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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

BROKERS' AND BANKERS' BOARD.

(CORRECTED BY ROBINSON, McLEAN & CO.)

SATURDAY, December 24, 1864.

	Off'd.	Ask'd.	Sales.
U. S. Bonds 1881	.....	115¼	.....
U. S. Bonds 5-20	108	109	.....
Connellsville 6s	83	85	.....
Bailroad	.....	94	.....
Allegheny and Pittsburgh	.....	93	.....
Phillips	.....	64	.....
Peninsula	5.83	.....	.....
Eldorado	.....	2,10	.....
Pittsburg and Great West'n	1,30	.....	.....
Tarr, Story and Cherry Run	.....	1,12	.....
Banner	.....	85	.....
McAboy	.....	1,00	.....
Allegheny Coal Oil	.....	2,00	.....
Goss	.....	1,45	.....
Oil Creek and Cherry Run	3,50	4,75	.....
Cherry Run and Pittsburgh	.....	90	.....
Ritchie	.....	1,25	.....
Quigley Mining Company	.....	102,00	.....
National	.....	30,00	.....

Money is active demand. The pressure for loans is depressing all kinds of stocks. Even Government securities feel the contraction. Gold remains at yesterday's quotations. Five-Twenty Bonds, 108 asked. 10-40s, par bid. Certificates, 97@ 97¼. Nothing doing in Bank Shares.

Oil Stocks dull; Dalzell, 9 bid, 9½ asked. Philadelphia quotations. 9½@9¾. But a limited business being done at Board or on the street. A sale of 2000 shares of Tar Petroleum Company is reported at 3¢ per share.

The Bankers' Board passed a resolution to observe Monday the 26th inst. as Christmas day, by closing business offices.

The following paragraph is from the New York Commercial of Saturday:

The gold market is weak and lower. The adjournment of business until Tuesday produces indecision to buy, and the transactions are consequently nominal, at 221@221¼. There are loud complaints of frauds upon the gold bags. The prevailing loose way of making the transfers affords every opportunity for taking gold out of the bags without detection, and the recent discovery of large deficiencies in the bags, shows that the chance has been improved by some parties. In some of the bags, stones, old iron, new pennies, old brass, and other make-weights have been discovered, and there is reason to suppose that the frauds have been considered on to a very large extent. The only security against this loss is in counting the coin at each transfer, a process, however, which is both costly and embarrassing. It is, however, important that the sugar buyers of gold should know whether they have the bona fide article delivered to them or a bag of old iron, or some other worthless stuff, as in future the deliveries will no doubt be closely examined.

We see it stated that there is a great railroad warfare now going on in regard to petroleum. The Pennsylvania Railroad has purchased the Oil Creek road but unfortunately the latter is not sufficiently stocked with cars. The Atlantic and Great Western, and the New York and Erie roads have the needful supply of cars, and are already to the Oil Creek road, loaded with oil. The Pennsylvania, the report goes, will not allow their cars to pass on the other roads with the oil, for them to keep the benefit of the traffic, while the other roads will not allow the Penn'a. road to use their cars to send the oil to Pennsylvania. In the meantime the oil is leaking and evaporating, and the bears in oil are compelled to settle at the present high rates. This is quite an interesting fight.

WEEKLY REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA STOCK MARKET

Reported Exclusively for the Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1864.

Oil Stocks, generally, have been dull and irregular during the week, the near approach of the holidays imparting the usual apathy to business, indicated to the season, and prices have ruled in favor of buyers, with very little disposition to operate to any extent. There are no important changes to note, and but slight fluctuations in the prices of the leading companies. Densmore fell off about 2, owing to rumors of the giving out of the well, but subsequently improved ¾. Dalzell, Dustin and Story Farm, are better, and the last left off steady. Annexed are the prices of to-day, compared with those of last Saturday:

	Dec. 17.	Dec. 24.
Caldwell	7¼	8
Dalzell	8¾	9¼
Reiger	3	3
Dustin Klistock	5	6¼
Story Farm	5	6½
St Nicholas	2½	3
Tarr Farm	2½	3½
Expert	1¾	2
Irwin	10¾	2
Allen	1	2
Densmore	8¾	9½
Thilodel	5¾	6¼
McElheny	4¾	5¼
Dustin	1 60	1¾
Brunner	1	1¼
Excelsior	1¼	1 63
Eldorado	2¼	2
Phillips	3	3
Phila. & Tidioute	3	3½
Walnut Island	2	2½
Maple Shade	20	25
Cherry Run	2¾	2¾
Big Tank	90	95
Phila & Oil Creek	1¾	1 62
Corn Plaster	7	7½

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK PETROLEUM MARKET.

Reported Exclusively for the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

There has been scarcely any demand for any kind of Petroleum during the week, and we have never known such an insignificant business in any consecutive seven days. Holders tried hard to keep our prices, but in the absence of demand the market has "slumped" to the extent of 4@5 per gallon. Prices being entirely nominal all through the week.

The sales of Crude comprise only about 2,000 bbls, at 39¼@39¾c, on the spot, and for all the month, closing nominal, at 39@40 cents.

Of Refined, the sales were only 2,000 bbls on the spot and for the month, at 50 cents. Closing dull and nominal, at 49 cents.

Naphtha is dull and nominal at 80. Sales of 800 bbls Benzine are made—mostly to arrive from private, but at 49 for lots on the spot.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Corn is dull and scarcely so firm at $1.23@1.24 for Middling.

FLOUR—Sales and Western dull and 25@50 lower; for Extra, $11 for Extra Ji H. O., and $12.50@13 for Trade Brands.

WHEAT—Spring opened heavy and nearly but closed firmer and more active; $2.18@2.20 for State, $2.20@2.25 for Western.

GRAIN—Wheat quiet and 2@3c lower; good Milwaukee Club $2.26, Amber Michigan $2.33, White Michigan $2.35, No. 1 Chicago $2.29, which is above the market. Barley dull; Corn dull and nominal, at $1.55@1.57 for Mixed Western in store and delivered. Oats a shade firmer and more active; $1.05@1.06 for Western. Rye quiet at $1.40@1.45.

PROVISIONS.—Coffee dull. Sugar quiet; Muscovado 12½@12¾c. Molasses dull and nominal. Rice quiet at 12@12½c for Carolina. Tallow firm; 17@17½c for Refined in Bond, and 20c for Refined Free.

Wool quiet.

PROVISIONS.—Pork opened decidedly lower, but closed with an active speculative demand; $40.50@41 for New Mess; $33.50 for Prime, and $33@39 for Prime Mess; also 2,500 bbls New Mess, January, at $42@42.50, and 1,000 bbls do, February, at same date; buyers' option, at $42@42.50, and buyers' option, at $40@40.50. Beef unchanged. Cut Meats steady; 10@10½c for Bacon Sides firm. Dressed Hogs dull; 11@11½c for Western. Lard heavy at 20@20½c. Butter quiet and unchanged.

Army Awards at Baltimore.

Captain Gilman, on Friday, awarded the following contracts: George Cassard, 50,000 lower shoulders, 25,000 the same firm, at 22½c cash, $23 certificates; 50,000 the same firm, at 22½c cash, $23 certificates; Cassard & Son, 100,000 new shoulders, 50,000 do, 50,000 clear sides, delivered in January; at 22½c cash, $23 certificates; Wm S. Wedge, 400 bbls. Stolen's extra meat at $21.50 cash, $23 certificates; George Cassard, 125 bbls extra mess beef, rock, cased, at $21.75 cash, $23 certificates, 2 per cent less for cash; $23.25; Gist & Wells, 42 bbls. extra new mess beef, at $23, certificate 2 per cent less for cash; George Cassard, 10,000 lbs new sides, at $23.70 cash, $24.50 certificates; 20,000 at $24.48 cash, $25 certificates; G. Cassard & Son, 100,000 clear sides, delivered in January; $24.25 cash, $25 certificates; 100,000 new sides, $23.25 cash, $24 certificates.

Cleveland Market, Dec. 23.

FLOUR—Quiet, only moderate home demand, at $9.00@10.25 for XX red; $10.50@11.25 for XX white. GRAIN—Receipts of all kinds very small. No. 2 red Wheat in store held at $2.09@2.10. Oil shelled Corn nominal at $1.00. Sales 2 cars Oats from store at 82c. Nothing doing in Rye or Barley.

PROVISIONS.—Market moderately firm for all kinds but the demand is light. Newly packed Mess Pork selling at $30.50. No. 3 at $28.00. Land Mess Pork selling at $30.00, in tierces, 25c in kegs. Hams are in full request at 22@23c for sugar cured. Shoulders steady at 18c. There is a good demand for Dried Beef at 18c.

BUTTER.—Very dull and inactive, but prices are nominally unchanged at 30@35c for Western Reserve in kegs and rolls; 30@32c for Central.

Provisions in Baltimore, Dec. 23.

Provisions are held firm. Contracts are to be awarded to-day for 500 bbls Beef and 200,000 lbs Winter smoked Hams Sides and Shoulders. We have reported sales of 60 bbls Mess York at $22 $? bbl; 100 bbls Prime Mess at 21c, part to arrive; and 100 bbls Hams Shoulders at 18½@18¾c and 100 casks Hams Shoulders at 18½@18¾c and 100 casks Bulk Shoulders at 15½@15¾c and 100 casks Old Bacon Hams at 22c. Bacon Shoulders are selling at 20@20½c for old, and 21@22c for new, and 22c for Sides. Lard 24c for Western bbls, and 25c ₹ lb for Baltimore refined in kegs. Sale of 20 tierces Rolled Sausage at 15½@15¾c.

Contracts for Beef Cattle.

The following contracts for beeves were awarded on Thursday, by Capt. T. H. Gilman, Commissary of Subsistence, at Baltimore: Lewis Myers & Co., 2,000 head, averaging 1,150 lbs, at $8.25 per 100 lbs.; 2,000 head, averaging 1,200 lbs, at $8.47; 2,000 head, averaging 1,200 lbs, at $8.50; W. Webb, 2,000 head, averaging 1,200 lbs, at $8.74; J. T. Bankard, 2,000 head, averaging 1,200 lbs, at $8.60; Samuel J. Pentz, 1,000 head, averaging 1,200 lbs, at $8.60.

☞ The Bearer Argus says that within a few days past the Continental Oil Company, which has been boring on the Marie farm, in Greene county, struck oil "in what is regarded as paying quantities."

DAILY REVIEW OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 1864.

There was but very little business done to-day with the exception of large purchases of Poultry and other articles for the approaching holidays. In Flour, Grain, Groceries or Provisions there was no movement whatever aside from the usual petty operations which occur every day and, as a consequence, we have but few transactions to report. In prices, however, there has been no change worthy of special notice.

GRAIN—Wheat is firm and we continue to quote from wagon at $2,10 for Red and $2.15@2.20 for White. Oats firm with sales on track at 85@86 and from store at 86@1.00. Barley is selling from first hands at $1,30 for Spring and $2,00 for Fall. Corn firm and in limited supply.

FLOUR—Is quiet but steady with small sales of Extra Family from store at previous quotations. Rye Flour is quoted firm at $9,25. Buckwheat Flour is selling from store at $4,25@6,00 ₹ cwt.

MILL FEED—Is firm but unchanged. Sales of 1 car Middlings, on track, at $2.65.

HAY—Is firm with a good demand and we note regular sales from scales at $25@30 per ton.

BUTTER—Is firm with light receipts and an improved demand. We note sales Roll at 43@32c—mostly at 36c.

EGGS—Firm with sales at 40@42c.

DRESSED HOGS—Sale of 70 head at $16 per cwt. No transactions in Live Hogs of any consequence, most of the operators having gone home to spend the holidays.

POTATOES—Quiet but steady with regular sales from store at $3@3,25 ₹ bbl, and $1@1,10 ₹ bushel.

GREEN APPLES—Quiet and unchanged; sales at from $3,25 to $3,75 ₹ bbl.

CRANBERRIES—Have again advanced, and we now quote at $20 ₹ bbl.

VENISON—Sales of 30 head of Deer at an average of 26 cents ₹ lb.

SEEDS—Sale of 60 bushel flaxseed at $2,00 per bushel. No transactions in Clover or Timothy seeds.

APPLE BUTTER—Sale of 25 kegs at 85c ₹ gallon.

POULTRY—We note large sales of dressed Turkeys and Chickens at 18@20c ₹ lb for the former and 10@12c ₹ pair for the latter.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET

SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 1864.

The near approach of the holidays, together with the very light stocks and not overly brisk demand, causes the Petroleum market to rule quiet and dull with but little disposition manifested by either buyers or sellers to operate. For Crude, there is a moderate demand, principally for shipment, and the market may be quoted steady, at 39@40 cents, barrels returned, and 44@45 cents, barrels included, according to gravity. The receipts continue light, and so long as the Allegheny river is full of hoisting ice, no improvement in this respect need be expected. For Refined, in bond, there is apparently less inquiry, but holders are very firm and we continue to give 63 cents as the price for good brands—some holders asking 70. Free Oil is in fair demand for shipment west, and we note regular sales at 85 cents. Nothing doing in Naptha or Residuum, and, in the absence sales, we omit quotations.

NEW YORK PETROLEUM MARKET.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1864.

The market for Crude continues very dull and 62 cents is the nominal price on the spot. Refined, also, is dull and neglected and may be quoted nominal at 72c in bond and 92c Free. Nothing doing in Naptha. Gold closed this afternoon at 221¾; a decline.

Chicago Market.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24, 1864.

FLOUR—Dull and nominal.

GRAIN—The Wheat market is very weak and 2@3c lower. Corn quiet; sales of New on track at 80@86c. Oats dull and lower. Barley quiet; sales No. 1 at 91,93, No. 2 at 1,8. Barley heavy.

PROVISIONS—Very dull, owing to the scarcity of money. The New York dispatches somewhat inspirited holders with confidence, but which was not reciprocated by buyers. Mess Pork was freely offered at $33, without buyers. Prime Mess is lower; sales of City Packed at $21,50, Prime Packed $24,25. Sweet Pickled Hams dull; no sales. Lard dull; sales Country Kettle at 21½c.

HIGHWINES—Dull with a decline of 3@4c; a few sales were made at $2,03, but it is held at $2,05.

HOGS—We had in the yards this morning 35,000 Hogs, of which the sales amounted to 5,733 head, at a decline of 50c ₹ 100 lbs. The holidays and the scarcity of currency have completely stopped trade. Prices ranged from $10,40@12,75, chiefly at $11,50@12,00.

BEEF CATTLE—Receipts light and the trade fair for good grades, but dull for lower; no prime grades offered. Sales of 60 head at $3,50@5.

Business on Monday will be suspended.

New York Money and Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Money active and firm, at 7 ₹ ct. Sterling quiet at 109½@110?

GOLD.—Dull and lower, opening at 221, declining to 220¾, closing at 221. The total exports of Specie to-day was $1,300,000. Government Stocks more active and firm.

The second session is held to-day, at the Stock Exchange has adjourned to Tuesday. Next Monday will be kept as a holiday by the Banks and other financial institutions—the Custom House being kept open one hour for transacting the usual business.

The Stock Market opened very strong, with an active demand for 10-40's and new 5-20's. The following are the quotations at 3:45 p m:

U. S. 6's, 81 coupons, 105; 1025; U. S. 5-20 Coupons, 116; U. S. 10-40 Coupons, 101; U. S. Certificates, 97¼; Tennessee 6's, 60; New York Centrals, 115; Erie, 97¼; Hudson, 116½; Missouri 6's, 63¼; Michigan Central, 117½; Pittsburgh, 74¼; Rock Island, 104; Fort Wayne, 96; Chicago & Rock Island, 104; Fort Wayne, 96; Chicago & Rock Island, 104; Fort Wayne, 96; Chicago &