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Monday Evening, Nov. 3, 1862.

The financial and political aspect of affairs shows very little change for the better. Gold has gradually risen in price, and the commerce of the city and country continues paralyzed. The Bank, however, is doing well, and the clearings show remarkable activity. The cotton market has been quiet, and the sales have been very small. Sugars have been in good demand, and the stocks holding about, with scarcely any operations. The Wool market is quiet. Coffee is the probability of a small crop. Rice is quiet. Tobacco is in good demand. Freights are quiet. Cotton is the only article that has shown a list of 74 bids. Sales 700 at 34½c. See the preliminary accounts.

COTTON.—We did not hear of a sale to day. See the preliminary accounts.

FLOUR.—A list of 150 bbls Superfine sold at $16 50, and 300 bbls Extra, city, at $16 75. Extra is nominal at $17 00@$17 50 bbl.

LARD.—Sales in bags to retailers at No. 9 lb.

GLUE.—Shoemakers are retailing at 20@25c. Other sales in bbl., and Superfine Stone at 15@16c. ℔ lb.

COFFEE.—The stock is extremely light, and nearly exhausted. Sales are retailing at 40@50c ℔ lb.

MOLASSES.—Fair made from Louisiana Ribbon is worth $1 25@$1 30 ℔ gal, and that made from grass at $1 10@$1 15 ℔ gal.

RICE.—The retail demand is supplied at $1 10 for prime, and $1 20@$1 25 for fancy per 100 lbs, and $4 for cargo.

The following articles were sold at auction to-day:—Sugar, Monday at 10½, and 1 bbl A Sugar at 8c, cash; 1 bbl Molasses at 30c, cash; 1 bbl Molasses at 31c, cash; 1 bbl Molasses at 32c, cash; 1 bbl Molasses at 33c, cash; 1 bbl Molasses at 34c, cash; 1 bbl Molasses at 35c, cash; 1 bbl Molasses at