COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
THURSDAY, December, 31, 1856.

The demand for COTTON has been fair to-day, and sales embrace 10,000 bales, at full prices, with no quotable change. We repeat:

Ordinary.....	8½@8¾	Middling Fair...	12¼@12½
Fair Ordinary..	10¼@10½	Fair Fair.....	12¾
Low Middling..	11 @11¼	Good Fair.....	13
Middling.....	11¾@11¾	Good and Fine..	14
Good Middling..	12 @12¼		

In TOBACCO we have heard of 55 bbls sold at —, 1 at 11, and 1 at 12½ ₩ lb.

SUGAR has been in fair request, with sales of 150 hhds at full prices.

Of MOLASSES, 500 bbls have been sold at 16@16½ ₩ gallon.

In FLOUR, the transactions comprise 500 bbls superfine at 36 ₩ 12; 300 St. Louis at $7, and 150 extra at $8 50 ₩ bbl.

Sales of 3000 sacks WHEAT, of which 150 Red at $1 31; 2797 at $1 35 for White, and 2000 in store sold at $1 41@1 42.

The sales of CORN have been 6000 sacks, including 700 white, in lots, at 65c., and a few hundred at about the same.

Of OATS, 800 sacks have been sold at 60@62½ ₩ bushel for St. Louis.

BRAN is dull, and nothing has been reported to-day.

Of HAY, 170 bales Western sold at $25 50 ₩ ton.

PORK is higher, with small sales of Mess at $22 50 ₩ bbl.

Of BACON, 20 sacks Ribbed Sides sold at 8c., and some Clear at 8½c ₩ lb.

The sales of LARD include 200 bbls and thirces new at 11½c ₩ lb.

The sales of WHISKEY comprise 100 bbls Rectified at 30c., in lots, and 40 Dean's Extra at 28c ₩ gal.

Of COFFEE, 1000 bags have been sold at 9¾@10½c ₩ lb.

A sale of 50 bales INDIA BAGGING at 23½c.

In FREIGHTS, we notice 5000 bales Cotton shipped to Liverpool at 9-16@13-32d.

EXCHANGES are in moderate request at our quotations.

Sterling, 107½@108 prem. Francs, 5f. 30@5f 35. Gold, New York, 60 days, 2½@2¾ ₩ cent. Sixt. N. Y. Sight, ¼@¾ ₩ cent. Sight.

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, December 18, 1856.

CLEARED YESTERDAY

Steamship Black Warrior, Smith, for New York, via Havana, Jas Conaway & co

Brem ship Bremen, Sanders, Bremen, Lanahan & Kimball

Ship Frances Emma, Gardener, Havre, Wm Prime

Brig Gartnesing, Wilson, Liverpool, Baxter, Lowell & co

Pan Ship Florida Stanton, Sale, Boston, Lanahan & Kimball

Brig George Albert, Hosmer, New York, Cheever & Farwell

Brig May Queen, Jackson, Philadelphia, G W Hyman & co

Mex Schr Jose Fernando, Astuna, Tampico, H Fogg

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Steamship Mexico, Lawless, Some Intermediate Ports, to Harris, Magee & co—Mdse.

Steamship Texas, Cleaves, Galveston and New York, via San Juan de Nicaragua, to Morgan & co—Mdse.

Ship Jacob Bell, Bragdon, Liverpool Sept 30d to Lucas, Mandeville & co—Point.

Brig Arlington, Marion, from Marmelize Oct 18th, to master—Salt.

Brig John W Jarvis, Gother, from Malta, in ballast, to master—Point.

Brig Ship Sunderland, Casey, from Bristol, England, to master—Point.

Schr Liberty, Winslow, 4 days from Lavacca, to master—Hides.

STEAMBOATS

Reuben Wright, Williams, for Louisville.

Florida, Smith, for St Louis.

Grand View, Bowen, for St Louis.

Lucy Robinson, Mathes, for Trinity.

E Clark, Brown, for Shreveport.

Florida, Grant, for Mobile.

Planter, Wilson, for Shreveport.

National, Dowling, for Cedar River.

Belle Dorsey, McComb, for Stump Landing.

Gem, Pope, for Ouachita and Vicksburg.

Grande, Gwartney, for Grande.

Pike Lucy No 2, Hughes, for Chacahoula.

TOWBOATS.

Defiance, Hackett, for the Passes.

Angio-Norman, Holmes, for the Passes.

TOWBOAT REGISTER.

Ship Anglo-Norman, from the Passes—Towed down and to you Commodore, ship John Patton and Rappahannock.

MEMORANDA.

The officers of the steamer Grand West, from St Louis, report having passed steamers J E Woodruff, Pleasant and Lucy Ann down north, reported as below.

The officers of the steamer Pioneer report Red River rising from Shreveport down, and about 4 feet water on Falls and falling very fast.

The steamer Lucy Robinson, Capt Mathes, arrived yesterday from Ouachita 8 feet with 16 of water on Falls, which were taken from the wreck of the steamer Louisiana. Capt Mathes informs us that from the junction of Ouachita down the river is fast rising, and will be a foot higher by Monday morning, and the appearance is that it will be much more and she expects to have to leave in haste.

The officers of the steamer Grande from Yazoo River, report that stream is low and rapidly sinking. The Bibb's supply had from entire Whole feet and was still falling.

BELOW GOMEZ BIF.

Ship Aquila, Masons, from Venice, to Hunter, Sewell & co.

Ships Mentor, Hall, from Liverpool Nov 26.

Ship Precious Knight, Knight, from Liverpool Nov 24.

Ship Western Chief, Dyer, from Liverpool, to J F Whitney & co.

Ship William and Jane, from Isle de Rosi, to Cooper & Farwell.

DROWNED.

Ship Boston Lady, from New York, at Hatteras, Oct 25th, 7 days, and overboard George Hussey, seaman, native of New Orleans.

PASSENGERS.

Per ship Hartford, for Mazatlan—9 cabin, 18 steerage.

EXPORTS.

NEW YORK, VIA HAVANA—Per steamship Black Warrior—10 bales cotton, 40 do wool, 4 do silk, 2 packages sundries, 1000 do lard, 7 bales sundries, 25 bbls tobacco, 50 do whiskey, 50 do wine.

BREMEN—Per ship Bremen—2300 bales cotton, 10 do wool, 12 pipes wine.

HAVRE—Per ship Frances Emma—4000 bale cotton, 1 case wine, 4 do silk, 600 staves.

LIVERPOOL—Per ship Gutenberg—3020 bales cotton and sundries.

BARCELONA—Per ship Florida—3420 bale cotton.

NEW YORK—Per brig George Albert—1000 bbls molasses and sundries.

PHILADELPHIA—Per brig May Queen—400 bales cotton, 194 bale sundries, 250 bale old, 200 bales, 201 bbls cotton and sundries.

TABASCO—Per Schr Jesus Fernando—100 bbls flour, 1 bag lard, 50 do corn and sundries.

IMPORTS.

GALVESTON AND INDIANOLA—Per steamship Mexico—8 bales cotton 60 do Panama hats, 1 case Panama—2 packages sundries, 2 do specie, 1 package merchandise.

TAMPICO—Per ship Charles Spencer—100 cases salt to master.

MARSEILLES—Per ship Arlington—4 cases silk for consignees on Friday docs.

BRIGNOLES—Per ship Sunderland—4000 bags rubbish to N O J & R R Co.

LA GUAYRA—Per schr Gertrude—1 bale cotton to W G Dunn—6 cedars & Tacon—30 Myrtle, Vance & co—7 Bell Tobacco & co—8 Bell & Allen—8 do—70 Lanahan & co—70 Kendall & co—70 Lanahan & co—70 Kendall & co—70 Lanahan & co—111 cases to de Rose & Mathews—1 case balsa to order.

RECEIPTS BY THE RIVER.

STUMP LAGOON—Per steamer Belle Dorsey—74 bales cotton Payne & Harrison—30 Hardman & Pedigo—1 Andrews & co—1 Mitchell & co—1 Mitchell & co—1 Hawkins & co—3 Mitchell & co—1 J S Gibbs—10 Salmon Brown & co—6 J Lehmann—20 W A Bisset—1 Mitchell & co—1 Chase—3 Fulton & co—1 Mitchell & co—1 Wait & co—34 to various consignees—8 hogsheads 120 to a member W A J Bisset—1 do 2 do 2 do 2