COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE SUN,
Friday Evening, October 30, 1857.

Our general market continues heavy and depressed, with but little apparent improvement in financial matters and business in a most every department is a loss of a limited character during the past week. Holders generally require cash on the spot for most articles of sale, and many are obliged to consult the necessities of the moment rather than the value of the commodity. Consequently our quotations can seldom be considered as the regular market rates. Cotton has gone off shortly, without further alteration in the selling prices. In Tobacco there has been considerable movement, but at lower rates. Sugar and Molasses have very largely declined, although the receipts have been moderate. Flour has been firmer, with but limited transactions, and the business in Grain and Provisions has been small. Freights are heavy but steady, while extreme depression continues in the Exchange market.

Yesterday morning we published the Par-in-gold rates, bringing up our Liverpool dates to the 15th inst. They reported a quiet Cotton market, with sales of only about 20,000 bales during the week, with a decline in price of an 1-16@⅛, mostly on the inferior qualities. Fair Orleans was quoted at 9¾d, and Middling Orleans at 9¼d. ⅝ ⅝. The stock on hand was stated at 311,000 bales, including 126,000 American.

CotTON.—Arrived since the 23d instant, 28,264 bales. Cleared in the same time 3,108 bales for Havre 100 for Bordeaux, 2,000 for Queenstown, 978 for Vera Cruz, and 170 bales for N. York; leaving 6,176 bales making an addition to stock of 11,979 bales, and leaving on hand, including all on shipboard and in the presses and platforms not cleared, a stock of 194,665 bales.

STATEMENT OF COTTON.

		BALES.
Stock on hand Sept. 1, 1857		7,819
Received during the week	23,386	
" previously	169,568	192,276
		204,095
Exported during the week	6,460	
" previously	63,003	69,412
Stock on hand, &c		134,683

The market opened on Saturday with an extremely dull appearance, and the sales of the day were confined to some 3,500 bales. On Monday again there was very little doing, and on Tuesday sellers were firm, but several buyers came on Tuesday and took some 5,500 bales. On Wednesday the transactions were to 3,000 bales, and a change in the tone was noticed, which had ranged during the four days at 9¾@10c for middling and 10¼@10½c for good middling. Yesterday again some 3,000 bales were sold, and to day's transactions embrace 1,500, making a total for the week of 14,000 bales, the market closing at about the range of our quotations, as follows:

ORLEANS, CHARLESTON—LOUISIANA AND MOBILE.	
Inferior	—@—
Ordinary	—@—
Middling	—@—
Middling fair	9¾@10
Middling	10 @10¼
Middling fair	10¼@10½
Fair	—@—
Good fair	—@—
Good Ordinary	—@—

BREADSTUFFS.—Our quotations last week were 40@50c per barrel on pipes, and 50@55c in half bbls, since which time 2,000 bbls have been sold at 45c for pipes and 50c for half bbls at 20@25c ⅝ gallon, leaving the outside rates for choice.

HOP.—The market has been very quiet but firmer, with sales during the week of some 3,000 lbs at 0@35c, for superfine, 40@42½c for fine, 45@50c for extra, and 61@62½@64 ⅝ lb for unbranded.

WHEAT.—The sales have been confined to a few small racks, mostly at $1 ⅝ bushel for prime.

CORN.—The receipts have been light, and prices have advanced, with some 7,000 bushels during the week at 80@82c for new, and 84@85 for old, for the use of the seven wards to store.

OATS.—Some 5000 sacks have been sold at 45@48c ⅝ bushel for St. Louis, mostly 45@46c.

RYE.—Prices have advanced and ranged prime at 90@$1 10 ⅝ 100 ⅝.

HAY.—The market has been dull at 90@$1 ⅝ ⅝ for Northern and Western.

PORK.—The demand has been very limited, and prices have a drooping tendency. Mess pork is nominally at 22½ ⅝ bbl, while round lots have been offered at much lower figures.

BACON.—The market has been exceedingly dull, at 10@10½c for Shoulders, 11½c for Sides, and 14@15c ⅝ ⅝ for Hams, the transactions being confined to retail lots.

LARD.—We have noticed only a few limited transactions during the week, including some one prime at 11½c, and some small lots of Western at 11@11½c ⅝ ⅝.

BEEF.—Our quotations are nominal, at $15@$16 for Mess, and $12 50@$13 ⅝ bbl for Prime.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.—Western Butter has sold at 14@16c ⅝ ⅝, and Cheese at 11@12c according to quality.

WHISKEY.—Sales of Western Kentucky at 24@25c ⅝ gallon, and Ohio and Western at 24c, and Rye at 27c, with a small sale of Scotch at 30c ⅝ gallon. In Bale Rope we have no change to note, which is still nominally at 8½@9c for bale lots, and 9@9½c ⅝ lb for machine made, though some of the trade will undoubtedly offer less.

TALLOW.—Prime quotations are nominally at 9½@10c ⅝ lb for Rendered, and 10@10½c ⅝ gallon for Leaf.

OILS.—The market has been extremely dull, and prices are nominal, at 65@70c ⅝ gallon.

CANDLES.—The market for star is lower, and 12@13c ⅝ lb for full weight.

LEAD.—The last sale was 50 bbls city red at 11½c ⅝ lb.

LIME.—Eastern has been retailing generally at $1 20@$1 30 ⅝ bbl.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—The market has been dull at 38@39c ⅝ gallon.

WOOL.—Prices are unchanged, with small sales at $1 10@$1 30 ⅝ gallon, the latter rate for prime pressed.

COTTON SEED OIL.—Certified has been retailing at 60@62c ⅝ gallon.

ALCOHOL.—This article may be quoted at about 90c ⅝ gallon, according to proof.

ROSIN.—Some small lots have been sold during the week at $1 25 for No. 2, and $1 50@$1 62½ for No. 1.

RICE.—Attakapas are selling on the levee at 7 ⅝ ⅝ ⅝