FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 7.

Stirring Home.

The rebels labor under well-founded apprehensions of slave insurrections. The southern papers continually publish such paragraphs as the following, which we find in the Tuscumbia "North Alabamian":

"SEARCH YOUR NEGRO QUARTERS.—Recent investigations have developed the fact that many of our negroes have fire arms, bowie knives and ammunition in their possession, and it is expedient that every slave owner should make a careful search of his negro quarters, and secure all such arms and ammunition; also, to keep a constant watch over all suspicious persons who may be loitering around. A little care bestowed upon this subject may save much trouble in the future."

The negroes in New Orleans also seem to be hatching mischief, for we find this solemn warning in the "True Delta," of the 29th of May:

"UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLAGES.—We have again and again received information of the motions and sentiments of vagabond free persons of color, upon whom it would be well that the police should keep an eye. These men are without ostensible means of earning a livelihood, and are by many degrees too familiar with our slave population, instilling into their minds surprising notions of the 'good time' to be experienced in the event of Lincoln's hoped-for success over the southern people. The lake end of the Pontchartrain Railroad is infested with persons of this character, who exhibit a remarkable shrewdness in broaching their pestiferous hints and suggestions.

"The city also affords rendezvous at which there are gathered knots of these vagabonds at unseasonable hours. Of course, the localities are selected with a view to privacy and remoteness from the inquisitive eye of the watchman. Careful espionage may bring to light the object of these nocturnal consultations."

Meanwhile fugitive slaves throng towards Fortress Monroe, where General Butler finds them work and food, to say nothing of protection.

Property in Slaves.

The question which has for so long a time vexed this nation in times of peace, viz: "What shall be done with the negro?" seems destined to inflict still greater trouble now that we are divided against each other. The President, with Secretaries Chase and Cameron, long since determined that, in the case of runaway slaves belonging to disloyal citizens, and also in the case of those negroes which might be seized by the commanders of the federal troops as "contraband," there was but one course to pursue, and that is to declare them free.

This question has been discussed informally by the members of the cabinet and with the representatives of the people who chanced to be at the capital, and, strange to say, the principle drawback encountered by the President has been the unwillingness of the Secretary of State to commit himself. I know that a cabinet meeting was called, to consider what reply should be sent to the query from General Butler concerning the disposition of slave property in his possession. I also know that Mr. Seward managed to get the ear of the President prior to the hour of meeting, and persuaded him to defer the settlement of the question until a future time. This will account for the reply sent to General Butler, directing him only how to act in the individual case before him.—[Correspondent of N. Y. Tribune.

Peace Men and Women Belligerent.

The war feeling is rousing the most peaceful. Gerrit Smith has written a letter to the Secretary of the American Peace Society, in which he says:

"The Society was organized to oppose war—meaning by the word, bloody strife between nations. But the North is arming herself to protect the Government against the domestic traitors and pirates who are at work to overthrow it. If there are principles of the Society forbidding this, I am not aware of them."

At the Anniversary of the American Peace Society just held in Boston, nationality was triumphant and non-resistance nowhere. Dr. Garnett, Lewis Tappan, and other prominent leaders made patriotic speeches. Tappan said he considered Abraham Lincoln a good peace man, which was loudly applauded.

At the yearly meeting of the Hicksite Friends in New York, it becomes apparent that even the Quaker sisterhood were progressive on the subject of resisting the rebels. Rachel Rogers, one of the speakers, said "the time might come when Friends might feel that they might waive their non-resistant principles, as Peter did when he smote off the ear of the high priest's steward."

Proposals for a Loan of $3,000,000 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In pursuance of the first section of an Act of the General Assembly, entitled "an Act to create a loan and provide for arming the State," approved May 15th, A. D. 1861, and the sixth section of the Act entitled "an Act to provide for the payment of the members, officers and contingent expenses of the Extra Session of the Legislature," approved May 16th, A. D. 1861, and by the authority of the same,

NOTICE is hereby given that proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, until three o'clock P. M. of Wednesday, the fifth day of June next, for the loaning to the Commonwealth the sum of THREE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, for the purposes set forth in the before named Acts of Assembly. The said loan to bear an interest of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually in Philadelphia, and the loan to be redeemable in ten years from date; and for the payment of the interest and liquidation of the principal thereof, a special tax of one-half mill on the dollar has been directed to be levied on all the property in the Commonwealth taxable for State purposes. The certificates of loan shall not be subject to taxation for any purpose whatever; and all certificates of the denomination of one hundred dollars or less shall have coupons attached; but a larger denomination will be issued either in a inscription or coupon bonds, at the option of the bidder.

The proposals must state explicitly the amount proposed to be taken and the rate to be paid. The State reserves the right to accept the whole or any part of the amount offered to be taken unless the proposer stipulates otherwise. No conditional proposals will be considered.

Upon the acceptance of any proposal at least ten per cent. of the amount must be paid down, the balance, if preferred by the bidder, in thirty and sixty days, when certificates shall issue for the same, bearing interest from the time of the payment.

The proposals must be directed under seal to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, endorsed with "Proposals for Loan."

The bids will be opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the day above named in the presence of the Governor, State Treasurer and Auditor General and such other persons as may see proper to be present, when, after examination of the same the Governor will award the loan to the highest bidder or bidders.

By order of the Governor.

ELI SLIFER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The time of receiving proposals and opening bids for the above loan is hereby extended the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock.

By order of the Governor.

ELI SLIFER, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, Harrisburg, May 17th, 1861.

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TO CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLIES.

We hereby give notice to all those who may be contracting to furnish supplies to the State, under the recent appropriation of three millions, that, having received the power under that Act of appointing inspectors of all supplies, and other power also in reference to the settlement of claims, which was not delegated to us under the previous Act of April 12th, we shall hold every contractor to the most rigid accountability in the settlement of his claims, and the inspection of his supplies must be of that character which shall prevent any imposition upon the State, and protect the volunteers who have so nobly responded to its call; and no supplies will be paid for until they have been inspected by officers who shall have been duly appointed for that purpose.

HENRY D. MOORE,
State Treasurer.

THOS. E. COCHRAN,
Auditor General.
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DRIED PEACHES—32 sacks Dried Peaches, just rec'd, for sale by
ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.
sp22

BACON SHOULDERS.—14 hhds. of Cincinnati cure, on consignment, for sale by
JACKMAN & TOWNSEND,
sp30 No. 12 Fourth street, near Liberty.

CHEESE—50 boxes new W. R. Cheese just received in store and for sale by
J. H. CAMPBELL & CO.
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LOCUST POSTS—600 Sawed Locust Posts, for sale by
WATT & WILSON, 138 Liberty st.
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COMMERCIAL RECORD.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION.
Wm. McCREERY, V. P.
S. CAMPBELL, W. PARSONS, | ISAIAH DICKEY, R. S. McCREA.
WM. MEARS.

Weekly Review of the Pittsburgh Market.

[Reported specially for the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PITTSBURGH, TUESDAY, June 6, 1861.

There is no marked improvement in any branch of trade. The exciting events daily transpiring around us, the preparations for an active war over where manifest, the blockading of the Southern ports, and the rumors and exaggerations of war, engagements, continue to hold the first place in the public mind, and divert attention from business to a most damaging extent. The prospects of an early revival of trade are still gloomy and delusive. Money is abundant; but capitalists show no disposition to invest in the purchase of articles of trade.

The general markets present no new or important feature worthy of special notice. The demand for the leading articles continues limited, and the transactions, with but few exceptions, are in the small way. So far as rules are concerned, there has been no particular change.

THE CROPS.—During the past week the weather has been warm with occasional rains, and highly favorable for the growth of the wheat crop, which is reported as looking well all over the entire Western country—both winter and spring. The Corn crop is backward and indeed, in some sections, the ground is still planting, but they nevertheless express themselves hopeful of a fair crop. With good warm weather in the latter part of June, and in July and August there is no danger.

According to advices received from various portions of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, it is highly improbable that the breadth of wheat and corn to be planted will be over two-thirds of the operations of last year. The unfavorable weather during the spring months tended very much to limit the work of the farmer, and the same exhibitions also drew from the country a large amount of valuable labor at a time when it was much needed.

The winter wheat crop, however, will probably be the heaviest known for some years back, and will, in a measure, atone for the deficit in the spring crops.

NOTE.—In the quotations given in the following Review, it must be understood, as the wholesale prices, except where otherwise noticed; and that in all cases in the filling of small orders in the city and country trade, an advance of three, to five to ten cents, will be charged over these quotations.]

APPLES—Green apples have further advanced. The only sale reported was 32 bbls Rawsits at $4.50 @ bbl.

ASHES—quiet and dull. Sales Pearls 6½; Pots Am 5@ 6½; Pots range from 4@4½.

ALE—Pittsburgh manufactured continues in fair demand, with steady shipments to all parts of the country. The retail advised raise at present are:

	bbls	half bbls
Keystone	$3	$1.75
Crown	4	2.25
X	5	2.50
XX	6	3.00
XXX	7	3.50

BAGS—the price current of Messrs. Hartzell & Bailey for Bags is as follows: Gunny bags, 17½; Pat. 18½; Pat. $20@17.50 @ 1,000; 22 lbs $20@15; 20 lbs $18@15; 20 lbs $16@13.50; 18 lbs $15@13; 16 lbs $13@12; 15 lbs $12@10.50; 14 lbs $11@9.50; 12 lbs $10@8.50; 10 lbs $8@7.50; 9 lbs $7@6.50; 8 lbs $6@5.50. Flaxseed bags—13 lbs $9 @100; 15 do $11; 17 do $13; 20 do $15; 22 do $17; 24 do $19; 26 do $21; 28 do $23; 30 do $25. Grain bags—2 bushel gunnies, $10 @ 100; 2 bush drilling, $14; 2 do, Canalsacks, $14 @16; 2 do do, $18@20.

BACON—continues quiet and dull, and prices have undergone a slight decline. The wholesale rates are as follows: Sides, 8½@9c; Shoulders, 6½@6½c; Hams, sugar cured, 11½@12½c for Plain Hams; and 11½@12½c for Sugar Cured do. Country dealers are selling at a little lower.

BUTTER & EGGS.—The demand for Butter is limited and prices have further declined. Prime Rolls are selling at 17½@ 18c. Eggs in market plenty, and sell readily at 9c per dozen.

BRISTLES.—Nothing we note small sales of prime White at $1.15 @ $1.25 ₱ bush.

BROOMS.—continued dull market—the demand is still sluggish. Sales of Common Corn at $1.50@1.75 and choice in the regular way from store; Common $1.25@1.50; Fancy $2.00@ $2.25; Extra do $2.50@3.00.

BUCKWHEAT—Is still held at factory prices (cash, per sack) at Fallston and New Brighton are for Buckets $1.50 @$1.75, and Tubs, $4.75@5.00 per bbl. From store, buckets sell in the retail way at $1.75@2.00.

CORDAGE—

Manilla Rope, cut,	13 ₱ lb
Hemp Rope, cut,	12 ₱ lb
Tarred Rope, cut,	11 ₱ lb
Manilla Rope, coil,	14½ ₱ lb
Hemp Rope, coil,	13 ₱ lb
Tarred Rope, coil,	12 ₱ lb
Spinning Lambs ₱ lb	27@28c
Spinning Leather ₱ lb	37@38c
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COAL—Bituminous—six months' rates, or 5 ₱ cent discount for cash:

Mine Run	$ ₱ B
Slack	4
Lump	5
Extra Lump	6
Cannel	12

COAL OIL—Crude—factory prices (cash, per gallon) at Fallston and New Brighton are for Buckets $1.50 @$1.75, and Tubs, $4.75@5.00 ₱ bbl. From store, buckets sell in the retail way at $1.75@2.00.

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CANDLES—Sperm, 45 cts ₱ lb. Hemp, 10c. Cotton Yarns—The market is firmly at the following quotations which we furnish to-day:

No. 1	21	No. 11	35
No. 2	21	No. 12	35
No. 3	22	No. 13	37
No. 4	23	No. 14	37
No. 5	23	No. 15	39
No. 6	24	No. 16	39
No. 7	25	No. 17	41
No. 8	26	No. 18	41
No. 9	27	No. 19	43
No. 10	28	No. 20	43

WOOL YARN.

No. 400	31	No. 800	38
No. 500	32	No. 900	38
No. 600	33	No. 1000	38
No. 700	34		

Carpet chain, assorted, 28@30 ₱ lb

Do	6 to 10 cuts, 31c	Twine	21c ₱ lb
Do	8 to 6-4 22c	Family Batting	12c
Oriental Yarn	40	Batting, No. 2	11c
Candlewick	20c	Do No. 3	12c

CORN—

No 1	55c ₱ B 70
No 2	50 ₱ B 70
No 3	45 ₱ B 70

CANDLES & SOAP.—The following quotations are furnished as being strictly correct:—Mould and dip candles, 10c; No 1 Bonds soap, 6½c; No 2 do do, 6c; German do, 5½c; Common Cities do, 5c. Toilet (Harper's taste), 10c; Superior do, 9c; Family do, 7½; Primes or Women's soap, 7c; Barber's soap, 7c.

CRACKERS.—The following are the wholesale prices: water crackers, 6c ₱ lb. butter, 7c; sugar do; Boston, 7c; wine 12½c; pilot bread, $4 ₱ hundred.

CORN MEAL—in light demand but unchanged; sale of 50 bags ground at 65c ₱ bush.

CHEESE—remains dull and inactive, the demand being confined to small lots. We note occasional sales of new W R at 9½ to 9c ₱ lb, and prime old at 8½ to 9c.

DRIED BEEF—with little demand with occasional sales at 11@11½c ₱ lb.

DRIED FRUIT—Peaches becoming scarce, in consequence of which prices realized an advancing tendency. We note small sales at prices ranging from $2.50 to $7.40, as to quality. Apples in good demand.

FEATHERS—unchanged and in fair request. The following are the prevailing rates from store: No 3 Large Mackaws at 60 ₱ lb; No. 2 do, $54@55; No 1 do at $50@52½; No 2 Mixed $5 ₱ box and $4.25@4.50 ₱ half box; No 2 Medium $5 to $5.50 ₱ box; Baltimore Herring $7.00 ₱ box, No 1 Mixed at $15; White Pine Tops $4.75 ₱ bbl.

FEED—The demand for all kinds of Feed continues light and the market is dull and irregular.

FLOUR—The market has been unusually dull, while prices still rule low yet exchanges have been light, and the supply now in market is in excess of the demand. The millers are now busily engaged in harvesting the crop, and the sufferers themselves, to be relieved from heavy shipping, are the first to offer their flour for sale. Extra, $5.20@5.25; Extra Family, $5.50@ 5.60; Fancy Superfine, —@—. Quotations figures for Spring Wheat Extras are dull and neglected.

GRAIN—Oats have active and have declined slightly; Rats are now selling at 27@28c; Wednesday's sale and other prices qualities at 30@35c.

POWDER—from all appearances will be in active demand before long. Blasting powder is selling at $2.50 @ $3 ₱ keg; Rifle at $3.50, and Rifle at $5.25 ₱ keg; Safety fuse, ₱ 1,000 feet, $4.

PEAS AND BEANS—dull at $1.50 ₱ bbl.

SALT—has declined; we note sales of No 1 at $1.15, and No 2 Extra at $1.20.

SEEDS—The demand for Clover and Timothy being over, there is nothing doing. A sale of Flax was made at $1.75 ₱ bushel.

STARCH—dull and has declined. We quote at 9½@ 10c ₱ lb.

TALLOW—has declined. Sales at rough at 7½@8c, and country rendered at 8@8½c.

WINDOW GLASS—prices are firm, and we expect our quotations for the present week. Sales of 7x9, 7x10, 7x11, 7x12, 7x13, 7x14, 7x15, 7x16, 8x10, 8x11, 8x12, 8x13, 8x14 and 10x12, $3.50; 8x15 and 10x13, $3.75; 8x16 and 10x14, $4; 10x15, $4.25; 10x16 and 12x14, $4.50; 12x15, $4.75; 12x16 and 14x15, $5; 14x16, $5.25; 16x18 and 18x20, $6.50; 18x22 and 20x24, $8.50; 20x26, $10; 20x28, $12; 20x30, $14; 24x30, $16; 24x36, $20; 30x36, $25; 30x40, $30; 30x42, $35; 30x44, $40; 30x46, $45; 30x48, $50; 30x50, $55; 30x52, $60; 30x54, $65; 30x56, $70; 30x58, $75; 30x60, $80; 30x62, $85; 30x64, $90; 30x66, $95; 30x68, $100; 30x70, $105; 30x72, $110; 30x74, $115; 30x76, $120; 30x78,