

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1893. Wall street and many large operators made their arrangements for money for the interval to the beginning of next week. The bondholders have taken the alarm and have joined the swarm of lobbyists who are to besiege Congress, after the recess, with a view to prevent action on the question of a resumption of specie payments. The bill of Senator Morion, threatening as it does to force this measure upon the country, seriously alarms the bondholders, whose property would be subjected to serious depreciation. However, the law of the land is in view of the fact that the laws of trade and commerce, which are superior to those of Congress, will defeat compulsory resumption, the assistance of these lobbyists will not be ungrateful to the mercantile community if it assists in preventing the perpetration of so fatal a blow to our commercial prosperity. The matter is an instance of good arising from evil. The investment demand for government bonds is quite large in this city and throughout the country at the present time from the national banks and private corporations and capitalists who are desirous of obtaining the gold interest now nearly ready for payment and to avoid the local taxation which the possession of these bonds enables them to avoid. The market closed strong on Thursday with the following quotations: U. 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