BROKER EDDY'S DRESS SUIT

A NOVEL REJOINDER TO THE PLEA THAT IT WAS A MISFIT.

The Tailor, Who Is Suing for Payment, Says It Is Not His Fault if His Customer Grew Stout Between the Time of Ordering and That of Delivery—The Clothes Tried On in Court.

When asked on Wednesday to decide whether Broker Charles Eddy of the Stock Exchange should pay a tailor's bill of $85 for an evening dress suit, a Tuxedo coat and a fancy waistcoat, Civil Justice Roesch reserved his decision on an apparently simple proposition because, he said, Lawyer Jaworower had set up an entirely novel point in behalf of the tailor. This point was that a man who ordered clothes in May and then changed his mind and delayed their delivery till the following October couldn't successfully allege a misfit if he got stouter in the interval.

Broker Eddy is less than five feet in height and of extremely full lines at the waist. He is a member of the firm of C. L. Eddy & Sons at 23 Wall street. Wolf Aaron, a tailor, of 911 Sixth avenue, who is suing for the $85, testified that last May Eddy ordered the full dress outfit and then countermanded the immediate delivery of the clothes, saying that he was going into the country and wouldn't be back to wear them before October. The tailor delivered the clothes in October together with his bill for $85. The clothes were returned in a fortnight and Eddy declined to pay for them.

"Did you order these clothes?" Justice Roesch asked the defendant.

"Yes, I ordered the whole shooting match," replied Mr. Eddy.

"Well," rejoined the Court, "then you'll have to try the whole shooting match on."

Mr. Eddy objected strenuously.

"How, then, can the Court tell whether you're right about the fit?" said the Justice.

Broker Eddy stood up and took off his coat and waistcoat. He put on the full dress waistcoat and buckled the strap at the back tight. The waistcoat promptly slid up to his chin. Then he put on the dress coat and it sagged at the left shoulder.

"You see it doesn't fit," he said, with a gloomy stare at the tailor's lawyer.

"You don't put those clothes on properly," said the tailor, and he started forward to adjust the garments. Eddy objected instantly, amid a roar of laughter from the spectators.

"Come, come," interrupted Justice Roesch. "We must have fair play about this shooting match. I have allowed you as defendant to show that the clothes don't fit. The plaintiff has a perfect right to show that they do fit. Go ahead, Mr. Aaron."

The tailor sprang forward, loosened the waistcoat buckle, and smoothed out the front and also adjusted the sagging shoulder of the dress coat. The clothes looked better.

"The trouble about Mr. Eddy," he explained, "is that he is built in a peculiar way, that makes it difficult to fit him. If he were taller and not so stout it would be all right."

Just here evidence was introduced to show that Aaron had offered to compromise his claim for $60 rather than have litigation, and that Eddy had offered to pay $50, which was refused.

"How did you know that these clothes didn't fit if you didn't try them on before?" asked Lawyer Jaworower suddenly of the defendant. He didn't get a clear answer.

"How much did you weigh last May?" the lawyer continued.

"One hundred and twenty-nine pounds," replied the broker.

"You're a good deal heavier now, aren't you?"

"I don't know. I haven't weighed myself since."

Then the lawyer sprang his point that Eddy couldn't claim a misfit if he had grown too stout for clothes made when he weighed only 129 pounds.

"I'll have to have time to think that over," said the Court, and he took the papers.

Justice Bradley Retires To-Day.

Justice George B. Bradley of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn will retire from the bench to-day under the age limit. The members of the Kings County Bar Association will call upon Justice Bradley this morning and extend their farewell. Former Justice George G. Reynolds and Herbert F. Ketcham will deliver addresses.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Dec. 30.

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

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CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Un St 2s, r, at pl of 0.	99½	—	Un St 4s, c.		
Un St 4s, r. 1907	112¼	112¾	1925	127⅞	128⅝
Un St 4s, c. 1907	114½	115	Un St 5s, r. 1904	114	114½
Un St 4s, r. 1925	127⅞	128⅝	Un St 5s, c. 1904	114	114½
			Un St 6s, r. 1899	103¼	—

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

86 Atch adj 4s	58¼	35 Man R'y 4s	95
5	58⅛	9	94⅞
10	58⅝	2 Mob & O gnl	76½
3 Atch gnl 4s	89¾	7	76½
5	89⅝	2 Mich Cent 7s	114⅞
7	89⅝	1	114⅝
5 Ann Arbor 4s	83	10 Nor Pac 1st, c	118½
7	83¼	1 Nor Pac T 1st	106
2 Am Cot Oil 8s	107⅞	5 N P prior 4s	95⅝
7	108¼	30	95½
7 Aus & N W 1sts	88	20 N Pac 3s	60⅝
2 Brook R T 5s	92½	4 N J Cen gnl 5s	112⅝
19	92¼	6	112⅝
5	92¾	11	112¼
1 Br El 1st, t r	82¾	10	111⅝
1 Brook Un G 5s	111¾	5 N Y Cen deb 4s	103¼
11	112	6 Nash & Chat cn	103¼
6 Ch & O cn 5s, r	112¼	5 N Y, C & St L 4s	106⅝
1 Ch & O cn 5s	112¾	1 N W s f 5s	109½
21	113	95 N W cn	145
4	113¼	8 N W gold, c	116¼
22 C&Ognl4½s	82½	1 N W d 5s, 25 p	109⅝
65	82	2 N Y, O & W cn 5s	108
38	82¼	17 Or R & N 4s	93¼
1 Ch & O, R & A 1st cn 4s	106	22 O S L, cn 5s	98¼
5 C, B & N 5s	110	10 Pac of Mo 1st	105⅛
42 C, B & Q 4s, N ex	108¼	7 Pac of Mo 2d	109
4 C, B & Q 7s	119⅛	2 P, D & E 2d, t r	14½
1	118⅞	2 Pitts & West 1st	79
2 Can So 1st	112¼	2 P, S & L E 1st	106
2 Col & Sth av 1st	120½	6 Rc, W & O ex 5s	121⅝
50 C Tmi 1st, t r	46	6 Rock Isl ex 5s	107½
11	45⅞	5	107⅝
32	46	12 Read gnl 4s	66⅛
6 Chic & E Ign 5s	101	32	66
10 C Mid 1st, t r	65	16 Rio G W 1st	84
6 Chic G L & C Co 1st	107½	3	83⅝
2 Cen Ga cn 5s	91⅝	20	83⅞
1 C Ga Ry 1st inc	44	7 So Pac of Cal cn	92⅝
1 C Ga Ry 2d inc	15	8	93
5	15½	25 St P & Ma cn 4½s	108¼
5 Col F & I 5s	80	13 St P Ma 2d	122⅝
5	80½	18 St L & S F g 6s	119¼
4 Den & R G cn	91⅞	12	119⅝
10	91½	3 St L & S F g 5s	105¼
9 Erie cn 1st	145½	5	105⅝
2 Erie prior bds	93	10	105⅝
30	92¾	10 St L & S F 4s	76
6	92⅞	3 St P, D & Gt So 5s	113¼
1 Edison E I 1st	112	10 St P F S as	130½
6 Ft W & R G 1s	55¾	3 St P 1st, W & M 5s	116
2	55⅞	11 S A & A P 1st 4s	61⅞
10	55½	10 So R'way 5s	94⅝
5 Galv, H & H 5s	89½	2	94⅝
1	89¼	3	94⅞
10 G, H'g & S A M P 5s	92	12	95
2 Han & St Jos 6s	122	1 St J & G I 2-3-4s	71½
1 Ind, Ill & Ia 1st	88	3 Stan R & T 6s	55½
10 Kan P con, t r	85	4	56
2 Kan & Tex 4s	86	8 Stan R & T inc	11½
19	86⅛	2	12
10 K & T 2ds	63	5	11¼
2	63¼	34 S, L S & E 1st t r	40
1 K C, P & G 1sts	78	10 T & P 1st 5s	97½
5 L Av & P F 1st	121	13 Tex Pac 2d in	28¼
1 L & W B cn 4s	100⅛	72 Un P, P M ctfs	111¾
1	100¼	150	112
1 Lake S Div bds	105¾	7	112⅛
5 Lou & N cn	102¼	20 Un Pac 99s	103⅛
1 Lou & N g 4s	87½	4 Un Pac s f, t r	114
1	87¼	1 Un P C T 6s, 6½ p ct pp	43½
1 L & N gnl	117	39	43
3 L & N, S & N A gt 5s	94	4 Wab 1st	107¾
1 Leh Val of N Y 1st	103½	3	107⅝
2 Met S Ry 5s	113⅝	5 Wab 2d	80½
5	113½	14 Wab D & C ex	101½
4 Mor & Es cn	142	7 West Sh 4s, r	111
10 Met El 1st	121⅛	1 Wis Cen 1st, t r	94¼
		4	94½
		2 Wilk & Es 1st	93½

Total sales of railroad bonds (par value), $1,666,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.	Closing Asked.
17575	Am SR	140	140⅝	139⅝	139½	139⅝
350	Am S M	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝	7⅞
210	Am Cabl	90	90	90	87	90
100	Am D T	23	23	23	21	26
14362	Am Tob	88¾	88⅞	87⅝	88	88¼
80	A Tob pf	113	113	113	113⅛	114
9	Am Ex	116¼	116¼	116¼	115	118
100	Am Coil	22½	22½	22½	22	22½
216	Am Cot Oil	76	76	76	75½	76½
630	Atch, Top & S F	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	13
4591	Atch, Top & S F	30⅛	30¾	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝
200	B & P	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	30
200	B, C & N	68	68	68	69	—
100	Bruns. Co, 2d p.	6¾	6¾	6¾	6⅛	6¾
200	Balt & O	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13½
1920	Bay St G	3⅝	3⅝	3⅝	3⅝	4
11842	Br'k R T	35⅛	35⅞	32⅞	35⅝	35⅞
180	Can So	52⅛	52⅛	52⅛	52⅛	52
20	Ces p	88	88⅝	88	87	88½
3450	Ch Gt W	14⅞	15	14⅞	14⅞	15
100	Ch Gt W pf, B	25¾	25¾	25¾	24	26½
608	Ces Pea	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞	11½	12
525	Ches & O	22¼	22¼	22⅛	22	—
318	C & N W	120¾	121	120¾	120½	121
7180	C, B & Q	99¾	100	99⅝	99⅝	99¾
7000	C, M & St P	94⅝	95	94⅝	94⅝	94⅞
200	C, M & St P pf	142½	142⅝	142½	142¼	143
2065	C, R I & P	90⅞	91⅛	90⅝	90¾	91
600	Col Fuel	25½	25¾	25½	25⅝	25½
3831	Con Gas	177	178	175	177	178
160	D & Hud	112	112	112	111¼	112½
100	D & R G	13	13	13	—	—
200	Erie R R	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	14⅝
300	Erie 1st p	38⅛	38⅛	38	38	38½
20	Ed El I	130	130	130	125¼	130
147	F W & D C	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	19⅛
650	Gen Elec	34¼	34¼	33⅝	34⅛	34¼
5	H B C I p	94½	94½	94½	—	—
25	H'estake	45½	45½	45½	42½	—
200	Hawai'n C S	28¼	28⅝	28¼	28	28½
548	Ill Cent	103½	103¾	103½	103¾	104
800	K C, P & G	20⅝	20⅝	20¼	20¼	20⅝
815	Lake Sh	173	173	173	171	174
400	Lacl Gas	43¾	43¾	43¼	43¾	45
1460	Lou & N	56⅝	56⅝	56⅝	56¼	56⅝
29400	Man Con	110¾	111¼	110⅛	111⅛	111½
12998	Met St Ry	128½	129⅝	126½	128¾	129
100	Mich C	103⅛	103⅛	103⅛	103	104
200	M & St L	58	58	58	57⅛	58⅛
700	Mo Pac	33⅝	33⅝	33¼	33⅞	34
553	M, K & T	35½	35½	35⅛	35½	35⅞
800	Mob & O	28	30	28	29¾	30
1520	N J Cent	95¼	95½	95	95	96
1979	N Y Cent	107⅛	107¼	107	107	107¼
602	Nat Lead	37⅛	37⅞	37⅛	37⅛	37⅞
382	Nat Ld pf	105¼	105¼	105¼	105	106
20	Nor Am	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝
100	NY & NH	183⅛	183⅛	183⅛	183	184⅛
80	NY, L E W	121	121	120	120	121
610	N Y, S & W pf	33	33⅛	33	33¼	33⅞
300	N & W p	47⅛	47⅞	47⅛	47	47⅞
2870	Nor Pac	21¼	21¼	21¼	21⅛	21¼
4288	N Pac p	58⅝	59	58⅝	58⅝	58⅞
300	Ont & W	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
100	Or R & N	35¼	35¼	35¼	35⅛	38
550	Or R & N pf	69	69⅛	69	69	70⅛
400	Pac Mail	30¼	30¼	30	30	30¼
276	Pul Palace	173	173	173	172	173
800	P, C, C & St L	39	39	39	38⅝	39
3397	Penn RR	113½	115	113½	114¼	114½
10941	People's G & C	96⅞	96⅞	95⅞	96	96¼
1200	Ph'nixM	.09	.09	.09	—	—
1550	Reading	22	22¼	21⅞	22⅛	22½
2460	Read 1 p	51	51¼	50⅝	51	51½
100	St L S W	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4½
16	St P & O	77½	77½	77½	77½	78
100	St P, M & M	122	122	122	122	124
200	So Pac	20⅛	20⅝	20⅛	20¼	21
715	So Rwy	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾	9
9941	So Ry p	31⅛	31⅛	31	31	31⅛
6	St J & G I 1st p	53¼	53¼	52½	52½	53
200	St J & G I 2d p	19⅛	19⅛	19	18¾	19½
150	St L & S F	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝	7½
120	St L & S F 1st p	56⅝	56½	56⅛	56⅛	56¾
500	St L & S F 2d p	26¼	26¼	26⅛	26⅛	26½
350	Stan R & T	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛	3	3½
1610	T C & I	25⅞	26	25½	25¾	26
100	Std v R	164	164	164	164	166
200	Tex Pac	11¼	11¼	11¼	11	11⅝
1189	Un Pac	25⅛	25⅝	25½	25½	25⅝
208	US Rubp	64½	64⅝	64½	64	64½
100	U S L	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞	7
650	U S L p	63½	63½	63	63½	63¼
340	Wabash	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	7	7¼
2750	W U Tel	91⅝	91½	91	91⅛	91¼
120	W & L E t r	2	2	2	2	2⅛
20	Wis Cen t r	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	—	—
200	W Ch St	101½	101⅝	101½	—	101⅝

*Ex-dividend.

Total sales, 164,414.

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos & Alb	218½	—	Gen Elec p	84	85
Bos & Me	167½	—	Bos & Mon	149¼	149½
Chic J com	106½	107½	Cal & Hecla	485	490
Chic J pf	109	109½	Osceola	39	40
Fitchburg p	100⅞	101	Quincy M	117	119
New Eng p	80	—	Tam Min	129	130
Mex Cen 4s	65	—	Tam Jr	15	—
Old Colony	186½	187	Butte	24½	24¼
W E R com	84½	85	B U G 1st	91½	92
Domin'n C	23½	24¾	B U G 2d	—	71½
Am Bell Tel	266½	267	Mergenthal	139½	140

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Leh Val	25¼	—	W G L Co.	41½	42
CPRy of I	21	—	El S B com	25½	26½
Phila Trac	77⅝	77⅞	El S B pf	28½	29½
Union Trac	11¾	12	P H, L & P	18	18½
E & P t c	77¾	77⅞	P H, L & P p	43	43¼
Met Trac	129	130	Wels Com	12	14
C T of N J s	36½	37½	Wels Cpf	59	60
CT of NJ 5s	99¼	99½	Balt Trac	20½	20½
U G Imp Co	99½	99¾	Marsden	8¾	9

CHICAGO CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
So Side "L"	61¾	62½	Lake St "L"	17	17¾
Am Str'bd	27⅝	—	L St "L" ctfs	14⅛	—
Canal & D	58	63	N Y Biscuit	62⅝	63
Chic Brew	8	8½	N Ch St Ry	225	230
Ch Brew pf	—	29½	St Stable C	23¼	23¾
City R'way	233	235½	W Ch St Ry	101	101⅞
Diam'd M	139	140	Met W S	4½	4¾

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison, a s p	13⅝	Northern Pacific	22¼
Canadian Pacific	83⅝	Northern Pacific pf.	60¾
Chesapeake & Ohio.	23	Ontario & West	16
Erie con, a s p	15	Pennsylvania	58½
Erie 1st pf	39	Reading, 1st a p	11⅝
Illinois Central	107¼	Reading 1st pf	26¼
Kansas & Texas	13¼	St Paul	97⅞
Lake Shore	177	South Railway	9½
Louisville & Nash	58	South Railway pf	32*
New York Central	110½	Union Pacific	26⅝
Norfolk & W pf, n	48⅛	Wabash pf	18½

*Ex-dividend.

THURSDAY, Dec. 30.

The irregularity of the stock market, which has been its most conspicuous feature since the beginning of the week, was less pronounced today. The dealings were light, a circumstance that encouraged some selling by the trading element, and there was doubtless some closing of long accounts incidental to the end of the week and of the year. Moreover, there was a continuation of profit-taking in the local traction stocks, particularly in Manhattan Railway. These factors resulted in lower prices in the first half of the day. An hour or so before the close the speculative community began to realise that the stocks sold had been well taken, especially the shares of the local transportation companies. The repurchases that followed carried the majority of the list back to or fractionally above the final prices of yesterday. Manhattan Railway, which continues to lead the list in respect to activity, also scored the greatest net advance, while Metropolitan Street Railway more than recovered the early depression of 2½ points. Brooklyn Rapid Transit was also exceptionally strong in the late dealings. Sugar Refining and People's Gas complete the list of stocks that can be described as active. The railway list was comparatively neglected, except for an unusual demand for Pennsylvania Railroad. The market for local gas securities, both in and out of the Stock Exchange, was adversely affected by the unfortunate complications that have developed in the East River-Equitable consolidation. The news regarding that situation is printed in another column. In view of the magnitude of the interests involved and in justice to the many small holders of the shares of both companies, and also those who have made contracts in the securities of the New Amsterdam Company, it is to be hoped that the differences between the two concerns may be adjusted and that the abrogation of contracts and appeals to the courts will be avoided. Just at the close the improvement in prices was checked by reports from abroad that Great Britain had decided to mobilize its naval reserve. Nevertheless, the closing was in the main steady.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 29.	Dec. 30.		Dec. 29.	Dec. 30.
A, T & S Fe	12⅞	12⅞	N Y com	120¾	120¾
A, T & S F p	30½	30½	N Pac com	21½	21¼
Am Cot Oil	22¼	22½	N Pac pf	59½	58⅞
Am S Ref	139⅞	139½	N Y Cent	107	107
Am Tob	88⅞	88	N J Cent	95	95½
Am Sp M	7½	7⅝	Ont & W	15½	15½
Brook R T	35⅛	35⅞	Peo G & C	96¾	96⅛
Canada So	53	52½	Pac Mail	30	30
C, B & Q	99⅞	99¾	Pull P Car	173½	173
Con Gas	178	178	Rock Island	91	90⅞
Ches & O	22¼	22⅛	Reading	22	22¼
Ch G W	14⅞	15	Read 1st pf	51¼	51¼
Del. & Hud	111⅛	112	St P com	94⅞	94¾
Gen Elec	33⅞	34¼	So R'way	8¾	8¾
Kan & T pf	35½	35½	So R'way p	32¼	*31
Lou & Nash	56¼	56⅝	Stand R & T	3¼	3⅛
Lacl'de Gas	44	43¼	Texas Pac	11⅛	11¼
Manh Con	110⅝	111⅝	T C, I & S	26	26
M & St L 2d p	58	58	Un Pac	25⅝	25⅝
Mo Pacific	33⅞	33⅞	U S Leath	7	6⅞
Met St Ry	128⅝	128⅞	U S Leath p	63⅝	63
Nat Lead	37⅛	37⅞	Wabash	7⅛	7¼
Nort & W p	47½	47½	W Un Tel	91⅝	91¼

*Ex dividend.

Government bonds firmer. The 4s of 1925 closed ⅛ ⅌ cent. higher bid. Railway and other bonds strong. The features were Brooklyn Rapid Transit 5s, Brooklyn Union Gas 5s, Chicago Gas Light 1sts, New Jersey Central general 5s, Southern Pacific of California consols, Southern Railway 5s, Union Pacific p. m. ctfs., Atchison, Chesapeake and Ohio, Northern Pacific, St. Louis and San Francisco, and Standard Rope and Twine issues. The more important net advances were in Atchison adj. 4s, ¼ ⅌ cent., to 58⅝; Brooklyn Union Gas 5s, ¼, to 112; Chesapeake and Ohio consol 5s, ¾, to 113¼; Chicago Gas Light and Coke 1sts, ½ to 107½; Southern Pacific of California consols, ¾, to 93; St. Louis and San Francisco general 6s, ⅝, to 119⅝, and general 5s, ⅝, to 105⅝; Southern Railway 5s, ¼, to 95; Standard Rope and Twine 6s, 1, to 56, and Union Pacific p. m. ctfs., ⅝ ⅌ cent., to 112¾. The noteworthy declines were in Brooklyn Rapid Transit 5s, ¼ ⅌ cent., to 92¾; New Jersey Central general 5s, 1, to 111⅝, and Standard Rope and Twine incomes, ½ ⅌ cent., to 11½.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 57⅝c. Bar silver in London closed at 26⅝d. Mexican silver dollars were quoted at 46¼c.

Money on call 3@3½ ⅌ cent., closing at 3 ⅌ cent. Time money is quoted: Thirty, sixty, and ninety days 3½ ⅌ cent., and six months 3½@4 ⅌ cent. on good mixed Stock Exchange collateral. Commercial paper is quoted: Prime indorsed bills receivable at 3½@4 ⅌ cent., prime single names at 4 ⅌ cent., and good names at 4½ ⅌ cent.

Sterling exchange was strong and higher. Easier money and an increasing demand from remitters together with some investment inquiry for long bills were the factors in favor of improvement. Continental exchange was firmer. Posted asking rates for sterling are: Sixty days, $4.82½, and sight, $4.85½. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.82¼@$4.82½, sight drafts, $4.84¾@$4.85, and cable transfers, $4.85½. Francs are quoted at 5.22½@5.21⅞ for long and 5.20⅝@5.20 for short; reichsmarks, 94 7-16@94 9-16 for long and 95 1-16@95 3-16 for short; guilders, 40⅛@40 3-16 for long and 39 15-16@40 for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—5@8 cents premium. Charleston—Buying, par; selling, ⅛ premium. Savannah—Buying, 1-16 off; selling, par. New Orleans—Bank, par; commercial, $1.25 discount. San Francisco—Sight, 15 cents premium; telegraph, 17½ cents premium. St. Louis—25@30 cents premium. Chicago—40 cents premium. Cincinnati—Between banks, par, and over counter, 50 cents premium.

Glucose Sugar Refining common is quoted at 32@32½, and the preferred at 96@97. Standard Oil Trust certificates closed at 356¾@357¼; American Malting at 23⅝@24, and preferred at 74¼@75; Standard Gas common at 131@133, and the preferred at 144@148; Mutual Gas at 285@300; Syracuse Gas at 22@23; New Amsterdam Gas at 25@30, and the preferred at 70@75 and the 5s at 97@99. Equitable Gas offered at 250.

The Executive Committee of the Consolidated Ice Company has recommended the declaration of the usual semi-annual dividend of 3 ⅌ cent. upon the preferred stock of the company, payable Jan. 15. This action will be confirmed by the board on Jan. 5, when it is expected that action will also be taken relative to a dividend upon the common stock.

The Rio Grande Southern Railroad reports gross earnings for November of $39,000, an increase of $1,583 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $20,026, a decrease of $464. For the five months ending Nov. 30 the gross earnings were $169,410, a decrease of $25,923 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $65,558, a decrease of $24,898. Fixed charges were $70,700, leaving a deficit of $3,887, an increase of $24,996.

The receipts of the Government to-day were: Customs, $367,041; internal revenue, $418,930, and miscellaneous, $20,264, a total of $806,235. The disbursements were $379,000, an excess of receipts over expenditures of $427,235. The receipts of the fiscal year to date have been $206,341,947; expenditures, $206,878,119; deficit, $536,172.

The official count of the cash in the Treasury at the close of business to-day compared with that of yesterday shows:

	Dec. 29.	Dec. 30.
Gold coin and bullion	$100,542,995	$100,647,199
Silver dollars and bullion	13,065,187	13,048,887
United States notes	43,143,151	42,189,373
Other notes, less demand liabilities	28,608,695	34,786,780
Available cash balance, including gold reserve	$282,360,028	$290,721,730

Money in London 2¾@3¼ ⅌ cent. Rates of discount in open market for both short and three months' bills, 3 ⅌ cent. The Bank of England minimum rate of discount unchanged at 3 ⅌ cent. The proportion of its reserve to liabilities is 40.01 per cent., against 42.97 last week and 44.29 the same week last year. The weekly statement of the bank shows the following changes from the previous account: Total reserve decreased £130,000, circulation decreased £200,000, bullion decreased £329,890, "Other" securities increased £3,270,000, "Other" deposits increased £3,093,000, public deposits increased £34,000, notes reserve decreased £106,000. Government securities unchanged. Paris advices quote 3 ⅌ cents at 103 francs 5 centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 23 centimes. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes from the previous account: Notes in circulation increased 120,000,000 francs. Treasury accounts current increased 42,050,000 francs, gold on hand decreased 11,350,000 francs, bills discounted increased 164,600,000 francs, silver on hand decreased 5,975,000 francs.

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

Sales.	Name.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
500	Anaconda	.40	.40	.40	.40
300	Best & Belcher	.60	.60	.60	.60
200	Crown Point	.30	.30	.30	.30
200	Con. Cal & Va	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
400	Mount Rosa	.15	.15	.15	.15
200	Mollie Gibson	.19	.19	.19	.19
100	Portland	.78	.78	.78	.78

Total sales, 1,900 shares.

COMMERCIAL COMPEND.

THURSDAY, Dec. 30.—GRAIN—Wheat—Spot was dull. The sales were 69,000 bush., including 8,000 No. 1 hard spring, 24,000 No. 1 hard Manitoba here, and 32,000 ungraded wheat on private terms at the outports for export; 5,000 State white at 91c. in elevator. Free on board afloat: No. 1 Northern Spring, New York, $1.01¾; do. Duluth, $1.03; No. 2 hard winter, 93½c.; No. 2 red, $1.01½; No. 1 hard Duluth, $1.04. Minneapolis received to-day 306,720 bush., against 129,980 last year; Duluth 104,455, against 55,807; Chicago, 151,150, against 12,740; Milwaukee 19,500, against 13,650; St. Louis 20,000, against 78,375; Toledo 12,918, against 7,921; Detroit 1,072, against 6,025. Future declined ⅜c. to 1c. Future sales 2,215,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
December	101	101	100	100	101
January	98⅝	98⅝	98¼	98¼	98½
March	98⅛	98⅛	97⅞	98	99
May	92¾	93⅞	93	93½	93⅞
July	87⅝	87⅝	87⅛	87⅝	87⅝

Barley—Was firm. New feeding, 30@31c., cost and freight to Buffalo. Malting, 45@55c., as to quality. Rye—Was steady. State, 50@51c. Corn—Spot was less active. The sales were 189,000 bush., including 176,000 No. 2 mixed on private terms free on board afloat for export. No. 2 mixed, in store, 4,000 at 33¾c., and 9,000 do. at 34⅜c. delivered. Futures were irregular, being ⅛c. higher for January and ⅛c. lower for May. Future sales 125,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
December	..	..	..	33¾	33⅝
January	33⅞	33⅞	33⅞	33⅞	33¾
May	34¾	34⅞	34¾	34⅞	34⅞

Oats—Spot was dull. The sales were 20,000 bush. None for export. No. 2 white, 30½c.; No. 3 do., 29½c.; No. 2 white clipped, 30½c.; No. 3 do., 29½c.; No. 2 mixed, 28¾c.; No. 3 do., 28c.; rejected mixed, 27c.; do. white, 28½c.; No. 2 mixed delivered, 29¾c.; track mixed, 28@29½c.; do. white, 29,000 at 30@34c. Futures were nominally lower. No sales.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
December	..	..	..	28¾	28⅝
February	..	..	..	28⅝	28⅝
May	..	..	..	29⅝	29⅝

Wheat—Was nervous and erratic to-day. The fluctuations in prices were frequent, with the tendency downward. At the opening prices were steady, Liverpool was lower, but French cables were firmer. After the opening transactions, however, prices weakened on local liquidation and a decline in Chicago, but subsequently rallied on large clearances and covering of shorts. Toward the close the market weakened again on renewed liquidation, but part of the loss was recovered before the close. The trading was of moderate volume and mainly local and professional. Liverpool declined ¾d. to 1d. Paris advanced 1c. to 1½c., but receded. The Northwestern receipts were 588 cars, against 467 last week and 261 last year. The flour output at the North