FINANCE AND COMMERCE

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF MONEY.

Offerings and Sales at the Richmond Tobacco Exchange—Internal Revenue Collections—Foreign Advances.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Stocks were quiet and irregular again to-day. The total sales footed up only 75,000 shares, including 10,900 Union Pacific, 9,300 Chicago Gas, and 7,900 Sugar. The trading was mainly professional, commission house orders being few and far between. The bank statement was favorable, but it had no influence on speculation. The statement showed an increase in surplus reserve of $1,052,775, a gain in deposits of $11,411,700, and an expansion in loans of $8,623,600. A net gain in cash of nearly $4,000,000 was reported. Baltimore and Ohio displayed a little more strength and on buying to cover short contracts recovered 3 to 16. Union Pacific was the most active stock on the list, and rose 1½ per cent. to 11½ on the formation of a committee to reorganize the road. In the Industrials Chicago Gas was in sharp demand and moved up to 77. Brokers intimately connected with the Flower-Brady party were buyers of the stock, and one firm took 3,000 shares on the way up. Sugar was erratic, while Tobacco and Cotton Oil were heavy. Cotton fell 2½ to 12½ and Tobacco 1¼ to ⅞ on liquidations. The Grangers, Trunk Lines, Anthracite Coalers, and Southwesterns moved within a narrow range. Southern Railway pfd ran off ¾ to 30¾ on realizations. The market closed quiet and irregular in tone. Net changes show losses of 5@1¼ per cent. Tobacco leading. Union Pacific gained 1 per cent. The bond market was irregular. The transactions footed up $1,211,000.

TREASURY BALANCES: Coin, $121,596,304; currency, $5,130,621.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE: Money on call 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange quiet and steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483¾@484 for sixty days and 486@486¼ for demand; posted rates, 484½@487½; commercial bills, 482½@483¾. Bar silver, 69¾. Government bonds steady. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds irregular. Silver at the board was neglected.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks.
American Cotton Oil	12½
American Cotton Oil pfd	81¼
American Sugar	116⅞
American Sugar Refineries pfd	103
American Tobacco	75
American Tobacco pfd	101½
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	14⅝
Baltimore and Ohio	15
Canada Pacific	55⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	17
Chicago and Alton	166
Chicago, Burling'n and Quincy	78¾
Chicago Gas Trust	76⅞
Delaware, Lack. and Western	120
Erie	15½
Erie pfd	35½
General Electric	32⅝
Illinois Central	93
Lake Erie and Western	18½
Lake Erie and Western pfd	71
Lake Shore	133
Louisville and Nashville	50½
Louisville, New Albany & Chicago	9
Manhattan Consolidated	96¾
Memphis and Charleston	15
Michigan Central	90
Missouri Pacific	29⅞
Mobile and Ohio	22
Nash., Chattanooga and St. Louis	67½
United States Cordage	6½
United States Cordage pfd	12½
New Jersey Central	16⅞
New York Central	95½
New York and New England	45
Norfolk and Western pfd	19⅝
Northern Pacific	14½
Northern Pacific pfd	37⅞
Northwestern	106
Northwestern pfd	140
Pacific Mail	25⅞
Reading	20⅝
Rock Island	69¾
St. Paul	75
St. Paul pfd	130½
Silver Certificates	69½
Tennessee Coal and Iron	29⅞
Tennessee Coal and Iron pfd	90
Texas Pacific	10
Union Pacific	11
Wabash	6⅞
Wabash pfd	16½
Western Union	89½
Wheeling and Lake Erie	8⅝
Wheeling and Lake Erie pfd	30½
BONDS.	
Alabama (Class A)	102
Alabama (Class B)	105
Alabama (Class C)	85
Louisiana Stamped 4's	96
North Carolina 6's	100
North Carolina 4's	119
Tennessee New Settlement 3's	80
Virginia 6's, old	5
Virginia Trust Receipts, Stamped	68
Virginia 2-3, 1991	60⅝
United States 4's, registered	109
United States 4's, coupon	110½
United States 2's, coupon	95
United States new 4's, registered	119⅝
United States new 4's, coupon	119
Southern Railway 5's	92
Southern Railway common	10½
Southern Railway pfd	30⅝
South Carolina 6's	100

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The weekly statement of the Associated Banks shows the following changes:

Reserve, increase	$1,052,775
Loans, increase	8,623,600
Specie, decrease	936,100
Legal tenders, increase	4,811,800
Deposits, increase	11,411,700
Circulation, decrease	220,300

The banks now hold $32,464,400 in excess of the legal requirements.

The New York Financier says this week:

For the first time since December 28, 1895, the deposits of the New York Clearing-House banks exceed $500,000,000, the bank statement for the current week showing a total deposit of $502,046,000, or an increase since November 7th last of $67,608,400. In other words, the gain has been at the rate of $15,000,000 per week since the Monday following election. This record, it is unnecessary to say, has never been surpassed in the history of the New York banks. There is seemingly no cessation in the growth of the deposit item. It reflects, in part, the flow of money from the interior, but a large percentage, doubtless, comes from the redeposit of hoarded funds in savings banks; then, too, there have been a number of financial operations of large magnitude, which must be taken into consideration, and the treasury has been losing money to the banks.

The loan feature is not less marked. The expansion for the week was $8,362,600, which brings the total loan from $470,700, reported November 7th, to $472,441,800 for the week just ended, a gain of nearly $70,000,000. It cannot be said that all this gain represents commercial needs. Demands of this nature, in fact, have fallen off lately, and the continued expansion shows the effect of the operations now going on, by which available American capital is placed to the credit of London, where the rate is higher.

It has required less than six weeks to change the market from a panic basis to one where the United States can loan money to the oldest and firmest of foreign financial centres. This is one of the most noteworthy incidents that has occurred in American banking. The other features of the current statement are about as had been expected. The total gain in cash for the week was $3,905,700. The decrease in specie represents operations with the treasury, and is interesting as being the first loss in gold which the banks have reported since the last of August, when gold imports began. The total gain in deposits was $11,411,700. Adding the loan increase of $8,623,600 to the cash gain, it will be seen that the deposit expansion is pretty well accounted for.

Circulation is still decreasing, the loss for the week being $220,300. The operations described resulted in an increase of $1,052,775 in the reserve.

Comparative statement:

	Dec. 9, '96.	Dec. 7, '95.	Dec. 8, '94.
Loans—	$472,441,800	$480,520,000	$507,733,700
Specie—	75,670,900	67,371,900	59,179,000
Legal tender—	82,700,000	83,344,000	115,245,200
Net deposits—	502,046,300	521,686,500	566,059,200
Circulation—	10,997,700	14,003,000	11,185,100
Total reserve—	157,975,900	150,715,900	174,415,200
Reserve required—	125,411,600	130,421,625	141,512,550
Excess of reserve—	32,564,400	20,294,275	32,902,650

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 5.—Virginia 6's, new, 73@73½; Virginia Century, 60⅝ bid; Baltimore and Ohio, 14⅝@16½; Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern firsts, 109 asked; Baltimore and Ohio income A, 11 asked; Gas stock, 61⅝ bid and 62¼ asked.

LONDON AND PARIS MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Bar silver, 29⅝d.; consols, 111⅞ for money and 112¼ for the account.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—4:30 P. M.—Three per cent. rentes, 106 francs and 17½ centimes for the account.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5, 1896.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907	110	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's	102½	...
North Carolina 6's	122	...
Virginia 3's (new)	73	75½
Virginia Century, 2-3	60⅝	61¼
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond City 8's	125	...
*Richmond City 6's	111	...
Richmond City 5's	110	...
Richmond City 4's	97	98
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's	118½	...
C., C. and A. 2d 7's	114	...
Petersburg, Class A., 5's	108½	...
Petersburg, Class B., 6's	113½	...
S., A. and M., 1919	86	...
S. Railway 1st 5's, 1994	91	...
Georgia and Alabama pfd 5's	98	...
Georgia and Alabama consols	81½	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Norfolk and Western pfd	100	17	...
Petersburg	100	108	113⅝
Rich. and Petersburg	100	114	...
S. Railway pfd 5's	100	30	...
S. Railway common	100	10¼	...
G. and A. pfd		23	...
G. and A. common		7½	9
BANK STOCKS.			
Citizens	25	24	27
First National	100	170	...
Merchants National	100	170	180
Planters National	100	240	255
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	20	...
Security	100	105	108
State Bank of Virginia	100	130	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	112	115
Virginia Trust Company	100	107	...
INSURANCE COMPANIES			
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	32	34
Virginia State	25	21	23½
MISCELLANEOUS.			
A. T. Co. pfd	100	101	103
A. T. Co. common	50	75	76

*Quotations are for bonds maturing in not less than ten years.

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5, 1896.

WHEAT—	Quotations.
Longberry	90 to 96
Mixed	88 to 96
Shortberry	85 to 96
No. 2 red	95 to 96
CORN—	
White, Virginia	29 to 30
No. 2 white	29 to 30
No. 2 mixed	27½ to 28
OATS—	
No. 2 mixed	21½ to 22
No. 3 mixed	20½ to 21
Winter seed	31 to 36
RYE	38 to 43

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7 9-16; net receipts, 697 bales; gross receipts, 1,840 bales; sales, 105 bales; all spinners; stock, 250,047 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 27,887 bales; exports to Great Britain, 16,169 bales; France, 7,019 bales; continent, 7,884 bales; stock, 1,211,697 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 2,827,780 bales; exports to Great Britain, 731,046 bales; France, 312,859 bales; continent, 801,422 bales.

Futures closed quiet and steady; sales, 144,900 bales; December, 7.28; January, 7.40; February, 7.42; March, 7.50; April, 7.55; May, 7.61; June, 7.64; July, 7.67; August, 7.69.

The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 3,817,979 bales, of which 3,407,779 bales are American, against 3,754,109 bales and 3,413,909 bales, respectively, last year; receipts of cotton this week at all interior towns, 203,791 bales; receipts from the plantations, 302,469 bales; crop in sight, 4,949,203 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 5.—COTTON—Futures steady; sales, 19,600 bales; December, 7.63; January, 7.69; February, 7.17; March, 7.25; April, 7.30; May, 7.35; June, 7.39; July, 7.43.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 5.—12:30 P. M.—COTTON—Demand fair and prices 1-32 lower; American middling, 4¼; sales, 10,000 bales; American, 9,500 bales; speculation and export, 1,500 bales; receipts, 30,300 bales, all American. Futures opened easy and demand moderate; December, 4 9-64; December and January, 4 8-64; January and February, and February and March, 4 6-64@4 7-64; March and April, April and May, and May and June, 4 5-64@4 6-64; June and July, 4 7-64@4 8-64; July and August, 4 7-64@4 8-64. Futures quiet.

12:45 P. M.—Spot cotton prices: American middling, fair 4 9-16; good middling, 4 5-16; low middling, 4 5-32; good ordinary, 4 1-32; ordinary, 3 27-32.

1 P. M.—American middling, 4¼; December 4 16-64@4 17-64, buyers; December and January, 4 8-64@4 9-64, sellers; January and February, 4 7-64@4 8-64, sellers; February and March and March and April, 4 7-64, sellers; April and May, 4 7-64, buyers; May and June, 4 7-64@4 8-64, sellers; June and July, 4 8-64, sellers; July and August, 4 8-64@4 9-64, sellers; August and September, 4 6-64@4 7-64, sellers. Futures closed steady.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 5.—WHEAT—The crowd was too enthusiastic on yesterday's break in wheat, and in consequence oversold the market. To-day matters were evened up by a recovery of almost half the loss. The Liverpool market displayed the same indifference to our Friday's break as it did to Thursday's bulge. This was considered quite as favorable and partly explained the firmness of prices. May wheat opened from 81⅞c. to 82c., sold at 81⅝c., advanced to 82⅝c., closing at 82⅝@82¾c., 1½c. higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and 1@1½c. higher.

CORN—A few shorts found it expedient to cover corn sales this morning, the purchases causing prices to present a steady tone. The firmness of wheat was, of course, the incentive for buying. May corn opened at 26½c., sold at 26@26⅛c., closing at 26⅛@26¼c.—unchanged from yesterday. Cash corn was steady and without any essential change in prices.

OATS—The trade in oats was of the same dull and unattractive character as usual. Yesterday's decline, although moderate, created a short interest, which in covering this morning, formed the tone. Sympathy with the other grains was the consideration. May oats closed unchanged from yesterday. Cash oats were steady and unchanged.

PROVISIONS—The reception of hogs was heavy at the yards. Ten cents per 100 pounds was, therefore, deducted from the price of live animals, and product naturally coincided with the downward tendency. At the close January pork and lard were each 7½c. lower and January ribs 2½@5c. lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec	78⅝	79¼	78⅝	79¼
May	81¾	82⅝	81⅝	82⅝
July	79	79⅞	79½	79⅞
CORN—				
Dec	23	23	22⅞	23
Jan	23½	23¼	23⅛	23¼
May	26¼	26¼	26	26¼
OATS—				
Dec	18	18	18⅛	18⅛
May	21½	21⅝	21¼	21⅝
PORK—				
Dec	$6.85	$6.85	$6.85	$6.85
Jan	7.55	7.57½	7.50	7.52½
May	7.85	7.90	7.85	7.87½
LARD—				
Dec	3.67½	3.67½	3.67½	3.67½
Jan	3.85	3.85	3.82½	3.82½
May	4.07½	4.07½	4.05	4.07½
RIBS—				
Dec	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80
Jan	3.82½	3.85	3.82½	3.85½
May	3.97½	4.00	3.95	3.97½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour was dull and easy; prices unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 78⅝@79⅝c.; No. 2 red, 80⅝@82½c.; No. 2 corn, 23⅛@23½c.; No. 2 oats, 18½@18¾c.; mess pork, $6.80@6.85; lard, $3.75; short rib sides, $3.75@3.85; dry salted shoulders, $4.25@4.50; short clear sides, $4.00@4.12½; whisky, $1.18.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 5.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Firm; spot, December, and January, 81⅝c. bid; May, 88@88¼c.; steamer No. 2 red, 84½c. asked; southern, by sample, 82@83c.; do. on grade, 88@92c.

CORN—Firmer; spot, 29½@29¾c.; December, 28⅝@28¾c.; January, 28¼@28⅜c.; February and March, 28⅛@28⅜c.; steamer mixed, 25¾c. bid; southern white corn, 29½@29c.; do. yellow corn, 27@28½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 25@26c.; No. 2 mixed, 22½@23c.

RYE—Easier; No. 2, near by, 42@43c.; No. 2, western, 44½@44¾c.

HAY—Firm for choice; choice timothy, $13.50@14.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very dull; not much demand.

COFFEE—Firm at $19.25.

SUGAR—Steady and in good demand; granulated, $4.45.

Other articles unchanged.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—There has been a very quiet close to this week's dry goods market at first hands. The best feature of the week has been the impetus given to retail trade here and elsewhere by the colder weather which has prevailed.

Sellers have not lost confidence in a good business after the turn of the year, but it is evident that some of them are hardly in a position to sit for it without seeking to interest buyers in the interval.

CINCINNATI MARKET.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 5.—FLOUR—Winter patent, $4.75@4.90; spring patent, $4.75@4.90.

WHEAT—About steady; No. 2 red, 95c.

CORN—About steady; No. 2 mixed, 22c.; No. 2 yellow, 22½c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 3 mixed, 19c.; sample mixed, 20c.

PORK—Family, $8.25; clear, $8.75; family clear back, $8.00, clear butt, $8.75.

LARD—Kettle, in tierces, $4.12½; prime steam, $3.75.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Shoulders, $3.75; short rib sides and clears, $4.12½; clear bellies, $3.62½.

BACON—Shoulders, $4.00; short rib sides, $4.25; short clear sides, $4.50; clear bellies, $5.25.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.18.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

UNION STOCK YARDS, ILL., Dec. 5.—CATTLE—Receipts, 600 head; market steady; common to extra steers, $3.50@5.60; stockers and feeders, $2.80@4.10; cows and bulls, $1.50@3.90; calves, $3.50@5.75; Texans, $2.65@4.40.

HOGS—Receipts, 31,000 head; market weak and 10c. lower; heavy packing and shipping lots, $3.05@3.35; common to choice mixed, $3.10@3.40; choice assorted, $3.30@3.40; light, $3.10@3.35; pigs, $2.80@3.35.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5,000 head; market steady; inferior to choice, $2.00@3.75; lambs, $3.25@5.00.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 5.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—Higher; December, 90⅝c.; May, 91½c.

CORN—Lower; December, 20⅝c.; May, 23⅝c.

OATS—Lower; December, 20c.; May, 22½c.

Other articles unchanged.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 5.—ROSIN—Firm; strained, $1.45; good strained, $1.55.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Steady; machine, 24½c.; irregular, 24c.

TAR—Steady at $1.10.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet; hard, $1.40; soft, $1.90; virgin, $1.80.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5, 1896.

Sales of new dark loose tobaccos on the Richmond (Va.) breaks for the week ending to-day: Crenshaw's warehouse sold 50,855 pounds, highest price, $18. Shockoe warehouse sold 56,845 pounds; highest price, $12.50. Total, 107,700 pounds; highest price, $18.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day were extremely light.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade for the week ending to-day: Wrappers, 27 hogsheads; fillers, 214; cutters, 57; smokers, 16; scrap (bright), 7; leaf (dark), 222; lugs (dark), 28. Total, 571 hogsheads; cured, 7 tsun. cmfwyp vbgkqj xzjlff.

The tobacco inspector reports light sampling to-day. And for the week ending to-day: Inspections—Bright, 46 hogsheads; dark, 37 hogsheads. Reinspections—Bright, 14 hogsheads.

Total inspections for the week ending to-day, 183 hogsheads; reinspections, 14 hogsheads. Total, 197 hogsheads.

Farmers, Myers', Crenshaw's, Davenport's, Vaughan's, Old Dominion, and Seabrook's tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 20 packages; deliveries, 65 packages.

The same tobacco warehouses, with Alleghany, Jones', Stonewall, Shockoe, Neal's, Planters, and Williams & Rehling's added, report for the week ending to-day: Receipts, 133 packages; deliveries, 270 packages.

Excess of the deliveries over the receipts for the week ending to-day, 137 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobaccos for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $160.40; plug tobaccos, $2,083.41. Total, $2,243.81.

United States internal revenue collections on tobaccos for the city of Richmond, Va., for the week ending to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $17,633.81; plug tobaccos, $14,455.59. Total, $32,089.40.

The "Tobacco Leaf" of New York city, under date of the 24 instant, says the exports of tobacco and cigarettes from the port of New York to foreign ports for week ending November 24th were:

Amsterdam—8 bales, 5 pgs. (599 lbs.) mfd.

Antwerp—194 hhds., 51 cs.

Australia—261 pgs. (41,286 lbs.) mfd.

Bordeaux—122 hhds.

Brazil—1 pg. (190 lbs.) mfd.

Bremen—64 hhds., 70 cs., 392 bales.

British Africa—1 cs., 1 pg. (100 lbs.) mfd.

British East Indies—115 pgs. (14,460 lbs.) mfd., 4 cs. cigarettes.

British West Indies—20 hhds., 1 cs., 40 pgs. (2,900 lbs.) mfd., 87 cs. cigarettes.

British Guiana—10 hhds.

British Honduras—6 pgs. (481 lbs.) mfd., 6 cs. cigarettes.

British Possessions, all other—50 pgs. (5,607 lbs.) mfd.

Central America—1 bale, 1 cs. cigarettes.

China—5 pgs. (500 lbs.) mfd., 210 cs. cigarettes.

Christiana—14 cs. cigarettes.

Cuba—10 pgs. (2,000 lbs.) mfd.

Danish West Indies—7 hhds.

Dutch East Indies—10 pgs. (1,000 lbs.) mfd.

Dutch West Indies—45 cs., 17 bales, 86 pgs. (8,944 lbs.) mfd.

Dutch Guiana—2 hhd.

French Guiana—5 bales.

Gibraltar—1 cs. cigarettes.

Glasgow—53 hhds.

Hamburg—36 hhds., 17 pgs. (1,932 lbs.) mfd., 3 cs. cigarettes.

Havre—176 hhds.

Hayti—18 hhds., 11 cs., 1 bale.

Hong Kong—29 pgs. (3,296 lbs.) mfd.

Japan—279 cs. cigarettes.

Leghorn—248 hhds.

Leicester—1 pg. (80 lbs.) mfd.

Liverpool—147 hhds., 21 cs., 50 pgs. (7,558 lbs.) mfd.

London—68 hhds., 160 cs., 440 pgs. (73,235 lbs.) mfd., 70 cs. cigarettes.

Malta—23 pgs. (4,048 lbs.) mfd.

Manchester—50 cs.

Marseilles—20 hhds.

New Zealand—80 pgs. (14,037 lbs.) mfd.

Phillippines—2 pgs. (200 lbs.) mfd.

Rotterdam—7 hhds., 90 cs., 17 bales, 8 pgs. (880 lbs.) mfd.

Stockholm—60 cs. cigarettes.

Southampton—1 pg. (100 lbs.) mfd.

U. S. of Colombia—2 cs.

Venezuela—43 cs., 119 pgs. (19,125 lbs.) mfd.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, DEC. 5, 1896.

ARRIVED.

Schooner Viking, New York.
Ger. steamship Albano, New Orleans.
Ger. steamship Ascania, New Orleans.
Br. steamship Greenbrier, London.

SAILED.

Br. steamship Appomattox, London.
Schooner Senator Sullivan, Galveston.

PORT OF WEST POINT, DEC. 5, 1896.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Albemarle, —, Norfolk, passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Steamship Albemarle, —, Norfolk, passengers and general cargo.

Chicago Society Puzzled.

Whether Dr. John Watson ("Ian Maclaren") thinks well of the erudition of Chicago society or not may never be known. That the members of the Twentieth Century Club treated him well and that he was charmed by their generous hospitality goes without saying. But it is perfectly safe to assert that never before has the good Doctor heard his nom de guerre pronounced in more different ways than he did that night at the reception which followed his lecture to the Twentieth Century Club.

"'Jaron' Maclaren's fame long preceded your visit here, Doctor,' said a Prairie avenue matron.

"Let me introduce you to 'Yan' Maclaren," said William Morton Payne.

"'Ian' Maclaren is not a stranger to Chicago," is the way Franklin H. Head put it.

"What's his writing name?" asked a society bud of a friend.

"'Eon' Maclaren," he said.

"I've heard it pronounced 'Jan,' corrected a matured acquaintance.

"Yes, that's 'John' Maclaren, said a Michigan avenue beau ideal.

"Permit me," said young Mr. Higinbotham, "he pronounces that name 'Yan,' I believe."

And thus it went, Yon, Yaron, Jan, John, Eron, Ion, &c. And, as the Doctor never once spoke the word, polite society is wondering what in the Sam Hill is the right way of pronouncing the name.—Chicago Chronicle.

When in Baltimore last week Dr. Watson was, in the majority of instances, spoken of as Yan Maclaren.—Baltimore Sun.

THE SECOND CONCERT.

SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS WILL APPEAR HERE ON FRIDAY.

Manager F. P. Wright Has Arranged to Give a Concert of the Highest Order. Something About the Artists.

The indications at present are that the second of the Metropolitan concerts will be one, if not the best of the series. It will be remembered that as originally arranged Herr Moritz Rosenthal, Miss Martha Garrison Miner, Sig. Giacomo Sunitono and Miss Julie Levey were the artists who were to appear here on Friday evening.

Everything had been arranged when the sudden illness of Rosenthal upset Manager Wright's plans and threw everything into confusion.

Mr. Walter D. Moses, the local manager of the concerts, has been keeping the wires warm during the past week, and as a result there will appear here Friday evening a combination of excellent artists. They are Miss Maud Powell, violinist; Miss Miner, soprano; Sig. Nanton, tenor of the Damrosch Opera Company, and Cheveller de Bassinni, baritone, the Grand Italian Opera, Milan.

The accompanist will be Mr. Jacques Friedberger, that is provided the negotiations now pending with Sieveking, the great Dutch pianist, are not successfully concluded.

The sale of tickets has been good, and there is no doubt but that an even larger and more brilliant audience will welcome the artists than upon the occasion of the last concert.

MISS MAUD POWELL.

Miss Powell's career may be said to have begun in her eighth year, when she played piano solos in public in her native town, Aurora, Ill. Her first appearance with the violin was quite impromptu on the occasion of a picnic. The occurrence serves to show her youthful fearlessness and the compelling power of her talent. Approaching the violinist of the band engaged to furnish the music for dancing, she suggested that he allow her to take his fiddle, which, of course, he refused to do. Insisting, she said "I'll play something for you." With some hesitation he gave her the violin. She tuned it and played from start to finish a small air with variations, including pizzicota, staccato and harmonics. The crowd gathered around the little platform on which she stood, listening breathlessly and breaking into frantic applause when she finished.

Her face broke into a childish grin, and almost throwing the fiddle back to its owner, she dodged through the crowd and was gone. Later she was found barefoot in a little stream, assisting some small companions in building a dam.

At the age of ten she was first violinist in a small local orchestra of twenty men. "The child of the Regiment" they called her. At eleven she was the principal attraction of a concert company that travelled through the Middle and Western States. A second "Camilla Urso," "Miss Paganini," "Little Fiddle Fairy" were some of the names given her by the public and the press. Even in those days she was the recipient of flowers, poems and jewels, but with all there her head was never turned. She remained the same sweet girlish tot, fond of her pets and ever ready for a romp.

THOSE SECRET SERVICE MEN.

They Tried a Daring Game, But It Fail to Work.

Early last month there came to the boarding-house of Mr. R. P. Anderson, who keeps up-town, two nicely-dressed men, who gave the names of Frank Leonard and Alexander Highland. They claimed to be United States Secret Service men, and stated that the United States Marshal would pay all bills contracted by them.

Deputy Marshal Pleasants soon found out that the men were frauds, and accordingly warrants were sworn out for their arrest by United States Commissioner Henry Flegenheimer.

Deputy Pleasants went to Mr. Joseph Lassiter's stables, where he heard the men were at that time, to arrest them. They had been there and tried to secure two horses, but Mr. Lassiter did not let them have the animals.

Mr. Pleasants next discovered that the crooks had gone to Mr. J. C. Dickerson's saddle and harness store and tried to get some harness, but failed. The Deputy traced the men to Eighth and Broad streets, where they took breakfast at a lunch-house on the morning of the 24 of November. Here all trace of the men was lost, but, picking up a thread of a clue, it was discovered that the fake detectives had left town by the James-River route of the Chesapeake and Ohio. They were, however, next heard from in Louisa county, at Trevillian Station, where they were seen on horseback. One of them "did" a farmer named George Coleman out of two dollars on a horse trade.

Mr. Pleasants is following them with telegrams and letters, and they will, no doubt, be caught.

It is said the men went out to Solomon's store, in Henrico county, broke into a house of a man named O'Macdonald, and stole a suit of clothes and some money.

City-Hall Courts.

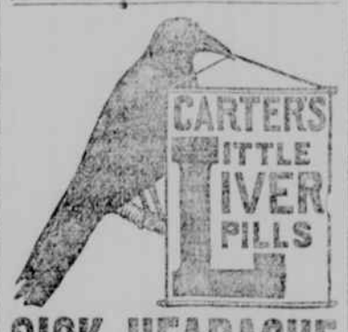
Thomas W. Bowry yesterday instituted suit in the Law and Equity Court against the Richmond Railway and Electric Company for $5,000. Mr. Bowery was employed as a fireman by this company, and some time ago, while at work on a high pole, he fell and injured himself very badly. He claims that the company's neglect was responsible for his being hurt.

In the Circuit Court suit was instituted by Catlett Brothers against Wesley, Signaigo & Satterfield; damages, $500.

E. A. Saunders & Son entered suit against Fannie Curtis; damages, $500.

Carl Schultz entered suit against the city of Richmond for $2,500. The plaintiff alleges that he received injuries through the carelessness of the city by riding into a hole on west Broad street.

The following unusually large bargain and sale deed was recorded in the Chancery Court yesterday: Ashton Starke and Walter Sydner to Mrs. Arabella G. Starke, two lots, with improvements, on First street between Cary and Canal, and another lot near Cary and First streets. Consideration, $10,000.



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Mr. Jedediah Bobbin's Singin' Skule.

"Mr. Jedediah Bobbin's Singin' Skule" will be given to-morrow (Monday) night at Broad-Street M. E. church, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock, when the following programme, together with other amusing "singin' skule" exercises, will be carried out, regardless of the weather:

YE SINGIN' & SPEEKIN'.

Ye 1 peace—"Ye Singin' Skule," by Mrs. Bobbin and all ye skollers.

Ye 2 peace—"Grandma's Advice," by Gloriana Snuggleby.

Ye 3 peace—"A Fore-Cornered Peace," by Mrs. Bobbin's Quartette.

Ye 4 peace—"Dost Thou Love Me, Sister Ruth?" by Alviry Slimmens and Mr. Jedediah Bobbin.

Ye 5 peace—"Three Blind Mice," by all ye skollers.

Ye 6 peace—A peace will be spoke by Mercy Meekins.

Ye 7 peace—"A Hot Time in ye Old Town To-Night," by Jemima Larkin.

Ye 8 peace—"Ye Late Lamented Mr. Crow," by Alviry Slimmens.

Ye 9 peace—"Nid, Nid, Noddin," by all ye skollers.

Charged With Forgery.

Isaiah Ross (colored) is a prisoner at the Henrico county jail charged with forging the name of Mr. R. T. Willson on the 14th of November, 1896. He had a hearing before Squire R. C. Friend yesterday morning and was sent on to the grand jury. It seems that this negro, who lives in Varina District of Henrico, bought a bill of lumber from L. A. Marstin, for which he was to pay on the instalment plan. He failed to meet his payments recently. A letter has been received from Ross, by Mr. Marstin about the payment of the debt, and in the letter was a note, dated November 14th, and signed R. T. Willson, but alleged to have been written by Ross himself. The note, in substance, assures Mr. Marstin that his bill against Ross will be paid. Ross was employed by Mr. Willson.

Funeral of Mr. Page.

The funeral of Mr. N. T. Page, whose death was announced in yesterday's Times, will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the late residence of the deceased, 409 east Franklin street. Rev. Dr. Hartley Carmichael, rector of St. Paul's church, will officiate, and the interment will be in Hollywood.

The following gentlemen will act as pall-bearers: L. C. Younger, B. L. Christian, Z. B. Pickrell, R. Carter Scott, R. M. Blankenship, W. H. Taliaferro, E. R. Morton and R. C. Worthington.

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