FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Stocks Still Without Animation—Outsiders Suspicious and Brokers Impecunious.

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Money on Call Loans in Fair Demand at 4 to 7 Per Cent, Closing at 3 Per Cent—The Bank Statement.

GOVERNMENT AND RAILWAY INVESTMENTS.

WALL STREET, SATURDAY, Dec. 18—6 P. M.

A congress of lexicographers could scarcely evolve from their joint erudition adjectives enough to qualify the noun substantive "dulness" as applicative to the existing Broad street gamble. We were on the point of writing "market" instead of the sporting phrase above mentioned, and refrained only from the pressure of the general fitness of things and the belief that truth must and will prevail. So "gamble" let it stand, and if Stock Exchange people choose to cavil at the epithet let them, like the Cornish men in the old Trelawney ballad, "show the reason why." Like the games of many days past there were not enough profits to pay for the candles, and business (if the operations in the Board room can be designated by so respectable a term) was of the most homœopathic description. There was something of a stir in Lake Shore and Pacific Mail, due to causes which we alluded to yesterday, and which events of to-day have confirmed. The first named stock was the recipient of much attention, and friends and foes seemed about equally divided as to its future. It is not our province to emulate the prescience of prophets of old, so we confine ourselves to the events of the day, and, without pretending to know more than our neighbors, quote Sir Benjamin Backbite, in the "School for Scandal," that "people do say" as follows:—

Lake Shore has been taken hold of by the Gould party (vice Jay, on the sick list(, under the impression that, with only 180,000 shares available for speculative purposes and an important short interest existing, the stock could be immediately marked up to figures which would enable the pool to sell out at a satisfactory profit. Unfortunately for these sanguine bulls (aided although they were by the young operator and the sage of William street) there arose an opposition at the corner of Broadway and Fifth avenue which has materially disconcerted their plans. It has become a matter of believers and non-believers; a question of dividend or non-dividend; the bulls confidingly whisper the probability of a sudden and important rise; bears are equally sanguine of a disastrous fall. Our advice to operators is to "pay their money and take their choice."

Pacific Mail weakened to-day from 40¼ to 39½, closing a shade stronger. The retrocession was caused by the expiation of "puts" at 40 and "straddles" to the amount of some 12,000 shares at 38½, also due to-day.

Mr. Gould, having gobbled some $20,000 by this little game, can afford to "take his ease in his inn" and withdraw the wet nurse for the time being from his Pacific Mail bantling.

Money was at the old, cheap prices to-day, quite observable from contrast with yesterday's stringent rates. The desire to obtain two days' interest, and the fact that the quiescent prices of stocks have not tended to disturb loans, are probably the reasons for this ease in the money market.

Although the closing rate of three per cent or thereabouts was the mark for borrowers on general stock pledges, it is becoming known that Gould and his brokers are getting advances with difficulty at 7 per cent, and only then on margins of 35 a 40 per cent, it being a *sine qua non* with the banks and great money lenders that Union Pacific and Pacific Mail stocks shall not form any part of the collaterals.

Union Pacific sells at 75 cents on the dollar, pays 8 per cent dividends and is estimated as worth 35 cents on the dollar by judges of the article—to wit, our banks and money lenders. *Verbum sapientii.*

ADVANCE AND DECLINE.

ADVANCE.—Central and Hudson, ¼; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, ½; Rock Island, ¼; Western Union Telegraph, ½; New Jersey Central, ¼.

DECLINE.—Michigan Central, ¼; Erie, ¼; Hannibal and St. Joseph, ⅝; Harlem, ½; Lake Shore, ½; Northwest, ½; Northwest preferred, ⅞; Ohio and Mississippi, ⅜; Pacific Mail, ½; St. Paul, ⅜; St. Paul preferred, ⅜; Toledo and Wabash, ⅛; District of Columbia, ¼; gold, ¾.

STATIONARY.—Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, Panama, Quicksilver, Union Pacific, Erie, in London.

THE SALES TO-DAY,

on the Stock Exchange aggregated 95,000 shares, which, among active securities, were divided as follows:—New York Central and Hudson, 465; Erie, 8,400; Lake Shore, 87,400; Northwestern, 4,300; Northwestern preferred, 2,200; Rock Island, 500; Pacific Mail, 16,100; St. Paul, 1,100; St. Paul preferred, 1,100; Ohios, 1,900; Western Union, 10,500; Wabash, 200; Union Pacific, 2,840; C., C. and I. C., 100; Panama, 130; New Jersey Central, 1,250; Michigan Central, 2,600.

OPENING, HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

The following table shows the opening, highest and lowest prices of the day:—

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.
New York Central	104	104	104
Harlem	134½	134½	134½
Erie	15⅝	15⅝	15¾
Lake Shore	61¼	61¾	60¾
Wabash	4½	4½	4½
Northwestern	39⅜	39¾	38¾
Northwestern preferred	55⅞	55⅞	54¾
Rock Island	104	104¾	104
Mil. and St. Paul	35¾	35¾	35
Mil. and St. Paul preferred	66	66	65½
Ohio and Mississippi	16¾	16¾	16⅜
New Jersey Central	105	105⅜	105
Del., Lack. and Western	119⅞	119⅞	119¾
Union Pacific	75	75¼	75
C. C. and I. C.	4¼	4¾	4½
Western Union	75⅞	76⅛	75⅞
Atlantic and Pacific Tel	18¼	18¼	18¼
Pacific Mail	40¼	40¼	39½

CLOSING PRICES—3 P. M.

Pacific Mail	39½ a 39¾	Mil & St P pf	65¾ a 66
West Un Tel	76 a 76½	C. C. C. & I	58½ a 59
Atl & Pac Tel	18 a 18½	C. C. & I C	4¼ a 4½
Quicksilver	18 a 18½	Del, L & W	119¾ a 119⅞
Quicksilver pf	24 a 24½	Erie	15⅝ a 15¾
Mar Land & M.	7¾ a 8	Han & St Jo	20⅞ a 21
Mar L & M pf	8 a 9	Lake Shore	61⅛ a 61¼
Adams Ex	102⅝ a 102⅞	Mich Cen	59¾ a 60
American Ex	57 a 57½	N Y & Harlem	134 a 134½
U S Ex	59½ a 60	N Y C & H R	104 a 104¼
Wells-FargoEx	84 a 84½	N J Cen	105¼ a 105½
Chi & Alton	97½ a 98	Ohio & Miss	16⅜ a 16¾
Clev & Pitts	89½ a 90	Panama	125 a —
Chi & N W	39⅝ a 39¾	Tol & Wab	4½ a 4¾
Chi & N W pf	54½ a 55	Union Pac	75 a 75⅜
Chi & R I	104¼ a 104½	Missouri Pac	11⅞ a 12
Mil & St P	35¾ a 35¾		

The money market was easy, and call loans ranged from 4 to 7 per cent, closing at 3 per cent. There was no effort made to manipulate the market for higher rates, and hence it was easy.

The foreign exchanges were firm but quiet, as usual, after the closing of the mail. For actual business bankers' sterling was quoted at $4 88 a $4 88½ for sixty days, and $4 89 a $4 89½ for demand.

The Bank rates of discount for New York exchange in cities named are as follows:—Cincinnati, steady, $1 per $1,000 discount; St. Louis, $1 50 discount; Chicago, 75c. to 80c. discount.

THE GOLD MARKET.

Gold opened at 114¼, fell off to 113¾, and closed at 113¾. The carrying rates were 1, 1½, 2, 4 and 5 per cent. Loans were also made flat.

OPERATIONS OF THE GOLD EXCHANGE BANK.

Gold balances	$1,254,887
Currency balances	1,517,423
Gross clearances	25,581,000

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$66,602,303
Currency balances	2,869,285
Gold exchanges	4,287,924
Gold balances	924,958

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$402,925,602
Currency balances	18,650,090
Gold exchanges	33,511,039
Gold balances	6,306,172

THE BANK STATEMENT.

The bank statement shows a reduction of $1,794,000 in the total reserve, made up of a loss of $1,360,400 legal tender notes and $433,600 specie, and a reduction of $1,111,275 in surplus reserve. The banks now hold $7,007,300 surplus reserve. The following is a comparison of the bank averages for the past two weeks:—

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 18.	Differences.
Loans	$268,390,400	$265,512,500	Dec. $2,877,900
Specie	16,539,400	16,105,800	Dec.. 433,600
Legal tenders	43,320,900	41,960,500	Dec.. 1,360,400
Deposits	206,966,900	204,236,000	Dec.. 2,730,900
Circulation	19,118,300	19,028,600	Dec.. 89,700

The following shows the relations between the total reserve and the total liabilities:—

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 18.	Differences.
Specie	$16,539,400	$16,105,800	Dec.. $433,600
Legal tenders	43,320,900	41,960,500	Dec.. 1,360,400
Total reserve	$59,860,300	$58,066,300	Dec.. $1,794,000
Reserve required against deposits	51,741,725	51,059,000	
Excess of reserve above legal requirements	$8,118,575	$7,007,300	Dec. $1,111,275

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The imports for the week were as follows:—

Dry goods	$963,561
Merchandise	4,315,955
Total	$5,279,516

The imports of specie for the week were $106,822, of which $27,278 was gold coin. The total specie shipped during the week amounted to $414,750, principally silver bars.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Railroad bonds were strong and higher, with the principal activity in the Pacific issues and Harlem coupon firsts, the last named advancing to 115¾. Union Pacifics were strong and in active demand, firsts selling at 105¾ a 106, land grants at 101 a 101½ and sinking funds at 92¾ a 93¼. Central Pacifics sold at 107 a 107¼; do., San Joaquin Branch, at 90¾, and Western Pacifics at 100. New York Central firsts brought 125 for coupon and 120¼ for registered. Albany and Susquehanna firsts sold at 116 a 116¼, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy eights at 118, and Milwaukee and St. Paul consolidated sinking funds at 82.

THE FOREIGN MARKET.

The London advices report consols and American securities quiet and firm. Erie sold at 13¾ a 13⅞. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £90,000. The following were the half-past one P. M. London quotations:—Consols for money, 93¾ a 93⅞; do. for account, 93⅞ a 94; 1865 bonds, old, 104 a 104¼; 1867 bonds, 106½ a 106¾; ten-forty bonds, 106¾ a 106½; new fives, 104⅞ a 105; Erie, 13¾. Rentes in Paris, 65.90.

SAN FRANCISCO MINING QUOTATIONS.

Mining quotations to-day are as follows:—

Gould & Curry	20	Eureka, G. V.	3
Savage	16	Best & Belcher	95
Chollar-Potosi	89	Kentuck	14
Ophir	47	Union Consolidated	9
Hale & Norcross	45	Alpha	18
Crown Point	31	Meadow Valley	3
Yellow Jacket	78	Sierra Nevada	20
Belcher	52	Mexican	20
Imperial	8	Caledonia	22
Virginia Consolidated	392	Silver Hill	8
California	69	Eureka Consolidated	15
Overman	58	Justice	28
Raymond & Ely	18		

Bullion shipped East to-day, $20,500.

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS.

The following are the Philadelphia stock quotations at three o'clock this day:—

	Bid.	Asked.
City sixes, old	—	102¾
City sixes, new	106	106½
Pennsylvania Railroad	51¾	51⅞
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad	55½	55¾
Lehigh Valley Railroad	63	63½
Catawissa Railroad preferred	—	44
Philadelphia and Erie Railroad	20¼	20¾
Northern Central Railroad	33¾	34
Lehigh Navigation	49⅞	50
Lehigh Navigation gold loan	104	105
Hestonville Railroad	33¼	33¾

AT AUCTION.

The following securities were sold at auction to-day:—$5,000 North Carolina sixes, $75 per bond; $5,000 Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company of Texas first mortgage sevens, gold, 60; $25,000 St. Louis, Lawrence and Denver Railroad Company first mortgage sixes, gold, $26 per bond; $1,000 New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company first mortgage eights, 1; $500 Calhoun Company, Mississippi eights, $26 per lot; $1,500 Chickasaw Company, Mississippi Company 8 per cent bonds, $91 for lot; 100 shares People's Gaslight Company of Albany, 31; 20 shares Marine National Bank, 121; 400 shares Mutual Gaslight Company of Detroit, Mich., 20½ a 24; 36 shares International and Great Northern Railroad Company of Texas, $5 for lot; $53 23 International and Great Northern Railroad Company of Texas, scrip stock, $5 for lot; 25 shares Albert Manufacturing Company of Providence of New Brunswick, $40 for lot; 85 shares La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad Company, $6 for lot; 900 shares Analine Petroleum Company, $2,681 certificate of profits or note of Analine Petroleum Company, $5 50 for lot; 100 shares International Insurance Company, $2 for lot; 4 diamond studs, $156; 800 shares American Coal Company, 48¼; 100 shares Chicago and Rock Island Railroad Company, 104½; 100 shares Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, 16¾; 50 shares United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Companies, 135¾; $10,000 Tennessee six per cent bonds, old issue, 42¾; $7,000 Jersey City Soldiers' Bounty Fund six per cent bonds, 97½; 32 shares Arctic Fire Insurance Company, 76½; 400 shares Firemen's Fund Insurance Company, 83¼ a 83¾; 1,000 shares Canton Company of Baltimore, 44¾; $5,000 Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railroad, second mortgage, 15; 50 shares Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad Company, 4¾.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

SATURDAY, Dec. 18, 1875.

BEFORE CALL—10 A. M.

$1000 Del & H r, '91	113¾	700 shs Erie RR	15¾
200 shs West U Tel	75⅞	1700 do s3	15⅝
700 do	75⅞	400 do c	15⅝
1600 Pac Mail SS	40⅛	900 L S & M S RR	61⅛
100 do c	40⅛	100 do s3	61⅛
200 do b30	40⅛	200 Chi & N W RR	39⅜
200 do	40⅛	200 do s3	39⅜
400 do s3	40⅛	100 Mil & St P RR pf	66
200 N Y C & H RR	104	300 Ohio & Miss RR s3	16¾
100 Un Pac RR	75¾	100 do	16¾
100 Panama RR s60	125	100 St L, KC & N RR pf	22½
1100 Erie RR	15⅞		

10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$1000 U S 6's, c, '81	125	$35000 U S 5-20, c, '67	123¾
20000 do s20	124¾	10000 U S 5's, c, '81 b c	117⅞
10000 U S 6's, r, '81 b c	120	9000 US 6's, cur b c	122¼

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$4000 N C 6's, special tax, 1st class	3¾	50 shs U S Express	60⅛
5000 Tenn 6's, old	44⅝	100 do	60⅛
3000 Tenn 6's, new	41	200 do b3	60⅛
8000 Tenn 6's, n	41	200 do	60⅛
3000 Ala & Susq 1st	116	100 Un Pac RR b c s3	75⅜
2000 do	116¼	200 Erie RR b c s3	15⅜
5000 B, H & E 1st	19	100 do s10	15⅜
1000 Chi, B & Q 8's	118	600 do b3	15⅞
9000 M & St P con s f	81⅞	100 Mich Cen b c s3	60⅛
5000 do b c	82	100 do s3	60⅛
2000 C & N W 1st	101⅛	100 do	60⅛
1000 Erie 4th m	94	14 L S & M S b c	61
2000 Long Dock bds	102	5 do	61⅛
3000 H & S J 8's, con	81	100 do c	61⅛
8000 N Y Cen 6's, '83	102	1300 do	61⅛
10000 N Y Cen 1st, c	125	700 do b3	61⅛
10000 N Y Cen 1st, r	120¼	100 do s3	61⅛
50000 Har 1st, 7's, c	115	700 do	61⅛
4000 do	115¼	2000 do b c	61⅛
8000 North Mo 1st	88½	100 do s10	61
3000 Ohio & Miss c sf	95	500 do	61⅛
1000 Ohio & M 2d b c	69	1300 do s3	61⅛
5000 Cen Pac g b	107	100 do c	61⅛
4000 do	107⅝	200 do b3	61⅛
5000 C P 1st, S J br	104⅝	2000 do	61⅛
2000 West Pac bonds	100	100 Ill Cen RR b c	96
5000 Un Pac RR 1st	105¾	200 do s3	96
5000 do b3	106	5 do c	96⅜
37000 do	105⅞	50 Clev & P RR gt b c	90
2000 Un Pac 7's, l g	101⅛	100 Chi & RI RR b c	104
5000 do	101	100 do	104⅜
3000 Un Pac sink f s3	92⅞	100 Mil & St P RR b c	35⅞
10000 do	93⅛	100 Chi & N W b c	39⅜
2000 do	93⅛	200 do	39⅛
1000 Clev & P con s f	108⅝	300 do s3	39⅛
3000 Tol & Wab 1st	81	200 Tol & Wab RR b c	16
1000 C, C & I C 1st	47	30 C, C & I b c	59
3000 L & N con, '98	85¾	400 C & NW RR pf b c	55⅞
7000 do	85⅞	100 do	55⅞
13 shs Bank of Amer	155	100 do s3	55⅞
25 Park Bank	140	100 N J Cen RR b c c	105
300 Spring Mt Coal b c	62	100 do s30	104
65 Del & Hud Can b c	122¾	100 do s3	105⅛
300 West Un Tel b c s3	75⅞	100 do	105⅛
100 do c	75⅞	100 do s60	105⅛
2800 do	76	100 do	105⅛
900 do b3	76	100 do	105⅛
500 do	76⅛	200 Del, L & W RR b c	119¾
600 do s3	76	100 do	119⅞
100 do c	76	100 Dub & S C RR b c	70
200 do c	76	25 do s3	70
200 Pac M SS b c, b3	40¾	10 Mor & Ess RR b c	101
400 do s3	40⅞	20 P, F W & C gt b c	99¾
300 do c	40⅞	100 St L, I Mt & S b c s3	15
250 U S Ex b c	60	100 O & Miss RR b c s3	16⅞
		600 do	16¾

BEFORE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$10000 Cen Pac g b	107¾	300 shs L S & M S RR	61
200 shs West U Tel b3	76⅛	100 do b3	61⅛
1100 do	76	4400 do s3	61
600 Pac Mail SS	40¼	1000 do	61
400 do	40⅛	100 do	60⅞
300 do s3	40	2300 do s3	60⅞
200 do	40⅛	300 N J Cen RR s3	105⅛
30 N Y C & H RR	104¾	50 do s3	105⅛
5 do	104⅞	100 Chi & N W RR	39⅞
1800 Erie RR s3	15¾	200 do s3	39⅞
100 do	15¾	300 do	39⅞
100 Mich Cen RR	60⅛	10 do	39⅞
100 do	60⅛	300 Chi & N W pf s3	56⅛
200 do	60	100 Chic & R I RR	104⅞
100 Un Pac RR	75¾	100 do s3	104⅞
800 L S & M S RR	61⅛	100 Pac RR of Mo	11⅞
200 do s3	61		

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$1000 M & St P e s f b c	82	200 shs Mich Cen	59⅞
100 shs Atl & P Tel b c	18¾	100 do	59⅞
100 West Un Tel b c c	76	15 Union Pac RR b c	75⅞
500 do	76	200 do	75⅞
600 do	75⅞	100 do	75
100 Amer Ex	57	300 C & N W b c b3	39
20 do	57¼	400 do	38⅞
400 Pac M SS b c s3	40	200 do b3	39
200 do	40	200 do	38⅞
900 do	39⅞	100 do b3	38⅞
500 do	40	200 do	38⅞
200 do s3	39⅞	500 do b3	38⅞
400 do	39⅞	100 C & R I RR b c	104⅛
1800 do	39⅞	500 Ohio & Miss b c s3	16⅞
800 do	39⅞	100 Chi & N W pf b c	55⅞
1100 do	39⅞	200 do	55
200 N J Cen RR b c	105⅛	200 do	54⅞
100 N Y C & H R b c s3	104	200 do s3	54⅞
100 do s30	103⅞	100 M & SP RR b c b3	35⅛
300 Erie RR b c s3	15⅞	300 do	35⅛
100 do	15⅞	100 do	35
2600 L S & M S b c s3	60⅞	100 H & St Jo b c s3	21
200 do c	60⅞	200 Mil & S P pf b c	65⅞
200 do	60⅞	100 do	65⅛
4500 do s3	60⅞	100 do	65⅛
300 Mich Cen RR b c	60	100 do	65⅛
700 do	59⅞	200 do	65⅛
100 do	59⅞	100 Pac of Mo b c	11⅞
100 do b3	59⅞	100 N J Sou RR b c	1

2 TO 3 P. M.

$10000 U S 5-20, c, '67	123¾	600 shs L S & M S RR s3	60⅞
1000 Un Pac RR	105⅞	300 do	60⅞
12000 Un Pac sink f	93⅛	600 do	61
1000 H & S Jo 8's, c c	80¾	1100 do	61⅛
3000 West Pac bds	100	3400 do	61⅛
200 shs West Un Tel	76	1000 do	61⅛
1000 do	76⅛	300 do b3	61⅛
200 do s3	76	300 do	61⅛
100 do	76⅛	500 do s3	61⅛
100 do s10	76⅛	300 do	61⅛
200 Wells-Fargo Ex b3	84	200 Chi & N W RR s3	38⅞
30 N Y C & H RR	104¼	100 do	38⅞
200 Union Pac RR	75¾	200 do	39
40 do	75¾	100 do b3	39
2000 do	75	200 do	38⅞
200 Pac Mail SS	39⅞	100 C & N W RR pf	54⅞
300 do	39⅞	200 do	54⅞
300 do	39⅞	300 do	54⅞
800 do	39⅞	100 do	54⅞
1600 do	39⅞	200 do	55
600 do	39⅞	20 Del, L & W RR	119⅞
400 do	39⅞	300 Fort Wayne RR s3	99
400 do	39⅞	600 do	99
600 Erie RR	15¾	100 Chi, B & Q RR	115
700 do b3	15¾	100 Alt & T H RR	5
200 Harlem RR	134⅞	30 Mor & Ess RR	100⅛
100 Mich Cen RR	59⅞	500 Ohio & M RR c	16⅞
100 do s15	59⅞	200 do b30	16⅞
100 do	59⅞	200 do	16¾
100 do	59⅞	100 Han & St Jo RR	21
100 Mil & St P RR s3	35	100 Han & St Jo pf	27½
400 do	35⅛	100 C, C & I C RR s3	4¾
100 Mil & St P pf	65¾	100 Pac RR of Mo	11⅞

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

COTTON ON THE SPOT EASY—FUTURES, 1-8c. LOWER—FLOUR STEADY—WHEAT FIRM—CORN STEADY—OATS QUIET—PORK DULL—LARD WEAK—PETROLEUM QUIET—SPIRITS TURPENTINE STEADY—ROSIN NOMINAL—OILS FIRM—FREIGHTS STEADY—HEMP AND JUTE FIRM—COFFEE QUIET—SUGAR NOMINAL.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18—6 P. M.

The markets were still dull to-day, but there was a steadier feeling than during the greater part of the week and few commodities experienced an actual decline. On 'Change flour was quiet, but steady. Wheat was firm. Corn was steady. Oats were moderately active. Pork was dull and more or less nominal. Lard was inactive and weak. Cotton was easier. Freights were steady. Coffee was quiet. Hemp and jute were firm. Rosin was quiet and nominal. Spirits were steady. Oils were firmer. Petroleum was quiet. Sugar was quiet and nominal.

COFFEE.—The market for Brazil was quiet. The balance of the lot of Rio (2,109 bags), ex Metto, offered at auction the other day was sold by private sale at a price not reported. Mild coffee was quiet. We quote:—Ordinary cargoes 18c. a 18¼c.; fair do., 19¼c. a 19½c.; good do., 19¾c. a 20c.; prime do., 20¼c. a 20½c.; extreme range for lots, 18c. a 21½c.; Santos, fair to good, 19c. a 20c., gold, ninety days; Java, government bags, 26c. a 27c.; do., grass mats, 26c. a 28c.; Singapore do., 22c. a 24c.; Ceylon, 20c. a 21½c.; Maracaibo, 19c. a 21c.; Laguayra, 19½c. a 20½c.; Jamaica, 19c. a 20c.; St. Domingo, 17½c. a 18c.; Porto Rico, 18c. a 20½c.; Costa Rica, 19c. a 21c.; Macassar, 21c. a 23c.; Mexican, 19½c. a 20½c.; Manila, 19½c. a 20½c.; Angostura, 19c. a 21c.; Savanilla, 19c. a 21c.; Curacoa, 18½c. a 20c.

COTTON.—The market for the lower grades of spot was easier. Futures were ⅛c. lower. The closing prices to-day compare with Friday's closing prices as follows:—

Friday, Dec. 17.		Saturday, Dec. 18.	
Dec	13 3-16 a 13 7-32	Dec	13½ a —
Jan	13¾ a —	Jan	13 5-32 a 13 3-16
Feb	13 15-32 a —	Feb	13 11-32 a 13¾
March	13 23-32 a —	March	13 19-32 a 13⅞
April	13 15-16 a 13 31-32	April	13 27-32 a —
May	14 5-32 a 14 3-16	May	14 1-32 a 14 1-16
June	14 11-32 a 14¾	June	14¼ a —
July	14 17-32 a 14 9-16	July	14 13-32 a 14 7-16
August	14 21-32 a 14 23-32	August	14 15-32 a 14 17-32

—Quotations are based on American standard of classification and on cotton in store running in quality not more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted:—

	Uplands.	Alabama.	New Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	11	11	11	11
Strict ordinary	11¼	11¼	11¼	11¼
Good ordinary	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛
Strict good ordinary	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝
Low middling	12⅞	13	13⅛	13⅛
Strict low middling	13⅜	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
Middling	13 5-16	13 7-16	13⅞	13⅞
Good middling	13 11-16	13 13-16	13 15-16	13 15-16
Strict good middling	14	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
Middling fair	14⅝	14⅝	14⅞	14⅞
Fair	15¾	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞

—Stained—Good ordinary, 11 7-16; strict good ordinary, 12 3-16; low middling, 12⅝; middling, 12 11-16.

—The sales were:—

	To-day.	Last Evening.	Total.
Export	—	203	203
Consumption	164	100	264
Speculation	—	40	40
Totals	164	343	507

—Included in the above are 203 bales to arrive. For future delivery the sales were as follows:—Yesterday, after two P. M.—December, 100 at 13 7-32c.; January, 1,700 at 13¾c.; February, 100 at 13 17-32c., 1,200 at 13⅝c., 500 at 13 15-32c.; March, 900 at 13⅝c., 700 at 13 23-32c.; April, 100 at 13 15-16c.; June, 100 at 14⅝c.; July, 200 at 14 19-32c., 200 at 14 9-16c.; August, 300 at 14 11-16c. Total, 6,100 bales. To-day, up to one P. M.—December, 300 (short notice) at 13 3-32c., 200 (short notice) at 13¼c., 100 at 13⅛c.; January, 300 at 13 7-32c., 200 at 13¼c., 1,400 at 13 5-16c., 400 at 13 7-32c.; February, 1,100 at 13 7-16c., 1,400 at 13 13-32c.; 2,100 at 13⅝c., 200 at 13 13-32c.; March, 800 at 13 11-16c.; 200 at 13 21-32c.; 100 at 13 11-16c.; 400 at 13 21-32c., 100 at 13⅝; April, 100 at 13 15-16c., 700 at 13 29-32c., 1,400 at 13⅞c.; May, 100 at 14¼c., 400 at 14 3-32c., 600 at 14 1-16c.; June, 500 at 14 9-32c.; July, 100 at 14 15-32c.; August, 100 at 14 9-16c. Total, 13,100 bales. Grand total, 19,600 bales. The receipts were as follows:—Galveston, 2,651 bales; New Orleans, 7,793; Mobile, 4,276; Savannah, 4,720; Charleston, 3,150; Wilmington, 821; Norfolk, 2,428; New York, 1,886; Boston, 331; Philadelphia, 416. Total, 28,282 bales. This day last week, 20,071. This day last year, 28,359. Total since September 1, 1,957,729 bales. Cotton freights closed as follows:—To Havre, by steam, 7/16c.; to Hamburg, by steam, lc. compressed; to Bremen, by steam, lc. compressed; by sail, 11-16c.; to Liverpool, by steam, 3/64 a 7-16d.; by sail, 11-32d. Market steady.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Flour, 13,985 bbls.; corn meal, 270 bbls. and 2,209 sacks; wheat, 52,400 bushels; corn, 48,198 do.; oats, 1,360 do.; rye, 1,232 do.; barley, 7,500 do.; barley malt, 755 do. The flour market was quiet, but steady, with sales of 14,000 bbls., including State, Western and Southern, at the annexed quotations. Rye flour was inactive, without material change in prices; sales confined to 250 bbls. Corn meal was steady. The sales were 2,000 bbls. and 900 sacks, at $4 for Brandywine and $3 60 for Western and Jersey yellow per bbl. We quote:—

No. 2 State	$3 25 a $4 25
Superfine State	4 50 a 4 75
Extra State	5 00 a 5 25
Choice State	5 50 a 5 75
Superfine Western	4 50 a 4 75
Extra Western	5 00 a 5 25
Minnesota	5 50 a 6 00
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	5 00 a 5 25
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	5 50 a 6 50
Family	7 00 a 8 00
St. Louis, low extra	5 25 a 6 25
St. Louis, straight extra	6 00 a 6 50
St. Louis, choice double extra	7 00 a 8 00
St. Louis, choice family	8 00 a 9 50
Rye flour, fine to superfine	4 00 a 5 35
Southern, No. 2	3 90 a 4 25
Southern, superfine	4 30 a 4 50
Southern, extra	5 25 a 6 50
Southern, family	6 75 a 9 00
Corn meal, Western	3 25 a 3 50
Corn meal, Jersey	3 25 a 3 50
Corn meal, Brandywine	3 90 a 4 00
Corn meal, puncheons	20 00 a 20 50

—The wheat market ruled fairly active and firm; sales of 33,000 bushels at 99c. a $1 02 for rejected spring; $1 11, store and afloat, for No. 3 Milwaukee spring, and $1 32 for No. 1 Minnesota spring, afloat. Corn was steady, with a fair demand. Sales were 38,000 bushels at 76c. for old Western, 70c. a 71c. for new in mixed, 74c. a 75c. for new yellow, and 69c. a 70c. for fair to choice Southern white. Rye ruled quiet at 88c. for Western and 92c. a 95c. for State and Pennsylvania. Barley ruled dull. Barley malt was dull. Oats were moderately active, with sales of 56,500 bushels at 50c. for choice No. 2 Chicago, spot, and to arrive 49c. Peas were quiet.

GUNNIES were quiet; quoted at 12½c. a 12¾c. for domestic, 9c. a 9½c. for Calcutta and 12¾c. a 13c. for bags.

HEMP AND JUTE.—Market firm. We quote:—American dressed, per ton, $240 a $245 for double and $190 a $200 for single; Russia, $220 a $225, gold; Italian, $260 a $275, gold; Manila, 7c. a 7½c., gold; jute, 3¼c. a 5c., gold. Jute butts, 3c. a 3¼c., currency, cash; Sisal hemp, 4½c. a 4¾c., gold.

MOLASSES was quiet. We quote:—Cuba, centrifugal and mixed, 22c. a 28c.; do., clayed, 30c. a 32c.; muscovado refining, 30c. a 33c.; do. do., grocery, 33c. a 38c.; Porto Rico, 35c. a 50c.; English Islands, 35c. a 50c.; New Orleans, old crop, 40c. a 55c.; do., new crop, good, 54c. a 56c.; choice, 59c. a 60c.

NAVAL STORES.—Rosin was still quiet and nominal. Spirits turpentine was steady. 150 Southern bbls. sold at 37c.