FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY, Feb. 17.

To-day's stock market proved superior to vigorous efforts to depress prices, which included the circulation of numerous disturbing reports regarding the disaster to the battleship Maine. Many of the statements published by sensational newspapers and promptly circulated in Wall street were so illogical and obviously untrue that it is surprising that they had even a temporary effect upon prices. The speculative community, particularly traders on the floor of the Stock Exchange, is so sensitive even to the idlest rumor that it was influenced by the hysterical "extras" of the leader in sensational journalism. During the middle of the day aggressive operations, accompanied by the publications referred to, demoralized the market for a time. The decline, however, attracted buying through commission houses that appeared to be of a substantial character. It was of sufficient volume to turn the course of prices, and in consequence the list, with but few exceptions, closed higher than yesterday. In a number of cases material net gains were reported.

The market as a whole was nervous. In the early dealings the believers in higher prices betrayed some anxiety in spite of a slightly higher market for American securities in London. The demand for stocks at the midday decline inspired a degree of confidence, and, in the late transactions, the advocates of lower prices were as uncertain regarding their position as their opponents had been earlier in the day. As stated in this column at the beginning of the week, the market for securities is likely to be feverish and unsettled until all questions regarding Cuba are finally disposed of. It is plain, however, that except for the unfortunate condition of affairs in that island, and the possibility of international complications growing out of them, the market for securities would work naturally toward a higher level. The condition of domestic and foreign trade, railway traffic returns, and the abnormally low rates for money warrant the entertainment of this view. The free expansion of enterprise and speculation is held in check solely by the possibility of friction between the United States and Spain, growing out of the fight of the Cubans for independence.

Although the dealings in stocks were less extensive than yesterday, the market was fairly active and the transactions were well distributed. The Granger stocks regained first place in respect to activity, and under the leadership of St. Paul all of them closed higher than yesterday. Other strong features were Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Northern Pacific preferred, New York Central, Union Pacific, and Louisville and Nashville. Sugar Refining received a little more attention than it has of late, but with the result of further lowering the price. Of the less active stocks Pullman's Palace Car, Illinois Central, and Minneapolis and St. Louis common were exceptionally strong. The last named closed 2¾ ⅌ cent. higher than yesterday on persistent buying, which, it is currently reported, is for the purpose of securing control of the company. The closing was in the main firm.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Feb. 17.

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Un St 5s, r, at pl of 0.100		—	Un St 4s, c, 1925	127⅝	128¼
Un St 4s, r, 1907	112⅝	113¼	Un St 5s, r, 1904	113½	114
Un St 4s, c, 1907	114	115	Un St 5s, c, 1904	113½	113⅞
Un St 4s, r, 1925	127⅝	128¼	Un St 6s, r, 1899	104	—

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

$5 Atch adj 4s	63¼	16 Nor Pac 1st o	119
24	63	20 Nor Pac 1st, r	119
28	62⅞	23 N Pac gl 5s	63
24	62⅝	21	62¾
61	62⅝	15	62⅞
80	62¾	17 Norf & W cn 4s	83
23 Atch gal 4s	93⅛	1	82⅞
89	92⅞	2	83½
2 Am Tob scrip	83	1 N J C cn, 1899	104¾
1	82	24 NJ Cen gnl 5s	114¼
3 Ann Arbor 4s	86	2 N Y Cen 1st, c	116⅞
1 Am Cot Oil 8s	106½	1 Nash & Chat cn	105
1 B&Th Av cn 5s	122½	17	104½
1 B, C R & N 1st	107¾	7 N Y, C & StL 4s	106¾
5 Brook R T 5s	95⅝	5 N W cn	143½
5	95⅝	22 NY, O & W 4s	102
5	95¾	4	101¾
1	96	2	102
1 Bd W & W 5s	98	28 N Y, O & W cn 5s	108
19 Brook Un G 5s	114½	1 O B & N 4s	96⅝
3 Ch & W Ind gnl	122½	1	96½
7 Ch & O cn 5s	116½	9 O S L cn 5s	101½
5	116¼	1	102
10	117	15 Or S L inc A	68
2	116¼	15	68½
20 C&O gnl 4½s	83½	10	68¼
7	83¾	15	67¾
32	83⅝	37 O S L, inc B	48
2	83⅞	3	48¼
4 C, B & Q 7s	116	5	48½
1	116¼	55	47½
11 C, B & Q 4s, I d	103½	1	47
10 C, B & Q 4s, D div	100	8	47¾
5 C, B & L 5s, I d	109½	1 Ore Imp 1st, t r	112¾
3 Can So 2d	111	5 Ore Imp 5s, 5th i p	61¼
10 Chi Ter 4s	86¼	10	61
1 Chic & E Ill 5s	108	1	61½
5 Col Coal 6s	100	1	61¾
5 Col Mid 1st, t r	67¼	15	61¾
5 Ch & Erie 1st	112½	27 R I ex 5s	104¾
6 C Ga Ry cn 5s	91	100 Rock I deb 5s	107¾
4 C Ga Ry 2d inc	15	60 Read gnl 4s	85⅝
1 C, Ind & L 6s	104	16	85½
1	104¼	50	85¼
6	104½	10	85⅝
5	104	15	85¾
13 Dal & Waco 1st	83	5 Rio G W 1st	84¼
1 Detroit Gas 5s	100	1	84½
3 Dul, SS & Atl 5s	106	8	84
45 Er prior bds	91½	8 So Pac of Cal cn	96½
6 Er g lien 5-4s	74	5 So P of N M 1st	108¼
25	73½	7	108½
11	73¾	10 So P of Ariz 1st	103½
1 E Tenn div'd 5s	114⅞	7	103¾
1 F & PM 5s, Pb g	92	2 St L & S F 2d, cl B	116¼
10 Ft Worth 1st	73	11 St L & S F g 5s	119½
1 Galv, H & H 5s	92	15 St L & S F 4s	75½
5 Ga Pac 1st 5-6s	120½	1 St P 1st, C&M, r 5s	115¾
5	121	4 St P 1st, C & P	121
8 H & T C gen 4s	79¾	6 St P 1st, C & P W div	116¾
1 Ir Mt, A Br, ex 5s	108	1 St P 1st, S W d	119¼
5 Iron Mt 5s	93½	10	119½
8	93¾	1 St P 1st, W & M 5s	115
2	94	1 Int & Gt N 1st	123
1	93	3 Int & Gt N 2d	29½
1 Iowa Cent 1st	103	11 S C & Ga 1st	97½
5 K P D & ds, t r	130½	16 So R'way 5s	94
4 Kan P con, t r	113¾	12	93⅞
25	114¼	40	94
5 Keok & D M 5s	109	8 Stan R & T inc	15
11 Kan & Tex 4s	90½	13	15½
16	90¼	12	16
49	90⅝	2	16½
15 K & T 2ds	63	5	15¾
29	63½	5 T & P 1st 5s	101½
8	63¾	1	101¼
12	63⅞	69 Tex Pac 2d in	33¾
5	64⅝	27	33⅞
42	64	72	33½
1 K C, P & G 1sts	80½	313	34
1 Laclede G 1st	103½	1 Third Av 5s	123½
5	103⅝	5 Tol & O Cen 1st	104½
3 Lake Sh 5½s	106	2 T, Cl & R 6s, B d	86
15	106¼	67 Un Pac 4s	94½
25 Lou & N g 4s	90	59	94⅝
3 L & N gnl	119¼	116	94⅝
35	119¼	147	94½
3 Lou & N, N O & M div 1st	122	3 Un P L & C 1st	59
5 L & N, P & A 1st	106	3 U P, D & G 1st, r	56
35 L & N, S & N A gt 5s	97	5	56¼
55	98	11	56¾
8 Leh Val of N Y 1st	104	35	56⅝
5	104¾	24	56⅝
50 Met S Ry 5s	114	27	56½
2 Mo, K & E 1st	98¾	14 Wab 1st	109½
5	98½	4	109⅝
10 Mex Int cn	71¼	35	109½
4 Mo, K & T of Texas 5s	64¾	8 Wab 2d	82
1 Man R'way 4s	97½	3 West Sh 4s	110½
7 Mich C 5s, 1902	106⅝	2	110¼
7 Mo P col 1st 5s	69	2 W N Y & Pa gnl	54⅞
10 Morgan's L & T 6s	120½	1 W N Y & Pa 1st	108
16 N P prior 4s	97¼	2 Wis Cen 1st, t r	43½
15	97⅛	10	43¾
43	97½	5	43¾
		15	43½
		2 Wilk & Es 1st	100½

Total sales of railway bonds (par value) $9,407,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing Bid.	Closing Asked.
455	Ads. Ex.	110	115	110	112	116
31185	Am SR	138	138	136	136⅝	136⅞
250	Am SRp.	112¼	112¼	112	111¾	112¼
740	Am S M.	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	8	8⅝
100	Am S M p	21	21	21	20¼	22
25	A Cable	91	92	91	91	93
16015	Am Tob.	92	92⅝	91	92	92½
23	Am Tob p	118	118	118	117	118
45	Am Ex.	128	128	126	126	129
10	Am CO p	75¼	75¼	75¼	75	76
1200	Atch, T & S Fe	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	13
4565	Atch, T & S Fe p.	31	31	30⅝	30⅝	30¾
150	A Arb pf	38	38	38	38	39
100	Brunsw Bd L p.	4	4	4	3⅞	4½
1225	Balt & O	16¼	16½	16	16¾	17¼
1500	Bay St G	3½	3½	3⅜	3½	3⅝
22947	Br'k R T	41⅞	42	40	41⅞	41⅞
100	B Un G.	120½	120½	120½	120½	121½
250	Can So.	54	54⅝	54	54⅝	55
500	Can Pac.	87⅛	87½	87	—	—
2095	Ch Gt W	13	13¼	12⅞	12⅞	13
4505	Ches & O	22⅝	23	22⅝	22⅝	22⅞
100	C & E I p	110	110	110	109⅝	111½
1125	C, C, C & St L	35	35⅝	35	35	35⅝
4400	C & N W	127½	128	126¼	126¼	127
28665	C, B & Q	102	102	100⅝	101¼	101⅝
39940	C, M & St P	94⅝	95⅛	94⅛	94⅞	95
102	C, M & St P p f	149⅝	149⅝	149	148½	150
11950	C, R I & P	91¼	91½	90½	91	91¼
15	Chi Ter.	8½	8½	8½	8½	8¾
120	C Ter p.	29¼	29¼	29¼	29½	30
400	C, H V A T.	7¼	7½	7¼	7	7½
100	C & H C.	7	7	7	6¾	7½
1310	C, L & W.	15⅝	15⅝	15¼	15½	15⅝
3870	Con Gas.	193	193	190½	192⅝	192½
100	C, I & L.	9	9	9	8¾	9
100	C, I & L p.	31	31	31	30	30½
410	D & Hud.	110¾	111	110¾	110¾	112
150	D, L & W	156¼	156¼	156¼	155	157
536	D & R G p	50¾	51	50½	51	51¼
200	D M & F D	14¾	14¾	14⅝	14½	14¾
536	Erie R R	14⅞	15¼	14⅞	15½	15¼
8450	Erie 1st p	41¾	41⅞	40⅞	41⅞	42
100	Erie 2d p	19¼	19¼	19¼	19½	20½
100	Edi E I	133	133	133	132	135
10	Ed E I of Brook.	109¼	109¼	109¼	108	109½
20	E & T H.	20	20	20	22	25
100	F W & D C	24	24	24	—	—
200	F & P M.	13½	14	13½	13¾	14¼
500	Gt Nor p	157½	158	156¾	156	158
2320	Gen Elec	37½	37¼	36¼	36⅝	36¾
200	Ho'stake	45	45	45	44	—
800	Hawai'n S. S.	34⅝	34¾	33½	33¾	34
1035	Ill Cent.	105	105	104	104¼	104¾
250	Ill Steel.	49¾	50	49¾	51½	54
250	Ia Cen.	8¾	8¾	8¾	8½	9
700	KC, Pa G	23	23⅝	23	21½	23
400	K & D M.	4½	4½	4½	4	5
150	L E & W	16¼	16¼	16¼	16½	16¾
650	LE & W p	74	74	72¾	72½	73½
2973	Lake Sh	192	192½	191¾	192	193
300	Lacl Gas	42½	42¾	42½	42¾	43¾
11375	Lou & N	59	59	58⅛	58¾	58⅞
8745	Man Con	116¼	116¼	114⅞	115⅝	115½
300	Mergenthaler L C	145¼	145½	145¼	145	—
450	Min Iron	60½	61	60¼	61	61½
10730	Met St Ry	158½	158½	154¾	155¼	155½
1856	Mich C.	111	111¼	110½	110½	111
1950	M & St L	29½	30	29	29½	30
700	M & St L pf.	59¼	59¼	58	58	59
9445	Mo Pac.	33½	33½	31¾	32½	32¾
1100	Mo, K & T	13½	13½	12½	12½	12¾
4440	M, K & T p	39¼	39¼	37¾	38⅝	38¾
600	Mob & O	31¼	31¼	31	31	32
200	N L Ill.	17½	17½	17½	17	19
100	New Cen Coal.	8	8	8	7½	8½
1310	N J Cent	95⅞	95⅞	94¾	95½	96
17140	N Y Cent	117¼	117⅝	116¼	116⅞	117
630	Nat Lead	34½	35¼	34½	35	35¼
192	Nat Ld p	109¾	109¾	108¾	109	109½
13703	Nor Am.	6	6⅜	6	6¼	6⅜
10	N Y, S & W	14	14	14	14	14½
400	N Y, S & W pf.	36	36	36	36	36½
28	N & W.	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15½	17
5000	N & W p	53	53	52	52½	52¾
8317	Nor Pac.	26	26	25½	25⅝	25¾
19098	N Pac p.	65½	65¾	64⅞	65½	65⅝
2340	Ont & W	17⅝	17⅝	16¾	17	17½
400	Ore Imp 5th 1 p	28½	29	28½	29	30
925	Or R & N	51	52⅝	51	51½	53
172	OR & N pf	71	71	71	70½	72
4835	Ore S L.	31¾	33⅝	30	30¼	31¼
1550	Pac Mail	30⅝	31⅝	30⅛	30¾	31
542	Pull Pal	C185	185	183½	183½	184½
640	P, C, C & St L.	44¼	44¼	43⅞	43⅞	44
5008	Penn RR	118	118	117¼	117½	117¾
9500	People's G & C.	95¼	95¼	93½	94½	94¾
8165	Reading	21½	21½	20¾	20⅞	21½
2020	Read 1 p	50½	50½	49⅝	50	50¼
700	Read 2 p	26	26	26	26	26½
100	R G W p	59½	59½	59½	58	60
50	R, W & O	122	122	122	120½	123
200	St L S W p	9⅝	9¾	9⅝	9½	10½
2280	St P & O.	77	77	76	76¾	77¼
400	So Pac.	19½	19¾	19½	19½	20¼
525	So Ry.	9¼	9½	9¼	9¼	9⅝
2410	So Ry p.	31½	31⅝	31¼	31⅜	31¾
300	St J & G I 1st p.	53	53	53	52½	53½
90	St L & S F	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¼	7½
850	St L & S F 1st p.	56⅝	57	56	56¾	57
1425	St L & S F 2d p.	26⅞	27	26½	26¾	27
100	Stan R & T	5	5	5	4¾	5
1660	T C & I.	24½	24½	23⅞	24½	24¾
550	3d Av RR	193	193	190½	192	193
1000	Tex Pac.	12½	12¼	12	12½	12⅝
18715	Un Pac.	33½	33½	32⅞	33⅜	33½
88125	Un Pac p	60¼	60⅝	59¼	60¼	60¾
3165	U P, D & G	9	9½	8¾	9⅝	9½
125	U S Ex.	43	43	43	43	45
1025	U S Rub.	19⅞	19⅞	18⅞	19¼	19½
910	US Rub p	70¾	72	70¾	71	72
100	U S L.	7	7¼	7	7	7¼
1235	U S L p.	64½	64¾	64½	64¾	65
400	Wab p.	18	18⅝	18	18⅝	18½
8871	W U Tel	92	92	91½	91⅞	92
110	W & L E, t r.	2⅞	2⅞	2¾	2¾	3
100	W & L E p, t r.	13½	13½	13½	12⅝	13½
100	W Ch St	99⅝	99⅝	99⅝	—	—

Total sales, 416,142 shares.

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos & Alb	225	225¼	West Elec.	24	25
Bos & Me.	—	168	Gen Elec p.	95	—
Chic J com.	115½	116	Bos & Mon.	177¾	178½
Fitchburg p	99	99½	Cal & Hecla	530	535
New Eng p.	90	93	Osceola	41½	42½
Mex Cen 4s	—	68	Quincy M.	—	114
Mex C st'k.	5¾	—	Tam Min.	155	157
Old Colony.	192	—	Butte	25¾	26½
W E R com.	83¾	84	B U G 1st	92	94
Domin'n C.	20¼	20½	B U G 2d	70	73
Am Bell Tel	265	266	Boston El.	60	60¼

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Val.	23½	24	El S B com.	23	24
Phila Trac.	84¾	85	El S B pf.	26	27
Union Trac	16½	17	P R, L & P	22¾	24
E & P c.	86	86¼	P R, L & P p	60¾	61
Met Trac.	155	157	Welsh Co.	10½	—
C T of N J	47	47½	Welsh C pf	55	56
CT of NJ 5s	104	—	W N Y & P.	3¾	3⅞
U G Imp Co	112¾	113	Balt Trac.	24¼	24½
W G L Co.	40½	41	Marsden	7½	7⅝

CHICAGO CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Am Str'hd.	31	31¼	L St "L" ctfs	11	—
Canal & D.	62½	63½	N Ch St Ry	225	227
Chic Brew.	7	—	So Side "L"	59½	60
Ch Brew pf	30	31	W Ch St Ry	98½	99
City R'way	242	243	N Biscuit c.	25¼	25⅝
Diam'd M.	142	143	N Biscuit p	82½	82⅞
Lake St "L"	13½	13⅞			

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison, c a p	13⅜	Northern Pacific	26⅝
Atchison pf	32½	Northern Pacific pf.	67⅝
Canadian Pacific	89⅞	Ontario & West	17⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	24	Pennsylvania	60¾
Erie con, a a p	15½	Reading, 1st a p	11
Erie 1st pf	43	Reading 1st pf	25½
Illinois Central	105	St Paul	97½
Kansas & Texas	13⅝	South Railway	9⅞
Lake Shore	196	South Railway pf.	33
Louisville & Nash.	60¾	Union Pacific	34⅝
New York Central	120¾	Wabash pf	19
Norfolk & W pf, n.	54		

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Feb. 16.	Feb. 17.		Feb. 16.	Feb. 17.
A, T & S Fe.	12½	12¾	Met St Ry	156	155⅝
A, T & S Fe p	30⅝	30¾	Nat Lead	34	34⅝
Am S Ref	137	136⅝	North Am.	5⅝	6⅝
Am S Ref p.	112¾	112	Nor'f & W p	51¼	52⅝
Am Tob	91½	92½	N W cons	126⅝	126⅞
Am Sp M	8¼	8⅜	N Pac com.	25¼	25⅝
Brook R T.	40⅝	41¾	N Pac pf.	64⅝	65½
Can South.	53½	54⅝	N Y Cent	116⅝	116⅞
Can Pac.	87	87½	N J Cent	95	95¼
C, C, C & St L	35	35⅝	Omaha com	76	77
C, B & Q	101	101⅝	Pac & W	16⅞	17
Con Gas	191¼	192½	O R & N	51½	52
Ches & O	22½	22¾	Ore Imp	28	29
Ch G W	13	13	Pac Mail	30⅞	31⅜
Cl, L & W	15½	15⅝	Peo G & C.	94⅝	94½
Del. & Hud.	111	111	Pull P Car	182½	183½
Den & RG p	50¼	51	Rock Island	90¾	91
Erie	15	15¼	Reading	20⅝	20⅞
Erie 1st p	40¼	41⅞	Read 1st pf	49⅞	50⅛
Gen Elec	36⅛	36¾	St P com	94	94⅞
Gt North p.	157	157	So R'way	9⅛	9½
Illinois Cen	103½	104½	So R'way p	31½	31⅝
Kan & Tex.	12¾	12¾	Stand R & T	5	5
Kan & T pf.	38¾	38½	Texas Pac.	11⅞	12⅛
Lou & Nash	58¾	58⅞	T C, I & R.	23¾	24½
Lake Shore	192	192½	Un Pac	32⅝	33⅜
L E & West	16¾	16¼	Un Pac p.	59⅝	60½
L E & W pf	73	73	U S Rubber	20½	19⅞
Laclede Gas	42	42¾	U S Rub p.	71	72
Manh Con.	114¾	115⅝	U S Leath.	7⅛	7¼
Mich Cent.	110½	111	U S Leath p	64	64¾
Minn & St L	27⅞	30	Wabash pf.	18	18⅝
M & St L 2d p	57	58	W Un Tel.	91¼	92
Mo Pac.	31¾	32⅛			

Government bonds weak. The 4s of 1907 and 1925 closed ½ ⅌ cent, lower bid, the 5s closed ⅛ ⅌ cent, lower bid. Railway and other bonds firmer. The features were N. Y., Ontario and Western consol 5s, Oregon Improvement 5s, 5th l. p., Reading general 4s, Southern Railway 5s, Standard Rope and Twine incomes, Union Pacific 4s, Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf 1st 5s, Wisconsin Central 1sts, t. r., Atchison, Chesapeake and Ohio, Kansas and Texas, Northern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Texas Pacific issues. The more important net advances were in Chesapeake and Ohio consol 5s, ½ ⅌ cent., to 116½; and general 4½s, ¼, to 83⅞; Kansas and Texas 4s, ⅛, to 90⅝; and 2ds, 1, to 64; Northern Pacific prior 4s, ¼, to 97½, and general 3s, ⅝, to 62⅞; N. Y., Ontario and Western consol 5s, ½, to 108; Oregon Short Line consol 5s, 1⅛, to 102, incomes A, ¾, to 67¾, and incomes B, 1¾, to 47¾; Oregon Improvement 5s, ½, to 61¾; Reading general 4s, ⅜, to 85¾; Southern Railway 5s, ⅜, to 94; Standard Rope and Twine incomes, ¾, to 15¾; Texas Pacific 1sts, ¼, to 101¼, and 2ds, ¾, to 34; Union Pacific 4s, ¼, to 94½; Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf 1sts, t. r., ½, to 56½, and Wisconsin Central 1sts, t. r., ½ ⅌ cent., to 43½.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 56c. Bar silver in London closed at 25 13-16d. Mexican silver dollars were quoted at 45¼c.

Money on call 1¼@1½ ⅌ cent. Time money is quoted: Sixty days 2½ ⅌ cent., three months 2½ ⅌ cent., four and five months 3 ⅌ cent., and eight months 3½ ⅌ cent., on good mixed Stock Exchange collateral. Commercial paper is quoted: Prime indorsed bills receivable at 3@3¼ ⅌ cent., prime single names at 3@3½ ⅌ cent., and good names at 3½@4 ⅌ cent.

Sterling exchange was firm on a light volume of business. Continental exchange was dull. Posted asking rates for sterling are: Sixty days, $4.84, and sight, $4.86½. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.83⅝@$4.83¾; sight drafts, $4.85¼@$4.85½, and cable transfers, $4.85¾. Francs are quoted at 5.21⅞@5.21¼ for long and 5.20⅜@5.20 for short; reichsmarks, 94½@94⅝ for long and 94 15-16@95 1-16 for short; guilders, 40¼@40 5-16 for long and 40 1-16@40⅛ for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—12½c@16⅜ cents discount. Charleston—Buying, 1-16 discount; selling, 1-16 premium. Savannah—Buying, par; selling, 1-16 premium. New Orleans—Bank, par; commercial, $1 discount. San Francisco—Sight, 20 cents premium asked; telegraph, 22½ cents premium. St. Louis—25 cents bid, offered at 15 cents discount. Chicago—50 cents discount. Cincinnati—Between banks, 25 cents discount, and over counter, 50 cents premium.

Glucose Sugar Refining common is quoted at 40¾@41, and the preferred at 94@94¾. Standard Oil Trust certificates closed at 418@420; American Malting at 27¼@27⅝, and preferred at 77@78; Standard Gas common at 143½@145½, and the preferred at 160@166; Mutual Gas at 325@335; Syracuse Gas at 20½@21½; Equitable Gas at 220@226; East River Gas at 81@83, and the preferred at 120@122.

The National Lead Company has declared a quarterly dividend 1¾ ⅌ cent. on its preferred stock, payable March 15.

The Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company reports net earnings for January of $69,579, an increase of $11,641 as compared with the same month last year. Fixed charges were $47,749, leaving a surplus of $21,830, an increase of $11,669.

The Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad reports gross earnings for January of $1,314,595, an increase of $230,175 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $378,333, an increase of $48,155. Fixed charges were $247,615, leaving a surplus of $130,718, an increase of $98,733.

The Ohio River Railroad reports gross earnings for December of $79,532, an increase of $3,459 as compared with the same month of the previous year, and net $22,267, a decrease of $2,489. For the year ending Dec. 31 the gross earnings were $965,196, a decrease of $3,475 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, and net $341,899, an increase of $15,154.

The Northern Central Railroad reports for the year ending Dec. 31:

	1897.	1896.	Changes.
Gross earnings	$6,732,703	$6,286,602	Inc. $446,101
Op. expenses	4,798,367	4,643,105	Inc. 155,262
Net earn's	$1,934,336	$1,643,497	Inc. $290,839
Other income	366,788	400,075	Dec. 33,287
Total inc	$2,301,124	$2,043,572	Inc. $257,552
Fixed charges	1,904,520	1,965,981	Dec. 61,461
Surplus	$396,604	$77,591	Inc. $319,013

The receipts of the Government to-day were: Customs, $614,192; internal revenue, $393,378, and miscellaneous, $46,228, a total of $1,053,798. The disbursements were $1,175,000, an excess of expenditures over receipts of $121,202. The receipts of the fiscal year to date have been $263,708,811, and the expenditures $272,689,570, an excess of expenditures over receipts of $8,980,758.

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

	Feb. 16.	Feb. 17.
Gold coin and bullion	$166,457,890	$166,645,789
Silver dollars and bullion	19,500,212	19,017,293
United States notes	26,728,752	27,047,192
Other assets less demand liabilities	6,619,571	6,552,749
Available cash balance, including gold reserve	$219,306,425	$219,262,973

Money in London 2½@2¾ ⅌ cent. Rates of discount in open market for both short and three months' bills, 2⅝@2¾ ⅌ cent. Amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day, £26,000. The Bank of England minimum rate of discount unchanged at 3 ⅌ cent. The proportion of its reserve to liabilities is 45.77 ⅌ cent., against 45.09 last week and 53.76 the same week last year. The weekly statement of the bank shows the following changes from the previous account: Total reserve increased £632,000, circulation decreased £184,000, bullion increased £447,873, "Other" securities increased £5,000, "other" deposits decreased £838,000, public deposits increased £1,431,000, notes reserve increased £663,000, Government securities decreased £5,000. Paris advices quote 3 ⅌ cents, at 103 francs 72½ centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 27 centimes. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes from the previous account: Notes in circulation decreased 33,000,000 francs. Treasury accounts current decreased 850,000 francs, gold on hand increased 2,675,000 francs, bills discounted decreased 29,175,000 francs, silver on hand decreased 100,000 francs.

The privilege given to the bondholders of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company to exchange their bonds for the new general mortgage 4 ⅌ cent. refunding gold bonds expired to-day, and it is announced by the bankers managing the refunding syndicate that all of the new bonds offered have been taken up by holders of the old obligations of the company. The new bonds are quoted at 104 and interest. It is stated that the collateral 5 ⅌ cent. bonds of the company will be called for redemption on April 13, the funds to pay them off having been provided from sales of the new general mortgage bonds.

The Homestake Mining Company has declared monthly dividend No. 238 of 25 cents per share, making $6,618,750 paid in dividends to date, payable Feb. 25 at the office of the tranfer agents, Lounsbery & Co., Mills building.

The *Financial Review* of 1897, compiled by the *Financial Chronicle*, was published to-day.

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

| Sales. | Name. | Open