

BUSINESS CHANGES OF THE YEAR 1896

A Period of Great Fluctuation in Trade Interests.

CAUSE OF FAILURES IN THE WEST

No Monetary Pressure to Cause Trouble—Financial Disturbance Caused by Too Liberal Assistance Given to Speculative Operations.

New York, Dec. 31.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade Saturday, Jan. 2, will say:

There have been more commercial failures in 1896 than in any previous year since 1853, about 14,890 against 13,197 last year, with liabilities of \$225,000,000 against \$170,000,000 last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent. and in liabilities of 29 per cent.

The year closes with an epidemic of failures, mainly at the West and in banks, loan and trust companies, or concerns dependent on them. The general state of clearing houses in various places indicates no want of confidence, and several banks which have failed will be enabled to pay in full, but disclosures of unsoundness in a few widely-known institutions, in the abnormal contest on monetary issues, has caused distrust and suspicion, where it is frequently undeserved. There has been no monetary pressure to cause trouble, nor have important western products declined in value. There has evidently been too liberal assistance given by some fiduciary concerns to speculative operations. No drain on eastern funds has resulted since the first alarm at two large failures in western states, which have all returned. Failures often grow more frequent as annual statements approach.

The year 1896 has been one of singular and confusing fluctuations in prices; wheat rose to 81 cents Jan. 8, fell to 60 1/2 cents Jan. 29, and rose to 82 cents Dec. 9. Cotton closed the year at 7 1/2 cents. Wool rose to an average of 14 1/2 cents for all domestic grades Feb. 1, fell to 12 1/2 cents Sept. 1, rose to 13 1/2 cents Dec. 3, and has since declined. Iron and steel products declined in value. The year closed at 20 per cent. Boots and shoes fell 13 per cent. in the spring, then rose gradually 20 per cent. to December.

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DOMESTIC MARTYRS.

Lots of women suffer constantly, and seldom utter complaint. Good men rarely know the pain endured by the women of their own household, or the efforts they make to appear cheerful and happy when they ought to be in bed, their suffering is really so great.

Only habits of life and dress tell sadly upon women's delicate organizations. They ought to be told just where the danger lies, for their whole future may depend upon that knowledge, and how to overcome it.

There is no need of our describing the experiences of such women here, they are too well known by those who have suffered, but we will impress upon every one that these are the never-failing symptoms of serious womb trouble, and unless relieved at once, a life will be forfeited.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound never fails to relieve the distressing troubles above referred to: it has held the faith of the women of America for twenty years. It cures the womb, strengthens the muscles, banishes headache and relieves all pains incident to women's diseases.

that will attack both man and beast will become epidemic this year, and will defy the skill of physicians, viz: the Blood-Tappers and the Flesh-Eaters. The blood-tappers get into the throat or stomach, and take the system by storm, the long, sharp, augur-shaped bills, and the flesh-eaters will bore away and consume the flesh from the outside. After the many proofs that we have given, our knowledge of the coming of microbes and the destruction they have made, are there not some men, rich in money, willing to contribute largely toward means to check and deliver the people from these awful microbes that are increasing in size and power every year and carrying away tens of thousands of human beings?

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MARKETS AND STOCKS

New York, Dec. 31.—Speculation at the Stock Exchange today was characterized by extreme dullness. Sugar, the Grains, Louisville and Nashville, Manhattan and other leading shares yielded 1/4 to 1/2 per cent., but subsequently Chicago Gas was taken in and advanced 1/4. Manhattan closed at 107 1/2, strength, rising 1/2 on the refusal of Judge Trux to restrain payment of the dividend. Near the close the stock receded to 89 1/2, and Chicago Gas at the same time ran off to 75 1/2. Speculation closed dull and business was almost at a standstill. The total transactions were only \$7,000 shares.

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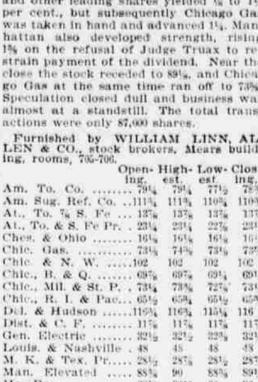
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