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Wall Street Gossip.

Reported by the Commercial Advertiser through Francis, Bro. & Co., No. 214 North Fourth street.

New York, Dec. 9.—Foreign: London prices came slightly softer, but exchange failed to report any definite tendency. In this market the arbitrage houses were small buyers, taking in all about 6,000 shares.

Sugar—An early feature was Sugar. On buying by Denny & Co., Herrick & Berg, Thomas & Co. and other commission houses stock rose sharply, and on the advance room traders naturally bought. There was some covering of the shorts as well. The movement was accompanied by reports that the company had secured control of the American Beet Sugar Company. It was also said that the trade was in excellent condition and the trust had done a very good year's business. All refiners to-day advanced the price of refined 10 points to 4.85c for granulated sugar.

Southern—There were advances in Colorado Southern common and first and second preferred stocks, due to buying by Hawley brokers. The October statement of earnings issued today showed an increase in gross of $68,000 and in the net of $19,000. From July 1 the gross earnings increased $222,968, the net increase $49,438.

Miscellaneous—There was little in the way of news. The trading was on an extremely light scale, the total sales of stocks between 12 and 1 p. m., for example, being well under 40,000 shares.

Local Money Market.

Transactions at the banks were fairly large, and there was a good inquiry for loans, with discount rates steady between 5 and 6 per cent.

Yesterday's Bank Clearings.

Yesterday's Clearing-house statement showed clearings of $6,952,147 and balances of $1,00[illegible]

STOCK MARKET CONTINUES TO BE EXTREMELY DULL.

SUGAR SHOWS THE ONLY SPECULATIVE ACTIVITY.

Call Loan Money Is a Little Better, but Time Money Remains at High Rates.

New York, Dec. 9.—Today's transactions in the stock market were similar than those of yesterday, only a few not as much as a point away from the market's close at any time during the day. There was a slight improvement in the market in sympathy with special strength in Sugar, which carried the price of that stock late yesterday and early today up 2 points, and the market closed fairly but very dull. Aside from Sugar, which was the feature, the market was dull and lifeless in spite of the improvement in Sugar, which was the feature, and in spite of the announcement during the day of an increase in prices of refined sugar. After this announcement the stock market [illegible]

REACTION IN COPPER.

The principal exception to recent strength in the market was shown among the warring copper issues, which, after a long run in the face of a reaction in the metal, yesterday, [illegible] Amalgamated. The movement of these two stocks had an influence on the market, yesterday, and had an influence on the market, yesterday, and [illegible] market, yesterday, and [illegible] Today's developments in the money market were less prominent, yet enough to keep the market under the influence of the money market. The movement of the money market was [illegible] and with that prospect appears no revival in speculation is expected. The Subtreasury took from the money market $1,850,000, bringing its total withdrawals since the last bank statement up to $[illegible]. The Subtreasury also held a call at the clearing-house this morning, withdrawing a contingent drain from the money market. Late in the day rumors were current without confirmation of a further shipment of gold to be made to South America.

EXCHANGE IS FIRM.

Today's sterling exchange market here was firm, in spite of additional offerings of loan bills and another day's large decline in posts, both for wheat and cotton, but the strength was maintained. It is the result, it is claimed, of the gold export level of sterling. The call loan market was not quite so stiff, owing partly to the almost total lack of demand, but sixty and ninety day loans were made at 7 per cent, and for four months both 5 and 6 per cent were held. Quotations of stocks are very dull to [illegible] of the market. On the other hand, there is little incentive to pay above 5 per cent for money to hold railroad stocks at prices which yield especially less than 5 per cent.

The bond market was little more than nominal, and the movement was irregular. Total sales par value, $1,650,000. United States old bonds advanced ¼, and the coupons declined 1¼ per cent on the last call.

BONDS AND STOCKS IN BOSTON.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 9.—Closing quotations on railroad, mining stocks and mining shares today were as follows:

MONEY.

Call loans, 7@8 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent.

BONDS.

Gas 1st	[illegible]

RAILROAD STOCKS.

Atchison	[illegible]	N. Y. N. H. & H.	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	Norfolk & West.	[illegible]
Boston & Albany	[illegible]	Northern Pacific	[illegible]
Boston & Maine	[illegible]	Pennsylvania	[illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

American Sugar	[illegible]	Mass. Electric	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	Do pfd	[illegible]
Am. Tel. & Tel.	[illegible]	U. S. Steel	[illegible]
Am. Woolen	[illegible]	Do pfd	[illegible]
Dominion Coal	[illegible]	Allis-Chalmers	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]		

MINING SHARES.

Allouez	[illegible]	Quincy	[illegible]
Amalgamated	[illegible]	Tamarack	[illegible]
Anaconda	[illegible]	Santa Fe Copper	[illegible]
Cal. & Hecla	[illegible]	Osceola	[illegible]
Centennial	[illegible]	Trinity	[illegible]
Copper Range	[illegible]	Dominion Coal	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	United States	[illegible]
Franklin Coal	[illegible]	Isle Royale	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	Do pfd	[illegible]
Mass. Gas	[illegible]	Wolverine	[illegible]
Michigan	[illegible]	Do pfd	[illegible]

Mining Stocks in New York.

New York, Dec. 9.—Closing quotations on mining stocks today were as follows:

Adams Con	15	Little Chief	9
Alice	32	Ontario	65
Breeze	02	Ophir	85
Brunswick Con	3	Phoenix	3
Comstock Tunnel	1	Potosi	5
Con. Cal. & Va.	115	Savage	5
Horn Silver	125	Sierra Nevada	25
Iron Silver	50	Small Hopes	2
Leadville Con	3	Standard	3.00

BOND SALES AT NEW YORK.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 9.—Sales of bonds were made here today as follows:

2,000 A T & S F 4s	[illegible]	1,000 Mo Pac 1st cv 5s	[illegible]
10,000 Do adj 4s	[illegible]	5,000 Do 1st of 1891	[illegible]
4,000 Do adj 4s	[illegible]	2,000 M & O gen 4s	28
4,000 Do 4s	[illegible]	17,000 Nat R R of Mex 4s	[illegible]
6,000 Do 2nd 3s	[illegible]	5,000 Do 1st cons 4s	[illegible]
2,000 Atl & Dan 4s	95	5,000 N Y Cent deb 4s	[illegible]
2,000 Bal & Ohio 4s	102	2,000 Do 3s	[illegible]
1,000 Do 1st 4s	[illegible]	2,000 Do reg 3s	[illegible]
2,000 Do 3s	84	1,000 Do lst 3s	[illegible]
1,000 Do 3s	84	2,000 L S & J 3s	[illegible]
1,000 Do 3s	84	12,000 Do 3s	[illegible]
2,000 Can Pac 4s	[illegible]	2,000 N Y O & W ref 4s	[illegible]
2,000 Ches & Ohio 5s	113	11,000 Nor & West con 4s	[illegible]
2,000 Do 4½s	[illegible]	31,000 Nor Pac 3s	74
2,000 C B & Q 4s	[illegible]	2,000 Do 3s	[illegible]
2,000 Do 4s	[illegible]	27,000 Do 3s	[illegible]
2,000 C M & St P 5s	[illegible]	2,000 Do 3s	[illegible]
2,000 C R I & P col 4s	[illegible]	2,000 Do 3s	[illegible]
8,000 Col L & A 5s	127	10,000 Penna con 4s	[illegible]
2,000 C R I & P col 4s	82	16,000 Peo & East 4s	[illegible]
115,000 Chat Tob 6s	[illegible]	5,000 Do inc 4s	[illegible]
25,000 C F & I gen 5s	[illegible]	1,000 L Erie & W 2d 7s	[illegible]
6,000 Do coll tr 4s	[illegible]	18,000 Reading gen 4s	[illegible]
2,000 Colo Mid 4s	[illegible]	5,000 Do Jer Cent 4½s	92
2,000 Colo Sou 4s	79½	2,000 R G & W 4s	96
2,000 D & R G con 4s	[illegible]	2,000 St L & I M 5s	114
22,000 Do 1st cons 4s	[illegible]	2,000 Do gen 5s	[illegible]
3,000 Erie 1st ext 4s	[illegible]	8,000 St L S W 1st 4s	92
1,000 Do gold 4s	[illegible]	2,000 St P & N P gen 6s	[illegible]
2,000 Do 4s	[illegible]	2,000 Seaboard Air Line 5s	[illegible]
11,000 Ft Wayne 7s	[illegible]	1,500 Soo Pac 4s	[illegible]
6,000 Ga Pac 1st 6s	91½	5,000 Tex & Pac 1st 5s	[illegible]
7,000 H & T C con 6s	[illegible]	2,000 Do 2d inc	37
2,000 Do int ex 4s	[illegible]	2,000 Third Avenue 5s	[illegible]
2,000 Do col tr 5s	[illegible]	20,000 U P L & M 4s	[illegible]
6,000 H C F R R & P 5s	[illegible]	22,000 Union Pac 4s	[illegible]
1,000 Iow Cen 1st 5s	[illegible]	50,000 Do conv 4s	[illegible]
2,000 L E & W 5s	[illegible]	1,000 Wabash 1st 5s	[illegible]
2,000 Met St Ry col tr 4s	90	4,000 Do deb B	[illegible]
12,000 Mex Cent 1st inc 3s	24	1,664 West Shore 4s	113
5,000 M & St L 1st 4s	[illegible]	19,000 W & L E conv 4s	[illegible]
1,000 M K & T 2d inc 4s	[illegible]	2,000 Wis Cent 4s	[illegible]
600 Do 5s	63		

New York Curb Market.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 9.—There was a material falling off in the dealings in the outside security market today, and although some irregularity in prices developed on a much greater trading scale than yesterday, the market in general was dull. Total sales were estimated at about 400,000 shares.

Northern Securities fell early at 3@3¼, and by noon it rallied to 1@1¼. In the afternoon it sold off again to 3@3¼ and finally at 3@3¼. Virginia Coal and Coke bonds sold at 70 for 5 and Tennessee Copper sold at 12@12¼ for 2,000 shares. Greene Copper sold at [illegible] and Nevada Central at 11@11¼. Emporium sold at 27@27¼ for 700 shares, Houston Oil common at 45 for 100 shares, Standard Oil at 652 for 5 shares, New Orleans Railway bonds at 75 for 20. Can preferred sold at 44¾ for 100 shares.

Domestic Exchange.

Whitaker & Co., bond, stock, commercial paper and exchange brokers, No. 300 North Fourth street, quote exchange as follows:

	Bid	Asked
New York	35c prem	50c prem
Chicago	25c prem	35c prem
Cincinnati	10c dis	par
Louisville	25c dis	par
New Orleans	50c dis	par

Bar Silver.

New York, Dec. 9.—Bar silver 47½c per ounce. At London quiet at 23d per ounce.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The available cash balances $[illegible]; gold $[illegible].

The Banks.

New York, Dec. 9.—Money on call firm at 4@5 per cent, closed offered at 4. Time money firm, 6 and 60 days 6 per cent, 90 days and 6 months 6 per cent; six months 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.875 for demand and at 4.87@4.87½ for 60-day bills; posted rates 4.85 and 4.88. Commercial bills, 4.84@4.84½. Mexican dollars 47c. Government bonds irregular; railroad bonds irregular.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Clearings $24,971,249; balances $1,562,761. New York exchange 5c to 25c premium. Foreign exchange unchanged; sterling posted at 4.87 for sixty days and at 4.88 for demand.

New York, Dec. 9.—Exchanges $215,665,572; balances $3,966,718.

Boston, Dec. 9.—Exchanges $21,770,123; balances $1,608,341.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 9.—Clearings $30,024,117; balances $2,580,276. Money 6 per cent.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 9.—Clearings $4,196,817; balances $476,569. Money 6 per cent.

HOLDERS OF SECURITIES AWAIT HIGHER PRICES.

ALL ACTIVE ISSUES ON THE UPTURN.

Lighting Stocks Are in Good Demand and Trust Company Certificates Are Well Taken.

Mainly because stocks were so [illegible] field, little trading was done in local securities yesterday. Transit and United Railways pfd. were wanted, but were not obtainable at quoted prices.

Bank stocks were neglected and trust company issues slightly higher, with sales of Colonial at $[illegible] and of Missouri at $125.

There was continued good demand for the lighting issues. A small lot of Missouri-Edison pfd. was taken at 81, and more was wanted at that figure. The common stock brought $[illegible].

Central Coal and Coke advanced to 63, and Granite-Bimetallic sold higher at 90c.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

Closing quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
St. Louis Transit	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Laclede Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kinloch Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel. & Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Bank Note	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Car & Fdy.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tob.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Woolen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brewery Stock Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Coal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colonial Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Commercial	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Consolidated Coal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerson Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equitable Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ferry Stock Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grand Leader	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hamilton Brown Shoe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hydraulic Press	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kennard Dry Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Laclede Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lambert Pharmacal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mississippi Valley Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Bank of Commerce	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Bank of Illinois	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Biscuit Co. com	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Stamping	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nelson Dry Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pneumatic Service	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rialto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sale Agency	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sheet Metal Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Hotel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stix, Baer & Fuller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wagner Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wells-Dickey Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wm. Barr Dry Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sales:		
15 Colonial Trust at [illegible].		
10 Missouri Trust at [illegible].		
10 Missouri-Edison preferred at 81.		
60 Missouri-Edison common at 32@32¼.		
100 Central Coal and Coke at 63.		
100 Granite-Bimetallic at 90c.		

New York Curb Stocks.

Reported by G. H. Walker & Co., No. 30 North Fourth street.

Stocks.	Bid.	Ask.
Comstock Tunnel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Con. Cal. & Va.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dominion Coal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Homestake	[illegible]	[illegible]
Horn Silver	[illegible]	[illegible]
Iron Silver	[illegible]	[illegible]
Leadville Con.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mexican	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mexican Central	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mexican National	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mexican National 2d	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minnie Healy	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mont. Shoshone	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Lead	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Biscuit	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nev. Central	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nev. Hill	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nev. Con.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nev. Ophir	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nev. Utah	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nipissing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Old Dominion	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ontario	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ophir	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phoenix	[illegible]	[illegible]
Potosi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Savage	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sierra Nevada	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Con.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utah	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yellow Jacket	[illegible]	[illegible]

Chicago Stock Quotations.

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	Bid.	Ask.
National Carbon com	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Diamond Match	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Biscuit Co. com	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
American Tin Can com	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Box	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do pfd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago Brewing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sales:		
10 Colonial Trust at [illegible].		
30 Missouri Trust at [illegible].		
10 Missouri-Edison preferred at 82.		
60 Missouri-Edison common at 32@32¼.		
100 Central Coal and Coke at 63.		
100 Granite-Bimetallic at 90c.		

New York Stock Quotations.

St. Louis, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1902.

The following table shows the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations in the New York Stock Exchange, furnished daily for the Republic by Francis, Bro. & Co., bonds and stocks, No. 214 North Fourth street:

Stocks.	Sales.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close Yes.
Am. Car & Fdy.		----	----	----	----	34¼
Do pfd		----	----	----	----	90
Am. Tel. & Tel. com		----	----	----	----	167
Am. Tobacco		----	----	----	----	64
Am. S. & Wel.	200	59¾	59¾	59¾	59¾	59
Do pfd		----	----	----	----	93
Anaconda	4,600	41	42¼	40¾	42¼	40¾
Atch. & Top.	3,100	76¾	77¾	76¾	77¾	76¾
A. T. & S. F.	2,100	73¾	74¾	73¾	74¾	73¾
Do pfd	100	94	94	94	94	94
Balt. & Ohio	1,100	97	97¾	97	97¾	97
Do pfd	100	93	93	93	93	93
Can. Pac.	1,100	117¾	118	117¾	118	117¾
Cent. Vel.	200	110	110	110	110	110
Ches. & Hudson	100	156¾	156¾	156¾	156¾	156¾
D., L. & W.		----	----	----	----	520
D. & R. G.	11,600	39¾	40	39¾	40	39
Do pfd	400	86	86	86	86	85
Erie	2,900	34¾	35¼	34¾	35¼	34¾
Do 1st pfd	400	46	46	46	46	45
Do 2d pfd	100	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
Great Nor. pfd	1,200	347	348	347	348	347
Iowa Central com	300	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
Do pfd	1,000	41¾	42	41¾	42	41¾
L. & N.	1,400	143¾	143¾	142¾	143¾	142¾
Manhattan L.	1,400	147¾	148	146	147¾	146¾
Met. St. Ry.	1,700	167	168	167	168	166¾
Mex. Central	100	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
Mexican National		----	----	----	----	10
Brk. Rap. Trans.	2,900	62¾	63¾	62¾	63¾	62¾
Canada Pacific	200	138¾	138¾	138¾	138¾	138¾
Chesapeake & O.	100	39	39	39	39	39
Chic. & Alton	100	46½			46½	46½
Chic. & W. Ind.	1,000	95½	96	95½	96	95½
C. C. C. & St. L.	100	90	90	90	90	90
C. & A.	100	52	52	52	52	52
C. R. I. & P.	2,500	120¾	121¾	120¾	121¾	120¾
C. & N. W.	100	211			211	211
Del. Lack. & W.	100	365	365	365	365	365
Den. & Rio Grande	100	42	42	42	42	42
Do pfd	100	91	91	91	91	91
Gulf, Tex. & W.	100	63¾	63¾	63¾	63¾	63¾
Do pfd		----	----	----	----	90
Ill. Cent.	200	156	156	155¾	156	155¾
Int. & Great N.	100	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾
Do pfd	100	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
Iowa Central	100	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾
Do pfd	100	50¾	50¾	50¾	50¾	50¾
Kansas City So.	100	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
Do pfd	100	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾
L. Erie & West.	100	35	35	35	35	35
Do pfd	100	85	85	85	85	85
Long Island	100	51	51	51	51	51
Louisville & Nash.	1,000	140¾	141¾	140¾	141¾	140¾
Manhattan	100	147¾	147¾	147¾	147¾	147¾
Metropolitan St. Ry.	100	117	117	117	117	117
Mexican Central	100	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
Minn. & St. L.	100	90	90	90	90	90
Do pfd	100	90	90	90	90	90
M. K. & T.	100	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
Do pfd	100	64¾	64¾	64¾	64¾	64¾
Missouri Pacific	2,500	104¾	105	104¾	105	104¾
National Biscuit	100	46	46	46	46	46
National Lead	300	56			56	55¾
Do pfd		----	----	----	----	107
N. Y. Central	1,100	134¾	135¾	134¾	135¾	134¾
N. Y., Ont. & W.	2,000	39¾	39¾	39¾	39¾	39¾
Nor. & Western	100	79	79	79	79	79
North Am. Co.		----	----	----	----	29
Pacific Mail	100	47	47	47	47	46¾
Pennsylvania	900	187¾	188¾	187¾	188¾	187¾
People's Gas	1,200	101	101¾	101	101¾	101
Pressed Steel Car	100	34	34	34	34	34
Reading	8,600	58¾	59¾	58¾	59¾	58¾
Do pfd	200	75			75	74¾
Rep. Iron & Steel	200	25¾			25¾	24¾
Do pfd	200	91¾			91¾	91¾
St. L. S. W.	200	28	28	28	28	27¾
Do pfd	100	56	56	56	56	55¾
St. L. S. F.		----	----	----	----	65
Do pfd		----	----	----	----	91
Southern Pacific	4,000	62¾	63¾	62¾	63¾	62¾
Southern Railway	100	31¾	31¾	31¾	31¾	31¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	100	76	76	76	76	75¾
Texas & Pacific	4,100	41¾	41¾	41	41	41¾
Tol., St. L. & W.	100	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾
Do pfd		----	----	----	----	60
Wabash	400	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾
Do pfd	1,000	42¾	42¾	41¾	41¾	42
Do deb. B	100	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾
Total sales	243,200					

Government Bonds.

New York, Dec. 9.—Government bonds:

United States refunding 2s, reg	107¾
United States refunding 2s, coup	108¾
United States 3s, reg	107¾
United States 3s, coup	108¾
United States new 4s, reg	137¾
United States new 4s, coup	138¾
United States old 4s, reg	112¾
United States old 4s, coup	112¾
United States 5s, reg	106¾
United States 5s, coup	107¾

The Metal Markets.

New York, Dec. 9.—Tin declined 12s 6d in the London market today, and closing there at £124 12s 6d and futures at £122 15s. The New York market also was easier and a shade lower, closing at $[illegible]. Copper advanced 2s 6d in London, with spot closing at £51 and futures at £52 7s 6d. After the market was week, but unchanged and nominal. Standard was quoted at $[illegible], lake at $[illegible], electrolytic and casting at $[illegible]. Lead closed at [illegible] in London, at an advance of 2s 6d. Spelter continued dull, and unchanged at $[illegible]. Spelter was dull and unchanged in London at £[illegible] and at $[illegible] locally. Iron was unchanged at Glasgow, closing at 54s 3d, while Middlesbrough closed at 44s 9d. In New York iron was not quoted and nominal. Warrants are nominal. No. 1 foundry Northern is quoted at $[illegible]; No. 2 foundry Northern, No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern, off at $[illegible].

Merchants' Exchange Directors Meet.

At its regular monthly meeting yesterday, in addition to adopting plans for improvements, told of elsewhere in this issue, the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Exchange indorsed the efforts of citizens of the Indian Territory to secure legislation, which shall permit the allotment of lands in the Territory. Captain Isaac M. Mason made a report on the action of the Mississippi River Convention, recently held at Quincy, Ill.

It was ordered that the names of all delinquent members be posted in the exchange hall on December 20, and that all those who shall be delinquent on December 31 shall forfeit their membership.

FINANCIAL.

...ANNOUNCEMENT...

The Commonwealth Trust Company of St. Louis announces its removal from 312 N. Broadway to its own building at the Northeast Corner of Broadway and Olive Street, and extends to the public a cordial invitation to call and inspect its new quarters.

HIGHER PRICES PREVAIL IN GRAINS AT CHICAGO.

EXPORTS THE PRINCIPAL AID TO WHEAT.

Corn Is Bulled by Liberal Buying and Light Offerings in the May Option.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Higher prices prevailed on the Board of Trade today. May wheat closing [illegible] higher, May corn up [illegible] and oats