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FINANCE AND TRADE.

SATURDAY, August 18, 1866.

The New York stock quotations to-day were as follows: Gold, 139½; 1881s, 111; 5-20s, old, 106; do, new do, 105½@105¾; 10-40s, 101; 7-30s, 107½; Cleveland & Pittsburgh R R., 86¾; Fort Wayne, 104½; Michigan Southern, 84½; Erie, 76; Western Union Telegraph, 56; Chicago & Rock Island, 105.

Gold continues a little weak and a fraction lower. The speculators made the most of the rise of Tuesday, which was caused principally by them, with the European news for a pretext. It is now generally conceded that there will be no war between France and Prussia—the government of the former having officially declared its aversion to an appeal to arms, and having retracted its demands; the only remaining source of trouble is the settlement of the details of the territorial questions between the two powers, Austria and the pecuniary impositions on the defeated States by Prussia. These matters, however, will hardly pass out of the peaceful hands of the commissioners, assist in adjusting them.

—The growing demand for petroleum in Europe, and the consequently increasing shipment of that article from this country, is one of the great wonders of the day, which, owing to its unobtrusive nature, is not much considered. The exports of Philadelphia in this line alone grew to 10,222,457 gallons in the single year, and in but seven months of that year. They were (6,537 in 1863, at 1,024,231 in 1865. Boston doubled her exports. Baltimore nearly trebled hers, and New York's more nearly trebled hers, and New York's more nearly trebled hers, and New York's more