STOCKS' VALUES HIGHER

TRADERS COVER THEIR SHORTS.

SUBSTANTIAL GAINS MADE—BONDS AND MONEY.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE DECEMBER 1.

DEALINGS IN BONDS AND BANK STOCKS.

$200	U S 4s Con 1925	119⅞	29000	N P Prior lien 4s w i		84¼	
25000	do 5s Cou	113½	7000	do		84⅝	
6000	do	113⅝	10000	do		84½	
15	Bk of Commerce	202½	10000	do		84½	
57	Phenix Bank	107⅞	23000	do		84⅝	
1000	Am Cot Oil 8s	106	1000	N P Con 5s Rcts Asst		53½	
2000	Am Spirits 6s	75	5000	do		54	
1000	do	75½	5000	do		54¼	
1000	do	75½	15000	do		54⅝	
18000	A T & S F Gen 4s	78¼	10000	do		54½	
2000	do	78¼	12000	do Term'l 1st		107⅞	
8000	do	78⅝	20000	N P Col Tr Notes Rcts		85¼	
500	do	78	5000	N P&M 1st Rcts		42	
1000	do	78½	5000	do		42¼	
2000	do Adj 4s	41⅞	10000	Ohio South 1st		94	
1000	do	41¼	2000	do		94½	
2000	do	41⅝	9000	Ore R & N 4s		87¼	
1000	do	41⅞	1000	Ore Imp Con 5s		20¼	
1000	Aust & N W 1st	82⅝	50000	do		20½	
2000	do	83	5000	do		20⅝	
5000	B'way & 7th Av 1st Con 5s	116½	8000	do		21	
1000	B'klyn Elev 1st	80	15000	do		20⅞	
1000	B'klyn B R Tr 5s	75	117000	do		20⅞	
1000	B'klyn U Gas 5s	105⅝	5000	do		20¼	
2000	do	106	1000	do Rcts		19	
10000	Can S 1st Gd	110	15000	do		19½	
3000	Can South 2d	104½	5000	do		19⅝	
1000	do	104⅝	40000	do	s30	19¼	
10000	Cent of N J Gen 5s	118	20000	do		19⅝	
2000	do	118	5000	do		19¼	
15000	do	118¼	2000	Ore Short L 6s		111	
1000	C Pac 6s '96	102⅞	12000	do Rcts		109½	
2000	do	102¾	1000	P of Mo 1st 4s		100	
1000	C & O 6s 1911	118	3000	Peo & East 1st		75⅞	
1000	do	118⅝	2000	Peo D & E 2d Rcts		26½	
5000	do Con 5s	104⅞	15000	P & R 1st pf inc all pd		47⅞	
5000	do	107	40000	do		48	
2000	do	107¼	15000	do		48¼	
5000	do Reg	106	17000	P & R 2d pf inc all pd		37	
1000	C & O B & A 1st Con 4s	96⅝	5000	do		36⅞	
1000	do 2d Con 4s	87½	5000	do		37	
4000	C B & Q Con 5s	109¾	5000	P & R 3d pf inc all pd		34⅝	
2000	do Deb 5s	106	10000	do		34⅝	
1000	do Neb Ex 4s	89	15000	do		34⅝	
5000	do Con 7s	117½	15000	do		35	
1000	C & K III Con	122	16000	P & R Gen 4s Rcts Asst		80½	
2000	C & Erie 1st	116⅝	42000	do		80⅝	
5000	C & N P 1st Rcts	42½	25000	do		80⅞	
10000	do	42¾	10000	do		81	
5000	do	43¼	3000	P C C & St L 4½s A		109	
1000	do	43¼	2000	R & Sara 1st		144	
5000	C N W S F Deb 5s 1933	109½	5000	Rich & Dan 6s		119	
5000	do	109½	3000	do		119¼	
5000	C R I & P Ex 5s	103½	3000	do		119½	
1000	do	83 103½	2000	do		119¾	
2000	do	104	51000	Rio G W 1st		75	
6000	do	104	10000	do		75¼	
1000	do	104¼	13000	do		75⅝	
15000	do Reg	102¾	3000	R W & O Con		117	
100	C C & St L St L Div 4s	92	1000	do		117½	
2000	Den & Rio G 4s	90	2000	St J & G I 1st Rcts		50	
20000	E T V & G Con Gold 5s	106⅝	12000	St L & S F 4s		64⅝	
2000	Ell L & R S 5s	99½	3000	do		64⅞	
8000	Erie 1st Con 7s	s20 138½	15000	do		65	
22000	do 4s prior lein	92	19000	do		65⅝	
5000	Erie Gen Lien 3-4s	64⅝	2000	St L Southw 1st		67⅞	
2000	H & T C G M 4s	66	15000	St P M & M 1st Con 6s red. to 4½s		104	
1000	K P 1st Con Rcts	70	5000	S A & A P 4s		57	
6000	L S & M S 2d	117½	5000	S V & N E 4s		82	
1000	do	117⅞	6000	South Ry 1st 5s		89⅞	
9000	L Av & P F 1st	115⅝	5000	do		89⅝	
4000	Leh & Nash G M 6s	x1.114½	3000	do		90	
1000	do Cons	104½	10000	do		b8. 90	
1000	Mil & N 1st 1913 Con	x1.116	1000	Stand R & T 6s		78⅝	
6000	Mil & St Paul L & D Ext	141	500	do		79	
1000	M & St L Con 5s	99¼	2000	do		s3. 78½	
500	Mo Kan & Tex 1st 4s	x1. 82¼	10000	Tenn C I & R 6s Birm Div 1st		88¾	
1000	do 2d	57⅞	10000	T & N O Con 5s		94½	
5000	do	58	1000	T & P 1st 5s		x1. 84½	
2000	do	59	40000	do 2d Inc		21	
10000	M & O G M 4s	67⅝	5000	do		20¾	
1000	do	68	10000	do		20⅞	
2000	do	67⅝	5000	do		21⅝	
1000	do New 6s	x1.117	18000	do		21⅞	
5000	M & Essex 1st	139½	5000	do		21⅝	
1000	N C & St L 1st	128	1000	do Rcts		19	
5000	N Y C & H Ext 4s	109½	15000	do		19½	
10000	N Y C & St L 4s	102¾	2000	do Ex S I		88	
7000	do	103¼	1000	U N J R R&C 4s		112	
5000	do	103⅝	3000	U S Leather 6s		111	
100	N Y N H & H 4s C Deb ctfs	sml.133	24000	Wabash 1st 5s		105¾	
400	do	sml.135	6000	do D & C Ex		96	
5000	N Y S & W G M 7s	111	3000	do 2d 5s		70½	
5000	N P 1st 6s Rcts	115¼	5000	do Deb B		22	
20000	N P Gen Inc 3s w i	51⅝	1000	West S Gld 4s		106½	
15000	N P Prior lien 4s w i	84	1000	do		105½	
			1500	do Reg		105½	
			2000	Wis Cent 1st Rcts		40	

THE GENERAL LIST.

RAILROAD STOCKS.

	Open	High	Low	Fin.	Bid.	Ask.	Shares sold.
Albany & Sus	—	—	—	—	175	—	—
Am Arbitrage	—	—	—	—	9	10½	—
do pf & p c	—	—	—	—	21½	24	—
Atch Top & S F	14⅛	14⅝	13⅞	14½	14⅝	14¾	1,430
do pref	22¾	23½	22¾	23½	23¾	23½	5,045
Atlantic & Pac	—	—	—	—	⅞	⅞	—
Balt & Ohio	16½	16½	16½	16½	16½	17	225
B & O SW Ry pf	—	—	—	—	5	10	—
Bkln Ele A Lg	—	—	—	—	102	105	—
Bkln R & Pitts	—	—	—	—	20	21	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	56½	65	—
Bur C R & No	—	—	—	—	68	—	—
Can Southern	48⅝	49	48⅝	49	49	49½	200
Cen Pacific	56	56¼	56	56¼	56½	57½	200
Central of N J	101½	104	101½	103	102⅝	102⅞	1,784
Central Pacific	15	15	15	15	15	16	100
Ches & Ohio	16¼	16⅝	16¼	16⅝	16⅝	16½	100
Chicago & Alton	—	—	—	—	192	—	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C Bur & Qu	77⅞	78⅝	77⅞	78⅝	78⅝	78⅝	20,328
Chic & East Ill	—	—	—	—	41	50	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	95	101	—
Chic Gas Trust	—	—	—	—	5	5⅞	—
Chic Mil & St P	73⅞	75	73½	74⅞	74⅞	75	16,900
do pref	129¼	129⅝	129¼	129⅝	129½	129⅞	10
Chic & Northw	102	103	102⅛	103	103	103½	1,582
do pref	—	—	—	—	150	152	—
Chic Rock Isl & Pac	68	69⅝	67⅞	69⅝	69⅝	69⅝	4,320
Ca St P M & O	44⅝	47¼	44⅝	47¼	47¼	47¼	2,800
do pref	129	129	129	129	129	132	210
C C Cin & St L	28⅝	29	28⅝	28⅝	29	29½	600
Col & Pitts gtd	—	—	—	—	160	—	—
Col H V & Tol	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	18	18½	100
do pref	55	55	55	55	50	60	20
Del & Hudson	125⅞	125⅞	125⅞	125⅞	125⅞	126¼	136
Del Lack & W	159	159	159	159	158½	159½	5
Den & Rio Gr	—	—	—	—	11⅝	—	—
do pref	42	42½	42	42½	42⅝	43½	300
Des M & Ft D	—	—	—	—	8½	9½	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	50	—	—
Erie	15	15⅝	14⅞	15⅝	15½	16	870
do 1st pref	35	36	35	36	36	36¼	450
do 2d pref	20¼	20¼	20¼	20¼	20¼	21¼	100
Evans & T H	—	—	—	—	29	32	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	43	50	—
Flint & P M	—	—	—	—	12½	13	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	39	46	—
Gt Northern pf	—	—	—	—	121	125	—
Illinois Central	—	—	—	—	93	95	—
Iowa Central	—	—	—	—	7½	8½	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	28½	29	—
Kans & Mich	—	—	—	—	5½	8	—
Keok & Des M	—	—	—	—	3	4	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	13	15	—
Keok & West	—	—	—	—	30	45	—
L E & Western	—	—	—	—	18	20	—
do pref	71	71	71	71	70	71	110
L S & Mich So	151	152½	151	152½	151	152	51
Long Island	—	—	—	—	—	56	—
Louis & Nash	48⅝	50¼	48⅝	50¼	50	50⅛	6,800
L N Alb & Ch	⅝	⅝	⅝	⅝	⅝	⅝	100
do pref	—	—	—	—	1¼	1⅝	—
Manhattan Cons	94	95½	93½	95¼	95¼	95¼	6,370
Mex Cent (Lcd)	—	—	—	—	7⅞	8½	—
Mex Nat tr cer	—	—	—	—	1	1½	—
Mich Central	—	—	—	—	90	95	—
Minn & St Louis	19	19	19	19	19	20	30
do 1 pf 5 p c	—	—	—	—	76	78	—
do 2 pf 5 p c	—	—	—	—	47	49	—
Mo Kan & Tex	13½	13⅞	13½	13⅞	13½	14	440
do pref	28⅝	29	28	29	28⅝	29	2,295
Mo Pacific	21⅞	22⅝	21⅞	22½	22	22½	2,380
Mob & O assd	22	22	22	22	22	23	10
Morris & Essex	—	—	—	—	162	167	—
New-England	—	—	—	—	—	46¼	—
N Y C & H R	94⅝	94½	94⅝	94½	94½	95	395
N Y Ch & St L	12⅝	12½	12½	12½	12¼	12½	300
do 1st pref	—	—	—	—	70	80	—
do 2d pref	—	—	—	—	27⅞	28	—
N Y & Harlem	—	—	—	—	287	300	—
N Y Lack & W	—	—	—	—	116	118	—
N Y N H & H	180	180	180	180	179	179½	50
N Y Ont & W	15¼	15⅝	15¼	15⅝	15⅝	16	592
N Y Sus & W n	9⅝	9⅝	9	9½	9⅝	10	400
do pref	25⅞	26½	25½	26½	26¼	26½	1,675
Norfolk & West	—	—	—	—	10⅝	11½	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	16¼	17½	—
Northern Pac	14	14⅝	13⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14½	1,000
do pref	23½	24½	23⅝	24½	24¼	24⅝	2,945
Ohio Southern	—	—	—	—	5	8	—
Ore Ry & Nav	—	—	—	—	12	24	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	38	40	—
Ore S L & U N	—	—	—	—	15	17	—
Peoria & East	—	—	—	—	5	10	—
Peo Dec & Evv	—	—	—	—	2	3	—
Phil & Reading	27⅝	29½	27⅝	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	16,410
P C Cin & St L	14	14	14	14	14½	15	5
do pref	—	—	—	—	49	55	—
P Ft W & Chic gtd	—	—	—	—	160	—	—
Rens & Sara	—	—	—	—	182	186	—
Rome W & Og	—	—	—	—	113½	—	—
St Jos & Gr I	—	—	—	—	⅝	1	—
St L & S F T H	—	—	—	—	58	62	—
St Louis Southw	—	—	—	—	4⅝	5	—
do pref	10½	10⅝	10	10⅝	10⅝	10½	450
St Paul & Dul	—	—	—	—	—	22	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	80	87	—
St Paul M & M	113½	113½	113½	113½	111	114	50
Southern Pac Co	15¼	15½	15¼	15¼	15	16	300
Southern Ry	10	10⅝	10	10⅝	10	10⅝	1,180
do pref	27⅝	29⅝	27⅝	29¼	29¼	29½	3,110
Spokane & Pacific	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	9½	9⅝	10	400
Tol & O Central	—	—	—	—	20	35	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	50	75	—
Union Pacific	8⅝	9⅝	8⅝	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	3,065
Un Pac D & G	—	—	—	—	2½	2⅝	—
Wabash	7⅛	7¼	7⅛	7¼	7¼	7½	300
do pref	16	16½	16	16½	16½	16⅝	650
Wheel & L E	8	8¼	7⅞	8¼	8	8¼	1,418
do pref	—	—	—	—	30½	33	—
Wis Central Co	2	2	2	2	2	2½	200

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

	Open	High	Low	Fin.	Bid.	Ask.	Shares sold.
Adams Express	—	—	—	—	148	152	—
American Coal	—	—	—	—	100	125	—
Am Cot Oil Co	—	—	—	—	14½	15	—
do pref 6 p c	—	—	—	—	54¼	56	—
Amer Express	113¼	113¼	113¼	113¼	112	114	18
Am Tel & Cable Co	—	—	—	—	90½	92	—
Am Tobacco Co	74½	76	74½	76	76	77	900
do pref	101	101	101	101	101	101½	220
Amer Spirits	12⅞	13⅝	12⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13⅞	5,521
do pref	30¼	31⅝	30¼	31½	31⅝	31⅝	944
B'klyn Un Gas	—	—	—	—	92	92⅝	—
Brunswick Co	—	—	—	—	1	1½	—
Chicago Gas Co	71½	74⅝	71½	74	74	74⅝	10,465
Com Cable Co	—	—	—	—	160	—	—
Col C & I D Co	—	—	—	—	1	1½	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	2½	—	—
Col Fuel & I Co	24	25	24	25	25	25½	740
Cons Gas Co	5	5	5	5	5	5⅛	200
Consol Gas Co	157½	159½	157	159½	159½	160	2,778
Con Coal of Md	—	—	—	—	34	39	—
Ed El Ill N Y	—	—	—	—	99½	101	—
Gen Electric Co	30	31½	30	31⅝	31½	31⅝	2,375
Home Mining Co	—	—	—	—	34	—	—
Illinois Steel Co	48½	48½	46¾	46¾	47¼	47½	1,220
Lac Gas (St L)	23⅝	25½	23	24⅝	24½	25	2,510
do pref	*70	70	70	70	60	75	200
Man Beach Co	—	—	—	—	5	10	—
Md Coal Co pf	—	—	—	—	40	60	—
Minn Iron Co	—	—	—	—	60	62	—
Nat Lead Oil Co	15	15	15	15	15	16	100
Nat Starch Co	—	—	—	—	6	7	—
do 1st pref	—	—	—	—	52½	65	—
do 2d pref	—	—	—	—	17½	25	—
New C Coal Co	—	—	—	—	6	8½	—
North Amer Co	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5½	210
Ont Sil Min Co	—	—	—	—	9	10	—
Oregon Imp Co	—	—	—	—	½	2	—
Pac Mail Ss Co	25¼	26½	25¼	25⅝	25⅝	26	1,060
Penn Coal	—	—	—	—	200	—	—
Pull Pal Car Co	156	158	156	156	156	158	50
Quicksil Min Co	—	—	—	—	1½	2	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	10	12	—
T C I & R Co	27⅞	29	27⅞	29	28⅞	29	3,705
Standard R & T	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝	—	—	250
U S Cordage Co	6⅝	6⅝	6½	6⅝	6½	6⅝	225
do gtd 6 p c	—	—	—	—	24½	25	—
do pref	12½	12½	12½	12½	12½	12½	300
U S Express	—	—	—	—	40	47	—
U S Rubber Co	25	25⅛	25	25⅛	25	25½	1,080
do pref	—	—	—	—	81	81½	—
Wells-Fargo Ex	—	—	—	—	97	100	—
West Union Tel	86¼	87	86	86¾	86⅝	86⅞	5,080

UNLISTED STOCKS.

	Open	High	Low	Fin.	Bid.	Ask.	Shares sold.
Amer Sugar Ref	115⅝	117½	115⅝	117	117	117½	31,972
do pref	—	—	—	—	102½	104	—
Bay State Gas	10½	11½	10½	11¼	11⅛	11½	1,944
B'klyn Rapid Tr	—	—	—	—	20	21½	—
Dul So S & Atl	—	—	—	—	4½	5½	—
do pref	—	—	—	—	9½	11	—
Horn Silver	20	20	20	20	—	—	500
Met Traction	109½	109½	109½	109½	109	109½	150
National Lead	24⅞	25	24⅝	25	24⅞	25	400
do pref	88¼	89	87½	87½	87½	88	155
Nor Pac pr w i	33	34	33	34	33½	34	1,310
U S Leather	9¼	9¼	9¼	9¼	9¼	9½	602
do pref	59⅝	61½	59½	61½	61	61½	3,100
West Un Beef	—	—	—	—	6½	7	—

Total shares for the day 195,118

SILVER.

	Open	High	Low	Fin.	Bid.	Ask.	Shares sold.
Sil Bull Certfs	—	—	—	—	65½	65¾	—

*Ex-dividend.

SALES AT THE CONSOLIDATED STOCK AND PETROLEUM EXCHANGE.

STOCKS.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Shares sold.
Amer Sp Mfg	12⅞	13⅝	12⅞	13⅝	1,500
Amer Tobacco	75	77	75	75	20
Amer Sugar Refg	115⅝	117½	115⅝	117½	19,770
Atch Top & S F	14	14½	14	14½	4,600
Chicago Gas	71⅝	74	71½	74	3,420
Chic R I & Pac	68	69⅝	68	69⅝	1,290
Chic Bur & Qy	77⅞	78⅝	77⅞	78⅝	6,560
Chic Mil & St P	73⅞	74⅞	73⅞	74⅞	14,540
Central of N J	102½	102½	102½	102½	10
Gen Electric	30½	31⅝	30½	31⅝	140
Louis & Nash	48⅞	50	48⅞	50	1,730
Manhattan	93⅝	95⅝	93⅝	95⅝	775
Mo Pacific	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞	260
Nor Pacific pref	23½	23⅞	23½	23⅞	50
N Y Ont & West	15½	15½	15½	15½	10
N Y L E & W	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞	50
Pacific Mail	25⅝	25½	25⅝	25⅝	10
P & R all in pd	28	29⅝	27⅞	29⅝	14,540
Southern Railway	10	10⅛	10	10⅛	60
Tenn Coal & I	27⅞	28	27⅞	28	120
Texas Pacific	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	20
Union Pacific	9⅝	9¾	8⅞	9⅝	170
U S Leather	9⅝	9½	9⅛	9⅛	100
Western Union	86	86⅝	86	86⅝	320

Total sales 66,210

BONDS.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
At T & S F adj	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛	$15,000
At T & S F gen	78⅞	78⅞	78⅞	78⅞	4,000
Cole & N W 1st	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝	2,000
Ore Imp 5s	20½	20½	20½	20½	3,000
Southern Ry 5s	89⅝	89⅝	89⅝	89⅝	2,000
Texas Pacific 2d	20⅞	20⅞	20⅞	20⅞	10,000

Total sales $36,000

MINING STOCKS.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Shares sold.
Anaconda	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	200
Brunswick	.17	.17	.17	.17	200
C & Cripple Crk	.07	.07	.07	.07	400
Golden Fleece	.05	.05	.05	.05	100
Pharmacist	.15	.15	.15	.15	100
Victor	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	50
Yellow Jacket	.43	.43	.43	.43	300

Total sales 1,350

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales. Bush.
May option	84⅝	84⅝	83⅝	83½	1,032,000

CLOSING PRICES OF PHILADELPHIA STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Leh Valley	31½	32	Con Tr N J stock	27	—
Leh C & N Co	41	42	do 5s ex int	81	83½
Penn R R	51⅝	52	U Gas Imp Co	32	32½
Phil & R stock	14⅝	14⅞	Welsb G L Co	4½	5
P & R G M 4s	80⅝	81	El Stor Bat com	27½	28
Phila Traction	65⅝	67¼	P H L & P com	13⅝	13⅞
Union Traction	95	95½	do pref	19½	20½
El & P Tr ctfs	69½	70½	Welsb Com com	25	—
Met Traction	109	110	do pref ex-div	63	—

CLOSING PRICES OF BOSTON STOCKS.

Boston, December 1, 1896.

	Yesterday.	To-day.		Yesterday.	To-day.
Mexican 4s	69⅝	69⅝	Lamson Store	20	20
Atchison R R	13⅝	14½	General Electric	29⅞	31⅞
Rost & Albany	209½	266	do pref	70	18
Rost & Lowell	205	206	U S Rubber	24⅝	24⅝
Bost & Maine	165	165	do pref	80½	80⅝
Chic Bur & Qy	77⅞	78⅝	Allouez	50	50
Fitchburg pref	92	92	Atlantic	20⅝	20½
Mass Central	10½	10	Bost & Mont	90⅝	91⅝
do pref	36	36	Butte & Boston	5½	5⅞
N Y N H & H	180	179	Cal & Hecla	320	322½
Old Colony	179	179	Franklin	16	16
Union Pacific	9⅝	9⅝	Kearsarge	15	15
Pullman Car	156	156⅝	Osceola	29	29½
Wis Cent pref	3	3	Quincy	118	118
West End pref	87½	87½	Tamarack	90	94
do common	66	65½	Tamarack, Jr	14	14
Boston Land	4	4	Bell Phone	207	207
Boston W Pow	1	1	N E Phone	100	100
Dominion Coal	10	10⅝	Erie Phone	64	64

CLOSING PRICES OF CHICAGO STOCKS.

Chicago, December 1, 1896.

	Yesterday.	To-day.		Yesterday.	To-day.
Am Strawboard	38	38½	Int Pkg Co	12	25
C & C C & D Co	66	67½	do pref	44	47½
B & Malt Co	14	14	Mil & Ch Ry Co	13	14
do pref	35	35	do pref	36	36
Chic City Ry	226	223	N Y Biscuit Co	57	57
Chic P & P Co	37½	37½	N Chic St R R	218½	214½
do pref	49	49	Streets W S C L	14½	14½
Diamond M Co	—	130	W Chic St R R	95	95½
do pref	290	—	L St El 1st ctfs	18½	18⅝
Lake St Elev	12½	21⅝			

* Ex-dividend.

Tuesday, December 1—p. m.

An advance in stock prices to-day seemed to indicate more than anything else an oversold condition of the market, due to the recent operations for "short" account. The liquidation of stocks in the bear campaign of the last two weeks has been exceedingly small, and the "short" interest has doubtless increased at too rapid a pace, becoming unwieldy and making necessary a change in operations as reflected in the course of values to-day. The movement to recover stocks was influenced by light buying for foreign account at the opening, and the upward movement of prices attracted commission-house buying, although the extent of such transactions was small, the greater part of the day's business being done by the professional element. There were no news developments responsible for the advance, although dispatches from Washington stating what might be the tenor of President Cleveland's forthcoming message appeared to affect sentiment favorably. Net gains in many stocks ran from 1 to 2⅞ per cent, among the active list Sugar Refining gaining 1⅜ per cent; Atchison preferred, 1⅛ per cent; Jersey Central, 2 per cent; Chicago Gas, 2¼ per cent; Rock Island 1¼ per cent; St. Paul, 1⅛ per cent; Omaha, 2⅞ per cent; Consolidated Gas, 1½ per cent; General Electric, 1⅝ per cent; Louisville and Nashville, 1⅛ per cent; Reading, 1⅛ per cent; Southern Railway preferred, 1½ per cent, and United States Leather preferred, 1¼ per cent. Reading was influenced by the termination of the receivership and the transfer of the property to the new company, and Louisville and Nashville and Atchison were bought on the improving prospects of the companies. Atchison's earnings, published yesterday, showed a remarkable percentage of gain over operations at this time last year, and in the four months to October 31, the company's net earnings amounted to $3,170,065, against $3,382,806 in the six months to June 30, or nearly as good a showing in four months as in six. Louisville and Nashville for October made a loss of only $17,551 in gross and $29,577 in net operating expenses, having increased $12,226.

Crop conditions in the West as given in Thoman's crop statement for December, coupled with the known shortage and scarcity of grain in other countries, afford a most favorable outlook for the American farmer and the reign of dollar wheat. Winter wheat condition is 97.6 per cent, against 86.7 per cent a year ago, and in the six principal wheat-growing countries east of the Rocky Mountains the condition is 98.4 per cent, against 84.4 last December. The favorable condition of soil and climate has led to a marked increase in seeding; also the current advance in the price of the product has influenced farmers to increase their wheat acreage. These factors, with the assumption that conditions during the winter months will be favorable, leave the conclusion that the wheat yield in 1897 will run far ahead of that in 1896. Thoman's report places the area seeded to winter wheat at 25,380,975 acres, against 23,491,580 acres harvested this year. Wheat now in producers' hands amounts to less than in several years, as a result of the heavy export demand this fall. Merchandise exports from this port for the week ended to-day were somewhat smaller than a week ago, but $148,943 in value larger than this week last year, and $2,027,738 more than in the same week in 1894.

Closing prices for a number of active stocks, compared with the final figures of yesterday, were as follows:

	Nov. 30.	Dec. 1.		Nov. 30.	Dec. 1.
Am Sugar Ref	115⅝	117	Manhattan Cons	94⅞	95⅝
Am Spirits Mfg	12⅞	13⅝	Mo Kan & T pf	28	29
do pref	31½	31½	Mo Pacific	21⅞	22½
At T & S Fe	13⅞	14½	Nor Pacific pf	23⅝	24½
do pref	22⅞	23½	N Y O & West	15⅝	15⅞
Chicago Gas tr	71⅝	74	Pacific Mail	25½	25⅝
Chic R I & Pac	68⅝	69⅝	P & R tr all in p	28	29⅝
Chic Bur & Qy