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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15, 1869.

The Government bond market was dull but steady, opening at a decline of ¼ per cent. of last evening's quotations, with a good many orders to sell in large lots by capitalists who reinvest their money at present high rates in local securities.

Gold was very heavy to day, selling as high as 122¾, and gradually declining to 121¾. The decline seems to be due to the tight money market, and an indisposition to hold gold over January in anticipation of lower quotations.

Stocks are weak and fluctuate rapidly under the manipulations of cliques.

Money from 12 to 18 per cent. with a dull business.

Quotations as received by Ph. R. Mertz: Gold, 122; Silver, 115; Eighty-ones, 119; Five Twenties, 1862, 114; do 1864, 112¾; do 1865, 112¾; do 1865, Consols, 115¾; do 1867, 115¾; do 1868, 115¾; Ten Forties, 109¾; Adams Express Company 61¼; Merchants Union Express Company, 10; American Express Company, 40¼; Western Union Telegraph, 34¼; Reading, 100; New York Central, 93; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 88¾; Ohio & Mississippi, 25; Michigan Southern, 85¾; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 42; Chicago & Rock Island, 104; Pacific Mail, 105; Chicago & North Western, 71¾; Chicago & North Western Preferred 83¾; Erie, 25¾.

EXCHANGE.	Large.	Small.
London, per £	$6.00	$6.10
Paris, per franc	22	23¼
Berlin, thaler	72	63¾
Frankfort, florins	52	54

—Closing quotations received by James T. Brady & Co. Gold: 121¾; United States 6's, 1881, 110; Five-Twenties, 1862, 114; do. 1864, 112¾; do. 1865, 112¾; Ten-Forties, 109¾; Five-Twenties, January and July, 1865, 112¾; do. do. 1867, 115¾; do. do. 1868, 115¾; Union Pacific Railroad, 88; Central do, do, 99; Cy. Pacific, 103¾; Lake Superior 96.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15, 1869.

The failure is announced, to-day, of Richard Patrick & Co., of New York and San Francisco, of W. B. Wildbank, stock broker and former clerk in the Sub-Treasury, liabilities not stated. Rumor says a prominent dry goods firm has also suspended, name withheld. The governing stock exchange have concluded not to offer a reward for the apprehension of Gray and Pratt, as the victims of the bounty loan fraud have already taken the necessary steps in the matter. They believe, however, directed their investigating committee to see that there is no compounding with the rogues. Money market was very active and stringent up to 2:30 P. M., with dates for call loans at 7 per cent. gold to 1-16@¼ per cent. per diem. After that hour money became easier in consequence of payments by the Treasury for the bonds purchased, and before 3 P. M. money was per cent. currency to gold interest. After bank hours money again advanced to 7 per cent. gold and 1-16 per cent. per diem. The demand was generally supplied before that time. There are certainly some indications that the stringency is being assisted by artificial means, as greenbacks were very scarce to-day and in sharp demand. The discount market was unsettled by mercantile failures, and rates are somewhat nominal.

Sterling firmer at 8¾@9. Gold heavy, opened at 121¾, touched 121⅛@121¼, and closed at 121¼. Carrying rates 7 per cent. Gold 3-64@1-16 per cent. Clearances $45,000,000.

Governments declined, but closing steady: Coupons of 1881, 119@119¼; do. '62, 114@114¼; do. '64, 112½@112¾; do. '65, 112½@112¾; do. new, 115@115¼; do. '67, 115¾@115¾; do. '68, 115¾@115¾; Ten-Forties, 109¾@109¾; Pacifics, 105¾@105¾.

State Bonds irregular and generally strong: Missouris, 90¾; old Tennessees, 50¼; new, 42¾; old Virginias, 49; new, 58; old North Carolinas, 42¾; new, 28¾; new South Carolinas, 75.

The stock market was feverish and unsettled, owing to mercantile failures and the stringency in money. There was a general downward movement in prices, the decline in some cases being quite marked. There was a rumor on the street that the consolidation of Wabash and Lake Shore would not go through, which caused a heavy decline in Wabash and finally a rise in Lake Shore.

Five-Thirty Prices: Canton, 50¾; Cumberland, 28; Western Union Telegraph, 34¾; Quicksilver, 16; Mariposa, 7¾; preferred, 15¾; Adams, 61¾; Wells, Fargo, 17¾; American, 49¾; United States, 51; Pacific Mail, 50; New York Central, consolidated, 93¾; Erie, 25¾; do. preferred, 45¾; Harlem, 133¾; Hudson River 93¾; Reading, 100; Michigan Central, 124; Lake Shore, 85¾; Illinois Central, 132½; Pittsburgh, 62; Northwestern, 70¾; do preferred 83¾; Rock Island 106¾; St. Paul 72¾; do preferred 84¾; Wabash 51¾; do preferred 72; Fort Wayne 88¾; Terre Haute 23; do preferred 57¾; Chicago and Alton 143; do preferred 143¾; Ohio and Mississippi 25.

Mining shares quiet and unchanged. Sub-Treasury balance, $88,570,851. Government purchased $2,000,000 Five-Twenties at 111 50-100@111 60-100.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15, 1869.

The oil market continues fairly active, with a fair volume of business in the aggregate, but a great proportion of the sales reported are settlements, and especially is this the case in regard to crude. Compared with yesterday, crude is lower, while December refined is stronger and a shade higher. The still further decline in crude may be attributed to the fact that the river is again in fine navigable condition, and it is altogether probable that the receipts on this present rise will be as large in the aggregate as those on the preceding rise.

There is still some considerable complaint made by refiners in regard to the gravity of some of the oil recently delivered. It is alleged that this complained of oil was "doctored" above, having been manufactured out of the refuse left in the bottom of tanks after the oil had been run off, and while it may pass for merchantable oil, it is at the same time almost worthless for refining. We are informed that in one instance this "doctored" oil, (44 gravity,) only yielded 40 per cent of refined oil, instead of 70@75; this is, if true, and there seems to be no reason to doubt it, is a fraud, and the man who would engage in this kind of business is nothing nor less than a swindler.

CRUDE.

Sales: 1,000 bbls seller December at 15¼; 2,000 do at 15¾; 2,000 (settlement) at 15; 2,000 seller January at 14; 2,000 do at 13¾; 1,000 seller first three months next year, at 13¾; and more was offered at the same figure, without finding buyers. In addition to the above, there were several other sales effected, but the prices were within the range above noted.

REFINED.

December oil was in rather better request to-day, occasioned by several "shorts" being disposed to "cover," and compared with yesterday, prices are a shade higher. In the early part of the day it was quoted up to 31¼@31¾, but at the closeit was offered at 31. Sales: 500 bbls December at 31; and 1,000 each January to March at 31¾.

RECEIPTS OF CRUDE OIL BY A. V. RR.

Penn Oil Works 80 bbls, on account J M Riter; Fin bar 150, on account Fisher Bro; Owston & Bowers; 658 Owston & S; Peerless Oil Works 80, on account Mawhinney Bro; Brilliant Oil Works 569, on account Lockhart, F & Co; A B Mills 83, on account W Bartle; J D Bell 249, on account D Bushnell.
Total ..... 1,979 bbls.

SHIPMENTS OF OIL BY A. V. R. R.

Lockhart, Frew & Co. 148 bbls ref. oil to Warden, F. & Co., Phila.
J. B. W. Morgan & Co., 190 bbls ref. oil to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.
McKelvy Bros., 410 bbls refined oil to W. P. Logan Bro., Philadelphia.
Montabauner, Koehler & Co. 350 bbls ref. to Waring, King & Co., Phila.
J. M. K. Truax 120 bbls paraffine oil to D. F. Wright & Co., N. Y.
Total ..... 1,227 bbls.

OIL SHIPPED EAST DUQUESNE DEPOT.

Fleming & Co. 1,043 bbls refined oil to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.
Hutchinson Oil & Refining Co. 20 bbls ref. to E. B. Hubley.
J. S. Ramsey 10 bbls refined oil to Seiple & Johnston.
Total ..... 1,073 bbls

OIL SHIPPED EAST BY WEST PENN R. R.

Kirkpatrick & Lyons, 108 bbls to W. P. Logan & Bro., Phila.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14, 1869.

The inclement condition of the weather to-day tended to retard out door business, which at best is nothing to boast of. There is no life or animation in the general markets, and, as noted yesterday, business men, generally, are complaining bitterly of hard times, and particularly of the difficulty in making collections. Dealers in grain and flour are doing little or nothing, as the demand is light and entirely local, and, besides, they have little or no margin on what they do sell. The competition is so strong and sharp that they are obliged to work on small margins, and in many instances wait a considerable lenght of time for their money. Our produce commission men are doing pretty well, as there is an every demand for butter, eggs, apples, potatoes, but they, also, are doing considerable grumbling. It is possible that after the new year opens up and the semi annual settlements made, that trade may liven up, at least it is to be hoped so.

APPLES—Quiet and unchanged—sales at $2,50@3,50 per bbl for fair to choice. Most of the sales at $2,50@3.

APPLE BUTTER—Quoted at 7¾@8c.

BUTTER—Is very dull, with an unusually heavy supply and prices are lower; we now quote prime to choice roll at 30@32c—bu for sales above 30.

BROOM CORN—Sales at 13@14 cts.

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BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—4½@4¾ cts.

CHESTNUTS—Quoted at $5.

CRANBERRIES—Quoted at $12@15 per bbl, as to quality and condition.

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STARCH—Pearl, 7; Silver Gloss, 11¼c; and Corn Starch, 12c.

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SPICES—Cassia, 65c; Cloves, 40c; grain Pepper, 35 Allspice, 30c; Nutmegs, $1,50.

SAL LEAD—12c; Shot, $3,60 per bag.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, December 15.—Cotton heavy; sales 3,000 bales at 25¼c for middling uplands. Flour receipts, 20,658 bbls; flour dull and 5c lower; sales 6,400 bbls at $4,40@4,70 for superfine State and western, $5,10@5,10 for extra State, $4,90 @5,10 for extra western, $5,70@5,20 for white wheat extra, $5,20@5,05 for R. H. O., $5,75@5,50 for extra St. Louis, $5,50@ $8,50 for good to choice do, closing heavy. Rye flour quiet: sales 180 bbls at $4,50@ $5,80. Corn meal quiet. Whisky more active and a shade firmer: sales 100 bbls western at $1,03@1,04 free; latter price for iron bound, closing at $1,03. Receipts wheat, 18,322 bush; wheat heavy and 1@ 2c lower; sales 72,000 bushels at $1,20@1,22½ for No. 2 Spring, $1,29 @1,30, winter red and amber western: $1,45, white western. Rye quiet and heavy. Barley dull; sales 2,700 bush Canada West at $1,32. Barley Malt quiet. Corn: receipts were 9,300 bush; market is 1@2c better; sales 40,000 bush at $1,11 @1,12, unsound mixed western: $1,13@ 1,14½, sound do; 99c, new and southern yellow. Oats, receipts were 6,175 bush; market firm and quiet; sales 24,000 bush at 63@63½c, western; 61½@65½c, state. Rice quiet. Coffee dull. Sugar quiet; sales 80 hhds Cuba at 11½c. Molasses dull. Petroleum quiet at 17¼@18c, crude, and 31c, refined. Hops quiet at 18@26c. Coal: domestic is selling at $9 @7 per cargo; foreign easier and dull. Leather: hemlock sole steady 30@31c for Buenos Ayres and Rio Grand. Wool is unsteady; sales 23,000 pounds at 44½@ 53c, domestic fleece; 32@34c, unwashed; 23@46c for pulled. Linseed oil dull, 91 @93c in casks. Spirits turpentine quiet. Tinnealling copper steady, 32c; ingot copper dull and drooping, at 24¼@21¼c for Baltimore and Lake. Pig iron quiet at $33@36 for Scotch and $35@39 for American; bar quiet at $85@87,50 for refined English and American; sheet dull at 11 @12c; gold, for Russia. Nails steady, 4¾c for cut. 5¼c for clinched, 23c for horse shoe. Pork dull and heavy, sales of 300 bbls at $32@32,50 for new mess, $32,50@32,75 for old do, $26@29 for prime, $28@30,50 for prime mess; also 500 bbls new mess seller February at $32, and 250 bbls do seller January on private terms. Beef quiet, sales of 1,200 bbls at $15 for new plain mess, $12@17 for new extra mess. Tierce beef steady, sales of 150 tcs at $26@28 for prime mess, $27@30 for india mess. Beef hams dull, sales of 85 bbls at $30@31,50. Cut meats active; sales of 325 pkgs at 12@13c for shoulders, 17@17¼c, chiefly 17c, for hams. Middles quiet, sales of 50 boxes at 17½c for Cumberland cut, and short ribbed on private terms. Dressed hogs firm, 13¼ @13½c for western. Lard heavy and lower; sales of 900 tierces at 18@18¾c for steam, 19@19½c for Refiners. Butter dull, 16@32c for Ohio. Cheese dull, 9@17¾c. Freights to Liverpool dull, 7,500 bushels wheat per steamer at 5¾d.

Latest.—Flour closed quiet at 5@10c lower. Wheat dull and heavy and 1c lower winter red $1,25@1,30 for No. 2; spring, $1,20@1,22. Rye quiet and heavy at $1@1,05. Oats dull at 61½@63c for western. Corn rather quiet at $1,12 @1,14 for sound old mixed western. Pork dull and heavy at $31,75@32 for mess, January and February delivery. Lard heavy, prime steam 18¾c bid. Cut meats unchanged. Bacon nominal. Lard dull at 18¼@18¾c for good to prime steam. Sugar steady at 8@9¾c for fresh, and 11@32c for limed.

CHICAGO, December 15.—Eastern exchange flat at 1-10 off buying par and 1-10 premium selling. Flour dull at $3,45@5 for spring extras. Wheat dull with sales No. 1 at 87@88c, No. 2 at 84¼ @85, closing at 84½@84¾c; this afternoon market fairly active but irregular and lower; we now quote prime to choice roll at 80@82c—bu for sales above 80.

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RIVER NEWS.

Upper Rivers.

(By the A. & P. Telegraph.)

GREENSBOROUGH, Dec. 15.—River on a stand, with 4 feet water. Raining. Thermometer 40.

OIL CITY, December 15.—River at a stand, with 42 inches water in the channel. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 39, at six o'clock P. M.

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BROWNSVILLE, December 15.—River stationary, with five feet in the channel. Weather raining. Thermometer forty-two at four o'clock P. M.

The river was stationary last evening with seven feet three inches by the Monongahela marks. Weather unsettled, with frequent rains, and that there will be another rise is almost certain. Mercury at 4 P. M., 40.

The Bells arrived about noon yesterday, and departed again last evening.

The Kate Putnam, did not get off as expected yesterday, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, but will positively leave for St. Louis to-day. Capt. Jas. Russell is in command with Wm. Harbison in the office.

The Coal Bluff, which boat left here on Tuesday with a tow of coal for Horner, Wood & Co. grounded nearly her whole fleet between "Horsetail" and "Deadman."

The Mollie Ebert is filling up steadily and will be the first boat out for New Orleans.

The Argosy, from Cincinnati, was due last night.

It is expected that the new J. N. McCullough will be ready for business about the second week in January.

Work is progressing rapidly in the City of Evansville, and the new Carrie V. Kounts, is about completed.

—The following is the scale of wages paid on steamers plying between St. Louis and St. Paul, the last season, as furnished the St. Paul *Press*:

Captains	$175	per month.
Pilots	$200 to 250	"
First clerks	140	"
Second clerks	60	"
First engineers	150	"
Second engineers	70	"
Mates	110	"
Stewards	70	"
Deckers, from	$50 to 60	"

—The number of barges used by the steamboat companies in the Upper Mississippi trade during the season of 1869 was 186—divided as follows: North-western Union Company, 50; Northern Line, 90; Diamond Jo Line, 15. Most of the above were bulk barges used for carrying grain, and varying in capacity from 2,500 to 12,000 bushels.

—Nine steamers and eleven barges, worth $500,000, belonging to the Steam Navigation Company, have laid up in the vicinity of Sacramento, owing to scarcity of freight. The warehouses on the Sacramento river are crammed with wheat and barley. Farmers are holding out for higher prices, and, anticipating a dry winter, they will not sell.

—The towboat Simpson Horner, says an Evansville paper, of the date of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, broke a follower above Newburg and went to that place to repair, leaving her tow, ten beds and nine barges, above Newburg. She was to have departed the next night.

—The Charles H. Durfee is named after a successful trader in furs, &c., whose first experience in the West was as second clerk on a Mississippi river boat. The Durfee is bound to the north west to be used by the America Fur Company.—Cincinnati *Times*.

—Captain Tom. Meltzer has chartered at Vicksburg, of Captain W. C. Hardwick, his light draught steamer, Fred. Weld, for two months, to ply in the Yazoo and Talahatchie rivers. Terms, $1,100.

—Telegrams received at New Orleans last Thursday from Shreveport and Jefferson, render a considerable rise in the River a certainty. Big boats were preparing for immediate departure.

—The Kate Robinson struck the same obstruction that caused the Arthur disaster, and sunk on Monday. She is owned and insured in Cincinnati and was commanded by Capt. J. Kennision.

—Mr. Pell, a pilot on the steamer Rapidan No. 1, accidentally shot himself in the hand with a pistol at the Richmond House, in Paducah, on Saturday night last.

—R. P. Walt, for the Memphis and White River trade, is progressing favorably, and will be completed in about two weeks. The painters are at work on her.

—The Mound City ferryboat Gallatin, which has been aground below Island 40 for three months, arrived at Memphis, Friday, and goes on the docks there for repairs.

—The Bellevernon, enroute from New Orleans, has 30 hhds sugar, 319 bbls and 16 half bbls molasses and 115 plows for Pittsburgh.

—The Abeona is loading at Cincinnati for Pittsburgh and it is the intention to load her here for Nashville.

—The Cumberland river was falling on Wednesday, with 4¼ feet on Harpeth shoals.

—The Norman from Evansville, has 220 bush. wheat and 4 bbls nuts for Pittsburgh.

—The Camella and R. C. Gray arrived at Cincinnati on Monday.

—The Wabash river is in navigable condition.

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