{1}{2}$ mills per ten per mile for through freight moved on their tracks (a d-finite maximum being also named for local freight) and not more than $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per mile "upon passengers, throngh or local." The remaining sections make the system of towage provided for subject to the control of the Canal Board and to all regulations established for canal navigation; reserve power to alter or modify the act at any time; make the act take effect, except for construction purposes, fifteen days after public notice has been given that the road is open for use from the Hudson to the lakes; and allow two years for the full completion of the work.

It $i$ assumed that the road is to be a narrow-guage one, for business reasons, although the b ll does not stipulate at all for the manner of construction, except that the proviso in section 3 shows that the present system of towing by animal power must not be interfered with. The bill does not say that the railroad shall carry any freight, but such carrying is presumed; nor that fast trains, or trains independent of the towing, shall not be run; but inasmuch as the speed of independent trains could not be greater than that of the tows, it is to be presumed that the work of carrying and of towing would be performed by the same engine: Figuratively speaking, the idea is to tow the boats by faster horses, and to atilize the horses further by putting loads on their backs. The carrying capacity of the canal is limited by four conditions : first, the capacity of the water-way
itself to hold and float boats; second, its capacity to permit their motion at good speed, without being itself injured thereby; third, the capacity of the locks; fourth, the practicability of applying power enough to produce rapid motion at tolerable cost. Obviously, the first two conditions yet afford a very large and indefinite margin, the capacity of the canal in the respects named never having been tested. The locks offer a more serious problem-one which must be settled in some way in case a very great increase in carryiog capacity is to be made; the new plan, on its face, does not offer to affect this. The fourth is the one to which neally all efforts hitherto have been directed, and the one which this plan aims especially to alter and enlarge.

The difficulties which have hitherto prevented suc ess in the problem of self-propelling boats have been two : to devise an engine which would not injure the canal banks by the "wash" of the water which it must move in order to move the boat, and next to perform the work economically. The first difficulty seemed to have been overcome by the Baxter propelling engine; the second, however, dif not appear to be. To place any engine in a boat is to reduce the freight capacity; to tow boats by another boat is a laborious process; and to decrease resistance by sharpening the bows and sloping the sides is to materially redice capacity. But if the engine moves on the land it can carry additional freight directly instead of itself taking the place of freight; it makes no "wash" whatever ; it avoids all the "slip" of the water and can even have its adhesion to the rail positive, thus making all its power effective in traction; and-what is important to rememberinasmuch as it is the speed which consumes power in ordinary locomotion, if the speed is brought down to the canal rate the traction-power of the engine may be very greatly multiplied, at the cost only of some additional friction in the machinery. As respects the attainable speed, furthermore, no power which can be applied will force boats of the present shape through the water at a very rapid rate, and therefore some sharpening of the model seems necessary, for the sake of speed; but, on the other hand, the objection of decreased capacity applies less to the proposed plan than to one for self-propelling boats, because this may be offset by the greater effectiveness of the engine on land, which can draw a tow of boats or can-as is proposed-take the additional load itself.

As between the State and the railroad company, the assumption seems to be that Mr. Clark will be able to make the $\$ 800,000$, which was last year's total receipts, sufficient for maintenance of the canals, hence, that $\$ 900,000$ will be a safe charge to exact from the company. The State, therefore, by this bill, proposes to charge the company $\$ 900,000$ a year for the privilege of using the canal banks as provided, itself undertaking to keep the canals good with that money, and permitting the company to have any excess which it can make, the presumption of course being that the latter, for its own interest, will keep good the banks which form its roadbed. As for the users of the canals, animal power may still be used, either by the company or by other parties. The company's charges for " towage" are strictly fixed, and so are the toll rates when boats are moved by other parties than the company. If the cost of canal business. is not assessed in the shape of tolls, it must be put into the tax levies, and nothing short of doing the latter would be making " free canals." This measure does not go so far; for the present tolls it proposes to substitute lower ones, or, on the business done by the new com-
pany, a "towage" charge on the boat in place of toll charges on the freight. While this is a step towards the "free canals," advocated by many, it is really only a reduction of charges, and a change in their form.
The railroad company named in the bill is already incorporated, with a capital stock of ten millions, and the names of the incorporators seem a tolerable guarantee that the plan really means carrying out and is not what is known at Albany as a "strike." How the Central Railroad would be affected it is unnecessary to inquire, for the measure should not be judged according to that consideration; yet there seems to be shrewdness as well as foresight in the remark attributed to Mr . Depew, that any measure which aids general prosperity in the State must aid the Central also in the long run. The bearing which the subject has upon the trade of this city and the much-vexed matter of freight discriminations against it will readily be seen. What will be the fate of the measure it would be idle to conjecture, but if it fails to receive the sort of consideration to which it is fairly entitled the reason will very tikely be the indifference to the subject of the canals on the part of members from the counties which the canals do not touch. The project is novel in some respects, for although propositions for moving boats by engines on the banks, and even for using the banks for a railroad, have been made, the plan of combining a freight ralroad with a towage system has not, we believe, before been broached. It seems to obviate most of the difficulties of steam propulsion, and to propose a long step towards enlarging the capacity of the canals; but one thing, at least, must be evident-that the necessity for increasing their effectiveness in some way is growing, and all the more under the present troubles of freight-carrying.

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The merchant and nianufacturer in all their business ventures must depend, in some measure at least, upon facts not jet accom. plished. Hence, each is unceasingly seeking to outstrip his neighbor in acquiring information, through which he may obtain a better forecast of the future. In the search, every market has its scouts out in all directions; you meet them, for instance, in the extremes of Soath America, the plains of India, the tea. fields of China, tapping the very ssurces of sapply. The unobserving sometimes think that it is the mere turning of the kaleidoscope that has fixed the events which have responded with such perfect nicety to the plan pat in execution months ago. They do not see the method, but the result only, and therefore call that good fortune which is simply the $\mathrm{le}_{\mathrm{o}}$ itimate fruit of vigilance.
While, however, in every industry, so much is depending upon a right conception of coming conditions, and efforts so persistent and painstaking are put forth to get at even an inkling of their significance, it is truly surprising that so little advance has been made in solving or limiting the doubts with regard to cotton supply. Every year wa pass through jast the same round of confusion, uncertainty and suspense. And yet the growth and fraitage of a plant is an assured process, and as capable, with fixed conditions, of being foreshadowed as the motions of the planets. All that is required are undisputed facts to base our conclusions upon. With past experience and conditions accurately given, future results could not be doubtful. The weak point in the

[^0]problem, and the only donbtfal one, would arise from imperfect observation; and that is almost wholly the result of unnecessary ignorance.
By unnecessary ignorance we mean simply to indicate the omission duing past years to ieep a perfect record of facts as they trarspired. A very good illustration in another department of the same trade has been furnished within a short period through the figar, s for European consumption. The deliveries to spinners lave been for a long time regularly and carefully preserved and studied, but not so spinners' stocke, the deliveries until recently being understood by the general reader as the measure of consumption. This error was the prime factor in most of the disasters to the cotton trade for many years. Four evident truths were thus ignored or only partially accepted: (1) That consumption for spii ning purposes cannot exceed the spinning capacity of each country; (2) that the spinning capacity cannot be enlarged fastir than the spindles can be made and set up ; (3) that such increase in spindles can only progress at a certain ascertainable rate per month, and will not go on to any extent when the goods trade is not profitable ; and (4) that spinners naiurally stock up when crops are abundant and prices low, and run on that stock when supply is short. The opinions of those who insisted upon the truth of these propositions duting the years of 1871 and 1872 were thought faulty, and therefore were not accepted until in the summer of 1872, when, in spite of our very small crop, there was a wonderful abstention from the market on the part of spinners, and it was then found that there was a supply which had been invisible, and that deliveries and consumption were by no means synonymous; so a much closer observation and analysis of the conditions began to be made, and at this date spinners' stocks of raw cotton are followed as vigilantly as the deliveries, or even more so.
We use this piece of history simply as an illustration. The experience of that year and the facts which subsequent investigations have brought out, have greatly simpiified the problem of onsumption. Yet we daily need more light even in that direction. Our information, to meet the requirement, must be aggressive, the result of incessant research. In this spirit we have endeavored, in subsequent pages, to push this inquiry with regard to the future spinning demand one step further, by figures and suggestions which will, we think, prove timely.
But that portion of our work is secondary. Our first and main effort has keen directed to elucidating the question of American supply, and here we have been compelled to explore in a field almost new. Not that there has been any want of reports of the condition of previous crops, faithfully made from month to month; but simply that such reports of themselves prove nothirg, or, if followed, lead us any where but to the truth. This is not said in a spirit of criticism. If any one questions the assertion, let him read through a few years of such compilations; and it will be fo nd that they are a mass of contradictions, and one will rise from the task simply bewildered. In a certain year it will be stated that drought has reduced the crop fifis per cent, or that rain has had the same effect, or that shedding has utterly ruined it, or that caterpillars have eaten it up; and yet in those years, perhaps, and in those very States, there would be an abundant yield. On the other hand, another sea on, the very same summer and fall conditions may be apparent, and the same results predicted and prove nearly correct. How can these statements and results be reconciled? Not by pronouncing ene informant false and the other tiue. They both stated what they saw, and intended to represent the condition faithfully. Neither had studied the leasons which the cultivation of past crops might have taught them; their report in each case was simply a refles of the outward appearance at the moment.
And in this connection we might as well note the fact which even the most cursory examinati $n$ discloses, that no man can tsiimate correctly the (xtent of a cotton crop from its appearance
in the field in any fall or summer month. This point is very important, because in the misconception with regard to it lies the great error of estimates. Planters of even thirty yeara' experience, in making the attempt, have at times varied over fifty per cent from the actual yield. Many amusing illustrations of this could be given. We remember one of a farmer who, to use his own expression, "planted for forty bales." On a Sunday in August some of his neighbors paid him a visit and, as their custom was, went out to look at his crop. All pronounced it sure for fifty bales. Later in the month the plants began to shed, and the half-ripe bolls seemed literally to rain upon the ground, while the leaves drooped under the scurching sun as if utterly discouraged, no doubt imparting a like feeling to the beholder. Not twenty bales would that field produce, was the unanimous, unhesitating verdict of these same sage judges; and they believed it so fully that the farmer immediately told his family to purchase nothing more at the grocer's, for his cotton was a failure. Late in September our friend wrote that his crop was actually turning out better than he expected, and he should not wonder if he maje thirly bales. In November he wrote again, saying he had picked thirty-five bales, and hoped to secure four or five more. When th s season closed, his final report showed a total yiell of forty-one bales. This is not an exceptional case. It represents the blunder of every person who attempts to draw a jear's results out of a day's experience-not unlike the endeavor to describe the history and achievements of a long war by an instantaneous photograph at a set moment in the progress of one battle.

The first assumption of the careless observer, after studying the above case, will be that the extra yield was the fruitage of a new growth. Belonging to the same class of hasty conclusions is the remark frequently heard, that if frost holds off for ten days it will be five handred thousand bales added to the crop, and some, not to be outdone we suppose in romancing, make it a million bales if the frost will grant thirty to sixty days' grace beyond an average. In other words, the opinion of these wise men is that the frost is the arbiter of the yield. This is a very mis!aken notion; for a healthy, regularly-developed cotton plant, like every weed or shrub, has a fixed growth, with a limit to it, ending in maturity. The date, therefore, when vegetation is killed, has very much less to do with the result than most imagine, for all the fruit the plant can carry will have been previously perfected. In 1875, ice formed at Memphis (see Chronicle of October 16 , 1875, page 375,) on Monday and Tuesday nights, the 11th and 12th of October. The Memphis Cotton Exchange report, issued in November, states that, out of all their correspondents in Ten. nessee, Mississippi and Arkansas, being 154 in all, eighty, or more than one-half, "report a killing frost from the 9 th to the $: 0$ th of "October, the average date being October 14th." And yet, notwithstanding frost came so early, Memphis received of the crop of that year 487,376 bales, being over 160,000 bales more than in the previous year, and over 100,000 bales more than in 1871-2, when the date of frost was November 17, the very latest in that district of any year in our record. Certainly there was something in the growth of the summer of 1875 which even an early killing could not destroy; and when we come to consider the weather cata of that autumn we shall also find that even floods of rain, equal to those of 1877 at very many points, had not their accustomed power over it.

It was not, therefore, out of a second growth, as it is called, nor out of a prolonged autumn, that our friend secured so good a crop. All he ever knew or understood was that he made it, and from plants that about the first of September looked to him and his friends, in every particular, like those of a previous year which proved a failure. And in that apparent contradiction between results and conditions lies the very point upon which we desire our investigations to throw light. We call cotton a dryweather plant, and so it is; bat the drought it passes successfully
through one year will perhaps almost kill it the next. It is aaid that rain is its destruction; and jet a crop is often made of mur. prising proportions which has endured juśt such floods of rain as another crop succumbs to, of apparently equal promise. To test, therefore, all our conclusions relating to these matters, we need facts which shall reflect past experience through a series of years, from the first ploughing of the field to the picking of the last boll; and we need to apply such facts to the nature, habits and production of the plant, so as to bring out as far as possible the reasons for the failure and success of different crops during those seasons.

This is what we have attempted to do in later pages. As a preliminary, however, we have investigated anew the problem of acreage, showing and proving its growth or progress in the past and its extent and production during recent years, thas giving the data for determining the outside limits or possibilities of any season. After that, follows a detailed account of the routine in cultivation during the first six months; this includes a recital. of the methods of preparing the soil, planting the seed, working the crop, with a history of the early growth, the diseases and dangers encountered at that period, and the nature and kind of labor necessary in securing a stand. This detail may at first sight appear unnecessary, but is really the basis of our inquiry, as these facts, disclosing the weaknesses and strength of the cotton plant, prepare us to study and understand the data subse. quently given of weather and growth while passing through these many stages of development, thus enabling us to determine with great accuracy the effect of certain peculiarities of weather and the reasons for it, and also what has been the precise condition of the several crops on the 1st of July. In subsequent cbapters we similarly analyze and examine the last six months of each zear.

Young life is synonymous with weakness and frailty. All plants then need nursing, protection, cultivation. Every faithful gardener watches over and tends his seed when once planted; if the weather is dry, he waters it; if cold, he covers it; if wet, he protects it. And when the little shoot has pushed above the ground, his care increases lest insects shall pierce or weeds choke or rain blight the tender growth. He could omit much of this labor if he were content in getting only sickly plants, irregalarly established. His aim, however, is to secure an abundant crop, which he knows is only attainable through a perfect early development; but when such a development is gained, he considers the time of trial and doubt passed; the harvest assured; and the plant almost able to take care of itself. Is not this, in vegetable life, the universal experience? Of course, in extensive cultivation, with acres of corn or cotton, no such nursing is possible ; the gardener secures a crop al ways, because, in his limited domain, he can constantly supply the deficiencies or irregularities of nature ; the farmer, however, is in bondage to the weather. If it is so dry his seed coes not germinate, he cannot water it; if too cold, he cannot cover it ; if excessively wet, he cannot pro. tect it. So, also, when the plants are up, they need care and cultivation, but can recsive it only if the weather permits. Consequently, his crops will sometimes be well started and sometimes poorly started. And precisely here lies the point of first interest. The cotton plant in June is brought to a stand; in suitable weather the stand is strong, clean and healthy; in unsuitable weather it is weak, grassy and sickly. The inquiry suggested is, how far does the stand or the condition on the first of July control the gield. Can ar weat, sickly stand ever bs cured? Does a strong, healthy stand, within any definable limits, guarantee a successful season? For answers to these questions, we must reler to the facts given; first, as to the early growth of the plant, next, with regard to the summer development and trials, and finally as to the maturing, picking and marketing of the crop. All the explanations and data included under these heads are needed to enforce the truth

Which the facts appear to disclose. After carefully stadying them, the reader may find much less contradiction than heretofore supposed between the conditions and results of different seasons. The ancients represented the Goddess Fortune blindfold turning her wheel, now up, now down, and fixing the deepest events of life with fickle impulse and random hand. In our day, cotton-crop estimates have come to be considered as peculiarly under the supervision of this same divinity. We trust, however, that in the future this will be true to a much smaller degree, and that, when a few years more of accurate weather observations have been preservad, the ventures of the cotton merchant and manufacturer will be still less the football of blind chance.

The other featares of this book it is unnecessary for us to refer to at any length here; they sufficiently explain themselves. With regard to India, however, we may say that our purpose has been to unfold another point in the cotton-supply problem which is but little understood. We believe the facts and figures we have brought together will, with the help af the map of the cotton districts which we give, be found of frequent use. Next to America, India is likely, for a considerable time at least, to hold prominence as a source of supply, and hence wo cannot fail to be interested in anything that helps us to measure that supply. The map, which is more fully explained hereafter, has been prepared under our direction for the purpose of supplying a want often expressed and widely felt to exist. Though not as complete in some of its details as we intended-and very likely containing minor inaccuracies with regard to the boundaries of some smaller districts-yet the information it does convey can be obtained from no other published source, and is of such a practical nature as to make it of special service to a large circle of readers. Whether the world's supply of cotton from India is to continue unchanged, or is to suffer decline or gradually to increase, are points very frequently discussed, and-because there have been so few helps accessible to gaide one's judgment-often without knowledge. May we not believe that for the future these and kindred questions will be more generally and clearly understood.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW OF FEBrdary.

The situation of affairs in February is tolerably well described by gaying that all financial interests were halting to await the final result of the Silver bill pending in Congress. The bill was only passed, over the President's veto, on the last day of the month, so that its ultimate effect could not be known; ; but so far as its prospective influence was concerned, the feeling of nearly all the most prominent business men of the country was so much against it, that in New York and othar cities there was a stagnation in financial transactions, caused by an unwillingness to enter into any new engagements while such a bill was pending.
The money marktt continued to work quite easily, and on call loans rates were 4 to 6 per cent, while prime commercial paper sold readily at 5 to 7 per cent.
Investment securities were generally dull, except that there was quite a demand for small lots of government bonds from parties who had heretofore apparently been savings-bank depositors and had become alarmed for the safety of their investments.
Speculative stocks were dull beyond precedent at this period of the year, and all parties were afraid to operate, in view of the uncertainty attending the situation.
Gold, although flactuating moderately under the silver influences, kept withis a small range, as the prices in the table below will show.
Foreign exchange was not active, and the principal demand came, as usual, from the importers of United States bonds, whose purchases $f$ exchange were at times large. On prime sixty days, sterling bills the asking rate of bankers advanced from $4.84 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cn}$ the first to 4.86 on the last of the month.


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The following table will show the opening, highest, lowest and closing prices of railway and miscellaneous stocks at the Now York Stock Exchange during the months of January and February : range of stocis in january and frbruary.



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LFrom our own correspondent．］
London，Saturday，February 16， 1878.
When it is borne in mind how sensitive and anxious the public have become with regard to the pelitical situation，it can occasion no surprise that trade is languid and that no dipposition is shown to embark in speculative enterprise．Eren on the Stock Ex． change，though there has been some excitement，business is far from active，the risks being far too great to justif y pradent people in committing themselves to operations of any magnitude． And jet，grave as is the situation，hopes are pntertained that there will be no war ；but，at the same time，the future is difficult to define，and it would seem that the course of events of late has been more in the direction of hostilities than of peace．It is difficult to see，however，how the Government could have avoided sending a portion of our fleet to the neighborhood of Constan－ tinople．The Government would，no doubt，have been willing to avoid such a measure，if possible，but certain declarations have been made，and it is regarded that if our interests are not actually
threatened，the diplomacy of Prince Gortschak off during this year has not been of that character which would promote confidence in the morality of his intentions．Without exciting the sui． picions of other Powere，tho Czar，withoat holaing prostrate Turkey by the throat，as if another Plevna were possible， could before now have made an honorable peace，and have gained substantial advantages，which England would by no means gradge her；but of late there has been too much insincerity，which is by no means palatable either to the Government or the country．It is remarkable，how ever，that Germany and Austria still seem indifferent about the state of affairs ；but it appears that Prince Bismarck has returned to Berlin，after some months of mysterious secrecy at Varzin． An article which appeared in the Standard of Thursday，which seems to hive been＂inspired，＂refers to the delicacy of the situa－ tion and to the diffinulties against which the Government has had to contend during the last twelve months．The Premier，on the first day of Parliament，mentioned that some of the proposals which had been uade to the British Government were perilous and unprincipled；but a complete explanation has not yet been vouchsafed，though there are，of course，many conjectures as to what was implied．The Standard contends－nay，asserts－ that
＂It is an open secret that the majority of the Powers would have been only too delighted had any one of them undertaken the task of resisting Russia＇s advance，and there exists s shrewd suspicion that even Germany＇s complaisant encouragement of the policy of the Czar was due to the calculation that it would infallibly end by involving Russia in war with a Power richer， more resolute，and more enduring than Turkey．But calcula－ tions of this nature are well adapted to de＇eat their own end．It Germany would not move as long as France remained quiet， France would do nothing so long as Germany remained passive． If Austria and Germany thought that they could well afford to stand by with folded arms because it was certain that Fingland would，by actively interfering，save them the trouble of doing so，it was hardly likely that England would be so short－sighted as not to perceive that any rashness on her part would only cause her to fight battles for others which they ought to fight for themselves． Such a policy was evidently attended with another danger beside the one it was intended to avoid；and that oiher danger has been incurred，and is now upon us all．We do not for one moment care to conceal the fact that Russia has thereby been enabled to advance a good deal further than is pleasant to us；but it is equally notorious that she has advanced considerably further than is agreeable to Austria．Might we not safely add that Prince Bismarck himself can hardly view the position with per－ fect complacency？If France and Italy are thoroughly well sat－ isfied with an arraugement which not only puts Rassia＇s pen through their signatures，but strikes a direct blow at their inter－ ests，we have nothing to say．They are the best judges of their own concerns，their own dignity，and their own duty．Nothing， however，can affect the fact that Russia＇s pretensions－whilst un－ questionably they affect Eng！and very materially－are directed in practice equally against all the great powers．＂

It is very clear that there is either $q$ want of harmony，or there is great jea＇ousy，amongst the Continental powers，or there is an existence of both．The present state of things has been brought about to a considerable extent by the large standing armies，which have so long been regarded as a necessity，but which are impov－ erishing the countries which are afflicted with them．Should a conference ever meet，which some regard as doubtful，the ques－ tion of armaments might very usefully be taken into consideration， as so much combustible material in the hands of a few despots． is very dangerous，and is entirely at variance with European progress and prosperity．
The money market during the week，without being active，has been firmer，and in the open market the rates of discount have somewhat improved．No disposition has been shown to lend money，except for short periods，it being possible that the state of political affuirs may so change as to make a dearer money market inevitable．The Bank rate，however，is unchanged at 2 per cent． Annexed are the quotations for money：

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6 months＇bank bills．
iiie． $24 \mathrm{a}^{2 \%}$ 8 months＇bills．．．．．．．．．．． 18 （011
The rates of interest allowed by the joint stock banks and discount houses for deposits remain as follows：

Annexed is a statement showing the present position of the Bank 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 ＇s Mule twist，fair second quality，and the Bankers＇Clearing House return，compared with the four previous years：



The Bank return published this week is rather more favorable and the proportion of reserve to liabilities, owing to a considera ble return of notes from provincial circuiation, has improved to 46.82 per cent. The falling off in the supply of bullion is smaller than had been anticipated, coin having been received in considerable quantities from the Provinces. Since the return was balanced, on Wednesday evening, Germany has purchased $£ 500,000$ in bar gold for coinage purposes, and the money market, which showed yesterday a tendency to renewed ease, has again become firm. Silver at one period of the week was worth $54 \frac{1}{8} d$., but is now selling at 5378d. per ounce. The prices of bullion are sabjoined:

|  |  |  | 46.50 | 46.82 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3\% p.c. | 8 p.c. | $4 \mathrm{p.c}$. | $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. | $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. |
|  |  |  |  | 951/6 |
| 63s. 9d. | 4 4s. 7d. | 43s. 0d. | 52s. 8 da . | 318.3 ${ }^{\text {d. }}$. |
| 8d. | $7 \text { 11-16d. }$ | 6 i-16d. | 6\%d. | 63/4. |


|  | GOLD. | s. d. s. d. |  |
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| Bar Gold, fine |  |  | 0 @ |
| Bar Gold, refinable.................. ......per oz. standard. 77 111/@ |  |  |  |
| spanish Doubloons | per oz., nominal. |  | 3 @ |
| South American Doubjoons. ......... ................per oz. 739 @ |  |  |  |
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|  | sILVER. | d. | d. |
| Bar Silver, fine.........................................per oz. 53/1 @ |  | 53\% |  |
| Bar Silver, con'ng 5 grs. Gold................... ......per oz. 51/4 @54 7-16 |  |  |  |
| Mexicsn Dol'ars ....... ........... ........ . ......per cz. 83x @ |  |  |  |
| Spanish Dcllars (Carolus) ............. .... .............per oz. .... @ |  |  |  |
| Five Franc Pieces...... | per oz. connt, 3 per cent |  |  |

The periodical sale of bills on India was held at the Bank of England on Wednesday, and $£ 300,000$ were allotted- $£ 174,967$ being to Calcutta, $£ 120,000$ to Bombay and $£ 5,032$ to Madras. Tenders on Calcatta and Madras at 1s. S8d. received 75 per cent; on Bombay, at that price, 47 per cent, and above in full. The price is the same as last week.
The following are the current rates of discount at the principal foreign centres:

|  | Bank Open rate. mark't. |  | Bank rate. | Open mark't. |
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| Paris | p. c. ${ }_{1}^{\text {p. }}{ }^{\text {c }}$. $1 \%$ | Vienna and Trieste... | $\mathbf{p}_{4} \mathbf{c} .$ | $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{4}} \mathbf{c}$ |
| Amsterdam | 3 2\% | Madrid, Cadiz and Bar- |  |  |
| Berlin | 4 21/2 | celona | 6 | 6 6 7 |
| Frankfort | $4231021 / 2$ | Lisben and Oporto... | 6 |  |
| Hamburg | 4.21021/2 | St. Petersburg........ | 8 | 404\% |
| Leipzig. | $4{ }_{5} \quad 21 / 2$ | New York. ............ | $\underset{8}{ }$ | 50\% |
| Geneva | $3 \quad 3$ | Copenhagen .............. |  |  |
| Brussels.. | $21 / 2 \quad 21 / 4$ | Copenhagen........... | 6s |  |

The stock markets have, on the whole, been firm, but have been greatly wanting in activity. Speculation is at a low ebb, the political situation being too critical to justify unusual risks. Mach time is obviously absorbed in political discussion, the gravity of the situation taking precedence in every circle; still, hopes of peace are entertained. There is talk of an AngloAustrian alliance, and it seems that opposition to Russia is on the increase. It is scarcely to be expected, after sacrificing 100,000 men and several millions of money, that Russia will care to incur any formidable opposition, when she knows very well that she can make a glorious peace for herself at any moment. The secresy which exists naturally excites suspicion, and the motive of it unless it be unscrupulous ambition, is hard to understand. The market for Anerican securities continues to be affected by the silver agitation. Very little business is passiag in the market, and the tendency of prices is downwards.
Notwithstanding that the political complications which exist ara most grave, and that it is impossible to say what will be the position of affairs a few days, or even a few hours hence, the trade for cereal produce during the week has been free from excitement, and there has not been much variation in prices. The possibility of war with Russia bas obviously been favorable to holders, and the result has been that those descriptions of produce which Russia contributes hare somewhat hardened in price. No marked improvement has, nevertheless, been estab lished, merchants having only succeeded in obtaining rather more money for the Detter qualities. This indicates, of course, that the trade believe that an escape will, in some way or other, be discovered out of the present dilemma, and that all the European Powers will find it conducive to their interests to come to ench an underatanding that the occasion shall not again arise for slmilar comphcations. The situation, however, is very criti-
cal, the secresy, more or less successfal, of Russia's movements having produced great distrust, and compelled Austria, as well as this country, to adopt strong precautions for the future While, however, the holders of wheat are firm, millers still pursue a very cautious policy, and purchase very little wheat in excoss of their actual requirements. The political situation being beyond the power of solution, it is of course difficult to know which is the proper course to pursue, as in the event of peace large supplies of Russian wheat would be marketed here, while on the other hand war would stop all supplies, save those which might filter through a German or a Dutch port. Besidea, it is apprehended that other powers would join in the conflict, the result of which would be that we should have to look elsewhere than to Europe for our necessary supply of cereals. It is unquestionably difficult to choose between these two extremes, for although our wants are so great that we can absorb enormnus supplies of foreign produce, yet the trade bave to bear in mind that the financial condition of Russian merchants is such as to necessitate a large exportation of all available produce in order to save the majority of them from ruin. Already has a very important house at St. Petersburg, that of Brandt \& Co., suspended payment, and in city circles it is believed that even if there be an immediate peace, a large number of mercantile failures must take place throughout the Russian Empire. Peace would bring with it, therefore, large supplies, though thare is still reason to believe that a large portion of them will prove to be of indifferent quality. Cautions buying is, we think, the safer course to parsue, as it can b scarcely believed that Russia, or indeed any other power, will rush madly and blindly into war. Russia must, in herself, want peace; and we know that Germany and Austria are by no means anxious for a war; while, as regards this country, it is well known that Russia has only to make any reasonable want ${ }_{s}$ known, and the opposition which this country now cffers would be quickly withdrawn. Undoubtedly, the question of peace or war rests with Russia, and the state of tension in all mercantile circles is so great that one false or unfortunate step would precipitate a crisis.
On the Continent the trade for wheat has been very quiet during the week. The better qualities of produce have been scarce, and have realized full prices, but for inferior produce there has been but little demand. Business with Russia is in a state of suspense, notwithstanding the armistice; but this is of course due to political diffiulties which exist.
During the week ended February 9, the sales of Eaglish wheat in the 150 principal markets of England and Wales amounted to 39,716 quarters, against 44,764 quarters last year; and it is estimated that in the whole kingdom they were nearly 160,000 quarters, against 179,000 quarters in the corresponding period of 1877. Since harvest, the sales in the 150 principal markets have been $1,059,239$ quarters, against $1,161,899$ quarters; while it is computed that they have amounted in the whole kingdom to $4,237,000$ quarters, against $4,647,600$ quarters in the corresponding period of the previous year. Without reckoning the supplies furnished ex-granary, it is estimated that the following quantities of wheat and flour have been placed upon the British markets since harvest:


The following figures show the imports and exports of cereal produce into and from the United Kingdom since harveat, viz: from the 1st of September to the close of last week, compared with the corresponding periods in the three previous years:


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10.857
16.635
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The daily closing quotations in the markets of London and Liver－ pool for the past week have been reported by cable，as shown in the following summary ：
London Money and stnck Market．－The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased $£ 283.000$ during the week．

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| Consols for money．．95 5－16 | 95 9－16 | ${ }^{95}$ 9－16 | ${ }^{5} 5.518$ | 95 1－16 | 95 ：－16 |
|  | ${ }_{106}^{95-16}$ | 10312 | －${ }^{95}$ | ${ }^{95} 11-16$ | ${ }_{195} 951$ 1－16 |
| U．8．10－408．．．．．．．．．． 105 \％ | 1041／2 | 1014 | 101\％ | 109 \％ | 104\％／ |
| 5s of 1881．．．．．．．．．．．．1041／2 | 109\％ | 113\％ | 104 | 1033／4 |  |
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## Liverpool Cotton Markets．－See special report of cotton．

 Liverpool Breadstuffs Market．－

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Liverpool Provisions Market．－



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Liverpool Produce Market．—

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London Produce and Oil Markets．－

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| Hinseed（Cal．）\％quar． | 18 | 430 | － | 47 |  |
| 8ugar（No．12D＇chstd） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sperm oil．．．．． 9 tun．． 7500 | 7500 |  | 750 | 750 | 750 |
| Whale oil．．．．．．6．． 3500 | 250 | 350 | 35 | 85 | 35 |
| Linseed oil．．．．．9 ton ． 2510 | 2510 | 25100 | 25 | 25 | 25 |

## Commercial and Aliscellautong News．

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR THE WERE．－The imports last week showed an increase in dry goods and a decrease in general merchandise．The total imports were $\$ 6,456,383$ ．against $\$ 6,411,214$ the preceding week and $\$ 3,849,682$ two weeks pre－ vious．The exports for the week ended Feb． 26 amounted to $\$ 7,313,838$ ，against $\$ 7,289,351$ last week and $\$ 6,949,87 \%$ the pre－ vious week．The exports of cotton for the week ending Feb． $2^{7}$ were 8,742 bales，against 11,649 bales the week before．The tol－ lowing are the imports at New York tor week enaing（for dry
goods）Feb． 21 and for the week ending（for general mer
chandise）Feb．22：
FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORE FOR THE WEER.

Dry goods．
General merchandise．．
Total for the week

In our report of the dry goods trade will be found the imports of dry goods for nne week later．
The following is a statement of the exports（exclusive of specie） rrom the port of New York to foreign ports for the week ending Feb．26：

EXPORTB FROM NEW YORE FOR THE WEEK

Since Jan．1．．．．．．．．$\overline{\$ 35,892,266} \overline{\$ 37,649,932} \overline{\$ 42,875,118} \overline{\$ 52,446,926}$
The following will show the exports of specie from the port of New York for the week ending Feb．23，1878，and also a com． parison of the total since Jan．1，1878，with the corresponding totals for several previous years：


The imports of apecie at this port during the seme periods have been as follows


The transactions for the week at the Sub－Treasury have been as follows：

| Feb． |  | Castoms．$\$ 477.000$ | －Gold．Receipts．－Currency． |  | Pay |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gold. } \\ & \mathbf{3 7 6 2 , 1 4 4} 55 \end{aligned}$ | Currency． | Gold． | Curreacy \＄526，930 |
|  |  |  | 287.000 | 518，300 11 | 607，\＄20 69 | 559，409 17 | 742,569 |
| ＂ | 26. | 439，000 | 560，880 63 | 355，753 48 | 20，41742 | 642，515 71 |
| ＂ | 27. | 257，000 | 261.94735 | 319，283 17 | 346，550 20 | $28{ }^{\text {n }}$ ，6r： 694 |
| ${ }^{6}$ |  | 238，000 | 281，869 83 | 509，723 75 | 373，503 80 | 797，418 03 |
| Mar． |  | 466，000 | 1，794，375 11 | 849，811：8 | 118，425 59 | －06，444 41 |

Total．．．．． $82,164,000$ \＆4，179，41； 61 \＄4，343，292 89 \＄1，782，420 78 \＄3，696，544 79 Balance，Feb．21．．．．．．．．105，591，431 54 34，367，472 42 Balance．Mar．1．．．．．．．．．．．．10i，988，428 40 35，001，225 02

## Delaware \＆Hudson Canal．

（For the year ended December 31，1877．）
She following is from an abstract of the company＇s report to the Dennsylvania State Auditor．The statement was received last night and was accompanied by brief remarks from the Presi． dent，Mr．Dickson．At present，we can only find room for the subjoined figures：
To coal on hand Dec．31，
To coal on hand Dec．31，$\$ 698.758$
Mining coal Coal transport＇n and rep＇rs
Freight of coal and canal
Rondout exienses．
Freight paid other lines．
Harbor and yard expenses Taxes．
Salaries，rent and miscel＇s．
Interest
Loss on leased lines

$$
\quad \widehat{\$ 6,748,039}
$$



Mine fixtures and equipment．
Boate，barges and steamboats．
Boats，barges and steambo
Cosl－vards and fixtures
Cosi－vards and fixtures．．．．．．
New York \＆Canada Railroad．
Lackavanna Palace Car Co
Telegraph lines．
Supplies on hand ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Advances to leased lines． $\qquad$
iscellaneons assets，viz


Miscellaneous assets，viz．：
Boston Hartford \＆Erie bonds，
1．420 bonds．．．．．．．


Stocks，as follows ：
9，020 Albany \＆
8，241 Renss．\＆Saratoga
Sundry stocks．．．．．．．．．． $\qquad$
－Advances on coal toyalties．．．． $\qquad$ Bills and accounts receivable $\$ 323,808$

G．neral profit and loss．

## C pital stock

\＄38，714，291
Bonds．．．．．
． $820,000,000$

 420,992
$-29,628$

Depositors
1，230，761
Dividends and interest unclaimed
Notes payable
$\begin{array}{r}35,329 \\ +28,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
－Gov．Phelps of Missouri has appointed Gen．James Cion
St．Joseph，Mo．，general county，city and municipal agent of the
State，to assist the counties and corporations of the State in
funding their debt at a lower rate of interest．Information in
regard to the bonds of any Missouri municipality will be fur－
nished on application to Gen．Craig，at Jefferson City，Mo．

## ofe Batikers astte.

No National Banks organized during the past week.
DEVIDENDS.
The followite dividends have recently beelf announced:

| Name of Company. | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Per}^{\text {CENT. }} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { When } \\ \text { Payable. } \end{gathered}$ | Boors Closed. (Days inclusive. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Railroads. icago Milwanket \& St. Panl pref | 8350 | April | Ch. 26 to Apr. |

## FRIDAY, MARCE 1,1878-5 P. M.

The Noney Marlet and Financial Situationo-There has only been one subject of interest this week-the passage of the Silver bill : ver the President's veto. The vote in the Hou e was 196 to 73 and in the Senate by 46 to 19 .
On the last day of the winter of 1878, in a time of profound peace, thirteen years after the ciose of the war, the Congress of the United States passed a law to estabish as legal tender a certain wedium wor habout eight cents less than the existing currency, and in thus "scaling" or attempting to scale all debts to 92 cents of their face value, over two-thirds of our fellowcountrymen, if we may judge by their representatives, enter countrymen, if we may judge by their
upon the first day of March, rejoicing that
"Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer."
Comment is hardly necessary; but since it is generally conceded that the present law, as it was amended and passed, will be far less injurious than the original Bland bill, the main question arises as to what the inflation element will propose next. Under the act of January, 1875 , the canc-llation of $\$ 492,000$ legal tenders took place in February, against $\$ 615,500$ new bank circulation issued. This leaves $\$ 348,618,024$ legal tenders outstanding, against 382 mi lions at the dale of the passage of the act. The reduction of legal tenders in three years is $\$ 33,381,976$.
Money remains easy in our loial market at, 4@5 per cent on call loans and $4 \frac{1}{2} @ 6$ per cent on choice commercial paper.
The Bank of England statement on Thursday showed a decrease in specie of $£ 283,000$, and its prentage of reserve :o liabilitios was down to $42 \frac{8}{8}$, agains 478 量 the previous week. The discount rate was left unchanged at 2 per cent. The Bank of France lost $8,500,000$ francs in specie.
On the 31st December, 1877, the notes in circulation amounted to 2,547,044,000f., against a cash reserve of $2,042,500,060 \mathrm{f}$., c m posed as follows:
 Gold. Silver.


The last statement of the New York City Clearing. House banks, issued February 23, showed a decrease of $\$ 1,190,450$ in the excess above their 25 per cent legal reserve, the whole of such excess being $\$ 13,633,750$, against $\$ 14,824,200$ the previous week.
The following table shows the changes from the previous week and a comparison with the two preceding years:

|  | Feb. 16. |  |  |  | , |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans and dis. | F | , | d |  | Feb. 26. |
| Specie | 33,011,600 | 32.379, 400 | Dec. $63 \%, 200$ | 29,374,900 | 20, |
| Circulation.... | 19,581,200 | 19,8c6,900 | Inc.. 25,700 | 15,536,300 | 17,022,0 |
| Net deposits.. | 212,132,000 | 210,894, 00 | Dec. 1,237,400 | 229,311,200 | 224,33\%, |
| Legal tenders. | 31,845,600 | 33,9:8,0¢0 | Dec. 867,500 | 41,713,300 | 49,013,1 |

United states Bonds.-There has been a considerable busi. ness in Government securities, the sales having been nearly all made by banking houses with foreign connections and the purchases by home investors. To-day, on the passage of the Silver bill, the price of bonds fell off about $\frac{1}{8}$ in this market, and $\frac{1}{4}$ to冒 in London. To give one view of the practical effects of the law, we clip the following from the circular of a German banking house to their correspondents in Berlin:
"We might not urge our friends to realize the five per centum bonds
because it must be remembered that German funds affording the same degre because it must be remembered that German funds affording the same degree hand, to replace the United States 5 per centum by $13 /$ or 4 per centum other anteed German secnrities would result in almost as considerable a reduction of the annuily as effected by the passage of the silver bill. We advise, however, the immediate sale of the six per centum bonds of 1881 . It is, well ences intervene they certainly will be redeemed at that anless disturbing inflathey are quoted at 102, but after they are called they will bring only $98 \%$,"
Closing prices at the Board Lave been as follows:

state and Eallroad Bonds.-Southern State bonds are rather. under a cloud. In South Carolina, the report of the investigating committee has had a bad effect. In Louisiana a dispatch, February 27, reported consols lower, in consequence of fears that the Legislature would pass the bill authoizzing the issue of additional railroad bonds to the amount of $\$ 2,000,000$, and the belief that the Moffat register scheme would fail of adoption. In Virginia the Governor has vetoed the bill known as the Barbour bill as unjust to State creditors and unconstitutional, and he takes strong $n$ round in favor of maintaining good faith with bondholders, and the prices of bonds are much firmer. Alabama bonds are dull, with small sales at $42 \frac{1}{3}$ for Class A. Of Lonisiana consols. sales of about $\$ 100,000$ were made at $83 \frac{1}{2} @ 84 \frac{1}{2}$. South Carolina consols are more firmly held, with sales at 67@; 0 .

Railroad bonds are in very fair demand, and the better classes of bonds are firmly held. There will be some looking now for gold bonds, which are shown in the tables of the INVESTORS' SUPPLEMENT.
Series B, C and D of the first mortgage bonds of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of California have been placed on the regular list of the Stock Exchange, in addition to Series A, already on the list. They are $\$ 5,000,000$ each in amount, divided into 5,000 bonds of $\$ 1,000$ each, and are numbered as follows: Series B, 17,001 to 22,000 ; Series C, 22,001 to 27,000 ; Series D, 27,00 t to 32,000 . The total bonded debt now outstanding is $\$ 29,300,000$, principal payable 30 years after date, in gold; interest 6 per cent per annum, payable April 1 and Oct. 1, at the Central Pacific office in New York.

Messers. A. H. Muller \& Son sold the following at auction :
shares.
83 Phenix Nat. Bank.
${ }^{83}$ Phenix Nat. Bank.........
65 Nat. City Bank...
259 Cinass.
259 Cin. Hamilt. \& Dayton RR.
40 Union Mining Co. of Alleg
24 Empire City Fire Ins.
24 Empire City Fire Ins
50 Murray Hill Bank
15 Hanover Nat. Bank
15 U. S Life Ins
15 U. S. Life Ins
20 Continental Nat Bank.
67 U.
${ }_{20}^{75} \mathrm{~N}$. Y. Gaslioht
20 N . Y. Gaslight Co.
200 Manhattan Gaslight
200 Manhattan Gaslight Co....... $1: 9$
Closing prices of leading State and Railroad Bonds weeks past, and the range since January. 1, 1878, have been as follows:


Rallroad and Miscellaneous stocks.-The stock market has sibeen sluggish as usual, and the volume of busin si done is far below the amount of transactions ordinarily taking place at This time of year. If the currency question is now settled, however, there may be more activity, although it will take a little time t? ascertain whether any additional measures calculated to unsettle values wil: be introduced at the present session of Congress.
As to the coal road stocks, the legislative investigation does not appesi to have affected them very materially. Morris \& Essex has been weak, on free sales.
The Philadelphia Ledger of the 2ith has the following :-
The meeting of the Board of Control of what is termed the Coal Company, was entirely satisfactory. All parties have completed the entry of securities and deposit of the penalty fund. and all feel now that the programme is to be carried out 10 good faith for the year. As a further assurance of the willinguegs of all parties to restrict
the output of coal until the marke absorbs the coal now afloat and at the output of coal until the markel absorbs the coal now afloat and at
tidewater, the production of the month of March was fixed by the Board at 825,000 tonf, divided thus : Philadelphia and Readivg Railroad, 260,000 tons; Lehigh Valley Railroad, 150,000 tons; Central N; W Jersey Railroad; 125,60 tons; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, 100,000 tons; Delaware and Hudson Cunal, 100,000 tons; Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 50,000
tons, and Pennsylvania Coal Company, 50,000 tons, making a total of 825,000 tons,
tors.

One of the principal points this week was the decline in Pennsylvania leased line stocks here and in Philadelphia. The loss to the lessee in 1877 is made the alleged basis for this decline, but it is tbought that there has also been a bearish influence to help'the movement. There seems to be little prospect that the leases can or will be broken; and the earnings of the Pennsylvania main line must go to pay rentals so long as depression in business and cutting of freight rates compels it.

Total alea of the weets in leading stocks were as follows:

North- Lake West'n St. N. Y. Del. I. Del. \&


Total......... $\overline{27,800} \overline{87,967} \overline{18,976} \overline{32,116} \overline{17,740} \overline{87,502} \overline{1,600}-\overline{14,524}$ Whole stock......151,081 $494,665 \quad 337,874154,012894.253524,000780,000200,000$ The total number of shares of stock ou
The daily highest and lowest prices have been as follows:
 1877. were as follows:

## Central of New Jersey.

 Chicago Burl. \& Quincy.... ChoChicago \& Northwestern...... do do icago Rock Island a Pacific Delagare \& Hudson Canal. Delaware \& Hadson Canal.
Delaware Lack. \& Western.
Erie.iäal \& Sit. Joseph.......
 Linnois Central
Mire Bhor Central

## Morris \& Exsex.

Ohio \& Mississippi
Pacific Mail
Panams...
Wabash tock.
Union Pacific..................
Adams Express..
Onited States Express
Wells, Fargo \& Co.

ine latest railroad earnings, and the totals from Jan. 1 to lates dates, are given below. The statement includes the gross earnings of all railroads from which returns can be obtained. The columns under the heading "Jan. 1 to latest date" furnish the gross earnings from Jan. 1, to, and includiug, the period mentioned in the second colamn.

 | Bur. C. Rap. \& North.3d week of Feb. | $\$ 171,00$ | $\$ 134,760$ | 1984 | $\$ 171,000$ | $\$ 134,864$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 277,215 | 124,004 |  |  |  |  | Cairo \& St. Louis..... $2 d$ week of Frb. Contral Pacific........ Month of Jan...

Chicaoo \& Alton..... Month of Jan.. Clev. Mt. V. \& D., \&c.. 2 d week of Feb. Daicata \& Nouthern Denv. \& Rio Grande...2d week of Feb Det. Lansing \& North. Moníis of Jan... Dabuque \& S. City...2d week of Feb. Grand Truuk..........W'k end. Frb.16. Great Western . ....... W'k end. Feb. 15 .
Hannibal \& St. Jo... 1st wiek of Feb. Hannibal \&St. Jo... 18t wrek of Feb.
do Iowa Lines. Month of Jan... Indianap. Bl. Int. \&.Gt. Northern... 1st week of Feb. Kansas Pacinc .i.i....8d week of Feb. Michigan Central... 1et week of Feb. Missouri Pacific........Month of Jan... Mo. Kansas \& Texam..Month of Jan... Pad. \& KAIsabetht'n. . $2 d$ week of Feb Phila. \& Erie........... Month of Jan... St. Joa. \& Weitern....Month of Jan... St. L. I. Mi. \& Sonth. $8 d$ week of Eeb. 8t. L. K. C. \& North'n.3d week of Feb. 8t. I. es. ${ }^{*}$ n(StL. div.) 1st week of Feb.
(Ken.div.). 1st week of (Tenn.div.)..1st week of Feb. 8t. Paul \& S. City. .....Month of Jan.. Sioux City\&st.Pani...Month of Jan.. $\begin{array}{rrr}25,959 & 15,597 & 40,467 \\ 23,091 & 15,959 & 189,959 \\ & \\ 76.473 & 93, \varepsilon 26 & 632,618\end{array}$ pasesge of Gold responded very sluggishly 10 the passage of the close to 101 . The donbt as to the actual effect of off

Silver law in its present shape is well refiected in this movement of gold. It is reported that some of the foreign ba kers are considerably "long" in gold. On gold loans the rates were 4, 4,4 and 5 per cent for carrying. In London to day silver was quoted at 547 g d. per z .

The range of gold and clearings and balances were as follows:


The following are quotations in gold for various conss :
Sovereigns ......... \&4 84 @ $\$ 489$ Dimes \& halt dimes, 89530 - 8714


Exchenge.-Foreign exchange has been growing firmer, and some of the bankers anticipate that rates will gradually go up to specie shipping point. To-day, an advance was made by leading business the $4.8 \frac{1}{2}$ for 60 days, and $4.86 \frac{1}{2}$ for demaint lower.
In domestic bills the following were the rates to-day on New York at the undermentioned cities: Savannah, $\frac{1}{5}$ preminm; Charleston, easier, $\frac{1}{8} @ 3-16$ premium, $\frac{1}{2}$ premium ; Boston, 25c. discount; New Orleans, commercial, $\frac{1}{8}$; bank par; Chicago, 80 discount, and St. Louis, par.
Quotations for foreign exchange are as follows:
 onding at the commencement of business on Feb. 23, 1878:


QUOTATIONS OF STOCKS AND BONDS IN NEW YORK.
U. 8. aetive Bonds and Railroad Stocke are quoted on a previous page. Prices ropresent the per cent value, whatever the par may bs.


NEW YORK LOCAL SECURITIES.


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## STATE. CITY AND CORPORATION FINANCES.

The INvestors' SJPPLement is published on the last Saturday of each month, and furnished to all regular subscribers of the Chronicle. No single copies of the Supplement are sold at the office, as only a sufficient number is printed to supply regular subscribers. One number of the SUPPLEMENT, however, that for January, is bound up with The Financial Review (Annual), and can be purchased in that shape.

## ANNUAL REPORTS.

## Chicago \& Alton Railroad.

(For the year ending Dec. 31, 1877.)
From the Directors' annual report we have the following: The length of road operated, including branches and leased lines, is 667.84 miles.
The amount of capital stock remains the same as at the date of our last annual report, with the exception of a small amount of scrip which has been retired and canceled. The bonded debt of the Company has been reduced during the year $\$ 30,000$. In pursuasce of the terms under which the several leased lines are held and operated, there has been expended upon them for improvements and additions an aggregate sum amounting to about $\$ 4,600,000$, which, deducted from the total amount of stock and bonds, leaves a balance of $\$ 16,490,622$, represented by the lines of railway and other property owned by the Company, and by leasehold interests in other lines. The sum last named is eqzal to about $\$ 38,500$ for each mile of main track owned by the Company.
The earnings and expenses, compared with 1876, were as follows:

|  | 1877. | 1876. | Dec. | Tnc. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| From passengers. | \$1,211,851 | \$2,218,929 | \$6,969 | \$.... |
| Freigha | 3,067.769 | 3,511,315 | 4.3,5.6 |  |
| Mails ................... | ${ }_{98,160}$ | ${ }_{97} 9.969$ |  | 191 |
| Miscellaneous sources. . | 1,719 | 3,429 | 1,710 |  |
| Total | \$4,454,343 | \$4,960,528 | \$496,376 | \$191 |

dividends on the stock. The net earnings of the Missigaippi River Bridge for the year, based upon rates corresponding with those charged on similar traffic over the bridges at Hannibal and Quincy, after deducting taxes and alr expenses for operation and repairs, amount to $\$ 112,01886$, or $\$ 49,01886$ more than the annual rent. In consideration of money advanced and used in the construction of the bridge, the several amounts of capital stock and mortgage bonds above named have been sold to our company and are now held by it.
The net profit derived from traffic during the year, after deducting therefrom all fixed charges, rents, taxes on property, and expenses properly chargeable thereto, is equal to $758-100$ por cent on the share capital of the company outstanding, both preferred and common.

PȦSEENGER TRAFFIC.
The number of passengers transported during the yearwas 860,257 , a decrease of 13,618 , compared with 1876 ; the proportion between through and local passengers being 568.100 per cent of the former to $9432-100$ per cent of the latter. The average rate paid per mile by all passengers was : in 1876, $2956-1000$ cents; in 1877, 9 974-10 0 cents. The number of passengers carried one mile was: in 18\%6, 41,231,777; in 1877, 40,743,271; decresse, 488,506.

## FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

The freight transported during the year amounted to $1,560,188$ tons; a decrease of 258,047 tons, or 14 11-100 per cent, compared with 1876. The through freight amounted to 346,067 tons; an increase over that of the preceding year of 64,083 tons, or 22 72-100 per cent. The local freight amounted to $1,214,121$ tons; a decrease of 322,134 tons, or 21 per cent, compared with that transported in 1876. The proportion between through and local freights was 2218.100 per cent of the former to $7782-100$ per cent of the latter. In 1876 the proportion of through and local freights transporised was 1450100 per cent of the former, and $8550-100$ per cent of the latter. The number of tons of freight traneported one mile was: in 1876, 217,835,161 tons; in 1877, $211,947,565$ tons ; decrease, $\mathbf{5}, 884,596$ tons, or 27 7-10 per cent. The average rate per ton per mile for transporting freizht was : in 1876, $1626-1000$ cents; in 1877, $1447-1000$ cents. Decrease in rate, 1791000 of one cent.
The following statements are submitted in relation to the results of operating the several leased lines during the year :

Joliet \& Chicago railroad.
No separate account of the earnings of this line has been kept. It is the trunk line of your system of roads, and the accumulation of traffic to and irom Chicago passes over it. Its net earnings largely exceed the amount of rent paid for its use.

ILLINOIS RIVER ROAD.
The local traffic of this line is dependent to a great degree upon the mining of coal in what is known as the Wilmington Coal District, over which it is located, and a strike of coal minerd in that district, which continued for nearly eight months, largely reduced that class of traffic on this line, as well as on our main line.
st. LoUis Jacksonville \& chicago railioad.
The gross earnings of this line in 1876 amounted to $\$ 654,269$; in 1877 , to $\$ 610,698$. The lease of this line is a source of considerable profit to our company, and its value will be enhanced by the extension of our line in Missouri.

LOUIBIANA \& MISSOURI RIVER FAILROAD.
When it became apparent that the Louisiana \& Missouri River Railroad Company would be unable to complete its line to Kansas Clty, it was found that $\$ 944,000$ of its first mortgage bonds, hased upon the uncompleted part of the line, had been sold. The proceeds of these bonds were at that time represented by cash in the hands of the trustee, and by rails and other material that our company could use upon its lines. Four hundred and forty-six thousand dollars of the bonds were soon after purchased and canceled, leaving still outstanding on the uncompleted part of the line $\$ 498,000$ of the bonds. In consideration of the transfer to our company of rails and other material at their cash value, in the settlement which was then made, it was agreed that the interest and ultimate redemption of $\$ 139,100$ of bonds and scrip should be assumed by this company, and that the interest on the remaining $\$ 59,000$ of bonds should be paid by our company, and charged, from time to time, as a payment on account of rent. Since the date of the settlement above referred to, our cumpany has advanced to the L. \& Mo. River RR. Co., by the payment of interest on its bonds, \$265,736, which, with the extension of the railway about to be made, will soon be repaid from increased traffic on that line, which leaves the balance of account or net obligation of our company $\$ 173,333$. In order that the obligation to pay the inter-st, and ultimately to redeem the principal, of the $\$ 439,100$ of bonds and scrip above referred to ${ }^{\text {ºshall }}$ not interfere under any circumstances with the application of carrent receipts from traffic to payment of dividends, etc., our board has set apart as a special fund to be devoted, as far us may be nacessary, to the payment of interest and principal of said bonds and scrip, $\$ 300,000$ of 7 per cent guaranteed stock, and $\$ 150,000$ of guaranteed 6 per cent bonds of the Mississippi River Bridge Company. The traffic on this line amounted to $\$ 213,528$, being only $\$ 332$ less than during the previous year.
In response to the circular relative to the extension of the La, \& No. R. line, which was addressed to the C. \& A. shareholders on the 1st day of December, 187\%, the Board has received the consent and direction of holders of considerably more than three-fourths of the preferred and common shares of the company; respectively, and since the close of the year the Board has resolved to extend the line to Kansas City. A contract has been made with respon. sible parties, under which at least one-half, and probably all, the money required for completing the line will be obtained for period of twenty-five years, at a cost of about six per cent per annum. The contract provides for the issue by our company
of a twenty-five-year sir per cout sinking fund bond, interest and principal payable in gold. This bond is not to be secured by mortgage on property now owned by our company, but will be secured by a deporit with the United States Trust Company of Now York of an equal amount of seven per cent bonds, secured by a first and only mortgage on the line to be constructed, including an iron bridge over the Missouri River, which mortgage is limited to $\$ 3,000,000$, and is equal to $\$ 15,000$ per mile and the estimated cost of the bridge.
At the date of publishing the report (Feb. 14, 18\%8), the papers were not all executed, and a more complete report is to be made relative to this matter. By reason of the long-continued delay in effecting a settlement between the La. \& Mo. Riv. RR. Co. and its floating debt creditors, which we hope will soon be accom plished, it has been considered best for our company to extend the line under franchises obtained through the medium of a new organization, which has been made for that purpose under the laws of Mirsouri. The new corporation, known as the Kansas City St. Louis \& Chicago Railroad Company, has obtained dona tions of right of way, and a limited amount of other local aid, all of which will be assigned to our company, and the construc tion of the railway, and its subsequent operation, will be solely in the interest of our shareholders, and we have no doubt will en hance the value of our shares.
The reduced earnings of our railway during the last year have resulted from exceptional causes, as well as from the general depression of business which has continued since the panic of 18\%3. A careful examination of our accounts shows that the failure of the corn crop in 1876 in certain sections of country upon our linef, where we have little or no competition, and the strike of coal miners reduced our traffic in the trans portation of corn and coal, compared with like transportation from the eame stations the previous year, to an amount near! y equal to the entire reduction for the year. The crops upon our lines, which will seek a market during 1878, are equal to a full average, and we have reason to hope for better results in the near future.

## Ohio \& Mississippi.

(From May 18, 1877, to December 31, 1877.)
In the Circuit Court of the United States, Mr. John King, Jr., Receiver, has filed his report for the period from May 18, 18\%7, to December 3i, 18i7. from which we have the following
The amount of recognized obligations of the railway company, constituting what is called the "floating debt," on Ncvember 18 1876, was $\$ 1,401,736$; of this amount there remained unpaid May 17, $18 \div 7, \$ 197,655$; to this add claims incurred anterior to Novem ber 18,1876 , and since andited, $\$ 19,811$; total, $\$ 8.7,466$; of which have been paid $\$ 122,4 i i \%$, leaving unpaid December 31, 1877, $\$ 694,993$.

There is a further unsecured debt of the railway company classed heretofore as a part of the funded debt, namely as "Debeature Sinking Fund Bonds," issued May 1, 1573, bearing interest at 7 per ceni, payable half-yearly, in November and May, and maturing May 1,1883 , of which the amount outstanding is $\$ 140$, ONO, on which no interest has been paid since November 1, 1876.
The interest and contribution to sinking fund which had accrued on the mortgage debt (eecured on the main line) prior to May 18 1877, and which remained enpaid December 31 , 1877 , was $\$ 149$, 260 , and the interest, \&c., accrued on the same mortgage debt since May 17, 1877, was $\$ 431,202$; total unpaid interest and sinking fund on mortgage debt secured by main line, $\$ 580,463$
Under the agreement of purchase of the Springfitld Division the provision for funding coupons maturing during the two years succeeding May 1, 1875, upon the $\$ 3,000,000$ mortgage bunds of the Ohio \& Mississippi Railway Company, secured by the property of the Springfield Division, ceased to operate on May 1, 1877 and in consequence the interest which accrued on those bonds on November 1, 1877 , then became payable, and the same yet mains unpaid.
The gross amount of receipts from all sources includes Cash on hand. May is. $18: 7$
. \$8,008,189 ber 18, 1876

Total of payments.
\$122.473
$\therefore \ldots . .$.
Leaving cash on hand December 31, 1577
The phouss earnings and operating expenses upon the main line for
eight months ended December 31, 1077, give a net result in favor of earnings of
hen for the same period show expenses on the Spuingfeld Divis-
Making net earnings on both.

## earnings is as follows:

on the maio lire and Lonisville Branch.
43,016

On the main hire and Louitwille Branch.
on the main line and Springfield Divieion united. $\qquad$ 69.83 per cent s proper to say that this division required very heavy dispon, it cures for timber, iron, cross ties, \&c., to put the track and tridges in safe condition. The expenditures upon this account may now be safely decreased, and it is hoped a deficit will be avoided hereafter. With the present limited business, however, the Receiver hardly expects to earn upon the Springfield Division more than sufficient to pay its working expenses.
Of the unsettled, disputed and contingent claims, some have since been audited; but the chief of them are still in dispute.
That of the Liverpool \& London \& Globe Insurance Company, Which it is proposed to compromise for $\$ 60,000$, has been pre sented to the court for instructions to the Receiver
The claim of the State of Illinois for taxes on the capital stock and property of the company, including the Springfield Division,
for the jears 1873,1874 , and 1875 , amounting to about $\$ 235,382$, remains in litigation, and no payment has been made on this account. The taxes on the tangible property of the company, namely, $\$ 55,770$ on the main line, and $\$ 28,001$ on the Spring field Division, making the total the very large sum of $\$ 83,772$, have been promptly paid and charged to expenses.
As to the general condition of the property in the custody of the court, and operated under its orders. The Receiver says
"The track has been gradually improved by large but needful and judicious expenditures for steel and iron rails, new cross ties, \&c., and is probably in better condition than at any previous period.
"The femi annual interest on the first mortgage bonds, due January 1, 1877, was paid on October 1 of that year, and the interest on the same mortgage bonds due July 1, 1877, will be paid on the 1st of February, $18 \% 8$.
"A The total yearly interest on the entire mortgage debt upon the main line and Louisville Branch, excluding contributions to sinking funds, is $\$ 761,530$, or an average of $\$ 63.460$ per month.
"Taking the main line (including Louisville Branch) and Spring. field Division together, the net earnings for the eight months aver. aged $\$ 66,888$ per month, or $\$ 3,427$ per month more than would be required to meet the interest on the debts secured by morgares on the main line and Louisville Branch Or, if we limit tine period to the five inonths ended December 31, 1877, the average net earnings were $\$ 94,119$ per montb, or $\$ 30,658$ per month more than was necessary to pay the monthly proportion of interest.'
GTATEMENT OF FLOATING DEBT OF OHIO \& MIBSIBISPPI RAILWAY COMPANY, hay 18, 1877, including amounts eince audited
Amount May 18. 1877.
Claims siuce audited.
$\$ 797,655$
19,811
Floaing debt.
$\$ 817,466$
122,473

 Earnings.


From express
From mail...

|  | Total earnirgs.... ................................................ \$1,856,600 perating expenses, less transfers as above $\qquad$ \$1,278,477 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |


Surplus.
$\$ 578,128$

## Atlantic \& Great Western.

(For the year ending Dicember 31, 187\%.)
The Receiver, Mr. J. H. Devereux, makes an elaborate report, and his course in this respect is commendable. There is no railroad in the councry of equally large capital account in which less interest is felt by our own citizens. The capital account is about $\$ 103,000,000$, the net income for $1877 \$ 154,170$, and the road ionds as a monument to the financiering methods of Mr. James McHenry, of London, who is now made prominent by his attacks on the Erie management in our courts.
The earnings and expenses for the year were
Gross earnings from operation.
\$3,973.238 Operatiug expenses.
$\underset{968,917}{9,549}$
Net errnings from operation
\$978;466
Total net earnings from all sources. ..........................
Rental of equipment ....................................... ${ }_{313,754}^{832,927}$
Rental of ali leased lines.........................
Rental or anf leased lines.
313,764
148,118
824,896
Leaving ret income for the year \$154,180
ut of which have been expended for additions and tetterments
strictly chargeable to
Leaving net surplus $\$ 127,634$
The earnings in detail were as follows:
Freight.....
Passengers.
Mails... .. farnings from traffic.

Miscellaneous
Total traffic earnings......................... . $\$ 3,673,298 \quad \$ 3,546,299$
The results of operation of the railroad and leased lines from December 10, 1874, to December 81, 1877, are as follows:
Gross earnings from operation.
${ }_{3}^{311,627,412}$
Operating expenses
2,615,198
Net carnings from operation.
28,020
Total net earnings from all sources \$2,643,214
Out of which have been paid fixed charges as follows: Rental of equ!pment.
Rental of all leased lines 9919.831
$: 74,890$

General expenses, taxes etc
 \$376,707

Leaving ret surplus.
254.742 hip, there has been expended, on account of the indebted reiverthe Atlantic \& Great Western Railroad Company, the sum of
$\$ 1,051,573$ over and above the cash which has been collected from \$he company's assets.
This is the first year since the receivership that the income covered the whole yearly expenditures. The aggregate excess of expenditures over receipts in the three years and twenty-two days of the receivership were $\$ 552,567$, which is the pressnt amount of liabilities over assets.
The average rate per ton-miie received upon all freight for 1877 is 0.908 cent, as against 0.935 cent in 1876.
The average cjst per ton-mile of all freight has been 0.7308 cent, which is lezs than the average cost of 1876.

## The receiver says:

"From lack of a sufficient equipment it has cost the receivership in rentals of cars and lucomotive engines $\$ 919,881$. Considerably less than this amount would suffice to parchase outright all the eqipment required, and the net earnings of the property would have been increased from such ownership over $\$ 200,000$ yearly.
"The arrangement with the Cincinnati Hamilton \& Dayton and the Cincinnati \& Springfield Railroads for transporting the traffic of this line and handling hoist cars between Dayton and Clncinnati has bern made permanent by mutual agreement, and is working very satisfactorily to each road."
The freight business of the road for two years has been:
Tons of freight moved-
Local.
Throu
Tonnage
1876.
$1,698,402$
883,234
$2,476,656$
$114,090,693$
$172 ; 69,562$
Lhocal.
Total....
reugh ....
Total.
e-......
otal.
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Wabash.
(For the year ending December 31, 187\%.)
From the report made at the late annual meeting we have the following figures:

enaringes.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ 87.768
63,789

Total...
$\overline{\$ 4,585,914}$
Conducting traneportation
Molive-power and cars..
Repairs of way and structures.
Renewals of way and siructures
Renewas of equipment
Taxes and insurance

| $1,081,299$ |
| ---: |
| $1,185,321$ |
| 473,728 |
| 857128 |
| 45,142 |
| 59,209 |
| 125,881 |
| $\$ 3,329,801$ |
| $\$ 1,256,112$ |

es and insurance.

Net earnings.
DISPOSITION OF INCOME.
Construction and improvements, equipment $\$ 29,715$
$\$ 259.251$

Rent of track T. P. \& W. RR...
$\$ 18,592$
147,121
31,823

Total,
Surplas
\$285,117
Increase
\$532,432
The expenses were $72 \cdot 61$ per cent of gross earnings in 1877, against $81 \cdot 72$ per cent in 1876 .

United Companies of New Jersey.
( Tr the year ending December 31, 1877).
The report ithe State Director for 1877 gives the following figares:
Paseenger earninga.......... ........................................... \$3,684,893
Preight...
$\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$.
$8,888,582$
511,151
Total $\qquad$ \$8,064,15/7
Net earnings.
. \$2,814,033
As compared with 1876 , there is a decrease of $\$ 2,877,453$ in gross, and of $\$ 2,400.738$ in net earnings. The earnings of $\mathbf{1 8 7 6}$, however, were larger than ever before, swelled by the Centennial traffic. The earnings of the Delaware \& Raritan Canal were:
Grese earnings.
Net earnings:
477,606
$\$ 418,962$
The results of the year were as follows:
Net railroad earnings
Net canal earnings.
Net canal earnings.....
Interest on investments
Interest and taxes paid....
\$2,314,033
414,962
231,526
$\$ 2,954,521$
$2,363,589$
Net enrplus for dividends...
Total loss.
$\$ 585,931$
$\mathbf{8 . 0 1 9 , 1 4 0}$
\$1,433,108
In 1876 the lessee received a profit of $81,127,421$; in 1875 there Was a deficit of $\$ 647,665$. The capital stock is reported to be $\$ 20,190,400$, en increase of $\$ 300,000$ during the year; the funded debt at $\$ 19,899,116$, a decrease of $\$ 183,204$. One loan of $\$ 450,000$ falls due in 1873, but is provided for by the sinking fund.

## GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

Arkansas Valley. -This road is noticed for sale in forecosure on the 7th of May, 1878, at Denver, Colorado.
Central of Iowa.-Receiver Grinnell reports the earnings for 1877 as follows : Gross earnings, $\$ 723,818$; expenser, $\$ 519,638$; net earnings, $\$ 204,190$. The Receiver has paid on account of debts of the company and former receivers \$319,985, leaving $\$ 234,934$ still due. There are also debts due for equipment and for legal expenses amounting to $\$ 185,000$. The business of the road has auffered from the mild winter. It has also been permanently injured by the completion of the Rock Island branch to Oskaloosa, and the Burlington Cedar Rapids \& Northern to Grundy Centre.
Central Railroad of New Jersey.-The joint committee representing the various interests of creditors and stockholders of this company have reported a plan for "the equitable adjustment of the affirirs of the Central Railroad company of New Jersey without a foreclosure." The main points which strike a casual observer in regard to the proposed settlement are: 1. That the first mortgage interest and annual lsase rents are to be paid 3 Thit the hof of fosting debt are to be paid in cash 3 That That the holders of foating holders must raise $\$ 10$ per shiere.
They have submitted a form of agreement, to be signed by all the parties interested, including "the Lehigh \& Wilkeobarre Coal Company," the holders of the bonds of "the American Dock \& Improvement Company," the holders of the convertible and consolidated bonds of the Central Railroad Company of Now Jersey, the stockholders of the said Central Railroad Company, the Lehigh \& Wilkesbarre Coal Company, the receivers of the last-named company, the Lehigh Coal \& Navigation Company, the North Pennsilvania Railroad Company, and the Delaware \& Bound Brook Railroad Conpany, the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, and the receiver of the last-named company. The agreement is divided into iwelve heads, which may be condensed as follows:
First Item. - Whereas, the Lehigh \& Wilkesbarre Coal Company issued $\$ 11,500,000$ mortgage bonds, guaranteed by the Central RR., of which bonds $\$ 6,116,000$ are owned, some by the Central and some by the Coal Company, the holders of the balanca of $\$ 5,384,000$ of said bonds agree to cancel the guaranty, and cancel the coupons for three years after December 1. 1876; provided the Coal Company deliver to them their income bonds for the amount of said coupons, payable in ten years from May 1, 1878, with " interest at the rate of aeven par cent, if lawful, but not less thau six per cent," payable half-yearly, if the income of the. Coal Company enables it so to pay, after paying on prior mortgage liens ; and provided further that the $\$ 6,116,000$ of bonds held by the Central and Coal Companies shall be entirely secondary to the original $\$ 5,384,000$, and to the income bonds issued for coupons, and the sinsing fund premiums applicable to the former ehall all go to the bentfit of holders of said $\$ 5,394,000$ of bonds. The coupons upon the said bonds owned by the said Central and Coal Companies shall be detached and in law canceled as the same become due, whether paid or not, and shall be deposited with the trustees in the said mortgage, and are to have full force and effeet as against all liens, excepting that of the holders of the said $\$ 5,384,000$ of bonds who sign this agreement. Holders must sign by the 15th of April next, and the coupons for three jears shall be surrendered by May 1.
Second Ittem.-The holders of American Dock \& Improve ment Company bonds are to retain the right to be paid the coupons from the sale of the Company's lands, and not to release the guaranty by the Central Railroad Company, but to agree not to prosecute the Central on its guaranty before July 1, 1883, provided the Central shall by May 1, 1878, deposit with the trustees named in the mortgage $\$ 700,000$ of the bonds of said Dock Company belonging to the Central, which bonds shall, so far as necpssary, be applied at par, as a payment on the bonds of assenting holders of interest which, on July 1, 1883, shall not have been paid, and the balance of such $\$ 700,000$ bonds, if any, shall be retarned to the Central Company. Holders of Am. D. \& I. Co. bonds muit sign by April 15, 1878.
Third Item.-The holders of convertible and consolidated bonds of the Central Railroad Company are to agree that the corpons thereon, payable for two years and a half from those last payable before the appointment of a receiver of said Company, shall be canceled on their receiving bonds to be issued by the Central Company payable in 25 years, with 7 per cent inter est such wew bonds and the original bonds from which the a coupons are taken and canceled, not over $\$ 5,550,000$ on the real estate of the Ceniral Company at Cummunipaw and Port Johnaton; on the lease to the Central of the New York \& Long Branch Railroad; on $\$ 1.500,000$ of the capital stock of the N. Y. \& Long Branch Railroad; on the lease to the Central of the South Branch Railroad; on the tri-partite agreement, between the Delaware \& Bound Brook Railroad, the North Pennsylvania Railroad and the said Central Railroad for a continpous line of travel between New Yort and Philadelphia; on the bonds made and executed by the Lehigh \& Wilkesbarre: Coal Company to the amount of $\$ 8,116.000$ owned by the Central Railroad Company, and by the Coal Com pany; on $\$ 6,600,000$ of the capital stock of the Coal Company on the capital stock of $\$ 3,000,000$ of the American Dock \& Improvement Company; on the capital stock of $\$ 800,000$ of the High Bridge Railroad; on the capital stock of $\$ 200,000$ of the Lon rood Valley Railroad, on the lease to the Central of the Lenf 8 Sill named road; and on all the property; franchises, rights and privileges of the said Central Railroad Company, included in the said mortgage to the New York Guaranty and Indemnity Come-
pany to secure the convertible and consolidated bonds of the said Central Railroad Company.
The mortgage (blanket) given by the Central Railroad to Samuel Knox and John Kean, as trustees, on a part of the foregoing premises, to secure $\$ 5,000,000$ bonds, of which only $\$ 3,300,000$ have been issued, and, with other collaterals, pledged to secure an indebtedness of $\$ 4,500,000$, is, on the payment of said indebtedness by the means provided for in this agreement, to be canceled and satisfied of record.

Convertible and consclidated bondholders must sign by April 15, 1878.

Frourth Item.-The stockholders of the Central Railroad are to sgree to pay ten per cent on the amount of their stock, in sums of 20 per cent evrry three months, and bonds secured by the new mortgage, and as provided for in the last foregoing item, shall be given for the amount so paid; and they further agree to surrender to be canceled one out of every ten shares of stock held by them on receiving a 30 -year 7 per cent income bond for the amount of stock so surrendered, the interest to be paid if earned orer and above prior claims, but not to be accumulative. The whole sum in cash thus to be raised shall not exceed $\$ 2,036,800$; and if not 80 raised within thirty days from date, the receiver, having given notification, shall have the right to dispose of any of the $\$ 2,036$, 800 of bonds so secured by mortgage among stockholders who have taken their proportion of bonds, and if they do not take them, then to any stockholder on same terms.
Flfth Item. -The Lehigh \& Wilkesbarre Coal Company and its receivers are to agree to issue the bonds, etc., etc., as provided for in the First Item.
Sixth Item.-This agreement shall be binding, if the receiver of the Central Railroad shall, by the 15th day of April, 1878, so declare, even although all the holders of the convertible and con solidated bonds shall not have signed the same.
Seventh Item.-The said Francis $\mathbf{S}$, Lathrop, receiver, agrees that, with the consent of the Court of Chancery, he will comply with the several Items of the agreement, and will apply the money that may accrue and the income of the railroads so as to discharse the liabilities of the Central Railroad Company for an indebtedness of about $\$ 4,500,000$ or the unpaid balance thereof, which liabilities are secured by collaterals amounting to $\$ 9,500$, 000 belonging to the railroad company, and coal company, the holders of which indebtedness have agreed to extend the same to November 1, 1880, on condition that the interest thereon and one twelfth of the principal are paid every three months; the receiver being also at liberty to compromise and settle with the general creditors of the railroad company, who have unsecured claime amounting in all to about $\$ 700,000$, with income bonds of the description provided for in the Fourth Item hereof at par, or according to his best discretion, by the ase of any property of the said railr ad company not herein otherwise disposed of, and the incume bonds to be issued under this agreement shall not exceed $\$ 2,450,000$, which are only to be used as provided in this and the Fourth Item hereof.

The other items are formal declarations by the other parties named that they will conform to the agreement, and the eleventh item states that, when the several companies have signed and those holding a majority of the $\$ 5,384,000$ bonds of the Coal Company guaranteed by the Central Railroad, and those holding a majority of the bonds of the American Dock \& Improvement Jompany guaranteed by the Central Railroad, shall have signed the agreement by the fifteenih day of April, and if by that date $\$ 1,020,000$ of the $\$ 2,036,800$ provided for in the Fourth Item shall have been paid or reasnnably assured, that then this agreement shall take effect and be binding, and the receiver of the Central Railroad shall so declare by so certifying on the agreement and by public notice, and the bonds to be issued shall be delivered May 1.
If the receiver of the Central Railroad and John S. Kennedy, John E. Johnson, Jacob Vanatta and George Manly, who ohall be known as a committee of detail, shall find that the agreement cannot be effectuated by the fifteenth day of April and the first of May next, they or a majority of them are empowered to extend the time for thirty days.

Receiver Lathrop has issued as a supplement to the plan a state ment giving the details of the company's condition at length, and from the figures adduced the commitiee make an extended argument, deaigned to show the feasibility of the agreement. The following is a synopsis:
LIABILTTIES NOT AFFECTED BY THE PLAN, AND WHICH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AND MUST CONTINUE
OUT OF THE INCOMCE.
Anmal interest on first mortgage bonds.
Annual interest on Newark New Yorı Railroad bond................
Annual interest on equipment loans Lehigh bonds......... Annual rent of Long Branch Railioad
Annual rent of Long Branch Railroad.

## Total.

For the year ending D..................................................... $\$ 622,919$
pary, its branches and leased lines, were as follow of the Central Railroad Com pany, its branches and leased lines, were as follows
Rarnirgs
karnirgs.
Expenses
. $\$ 3,208.496$
Long Branch Division-

- Expmiogs.. Division-
$\qquad$ Newark BranchEwarkingranch
Earnings.... Rxpenses.....................
High Bridge Branch Eigh Bridge BranchKarnings.
Lehigh \& Su:quehanna DivisionRarnings.: a. ................

Fxpenses
Total net earnings, 1877.

153,860
72,019
2, 49,106 49,106
$23,5 \% 1-$ $1,933,846$
847,720

Rental Lshigh \& Susquehanna Division (33 1-3 per cent of gross
receipts)...s ........
Total net income for 1377.
 exclusive of dividends, npon stock, as follows:
enter dividends, apon stock, as follows :
Interest upon consolijated and convertible bonds, two and one-half
years, at $\$ 1,858,000$ per annum
Interest on American Dock \& Improvement Company's borde. to........................385,000 and one-half years, at $\$ 210,000$ per annum company's bords, two

Per annum, $\$ 1,568,000$; two and one-half years... ........ ..... $\$ 3,920,000$ To pay off the secured debt of $\$ 4,500,000$, as now arranged, wili be reqnired the sum of $\$ 1,997.2=0$.
Interest upon the $\$ 5,500,000$ paid the annual interest as first stated. $\$ 822,948$ Interest upon the $\$ \mathbf{3 , 5 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ new mor: gage bonds.
Interest upon the $\$ 2,450,000$ new income bonds...

171,500
Annual interest account during two and onc-half years.......... $\$ 1,179,448$ The annual net income above is.

1,838,335
Which leares as the balance of annual net income .................. $\$ 688,887$ making for two and one-half sears a balance applicable to the pas-
ment of the debt of....... Amount the debt of.
$1,647,217$
$\mathbf{2 , 0 3 6 , 8 0 0}$
Total amount to be received on basis of 18.7 for twe and one This would years..
\$3,684,017
To pqy the secured debt and interest as above of .................... $\$ 1,997,250$
Which would require an increase of ahnual net income aring the Which would require an increase of annual net income during the two and
one-half years of $\& 525,292$.

The small amount of net income for 1877 has been owing to the general depression of the coal trade strikes. The company receives 40 per cent of the selling price of coal for transportation. An advance of $\$ 150$ per ton upon $3,000,000$ tons, which the com. pany should carry annually, may with reasonable confidence be anticipated. This would give the company a net increase of 60 cents per ton, without increasiag the expenses, and at the end of two and one-half years there should be received from this source about $\$ 2,700,000$ to apply upon the balance of the secured debt, stated above as $\$ 1,313,232$. This amount, if realized, would leave a balance on hand at the end of the two and one-half years of $\$ 1,460,000$, with the debt wholly discharged. Thereafter the net income of the company on the basis of these figures should And would be distributed as follows:
Annual interust above stated.
$\$ 622.943$
Intereat on consolidated and convertible bonds (si9, $4,0,000$ ).
20.043

$1,358,000$
$560,0 C 0$
Leaving a surplus of. $\frac{2,597,38 \%}{}$
The stock is reduced by the plan to $\$ 18,331,200$, and the surplus would give a dividend of nearly 6 per cent to the stockholders.
The Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company has earned more than the interest on its bonds up to date. The amount of coal income bonds that it is proposed to issue is $\$ 1,130,640$. This would leave interest payable as follows:
Interest on prior liens
$\$ 315.000$

Total. . $\$ 771,024$
A sinking fund was provided for in the mortgage of 10 cents per ton on $3,000,000$ tons, equal to $\$ 300,000$ annually. This added to the other would make a total of interest after three years of $\$ 1,071,034$, whicb must be paid before the $\$ 6,116,000$ of non-preferred bonds cau come in. A profit of 37 cents per ton on $3,000,000$ tons would suffice, and the preferred stock would be extinguished in less than 18 years.
It is believed that at the end of five years the American Dock \& Improvement Company will be in a position to pay the interest on its own bonds, and that no call will be made on the $\$ 210,000$ of bonds provided by the Central Railroad Company in case of a deficiency.
Marietta \& Cincinnati.-A meeting of bondholders was held at Baltimore to hear the report of a committee of ton appointed last fall. The Baltimore Sun reports that Mr. Spence read a report showing the present status of the road, being the report of the committee of ten. Mr. Garrett favored a rearrangement in future, but was indisposed at present to make any proposition for a gurantee from the Baltimore \& Ohio Company. He and Mr. John King, Jr.; were unwilling to admit the absolute necessity of the Marietta \& Cincinnati to the Baltimore \& Ohio, as the latter had another route to Cincinnati in the event of the Marietta \& Cincinnati severing its close connection. The other route etta Cincinnati severing its ciose connection. The other route
was the Central Ohio division, througb Columbus, and the Miami road.

The report speaks of the injustica of the decree for the appointment of a receiver, requiring him to fulfill ail obligations of the Marietta \& Cincinnati to the Baltimore Short Line-in paying 7 and 8 per cent on its stock and bonds-(owned by the Baltimore \& Ohio), the Cincinnati \& Baltimore (largely owned by the Baltimore \& Ohio), the Cincinnati \&-Indiana, the Cincinnati \& Spring. field, and the United States Stock Yard Company, It bad been suggested that a large reduction of the debt must be made either in the way of principal or the rate of interest. Mr. John L. Taylor, trustee of the first and second mortgages, died in 1871, and no successor has been appointed. The committee forbore making any recommendations. Mr. Spence said he had written to Mr. King as to the time when the interest coupons on the first mortgage bonds will probably be paid Mr. King replied that, if the court will allow, he hoped to be able to commence paying those coupons next April.
On motion of Mr. Spence, the meeting unanimously voted to contribate $\$ 1$ on each $\$ 1,000$ bond to meet the expenses. The bondholders subscribed their names to a paper, stating the amount of money each will give.

Pacific Mail．－The Worli＇s money article gives the following The negotiations by which the Pacific Mail Steamehip Company was＇to buy Panama Transit Company were completed Wednesday，and the neces sary papers signed and exchanced．The Pacific Mail buys for $\$ 1,850,000$ the
five eteamers of the transit company and its contract with the Panama Rail road，handing over to the transit company a series of one thousand（ $(, 000)$ bonds of the Panama Railroas Company＇mottgage， $\mathcal{E z O 0}$ each．and giving money．The Panama Railroad lends these bonde，$£ 203,000$ sterling to the Pucific Mail Company，and also extends for four years the payment of the principal of $\$ 400,000$（U．S．currency）previously advanced to the Pacific Mail． The $\$ 3,000,000$ mortgage bonds heretofore made and used by the Pacific Mail Compaiyy are now canceled，and the mortgage is satisfied．To secure the riven it a bili of sale of fourteen of its steamers．The Pacific Mail now enters apon an exclusive contract with the Panama Railroad，dated Febraary 1 1878，and iunning for fifteen years，covering the businees between New York and points on the coast of the United State and ceutral and Soath America． It is to make．month＇y payments to the Railroad Company for the latter＇d sent to it，the boads not beginning to draw interest notil the 10th of Apral The railroad＇s ehare of the traffic covered by the contract varies from one－ ourth to one－half，according to the routes，and is stibstantially like former rrangements between the two companies．
The Panam\＆Railread Company has \＆uthority for a stering mortgage of linking fund has prochased and now boids 195 ，Leaving 2,791 bonds in the hands of the pablic．The issue of the 1,000 bonds which were delivered to the Pacific Mail Company Wednesday makes a total of 3,489 bonds issued，and eaves 1,011 bonds yet unissied and likely to remain en．The bonde are not aenominated in dollars，butare in sterling only；bat for convenience we may sall the whole mortgage $\$ 5,000,000$ ，of which the prblic hold $\$ 2,79,000$ ，the $11,000,0 \mathrm{CO}$ ．The bonds lent to the of $£ 10,000$ sterling，from October 10，1831，to April 10， 1883.

Pennsylvania Railroad．－The business on all lines east of Pittsburg and Erie for January，1878，as compared with same month in 1877，shows an increase in gross earnings of $\$ 12,730 ;$ a decrease in the expenses of $\$ 137,947$ ；an increase in net earnings of $\$ 150,677$ ．All lines west of Pittsburg，for the month January，1878，show a profit over all liabilities of $\$ 143,155$

Philadelphia \＆Reading．－This company reports as follows for January

|  | aross receipts． |
| :---: | :---: |
| Railroad traffic． |  |
| Canal tramic |  |
| Richmond cors | 62，162 |
| Total railroad c |  |
| Reading Coul \＆ | 864，134 |
| Total of all |  |

The Pbiladel phia Ledger says：＂Notwithstanding the suspen sion of mining，and rigid zurtailment of coal production las month，the net profits of the two companies，$i$ i．e．，the Reading Railroad Company and the Coal \＆Iron Company，for the first two months of the present fiscal year，after the payment of all expenditures for dead work and new improvements by the Coal \＆Iron Company，and all leases both of canals and railroads，by the railroad company，were $\$ 353,335$ greater than those of the corresponding period of last year．＂

Pallman Palace Car Company．－The regular quarterly divi dend of $\$ 2$ per share was declared by this company，payable February 15．The Pullman Southern Car Company have effected a settlement of the celebrated Paine suits．The settlement，it is understood，yields upon the part of the Paine firms the $\$ 125,000$ stock to the company，and the company yields its claim on attached dividends for personal liability on the Paine firms，and the $\$ 16,000$ was divided．
St．Paul \＆Daluth．－This is the Lake Superior \＆Mississippi Railroad Company reorganized．To Dec． 31 there had been issued of preferred stock $\$ 5,233,393$ ，with $\$ 320,607$ to be issued； and of common stock $\$ 1,630,848$ ，with $\$ 2,449,151$ yet to be issued． The report of Mr．J．P．Ilsley，President，shows that in 1877 the earnings were $\$ 559,275$ ，and expenses $\$ 433,445$ ，leaving net earn－ ngs $\$ 115,530$ ．The Land Department receipts were $\$ 78,994$ ，and expenses $\$ 53,382$ ，including old bonds and new preferred stock received in payment．
Sonth Carolina Railroad．－A notice was issued to holders of the second mortgage and non－mortgage bonds of this com－ pany inviting them to attend a meeting in Charleston on Chursday，28：L inst．The World gives the following synopsis of a proposed plan for funding the second mort－ gage and plain bonds into a new bond for a smaller amount， and paying off the floating debt by monthly instalments． 206,500 second mortgage amounts to $\$ 3,000,000$ ，of which $\$ 1$ ， 206，500 are in the hands of individual owners，and the re－ mainder（with several coupons in arrears）is hypothecated at 50 cents on the dollar as security for the flosting debt，which anfounts to $\$ 1,000,000$ ．The plain bonds are $\$ 1,118,000$ ，and are all in the hands of the public．The proposition is to scale the plain and the outstanding second mortgage bonds about 50 per ent；giving in exchange a 25 －year 7 per cent mortgage bond；on Thich it is calculated that the interest could and would be regu－ larly paid．

Springfield \＆Northwestern．－This railroad was sold at Springfield，Ill．，Feb．24，upon a decree of foreclosure and sale of the United States Court．It was struck off to Col．John Williams， of that city，for $\$ 100,000$ ．
Utica Ithaca \＆EImira．－This road is noticed for sale in fore－ closure on Tuesday，April 30， $18 \% 0$ ，in New York City．We zaderstand the proceeding to be an amicable onf，and without prejadice to the rights of bondholders，whose interest，as we are

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## UOMMERCIAL EPITOME．

Friday Niget，March 1， 1878.
General trade continues to move slowly．The matter of rail road freights to the West continues to be a subject of contro versy，and much business awaits its settlement．The offect of the Silver bill，which passed both Houses cf Congress yesterday， over the veto of the President，has not been fully developed． Little progress leas been made in the proposed revision of the tariff．The political advices from Europe have been uncertain as regards the prospects of peace．Very naturally，therefore； business men are inclined to move cautiously，and this feeling is reflected in the state of trade，though low prices continue to stimulate exports．
Pork has been moderately active on the spot，new mess gring as low as $\$ 1085$ ，and as high as $\$ 1125$ ，but closing wholly unsettled．Lard was firm early in the week，but has declined sharply in the past few days，closing to－day with sales at $\$ 752 \frac{1}{3}$ ＠$\$ 755$ for prime on the spot and for March delivery，$\$ 7$ 62t＠ $\$ 767 \frac{1}{3}$ for April，and $\$ 775 @ \$ 777 \frac{1}{3}$ for May．Bacon has declined relapsed into inactivity．Beef is quiet，but beef Cut meats have relapsed into inactivity．Beef is quiet，but beef hams met with rather more inquiry．Tallow has been active at 7 9－16＠7⿳⿱卄一由八斤心．for prime．Butter has ruled dull and prices close weak．The demand for cheese has received some check from the extreme prices demanded．The following is a statement of winter hog packing in the West，November i to February 20，1877－8：

| t－ | 187\%-78. <br> Nov． 1 to | $\begin{aligned} & 1876-77 . \\ & \text { Nov. } 1 \text { 10 } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chicago | Feb． 20. | Feb． 20. $1,540,000$ |
| Cincinta | ．． 61818000 | 1，540，000 |
| St Louis． | 485,000 | 410,000 |
| Ivdianapolis | 260，000 | 288，000 |
| Milwaukee． | 335，000 | E2s，000 |
| Louisville | 277，000 | 214，000 |
| Total six points． | 4，310，000 | 3，190，000 |
| All other（estimated） | ．2，371，134 | 1，751．970 |
| Grand total | 6，681．134 | 4，944，970 |
| Previous week | 6，332，351 | 4，790，000 |
| Packed in the week． | 348，783 | 151，970 |

The following is a comparative summary of aggregate exports from November 1 to February 23，inclusive：

|  | 1877－78． 20，540，200 | $\begin{array}{r} 1876 \\ 22,85 \end{array}$ | Increase． | Dec |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 229，937，079 | 20，${ }^{\text {a }} 190,658$ | 1 |  |
|  | 126，566，461 | 82，729，446 | 43，897，015 |  |

Total，lbs．．．．．．．$\overline{377,063,710} \sqrt{314,770,304}$ ：
Kentucky tobacco has continued rather quiet，the sales of the port，leaving only 100 hhds ．for home consumption．Prices， however，ruled comparatively steady；lugs 3＠4tc．，and leaf ranging from $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to 12c．，as in quality，medium to good，light and heavy，going at 7＠10c．Seed leaf has remained quiet，and yet sales for the week amount to 750 cases，as follows： 200 cases New England，crop of $1876,8 @ 20$ c．； 100 cases Pennsylvania，crop of 1876，private terms； 100 cases Ohio，crop of 1876， 6 to 12 cic．； 250 cases Ohio，crop of 1874－75，6＠3tc．； 100 cases Wisconsin， crop of 1076，private terms．Spanish tobacco shows a very full movement，the sales being 700 bales at 75 c ．＠$\$ 110$.
There has been a very quiet market for all grades and descrip－ tions of coffees，yet no quotable changes of importance haye taken place；Rio is quoted at 16＠17cc．，gold，for fair to prime cargoes；stock here in first hands on the 27 th ult．， 80,001 bags． Rice has a stealy jobbing sale at late prices．Molasses remains steady，with a good，fair trade in New Orleans grades．Refined sugars have been firm and faírly active；standard crushed quoted at 10c．In raw grades little has been done，but all prices are firm； fair to good refining Cuos quoted at 71＠7\％ C ．

|  | Hhds． | res． |  | Melado． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts B |  | 8,819 | 106，945 | $19$ |
| S | 28，184 | 6，847 | 138，103 | 11 |
| Stock February | 8，421 | 9，050 | 41，829 |  |
| Stock February 28， 1877. | 11，392 | 2，590 | 11，888 | 5 |

There has been a very fair business in ocean freights，and all rates have remained about steady，with the exception of grain berth tonnage，which has shown a slight irregularity．Late engagements and charters include：Grain to Liverpool，by steam， 8 ＠81d．；cotton， 9.32 d ．；provisions． $40 @ 45 \mathrm{~s}$ ，per ton ；grain， by sail，74＠7td．；flour；2s．6d．；cotton，9－32d．；grain to London，by sail，77 y d．；Hour，2s．3d．；do．to Glasgow，by sail，2s．6d．；grain 5s．3d．per qr．；do．to Hull，by steam， 9 ＠是＠10d．；do．to Copenhagen， $5 \mathrm{~s} .10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. ；do．to Cork，for orders， 5 s .9 d ＠ $0 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ do．to Granton， $5 \mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ do．to New Castle， 5 s ． $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. ；do．to Bergen， 5 s ．9d．；crude petroleum to a French port， 2 s .6 ． ；refined do．，in cases，to Java， 35＠37c．，gold．To－day，grain rojm was more active，though at somewhat irregular rates．Engagements were：To Liverpool， by steam，grain，8d．；cotton， $9-32 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ grain，by sail，7td．；provi－ sions，30s．＠37s．6d．；flour，2s．3d．；wheat to London，by sail， 5s．8d．per qr．；flour，23．3d．；do．to Glasgow，by sail， 2 s ． $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$ ； grain to Cork，for orders，5s．6d．per qr．；do．to Bristol Channel， 5s． $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} . @ 5 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ do，to the Continent，5s．4d．＠5s．9d．
In naval stores little of importance has been done，except that in the early part of the week a fair export business was done in rosins at a decline to $\$ 155$ co $\$ 160$ for common to good strained spirits turpentine is quoted at 33c，asked，with trade limited． Petroleum has been quiet and only about eteady；crude，in bulk 7 fe ；refined，in bbls．， 127 c ．asked．Ingot copper is unchanged sales of $150,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ ．Lake at $171017 \frac{1}{c} \mathrm{c}$ ．Clover seed dull at 7＠ 7t c．

## OOTTON.

Fridat, P. M., March 1, $18: 8$ This Movement of the Crof, as indicated by our telegranis from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening (March 1), the total receipts have reached 94,349 bales, against 107,670 bales last week, 120,090 bales the previous week, and 137,138 bales three weeks since, making the total recoipte since the 1st of September, 1877, 3,579,054 bales, against 3,571,507 bales for the same period of 1876-7, showing an increase since Sept. 1, 1877, of 7,517 bales. The details of the receipts for this week (as per telegraph) and for the corresponding w $\epsilon$ eks of five previous years are as follows :

| Receipts this week at- | $18 \% 8$. | 187\%. | 1876. | 1875. | 1874. | 1813. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Orleans | 38,016 | 30,838 | 37,051 | 26,515 | 38,093 | 42,562 |
| Mobile. | 7,967 | 3,707 | 9,506 | 6,371 | 5,793 | 4,341 |
| Charleston | 6,436 | 4,343 | 3,823 | 5,764 | 9,481 | 5,253 |
| Port Royal, \&c. .. ..... | 698 | 204 | 288 | 1,019 | ${ }^{4}$ |  |
| Savannah \&c. | 11,362 | 3,530 | 5,193 | 11,143 | 11,432 | 6,803 |
| Galveston... | $\because 057$ | 6,059 | 7,933 | 7,293 | 8,295 | 4 |
| Indianola, \&c........... | 25 | 73 | 202 | 214 | 450 |  |
| Tennesse, \&c. | 12,195 | 10,178 | 12,260 | 9,416 | 8.366 | 8,279 |
| Florida.. | 228 | 306 | 115 | 179 | 404 | 112 |
| North Carolina. | 3,460 | 1,947 | 1,595 | 2,3i8 | 604 | 1,484 |
| Norfole. | 5,886 | 6,018 | 7,753 | 5,995 | 11,8i1 | 8,582 |
| Cits Point, \&c. . . . . . . . | 1,019 | 1,362 | 502 | 471 | $67 i$ | 247 |
| Total this weak....... | 91,319 | 68,615 | 86,2:5 | 77,258 | 95,464 | 82,307 |

Total since Sept. 1.... $3,579,054,3,571,597$ 3,491,142 $2,991,52 \bar{i}, 3,146,149,2,793,16$
The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 148,905 bales, of which 70,433 were to Great Britain, 12,952 to France, and 65,520 to rest of the Continent, while the stocks as made up this evening are now 814,781 bales. Below are the tocks and exports for the week, and also for the corresponding weok of last season:

| Week endingMarch . March 1. | Exported to |  |  | Total <br> this <br> week. | Same week 1877. | Stock. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great Britain. | France | Continent. |  |  | 1878 | 18:7 |
| Eew Orle | 35,191 | 8,534 | 21,33] | 65,058 | 31,170 | 354,167 | 388,951 |
| obile, | 8,177 |  | 2,000 | 5,177 |  | 58,340 | 71,834 |
| hariesto |  | 1,561 | 11,666 | 13,207 | 12,664 | 41,953 | 35,874 |
| vannab, \& |  | 2,85\% | 25,638 | 29,495 | 5,i10 | 63,996 | 45,185 |
| alvestont. | 4,Е52 |  | 1,097 | 5,349 | 757 | 65,838 | 70,850 |
| ew Yort | 7,578 |  | 1,164 | 8,¢42 | 4,961 | 153,482 | 237,872 |
| Horfolk | 12,670 |  |  | 12,670 |  | 19,005 | 7,946 |
| ther porte $\ddagger$ | 7.562 |  | 1,625 | 9,187 | 2,015 | 52,000 | 45,00 |
| Total this week. | 70,433 | 12,952 | 65,520 | 148,405 | 57,307 | 814,781 | 872,495 |

 above exports) the armount of cotton on shipboard and engaged for silpment ait
 the Continent, fo, 500 bales: for coast wise ports, $, 2,20$ bales; which, 11 dedncted from
the atock, would leave 218,500 bales representing the quantity at the landlug and in proases nnsoid or awaiting orders.
botaloesion.-Oar Gaveeston telegram shows (beaides above exports) on ship. 399i bales; for coast wise ports, no bales ; which, il deducted from the stoct;
mould leave remanin $t$ The exports thits wees under
more, a,sil bales to Wiverpool and 550 bales to Bremer pots" include, from Baltif. Liverpool from Philadelphla, 1,143 bales to Liverpool; from Wilmington, 1,005

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that, compared with the corresponding week of last season, there is an increase in the exports this week of 91,598 bales, while the stocks to-night are 57,714 bales less than they were af this time a year ago. The following is our usual table showing the movement of cotton stall the ports from Sept. 1 to Feb. 22, the latest mail dates:

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Bevainnah.
Galveston*.
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Other poite
Tot. this yr

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Reonirts } \\ & \text { since bert, } 1 . \end{aligned}$ |  | EXPORTED BINOS SEPPT. 1 T |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Const- } \\ & \text { wise } \\ & \text { Ports. } \end{aligned}$ | Stocs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Great Britain | France | Other Porei'n | Total. |  |  |
| 1877. | $18: 6$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,124,144 | 1,002 | 454,554 | 240 | 147,061 | 841,774 | 149,832 | 878,416 |
| 350,65: | 331.252 | 73,819 | 18,983 | 15,978 | 108,770 | 181,060 | 63,299 |
| 5,69 | 437,744 | 100.191 | 59,930 | 66,309 | 226,490 | 106,637 | 53,395 |
| 8,58 | 437,977 | 128,754 | 31,93: | 73,201 | 233,895 | 191,183 | 88,666 |
| 379,903 | 467,257 | 12;,046 | 23,574 | 7,924 | 159,544 | 159,039 | 63,936 |
| .680 | 109,436 | 183,633 | 4,251 | 25,715 | 218,599 |  | 151,893 |
| 11,980 | 18,978 |  |  |  |  | 11,9 |  |
| 120,189 | 113,818 | 28,441 | 1,780 | 18,897 | 48,613 | 65,7 | 6.230 |
| 410,822 | 457,009 | 114,496 | 1,075 | 2,929 | 118,50 | 265 | 28,271 |
| 103,55. | 98,571 | 108,856 |  | 11,259 | 120,1 |  | 48,500 |
| 3,484,205 |  | 18:2,190 | 333,749 | 368,77 | 2075,3 | 1130,9 | 682,659 |
|  |  |  | 328,462 | [274,599 | 2169,819 | 1063,834 | 873, |

head of Charleston is inciuded Port Koyal, \&ici.junter the heau oi解 Norfity
These mail returns do not correspond precisely with the total of the telggraphic figures, because in preparing them it is alw 7 g ooagary to incordorate averv correction maila at, the porta
The market for cotton on the spot has remained quiet; in fact, business has been almost at a stand-still, except moderate trans: actions for lome consumption yesterday and thirteen hundred bales low grates for Liverpool taken last evening. Quotations were advanced 1-16c. on Saturday and reduced 1-16c. on the following Wednesday, middling uplands standing at 107 c . To-day he marizet was quiet at revised quotations; ordinary was reduced 8-16c.; strict ordinary, good ordinary and strict good ordinary were reducad 1-16c.; all grades of stained $\frac{1}{1} c$. For futuredelivery there were fuctuations of some importance early in the week,
the result partly of speculative manipulstion and partly the effect of the constantly varying phases of European politics. On Saturday, peace was regarded by many as fully assured, and there were large purchases of March contracts at a considerable advance, based upon the widened range of quotations between high and low grades. Precisely what the repeated revisions of quotations amounted to in the past two months may be seen from the annexed exhibit

Strict Ordinar
Good Ordinary
Strict Good Ordinary
Strict Low Mîd ding
Midding Strict Good Middiling Middling Fair... Here we see a range of 3-16c. increased to 49.16 c . It seems to have been anticipated that this range would be narrowed, but the anticipation was not realized to-day. The market for futures quite broke down on Wednesday, under a combination of adverse nfluences, and yesterdsy opened quite depressed under the reports that the British Government was actively preparing for war, together with a weak market for cotton at Liverpool and a decline
in British consols. The close, however, was at some recovery on a demand to cover contracts. To-day, the opening was at some decline, but it was recovered when a slight improvement in British consols was reported, followed later by a slight advance.
The total sales for forward delivery for the week are 273,000 bales, including - free on board. For immediate delivery the total sales foot up this week 3,916 bales, including 1,615 for export, 2,023 for consumption, 978 for speculation, and -in transit. Of the above, - bales were to arrive. The following tables show the official quotations and sales for each day of the past week:


sor forward delivery, the sales (including _- iree on board) have reached during the week 273,000 bales (all middling or on the basis of middling), and the following is a statement of the ales and prices:

| For February. | aro |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1ea. ei | 3,6C0 |
| 100... .......110.38 | $7,009 \ldots . . .1{ }^{10 ¢ 8}$ |
| $103 \mathrm{~B} . \mathrm{n}$. 27 th 16-39 | 100 s.n. ist.. 1088 |
| $2 \mathrm{j} 0 . . . . . . . . . .10889$ | 7,700........... 1088 |
| 100............itir9z | 4,900........... 16.000 |
|  | 5,000 .........10901 |
| 300 total Feb. | 8,600..........16.92 |
|  | 6,500. |
| 500 \%....... 10078 | 3,900. |
| $2.400 . . . . .0 .0 .100 \cdot 17$ |  |
|  | \$8,000 total March. |
| 1,000............ $1 \cdot 0 \cdot 81$ | Or April. |
| $800 . . . . . . .1{ }^{10.82}$ | 100 |
| $1008: 1 . . . . . . .16{ }^{16.33}$ | 4.90 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| 1,000...c....... 10.85 |  |
| 2,200 |  |

##  <br> 83,300 total Aprl.

MARCH 2, 1878.1

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 |  | \% |  |
| 00...........i1113 | 100 ..........11-23 |  |  |
| 1,600.........il 14 |  | ${ }_{600} 8 . . . . . . . . .11 / 85$ |  |
| 1200......... 11.15 | ${ }^{400} 0 . . . . . . . .111^{25}$ |  |  |
|  | 1. | 1z, vieit cotal Jaly. |  |
| 1i19 |  |  | 100............11-19 |
| ce total May. |  | 3,003...........11\% | 800 total Sept. |
| , | 100.............11-31 |  |  |
| 1201..........1:04 | 39,350 total June | 1,30............11-23 |  |
| 5,100............ 1 |  | 600 .... $11 \cdot 25$ | 0. |
| 4.100 ............ 1 | s00... .......111] | 100...........11:33 | 100............1101 |
|  | 2.000..........11:13 | 300... .....i11.30 | detal O |
| 2.00........1110 | 1.700............11.15 | $160 .: 1$ |  |
| 11,500...........11111 | 1,110... .......11.16 | ${ }_{600}^{10 . . . . . . . .113 .31}$ |  |
| 1,500........i112 | $800 . . . . . . . . . .111 \% 19$ | 1,100. .........11-56 |  |
| ${ }^{1000 . . . . . . . . . .111: 44 ~}$ |  | ${ }_{400}^{100 . . . . . . . . . .111 .33] ~}$ | 200 total Nov. |
| $100 . . . . . . . . .111 .16$ | ${ }^{1000 . . . . . . . . . ~} 11$ |  |  |
| 1,600..........11118 | 110 | 200..........11* |  |
| 1500 | ${ }^{800 . . . . . . . . .11-30 ~}$ | 15.830 total Aug. | 100 tomal Dec |


The above totals show that the old interior stocks have desreased during the week 10.419. bales, and are to night 12,437 bales more than at the same poriod last year. The receipss at the same towns have been 4,953 bales more than the same week last ydar.
Weather Reports by Telegraph.-The weather the past week has been much less rainy, and farm-work is everywhere well advanced. Thus far, the season has been an early one ; in fact, vegetation is so forward in some sections that it can haraly be cousidered a favorable condition, as there is so mu:h danger of frost later on.
Galveston, Texas.-It has rained hard one Cay, but the rest of the week has been pleasant. The low country has geneially planted corn and will plant cotton next week. The ground is in grod condition, but vegetation is budding too fast. The ther mometer has averaged 57, the highest being 64 and the lowest 48. The rainfall during the week has been one inch and forty hundredths, and during the month three inches and eigh $y$-eight hundredths.
Indianola, Texas.-We bave had rain on two days, with a rain. fall of one inch and three hundredths. $G$ od progress is being made in crop preparations. Average thermometer 58, highest 65 and lowest 50 . There has been a rainfall during the month of February of three inches and three hundredths.
Corsicana, Texas.-There has been no rainfall here this week. Ploughing is active. T e fruit trees are in full bloom. The ther. mometer has averaged 53, ranging from 35 to 69 . The total rainfall for February is two inches and eighty five hundredths.
Dallas, Texas.-It has not rained here during the week. We have had one hard frost. The roads are better and farmers are busy. Average thermometer © 4 , hi hest 68 and lowest 35 . We have had a rainfall of niuety hundr.dths of an inch during Febraary.
Brenham, Texas.-The weather has been warm and dry all the week, an 1 planters are making the most of it. Some corn is planted and vegetation is pushing rapidly. Average thermometer 60, highest 70 and lowest 48 . The rainfall during the month has been five inches and ninety hundredths.
New Orleans, Louisiana. - It has not rainfd here all the week. The thermometer has averaged 55. The rainfall for February is three and ninety hundredths inches. Last week's rainfall was ten hundredths of an inch, and the thermometer hadaveraged 59.
Shreveport, Louisiana.-The weather during the week has been favorable for agricultural pursuits. The thermometer has averaged 59 , the extremes being 66 and 39 , and the rainfall has reached three hundredths of an inch. The rainfall during the month of February has been two inches ard sixty-seven hundredths.
Vicksburg, Mississippi.-The thermometer has averaged 53 during the week, the highest having been 66 and the lowest 37 . It has not rained here all the week.
Oobumbus, Mississippi.-We have not received our usual weather telegram from Columbus.
Little Rock, Arkansas.-The weather during the week has been"dry and pleasant until to day, which i;cloudy and threatening rain. The thermometer has averaged 34, the extremes being 28 and 53.
Nashoille, Tennessee. -We have had no rainfall this week. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 54 , averaging 45.
Memphis, Tennessec.-It has rained here on one day, the rainfall reaching two hundredths of an i ch, but the rest of the week has been pleasant. Roads are fast improving ard there is some ploughing. Average thermometer 46; highest 59 and lowest 34.

Mobile, Alabama.-One day of the week was cloudy, but the re. maining six days have been fair. There has been no rainfall. Average thermometer 54; high 8 st 69 and lowest 43.
Montgomery, Alabama.-There has been no rainfall during the wrek, and the weather has been fine, the thermometer averaging 51 and ranging from 36 to 67 . The raivfall during the month has reached two inches and fifty-nine hundredths.

Selma, Alabama.-We have had no rainfall here this week.
Madison, Morida.- It has rained on one day during the week just cl'sed, the rainfall reachirg thirty-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 59, the highest $b$-ing 66 and the lowest 52. The days have been warm but the nighte

Ifacon, Georgia.-Rain has fallen on one day this week. The thermometer has a veraged 52 , the highest being 73 and the lowest 33.

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Columbus, Georgia. -The thermometer has averaged 53 during the week. We have had no rain, the total rainfall for the month having been three and fifty hundredths inches.
Savannah. Georgia.-It has rained on one day this week, the rainfall reaching twelve hundredths of an inch; but the rest of the week has been pleasant. The thermometer has ranged from 39 to 75, averaging 57.

Augusta, Georgia.-The earlier part of the week we had a light rain on one day, but the latter portion has been clear and pleasant. Planters are sending their cotton to market freely and planting grain rapidly. Average thermometer during the week 48, highest 71 and lowest 35. The rainfall this week has been eight hundredths of an inch, and for the month of February five and sixty-three hundredths inches.

Charleston, South Carolina.-It has been showery two days, with a rainfall of thirty-six hundredths of an inch. Average thernometer 53, highest 67 and lowest 40.
The following statement we have also received by telegraph showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 3 o'clock Feb. 28. We give last year's figures (Mar. 1, 1877) for com parison:


New Orleans reported below hign-water mark of $18 \% 1$ until Sept. 9, 1874, when the zero of gauge was changed to high-water mark of April 15 and 16,1874 , which is 6 -10ths of a foot above 1871. or 16 faet above low-water mark at that point.

India Cotton Supply.-As the season progresses, the accounts from Indis appear to be more unsatisfactory. In October it was generally expected that Bom ay alone would ship out of this crop about 150,000 bales in excess of last year. Less favorabie conditions since-prominent among them the late unseasonable rains-have gradually lessened this figure, and the latest estimates of some of the authorities there seem to think very little more can be expected than has been realized the past year, though we think the better opinion is still that there will be some excess.
The latest advices from the Madras Presidency are also less encouraging. Messrs. Aspinwall \& Co., of Madras, under date of 19th of January, say: "We much regret having to advise that the condition if the country is not so good as it was believed to be some time ago. From some districts where it was expected distress would have been at an end ere this most disappointing reports are coming in, while in others the state of affairs is much worse than was anticipated. In consequence of these facts, values of all kinds of grain have advanced very materially, and we fear we have still several months of great scarcity and dis tress before us. The crops that promised so well in some places are partially destroyed by mildew from excessive rains, and in others much damage has been done by caterpillars. The famine census has been taken in Mysore, and it is reported that so far the returns show a loss of life amounting to one-third of the population." These statements would tend $t$, show that the expectations of revival in the exports from the cotton districts of Madras will not be fully realized. A considerable portion of the western Madras crop (which, we believe, is this year the most promising section of that Presidency) finds its way of late years to Bombay.
Cotton from Seed to Loom.-The introductory chapter of our Book on Cotton will be found to-day in our editorial columas. Its contents are of interest to all our readers.

The book itself will be ready for delivery on next Saturday, March 9.
BOMBAY SuIPMRATS.-Accorling to ourcsble despatch received to-day,there have been 13,000 bales shipped from Bombay to Great Britain the past week, and 20,000 bales to the Continent : while the receipts at Bombay during this week have been 39,000 baler The movement since the 1st of Januaryis as follows. Thees are the figures of W. Nicol \& Co., of Bombay, and are brought down to Thursday, Feb. 28


GUNAT BAGs, BAGGING, \&c.- Bagging has continued to meet with a fair jobbing demand during the week, but no large trans actions are reported. Prices are ruling steady, with holders quotiog 10c. for light weight, and 101@101c. for standard quality. Butts have been taken to a fair extent, and are ruling steady in price at $27 @ 3 \mathrm{c}$. for ordinary to bagging quality. The sales for February foot up 7,020 bales on spot. here and in Bos ton, at 1316 @3c. cy., cash and time ; and to arrive, about 22,000 bales, mostly for November, Decsmber and January sa lings, at 2 11:16@2Yc., gold, cash, and 27c, gold, time, according to location of ships. Mariet on spot closes quiet but steady, at 2tec., ex ship, and 215-16@3c. from store.

Comparative Port Receipts and Datly Crop Movement.A comparison of the port movement by weeks is not accurate, as the weeks in different years do not end on the same day of the month. We have consequently added to our other standing tables a daily and monthly statement, that the reader may constantly have before him the data for seeing the exact relative movement for the years named. First we give the receipts at each port each day of the week ending to-night.

| Days of week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { New } \\ \text { Or- } \\ \text { leans } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { mo } \\ & \text { bile. } \end{aligned}$ | Charleston | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Savan- } \\ & \text { nah. } \end{aligned}$ | Gal- <br> ves- <br> ton. | Norfolk. | $\begin{gathered} \text { wil- } \\ \text { ming. } \\ \text { ton. } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { others } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Saturday..... | 6,045 | 1,416 | ${ }^{76}$ | 1.546 | 970 | 1,306 | 331 | 1.839 | 14,2i9 |
| Monday | 10,488 | 3,105 | 1,35, | 2,373 | 2,460 | 792 | 646 | 2,186 | 23,306 |
| Tuesday | 5,395 | 1,040 | 1,311 | 1,448 | 646 | 908 | 65 | 1,608 | 12,421 |
| Wednesday.. | 5,7 | 947 | 577 | 2,308 | 535 | 832 | 394 | 2,057 | 18,396 |
| Thursday.... | 4,800 | 968 | 6:6 | 1,588 | 1,464 | 1,399 | 753 | 1,605 | 13,2033 |
| Friday: | 5,532 | 491 | 1,850 | 2,169 | 982 | 619 | 735 | 5,326 | 17,751 |
| Total | 33,016 | 7,967 | 6,4:6 | 11,422 | 7,05i | 5,886 | 2,944 | 14,621 | 94,349 |

The movement each month since September 1 has been as follows:

| Monthly Receipts. | Year beginning September 1. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1877. | 1876. | 1875. | 1874. | 1873. | 1872. |
| September | 93,491 | 236,863 | 169,07\% | 134.376 | 115,255 | 184,744 |
| October. | 578,533 | 675,260 | 610,316 | 536,963 | 355,323 | 444,003 |
| November ..... | 822,493 | 901,392 | 740,116 | 676,295 | 576,103 | 530,153 |
| December...... | 900,119 | 787,769 | 821,177 | 759,086 | 811,66 | 524,975 |
| January........ | 689,610 | 500,630 | 637,663 | 444,052 | 702,168 | 669,430 |
| February ...... | 4i2,051 | 449,686 | 479,801 | 383,324 | 432,633 | 462,552 |
| Total, Feb. 28.. 3,561,300 Percentage of total port receipts Feb. 23. |  | 3,551,635 | 3,457,534 | 2,034,051 | 3,043,205 | 2,715,8:7 |
|  |  | 87.95 | $82 \cdot 50$ | 83.91 | 79:99 | 74:38 |

This statement shows that up to March 1 the receipts at the ports this year were 9,645 bales more than in 1876 and 103,746 bales more than at the same time in 1875. By adding to the above totals to March 1 the daily receipts since that. time, we shall be able to reach an exact comparison of the movement for the different years.

|  | 1877-78. | 1876-77. | 1875-76. | 1874-75. | 1873-74 | 1872-73 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Jan. 31... | 3,089,246 | 3,101,969 | 2,977,753 | 2,550,727 | 2,56,5:7. | 2,2:3,305 |
| Receipts Feb. 1 | 23,495 | 23,463 | 20,601 | 11,093 | S. | 99 |
| ceip | 19,795 | 22,487 | 20,117 | 17,152 | 35,391 | S. |
| Receipts Feb. 3 | S. | 28,011 | 25,716 | 15,618 | 24,172 | 7,552 |
| Receipts Feb. 4 | 35,541 | s. | 17.084 | 16,\%\%1 | 22,631 | 1,661 |
| Receipts Feb. | 20,000 | 28,732 | 19,076 | 21,174 | 15,50 | 7,656 |
| Receipts Feb. 6 | 22,343 | 25,353 | s. | 14,357 | 23,482 | 4,317 |
| ceipts Feb | 16,653 | 17,146 | 20,3:3 | s. | 18,91 | 1,336 |
| ceipt | 23,806 | 19,63 | 26,011 | 27,461 | s. | 236 |
| Receipts Feb. 9 | 15,100 | 25,768 | 14,4 | 15,578 | 36.E22 | . |
| eceipts Feb. 10 | - s . | 15,703 | 20,181 | 16,994 | 17,64 | 3,511 |
| Receipts Feb. 11 | 26,965 | S. | 19,055 | 16,8i7 | 19,011 | 9,611 |
| Receipts Feb. 12 | 23,264 | 29,647 | 16,269 | 14,124 | 14,6 | . 37 |
| Receipts Feb. 13 | 20,075 | 24,479 | S. | 15,0:9 | 18,c9 | ,997 |
| Receipts Feb. 14 | 14,803 | 11,94s | 27,614 | S. | 15,60 | 16,900 |
| Receipts Feb. 15 | 19,886 | 20,474 | 18,047 | 21.471 | S. | 7,380 |
| Receipts Feb. 16 | 13,249 | 19,536 | 16,948 | 12,974 | 82,612 | S. |
| Receipts Feb. 17 | s. | 11,6 | 16,081 | 15,923 | 21,108 | 20,556 |
| Receip:s Feb. 18 | 30,281 | S. | 16 | 11,5 | 16,984 | 77 |
| Receip | 16,474 | ,420 | 12.079 | 16, |  | ,993 |
| Receipts Feb. 20 | 14,88\% | 18,071 | S. | 9,456 |  | 6,638 |
| ceip | 14,650 | ,7\% | 7,65 | s. | 14, | 15,903 |
| ceipts Feb | 20,245 | 7.32 | 20,344 | 21,374 | s. | 16,999 |
| eceipts Feb. 28 | 14,219 | 18,965 | 19,5 | 12,698 | 28,834 | S. |
| Receipts Feb. 24 | S. | 8,896 | 17,2 | 11,867 | 13,642 | 31,876 |
| Rece:pts Feb. 25 | 23,306 | S. | 15,875 | 11,979 | 14,669 | 18,098 |
| Receipts Feb. 26 | 12,421 | 16,982 | 11.901 | 11,515 | 13,82\% | 11,500 |
| Receipts Feb. 27 | 18,3 | 12.7 | s. | 12,378 | 15048 | 12, |
| Receipt | 13.25 | 11,3:8 | 23,7 | 8,903 | 16, | 15,8 |
|  |  |  | 15,563 |  |  |  |
| Tot. last | 3,561,300 | 3,551,655 | , | , | ,205 | 5,857 |
| Re | 17,754 | 6,825 | 7,842 | 8,903 | S. | 9,343 |
| Total | 3,579,054 | 3,557,93 | 3,465,396 | 2,912,95 | 3,043,2 | 2,725,200 |
| Perct. of total | ortreceip | $88 \cdot 11$ | -68 | 84.15 | 79 | 74.63 |

This statement shows that the receipts since Sept. 1 up to to-night are now 21,074 bales more than they were to the same day of the month in 1877, and 113,658 bales more than they were to the same day of the month in 1876. We add to the last tible the percentages of total port receipts which had been received March 1 in each of the years named.
This Exports of Cotton from New York this week show a decrease, as compared with last week, the total reaching 8,742 balen, against 11,649 bales last woek. Below we give our nsual 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, 1877; and in the last column the total for the ame period of the previous year:
Exports of Cotton(bales) from Now York inince Sopt.1, 1878

| SXPORTED ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | WESE minde |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { tate. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 6 . \end{gathered}$ | Feb. $13 .$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 20. } \end{aligned}$ | Feb. 27. |  |  |
| Aiverpool. Other British Ports | 10,967 | 7,719 | 10,454 | 7.578 | $\begin{array}{r} 191.626 \\ 1,655 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 228,462 \\ & 7,313 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total to Gt. Britain | 10,967 | 7,719 | 10,454 | 7.578 | 196,211 | 235,805 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Havre ...................... } \\ & \text { Other French ports........ } \end{aligned}$ | 368 | 200 | 263 | .... | $\begin{array}{r}4.136 \\ \hline 115\end{array}$ | 5,440 |
| Total French | 868 | 200 | 268 | .... | 4,25 | 5,440 |
| Eremen and Hanover...... <br> Hambarg.................... | 100 237 | 317 | 446 <br> 468 | 400 | 12,724 <br> 4,023 | $\xrightarrow{9,648} \mathbf{2} 2$ |
| Other ports |  | 1,299 | .... |  | 10,182 | 1,586 |
| Total to N. | 387 | 1,609 | 982 | 1,164 | 26,879 | 13,460 |
| 曾位In Oportod Gibraltarde all others. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | … | .... | 200 |
| Total spaim, |  | .... |  |  |  | 200 |
| Grand Total. | 11,672 | 9.528 | 11.649 | 8.1542 | 227,341 | 54,9 |


| CE3'x ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | NEW YORE. |  | Bostom. |  | PGILADETP'IL |  | baltimori. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | This week. | Since Sept. 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { This } \\ & \text { week. } \end{aligned}$ | Since Sept. 1 | This | since Sept. 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { This } \\ & \text { week. } \end{aligned}$ | Since Sept.! |
| Rew Orleang. Teras......... | 6,314 | $\begin{gathered} 122,181 \\ 51,581 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 12,907 \\ & 6,624 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Savannah..... | 2,649 | 118,646 |  | 24,341 | 93 | 17,08\% |  | 43,809 |
| Horlar. | 5i |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {P'th Caroling }}$ | 2.547 | 991,413 | -.. | 911 |  |  | 117 | 18.\%53 |
| Virginia...... | 1,709 | 133, 43.236 | 412 | 5 |  |  | 230 | 17.115 |
| Horih'rn Ports |  | 11,997 | 1,915 | 67,993 |  |  | 642 | 33,327 |
| Tonnessen, \&c | 6,593 |  | 3,264 | [4,568 | 2,136 | 28,958 | 200 | 8,12i6 |
| Total this year | 20,592 | 660,906 | 5,591 | 237,00 | 2,429 | 46,969 | 1,179 |  |
| Totallast year. | 19,227 | $7 \mathrm{7} 2,039$ | 14,360 | 23,216 | 1,057 | 48,494 | 2,840 | 94,625 |

SHipping Nefws.-The exports of cotton from the United States the past week, as per latest mail returns, have reached 135,274 bales. So far as the Southern ports are concerned, these Tare the same exports reported by telegraph, and published in include thercle, last Friday. With regard to New York, we aight the manifests of all vessels cleared up to Wedneaday ght of this week.
NBW York-To Liverpool, per strs. Scythia, ${ }^{1,296}$ City of Berlin, To Bremen, per str. Neckar, 40,
To Hamburg, per str. Holeatia,

 Nonanta, 4,182 Thordean, 4.650 , A4 .e. per ship Olive 8 . To Havre, per ehips Gartha A. McNeil, 1,691 ...Bucephalua, 4,400
Viola, 2,997 ... Beethoven, 8,883....0u, i,286 ...Vancouver, $\mathrm{E}, 50$
To Ronen, prr steamer Ben More. $1,201 \ldots$ per bark Ebenezer, $437 .$.
To Antwerp, per bark Esempro, 1,880 .
To Genoa, per bark Oasi. 1,51, $1, \ldots 0$.
овms-To Craz, per steamer City or Mexico, 617 ........................
To Harre, per bark Jarks Live Oak, $1,1111 . .$. Texas, 1,900


To Benemen per bark Marco Poio , , Ot U pland
To Ghent, Belquin, per brig J. W, Beard, 1,350 Üpland..............
To earcertona, per Sark Marti Coalalar, 1,200 Upiand..
Up port in Spain, per barks Maria, 895 Upland.....Fortana, $660 ~$
 Island...Beaconsiferd, 4,521 Upland and 314 Sea Island 298 Sea
bark Lune, 1,551 Upland and 97 Sea Island.
land or Falmonih, for orders, per bark Fraiernitas, $1, \frac{3}{3} 00$ Üp.
To Bremen, per bark Jo anne Marle , 1 is Upland....................
rxas-To Liverpool, per barks Waile, ,,199.
To Fleetwod, per barkJohn Sle

To Bremerhaven, per bark cogla, 1,129

Bostonime To per steamer Leipzig, $5: 0$
Bomron-To Liverpool, per steamers Buigairian (aiditionai), $\mathbf{3 , 1} 168 .$.
 To antwerp, per etteamer Nederland (omitted previousiy), 200 ........
Total.
the particula
$\underset{\text { pool. }}{\text { Liver }}$ Fleod.
New York. 7,57


 Savannan. 84,353 Texas..... 4,412 Norfoik....: 9,210 | Baltimore.: 2.102 |
| :--- |
| Boston.... |
| 7,754 | 2,103 Boston.

Philadelp'a
1,445
hipments, arranged in our uinal fortr,
Havre Bremen Antw' a Barcei'a,
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Total...90,730 } & 2,103 & 4,841 & 21,119 & 7,033 & 3,430 & 4,346 & 1,505 \\ 135,274\end{array}$ Included in the above totals are, from New Orleans, 617 bales to Vera Craz.
Below we give all news received to date of disasters to vessels carrying cotton from United States poits, \&c.:
AThismix, str. (Br), Thompson, from Galveston Feb. 4 via Norfolk, with
cotton, \&c., For Liverpool, pat into New York Feb. 41 , Fia Norfolk, with, of cotton and unghipped ruding Norfulk. The A. discharged dio bales UUSTRIAN, str. (Br.), Trocke, from Balimore wonld be repaired.
dent to her machinery while leaving the Lorner port mith an aceldefects were remedied and the vessel gailed for Annapolis Roads P. M.
Camidins str. (Br.), Bremner, at Liverpool Feb. 14th from New Orleans, reports: on Feo. abot, during a heavy gale. lost third custer and met with other two men from the bario on
Citr or Daliss, str., before reported on tremen
pumped out and uischarged on Feb. 19th. It whe fon, Kast River, was beams fom the forward hold aft are bady injured, ceiling and dect barned through, timbers and outside planking cbarred, bat yone of the cabins badly damaged with water. Her machinery isalio destroyed and A partial survey was held on the 21 st, but no conclasion arrived at it if probable that she will be repaired at once. The cotton on board not damaged br fire was completely saturated with water, a single bale
Generar Barnis str., at New York Feb. 9 trom
sively damaged than was at first supposed. She will has more extenoverhanled and repaired by the New York Iron Works.

New Yorts h., at Plymoath Feb. 12 from New York, reports: after leant ff propeller a gaie from N.E. for 24 hours, sabsequently losing a blade with trin KENTUCIIAN, ship, at Liverpool Feb
experienced very severe weather, and had rudder split and companion St. Btove in.
asho:e on the (Br.), Charchill, from Philadelphia for Liverpool, went position during a heavy gale afternoon of Feb. 21. She came off $28 \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{j}}$ anamaged or Liverpool, and having some 5,000 bales on be on fire A. M. Feb. 24. She was scuttled and flled with water. Loss abont $\$ 125000$ Cause of fire unknown. The cargo and vessel were valued at $\$ 250000$. Insured in this conntry and abroad. After the extinguishment of the Are the interior of the ship showed very little The fire broke out again at midnight of the 2 th on the or less burned. hat thirreen feet of water in her hold and it was sapposed that ehe she sink. Both vessel and car 30 will prove a total lose John GEDDIE, bark (Br.), for Liverpool, which pat back
Natronal repaise reaned her voyage
 G. SMrTHE, schr. from Georgetown, S. C., for New Yobrk, ashore at Shark
River, N. J., with about onathird of her car River, N. J., with about one-third of her cargo of rosin on board, broke
up Feb. 2t, and will be a total loss. will bea total hosa.
Livekpool, March 1-5:00 P.M.-By Cable from Liver, POOL-Estimated sales of the day vere 6,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for export and epeculation. Of to-day's sales 4,800 bales were a merican. The weekly movement is given as follows:

|  | Feb. 8. | Feb. 15. | Feb. 22. | Marc |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales of the week. Forwarded..... | 54,000 13,000 |  |  |  |
| Sales America | 40,000 | 3i,000 | 9,000 |  |
| of wh | 4,000 | 5,000 | 4.000 | 2.000 |
| Total etock | 53.0000 | 52.030 | 4,000 | 2.000 |
| america | 371,000 | 345,000 | 626,000 | 662.000 |
| tal import of the | 38,000 | 75,000 | 111.000 | ${ }^{\text {Nor }}$ |
| ${ }^{\text {ortur }}$ | 3,000 | 63.000 | 125,000 | 89,000 |
| Amount a | 315,000 | 000 | 2, ${ }^{6,000}$ | 8.000 |
| ich | 312,000 | 203,000 | 257,000 | 249,000 |

## The following table will show the deily cloging prices of cot

 Futures.
These stated." are on the basis of Uplands, Low Midding cianse, unless other

Fob. delivery, 6 8-82a1-16d.
Feb.-Mar. delivery, 6 3-32d.
Apr. - May. delivery, 63 d .
May-Jnne delivery,
$65-32 \mathrm{~d}$. June-July delivery, $6 \mathrm{~s}=16 \mathrm{~d}$.

Feb. delivery, 1 1-16d.
Mar:-Apr. delivery, 6 1-16d.
Apr.-May delivery, 6 3-32d.
Map-Tane delivery, 6\%d.
June-Jay delivery, $65-33 \mathrm{~d}$.
Feb. delivery, 6 1-16d Mar.-Apr. delivery, 6 i-16d. Apr.-May delivery, 6 1-16d. July-Aug. delivery, 6 5-32d.

Feb. delivery, 6 1-32d.
Mar.-Apr. delivery, 61 1.s2d.
May-June delivery, $6 \bar{\delta}-32 \mathrm{ad}$.
Jane-Jnly delivery, 6\%d.
Jan. shipment, new crop, sail, 6 8-92d:
Jan. shipment, new cr
Now landing, 6 1-32d.

Saturday.

## Mar.-Mar. delivery, 6 1.18d. <br> Mar-April delivery, 6 . 8 -3ad. Apr.-May delivery, $63-320 \%$ Apr-May delivery, 6 -3-32@\% Aug.-Sept. delivery, $6 \% \mathrm{a}$.

Mondar.
Aug. Sept. delivery, 6 r-32d. Mar.-Apr. shipm't, sail, 63-161. May-June delivery, 6 3-3.3.d.
May-Jute delivers, $63 \%$ a.
Turgbat.
May-Jnne delivery, 6 3-82d.
Jan- Ahipment, new crop. eail, 6 3-32d.
Mar.-Apr. delivery. 6 1-sd.
Mar.-Apr. delivery, 6 1.sid.
Jan- Febb. shipment, new crop, sail,
WeDnissdat.
May-Jnane delivery, Orleans, good ord.
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Mar.-Apr. shipment, sail. $6 \%$ d.


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Columbus, Georgia.-The thermometer has averaged 53 during the week. We have had no rain, the total rainfall for the month having been three and fifty hundredths inches.

Savannah, Georgia.-It has rained on one day this week, the rainfall reaching twelve hundredths of an inch; but the rest of the week has been pleasant. The thermometer has ranged from 39 to 75, averaging 57.

Augusta, Georgia.-The earlier part of the week we had a light rain on one day, but the latter portion has been clear and pleasant. Planters are sending their cotton to market freely and planting grain rapidly. Average thermometer during the week 48, highest 71 and lowest 35 . The rainfall this week has been eight hundredths of an inch, and for the month of February five and sixty-three hundredths inches.
Charleston, South Carolina.-It has been showery two days, with a rainfall of thirty-six huodredths of an inch. Average therniometer 53 , highest 67 and lowest 40.
The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 3 o'clock Feb. 28. We give last year's figures (Mar. 1, 1877) for comparison:
New Orlears. . Below high-water mark.
Mashis..... Above low-water mark.
Nashvile... Above low-water mark. Shreveport. ...A Above low-water mark

Now Orleans reported below hign-water mark of 1871 until Dop. 9,1874 , when the zero of gauge was changed to high-water mark of April 15 and 16, 1874, which is 6-10ths of a foot above 1871, or 16 faet above low-water mark at that point.
India Cotton supply.-As the season progresses, the accounts from Indis appear to be more unsatisfactory. In October it was generally expected that Bom alone would ship out of this crop about 150,000 bales in excess of last year. Less favorabie conditions since-prominent among them the late unseasonable rains-have gradually lessened this figure, and the latest estimates of some of the authorities there seem to think very little more can be expected than has been realized the past year, though we think the better opinion is still that there will be some excess.
The latest advices from the Madras Presidency are also less encouraging. Messrs. Aspinwall \& Co., of Madras, under date of 19th of January, say: "We much regret having to advise that the condition if the country is not so good as it was believed to be some time ago. From some districts where it was expected distress would have been at an end ere this most disappointing reports are coming in, while in others the state of affairs is much worse than was anticipated. In consequence of these facts, values of all kinds of grain have advanced very materially, and we fear we have still several months of great scarcity and distress before us. The crops that promised so well in some places are partially destroyed by mildew from excessive rains, and in others much damage has been done by caterpillars. The famine census has been taken in Mysore, and it is reported that so far the returns show a loss of life amounting to one-third of the population." These statements would tend $t$ show that the expec tations of revival in the exports from the cotton districts of Madras will not be fully realized. A considerable portion of the western Madras crop (which, we believe, is this year the most promising section of that Presidency) finds its way of late years to Bombay.
Cotton from Seed to Loom.-The introductory chapter of our Book on Cotton will be found to-day in our editorial columes. Its contents are of interest to all our readers.
The book itself will be ready for delivery on next Saturday, March 9.
Bombay Sirficiarts.-Accorling to our csble despatch received to-day, there have been 13,000 bales shipped from Bombay to Great Britain the past week, and 20,000 bales to the Continent : while The receipts at Bombay during this week have been 39,000 balea, the figures of W. Nicol \& Co., of Bombay, and are brought down to Thuisday, Feb. 28


GUNNY BAGs, BAGGING, \&oc.-Bagging has continued to meet with a fair jobbing demand daring the week, but no large transactions are reported. Prices are ruling steady, with holders quoting 10c. for light weight, and $101 @ 10 \mathrm{c}$. for standard qual ity. Butis have been taken to a fair extent and are qual steady in price at $27 @ 3 \mathrm{c}$. for ordinary to bagging quality. The sales for February foot up 7,020 bales on spot, here and in Bos ton, at 213 16@3c. cy., cash ańd time ; and to arrive, about 23,000 bales, mostly for November, Decsmber and January sa lings, at $211-16 @ 2$ ? c ., gold, cash, and 2 c c , gold, time, according to location of ships. Mariet on spot closes quiet but steady, at $2 \frac{f}{8} c$., ex ship, and 215-16@3c. from store.

Comparative Port Receipts and Daily Crop Movement. A comparison of the port movement by weeks is not accurate, as the weeks in different years do not end on the same day of the month. We have consequently added to our other standing tables a daily and monthly statement, that the reader may constantly have before him the data for seeing the exact relative movement for the years named. First we give the receipts at each port each day of the week ending to-night.

| Days of week. | $\left.\begin{gathered} \text { New } \\ \text { or- } \\ \text { leans } \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mo- } \\ & \text { bile. } \end{aligned}$ | Char- <br> leston | $\left.\begin{gathered} \text { Savan- } \\ \text { nah. } \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gal- } \\ & \text { ves- } \end{aligned}$ ton. | Norfolk. | $\begin{gathered} \text { wil- } \\ \text { ming. } \\ \text { ton. } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { others } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Saturdsy... | 6,045 | 1.416 | 736 | 1,546 | 970 | 1,306 | 331 | 1.839 | 14,219 |
| Monday. | 10,488 | 3,105 | 1,25, | 2,373 | 2,460 | 792 | 646 | 2,186 | 23,306 |
| Tuesday | 5,395 | 1,040 | 1,311 | 1,448 | 646 | 08 | 65 | 1,608 | 12,421 |
| Wednesday. | 5,736 | 947 | 77 | 2,308 | 535 | 832 | 394 | 2,057 | 18,396 |
| Thareday.... | 4,800 | 968 | S6 | 1,578 | 1,464 | 1,390 | 753 | 1,605 | 13,253 |
| Friday. | 5,532 | 491 | 1,850 | 2,169 | 982 | 619 | 735 | 5,326 | 17,251 |
| Tota | 33,016 | 7,967 | 6,4:6 | 11,422 | 7,057 | 5,886 | 2,944 | 14,621 | 94,349 |

The movement each month since September 1 has been as follows:

| Monthly Receipts. | Year beginning September 1. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1877. | 1876. | 1875. | 1874. | 1873. | 1872. |
| September.. | 93,491 | 236,863 | 169,077 | 134.376 | 115,255 | 184,744 |
| October........ | 578,533 | 675,260 | 610,316 | 536,963 | 355,323 | 444,003 |
| November ..... | 822,493 | 901,392 | [40,116 | 676,295 | 576,103 | 530,153 |
| December. | 900,119 | 787,769 | 821,177 | 759,036 | 811,668 | 524,97 |
| January........ | 689,610 | 500,630 | 637,667 | 444,052 | 702,168 | 569,430 |
| Febraary ...... | 472,054 | 449,686 | 479,801 | 383,324 | 432,633 | 462,552 |
| Total, Feb. 28. 3,561,300 Percentage of total port receipts Feb. 23. |  | 3,551,655 | 3,45i,534 | 2,934,051 | 3,043,205 | 2,715,8.7 |
|  |  | 87.95 | 82:50 | 83.9) | 79.99 | 74 |

This statement shows that up to March 1 the receipts at the ports this year were 9,645 bales more than in 1876 and 103,746 bales more than at the same time in 1875. By adding to the above totals to March 1 the daily receipts since that. time, we shall be able to reach an exact comparison of the movement for the different years.

|  | 1877-73. | 1876-77. | 1875-76. | 1874-75. | 1873-74 | 1872-73. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total J | 3,089,246 | 3,101,469 | 2,977,753 | 2,550,727 | 2,560.6:7 | 2,2:3,905 |
| Receipts Feb. 1 | 23,495 | 23,463 | 20,601 | 11,093 | s. | 17,999 |
| Receipts Feb. 2 | 19,795 | 22,487 | 20,117 | 17,152 | 35,351 | S. |
| Receipts Feb. 3 | S. | 28,011 | 85,716 | 15,618 | 24,172 | 27,551 |
| Receipts Feb. 4 | 35,541 | s. | 17.084 | 16,\%: 2 | 22,631 | 21,661 |
| Receipts Feb. of | 20,000 | 28,732 | 19,076 | 21,174 | 15,507 | 17,656 |
| Receipts Feb. 6 | 22,343 | 25,353 | S. | 14,357 | 23,482 | 14,317 |
| Receipts Feb. 7 | 16,653 | 17,146 | 20,332 | s. | 18,914 | 21,336 |
| Receipts Feb. 8 | 2:,806 | 19,63: | 26,011 | 27,46 | S. | 22,236 |
| Receipts Feb. 9 | 15,100 | 25,768 | 14,452 | 15,578 | 36.822 | S. |
| Receipts Feb. 10 | - s . | 15,703 | 20,181 | 16,994 | 17,644 | 23,511 |
| Receipts Feb. 11 | 26,965 | S. | 19,155 | 16,8i7 | 19,011 | ¢9,611 |
| Receipts Feb. 12 | 23,264 | 29,647 | 16,269 | 14,124 | 14,612 | 20,876 |
| Receipts Feb. 13 | 20,075 | 24,479 | S. | 15,019 | 15,997 | 13,997 |
| Receipts Feb. 14 | 14,803 | 11,945 | 27,614 | S. | 15,601 | 16,900 |
| Receipts Feb. 15 | 19,8e6 | 20,474 | 18,047 | 21.47 | S. | 17,380 |
| Receipts Feb. 16 | 13,249 | 19,536 | 16,948 | 12,974 | 32,612 | S. |
| Receipts Feb. 17 | s. | 11,673 | 16,081 | 15,923 | 21,108 | 20,556 |
| Receip:s Feb. 18 | 30,281 | S. | 16235 | 11,581 | 16,98 | 23,077 |
| Receipts Feb. 19 | 16,474 | 19,420 | 12.079 | 36,112 | 12,0 | 15,993 |
| Receipts Feb. 20 | 14,88\% | 18,071 | s. | 9,456 | 21,310 | 6,036 |
| Receipts Feb 21 | 14,650 | 11,793 | 27,656 | s. | 14,612. | 15,903 |
| R9ceipts Feb. 22 | 20,245 | 7.329 | 20,344 | 21,374 | s. | 16,999 |
| Receipts Feb. 23 | 14,219 | 18,963 | 19,557 | 12,698 | 28,834 | s. |
| Receipts Feb. 24 | s. | 8,89 | 17,082 | 11,867 | 13,642 | 31,876 |
| Receipts Feb. 25 | 23,306 | S. | 15,875 | 11,979 | 14,669 | 18,098 |
| Receipts Feb. 26 | 12,421 | 16,982 | 11,904 | 11,515 | 13,82\% | 11,600 |
| Receejpts Feb. 27 | 13,3.36 | 12,797 | s. | 12,378 | 15048 | 12,03 |
| Receipts Feb. 28 | 13.253 | 11,3¢8 | 25,719 | 8,903 | 6,144 | 15,831 |
| Receipts Feb. 29 |  |  | 5,563 |  |  |  |
| Tot. last of Feb. | 3,561,3c0 | 3,551,655 | 3,457,554 | 2, 931,051 | 3,043,205 | 2.715,857 |
| Receipts Mar. 1. | 17,754 | 6,325 | 7,812 | 8,903 | S. | 9,843 |
| Total Mar. 1. | 3,579,054 | 8,557,98) | 3,465,396 | 2,942,954 | 3,043,205 | 2,725,200 |
| Per ct. of total port receipts |  | 88.11 | $82 \cdot 68$ | $84 \cdot 15$ | 79.99 | 74:63 |

This statement shows that the receipts since Sept. 1 ap to to night are now 21,074 bales more than they were to the same day of the month in 1877, and 113,658 bales more than they were to the same day of the month in 1876. We add to the last table the percentages of total port receipts which had been received March 1 in each of the years named.
This Exports of Cotton from New York this week show \& decresse, as compared with last week, the total reaching 8,742 bales, against 11,649 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, 1877; and in the last column the total for the same period of the previous year:
EEports of Cotson(bales) from Neu York almeesobtol, 1874


| The followngg are the receipts of cotton at New York, Boston |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Philadelvhiaand Baltimore for the nast week. and since Sept. 1. '77:

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Rew Orleans.
Texas....
Horida.
B'th Carolina P'th Carolina Virginia. .... Yorth'rn Ports
Tennessen, \&c
Foreign
Total thie year
Totallast year.

SHIPPING NEWS.-The exports of cotton from the United States the past week, as per latest mail returns, have reached 135,274 bales. So far as the Southern ports are concerned, these THis Chroniche, last Friday. With regard, and published in include the manifests of all vessels cleared to New York, we include the manifests of all vessels cleared up to Wednesday night of this week.
 To Bremen, per str. Neckar, 400
To Hamburg, per str. Holearia, $7 \boldsymbol{e} 4$

 Nonantum, 1,69 ....Mardean, 4,650 . Algieis, 3,f81....per barks
To Havre To Havre, per ehips Gzorge Washinglon, $, 6,286 \ldots$.... Vancenver, $\mathrm{E}, 50$

 To Lisbon, per brig Oasi, $1,591 . .1, \ldots$.
To Genoa. per bark Navigatore


Sea Island ...per barks Jessie Gilbert, 2036 Upland and 57 Sea
Island Maria, 207 Upland and


To Ghent, Belginm, per brigJ. W. Beard, 1,350 Üpland
To \&arcelona, per bark Marti Codolar, 1,200 Upiand
Upland in Spain, per barks Maria, 895 Upland.... Fiorti........

127 See Island....per mhips Bonanzi, 3,460 Upland Upland and Island ... Beaconsfeld, 4,521 Upland and 314 Sea Island ... per bark Lune, 1,551 Upland and 97 Sea Island.
 To Bremen, per bark Jo anne Marie, 1155 Upland.
xAs-To Liverpool, per barks Walle, $2,199 \ldots .$. Herbert $\mathbb{C}$.......ii.
Ho Fleetwood, per bark John Shepard, 2,103.......... Hall, 2,213..
Oracle, $5,110 . \ldots . . .$. per sicamer Buenaventura, $4, i 00 . . .$. per ship
To Bremerhave
Barrirors To Liverpool, per steamers Peruvian (additional), 276. Ans ${ }^{\text {Anian, }} 826$....Algérinn, 1,000.
Boston-To Liverpsol, per \&teamers Balgarian (ädditional), 3, 168.
 ted previously), 491... per ship Sters Bernard, 451 ........................................
Total.
7.578
400

400
764

## 35,815

\section*{| 1,658 |
| :--- |
| 1,880 |}

The particulsers of these shipments, arranged in our nenal form, are as follows :

Liver- Fleet. $\quad$ Havre Bremen Antw'p Barcei'a
pool. wood. $\left.\begin{array}{r}\text { and and } \\ \text { and }\end{array}\right)$ Lisbon,
… Cork

Charleston. 800011
Cavarleston. 8,061
Savnnan. $: 14,353$
Texas..... 4,41z
Norfolk.... 9,210
Baltimore
Philadelp`a 1,445
 Included in the above totals are, from New Orleans, 817 bales to Vers Criz
Below we give all news received to date of disasters to vessels carrying cotton from United States ports, de. :
ATEmanian, str. (Br.), Thompsion, from Galveston Feb. 4. via Norfolk, with
cotton, \&c., for Livespol, pat into New York Feb. 21 for repairs
of cotton and unshipped rudder, which urithe A. discharged owo bales?
AUsTBIAN, str. (Br.), Trocked from Baltimore for Lirerpool
dent to her machinery while leaving the former port, Feb. 21. Tni defects were remedied and the vessel sailed for Annapolis Roads P. M.
Chirian str. (Br.
on Feb. $\mathbf{\text { thh, }}$, dremner, at Liverpool Feb. 14th from New Orleans, reports: damage about the decks; on the gith lost life coster and met with other two men from the bark Otto George, of Bremen. City op Dallas, str., before reported on fire at
pumped out and discharged on Feb. 19th. It wis found that hiver, was beams fom the forward hold aft are badly injured, ceiling her deck barned through. timbers and ontside plankinz cbarred, but none of the cabins badly damaged with water. Her machinery is alico destroyed and A partial survey was held on the $218 t$, but no conclusion arrived at. It damaged br fre will be repaired at once. The cotton on board not damaged br fire was completely saturated with water, a siagle bale Genfral Barnes str., at New Yorz Feb. 9 from Savan wight. sively damaged than was at first supposed. She will be thorenten reland atr ed and repaired by the New York Iron Works. AND, str. (Ger.) at Plymonth Feb. 12 from New York, reports: after leaving New York had a gale from N. K. for 24 hours, subsequently losing a blade Ef., with a tremendous ses off the Eanks had a terrible snow storm from Kentuckian, ship. at Liverpool Feb. iv from Gal experienced very eevere weather, and had radder split reports having stove in.
BRNABDS
St. Berviardg asho:e on the (lowe Charchill, from Philadelphia for Liverpool, wen position during a heavy gale afternoon of Feb. 21. She came ofr that Tornado angiped for Liverpool, and having soms 5 , E000 bales loading cotton at New Orlesns be on fire A. M. Feb. 2f. She was scuttled and filled with water. Iose ralued $\$ 125,000$ Cause of fire unknown. The cargo and vessel were extinguishment of the fire the interior of the ship showed. After the charring, although every bale of cotton on board is more or lese bittle The fire broke out again at midnight of the 25th on the port side. She haj thirteen feet of water in her hold and it was supposed that she would
Jomy Geddie, bark (Br) for Live wir prove a total loss.
leaky, repaired and resumed her voyage wht back to Savannah Dec. 26, IONAL EAGLE, bark, Freeman, from
into Falmonth Jan. 27 leaky, arrived at Liverpoo Liverpod, which put Thos G. SMITH, schr., from Georgetown, S. C. forpool Feb. 9.
up up Feb. 21. and will be a total loss.
LIVEhPOOL, March 1-5:00 P.M.-BY CABLE FROM LIVBR-POOL.-Estimated sales of the day vere 6,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for export and rpeculation. Of to-day's sales 4,800 bales were American. The weekly movement is given as follows:


## Thefollowing table will show the daily cloging prices cof 248,000

##  <br> \section*{ITutures}

These sales are on the basis of Uplands, Low Middling cianse, unless other
Feb. delivery, 6 8-8z 1 1-16d.
Feb.-Mar. delivery, 6 3-32d.
Mar.-Jane delivery, 6 \% d. June-July delivery, 6 3-16d.

Feb.-Mar. delivery, 6 1-18d.
Mar.-April delivery, 6 3-38d
Mar.-April delivery, 6 . $3-38 \mathrm{~d}$.
Apr.-May delivery, 6 3-32@1/3d
Aug.-Sept. delivery, 61/d.
mombay.
Aug.-Sept. delivery, 6 7-32d. Mar.-Apr. shipm't, sail, 6 3-161. May-June delivery, 6 1-16d. May-Juse delivery, $6 \%$./3.
Turabat.
May-Jane delivery, 6 3-s2d. Jan. shipment, new crop, sail, 6 3-3zd. Mar.-Apr. delivery, 6 1-32d. Jan.-Feb. shipment, new crop, sall,
6 s-82d.
Wednespat.
May-June delivery, Orleans, good ord. Fianse, 6 . 5 -16d. .
Mar.-Apr. shipment, sail, $61 \% \mathrm{~d}$.
Jaly-Aug. delivery, $6 \% \mathrm{~d}$.
July-Aug. delivery, 6yd.
Aug. $\operatorname{\text {Sept.delivery,}68-18\mathrm {d}.}$
Jan,-L'f. shipm't, new crop, sail, 63d




## BREADSTUFFS.

Fridat. P. M.. March. 1, $18: 8$.
The flour market opened the week dull and depressed, but recovered tone on Wednesday and Thursday, owing to the less hopeful character of the reports that were received regarding the prospects of the maintenance of peace in Europe. Considerable lines of common to good shipping extras were sold at $\$ 510 @$ $\$ 525$; but general trade remained dull, and the medium and better grades ruled barely steady at best. Production was large at all points. To-day, the market was firm and fairly active.
The wheat market was also more or less depressed. Foreign markets were dull, and receipts large at all points. Ocean freights were comparatively high. Under these influences, No. 3 spring sold at $\$ 124$ for N. Y. grade, and $\$ 126$ for No. 2 Milwaukee, No. 1 spring at $\$ 128 \frac{1}{2} @ 129$, No. 1 . red winter at $\$ 136$, and choice white State and Michigan at $\$ 141 @ 141 \frac{1}{2}$ But there was a considerable revival of demand yesterday, with liberal sales of No. 2 Milwaukee at $\$ 127$, in store aud afluat, No. 1 spring at $\$ 130 @ 132$, and cloice white at $\$ 142 \frac{1}{2} @ 143$; also, No. 2 spring, N. Y. giade, for March, at $\$ 125 @ 1$ 25 against $\$ 123$ sel 24 early in the week. The close, howaver, was rather spiritless. To-day, there was a good lusiness in Nu. 2 spring at $\$ 1251 @ 126$ for Chicago, and $\$ 127 \frac{1}{2} @ 123$ for Milwankee, and the whole market was strong.
Indian corn has been irregular. The better grades declined, No, 2 mixed new gelling on the spot at $56 @ 56 \frac{1}{2} c$., and No. 3 advancing to 51@51立c., with steamer mixed going at 52 $@ 53 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. Speculative sales for March were at about spot prices, but for May $\frac{1}{2}$ @1c. moremoney was paid. Yesterday's figures showerl somerecovery. Receipts at the Western markets are much smaller than last year, but the supplies direct to the seaboard are liberal, embracing in the past week increased quantities of Southern jellow, which, when in good condition, was taken freely at 56@ $56 \frac{1}{2}$ c. To-day, old No. No. 2 sold at $59 \frac{1}{2}$ c. ; new do., 56c., steamer, b3c., and No. 3, 51c.

Rye has been active at 71@72c. for No. 2 Western and 74@7ic. for Weatern and Canada, the latter delivered in bond; and Canada sold to-day at 752 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., in store, in bond.
Barley has sold only moderately, feeding stock declining to $501 @ 51 \mathrm{c}$., and good malting two-rowed State to 65c. No. 1 Canada sold to-day at private prices. Oats have been dull, with prices giving way slightly, and closed to-day stronger; No: 2 grad, d selling at 35 c . for mixed and $35 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{c}$. for white.

The following are closing quotations:

|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Wheat-No.8 spring, bush \$1 203123 |
| Saperine Büate \& West- | No. 2 spricg........... 1250128 |
| ern........ ............ 4 40t 490 | No. 1 gpring .... ...... 1800138 |
| Sxtra Btate, \&c......... 5102585 | Red Winter. .......... 1820 187 |
| Western Spring Wheat | Amber do.. ........... $185 \% 140$ |
|  |  |
|  | Corn--W estnmixen ... 50. ... ${ }_{\text {a }}$ |
| do Minnesota patentio.. $650 \overline{\text { a }} 880$ | Sonthern, yellow, new. $53 \times 5$ |
| City shupping extras..... 5152615 | Rye...................... ${ }^{502}{ }^{76}$ |
| City trade and family | Oatg-Mixed............. 332. ${ }^{26}$ |
| brands. .............. 6253650 | White ……....... ${ }^{350} 90$ |
| Southern bakers' and fa- 6 cos 200 |  |
|  |  |
| Soathern shipp'g extras.. 51048585 | Barley Malt-State . . . . 65 \% 85 |
| Bre foar, superine.. i... 8400885 | Canadian $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 1000 10 |
| Corn meal-Br'wine. \&c. 81028151 | Peas-Canada, bond\&free 833 100 |

The movement in breadstuff at this maricet has been as fol. DTE:


* Including malt.

The following tables show the Grain in sight and the movement of Breadstuffs to the latest mail cates:
gecripts at lake and biver porte for the wher endike
FEB. 23, 18i8, FROM DECEMBER 31 TO FEB, 8 3, AND FROM AUG. 1 TO FEB. 23.

|  | $\underset{\substack{\text { Mlour, } \\ \text { bble. }}}{ }$ (196 lbe.) | Wheat. bush. ( 60 Jbs. ) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Corn. } \\ \text { bush. } \\ \text { (56 lhe.) } \end{gathered}$ | Oets, ( 82 lbs .) | Barley, (48 ibs.) (48 ibs.) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{ybl} \\ \mathrm{Bb} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cuicago......-... |  | 202,691 | 455,053 | 215,849 | 49,541 |  |
|  | 12,5i8 | 4:6,t,0.05 | 16.500 | 16,20 | 42.100 | 4,800 |
| Toled |  | 53,586 | 81,052 |  |  | 0 |
| Detro | , 815 | 118, ${ }^{1}$ | ${ }_{36,450}$ | 11,90 |  |  |
| Clevel | 17.53 | 117,417 | 160 |  | $17.5 \%$ |  |
| Peori | 3,400 | 7,800 | 72,000 | 23.100 | 11,8 | 12,850 |
| Total.. | 105,598 | 1.083,353 | 830,450 | 304,1 | 125,96 | 35,819 |
|  | 101,275 | 1,007,0,36 | 827,971 | 2f2,453 | 160,301 |  |
| Corresp'ng w | 52670 | 298,011 | 1,637,462 | 407,775 | 136,973 | 36.941 33.299 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tot. Dec. 3 | 868,734 | 9,121.46 | ?, 9 | 1,961,7 | 1.014,866 | \% 813,447 |
| ame time 1 | ${ }_{763,0}^{639,2}$ | 5,53i,283 | 8,9684429 | 2,499,8 | 1,415,098 | R11, |
| Same time Bame time 187\% | 633,64 | 6,180,711 | 7,291,574 | 2,451,290 | 852,725 | 245,818 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tents of flour and |  |  |  |  |  |  | bivar ports from dec. 31 to feb. 23.


|  | Flour, bble. | Wh-at, bush. | Corn bush. | Oats, bneh. | Barley. bush. | Rye bush |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| t. Dec. 31 to Fieb 23 | 844,002 | 7.701,155 | $4.719,128$ | 1,510,231 | 730,424 | 175,65\% |
| Same time 1377. | 593,594, | 1.185.578 | 4,228,039 | 1,100,614 | 503.084 | 128,104 |
| Same time 1876. | 805,080 | 2,282,465 | 5.538,960 | 1,364,072 | 511.540 | 126,287 |
| 18 | 628,705 | 1899,0i4 | 3,237,325 | 1,307,3 9 | 418,042 | 183,259 | $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Same time } 1876 . \ldots . . & 80,080 & 2 ; 282,465 & 5,538,960 & 1,367,072 & 511.540 & 126,287 \\ \text { Same time } 1875 . . . . & 68,705 & 1899,647 & 3,237,325 & 1,307,3 & 9 & 418,042 & 183,259\end{array}$ RBCEIPTS OF RLOUR AND GRAIN AT SEABOARD PORTS FER THR WEEE EKNDED FEB. 23, 1878, AND FROM DEC. 31 TO FEB. 23.



THE VIBIBLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN, comprising the atocis in granaty at the principal point of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and in transit by rail, Feb. 23, 1878, was as


## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Fridat. P. M., March 1, 1 E78.
During the past week business has been light and unsatisfactory with the package houses, and the jobbing trade exhibited less improvement than was expected. There was a break in the print market which had a depressing influence upon other makes of cotton goods, and buyers were exceedingly cautious in their operations, which were moatly of a hand-to-mouth character. Mer's-wear woolens continued dull, and prices of light-weight
casimeres had a dewnward tendency, aside from a few popular makes, which were fairly steady. Imported goods were rather more active in private hands, and considerable quantities of dress silks, millinery goods, and Hamburg embroideries were disposed of at auction to fair adrantage.
Domestic Cotton Goods.-The exports of cotton goods from this port for the week ending February 26 reached 3,220 packages, the more important shipwents having been maje as follows: China, 2,501 packages; United States of Colombia, 226; Brazil, 98; British Australia, 83; Great Britain, 81; British Guiana, 48; Danish West I dies, 41, etc. Brown sheatings and drills were in light demand but fairly steady in price, and bleached cottons continued dull and unsettled. Derinn, tickings, dyed ducks and corset jeans were in fair request for moderate selections, and leading makes ruled firm. Cottonades were fairly active and desirable styles of cheviots found a good many buyers. Grain bage, carpet warps and cotton yarns were severally in light demard. Piques were sold to a considerable anount, but prices were somewhat lower. Print cloths continued quiet and a shade easier, on the basis of 3 che., cash, for extra $64 \times 64 \mathrm{~s}$, and 314., 30 days, for $56 \times 60$ s. Prints were unsettled by a break in such makes as Hamilton, Knickerbocker, Richmond, Dunnell's, Washington, Southbridge, Allen's, American, etc., which were reduced to the remartably low price of $5 \frac{1}{2}$ c., without, however, giving much impetus to the movement in calicoes. Ginghams and cotton dress goods were in fair reguest for moderate selections.
Domestic Woolen Goods. - There was continued depression in the woolen goods market, and transactions were conspicuously light in the aggregate amount. : Some fair sales of light-weight cassimeres were reported, but at prices which barely covered the cost of production, and worsted coatings were lightly dealt in. Cloths and doeskins were taken in small lots for the renewal of assortments, and prices were fairly steady. Kentucky jeans were distributed in small lots to a fair aggregate, but satinets ruled quiet, and tweeds were not in much demand. Matelazse and fancy cloakings met with moderate sales at rather low figures. Worsted dress goods were less active than expected, acd there was only a moderate movement in worsted and Shet'and shawls. Italian cloths and worsted serge linings were in fair request.
Foretgn lry Goods.-Dress silks have been rather more active, and choice styles of millinery silks and satins were more freely taken. Cashmeres were in steady request, and fancy dress goods, grenadines, \&c., reccived more attention from intending buyers. Lisen goods ruled quiet in first hande, and white goods were in irregular demand ; but Hamburg embroideries con tinued fairly active. Men's-wear woolens moved slowly, but cloakings were disposed of to a fair amount. The auction rooms were well attended, and about 3,000 pieces of black, colored and fancy silks were disposed of through their medium at fully as good prices as could have been realized at private sale. The sales of millinery goods also resulted satisfactorily, and large lines of Hamburg embroideries were placed at fair pric:s.

## Importations or Dry Goods.

The importations of dry goods at this port for the week ending Feb. 28, 1878, and for the corresponding weeks of 1878 and 18:6, have been as follows:

GHYERED POR CONSUMPTION FOR THE W ERE ENDINE FEB. 28, $18: 8$.

| Manntactures of wool.. | Pkga. | Va |  | V | Pro-1878-2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Vatue. | ${ }_{1}{ }^{\text {Pkg88 }}$ 940 | Value. | ${ }^{\text {Pkgses. }}$ | Value |
| do cotton | .1,27\% | . 388,003 | 1,427 | 433.293 | 1.382 | 455,201 |
| do tilk... | - 201 | 648,524 | , 661 | 502,016 | 755 | 525,631 |
| do Elax... | .1,233 | 256,181 | 1,160 | 269,735 | 1.323 | 285,655 |
| 14 scellaneous dry good | 456 | 138,661 | ${ }_{469}$ | 173,113 | 5,348 | 245,169 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total.:-......... | 5,0-4 | 1,960,119 | 4,657 | ,801,137 | 9,137 | 1,916, ${ }^{6} 4$ |

WITHDRAWK FROM WAREHOUSE AND THBOWN INTO TEE MABKET DURING THE

| Mannfactures of wool.... 562 | \$229.351 | 4.0 | 2163,316 | 428 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| do cotton.. 605 | 167,934. | 275 | -6,826 | 255 | 183,220 80,188 |
| do silk..... 215 | 242,995 | $9{ }^{\mathbf{i}}$ | 97,42\% | 162 | 14.88 <br> 18.85 |
| do flax..... 631 | 118.442 | 412 | 93,159 | 490 | 104.985 |
| Miscellaneous dry goods. 2,763 | 44,614 | 2,231 | 62,891 | 1,5\%1 | C0,30 |
| Total .... ........... 4,879 | \$832,766 | 3,515 | \$494,119 | 2,551 | \$5i2,547 |
| Add ent'd for consumpt'n 5,044 | 1,350,149 | 4.657 | 1,801,13i | 9,737 | 1,919,964 |
| Total thrown upon m'k't. 9,723 | \$2,812,013 | 8.172 | 32,393,286 | 12,888 | 511 |
| EITTERED HOR | OU | R126 | 34ME PE |  |  |
| Manufactures of wool.... 648 | 8276,833 | 360 | \$130,511 | 415 | \$147,861 |
| do cotton .. 572 | 161,364 | 146 | 186,331 | 272 | - $210,8 i 8$ |
| gilk..... 153 | 185,817 | 101 | 116,650 | 121 | -80,597 |
| tecellaneous dry goods.4,512 | 131,602 58,257 | 164 | 44,621 | h1t | - 77, 937 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0tal ..... ............. 6,878 | 8812,895 | 807 | 8331,535 | 3,735 | \$431,209 |
| dd ent'dfor consumpt'r 5,044 | 1,960, 149 | 6,457 | 1,801,137 | 9,737 | 1,919,964 |
| Sotim entered at the port,11,902 | 3,014 | 8, 264 | 82,182,682 | 13,47 | 51,1:8 |

The following table, compiled trom from New Yorko shows the exports of lesding articles from them Housereturns, $t 0$ all the principal foreign totals for the last week, snd also the totsls since Jan. $1,18 i 8$ and 1877. The last two lines show total values, inaluding the value of all other articles besides those mentioned in the table.











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do Valencia, new...
Carrants, new........

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[^0]:    *This is the first chapter of our Book on Cotton-"Cotton from Seed to Loom" -and we give it to-day as an indication of the main object, and in some measure of the contents of the wor!. The book will be ready for delivery next Saturdav, March ?. An advertisement, with a brief summary of the points covered by it, will be found on the last page of this iasue of The Crronicles. - [Eid. C.merrcial axd Financlal Caronicle ]

