FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Stocks Closing Active and Stronger.

MONEY ON CALL RULES AT 6.

The New Treasury Purchase of Government Bonds.

WALL STREET,
SATURDAY, Dec. 6—6 P. M.

What with the gloomy weather and the spiritless condition of stocks generally it was to be expected that the market would open in the dreary condition that it did. There was no especial change for the worse in the way of prices, but trade was slack and dealers were few and far between. The day bid fair to be the dullest of any since the late upset in values, and would probably have continued so to the end had not the bull interest suddenly reasserted itself late in the afternoon and completely changed the aspect of affairs. From a condition of utter lazicness the market was made to assume the appearance of great buoyancy. Prices that had lain as sluggish as a horse pond began to ripple like a trout stream, and in the end roared like a cataract. Everything was "up," and a market which had opened to the accompaniment, so to speak, of muffled drums, finished with a flourish of trumpets. While the sharp advance is a matter of fact its cause is a matter of theory. Speculators are puzzled as to whether the stocks bought to-day are to be turned out again next week or are to be kept as the basis of a new and sustained advance. The former impression is the most popular one, however, it being argued that prevailing circumstances do not invite a reconstruction of the bygone "boom" until early in the new year. Nevertheless there were strong buyers of the prominent stocks to-day. Much of the demand came from the covering of shorts, but more from the purchases of long stock. The sharp spurt in Erie started the ball, and the favorable points given out in behalf of such stocks as Western Union and Kansas and Texas kept it rolling. Something extraordinary in the way of earnings is expected to be shown by the Western Union directors on Wednesday next, and enthusiastic holders of the stock are ready to back their opinion that the company can pay a two per cent quarterly dividend and still retain $1,500,000 of surplus. Every one of the 1,060 Board brokers had the point to buy Kansas and Texas to-day, and as the information was conveyed by every member under pledges of profound secrecy to at least one outside friend it was no wonder that an active demand arose for the stock. Seriously, however, the points to buy seem to have some sharpness. There is a good prospect of Congress passing a bill during the present session to open the Indian Territory to emigration, and there is no doubt that the road is doing a handsome business, as vide the report, which gives the earnings for the fourth week in November of the present year at $113,148, as against $76,044 last year, and the increase for the past month of November over November of 1878 at $97,627. To a greater or less degree the entire market sympathized with the rise in the leading stocks, and closed at or near the highest points of the day. Whether the improvement is founded on the rock of a new "boom" or only built upon the sandy and insecure basis that may have been constructed out of a personal "tiff" between two prominent operators remains to be seen. The Philadelphia market was as devoid of interest as our own. Prices opened pretty nearly as they had closed, and remained dull and with little change during the day. The higher quotations from New York in the afternoon somewhat improved the price of Reading and Pennsylvania Railroad, the former advancing to 35¼ and the latter to 50⅝. Appearances were, however, that the buying was for short account.

Total sales at the Board to-day were 290,086 shares, against 183,340 yesterday. Following is a synopsis of to-day's transactions:—

	Sales.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing Satur-day.	Closing Fri-day.
Alt. & T. H. pf....	—	—	—	—	40
Atl. & Pac. Tel....	1,300	45⅞	44½	45⅜	44½
Am. Dist. Tel....	—	—	—	—	73
Boston Air Line..	100	51½	51½	51½	—
B., C. R. & N.....	—	—	—	—	59
Canton.....	200	61½	61½	61½	—
Canada Southern.	100	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾
Caribou Mining..	1,000	5½	5	5½	—
C., St. L. & N. O..	600	25½	25	25	—
C., C., C. & I.....	—	—	—	—	80
Ches. & Ohio.....	200	18¾	18¾	18¾	—
C., C. & I. C.....	2,700	20⅛	19⅛	20⅛	18½
Chicago & Alton..	—	—	—	—	98
Chic. & Northwest	15,200	90⅞	89¾	90¾	89⅛
Chic. & N. W. pf.	200	105	104⅞	105	104⅞
Chi., M. & St. P...	14,400	73⅝	72	73⅝	72½
Chi., M. & St. P. pf.	1,100	99½	98⅞	99½	98⅞
Del., L. & West...	14,400	84⅞	83	84⅞	83½
Del. & Hudson...	3,200	76½	74½	76½	74⅝
Han. & St. Jo.....	1,000	33⅞	33	33⅞	33
Han. & St. Jo. pf.	1,500	63	61¼	63	61½
Hous. & Texas...	200	46	46	46	46
Ind., Cin. & L....	6,300	4⅛	3½	4⅛	5
Kansas Pacific....	400	92	92	92	—
Louis. & Nash....	500	87¼	86¾	87¼	87
Lake Shore.....	7,000	104⅞	103½	104⅞	103¾
Manhattan.....	300	60	60	60	60
Metropolitan.....	250	127	126	126	—
Michigan Central.	1,200	94⅞	94	94⅞	93⅞
Mobile and Ohio.	600	21	20¾	20½	20⅝
Mo., Kan. & Tex.	35,000	32⅞	30½	32⅞	30⅝
Morris & Essex...	1,000	102¾	102½	102¾	102⅞
New Central Coal..	400	33	32½	32½	33
Nash., C. & St. L.	1,200	75	74¼	75	74
New Jersey Cent.	12,800	79¼	75	78¾	75⅛
Phil. & Reading..	4,700	70⅛	68⅝	70⅛	69⅛
New York Central.	100	129	129	129	129½
N. Y. Elevated...	—	—	—	—	129
N. Y., L. E. & W.	55,200	41	39½	40⅝	39¼
N.Y., Lk.E.&W.pf.	1,900	69½	67⅛	69	63
Northern Pacific.	300	29¼	29¼	29¼	29¼
N. Pacific pf.....	600	55⅝	54½	55½	54½
Pacific Mail.....	7,000	31⅝	30¼	31⅝	30⅛
P., Ft. W. & Chic.	—	—	—	—	112
Quicksilver.....	—	—	—	—	20
Quicksilver pf....	—	—	—	—	61½
Wab., St. L. & P...	5,300	43½	42½	43⅜	42½
Wab.,St.L.& P.pf.	6,100	68¾	66⅞	68¾	67½
Stanford Mining.	—	—	—	—	29¼
Sutro Tunnel.....	1,500	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
St. L. & San F....	4,900	44⅛	42	44⅛	43
St. L. & S. F. pf..	7,200	52½	48⅞	52	50½
St.L.&S.F.1st,pf..	800	71⅛	69	71	70
St.L.,Iron M.&S..	1,100	46½	45¾	46½	45⅝
Union Pacific.....	600	86	85	86	85¾
West. Union Tel..	59,600	108⅞	107¼	107⅞	107
United States Ex.	—	—	—	—	49
Ohio & Miss.....	6,200	29½	28½	29½	28⅞
Ohio & Miss pf...	300	57⅛	56½	57⅛	57⅛
St. P. & S. C.....	—	—	—	—	36
St. P. & S. C. pf ..	300	71	69½	71	71
Lake E. & West..	200	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜	21
Boston Land Co.	—	—	—	—	10⅝
Little Pitts. Min.	—	—	—	—	32⅛
Excelsior Mining	300	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	—

The closing quotations were as follows:—

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alt. & T. H..	17	18½	Metro. Ele.....	126	127
Alt. & T. H. pf...	39	44	Mich. Cen.....	94⅞	95
Am. Dist. Tel...	73	74	Morris & Essex	102	103½
At. & P. Tel....	45½	46	Mobile & Ohio	20½	21
Bur. & Quincy.	120½	121	Manhattan.....	59⅞	60
Can. Southe...	72½	72¾	Nashville & C.	74⅞	75
Cen. Arizona..	23	24	N. Y. Central..	128½	130
Caribou	5⅜	5½	N. Y. Elevated.	129	130
Col., C. & I. C.	20⅛	20⅜	N. J. Central..	78¾	78⅞
Clev., C., C. & I	80¼	80½	New Cen. Coal	33	35
Chi., St. P. & M	—	46	Northwest.....	90⅝	90⅞
Chi. & Alton..	98	98½	Northwest pf..	105	105¼
Chi. & Alton pf	117	—	North. Pacific.	29¼	30
Ches. & Ohio..	18	19	North. Pac. pf.	55	55¼
Ch. & O. 1st pf.	—	30	Ohio & Miss...	28½	29⅛
Ch. & O. 2d pf.	20	24	Ohio & Miss pf.	57⅛	58
Del., Lac. & W.	84½	84⅞	Pacific Mail...	31½	31⅝
Del. & H. Canal	76½	76¾	Panama.....	161	170
Adams Ex.....	104	105	Quicksilver...	20⅛	21⅛
American Ex..	58	59	Quicksilver pf.	61½	62
U. S. Express..	48⅞	50	Reading.....	70⅛	70⅞
W., F. & Co. Ex	104	105	R. I. & Pacific.	148	149½
Erie.....	40⅝	40⅞	St. L. & I. M...	46¼	46½
Erie preferred.	69	69½	St. L. & S. F...	44	44½
Excelsior Min.	25⅞	—	S. L. & S. F. pf	52	52½
Harlem.....	160	165	S.L.&S.F.1stpf	71½	71½
Han. & St. Jo..	32¾	34	St. Paul.....	73½	73⅞
H. & St. Jo. pf.	63	63¼	St. Paul pref..	99¼	99½
Ind., Cin. & L.	4	4⅛	Sutro Tunnel..	4⅛	4⅞
Kan. Pacific...	92	93	Union Pacific..	86	86½
Kansas & Tex.	32⅞	33	Wabash & Pac.	43¼	43½
Lake Shore....	104½	104⅝	Wabash & P.pf	68¾	68⅞
Louisville & N.	86½	87½	West. Un. Tel..	107½	107⅝

The bank statement shows an increase of $403,150 in surplus reserve, and the banks now hold $7,674,675 in excess of legal requirements.

The following shows the condition of the New York city banks this week, as compared with last:—

	Nov. 29.	Dec. 6.	Differences.
Loans.....	$273,439,900	$273,101,100	Dec. $338,800
Specie.....	52,310,700	54,771,000	Inc.. 2,460,300
Legal tend's.	16,771,700	14,673,200	Dec. 2,098,500
Deposits	247,195,500	247,030,100	Dec. 165,400
Circulation .	23,024,800	23,255,100	Inc.. 230,300

At the Sub-Treasury to-day's transactions aggregated as follows:—

Gold receipts.....	$2,022,827 86
Gold payments.....	505,926 48
Gold balance.....	108,018,577 43
Currency balance.....	7,003,501 73
General balance.....	115,022,079 16

The transactions at the Clearing House for the last week compare as follows with those of the previous week:—

Clearings for the week ending November 29, 1879.....	$779,955,847 24
Clearings for the week ending December 6, 1879.....	850,848,848 96
Balances for the week ending November 29, 1879.....	28,364,989 12
Balances for the week ending December 6, 1879.....	31,059,807 12
Clearings for this day, December 6, 1879.....	106,982,793 86
Balance for this day, December 6, 1879.....	3,846,781 61

The daily Clearing House statement was $106,982,793 exchanges and $3,846,781 balances.

The ruling rate for call loans to-day was 6 per cent; the extreme rates to-day were 5 and 7 per cent; the closing quotation was 6 per cent. On United States bond collateral the quotation was 1 a 2 per cent lower.

The response to the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury inviting the sale to the government of $1,000,000 sixes of 1881, will be found in another column.

The steamship Britannic, which arrived from Europe to-day, brought $1,200,000 in American gold coin and British gold bars, and the steamer Donau, which arrived from Europe this morning, brought $970,000 gold, the same having been shipped when foreign exchange here warranted gold imports here.

Government bonds were quoted as follows at the close:—

	Bid.	Asked.
United States sixes, 1880, registered...	101⅞	102½
United States sixes, 1880, coupon.....	104¾	105½
United States sixes, 1881, registered...	103½	103½
United States sixes, 1881, coupon.....	106½	106½
United States fives, 1881, registered...	102¾	103
United States fives, 1881, coupon.....	102¾	102⅞
United States 4½'s, 1891, registered...	105⅜	105¾
United States 4½'s, 1891, coupon.....	105⅝	105¾
United States fours, 1907, registered..	102¼	102¾
United States fours, 1907, coupon.....	103¼	103⅜
United States currency sixes, 1895....	120	—
United States currency sixes, 1896....	120¼	—
United States currency sixes, 1897....	120½	—
United States currency sixes, 1898....	121¼	—
United States currency sixes, 1899....	121½	—

In State bonds Louisiana consols sold at 40 a 40¼, and North Carolina sixes, special tax, third class, at 4½. Railroad bonds were fairly active, but the fluctuations in prices were unusually slight. Following is a list of the sales:—

$1000 Louisiana con..	40	5000 St L & S F 2d, class C.....	65
57000 N Y, L E & W'n, new 2d c.....	85	1000 Ohio & M con.bc	112¾
30000 do.....	85⅛	1000 Pitts, Ft W & C 1st.....bc	126
10000 do.....b10	85⅛	2000 Pitts, Ft W & C 3d.....bc	120
45000 do.....	85	5000 Louisiana con.	40¼
15000 N Y, L E & W n 2d 5's, fund..b3	80¼	5000 NY,LE&W,new, 2d con.....b30	85⅛
15000 Erie 7's con gold	116	10000 do.....	85½
5000 St & S F 2d, cl B	67	80000 do.....	85
20000 do.....	67½	10000 do.....	84⅞
10000 do.....bb	67	10000 do.....s3	85
5000 Ind, B'n&W inc	60	20000 do.....	85⅛
1000 K P 6's, D d, as, with coup cer..	102	10000 do.....b3	85⅛
5000 Mo, K & T, c a..	95	130000 do.....b10	85¼
5000 do.....	94⅞	20000 do.....	85⅞
15000 do.....	95	10000 NY,LE&W,new, 2d 5's, f.....	80
10000 Mo, K & T 2d...	47¼	1000 R,W & O 1st,con	62¼
10000 do.....	47⅛	20000 M, K & T, 2d....	47⅞
5000 do.....	47⅞	30000 do.....	47⅞
10000 Ches&O 1st,sf b3	62⅞	10000 B, H & E 1st.b3	50⅞
5000 do.....	62¾	5000 Texas Pac 1st l g	65½
7000 Mob&O1st,debs.	62	5000 Ind, Bl & Wn 1st	60¾
10000 Mob&O2d deb.s3	40	10000 do.....	61
4000 N W con c gld bds	112	2000 Quebec5's'98.bc	97½
3000 Alton & T H inc	78	2000 NJCist cons,ass	103½
5000 N C 6's,s t, 3d cl	4½	6000 Bur, C R & N 1st	88⅞
10000 Ches & O1st,seB	62½	1000 L E & W 1st 6's.	93½
2000 C & O, cur int d.	36	1000 Erie 7's, cons g..	117
1000 N J Cent,con as	102⅛	1000 M & Ohio 1st..bc	92⅞
2000 NJ Cent adj b.bc	103¾	14000 UnionPac 1st.bc	110¾
12000 Leh &WB con as	94	2000 Con Pac g b..bc	111¼
3000 do.....	93⅞	10000 PRof No 1st..bc	100¾
5000 C, St L&NO1st,c	109¾	15000 C&NWcons c g b	112¾
5000 Del,H, c, 7's,'84	108	1000 KPacNo1debs3	70
4000 Den & Rio G 1st.	94½	5000 Wabash n 7's.bc	92½
10000 Erie 7's, consol..	116⅛	5000 Ches &O 1st, s B	62⅞
35000 do.....	116	10000 do.....	62½
500 Chic&NW c g b	112	5000 B, Harb & E 1st.	51
1000 Ind, B & W 1st..	60	5000 do.....	51⅛
1000 Ind, B & W 2d..	59	10000 NY,L E&W n 2c	85¼
5000 Ind, B & W inc..	61	55000 do.....	85½
1000 R, W & O con 1st	62	24000 do.....	85⅜
2000 K Pac, D div, 6's, as, with cou cer	101⅞	25000 do.....b3	85⅜
7000 Union Pac 1st,bc	110⅝	10000 do.....b10	85⅜
5000 C, R I & P 1st, T Co cert, as.....	85⅝	75000 do.....b3	85⅜
29000 Mobile&O1st,deb	61½	15000 N Y, L E & W 2d 5's funded.....b10	80⅝
500 do.....	60½	10000 do.....	80½
3000 St L, J & C 1st..	110½	15000 Mo, K & T con..	47⅛
5000 B, H & E 1st,bc	51½	20000 Mo, K & T 2d.b3	47⅛
3000 L & N con '98...	111	15000 do.....	47⅞
5000 L & N 2d.....	102	45000 do.....	47⅞
2000 Met Elev 1st....	105	10000 do.....	48
80000 do.....bc	b20 105	5000 do.....	48⅛
1000 Mich Central 7's	117½	10000 do.....	48
2000 M, K & T, c s.a3	80	3000 Harlem 1st c....	124
20000 do.....bc	93	5000 Ind, B & W inc..	61⅜
1000 Harlem 1st 7's c	125	5000 do.....	61
2000 S P & S C 1st.bc	96⅝	4000 do.....	61⅛
7000 do.....	96⅝	8000 L & W B c s.b3	94
5000 do.....bb3	96½	3000 StL,KC&N c7's	108½
2000 Dol & Lake Bock P. R and N. O. R. R., due 1900 Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Stock.		5000 Or R & N 1st...	94
		1000 StL&IM,A B 1st	100
		5000 Tol & Wab 1st m	109
		10000 StL&SF2d cl.b3	66

Central Railroad of Iowa Stock.
Central Colorado Improvement Company Stock.
Evansville (Indiana) City Bonds.
Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio firsts.
International and Great Northern Railroad Co. Stock.
Missouri Pacific Railroad old Stock.
Mexican Bonds.
Missouri State War Certificates.
Mason County (Kentucky) Bonds.
New York and Oswego Midland Securities.
New Jersey and New York firsts.
Pittsburg City 7's.) Bonds.
Troy and Boston Railroad Company Securities.

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American Guano Company.
New Jersey Southern Railroad Second Mortgage Bonds.
Chicago and Southwestern Railroad Company Stock.
Chesapeake and Ohio Coal and Lumber Company 6 per cent Bonds.
Hudson and St. Lawrence Railroad Company firsts.
Logansport, Crawfordsville and Southwestern Railroad Securities.
Mississippi, Ouachita and Red River 7 per cent firsts.
New York, Boston and Montreal Railroad Co. seconds.
Pittsburg, Mayville and Cincinnati Railroad firsts.
Quartz Hill Mining Company Stock.
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