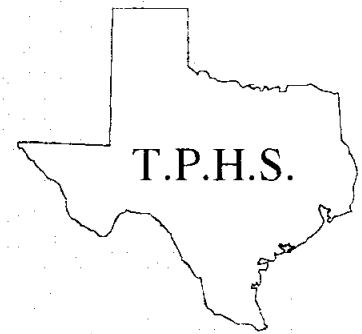


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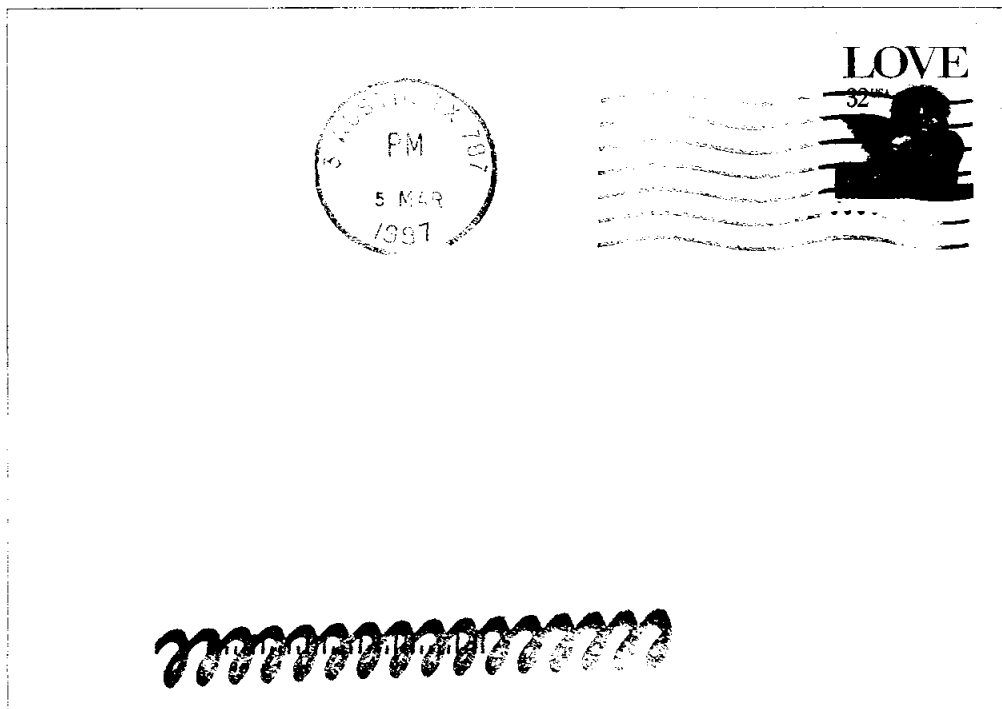


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From the President . . .

I was shocked and saddened to learn of Bill Emery's death. A tremendous loss to our society and to philately in general. Bill, a long time member, served the T.P.H.S. faithfully as Journal Editor for ten years. A memorial obituary with much more information on Bill and his family can be found on page 4.

I've appointed a committee to develop an appropriate plan to honor Bill in perpetuity. The members are Nonie Green, R.M. Arndt and Jim Stever. Their report will be published in the fall issue of the Journal.

Our annual meeting plans are now complete. As announced in my last "comments" we'll meet at the Greater Houston Stamp Show on Saturday, September 6, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. The show site is again the Humble Civic Center in North Houston. Rick Rodgers of Sugarland will present our program which will feature covers from the Houston-Harris County area. After a short business session, we'll have a computer demonstration by Mike Ludeman which will show those attending the meeting what our web site looks like on the Internet.

And bring those duplicate covers you have to swap or sell. That is always a big part of our meetings.

The David Phillips Publishing Co. announced last month that their American Stampless Cover Catalogue, Volume I, is being revised and reprinted. It will have 480 pages in a 7"X10" format and will be available in both soft cover and hard cover bindings. This up to date edition has been greatly expanded with thousands of new listings—many priced for the first time.

Pre-publication cost by May 1 allows for a 20% discount from the \$40.00 and \$50.00 list prices plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Whether the company will extend this discount after May 1 remains to be seen. Regardless, I thought you should know about this revised catalogue. Many members collect stampless covers and will want to get more information or order this catalogue directly from the source. Contact David G. Phillips Publishing Co., P.O. Box 611388, N. Miami, FL 33261; telephone (305) 895-0470; fax (305) 893-0234; Email DGP3@ix.NETCOM.com.

Hope to see a number of you at our meeting in Houston in September.

That's it for this issue.

Good Collectin',
Ed

In Memoriam
WILLIAM HENRY "BILL" EMERY
1924-1997

William Henry "Bill" Emery passed away on March 19, 1997 in San Marcos, Texas. He was born February 10, 1924 in Wickford, Rhode Island.

Dr. Emery was well-known for his 19th century Texas postal history expertise. He collected the Republic period, discontinued post offices, forts. Also postmarks from Galveston, Austin, San Antonio, and San Marcos, Texas.

Bill Emery joined the Texas Philatelic Association in 1967. He served as secretary from 1980 to 1982; and director from 1986 to 1984.

Dr. Emery was a charter member of the Texas Postal History Society. He served as president from 1979 to 1984 and 1988 to 1991; and edited The Texas Postal History Society Journal from 1988 to 1995.

Bill Emery was a member of the American Philatelic Society, the Austin-Texas Stamp Club (Austin, Texas), the San Antonio Philatelic Association (San Antonio, Texas), the United Postal Stationery Society, the APS Writers Unit Number 30, the Rhode Island Postal History Society, and the Illinois Postal History Society,

He spoke to philatelic groups and non-philatelic groups about his love of 19th century postal history. Philatelic audiences could not escape his zeal for deciphering the mysteries of his covers. Non-philatelic groups were urged to similar enthusiasm for the hobbies of their choice.

Dr. Emery received his doctorate (plant cytology and genetics) at The University of Texas at Austin in 1956. He was a member of a number of honorary organizations, professional societies, and civic organizations.

William Henry "Bill" Emery is survived by his wife Frances Drake Emery; and two sons.

The Texas philatelic community will miss Dr. Emery. The Texas Philatelic Association extends sympathy to his family.

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A Note From the Editor . . .

I am adding my appreciation of Dr. Emery to Jane Fohn's excellent obituary. I spoke to his widow a week or two ago. She told me that all his important Texas philatelic material has been photocopied and is in a safe place. I am sure that we can all appreciate the importance of this to future Texas philatelic collectors.

I did not know Dr. Emery well. He had an excellent eye for good Texas material, as I learned to my sorrow, when he purchased a Civil War cover from Austin with a Jefferson Davis stamp on it and a clear Austin postmark which I wanted and saw. Unfortunately, my brain was in off at the time.

After he gave up the editorship of the Journal, he called on occasion to offer help and material. On the last occasion he called to offer an article which I could not use at the time. I assume we shall never see it.

His knowledge will be sorely missed by anyone interested in Texas philately as well as other areas of interest to him. I will certainly miss him as a resource.

Those who know him tell me he was a wonderful person always willing to be helpful. That is a great way to be remembered.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY / TREASURER

MEMBERSHIP

Since our last membership list was published in September, 1995, we have added and lost some members. When the list was published, it had 107 names on it. Since then, we have added 12 members and lost 12 so our total is still 107. As of this writing, 17 members have not paid 1997 dues. Details are as follows:

New Members:

Walter C. Bauer, Houston, TX
Hugh Goldberg, Altoona, PA
Sykes Houston, Austin, TX
Edward J. Hurwitz, MD, Houston, TX
Dan J. Lewis, Lewisville, TX
Peter Marshall, Locust Valley, NY
John Parker, MD, Plano, TX
Ben E. Reynolds, Longview, TX
Kim Rice, New Braunfels, TX
John F. Rowin, Edinburg, TX
Abraham Seigel, Long Island City, NY
Leonard A. Turner, Lufkin, TX

Resignations:

Richard C. Frajola, Empire, CO
Wes Leatherock, Oklahoma City, OK
H.P. McNeal, Winter Park, FL
Charles J. Molnar, Rock Creek, OH
A.W. (Bill) Peterson, New Fairfield, CT
Joseph Rothstein, Laredo, TX
Jeff Switt, Fort Worth, TX

Listing Error (Inactive):

Elwyn J. Doubleday, Westlawn, PA

Mr. Reynolds is the first member to join as a result of our Internet Website. A new membership list is included in this issue.

Deceased:

William H.P. Emery, San Marcos, TX
J. R. Keeling, Corpus Christi, TX
Dan E. Kilgore, Corpus Christi, TX
Max Guggenheim, Basel, Switzerland

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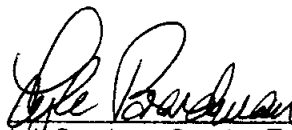
Dues notices were sent out with the last issue of 1996. A second notice was sent out in late February. If you are one of the 17 members who haven't paid you dues by now, this is the last issue of the Journal you will receive.

FINANCIAL DATA

We began 1996 with \$2,226.04 in the bank and ended with \$2,414.05, a net increase of \$188.01.

<i>Income:</i>	Dues	\$780.00
	Old Journals and Index	242.50
	Donations	35.00
	Interest Income	<u>32.90</u>
	Total Income	\$1,090.40
<i>Expenses:</i>	Journal Preparation	\$811.48
	Copy Old Journals	51.97
	Miscellaneous	<u>38.94</u>
	Total Expenses	\$ 902.39
	Net Income / Expense	<u>\$ 188.01</u>

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EARLY TEXAS TEMPORARY POSTAL STATIONS

by Michael M. Ludeman

While reviewing the U.S. Post Office Department publication, The Postal Bulletin, for information about post office stations and branches in early Texas, I ran across a series of curious entries. These all pertained to temporary stations established by the US POD at various fairs and expositions across Texas during the 1910-1920s era. A list of these is provided in the attached table.

My question is "Were there any types of special postmarks or cancellations used for these events between 1915 and 1923?" A review of the index to the TPHS Journal did not yield any information about any of these events. Since some of our members may collect pictorial or advertising covers from fairs and expositions, I thought I would inquire if anyone has an example of a cover from any of the following events with a cancellation other than the normal town postmark of that era. Or even with a regular town postmark. It's well known that Dallas had special machine slogan cancellations in use during the 1920s from Texas towns for similar exhibitions and fairs. And we are all familiar with the temporary stations established by the USPS today at various stamp shows and other events with their special pictorial cancellations.

But what about these particular exhibitions? Anyone who has a cover from any of these events is invited to send a photocopy to me at P.O. Box 166227, Irving, TX 75016-6227.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Expositions</u>	<u>Dates of Operation</u>
Beaumont	Fair Grounds Station	12 Nov 1915 - 20 Nov 1915
Beaumont	South Texas State Fair Station	01 Nov 1922 - 10 Nov 1922
Beaumont	Southeast Texas Annual Fair & Live Stock Show Station	02 Nov 1922 - 11 Nov 1922
Beaumont	Hotel Beaumont Station	19 Mar 1923 - 21 Mar 1923
Dallas	State Fair Grounds Station	13 Oct 1917 - 17 Oct 1917
Dallas	State Fair Station	06 Oct 1919 - 20 Oct 1919
Dallas	State Fair of Texas Station	06 Oct 1922 - 16 Oct 1922
Dallas	State Fair Grounds Station	13 Oct 1923 - 28 Oct 1923
Houston	City Auditorium Station	08 May 1922 - 03 Jun 1922
Midland	County Fair Grounds Station	21 Sep 1915 - 25 Sep 1915
Paris	Fair Grounds Station	22 Oct 1921 - 06 Nov 1921
San Antonio	Live Stock Fair Station	28 Sep 1922 - 01 Oct 1922
Tyler	East Texas Fair Station	02 Oct 1915 - 10 Oct 1915
Waco	Texas Cotton Palace Exposition Station	13 Oct 1917 - unknown
Waco	Texas Cotton Palace Exposition Station	22 Oct 1921 - 06 Nov 1921
Waco	Texas Cotton Palace Exposition Station	21 Oct 1922 - 05 Nov 1922
Waco	Texas Cotton Palace Exposition Station	20 Oct 1923 - 04 Nov 1923

A COMPARISON OF THE DEATON/DOUGHERTY BOOKS ON THE 1936 TEXAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COVERS

by Martin Margulis

A number of months ago I saw an advertisement in Linn's for a book The Collector's guide to 1936 Texas Independence and 1945 Statehood Centennial Cachets by Jim Dougherty. I wrote and received one free. It sells for about \$30+—the same price as the Deaton books. The Dougherty book has coil (plastic) binding so that it opens flat; the Deaton book has a normal binding. The Dougherty book also covers the 1965 covers of which there are eighty-five; the Deaton book does not.

The Dougherty book contains a value guide for each cachet; the Deaton book lists the number of each cachet published. Both books list the date of issue for each cacheted cover and the name of the cachet designer. The Deaton book has pictures of the complete cachet envelope; the Dougherty book just pictures the cachets.

If you are interested in this collecting area, either book would suffice and some of the covers are quite rare and others costly, so that collecting all the covers could be quite a challenge. Also the paste to seal the envelopes is eating through the paper on many covers, so one must be careful when purchasing them.

A HUTTO SURPRISE

by Lyle Boardman

What a surprise!! I read through my copy of the Spring 1997 issue of the TPHS Journal, and lo and behold, right there on pages 7 and 8 were images of covers I had produced for Old Tyme Days in Hutto, Texas. The article by Martin Margulis described the event and pictured the covers, but didn't mention who had prepared the covers.

I called Martin and thanked him for publicizing my work, and of course, he hadn't realized that I had played a part. He asked me to write up how it came to pass, so here it goes.

I have been the cachet/cancellation chairman for the Austin Stampshow (formerly AUSPEX) for about 20 years. In that role, I have worked with employees of the US Postal Service in submitting designs for our show cancellations, and coordinating use of the cancelling device during and after the show. In recent years, I have prepared cachets and cancellations for other events too.

Lately, I have been working with Carole Futch at the Austin General Mail Facility. Carole used to be Postmaster in Hutto and asked me if I would be interested in working up a design for Hutto's Old Tyme Days; I agreed. (Most of the work I do for the Post Office benefits the sponsoring organization, in this case, the Hutto Chamber of Commerce.)

The Hutto cancellation is based on the postcard picture of the Hutto Hippo (see the picture on page 6 of Martin's article). I scanned the picture and cleaned it up using "Paintbrush" that comes with Microsoft Windows. An early version of the hippo had teeth. Apparently, the Hutto Hippo statue originally had teeth, but they have been broken off. We decided to go with reality.

The cachet designs consist of scanned images, reworked and combined with my original artwork to make suitable covers. You can't tell from the pictures in Martin's article, but the cachets are in color, and were printed on my Hewlett Packard Deskjet 560C Printer.

Normally, I attend the events that I work on, but in the case of the Hutto event, I was in Colorado on vacation. If I had been there, I would have seen Martin, and wouldn't have had the opportunity to write this article.

I encourage all of you to find out if there is a responsive person in your town's post office, and offer to work with them. By participating, you can help them more accurately portray the history of Texas, and make some history yourself. The rewards can be very satisfying, and you'll have fun too.

By the way, I still have a few Hutto covers left, and will sell them for \$2.00 each. Include a SASE and send your request to me at 3916 Wyldwood Road, Austin, TX 78739-3005. I will also include a list of covers available from the Austin club.

CENSUS OF BLACK JACK COVERS FROM TEXAS

by Durward Mommsen

In 1863, the United States issued its first two cent stamp. The purpose of the stamp was two-fold:

- (1) to pay the two-cent rate for drop letters—letters left at the post office directed to addressees within the town and therefore not needing to be forwarded to another post office.
- (2) to pay the two-cent rate for second or third class mail—letters or wrappers containing printed matter.

The stamp itself is black, with a large impressive portrait of Andrew Jackson. The nickname "Black Jack" was given to the stamp by its first serious student, H.P. Atherton. The original stamp is Scott #73, but it also occurs in several grilled varieties, Scott #s 84, 85B, 87, and 93. There is also a reprint, Scott #103. It's "current" use was from 1863 until 1869, when it was replaced by Scott #113, the brown, post horse and rider pictorial stamp of 1869.

The Black Jack was used on cover in both of the ways listed above, but also in combination with other stamps to pay higher rates. It is often found on cover with a once-cent stamp, paying the three-cent first class rate, but it may also be seen on covers of higher rates to Canada and overseas.

I started a census of the stamp on cover from Vermont in 1987 and subsequently had a monograph published in 1991, entitled "The Black Jack in Vermont." [Available from La Posta Publications, P.O. Box 135, Lake Oswego, OR 97034, for \$16.00 postpaid.] That census has grown from 163 covers, at the time of publication of the monograph, to now over 240 covers.

In the meantime, I have been planning a census of Black Jack covers from a few other states, including Texas. The covers in my Texas census consist only of covers in my own collection, plus others I have happened to see in auction catalogues or other publications. Since the Black Jack would not have been used on covers from Texas until after the Civil War, it is scarcer than those found in the northern states.

Enclosed is a copy of my current census listing for Texas, and also illustrations of three covers from Galveston. Two of the covers are to Canada and one is a folded Commercial bulletin Letter-Sheet to New York.

As you can see from the census listing, I have not added to the census since 1994. Additionally, the listing does not contain any drop letters. I would like your help in getting the census going. If you will send me photocopies of any Black Jack covers in your collection from Texas, I will send you an updated listing which includes your covers. Please send photocopies to: Durward Mommsen, 10625 Countess Drive, Dallas, TX 75229.

TEXAS BLACK JACK CENSUS as of 12/27/94 Total to date: 14

ORIGIN/DESTINATION	DATE	STAMPS	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE
Brazos Santiago/Litchfield, Conn.	7/5/--	63:73	CDS, tied grill cancels	??
Brazos Santiago/??	??/??/??	63:73	fancy dotted cork: may be same cover as above	Siegel 2/94-518
Brazos Santiago/??	7/11/--	73-3	CDS, tgts	Siegel 2/94-518
Galveston/Bremen, Germany	3/--/67	73	CDS, cork: prices current	Christies 10/87-390
Galveston/Halifax, N.S.	11/13/69	93-3	tied CDS, corks: ms date on front, rcvg mk on bk	Mommsen
Galveston/New York	12/22/(66)	73	tied CDS, crk: folded prices current	Mommsen
Galveston/St Catherines Canada We	--/--/--	63:73(3):3c	CDS, tied corks	Mommsen
Houston/Anderson	6?/24/66	73	CDS, tied qcrk: folded prices current	TPHS 8/93-25
Houston/Anderson	7/11/66	73	CDS, tied grid: folded prices current	Mommsen
Houston/Brenham	--/--/--	73	tied CDS, qcrk; PAID partly under stamp	Mommsen
Hunsville/(NY)	4/1/--	63:87	CDS, tied grids	Sotheby 4/80-452
Indianola/??	??/??/??	73-2	no details available	Siegel 2/94-518
San Antonio/(Prussia)	3/17/--	92-2:93:94:95	CDS, tied qcrk: on 3 cent entire	Amer Phil 10/77
San Augustine/??	??/??/??	63:73	no details available	Siegel 2/94-518

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REVIEW OF THE MARKETS.

BULLETIN OFFICE.
Friday Evening, Dec. 21, 3 P.M., 1886.

COTTON.—In our last report we noticed advices per Atlantic cable from Liverpool up to noon of the 14th, reporting Middling Uplands at 14d. To-day we are in receipt of dispatches up to 4 P.M. yesterday, reporting sales of about 13,000 bales. Middling Uplands were quoted at 14 1/2c, showing an advance of 1/2c. over the quotations as given on the 14th.

The advance at Liverpool has shown its influence on our domestic markets, prices having advanced materially since our last publication. At New York yesterday, heavy sales were reported at 25 1/2c. for Middling, with Gold at 134. The New Orleans market, at some time, was steady, with sales of 4,500 bales, on a basis of 31 1/2c. for Low Middling.

There has been considerable liveliness exhibited during the past week, as our report of sales shows, and prices have advanced 1 to 1 1/2 cent per pound, from the news received from other markets, stating an advance in quotations. The receipt of this news had a tendency to stimulate the market, and buyers operated extensively, in comparison with the stock offering. Some factors are holding their lists under instructions, and hence the full amount on hand is not offered at current rates. We must remark, however, that some buyers are not willing to operate at the ruling prices preferring to wait for further advices. We hear that several transactions have been made anticipating higher figures, and the news received proves the correctness of the opinions of the parties, whether it will continue so, remains to be seen. We quote in specie, Liverpool classifications:

Middling.....	nominal
Low Middling.....	22 1/2c.
Good Ordinary.....	22 1/2c.
Ordinary.....	21 1/2c.
Sales for the week sum up as follows:	
Saturday.....	1,442 bales.
Monday.....	1,453
Tuesday.....	1,453
Wednesday.....	1,453
Thursday.....	1,453
Friday.....	1,453
Total.....	10,000 bales.

Exports for the week sum up 4317 bales, of which 1287 went to Bremen, 2208 to New York, 317 to Boston, and 75 to New Orleans.

GOLD.—The market has continued to be unsettled, advices from New York and other markets since the opening of the Commercial week just closed, having exhibited an almost unintermitting downward tendency, the decline in premium of Gold at the first named place being fully 1/4 cent from the highest point reached, which has influenced our market to an equal extent, as will be seen by reference to our closing rates of each day. The amount that has changed hands here has been unusually large, induced by the very heavy operations in cotton. Transactions would have been still larger but for the fact that our market has been kept up one and a half to two and a half cents above that of New York, causing buyers of cotton to prefer selling gold exchange at one and a half and even two per cent discount, to selling currency exchange, as usual, and buying their gold for it here. To-day the market has been active with some dealers, at rates reduced to 138 and 134. The demand, however, has been principally to cover accounts owing here yesterday, and not on speculation up to the time that this article is being prepared for press. We notice several sales to dealers of amounts of \$500 and \$10,000 at 134 and 134.

We quote the closing rates of each day of the as follows:

Saturday.....	138 1/2
Monday.....	138 1/2
Tuesday.....	138 1/2
Wednesday.....	138 1/2
Thursday.....	138 1/2
Friday.....	138 1/2

SILVER.—There have been no large amounts on the market, either Mexican or American. The transactions made were principally on a basis of from 24 1/2c. less than gold rates for currency, and in loss in exchange for gold. We noticed some amounts changing hands to-day at 4c. less than gold, but they realized above the regular market value.

EXCHANGE.—The activity as presented by the cotton market has caused large amounts for domestic bill to be drawn. We notice transactions in gold exchange on New York in round amounts to from 1 1/2 per cent discount. Buying rates from counter for small amounts are 1 per cent discount to par. Outside parties have sold currency bills at 1 per cent discount for large round amounts, with some transactions at 1/2 less. Counter rates are 1/2 per cent premium. For New Orleans currency sight there is a steady demand at 1/2 per cent premium, counter rates.

FREIGHTS are steady and unchanged. To Liverpool per sail we quote 10c. for small lots a fraction more is realized. For freight to Liverpool through per steamer via New York, 14d. is asked. Sailing vessels rates continue at 1c. to New York, 1 1/2 to Boston, and 1 1/2 to Bremen. Steamers to New York fill up readily at 1 1/2 cent.

THE GENERAL MARKET

Has not exhibited any great degree of activity during the past week, nor have we any material change to note in the general market relative to prices, and the presumption is fair that we will have a comparatively dull time until about the middle of the coming month.

The near approach of the Christmas holidays has caused a more than usual briskness in the market for Green and Canned fruits, the prices of which are firm at quotations.

We continue to remark that it must be borne in mind by the consigner, in taking our prices current for a guide in shipment of goods, that the quotations as reported elsewhere, unless specially otherwise stated, are for purchases from store, and that for job lots a less figure has to be accepted.

BAGGING AND ROPE.—Prices continue unchanged from our quotations of last week, which were 25 1/2 cents for India Bagging rolls and bales, and 28 1/2 cents for Manila rope. Kentucky rope is difficult to place, though we hear of transactions at 14 cents currency. The demand for all classes is light, both of Bagging and Rope.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The stock continues light, but a few weeks will again see the market fully supplied.

We continue to quote, viz: Men's stoga boots \$31 00@32 00, calf peg boots \$38 00@40 00; heavy brogans \$22 00@24 00; do light, split, \$15 00@17 00; Congress gaiters, \$19 00@20 00, for sewed, and \$25 00@26 00 for pegged. Ladies' goat lace boots, sewed, \$30 00; kid Congress gaiters, \$42 00; kid Balmoral, \$42 00. Children's goat lace boot, patent tip, \$18 00@21 00; kip ditto \$21 00@23 00; red rassed brogans \$22 00.

BREAD.—We have no change to note, and again quote Pilot Bread 10 1/2c. per lb; Crackers in barrels, butter and soda, 13 1/2c. ditto in boxes, \$3 25@3 75.

COFFEE.—There is a continued steady demand, very little of which is for merely speculative purposes. The stock on hand is not very heavy, but still more than sufficient to supply present and immediate demands. Two cargoes of upwards of 4,000 sacks are expected within a short time direct from Rio de Janeiro. The stock on hand, as well as the demand, is principally for Rio. We quote prices unchanged, viz: 25 1/2c. specie, for Rio, ordinary to choice, and in currency, 25 1/2c. @ 29 1/2c. for Rio ordinary, fair and choice, respectively. Java is in but little demand at 43 1/2c.

CANDLES are unchanged. Star 25 1/2c; Adamantine 25 1/2c; and 47 1/2c for sperm. **COAL.** has advanced to \$24 00@25 00 per ton for canal, and \$18 00@20 00 for anthracite. No Pittsburg coal in the market. The stock is not large, but sufficient to supply the demand.

DRY GOODS.—The past week has been a dull one for wholesale Dry Goods men, giving them, however, time to rearrange their stocks, which, on account of the heavy business, they had been unable to do for many weeks previous. The only change we have to note is in standard Domestic, which have again advanced to their former figure of 25c. Prices established by the Dry Goods Merchants Association.

BROWN COTTONS.—Atlantic A, Atlantic B, Pacific A, Pacific B, Massachusetts, F, Appleton A and Indian Head, each 25c. 4-4 Medford A, Atlantic D and Lyman C, each 22c. **PRINTS.**—Merrimack, Cochechos and Solids, 21c; Pacific Sprague's, American, Richmond, Connecticut, Danvers, Hamilton's, Gloucester and Lancaster, 20c; Allen and Amoskeag, 18c; Arnold, Freeman, Victor, Dutchess B and Lowell, 17c; Wamsutter, 16c; Glouster, 15c and Empire, 13c.

DELAINES.—Pacific, Hamilton and Manchester 25c; Coventry, 24c; Threlk, 21c; P. Loren.

FISH.—We note large receipts of Mackerel during the week, which has tended to increase the figure asked from store to 35 1/2c. for No. 1, new catch.

We quote No. 2 at \$3 00@3 25; herrings in bins, \$12 00@13 00; dried ditto in boxes 9c. @ 11 25. The demand is fair for all classes.

FLOUR.—The market is steady but quiet at unchanged figures. At New Orleans, prices continue low, in fact less than those of St. Louis, where prices were firm and tending upwards. We quote superfine and extra superfine, \$12 50@14 50; extra, \$13 1/2@15 00, and choice ditto \$18 00@19 00. The stock continues fair with a good local demand.

FRUITS.—are in good demand. Lemons, \$10 00@12 00; Oranges, \$14 00@15 00; Apples, \$10 00@12 00; Currants, 22 1/2c.; Dried Apples, 15 1/2c.; Figs in drums, 35 1/2c.; Raisins, \$5 50@6 00, \$1 00@1 25, 1 50@2 00 respectively for whole, half and quarter packages.

GRAIN has experienced a further tumble in prices since our last report was issued. The offering is quite large. We quote white \$1 47 1/2@1 53 and \$1 47 1/2@1 45 for yellow and mixed, with some offering at 5c. less.

HARDWARE continues active which would be increased if large dealers were willing to sell on time.

HAY is in light supply. Demand almost altogether local. We quote \$40 00@45 00 per ton for Northern and Western.

LUMBER.—Prices are easier and have a downward tendency, so much so that we expect to chronicle a decline during the coming week. The demand has been so large here and prices so high that numerous parties from Pensacola, North Carolina, New York and Maine, besides our regular trade with Calcutta, La., have been induced to consign cargoes here and thus, in a measure, stocking the market. Shingles are scarce, the stock of Cypress is principally in the hands of one party who is selling at \$13 00. Spruce do not find so ready a sale at \$10 00 as quoted. Lumber in yard—yellow Pine \$40 00@45 00; Spruce \$35 00@40 00; dressed 60 00@65 00; White Pine, \$50 00@100; Cypress ceiling \$65 00@70 00; dressed ceiling \$65 00@70 00; dressed flooring \$65 00@75 00; Lath \$7 50@8 00.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Marech per gross \$3 50@4 00; Brooms per doz. \$3 50@6 00; Tubs per nest \$3 50@6 00; Candy, 25 1/2c.; Corks \$7 00@8 00 per m.; Sardines \$1 00@1 10, for white boxes; 43 1/2c. for half half, and 25 1/2c. for quarter packages. Pepper \$7 24c.; Pimento 38 1/2c.; Mace \$2 00@2 25; Cloves 67 1/2c.; Ginger 35 1/2c.; Nutmegs \$1 75@2 00.

MOLASSES.—We notice small lots of Texas in first hands, and sales at from \$27 50@30 50 per hbl. Louisiana is offering at from 10 00@12 00; refinery reboiled, 90c. @ \$1 00; golden syrup in small packages \$1 25@1 50 per gallon.

OILS.—Cool Oil in bins, 90 1/2c.; do. in cases 90c. @ \$1 10; Lard Oil \$1 60@1 75; lincseed, raw \$1 75@2 00; and boiled \$1 90@2 10.

PROVISIONS.—Have been more steady than for some weeks past, though Pork and Lard are still more easy. We quote Mess Beef at \$28 00@29 50; Prime Mess \$23 00@25 00; Bacon Ham \$24c.; Canned ditto \$26 1/2c.; Clear Sides, 16 1/2c.; breakfast Bacon 20 1/2c.; Lard in tiers, 14 1/2c. and in kegs 17 1/2c. (common yellow in tiers, 14c.). Gosden Butter 45 1/2c. and Western 30 1/2c. Potatoes are in good supply. We note sales of round lots at \$1 50@1 75 from store \$4 10@4 50 is asked. Beans—\$12 00@13 00 per barrel for new, of old stock we note purchase for speculation at \$4 00. Rice is lower at 13 1/2c. for India and Carolina. Onions \$4 50@5 00.

SALT.—A few transactions in round lots have been made at 43 00 currency. From store \$3 25@3 50 is asked. Stock on hand is gradually decreasing.

SUGAR.—The supply of Texas in first hands is light. We quote 12 1/2c. in hhds and bins, and according to quality: A Coffee, white, 18 1/2c.; C. Coffee, yellow, 16 1/2c.; Crushed and Pulverized 18 1/2@19c. with job lots offering at 18c.

WHISKEY.—We note transactions of New Orleans low proof, at \$2 00@2 15; New Orleans rectified \$2 15@2 30, and \$2 40@2 60 for good Western.

COTTON STATEMENT.			
COMMERCIAL BULLETIN OFFICE.			
GALVESTON, Saturday, Dec. 21, 1886.			
	This Year.	1885.	1884.
Stock Sept. 1, 86.....	7,605	13,357	7,182
Received this week at this port.....	4,540	7,849	2,002
Received previously at this port.....	34,105	65,257	60,326
Rec'd at other Texas ports.....	5,713	9,853	9,736
Total.....	51,963	92,286	75,246
Exported to Great Britain to date.....	4,709	15,213	18,280
France.....	.....	.....	.....
Other Continents (all Ports).....	1,257	.....	816
Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans.....	6,430	26,286	10,480
Havana.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia.....	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	13,144	23,644	19,060
Boston.....	.....	1,706	2,497
Consumed by Rope Factory.....	.....	.....	.....
On hand & shipped board, not clad.....	25,368	49,502	56,724
	25,963	27,960	18,611

WOOL STATEMENT.

COMMERCIAL BULLETIN OFFICE.
GALVESTON, Saturday, Dec. 22, 1866.

Stock on hand Sept. 1.....	Bales	187
Received this week at this port.....	"	76
Received previously at this port.....	"	136
Received at other Texa. ports.....	"	1289
Total bales.....		1688

EXPORTS:

To New York to date.....	Bales	3 64
" Boston.....	"	"
" Baltimore.....	"	"
" N. Orleans.....	"	66
Remaining on hand and on shipboard, not cleared.....	Bales	132

NOTE.—Two sacks of Wool are counted our bale.

SPECIE QUOTATIONS.

GALVESTON, Friday, Dec. 21, 1866.

Gold.....	136 1/2
Silver, Mexican.....	132 1/2
Silver, American.....	131 1/2

SPECIE PRICES OF COTTON IN THIS MARKET.
At the close of each Commercial week.

DATE.	This Year.		1865-66.	
	ORD Y.	MIDC G.	ORD Y.	MIDC G.
Sept. 7, 14 @ 15	20 @ 21	18 @ 19	21 @ 22	19 @ 20
" 15, 14 @ 15	20 @ 21	17 @ 18	21 @ 22	19 @ 20
" 22, 14 @ 15	20 @ 21	17 @ 18	21 @ 22	19 @ 20
" 29, 14 @ 15	nominal.	17 @ 18	21 @ 22	19 @ 20
Oct. 6, 17 @ 18	24 @ 25	17 @ 18	25 @ 26	23 @ 24
" 13, 16 @ 17	23 @ 24	18 @ 19	27 @ 28	25 @ 26
" 20, 19 @ 21	26 @ 27	21 @ 22	31 @ 32	29 @ 30
" 27, 19 @ 21	26 @ 27	20 @ 21	31 @ 32	29 @ 30
Nov. 3, 19 @ 21	25 @ 26	21 @ 22	31 @ 32	29 @ 30
" 10, 18 @ 19	25 @ 26	21 @ 22	31 @ 32	29 @ 30
" 17, 16 @ 17	24 @ 25	21 @ 22	31 @ 32	29 @ 30
" 24, 16 @ 17	24 @ 25	21 @ 22	31 @ 32	29 @ 30
Dec. 1, 16 @ 17	24 @ 25	21 @ 22	31 @ 32	29 @ 30
" 8, 15 @ 16	nominal.	20 @ 21	30 @ 31	28 @ 29
" 15, 14 @ 15	22 @ 23	19 @ 20	30 @ 31	28 @ 29
" 22, 16 @ 18	nominal.	21 @ 22	31 @ 32	29 @ 30

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT THIS PORT.

DATE.	This Year.	1865-66.
Sept. 8	143 Bales.	3,272 Bales.
" 15	46 "	1,538 "
" 22	197 "	2,520 "
" 29	179 "	1,667 "
Oct. 6	680 "	1,214 "
" 13	759 "	1,222 "
" 20	1,419 "	1,581 "
" 27	1,663 "	1,524 "
Nov. 3	2,119 "	1,772 "
" 10	4,419 "	1,956 "
" 17	4,064 "	1,967 "
" 24	3,573 "	1,432 "
Dec. 1	5,465 "	1,671 "
" 8	4,463 "	1,667 "
" 15	5,042 "	1,589 "
" 22	4,546 "	1,242 "

RATES OF STERLING, N. O. & N. Y. SIGHTS.
In this market at the close of each Commercial week.

Date.	Sterling.	N. O. Sight.	N. Y. Sight.
Sept. 7, nominal.	1 per ct. prem.	1 1/4 per ct. prem.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 14, 105 @ 106.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 21, 105 @ 106.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 28, nominal.	1 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
Oct. 5, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 12, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 19, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 26, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
Nov. 3, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 10, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 17, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 24, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
Dec. 1, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 8, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 15, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.
" 22, nominal.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.	1 1/4 per ct. pr.

RATES OF GOLD AND SILVER IN THIS MARKET.
At the close of each Commercial week.

DATE.	This Year.		1865-66.	
	GOLD.	AM. SILVER.	G.O.D.	AM. SILVER.
Sept. 8, 140 @ 143	135 @ 140	140 @ 142	140 @ 142	140 @ 142
" 15, 141 @ 143	138 @ 141	142 @ 144	142 @ 144	142 @ 144
" 22, 142 @ 144	137 @ 142	143 @ 145	143 @ 145	143 @ 145
" 29, 141 @ 143	139 @ 141	144 @ 146	144 @ 146	144 @ 146
Oct. 6, 143 @ 145	138 @ 143	145 @ 147	145 @ 147	145 @ 147
" 13, 140 @ 143	143 @ 145	149 @ 151	149 @ 151	149 @ 151
" 20, 145 @ 148	140 @ 145	149 @ 151	149 @ 151	149 @ 151
" 27, 145 @ 148	140 @ 145	149 @ 151	149 @ 151	149 @ 151
Nov. 3, 147 @ 150	142 @ 147	151 @ 153	151 @ 153	151 @ 153
" 10, 147 @ 149	142 @ 147	151 @ 153	151 @ 153	151 @ 153
" 17, 146 @ 149	140 @ 147	151 @ 153	151 @ 153	151 @ 153
" 24, 138 @ 140	138 @ 140	147 @ 149	147 @ 149	147 @ 149
Dec. 1, 142 @ 144	138 @ 142	149 @ 151	149 @ 151	149 @ 151
" 8, 143 @ 144	138 @ 142	149 @ 151	149 @ 151	149 @ 151
" 15, 139 @ 141	136 @ 139	147 @ 149	147 @ 149	147 @ 149
" 22, 136 @ 138	133 @ 136	147 @ 149	147 @ 149	147 @ 149

RATES OF EXCHANGE.
CLOSING RATES.

Sterling Bank Bills.....	nominal.
Bills on New York at 30 days.....	nominal.
Bills on New York at 15 days.....	nominal.
Bills on New York at 5 days.....	nominal.
Bills on New York at sight.....	4 dis. to prem.
Bills on Boston at 30 days.....	nominal.
Bills on Boston at sight.....	nominal.
Bills on New Orleans at sight.....	par to 1 per ct. pr.

IMPORTS OF LUMBER DURING THE WEEK.

PENSACOLA.—Dec. 14, per Handy 146 m; per Wagonah 140 m.

LAKE CHARLES.—Dec. 19, per Elizabeth 16 m.

SABINE.—Dec. 17, per Mary 53 m; per Ella 6 m; per Rosalie 23 m; Dec. 20, per Sophia 120 m; per G. Wonthley 25 m.

CALCASIEU.—Dec. 17, per Luna 10 m; per Edith 25 m; per Texas 22 m; Dec. 20, per Rosalie 24 m; per J. Erky 32 m; per Alligator 11 m; per Eugene 17 m; per Cousin Sally 11 m; per Mariposa 12 m.

TOTAL. 728,000 feet.

EXPORTS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE.
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 22, 1866.

[Taken from the Manifests at the Custom-house.]

Dec. 11.—Bark Iris, to Bremen, 1,257 bales cotton.

Dec. 14.—Steamer Palmyra, to New Orleans, 152 head of cattle.

Dec. 14.—Steamer Ripidan, to New Orleans, 47 bales cotton and 185 head of cattle.

Dec. 15.—Steamer I. C. Harris, to New Orleans, 3 bales cotton.

Dec. 15.—Steamer Wilmington, to New York, 902 bales cotton and 14 bales wool.

Dec. 14.—Brig Aureate, to Boston, 317 bales of cotton and 67 hides.

Dec. 18.—Schooner B. C. Howard, to New York, 527 bales cotton, 25 bales wool, 261 hides and 2 bales skins.

Dec. 20.—Steamer Harlan, to New Orleans, 20 bales cotton.

Dec. 20.—Steamer Arisaine, to New York, 273 bales cotton, 43 bales wool and 637 hides.

Total.—4,517 bales cotton; 22 bales wool; 925 hides; 2 bales skins and 313 head of cattle.

RECEIPTS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE.
FOR THE WEEK ENDING, DEC. 22, 1866.

Dec. 15.—By Railroad from Houston, 389 bales cotton and 1 bale wool.

Dec. 16.—By Railroad from Houston, 351 bales cotton, 17 bales wool.

Dec. 17.—By Railroad from Houston, 422 bales cotton, 57 bales wool.

Dec. 18.—By Railroad from Houston, 354 bales cotton, and 1 bale wool.

Dec. 19.—By Railroad from Houston, 329 bales cotton.

Dec. 21.—By Railroad from Houston, 59 bales cotton.

Dec. 14.—By steamer Era, from Houston, 14 bales cotton.

Dec. 14.—By steamer Alice M. from Liberty, 226 bales cotton.

Dec. 14.—By steamer St Clair from Houston, 84 bales cotton.

Dec. 15.—By steamer Whitelaw from Houston, 15 bales cotton.

Dec. 16.—By steamer St Clair, from Houston, 93 bales cotton.

Dec. 16.—By sloop Lizzie Jones, from Cedar Bayou, 20 bales cotton.

Dec. 16.—By steamer Shreveport from Houston, 23 bales cotton.

Dec. 17.—By sloop Comet, from Sabine, 66 bales cotton.

Dec. 18.—By steamer Whitelaw from Houston, 32 bales cotton.

Dec. 18.—By steamer Alice M. from Liberty, 154 bales cotton.

Dec. 17.—By sloop Wm Coleman, from Cedar Bayou, 5 bales cotton and 11 hides.

Dec. 20.—By steamer Whitelaw, from Houston, 41 bales cotton.

Dec. 21.—By sloop Lizzie Jones, from Cedar Bayou, 7 bales cotton.

Dec. 21.—By steamer St. Clair, from Houston, 7 bales cotton.

Dec. 18.—By steamer Col Stell, from Trinity, 689 bales cotton.

Dec. 21.—By steamer Era from Houston, 321 bales cotton and 61 hides.

Dec. 15.—By steamer Bay City, from Brazos, 148 bales cotton, 41 hides and 22 barrels molasses.

Dec. 17.—By steamer Era, from Houston, 136 bales cotton and 21 hides.

Dec. 17.—By steamer Shreveport, from Houston, 29 bales cotton.

Dec. 15.—By steamer Harris, from Indianola, 123 bales cotton and 13 hides.

Dec. 18.—By steamer Hewes from Indianola, 115 bales cotton.

Dec. 20.—By steamer Harlan, from Indianola, 2 bales cotton.

Dec. 18.—By sloop Electric, from Cedar Bayou, 10 bales cotton.

Dec. 21.—By steamer Alabama, from Sabine, 12 hog-heads sugar.

Total.—546 bales cotton, 76 bales wool, 12 hds of sugar, 22 bbls. of molasses and 32 hides.

LIST OF VESSELS IN PORT OF GALVESTON.

STEAMSHIPS.

Lodoga, a. Hovey, N. Y.	Wm Hendley & Co	290
Wilmington, a. Spencer, N. Y.	J. S. Sellers & Co	277
Arthur, a. Sawyer, N. Y.	Wm Hendley & Co	276
Enterprise, a. Eldridge, dis.	W. Rendley & Co	694
Tybee, a. Gaultkins, dis.	T. H. McMahon & Co	750

BARKS.

Trinity, a. Heitz, Liverpool.	J. S. Sellers & Co	348
Albat, a. Reagan, waiting.	J. S. Sellers & Co	496
Oak Ridge, a. Quinn, New York.	L. Pless & Co	328
Walker, a. Liverpool.	C. Eason & Co	453
T. H. Armstrong, a. Lodge, waiting.		
Ed M. Stackpole & Co	473	
Niniveh, a. Baker, New York.	J. A. McKee	462
Joseph Nichols, Nichols, N. Y.	J. R. Jones & Co	377
Fille de L'Air, br. Evans, Liverpool.		
LeBaron Drury & Son, or Hodges, Todd & Co	450	
Pleiades, a. Wells, Liverpool.	J. S. Sellers & Co	482
Kate Stanier, a. New York.	J. S. Sellers & Co	470
Nazasa, a. Greenough, N. Y.	J. S. Sellers & Co	460
Weser, brms. Behrens, Liverpool.	J. Kauffman & Co	431
Iris, br. Schulte, Bremen.	J. Kauffman & Co	377
Albat, a. Striker, Liverpool.	J. Kauffman & Co	586
E. von Beudlich, old. Frensefeldt, Droegge & Co	348	
Anton Gauthier, old. Zittlosen, dis.		
Droegge & Co	475	
This, a. Guntre, discharging.		
J. S. Sellers & Co	451	
Cornelia, br. Logan, dis.	T. W. House.	360
Wild Hunter, a. Gritzier, Liverpool.		
Livstone & Barnes	328	
Memory, br. Hickey, dis.		
456		

BRIGS.

Prince of Wales, br. Lawton, waiting, Master.		254
Golden Light, br. Ferguson, Liverpool.		250
Karnak, br. Liverpool.	T. H. McMahon & Co	220
Armale, a. Davis, Boston.	T. D. Wilson & Co	225
Flourace, a. Rathburn, N. Y.	W. Hendley & Co	224
Alice Sterrett, a. Houger, dis.	C. W. Adams	220
Randolph, a. Pressay, dis.	T. D. Wilson & Co	250
John Brightman, a. dis. Gray.		
T. D. Wilson & Co	328	
Alexander Nickels, a. Rosebrook, dis.		
E. M. Stackpole & Co	257	
Walsham, a. Mathews, dis.	T. D. Wilson & Co	223
Handy, a. dis.	Master	270
Pacific, Italian, Cascone, dis.		
Droegge & Co	273	
Francis Lewis, a. dis.	Master	220
Jonah, Casabian, a. Berry, dis.		

ACADEMIES.

Henry Nutt, Cobb, N. Y.	E. M. Stackpole & Co	227
E. C. Howard, a. Nickerson, New York.	Master	214
Adolph Engel, a. Robinson, waiting.		
T. H. McMahon & Co	242	
H. P. Russell, a. Nickerson, New York.		
T. H. McMahon & Co	426	
King Fisher, a. Spate, dis.	James Sorley	414
Godfrey, a. dis.	Bail, Hutchings & Co	220
Ann D. L. Roach.	B. S. Parsons	170
Jessie Clark, a. dis.	Master	157
Wenonah, a. Tall, dis.	Master	34
Lottie Weemes, a. Miller.		
S. B. Lewis & Co	226	
Express, a. Smith, dis.	S. B. Lewis & Co	177
T. J. Hill, a. Batten, dis.	J. A. McKee	359
Wm Hunter, a. Hathorn, dis.		
Abbie E. Campbell, Denison.	Master	122
Ridgewood, a. Derriks, dis.	Master	207
Mary Jane, a. Rich, dis.	E. M. Stackpole & Co	72
Total		20,297

Marine Intelligence.

ENTERED.

Dec. 21.—Steamship Alabama, Buhell, Sabine, Matagorda, Lewis, Brushier.

Sloop Young Italy, Marsano, Calcasieu.

Francis Leroy, Levy, New York.

Steamship Clinton, Farwell, Indianola.

CLEARED.

Dec. 21.—Steamship Alabama, Buhell, Sabine, Matagorda, Lewis, Brushier.

Schooner Alister, Nelson, Calcasieu.

Steamship Clinton, Farwell, N. O.

FOREIGN IMPORTS INTO GALVESTON.
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 21, 1866.

45 packages Merchandise, 1,226 boxes Iron, 5 2/30 bars Iron, 2 casks Hardware, 1,563 lbs Tin Plates, 31 casks Chains, 26 Anvils, 241 packages Steel, 10,000 Fire Bricks, 5 casks Oil, 42 cases Drugs, 53 bales Gunny Bags, 1,525 sacks Salt, 27 dozen Mats, 20,000 Shales, 7 cases Biscuits, 25 bales Corks, 50 baskets Champagne, 22 casks Wine, 15 packages Vinegar, 5 cases Half Skins, 20 cases Hats, 230 cases Brandy, 2 cases Cherries, 20 bales Almonds, 40 cases Olives, 31 cases Sauces, etc., 1,100 cases Wines, 165 cases Sardines, 220 cases Preserves, 20 cases Olive Oil, 4 packages Vermicelli, 372 casks Ala., 20 casks Brandy, 2 casks Port Wine, 1 cask Sherry, 240 cases Liquors, 289 packages Earthenware, 25 casks Glassware, 20 casks Claret, 12 cases Soda-water, etc., 12 kegs Nails, 71 packages Primes, 2 cases Percussion Caps, 1 cask Cracker, 20 kegs White Lead, 1 cask Whiskey, 3 cases Confectionery, 15 tons Coal, 600 bunches Bananas, 200 Pine Apples, 1,000 sticks Sugar Cane, 1 bbls Limes and Oranges, 2000 Cigars, 32 Arkins Butter.

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to



Wm M. Washburn
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J. Holder, Spring Garden
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