FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Stocks Close Weak After a Strong Market.

MONEY BID UP TO 7.

Governments Quiet, State Securities Dull, Railways Active and Firm.

WALL STREET, FRIDAY, Dec. 12—6 P. M.

There has been nothing better than a costermongering market to-day. There were a certain number of buyers and sellers, but neither one nor the other aspired to anything above a retail business. There was no demonstration upon the part of the great dealers either to sell or to buy, and as a consequence the market was left to the manipulation of the smaller speculators, who become jubilant over the gain of "three-eighths" per cent, but swear like the army in Flanders when they lose a "quarter." An opportunity to do both was afforded to-day. The market was strong at the opening and weak at the close. As compassed by the four walls of the Board room there was no reason why it should have been either. Stocks were strong at the opening and weak at the ending. The falling off was unnatural, however, and by no means indicative of a continuous decline. On the contrary, there is no reason for a change of opinion that much higher prices are expected to be made and will be made early in the new year. Ninety-nine per cent of the speculative element believes that this will be the case, and with so large a majority of speculators voting this way they are likely to be made so. Except traders upon small margins the changes in today's market were of little interest. Prices were higher in the morning and lower in the afternoon, but there was no particular reason why there should have been either one or the other. Better prices were made for Nashville and Chattanooga, Sioux City preferred, Erie and New Jersey Central, but later in the day much of the improvement was lost. Being purely and simply a broker's market, the changes in it were no more worthy of popular consideration than the run of luck of a blue chip player in a faro bank. By and by, when Congress may take some definite action about the currency, or the January disbursements, in the shape of dividends and interest, may ease up the money market to an unexpected extent, something may be done to rescue stock speculation from the rut into which it is just now settling. Until that period arrives it is scarcely safe to anticipate the prevalence of anything better than an irregular and feverish market, which may be strong one day, firm another and weak the next. At the Philadelphia Exchange to-day the Northern Pacifics were most dealt in, the common stock selling at 34⅛ and the preferred at 59⅝. The whole list fell off at the end, and the market closed weak. The final prices of Pennsylvania were 50⅝ a 50⅞, and Reading 35⅛ a 35⅜.

Sales at the Board foot up 277,765 shares, against 313,632 yesterday, and 281,280 on Wednesday. Following is a synopsis of to-day's transactions:—

	Sales.	High-est.	Low-est.	—Closing.— Fri'y.	Thur'y.
Alton & Terre H..	240	18	18	18	—
Alt. & Terre H. pf	600	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛	42
Atl. & Pac. Tel...	1,500	47	45⅝	46	47⅛
Amer. Dist. Tel..	—	—	—	—	73
Boston Air Line..	100	53⅛	53⅛	53⅛	53
Boston W. Power	700	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	—
Canada Southern.	500	72⅛	72	72	72⅛
Caribou Mining..	700	5⅛	5	5⅛	5⅛
Cent. Arizona....	300	23⅝	22	23⅝	22
Chi., St. L. & N.O.	300	25	25	25	25
C., C., C. & I.....	400	82⅝	82	82	82⅝
Ches. & Ohio.....	200	19⅛	19	19	18⅝
Ches. & O. 1st pf.	200	29	29	29	29⅛
C., C. & I. C.....	8,200	24	21	21⅛	23⅝
Chi., B. & Q'ncy..	250	123⅛	123⅛	123⅛	123⅝
Chi. and Alton...	100	99⅛	99⅛	99⅛	99
Chi., St. P. & M..	200	48⅛	48	48⅛	48
Chi. & N. W.....	7,600	92⅝	92	92	92
Chi. & N. W. pf..	500	106⅛	106⅛	106	106
Chi., M. & St. P..	13,000	75⅛	74⅛	74⅝	74⅝
C., M. & St. P. pf.	200	99⅛	99⅛	99⅛	99⅛
Del., L. & West...	21,400	86⅛	85⅛	85⅛	86⅛
Del. & Hudson....	1,900	79⅛	77⅛	78⅛	77⅝
Han. & St. Jo....	2,900	35⅝	34⅝	34⅝	35⅛
Han. & St. Jo. pf.	1,600	65⅛	65⅛	65⅛	65⅝
Homestake Min..	200	40	40	40	—
Illinois Central...	100	99⅛	99⅛	99⅛	99⅞
Ind., Cin. & Laf..	4,000	3⅞	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
Kansas Pacific....	100	89	89	89	—
Keo. & Des. M. pf.	—	—	—	—	40
Louisv. & Nashv.	2,900	89⅛	88⅛	89	88⅝
Lake Shore.....	7,900	105⅛	104⅞	104⅞	105⅛
Manhattan.....	600	61⅛	61	61⅛	61⅛
Mar. & Cin. 1st pf.	—	—	—	—	11⅛
Metropolitan.....	100	125	125	125	125
Michigan Cent.....	3,000	96⅝	96⅛	96⅝	96
Mobile & Ohio.....	300	22	21⅞	21⅞	22
Mo., Kan. & Tex..	30,200	33⅝	32⅛	32⅞	32⅛
Morris & Essex....	1,300	101⅛	101	101⅛	104⅛
N., C. & St. L.....	2,900	79	77	77	78⅛
N. J. Central.....	14,400	85⅛	83⅝	83⅝	84
New Cent. Coal....	600	36⅝	36⅛	36⅛	36⅝
N. Y. Central.....	900	133⅛	133	133	132⅝
N. Y. Elevated....	500	129	128⅞	129	129
N. Y., L. E. & W..	54,600	44	42⅛	42⅝	43⅝
N.Y., L. E. & W. pf.	2,200	72	70⅛	70⅛	71⅛
North Pacific.....	1,200	34⅛	33⅝	33⅝	33⅛
North Pacific pf...	2,900	59⅛	58	58⅛	58
Ore. R. & Nav.....	450	107	106	106	109⅞
Pacific Mail.....	10,800	37⅛	35⅞	36	37
Phil. & Reading..	2,600	71⅛	70	70	71
Quicksilver.....	200	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	22⅞
Quicksilver pf....	400	65⅛	64⅞	64⅞	65
Wab. St. L. & P...	9,200	45⅛	43⅞	43⅞	44⅛
Wab., St. L. & P., pf	9,900	69⅛	68⅛	68⅛	69⅛
Sutro Tunnel.....	13,000	4⅛	4	4	4
St. L. & San F....	2,000	46⅛	45⅞	45⅞	47⅛
St. L. & San F. pf	2,700	54⅛	52⅛	53	54⅛
St. L. & S. F. 1st, pf	200	72	72	72	74⅛
St. L., Iron M. & S.	2,400	47⅞	46⅝	46⅝	47⅛
Union Pacific....	1,300	87	86⅛	86⅝	87
Little Pitts. Min..	600	30⅛	30	30⅛	30⅛
West. Union Tel..	21,500	108⅛	107⅛	107⅛	108
American Express	400	60	59⅞	60	59
U. S. Express.....	—	—	—	—	49⅞
Ohio & Miss.....	12,700	30⅝	29⅛	29⅝	30⅛
Ohio & Miss. pf..	300	58⅛	58⅛	58⅛	58⅛
St. P. & S. C.....	700	39⅛	38⅞	38⅞	38⅛
St. P. & S. C. pf..	900	76	73	75	73⅛
Lake E. & West...	1,200	24⅛	23	23	24⅛
La Platte Min....	500	5	4⅞	4⅞	—
Excelsior Mining.	200	25	25	25	—

The closing quotations were as follows:—

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alt & T Haute.	16⅛	18	Lake Shore...	104⅞	105
Alt. & T. H. pf.	41⅛	45	Long Dock...	28	28⅛
Am. Dist. Tel..	73	74⅛	Metro Elev...	124⅛	125
A. & P. Tel....	45⅛	46	Mich. Central.	96⅛	98⅛
Boston W. P..	10⅛	10⅛	Morris & Es...	104⅛	104⅛
Bur. & Q.....	123⅛	124	Mobile & Ohio	21	23⅛
Canada South.	71⅛	72	Manhattan R..	61	61⅛
Cent. Arizona.	22	24	Nash. & Chat.	76⅛	77
Canton.....	61	62	N. Y. Central.	—	133
Caribou.....	5	5⅛	N. Y. Elevated	129	129⅛
C., C. & I. C...	21⅛	21⅞	N. J. Central..	83⅛	84
Clev & Pitts..	106⅛	—	New C. Coal...	36	36⅛
C., S. P. & M..	46	48	Northwest....	91⅞	92
Chi. & Alton..	98⅛	99⅛	Northwest pf..	105⅛	106⅛
Col & Alton pf	116	—	Ohio & Miss...	29⅛	29⅞
Ches. & Ohio..	18	19	Ohio & Miss pf	57⅛	58
C. & O. 1st pf.	28	35	Ontario Silver	39⅛	—
C. & O. 2d pf..	20	24	Pacific Mail...	35⅞	36
Del., L. & W...	85	85⅛	Panama.....	160	169
Del. & H Canal	78	78⅛	Quicksilver...	23	23⅛
Adams Ex.....	104⅛	105⅛	Quicksilver pf	64⅛	65
American Ex.	60⅛	64	Reading.....	70⅛	70⅝
U. S. Ex.....	49	50	R. I. & Pacific	—	140⅛
Wells, F. & Co	104⅛	105⅛	St. L. & I. M..	46⅛	46⅞
Erie.....	42⅛	42⅞	St. L. & S. F..	45⅞	46
Erie pf.....	70⅛	70⅞	St. L. & S. F. pf	52⅞	53
Excel. Mining.	24⅛	25⅛	St. L. & S F 1st pf	70	72
Harlem.....	140	150	St. Paul.....	74⅛	74⅞
Han. & St. J..	35	35⅛	St. Paul pf....	98⅛	99⅛
H. & St. J. pf..	65	65⅛	Standard.....	28⅛	29
Homestake....	39	40	Union Pacific.	86⅞	86⅞
Ind., Cin. & L.	3	3⅛	Wab. & Pac...	43⅞	44
Kan. Pacific..	80	—	Wab. & Pac. pf	68	68⅛
Kan. and Tex..	32⅛	32⅞	West. Union..	107	107⅛
Keok. & D. M..	16	18			

In the money market 6 per cent was the ruling rate for call loans at the Stock Exchange during the early dealings, the exceptional rates being 5 and 7 per cent. Rates for the same class of loans were 1 a 2 per cent lower on United States bond collateral. Time loans and prime mercantile paper were 5 and 6 per cent. Toward the close of business money was bid up to 7 per cent and a "commission," and simultaneously a bear attack was made on the stock market.

The Clearing House statement showed $121,413,312 exchanges and $4,462,877 balances.

Receipts from internal revenue to-day were $528,249 85, and from customs $640,177 65.

Government bonds closed firm at the following quotations:—

	Bid.	Asked.
United States sixes, 1880, registered..	102⅛	102⅝
United States sixes, 1880, coupon.....	105⅛	105⅞
United States sixes, 1881, registered..	103⅛	103⅞
United States sixes, 1881, coupon.....	106⅛	106⅞
United States fives, 1881, registered..	103	103⅛
United States fives, 1881, coupon.....	103	103⅛
United States 4½'s, 1891, registered..	105⅛	105⅞
United States 4½'s, 1891, coupon.....	105⅛	105⅞
United States fours, 1907, registered..	102⅛	102⅞
United States fours, 1907, coupon.....	103⅛	103⅞
United States currency sixes, 1895....	120	—
United States currency sixes, 1896....	120⅛	—
United States currency sixes, 1897....	120⅛	—
United States currency sixes, 1898....	121	—
United States currency sixes, 1899....	121⅛	—

State bonds were as usual very quiet. Railway bonds were active and strong, especially for the Erie and Kansas and Texas issues in the early transactions. Towards the close the market was somewhat weak in sympathy with the decline in stocks caused by the "bear" raid. Following is a list of the sales:—

$1000 Louisiana con..	46⅛	$10000 La Con.....	46⅛
30000 N Y, L E & W'n, new 2d cons'd.	88⅛	20000 M, K & T con, ass	95⅛
60000 do.....	88⅛	13000 M, K & T 2d....	46
50000 do.....	88	30000 do.....	47⅛
20000 do.....	88⅛	5000 do.....	47⅛
130000 do.....	88⅛	10000 do.....	47⅞
5000 do.....s3	88⅛	5000 do.....	48
1000 do.....	88⅛	10000 do.....	47⅞
110000 N Y, L E & W, new 2d 5's, Fd.	88⅛	5000 do.....	47⅞
10000 do.....b3	83	40000 Org'n R & N 1st	93⅞
10000 do.....	83⅛	15000 do.....	94
25000 do.....b30	83⅛	1000 South Pac R 1st.	103⅛
5000 C, C & I C, 1st Trust Co cer, a.	87⅞	10000 N Y, L E & W n2de	88⅛
10000 do.....b30	87⅞	75000 do.....	88⅛
25000 M, Kan & T, c a.	95	20000 do.....	88⅛
10000 do.....	95⅛	20000 do.....	88
23000 do.....	95⅞	50000 do.....	87⅞
7000 do.....	95⅛	25000 do.....	46⅛
14000 do.....	95⅛	5000 La 7's, c.....bc	48⅛
60000 do.....	95⅛	5000 Bur, C R & N 1st	88⅛
1200 Ala, class A..bc	52	9000 Mil & St P c s f..	112
21000 C & O, ser B.	64	1000 Syr, B & N Y 1st.	115
40000 C & O, cur, in d.	38	10000 Den & R G 1st..	94⅛
9000 N J Cent, con a.	105	9000 do.....	94
1000 N J Cent, adv't b.	105⅛	1000 Han Jo 8's, con	107⅛
14000 N J C, 1st, c a.bc	108	5000 C & E Ill 1st..bc	94
16000 L & W B, con a.	94⅞	10000 Met Ele 1st....	105⅛
1000 Am D I Co 7's, as	105⅛	15000 do.....	105⅞
1000 do.....	105	1000 B, N Y & E 1st 1916	115⅛
1000 M & St P I & M d.	113	1000 Lou & Nash con.	111⅛
10000 M & S P 7's, g b c	114⅛	5000 Canada So 1st g.	89⅛
5000 Del & H r b 9l..	109	10000 N Y, L E & W n 2d	42⅛
2000 Erie 1st m.....	120⅛	5000 Chi & Al s f d....	105⅛
3000 Erie 2d m	105⅛	9000 Tol & Wab 1st....	100⅛
4000 Long Dock bds..	112⅛	10000 Leh & W B c as.	94⅛
9000 do..... s3	114	2000 do.....	94⅛
1000 NY, L E & W n 2d c	88⅛	3000 do.....	94⅛
10000 Ind, B & W 1st..	69	5000 Hd Gt N 1st pr r	93
2000 C & N W c g b.be	113⅛	6000 Ohio & M con s f	112⅛
5000 Met Elevat'd 1st	105⅛	4000 Ohio & Miss con	112⅛
75000 M K & Tex c. as.	95⅞	10000 M & St P con s f.	112
5000 M K & Tex 2d, b3	48	5000 St L & S F 2d cl B	68⅛
5000 Mob & O n. m'g.	93⅛	3000 St L & S F 2d cl C	67⅛
5000 Mo, Kan & T 2d.	46⅞	1000 do.....	67⅛
20000 do.....	47	10000 N Y Elev 1st m..	115⅛
500 do.....	46⅞	5000 L S 2d m c r..bc	112⅛
15000 do.....	47⅛	10000 M & O 2d deb..bc	40⅛
20000 do.....	48	2300 Mo O 4th deb.bc	30
30000 do.....	48⅛	5000 Pac Mo 1st m.bc	100
7000 Wabash r m. 7's.	92⅛	9000 U P 1st m.....bc	110⅞
10000 Oregon r. 1st m.	93⅛	5000 Tex Pac inc 1 gts	69
5000 do.....	94	5000 St P & S City 1st	98⅞
5000 Ch & O 1st, a b..	84	10000 Gt West 1st, '88.	109
5000 N J Cen inc..b30	83	1000 St L, K C & N real estate 7's, 1895	104⅛
5000 do.....	88	5000 L Erie & W in..	62
14000 do.....	88⅛	10000 Erie 7's, con gld	113⅛
5000 N J Cen ad'j..b3	105	6000 Lak Sh & M S 1	92
5000 Tex Pac inc 1 g.	68⅞	10000 Texas Pac in 1 g	68
15000 do.....	68	5000 Wabash m 7's..	93⅛
29500 St P & S C 1st.b3	93⅛	15000 do.....	93
1000 C, Bur & Q 7's..	121⅛	5000 C, C & I C 1st m	
2000 Mobile & Ohio 1st	93⅞	Trust Co cer as	88
22000 N Y Elev 1st....	115⅛	1000 Mor & Ess 1st c	106
2000 Lehigh & W B inc	62	10000 Den & Rio G 1st	94⅛
3000 Mob & Ohio 1st d	62⅛	5000 Lake Shore reg 2d	112⅛
1000 do.....	62	15000 Mob & O 1st deb	62⅛
10000 Mob & Ohio 2d d	40	7000 L Erie & W 1st.	93
5000 do.....bc	39⅞	10000 Ches & O 1st, all	64
10000 C, C, C & I 1st.be	117⅛	1000 do.....	63⅛
11000 Can So 1st g.....	89⅛	2000 St L & I M 1st....	113⅛
15000 N Y Elev 1st....	115⅛	55000 N Y, Lake E & W'n, new, 2d c.	87⅞
5000 Ohio & Miss 1st Springfild div.	70⅛	3000 do.....	87⅛
2000 U Pac 7s l g t..	112⅞	95000 do.....	87⅛
1000 St L & SF 2d c A	87	55000 do.....bs	87⅛
4000 do.....cbc	88	130000 do.....	87⅛
5000 St L, Kan C & N, Omaha div..be	107	25000 do.....s3	87⅛
10000 K P, D & M ass, with c cer.....	101⅛	120000 do.....	87⅛
5000 T P, I se l g....	69⅛	10000 N Y, Lake E & W, new, 2d 5's, f.	82⅛
1000 H & T Cent, m..be	108	10000 do.....	82⅛
10000 C, C & I C 1st.bc	88⅞	5000 Ind, B & W inc..	32⅛
15000 C, C & I C, T Co cer, ass.....	88⅞	900 do.....	60⅛
15000 C, C & I C sup..	88⅛	10000 M, K & Texas, 2d	47⅛
2,000 R, W & O c 1st..	63⅛	5000 C, C & I C, 1st, Tr Co cert, as'd	87⅞
1000 Wab new m 7's..	92⅛	3000 Wi & St Peter 2d.	110
10000 do.....bc	93	7000 Chi & Eli 1st, bc	96
15000 T & W c.....b3	99⅛	10000 Tex Pac inc L G.	68⅛
1000 Gt Wn 2d.....	100⅛	3300 N Y, L E & W inc	73
5000 C, St L & N O 2d, inc	68	5000 B, C R & N'n 1st.	88⅞
5000 L, B & M inc....	65	2500 do.....	89
5000 do.....bc	64⅛	175000 Erie 7's, con, g.	115⅞
5000 I & S Iowa 1st..	99	2000 B, Hart & E 1st.	50⅞
1000 P & K 1st.....	96⅛	10000 do.....	51⅛
		1000 Ches & O cur inc.	37⅛

In the London market consols were a fraction lower at 97⅛ for both money and the account. United States bonds were strong, with an advance in new fours to 107 and in 4½'s to 109¼, fives being unchanged at 105⅝ a 105⅞. Erie advanced from 41⅛ to 45¼ for the common, and from 72⅛ to 73 for the preferred, the former closing at 45. Erie consolidated seconds rose from 90⅛ to 91; do. funded fives from 84 a 85 to 85, and New Jersey Central from 86 to 86⅛. Illinois Central is steady at 103, and Pennsylvania a fraction lower at 52. Bar silver was quoted at 52¾d. per ounce. Closing quotations were:—Consols for money and the account, 97⅛; 4 per cent bonds, 107; 4½ per cent bonds, 109¼; fives of 1881, 105⅝ a 105⅞; Erie common shares, 45; do. preferred do., 73; do. firsts, 119 a 120; do. seconds, 91; do. fives, 85; New Jersey Central, 86⅛; Illinois Central, 103.

At Paris rentes were 81f. 90c.; exchange on London, 25f. 24c.

Foreign exchange in this market was weak.

Imports of dry goods at this port for the week were $1,634,220, and the amount marketed, $1,649,199.

The Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern earnings for the first week of December show an increase of $8,365.

Earnings of the Central Pacific Railroad Company:—For the month of November, 1879, $1,487,000; same month, 1878, $1,537,493. Decrease, $50,493.

The earnings of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway for the first week in December were:—1879, $90,771; 1878, $60,023. Increase, $30,748.

The following despatch from the West gives the movement of grain at the leading points there to-day:—Milwaukee—Receipts of wheat, 45,500 bushels; shipments, 3,600 do.; receipts of corn, 3,600 do.; shipments, 400 do. Chicago—Receipts of wheat, 100,175 bushels; shipments, 17,370 do.; receipts of corn, 81,468 do.; shipments, 78,189 do.

The president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company says that the isthmus agent of the company estimates that the expense of repairing the wharf at Aspinwall will not exceed $20,000.

Earnings of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for the month of November are reported at $1,487,000, against $1,537,493 for the corresponding month last year.

At the Mining Board to-day the following sales were made:—

Shares.		
14,400 Granville	.40	a .44
9,400 Buckeye	.60	a .58
7,100 Dahlonega	.20	a .19
6,550 South Hite	3.05	a 2.95
4,500 Hukill	3.95	a 4.20
4,300 Moose	3.10	a 3.15
4,200 Rappahannock	.38a30	a .39
2,500 Trio	.88	a .91
1,750 Imperial	.55	a .54
1,500 Shamrock	1.30	a —
1,450 Imperial	.55	a .54
1,400 Lacrosse	.49	a .47
1,200 La Plata	4.80	a 4.85
1,100 Independence	1.10	a .95
1,100 Lucerne	.19	a —
650 Belle Isle	1.80	a 1.70
500 Great Eastern	.30b3	a —
500 New York and Colorado	2.45	a —
470 Martin White	.73	a .75
400 Tuscarora	.27	a .28
300 North Standard	1.80	a —
300 Bechtel	1.30	a 1.15
260 Consolidated Virginia	4.25	a 4.30
200 Findley	.75	a —
200 Goodshaw	.16	a .19
150 Tip Top	2.00	a 1.90b3
110 Bodie	9e5	a 9
100 Navajo	.40	a —
100 Leadville	3.75b3	a —
40 California	5.95	a 3.75
25 Eureka	.19	a —
20 Bulwer	9⅛	a —

At San Francisco the opening prices for mining shares were:—Gould & Curry, 6¼; Savage, 7; Chollar, 7⅜; Ophir, 20⅛; Hale & Norcross, 9¼; Crown Point, 1⅜; Yellow Jacket, 9⅛; Belcher, 1⅜; Imperial, 3-16; Virginia consolidated, 4¼; California, 3⅜; Best & Belcher, 11⅜; Union consolidated, 45; Alpha, 8; Sierra Nevada, 20⅛; Mexican, 19⅜; Silver Hill, 2 1-32; Original Keystone, 3.40; Justice, 1⅛; Julia, 1; Utah, 12; Alta, 3⅛; Bodie, 9; Bechtel, 1⅛; Independence, 1⅛; Segregated Belcher, 13; Bulwer, 9⅛; Mono, 4; Consolidated Pacific, 4½; Potosi, 3⅝; Exchequer, 3; Monmouth, 3⅛; North Standard, 1.85; Boston consolidated, 1⅛.

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COTTON ON THE SPOT LOWER; FUTURES CLOSED UNSETTLED—FLOUR QUIET—WHEAT IRREGULAR—CORN FIRM — OATS LOWER — PORK QUIET—LARD QUIET—SPIRITS TURPENTINE UNCHANGED — ROSIN UNCHANGED — COFFEE QUIET—SUGAR QUIET—PETROLEUM QUIET—WHISKEY NOMINAL.

FRIDAY, Dec. 12—6 P. M.

The course of trade has been somewhat erratic during the current week, and the "ups and downs" in the markets for some commodities would seem to indicate that inflation prices have about reached the maximum, while the scramble to "get out" which has been witnessed has been based upon apprehensions of a break at no distant day. Indeed, in some cases it is becoming apparent that the bursting of the bubble cannot be delayed for any great length of time. Prices have in many instances been carried altogether too high, so high that legitimate business has been superseded by speculation. But these cases are, of course exceptional, the markets as a rule being strong under a healthy, legitimate demand. The fall trade has reached enormous proportions, and is still far more active than usual at this season of the year, when merchants begin to think about casting up their accounts for the holiday season and the ushering in of the New Year. The movement in dry goods, wool, hardware, drugs, groceries, &c., is still fair, and, as a rule, full prices are obtained. During the week flour has further materially advanced. Wheat has radically fluctuated, but the general tendency has been upward, and at the close of the week prices show a material advance as compared with last week's quotations. "Options" have sold higher than at any previous time. Corn has also advanced. Oats have been very irregular, but are higher than a week ago by several cents per bushel. Provisions have had their "ups and downs," but on the whole the "ups" have been greater than the "downs," leaving them considerably higher than last week. On Change to-day (Friday) the markets were without especial change. Flour was quiet. Wheat irregular, but not radically changed. Corn firm. Oats rather lower. Rye quiet. Whiskey held at extreme figures. Pork quiet. Lard quiet. Cotton on the spot was lower. Futures closed unsettled. Groceries were quiet. Naval stores were dull and nominal. Oils and Petroleum were quiet.

ASHES were quiet at 4¼c. a 4½c. for pots and 5¾c. a 6c. for pearls.

ANTIMONY remained quiet at 20c. for Cookson and 17c. for other brands.

ALCOHOL ruled steady at 40c. for prompt delivery, for export. Free was quoted at $2 10 a $2 12.

BEESWAX was steady at 24½c. a 25c. for Western and Southern.

COFFEE.—The market for Rio remained dull and lower. Mild coffee was dull and easy. We quote:—Ordinary cargoes, 14c.; fair do., 15¾c. a 16c.; good do., 16¾c. a 16⅞c.; prime, 16¾c. a 17c.; Santos, fair to good, 16c. a 16¼c., 90 days; Java, grass mats, 23½c. a 26c.; Singapore, 17c. a 20c.; Ceylon, 15c. a 18c.; Maracaibo, 15c. a 18½c.; Laguayra, 15½c. a 17½c.; Jamaica, 15c. a 17c.; St. Domingo, 13½c. a 15c.; Porto Rico, 16c. a 18c.; Costa Rica, 15c. a 18c.; Mexican, 17½c. a 18c.; Mocha, 24½c. a 25c.; Angostura, 18c. a 19c.; Savanilla, 13c. a 18c.

COOPERAGE STOCK.—Market steady. We quote:—Molasses shooks, 32-inch, with heads, $1 65 a $1 80; sugar shooks, with heads, 28-inch, $1 85 a $2 15; do., do., 30-inch, $1 30 a $1 70; box shooks, 50c. a 60c.; rum do., $2 25 a $3 50; pipe do., $6 a $6 50; empty hogsheads, $2 a $2 05; hoops, 15 feet, ordinary to prime, $33 a $35; do., 12 feet, do., $28 a $30 per M.

COFFEE was more active and 600,000 lbs. were sold at 21½c. for cash and 22c. a 22½c. for future delivery, the market closing firm at those figures.

COTTONAGE.—Market unchanged. We quote:—Manila, large and small, 13½c. a 15c.; Tarred Manila, 13c.; Sisal rope, 11c. a 12c.

COTTON on the spot was quiet and quotations were revised as follows:—Ordinary, strict ordinary, good ordinary and strict good ordinary were reduced 5-16c. Grades of low middling to fair, inclusive, were reduced 3-16c. Stained—Good ordinary, strict good ordinary and low middling were marked down 5-16c., and middling reduced 3-16c. Futures were active, but at lower prices, and at the close the market was unsettled. The decline for the day was from 30 to 43 points. The sales for future delivery between ten A. M. and three P. M. sum up 267,500 bales, as follows:—

	Opened.	Closed.	Sales.	Range.
December	12.90	12.75 a 12.77	6,800	12.86 a 12.99
January	13.10	12.90 a	42,600	12.85 a 13.20
February	13.25	13.13 a 13.19	69,900	13.12 a 13.51
March	13.46	13.43 a 13.44	96,000	13.35 a 13.75
April	13.65	13.60 a 13.62	25,200	13.62 a 13.90
May	13.78	13.78 a 13.80	17,500	13.76 a 14.05
June	13.93	13.94 a 13.96	5,000	13.95 a 14.18
July	14.03	14.02 a 14.04	1,800	14.00 a 14.20
August	14.10	14.10 a 14.15	1,200	14.03 a 14.28
September	13.43	a	700	13.40 a 13.90

—Sales of spot cotton:—

	To-Day.	Last Fri'y.	Total.
Consumption	274	91	365

—Included in the above are 100 bales to arrive. Delivered on contract 700 bales on yesterday. Current prices of spot cotton (the following quotations are for cotton in store, running in quality not more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted):—

	Uplands.	N. O. & Gulf.	Texas.
Ordinary	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
Strict ordinary	11⅞	12	12
Good ordinary	12⅛	12⅞	12⅞
Strict good ordinary	12⅝	12⅞	12⅞
Low middling	12⅞	13⅛	13⅛
Strict low middling	13 15-16	13 1-16	13 1-16
Middling	13 1-16	13 3-16	13 3-16
Good middling	13 5-16	13 7-16	13 7-16
Strict good middling	13 9-16	13 11-16	13 11-16
Middling fair	14 1-16	14 3-16	14 3-16
Fair	14 13-16	14 15-16	14 15-16

—Stained—Good ordinary, 10 15-16c.; strict good ordinary, 12 1-16c.; low middling, 12⅝c.; middling, 12 15-16c. The receipts at the ports were as follows:—Galveston, 3,178 bales; New Orleans, 8,988; Mobile, 4,295; Savannah, 5,539; Charleston, 6,234; Wilmington, 1,108; Norfolk, 4,292; Baltimore, 815; New York, 1,756; Boston, 2,253; Philadelphia, 182. Total, 38,378. The total for last week, 39,673 bales; this day last year, 34,246. Total since September 1, 2,606,548 bales, to last night. Liverpool telegrams—12:30 P. M.—Market dull and easier. Sales, 7,000; speculation and export, 1,000 bales. Midland uplands, 7d.; middling Orleans, 7⅛d., futures easier. December delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 6 29-32d.; December-January delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 6 27-32 a 6 7/64.; January-February delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 6⅞c. a 6 29-32d.; February-March delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 6 31-32d. a 7d.; March-April delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7d. a 7 1-32d.; April-May delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7 1-32d. a 7 1-16d. a 7 3-32d.; May-June delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7⅛d.; June-July delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7 3-16d. 1:30 P. M.—February-March delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 6 31-32d.; middling uplands, 6 15-16d.; middling Orleans, 7 1-16d. 2 P. M.—February-March delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 6 31-32d.; middling uplands, 6 15-16d.; middling Orleans, 7 1-16d. 3 P. M.—February-March delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7⅛d.; March-April delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7 1-16d.; April-May delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7⅛d.; June-July delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7 7-32d. 4:30 P. M.—December-January delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 6 15-16d.; January-February delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 6 15-16d.; February-March delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7 1-32d.; March-April delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7 3-32d.; April-May delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7 5-32d.; June-July delivery, uplands, low middling clause, 7⅜d. 5 P