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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, March 31, 1867.

The following are the New York stock quotations for to-day: Gold, 134; 1881, [illegible]; Five Twenties, old, [illegible]; Twenties, '68, [illegible]; do new, [illegible]; Seven-thirties, [illegible]; Michigan Southern, [illegible]; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, [illegible]; Fort Wayne & Chicago, [illegible]; Chicago and Northwestern, [illegible]; preferred, [illegible]; New York Central, [illegible]; Chicago and Rock Island, 93¾.

The course of the premium on gold has been steady, the range of fluctuations having been about one point for the week. The country appears to be steadily following the policy of selling a portion of its daily [illegible] to redeem the drafts upon the Treasury, and of counteracting a circulation, and of keeping the market steady. At present rates of exchange are low for the shipment of any important amount of coin in the shape of bars. On the 1st of May about $21,000,000 becomes payable by law on account of interest on 5-20 bonds. Of this amount about $6,000,000 is held by foreign bankers, and supposing that 90 per cent of their share should be presented, in addition to bonds—a supposition not consistent with experience—there will remain $14,000,000 of coin to loan into banks. The anticipation of this new supply has a tendency to keep the premium down.

The Controller of the Currency has recently had much enlarged the quarterly returns to be made under the banking law. I will now get all the facts necessary to enable, not only their safekeeper, but the public of business they call banking. In view of the frauds recently developed in some parts of the country, he has not gone to far enough, and can be but prompt in sending a special agent to any institution he shows any disposition to retain in its statements details the facts called for.

The next quarterly report of the National banks will be made on the 1st proximo. The section of the law referring to this matter is in the following language:

Every association shall make to the Comptroller of the Currency a report, according to the form which may be prescribed by him, verified by the oath or affirmation of the President or Cashier of such association, which report shall exhibit in detail, and under appropriate heads, the resources and liabilities of the association at the commencement of business on the morning of the first Monday of the months of January, April, July and October in each year.

From this it will be seen that the statements will not cover the average of the condition of the banks for the entire quarter preceding the statement, but for the morning of the day on which it is made. Like being the case, after what has recently taken place among the banks, the next quarterly statement will be looked to with more than usual interest.

—The best indication of a banking house in New York, though not to be exaggerated, as under-hand has followed him on a large number of names in that city. Parties in doubt need to take only one active property to ascertain. The business of the future house was for several days in United States securities, both on account of depositors, but in stocks and gold. It is safe to say that the speculative fever in the small private banks may be in a measure traced through advertisement and cost us the necessity in bond [illegible] securities. The danger is in carrying [illegible] themselves with more than legitimate capital—putting the [illegible] at the mercy of the first active [illegible] in the money market.—*Public Ledger.*

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, March 26, 1867.

The produce markets were a little more active to-day than yesterday, though there is still plenty of room for improvement. The arrival of Flour, Grain, and some other articles on the rail routes, are again on the increase, but the demand keeps pace with the supply, and, generally speaking, prices are maintained.

GRAIN—Wheat is in demand, and in market; a ready sale of 1 car No. 2 Spring at $2.30—No. 1 is wanted at $2.40 to $2.50. Oats—2 cars sold from store at 62c. Corn is firm, and in fair demand at 75c for bag, and 7-0 to 80c from store—sales of 50 bush bags on track, at 75c. Barley is in demand, with sales of 2 cars Spring at $1 to $1.05. Rye is in demand and we now quote at $1.40 to $1.45—none reported at this.

FLOUR—Is in a steady demand, and sales of 1 car No. 2 at $12.50 to $13; 1 car Family at $13.50 to $14; for Winter No. 2 we quote at $12.50 to $13; for Winter No. 1 we quote at $13.50 to $14; for Spring extra at $12.50 to $13; for Spring family at $13.50 to $14; and for Rye at $12.50 to $13.

PROVISIONS—Bacon is firm with a steady trade, demand up to 20th for Shoulders and for Ribbed Sides, and 21c to 22c for Canvassed Hams. Prime to choice Mess Pork is in demand at $[illegible]. Sales of Mess Pork at $[illegible].

LARD—Is steady in fair demand [illegible] at 15c to 15¾—mostly at 15¾. Lard Oil is in good demand and steady. Prepared is in active demand at 90c.

BUTTER—Prime Roll is scarce and in demand, while common is plenty and dull. We quote the former at 30c to 32c, and the latter at 25c to 28c. In good supply and a shade lower. Eggs are in good demand, bringing 18 to 20c per dozen.

HAY—Prime timothy Hay is scarce and in demand, and we quote at $[illegible] per ton. Prime Straw is in demand at $[illegible] per ton.

GREEN APPLES—There is a very good demand for Green Apples, and we quote at $[illegible] per bbl for choice. We quote Apples at $4.50 to $5 per bbl for choice—no barrels in store.

POTATOES—Are in fair demand but unchanged. We continue to quote at $2.50 to $3 per bbl.

ONIONS—Are quoted at 2c for common and 3c for Shallots, for Peas, and 4c for Pearls.

ALLEGHENY CATTLE MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, March 26, 1867.

CATTLE.

The supply of cattle was considerably larger than last week, reaching about nine [illegible] in all, and with a dismal heavy [illegible] was a still [illegible] there were manufactures. The demand for shipment was fairly active, and the Eastern buyers in attendance, and the [illegible] bought very sparingly, not taking [illegible] many more cows, heifers, [illegible] than they [illegible] over [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]