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FINANCE AND TRADE,

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, December 30, 1868. The anticipation of January coupons by the government has had a tendency to depress the premium on gold to-day, and 1841/4 have been the closing quotations, against 135, early to-day. The scarcity of money for borrowers on gold collaterals, which in most instances amounts to onefourth per cent. per day, is a further cause of the decline, and likely will influence the premium until the quarterly bank state ment is over. As to the future price of gold opinions are unanimously for higher quotations on account of the still large im ports, and the slow arrivals of cotton at the seaports from the interior. Government bonds were very strong in the afternoon, and had advanced from one-half to three fourths per cent. The demand does not come from investors, but from speculators who expect an increased demand for bonds

after January first, whilst present purchases gives them the gold interest. In stocks little more can be said than cliqued, and that the present rise is an ar-

In our local stock market we have to report an unusual closeness of money, and brokers ask high rates for money at present, which is cheerfully paid, as it is considered a great favor to borrow money at

any price. Business is dull and little doing, prior to January settlements. Closing quotations as received by Ph. R.

Mertz: Gold, 134%; Eighty-one's, 114%; Mertz: Gold, 134%; Eighty-one's, 114%; Five Twenties, 1832, 110%; do, 1864, 107%; do, 1865, 108; do, 1865, 108; do, 1865, 1807, 111%; do, 1868, 111%; Ten Forties, 105%; Railroads—Cleveland & Pittsburg 1 83; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 113%; Chicago & Rock Island, 117%; Chicago & North Western, 80%; do Preferred, 83; Michigan Southern, 87%; Reading, 98%; Erie, 39%; New York Central, 159; Ohio & Mississippi Certificates, 34%; Western Union Telegraph Co.,33%; Merchants Union Express Co., 15; Pacific Mail, 118%; Adams, 48; Mining shares—Gregory, 4,80; Quartz Hill, 72; Smith & Parmele, 2,60. Stock sales Tuesday evening, December 29th, on second floor of Commercial

Sales Rooms, 106 Smithfield street, by A. McIlwaine. Auctioneer: Citizens National Bank 66 50 Columbia Oil Company ... —The Chicago Tribune, of Tuesday save: Money continues extremely stringent, the banks being expanded to the utmost extent to which, in view of the approaching quar-terly statement, they dare allow them terly statement, they dare allow them-selves to go. Applications for money are, however, fewer than might be expected. Many refrain from asking of the banks, be-cause they think it is useless,. The major-ity of the applications are from provision and grain operators, and a large part of these want it for speculative operations. It is believed that the wholesale merchants are cenerally in a little assier circumstanare generally in a little easier circumstances than a week or two ago. Many of them have been able to make more satisfactory have been able to make more satisfactory collections in the country, which has enabled them to pay off their most pressing Eastern indebtedness. The depressing effect of the stringency, however, is felt in all branches of the trade. The bank rate for prime short commercial paper is notnicially ten per cent., but only a few get accommodations at that rate, and much really chool when its obliged to seek the street. commodations at that rate, and much really good paper is obliged to seek the atreet where one, and in a few instances even two per cent. has been paid, though the latter is an exceptional figure. There have been a few cases where paper having one good name, but whithout other security; has been offered at a shave of 2½ per cent, per month, but these are not common finitances. SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME,

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Closing quotations received by James T. Brady & Co.: Gold, 134%; United States Sixes, 1881's, 114%; 5-20's, 1862, 110%; 5-20's, 1865, 103; 10-40's, 1064; 5-20's, January and July, '65, 119%; 5-20's, January and July, '65, 119%; 5-20's, January and July, '67, 1111, '68, 1111%; June 7-30's, par less %; July 7-30's, do %; 7-30's, due Compounds; 119; Union Pacific Railroad, par; Central, par.

New York, December 30, Pry Goods,—
The market continues extremely dull, but uriges are nevertheless without essential change. Heavy Brown Sheetings are in moderate request, at 15a16 for best makes, and 14% al5 for second best. Standard Prints in limited demand at 12% al3 for white Cocheco, and Marrimack Prints bring 13%. Standard Brown Drills steady at 17c. Paper Cambrics 11% and high colors 12%. Amoskeag A Ticks 28a29, do. B 23a 24, do. C 21, do. 19a20, and American Stripes 14%.

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OFFICE OF THE PITTEUROH GAL.
WEDNESDAY, December 30, The market for both Crude and was decidedly stronger, if we ma lowed the expression, "bullish". and with considerable inquiry and offerings, there seemed to be a stre ward tendency. The feeling in t spect does not seem to be confined particular clique or faction, but is garded by the trade generally, no standing both crude dealers, refiners speculators, with but very few exceptions would like to sell oil lower. It is a noteworthy fact that some of those who all along have been streneuusly advocating low prices, have also changed their opinions, and have now concluded that unless something extraordinary occurs, such as a largely and unlooked for increase in the production, European complications, etc., etc., that oil is destined to rule considerably higher in 1869 than it did in

CRUDE The Crude , market was considerably firmer, and somewhat excited to-day, and with an improved demand, prices are tending upward. Spot oil was wanted at 1214 (40 to 45) while so far as we could learn, there were no sellers below 18. Sale of 1,000 pbls. (40 to 46) first six months, sellers.

option; at 1214. The Refined market was also considerably firmer, and somewhat excited to-day, and while immediate delivery is unchanged "futures," are higher. We can report two lots of 1,000 bbls each, for December at 30; lots of 1,000 bbis each, for December at 30; 1,000 bbis for February at 30; and "fline" of 500 each from January to December, at 30 for January, and an advance of half a cent for each subsequent month, averaging 32%. We are cognizant of 30 having been offered for January to March, and 31% to 31% for January to June.

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Co., rhiladelphia. Forsyth, Bro. & Co., 605 do do to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia. Leech & Wood, 120 do tar to Libby & Clark, New York.
Total shipments Refined...
Tar..... OIL SHIPPED EAST FROM DUQUESNE DEPOT. Union Ref. & St. Co., 210 do refined to W. P. Logan & Bro., Philadelphia.
F. A. Bates, 59 do do to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.
G. W. Holdship & Co., 100 do tar to Wallace, Cavitt & H., Philadelphia.

Total shipments Refined. PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CATTLE The supply of Cattle has been unusually small this week, and the sales, all told, only reached 250 head, which, in ordinary times, is exceedingly insignificant, comparatively speaking, nothing. The demand was much better than last week, the number of buyers in attendance being double, perhaps treble, and if the Cattle had have been here, there would have been a much prices, particularly for prime shipping even at the advance, there were not half enough on sale to supply the demand. Besides, of the few that were here, there considerably larger than they have been any preceding day this week, it is probable. that some of the eastern men will be obliged to return home with but few, if any Cattle. We should not be surprised to see a good supply next week, however, as big prices generally draws them out. As will be seen by reference to the report of sales, prices ranged from 41/2 to 81/2 for scalawags to prime shipping steers, and, we

there have been any such in market, would have brought 8/4.

McFadden to Moses 16 head, weighing 18,575, at 7,65; same to same 2, weighing 3,575, at 7,65; Orr & Williams to Downing 35, weighing 37,250, at [6,62; Holmes, Lafferty & Co. to Frank 21, weighing 19,225, at 4,60; Cummins to Frank 21, weighing 18,200, at 5,55; Casteline to Nicher 19, weighing 18,555 or 4 8,75. Kays to Duffay 20, weight

SHEEP The market for this class, of stock had been very firm this week, in consequence of unusually light arrivals, and prices compared with last week, have still further advanced. There was a full attendance of buyers, and with a pretty sharp competition, holders experienced no difficulty in selling, and that, too, as a general thing, at a very handsome profit. Quotations may be fairly given at 3,50 to 4,50 for fair to good, and 5,00 to 5,50 for prime to extra. One drove of fancy sold at 7%. As in the case of Cattle, we should not be surprised to see a pretty full supply next week; and if

packers have been out of the market for nearly two weeks, and thus far this week, the New York shippers have bought none, being unable to give the figures asked, for the reason that New York in its present condition will not stand it. Philadelphia shippers bought pretty liberally paying from 10 to 10,40, while Baltimore shippers did not go much over 10 cents. One drove of prime heavy averages, for an outside market, brought 10%. Mat Johnston, from Cashocton (Ohio) had four car loads of very fine Hogs on sale, to day, for which he had the hardihood to ask eleven cents; and failing to get this price it was his intention to ship East.

PENN'A CENTRAL STOCK YARDS,) WEDNESDAY, December 30, 1868.

that all the different Railroad stocks are larger number sold. This being the case, the demand far exceeds the supply; the were but very few good cattle, and unless banks do not discount any at all, and the the receipts to-night and to-morrow are believe, that an extra drove or two, had

there have been any such in market, would 200, at 5,55; Casteline to Nicher 19, weighing 21,650, at 6,75; Keys to Duffey 20, weighing 17,850, at 6; McFadden to Aull & Co. 17. weighing 16,500, at 6; Halpeth to Moses 18, weighing 19,825, at 6,25; Heskett to Klemen 45, averaging 1,335, at 8,25; Orr & Williams to Klemen 18, averaging 1,130, at 6,50; Hadden to Klemen 17, averaging 1,162 at 7,25 1,162, at 7,25.

see a pretty full supply next week, and if that is the case the tables may be turned. The sales during Saturday, Monday, Tues-day and up untill noon to-day, foot up nearly \$,000 head. Continue to attract considerable stightion, Continue to attract considerable attention not merely of those engaged in the trade, but of the business public generally. With continued light arrivals and k good shipping demand, particularly for Philadelphia and Baltimore, prices, have been fally sustained, though the impression seems to be gaining ground that there is no good er legitimate cause for the prisent extreme, we might say, exorbitant prices. Our packers have been out of the market for nearly two weeks, and thus far this

PHILADELPHIA, December 30.—Flour is very dull; sales of 11,400; bbls Iowa and Minnesots extra family at \$7,25a8,00; Ohio do. \$3,00a10,50. Wheat is almost at a stand, with sales of only 1,000 bus at \$1,90a2,03 for red, and \$2,10 for amber. Rye; sales 1,000 bus western at \$1,60. Corn very dull; sales 4,000 bus at 80a90c for new yellow, 85c for new white, and 90c for kind dried western. Petroleum nominal at 21½c for crude, and 30c for refined. Provisions quiet. Whisky is selling slowly at \$1,00a1.06. is selling alowly at \$1,00a1,00.