FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

A Slight Reduction in the Prices of Cereals --The Money Market Stringent--Stocks Generally Unsettled and Lower With a Few Exceptions--Large Transfers of Leading Speculative Shares.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 16.

At the board of trade yesterday it was ascertained that although there are few transactions on the board in wheat, there is a large demand from Eastern millers which maintains prices here for best qualities of Minnesota and Dakota wheat, notwithstanding the decline on all other qualities of wheat in lake and Eastern markets. Most of the hard spring wheat of the crop of 1880, so far, has been taken by the millers of the State or has been shipped via Duluth to Buffalo and Philadelphia. The St. Paul operators have sold largely, in transit or on track at original markets, to the millers or to Buffalo buyers at Duluth. But, lately, since the millers have obtained more than they can store and the closing of the lakes has suspended the Buffalo demand, millers of the Western, Central and Eastern States have sent in orders at prices better than they will pay for either winter wheat or the soft varieties of spring grown in the other Northwestern and Western States. The filling of these orders is delayed by the lack of cars, but, as the same lack prevents free shipments from original buying points, all arrivals are promptly taken and sent forward, without the change of ownership appearing in the daily records of board transactions. On the board yesterday prices and transactions were as follows:

Wheat, No. 1, hard, 90c; No. 2, 87c; December, 87c; No. 3, 77c. One car No. 4 sold at 72c.

Corn, No. 2, old, 38c bid, 40c asked; new, No. 2, 37c bid, 38c asked; May 41c bid, 43c asked. Arrivals of new corn arein good condition.

Oats, No. 2, white, 30c; No. 3 do, 29c bid, 29½c asked; No. 2, mixed, 29c; No. 3 do, 28c bid, 28½c asked; No. 3, mixed, December 28c, sale one car No. 3 mixed at 28½c. Oats are in active request.

Barley, No. 2, strictly Chicago grade, 88c; No 3 extra, cash and December, 65c; No. 3, cash and December, 60c; an advance of 5c being made on the highest grade from the figures of the preceding day.

Rye—No. 2, 72c.

Ground feed—$16 bid, $16.50 asked. Demand active and supply short. Sale, one car at $16.50.

Corn meal—$15.

Bran—$7.50.

Flax seed—98c.

Baled hay—$15.

Hogs—Live $4; dressed $5, an advance of 5@10c on Tuesday, resulting from increased demands.

A New York dispatch of last evening says: The dry goods business remains quiet with package houses and the jobbing trade remains dull. Cotton goods continue firm and stocks in first hands are unusually light. Prints quiet and steady; Washington, Green, Swiss and Ruby prints advanced ½c. Men's wear woolens sluggish but steady. Flannels and blankets firmly held.

Eastern and European Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money 6 per cent. per annum and 1-16 per cent. per diem, closing at 6 per cent. per annum. Prime mercantile paper 7 per cent. Sterling exchange, bankers' bills steady at $4.78. Sight exchange on New York, $4.80½.

Governments strong and ⅛@¼ per cent. higher for 4s and 4½s. Railroad bonds in fair demand. State securities dull.

Stocks—The stock market opened strong and in early dealings the general list advanced sharply but subsequently made a partial reduction. The depression, however, was of brief duration and speculation again took an upward turn, the highest prices of the day being touched in late dealings, when the improvement in prices ranged from ¼ to 2⅜ per cent., Michigan Central, Pacific Mail, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis, Delaware & Hudson, St. Louis & Iron Mountain, New Jersey Central and Morris & Essex being most prominent therein. At the close there was a fractional reaction in a few instances but the general market closed strng. No special advance was made to-day with regard to the purchase of United States bonds for the sinking fund. Secretary Sherman says he cannot pay more than the rate heretofore fixed for 6s of '80, 102½. About $3,000,000 have been purchased to date in New York.

The Evening Post will publish, to-day, some facts, said to be authenticated, about the transfer of the control of the St. Louis & Iron Mountain road. It is understood it will be the policy of the party now controlling the St. Louis & Iron Mountain to put it in first class condition, laying steel rail as soon as possible; to introduce a liberal policy with other roads; to build rapidly some short feeders in Arkansas; to improve the Memphis & Little Rock, which is now owned by Mr. Marguud; to put an end to commissions of all sorts, and to reach Mexico as soon as possible.

The transactions aggregated 387,000 shares, of which 3,000 were Canada Southern; 4,500 Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis; 4,000 Chicago, Columbus & Indiana Central; 12,000 Central Arizona; 17,000 Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; 8,000 Delaware & Hudson; 12,000 Denver & Rio Grande; 19,000 Erie; 3,000 Hannibal & St. Joe; 1,500 St. Louis & Iron Mountain; 15,000 Missouri, Kansas & Texas; 22,000 Lake Shore; 12,000 Lake Erie & Western; 8,000 Michigan Central; 12,000 Chicago & Northwestern; 7,000 Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis; 27,000 New Jersey Central; 8,000 New York Central; 7,000 Northern Pacific; 3,000 Ohio & Mississippi; 24,000 Pacific Mail; 6,500 Philadelphia & Reading; 11,000 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; 5,000 St. Paul & Omaha; 35,000 Union Pacific; 12,000 Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific; 42,000 Western Union and 9,000 Morris & Essex.

MORNING QUOTATIONS.

Rock Island.....	131	B. C. R. & N....	69
Panama†.....	225	Alton & T. H...	21½
Fort Wayne†....	125	do preferred...	109½
Pittsburgh†.....	125½	Wab. St. L. & P.	42¾
Illinois Central..	120½	do preferred...	80¾
C. B. & Q.....	173¾	Han. & St. Joe..	44¾
Chicago & Alt..	143½	do preferred.	95⅞
do preferred.	143	Iron Mountain..	51¾
N. Y. Central...	144⅞	St. L. & S. F....	41
Harlem†.....	200	do preferred.	55
Lake Shore.....	125½	do 1st pref'd..	86
Canada South'n.	74⅛	C. St. L. & N. O.	37
Mich. Central...	118½	Kansas & Texas.	44
Erie.....	46¾	Union Pacific...	109
do preferred..	78	Central Pacific..	84⅛
Northwestern...	125¾	Texas Pacific....	41⅞
do preferred.	139¼	Northern Pacific.	32½
Mil. & St. Paul.	111¾	do preferred..	62⅝
do preferred.	121	L'ville & Nash..	183
Del. & Lack.....	104¾	N. C. & St. L....	77½
Morris & Essex	117½	L. N. A. & C....	44
Delaware & H...	90	Houston & Tex..	63½
N. J. Central....	79⅞	Denver & R. G..	78¾
Reading.....	51	St. Paul & Om'a.	45½
Ohio & Miss....	36½	do preferred..	89⅞
do preferred...	88	P. T. & B.....	35
Chesapeake & O.	23	Memphis & C'n.	33
do 1st pref'd..	31	Am'n Union T..	73½
do 2d pref'd...	24	West. Union T..	82¾
Mobile & Ohio..	20½	Atlantic & Pac.	35
C. C. C. & I.	88½	Pacific Mail....	51¾
C. C. & I. C.....	19⅞	Adams Express	117
Ohio Central...	21¾	Wells & Fargo..	112
Lake Erie & W..	36½	American.....	64
Peoria, D. & E..	26	United States...	51
Ind. B. & West..	38	Quicksilver.....	12
M. & C. 1st pfd..	9¼	do preferred...	43
do 2d pref'd....	6		

†Offered. ‡Bid.

Note—Denver & Rio Grande is quoted ex. privilege of subscribing to new issue of stock and bonds.

EVENING QUOTATIONS.

GOVERNMENTS.

Coupons, '81 104		New 4 per cents.	113⅛
New 5s.....	101	Pacific 6s, '95...	128
New 4½s.....	111⅝		

STATE BONDS.

La. consols.....	54⅛	Virginia 6s, old.	39
Missouri 6s.....	111	Virginia 6s, new.	30
St. Joe.....	109½	Consols.....	100
Tenn. 6s, old....	48⅜	Deferred.....	16
Tenn. 6s, new....	47		

STOCKS.

C. P. Bonds.....	114⅜	Ohio Central....	21⅜
U. P. Bonds, 1st	115⅛	Lak Erie & W...	38¼
U. P. land grant.	114⅜	Ontario & W....	31¾
Sinking fund....	121½	B. C. R. & N....	66½
Lehigh & W....	127	Alton & T. H†..	$32
St. P. & S. C. 1st.		do preferred...	109½
C. C. & I. C. 1st..		Wab. St. L. & P.	43
do seconds....	100	do preferred...	80½
Erie seconds....	97½	Han. & St. Joe...	44¼
Rock Island† ...	130⅜	do preferred..	95½
Panama.....	225	Iron Mountain..	51½
Fort Wayne†....	125	St. L. & S. F....	42
Pittsburgh.....	125	do preferred..	57
Illinois Central..	121¼	do 1st pref'd..	87½
C. B. & Q.....	172¾	C. St. L. & N. O..	37
Chicago & Alt..	143	Kansas & Tex...	43⅞
do preferred..	143	Union Pacific*..	108½
N. Y. Central†*..	143¾	Central Pacific..	84½
Harlem.....	200	Northern Pacific.	33
Lake Shore.....	126¾	do preferred..	63¼
Canada Southern.	74	L'ville & Nash..	183½
Mich. Central...	149½	N. C. & St. L....	78
Erie.....	47	L. N. A. & C....	41
do preferred..	78½	Houston & Tex..	65⅞
Northwestern...	124¾	Denver & R. G..	78¼
do preferred..	140¾	West. Union T...	82⅝
Mil. & St. Paul..	111⅝	Atlantic & Pac..	35
do preferred..	121¾	Pacific Mail.....	52⅞
St. Paul & Om'a.	45⅜	Adams Express..	117
do preferred..	90¼	Wells & Fargo...	112
Lackawanna	105¾	American*.....	63½
Morris & Essex.	118	United States...	50½
Delaware & H...	91¼	Quicksilver.....	12
N. J. Central....	81¾	do preferred..	44½
Reading.....	51¾	Caribou.....	2¾
Ohio & Miss....	36½	Central Arizona..	6¼
do preferred...	87½	Homestake.....	29
Chesapeake & O.	23	Standard.....	21½
Mobile & Ohio..	20¼	Excelsior.....	6½
Cleveland & Col.	87⅞	Little Pitts.....	2
C. C. & I. C....	20	Ontario.....	33

Winona County Mining Stocks, 40c.

....No sales. †Offered. §Ex. coupon. *Ex. div. ¶Ex. int. ‡Bid.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

CONSOLS.

Money.....	98⅜	Accounts	98 9-16

UNITED STATES SECURITIES.

New 5s 104⅜		N. Y. C.....137½	
New 4½s 115⅛		Erie	48¼
New 4s.....117⅛		Erie seconds....102	
Illinois Central..125½		Reading	26½
P. C.	64½		

Rate of discount in open market for three months bills 4; same as Bank of England rate.

PARIS, Dec. 15.

RENTES—85f 72c.

M. DORAN'S REPORTS.

The following quotations giving the range of the markets during the day were received by M. DORAN, commission merchant:

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15, 10 A. M.—Spot wheat, New York advices cause depression. Floating cargoes rather easier. Cargoes on passage about 6d cheaper. Cargoes off coast 3d lower. London rather easier. Imports, wheat for week 315,000 quarters. On passage to continent 360,000 quarters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15, 11 A. M.—Wheat unsettled; Chicago 1.16@1.18; Milwaukee 1.19@1.20; receipts, wheat 45,676; corn 74,944.

12 M.—Spring wheat dull and tame; No. 2 Milwaukee held at 1.20; No. 3 1.13; winter feverish and lower.

1 P. M.—Spring wheat inactive and tame; winter options lower; spot dull and tame.

2 P. M.—Wheat unsettled; Chicago 1.16@1.18; Milwaukee 1.19@1.20; No. 2 red 1.18; sales 500,000.

WHEAT.

	MILWAUKEE.		CHICAGO.	
	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
9:30 A. M.	100⅞	102	101⅜	102⅝
9:45 "	100⅝	101⅞	100¾	101⅞
10:00 "	100⅝	101⅞	100⅞	.....
10:15 "	100¾	101⅞	101⅛	102⅛
10:30 "	101	102⅛	101⅛	102⅛
10:45 "	101⅛	102⅛	101¼	102¼
11:00 "	100⅞	[illegible]	101⅜	.....
11:15 "	101	102¼	101½	.....
10:30 "	101⅛	102¼	101⅜	102⅜
11:45 "	101	102⅛	101	102
12:00 "	100½	101¾	100¾	101¾
12:15 "	100⅝	101⅜	100½	.....
12:30 "	100⅝	101⅞	100¾	.....
12:45 "	100⅛	10.⅜	100⅞	101⅞
1:00 "	100⅝	101⅞	100¾	101¾
2:00 "	.....	.....	100⅝	.....
2:15 "	100⅝	101⅝	100¾	101¾
2:30 "	100⅜	101⅛	100⅝	101⅛

Wheat receipts in Chicago 226,703 bushels; shipments 2,964 bushels.

Wheat receipts in Milwaukee 60,210; shipments 1,990 bushels.

Stock of wheat in Milwaukee 2,157,000 bushels.

CORN.

	Chicago.			Chicago.	
M.	Jan.	Feb.	P. M.	Jan.	Feb.
12:00	39½	....	1:00	39⅜	....
12:15	39¾	....	2:30	39⅜	39⅝
12:30	39	....			

Corn receipts in Chicago 282,780 bushels; shipments 68,689 bushels.

PORK.

	Chicago.			Chicago.	
A. M.	Jan.	Feb.	A. M.	Jan.	Feb.
9:30	12.85	13:00	11:45	12.92½	13.05
9:45	12.80	12.97½	12:15	.....	13.07½
10:00	12.85	13.00	12:45	12.95	13.10
10:45	....	13.02½	1:00	12.95	13.10
11:00	12.90	13.02½	2:00	12.95	13.10
11:15	12.92½	13.07½	2:15	....	13.07

LARD.

	Chicago.			Chicago.	
A. M.	Jan.	Feb.	A. M.	Jan.	Feb.
9:45	....	8.42½	11:30	....	8.45
10:00	....	8.45	12:00	....	8.45
10:15	8.35	....	12.30	....	8.42½
10.30	8.35	....	1:00	8.32½	8.45
11:00	....	8.42½	2:00	8.35	8.45
11:15	8.35	....			

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—Flour dull and neglected. Wheat opened firm, ½c higher, and closed weak; No. 1 hard $1.10; No. 1 1.05; No. 2 1.00; December 1.00; January 1.00⅝; February 1.00⅞; No. 3 87c; No. 4 77c; rejected nominal. Corn, weaker; No. 2 39½c. Oats, dull and lower; No. 2 31½c. Rye, firmer; No. 1 87½c. Barley, unsettled; No. 2 cash 86½c. Provisions, weak; mess pork $12.90 cash; 12.90 January. Lard, prime steam $8.35 cash and December; 8.35 January. Live hogs, weak at $4.40@4.80. Receipts, 10,566 barrels flour; 60,210 bushels wheat; 17,720 bushels barley. Shipments, 19,000 barrels flour; 19,907 bushels wheat; 14,371 bushels barley.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Flour dull and nominal; receipts to-day much the largest on record. Wheat active but lower; unsettled; No. 2 red winter 99½@1.00; No. 2 Chicago spring 1.00 bid cash and December; 1.00¾ January; 1.01¾ February; sales 1.00⅝@1.01¾ January; 1.01⅜@1.02¾ February; No. 3 Chicago spring 85@87c; rejected 67@69c. Corn dull, weak and lower; 39⅛@39¼c cash; 39¼c bid January; 39⅝c February; 44¼@44⅜c May; sales 44@44¾ May; rejected 36c. Oats dull and lower; 31¾c cash; 31⅞c January; 32⅝c February; 35¾c May. Rye steady and unchanged. Barley strong and higher; 1.17½; sales 100,000 January at 1.20. Pork steady; fair demand; 11.80 cash; 11.50@11.75 December; 12.95 January; 13.10@13.12½ February. Lard quiet and weak; 8.30 cash; 8.35 January; 8.45 February. Bulk meats dull and drooping; shoulders 4.12½; short rib 6.70; do clear 6.95. Whisky in fair demand at lower rates, $1.11. Receipts, 54,000 barrels flour; 227,000 bushels wheat; 282,000 bushels corn; 80,000 bushels oats; 7,000 bushels rye; 51,000 bushels barley. Shipments, 21,000 barrels flour; 30,000 bushels wheat; 59,000 bushels corn; 44,000 bushels oats; 6,000 bushels rye; 24,000 bushels barley.

The Drover's Journal reports hog receipts at 44,000; shipments 1,100; weak; 5@10c lower; common to medium dull; mixed packing 4.40@4.70; light 4.30@5.00; choice heavy 4.70@4.90; closed weak; many common unsold. Cattle, receipts 7,500; shipments 1,400; weak; easier; exports 5.50@6.80; good to choice shipping 10c lower; 4.75@5.20; common to medium 10@15c off; very dull; 3.60@4.35; butchers steady; cows good demand; stockers and feeders steady, 2.25@3.35. Sheep, receipts 1,400; unchanged; common to medium 3.50@4.00; good to choice 4.30@4.60; no extra here.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Cotton quiet and rteapy at 11⅞@12⅛c; futures easy. Flour weak; receipts 22,000 barrels; exportr 37,000 barrels; superfine state and western $3.40@4.00; common to good extra 4.30@5.00; good to choice 5.10@6.00; white wheat extra 4.40@6.85; St. Louis 4.60@6.75; Minnesota patent process 6.50@8.25. Wheat heavy, 1@1½c lower; receipts 76,000 bushels; exports 124,000 bushels; ungraded spring $1.05; No. 3 do 1.12; ungraded red 1.10@1.24; No. 3 do 1.14¾@1.15½; steamer do 1.05; No. 2 red 1.18@1.19; No. 1 do 1.25; mixed winter 1.15½@1.16¾; No. 2 white 1.14¾@1.15; No. 1 do, sales 34,000 bushels, at 1.15@1.16; steamer do 1.14¾; No. 2 red, December, sales 48,000 bushels at 1.18@1.18½; January, sales 464,000 bushels at 1.19@1.20; February, sales 740,000 bushels at 1.21¾@1.22¾; May, salos 88,000 bushels at 1.23@1.23½. Corn heavy; ungraded 56@59c; No. 3 56¼@57c; steamer 57¼c; No. 2 58@58½c; No. 2, December, 58@58¾c; January 58¾c; February 59¼@59¾c; May 58c. Oats heavy; receipts 23,000 bushels; mixed western 42@44c; white western 44@48c. Hay quiet and weak at $1.10. Hops dull and unchanged. Coffee, demand fair and market firm; Rio cargoes quoted at 10@13c; job lots 10@13¾c; Sugar dull; fair to good refining 7⅛@7¾c. Molasses dull and unchanged. Rice, steady and in moderate demand. Petroleum dull; united 91¼c; crude 6¼@7c; refined 10c. Tallow quiet and steady at 6⅛@6⅛c. Rosin firm. Turpentine steady at $1.45½. Eggs firm for choice fresh at 26@32c. Pork dull and nominal; old mess for export quoted at $13.50. Beef quiet but steady. Cut meats dull and weak; long clear middles quoted at $7.25; short clear middles 7.50. Lard dull; prime steam $8.72½@8.80. Butter quiet at 14@29c. Cheese firm at 10@12½c. Leather, demand fair and market firm; Hemlock soles; Buenos Ayres, Rio Grande, light middles and heavy weights 23@25c. Wool active and firm; domestic fleece 37@52c; pulled 21@46c; unwashed 14@38c; Texas 14@33c. Manufactured copper quiet; new sheathing 26c; Ingot lake 18⅜@19c. Pig iron firm; Scotch 20½@24½; American 18@26c. Russia sheeting 13@15c. Nails, cut $2.75@2.90; clinch 4.40@5.65.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Flour weak and depressed; Minnesota extras, clear, medium 5.25; good 5.50; choice 5.75; straight 6.12½; Ohio fair, 5.75; choice 6.25; winter wheat patents, good 7.50; spring do., good, 7.75. Rye flour quiet, 5.25. Wheat unsettled; rejected, track 1.05, cargo rate; No. 2 red prompt shipment 1.17 free on board; No. 2 red December 1.16½ bid; 1.17 asked; January 1.18 bid, 1.18½ asked; February 1.20½ bid, 1.21 asked.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Spirits petroleum 10s@10s 9d; refined 11s. Spirits turpentine 34s.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Cotton strong; 6¾@6¾d; sales 20,000; for speculation and export 3,000 bales; American 17,300 bales. Refined petroleum 8s 4½d.

THE RAILROADS.

Jay Gould Bargaining For the St. Louis & Iron Mountain Road.

Jay Gould and the Iron Mountain.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—The *Post-Dispatch* has information that negotiations are in progress between Jay Gould and Thomas Allen for the purchase of the Iron Mountain railroad and that in all likelihood they will result in that road becoming a part of the Gould system within a very few days.

Mr. Thomas Allen when asked to make a statement regarding the matter, refused to talk on the subject, but his son W. R. Allen, one of the vice-presidents of the road, admitted that negotiations were pending for the purchase of his father's interest. From another source, regarded trustworthy by the *Post-Dispatch*, the statement is made that Saturday last, Gould paid Allen two millions for either the whole or part of his interest in the road. J. C. Gault, manager of Wabash, had heard the rumor but knew nothing definate. He thought, however, the Iron Mountain an essential point of Gould's scheme, as it is the only competing line into the Southwest. Gould, he said, is more than ever bound to St. Louis and obliged to fight the Gulf route for as any years if not for all time to come. St. Louis or New Orleans must be the points of the Southern Pacific and this purchase, if made, only gives St. Louis one more hold on the trade of the Southwest. The Southern Pacific system, Mr. Gault said, will meet the New York system at St. Louis and, I think this a very good thing for the Wabash.

Another Trunk Road Into St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Wm. Howard, superintendent, John E. Ladd, attorney, and two or three engineers of the Lake Erie & Western railroad, arrived here this morning. It is understood that the company these gentlemen represent intend constructing a branch of their road to St. Louis, and that surveys of a line will be commenced at once from here and from some point on their main road. Mr. Howard says the new line will start from Muncie, Tipton or Frankfort, on the main road, and come direct to St. Louis, a distance of about 250 miles. The line will be located in sixty days, and the construction pushed with the utmost rapidity. When completed, the road will shorten the distance to Cleveland forty miles and be the same length as the Wabash to Toledo. Mr. Howard will remain here two or three days to arrange terminal facilities, but the engineers of the party will be here some time.

Pending Sale of the Iron Mountain

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—Thomas Allan still asserts that his negotiations with Jay Gould are not yet closed, and that the sale of his interest in the Iron Mountain railroad is not yet consummated, but it is generally believed that the transfer of stock will be made in two days, and that the purchase money will amount to two millions. Allan does not deny this. Merchants generally consider the acquisition of the road by Gould as a good thing for St Louis, but some of our cotton men are apprehensive it will result in an advantage of rates on cotton from Texas to the detriment of this market.

Later—Thomas Allen accepted Jay Gould's proposition this afternoon, and will leave for New York to-morrow morning to make the transfer of stock and definitely adjust all other matters connected with the transaction. The stock held by Mr. Allen is nearly 40,000 shares, and the purchase money amounts to but a trifle less than $2,000,000.

Another St. Louis Road.

BOSTON, Dec. 14—The syndicate lately formed by Boston and New York capitalists for building the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad, which is an extension of the Toledo, Delphos & Burlington road, from Kokomo to St. Louis, has met with such success in securing subscriptions that contracts are being let for the entire line. The officials of the road, having perfected favorable arrangements for terminal facilities in St. Louis, state that they expect to have it in operation by October, 1881.

AN HEIR TO $5,000,000.

The Descendant of One of England's Prime Ministers Living on the Charity of Friends.

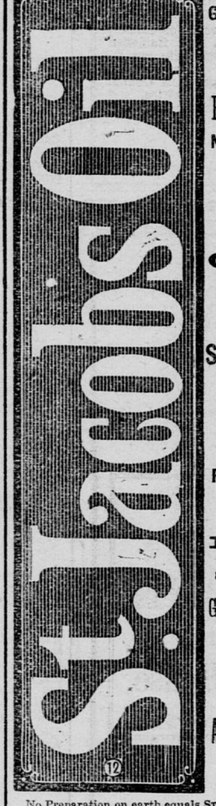
[Philadelphia Press.]

In a small second-story room of the house No. 19 Beck street—a little thoroughfare running off from Front street, above Christian—resides Mrs. Elizabeth Perceval in an almost starving condition. Although pinched by want, according to her story, Mrs. Perceval is the rightful heir to an estate estimated to be worth $5,000,000. The old lady is a widow, over 70 years of age, uneducated, a picture of neatness, and most amiable and confiding in her disposition. As she related the story of her wrongs yesterday the tears streamed down her furrowed cheeks. "If they'd only let me have enough to keep soul and body together," she exclaimed, "until God sees proper to call me away, it's all I ask; they can have the rest." It appears that her husband, David Orr Perceval, was the grandson of Mr. Perceval, first lord of the treasury and chancellor of the exchequer of Great Britain in the latter period of the reign of George III, and during the regency of the then prince of Wales, afterward George IV., David Orr Perceval's father offended the prime minister by marrying a German lady below him in social standing, and for this reason Lord Perceval sent his son with his wife to this country, and purchased for him a tract of land, five miles square, in Montgomery, in this State, in what she thinks was called Barkerstown, or Beggarstown. Three sons and two daughters were the fruit of this marriage. One of these sons was David Orr Perceval. The other children, Mrs. Perceval thinks, died without marrying; but of this she is not certain. Her husband, whom she believes was the last surviving heir, died in March, 1879. When the estate of David Orr Perceval's father came to be settled it was found that the deeds to the property were missing. David Orr Perceval put the matter into the hands of an attorney named Moore, and after considerable time, and nothing being accomplished, her husband took the papers and placed them in the hands of another lawyer named William Bull. Mr. Bull, she says, went to England several times in the interest of the estate, and gave strong assurances to her husband that there would be no difficulty in securing his patrimony. Soon after the death of her husband Mrs. Perceval says that all traces of both Moore and Bull were lost, and that she has never been able to gain any tidings of either with the exception of one instance, and that was soon after the death of her husband, when Bull's clerk called on her and asked if she was in need of money. Her circumstances have since become so straitened that but for the kind charity of her neighbors she would often have suffered for the necessaries of life.

Recently the impoverished widow has placed the matter in the hands of Mr. Frank S. Simpson, an attorney at law at No. 711 Walnut street, but owing to the loss of all papers in the case, the absence of both the former attorneys, Moore and Bull, and Mr. Simpson's inability to find any trace of the whereabouts of either, he has not been able to accomplish anything satisfactory as yet. She says that the records of Montgomery county will be searched to see what light they may throw on the subject. Such is the story related by this enfeebled, suffering old lady. It is a matter of history that a Lord Perceval was shot in the house of commons on the 11th of May, 1812, by a Liverpool merchant named Bellingham, who had lost some property in Russia, and who applied to the British government to indemnify him for his loss. Lord Perceval declined to make the loss good, informing Bellingham that the government could take no notice of losses arising from private speculation. This enraged the merchant to such an extent that a few days subsequently he shot Lord Perceval through the heart, killing him instantly. Bellingham was convicted of the crime and hanged. Parliament was adjourned for a brief season in consequence of the shocking act, and on reassembling £50,000 ($250,000) was unanimously voted to the Perceval family, an annuity of £2,000 ($10,000) to the widow, and an annuity of £3,000 ($15,000) to the eldest son. The prime minister left twelve children. As Mrs. Percival declares that her husband's grandfather had but one son, then if that be true these twelve children consist of one son and eleven daughters. This may be true, and it may be that this poor old woman is mistaken in her facts, and that there were other heirs to this vast estate, out of which she sincerely believes she has been wronged.

Recovery of Remains of Young Jackson.

DENVER, Dec. 14.—The *Tribune and Republican's* Lake City special says: The *Silver World* says that J. C. Howard, who left Belnorte Nov. 28, to search for the remains of Young Jackson, arrived here with the remains in the evening. Chief Shavino stipulated with Howard, through Special Agent Townsend, that if he would go and examine the body of his son Johnson, who was killed by the Jackson party, he would assist to find Jackson's body. When Johnson's body was exhumed it was found, as stated by the Indians, that he was shot in the neck. Last Monday search was made for Jackson's body, which was found covered with snow, the clothes torn off and the flesh all eaten away by coyotes, except one foot, protected by his boot. Examination shows that he was shot near the navel, the bullet passing out at the back and that his body had not been mutilated. From all the evidence obtainable Jackson was killed within fifteen minutes after being taken away from the whites.



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Confirmation of Assessment for Opening and Extending Burr Street.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 13th, 1880.

The assessment of benefits, damages, costs and expenses, arising from the opening and extension of Burr street, 66 feet wide, from the south end of Burr street, in sub-division of and addition to Irvine's addition of Out-Lots, south to Collins street, in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, having been completed and entered of record by the Board of Public Works, in and for said City, the said Board will meet at their office in said city, at 2 P. M., on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1880, to hear objections (if any) to said assessment, at which time and place, unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, said assessment will be confirmed by said Board.

The following is a list of the supposed owners' names, a description of the property, and the amounts assessed to and against the same, to-wit:

Irvine's Out-Lots.

Supposed owner.	Description.	Lot.	Block.	Benefits.	Damages.	Balance.
Ella C. Hoyt, except part taken for Burr street..		8		$610 00	.....	$ 10 00
Same, west 33 feet of.....		8			$600 00	
Mary B Collins, except part taken for Burr St..		9		$610 00	.....	$ 10 00
Same, east 33 feet of.....		9			$600 00	

All objections to said assessment must be made in writing and filed with the Clerk of said Board at least one day prior to said meeting. GEO. L. BECKER, President.

Official: R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board of Public Works. 349-352

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