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FINANCE AND TRADE.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, Dec. 25, 1869.

Business, as is usual on Christmas, was suspended to-day, and with the exception of toy houses, confectionaries, &c., it has been dull throughout the week and is likely to continue so until after New Years. The markets, in a general way, are devoid of anything really new or important, nothing at least calling for special notice. The demand for all the leading commodities is light and entirely local, while in regard to the values, there are no important changes.

We are in hopes that after the holidays are over we can give annual statements effected, that business, generally, will improve. It is reasonable to expect that money matters will then work easier, and this, as is well known, tended materially to depress trade for some time past. Everyday for the last month or two appeared to be hard up, wanting what they could not get, as it has been almost impossible to make collections, and as a rule, business is nearly always hard when money is tight. There are some men who take advantage of time like these, who could pay if they would, but who it appears do not meet their obligations because others cannot do likewise.

The receipts of grain, flour, provisions and country produce generally, although not larger than usual, are nevertheless fully up to the demand, and besides, as a general thing, business man, at this particular season of the year, are not disposed to carry any more stock than possible.

APPLES—Quiet and unchanged, with a supply considerably in excess of the demand. Sales at $2.50@3.50 per bbl, mostly at $2.50@3.

APPLE BUTTER—Quoted at 7½@8.

BUTTER—Prime to choice Roll is in fair demand with sales at 33@35. Common and inferior grades very dull but unchanged.

BROOM CORN—Sales at 13@14 cts.

BEANS—Unchanged—quoted at $2.50 @3.25, as to quality.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—@4½ cts.

CHESTNUTS—Quoted at $5.

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

CIDER—The receipts are falling materially but the supply is still in excess of the demand, and the market is dull and prices nominally unchanged, at $5 @8 per bbl.

CARBON OIL—Is quiet and unchanged—28 for 50 or 100 barrel lots of standard brands.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples steady and firm but unchanged sales at 6@6c. Peaches continue dull at 9@10c for quarters and 11@12c for halves.

CHEESE—Is quoted from 17 to 18 for Western Reserve; Ohio Factory, 16½; Ohio Goshen, 19; York State farm Dairy, 19; and York State Goshen 20.

DRESSED HOGS—Sales at 12@13 cts.

EGGS—Sales pickled at 33 to 35, and fresh packed at 38@40.

FEATHERS—Is better demand and higher, and we now quote at 65@80 to the trade and the usual advance for small lots in store.

FLOUR—The market continues quiet and dull, though unchanged—demand entirely local and the mills appear to have the most of the retail trade. We continue to quote at $5.75@6.00 for Winter Wheat and $5.50@5.75 for Spring Wheat. Rye flour, $5.25@5.50.

GRAIN—The offerings in this market continue light, but the mills are getting all they want from the west—we continue to quote fair to prime red at $1.12 @1.18. Corn continues remarkably scarce, and, in consequence, prices are tending upward; sales of new at 80@85. Rye is not offering so freely and the arrivals appear to be falling off, though prices are unchanged at 95@1. Oats firm but not quotably higher; 48 on track and wharf and 50@52 in store. There is no improvement to note in the demand for barley and prices are nominally unchanged at $1@1.10 for fair to strictly prime spring.

HAY—Is firmer with a limited supply; we continue to quote from country wagons at $16@25 per ton.

HUSKS—Sales at 3 cents per pound.

HOMINY—Sales at $6.00@6.50 per bbl.

LIME—Sales of Cleveland white lime at $2@2.25 per bbl.

ONIONS—Sales at $2.50@3.00 per bbl, the outside figure for choice.

LARD OIL—No. 1 Extra is quoted firm at 1.50@1.55.

POULTRY—Demand better and market firmer. Dressed turkeys may be quoted at 23@25, and chickens at 12@14.

POTATOES—Sales at 55 cts., by the car load and at 60 cts. in store.

PEANUTS—Quoted at 8@10 cts.

PEAS—Dull: $2.50 per bushel.

PROVISIONS—Unchanged and rather dull. Shoulders, 16@16½; Breakfast Bacon, 21@21½; Sugar Cured Hams, 22@23½. Lard 19 in tierces, 20 in kegs and pails.

SEEDS—Sales of Clover seed at 8@8¾, and Flaxseed at $2.20@2.25. Timothy seed nominal at $2.50@4.

SALT—Is dull, and Allegheny River brands are quoted at $1.80 by the car load, with the usual advance for small lots in store.

STRAW—Sales at $12@14 per ton.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, Dec. 25, 1869.

REVIEW FOR THE WEEK.

The oil market has been moderately active during the week which has just closed; though it is but proper to remark that a great proportion of the sales, reported as such, were settlements. Prices have fluctuated considerably, particularly crude, which has sympathized strongly with the weather, and as noted the other day, the thermometer for the last month has been an excellent guide, in regard to the future course of the market. Compared with the early part of the week, crude is considerably stronger and higher for spot or seller this month, while "futures" are dull, with but few buyers. It is not a little remarkable that while oil for this month is firm at 16¾@16¾, January will only bring 13¾.

The shipments of refined east continue very light, not averaging, if reaching, one thousand bbls per day, and owing to the fact that crude is much higher relatively than refined, at least three-fourths of the refineries here are stopped. Many of our refiners who had contracts out for this month and had the crude to make it, have sold the latter and bought the former to cover, and they did this because they realized a profit both ways. But taking present prices as a basis, instead of a margin the manufacturer would incur a positive loss, and this accounts for the very small shipments and the suspension of so many of our refineries.

Receipts Crude this week 62,787; last week, 46,798; from January 1st to date, 994,726; same time last year, 1,067,335. Exports refined, this week, 6,298; last week, 10,634; January 1st to date 591,095; same time last year, 718,625. Sales this week, 66,100 bbls crude and 2,500 bbls refined; last week 76,400 bbls crude and 20,000 bbls refined.

CRUDE.

Of course there was nothing done today, and we can only repeat Friday's quotations. Spot or seller this month sold at 16¾@16¾, with some settlements effected at 16@16¼. Private advices report oil dull above and drooping.

REFINED.

December sold yesterday at 29½@29¾. January was quoted at 30¾@31; January to March 31, and March to June 31½. It is not a little remarkable that the price at Antwerp now is just about where it was when refined was worth 34 and 35 cents in Philadelphia.

RIVER NEWS.

Upper Rivers.

(By Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph.)

OIL CITY, PA., December 24.—River at a stand, with 3 feet 10 inches water in the channel. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 40 degrees at 6 P. M. P.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., Dec. 24.—River falling slowly, with 8 feet of water in the channel. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 40 degrees at 7 P. M. C.

The river was about stationary last evening, with nine feet in the channel by the Monongahela marks. We should not be surprised to see another rise within the next forty-eight hours, under the influence of the present soft weather and rains.

The R. R. Hudson is the only arrival we have to report. As will be seen by card, she is announced to leave for Cincinnati and Louisville to-morrow. Capt. T. T. Russell is still in charge of the office.

The Mary Davage, Capt. Campbell, will be the first boat out for St. Louis.

The Falls departed for Parkersburg on Saturday.

The new steamer Carrie V. Kounts is filling up steadily for New Orleans and will be the first boat out.

—Nothing can be done towards saving the cargo of the Swallow, or saving the boat until the river falls. The water is up over the hurricane roof on the boat. The river has been very rough for several days, and both wheel-houses have been partially carried away. The bachelor thinks her cabin is too strong to be carried off by the high water. The boat is lying on the bank, and it is thought in no danger of breaking.

—Saturday afternoon as the steamer Comet was passing through the draw of the railroad bridge at Terre Haute, a barge attached to the side of the boat struck one of the piers and sunk. It was loaded with pork and lard belonging to Keith & Russell. The pork will all be saved. Much of the lard floated away, but has nearly all been recovered.

—On December 21, for fault of drunkenness, the Local Board of Inspectors of St. Louis revoked the licenses of the following persons, viz: Lewis Thompson, Howard Crown, Charles Curtis, pilots, and Alexander W. Carry, engineer.

—The Glasgow, Nellie Rogers and Maggie Hays left Cincinnati for Pittsburgh on Thursday. Hays and Jones are pilots on the Glasgow, James and Joseph Whitten on the Hays, and Whitten and Gorman on the Rogers.

—The steamer Nick Wall, which has just made a trip in Red river, and returned on Friday to New Orleans, was to have left New Orleans on Monday last for Pittsburgh and way landings, with a cargo of sugar and molasses.

—The weather moderated at St. Louis on Friday—the snow and ice reported as having thawed considerably, though the river was still full of heavy ice.

—One hundred and five steamboats have been wrecked on the Missouri river between its mouth and Omaha, in the past twenty-three years.

—Our New Orleans exchanges are complaining of the want of white labor on the levee, stating that the boat interests are suffering.

—The tug-men of William McIntyre, who was drowned on the steamer Pocomoke, it is said, reside in Philadelphia.

—The Winona *Republican* says river navigation is uninterrupted from that place to the foot of Lake Pepin.

—The river at Keokuka is full of floating ice. The ferryboats make trips with considerable difficulty.

—The Argosy, it is said, will reship her Nashville freight at Cincinnati and return to Pittsburgh.

—The St. Charles is to leave Cincinnati every Tuesday hereafter for Pittsburgh.

—The Cumberland river was rising on Saturday, with fourteen feet on Harpeth Shoals.

—The Missouri river is frozen over at Omaha, and teams are crossing on the ice.

—The towboat Ironsides, enroute for Pittsburgh, is ice bound below St. Louis.

—The Sallie, Wild Duck and Wauanita arrived at New Orleans on Friday.

—The Leonidas arrived at New Orleans on Thursday.

RIVER PACKETS.

CINCINNATI AND LOUISVILLE.

FOR CINCINNATI and ... the fine passenger steamer R. E. RHODES ..... Capt. J. T. FUSSELL. Will leave for the above and intermediate ports THIS DAY, at 4 o'clock. For freight or passage apply on board or to JAMES COLLINS, Agents.

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ASSESSMENTS.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER AND SUPERVISOR, Pittsburgh, Dec. 23d, 1869.

NOTICE.—The assessment for GRADING, PAVING AND CURBING FORTY-THIRD STREET,

From Pearson's line to Butler street, is now ready for examination, and can be seen at this office until SATURDAY, January 1st, 1870, when it will be returned to the City Treasurer's office for collection.

dc23:3t H. J. MOORE, City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, ALLEGHENY CITY, Dec. 24, 1869.

NOTICE.—The assessment for Grading of Buena Vista Street,

From Taylor Avenue to Carroll st cet, is now ready for examination and can be seen at this office until SATURDAY, Dec. 25th, 1869, when it will be placed in the hands of the City Treasurer for collection.

CHARLES DAVIS, City Engineer.

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FAYETTE STREET.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, appointed viewers to assess damages and benefits for opening Fayette street, City of Allegheny, from Ohio river avenue to the Ohio River will meet on the premises on TUESDAY, December 28th, 1869, at 2 o'clock P. M., to attend to the duties of their appointment.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, } Washington City, October 16, 1869. }
PROPOSALS FOR MAIL LOCKS.

SEALED PROPOSALS for furnishing Mail Locks and Keys of new kinds, to be substituted for the Locks and Keys now used on the United States mails, will be received at this Department until 2 o'clock P. M., the 3d day of FEBRUARY, 1870. It is obtainable to obtain Locks and Keys of a new construction for the exclusive use of the United States mails, and if practicable, for the mails of the United States alone, to the exposure of a model Lock and Key to public examination would impair, if not destroy, its utility for the mails. Experience prescribes no model for bidders, but relies for its selection on the specimens of mechanical skill and ingenuity which a fair competition among inventors, hereby invited, may develop. It is sufficient to describe the principal requisites of a Mail Lock, as follows: Self-Locking uniformity, security, lightness, strength, durability, brevity of construction and facility of use. Two kinds of Locks and Keys, one of brass and the other of iron, different in interior form and interior construction or arrangement, are required; and Proposals should specify separately the price of each brass Lock, each Key for the same, each iron Lock and each Key for same. Duplicate samples of each kind of Locks and Keys proposed are required to be submitted with the Proposals; one of each sample Lock to be riveted up and finished, and another to be open or unarrowed, so that its internal structure and arrangement may easily be examined. Every sample should be plainly marked with the bidder's name, and, if the same or any part of it be covered by a patent, the date of such patent and the name of the patentee must be also attached thereto.

The internal plan or arrangement of the Locks offered, and the particular shape of the Key requisite to do so, them, must not be like any now or heretofore in use.

They must be warranted not to infringe upon or conflict with any patented invention of which he bidder is not the patentee. Preference will be given to a Lock or Locks of which has not been exposed to external observation or been publicly described, disclosed or suggested.

A decision on the various Locks and Proposals will be made on or before the 3d day of MARCH, 1870; and unless the Postmaster General shall deem it to be for the interests of the Department to reject all the Proposals presented, unless submitted under this advertisement, the right is hereby expressly reserved to him, to contract with the person who shall offer the most practicable, with the successful bidder whose Locks shall be adopted, for furnishing similar Locks and Keys for four years, as they may be required an I ordered. If mutually agreed on in writing by the contractor and Postmaster General, for the time being, not less than six months before its expiration, the contract may be extended and continued for an additional term of four years. But on and after the expiration of either term, the contract shall be open to public rightful annulment at any time, the Postmaster General shall have the right to contract with or supply any other party or parties for Locks or any other kind of Locks an I Keys; and if he shall d em proper to demand and receive from the late Locks contractor all finished and unfinished Keys and the internal parts of the Locks contracted for, and all dies, gauges and designs, (which would enable others to make or forge such Locks and Keys) in the possession of such contractor, who, after their surrender to the Department shall be paid for the same, at such price as may be ascertained by fair appraisement.

The contractor must agree and be able to furnish, if required and ordered, 20,000 Brass Locks and 3,000 Brass Keys within three months from the time of entering into contract, and 80,000 Iron Locks and 50,000 Iron Keys within ten months from such time. But the Postmaster General will reserve the right to increase or diminish, as the wants or interests of the service may demand, the quantities of Locks and Keys above specified, with a proportionate allowance of time to furnish them.

All the Locks furnished by the contractor must be warranted to keep in good working order for two years in the ordinary use of the service when not subjected to any violence; such as becoms defective within that time to be replaced with perfect Locks without charge. All the Locks furnished under contract are to be, each, distinctly marked "U. S. Mail" in either script or al ed letters, and all the Keys are to be numbered in the natural order; each Key having its appropriate number stamped upon one side of the bow and "U. S. Mail" on the opposite side.

The contractor will be required to deliver the Locks at his expense at the Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C., put up on sticks, forming a gauge's bundle of the Locks each, and securely packed in wooden boxes containing not more than two hundred Locks each. The Keys are to be delivered to an agent of the Department daily and specially authorized in each case, to take charge of and convey the same from the contractor's manufactory to the Department, where the Locks and Keys are to be inspected and approved before they shall be paid for.

The contractor will be required to give bond with ample security in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, to be forfeited to the United States as liquidated damages, in case of his failure to faithfully perform the contract, either as to furnishing the supplies ordered within a reasonable time, or as to guarding the manufacture of the Mail Locks and Keys with due privacy, integrity and care.

No proposal will therefore be accepted if not accompanied with a bond of the penal sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, duly executed by the proposed sureties, (whose responsibility must be certified by a Judge of a Court of Record within the State of place of residence, attested by the Clerk of such Court under the seal thereof,) and conditioned for their becoming responsible as sureties on the required bond for the fulfillment of the contract, in case such Proposal shall be accepted. The manufacture of Mail Locks and Keys is, of necessity, a highly important and responsible trust, which the Department will consider to be bidder whose Proposals are not recommended by satisfactory evidence of good character.

In deciding on the Proposals and contracts the Postmaster General may deem it either best to select the three Locks of one bidder and the three Lock of another. He, therefore, reserves to the right of contracting with different individuals for each different kinds of Locks as he may select.

Proposals should be carefully sealed and addressed to the "Second Assistant Postmaster Gen. Pa'," and indorsed on the envelope "Proposals for Mail Locks and Keys."

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