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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, April 6, 1867.

The New York Commercial Advertiser of this morning says:

Mr. P. R. Mertz, agreeably to request, furnishes the following quotations to-day:

Gold, 137½; Sterling, 9 days, 109; Five Twenties, 1865, Mar., 107½; Ditto, Mar. and Sept., 107½; Ditto, 1862, 107½; Ditto, 1864, 107½; Seven Thirties, 1st series, 106; Ditto, 2d series, 106; Ditto, 3d series, 106; Compound Interest Notes, May, 1865, 107½; Ditto, August, 1865, 107½; Ditto, October, 1865, 107½; Ditto, December, 1865, 107½; Ditto, May, 1866, 107½; Ditto, July, 1866, 107½; Ditto, August, 1866, 107½; Ditto, October, 1866, 107½; Ditto, December, 1866, 107½; Ditto, January, 1867, 107½; Ditto, February, 1867, 107½; Ditto, March, 1867, 107½; Ditto, April, 1867, 107½; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 93½; Erie, 86½; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 92½; Chicago and Northwestern preferred, 74½; Chicago and Northwestern common, 58½; Chicago and Rock Island, 98½; Michigan Central, 119½; do preferred, 125½; New York Central, 130½; Reading, 103½.

The money market for unexceptional paper is easier, but we find no change in the facilities to negotiate it, and good discounts are very difficult to obtain. The banks are very free in having paper that has not long to run. There is unusually little demand for lower rated Railroad bonds, and their interest is promptly met. The new state loan is much in demand, and parties now foreclosing mortgages on railroads are anxious not to have hauled in their bids for the bonds, since the award of the contract to Listen bankers. Gilt edge stocks have advanced in their bids from ½ to 1 per cent.

Railroad stocks also feel this afternoon, and gold is somewhat firmer than the opening this morning. The demand is lighter, absorbtion is checked, but it will most likely be the rule before May 1st.

The monthly statement of the public debt has been made to-day. During the past month there has been a decrease of $556,000 on the six per cent bonds of 1867 and 1868, and an increase of $200,000 in the 7-30 loan, and an increase of $200,000 in the compound interest loan. Five Twenty Bonds have been issued to the amount of $6,000, making a total there issued in gold since the 1st of July, and augmenting the amount of coin interest charge $360,000 on the six per cent. bonds. There is a net decrease of $2,761,800 of the various 7-30 issues, and a decrease of $2,761,800 of the latter 7-30 compounds, $2,200,000 of the first series having been paid, the seven Thirty notes have been decreased $561,800.

The matured debt, not presented for payment, has been reduced $2,000,000. The total volume of legal tender notes has been increased $3,000,000, while the fractional currency in circulation has been decreased $1,000,000. There has been a decrease of $1,000,000 in the amount of gold coin and bullion in the Treasury, and the amount of currency has been increased $1,556,000. The total balance of debt is $2,520,000 less than it was on the 1st of March. The total balance in the Treasury has been increased $2,000,000, and the currency has been increased $1,556,000, and the gold decreased $1,000,000.

—National banks are now required to prepare their tax returns for the assessment of 1867. In connection with this requirement, Mr. Hulburd, of the Commercial, has compiled from the weekly returns of the banks in the city of New York, for the semi-annual periods of January and July of the twenty-three years, and for the average of the whole period, the amount of capital, the amount of deposits, and the amount of circulation of the banks. It appears that the deposits in United States banks on the first Monday in January, April, July and October of each year, average about three times the amount of the capital, and that the average amount of loans and discounts, specie and legal tenders, and circulation, is about equal to the capital and deposits.

—In New York exchanges show a gradual improvement in general business, and that city, as elsewhere, the general outcry against the stringency in the retail dealer's stock and trade is that there is no case of complaint. A premium of buyers is reported in the leading dry goods houses. The *Tribune* says:

"The trade has come to a healthy tone to-day. It is early, to be sure, for the full rush of the season, although the first week of the month usually sees a considerable number of purchasers in the wholesale dry goods houses. The attendance to-day was somewhat greater than was expected. Two days' rain is generally sufficient to keep away many people who have made preparations for a fair season. But business is not absolutely stagnant, and the impression is prevalent that there is no reason to be feared by exhausted stocks of seasonable merchandise in Liverpool is operating unfavorably upon the Philadelphia and New York markets, and stagnation there always produces a corresponding result here. The most remarkable feature we have to notice now is the heavy arrivals.

—The receipts from customs during March were unusually large, amounting to fifteen millions seventy-four thousand dollars, the same month, 1866, being only a little over eleven million dollars. The increase over eleven million dollars. The increase of the present year is quite significant, as it is encouraged to prognosticate an active and extensive revival of trade.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, April 6, 1867.

The produce markets have been fairly active during the past week, there having been a fair volume of business in the aggregate, though the stringency in money makers has a tendency to check speculative movements.

Flour has still the heavy tone noticed last week, but there is no change in quotations. Provisions and groceries there is a fair jobbing trade, though prices are unchanged.

GRAIN—No transactions in Wheat, and but little in this market. Corn is in good demand, and prices advancing—may be quoted at 90@95c. Oats firm and advancing—may be quoted at 80c, in store—sold at 85c. Barley is in private letter. Prime Spring Barley is in demand at $1.15. Rye is firm and in demand at $1.45.

FLOUR—The market is again somewhat excited and prices rather tending upward. We quote superfine at $8@9 to $11 for spring Wheat; now range at $12@13 for White Wheat, and $15 to $16 for White Wheat, and $15 to $16 for family brands.

PROVISIONS—Bacon is firm, with sales at 10 to 10½ for shoulders, and 15½ to 16 for hams. Lard is selling at 13 to 13½ for Leaf. Pork is quiet and unchanged at $25 for Mess. Beef—Sales at 10@15½.

PIG LEAD—Sales at 10@10½.

DRIED FRUIT—Dull. Peaches are offered to the trade at 12c for quarters, and 15c for halves. Apples quiet and unchanged.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, April 6, 1867.

CRUDE—There was but a single transaction reported to-day, one hundred barrels, 42 gravity) at 7c. Under the influence of heavy arrivals and unfavorable reports from the east, the market was dull and weak to-day, and holders generally were more anxious to sell. Spot oil was offered freely at 7c, but so far as we could learn there were but few buyers above 6¾@6¾c. For May and June, sales could possibly be effected at 7, but sellers are asking a fraction more for these months. Compared with yesterday and the day before, the market was remarkably quiet and dull, and buyers evidently had the upper hand. The decline in Liverpool is operating unfavorably on the Philadelphia and New York markets, and stagnation there always produces a corresponding result here. The most remarkable feature we have to notice now is the heavy arrivals.

REFINED—There was rather more inquiry for bonded oil to-day, though apparently the market is quiet and unchanged. Sales of 500 bbls standard white, for April at 24½c; 500 for May and 500 for June, at 25½; 500 for May, 500 for June and 500 for July, on private terms—all delivered in Philadelphia. We are cognizant of an offer to buy standard white on the spot, at 24½c, and sellers, though not anxious to accept, will not withdraw from it. Free oil is quiet and unchanged.

COAL OILS—The following arrivals of oil were reported to-day:

Aladdin Oil Co.	1,000	Lockart & Frew	2,500
Mawhinney & Co	2,000	Jackson & Bro.	1,100
Fisher & Bro.	1,000	J. Wilkins	161
Dilworth & Bro.	3,700	C. Herringer	1,000
Standard Oil Co.	2,000	J. Gallagher	1,000
Total			20,124
Total Receipts for the week			66,377
Total Receipts last week			102
Total Receipts since Jan.			196,829

Toledo Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

TOLEDO, April 6.—Flour firm. Wheat is better; Amber Michigan, $2.05. Corn is better; 66@68c for No. 1; 65c for No. 2 and 63c for No. 2 White. Oats firm at 56@60.

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Merchants and manufacturers are requested to call before purchasing elsewhere.

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New York Financial Matters.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Money easier and the supply more abundant; seven indications supply more abundant; seven indications point in favor of ease next week. The bank statement on Monday will show a decrease of about $4,000,000 in loans, $500,000 in deposits, $500,000 in legal tenders, $1,000,000 in specie, $500,000 in circulation, and an increase of $500,000 in specie, $500,000 in circulation, and an increase of $500,000 in government securities and fractional currency, $1,000,000 in compound interest notes, $1,000,000 in seven-thirties, $500,000 in Treasury notes, $1,000,000 in Treasury notes, and $1,000,000 in gold certificates. Gold is quiet and steady after noon, and 1/8 per cent. lower.

Exchange is dull through steady.

Bankers' Gazette says: The following is the statement of the Associated Banks for the week ending April 6, 1867:

Loans	$254,000,000
Specie	16,000,000
Circulation	23,000,000
Deposits	199,000,000
Legal tenders	57,000,000

Banks and bankers generally report the following quotations:

Sterling, 60 days, 108½@109; Sterling, sight, 109@109½; Francs, long, 5.20@5.17½; Francs, short, 5.15@5.12½; Antwerp, 5.20@5.17½; Swiss, 5.20@5.17½; Hamburg, 35@34½; Prussian, 71½@71; Reichmarks, 71½@71; Leipsic, 71½@71; Bremen, 78½@78; Frankfort, 71½@71; Amsterdam, 40@39½; Rotterdam, 40@39