MAKING CALLS IN CHINA.

As American Women Visits and Receives the Wife of a Magistrate.

From the Boston Evening Transcript.

My visit to the wife of the taotai had been talked of for a long time. First of all, I must tell you what a taotai is. He is the chief magistrate of three fu, or departments, in the province of Che-kiang, one of the eighteen provinces of China. The extent of territory under his jurisdiction would correspond to the State of Massachusetts.

When at last an auspicious moment seemed to present itself for the proposed visit, it was quite an anxious question what would be a proper toilet for me to wear. It would not do to go in evening costume, and yet I wished to do as much honor as possible to the event. I finally decided upon a light silk visiting toilet. My husband's official sedan chair was made ready for me, one of my beaux, ornamenting the interior with flowers. My little daughter, with her amah, occupied another chair, and with official servants preceding us, one carrying my large visiting card (specially prepared for the occasion, and bearing my name in black Chinese characters on a red ground), and others walking beside the chairs, we proceeded on our way.

To reach the taotai's yamên (residence) we were obliged to traverse a good part of the suburb where the foreign settlement is situated, then to cross a large branch of the river in a sampan, into which the sedan chairs are bodily lifted, and after entering the gates of the city proper, to make our way through several dirty, ill-smelling streets. Upon the wide entrance doors of the yamen are painted the supposed portraits of the four protecting gods, and at the sides of the doors were a few unkempt ponies, standing about without saddles.

After entering the outer portals, we traversed many courtyards, all of which seemed deserted, the men having all been sent away that they might not look upon a lady. When we reached the part of the establishment devoted to the ladies, I was met by the venerable mother of the taotai (with whose sweet face and soft white hair I was much impressed), his wife, grown-up daughter, son's wife, and numerous attendants, and two or three amahs carrying young children, one the little two-year-old son of the taotai.

I was at once ushered into a room where was a reception dais composed of a seat for the guest and one for the host, separated by a little table, really nothing more than an elbow rest, and used for placing the ceremonial cups of tea. These seats have no back and are very high, so one has to sit well forward and rest the feet upon a wooden footstool. The seat upon the left of the host is the one of honor, and after much ceremony, by which I was invited by the mother of the taotai to take this seat, myself desiring that she should occupy it, we were finally seated. The wife of the chief magistrate and her daughter sat facing the dais on a sort of couch, and the other ladies and attendants stood grouped about us.

Almost immediately we were served with bird's-nest soup in porcelain cups, which I found to be rather good, and which is considered a great delicacy by the Chinese.

The conversation was carried on by means of our amahs acting as interpreters. The chief dress formed the chief topic, and much curiosity was manifested as to my little girl's clothing. My dress, too, was carefully inspected, and was, no doubt, thought very peculiar. The taotai's wife was attired in a beautifully embroidered satin jacket, of plum color, on the front and back of which was sewn a square on which was embroidered the insignia of her rank. The plaited silk skirt was a lovely dark red, and she wore wide black silk trousers. In her hair were magnificent pearls and other jewels. The daughter's face was much powdered, and her lips were painted bright red. The jackets of the Chinese ladies reach almost to the knee and have wide flowing sleeves. The skirt almost conceals the ample trousers, but displays the tiny feet encased in their pretty embroidered shoes of silk. The costumes of the Chinese ladies is both graceful and comfortable.

After conversing awhile I was invited to a small table seating only four persons, and laden with small dishes containing innumerable kinds of Chinese cakes and sweetmeats. To my joy I saw some English biscuits, obtained, I suppose, especially for me, nothing else was brought forward also for my benefit, some Scotch whiskey served as wine, and some cigars! But, although I made a semblance of accepting the former, the cigars were quite out of the question. My hostess and her mother-in-law had evidently attempted to smoke, and probably thought it strange I did not join them in what seemed a matter of ceremony.

Before making my visit, I had learned that when seated on the left of my hostess at table, she would help me with her chopsticks to some of the dainties set before us; then I must with my chopsticks return the compliment by serving her. It was with apprehension that I watched the chopsticks of my hostess move toward the various dishes, and wondered what I should do for the sake of politeness be obliged to consume. To my great relief she selected some biscuits, among other things, and laid them on my plate.

Now came my turn, and taking my chopsticks very awkwardly in my hands, to the amusement of the ladies, I selected the cakes, &c., that I considered would be most acceptable, and laid them on the plate of my hostess.

Some of the most tempting viands I was obliged to decline, making the excuse of not being able to manage the chopsticks.

When we rose from the table I was invited to visit the house. We proceeded first to the apartment of the taotai's mother, where tea was served in cups with covers.

In this room I was again offered cigars, and my hostess was handed a beautifully enameled water-pipe ready to smoke. The room we were visiting was furnished with a large, handsomely carved bed and cupboards, a table and some chairs, but no carpet. The other rooms we saw were all of the same order and showed no individuality. Each lady was led as she walked by one or two maids gently holding her wrist, and in this manner we made our way to the garden, the chief feature of which, for the feet of the ladies were so small that it was with great difficulty they could walk at all. On our reaching the pavilion facing the large garden I found that our hostess was not of the party, and on inquiring for her was told that she could not walk so far, owing to her very small feet, but was following us in her sedan chair. In this pavilion we found another and larger table set for us, with a repetition of the dishes of the first, but here we had tea in a teapot and cups with handles. The ladies were very talkative and affable, and after telling me the ages of all present, asked me my age, a common politeness in China. Presently the mother of the taotai took from the hands of an attendant a beautiful piece of jade carved with Chinese characters and attached to a chain of coral beads, and hanging it round my baby's neck, wished her long life and much happiness.

As the afternoon was waning we rose to depart, but were not allowed to leave before returning to the reception room, where more beautiful presents awaited my little daughter, among them a wonderful hat of many colors, worn by daughters of mandarins, some little silver nuggets, and a necklace of beads made from the lovely fine feathers of the kingfisher. We then took our departure, being accompanied to our sedans by all the ladies, and after many bows we started for home.

Early the next morning a servant from the taotai's yamen came, bearing his mistress's card, and informed me that she would return my visit that afternoon. She came in much state, with her daughter, and a long, long procession of attendants in chairs. Her dress and jewels surpassed in beauty and splendor those worn the day before, and the young lady's hair was almost covered with pearls.

The ladies were much interested in seeing a foreign house for the first time, and the beds especially were a subject of much wonder. They asked many questions about the relatives whose portraits they saw about the rooms, and were much interested in being told about them. The little son of the taotai was of the party, and he and my little girl sat upon the floor and played together.

After a pleasant visit my Chinese friends departed, pressing me warmly to repeat my call at no distant date. Then, with much beating of gongs and shouting of attendants and chair bearers, the procession moved away.

Cool Mexican Gamblers.

From the Washington Post.

"The coolest gamblers on earth are the Mexicans," said Charles B. Stinson recently, a traveller from the land of the tamale, now installed at the Arlington. "Win or lose, they never display the slightest chagrin or joy. They won't raise a row as our American gamblers do when they are beaten.

"I was sitting one evening at the monte table in the great gambling resort of Mexico, situated in a suburb of the city of Mexico. There were two Americans whom I had seen around the table on several occasions. One was a railroad man and the other was the most expert short-card manipulator I ever saw. They played for very small stakes for several days. Then one day the railroad man came in, sat down, and began to play. The short-card man followed him in about half an hour and took a seat five or six chairs away. I saw him take a large silk handkerchief from his pocket and spread it over his knees. In Mexican monte the dealer allows each player to cut the cards when he makes a bet. The short-card man brought with him a pack of cards exactly similar to those used in the game. Fact is, the backs of these cards are alike. When he was given the cards to cut, he substituted another pack on the top of which was a card, a king, which would make him win. He had put down $1,000 on the king on the board. He cut, the dealer turned, and, of course, he won. The pack that the dealer had handed him to cut lay in the silk handkerchief spread over his knees. He gathered the handkerchief together, put it in his pocket, took his $2,000, and left. His confederate played on for a few minutes, making small bets, and then cashed in. As he turned to go, the dealer, who knew he had been robbed, but could not quite comprehend how it had been done, said very quietly:

"'Very well done, señor.'"

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Dec. 7.

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

10 U. S. 4s, r	115	1 Tenn. Set. 3s	74
10 Alb. Class 4s	101	25 Va. 6, debt 2-3s, c	42
11 Dom. Cit. 4s, N. 90	102	1901	54¾@55¼
80 S. Car. 6s, N. F. 19	104		

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2s, r	95	—	U. S. 6s, 1897	103¾	—
U. S. 4s, r	112	114	U. S. 6s, 1898	105¼	—
U. S. 4s, c	112¼	115	U. S. 6s, 1899	110¼	—
U. S. 5s, 1905	102¼	—	U. S. 6s, 1900	113¼	—

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

5 Atchison 4s	70	11 Nor. Pac. Ter. 1st	95
80	70¼	2 Nor. Pac. 1st, c	110
2	70¾	14	109¾
10	70¾	2 Nor. Pac. 2s, c	86
2	71½	23 Nor. Pac. 4s, c	82¾
65	71¾	5	82¾
10 Atchison 2d s. A	37½	1 N. Y. & S. 1st, r 5s	109
18	38	5 N. J. C. gen 5s, r	112
10	37¾	10 N. J. C. gen 5s	114
22	38¾	5	114¼
10	38¾	4 Nash. & Chat. cn. 10	90
5	38¾	5	90
5 Am. Dk. & Imp. 5s	111½	1	101¾
3 Am. Cot. Oil 6s	99	1	101¾
5 Am. Cent. 1st	101	21 N. Y., Ch. & St. L. 4s	98
1 Bur., C. R. & N. 1st	102¾	8 N. W. cn	104¾
15 Beech Ck. 1st s. 20	101½	5 N. W. deb 5s, 1933	109¼
5 Ches. & O. cn 6s	103½	25 N. W. 2d 5s, 25 yr	104
2 Chic. & O. 6s, 1911	110¾	1 Ohio Nor. 1st	94¾
1 Chi. & O. gtd. 4½s	77¾	1 Ohio So. gtd	61
25 Chic. & O. R. & A. 1st cn. 2 4s	84¾	1 Ore. S. L. cn. 6s	87
6	84¾	2 Ore. S. L. 1st, cn. 6s	110
15 Chic. & O. R. & A. 1st cn. 4s	85	10 Oregon Imp. 1st	90
19 Chi. & O. R. & A. 2d	79¾	1 Peo. G. L. & C. cn. 6s	94¾
2 Chi. & E. Ill. gtd. 6s	122¾	1 Peo. G. & C. 2d	92
10 C. R. & Q. 4s, L. div	95	1 Pac. of Mo. 1st	98
1	94¾	1 Peo., D. & E. 2d	30
2 C., R. & Q. deb 5s	106¾	26 Penna. 4½s, r	106¾
1 Cons. G. of C. 5s	82	10 Pen. W. & Y. ex. 5s	112
5 C., C., C. & I. 1st	111½	1	112
4 Can. So. 1st	108	3	112¾
1 Can. So. 2d	101½	8 Rock Isl. ex. 6s	116¾
2 Ch. & Nor. P. 1st	47	1	116¾
5	47	1	103¾
1 Ch. & E. Ill. gtd. 5s	105	12 Rh. & Dav. 1st	103¾
10	105¾	15 Read. gtd. 4s	75¾
2 Col. Mid. 4s	41¾	9 Rio G. W. 1st	72
7	41¾	5	72¾
23 Chic. Gas L. & C. cn. 1st	89	5	72¾
5	89¼	5	73
5	89¾	1 Sci. V. & N. E. 4s	75
5	89¾	8 St. P. & Min. cn. 6s	120
5	89¾	1 St. P. & Ma. 2d	114¾
10 Del. & H. C. cn.	104	4	114
5	104	1 St. L. & S. F. 2d, Cl. C	107
5	104¼	10 St. L. Alt. & T. H. 1st	101¾
10 Den. & R. G. cn.	80¾	10 St. P. 1st, D. & M. 6s	105
2 Det. S. & A. 1st 5s	102	1 St. P. & Sioux City 1st	106
5 Erie cn. 2d	103¾	10 St. P. 1st, H. & D. 5s	105
20 Edison, Gen. 1st	104	1 St. P. & Dak. 1st, So. 5s	104
8 Ill. Cent. & N. A. M. P. 5s	99¾	1 St. P. & P. 1st, L. & D.	124
7	99¾	2 St. P., Sioux C. & C.	110¾
5 Int. & Gt. Nor. 1st	100¾	2 St. P., Pac. S. M. & M.	110¾
6	110	1 St. P., Pac. M. & M.	110¾
1 Iowa Cent. 1st	77¾	2 St. L. & S. W. 1st, con.	70
25 Kansas & M. 4s	75¾	15 St. L. & S. W. 2d	30
2 Kan. Pac. 1st	109¾	10 St. L. & S. W. 2d	30
1 Kan. Pac. cnv.	97	1 San A. & A. P. 1st 4s	78¾
25 Kan. & Tex. 4s	80¾	2 Tex. Pac. 1st 5s	5¾
1	80¾	5	5¾
1	80¾	10	5¾
20 Kan. & Tex. 2d	27	7 Tex. Pac. 2d in	20¾
8 K. C. & N. R. E.	105	36	20¾
1 L. & W. R. M. 5s	109¾	5	20¾
10 Lake Shore 1st, c. 1	119¾	5	20¾
5	120¾	5	20¾
5	120¾	3 Terre H. 1st	110¾
5	120¾	1 Terre H. 2d pf	103¾
5	120¾	4 Terre H. 2d in	101¾
5	120¾	1 Union Pac. 6s	110
5	120¾	1 Union Pac. 2d	104¾
1 Lehigh V. C. N. Y. 1st	90	1 Un. Pac. C. T. 5s	65¾
1	90	1	66
10 Mut. Int. 1st 4s	104¾	2 Union El. 1st	90
8 M. & St. L. E. 4s	116	20 Ulster & D. 1st	100
5 Mo., Kan. & E. 1st	82	10 Wabash 1st	103¾
1 Mor. & Ess. cn	135	5	103¾
5	137¾	5	103¾
9 Met. El. 1st	119¾	1 West. Un. col. 5s	107
1 Mo. Pac. cn	97	14 West Shore 4s	104
3	94¾	3	103¾
3	94¾	13	103¾

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,323,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing. Bid.	Asked.
238	Amer. Tob. pf	96	96	94¾	96	97
1700	Am. Cot. Oil	20¾	20¾	20	20	30¼
2	Am. Cot. Oil pf	69	69	69	67¾	69
8,665	Atch., T. & S. Fe	19	19¾	18¾	19⅛	19¼
50	Bal. & O	74	74	74	72	74
620	Canada So.	54	54¾	53¾	53¾	54
10	Can. Pacific	74¾	74¾	74¾	74	75
100	Ches. & Ohio	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
153	Ch. & N. W.	99¾	99¾	99¾	99¾	100¼
100	Chic., Mil. & St. P.	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾
50	Cincin., N. O. & T. P.	125	125	125	125	—
2914	C., C., C. & St. L.	85¾	86¼	85¾	86¼	86¾
200	Col. & Hock. Val.	90	90	90	85	—
535	C. & N. W.	105¾	105¾	105¾	105¾	105¾
9095	C., C., C. & I.	59¾	59¾	59¾	59¾	59¾
120,000	Del., L. & W.	143	143¾	143	143¾	143¾
20	C., M. & St. P. pf.	119	119	119	119	122¾
1970	C., R. I. & Pac.	69¾	70	69¾	69¾	69¾
10	Col. Fuel	21	21	21	22	24
200	C., Hi. & Dan.	21¼	21¼	21¼	21¼	23
100	Col. & H. Coal	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	20
300	Consol. Gas	139½	139½	139½	139½	139½
200	C., C., C. & Indianapolis	104	104	104	104¾	105
124	D., L. & W.	166¾	166¾	166¾	167	168¾
595	Den. & R. G. pf.	53	53	52¾	52¾	52¾
9121	Distg. & C. F.	27¾	27¾	26¾	27¾	27¾
110	Edison L.	97	97	97	97	—
15	Ed. North. pf.	105½	105½	105½	105	110
8210	Gen. Elec.	35¾	34¾	33¾	34	34¼
85	Harlem	250	250	250	250	—
6	Illinois Cen.	92¾	92¾	92¾	93	94
100	L., E. & W. pf.	68	68	68	67¾	68
200	Lake Shore	128	128	127¾	127¾	128¼
1010	Louis. & Nash.	61¾	62	61¾	61¾	62
100	Louis., N. A. & C.	10¾	10¾	10¾	10¾	10¾
800	L., N. A. & C. pf.	41¾	41¾	40¾	40¾	41
100	Lake Erie & W.	18¾	18¾	18¾	18¾	19¾
204	Mich. Cent.	102	102	102	101¾	102¾
1380	Mo. Pacific	25	25¾	25	24¾	25
1895	Mo., K. & T. pf.	25¾	26	25¾	25¾	25¾
325	Nash. C. & St. L.	76	76	76	76	76
740	N. Y. Central	102¼	102¾	102	102¾	102¾
300	Nat. Cordage	19¾	20	19¾	19¾	20
280	Norfolk & West.	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
5010	N. Y. & N. Eng.	30¾	31¼	30¾	30¾	31¼
200	N. Y., C. & St. L. 2p	32	32	32	32	34
20	N. Y., L. E. & W.	114¾	114¾	114¾	114¾	—
200	N. Y., L. E. & W.	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾	15
350	N. Y., N. & W.	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾
500	Nor. & W. pf.	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
804	North. Pacific	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	23¾
10	Ontario & Min.	8	8	8	7	9
152	Ontario & West.	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
120	Oregon Imp.	16	16	16	16	17
100	Oregon R. & N.	50	50	50	50	55
100	Pacific Mail	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾	16
100	Peo., Dec. & Ev.	8	8	8	6¾	7¾
500	Phila. & Read.	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
2	Pull. P. Car Co.	171	171	171	171	175
24	R. W. & O.	110	110	110	110	112¾
100	St. P. & Dul.	29	29	29	29¼	29
100	St. L. & Omaha	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾
600	Southern Pac.	20¾	21	20¾	20	21
350	Tenn. C. & I.	17	17¾	16¾	16¾	17¾
870	Texas Pacific	7¾	8	7¾	7¾	8
100	Tol., A. A. & N. M.	7¾	7¾	7¾	7¾	8¾
2935	Union Pacific	41¾	42¾	41¾	41	45
200	U. S. Rubber	41¾	42¾	41¾	41	45
110	U. S. Rubber pf.	86¾	86¾	86¾	86	90
15	Wabash	7¾	7¾	7¾	7¾	7¾
200	Wabash pf.	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾
10	W., St. L. & P.	124¾	124¾	124¾	124¾	125
6510	West. Un. Tel.	88¾	89¾	88¾	89¾	89¾
130	Wh., Al. & Chic.	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾
120	Wh. & L. E. pf.	52¾	53¾	52¾	52¾	53

Total sales of stocks were 69,260 shares.

UNLISTED DEPARTMENT TRANSACTIONS.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
23538	Amer. Sugar Ref.	83¾	84¾	83¾	83¾
840	Amer. Sugar Ref. pf.	84	84¾	84	84¾
250	American Tobacco	92	92	91	91
1140	Chicago Gas L. & C.	21¾	22¼	21¾	22
630	National Lead pf.	63¾	65¾	63¾	64
$2000	Am. Deb. Co. g. bds.	91¾	91¾	91¾	91¾

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos. & Albany	206	—	West'house E.	25	28
Bos. & Maine	143	—	Bos. & Mont.	27¼	28¼
Cent. Mass.	1¾	15	Butte & Bos.	9¼	10¼
Fitchburg	70¾	80	Calumet & H.	297½	305
N. Y. & N. E.	50	62	Allouez M.	6¾	70
Rex. Cent. 4s	51¾	52	A., T. & S. F.	6¾	7
Old Colony	—	178	A., T. & S. F. lm.	37¼	38

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Con. Tract'n	37	38	Penna. R. R.	49¾	50
Con. Tract'n 5s	85¾	86	Phila. Tract'n	59¾	60
Lehigh Valley	49	50¼	Met. Traction	106¼	107
L. C. & Nav. Co.	45¾	—			

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison	19¾	Norfolk & Western pf.	22¾
Canadian Pacific	76¾	Northern Pacific pf.	23¾
Erie Common	10¾	Ontario & Western	17¾
Erie 2d consols	76¾	Pennsylvania	51¾
Illinois Central	96¾	Reading	11
Kansas & Texas	14¾	St. Paul	66¾
Lake Shore	128¼	Union Pacific	42¾
Lou. & Nashville	82¾	Wabash pf.	16¾
L. S. Central	19¾		

THURSDAY, Dec. 7.

On a business that embraces a little less than 100,000 shares of regularly listed stocks there has naturally been very little in the stock market to-day to cause extended comment. Taken as a whole, however, a comparatively strong tone has prevailed throughout the active list. There were, early in the day, purchases for foreign accounts, and also purchases for the purpose of covering short contracts, which gave the market an appearance of strength. There were also more favorable reports concerning the Atchison Company's finances. The advance in the securities of this company, which was the marked feature, seems to corroborate the generally expressed opinion that their recent decline was an ill considered attempt to discredit the efforts that are now being made to arrange for the loans maturing at the end of the year.

The most important development was the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 1¾ ₱ cent. on Chicago Gas, but in this particular the announcement merely signalized realizing sales, under the pressure of which the stock made the greatest net decline of the day. There were also realizing sales in Distilling, but the net results show a greater proportion of gains in the general list, notwithstanding the attempts that were made by the professional element later in the day to depress it. One of the causes of the late reaction in prices was the rumor that $1,000,000 gold had partially been engaged for export by Saturday's steamer.

The foreign exchange market, however, has attracted more than ordinary attention to-day, particularly in connection with reports of probable gold shipments on Saturday. Sterling advanced to the highest point reached since the present movement began, the inquiry having been chiefly for demand bills and cable transfers, owing to a further advance in the Street rates of discount at London. The continued advance in rates for bankers' bills appears to have been assisted by the scant supply of commercial acceptances of all kinds, the demand from importers for settlement, and the inquiry from bankers to remit on account of half-yearly interest and dividends due abroad.

Francs and reichsmarks were also higher, and short bills of the last named nearly reached the gold-importing point. It is, however, worthy of notice that these bills cannot be sold in sufficient quantities to cause a large outflow of gold, except by circuitous operations, such as selling short sterling in this market and covering with bills at Berlin on London. By this method it is barely possible to ship gold to Germany at a small profit, providing the coin obtained at bank or at the Sub-Treasury is of fairly good weight. It was upon such an hypothesis that the rumors became current that $1,000,000 in gold would go out on Saturday. In view of such a condition in the exchange market, its course to-morrow will be awaited with no little interest. At ruling quotations sterling exchange is not yet high enough to send gold to London.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 6. Dem.	Dec. 7. Dem.		Dec. 6. Dem.	Dec. 7. Dem.
A., T. & S. Fe	18¾	19⅛	North Am.	4¾	4¾
Amer. Cot. Oil	20¾	20	Northw. com.	105¾	106¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	59	59¾	North. Pac. pf.	22¾	23¼
C., R. & Q.	70¾	70¾	N. Y. & N. E.	31	30¾
Ches. & Ohio	19¾	19¾	Oregon Imp.	16¼	16¾
Chicago Gas	67¼	69¾	Ontario & W.	17¾	17¾
Del. & Hud.	134¾	134¾	Pacific Mail	15	15¾
Den. & R. G. pf.	53	52¾	Rock Island	69¾	69¾
Dist. & C. F. Co.	27¾	27¾	Reading	11¼	11¾
Erie	10	10¼	St. Paul com.	64¾	64¾
Gen. Electric	32¾	34¼	Texas Pacific	8¾	8¾
Hocking Val.	21¾	21¾	Tenn. C. I. & R.	16¾	17
Ill. Cent. pf.	99¾	99¾	Union Pacific	41¾	41¾
Louis. & Nash.	61¾	61¾	Wabash pf.	15¾	16¼
Lake Shore	127¾	127¾	West. Un. Tel.	88¾	89¾
Manhattan	127	127¼	Wh. & L. E.	14¾	15¾
Missouri Pac.	24¾	25	W. & L. E. pf.	52¾	52¾
Nat. Cordage	19¾	20			

Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds irregular. The features were Chicago and North Pacific 1sts, Chicago Gas Light 1sts, Northern Pacific 1sts, Rio Grande Western 1sts, St. Louis and Southwestern 1sts, Wabash 1sts, Atchison and Texas Pacific issues. The more important net advances were in Atchison 4s, 2 ₱ cent., to 71, and 2ds A, 2, to 38¾; Chicago and North Pacific 1sts, ½, to 47; Rio Grande Western 1sts, ¾, to 73½, and Wabash 1sts, ½ ₱ cent., to 103½. The noteworthy declines were in Chicago Gas Light 1sts, ½ ₱ cent., to 88½; Kansas and Texas 4s, ¾, to 80½, and 1sts, ¼, to 46½; Northern Pacific 1sts, 1, to 100½, and St. Louis and Southwestern 1sts, ½ ₱ cent., to 84.

In bank stocks 11 shares of Central National sold at 122, 30 shares of Fourth at 200, and 50 shares of Merchants' at 156.

Bar silver in London 32¾d, down ⅛.

Money on call, 1@1½ ₱ cent. Time money, 2½ ₱ cent. for sixty days, 3 ₱ cent. for four months, and 3½ ₱ cent. for seven months, on good mixed collateral. The commercial paper market is only moderately active. Prime endorsed bills receivable are quoted at 3¾@4 ₱ cent., choice single names at 4@4½ ₱ cent., and good at 5@6 ₱ cent.

Foreign Exchange was strong and higher for both sterling and continental. Posted asking rates for sterling, $4.85½ for long bills and $4.88¾@$4.89 for demand. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.84⅞@$4.85; drafts, $4.87¼, and cable transfers, $4.87⅛@$4.87½. France are quoted at 5.19¾@5.18¾ for long and 5.17½@5.16¼ for sight; reichsmarks, 95⅝@95¾ for long and 95⅞@96⅛ for short; guilders, 40 1-16@40⅛ for long and 40 5-16@40⅜ for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—Par and 5 cents premium for cash; checks, par for cash. Charleston—Selling, par; selling, ¼ premium. Savannah—Buying, ⅛ discount; selling, par to ⅛ premium. New Orleans—Bank, par; commercial, 175 discount. San Francisco—Sight, 5; telegraphic, 10. St. Louis—75 cents premium. Chicago—75 cents premium.

The Chicago Gas Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾ ₱ cent. cash.

The New York, Ontario and Western Railroad reports gross earnings for October of $368,821, an increase of $62,361 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $120,936, an increase of $44,855. For the four months ending Oct. 31 the gross earnings were $1,500,950, an increase of $179,098 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $487,708, an increase of $89,005.

The Oregon Improvement Company reports gross earnings for October of $350,005, a decrease of $163 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $82,037, an increase of $8,421.

Railway gross earnings for November compare with those for the same month of last year as follows:

Lake Erie and Western	$251,528	Dec.	$88,809	
Louis., New Albany and Chi.	246,322	Dec.	6,616	
Rigin, Joliet and Eastern	92,820	Inc.	21,411	
St. Louis Southwestern	536,000	Inc.	72,000	
Richmond and Danville	806,826	Dec.	63,724	
Georgia Pacific	228,110	Inc.	25,670	
Iowa Central	169,172	Dec.	958	

Treasury balances compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 6.	Dec. 7.
Gold coin and bullion	$85,647,932	$83,660,906
Silver coin and bullion	5,989,895	6,390,761
Legal tenders, including Treasury notes	4,371,457	4,799,491
Totals	$94,009,284	$94,851,158

Deposits in national banks, $11,484,199, against $11,502,035 yesterday. In addition to the foregoing the Treasury reports that bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, $153,381,559, and Treasury notes issued against the same $153,394,280, of which $152,127,440 are outstanding; also fractional silver and minor coin, $12,346,988.

Money in London, 1½ ₱ cent. Rate of discount in the open market, for both short and three months' bills, 2 ₱ cent. The Bank of England's minimum rate of discount is unchanged at 3 ₱ cent. The proportion of its reserve to its liabilities is 52.53 ₱ cent., against 50.76 ₱ cent. last week and 47.56 ₱ cent. last year. Bullion in the bank of England decreased last week £311,000, and reserve decreased £174,000. Paris advices quote 3 ₱ cents at 98 francs 20 centimes, and exchange on London at 25 francs 18½ centimes. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 5,325,000 francs gold and an increase of 1,150,000 francs silver.

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

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
1800	Comstock T. Co.	$ 8	$ 8	$ 8	$ 8
100	Con. Cal. & Va.	3 80	3 80	3 80	3 80
100	Hale & Norcross	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90
100	Opohir	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90
100	Yellow Jacket	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20

The total sales were 2,300 shares.

Electric Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The closing quotations of electric stocks to-day were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Edison Electric Illuminating	—	114
General Electric	84	84¾
General Electric pf	56	—
Lanson Store service	1¾	17
Westinghouse Electric	25	26
Westinghouse Electric pf	46	47

New York Markets.

THURSDAY, Dec. 7.—FLOUR—Was quiet on the low grades, but fairly active for the better grades at firm prices. Exports, 24,146 sks.; receipts, 26,364 bbls. &c. The sales were 17,000 bbls. spring wheat brands in blks. were quoted as follows: Fine, $1.70@$1.90; superfine, $1.85@$2.15; No. 2 extra, $2@$2.30; No. 1 extra, $2.20@$2.50; clear, $2.30@$2.75; straights, $2.30@$2.70; patents, $2.75@$4.30.

GRAIN—Wheat advanced slightly but was still quiet, both for export and on speculation, though the export demand was a little better than yesterday. The cables were higher, the receipts were smaller, and the sentiment more bullish than recently. Spot sales 64,000 bush., No. 2 red p. t. to f. o. b.