COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, May 17, 1856.

The demand for Cotton has been sustained to a fair extent during the past week for usual consumption, advancing fractions and dropping unchanged adding their influence to the general operations. The transaction now up hardly reaches, at center prices, without and very speculative in character. We repeat our last figures.

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION—Middling Fair...11½ @ —
Fair...12 @ 12¼ | Middling...11½ @ —
Middling Fair...11½ @ —
Middling...10½ @ 10¾ | Good Fair... —
Good Ordinary...10 @ —
Ordinary...9½ @ —

Sugars and Molasses has been on a limited trade, without any outside of consequence. Prices fall.

We outline sales of about 1,200 hds. Florida at 6½ @ 6¾, for Cuba and St. Louis common and fair, and inferior not cents at 6¾.

Of Cuba 300 hds. sold at 6¾, and 1,200 at 6¾@6¾ for fair and good.

Some of 1,000 hds. Cuba at 6¾@6¾ for inferior, and 7¼ @ 7¾ for prime.

Of Rice, the sales have been confined of late to about 1,000 tierces at 5¾@6¾ for common and fair.

Pork is firm, with sales of 317 bbls. at 17 for mess, and 18¾ short weight at 18¾ @ 19 for prime.

Of Beef, 40 bbls. and short sold at 9 for mess, and at 8¾ for prime. Lard is dull at 7¾ @ 7¾ for Cuba and Western Kettle Rifed Bbls. of 7¾ @ 8¾ and 10 for Boston Superfined Hams at 11¾@ 12¾.

Of Lard, at retail, prime sold at 7¾ @ 8 and 8¾ for prime in one lot at 10¾, and 10¾ in tubes for fair to good, and 10¾ @ 10¾ for prime.

The sales of Coffee were confined to about 600 bags Rio at 10¾@10¾, and 10¾ for fair to good.

Flour Cotton have been in request with sales of 2¾ bbls. at 10¾ for light weight, at 10¾ for fair, and 10¾ @ 10¾ for good.

Of Whisky, 110 bbls Rectified sold at 2 bbls. at 22¾ @ 23 gallons.

We notice sales of 2,700 bbls Western Hay, three Richmond bags, mostly at $21 @ 22.

Freights continue firm, and some 1,200 bales Cotton have been shipped for Liverpool, and 15-16ths at eighth; and 2,000 bales were taken to a British vessel yesterday. Exchanges have been dull, and we quote the rates of exchange as follows:

Sterling, 10¾@10¾. France, 5f 15@5f. 10¾; New York at par. 10¾ @ 10¾ cent discount; New York Sight, ¾ cent disc. @ par.

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, May 19, 1856.

CLEARED SATURDAY.

Steamship Mexico, Lawrence, Baltimore, via Galveston — Harris & Morgan.
Steamer Chas Besler, Walker, Montgomery — E Hyde & co.
Ship Serampore, Burdett, Boston — G W Hyman & co.
Brig Adelaide, Taylor, Antwerp — J F Hunter & co.
Brig Pamelia, Wyman, Liverpool — J F Whitney & co.
Sch Hermanos, Libby, Cienfuegos — Jas Bell.
Sch L W Pierce, Cleaves, Rockland — Parker & Harvey.
Sch Elizabeth (Swedish) Oldenburg, Pensacola — Pedersen & Williams & co.
Brig Alonzo Gray, Henry, Havana — Cockburn & Hurlbut.
Sch Martha (Hatteras), Fountain, Philadelphia — J Hurley & co.
Sch Jno Wm H Harrison, Longsby, Philadelphia — John Hurley & co.
Sch A L Crawford, Shubrum, Philadelphia — G W Hyman & co.
Sch A Manderson, Henderson, Baltimore — G W Hyman & co.
Sch Dove Rushick, Pennycuik — John Hurley & co.
Sch Bella Hare, Smith, Baltimore — G W Hyman & co.
Sch Isaac Franklin, Bennett, Boston — Southmayd & Harrison.
Sch Sarah Kilmuch, Wade, Portsmouth — Master.
Sch Southern Rose, Bennett — Pooley, Hartshorn & Marshall.
Sch Pamela, Brown, Pensacola — Master.

ARRIVED SATURDAY.

Steamship Charles Morgan, Dowson, from Indianola, via Galveston, to Morgan & Morgan.
Ship Shamrock, Lane, for Liverpool, 15th ult. by J P Whitney & co—33 dys.
Brig Sun Light, Warden, for Liverpool, 23d March, to master—Pilot.
Brig Mary Stevens, for Boston Island 8th inst, to J Hurley & co—8 dys.
Brig Ariel, Webb, 2 days fm Pensacola, to master—Bazin.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

No arrivals from sea yesterday.

STEAMBOATS.

Cuba, Hiern, for Mobile.
Louisiana, Shearer, for Louisville.
R W Fogell, Martin, for Shreveport.
Lone Star, Sandifer, for Shreveport.
C D Jr, Dye, for Bayou Sara.
Platte, Farley, for Grand Ecore.
Princess, Wilson, for Natchez.
Sultana, Wilson, for Mobile.
Dr Batey, Dugas, for Lockport.

TOWBOATS.

Tribe McDaniels, Pilsinger, for the Passes.
Ada Lewis, Mitchell, for the Passes.
Gloria, Phillips, for the Passes.

THIS DAY REGISTER

The Olive, from the Passes—Bought up ship Gaitana Leith.
The Tribe McDaniels, from the Passes—Towed down and towed up the 8th inst. ships Industrie, Atlantic and St John; and sch Milan Schuller—brought up ship Leith and Queen.
The Anglo-American, from the Passes—Towed down the 14th inst. ship Highland and bark Corinda—brought up ship Mary.

MEMORANDA

The steamer Empress left New Orleans on the 9th instant, made the trip to Lafayette and back, landing on the road at Indian hotel, discharging their landings on the up and shipping on the down trip; was detained four hours at Calcasieu and 8 hours at Mermentau; passed steamer Pioneer, Bonner at Pecheur, 10th inst. Left Island St. Nicholas at Lamport Bank, 12th. Left at Kennedy Bend.

Ship Arrow, (of Bucksport) at New York, May 15th, reports having sustained from the 3d instant, fine weather in company with bark Grellon, for New Orleans.

The steamer Sphinx reports having left the Shreveport on the 10th inst—In port for New Orleans: steamers Compromise and Chicago. Steamer Gondoier, from Jefferson, reported the last very low and difficult to navigate; the channel shifting, steamer Sam on a sunap in the Lake. The season for Red River is over. The prospect of rain gives a little hope of all the way down—no prospect of a rise. Steamers Victoria and Hope left on a trip up the Bayou Dorcheat, and steamer Sphinx for Jefferson, and the Lake. Steamers Granada & Orbea left for Jefferson, and the Lake. Steamer Sam for upper Red River.

The ship Petrobelle, left Denis' Kelly and brig Leo at Sabine well to sea on the 5th inst.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived from, and Sailed for, New Orleans.

(Per steamships America & Delta.)

LIVERPOOL, 4th ult.—Arrived, Ariel, Melhuish, for New Orleans; 1st inst., ship Triton, Brown—Melhuish; 2d, do Ivy, Dowling; 3d, do Ellen, Hallett; England, Adams; Uncowlin, Toward; Hibernia, Harrison, for do.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

BOSTON, May 8th—Arrived, bark Jacobus, Kerlen, for New Orleans.

IMPORTS.

LIVERPOOL—Per ship Euxine, Lyons—1 case mdse Jones Ferris & co; 1 do Ed Ellis; 1 do Ed Ellis; 1 do Ed Ellis