SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SEASON.

[Medical Journal].

Be specially careful of draughts and sudden changes.

Do not overwork. Of what use is wealth without health?

Keep your feet dry, but do not wear overshoes all the time.

Remember that the pores of your skin, when in health, are always open, and that closing them causes sickness.

Dress warmly, but not heavily. Woollen clothing that permits the exhalations of the body to escape is the best.

Eat strengthening and hearty, but not too much greasy food. It is a mistake to suppose that fat food contains the most vitality.

If you feel chilly at any time, take a drink of pure whiskey at once. DUFFY'S PURE MALT is the purest and best, and has the highest recommendations.

Do not call the doctor for every slight ailment. If you have a cold, feel depressed, and lack appetite and vigor, you need something to tone and build up the system. Nothing will do this so readily as the pure article we have mentioned.

THE BALLOT BOX FORGERY.

Forraker's Private Secretary and Gen. Grosvenor the Least Witnesses.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—When the special House committee appointed to investigate the Ohio ballot box forgery met this morning, Mr. Kurtz, late private secretary to Gov. Forraker, was present. The cross-examination of A. C. Sands was continued. In answer to Mr. Kurtz witness denied that he met Representative Grosvenor at Logan on Sept. 29, or that he had a conversation of any length with Mr. Kurtz before he went into the Governor's office on Sept. 30. He did not say that Mr. Kurtz requested him to destroy his letter respecting the *Commercial-Gazette* publication, but wished to know what had become of it. He did not remember telling him that Wood could give him information about the ballot box matter.

Mr. Kurtz then took the stand. He said that Mr. Sands's statement that he called at the Gibson House in answer to his (Kurtz's) letter did not agree with his belief, as six weeks had intervened. He then read a statement he had prepared in explanation of his reasons for saying to Mr. Sands that he was not responsible for the publication. At that time he did not recollect that he had told of Mr. Sands's communication respecting the ballot box matter to Mr. Flynn, a newspaper reporter, who had in turn told Mr. Halstead. He then repeated and insisted on the correctness of his testimony, which apparently had been contradicted by Mr. Sands respecting their conversation in the Governor's office. He flatly denied that Sands told him to caution the Governor. What he said was that Wood could tell all about the contract, but that he was a bad character, and he (Kurtz) would have to be careful about him.

Mr. Sands said that he was sincerely sorry to be compelled to differ with his old friends, Gov. Foraker and Mr. Kurtz, and it was not to be expected that recollections would agree entirely as to a conversation in which one party was deeply and personally interested, and the other interested only as a friend.

George Webber of Cincinnati testified that he had known Wood for fifteen or eighteen years, and told how Wood had sought to interest him in his ballot box company in the summer of 1888. Wood said that Representative Campbell was to introduce a bill to secure the use of the box by the Governor, and Representative Grosvenor was to take care of the Republican side of the House. Wood showed him a contract 1,000 and invited him to go in on the ground floor, but he told Wood to get out; that he wanted nothing to do with it. He did not read the paper, but Wood told him it was contract 1,000.

Mr. Grosvenor said that the contract was never drawn up until the fall of 1889, and wanted to know how the witness could identify as that contract a paper shown him a year before it was made. The witness said that he could not identify it. He had said that Wood called it contract 1,000.

Mr. Grosvenor then took the stand, and testified that he was in Columbus on Sept. 29, but did not see Mr. Sands. The "trust me, Charley," telegram, which had been referred to in this investigation, was an answer from Gen. Butterworth to witness's appeal to help him at the Marietta meeting, and had nothing to do with this case.

Apparently the taking of testimony closed with this statement, and the committee went into secret session to determine the further procedure.

PREACHING AGAINST THE BALLET.

A Bridgeport Pastor Protests Against Barnum's Ballet Girls.

BRIDGEPORT, March 17.—A week ago the Rev. George L. Thompson of the Washington Park M. E. Church, in his morning sermon, spoke against ballet girls in general and the hundred ballet girls whom P. T. Barnum had brought over from England and who were stopping in Bridgeport, in particular. Some of the ballet girls were in the church, and felt the rebuke so keenly that they left their seats. The sermon was criticised by many, and the State papers have commented severely on the minister's unwise remarks.

Last week the Rev. Mr. Thompson announced that he would speak on Sunday night on the subject "Is It Wrong for the Pulpit to Speak Against Ballet Dancers?" and the church was crowded to the doors. He said it was the duty of the clergy to denounce all forms of sin, and he thought the sympathizers of the ballet had done him too much honor. "When I hit the devil, he said, "I like to hear him fact that the ballet girls were quartered in this city and had acted shamefully on the streets inspired his protest, but the fact that Barnum was to send them broadcast over this country exerting a baleful influence. He hoped the time would come when the sympathizers with this sort of amusement would wither or drop away, or, still better, repent and be saved.

Mr. Thompson said that in the near future he should go into the matter more in detail, and speak of other popular evils. There is an element in the church totally opposed to this sensational preaching, which of late years has fallen into disrepute here.

Accused of Being Connected with a Band of Thieves.

SYRACUSE, March 17.—Louis P. Mallory, a college graduate, and formerly Secretary of a Pennsylvania mining company, is under arrest here for being connected with a band of thieves who have been operating in railroad stations. Their scheme was to exchange the checks on trunks and then claim and carry off the baggage. Mallory is also wanted at Elmira for forgery. On Friday night the band broke into several clothing stores in Auburn, and Edward Wilson, one of the thieves, is under arrest there. Mallory's father is largely interested in coal mines, and lives in Wilkesbarre.

He Went to Collect a Bill and Was Thrown Down Stairs.

ANSONIA, Conn., March 17.—A new way to pay debts has just been found in this town. Joseph Hummell went into O'Hara's bake shop to collect a bill of $3 owing him by a baker named Wilhelm. Instead of getting the money, he got an unmercifull beating from his debtor and O'Hara, and was then kicked out and thrown down stairs. The result was two broken ribs and internal injuries, which may result in his death. He is in the New Haven Hospital in a precarious condition. O'Hara and Wilhelm have been held in heavy bail to await the result of his injuries.

A School Teacher's Suicide.

CINCINNATI, March 17.—Miss Katie Ott, a teacher in the public schools, shot herself through the temples last night at her home during a fit of despondency caused by ill health. She had resigned her position on last Thursday, and her family had planned for her a trip to California. But her mind was too much disordered to wait for the experiment of a trip for health, and, after bidding her brother good night, she shot herself as she lay on a sofa in the sitting room.

Court Calendars This Day.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Recess. CHAMBERS.—Motion calendar. Nos. 1 to 31 called at 11 o'clock. SPECIAL TERM—Part I.—Case unfinished. Nos. 511, 513, 522, 153, 576, 280, 281, 264, 144, 249, 1049, 847, 1051, 1052, 980, 871, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1040, 1041, 612, 613, 614, 617, 618. Part II.—Clear. Nos. 551, 571, 136, 137, 138, 283, 293, 201, 202, 203, 569, 570, 576, 583, 585, 394. Circuit—Part I.—Adjourned to March 20. Part II.—Case unfinished. Nos. 921, 983, 982, 861, 890, 1021, 1007, 558, 1418, 1726, 534, 1516, 1525, 1087, 1097, 1467, 807, 1727, 1722, 1695, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899. Part III.—Case unfinished. Nos. 1054, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1326, 1262, 760, 741, 1509, 1508, 1506, 1502, 1144, 1620, 1368, 827, 1178, 1036, 1167, 724, 1028, 657, 1, 1507, 14. Part IV.—Clear. Nos. 2245, 1750, 1845, 1874, 1487, 870, 1894, 1386, 1169.

SURROGATE'S COURT.—Will of Phillip Colwell, 10:30 A. M. For probate—Wills of Adell Rubin, Gregory Sutton, Benjamin Wolcott, Ellen Gallagher, Ann Hilbrook, and C. L. Mitchell, 10 A. M.; H. S. Winans, Samuel Burchill, B. Helmke, and Henry C. Macdowall, 11:30 A. M.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Clear. Nos. 83, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 382. EQUITY TERM.—Case unfinished. Nos. 398, 399, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 400, 401, 402, 395. Trial Term.—Clear. Nos. 1260, 1262, 1343, 1187, 1197, 1311, 1265, 969, 1339, 1272, 1271. Part II.—Clear. Nos. 1236, 1184, 1247, 1350, 1238, 235, 918, 1245. Part III.—Clear. Nos. 866, 1123, 1121, 878, 1190, 1275, 1248, 1110, 1240, 1239.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.—No. 4. TRIAL TERM—Part I.—Case unfinished. Nos. 1427, 801, 1141, 1673, 1010, 1018, 1021, 171, 1417, 1645, 1653, 1656, 1025, 983, 1517, 1074, 1076, 409, 735, 833, 1676, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1684, 1686, 1688, 1687, 1698, 1592, 1546, 1623, 1624, 1175, 1692, 1191, 1692, 1693, 1662, 668, 1167, 924, 757. Part II.—Adjourned for the term.

CITY COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Motions. TRIAL TERM—Parts I., II., III., and IV.—Adjourned until to-morrow.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales March 17.

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

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4½s, r	109½	109¾	U. S. 6s, 1895	110	—
U. S. 4½s, c	109¾	110	U. S. 6s, 1896	113	—
U. S. 4s, r	122	122¼	U. S. 6s, 1897	120	—
U. S. 4s, c	123	123¼	U. S. 6s, 1898	123	—
			U. S. 6s, 1899	125	—

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

12 Atchison 4s	—	84¼	16 N. Y., O. & St. L. 4s	—	96¾
10	—	84⅝	5 Nor. R. of Cal. 1st	100¾	—
4	—	84¼	15 N. W. ex 4s	—	97
47 Atchison inc	—	50⅝	2 N. Y., L. & W. 1st	110¼	—
10	—	50¾	2 N. Y. O. & W. cn	97	—
2	—	50¾	5 Or. R. & N. 1st	110	—
30	—	50⅝	1 Or. R. & N. Con. 5s	103	—
20	—	50¾	9 Ohio, Ind. & W. 1st	89	—
32	—	50¾	1 Oregon S. L. ex	118	—
48	—	50⅝	5 Oregon S. Un. cn	103¼	—
15	—	50¾	8 Oregon & T. C. 1st	104¾	—
15	—	50¾	2 Omaha & St. L. 1st	76½	—
133	—	50	2 Phila. & W. 1st	81	—
8 Atl. & Pac. m	—	154¾	15 Rh. & W. P. T. 5s	70¾	—
32	—	154¾	6 Rich. 1st, ex. int	104¾	—
5	—	154¾	1 Rh. & D. db	138¾	—
7	—	154¾	1 Rh. & A'y 1st	106¾	—
2 All. & Pac. 1st	—	74½	3	70	—
1 Am. Dk. & Imp. 5s	—	104	32 Read. cons. 4s	8¾	—
9	—	106¼	5	83	—
51 Ch. & O. ch. 5s	—	110¾	22	83¾	—
4 Ch. & O. A. 1st	—	116	6	83¾	—
2 Ch., Pen. & St. L. 5s	—	104¼	1	83¾	—
2 C., B. & N. 5s	—	103¾	6	83¾	—
2 C. B. & Q. 4s, Neb. ex	—	101½	10 Read. 1st pf. in	67	—
3 Can. So. 2d	—	97¾	1	67¾	—
4	—	97¾	1	67¾	—
6	—	97¾	1	67¾	—
10 Cent. Wash. 1st	—	110	10 Reading 2d pf. inc.	65	—
5 Col. Coal 6s	—	103½	8	48¾	—
6 Ch. St. L. & N. O. M. div	—	90¾	5	48¾	—
3 C., St. L. & C. 4s	—	100	5 Reading 3d pf. inc.	33¾	—
15 Den. & R. G. cn	—	78¾	21	33¾	—
10 Det., M. & M. liq	—	37	100	33¾	—
1 E. T., Va. & Ga. 5s	—	75	5 R. R. & W. 1st	75¾	—
2 Elz. & B. R. 1st	—	90	5	75¾	—
3 Erie 1st ex	—	120	15	75¾	—
10 Erie con. 2d	—	101¾	15	75¾	—
4 E. Tenn. 1st	—	110	16	75¾	—
1 E. Tenn. 1st	—	110	10	75¾	—
12 Ft. Worth 1st	—	106¼	28 Shenandoah V. 1st	111¾	—
24	—	106¼	20 Shenandoah, Pen. 1st	100¾	—
15	—	106¼	7 So. P. of N. M. 1st	107¾	—
1 Iron Mt. 5s	—	102¾	3 St. P. & Ma. c	45¾	101
5 Int. & Gt. N. 1st	—	111¾	11 St. L. gold	—	124¾
21 Int. & G. N. 5s, T. R.	—	75¾	2 St. P. Mi. P. div	—	105
3 Kings Co. El. 1st	—	104	10 St. P. con	—	127¾
20 Kan. Pac. D. d. as	—	104	3 St. P. 1st, S. M. d	—	114¾
20 Kan. & T. cn	—	114¾	1 St. L. & Cairo 4s	—	70
2	—	114¾	10 Tex. Pac. 1st 5s	—	91¾
2 Kan. & T. g. 6s T. R.	—	75¾	38	—	92
1	—	75¾	6	—	92¾
13	—	75¾	5	—	92¾
5 K. C. N. R. R.	—	110	7	—	38¾
6 Knox. & O. 1st	—	110¾	10 Tex. Pac. 2d inc	—	38¾
1	—	111	7	—	38¾
5 Kent. Cent. 1st	—	84¾	1	—	38¾
1 Laclede Gas 1st	—	82	11 Tol., P. & W. 1st 4s	78	—
2 L. S. & M. S. cn 4s	—	121	3 Terre H. 2d pf	—	108¾
5 L. & W. B. M. 5s	—	104	5 Tenn. C. I. & R. 6s	—	100
1 L. & N., P. & A. 1st	—	109	1 Tenn. div	—	101¾
33 L., N. A. & Ch. cn	—	101¾	5	—	99
43	—	101¾	1 Un. Pac. 1st Ses.	—	110¾
15	—	100¾	1 Un. Pac. Wes.	—	118
20	—	100	4 Un. P., L. & Col. 1st	—	102
54	—	100¾	1 Utah So. gu	—	114
1 L. Car. & W. 1st	—	97¾	2	—	114¾
2 L. & St. L. & Tex 1st	—	99¾	1 Union R. 1st	—	101¾
1 Mob. & B. 2d	—	104½	2	—	107¾
10 Met. El. 1st	—	114	10 Wabash 1st	—	103¾
9 Met. El. 2d	—	108	29 Wabash 2d	—	91
1 Mobile & O. gnl	—	59	12 Wab. Iob. ser. B	47	—
6	—	59¾	8 West. Union col 5s	—	104¾
2	—	59¾	12 West Shore 4s	—	103¾
1 Nor. Pac. 1st c	—	113¾	10 West Shore 4s	—	103¾
2 Mil. & L. S 1st	—	122½	1	—	105
1 Nor. Pac. 1st c	—	113¾	10	—	105¾
1 Nor. Pac. 2d c	—	113	5 W. N. Y. & Pa. 2d	—	32
50 Nor. P. & Mon. 1st	—	105	4 Wis. Cent. 1st	—	98¾
0 Nor. & W. 5s	—	91	2	—	98
1 N. Y. & Nas. 1st	—	97	2	—	98
1 N. J. Cent. gnl. 5s	—	111¾	4 Wis. Cent. inc	—	50

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,777,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing—Bid.	Asked.
115	Adams Express	152	151	151	155	—
110	American Cable	85¾	85¾	85¾	86	90
23430	Atch., T. & S. Fe	36⅞	38¾	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞
10	Atlantic & Pac	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	—
100	Com. Cable Co	102¾	102¾	102¾	103	—
500	Cameron coal	34	34	34	35	—
380	Can. Southern	55¾	55¾	55¾	55¾	56
10	Canadian Pacific	71¾	71¾	71¾	71¾	74¾
840	Ches. & Ohio	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾	24
140	C. & Alt. pf	59¾	59¾	59¾	59¾	60
310	C. & O. 2d pf	40	40¾	40	39¾	40¾
100	Chi. & E. Ill	20	20	20	20	30
3570	Chicago Gas	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾	43¾
1925	C., C., C. & St. L	71¾	71¾	71¾	71	74¾
37	C., C. C. & St. L. pf	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	98¾
427	Ch. & N. W	110¾	110¾	110¾	110¾	110¾
2840	C., R. I. & Pac	107¾	108	107¾	107¾	107¾
5700	C., M. & St. P	69	69¾	68¾	68¾	69
310	C., M. & St. P. pf	117	117	116¾	116	116¾
1825	C., R. I. & Pac	91	91	89¾	89¾	89¾
100	C. & East. Ill	117	117	117	117	118
2043	Colorado Coal	45½	45¾	44¾	45¼	45¾
1900	Col., H. V. & Tol	21¾	22	21¾	21¾	21¾
200	Consol. Gas Co	98	98	98	98¾	98¾
5305	Del., L. & W	138¾	139¾	138¾	139¾	139
210	Den., Tex. & F. W.	35½	35½	35½	35½	34
20	E. T., V. & G.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	20
150	Edison L. Co	105½	105½	105½	105	108
130	Evans. & T. H.	107	107	107	104	107¾
160	Flint & P. M.	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾
130	Flint & P. M. pf	91¾	91¾	91¾	91¾	92
600	Kingston & Pem.	16	16	16	14	20
308	Lake E. & West	17¾	18	17¾	17¾	18
2210	L. E. & West. pf	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾
4861	Lake Shore	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾
424	Louis. & Nash	89¾	89¾	88¾	88¾	88¾
100	Louis. N. A. & C.	47	47	47	44¾	47¾
1100	Manhattan Con	107¾	107¾	107¾	107	107¾
2800	Michigan Cent	98¾	98¾	97¾	97¾	98¾
105	Minn. Iron Co	84	84	84	80	85
2550	Missouri Pacific	74¾	74¾	73¾	73¾	74
100	Mob. & J.	8	8	8	8	8
10	Mob. K. & T. Rights	11	11	11	11¾	—
10	Mobile & Ohio	15	15	15	15	16
200	Morris & Essex	140	140	140	140	—
1218	N. Y. Central	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾
3127	N. Y. & New Eng.	47¾	48¾	46¾	46¾	47
5455	N. Y. C. & St. L	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	18
20	N. Y., C. & St. L. 1st pf	70¾	70¾	70¾	70¾	70¾
500	N. Y., C. & St. L. 2d pf	39¾	39¾	39¾	39¾	40
1200	N. Y., L. E. & W	23¾	26¾	23¾	23¾	23¾
200	N. Y., L. E. & W. pf	62¾	62¾	62¾	62¾	62
500	Nor. & W. pf	60¾	60¾	60	60	60¾
500	Northern Pacific	31	31¾	31	30¾	31¾
2220	Northern Pac. pf	73¾	73	72¾	72¾	72¾
20	Ohio & Miss	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾	21
400	Ontario & West	18¾	18¾	18¾	17¾	18¾
135	Oregon Imp	45	45	45	44¾	44¾
2255	Oregon S. L.	45	45	43	43¾	45
3700	Oregon & Trans	37¾	37¾	37	37¾	37¾
400	Pacific Mail	38¾	38¾	38	37¾	38¾
4010	Phila. & Reading	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾
15	Pa., Ft. W. & C.	153¾	153¾	153¾	153	155
160	Pull. Pal. Car Co	191¾	191¾	190	191	192
300	Pitts. & W. pf	37¾	37¾	37¾	36¾	38
500	Rio Grande & W	18	18	17	17	17¾
825	Rio Grande & W. pf	40	41	40	41	42
551	Rich. & W. P.	21¾	21¾	21	21¾	21¾
513	R., W. & O.	105	105	105	104	106
25	St. L. & S. F. 1st pf	88	88	88	88	90
200	St. P. & Omaha	32½	32½	32½	32½	33
1550	St. P., M. & M	112½	112½	112	112	112½
100	Southern Pacific	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	35
100	St. L., Ark. & T.	4	4	3¾	3	5
7650	Tenn. Coal & Iron	43¾	43¾	43¾	43¾	47
140	Tol. & O. C. pf	78	78	78	78	80
955	Texas Pacific	20¾	20¾	19¾	20¾	20¾
900	Tol., A. A. & N. M.	37¾	37¾	37	37	37¾
11835	Union Pacific	63½	63¾	62¾	63	63¾
55	U. S. Express	88¾	88¾	88¾	88¾	88¾
110	Virginia Mid	45¾	45¾	45¾	46	47¾
800	W., St. L. & P.	13	13	12¾	12¾	13
100	W., St. L. & P. pf	27¾	27¾	27¾	27	27¾
891	Western Un. Tel	83	83¾	82¾	83	83¾
5390	Wheeling & L. E.	30¾	30¾	30¾	30¾	30¾
710	Wheel. & L. E. pf	70¾	70¾	70	70	70¾
500	Wis. Central	30	30	29¾	30	30

The total sales of stocks were 185,417 shares.

UNLISTED DEPARTMENT TRANSACTIONS.

Sales.		Open'g.	High't.	Low't.	Clos'g.
1420	Amer. Cotton Oil	27	27¾	26¾	27¾
15407	Sugar Refineries	67	69¾	66¾	69¾
3655	National Lead Trust	19	19¾	19	19¾
550	Bell Tel. Co. Can	81	81	81	81
608	Kan. & Tex. new pf.	19	23	23	23
100	Gt. North. Railway pf.	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾
520	Brunswick	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾
1700	Phœnix of Arix	85	90	85	85
100	Freeland	105	105	105	105
$5000	C. & O. 2d R. A. & W. L.	65	65	65	65
$4000	Georgia Pac. 1st	113	113	113	113
$4200	Kan. & Tex. 4s W. L.	75¾	75¾	75¾	75¾
150.00	Pipe Line ctfs	90¾	91	88¾	88¾

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos. & Albany	217	—	Erie Tel	38	—
Bos. & Maine	—	225	New Eng. Tel	52¾	—
C., B. & N	—	49	Boston W. P.	7¾	8
Central Mass.	17	—	West End Land	25¾	—
Eastern	103	—	Bos. & Mont	—	50
Fitchburg	91	91¾	Butte & Bos	—	15¾
N. Y. & N. E. pf.	116	—	Calumet & Hec.	255	—
Mex. Cent. 6s	70	70¾	Santa Fe & Cop.	22¾	—
Rich. Cent. stk.	18	—	A. T. & S. F. 6s	83¾	—
Old Colony	176	177	A. T. & S. F. in	38¾	—
Am. Bell Tel	219	221			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Ph. & R. gn. m 4s	83¾	84	W. N. Y. & P. stk.	3¾	4¾
Phil. & R. 1st pf.	66¾	67	Lehigh Valley	51¾	52
Phil. & R. 2d pf.	47¾	48¾	L. C. & N. Co	51¾	52¼
Phil. & R. 3d pf.	33¾	40¾	Pennsylvania	54¾	54¾

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atlantic & Gt. W.	35¾	35¾	Lou. & Nashville	68¾	—
Atlantic & Gt. W. 2d	4¾	4¾	N. Y. Central	111	—
Canadian Pacific	74¾	—	Northern Pacific pf.	75¾	—
Central Pacific	36	—	Norfolk & West pf.	6¾	—
Erie common	25¾	—	Pennsylvania	55¾	—
Erie 2d consols	104¾	—	Reading	20¾	—
Illinois Central	115¾	—	St. Paul common	70¾	—
Kansas & Texas, T. R.	16¾	—	Union Pacific	45½	—
Lake Shore	110¾	—	Wabash pf	31¾	—

MONDAY, March 17.

The dealings upon the Stock Exchange today were upon a moderate scale, with two or three stocks contributing an unduly large proportion of the transactions. Those stocks were Atchison and Reading. The first named was exceptionally strong throughout, and though it did not retain its extreme advance it closed materially higher than on Saturday. The movement had a substantial appearance, because it was supplemented by heavy purchases of the new bonds of the company, especially of the incomes, in respect to which a very favorable opinion is gaining ground, based upon the continuously large earnings of the system. The same consideration doubtless influences purchases of the stock, though it is quite likely that the stock is also in demand because of the hour approach to the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company. Boston did its share of the buying of these securities to-day, and thus awakened memories of its old-time enthusiasm regarding the Atchison outfit.

In Reading, the buying that bids fair to absorb all of the floating stock of that company was again the feature. The view expressed in this column yesterday, that the street may soon find that the supply of Reading for speculative purposes is rapidly becoming as small as that of the other coal stocks, is beginning to make a decided headway in Wall street. It is not often that the financial community witnesses as determined an effort to control a great property as is now being made by the Philadelphia capitalists who are bent upon securing the control of the Reading company. The speculative situation in Reading is full of interest from the fact that the borrowing demand is so much greater than the supply that the stock loaned this morning at a premium or 1-16 of 1 ⅌ cent. for use.

The poor showing of the Union Pacific system in consequence of the severe storms that have checked the operations of its various lines, furnished a basis for comparatively heavy selling of that stock early in the day. Later it rallied a little, but closed ¾ ⅌ cent. lower than on Saturday. Among the specialties Wheeling and Lake Erie common and Lake Erie and Western preferred were the conspicuously strong stocks, while New England and Colorado Coal and Iron were rather heavy, and Tennessee Coal and Iron broke badly. It is a question whether the serious decline in Tennessee Coal and Iron does not reflect something besides the game that is being played in that stock. Those who are interested in it for other than campaign purposes would probably do well to study the market for Southern iron. Oregon Short Line was another stock that declined in a way to disturb those who are long of it on margin. The reason for the movement may be found in the report of the company for January.

The news was meagre, but entirely of a favorable character. Money on call was in good supply and sterling exchange was weaker. The arrival of a special shipment of $365,000 in gold may be noted. The closing was steady, with the average of prices substantially the same as on Saturday.

Final sales compare with those of Saturday as follows:

	March 15.	March 17.		March 15.	March 17.
Atch., T. & S. F.	36⅞	37¾	N. Y. Central	107¾	107¾
Atlantic & Pac.	25¾	25¾	N. Y. & N. Eng.	47¾	48¾
Can. Southern	55¾	55¾	Omaha com	32¾	33¾
Ch., Bur. & Q.	107	108¼	Ontario & West	18¾	18¾
Con. Gas	98¾	98¾	Oregon & T. C.	37¾	37¾
Chicago Gas	42¾	43	Pacific Mail	37¾	38¾
Del., L. & W.	139¾	139	Rock Island	93¾	93¾
Den., T. & F. W.	33¾	33¾	Rich. & W. P.	21	21¾
Erie	26	25¾	Reading	40¾	41¾
Stocking Val.	27¾	28¾	St. Paul	69	69¾
Lou. & Nash.	88¾	88¾	St. P. & Man.	112¾	112
Lake Shore	107¾	107¾	Tex. Pac.	20	20¾
L. E. & W. pf.	63¾	64¾	Tol., A. A. & N. M.	37¾	38¾
Manhattan con.	108¾	107¾	Union Pacific	63¾	63
Mich. Cent.	97¾	98¾	Wab. & P. pf.	27¾	27¾
Missouri Pac.	74	73¾	West Un. Tel.	83¾	83¾
Northwest com.	110¾	109¾	W. & L. E.	30¾	30¾
Nor. Pac. pf.	73¾	73	W. & L. E. pf.	70¾	70¾

*Ex dividend.

Government bonds firmer. The 4s closed ¼ ⅌ cent. higher bid. Railway bonds strong. The features were Louisville, New Albany and Chicago consols, Rio Grande and Western 1sts, Atlantic and Pacific incomes, Atchison, Reading and Texas Pacific issues. The more important net advances were in Atchison incomes, 1 ⅌ cent., to 69; Atlantic and Pacific incomes, ¾, to 15¾; Erie 2d consols, ¾, to 101¾; Metropolitan Elevated 1sts, ½, to 114; Reading general 4s, ¾, to 83¾, and 2d preference incomes, ¾, to 48¾; Rio Grande and Western 1sts, 1, to 71, and Texas Pacific 1sts, ¾ ⅌ cent., to 92¾. Louisville, New Albany and Chicago consols declined ½ ⅌ cent., to 101.

In bank stocks, 5 shares of Western National sold at 96¼.

Money on call, 3¼@4 ⅌ cent. Time money, 5¼ ⅌ cent. for three to four months on mixed collateral, 5 ⅌ cent. for six to twelve months on dividend-paying stocks, and 6 ⅌ cent. for six months on trust stocks. Commercial paper quiet. The best double-name paper is quoted at 5¾@6 ⅌ cent., and prime single name at 6@7 ⅌ cent.

Sterling exchange easier. Posted asking rates $4.82½; for long bills and $4.85¾ for demand. Actual rates are $4.81¾@$4.81¾ for 60-day bills, $4.84¾@$4.84¾ for sight drafts, and $4.84¾@$4.85 for cable transfers.

To-day's offers to sell United States bonds to the Government aggregated $272,500, of which $34,600 were registered and $25,700 coupon 4s at 123, and $210,200 registered and $2,000 coupon 4½s at 103¾. All were accepted.

The total all-rail Fast-bound shipments of dead freight from Chicago last week aggregated 90,364 tons, against 93,696 tons the previous week and 68,016 tons the corresponding week of last year.

The gross earnings of the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City Railroad for the first two weeks in March were $57,805, an increase of $22,475 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad reports gross earnings for February of $279,315, an increase of $3,588 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $114,855, a decrease of $2,154. For the eight months ending Feb. 28 the gross earnings were $2,428,726, an increase of $224,755 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, and net $998,846, an increase of $78,337. Interest, taxes, and improvements were $634,399, leaving a surplus of $364,447 as against $300,233 a year ago.

The Lake Erie and Western Railroad reports gross earnings for January of $218,080, an increase of $31,626 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $85,782, an increase of $14,739.

The Oregon Improvement Company has sold 50 acres of town property at Ship Harbor, Washington, for $350,000, of which $100,000 is paid in cash, and the balance secured by land rates. The land was given to it in connection with the construction of a short piece of railroad from Fidalgo Island to the main line. The company still holds a large amount of land in the same locality.

The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ ⅌ cent., payable April 1.

The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company reports gross earnings for January of $126,249, a decrease of $138,746 as compared with the same month of last year, and failed to earn operating expenses by $100,657