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BROKERS' AND BANKERS' BOARD.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1864.

	Off'd.	Ask'd.	Sales.
U. S. Certificates, July 6...	98½	—	—
Connellsville Gas.....	83¾	—	—
Monongahela Insurance Co	45	—	—
Pittsburgh Insurance Co....	83¼	85	—
German Insurance Co.....	19	—	—
Allegheny Valley.....	—	44	—
Fort Wayne.....	—	103	—
Connellsville Railroad.....	12	—	—
Connellsville interest.....	12¼	—	—
Pittsburgh & Steubenville..	9½	10	—
Iron City Bank.....	—	85	—
Merchants & Manuf. Bank..	—	80	—
Monongahela Saving Bank.	—	62	—
Allegheny & Pittsburgh.....	—	95½	—
Columbia.....	81½	—	—
Fleming and Blood.....	—	4	—
Phillips.....	—	6	—
Germania.....	—	503	—
Tack.....	—	3½	—
Union Lubric.....	—	85	—
Pittsburgh and Philadelphia	—	135	—
Cherry Run and Pitt Hole..	—	100	—
Tarr, Story, and Cherry Run	—	119½	—
Cherry Run and Pittsburgh	—	95	—
Blood's.....	—	2½	—
Maxwell.....	—	50	—
Rich.....	1¼	1½	—
Mayhew.....	—	1½	—
Pittsburgh and O. Western	—	13	—
Rose.....	—	120	—
Oil Creek and Cherry Run..	—	1½	—
Cherry Run Central.....	—	2	—
Collerton.....	—	2	—

The only sales effected at the regular Board of Brokers and Bankers, were $5,000 U.S. Certificates at 98¾; and five shares of Pittsburgh Insurance Company, at 83¾. There seems to be but little disposition to buy stocks of any kind, and for the time being, the market may be termed dull and inactive, without, however, any remarkable variation in values.

Gold opened in New York to-day at 221, declining to 210, advancing to 216½, and closing this evening at 217¾. Governments are quoted active and firm.

There were very good attendance at the Peoples' Stock Exchange this evening, but for some reason or other the transactions were very light. Acme was offered at 25; Banner, 90; Bergen, 7; Blood Farm & Ohio, 2; Central Basin, 1.10; Cherry Run Central, 2; Cherry Run and Blood Farm, 1.10—1.00 bid; Cherry Run & Pittsburgh, 1.00; Cherry Run and Pit-Hole, 20—25 bid; Culbertson's Run, 2; Dalzell, 9—9 bid; Eldorado, 2.20; Fayette, 80; Fessenden, 1.50—1.05 bid; Fleming & Blood, 3.75; Germania of Pittsburgh, 5; Horseneck, 1; Linden, 4.95; Merchant's, 60—62 bid; McAboy, Cherry Run, 1.05; Monongahela Pioneer, 60; National, 1.60; Ohio Valley, 1.85—1.70 bid; Oil Basin, 10; Oil City & Pittsburgh, 2; Oil Creek & Cherry Run, 2.50—3.25 bid; Phillips, 6.50; Pittsburgh & Great Western, 1.50—1.40 bid; Pittsburgh & Philadelphia, 1.30—1.25 bid; Shick's Farm, 80; Tack Petroleum, of New York, 3.50; Union Lubric, 9; West Virginia & Pittsburgh, 2. The following sales were made:

100 shares Ritchie.....		1.05
100 do Tarr, Story & Cherry Run		1.05
100 do do do do		1.05
100 do do do do		1.10
100 do Whiteley Creek.....		1.25

"Purchasers Exchange" was opened, but there were no transactions. Hereafter, this place will be open three nights in the week—Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

SALES OF OIL PROPERTY.—The firm of George H. Townsend & Co., Real Estate Brokers of Philadelphia, have made heavy sales for the past month, among which we note the following:

7,000 acres on the Tionesta, to New York Company, $100,000.

1,000 acres in Forest county, on the same stream, to V. S. Bissell, of Baltimore, for $21,000.

Speculative interest in well on the Bend for $10,000.

100 acres on Hemlock Run, to P. C. Reilie, of Pittsburgh, for $16,000.

1,000 acres, in Kanawha, West Virginia, to Dr. Hughes & Co., for $30,000.

365 acres on the Ohio river, to Rowland and Rex, of Boston, for $20,000.

Three leases on the Swett Fork, West Virginia, to Paul Todd, Trustee for English Oil Company, for $4,000.

Several other sales are reported in the Philadelphia papers, but the companies are not yet organized.

The last issue of the Philadelphia *Commercial List* contains the following excellent article entitled, "Failures among Oil Companies."

Within the last two weeks three oil companies, which had their principal offices in this city, have failed. They boasted a capital of a million and a half of dollars, and although the whole of that amount was not paid upon the stock—one-tenth of it only, we have no doubt called for, and some of it contributed by simple stockholders. As the projectors of the companies no doubt kept the lion's share of the stock, it is a possible that no more than fifty or sixty thousand dollars have been lost by innocent parties, who originally "went in" to promising speculation. One of these companies bought a farm for the last, and although a quarter dollar per share was all that was offered for its stock by careful speculators, two dollars was the lowest figure asked by the shrewd holders, whose motto was "never sell." In another of these companies, not quite so ambitious in the purchase of its stock holders' interest, the stock was held at eighty-seven and a-half cents per share, in defiance of twenty-five cents offered. The third company has lately been exonerated from the necessity of fixing any price upon its stock—nobody having the temerity to offer anything for them.

In our list of oil oil companies, published to-day we specify 8 as worthless. The latter are pioneers in the great movement which may be designated, the "Spiritualism of the end." These eight companies represent a nominal capital of $1,325,000. They are important agents in the great work of purification, which will separate the good oil companies actually organized for the purpose of extracting from the soil the riches which a beneficent providence has stored there, for the use of mankind, from the "gammon and spinnage" oil companies organized for no other purpose than to delude insatiious adventures upon the Stock Exchange. Before the business of procuring oil from the earth is brought down to the same level as the procuration of coal, iron, gold, silver, copper, lead, or any other mineral, there will be no ordinary filtering of the scum, no, common or careless separation of the wolves from the lambs. There is yet to be a strong agitation which will shake up the oil speculators, and by a filter catch the good companies which are projected for honest ends from those which are got up in fraud, and for no other purpose than to take advantage of the excitement in the public mind, and to prey upon ignorant but sanguine persons who imagine that anything which is connected with oil must be richly continuous.

The failures which we have noticed will be followed by others. There will be agitation, indignation, denunciation, and vituperation among the victims and the victimizers. The solid, well projected, and really good oil companies will go on without any hindrance, and each for themselves and their stockholders, for the mineral oil product is one of the most important in the country. Meanwhile, in the words of the old hymnist, we say to the stockholders of the bogus oil companies, that we believe that we have neglect are foreunners of many more:

Hark from the tombs a doleful sound
Mine ears attend the cry,
Ye living men come view the ground
Where you must shortly lie.

The Boston *Commercial Bulletin* of Saturday says:

In mining stocks another movement is started in Humbolt, which sold yesterday at 10¾@11, with prospects of higher prices. Star in firm at 8, and Bay State commenced at 5. Copper Falls active at 51@51¾ and a big lot of Forest Mining sold at about 1¾. Three or four thousand shares of Black River have been floated off at 16; Minnesota advanced to 102, a gain of 5 ₩ cent. this week.

Milwaukee Market, Dec. 10.

FLOUR—More active and easier.

GRAIN—Wheat declined 1@2c; sales this morning 8,000 bu No. 1 spring, in store, at $1,25@ 1,26; sales on change were 25,000 bu No. 1 spring, in store at $1,26@ 1,26½; 8,000 bu No. 2 at $1,20—receipts of wheat to-day 3,000 bu. Oats quiet; sales of 600 bu on track at 86c; 200 bu delivered, at 70c. Corn dull. Barley unchanged; sales 600 bu delivered, by sample, at $1,42@1,70. Rye unchanged, with sales of 400 bu on track at $1,27; 100 bu, delivered at $1,32.

PROVISIONS.—Active; sales 400 and 800 bbls Prime Mess Pork at $27,00@28,00; 350 bbls Prime Mess Pork at $26,00. 100 tcs Sweet Pickled Hams at 18c; 100 bbls long cut Hams at 16c; 100 bbls Cumberland Middles at 16c.

HOGS—Live Hogs firm with light receipts. Sales of 186 head averaging 177@220 lbs at $11,60@12,00.

New Orleans Sugar Market, Dec. 3.

The receipts this morning were again very inconsiderable. They included 50 hrls syrup; for which we are informed, $1,65 ₩ gallon is asked. We have no sales to report, rainy and cloudy weather having prevented operations on the landing. There were however, only a few small lots in the market. This year's crop being confined to only a few hundred hogsheads of sugar and trivial lots of molasses, falls very short of the expectations of many Western buyers, who will now have to turn their attention to Cuba sugars, the supply of the Louisiana product being insufficient even for the city trade.

A HEAVY SALE OF HOGS.—Any one unacquainted with the extent of the transactions in pork and provisions daily transpiring in our market, would be astonished did we tell them in these columns of the heavy sales quietly occurring, and of the enormous amount of money invested in that business here.

As an instance, yesterday our friends, Messrs. Sherman, Hall & Co., commission merchants, 91 South Water street, sold to a leading city packing firm, one round lot of dressed hogs worth *sixty thousand dollars*, and to-day another lot of live and dressed hogs, amounting to over sixty thousand dollars, to another party; and yet such sales by this well-known house are so frequent as scarcely to command particular mention in trade channels of this, the staunchest, liveliest, best market on the continent.—*Chicago Journal.*

PER CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD, Dec. 18.—180 bush corn, 130 do oats, 14 pkgs produce, Joe Cady; 15 rolls, J O Houston; 4 bbls butter, L H Voigt & Company; 10 kegs tobacco, E W Hahn; 84 grindstones, B Davidson; 275 boxs cheese, O O Bailey; 102 bbls copper ore, Thos M Howe; 172 pkgs corn, McBane & Anger; 14 pkg mdse, W McCracken; 85 bbls oil, Pennock, Hall & Co; 81 dressed hogs, J Smith; 6 bbls cider, F Beck; 28 kegs, 2 bbls apple-butter, J Dolbantz; 124 pkg dried apples, Graff & Keller.

DAILY REVIEW OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

MONDAY, Dec. 19, 1864.

The general markets were quiet and inactive, to-day, owing, partially, to the unpleasant condition of the weather, but more especially to the market decline in gold, which for the time being, has checked anything like a speculative feeling. So far, however, as prices are concerned, there has been no remarkable change.

HOGS.—The soft wet weather of the last two or three days, has softened the Hog market, somewhat, and while there has, as yet, been no market decline in prices, the demand has fallen off and buyers are holding off in anticipation of lower rates.

GRAIN—Wheat is in demand but there is so little arriving that there is scarcely enough doing to establish quotations. Barley is firm with regular sales from wagon at $1,50 for Spring and $2,00 for Fall. Oats quiet and unchanged—85c on track and $1,00 in store. Corn firm at previous prices.

FLOUR—The market is quiet and rather dull, though there is a fair local demand at unchanged prices. Sale from store of 150 bbls at $10,50 for Extra and $10,25@11,25 for Extra Family. Rye Flour is quoted at $9,25 ₩ bbl.

BUTTER—The demand has improved, and while the market is firmer, prices as yet, have undergone no change. Sale of 10 kegs packed at 42c, and 6 bbls prime Roll at 45c.

EGGS—Steady at 40c ₩ doz.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—The demand is fair and the market firm, but prices are unchanged; Sales from first hands at $5,25@5,50 ₩ cwt, and from store at $6,00.

DRIED FRUIT—There is considerable inquiry for Apples, for shipment, and holders generally are asking an advance. Peaches quiet but firm at 28c ₩ lb.

PIG LEAD—Sale of 100 pigs at 16c.

POTATOES—Firm with regular sales from store at $1@1,10 per bushel—the latter figure for prime "Peach Blows."

LARD—Firm but unchanged; sales of steamed at 24c, and kettle at 24½c.

TALLOW—Sales of 4 bbls at 16c ₩ lb.

LARD OIL—Is firm and the stock on hand at present is very much reduced. We note sales at 85@90c ₩ gallon.

CHEESE—Is steady with a fair jobbing demand at 22@23c for Western Reserve and Hamburg and 24c for Goshen.

GREEN APPLES—In fair demand, and good qualities are a shade higher. We quote at from $2, 25 to $2,75 ₩ bbl, as to quality.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET

MONDAY, Dec. 19, 1864.

The market for both Crude and Refined was quiet and somewhat neglected to-day, owing mainly to the material decline in gold. As the stock of both of these articles, both here and in the East, is very light, there is no disposition manifested on the part of holders to make concessions, and, consequently, we have no change to make in quotations. Crude, of which the stock is very light, and the receipts during the past three days reaching only one hundred and forty-nine barrels, may be fairly quoted at 29@42c, bbls returned, and 44@45c, bbls included; and the only sale reported was 230 bbls at 42c. Refined in bond is quiet but firm at 65c, on the spot, although for the time being, there are no buyers at this price. We note a sale of 100 bbls "Lilly" brand—on Friday last but not before reported—at 67c. Free oil is selling in fifty and one hundred barrel lots at 88c, for prime city brands. There is no movement in either Naphtha or Residuum, and, in the absence of sales, we omit quotations.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK MARKET.

(Special Dispatch the Pittsburgh Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19, 1864.

The market for Oil Stocks, to-day, was dull and drooping, but left off a little firmer. The closing quotations were as follows: Walnut Island, 3; Great Basin, 3½; Big Tank, 2½; Caldwell, 6¾; Eldorado, 2-1-16; Corn Planter, 2¾; Dalzell, 8¾; St. Nicholas, 4¾; Phillips, 5; Curtin, 1¾; Perry, 3¾; Maple Shade, 3¾; Oil Creek, 8.

NEW YORK PETROLEUM MARKET

(Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette

NEW YORK, Dec. 19, 1864.

The market for Crude was dull and nominal today at 66 on the spot. The material decline in gold has weakened the market for Refined, both in bond, and free, and the nominal price for the former is 77, and for the latter 80. Nothing doing in Naptha. Gold closed this afternoon at 214.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

The river commenced to swell again yesterday and last evening it was rising rapidly with stated feet of water in the channel by the pier marks. The weather was somewhat colder last night, and it is possible that for the time being, the rain is over. The Allegheny river was entirely clear of ice yesterday, so that the Ohio is again in fine navigable condition.

The G. M'C. Porter from Wheeling, Yorktown from Louisville, and Olive from St. Louis, arrived yesterday, all with fine trips. The Kenton from St. Louis, and the Rob Roy from Cincinnati, were due last night and will probably be found at the wharf this morning.

There was not a single departure aside from Monongahela and Allegheny packets. The Ida Rees and Echo left for Oil City last evening with fair trips.

We learn that the sidewheel steamer Bayard, the Pittsburgh and Monongahela City packet, has been bought by Captain J. G. Saint and Capt. W. Kounz, for $22,000, and will be put up as a regular packet between this City and Parkersburgh, making two trips a week. The Bayard is fitted up in fine accommodations for passengers, and with a good business crew on board, will soon become popular in the trade.

The tug-boat Yorkeye, owned by Capt. George Laughlin, and his brother Henry, we regret to learn, was sunk at the Steubenville landing on Friday last, being cut down by a heavy coal tow. She sunk in about twelve or fifteen feet of water, and her cabin was carried off. It is thought she can be raised.

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The Julia will leave for Pittsburgh on Tuesday morning next, if the weather continues favorable, and of which, at present, there can be but little doubt.

To the clerk of the Yorktown, Mr. J. W. Clarke, we are under obligations for a copy of freight list, which will be found elsewhere.

The Mazeppa and new steamer "Hard Times," Capt. Perry Brown, are announced to leave for Cincinnati and Louisville to-morrow evening, and will be followed on Friday by the Iron City, Capt. Nelse.

The popular and commodious Armenia, Capt. A. Jacobs, is filling up rapidly for St. Louis, and will probably be ready to leave to-morrow evening.

The G. M'C. Porter, Capt. Taylor, is the regular packet for Wheeling to-day, leaving promptly at 4 o'clock.

The big-headed Columbia, in command of Capt. R. G. Porter, is announced to leave for Nashville and all intermediate points to-morrow evening.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PER FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R., Dec. 18.—160 bbls, Delange & Cheniet; 1 do do, Delaney & Christ; 100 bbls flour, Seymour & Voskamp; 70 bgs wheat, Order & Shepard; 4 cars corn, 2 cars oats, Hitchcock, McCreary & Co; 1 car oats, Mc Clinkon, Herron & Co; 1 car oats, Mc Closs, o'cars oats, Wallace; 1 do do, T C Jenkins; 2 oil bbls, 3 bbls oil, G C Brown; 18 do do, James Wilkins; 22 doz brooms, Lambert & Shipton; 8 dressed hogs, L H Voigt & Co; 18 bbls highwines, Order; 7 bgs oats, Hemphill; 6 dressed hogs, Rea & Keil; 6 bbls buckwheat flour, T C Jenkins; 1 car meal, R G Cochran; 25 kegs butter, J Floyd & Co; 11 bdls paper, W Johnston & Co; 11 do, Sharkie & Co; 5 pkgs butter, C Templeton; 9 pkgs rags, Godfrey & Clark; 22 bbls cider, Culp & Shepard; 6 pkgs produce, L H Voigt & Co; 2 cars, sash, Hinchman, Sturgeon & Co; 100 bbls flour, Kegg & McKee.

ALLEGHENY STATION, Dec. 19—90 bbls highwines, Berry Hesperidell; 6 cars wheat, Kennedy & Bro; 1 car corn, G Simpson & Co; 2 bbls cranberry, 1 do oat meal, Wm Frazer; 10 dressed hogs, J Smith; 2 cars wheat, Noble & Angel; 225 bbls paper, Pittsburgh Paper Co; 45 doz brooms, H R Robinson; 8 pkgs twine, H Gerwig & Co.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

LOUISVILLE, PER YORKTOWN.—Clarke & Co., 102 hhds tobacco; 300 bbls whiskey; 100 do pork; 220 do flour; Hitchcock, Pfeffrey & Co; 56 bgs wheat; Robinson, Hinis & Miller, 1 coil line, 1 chest, 1 skiff; E Heazleton, 7 case tobacco, 10 tcs lard, 10 bbls lard oil; A Schaub, 7 hhds tobacco, 25 bxs do; A A D H Chambers, 16 pcls willow; Jas Brown, 1 bx mdse; J D Baldwin, ½ brl sugar; John Grier, 9 hhds tobacco; James Murphy, 5 bxs tobacco, 1 bx samples; J J Albritz, 1 hhd tobacco; R H King, 21 bags feathers; Lemon & Weis, 1 doz cane chairs ½ doz office chairs, 1 ex table; H P Schwartz, 1 box; L H Voigt, 23 bris clover seed, 10 acks do; L H Lucas, 6 bbls hominy, 200 bbls flour; T C Jenkins, 50 bris flour; Lippincott & Barnes, 2 cases; Stanley Oliver, 1 brl roofing gum; J Dalzell & Son, 1 hhd sugar, 2 bris lard, 6 bxs soap; D Gilmore & Co, 19 acks wheat; E H Myers & Co, 43 bris lard oil; J Kirkpatrick & Bro, 29 bxs soap; McKnight & Griffin 4 bris lard oil; Little & Trimble, 45 bxs soap.

WHEELING PER STEAMER G. McC. PORTER.—1 chest, 4 shovels, 1 cross-cut saw, 1 trunk, 2 crowbars, 1 corn-sheller, James Lemon; 11 bxs medicine; H A Pannestock, Son & Co; 6 bxs tobacco, 2 cases do, 1 caddie do, John Grazier; 2 aks wool, H Childs & Co; 90 bbls heading, R T Kenny & Bro; 21 b bls butter, 1 bbl caps, O H Lovel; 350 bdls straw paper, Godfrey & Clark; 160 do do, Pitt Paper Manufacturing Co; 149 do do, Little & Trimble; 7 bbls glass ware, W N Ogden & Co; 1 bbl crude oil, Bakewell P & Co; 210 sks corn, James Vernon; 59 bbls broom handles, F B Mathews; 16 bbls flour, A O Blanchin; 4 bxs butter, 1 hog, 1 calf, Joseph Holmes; 80 sks barley, W H Garrard; 29 empty oil bbls, Buffon, Kehew & Co; 50 do do do, No 12, 59 bales hay, W H Hogue; 150 bbls flour, Clarke & Co; 6 bxs household goods, Jno Kilander.

New York Money and Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—MONEY—Dull, at 6@7 per cent. Sterling quiet, at 139½@139¾ for gold. Gold started and decidedly lower—opening at 221, declining to 210, advancing to 216½, and closing at 217¾. Government Stocks active and firm.

STOCKS—Firm: Rock Island, 100½; North Western, 41; do preferred, 73½; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 103½; Illinois Central (scrip), 126¾; Michigan Southern, 71½; Michigan Central, 138; Reading, 114½; Hudson, 115; Quicksilver, 93½; New York Central, 115; Erie, 95½; Fort Wayne, 101¾; Milwaukee & Prairie du Galen, 62; Ohio & Mississippi Certificates, 34½; One Year Certificates, 97½; Treasury 7-30's, 121; 10-40 Coupons, 107½; 5-20 Coupons, 109½; 5-20's registered, 109; 6's, '81 Coupons, 117.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—COTTON—flat; Middling, $1,25.

FLOUR—dull.

GRAIN—Wheat and Corn dull; Oats firm, at 95c.

WHISKY—advanced to $1,03.

HOGS—firm, at 11½@11¾c, gross.

New York Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Loans, increase, $2,008,107. Specie, increase, $160,560. Circulation, decrease, $59,936. Deposit, decrease, $235,102.9.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette

CHICAGO, Dec. 19, 1864.

FLOUR—dull and neglected; prices nominal.

GRAIN—Wheat—declined 2@5c; sales in store, of No. 1 Red Winter, at $1,62; No. 1 Spring, $1,72@1,71; No 2 do, $1,53@1,52½. Corn dull; sales in store, of New, at 91@92c. Oats declined ½c, but closed firm sales of No. 1 at 64½@65c. Rye quiet and firm; sales of No. 1 at $1,25; No. 2 $1,22. Barley dull; sales of No 2 at $1,40.

HOGS—Receipts—active and advanced 20; sales at $4,80@4,90, closing firm at the latter figures.

DRESSED HOGS—declined 27½c; sales range from $14@14,50.

PROVISIONS—dull and lower; sales of Mess Pork, at $26,50@27; Prime Mess, $25@25,50. Green Hams, from the block, at 16c. Green Shoulders, 13½c. Lard—No. 1 at 21½c.

LIVE HOGS—receipts liberal; market dull, and to-day inactive; sales, since Saturday, of 16,205 head, at $10@12,62½, chiefly at $11,75@12,50; market closed weak, and with a decline of 25c on Saturday's prices.

BEEF CATTLE—in small supply, with fair demand and firm at previous quotations; sales of 865 head, at $3,25@6,75, chiefly at $3,50@4,50.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—COTTON—Dull, heavy and unsettled, and decidedly lower, at $1,20 for Middling.

FLOUR—State and Western dull, heavy and unsettled, and 30@40c lower; $9,30@10,10 for Extra State, $10,75 for R. H. O., and $11,10@12,00 for Trade Brands—the market closing dull, with no buyers.

WHEAT—Excited and decidedly higher, at $2,02 @2,10 for State, and $2,05@2,15 for Western—closing with $2,12 bid and $2,15 asked.

GRAIN—Wheat dull and nominally 5@8c lower; Chicago Spring, $2,28. Rye dull. Barley little firmer. Corn dull and nominal, at $1,38@1,30 for Mixed Western. Oats dull and lower, at $1,04 for Western.

WOOL—Dull and hardly as firm.

PROVISIONS—Pork unsettled and lower; $27,50@ 29,25 for 1863-4 Mess, cash and regular way, closing at $25,75; $26@26,50 for New Mess, $26,50@27,00 for Prime, and $23@23,50 for Prime Mess; also 500 bbls New Mess for January, February and March, buyers and sellers' option, at $26@26,50; 4,000 bbls 1863-4 Mess, for December and January, at $23@23,75; and 500 bbls Prime Mess, for January, at 40,00. Beef less active, at about previous quotations. Lard Hams in moderate request, at 27@28,00. Cut Meats quiet, at 16½@16¾c for Shoulders, and 18@ 21c for Hams. Dressed Hogs lower, at $17,00 for Western. Lard heavy and lower, at 22½@23½c. Butter dull and heavy, at 36@40c for Western, and 45@60c for State. Cheese dull and declining, at 18 @22c.

Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The following are the bids for Mining Stocks in this city to-day: Central, 85; Falls, 22½; Quincy, 86; Huron, 41; Lake Roy, 18; Minnesota, 23; Franklin, 51½; Rockland, 10; French Creek, 18.

STEAMBOATS.

REGULAR WEEKLY PORTS. PITTSBURGH AND PITTSBURGH PACKET.—The fine passenger steamer GOLDEN ERA, W. H. Kerr, master; W. H. Bryan, clerk, will leave Pittsburgh every SATURDAY, at 12 o'clock p. m. The Golden Era make connections at Portsmouth with the splendid steamer Hostons No. 3, for Cincinnati, and will receipt freight and passengers through to that city. no29

REGULAR WHEELING AND PITTSBURGH PACKET.—The fine new and fast running passenger steamer G. M'C. PORTER, Capt. T. L. Taylor; Clerk, L. F. Hecker, leaves Pittsburgh every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 12 o'clock. For freight or passage apply on board, on the Wheeling every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at 4 o'clock p. m. All way business promptly attended to. Towing done at moderate rates.

For freight or passage apply on board, or to JAS. COLLINS & CO., Agents, Pittsburgh; or BOOTH, BATTELLE & CO., Agents, Wheeling. de7:tf

FOR CINCINNATI & LOUISVILLE.—The splendid steamer ARMENIA, Captain A. C. McCallum, will leave as above on WEDNESDAY, 21st inst., at 4 p. m.

For freight or passage apply on board or to J. D. COLLINGWOOD, Agents.
de20 JOHN FLACK.

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

For freight or passage apply on board, or to J. D. COLLINGWOOD, Agents.
de19 JOHN FLACK.

FOR LOWER OHIO, CLARKSVILLE AND NASHVILLE.—The new and commodious steamer COLUMBIA, Capt. R. J. Porter, will leave as above on FRIDAY, the 23d, at 4 o'clock.

For freight or passage apply on board, or to JOHN FLACK, J. D. COLLINGWOOD, Agents.
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AUCTION SALES.

250,000 SEGARS AT AUCTION.—Will be sold, for account whom it may concern, on

Wednesday, 21st inst., at 2 p. m.,

At Masonic Hall Auction House, 55 Fifth street,

250,000 SEGARS,

assorted brands. Samples can be seen on morning of sale.

Allegheny & Pittsburgh Packets.

T. A. McCLELLAND, Auct'r.
de19

WILL BE ADDED to the SALE OF STOCKS, on TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 24th, at 7 o'clock, at Commercial Sales Rooms, 54 Fifth street:

12 shares Bank of Pittsburgh
9 " Mechanics & Manufacturers Bank;
100 " Dalzell " Oil Company;
2 " Steel Well " "
300 " Ross " "
100 " Federal " "
100 " Fleming & Blood " "
500 " Cherry Run & Bloom Farm " "
100 " Cherry Run & Pitt-Hole " "
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A. McILWAINE, Auctioneer.
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GRAND SALE OF ITALIAN MARBLE STATUARY, fine TRENCHER WARE, GOLD PENS, ELEGANTLY CARVED ALABASTER VASES AND GROUPS.—On WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 21st, at 10 o'clock, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, 54 Fifth St., second floor, the above-named collections of the Messrs. Vill Brothers, Philadelphia, embracing Busts of Webster and Clay, beautiful pieces of Statuary, Venus and Cupid, Figures, Angel Vases and Vases, Etruscan Urns, Hebe Vases, &c.

Also, Rich Bohemian Goblets, Decanters, 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 ready for examination on Tuesday, all day and evening.

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, 25 shares in the Pittsburgh & Minersville Passenger Railway. The entire stock of the Company is only $3,000, of which $2,500 is paid in. 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 has consequently paid a handsome dividend on investment. The iron is on the road, and is worth over $30,000. The stock will be sold in lots of 20 shares each.

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

20 shares Citizens Bank Stock;
10 " Mechanics Bank;
40 " Monongahela Navigation Co;
10 " Monongahela Water Co;
50 " Allegheny Valley Railroad.

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A. McILWAINE, Auct'r. de20

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DIVIDENDS.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY, Office of the Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 15th, 1864.

DIVIDEND ON CAPITAL STOCK AND ON THIRD MORTGAGE BONDS.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a Dividend of 2½ PER CENT. on the Capital Stock, for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, inst., payable (free of Government tax,) on and after the 17th day of January, 1865, at the office of the Company in this city, and at the Transfer Agency, New York, to the stockholders as registered at the respective offices. The Board have also ordered the dend of 3½ per cent. on the *Third Mortgage Bonds* due April 1, 1865, making it payable on and after the 17th day of January, 1865, to the bondholders registered on the 31st day of December inst., at the Transfer Agency, Winslow, Lanier & Co., No. 52 Wall street, New York. The transfer books of stock and third mortgage bonds will close on the 21st inst., at 2 o'clock p. m., and remain closed until the 17th day of January thereafter.

By order of the Board.

W. H. BARNES, Secretary.
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THE DIRECTORS OF THE TACKAMORE PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of TWO PER CENT. on the Capital Stock, out of the earnings of the Company for the month of November, payable on and after the 20th inst., at the office of the Treasurer, Mr. GEO. H. MILLINGTON, 42 Exchange Place. Transfer Books closed from the 17th to 20th inst.

HERMAN CROHEN, Secretary.
New York, Dec. 10th, 1864. de16:2t

COLUMBIA OIL COMPANY,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14, 1864.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Directors of the Company have this day declared a Dividend of FOUR (4) PER CENT. on the Capital Stock, out of the profits of the last month, payable on and after MONDAY, the 19th inst.

By order of the Board.

E. WESTERVELT, Secretary.
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OFFICE COAL BLUFFS MINING COMPANY,
PITTSBURGH, December 13th, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company, held this day, a dividend was declared out of the profits of the months of October and November, 1864, of FIVE PER CENT. upon the Capital Stock, free from Government tax, and payable forthwith.

ORMSBY PHILLIPS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CITIZENS' INSURANCE CO.,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14th, 1864.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The President and Directors of this Company have this day declared a DIVIDEND OF FOUR DOLLARS PER SHARE, free of United States tax, payable to stockholders forthwith.

SAMUEL REA, Secretary.

THE MANAGERS OF THE MONONGAHELA & COAL HILL TURNPIKE ROAD CO. have declared a DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock, payable on and after the 16th inst., at the office of Robinson, McClean & Co., No. 75 Fourth street.

D. ROBINSON, Secretary.
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