The Press.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1865.

The Nation Its Own Banker.

A favorite theme for novelists has been those secret romances of history where the power of money and the personal influence of its holders have worked wonders in politics, and where the touch of a golden wand has loosened knots of intrigue as inextricable and important as the one of Gordius, which held the fortunes of a continent in the intricacy of its meshes. Matters of great pith and moment, involved in most mysterious entanglement, have often been settled by the silent magic of gold and silver, and the treasure has slipped so gently from hand to hand that the keenest listener has detected but a faint jingle to awaken his *curiosity* and baffle his investigation.

Genuine history abounds with instances of the importance of the money-holder. We see the Kings of France and England rivalling each other in court to the wealthy merchants of Flanders; we see straightened Emperors begging a loan. The King cannot continue the campaign without the aid of his banker, while the potent majesty of the treasure-vault decides which side he shall favor in the contest, and his mandate carries success or failure. Such is the real solution of many a historical problem that has puzzled the students of its huge tomes.

That the secret potency of the money-lender is no fancy confined to the brain of the romancist, or to those episodes of past history when the fate of a nation depended on a page of a banker's book to be cancelled by a woman's jewels, can be seen by a glance at European affairs. The influence of the banker upon even the most powerful Governments may be judged by a mere surmise of how the "balance" at ROTHSCHILDS' could affect the "balance of power" to-morrow.

But our own present history contains no such secret page where the loves and hates of Lombard or Jew turn the scales of justice or embarrass the operations of our Government. That clever brain which has conquered its way to the throne of France, and now so cleverly manages what it so cleverly won, first attempted the policy of raising a national loan from the people. What that brilliant statesman succeeded in accomplishing on a small scale for his own advantage has been done by American patriotism to an extent that amazes the world, and gives a glorious proof of the perpetuity and solidity of our Republican system. A loan of one hundred millions of dollars in a single week shows that the money of the nation is as freely devoted to its service as the lives of its brave citizens.

VIVE LA BARNUM!—As we expected, BARNUM is already looking up the balmoral, crinoline, *etcetera*, worn by DAVIS on the occasion of his capture. It is said that he offers five hundred dollars for the articles. As BARNUM is eminently loyal, and withal proverbially benevolent, we volunteer the suggestion that, if he succeeds in obtaining the aforementioned curiosities, he appropriate at least one-half the proceeds accruing from their exhibition to the orphan children of our brave soldiers and sailors.

A COINCIDENCE.—After the assassination, as BOOTH jumped on the stage, he brandished a huge *knife*. DAVIS, when about to be arrested, flourished the same kind of a weapon.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Consternation Over the Emancipation Order—The Slaves to be Obliged to Work.

GREENSBORO, May 4.—General Schofield's order, declaring the slaves of this State free, created great consternation, as the labor of the slaves was wanted to put in the spring crops, and the slaves refused to work, declaring that their former masters owed them a living.

Major General COX, of the Twenty-third Corps, has relieved the anxiety of the people by telling them that the slaves will be obliged to work and support themselves.

Hon. John A. Gilmer has commenced dividing his lands up among his slaves, furnishing them with facilities to work with. Other masters will follow the example.

Gen. Schofield's course gives universal satisfaction.

MEXICO.

BATTLE NEAR MATAMOROS—MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS.

ST. LOUIS, May 16.—Despatches from Cairo say that General Mejia, with 4,500 Liberal troops, appeared before Matamoros on the 29th ultimo, and demanded its surrender, which was refused. The Imperialists marched out to meet them, and a cavalry and artillery fight occurred.

Business was suspended at Matamoros, and the streets were barricaded in expectation of an attack, but all was quiet up to the evening of the 2d.

The custom-house officers fled to Brownsville, and the wealthy citizens moved all their valuables to the same place.

Eight hundred troops arrived at the mouth of the Rio Grande on the 20, and left for the interior the next day.

A report reached Bagdad on the 4th that the Liberals were in full retreat.

EUROPE.

Address of the Queen on the Assassination—The Canadian Defences—Commercial News.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The Royal mail steamship Juba has arrived here with Liverpool dates of May 4, via Queenstown on the 7th.

THE MURDER OF THE PRESIDENT.

The Queen in her response to the addresses from Parliament says she entirely participates in the sentiments addressed to her on the assassination, and she has given directions to the minister at Washington to make known the feeling entertained by Parliament in common with herself and the whole people. In the House of Lords, Ravensworth questioned Derby as to the meaning of his expression that the Southerners, if connected with the assassination, committed worse than a crime, a blunder.

Earl Derby said he did not see how his expression could be wrongly interpreted. He used a well-known political aphorism of Talleyrand to simply convey his meaning that the Southerners, by sanctioning what was not only highly immoral, would at the same time approve that which could do nothing but inflict the most serious injury on their political cause.

THE DEFENCES OF CANADA.

In the House of Lords, in reply to an inquiry relating to Canadian defences, Earl de Gray and Ripon said the Government had just commenced negotiations with the Canadian Ministers, and would report as soon as the negotiations closed.

Constance Emily Kent has been fully committed for trial on her own confession of having committed the road murder.

Napoleon was enthusiastically received in Algiers.

The Government bill, fixing 500,000 men as the contingent of 1866, has passed the Corps Legislatif.

The Bank of France gained 9,000,000f. in cash during the week.

The Bourse was firm at 67f. 55c.

Commercial Intelligence.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.—Sales of Cotton for the week 60,000 bales, including 5,000 to speculators and 9,000 to exporters. The market is easier, and partially 1/16 lower for American, and prices barely maintained for other descriptions. The authorized quotations are as follows:

	Fair.	Middling.
Orleans	17	14½
Mobiles	.....	14¼
Uplands	16	14¼

Sales on Friday night, 8,000 bales, the market being unchanged. Stock in port, 657,000 bales, of which 47,000 are American.

STATE OF TRADE.—The Manchester market is quiet and easier.

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.—Flour quiet and steady. Wheat quiet and easier, and partially 1d lower. Corn dull, and 6d lower.

LIVERPOOL PROVISIONS MARKET.—Beef active and firmer; Pork steady; Butter market bare, the season being over; Lard easier; Tallow quiet and declining.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET.—Ashes firmer; Sugar active, 3/6d higher, closing quiet; Coffee quiet; Rice quiet; Spirits Oil 40s; Rosin declining; Spirits of Turpentine quiet and steady; Petroleum dull.

LONDON MARKETS.—Wheat firm and is higher on the week; Iron quiet and steady; Sugar easier; Coffee steady; Tea quiet and unchanged; Rice firmer; Spirits of Turpentine quiet at 40s@40s 6d; Petroleum steady; Crude 8½; Refined 2s ½d.

Consols closed on Tuesday at 90¾; Illinois Central 76¾@76; Erie 60¼@61; United States 5-20s 63½@63¾.

The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £75,000.

CALCUTTA, April 28.—Exchange, 2s and 3 farthings.

BOMBAY, April 23.—Exchange, 2s. The new budget has been carried by a two-thirds' vote.

LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL, May 6—P. M.—Cotton easier and slightly declined. Sales 6,000 bales, including 1,500 to speculators and exporters. Breadstuffs quiet. Provisions quiet and steady.

LONDON, May 6—Evening.—Consols, 90¾@90¾. Illinois Central, 76¾@77¾; Erie, 60¾; United states 5-20s, 63@64.

PARIS, May 6.—Rentes closed 67f 85c.

PERIM, April 18.—The ministerial crisis is over. Prince Kung has resumed his position as Prime Minister.

Arrived from Philadelphia, ship Recovery at Liverpool.

Prize Fight.

PORT JERVIS, May 16.—A prize fight for $5,000 took place here this morning between two bullies named Dunn and Davis. The fight lasted an hour and five minutes, during which time forty-three rounds were fought, resulting in Dunn winning.

ARTISTIC BRONZES, ITALIAN MARBLE STATUARY, CLASSICAL VASES, AND ALABASTER STATUETTES.—Admirers of the fine arts will have a fine opportunity of indulging their refined tastes this morning, at 11 o'clock, at the Art Gallery of Messrs. Thomas Birch & Son, No. 1110 Chestnut street, when a fine assortment of the above-named articles, imported by Messrs. Vill Brothers, will be offered at public sale. No previous sale has ever contained so varied a collection of subjects, and of such perfect execution.

NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, May 16.

ARRIVAL OF STEAMERS.

The steamers Virginia and Etna have arrived. The United Kingdom sailed to-day for Glasgow, carrying passengers to all the principal ports of Ireland.

MARKETS.

BREADSTUFFS.—The market for State and Western Flour is dull, heavy, and 5@10c lower; sales 5,680 bbls at $5 90@6 10 for superfine State, $6 30@6 40 for extra State, $6.45@6.60 for choice do, $5 90@6.10 for superfine Western, $6.35@6.70 for common to medium extra Western, and $6 90@7.25 for common to good shipping brands extra round-hoop Ohio. Canadian Flour is dull and 5@10c lower; sales 350 bbls at $6 45@6.70 for common, and $6.90@8.25 for good to choice extra. Southern Flour is dull and drooping; sales 500 bbls at $7 20@8.25 for common, and $8.30@12 for fancy and extra. Rye Flour is dull.

PROVISIONS.—The Pork market opened firmer, at closed heavy and lower; sales 8,300 bbls, at $23.12½@24 for new mess; $21.50@22 for 63-4 do, cash and regular way, closing at $21.50; $21 50@22 for prime, and $18 50@19 for prime mess. The Beef market is steady; sales 400 bbls, at about previous price. Beef Hams are firm. Cut Meats are quiet; sales 150 pkgs, at 14@16 for shoulders, and 16½@18½ for hams. The Lard market is heavy; sales 1,200 bbls, at 16½@18.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

SECOND BOARD			
$6000 U S 6s '81	104½	100 N Y Cen R	97
21000 U S 6-20s	104	100 do	94¼
6000 do	104	100 do	94¾
6000 U S 6s, 1-year Cer	99¼	100 do	91
2000 U S 10-40 Coup	97	100 do	93 cash
2000 am Gold	130 129	200 do	91¾
500 Canton Co	38¾	100 Erie R	77
100 do	38	500 do	83 76
500 do	37	200 Reading R	80 93
100 Quicksilver	57	200 do	80 91¾
100 do	57¼	500 do	93¾
100 do	57	600 do	93¾
THE EVENING STOCK BOARD.			

Gold active on call and large sales; Gold, 129¾; New York Central, 91; Erie, 76; Hudson, 100¾; Reading, 92; Michigan Southern, 81¾; Pittsburg, 84½; Rock Island, 95¾; North Western, 27½; North Western preferred, 57¾; Fort Wayne, 93¾; Ohio and Mississippi certificates, 28¾; Canton Co., 37¾; Cumberland, 38¾.

CATTLE MARKET.

Beef Cattle 2c lower. Receipts, 4,000 head. Sales at 7@10c. Veal heavy at 6@11c. Sheep declined 5¼@11c. Receipts, 7,000. Swine, 9¾@10¾c. Receipts, 30,000.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Business of all kinds is very quiet, and as to the stock market there exists an unqualified stagnation. Government loans were offered sparingly at the Board, and the sales were light at rather lower figures. The 1881s sold at 109¼—a decline of ¼; the 5-20s at 104, and the 7-30s at par. Nothing was said in the 10-40 loan. State and City loans continue very quiet. Of the latter there were some sales of new at 93, which is a slight decline. There is no market for the bonds of railroad companies, except at a material decline in prices. The only one reported was Philadelphia and Erie at 84 cs. The share list shows a continued weakness. Reading opened strong at 47½, but afterwards declined to 46, which was the closing figure of the previous day. Pennsylvania Railroad improved ¼ a few lots having been disposed of at 54. Camden and Amboy was steady at 125, and Catawissa common at 11¼. North Pennsylvania sold at 24—a decline of ¼; and Philadelphia and Erie at 20¼—a decline of 1¼; 30¾ was bid for Little Schuylkill; 56 for Minehill; 62 for Lehigh Valley; and 25¼ for Catawissa preferred. There is very little inquiry for city passenger railroad securities. A lot of Arch (consolidated) sold at 19¾, and Tenth and Eleventh at 45; 30½ was bid for Spruce and Pine; 43 for Chestnut and Walnut; and 30 for Green and Coates; 64 was asked for West Philadelphia; 12 for Arch street; 8 for Race and Vine; and 26 for Girard College. Canal shares were more active, and prices better. Lehigh Navigation sold at 50, and Susquehanna Canal at 8¼; 26½ was bid for Schuylkill Navigation preferred; 25¾ was asked for Schuylkill Navigation common and 60 for Morris Canal common; 34 for Delaware Division; and 59¾ for Wyoming Canal. Bank stocks meet with moderate inquiry. The sales include Mechanics' at 28, and Girard at 49¾. There was very little movement in oil stocks, and prices were generally weak. Speculation in oil lands, however, continues active, and large tracts of hitherto undeveloped territory are being sold to enterprising men, who, notwithstanding the present dullness of the stock market, seem determined to push forward their projects to a success. There are yet many acres of good land in Venango county that await development, and which will doubtless be brought on the market this summer by new companies. The region of Hemlock Creek is that to which the attention of capitalists seems now to be directed.

The following is the comparative statement of the earnings of the North Pennsylvania Railroad for the month of April:

Earnings in April, 1865	$75,382 46
" " " 1864	64,236 47
Increase	$11,145 99

The following were the quotations for gold yesterday at the hours named:

10 A. M.	131¼
11 A. M.	131½
12 M.	131¼
1 P. M.	130½
3 P. M.	130
4 P. M.	129¾

The subscriptions to the 7.30 loan, received by Jay Cooke yesterday, amount to $1,743,300, including one of $300,000 from the First National Bank of Philadelphia, one of $200,000 from the First National Bank of Cincinnati, one of $50,000 from the First National Bank of St. Paul's, Minnesota, one of $53 700 from the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Buffalo, one of $250,000 from the First National Bank of Boston, and one of $300,000 from the First National Bank of Hartford. There were 1,213 individual subscriptions of $50 and $100 each.

The following were the closing quotations for the principal navigation, mining, and oil stocks:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Schl Nav pref	26¾	26¾	Howe's Ridge	1	1
Susq Canal	....	9	Hibard Oil	....	....
Rice Coal	....	4¾	Hyde Farm	2	3
Feeder Dam Coal	....	¾	Keystone Oil	1¾	1¾
Green & Coates	2	3	Kimball Farm	2	3
Atlas	....	¾	Maple Shade Oil	15	....
Allegheny River	1	1½	McClintock Oil	2¾	2¾
Atlas & Tidewater	2¾	1	Mingo	2¾	3
Big Tank	1¾	....	McElhaney Oil	3	....
Bull Creek	....	¾	McCrea & Chur R	....	....
BRIGS Gilmore	9½	10	Oil Creek	3¾	....
Commercial Oil	....	¾	Organic Oil	1¼	1½
Crescent City	½	¾	Olmstead Oil	1¾	1½
Cora Planter	2¾	2¾	Perry Oil	....	1
Cal Wellington	3 3-16	....	Pope Farm Oil	....	1
Dunkard Oil	1	1¼	Rock Oil	....	2
Patent Oil	4¾	4¾	Sherman Farm	....	¾
Excelsior Oil	½	¾	Story Farm Oil	....	1
Ethers	....	1¾	St Nicholas	2¾	....
Stradacona	....	¾	Sunbury	....	¾
Germania	....	¾	Tarr Homestead	4¾	4¾
Globe Oil	....	¾	Walnut Island	¾	1

The New York banks last week appear to have turned about five million of their legal-tender into loans and discounts. The increase of the latter is about equal to the decrease in legal tender, which, however, still figures for $61,053 807, exclusive of the sums held by the National banks not in the clearing-house. These would raise the total of legal-tender money in all the banks to about *seventy millions*. The specie averages stand three and a half millions lighter than last Monday, and for the first, night $4,503,318 higher, while the treasury office in New York has paid out $3,155,720 for May interest during the fortnight, in excess of the receipts of gold for customs for the same two weeks. The bank statement altogether indicates no change in the free and cheap supply of money, nor do we find other signs of tightening the movements of the market.

We learn that the Court House in Richmond, Va., was destroyed by the great conflagration, April 3, and with it many invaluable documents. This is especially the case of the land records deposited in the archives of the general court. Their destruction will involve many great landed interests in litigation, probably a fact that requires more general interest when it is known that the chain of title to all the lands in Western Virginia was preserved here, and that the immense interest of the whole coal and oil region of that section were at stake. The laws of Virginia, as regards the records of deeds, must be peculiar, or they never would have been recorded here at all; but it appears that here was the only record by which present possessors could have traced back their title to the original grantees. That this state of affairs will open a vast field of litigation, that will by no means be left untilled by unprincipled attorneys, it is easy to foresee, and doubtless many of the craft already see a rich harvest awaiting them.

Oil is held at higher prices at the wells, and the foreign demand is held to be steadily increasing. Under these circumstances it is highly probable that the price of good oil stocks will shortly advance, even if gold does decline further.

Foreign importations have for a long time been remarkably light. The bare markets of the great cities would seem to render a revival of our European trade an actual necessity. In view of the present heavy gold-bearing debt, and the early convertibility of the seven-thirty into the same, an increase of customs collection of coin would be very welcome.

The committee appointed to collect the oil and oil barrels that floated down from the oil regions during the great freshet report as follows:

Full barrels of crude oil	7,686
Empty barrels	13,385
Total	21,071

Business in Richmond is beginning to improve; some classes of goods are already plenty, but there is a deficiency in staple groceries and fancy articles of whatever description.

The New York *Express* says it has good authority for stating that Sir Harry Bald de Houghton, proprietor of the pro-rebel organ in Liverpool, the *Standard*, had £1,750,000 invested in the Confederate cotton loan. He took one-tenth of the entire loan at par—and his punishment by this time, we fancy, must be something more than he can bear.

The North American and Italian Steamship Company, chartered at the late session of the New York Legislature, was organized last week. The vessels of this line, which are expected to commence their trips in a very short time, will run between New York and Genoa, touching at Madeira and Cadiz.

The following is the amount of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending May 15, 1865:

Where shipped from.	Tons.	Cwt.	PREVIOUSLY. Tons.	Cwt.	TOTAL. Tons.	Cwt.
Hazleton	72	07	81,092	07	81,164	14
East Sugar Loaf	....	....	41,634	15	41,634	15
Mount Pleasant	....	....	10,617	06	10,617	06
Jeddo	35	15	46,533	03	46,568	18
Harleigh	....	....	22,390	00	22,390	00
Eberwale Coal Co.	360	11	10,682	08	11,042	19
Stout Coal Co.	125	04	18,190	18	18,316	17
Council Ridge	1,088	13	34,014	03	35,102	01
Buck Mountain	670	14	22,125	05	22,795	18
New York and Lehigh	....	....	20,782	18	20,782	18
Honey Brook	9	13	44,838	17	44,848	10
German Penna. Coal Co.	....	....	18,012	14	18,012	12
Spring Mountain	64	18	34,721	13	34,786	11
Coleraine	422	01	16,403	09	16,831	10
Beaver Meadow D. W.	....	....	607	06	607	06
Lehigh City Co.	63	16	5,581	09	5,635	01
John Connery	28	09	1,369	05	1,397	14
Mahanoy	1,129	03	69,926	15	71,056	08
Baltimore Coal	....	....	11,833	01	11,833	01
Franklin	....	....	9,050	14	9,050	14
Consolidated	....	....	19,838	16	19,838	16
Audenried	....	....	9,281	01	9,281	01
Lehigh and Susquehanna	....	....	9,623	11	9,623	11
Landmesser's	....	....	5,489	16	5,489	16
Willcash's Coal & Iron Co	....	....	450	08	450	08
Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co.	....	....	164	07	164	07
Other Shippers	9	06	109	15	119	16
Warren Run	....	....	27	11	27	11
Total	4,970	13	567,159	11	572,130	04
Corresponding week last year	29,250	15	595,629	03	624,879	18
Increase	....	....	30,530	08	52,249	08
Decrease	18,280	02	....	....	....	....

Drexel & Co. quote:

New U. S. Bonds, 1881	109	@109¾
New U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	99	@99¾
Quartermasters' Vouchers	97	@98
Gold	129¾	@130¾
Sterling Exchange	142	@148
Old 5-20 Bonds	103½	@104
New 5-20 Bonds	103½	@104
10-40 Bonds	96	@96½

Sales of Stocks, May 16.

THE PUBLIC BOARD.

1000 U S 7.30s	100	200 Mingo	....	$30	2 81
500 do	100	200 do	....	b5	2¾
800 Atlas	....	¾	500 do	....	2¾
400 do	....	¾	500 do	....	2¾
400 Walnut Bend	1¾	100 do	....	s30	2 81
100 Junction	5¾	100 Royal	....	....	¾
200 Keystone Oil	1¾	200 do	....	....	¾
500 do	1 81	200 do	....	....	¾
100 Hilbert	1¾	200 do	....	cash	2 81
200 Oil Ck & Ch R	2¾	100 Atlas	....	....	1¾
SECOND CALL.					
800 Big Tank	1¾	100 Atlas	....	b30	.94
100 Demonrote	b5	.81	200 do	....	.56
100 Mingo	....	2	100 Mingo	....	s30	2 81
100 do	b5	2 81	100 Keystone	....	b2	1¾
100 Oil Ck & Ch Run	2¾	100 do	....	b2	1¾
100 Big Tank	1¾	100 Tionesta	....	cash	1 81
300 Royal	s10	¾	400 Story Farm	....	¾
100 do	s30	¾	100 do	....	s5	2¾
200 Big Tank	s30	1¾	100 do	....	b5	2 81
100 Mohoe & Ith Run	....	¾				

SALES AT THE REGULAR BOARD OF BROKERS.

Reported by Hemel, Miller, & Co., No. 50 S. Third St.

BEFORE BOARD.			
100 Reading R	b5	47¾	400 Reading R
100 do	s60	47¾	100 do
200 do	s30	47¾	100 Tionesta
100 do	cash	47¾	400 Story Farm
100 do	....	....	....
FIRST BOARD.			
1000 US 6-20 Bds ch		104¾	100 Reading R
10000 do lots con		104¾	100 do
500 do coup		104	100 do
100 do coup		104	100 Susq Canal
5800 City 6s new lots		93	100 Bruce oil
2 Girard Bank		49¾	400 Keystone Oil
50 Lawrence R		11¾	100 Maple Shade
100 Phila & Erie R		10¾	94 do
1 Tenth st R		45	2¾ Tom Homestead
100 Lehigh & Nav Stk		59	500 Cherry Run
800 Reading R	b30	47¾	600 O Midwell
100 do	b10	47¾	500 Bell Oil
50 do	b5	47¾	3000 West Unit Bend
100 do	s20	47¾	400 Tiona Nat
100 do	....	47¾	100 Bruce oil
300 do	lots	b60	47¾	400 Keystone Oil
SECOND BOARD.			
1000 Phila & Erie 6s		91	100 Reading R
5 Mechanics' Bank		28	6 Penna R
5000 U S 6s '81		109¾	1 Girard Bank
100 N Penna R		cash	74	100 Mingo Oil
3000 U S 6s		104	100 do
100 Reading R	s10	47¾	100 do
100 do	b5	47	100 do
100 do	lots	30	47	200 Pulaski Oil
100 do	b10	47¾	500 Maple Shade
100 do	s30	47	....	....
SECOND BOARD.			
1800 U S 6s '81	coup	109¾	30 Gam & Am
100 Mingo	b30	2	300 Star Farm
1000 do	b30	3	200 New Creek
5100 Arch st R Con		19¾	200 Caldwell Oil
100 Maple Shade	b30	1¾	600 Cora Planter
68 Cam & Am R	2s	125	....	....
SALES AT THE CLOSE.			
100 Reading R		46¾	100 McClintock
100 Corn Planter		2¾	100 do
300 do		2¾	200 Orenole
10 Reading R		46	100 Maple Shade

Semi-Weekly Review of the Philadelphia Markets.

MAY 16—Evening.

Business continues very dull and prices of most of the leading articles have declined. Flour is very dull and 25@50 bbl lower. Wheat is 15@ bus lower. Rye 10c @ bus lower, and Corn 30c @ bus lower. Oats are without change. In Bark there is nothing doing. Cotton continues quiet. Seeds are easier. Coal dull and unsettled. Fish and Fruit are without change. Iron is very dull and rather lower. Naval Stores have declined. The Provision market is very dull and prices are drooping. Sugar is more active. Seeds are very quiet. There is very little demand for Whisky. Wool is firmer and dull.

There is very little demand for Flour either for export or home use; the market is very dull and prices are fully 25c per barrel lower. The only sales we have to note are in lots for the retailers and bakers at from $6 25@6.75 for superfine, and $7@7 50 for extra; $7 75@8 50 for extra family, and $9@10 bbl for fancy brands according to quality. Rye Flour continues dull, and we hear of no sales. Corn Meal is also dull; Brandywine meal sold at $6 50 @ bbl.

GRAIN.—The demand is limited, and there is more offering; prices have fallen 10c @ bushel; about 6,000 bushels prime Pennsylvania red Wheat sold at 160c @ bushel, and white at 190@200c @ bushel; choice white is quoted at 220c @ bushel. Rye has declined 10c @ bushel; sales are making at 90c. Corn is dull and 20c @ bushel lower, with sales of 7,000 bushels prime yellow at 92@93c @ bushel, closing at 93c @ bushel; Oats are without change; sales are making at 50@52c @ bushel.

PROVISIONS.—There is very little doing in the way of sales, and prices are weak and drooping; small sales of Mess Pork are making at from $26@28 @ bbl. Bacon is rather scarce; small sales are making at 22@23c @ lb for plain and fancy canvassed hams; sides at 19@20c, and shoulders at 16@16c @ lb, cash. In Green Meats there is very little doing, and prices are unchanged; sales of Hams in pickle are making at 19@20c; do. in salt at 17c, and shoulders at 15¾@16c @ lb. Lard is scarce and dull; sales of bbls and kegs are making at 18½@19c. Butter is dull, and prices are irregular; sales of solid packed are making at 44@50c; fresh roll at 45@35c @ lb, as to quality. Eggs are selling at 26@27c @ dozen.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour is very dull and prices are weak. No. 1 Anthracite is quoted at $41, and No. 2 at $39 @ ton. Scotch Pig is held at $50@55 @ ton. Manufactured Iron is dull at $90@95 @ ton for Bars and Rails.

BARK.—In Quercitron there is nothing doing; 1st No. 1 is held at $30 @ ton.

COAL.—Prices are very unsettled, and the market is very dull; sales from Port Richmond are making at prices ranging from $6@7 @ ton.

COTTON continues scarce, and the market is very quiet; about 300 bags of Rio and Laguayra sold at 26@22c @ lb, in gold.

HAVANA.—The market is dull; small sales of adamantine are making at 26@28c @ lb, and tallow at 20c @ lb.

COFFEE.—The market is rather quiet; 250 bales of middlings sold at 50@51c @ lb, cash.

FRUIT.—All kinds are scarce; small sales of Oranges and Lemons are selling at from $9@10 @ box, and Raisins at $5@5 25 @ box. Dried Apples are selling at 8@10c. Peaches are dull; small sales are making at 24@28c for halves; quarters at 18@20c, and yard at 33@37c @ lb.

FISH.—There is very little doing in Mackerel, and the market is quiet at about former rates. Small sales of this store are making at $25 @ bbl for No. 1; $18@17 for No. 2; $16@19 for shore No. 2; $15 for bay do; and $14@15 @ bbl for small and large No. 3s. Codfish are held at $5.50@9 @ cwt.

HAY.—Baled is selling at $20@22 @ ton.

OIL.—Lard Oil continues dull, with sales of winter at $1 80@1.85 @ gallon. Linseed Oil is selling at $1.23@1.25 @ gallon. Fish Oils are very quiet. Petroleum is farther dull; small sales of crude are making at 8c, 8c@8½c refined in bond, and 54@55c, and free at from 72@74c @ gallon, as to quality.

NAVAL STORES are rather lower. Small sales of Rosin are making at $2 50@2 75 @ bbl. Spirits Turpentine is unsettled and lower. Small sales are making at $2 75 @ gallon.

SEEDS.—Cloverseed is dull and lower; small lots are reported at $12@13 @ 64 lbs. Timothy is also dull at $4@4 50 @ bus. Flaxseed is selling in a small way at $2.50@2 55 @ bus.

SPIRITS.—There is very little doing in foreign, but prices are unchanged. N. E. Rum sells at $2 35@2 40 @ gallon. Whisky is very dull, and the demand is limited; small sales of bbls are making at $2.12@2.15 @ gall for Pennsylvania and Western.

STEEL.—There is more inquiry, and the trade rates. About 2,000 kegs Cuba sold at 8¼@8¾c @ lb in gold, the latter rate for choice.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his son, F. Dooley, No. 437 Wildey street, Eighteenth ward, on Wednesday afternoon, 17th instant, at 2 o'clock.

DRUM.—On Third day, Fifth month 16th, in the 76th year of her age, Rachel W. Orum.

Notice of the funeral will be given.

BLACK ENGLISH GRENADINES.—Just received, a case of Black English Grenadines, at 40 cents a yard. BESSON & SON, Receiving Store, 918 CHESTNUT Street.

One price. Prices in plain figures. my15

BLACK CHALY DE LAINE.—JUST opened, one case of plain black Chaly de Laines, at 37½ cents a yard. BESSON & SON, Receiving Store, 918 CHESTNUT Street.

One price. Prices in plain figures. my15

FYRE & LANDELL, ESTABLISHED IN 1840. We always adhere strictly to one price, and depend on fair dealing for patronage.

GOOD STOCK OF SILK GOODS.
GOOD STOCK OF DRESS GOODS.
SHAWLS AND STAPLE GOODS.

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CERTIFICATES OF STOCK OF THE BARBER OIL AND REFINING COMPANY will be ready for delivery on and after April 21, A. D. 1865, at the Office of the Company, 645 WALNUT St.

J. H. BOONE, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16th. my17wthss3t

MASONIC NOTICE.—THE MEMBERS OF PENNSYLVANIA LODGE, No. 182, A. Y. M., and the Order in general, are invited to assemble at Masonic Hall, CHESTNUT street, on WEDNESDAY, 17th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., to attend the funeral of our late brother, JESSE R. BOYER.

By order of the W. M.

E. P. LESOURD, Secretary.

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SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICE. CALVARY CHURCH, Lombard Street, above Fifteenth.—Preaching EVERY EVENING this week, by the Pastor. my15-mtwf3t*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the PHILADELPHIA AND POTTSVILLE MINING COMPANY (Formerly COPPER CO. of Michigan) will be held at their Office, No. 423 WALNUT Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of May, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the ELECTION OF DIRECTORS and the transaction of other business.

J. B. McMULLIN, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16, 1865. my15-12t

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the PHILADELPHIA AND BOSTON MINING COMPANY will be held at their Office, No. 423 WALNUT Street, on FRIDAY, the 26 day of June, 1865, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the ELECTION OF DIRECTORS and the transaction of other business.

J. B. McMULLIN, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16, 1865. my15-12t

OFFICE OF THE LEHIGH COAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, May 13, 1865.

Stockholders of this Company, whose names appeared as such on their books, at the close of transfers, on the 15th of March last, are hereby notified that their right to subscribe to new stock on the terms of the Circular of March 11th, 1865, will expire at 3 o'clock P. M. on the 24th inst.

SOLOMON SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

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OFFICE OF THE COAL RIDGE IMPROVEMENT AND COAL COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, May 8, 1865.

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Office of the Company, 232 WALNUT Street, on Thursday, May 25th, at 12 o'clock M.

By order of the Board of Directors.

HORACE B. MITCHELL, Secretary.

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the COW CREEK AND STILLWELL RUN OIL COMPANY will be held on the 18th day of May, at 4 o'clock P. M., at their Office, No. 3 Ski South FIFTH Street.

HENRY J. FOX, Sec'y.

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STATEMENT OF THE JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. BOSTON, Feb. 28, 1865.

Net assets Nov. 1, 1864	$193,573 08
Receipts from Nov., 1864, to Feb. 28, 1865:	
For premiums	$45,000 03
For interest	3,029 05
	48,029 08
	$241,702 16
Disbursements from Nov. 1, 1864, to Feb. 28, 1865:	
For commissions and medical examinations	$4,065 87
For taxes	982 20
For surrendered policies	1,236 68
For expenses, viz: Printing, stationery, advertising, salaries, rent, stamps, &c.	3,444 20
For annuities	5.0 00
For dividend on scrip certificates	6,112 08
	15,472 83
	$225,279 23

ASSETS.

United States securities	$75,600 00
Maine 6 per cent bonds	5,000 00
New Hampshire do	5,000 00
Vermont do	5,000 00
Rhode Island do	10,000 00
Connecticut do	5,000 00
Portland City do	10,000 00
Bank stocks in Boston	24,000 00
Loans secured by mortgages	12,500 00
Do. do. U. S. bonds	2,800 00
Cash in bank	5,330 77
Premium notes secured by collateral on policies, including $35,869 06 on account of one-payment premiums	75,084 28
Due from agents and in transit	3 054 18
	$225,279 23
Accrued interest on investments	2,361 37
Advance in value of stocks above cost	5,926 10
	$233,766 70