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STOCKS HALT IN UPWARD RISE

War Fears, Discouraging Talk from Washington on Tight Money and Seligman Venezuelan Loan Hurt Trading.

EARLY DEALINGS BRISK.

New York Central, Rock Island, St. Paul and Steel Strongest of Best Issues and Room Traders Who Hammered Them Caught.

After half a day of great activity with prices advancing to higher levels throughout the entire list, Wall street grew nervous over the prospect of delay in reaching an agreement to arbitrate the differences between Venezuela and the foreign powers, and business suffered in consequence.

It was pointed out by the alarmists that the possibilities of trouble between the United States and Germany were not eliminated by the tenor of the latter's reply to the request for arbitration.

Prices sagged somewhat because of this, and the pronounced activity of the forenoon trading was greatly curtailed. The speculative coterie had been hit so often on reports not nearly so well founded that it has grown wary.

Another feature which helped to cause fractional recessions was the statement of Vice-President Frank A. Vanderlip, of the National City Bank, that he looked for a continuance of tight money conditions indefinitely.

Mr. Vanderlip made the statement in Washington, where he has gone with Lyman J. Gage, former Secretary of the Treasury, to deliver to the President the resolutions on currency reform adopted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Still another discordant note was the intimation that the United States Government officials at Washington did not look with favor upon the plan of the New York syndicate, headed by Seligman & Co., to carry the Venezuelan claims.

Room traders failed to size up the situation correctly and were caught on the wrong side of four strong stocks. They tried to hammer Rock Island, St. Paul, United States Steel common and New York Central and lost heavily.

After selling these four stocks, which were the strongest on the list, until they became alarmed for fear of a squeeze, they turned to the long side and bought. Their selections of stocks to sell were particularly costly, because all held the gain practically all day.

Operators of several large pools have received assurances from prominent bankers that after Jan. 15 there should be plenty of funds for all legitimate speculative purposes.

The immediate effect of this was an outburst of speculation, which for a time threatened to run away with the conservatives. With its usual impetuosity the street wanted to discount January activity three weeks in advance.

The big banks soon checked the inclination, however, by advancing the call money rate to 5 1-2 per cent. and intimating that loans might be called.

FRANCIS L. EAMES RETIRES.

Former President of Stock Exchange Gives Up Active Business.

Francis L. Eames, former President of the New York Stock Exchange, announces his retirement from active business with the beginning of the new year. He says he does not want to let go all at once, and therefore will retain his seat on Change, which he has held for thirty-six years.

During Mr. Eames's term as head of the Stock Exchange he caused the establishment of the Exchange Clearing House, and among other things waged a hard war against the bucket shop interests in Wall street. He joined the Exchange on May 2, 1866. Since 1885 he has been the senior partner in the brokerage firm of Eames & Moore, No. 30 Broad street.

The Wheat Market.

The local wheat market opened a trifle lower than yesterday's closing prices, but as corn was steady the decline failed to become important. The weather in the West continued satisfactory for the movement. Cables were easier, receipts were moderate and Argentine news was of the usual conflicting variety. The early steadiness of corn was restricted to May, as January sold off 3-8 of a cent under further liquidation. At Chicago wheat opened steady, being stimulated by corn's upward movement.

New York's opening prices were: Wheat—December, 82 3-4 offered; May, 80 1-4; July, 78 bid. Corn—January, 63 1-4.

Chicago's opening prices were: Wheat—December, 73 1-8 to 73 1-4; May, 76 1-2 to 76 3-8; July, 73 5-8 to 73 1-2. Corn—December, 46 1-2 to 46; May, 43 to 43 1-8; July, 42 1-4 to 42 3-8; January, 45 to 45 1-4.

New York's closing prices were: Wheat—December, 83; May, 80 7-8 offered; July, 78 1-2 offered. Corn—December, 60 offered; January, 54 1-8 bid; March, 51 bid; May, 48 1-2.

Chicago's closing prices were: Wheat—December, 73 1-2; May, 77 bid; July 74. Corn—December, 46 1-4 offered; January, 45 5-8 offered; May, 43 5-8 to 43 3-4; July, 42 3-4 bid; September, 42 1-2.

Government Bonds.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2s c	108¼	109	4s coup	109½	110½
U. S. 2s r	107¾	108¼	4s reg n	135	136
3s reg	107½	108½	4s c	135	136
3s coup	107½	108½	5s reg n	103¾	104¼
4s n m	106½	107½	5s coup	103¾	104¼
4s reg	109½	109½	D. C. 3s 65s	122½	—

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Shares.	High.	Low.	Clos.
100 Allis. Chal.	18½	18½	18½
200 Allis. Chal. pf.	82	81¼	82
24,100 Amal. Copper	58	57¼	57¼
1,700 Am. Car & Foundry	34⅝	34¼	34¼
1,100 Am. Car & F. pf.	90	89	89
400 Am. Cotton Oil	44¼	44	44
600 Am. Grass Twine	30½	29¼	30½
1,300 Am. Ice	10⅝	10¼	10⅝
200 Am. Ice Co. pf.	39⅝	38½	38½
1,000 Am. Loco.	28	27⅝	27⅝
300 Am. Malt. pf.	23½	23	23½
2,300 Am. Smelt. & Ref.	40⅛	39⅞	40
200 Am. S. & Ref. pf.	92½	92	92½
19,600 Amer. Sugar	126⅝	124⅛	125
100 Anaconda Min.	87½	87½	87½
24,600 At., Top. & S. F.	84⅛	81⅞	82
2,100 At., Top. & S. F. pf.	99½	98⅝	98⅝
16,200 Balt. & Ohio	98⅝	97	97⅛
7,100 Brooklyn R. T.	64⅞	63½	64⅛
100 Buttermilk	51	51	51
18,400 Can. Pac.	128⅝	126⅞	127½
3,000 Ches. & Ohio	47⅛	46⅝	46⅝
3,100 Chic. G. West	25⅛	24⅛	24½
300 Chic. G. West. pf.	37⅛	36½	36½
82,000 Chic., Mil. & St. P.	174½	173⅝	173⅞
200 Chic., M. & St. P. pf.	192½	191	192½
1,400 Chic. Term. & Tr.	17	16⅝	16⅝
1,800 Chic. Term. & Tr. pf.	33	32	33
600 Chic. Un. Trac.	14	13½	13½
300 Chic. & Alton	32½	32	32
200 Chic. & Alton pf.	71	70	70⅝
200 Chic. & NW.	216	215	215
400 C., C., C. & St. L.	95⅞	95⅝	95⅞
3,100 Col. Fuel & Iron	80¼	77	78¼
7,400 Col. Southern	27⅝	26⅝	27
100 Col. Southern 1st pf.	68⅝	68⅝	68⅝
400 Col. Southern 2d pf.	43	42⅛	42⅞
500 Col. & H. Val.	99	98⅝	98
400 Col. & H. Val. pf.	97	96½	96
1,000 Consol. Gas	211⅝	210⅝	210⅝
1,000 Con. Tob. pf. ex-div.	115½	115	115
13,600 Corn Prod.	30⅝	29¼	29⅞
300 Del., Lack. & West.	247½	246	246
2,100 Del. & Hudson	164¼	162½	163⅝
3,100 Den. & Rio Grande	38⅝	38	38⅝
700 Den. & Rio Grande pf	90⅝	90	90
300 Des Moines & Ft. D.	41⅝	40	40
500 Detroit South	16½	16	16⅝
1,300 Detroit South. pf	32½	31	31
100 Dis. Securities Com.	31	30	30
200 Dul., S. S. & Atl. pf.	24½	24	24
43,100 Erie	34⅝	32½	33⅝
3,400 Erie 1st pf.	64⅝	63⅝	64
4,600 Erie 2d pf.	45⅝	44½	44⅝
1,200 Evans. & T. H.	68⅝	67	67
300 Gen. Electric ex-div.	176	175	176
500 Great Northern pf.	192	190	192
100 Gen. Chem.	63⅝	60½	60½
100 Hocking Coal	18½	18½	18½
1,400 Illinois Central	144	143	143
700 Inter-Paper	18⅝	17	17½
500 Iowa Central	38	37½	37½
500 Iowa Central pf.	68	67	67½
300 K. C., Ft. S. & M. pf.	78⅝	73½	78⅝
1,100 Kan. City Southern	31⅝	31	31⅝
400 Kan. City South. pf.	54	53⅝	53⅝
400 Kanawha & Michigan	46	44½	46
200 Keokuk & Des Moines	34⅞	34⅝	34⅞
100 Long Island	79	79	79
13,100 Louisville & Nashville	124	122	122¼
200 Mex. Securities	12½	119	119½
8,600 Manhattan	146	145⅝	146
2,700 Met. Street Ry.	140¼	133	139⅝
1,400 Mexican Central	22⅝	22	22
200 Minn. & St. P.	106⅝	106	106⅝
700 M., St. P. & S.S.M.	72½	72	72
3,700 M., St. P. S. S. M. pf.	124	123	124
4,700 Mo., Kan. & Texas	25⅝	25	25¼
1,000 M., Kan. & Texas pf.	55⅝	55	55
19,200 Missouri Pacific	105½	104½	104⅝
100 Nash., Chat. & St. L.	102	102	102
600 Nat. Lead	26½	26¼	26¼
600 Nat. RR. of Mex.	16	15⅝	16
9,800 Norfolk & Western	71½	70⅝	70⅝
13,900 N. Y. Central	153½	152½	152½
100 N. Y. Dock	20	20	20
12,400 Ontario & Western	29⅝	28⅞	28⅞
200 Pacific Coast	71	70	71
200 Pacific Mail	40½	40	40½
24,000 Pennsylvania	155½	153⅝	154½
2,000 People's Gas	101⅞	101	101
100 P., C., C. & St. L.	92	92	92
1,800 Pressed Steel	60	59⅛	59½
29,800 Rock Island	41⅛	39⅞	40⅝
3,600 Rock Island pf.	81⅝	80⅝	81
400 Ry. Steel Spring pf.	87½	87	87½
89,000 Reading	62⅛	61⅛	61⅝
300 Reading 1st pf.	86⅛	86½	86⅛
900 Reading 2d pf.	77½	76½	76⅝
2,800 Rep. Steel	19½	19¼	19½
600 Rep. Steel pf.	76½	76¼	76½

Shares.	High.	Low.	Clos.
300 Rubber Goods	22	21½	21½
400 Rubber Goods pf.	70	70	70
400 Rutland pf.	70	67	69
100 Sloss Sheffield	56½	56½	56½
60,700 South. Pacific	63⅝	62⅝	63
11,000 South. Railway	32⅝	31¼	31⅝
100 South. Ry pf.	92½	92½	92½
1,569 St. L. & S. F.	69⅝	69¼	69¼
600 St. L. & S. F. 2d pf.	69	68⅝	68⅝
400 St. L. SW.	26⅝	26½	26½
2,200 St. L. S. W. pf.	60½	59⅝	59⅝
2,100 Tenn. Coal & Iron	56½	55⅛	55⅝
3,000 Tex. Pacific	44⅝	40⅝	40½
200 Tol., St. L. & W.	27⅝	27	27⅝
600 Tol., St. L. & W. pf.	47	45⅝	46
400 Twin City R. T.	114	113⅝	113
35,100 Union Pacific	99	97⅝	97⅞
600 Union Pacific pf.	93	92⅝	92⅝
1,300 U. S. C. I. Pipe	13⅛	12½	12½
100 U. S. C. I. Pipe pf.	50	50	50
800 U. S. Leather	12⅛	11⅞	11⅞
200 U. S. Leather pf.	87⅝	87½	87⅝
4,900 U. S. Realty & Con.	22⅝	21⅝	22⅝
1,800 U. S. R. & C. Co. pf.	69½	65	69
400 U.S.R.Inv.Co.pf.ex div	62½	62⅛	62⅛
49,800 U. S. Steel	34⅛	34	34⅛
16,900 U. S. Steel pf.	84⅝	83⅝	83⅝
2,000 Virg.-Caro. Chem.	60⅝	59	59
500 Virg.-Car. Chem. pf.	125	125	125
200 Vulcan Det. Co.	30½	30½	30½
200 Vulcan Det. Co. pf.	80⅝	80⅝	80⅝
1,400 Wabash	27⅝	27	27⅛
4,000 Wabash pf.	42	41	41½
200 Westinghouse E. & M.	193½	192	192½
1,400 Western Union	87⅝	87⅛	87⅛
200 Wheel. & Lake Erie	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
1,100 Wheel. & L. E. 1st pf.	53⅝	53	53
1,300 Wheel. & L. E. 2d pf.	34½	33	33
2,100 Wisconsin Central	22⅛	21⅝	22⅛
700 Wisconsin Cen. pf.	50⅝	48⅝	50

The total sales of stocks were 773,700 shares.

Consolidated Exchange Sales.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
Amal. Copper	57⅛	58	57	57⅛
Am. Car & Foundry	34	34¼	34	34¼
Am. Cotton Oil	44⅝	44⅝	44⅝	44⅝
Am. Ice Co.	10½	10½	10½	10½
Am. Locomotive	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝
Am. Sugar	124⅝	120⅝	124	122
Atch., Top. & S. F.	82⅛	81	81⅝	82½
Atch., Top. & S. F. pf	99	99¼	98⅝	99
Baltimore & Ohio	97⅝	96⅝	97	97⅛
Bay State Gas	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Tran.	64⅝	64⅛	63⅝	63⅝
Canadian Pacific	128	128½	127⅝	127⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	47	47	46⅛	46⅝
Chicago Great Western	25	25	24⅝	24⅝
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	172⅝	174½	172⅝	173⅞
Chicago & Alton	32½	32½	31⅝	31⅝
Col. Fuel & Iron	77½	80⅛	77⅝	78⅝
Colorado Southern	27⅝	27⅝	27	27
Den. & Rio Grande	38⅝	38⅝	38⅝	38⅝
Detroit South	16⅛	16⅛	15⅝	16⅝
Erie	33⅝	34⅛	33⅝	33⅝
Erie 1st pf	64⅛	64⅛	64⅛	64⅛
Hocking Coal	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
Ill. Central	143½	143⅝	143½	143⅝
Louis. & Nash	123⅝	124	122½	122½
Manhattan	146⅞	147⅛	145½	146⅛
Met. St. R. R.	140	140¼	138⅝	138⅝
Mexican Central	22½	22½	22½	22½
Mo. Kan. & Tex	25½	25½	25	25
Mo., Kan. & Texas pf.	55⅝	55⅝	55⅝	55⅝
Missouri Pacific	104⅞	105½	104⅛	104⅝
National Lead	26½	26½	26½	26½
Norfolk & Western	70⅞	71⅝	70½	70½
N. Y. Central	152⅞	153½	152½	152⅝
Ontario & Western	29	29⅝	28⅝	28⅝
Pacific Mail	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛
Pennsylvania	154⅝	155⅛	153⅞	154⅝
People's Gas	101⅞	101⅝	101	101
Reading	61⅝	62⅛	61⅝	61⅝
Reading 1st pf	86⅛	86⅛	86⅛	86⅛
Reading 2d pf	77⅛	77⅛	77⅛	77⅛
Rep. Steel	19⅛	19⅛	19	19
Rock Island	39⅞	41	39⅞	40⅛
So. Pacific	63½	63⅞	62⅛	63
So. Railway	32	32⅛	31⅛	31½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	56	56⅝	55⅛	55⅝
Texas Pacific	40⅞	41⅛	40⅝	41⅛
Union Pacific	98⅝	98⅞	97⅝	98⅛
U. S. Leather	12	12⅛	11⅝	11⅞
U. S. Steel	34⅛	34⅞	33⅞	34⅛
U. S. Steel pf.	83⅞	84⅛	83½	83⅞
Wabash	27½	27⅝	27	27
Wabash pf	41⅝	42	41⅛	41⅛
West. Un. Tel. ex div.	87⅛	87⅝	87⅛	87⅛
Wis. Central	25⅝	25⅝	25	25

Total sales of stocks were 178,100 shares.

BOND TRANSACTIONS.

Am H & Leather 6s 1000 94
Ann Arb 1st 4s 1000 97
At T & S F gen 4s 2000 ..... 101⅝
3000 ..... 101⅛
14000 ..... 102⅝
6000 ..... 102½
1000 ..... 101⅛
adjust 4s 100000 ..... 90⅛
8000 ..... 90⅛
adj stamped 500 ..... 89⅝
Balt & O gold 4s 10000 ..... 101½
5000 ..... 101½
1000 ..... 101½
4000 ..... 101⅛
P L E & W V 4s 5000 ..... 94⅝
Bklyn Un Elv 1st 2000 ..... 101⅝
11000 102
81000 102
Canada South 1st 1000 ..... 105⅛
Cen of Ga cons 5s 30000 105
3000 ..... 105⅛
2d inc 5s 14000 36
3d inc 5s 15000 25
C of N J gen 5s registered 2000 133
Cen Pac gtd 4s 2000 ..... 101⅝
Cen Pac gtd 3½s 2000 c 94⅝
Cl Lor & W 5s 1000 114
Ches & O con 5s 5000 117
1000 117
C & O gen 4½s 25000 ..... 103½
1000 104
10000 ..... 103⅝
Chi & Alton 3½s 35000 79
2d 15000 ..... 82⅝
C & Erie 1st 5s 4000 ..... 119⅛
C R I & P RR 4s 7000 ..... 95⅝
16000 ..... 95⅝
11000 ..... 95½
14000 ..... 95⅝
52000 ..... 95⅝
16000 ..... 95⅛
45000 ..... 95⅛
5000 ..... 95⅛
33000 95
10000 ..... 94⅝
15000 ..... 94⅝
15000 95
1000 ..... 95⅝
35000 95
10000 ..... 95⅛
3000 ..... 95⅛
19000 95
25000 ..... 94⅝
15000 95
35000 ..... 94⅝
C B & Q 4s jt bds 23000 ..... 95⅛
13000 ..... 95⅝
5000 ..... 95⅛
2000 ..... 95⅞
2000 ..... 95⅝
5000 ..... 95⅝
C C C & St L gen 4s 1000 ..... 98½
10000 98
Col F & I conv 5s 25000 ..... 92½
7000 93
23000 ..... 93½
Col So 1st 4s 2000 ..... 91½
5000 91
Consol Tob 4s 20000 ..... 64½
5000 ..... 64⅝
50000 ..... 64⅝
10000 ..... 64⅝
5000 ..... 64⅝
10000 ..... 64⅝
10000 ..... 64⅝
13000 ..... 64½
10000 ..... 64⅝
8000 ..... 64⅝
10000 ..... 64⅛
70000 ..... 64⅛
10000 ..... 64⅛
15000 64
10000 64
1200 ..... 63⅝
51000 64
4000 ..... 63⅝
10000 64
Den & Rio G con 4s 4000 ..... 100⅝
1000 101
Det M & M land gt 3½s 5000 ..... 85⅛
5000 86
5000 ..... 86½
E Tenn Va & Ga con 5s 1000 119
Erie 4th ex 2000 117
Erie 1st gen 4s 1000 ..... 84⅛
7000 ..... 84½

Gal H & H 1st 5000 103
Green Bay & W deb ctfs B 5000 ..... 23⅝
5000 ..... 23⅝
5000 ..... 23⅝
7000 24
8000 24
Ill Cen 4s 1953 8000 ..... 102½
Ind Dec & W 1st 1000 110
Inter Paper 6s 3000 108
K C Ft S & M 4s 1000 86
5000 ..... 85⅝
Kan City So 3s 30000 69
L S & M S 3½s 10000 ..... 105⅛
Leg 1st unfd 4s 5000 ..... 100⅛
Mex Cen con 4s 2000 77
Mex Cen 1st inc 5000 24
15000 ..... 23⅝
1000 ..... 23½
10000 ..... 23¼
1000 ..... 23⅝
2000 ..... 23⅛
Minn & St L 1st & refdg 4s 20000 102
5000 ..... 102¼
Mo K & T 1st 4s 20000 98
Mo K & T 5s 5000 101
Mo Pac trust 5s 10000 ..... 101¼
Mo Pac 5s 1000 1993s 104¼
2000 1917s 104½
N Cen & H R L S col 3½s 1000 ..... 93½
3000 93
N Y G E L H & P gu money 4s 39000 94
1000 ..... 94¼
Nor & W con 4s 7000 ..... 100¼
6000 100
Pocah C & C 4s 7000 ..... 96⅝
North Pac 4s 2000 ..... 103⅝
1000 ..... 103½
Nor Pac gen 3s 2000 ..... 73¼
1000 72
5000 ..... 71⅝
Nor & West ex 6s 8000 129
Ont & West 4s 1000 ..... 101¼
Or R & N con 4s 21000 ..... 100⅛
Ore Sh Line 1st con 5s 6000 115
1000 116
4 p c & prtcptg 110000 95
20000 ..... 94⅝
15000 95
20000 ..... 94½
30000 ..... 94⅝
1000 ..... 94⅝
30000 ..... 94⅝
10500 ..... 94½
25000 95
12000 ..... 94⅝
10000 ..... 94⅝
Penn conv 10000 ..... 105⅝
25000 ..... 105⅝
5000 ..... 105⅝
5000 ..... 105½
50000 ..... 105¼
Peo & E 1st 4s 1000 ..... 98½
Peo & E inc 4s 5000 ..... 75⅝
5000 ..... 76¼
Reading gen 4s 126000 ..... 96⅛
12000 ..... 96⅛
50000 ..... 96¼
12000 ..... 96⅛
10000 ..... 96⅛
Rio G Wn 1st 3000s20r 99¼
St L I M & S gen 5s 2000 ..... 112⅛
4000 ..... 112⅝
1000 113
1000 ..... 112⅞
undfy & ref 4s 4000 92
St L SW 1st 4s 25000 ..... 94½
10000 ..... 94⅝
16000 95
Seabd Air Line 4s 2000 ..... 82½
South Pacific 4s 5000 ..... 90¼
10000 ..... 90⅝
1000 ..... 90½
30000 ..... 90⅛
4000 ..... 90⅛
4½s 10000 98
South Ry M & O 1st 4s 2000 ..... 94½
South Ry 1st 5s 11000 ..... 119¼

Tenn C C & I 1st Birm 1000 110
Tex & Pac 2d inc 1000 95
Tex & P 1st 5s 1000 116
1000 ..... 116¼
Third Ave con 4s 2000 ..... 99⅝
5000 ..... 99½
5000 ..... 98⅞
10000 ..... 98½
2000 99
Tol St L & W 4s 15000 ..... 76¼
20000 ..... 75⅝
5000 ..... 75½
1000 76
40000 ..... 75⅝
3½s 15000 ..... 82½
22000 ..... 82¼
20000 83
10000 ..... 83½
2000 ..... 83½
Un Pac conv 4s 60000 ..... 104⅞
20000 ..... 104⅝
30000 ..... 104⅞
1000 105
5000 ..... 104⅞
5000 105
92000 ..... 104⅞
125000 ..... 104⅝
101900 ..... 104⅞
6000 ..... 104⅝
40000 ..... 104⅞
2000 105
10000 ..... 104⅞
10000 105
10000 ..... 104⅞

Wabash 1st B 10000 ..... 74⅝
13000 ..... 74⅝
12000 75
2000 ..... 74⅝
40000 75
10000 ..... 74⅝
10000 75
4000 ..... 74⅝
45000 ..... 74⅝
25000 ..... 74⅝
20000 ..... 74⅝
15000 ..... 74½
5000 ..... 74⅝
5000 ..... 74⅝
10000 ..... 74½
2000 74
West Shore 4s 1000 ..... 112½
West Union 5s 5000 111
W & L E 1st con 4s 26000 91
Wis Cen gen 4s 5000 ..... 91¼
55000 ..... 91½

The Cotton Market.

The local cotton market opened steady to-day, with prices unchanged to 1 point higher. The steady opening here was due to the fact that Liverpool came firm when declines were expected. There was a good demand here, with March and May the most popular. Foreigners and commission houses were both good buyers at the start. There was not much cotton on sale and the market held its advance easily.

The opening prices were: December, 8.41 to 8.44; January, 8.43 to 8.44; February, 8.18 to 8.21; March, 8.26 to 8.27; April, 8.25 bid; May, 8.27 to 8.28; June, 8.26 to 8.27; July, 8.27 to 8.28; August, 8.11 to 8.12; September, 7.84 to 7.89.

The prices at 2.30 P. M. were: January, 8.55; March, 8.34; May, 8.36; July, 8.36.

Keep's Helpful Holiday Suggestions.

Fox of Keep's "K" Shirts, $3.00.
(3 in a box.)
½ doz. Keep's "Best" Collars, 75c.
½ doz. pairs Keep's "Best" Cuffs, $1.38.
½ doz. Keep's Fine Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, $1.38.
(Packed in a beautiful box.)
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WALL STREET SINGS TO J. P. MORGAN.

Christmas Carol with a Cold Steel Ring for Speculative "Waits" Sets All Humming.

The following touching appeal to J. P. Morgan was widely circulated in Wall street to-day. It soon had the speculators surging to the magnate. Its author is well known.

A Christmas Carol for J. Pierpont Morgan.

To be sung by speculative "Waits" in Steel, to the tune "The Old Cow Died Of," while waiting for the grass to grow.

Kind Gentleman, please harken. We stand before your door,
To sing you "Merry Christmas," and wish you many more.
You are snug as a bug in your syndicate rug, and we hope you will never feel
The chills and cramps, or get dumps and damps like the "outside" men in steel.
We are mostly "Common" people, so unto you we pray
To guard our stock from market shock, and ever our dividend pay.
We are long of logs this Christmas, and terribly short of coal,
And we'd like to know how much we've paid to swell the Baronial roll.
But, bless you all, kind gentlemen, from Morgan down to Baer,
Should we go to the GREAT warm corner we hope we shall meet you there.
They don't use coal in heaven, but the OTHER market is big,
And, by MIGHT divine, some fellows who mine may be sent down there to dig.
As we stand out here and shiver, and sing 'mid slush and sleet
We think of some very warm corners we've known of in "the Street."
And sadly we remember one merry ninth of May; Our brokers "Called us early" on that disastrous day.
Kind Gentlemen, pray harken, you own the earth, we know,
But with your scheme to merge with the moon we urge you to go slow.

FINIS.

Christmas is coming again. Christmas gloomy or gay.
Yes, Christmas is coming again, and so is a reckoning day. GEORGE CROUCH.

STOCKS UP ON THE CURB.

Northern Securities and Standard Oil the Favored Issues.

Northern Securities led the curb market to-day, advancing to 111 on heavy sales in the forenoon. It was the most active issue. Standard Oil was also quoted at higher figures, one sale being made at 677.

Quotations for the active issues were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Northern Securities	110¼	110⅝
Greene Consolidated	25	25¼
Man. Trans.	5	5¼
M. and B.	2⅝	2¾
Seaboard	25¼	26
Seaboard 1st	42¼	43½
Standard Oil	677	678
Virginia Coal	32¾	33½
Virginia Coal 5s	69¼	70¼

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BELLA VISTA	The Best Havana filled	SOLD ELSEWHERE for $4.50	Our Price, Box 50 $3.50
THE LASTRA	Clear Havana, 4 sizes in Box	SOLD ELSEWHERE for $1.50	Our Price, Box 12 95c.
AMENIDAD	Clear Havana, Puritanos	SOLD ELSEWHERE for $2.00	Our Price, Box 25 $1.50
TRINIDAD	Clear Havana, Perfectos, Banded	SOLD ELSEWHERE for $2.00	Our Price, Box 12 $1.45
EL BELMONT	Clear Havana	SOLD ELSEWHERE for $3.50	Our Price, Box 50 $2.50
Hoffman House Bouquet, BENEFACTORS	50 of each	SOLD ELSEWHERE for $6.00	Our Price, $4.50
50 ElBelmont, Conchas Esp., 25 Benefactor, Invincible		SOLD ELSEWHERE for $5.50	Our Price, $4.00
LEALTAD	Imported Porto Rico Panetelas	SOLD ELSEWHERE for $3.00	Our Price, Box 100 $2.00
MONTUNA	Imported Porto Rico Brevas	SOLD ELSEWHERE for $2.50	Our Price, Box 50 $1.75
RUSSELL, CREMO, CHILDS, CUBANOLA,		SOLD ELSEWHERE for $2.00	Box 50 Our Price, $1.50

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