CITY ITEMS.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Money Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19, 1860.

A general advance again occurred at the Stock Board to-day. North Pennsylvania ten per cents boots were bid up to 80½, and the six per cents sold at 67. Reading Railroad bonds advanced to 72½, and the shares were firm at 21¾ bid at the second board. Schuylkill Navigation stock sold at 79½—an advance on previous quotations. Beaver Meadow Railroad shares advanced ¾, and Mauch Chunk Railroad stock ½. Pennsylvania Railroad stock (dividend off) sold at 38; Harrisburg Railroad at 55¾; Beaver Meadow at 60, and Wilmington Railroad at 49½. The market generally was active, and a better feeling was exhibited towards the fancy stocks than we have noticed for some time.

Our readers will find that a change of hours for some of the trains on the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad, is advertised in the usual column.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says of the Pacific road of Missouri:

"We have private advices to the effect that the Governor of Missouri is agreed that he will take no immediate steps to sell out this road in default of the payment of the July interest, amounting to about $90,000, and that he will decline receiving any writing to the effect of the company. In case this is done, the president of the road, Sec'ys. S. Taylor, and the directors, who are all Sons of Wealth, propose to advance $100,000 toward completing the road from Syracuse to Cleveland, a distance of twenty-one miles. Eight miles of this portion are already graded."

The Detroit Free Press of the 14th instant says:

"The most important event of the year week in the commercial world has been the opening of navigation through out the whole length of the lakes, with the exception of Buffalo harbor. Vessels have arrived here from Georgian, and others at Sarnia from this port, and several have cleared on their way to the upper ports. On Friday two propellers arrived here with full loads from Chicago and Milwaukee, and they report a large fleet, and others have arrived at Milwaukee from this port. Yesterday two full loads came down from Milwaukee with grain. The Straits are free of ice, or nearly so, and vessels hereafter will experience no delay in getting through. Large shipments can now be made by the Cleveland line of steamers, both to Cincinnati and New York. It will also be at once the opinion that navigation will again be fully open to all points on the lakes, and the shipping business be as brisk as ever."

The representatives of the free banks of Indiana held a Convention in Indianapolis on Wednesday for the avowed purpose of devising some common measure to give increased currency to their circulating notes, and to prevent their Hoosier brethren from discrediting them, which, for some time past, has been not only inconsistent, but unprofitable. The plan to secure these ends was to make the notes of all the free banks bankable in Indiana. The measure, as well as all other attempts at combination, failed. The free banks of Indiana have, each and all independent and diverse interests. The banks located in the southeastern portion of the State consider it consult policy to make their issues par in Cincinnati, while those in other portions of the State cannot appreciate the advantages to them. With the Eastern States it is a matter of no importance, as the banks in Indiana cannot be induced to combine the banks in any common arrangement for redemption at any other object except cash. That was, to make a common war upon the Bank of the State in return for the hostility which that institution has manifested towards the free banks in the accessing and overcoming return of their notes for redemption.

The Boston Transcript says:

"An observer need not be an alarmist to say that Europe to-day stands over a volcanic country, which has nearly settled to devastate the Continent with bloodshed and ruin, at a comparatively early period. Sensitive may be mistaken, which may delay the terrible development, but it will come sooner or later, to the great detriment of humanity, and destruction. The great financial and commercial capitals are well aware of the precarious condition of things, and, for the sake of their interests, temporarily sensitive stocks decrease in fractions in price.

The following are the several quotations for specie domestic exchange, &c., as furnished by Cronise & Co., banking, No. 40 South Third street:

Old Amer. N'tolls	1.04½	Old American gold	1 00
" Eagles	1.02	Sovereigns	4.80@4.87
Mexican Dollars	1.00	Napoleons	4.00@4.10
Spanish	1.00	Pine Dollars	7.75
Cuban	1.00	Pine Dollars (Freeman)	8.00
Prussian	1.00	Quarter Eagles	1.00
French	1.00	Half Dollars	50

EXCHANGES.

Philadelphia	¼ a ¼	Pittsburg	¾ a ¼ dis.
Boston	¼ a ¼	Cincinnati	¾ a ¾ "
New York	¼ a ¼	Louisville	¾ a ¾ "
Baltimore	¼ a ¼	St. Louis	2 a 2½ "
Charleston	¾ a ¾	Chicago	2½ a 3 "
New Orleans	¾ a ¾	Cleveland	2½ a 3 "
Norfolk	¾ a ¾	Nashville	2 a 2½ "
Richmond	¾ a ¾	Memphis	3 a 3½ "

Philadelphia Markets.

EVENING, April 19—Premium Flour sells to-day to a limited extent at $5 50 per barrel, and extra family at $5 75@6 per barrel. Prices of other descriptions are unchanged. There is a fair demand for Rye Flour at $3 25 per barrel. Corn Meal is dull and prices are nominally unchanged.

Grain—There is rather more doing, and prices are firmer. Prime Pennsylvania red wheat sold at $1 40, and some lots of Western at $1 37½@1 38. Rye is in request at 90c. Corn continues firm; 5,000 bushels prime yellow sold at 72c, and 2,000 bushels at 71c. Oats are dull and rather lower, with sales of 3,000 bushels at 37@37½c for Pennsylvania and Jersey.

Seeds—Cloverseed is inquired for at 6½@6¾c, and 65 bushels of prime sold at 6¾c. Timothy is dull at $2 50@2 62½. Flaxseed is selling at $1 60@1 65.

Whiskey—There is a better feeling to-day, and the demand is mostly for drug qualities, which are scarce and firmly held. Small lots of Pennsylvania and Ohio sold at 24c, and drug at 25c.

New York Stock Exchange—April 19.

FIRST BOARD.		SECOND BOARD.	
Stonington	86	Harlem R.	14½
do	86	Hud. River	31½
N. Haven R.	57	do	31½
Erie	36	Erie	36
Reading R.	72½	Cleveland	81
do	72½	Long Island	11½
Mich. Cen.	48	Mich. S.	29
Mich. S. N. I.	70	Reading	72½
Illinois Cen.	97	Illinois Cen.	97
Cleve. & Pitts.	53½	Cleve. & Pitts.	53½
Pacific Mail	81	Pacific Mail	81
N. Y. Central	80½	Chicago & R. I.	45
Erie	36	Cleve. & Toledo	92
Mich. S. & N. I.	70	Mich. S. guar.	74½
Illinois Cent.	97	Illinois Cent.	97
Cleve. & Pitts.	53½	Mich. Cent.	49½
Cleve. & Toledo	92	Illinois Cent.	97
Chicago & R. I.	45	Cleve. & Pitts.	53½
Long Island	11½	Pacific Mail	81
Cumberland	21	Erie	36
Virginia 6s	90	Reading	43½
Missouri 6s	84	Cumberland	21
Hudson River	31½	Virginia 6s	90
Illinois 6s	91	Hudson River	31½
Reading	43½	Illinois 6s	91
Canton	38½	Canton	38½
Cumberland	21	Long Island	11½
Cleve. & Toledo	92	Stonington	86
Illinois Cent.	97	Illinois Cent.	97
Erie	36	Erie	36
Reading	43½	Reading	43½
Mich. Cent.	49½	Mich. Cent.	49½
Mich. S. guar.	74½	Mich. S. guar.	74½
Illinois Cent.	97	Illinois Cent.	97
Cleve. & Pitts.	53½	Cleve. & Pitts.	53½
Pacific Mail	81	Pacific Mail	81
Erie	36	Erie	36
Reading	43½	Reading	43½
Cleve. & Toledo	92	Cleve. & Toledo	92