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BROKERS' AND BANKERS' BOARD.

(CORRECTED BY ROBINSON, M'CLEAN & CO.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864.

	Offd.	Ask'd.	Sales.
U. S. Bonds 5-20's		106¾	106
Germania Ins Co	15		
Monongahela Nav		48	
Connellsville R R Shares	13½		
Pitts & Steubenville	9½	10	
Iron City Bank		98	
Mechanic Bank		78	
Fleming & Blood		200	
Germania		105	
Union Lubric		90	
Exchange		210	
Tack Petroleum		15½	
Cherry Run Central		190	
M'Allen		105	
Phœnix		1	
Cherry Run & Pitt Hole		83	
Pittsburgh & Cherry Run		95	
Tarr, Story		112	
Merchants		90	
Oil Creek & Cherry		75	
Evening	1½	1¾	

Quiet declining—morning rates, 30 bid; Evening, 1½.

Government securities hardly so firm, 5-20's 106¾ bid, 107 asked. Bank Shares firm and in demand. M. & M. 75 bid; 78 asked. Iron City 85 asked. Sales of A. & E. R. at 10. Of Steubenville at 9¾@9¾. Oil Stocks heavy; transactions very limited.

There was a better attendance at the People's Exchange this evening, the inclement condition of the weather notwithstanding, and, as will be seen below, the transactions were larger than for several evenings past, though there is but little change to note in prices, with the exception of Caldwell, for which 6,50 was offered, without bringing but the stock. Banner was offered at 80; Bergen, 7; Blood Farm & Oil Co, 1,90; Central Rain, 1,05; Cherry Run Central, 3,25; Cherry Run & Blood Farm, 1,10—1 bid; Cherry Run & Pittsburgh, 1; Cherry Run & Pitt-Hole, 80—83 bid; Culbertson's Run, 1,90—1,95 bid; Duck Creek, 77,50; Fayette, 75; Federal, 1,25—1,40 bid; Fleming & Blood, 3,50; Germania of Pittsburgh, 5; Horseneck, 90; Iron City, 1; Monongahela Plaster, 88; Ohio Valley, 2—1,05 bid; Oil Basin, 10; Oil City & Pittsburgh, 2; Oil Creek & Cherry Run, 2,75; Pittsburgh & Great Western, 1,90—1,40 bid; Pittsburgh & Philadelphia, 1,20—1,25 bid; Ritchie, 1,20—1,25 bid; Ross, 1,25; Rynd Farm, 6; Shirks Island, 80; Stella, 85—90 bid; Tack Petroleum, of New York, 14¾—15 bid; Union Lubric, 90—95 bid. The following sales were made:

450	Shares Tarr, Story & Cherry Run	21 25
500	" Union Lubric	1 00
100	" Merchants	85
100	" "	85
100	" Tarr, Story & Cherry Run	12½
200	" Whitely Creek	20
200	" Cherry Run & Pitt-Hole	85

THE "CHAMPION OIL CO."—Since the Champion Oil Company struck the new well (referred to in our issue of Tuesday last,) on their property at Oil Creek, we have had frequent inquiries about the company and its property, and upon inquiry learn the following facts:

That the company own, by leases, in Washington and Noble counties, Ohio, on Duck creek and other desirable streams, five tracts of land, well located for oil, in all about 471 acres. The company have purchased the new engine, with complete sets of boring tools, &c., &c., which are now on the ground, and the property is being developed. The company receives four-fifths of all the oil obtained.

Second—They hold a lease, on Buchanan Farm, at Oil Creek, three valuable leases—lots Nos. 62, 64 and 66—from which they receive one-half of all the oil produced. For this department the company have purchased three new engines and one "blower," all on the ground—commenced boring about sixty days ago, and as a reward for their labor, struck the oil sand above referred to, which is now pumping about 100 barrels per day. This we have from the Treasurer, who has reliable information. This well is known as "Champion No. 2."

No. 4, on the same lease, is drilled, and the blower is now being set to pump her. No. 3 is being drilled, and it will at once be commenced.

Third—The company own the Iron City Oil Works and Cooperage, located on the Allegheny river, opposite Sharpsburg, (formerly owned by Lyday & Chorpening,) in splendid running order. Capacity, 300 barrels per week. Champion oil is now being turned out over the head.

Fourth—This company has a cash capital on hand (not in prospect) of $40,000 for developing their lands and carrying on their refinery business.

We learn further that the "Champion" stock is owned chiefly by parties in Pittsburgh, and Dayton, Ohio. The capital stock is $200,000—$5,000 shares, at $10 each.

The officers are as follows: President—John A. M'Creight, of Oil Creek. Secretary and Treasurer—J. H. Lyday, of Pittsburgh. Directors—J. A. M'Creight; J. H. Lyday, J. L. Chorpening, Wm. McKee, D. D. Cushman, of Pittsburgh; Josiah Gebhart, and Joseph R. Gebhart, of Dayton, Ohio.

The "Champion Company," with the above property, and $40,000 in cash to work and develope it, could safely hitch one of those above named, together with a hundred next week, which of itself would pay sixty per cent. a year on the capital stock, needs no commendation from us.

An exchange paper, referring to some operations in West Virginia, states this singular fact:

"At the depth of 381 feet a crevice was struck, and the sand pump descended 60 feet without striking bottom. On striking the crevice a flow of gas ensued for about one week. The well was then lighted and a hose pipe placed above the crevice, whereupon the well commenced throwing oil and water in immense quantities, which continued four hours, when the tube proving defective, it was withdrawn."

From the last accounts received from this boring, the parties engaged in it had not succeeded in getting the "well" into practical order; but as it was out of sight last night, we could not say. The facts developed in this case, which we are disposed to consider quite reliable, do not surprise us. Since the beginning of the oil business we have had our own theory on the subject, derived from considerable research and reflection, and we have no doubt that much labor and expenditure will yet be necessary before the full development of this great deposit of nature's riches. There are evidently within the bosom of the earth several oil basins, and the great question to be determined is as to where they are, and what is their extent. That they are supplied from various quarters must also be apparent to the most casual observer, while the careful investigator that, whilst oil will, for years to come, be obtained in limited quantities in various parts of the country, he who sets furthest and brings to bear on the subject the best intelligence will be most successful in the discovery of the principles which now absorbs the attention of half the world.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE PHILADELPHIA STOCK MARKET.

Reported Exclusively for the Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 17, 1864.

The market for Oil Stocks continues dull and irregular, with more disposition on the part of holders to realize, and prices generally were a little off this week, but without any material variation to note in any of the leading companies. The only noticeable change was in Caldwell, which jumped to-day to 7¼, and Maple was 1 and Curtin ¼ better. The following are the prices to-day in comparison with those of last Saturday:

	Dec. 10.	Dec. 17.
McElheny	6	6¼
Walnut Island	2¾	2¾
Bonny	6¼	6¼
Hazell	3¾	3¾
Bright	6¼	6¼
Nicholas	4¾	4¾
Caldwell	6	7
Green Mountain	4¾	4¾
Phila. & Tidioth	6	6
Eldorado	2½	2½
Great Basin	2¾	2¾
Clan Planter	2¾	2¾
McClintock	2¾	2¾
Hubbard	2¾	2¾
Egbert	2¾	2¾
Irwin	16	16
Cherry Run	29½	29½
Maple Shade	2¾	2¾
Phila & Oil Creek	1¾	1¾
Olmstead	1¾	1¾
Story's Farm	1¾	1¾
Curtin	6¾	7
Dempsom	6¾	6¾

Review of the Baltimore Grocery Market.

(From the Sun of Friday.)

COFFEE—The market is inactive, though there was some inquiry toward the close for Rio. Stock light and held firm. We report sales of 150 bags prime Rio at 45@46 cents; 200 do' at 44 cents; 500 bags Rio, from second hands, at 19½ cents, gold, to go out of the market, and invoice from first hands of 956 bags do, damaged and stained, for sold, on terms not transpired. No imports this week. Stock 9,650 bags Rio.

SUGARS—With light stock and no receipts, the market has ruled quiet though firm. There is some inquiry for refining grades, but none offered; the stock firm, about 2,000 hhds is mostly composed of grocery styles. We hear of no transactions that are worthy of notice, but quote prices firm as before: Cuba and P. I., fair to good refining, 16½@19 cents. Cuba muscovado, do do grocs, 22@24 cents net; do do prime 23½@25 cents net; P. Rico, common to good grocs, 21@23 cents net; do do prime to choice, 24@24 cents net; Brazil, current quality, 18½ cents, 4 months; Havana, No. 13, 20 cents.

REFINED SUGARS—Deliveries have been made the past week at 30 cents for loaf; 29½ cents for extra powdered, crushed and granulated, and for soft crushed A white 28½ cents; circle D 28 cents; B 28¾ cents Extra 27½; C yellow, 26½; Circle, 26¼ cents per pound.

MOLASSES—No change; market quiet and holders are firm as before quoted, viz: Cuba Muscovado 70@80 cents; do Clayed 70@80 cents; English Island 60@65 cents; Porto Rico 90 cents to $1 00.

Breadstuffs in Chicago, Dec. 16.

Highwines were in more active demand and prices advanced 1 cent per gallon, with sales of 650 barrels at 91@92c, closing firm. A lot of 200 barrels Highwine, manufactured since the first of July, was sold at 91 68. Such wines are considered by some parties to be safer against the operation of any law "taxing stocks on hand," which Congress may pass, and hence the enhanced value.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17, 1864.

The Weather continues wet and disagreeable, and business, in consequence, continues quiet and inactive, as there is but little doing aside from the regular every daily transactions. In prices, there is no remarkable change worthy of special notice.

HOGS—The unfavorable condition of the weather for killing has produced a lull in the Hog market, but notwithstanding the demand has fallen off somewhat, as yet, prices are pretty well sustained. We continue to quote at $12 00@$12 00 per cwt. gross, and heard of one lot of 60 head sales being sold at the East Liberty Yards, this morning, at $12 10.

GRAIN—The receipts of Wheat continue extremely light, and prices remain unchanged. Barley is firm with regular sales from wagon at $1 80 for Spring and $2 00 for Fall. Oats quiet and unchanged—50@56 cents on track, and $1 00 from store. New Corn is quieted at $1 @$1 10 and $1 02@$1 05 for old. Nothing doing in Rye.

FLOUR—Is steady with a fair local demand, and prices are firm but unchanged—$8 75@$11 25 for Spring and Winter Wheat Extra Family. Sales of 25 barrels "Star Mills" at $11 00; and 75 barrels "Snow Flake" at $11 00@$11 25.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Is in light supply and in good local demand, and prices are firm but unchanged. Sales from first hands at $5 25@$5 50 per cwt, and from store at $6 00.

BUTTER—Is in good demand and firm while prices are unchanged; sales of prime Roll at 45 cents—some holders asking 47@48 cents. Receipts light.

EGGS—Steady with regular sales at 40 cents per dozen.

POULTRY—Very dull in consequence of the change in the weather. We note sales of dressed Chickens and Turkeys at 12@15 cents per.

POTATOES—The demand is fair and the market steady with regular sales from store at $1 00@$1 10 per bushel for fair to good.

DRIED FRUIT—There is considerable inquiry for Apples, and we quote the market firm at 11 cents. Peaches held firmly at 23 cents per pound.

ONIONS—Small sales from store at $2 00@$3 00 per bushel.

BEANS—Firm with sales of prime small White at $2 75@$3 00 per bushel—mostly at $3 00 from store.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET

SATURDAY, Dec. 17, 1864.

The market for Crude continues quiet but steady, with sales of about 1000 barrels, in lots, at 30@40c, barrels returned, and 41@45 barrels included—the outside figures for 40 to 43 gravity, which is in light supply, and in better demand than the lighter gravities. The receipts continue light, reaching only 149 barrels during the twenty-four hours ending this evening. For Refined Bond there was a brisk demand, and, as will be seen below, the transactions were unusually large, and that, too, at an advance of from 2 to 2 cents per gallon. We note a sale of 1000 barrels "Nonpareil," to be delivered between the 1st and 15th of next month at 63; 2000 barrels of "Standard," present delivery, and 1000 do. same brand same delivery and price; also, 500 barrels "Lucifer"—on Thursday but not before reported—at 70½, delivered at Philadelphia. Free oil is quiet but firm, with regular sales of 50 and 100 barrel lots, at 58c—some holders asking 60c. There is no movement to note in Naphta or Rasdum, and in the absence of sales, we omit quotations.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK PETROLEUM MARKET.

Reported Exclusively for the Gazette.

NEW YORK, DEC. 17.

The market ruled quiet but firm, during nearly the whole week. The extreme views of holders had the effect to restrict greatly action. About all the oil here is held to cover contracts to mature soon—mostly next week—and but a moderate business has been done.

On Friday, the market became greatly excited, and prices of Refined advanced from 3 to 4 cents, with a large business for future delivery.

Of Crude, the sales for the week, comprise 17,000 bbls, at from 32½ to 37c on the spot, but nearly all at 35@36c; 53 to 56½c for all the month, and 70c for January. The market, to-day, was quiet but firm, at 56c.

Of Refined, in Bond, the sales are 25,000 bbls, at from 72 to 73c on the spot, and from 73 to 80c for all the month, and 78½ to 82½c for next month. There are more contracts out for this last month—by all odds—than there is oil here. The market, today, was dull, at 78c, owing to the fall in gold.

Of Free, sales are to a large extent, at from 81½ to 86@91.00 on the spot, and for all the month, and 83 to 91.00 for January. The market closed dull, at about 88 cents.

Of Naphta the sales are 100 bbls, Free, at 32@35c, and 200 do., in Bond, at 31½ cents.

NEW YORK PETROLEUM MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 17, 1864.

There is a continued fair demand for Crude and the market is firm while prices are unchanged; closing at 56, on the spot. For refined, in bond, the demand is fair but prices are a shade lower, 78 on the spot. Free oil is inactive and prices drooping—80. Gold closed this afternoon at 227—a decline.

Review of the New York Grocery Market.

(From the Commcial List, Dec 17.)

COFFEE—Since the publication of our last, the sales of Brazil for the week are 19,109 bags to Government, negotiated at private sale, including 3100 Santos, per ROMEYN, and 2,000 bags per FLYING CLOUD, at 12¾ cents; 2000 Rio, per ARCA, 1,100 per ANDALUSIA, 700 per OCEAN, 600 per ARIEL, 1,250 per MARION and 2,000 per DOVE, and 2550 from second hands, 13¼@14—mostly 13½@14 in gold, in bond. There is also a good demand, and the market is firm at our quotations of Tuesday last. The stock of Brazil being reduced to about 400,000 bags, holders demand full prices. We notice besides, 200 bags Rio, Shimmings at 44 cents; 200 Maracibo, 46@46½; and 75 in lots, 46@49 cents; 44@45, 4 mos; 107 Costa Rica, 45; 150 Java, 56@56½; 75 Savanilla, 45; 50 St. Domingo, 43 cash, and 100 Laguayra, 46@47 cents, in bond here.

SUGAR—There has been a fair business in Raw since our last, the demand being chiefly for Grocery grades for Government use. The market has been very steady and uniform, and prices have scarcely varied since Tuesday last. Included in a moderate request are 296@29¾ cents for Hard, 27@28 for Soft Whites and 25@25¾ for yellow—these quotations are for other than Refiners, who have not having been in operation for some time past. The sales of raw are 2116 hhds at 27@29¾ cents; 48 Clarified, do, 30½; 105 Porto Rico, 29½@30; 50 kegs Dutch Crushed, 37; 305 bags Havana, 19@22, 4 mos; 100 bags Manilla, private terms, and 2,223 bags Manilla, at auction, 50 bxs Havana sold at 19@23 cents; and 90 bbls. Yellow Clarified, 1901@29¾ cash. The stock of Sugars in store and afloat is 29,250 hhds; 24,220 bags Sugar, and 150 hhds. Melado.

MOLASSES—There is a continued steady fair demand for grocery grades, without particular change in the market is firm. The sales include 366 hhds and 45 barrels' Porto Rico at 62½@64; 60 do 63; 150 hhds tart do, 60; Barbadoes, 60; 23 tart do, 60; 18 Cuba Muscovado, 72; 4 mos; 148 barrels; New Orleans at 61@61 40. Stock in first hands, 1,500 hhds; 60 do new crop do at 35@41 40, cash. By auction 18 hhds; Cuba Centrifugal sold at 38 cents; and 50 half barrels New Orleans at 62½ cents, cash. The stock yesterday was about 2,000 hhds: Porto Rico, 5,000 do Cuba, &c., and 700 barrels New Orleans.

RICE—Remain steady at our quotations.

SPICES—The movement in these articles, chiefly Importers', has continued to exhibit a fair degree of activity, and prices generally have a hardening tendency. The sales are 200 bales cloves, in bond, for gold, on private terms; 1,000 cassia, to be determined as to cents, now held at 60; 88 bags Pimento, 2½, in bond, gold; 250 do, duty paid, 2½@3; 50 do, 3; 100 bags Ginger, 2,000 pounds at 21 cents; 2,000 pounds Cassia, $1 00 cash; and 700 cases Nutmegs, in bond, on terms we did not learn.

TEA—There is a good demand from consumers, and the market is firm, being but little influenced by the fluctuations in Gold. We note 2,000 half chests green, 800 boxes and 200 half chests Oolongs 1,200 hal chests Amoy, do, and 250 Japan.

RICE—There is little change to note, demand moderate. The sales are 280 bags and 50 bbls, Rangoon at 9½ 25@6¼, cash.

St. Louis Market, Dec. 16.

TOBACCO—Active; Sales, damaged scraps at 75 cents per 100 pounds; new and damaged lugs at $5 50@9 50; planters' do at $11 00@$11 50; common shipping leaf at $12 25@16 15; medium do at $19 75 @$23 50; medium manufacturing do at $21 00.

FLOUR—Receipts, 2,661 barrels. Market neglected—the only sale being 100 barrels double extra at $10 00 per barrel.

GRAIN—Wheat—Receipts, 1,873 sacks. Market continues firm but not much business on account of small supply. Sales of 171 sacks on private terms; 152 do at $1 90; and 152 do at $1 95 per bush. Corn—Receipts, 521 sacks. Sales of 25 sacks white at 91 62½; 41 do at $1 45; 156 do shelled at $1 30; bags cost. Oats, sales of 700 sacks, part second hand bags at 91 cents; and 460 do in lots at 96 cents; in new burlap, sacks included.

PROVISIONS—Lard, Sales of 27 tes No. 1 steam at 20 cents 4 per pound. Tallow, sales of 14 barrels at 14@16 cents per pound.

HOGS—Sales of 230 head, 60,300 pounds, at $10 75; 198 head, 36,000 pounds, at $11 40 gross; 150 head, 29,000 pounds, at $11 75; 170 head, 32,625 pounds, at $11 50 gross.

Cleveland Market, Dec. 16.

FLOUR.—Home demand good and the market firm but quiet. Sales 120 bbls XX red at $10,10.

WHEAT—Market dull but firm. No sales reported. The asking rates are so varied that a true quotation would be almost impossible to give.

CORN—Quiet. Sales 2 cars No. 1 sold from store at $1,00; 2 cars No. 1 do at $1,45.

OATS—Steady and in fair request. Sales 1,000 bu from store at 82c.

DRESSED HOGS—Receipts are light. The nominal quotation is 12@14½c.

PORK—Market very firm at $40,00 for No. 1, $38,00 for No. 2 Mess.

LARD—Firm and in fair request at 24c for tierces and 26c for kegs, city rendered.

BUTTER—Quiet but firm at unchanged rates; 41c@46c for Western Reserve; 40@45c for Central. Choice samples of roll suitable for table bring 1@2c above outside figures.

Baltimore Provision Market, Dec. 16.

The market generally is firm; stocks light. The weather in the early part of the week was too cold for packing, and at the close hogs were very scarce. We give the closing prices as follows: Mess Pork—We report sales of 100 bbls new Western at $40, closing firm at $41. Prime Mess we quote at 32@32 50. Bacon—We report small sales of Shoulders at 21 cents, and Sides at 23 cents. Now are held at 24 cents. New sugar cured Hams are in the market, and sell freely at 25 cents; old are dull at 22 cents for plain to 24 cents for sugar cured. Bulk Meat—Shoulders (new) are held at 18½ cents. No Sides offered. No green Hams reported. Lard —Retail sales of Western bbls at 23@24 cents, and Refined, Baltimore packed, at 27 cents in kegs. Hogs—Dressed are quoted at 11 75@$12 25 per 100 lbs.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Flour dull and prices nominal.

GRAIN—Wheat dull; Red, 92@200. No change in Corn, Oats or Rye.

WHISKY—Advanced 1c; $1,06, with sales of 1,200 bbls.

PROVISIONS—Dull; Mess Pork declined $1,00 per bbl—closing unsettled, at $40,00. Nothing done in other articles.

HOGS—Dull, with no sales, and prices nominal; receipts, 6,000.

GROCERIES—Not much done. The great victory gained in Tennessee absorbed general attention, and not much disposition existed to do business.

GOLD—222. Silver, 223. Money market tight, at 36 to 10 per cent.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17, 1864.

FLOUR—dull and nominal.

GRAIN—Wheat—Club of Red in demand and firm, at $1,56@1,57; No. 1 Spring dull, with a decline of ¾ to 1c; sales of No. 1 Spring, at $1,73@$1,74; No. 2 do $1,54@1,56; No. 1 Red at $1,56@1,57½. Corn steady; sales of New, at 92@93c. Oats less active, at the outside price of yesterday; sales of No. 1 at 60½@60c. Rye firm and unchanged. Barley inactive and nominal.

HIGHWINES—steady; sales at $1,68 for Old, and $1,90 for New.

PROVISIONS—Pork products dull and transactions light; packers not selling to any extent. Mess sold at $29 for City, and $25 from Dressed Hogs; Prime Mess, $26,50@27,50, closing at inside figures. Sweet Pickled Hams quiet, at 16@18½c; Shoulders steady, at 12½@13½c. Green Meats more active; Shoulders, at 15c, hams, at 16½@17c. Lard less active, choice selling at 22c. Beef Products dull and nominal.

DRESSED HOGS—declined 12½@15c; sales range from $14,50 to $15,00.

LIVE HOGS—sales of 21,214 head, at $11,50@13,00 chiefly at $12@12,50; market declined 25@40c on Medium and Light, and 150@75c on heavy Hogs, owing to a decline in Gold and the Hog product; about 9,000 head in the yards, unsold.

BELVES—receipts very light; sales of 317 head, at $3,50@6,75; firm and unchanged.

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New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—COTTON—Less active and decidedly lower, at $1,29@1,30 for Middling.

FLOUR—State and Western dull and 5@10c lower; $10,20@10,25 for Extra State, $10,10@11,25 for common to good shipping brands Extra R. H. O., and $11,30@12,00 for Trade Brands—the market closing dull, with no buyers, at outside quotations.

WHISKY—Active and firmer, at $2,00@2,03 for Western.

GRAIN—Wheat dull and nominally 1@2c lower. Corn quiet and nominal, at $1,91@1,92 for Mixed Western. Oats quiet, at $1,02 for State, and $1,05@ $1,06 for Western.

GROCERIES—Coffee dull. Sugar dull; Muscovado, 16c. Molasses very dull.

PETROLEUM—Firm; Crude, 55@56c; Refined in Bond quiet, at 97@98c; Refined Free, 86@87c.

PROVISIONS—Pork decidedly lower; $33,12½@ 41,00 for 1863-4 Mess, cash and regular way, closing dull at about inside prices, $42@44,00 for New Mess, $37@37,50 for Prime, and $36@41,50 for Prime Mess; also 6,000 bbls New Mess, for December, January and February, sellers and buyers' option, at $42@ 42,50, and 4,500 bbls 1863-4 Mess, for December, at $40@40,50. Beef steady and in fair demand. Dressed Hogs a shade easier, at 11½@12c for Western. Lard lower, at 22@23c; Also 500 bbls for January, buyers' option, at 25c.

New York Stock and Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—MONEY.—Easy and steady, at 6@7 per cent. STERLING—Dull, at 109¾ (sold heavy and decidedly lower—opening at 221, declining to 220, and closing at 220½. Specie Exports—The total exports of specie to-day was $91,000. Government Stocks more active and a shade firmer.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

The river, under the influence of the recent weather, rose rapidly during Saturday and the greater part of Sunday, but last evening it was receding steadily with about seventeen feet in the channel by the pier marks. The weather continues soft and unsettled, with frequent showers of rain.

The Allegheny river has evidently been gorged at some point between here and its head-waters, as it was full of floating ice yesterday. The present rise appears to have emanated principally in the Monongahela, though there will doubtless be a swell of several feet in the Allegheny river.

The only arrival we have to record since Friday is the Arrogant No. 2 from Louisville. Her cargo consists of two packages of tobacco, for M'Callister & Baney 2,000 barrels of flour, for H. Breidenthal; 154 hhds tobacco, thirty-two sacks of wool and 200 barrels of pork, for Geo. Cox. Several coal tugs, which had been ice bound, between here and Cincinnati, arrived Saturday night and Sunday.

The Emma Graham from Zanesville, Minerva, from Wheeling, and Rob Roy, from Cincinnati were due last night, and will doubtless be along to-day.

The Rankin cleared for St. Louis on Sunday evening, with a good freight list, and full of passengers.

The Olive from St. Louis, is expected to arrive here to-day. The Kenton left Cincinnati for this city on Friday, and the Nightingale, Ontario and Chieftain were announced to follow on Saturday. The F. G. Blackford was advertised to leave on Monday.

The monitor Manayunk was launched on Saturday about one o'clock. The launch was a perfect success, being devoid of any material accident.

The Kate B. Porter left, for Nashville on Saturday evening with a very good trip.

The Camilla, bound from St. Louis to Pittsburg, is, according to latest advices, hard aground at Crawford's Bar, on the Mississippi.

The popular and commodious Columbia, Capt. E. J. Porter, is announced to leave for Nashville on Wednesday evening.

Capt. Perry Brown's new steamer, Hard-Times, is advertised to leave for Cincinnati and Louisville forthwith. We hope Captain Brown will receive as he deserves, a good trip.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

ALLEGHENY STATION, Dec. 17.—1 car wheat, Kennedy & Bro; 250 hides, A Hopkins; 1 car hay, M Mountain; 20 kits oats, Joseph Shryock; 2 cars wheat, Nobis & Angell; 9 pkgs produce, H Lang; 25 do do, G Metzgar; 6 do do J W Hunt; 12 do do, J Barnes; 1 do do, Cassidy; 19 do do, Riley & Weaver; 2 do do, N Dyer; 29 do do, F Kesselvine; 2 bls paper, Pittsburgh Paper Co; 10 do do brooms, Shuttson & Co; 1 bbl tallow, J Stimpis; 200 bys barley, W Anderson; 8000 feet lumber, J B Ingram.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO R R, December 17.—1 car oats, Coll Bingham & Co; 1 do do, Harrington & Co; 90 bbls highwines, Hasdies & Parker; 1 car scrap iron, Hussey, Wells & Co; 200 pigs lead, Jones & Laughlin; 1,017 bulk shoulders, Knox & Parker; 18 sks rags, Godfrey & Clark; 1 car flour, Wm Mendines; 7 barrels apples, P O'Neil; 1 car oats, Clark & Shepard; 2 cars barley, J Rhodes; 5 cars metal, John Moorhead; 1 car do, Wm Brown; 1 car bdls broom handle, M'Elroy & Co; 1 bbl eggs, Rea & Kelly; 2 pkgs sundries, Atwell, Love & Co; 5 bbls whiskey, Seymour & Volkening; 1 car flour, M Gormley; 23 bags buckwheat flour, John A Reynolds; 40 boxes cheese, A R Hall; 25 bgs feed F Woodcock; 20 do do, C Bell & Co.

ERIE & PITTSBURGH R R, Dec. 17.—72 bags barley; Lutz & Waitz; 40 bbls whiskey, Hasdies & Parker; 1 car oats, 2 bris cider, McMillen & Wallace; 181 bxs cheese, F Vancorder; 12 bris cider, F Applebaum & Co; 1 car oats, Hussey, Wells & Co; 75 pkgs iron, Nimick & Co; 18 bris pigs, F Ilig; 12 sks, McMillan & Co; 16 bdls paper, Singer & Myers; 20 bxs apples, Fellner & Armstrong; 141 bgs potatoes, 2 bris apples, Fellner & Armstrong; 141 bgs wheat, Mellon & Sayler; 200 bxs cheese, Coll Bingham; 1 car 200 sks barley, J Rhodes; 810 sks wheat, Simpson & Knox; 106 bris flour, Schoonkar & Kaufman; 1 car oats, Hussey, Wells & Co; 1 car Shipard 15 bdls broom corn, McElroy & Co; 50 pkgs cheese, L H Voight & Co.

STEAMBOATS.

REGULAR WEEKLY PORTS.

MOUTH AND PITTSBURGH PACKET.

The new passenger steamer GOLDEN ERA, W. H. Kerr, master; W. H. Bryan, clerk, leaves Pittsburgh every SATURDAY at 4 o'clock p. m. For freight or passage apply on board or to

dec19 J. D. COLLINGWOOD, } Agents.
J. W. CLOKE,

FOR CINCINNATI & LOUISVILLE—The new and magnificent steamer HARD TIMES, Captain P. Brown, will leave as above on WEDNESDAY, the 21st inst.

For freight or passage apply on board or to

J. D. COLLINGWOOD, } Agents.
dec19 J. W. CLOKE.

FOR LOWER OHIO, CLARKSVILLE AND NASHVILLE—The new and commodious steamer COLUMBIA, Capt. E. J. Porter, will leave as above on WEDNESDAY, the 21st inst., at 10 A. M.

For freight or passage apply on board, or to

JOHN FLACK,
dec19 T. D. COLLINGWOOD, } Agents.

AUCTION SALES.

VALUABLE STOCKS.—On TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 20th, at 7½ o'clock, will be sold, at Commercial Sales Rooms, 54 Fifth street:

20 shares	Monongahela Navigation Bank;
10 "	Monongahela Savings Bank;
40 "	Monongahela Navigation Co;
34 "	Allegheny Valley Railroad.
50 "	Allegheny Valley Railroad.

dec19 A. McILWAINE, Auct'r.

GRAND SALE OF ITALIAN MARBLE STATUARY, fine FRENCH BRONZE FIGURES, ELEGANTLY CARVED ALABASTER VASES AND GROUPS.—On WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 21st, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, 54 Fifth St., second floor, the magnificent importations of the Messrs. Vill Brothers, Philadelphia, embracing life-size Busts of Webster and Clay, beautiful pieces of Statuary, large Bronze Figures, Agate Tazzas and Vases, Etruscan Urns, Hebe Vases, &c. Also, rich Bohemian Glass, Etagre Figures, &c. If not all disposed of in the morning, the sale will be continued in the evening, at 7 o'clock.

The articles will be arranged for examination on Tuesday, all day and evening.

dec17 A. McILWAINE, Auct'r.

PITTSBURGH AND MINERSVILLE PASSENGER RAILWAY.—On TUESDAY EVENING, December 20th, at 7½ o'clock, will be sold, at Commercial Sales Rooms, 54 Fifth street, 50 shares in the Pittsburgh & Minersville Passenger Railway. The entire stock of the Company is represented by 480 shares, $50 par value. Its character is a very liberal one, giving the right to charge a higher rate of fare than any other passenger railway in the city, and under its present management will pay a handsome dividend on investment. The iron is now on the road is worth over $30,000. The above will be sold in lots of 20 shares each.

dec16 A. McILWAINE, Auct'r.

FURS, FURS, FURS.

ON MONDAY, DEC. 19TH, AT 10 A. M. AND 2 P. M., will be sold, on second floor of the Auction Rooms, No. 54 Fifth street,

A Large Stock of Elegant Furs,

FOR LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN.

These will be only this one day's sale.

dec18 A. McILWAINE, Auct'r.

PETROLEUM—100 bbls. for sale by

dec19 HENRY H. COLLINS, 1

PROPOSALS.

SUBSISTENCE OFFICE, U. S. ARMY, No. 20 South street,

Baltimore, Md., December 8th, 1864.

Sealed Proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office until 12 m., on THURSDAY, December 22d, 1864, for furnishing the United States Subsistence Department with

FOUR THOUSAND (4,000) HEAD OF GOOD FAT BEEF CATTLE, on the hoof, delivered at the State Cattle Scales, at Baltimore, Md., in lots of (1,000) one thousand each every (10) ten days; to be weighed within one and a half days after arrival, at the expense of the contractor. They must average about (1,200) thirteen hundred pounds gross weight; all falling short of (1,050) one thousand and fifty pounds gross weight, Bulls, Stags, Oxen, Cows, Heifers and Hornless Cattle will be rejected.

A deduction of ten (10) pounds will be made from the weight of each Steer accepted under this contract, provided the animal does not stand in the pens two and one-half hours before being weighed, or is not weighed immediately after removal from the cars.

Blank forms for proposals can be had on application at this office, either in person, by mail, or telegraph.

Proposals by telegraph, or other irregular, informal proposals will not be considered.

The government will claim the right of weighing any one animal separately, if the appearance indicates less weight than the minimum mentioned above; the expense of weighing will be paid by the party receiving judgment.

Each bid, to secure consideration, must contain a written guarantee of two responsible persons, as follows:

We, ——, of the county of ——, State of ——, do hereby guarantee that —— is (or are) able to fulfill a contract in accordance with the terms of his (or their) proposition, and should his (or their) proposition be accepted, he (or they) will at once into a contract in accordance therewith, and we are prepared to become his securities, giving good and sufficient bonds for its fulfillment.

The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of the Clerk of the nearest District Court, or of the United States District Attorney, to be enclosed with the bid.

Bidders must be present to respond to their bids, and prepared to give bonds and sign the contract before leaving the office.

The Government reserves to itself the right to reject any or all bids considered unreasonable.

Payment to be made afterreach delivery, if funds are on hand. If none on hand, to be made as soon as received.

Bidders will please state prices if payment is made in currency, and also prices if made in orders for Certificates of Indebtedness.

Proposals must be endorsed distinctly, "PROPOSALS FOR BEEF CATTLE," and addressed to "Capt. J. H. GILMAN, C. S., Baltimore, Maryland."

If a bid is in the name of a firm, their names and their postoffice address must appear, or they will not be considered.

Each person or every member of a firm offering a proposal must accompany it with an oath of allegiance to the United States Government, if he has not already filed one in this office.

All bids not complying strictly with the terms of this advertisement, will be rejected.

J. H. GILMAN,
dec20d Captain and C. S., U. S. A.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19, 1864.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 1 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, the 29th day of December next, for furnishing the Light-house Establishment with thirty thousand gallons of the best quality pure winter strained lard oil, and twenty thousand gallons of the best quality pure winter strained sperm oil, to be divided into four lots, and to be delivered at the times undermentioned, alongside of the government supply-vessels, or at the warehouse or other place of deposit, to be designated by the Inspecting Officer or other authorized agent of the Light-house Establishment, in strong, tight, iron-bound, well-made casks, suitable for shipping, in good order, of a capacity, each, of from fifty to eighty gallons—not to exceed the latter. The oil may be delivered at Boston or New York.

Either lot of sperm oil, or both of them, may be delivered at New York, New London, Sag Harbor, Boston, Newport or Portland, at the option of bidders. The place of delivery in each case must be distinctly stated in the bids, and will be construed in the contracts.

The four lots will be delivered as follows:

Lot No. 1. Ten thousand (10,000) gallons sperm oil on the 6th day of April, 1865, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 2. Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons lard oil on the 15th day of April, 1865, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 3. Ten thousand (10,000) gallons sperm oil on the 1st day of June, 1865, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 4. Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons lard oil on the 1st day of August, 1865, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

No bid will be considered unless from a manufacturer of the articles.

No part of the oil proposed for and to be embraced in the contracts under this advertisement will be accepted, received, or paid for, until it shall have been proved, to the entire satisfaction