FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Dec. 3.

UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (IN $1,000s).

10 U. S. 4s, r.....126 | 1 Tenn. Set. 3s.....75¾

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4½s, r	109¼	109½	U. S. 6s, 1886	115	—
U. S. 4½s, c	104¾	105	U. S. 6s, 1896	117¼	—
U. S. 4s, r	126	126¼	U. S. 6s, 1897	120½	—
U. S. 4s, c	127	127¼	U. S. 6s, 1898	123	—
			U. S. 6s, 1899	125	—

RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS (IN $1,000s).

8 Atl. & Pac. 1st	74¼	10 Mobile & O. gnl	58
14 Am. Dk. & Imp. 5s	109¾	1 Mil. & Nor. 1st, 1910	107
1 Atl. & Danv. 1st	97½	1 Mil. & L. S. 1st	121
19	98	8	121½
1 Beech Creek 1st	80¾	20 Nor. Pac. 1st c	113½
1 Brooklyn El. 1st	111½	5 Nor. P. & Mon. 1st	109½
1 Ch. & Ind. Coal 1st	102	1 Nor. & W. C.V. div	98¾
7 Chs. & O. cn. 5s	96¾	10 N. J. Cent. gnl. 5s	113
1	100	9 N. Y. Cent. ex. 5s	103¾
22	96¾	3 N. Y. & Nor. 2ds	53½
20	96¾	1 N.Y.Ch. & St. L. 4s	94¾
25	96¾	1	94
1 Ch. & O. S.W. mtg.	111	8	94¼
16 C., B. & Q. deb. 5s	110¼	3 N. W. gold	120
11	110	5 N. Y., L. & W. 1st	112
7	109¾	6 Ohio & Miss. cn	117
10 C., R. I. & Pac. 4s	92¾	2 Ohio Ind. & W. 1st	80
1 Ch. & Mil. 1st	125	4 Ohio, Ind. & W. 2d	51
6 C., C., C. & I. gnl	120¾	1	51¼
5	121	7	54
2 Can. So. 1st	109¼	2 Oregon Imp. 1st	102¼
8 Can. So. 2d	97¾	3 Pitts. & W. 1st	80¾
63 Rock Island ss	107	6 Rich. & Dny. 2d	70
1 Ch. & Canton 1st	90	1 Rh. & Dny. 1st	118¾
29 Cent. Pac. g. '89	116¾	15 Rh. & Dny. con	87
1 Ch. & E. Ill. gnl 5s	103	5 Rh. & D. deb	09
6	103	1 Rich. & Alle. 1st m. r	80¾
1 Col. Coal cs	103	3 Reading gnl. 4s	80
5 Ch. Gas L. & C. Co. 1st	80	10	88¼
5 Del. & H. C. cn.	77¾	14	88¾
1	77¾	1 Read. 1st pf. in	75¾
1	78	16	78
1 Erie cons. 2d	131¼	10	78¼
2 E. Tenn. 5s c	100½	10 Reading 3d pf. inc.	46¾
10 Ft. Worth 1st	100½	10 Shenandoah v. gnl.	45
3 G., H. & S. A. 2d	90	24 St. P. & M. cn	120
28 Self & St. Fe 1st	124¾	25 St. L. & S. F. 1st	124¾
1 G. C. & S. F. G. 5s	74½	332 St. P. M. & M. 1st C. 7s	131½
5	74¾	5 St. P. & Ma. M. ex. 4s	80½
1 Green Bay 1st	83	25 St. L. & S. F. gnl. 5s	106¾
6 Hock. Val. 5s	76¾	1	101
*2 Hock. Val. 6s	76	3	101¼
10 H. & T. C. 1st, W. D.	115¾	8 St. P. 1st S.W. d. 6s	115¾
1 Iron Mt. 1st	111	8 St. L., A. & T. 1st	97
10	109¾	10	88¼
6 Int. & Gt. N. 1st	104	20 St. L., Ark. & Tex. 2d	29
8 Kan. Pac. con.	114¾	5 S. C. R. R. 1st ex. c	104
23 Kan. & Tex. g. 5s	70	8 St. Jo. & G. I. 1st	102¼
30	70¼	2 Tex. Pac. 1st 5s	89¼
33	70¼	5	89¾
3	69¾	5 Tex. Pac. 2d inc	39¼
65	70¼	10	36¾
5	70¾	10	36¼
22	70¾	25	36
2	70¾	3 Tex. H. in. 2d	103¾
30	71¼	3 Tol. & O. C. 1st	102¾
40	71¾	1	103
1	71¾	1 Tol. A. A. & N. M. 1st	104¼
1 Kan. & T. gnl. 5s	81¼	5 Tol. A. A. & Cad 1st	104
25	81¼	5 Tenn. C. I. & R. cs. div.	100
50	82	2 Tenn. C. I. & R. cs. Tenn. div	97
10	82¾	3 Union El. 1st	107
6	82¾	1 Va. Midland gnl	85¾
80	82¾	2 Wab. R. R. deb. sec. B	50
2 Lake Sh. 1st, c	126¼	8	51
2 Lou. & N. cn	117¾	2 Wab. R. R. 1st	101
2 Lou. & N., P. & A. 1st	109¾	10	106¼
10	107½	15	101
1 Lou. & N., N. O. & M. D	118	5 Wab. R. R. 2ds	81¼
5 L., N. A. & Ch. 1st	119	35	81¼
5 L., N. A. & Ch. cn	101¾	5	81¼
8 L., St. L. & Tex. 1st	100¼	5	81¼
5	100½	15	81¼
1 L. & Southern 1st	100¾	11	81¼
2	100¾	1 West. Union col. 5s	104
6 La. & Mo. R. 1st	119	4	103¾
8 Met. El. 2d	105¾	*Ex interest.	

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,690,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.-Bid.	Asked.
3830	Atch., T. & St. Fe	33¾	34⅛	33⅛	33¼	33½
500	Atlantic & Pac.	5	5	5	5	5½
250	Com. Cable Co.	101¾	101¾	101¾	101¾	103
200	Cameron Coal	52	52	52	52	55
1060	Can. Southern	53¾	53⅞	53¼	53¾	54¼
50	Canadian Pacific	73	73	72¾	72¾	73
140	Ches. & Ohio	25¾	25¾	25	25	25¼
605	C. & O. 1st pf.	64¾	64¾	64¼	64¼	65
150	C. & O. 2d pf.	42¾	42¾	42¼	42¼	43¼
100	Chi. & E. Ill.	60¾	60¾	60¾	60¾	62
300	Chi. & S. R. pf.	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾	95
*2820	Chicago Gas	40	39¾	37¾	38⅝	38¾
2850	C., C., C. & St. L.	70¼	70¾	69¾	70	70¼
230	C., C., C. & St. L. pf.	97¼	97¾	97¼	97¾	98
2010	Ch. & N.W.	109¾	110¼	109¾	110¼	110¾
50	Ch. & N.W. pf.	142	142	142	140	142
6200	C., R. & Q.	104¼	104¾	103¾	103¾	104
2935	C., M. & St. P.	69¾	69¾	69¼	69¼	69¾
400	C., M. & St. P. pf.	112¾	112¾	112¾	112¾	113
2250	C., R. I. & Pac.	97¾	98	97¾	97¾	97¾
1525	Colorado Coal	34½	34½	33¾	33¾	34
100	Col., H. V. & Tol.	20	20	20	20	23¼
10	Col. & Hock. Coal	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾	17½
300	Consol. Gas Co.	89	89	88	88	89
4115	Del. & Hudson	145¼	145½	144¼	145	145¾
56207	Del., Lack. & W.	138¾	139¾	138¾	137	137¾
100	Den., R. G. & W.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
100	Den. & R. G.	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾	17
100	Den. & R. G. pf.	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾
6020	Den., Tex. & F. W.	34	34¾	33¾	33¾	33¾
10	Iowa Cent. pf.	25¾	25¾	25¾	26	28¾
20	Kingston & Pem.	26	26	26	26	28
100	Lake E. & West.	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	18¾
500	L. E. & West. pf.	63	63	62¾	63	63½
2330	Lake Shore	109¾	109¾	109¼	109¼	109¾
12950	Louis. & Nash.	84½	85¼	84¼	84¾	84¾
100	Manhattan Con.	101¾	101¾	101	101	101
150	Michigan Cent.	95	95	95	95	97
100	Mil., L. S. & W. pf.	115	115	114	115¼	—
100	Minn. & St. L.	5	5	5	5	6
19800	Missouri Pacific	67¾	68¾	67¾	67¾	68¼
10	New Central Coal	7	7	7	7½	9
520	N. J. Central	120	120	117	117½	117¾
465	N. Y. Central	107¾	107¾	107¼	107¼	107¾
6700	N. Y. & New Eng.	44¾	44¾	43¾	43¾	45¼
210	N. Y. & N. H.	246	246	246	245	250
150	N. Y., C. & St. L.	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾	17
100	N.Y., Chi. & St. L. 1st	77½	77½	77½	77½	78
100	N.Y., C. & St. L. 2d p.	38¼	38¼	38¼	38	39
500	N. Y., L. E. & W.	27¾	27¾	27¼	27¼	27¾
671	N. Y., L. & W.	8	8¼	8	8	8¼
300	Norfolk & West.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	21¾
100	Nor. & W. pf.	60¾	60¾	60¾	59¾	60¾
1060	Northern Pacific	31¾	31¾	31¼	31¼	31¾
5625	Northern Pac. pf.	74¾	74¾	74	74	74¾
300	Ohio & Miss.	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾
5	Ontario & Mining	36¾	36¾	36¾	35¾	36¾
7563	Ontario & West.	26¼	26¾	26¼	26¼	26¾
110	Oregon R. & N.	100	100	100	100	104¾
300	Oregon S. L.	54	54	53	52¾	55¼
1420	Oregon & Trans.	34	34¾	33¾	34	34½
3870	Pacific Mail	35	35¼	35	35¼	35¾
100	Peo., Dec. & Evn.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19	19
*8010	Phila. & Reading	38¾	38¾	38	38¾	38¾
250	Pull. Pal. Car Co.	184	184	181½	182	185
4012	R. W. & W. P.	21¾	21¾	21	20¾	21¾
40	R., W. & O.	103¾	103¾	102¾	102¾	103
100	St. L. & S. F.	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾	16
530	St. L. & S. F. pf.	39¾	39¾	39	39¾	39¾
235	St. L. & S. F. 1st pf.	88	88	87	88	88
250	St. P. & Omaha	32¾	32¾	32¾	32¾	33
2	St. P. & Om. pf.	97	97	97	97¼	98
500	St. P., M. & M.	103¾	103¾	103¾	103¾	105¼
500	Southern Pac.	39¾	39¾	39¾	39	39¾
2920	Tenn. Coal & Iron	73	74¼	73	74	74¾
180	Tol. & O. C. pf.	70	71¼	70	70	75
1325	Texas Pacific	18¾	19¼	18¾	19¼	19¾
8895	Union Pacific	67¾	68¼	67¾	67¾	67¾
20	U. S. Express	87	87	87	85	87
1500	W., St. L. & P. pf.	30¾	31	30¾	30¾	30¾
1815	Western Union	83½	83½	82¾	82¾	83
445	W. & L. E. pf.	65¾	65¾	65¼	64¾	65¼
800	Wis. Central	39¾	39	39	39¼	39¾

The total sales of stocks were 237,184 shares.

UNLISTED DEPARTMENT TRANSACTIONS.

Sales.		Open's.	High't.	Low't.	Clos'g.
1800	American Cotton Oil	30	30¼	29¾	29¾
3160	Amer. Cot. Oil. T. R.	30¾	30¾	29¾	29¾
25565	Sugar Refineries	60	61¼	57¾	61
6828	National Lead Trust	18	18¾	17⅛	18¼
80	American Cattle Trust	10	10	10	10
300	Am. Pig Iron Warrants	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
700	Brunswick Co.	32½	32½	32	32
300	Gt. Northern pf.	39	39	39	39
100	La., St. L. & Texas	30¼	30¼	30¼	30¼
500	Comstock T. Co.	18	18	18	18
150	Horn Silver	220	220	220	220
$10000	Georgia Pacific 1sts	113¾	113¾	113¾	113¾
$6000	St. L., N. O. & O. C. 6s	89	89	89	89
$1000	St. Paul, E. & G. T. 1sts	103	103	103	103
168000	Pipe Line ctfs	103¼	104⅛	103¼	104⅛

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos. & Albany	214	—	Am. Bell Tel.	197	198
Bos. & Maine	—	203	Erie Tel.	16¾	—
Ch., Bur. & Nor.	60	—	West End Land	24¾	24¼
Eastern,	111	112	Boston & Mon.	45¾	45¾
N. Y. & N. E. of 1112	—	—	Calumet & Hec.	—	250
Mex. Cent. 4s	67	—	Santa Fe M. Co.	87¼	100
Mex. Cent. s'k.	15¾	15¾			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Read. g. m. 4s	88¾	89	W. N. Y. & P. st'k.	7¾	—
Read. R. 1st pf.	77¾	78¼	Lehigh Valley	52¾	—
Phil. & R. 2d pf.	36	—	L. C. & N. Co.	92¾	—
Phil. & R. 3d pf.	46	46¾	Pennsylvania	52⅝	52¾

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atlantic & Gt. W. 1st	36	Louisville & Nashville	87
Atlantic & Gt. W. 2d	54	N. Y. Central	110¾
Canadian Pacific	77¾	Northern Pacific pf	74¾
Central Pacific	55¼	Norfolk & West pf	63
Erie common	26¾	Pennsylvania	54
Erie 2d consols	104½	Reading	20¾
Illinois Central	121½	St. Paul common	73¾
Kansas & Texas	10¼	Union Pacific	67¾
Lake Shore	109¾	Wabash pf	31¾

TUESDAY, Dec. 3.

It appears from to-day's market that the bears were not as badly stampeded yesterday as some of their movements indicated. They turned to attack the market again soon after the opening, centring their efforts upon the coal stocks, and with considerable effect. They argue, and very soundly, too, that it is not the decrease in the production of anthracite coal that is affecting the earnings of all of the coal-carrying companies this year, but the smaller tonnage hauled in consequence of the material falling off in the output. The reason for this is well understood in the trade and to an extent by the public. It is that the anthracite companies adjust the cost of getting coal to market so that the profit is figured upon the transportation rather than upon the mining of their product. Their object in doing this is twofold, to keep down the cost of mining and at the same time obtain from individual producers the highest possible rate for carrying their coals to market.

The bears evidently believe that they have done the speculative community a great service in helping to squeeze the water out of the trust stocks by lowering their market value, and now they purpose to do a little educational work in reference to the coal stocks. They may succeed in cheapening them, since they have in their favor, besides the considerations noted, the unfortunate and vulnerable position of the Reading companies. Indications multiply that those concerns will soon go into the anthracite market with the view of getting what they can for their product. Lackawanna was the principal sufferer to-day, closing 2½ ⅌ cent. lower than yesterday on sales of 30,000 full shares. Reading exceeded it in point of activity, but did not sustain as great a loss. The other features of the more moderate trading were St. Paul common and Louisville and Nashville, both of which were exceptionally strong and closed materially higher. Missouri Pacific and Atchison were fairly good seconds to them. Easier money and a weaker market for sterling exchange were favorable developments, but they did not seem to count for much, as the market exhibited symptoms of settling back into the old professional rut. Some of the recommendations of the President's message were at first regarded as favorable to a better market, but as a whole, the document upon reflection was regarded as entirely political, and consequently open to the suspicion of being insincere.

In the Unlisted Department Sugar Refineries' stock was active at a sharp rally, based presumably on reports that the new Spreckels refinery has no raw material to work upon. The receipts of the Central Trust Company for the certificates of the Cotton Oil Trust were substituted for the last named in the dealings to-day. The preferred stock of the Great Northern Railway Company made its first appearance to-day, and was dealt in at $39 per share. The closing was irregular, with the net results favoring both sides of the account, and making the average about the same as last evening.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 2.	Dec. 3.		Dec. 2.	Dec. 3.
Atch., T. & S. F.	33¾	34	Nor. Pac. com	31	31¼
Can. Southern	53	53¾	Nor. Pac. pf	74	74⅛
C., B. & Q.	103¾	103¾	N. Y. Cent.	107¼	107
Chic. & Alt.	39¾	39¾	N. Y. & N. Eng.	44¼	43¼
C. & E. Ill. pf.	93	93¾	N. J. Central	118	117¾
Consol. Gas	89	89	Omaha com	32	32⅛
Ches. & Ohio	24¾	25	Omaha pf	99	97
C., C. & I. 1st pf.	64¾	64¾	Ontario & West.	26¼	26¼
C. & O. 2d pf.	42¾	42¾	Oregon R. & N.	100	100
Chicago Gas	39¼	38¾	Oregon & T. C.	33¼	34
Del., L. & W.	137¾	137¾	Pacific Mail	34¼	35¼
Del. & Hudson	145¼	145¼	Full. Pal. Car	185	184¾
Den. & R. G. pf.	40	40	Rock Island	97¼	97⅛
Den., T. & F. W.	33¼	33¾	Rich. & W. P.	21¼	21
Erie	27¾	27¾	Reading	38¼	38¼
Hocking Valley	20¾	20	St. L. & S. F.	15¾	15¾
Lou. & Nash.	83⅛	84¾	St. L. & S. F. pf.	38	39
Lake Shore	109	109	St. Paul com.	68¾	69⅛
L. & N. 1st pf.	117	117⅛	St. Paul pf.	112¾	112¾
L. E. & W. pf.	69	69¾	St. P. & Man.	106	105¾
Manhattan con.	100¾	101⅛	Texas & Pacific	19¾	19⅝
Mich. Cent.	95	95	T., C. I. & R.	72	71¾
Missouri Pac.	67¾	67⅞	Union Pacific	67¾	67¾
Norfolk & W.	19	19½	Wab. & Pac. pf.	30¾	30¾
Norf. & W. pf.	59¾	60¼	West. Un. Tel.	82¾	82¾
Northwest com.	109¾	109¾	W. & L. E. pf.	65¾	65⅛

Government bonds quiet at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds irregular. The more important list advances were in Denver and Rio Grande consol 4s, ¾ ⅌ cent., to 78; Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fé gold 6s, ⅝, to 74⅝; Kansas and Texas general 6s, 1⅛, to 71⅝; and general 5s, ⅛, to 62⅛; Shenandoah Valley generals, ¼, to 45; and San Francisco general 5s, 1 ⅌ cent., to 101⅛. The noteworthy declines were in Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fé lsts, ½ ⅌ cent., to 114½; Reading general 4s, ¾, to 88¾; and 3d preference incomes, ¾, to 46⅛; St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas 2ds, ⅝, to 29; Texas Pacific 2ds, ¼, to 36; and Wabash Railroad lsts, ¼ ⅌ cent., to 101.

Money on call, 6@10 ⅌ cent. Time money, 6 ⅌ cent. for all periods on prime collateral. Commercial paper quiet. The best double name paper is quoted at 6@7 ⅌ cent., and prime single name at 7@8 ⅌ cent.

Sterling exchange weak under liberal offerings of security and commercial bills. Posted asking rates, $4.81 for long bills and $4.85¾ for demand. Actual rates, $4.80@$4.80¼ for 60-day bills, $4.84@$4.84¼ for sight drafts, and $4.84¼@$4.84¾ for cable transfers.

To-day's offers to sell United States bonds to the Government aggregated $539,500, of which $450,200 were registered 4s at 127, and $89,300 registered 4½s at 110⅞. All were accepted. These purchases included $350,000 bonds surrendered by national banks in order to pay off all their deposits of Government money.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad reports gross earnings for October of $1,768,496, an increase of $331,442 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $774,934, an increase of $216,469. For the four months ending Oct. 3 the gross earnings were $6,469,687, an increase of $958,870 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $2,748,006, an increase of $679,142.

The Wisconsin Central Railroad reports gross earnings for October of $459,406, an increase of $30,693 as compared with the same month of last year, and net, $187,056, an increase of $4,464.

Gross railway earnings for November compare with those of the same month of last year as follows:

Denver and Rio Grande	$727,000	Inc. $0,600
Toledo, St. L. and Kansas City	101,529	Inc. 37,212
Mex. Nat. R. R.	297,781	Inc. 42,770
Wheeling and Lake Erie	81,678	Inc. 11,142
Long Island	247,829	Inc. 7,666

The Brunswick Company, which has large real estate investments in Brunswick, Ga., has paid off its entire mortgage indebtedness, amounting to $333,000, leaving all its property there unincumbered. The company has sold a considerable portion of its first purchases and reinvested the proceeds in a larger area of lands in the city and vicinity.

The value of the coinage of the United States Mints during November was: Gold, $1,788,000; silver, $3,484,812, and subsidiary coin, $127,200, a total of $5,400,012.

Treasury balances compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 3.	Dec. 2.
Gold	$183,082,970	$187,406,672
Legal tenders	15,523,994	14,819,062
Totals	$201,580,964	$202,316,674

Silver balance, $13,546,309, against $13,289,100, yesterday. Deposits in national banks, $47,372,668, against $44,905,358 yesterday.

Money in London yesterday, 5 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 3⅞ per cent. Paris advices quote 3 per cents, at 87 francs 70 centimes. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £100,000. The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows an increase in specie of 1,860,000 marks.

The sales of mining stocks at the New York Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange to-day were as follows:

Sales.	Name.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
1000	Astoria	12	15	10	10
100	Alta	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90
6600	Consol. Tun. Co.	14	18	14	17
1.5	Con. Cal. & Va.	5 75	5 75	5 75	5 75
100	El. Cristo	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
200	Little Chief	35	35	35	35
300	Mutual S. & M. Co.	1 65	1 65	1 65	1 65
400	Mono	29	29	28	28
200	Ophir	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90
200	Oriental & Miller	7	7	7	7
600	Phoenix of Ariz.	40	48	40	48
1000	Sappahannock	5	5	5	5
200	Savage	1 35	1 35	1 35	1 35
300	Sutter Creek	55	55	55	55
100	Standard	50	50	50	50
200	Utah Copper	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20
200	Utah con	80	80	80	80

The total transactions were 15,925 shares.

New York Markets.

TUESDAY, Dec. 3.—FLOUR AND MEAL—The market was much more active, there being a considerable demand for low and medium extras for export, and prices ruled quite firm. Quoted: Flour, ⅌ bbl.—No grade, $1.85@$2.10; No. 2, $2.10@$2.50; superfine, $2.20@$2.70; No. 2 extra, $2.60@$2.90; No. 1 extra, $3.25@$3.75; clears, $3.50@$4; straights, $4.10@$4.40; patents, $4.50@$5.25 (the same qualities in sacks sell below the price in barrels); city mills, shipping extras, $4.25@$4.35. Rye flour, ⅌ bbl.—Superfine, $3.10@$3.30; fine, $2.85@$2.90. Corn meal, ⅌ bbl.—$2.45@$2.55 for Western, and $2.65 for Brandywine. Buckwheat flour, ⅌ 100 lbs., $1.60@$1.80.

COTTON—Futures opened a little depressed by a considerable decline in Liverpool, but recovered at once, and afterward made some advance on a report from Memphis that brokers of that town had estimated the crop at 7,124,000 bales, but the market weakened when it was recalled that estimates of these brokers have uniformly been fully 5 ⅌ cent. under the actual crop—as much under as the New Orleans house is over the truth. Wagers were offered on our Cotton Exchange in favor of 7,325,000 bales yield. Cotton on the spot was steady but quiet; middling uplands, 10⅛c.; Gulfs, 10½c. The following are the closing staples and prices for futures, with sales aggregating 53,800 bales:

December	10.14c.	March	10.21c.
January	10.11c.	April	10.28c.
February	10.16c.	May	10.34c.
June	10.41c.	August	10.50c.

Receipts at ports this day	58,691	60,073
	1889.	1888.
Previously from Sept. 1	3,170,733	2,631,255
	Bales.	Bales.

PROVISIONS—Lard futures were more active and prices made a material improvement; sales 2,750 tcs. at 6.29@6.30c. for January, and 6.31@6.36c. for March. After the change the close was steady at 6.25c. for December, 6.30c. for January, 6.35c. for February, 6.36c. for March, and 6.46c. for May; spot lard in fair demand; sales 300 tcs. city at 5.60c., and 500 tcs. Western at 5.27½@5.30c.; refined for the Continent quoted at 6.30@6.70c. Pork in fair demand, and 100 bbls. sold. Quoted: New mess, $10.75@$11.25; extra prime, $8.50@$9; and short clear, $13.25 ⅌ bbl. Cut meats showed a further decline for bellies, at which the market was more active; pickled hams, 3½@3¾c.; pickled bellies, 12 to 14 lbs. average, at 5⅝@5¾c.; 1,000 pickled shoulders at 5@5¼c., and 700 pickled hams at 8½@8¾c. Quoted: Pickled bellies, 5½@7c.; pickled shoulders, 5@5¼c.; hams, 8@9½c.; smoked shoulders, 5½@5¾c.; hams, 9@9½c. Dressed hogs steady at 5¾@6c. for city. Beef quiet. Quoted: $6.75@$7.25 for extra mess, $8@$9 for packet, and $10 for family ⅌ bbl., and $16@$18.50 for India mess. Beef hams quiet at $18@$19 ⅌ tbc. Stearine quiet at 6½@6¾c. Oleomargarine steady at 5½@5¾c. Tallow firm at 4¼c. Butter firmer; creamery, 19@24c. Cheese dull at 9½@10½c. for State factory, full cream. Fresh eggs 26@30c., limed, 19@21c.

GRAIN—Wheat futures made a decided advance, but the speculation was less active; bulges were stronger, and receipts West were smaller; sales 4,890,000 bush. at 84¼@84½c. for December, 85⅝@85¾c. for January, 86⅝@87¼c. for February, 88¼@88¾c. for April, 89⅝@89¾c. for May and 90¼@90½c. for June. Spot wheat was in good demand for export and local milling at full and hardening values. Quoted: Spring, 76@80c.; red winter, 79@81c.; white, 78@80c.; ungraded red winter in elevator, 84¼c.; sales were 30,000 bush. fair ungraded red winter for export at 81¼@82c., and 32,000 bush. for milling at 80c. for No. 2 red winter delivered, and 80½c. for choice ungraded. Indian corn futures were fairly active and firmer, without special influences in that direction except the large and steady demand; sales 840,000 bush. at 42¾@43c. for December, 43¼@43¾c. for January, and 43⅝@43⅞c. for May; also steamer mixed at 41½@41¾c. for late January and early February. Spot corn was firmer, with shippers taking 100,000 bush., but the local trade rather slow. Quoted: Western mixed, 41@41¾c.; Western yellow, 42@44c.; do. white, 41@43¾c.; sales included No. 2 mixed at 43¼@43½c. afloat; some inferior corn sold at 34 @40c. Oats were firmer, on a renewal of the demand for export; sales 250,000 bush. including options No. 2 mixed at 29¾c. for December, 29½c. for January, 29½c. for February, and 29¾@29¾c. for May; and on the spot, mixed at 27@27½c., and white at 30@33c., as to quality; also No. 2 white at 30@30½c. in elevator. Barley quoted at 53@56c. for two-rowed and 56@58c. for four-rowed State, and 57@71c. for Canada, with a moderate demand. Rye dull at 53@55c. for Western, and 56@58c. for Eastern. After Change—Wheat steady; No. 2 red winter for December, 84¾c.; January, 85¼c.; February, 87¼c.; March, 88¼c.; April, 89¼c.; May, 89¾c.; June, 89½c. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed for December, 42c.; January, 41½c.; February, 41¾c.; March, 41¾c.; May, 41½c. Oats steady; No. 2 mixed for December, 29¼c.; January, 29½c.; February, 29¾c.; May, 29¾c.

GROCERIES—Coffee on the spot quiet and easier; sales 1,000 bags Jamaica at 17½@19c., 600 mats interior at 22½c., and 1,100 bags Maracaibo on p. t. Quoted: Rio, 18@20½c.; Maracaibo, 19¼@20½c.; Java, 21@22c.; Mocha, 25@26½c. Rio options declined 10 to 15 points owing to weaker advices from Rio and more liberal offerings by local operators; sales 27,750 bags, closing barely steady, with sellers at the following prices:

December	15.80c.	March	15.80c.
January	15.70c.	April	15.85c.
February	15.75c.	May	15.85c.
June	15.85c.	August	15.70c.

Raw sugars continue in demand and firm at 5¼@5½c. for fair refining muscovado, and 6½@6¾c. for standard centrifugal; sales 15,000 bags molasses sugar, 89° test, at 5c.; 300 hhds. English Islands, 87° test, at 5½c.; 400 mats East India at 4½c. for Iloilo and 4 9-16c. for extra Manila, and a cargo of Rio Grande at Break water at 5c. for 85° test. Refined sugars fairly active and firm at 7@7⅛c. for granulated and powdered, 7⅛c. for cubes, 7⅜c. for crushed, 6⅝@6c. for white extra C, and 4⅞ @5⅛c. for yellows. Molasses quiet; sales 150 hhds. Cuba, Kitts at 21c. Quoted: Foreign, 25@26c.; domestic, 20 @30c. Rice in limited supply and choice grades are firm at 4¾@5½c. for domestic, and 4¾@5¼c. for foreign.

METALS—Straits tin continues to advance, but the trading is slow, closing firm at 21.45c. for spot and 21.40c. for February; sales 25 tons at 21.40c. for December. Ingot copper dull and unchanged, closing nominal at 14.15c. for December. Lead quiet, but steady, closing at 3.85c. for December. Pig iron warrants quiet, but spot shows a slight improvement closing at $18.25 for December and $18.75 for February.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits turpentine was again depressed, but at the concessions there was a trifle more doing; sales 150 bbls. at 45¼@45½