TAMSEN'S TRIAL DRAGS.

BARBER RAABE'S PHILOSOPHY AS A MAN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Efforts to Show that the Reform Sheriff was Not More Reckless with Federal Prisoners Than the Unreformed Sheriffs.

Sheriff E. J. H. Tamsen's trial for misdemeanor was continued yesterday before Judge Allison in General Sessions. The entire day was given up to the examination of United States officials, beginning with Commissioner John A. Shields. He testified to the arrest of Alleh, Killoran, and Russell and their commitment to Ludlow street jail. On June 3, he said, the prisoners were arraigned before him and their testimony was taken, and thereafter they were arraigned four times, the last time on June 28. The Commissioner said regretfully that he hadn't seen them since. Before the arraignment on June 3 Russell and Allen had moustaches and Killoran had side whiskers. When he saw them on June 3 they were clean shaven and dressed like tramps, whereas they had been well clad before.

John P. Kennedy, chief deputy United States marshal, followed. There was questioning about the commitment and recommitment papers and then Gen. Tracy asked:

"Were passes issued by the Marshal to visit prisoners in the custody of the Marshal?"

The witness grinned and replied: "In the custody of the Sheriff."

"Why did you make a grimace at me?" cried Gen. Tracy.

The witness looked at him in surprise.

"You made a grimace at me," continued the lawyer; "what did you mean by it?"

"You said Marshal when you meant Sheriff," replied the witness.

"Do you think that's a smart answer?" demanded the lawyer, but Mr. Weeks jumped in with an objection and the Court upheld him.

The witness then testified that under former administrations of the jail it had been customary for certain Federal prisoners to pay board and eat at the jailer's table. These prisoners were allowed in the jail yard. Deputy Marshal McCarty, a cousin of United States Marshal McCarty, testified that he had talked with Warden Raabe about the prisoners having been shaved, and Raabe said to him:

"How could I help it? When you're been in public life as long as I have you'll learn not to mind such things."

Deputy Marshal McCarty testified further that while the prisoners were in his charge on their trips between the jail and the Post Office no money, liquor, or firearms were conveyed to them.

Deputy Marshal Daniel Hurley testified that he had been a keeper in Ludlow street jail under Sheriffs Flack, Sickles, Gorman, and Clancy.

"During Clancy's administration there was a considerable number of Federal prisoners at the jail, was there not?" asked Gen. Tracy.

"Yes, sir," replied the witness.

Q.—Were the Federal prisoners always permitted to pay board? A.—There were a few who paid board.

Q.—Where were those who paid permitted to go in the jail? A.—They were mostly kept up stairs, but sometimes they went down stairs and into the yard.

Q.—Do you know Bill Vosburg? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Ever see him at the jail? A.—Yes, when I was deputy United States marshal.

Q.—Did you ever hear of a woman visiting these Federal prisoners that escaped? A.—Yes.

Q.—How often? A.—About four times.

The case goes on on Monday.

IS DR. MERRITT A CATHOLIC?

A Dying Episcopalian Clergyman Said to Have Been Converted.

For more than a month the Rev. Dr. Robert N. Merritt, for the past forty years rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Morristown, N. J., has been lying at death's door. He is suffering from Bright's disease. Last week his sons were summoned to his bedside in anticipation of the end. On Thursday it was reported that he was dying, and later that he was dead.

The report was also circulated that Dr. Merritt had renounced the religion of his Church and had embraced the Roman Catholic faith; also that the Rev. Joseph M. Flynn, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, had, at Dr. Merritt's request, administered the last offices of the Catholic Church.

A gentleman fully authorized to speak for the family of the venerable clergyman said yesterday when informed of the rumor:

"Dr. Merritt's well-known disinclination to talk for publication about matters which concerned him as an individual is respected by his family, and for that reason, during Dr. Merritt's remaining hours of life, the family will neither confirm nor deny the report of the alleged conversion. Father Flynn may have called upon Dr. Merritt, but other clergymen of the neighborhood have also visited the sick man. The Rev. Drs. Erdman and MacNaughton of the Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Dr. Buckley, a Methodist divine, have been among the callers during Dr. Merritt's illness. It might with equal propriety be asserted that the stricken clergyman had embraced the faith of either of his clerical visitors. Dr. Merritt is a high churchman, he was a stanch supporter of Dr. De Koven of Kansas when the latter was a candidate for a bishopric, and he stoutly opposed the elevation of Phillips Brooks because of the latter's adherence to the so-called low church."

Dr. Merritt is over seventy years old, and is a native of St. John, New Brunswick.

SPAIN'S NEW IMPORT RULE.

Certificates of Origin Must Accompany Every Invoice.

The Consul-General of Spain in New York city has announced that on and after Jan. 1 certificates of origin will be required for all goods shipped to Spain, whether sent direct or in transit. The certificate must be signed by the manufacturer, producer, legal depositary or attorney for the former. Certificates should be drawn up in French or Spanish to avoid delay and expense in translating.

The certificate states where and by whom the article was produced, and the residence and name of the consignee, the kinds of packages, number, marks, gross weight in kilograms, and class of merchandise. Blanks will be furnished by the Consul.

Señor Baldasano said to a SUN reporter that the order is general, applying to all countries, but that the main object of it is to prevent American goods being shipped to Germany and thence exported to Spain, in order to take advantage of the treaty tariff concessions existing between Spain and Germany. There is no such treaty between the United States and Spain, and goods from this country pay the highest tariffs. The order does not apply to goods shipped to Puerto Rico or Cuba.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Difficulties of the Seaboard Lumber Company—Small Failures.

News of an attachment for $30,000 levied on the property at Mobile, Ala., of the Seaboard Lumber Company of 12 Broadway, this city, was a great surprise here yesterday. Blair & Rudd, attorneys for the company, said that it had suspended temporarily, but expected to get on its feet again, as negotiations are in progress. Asked if the liabilities were $500,000, they said they believed those to be considerably less. The company, it is said, owns the Seaboard Manufacturing Company of Mobile, in which it claimed an investment of $500,000, has plants at Shooters Island, N. Y., and at Boston, and has claimed assets of over $1,000,000 with liabilities of $350,000. Henry D. Hawes is President, E. H. Quimby Secretary, and Lombard & Ayres, of this city, are said to be the principal stockholders.

The Sheriff took charge yesterday of the place of business of Charles Katzman, manufacturer of slippers at 92 Reade street, on a claim from Horwitz & Hershfield for $1,465 for money loaned by Regina Rosenfeld.

Deputy Sheriff Butler has taken charge of the place of business of the Martha Washington Flour Company, at 122 and 124 Charles street, on attachments in favor of Gustave Tacker for $3,261, and John H. Cheever was $1,620.

ORANGES SCARCE AND DEAR.

Jamaica Furnishes the Bulk of Them—Few Californias and Fewer Floridas.

There is a scarcity of good oranges for the holiday trade. Plenty arrive from Jamaica, but they are in so bad condition that a great part of them are unmerchantable. There are comparatively few California oranges, and still fewer Floridas. Very high prices are asked for both.

Mediterranean oranges have begun to arrive, but they are suitable for the cheapest trade only. Jamaica oranges in barrels are worth from $7.50 to $8, and boxes containing from 125 to 150 oranges are strong from $3.50 to $4.50. Prices are expected to advance sharply between now and Christmas.

Mayor Strong's Right Hand Out of Commission.

Mayor Strong managed to get down to his office yesterday in spite of his rheumatism, but he limped badly. Comptroller Fitch was one of the first to enter his office, and strode toward the Mayor with outstretched hand, but just before he grasped his Honor's right hand the latter lifted it into the air with a jerk, almost gasping at the thought of what he would have felt if the Comptroller had grasped his hand. Then he put forward his left hand, and the both laughed, the Mayor perhaps a little ruefully.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales, Dec. 6.

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

20 U S 4s, c, 1907	112	1 Ala Class C	101¾

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U S 2s, r	97		U S 5s, c, 1904	114¾	115
U S 4s, r, 1907	110¾	111	U S 6s, 1895	99	—
U S 4s, c	111¾	112¾	U S 6s, 1897	103	—
U S 4s, r, 1925	120¾	121	U S 6s, 1898	105	—
U S 5s, r	120¾	—	U S 6s, 1899	107¾	—
U S 5s, c, 1904	114¾	115			

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

5 Atch gnl 4s, W L	80		11 Nor R R of Cal 5s	93	
8 Atchison ss, T R	77¾		4	93¾	
5 Atch 2ds A, T R	26¾		5 N Y & H 5s	101	
3	26¾		5	101¼	
12	26¾		10	101	
3 Am C O 6s	111		10	102¾	
10 B & O, S W 1st 1n, S B	15		4 N W ch	139	
5 Brook, W & W 5s	103		7 N Y, O & W 4s	99¾	
5	102½		8	99¾	
5	102¾		2	99¾	
2 Chs & O cn 5s	109¾		5 N Y, O & W cn 5s	108	
5	109		5 Ohio South 1st	91¾	
6 Chs & O, R & A 1st con 4s	97		2	92	
9	97¼		1 Oregon S L 6s	107	
2 Col & 9th av 1sts	114¾		1 Oregon S L 6s, Tr	106¾	
1 Cin, I & D 1st 5s	109		2	106¾	
5	109¼		22 Ore S Lun cn, Tr	61	
1 Canada So 1st	111		2 Oregon Imp 1st	93	
5	111¼		2 Oregon Imp 5s	68	
5 Ch & N P 1st, Tr	45		1 Penna 4½s	114	
2 Col Mid 4s, T R	28		7 s 20	113¾	
1	27¾		1 Rich & Dan 5s	111¾	
1 Ch G L & C Co 1st	93¾		8 Rock Isl ex 5s	106	
5	93¾		5 Rock Isl ex 5s, r	101	
5	27¾		8 Read gnl 4s, T R	26	
2 Den & R G 1st	44		5	27¾	
1 Den & R G cn	92		10	27¾	
10 De Bard C & Ide	92		10 Read 1st pf in	31	
1 Dul & M 1st, D div, T R	80		15	31¾	
9 Ft L, J & B S 1st	103		15 Read 2d pf in	15¾	
10 Erie cn 2d, D M ctfs	74		15 Read 3d pf in	15¾	
4 E Tenn 5s	109		10	15¾	
1 E Tenn 1st, s f	20		4 Rio G W 1st	78	
10 E Tenn Kllen 4-5s	93		10	28¾	
2 Flint & P M 1st 5s	98		55	28¾	
5 Ft Worth 1st	68¾		3 St P & Minn cn	106¾	
2 H & T Cen 1st 5s	111¾		5 St P & Ma 2d	118¾	
2 H & T Cen deb 6s	96		2 St P 1st 8s	111	
5 Iron Mt 1st	101¾		1 St P 1st, C&P, Wd	115¾	
15 Kan Pac, '95s	110		4 St L So W 1st	72	
1 Kan Pac cn, T R	78		9 St L So W 2d	28	
5 Kan & Tex 4s	86¾		1	28¾	
1	86¾		10 Sav & W 1st, T R	68¾	
6	86		20	64	
1	86¾		10	64¾	
8 Kan & Tex 2ds	61¾		9 S C & Ga 1st	94¾	
1	61¾		17 So Railway 5s	95¾	
8	61¾		4	95¾	
6 Kanawha & M 4s	83		10 St Jo & G I 1st, Tr	56	
1 Laclede Gas 1st	96¾		1 Seat, L S & E, T R	40	
1	97		3 Tex Pac 1st 5s	8	
8 L & W Bcn ss	105¾		10	8¾	
1 Lake Shore 2d, c	120		14	22¾	
7 Lou & N g 4s	82¾		19 Texas Pac 2d in	21¾	
1 Lou & N 5s	98		5	22	
1 Long Isl 5s	122		7	22¾	
6 L, N & A Ch gnl	75		3 Union Pac, '96s	108¾	
10	75¼		3 Union Pac, '97s	108¾	
11 Mo, K & E 1st	22¾		3 Union Pac, '98s	109¾	
4	22¾		1	109¾	
2 Minn & St L cn 5s	101¾		1	109¾	
2 Mem & Chas 1st, T L	111		1 Union Pac, '99s	109¾	
5 Mor & Escon	140		4 Un P g 4s, C T N	73	
5 Mor & Essex 1st	141¼		3 Union Pac, S F	98	
10	141¼		10 Un P, D & G 1st	39	
4 Man Ry 4s	97¾		1	37¾	
7 Mob & Ohio gnl	67¾		5 U S Leath 6s	118¾	
1 Mo Pac 3d	111		1 Va Mid gnl, s	101	
1 Nor Pac 1st, c	117¾		2	101¼	
18	117¾		5 Wabash 1st	106¾	
3 Nor Pac 2d, c	108		25 Wab deb B	25	
1	108¾		25	25¾	
5 Nor Pac cn 5s, TR	36¾		1 West Un col 5s	104¾	
3	36¾		1 West Shore 4s	107¾	
8 Nor Pac, C T N	81¾		5 West Shore 4s, r, 107		
1 Nor Pac gnl 4s	74		3 Wis Cent 1st, TR	50	
1 N J Cent gnl 5s	116				

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $963,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.—Bid.	Ask'd.
79	Adams Ex	148	149	148	148	150
53415	Am Sug Ref	105⅝	107⅝	104⅝	107	107⅛
100	Am Sug Ref pf	100	100	100	99	100
88860	Amer Tob	77	79¾	76⅝	78⅝	79
400	Amer Tob pf	100⅝	100⅝	100	102	—
5	Amer Ex	116	116	116	112	115
100	Amer Cotton Oil	18¾	18¾	18¾	19	20
100	Amer C O pf	67¾	67¾	67¾	66	67
3865	A, T & S Fe	16¾	16¾	16¾	16⅝	16⅞
10	Ann Arbor	11¼	11¼	11¼	11¼	—
200	Am Arbor pf	28¾	28¾	27¾	25¾	25¾
1550	Balt & Ohio	52¾	53	50⅝	50¾	51
190	Can South	54	54	54	54⅝	54⅝
1060	Ches & Ohio	17¾	17¾	17¼	17⅛	17¼
72995	Ch Gas ctfs	67¾	69¾	67¾	69¾	69¾
120	C, C, C & St L	41	41	40¾	41⅛	—
1	C C C & St L pf	95¾	95¾	95¾	90	—
1810	Chic & N W	100⅝	100⅝	100¼	100¼	100⅝
10682	C, B & Q	82¾	83	82	82¾	82¾
7580	C, M & St P	74¾	75¼	74⅝	75	75¼
12	C, M & St P pf	127¾	128¼	127¾	127¾	—
4030	C, R I & Pac	73¾	74¼	73¼	74	74¼
100	Col Fuel	30¾	30¾	30¾	30¾	31
100	Col Coal	38	38	38	34	—
1610	Con Gas	147¼	148¾	147¼	149	149¾
904	Del & Hud	128¼	129¼	128¼	129¼	129¼
220	Del, L & W	160¼	160¾	160¼	160¾	160¾
200	Den & R G pf	47	47	47	47¼	47¼
1685	Dist'ling & C F	19¾	19¾	19	19¾	19¾
260	Edison E I	95¾	95	95	95¾	97¼
300	Gen'l Elec	31¾	31¾	31¾	30¾	31¾
100	Ill Cent	98	98	98	96¾	98
118	Ill Steel	73	73	73	72½	73¾
100	Kanawha & M	8	8	8	8	9
640	L E & West pf	74	74¼	74	73¾	74¼
220	Lake Shore	150¼	150¾	150¼	150½	151¼
110	Long Island	84¾	84¾	84¾	85	88
300	L N Tract	11	11	11	10½	12¾
600	Laclede Gas	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾	24
330	Lacede G pf	83	83¾	83	83¾	84
250	Louis & Nash	52¾	52¾	51¾	52¼	52¾
580	Manhat Cons	100¼	101	100⅝	101	101⅛
100	Minn Iron	69	69	69	68½	69
100	Mex Natl ctfs	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	18¾
930	Met Trac	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾
100	Mich Cent	100	100	100	101	108
450	Minn & St L	21¾	22¾	21¾	22	22¾
100	Minn & St L pf	52¾	52¾	52¾	52¾	53
100	M & St L 1st pf	83¾	83¾	83	83	84
910	Missouri Pac	29¾	29¾	29¾	29¾	29¾
100	Mo, K & T	13¾	13¾	13¾	13	13¾
110	Mo, K & T pf	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾	26
100	Mobile & O	21¾	21¾	21¾	21	23
200	Natl Starch	54¾	54¾	54¾	54	60
300	N Y Central	105¾	106	105¾	105¾	105¾
300	N Y Central	100	100	100	100	100¼
130	Nat Lead	30¾	30¾	30¾	30¾	31¼
71	Nat Lead pf	90	90¾	90	90	91
940	North Amer	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾
200	N Y, L E & W	3¾	3¾	3¾	3	3¾
100	N Y, L E & W pf	22¾	22¾	22¾	—	—
100	N Y, S & W	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼	11
50	Northern Pac	4	4	4	4	4¼
100	North Pac pf	15	15	14¾	15	15¾
610	Ontario & W	15¼	15¼	15¼	15¼	15¾
6	Oregon R & N	22	22	22	—	—
1000	Pacific Mail	32¾	32¾	31¾	31¾	32
5300	Phila & Read	10¾	10¾	10¾	10¾	10¾
100	Pull Pal Car	163¾	163¾	163¾	163	165
20	P C C & St L p c	56¾	56¾	56¾	56	58
500	Pitts C & St L	21	21	21	20	21
500	St L S W pf	11¼	12	11¼	12	12½
100	St P & Omaha	42	42	42	42½	42½
40	Only M & M	114	114	113	112¾	114
400	Southern Pac	22¾	22¾	22¾	23¾	23
450	South Rwy	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¾	10¼
100	South Rwy p	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¼	34¾
1600	Tenn C & I	32¾	33	32¼	32¾	33
15	Tol & O C pf	76	76	76	76	—
200	Texas Pac	9	9	9	8¾	9
230	Union Pac	8¾	8¾	8¾	8	8¾
325	U S Rubber	33¾	34	33¾	33¾	34
123	U S Rub pf	94¾	94¾	94¾	94	94½
960	U S Leather	11¾	11¾	11¼	11¼	11¾
9695	U S Leath pf	63	64¾	62¾	64¼	64¾
85	Wabash	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¾
2200	Wabash pf	18	18¾	18	18¼	18½
7070	West Un Tel	87¼	88¼	87¼	88	88½
545	Wheel & L E	14	14	13¾	13¾	14

Total sales of stocks were 295,565 shares.

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos & Albany	206¼	207	West End Ld	2	2¼
Cent Mass	14	16	Bos & Mon	70¼	71
Cent Junc com	98	99	Butte & Bos	15¾	16
Chi Junc pf	100	102	Cal & Hecla	300	305
Fitchburg pf	92¾	—	Osceola	26	26¼
Mex Cen 4s	68	—	Quincy Min	123	125
New Cent St'k	11¼	11¾	Tamarack M	190	192
Old Colony	177¾	—	Tamarack, Jr	15	15¾
Erie Tel	61¼	62	A, T & S Fe 4s	77¼	77¾
West'gh'se E	34	34¼	A, T & S Fe 2ds	26	—

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Valley	40¾	40¾	C Tof N J st'k	26	28
Leh C & N Co	45¼	46	C Tof N J s'k 5s	84¼	84¾
Penn R R	54	54¼	United G I Co	85	86
Phila Trac	72¾	72¾	Welsb'h G Lt Co	61	62
Feo Tract 4s	74¾	—	Elec S Ecom	36¾	37¾
Elec Tract 4s	74¾	—	Elec S B pf	38	—
Met Tract	108¾	109			

CHICAGO CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alley "L"	8¾	9¾	N Y Biscuit	71¼	72
Am Strawb'd	48	49	N'th Ch St Ry	207	208
Canal & Dock	66	68	Street's St Car	14	14¾
Diamond Match	128	129	W Ch St Ry	118	118¼
Lake St "L"	22¼	22¾			

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison A A P	16¾	Norfolk & W pf	10¾
Canadian Pacific	57	Northern Pac pf	15¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	17¾	Ontario & West	15¾
Erie com St Ass't P	13	Pennsylvania	55¾
Erie 2d consols	26	Reading	5¾
Illinois Central	99¾	St Paul	76¾
Kansas & Texas	8¾	South R'y	10¾
Lake Shore	153¾	South R'y pf	34¾
Lou & Nash	53	Union Pacific	8¾
N Y Central	102	Wabash pf	18¾

FRIDAY, Dec. 6.

The promptness with which the Federal Court sitting in Chicago disposed yesterday of an attempt to prevent the consolidation of the Chicago gas companies was a great surprise to Wall street. The character of the decision was also unexpected by many operators who for some time past have been selling Chicago Gas certificates short. They were exceedingly eager to close their contracts to-day, and the speculative friends of the enterprise exerted themselves to make the operation as expensive as possible. In the excitement at the opening Chicago Gas sold at various prices from 2¾ to 4¾ ⅌ cent. above the final price of yesterday. The maximum advance was 5 points, nearly all of which was sustained at the close. The bears were so thoroughly routed in that stock that they apparently became demoralized and hastened to cover their other ventures in Sugar Refining and American Tobacco. In consequence those stocks closed 3 and 2¾ ⅌ cent. respectively higher than yesterday. United States Leather preferred enjoyed what appeared to be a sympathetic advance of 1¼ ⅌ cent. on moderate transactions. These three Industrial stocks supplied nearly 75 ⅌ cent. of the day's transactions. The railway list was practically neglected, the only member of it in which the trading reached 10,000 shares being C., B. and Quincy. The tone of the market for railway shares was in the main strong, but only small fractional net advances were recorded.

Gold to the amount of $2,600,000 will be shipped to Europe to-morrow, all of it in bars, and all except $200,000 of it was furnished by the Assay Office, that is, by the Treasury. A large part of this gold is shipped to cover cable transfers sold at rates that yield the bankers engaged in making the transaction infinitesimal profit. The foreign exchange market was easier to-day, owing to an increase in the supply of commercial bills, particularly against cotton. At the close sight sterling was freely offered at $4.89, and the demand for it was very light. Some of the best informed bankers believe that the reactionary tendency of the exchange market is sufficiently pronounced to warrant the prediction that very little, if any, gold will be exported next week. The easier condition of the exchange market had some effect upon the speculation in stocks in the last hours. The closing of the stock market was strong at about the best prices.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.		Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.
A, T & S F	16¾	16⅝	Missouri Pac	29¾	29⅝
Am Sug Ref	107¼	107⅛	Nat Lead	30	30¾
Am Sug Ref p	99¾	100	North Am	5¾	5¾
Am Tobacco	78⅝	79	North W com	106¾	106¾
C, C, C & St L	40¾	41	N Y Cent	100	100
C, B & Q	82¾	82¾	N J Cent	105¼	106
Cen Gas	147¼	148¾	Out & West	15¾	15¾
Ches & Ohio	17¼	17¾	Pac Mail	32¾	32
Chicago Gas	64¾	69¾	Rock Island	73¾	74
Del, L & W	160¾	160¾	Reading	10¾	10¾
Del & Hud	129	129¾	St Paul com	74¾	75¼
Den & R G pf	46¾	47	South Ry	10¼	10¼
Dis & C F Co	18¾	19¾	South Ry pf	33¾	34¼
Erie	12¾	13	St L S W pf	11¾	12
Gen Elec	31	31¾	Tenn C, I & R	32½	32¾
Kan & Tex	13¾	13¾	Union Pac	8	8¼
Kan & Tex pf	30¾	30¾	U S Leath	11¼	11¾
Louis & Nash	52¾	52¾	U S Leath pf	64	64¼
Lake Shore	149¾	150¼	Wab & P pf	18¼	18¾
L E & W pf	74	74¼	West Un Tel	87¼	88¼
Lacleede Gas	23	23¾	Wheel & L E	14¾	13¾
Man Con	100¼	101			

Government bonds easier. The new 4s closed ¼⅌¼ ⅌ cent. lower bid. Railway bonds dull and irregular. The features were Atchison 2d A., T. R., Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern 1st incomes S. B., Oregon Short Line Union consols, T. R., Rio Grande Western 1sts, Texas Pacific, Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf 1sts, and Reading issues. The more important net declines were in Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern 1st incomes S. B., 1 ⅌ cent., to 15; Oregon Short Line Union consols, T. R., ⅝, to 61; Reading 2d preference incomes, ⅛, to 15¾, and Texas Pacific 1sts, ⅛ ⅌ cent., to 80½. The noteworthy advances were in Atchison 2ds A., T. R., ⅜ ⅌ cent., to 26¾; Reading 1st preference incomes, ¾, to 31¾; Rio Grande Western 1sts, ⅜, to 78¾, and Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf 1sts, ⅛ ⅌ cent., to 37¼.

Commercial price of bar silver in London, 67c. Bar silver in London closed at 30⅝d. Exports to Europe to-morrow 315,000 ounces.

Money on call, ⅝@2½ ⅌ cent. The rates for time money are 3 ⅌ cent. for sixty and ninety days, 3½ ⅌ cent. for four months, and 3½@4 ⅌ cent. for six months. Commercial paper is quoted at 4@5½ ⅌ cent. Prime endorsed bills receivable at 4@4½ ⅌ cent., choice single-name paper at 5@6 ⅌ cent., and good at 6 ⅌ cent. and upward.

Sterling exchange was firm for long and nominally steady for short, although near the close some sales of the latter were made at slight concessions. Continental exchange was dull. Posted rates for sterling, $4.89 for long, $4.90 bills and $4.90 for demand. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.87¾@$4.88; sight drafts, $4.89, and cable transfers, $4.89¼. Francs are quoted at 5.17½@5.16¾ for long and 5.15⅝@5.15 for short. Reichsmarks are quoted 95 for long and 95⅛@95⅝ for short; guilders, 40⅛@40 3-16 for long and 40 5-16@40⅜ for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—5 @10 cents discount. Charleston—Buying, par; selling, ⅛ premium. Savannah—Buying, 1-16 discount; selling, 1-16 premium. New Orleans—Bank, par; commercial, 200@175 cents discount. San Francisco—Sight, 10¾ premium; telegraph, ⅛ premium. St. Louis—50 cents premium; offered at 75 cents. Chicago—65 cents premium.

The imports of dry goods for the week ending to-day were $2,587,016, against $1,969,968 last week and $2,285,458 for the corresponding week of last year. The amount marketed was $2,400,954, against $1,859,494 last week and $2,140,774 for the corresponding week of last year.

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

Great Northern	$9,786,955	Inc.	$1,274,116	
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern	123,142	Inc.	32,757	
Illinois Central	1,076,224	Inc.	139,272	
Louis., N. A. and Chicago	268,374	Inc.	12,706	
Mexican National	348,281	Dec.	14,679	
Evansville and Ter. Haute	48,771	Dec.	3,561	
Evansville and Ind	*23,906	Dec.	816	

*Estimated.

The Illinois Central Railroad reports gross earnings for October of $2,248,846, an increase of $407,032 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $967,841, an increase of $366,077. For the four months ending Oct. 31 the gross earnings were $7,126,660, an increase of $892,171 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $2,421,809, an increase of $801,303.

The Philadelphia and Erie Railroad reports gross earnings for October of $482,845, an increase of $68,400 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $172,007, an increase of $49,406. For the ten months ending Oct. 31 the gross earnings were $3,586,167, an increase of $284,466 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $1,025,301, an increase of $145,905.

The Scranton Traction reports gross earnings for November of $26,709, an increase of $4,720 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $12,045, an increase of $3,368. For the five months ending Nov. 30 the gross earnings were $124,357, an increase of $24,122 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $72,435, an increase of $24,108.

Bradstreet's reports the business failures in the United States for the week ending to-night at 315, against 288 last week and 322 in the corresponding week of last year. R. G. Dun & Co. compute the liabilities of firms that failed during November at $11,009,295, of which $3,504,681 were of manufacturing firms, against $10,581,873 for the corresponding period of last year, of which $3,242,849 were of manufacturing firms.

The receipts of the Government to-day were: Customs, $408,375; internal revenue, $553,400, and miscellaneous, $18,000; the net gold, $1,264,154. The disbursements, including $400,000 for pensions, were $1,261,000, being an excess of expenditures over receipts of $96,846.

The net assets of the Treasury at the close of business to-day, as officially computed, compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.
Gold coin and bullion	$79,327,310	$79,593,642
Silver dollars and bullion	13,557,152	13,576,047
United States notes	66,731,796	67,769,091
Otherassets in excess of demand liabilities	15,752,447	15,043,891
Available cash balance, including gold balance	$175,568,705	$175,155,671

Money in London, ¼@¾ ⅌ cent. Rate of discount in open market, for both short and three months' bills, 13-16 ⅌ cent. Amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day, £102,000. Paris advices quote 3 ⅌ cents at 101 francs 45 centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 21 centimes.

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

Sales.	Name.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
100	Belle	50	50	50	50
100	Deadwood	80	80	80	80
300	Hale & Norcross	1 00	1 00	95	95
100	Gould & Curry	47	47	47	47
500	Leadville	13	13	13	13
200	Phoenix of Ariz	8	8	8	8
500	Standard	1 55	1 55	1 55	1 55

Total sales, 1,800 shares.

Electric Stocks Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—The closing quotations of electric stocks to-day were:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Edison Electric Illuminating	—	150			
General Electric pf	60	62			
Boston Consolidated