FINANCE AND COMMERCE

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF MONEY.

Offerings and Sales at the Richmond Tobacco Exchange—Internal Revenue Receipts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—To-day's market for stocks was very dull and net changes for the most part are trivial and are divided amongst gains and losses without much semblance of consistency or order. The local Traction securities were the favorites, and they rose at one time sharply above last night's level under the belief that they would benefit even if the proposed rapid transit project was consummated. Brooklyn Rapid Transit enjoyed a special advantage from the reported decision denying an injunction against the use of the Western Bridge terminus for a loop. This stock was a long 1¾ above last night's level and held over a point of this gain. Sugar was also a strong feature and rose at one time 1½, but held only a fraction of that amount. The Vanderbilts were traded in extensively to-day. Lake Shore gaining a point. Other stocks which were notably strong were Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg pfd, which rose 2½, and do. common, which gained 2 points. American Spirits pfd also gained 2 points. There was considerable activity in the grangers, with early strength Burlington crossing par, but later recessions carried prices below last night's level. News this morning from foreign exchanges dissipated all apprehension caused by yesterday's reports that the British naval reserves had been ordered out. British consols advanced a fraction in London, on an unfailing barometer of a peaceful outlook. The firmness of the wheat market also relieved the uneasiness in speculative circles over the outcome of the great December deal. The bank statement was regarded, as it is so involved with the Union Pacific operation, as to offer no indication of the drift of general conditions. The somewhat contradictory firmness of money and hardness of foreign exchange continued to-day, though both markets were very dull. The sub-treasury had $1,446,742 to pay at the clearing house today again reflecting the continuing replenishment of the money market from that source. The increase in the gross earning of the Pennsylvania system for November over last year was $1,492,400 and the increase in net was $779,200. The week has been one of dullness on the stock market, and on the side of a few specialties for a more highly speculative character, almost apathy. Trading has been in the hands of professional room traders and outside interest in the market has been insignificant. Various causes have contributed to the dullness; the holiday season has kept many operators out of the market. Dealers in stocks have the habit common to all business men of closing up accounts with the end of the year as far as is possible and of taking account of conditions before entering upon new ventures. There has been liquidation of speculative accounts during the week in accordance with this custom, the effect of which has been especially manifest in the specialties recently favorites in the speculation. Profit in the stocks of local corporations caused some sharp recessions in values, but later developments have resulted in recoveries. The decisive factor in restricting speculation, however, has been the stiffness of the rates for money and the apprehension of a squeeze at the end of the year, an apprehension that has grown less and less as the week progressed.

The bond market during the week has shared in the dullness of the stock market during the week, but prices have been held firm or have improved. United States 4's, both new and old issues, are ¼ lower bid, and the 5's, ¼ lower.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 156,700 shares, including the following: Chicago B. and Q., 10,425; Manhattan L., 28,526; Northern Pacific pfd, 4,337; R. I. ex-div., 3,125; St. Paul, 9,660; American Spirits pfd 4,365; Bay State Gas, 3,200; Sugar, 27,155.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call firm at 3½@4 per cent.; last loan, 4 per cent.; closed 3½@4 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange dull and easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.84¾@4.84½ for demand and at 4.82 for sixty days. Posted rates, 4.82½@4.83, and 4.85½@4.86. Commercial bills, 4.81@4.81½. Silver certificates, 57½@58¼. Bar silver 57¾. Mexican dollars, 46½. Government bonds irregular; State bonds dull; railroad bonds strong.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks
Atchison	12¾
Atchison pfd	29¼
Baltimore and Ohio and Ohio	13¾
Canada Pacific	81¼
Canada Southern	52
Cent. Pac.	11½
Chesapeake and Ohio	22¼
Chi. and Alton	162½
Chi. B. and Q.	99¼
Chi. and E. Ill.	52½
C. C. C. and St. L.	34¾
C. C. C. and St. L. pfd	78
Del. and Hudson	110
Del. L. and W.	155¾
Del. and Rio G.	11½
Del. and Rio G. pfd	45½
Erie (new)	14½
Erie (new) 1st pfd	38¼
Fort Wayne	168½
Gt. Nor. pfd	130
Hocking Valley	5½
Illinois Cent.	103¾
Lake Erie and W.	16½
Lake Erie and W pfd	72
Lake Shore	171
Louis. and Nash.	56¾
Manhattan L.	111¼
Met. Trac.	120½
Mich. Cent.	100
Minn. and St. L.	23¾
Minn. and St. L. 1st pfd	85½
Mo. Pacific	33¾
Mobile and Ohio	29¼
Mo. K. and T.	12½
Mo. K. and T. pfd	35¾
Chi. Ati. and Chi.	8¼
Chi. Ind. and L. pfd	32
N. J. Central	96
N. Y. Central	108½
N. Y. Chi. and St. L.	13
N. Y. Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd	70
N. Y. Chi. and St. L. 2d pfd	32½
Nor. West.	14½
N. and W. pfd	47
Nor. Amer. Co.	4¾
No. Pac.	21¾
Nor. Pac. pfd	59
Ontario and W.	15¾
Ore. R. and Nav.	39½
Ore. Short L.	19
Pittsburg	168
Reading	22
Rock Island	89¾
St. L. and S. W. F.	7¾
St. L. and S. W. F. 1st pfd	56¾
St. L. and S. W. F. 2d pfd	26¾
St. Paul	94¼
St. Paul pfd	142½
St. Paul and Om.	76¾
St. P. and Om. pfd	148
St. P. M. M.	121½
So. Pacific	20¼
Southern R. W.	9
Southern R. W. pfd	32¼
Texas and Pacific	11½
Union Pacific	25¼
U. P. D. and G.	6¾
Wabash	7
Wabash pfd	17¼
Wheel. and L. E.	3
Wheeling and L. E. pfd	8
EXPRESS COMPANIES.	
Adams Express	159
American Express	115
United States	39
Wells-Fargo	110
MISCELLANEOUS.	
A. Cot. Oil	22¼
A. Cot. Oil pfd	75¼
Amer. Spirits	7¾
Amer. Spirits pfd	20
Amer. Tob.	88¼
Amer. Tob. pfd	113
People's Gas	96¼
Cons. Gas	176½
Com. Cable Co.	170
Col. F. and Iron	23¼
Col. F. and Iron pfd	75
Gen. Electric	34
Illinois Steel	45
La Clede Gas	43¾
Lead	37¼
Lead pfd	105¼
Nat. Lin. Oil	17¼
Ore. Imp. Co.	18
Pacific Mail	29¾
Pullman Palace	172
Silver Certificates	57¼
Stand. Rope and Twine	5¼
Sugar	140¾
Sugar pfd	114
T. C. and Iron	26¼
U. S. Leather	6⅞
U. S. Leather pfd	63¾
U. S. Rubber	16
U. S. Rubber pfd	66
West. Union	91
Chicago Northwestern	121
Chicago Northwestern pfd	162½
St. L. and S. W.	4¾
St. L. and S. W. pfd	10¼
Rio Grande and W.	22

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U. S. new 4's, reg.	128
U. S. new 4's, coup.	128
U. S. 4's	113¾
U. S. 4's coup.	114¾
U. S. 2ds	99½
U. S. 5's reg.	114
U. S. 5's coup.	114
District 3.65's	108¼
Ala. Class A.	108
Ala. Class B.	108
Ala. Class C.	100
Ala. Currency	100
Atchison 4's	88¾
Atchison adj. 4's	58¾
Can. So. 2ds	109½
C. and N. P. t.r. 5's	46
C. and Ohio 5's	114
C. H. and D. 4½'s	104¾
D. and R. G. 1sts	105½
D. and R. G. 4's	91
East Tenn. 1sts	110
Erie Gen. 4's	71½
F. W. and D. 1sts t.r.	70
Gen. Electric 5's	100¼
G. H. and S. A. 6's	105
G. H. and S. A. 2ds	105½
H. and T. C. 5's	112
H. and T. C. con. 6's	106
Iowa C. 1sts	100
Kan. P. Con. t.r.	84¾
K. Pac. 1st (Den. Div.) t.r.	105
La. new consols 4's	101½
L. and N. Uni. 4's	86¾
Missouri 6's	100
M. K. and T. 2ds	63
M. K. and T. 4's	86
N. Y. Central 1sts	119
N. J. C. 5's	112¾
North Carolina 6's	125
North Carolina 4's	103
No. Pac. 1sts	118½
Nor. Pac. 3's	61
Nor. Pac. 4's	96
N. Y. C. and St. L. 4's	106¼
Nor. and West. 6's	123
Northwestern Consols	145
Northwestern deb. 5's	116¾
O. Nav. 1sts	115¼
O. Nav. 4's	93¾
O. S. Line 6's t.r.	123¾
O. S. Line 5's t.r.	98¾
O. Imp. 1sts t.r.	102½
O. Imp. 5's t.r.	45¾
Pac. 6's of '95	103¼
Reading 4's	85¾
R. G. W. 1sts	85¾
St. L. and Ir. M. Con. 5's	88½
St. L. and San Fran. Gen. 6's	119
St. P. Con.	141¼
St. Paul C. and P. 1sts	121½
St. P. C. and P. 5's	117½
South Carolina non-fund.	1½
Southern R. W. 5's	95¾
Stand. Rope and Twine 6's	56
Tenn. New Set. 3's	90
Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	97¾
Tex. Pac. L. G. Rg. 2ds	28⅝
Union Pac. 1sts	103
U. P. D. and Gulf 1sts	49
Wabash 1st 5's	107¾
Wabash 2ds	80⅞
W. Shore 4's	111¼
Va. Centuries	69
Virginia Centuries deferred	3½
Pacific 6's of '99	103¼
Mobile and Ohio 4's	77½
Phil. and Read. G. and M. 5's	87¾
N. and W. Consols 4's	79

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31, 1897.

SALES: Norfolk and Western 4's, 3,000 at 78½.

	Bid.	Asked.
GOV. SECURITIES.		
U. S. 4's R. and C. 1907	114	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
N. C. 4's, C.	106	...
North Carolina 6's, C. 1919	126	...
Va. 3's (new), C. and R. 1932	70½	...
Va. Cent. 2-3 C. and R.	69	69¾
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich. City 8's, R. 1904-1910	135	...
Richm'd City 6's, R. 1904-1910*	116	...
Richm'd City 5's, R. 1920-1922	113	...
Rich. City 4's R. 1920-1929	104	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's, R. 1907	123	...
A. and C. gu. in 6's, R. 1900	103	...
C. C. and A. 2d 7's C 1910	118	...
Ga. Pac. 1st 6's R. C. 1922	123	...
Ga. Co. and Fla. 5's, 1945	93	103¼
Pet. Class A. 5's, R. C. 1926	112	...
Pet., Class B. 6's, R. C. 1926	116	...
Rich. and Dan. Gold 6's C 1915	124	...
Southern R. W. 1st 5's 1994	94½	...
West. N. C. 1st 6's, C. 1914	114½	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd 5's	103	103¾
Ga. and Ala. Consols	82	...
Rich. Trac. 5's 1925	94	...
N. and W. 1st Mor. Con. 8 per cent. 1996	78¾	79
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RAILROAD STOCKS. Par.		
Atlanta and Charlotte 100	98½	100
Chesapeake and Ohio 100	22	...
North Carolina 100	123	126
Nor. and West pfd 100	47	47¾
Petersburg 100	113½	115
R. F. and P. com. 100	122½	...
R. F. and P. Div. Oblig. 100	113	...
Rich. and Pet. 100	119½	...
Southern R. W. pfd 100	31	...
Southern R. W. com. 100	8½	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd	24	25
Ga. and Ala. com.	9	10
BANK STOCKS.		
Citizens 25	19	20
City 25	28½	...
First National 100	167	...
Metropolitan 25	26	...
National Bank of Va. 100	100	...
Planters National 100	248	255
Pet. Savs. and Ins. Co. 25	34½	...
Security 100	101	...
State Bank of Virginia 100	140	...
Union Bank of Richmond 50	114	...
Virginia Trust Company 100	110	...
Savs. Bank of Richmond 25	37½	...
INS. COMPANIES.		
Va. Fire and Marine 25	35	...
Virginia State 25	23	24½
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd 100	112	...
Amer. Tob. com 50	88	...
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd 100	110	111
Va.-Car. Chem. Co., com 100	...	60

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

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31, 1897.

	Quotations.
WHEAT—	
Longberry	92 @ 98
Mixed	91 @ 98
Shortberry	90 @ 98
No. 2 red	98 @
CORN—	
White, Va., bag lots	34 @ 35
No. 2 white	34 @ 34½
No. 2 mixed	33½@
OATS—	
No. 2 mixed	27½@
No. 3 mixed	27 @
Winter seed	30 @ 35
RYE—	
No. 2	@ 53

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 31.—The price of peanuts has fallen again, and is now ranging from 1@2½c., having dropped from 2½c. Nuts are coming in freely, and indications are that the crop is larger than anticipated. The percentage of black nuts is about 30 per cent., which keeps the price down.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—COTTON—Quiet; middling 5 15-16c.; net receipts, 1,304 bales; gross, 7,705 bales; exports to the Continent, 3,225 bales; forwarded, 755 bales; sales, 23 bales, all spinners; stock, 123,682 bales.

Weekly—Net receipts, 6,506 bales; gross 40,701 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,848 bales; to France, 1,984 bales; to the Continent, 6,314 bales; forwarded, 13,769 bales; sales, 540 bales; spinners, 140 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 66,725 bales; exports to Great Britain, 33,747 bales; to the Continent, 15,15 bales; stock, 1,216,550 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 306,567 bales; exports to Great Britain, 103,190 bales; to France, 9,084 bales; to the Continent, 70,978 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 5,506,688 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,770,413 bales; to France, 494,559 bales; to the Continent, 1,446,685 bales.

Futures opened steady at the decline: sales, 4,000 bales: January, 5.80; February 5.82; March, 5.85; April, 5.89; May, 5.92; June, 5.98; July, 6.03; August, 6.06; September, 6.06; October, 5.03.

Futures closed steady; sales, 75,700 bales: January, 5.78; February, 5.80; March, 5.84; April, 5.89; May, 5.94; June, 5.98; July, 6.02; August, 6.04; September, 6.05; October, 6.06.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 5 15-16c.; middling gulf, 6 6-16c. Sales, 23 bales.

The following are total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1897:

Galveston, 1,379,093 bales; New Orleans, 1,504,652 bales; Mobile, 227,102 bales; Savannah, 850,306 bales; Charleston, 300,035 bales; Wilmington, 265,013 bales; Norfolk, 422,547 bales; Baltimore, 31,424 bales; New York, 64,352 bales; Boston, 104,489 bales; Newport News, 5,444 bales; Philadelphia, 29,617 bales; Brunswick, 19,129 bales; Port Royal, 45,038 bales; Pensacola, 53,959 bales. Total, 5,506,688 bales.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The December wheat deal, like the proverbial March weather came in "like a lion" and to-day "went out like a lamb." There was no excitement at the session, December winding up at 25, or ⅝ above yesterday's close. Speculative business in May was slight, but firm, that month closing at ⅜@½ advance. Corn and oats were lifeless and closed at substantially unchanged prices. Provisions were very strong and closed 10@25 higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
Dec.	94¾	95¼	94¼	95
Jan.	92⅞	93⅞	92⅞	93
May	92⅝	92¾	92	92
CORN—No. 2.				
Dec.	27	27½	26¾	26¾
Jan.	....	....	....	27¼
May	29¾	29⅞	29⅝	29¾
July	30⅞	30⅝	30⅞	30⅞
OATS—No. 2.				
Dec.	22¾	23	22⅝	22⅝
May	23⅞	23¼	23⅞	23¼
MESS PORK—				
Jan.	$8.85	$9.00	$8.82½	$8.97½
May	9.05	9.27½	9.05	9.22½
LARD—100 lbs.				
Jan.	4.65	4.75	4.65	4.72½
May	4.80	4.90	4.80	4.87½
SHORT RIBS—				
Jan.	4.42½	4.52½	4.42½	4.52½
May	4.50	4.70	4.60	4.67½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm; No. 2 yellow corn, 27@27¼c.; No. 2 spring wheat, 88c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 75@88c.; No. 2 red, 93@95c.; No. 2 corn, 27@27¼c.; No. 2 oats, 22½@23c.; No. 2 white, f.o.b., 24½@24¾c.; No. 3 white, f.o.b. 23½@24½c.; No. 2 rye, 46¼c.; No. 2 barley, 27½@27¾c.; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.18@1.22; prime timothy seed, $2.65; mess pork, per barrel, $7.97½@8.00; lard, per 100 pounds, $4.72½; short ribs sides (loose) $4.45@4.70; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4⅝@4¾; short clear sides (boxed), $4.75@4.85; whiskey, distillers' finished goods per gallon, $1.19; sugars, cut, loaf, $6.14@5.51; butter, firm; creamery, 15@21c.; dairy, 12@18c.; cheese, quiet, 8@8¾c.; eggs, firm; fresh, 22c.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

January 1, 1898.

Sun rises	7:27 A. M.
Sun sets	5:01 P. M.
Moon south	7:31 P. M.
First high water	11:30 A. M.
Second high water	11:20 P. M.

PORT OF RICHMOND DECEMBER 31, 1897—ARRIVALS.

Steamer Richmond, Glover, Merchandise and passenger, Old Dominion Steamship Company, from Norfolk.

SAILED.

Steamer Yemmasse, O'Neil, merchandise and passenger, Clyde Line, for Philadelphia.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, merchandise and passenger, Virginia Navigation Company, for Norfolk.

Steamer Richmond, Glover, merchandise and passenger, Old Dominion Steam Ship Company, for New York.

PORT OF WEST POINT, DEC. 31, 1897. ARRIVED.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

Steamship Elm City, Haynes, Mattaponi river landings, general cargo and passengers.

SAILED.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

Steamship Elm City, Haynes, Mattaponi river landings, passengers and general cargo.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Emily J. Sprigg.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Emily J. Sprigg, the beloved wife of Rev. Dr. W. F. Sprigg, which took place at her late residence yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, will be heard with profound regret by a large number of friends.

Mrs. Sprigg has been ill for several weeks, and about a week ago she was thought to be in extremis, but rallied, and the hope was expressed that she might recover. But she sank again, and soon breathed her last. Mrs. Sprigg had been suffering with a complication of troubles, but the immediate cause of her death was heart failure.

She was a most lovable woman, amiable and vivacious for one of her age, and was charitable almost to a fault. Her intimate friends were numbered by the score, and many poor people will sadly miss her kind offices and cheering words.

Mrs. Sprigg was born in Baltimore. She come to Richmond with her husband from Alexandria in 1870, and together, they worked for the building up of what was then Moore-Memorial chapel, but which is now Holy Trinity church. They labored together and saw the little chapel grow in strength day by day. As editor of the Southern Churchman, Dr. Sprigg's work grew beyond him, and he retired from Moore-Memorial just as the fruits of his labors were ripening for the harvest.

The funeral services, which will be conducted by Rev. J. J. Gravatt, will be held at the residence, 710 west Grace street, this morning at 7:45 o'clock, and the body will be carried on the early train to Baltimore, where the interment will be in the family vault in Greenmount Cemetery. The pall-bearers will be Messrs. John W. Gordon, J. N. Ball, Z. W. Pickerell, J. R. Addison, Dr. J. N. Upshur, and Mr. Grosser.

Mrs. Sprigg leaves beside her husband, one daughter, Fannie, wife of Rev. J. B. Perry, of Washington. She reached the city yesterday, and will accompany the body to Baltimore.

Miss Sallie Stuart, of Alexandria, a close friend of the deceased, was at the bedside when Mrs. Sprigg died.

Mrs. Mamie A. Woodall.

Mrs. Mamie A. Woodall, wife of Mr. George W. Woodall, died at her home, No. 510 Mosby street Thursday morning at 9:45 o'clock. Mrs. Woodall had been ill since Christmas-Day, though for some time previous to that time she had been in bad health. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Satterwhite, and besides the devoted parents and two brothers—Messrs. Charles and Gilbert Satterwhite—leaves a husband, three small children and many friends to whom her life had brought sunshine and her death deepest sorrow. Mr. Charles Satterwhite is at present in London on a business trip.

The funeral will take place from Venable-Street Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

Deceased had been a member of Venable-Street church since childhood.

Mr. William H. Tyree, Jr.

Mr. William H. Tyree, Jr., son of Mr. William H. and the late Elizabeth S. Tyree, died quite unexpectedly Thursday night at his residence, No. 611 north Twenty-sixth street. He was in his twenty-ninth year, and had been in ill-health for several months, but only confined to his bed for a few days. He leaves a large host of friends, and was beloved by all who knew him. For [illegible] years he was a member of the Blues band, in which organization he took the greatest interest.

Mr. Tyree was a consistent member of Leigh-Street Baptist church, from which place his funeral will take place this evening at 2:30 o'clock. He leaves a wife and one child.

Hon. Stephen R. Mallory, member of the United States Senate from Florida, is in the city receiving the hearty greetings of hosts of friends. Mr. Mallory is a son of the Confederacy's Secretary of War of the same name, and spent much of his earlier life in Richmond, where he has a wide circle of friends. He is stopping at the Jefferson.

The complete almanac and encyclopaedia issued by The Times is now ready. The edition is selling rapidly, and will soon be exhausted.

RECORD OF THE RAILROADS.

Increased Their Gross Earnings, and Made a Good Showing.

THE C. & O'S. BIG FREIGHT BUSINESS

Facts and Figures About the Railroads of Special Local Interest That Speak Volumes For What They Have Achieved.

(Prepared by Mr. Robert Lancaster Williams, of the Banking House of John L. Williams & Sons).

Following the turmoil and strife of the closing days of 1896 the New Year of 1897 dawned with that calm which follows a great storm, and no one could possibly forecast with any degree of certainty whether the future held peace and prosperity or another great revulsion, spreading disaster and distress; whether there awaited industrial development or another period of dissatisfaction, distrust and stagnation of business activity, with its baneful results.

While many things indicated a reawakening and better times, still there was with us the "war dance" going on in Congress over Spain and Cuba, Senator Wolcott and his Silver Commission, the annexation of Hawaii, and the failure in the Senate of the arbitration treaty with Great Britain.

Then the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to the Trans-Missouri Traffic Association case spread consternation among our large railroads, causing to disband the various traffic associations in the West and South, with its damaging influence on the earnings of the railroad companies, and with every prospect of reduction of dividends to stockholders.

In our own section of the country there continued with unabated fury the disastrous competition between the Seaboard and the Southern, with its detrimental influence upon the various transportation lines about here. Surely that was not a glorious prospect, and all the time there came to our ears the dissatisfied croaking of disappointed politicians and individuals inquiring for the "McKinley boom" and the "era of prosperity," as if, in their opinion, some mysterious force was to exert itself and suddenly and without warning transform the economic conditions of this country from a state of turmoil, depression and absolute discontent from one end to the other calmly into a condition of peace, prosperity and plenty—veritably ushering in the dawn of the millenium.

DECIDED IMPROVEMENT.

Happily the times have changed, a kind Providence has dealt bountifully with our land, and there has grown up steadily, and, all things considered, rapidly, an industrial improvement and development which is probably the most remarkable in the history of the country. The year 1897 has already been likened by many to that of 1879—the year of the resumption of specie payments by the United States government. In that year bountiful crops, good prices, improvements in railroad earnings, and an excess of exports over imports amounting to $270,000,000, all had their influence in restoring confidence, establishing business activity and rendering possible the negotiation of $540,000,000 of government 4 per cent. bonds at home and abroad, followed by other large negotiations by individuals and corporations.

During this year of Grace, 1897, it was well on towards the middle of the year before substantial improvement was felt.

Bountiful crops and good prices for our wheat have increased the income from the farming class, largely increased exports, and comparatively small imports has created a large credit balance in favor of this country, replenishing our gold reserve and contributing to the establishment of business confidence.

With the improved economic conditions, much of the war paint has been washed off, jingoism is disappearing, and the large business population of this country, so rent asunder by wrangles and disputes over theories and visions, have at last settled down to the development of business enterprises and the replenishing of their own fortunes. The improvement has come, and belief in it is irresistible. The croaking which comes from discontented quarters is no longer a disturbing factor. The "croaking owl which to the moon complains of such as wandering near molest her ancient solitary reign," may for a moment cause a shiver to run down the backs of plodding travellers, and the last remaining croakings of the yet unrestful ones may bring a momentary frown to the business community, but that is all, and the industrial activity goes on.

FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Not alone from one quarter is this improvement felt, but from the far West comes the news that one of the largest steel companies has orders booked to keep its mills running for eight months ahead; from Alabama the records show that over 6,500 more railroad cars were needed for the first eight months of 1897 for the Alabama iron business than for the same period of 1896.

The gross earnings of fifty-nine roads for the first week in December amount to $7,591,782, showing an increase of $737,988, over corresponding period last year, and fifty-three roads show gross earnings of $335,761,697 for the period from January 1, 1897, to the end of the first week in December, an increase over the same period last year of $22,504,497. In the first case fifty-three roads showed increases, and six decrease, and in the latter fifty-one showed increases, and eight decreases.

For the railroads centering here, and in which our citizens are most interested, the rate war between the Seaboard and Southern has exerted very detrimental influence on earnings; this cause happily has been adjusted and old rates restored, promising better results for future operations.

THE BEST YET.

It is gratifying to see that the freight earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio for the year ending June 30th, were the largest in the history of the company. It is stated that the company's construction account has been closed, and all expenditures go into operating account. During the year the company has expended, and charged to operating about $500,000 for new equipments and betterments, including ten locomotives; 222 freight cars, two passenger cars, one steam tug, etc.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Company (Limited) reports a good demand for freight accommodations from Newport News to Great Britain and the Continent. This company operates regularly six large steel steamships, three of 5,000 tons and three of 6,000, and has now under construction another large steamer, the "Rapidan," of 11,000 tons, which is expected to be put into service in March, in addition to outside tonnage frequently demanded.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has floated recently over $2,000,000 of 4½ per cent. bonds, to retire a like amount of 6 per cent. bonds due in 1898.

It is reported that the Atlantic Coast line has made an important acquisition by securing control of the Charleston and Western railroad, a system aggregating 2?? miles, Main line, Port Royal, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., and Augusta to Spartanburg, S. C.

The Southern Railway reports 151 new enterprises along the line of road, and there have been completed during the year on its line cotton factories working 1??,500 spindles, 3,600 looms, the total cost of which is nearly $2,000,000, and in the course of construction additional mills comprising 62,500 spindles.

THE NEW MILEAGE.

The improved conditions did not commence this year early enough to allow a large increase in new mileage constructed, and the figures for the year compiled by the Railroad Gazette, show only 1,928 miles for the year.

The figures for eleven years are given below, and it will be seen that this year makes one of the three smallest showings made:

Year.	Miles.
1887	12,983
1888	7,100
1889	5,230
1890	5,670
1891	4,281
1892	4,192
1893	2,635
1894	1,949
1895	1,803
1896	1,848
1897	1,928

Of the new mileage constructed, the Southern States aggregate 630 miles, distributed as follows:

Arkansas	139.50
Alabama	111.67
Florida	17.00
Georgia	119.23
Kentucky	7.00
Louisiana	145.30
Mississippi	89.50
North Carolina	21.20
South Carolina	10.50
Tennessee	22.00
Texas	162.60
Virginia	6.50
West Virginia	55.95
	829.97

Some of the most populous States, for instance, New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Indiana, make very small showing, aggregating only a little over forty miles. However, the most interesting thing in regard to railroad earnings for the future is not increased mileage constructed, but increased revenue from properties already constructed, which is the barometer of the condition of trade, and it is gratifying to see them to so large an extent making handsome increases.

As an indication of the beneficial influence to be exerted by improved conditions on our railroads, it is interesting to note that the capitalization of the railroads of the country placed at $5,300,000,000; distributing to a pay roll of employees numbering nearly 800,000, annually upwards of $469,000,000.

The total mileage in the United States is now 184,461 miles.

Following are the comparative figures for operations of roads which are of particular interest to this community:

RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMAC RAILROAD.

(Fiscal Year Ending June 30th.)

	1887	1890	1896	1897
Gross Earnings	$726,220	708,293	739,368	689,760
Net Earnings	272,344	268,119	212,608	222,151
No Pas. Carried	224,170	252,231	298,202	252,182
Tons frt. Mov'd	260,023	414,485	391,298	442,561

(From July 1st to October 31st.)

	1896	1897
Gross Earnings	$206,190	215,802

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY.

(Fiscal Year Ending June 30th.)

	1887	1890
Gross Earnings	$4,451,169	7,161,949
	1896	1897
Gross Earnings	$10,221,131	10,728,182
	1887	1890
Net Earnings	$1,203,706	1,709,832
	1896	1897
Net Earnings	$6,907,152	7,286,769
	1887	1890
No. Passengers Carried	763,308	———
	1896	1897
No. Passengers Carried	1,507,934	1,730,122
	1887	1890
Tons frt. Moved	2,414,302	———
	1896	1897
Tons frt. Moved	6,744,835	6,481,297

(From July 1st to October 31st.)

	1896	1897
Gross Earnings	$2,451,677	2,842,455
Net Earnings	1,268,170	1,329,062

RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG RAILROAD.

(Fiscal year ending June 30th).

	1887.	1890.	1896.	1897.
Gross earnings:	$224,289	$325,384	$406,403	$391,212
Net earnings:	96,011	106,822	156,200	158,705
Number of passengers carried:	161,921	233,286	242,537	235,665
Tons of freight moved:	191,435	400,800	582,192	558,873

From July 1st to November 30th:

	1896	1897
Gross earnings	$133,013	$179,503
Net earnings	37,375	44,867

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

(Fiscal year ending June 30th).

	1896	1897
Gross earning	$19,082,147	$19,079,700
Net earnings	5,630,739	5,486,832
Nunmber of passengers carried	4,129,473	7,505,188
Tons of freight moved	8,822,089	9,196,543

From July 1st to October 30th:

	1896	1897
Gross earnings	$6,454,016	$6,806,007
Net earnings	2,091,582	2,128,686

PETERSBURG RAILROAD.

(Fiscal year ending June 30th).

	1887.	1890.	1896.	1897.
Gross earnings:	$347,345	$453,917	$588,763	$582,947
Net earnings:	117,354	163,618	258,143	264,691
Number of passengers carried:	71,890	83,894	95,452	87,850
Tons of freight moved:	148,681	416,775	564,473	541,465

From July 1st to November 30th:

	1896	1897
Gross earnings	$266,672	$298,189
Net earnings	89,279	95,418

NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

(Organized September 24, 1896.)

	N. & W. R. R. Co. 9 mos., 1896.
Gross earnings	$8,223,788
Net earnings	1,694,210
	N. & W. R. R. Co. 9 mos., 1897.
Gross earnings	$7,332,129
Net earnings	2,104,124

The comparison is with the earnings of the N. & W. Railroad Company from July 1st to October 30th.

	1896	1897
Gross earnings	$2,027,647	$2,307,282
Net earnings	632,503	871,395

SEABOARD & ROANOKE RAILROAD.

(Fiscal year ending June 30th.)

	1887.	1890.
Gross earnings	$607,813	$641,119
Net earnings	272,747	272,287
No. of passengers carried		105,978
Tons freight moved		250,577
	1896.	1897.
Gross earnings	$837,786	$896,678
Net earnings	336,931	311,635
No. passengers carried	115,763	....
Tons freight moved	328,727	....

NORFOLK & SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

(Fiscal year ending June 30th.)

	1887.	1890.
Gross earnings	$229,919	$273,144
Net earnings	67,064	40,218
No. passengers carried	43,759	63,043
Tons freight moved	122,384	197,384
	1896.	1897.
Gross earnings	$458,624	$460,613
Net earnings	136,199	129,127
No. passengers carried	91,189	85,262
Tons freight moved	251,035	264,215

GEORGIA & ALABAMA RAILROAD.

The Georgia and Alabama Railway, of which Mr. John Skelton Williams is president, is of particular interest as the securities of the road are to a large extent held in this city. The results of the operation of this road are as follows:

(Fiscal year ending June 30th.)

	1896.	1897.
Gross earnings	$562,640	$1,021,836
Net earnings	162,474	294,655
No. passengers carried	162,572	....
Tons freight moved	371,762	....

From July 1st to October 31st.

	1896.	1897.
Gross earnings	$349,263	$398,533
Net earnings	125,461	131,500

The gross earnings of the company for November this year as compared with November 1896, are as follows: 1897, $107,611; 1896, $90,683.

The Injured Recovering.

There are no developments in the sad tragedy that occurred at Camden, N. J., on Wednesday night.

At the request of his father the remains of Eaton Johnson were buried in Camden, and Mr. Fellows, his wife and the boy, Frank Fellows, are all out of danger.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER of Twelfth and Broad streets.—Rev. GEORGE COOPER, D. D., pastor.—At 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. preaching by pastor. (New Year's sermons). Bible school at 9:30 A. M. Young People's Union at 4 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (CORNER Sixth and Main streets).—Rev. W. R. L. SMITH, D. D., pastor.—Sunday school at 9:15 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Seats free. A cordial welcome to all.

WEST-VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (corner Cary and Meadow Sts.), Rev J. M. MERCER, D. D., pastor.—Worship on Sunday; Sunday school, 9:30 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Boys' meeting at 3 P. M. Young People's Union at 4 P. M. Prayer-meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Seats free. Visitors welcome.

GRACE-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. WILLIAM E. HATCHER, D. D., pastor.—Services at the tabernacle, Grace street between Belvidere and Pine streets. Sunday school at 9:15 o'clock A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. by the pastor, and at 8 P. M. ordination services of Rev. R. Aubrey Williams. Young People's Union Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock; young men's prayer meeting Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

GROVE-AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Grove avenue near Beech street), Rev. J. C. HIDEN, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Pastor's Bible class from 10 to 10:30 A. M. in main audience room.

BROAD STREET METHODIST CHURCH (corner Broad and Tenth streets).—Rev. W. G. STARR, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by pastor. Morning subject "The Right Starting Point for the New Year." At night: "Who will open the Book which was Sealed with Seven Seals." A cordial welcome to all.

ASBURY M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.—Corner Hanover and Lombardy.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor, REV. B. M. BECKHAM. Subject in the morning "Return ye Backsliding Children." At night: "A Message for the New Year."

UNION STATION METHODIST church (corner Twenty-fourth and Nelson streets), Rev. GEORGE C. VANDERSLICE, pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. conducted by the pastor. At 11 A. M. "The New Year." At 7:30 P. M.: "Equanimity." At 9:15 A. M. Sunday school and morning class. Services Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7:30. Tuesday night, official meeting and Epworth League at 7:30 P. M.

CENTENARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL church, South (Grace street between Fourth and Fifth), Rev. W. V. TUDOR, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and at 8 P. M. by the pastor. Subject at night "The Bible's New Year's Gift."

LAUREL STREET M. E. CHURCH—Corner of Laurel and Albemarle streets.—Rev. R. FINLEY GAYLE, pastor.—Sunday-school at 9:15 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Sundays. Wednesday night service at 8 P. M. Senior Epworth League will hold its devotional service on Tuesday night at 8 P. M.

CLAY STREET M. E. CHURCH (CORNER Clay and Adams streets).—Rev. F. H. RAWLINGS, pastor.—Sabbath school at 9:15 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sabbath school at 9:15 A. M. Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock; official meeting Monday at 8 P. M.; class meeting Tuesday at 8 P. M.; mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Epworth League devotional meeting at 8:15 P. M.

PARK-PLACE M. E. CHURCH (CORNER west Franklin and Pine streets), Rev. THOMAS N. POTTS, D. D., pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., conducted by the pastor. Subject of morning sermon: "Memories and Their Work." Subject of evening sermon: "Cranks, Croakers and Christians." A cordial invitation to all.

FAIRMOUNT-AVENUE METHODIST church, Rev. R. F. BEADLES pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Epworth League at 7 P. M.

EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH (CORNER Washington and Winder streets)—Rev. L. W. GUYER, pastor.—Sunday-school at 9:15. Preaching at 11 A. M. and at night by the pastor. Wednesday night class 8 P. M.; young men's prayer meeting Saturday night at 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH—(corner Twentieth and Broad streets) Rev. J. T. MASTIN, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.; Sunday-school 9:15 o'clock; Epworth League Sunday afternoon 4:30 o'clock; Wednesday night services at 8 o'clock; prayer-meetings Friday nights at 8 o'clock.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH (CORNER OF Ninth and Grace streets).—Rev. HARTLEY CARMICHAEL, D. D., rector; Rev. FRANK RIDOUT, assistant.—Holy communion, first and third Sundays at noon; all other Sundays at 8:30 A. M. Holy days (with sermon) at noon. Sunday services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Litany on Fridays at noon, with address. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Bible class for men in the vestry room Wednesday at 8:15 P. M. Bible class for women in the church Sunday at 9:45 A. M.

THE MONUMENTAL (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH—Broad street, below Twelfth.—Rev. WILLIAM ALEX. BARR, rector.—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M., Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:45 A. M. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 11 A. M., and the third Sunday at 7:30 A. M.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH (CORner of Main and Foushee streets), Rev. LANDON R. MASON, rector.—Regular services every Lord's-Day. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M., and evening prayer and lecture at 8 o'clock P. M. Holy communion on the first Sunday at the 11 o'clock service, and on the third and fifth Sundays at 7:30 A. M. Strangers are shown seats and are made to feel cordially welcome by members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH (MADISON St., between Grace and Franklin)—Rev. J. Y. DOWNMAN, rector.—Service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock Rector's Bible class for men Saturday evening at 8:15 o'clock. td

ST. MARK'S P. E. CHURCH.—CORNER First and Clay streets.—Rt. Rev. C. C. PENICK, D. D., rector.—Services Sundays at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (corner Laurel and Beverly streets).—Rev. THOMAS SEMMES, rector.—Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sittings all free, and a hearty welcome is extended to all visitors.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (corner Beverly and Washington streets), Rev. HUGH M. MARTIN, minister in charge.—Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. Sunday services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Thursday at 8 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY (a memorial to Bishop Moore, Protestant Episcopal church, north Laurel street, opposite Monroe Park), Rev. J. J. GRAVATT, rector.—Services: Sundays, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Holy Communion first Sundays at 11 A. M.; third Sundays at 7:30 A. M.; church days at 4:30 P. M., Litany services Fridays at 12 M. Church open daily for prayer and meditation. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Men's Bible class for men Sundays at 9:30 A. M.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN church (corner Sycamore and Cary streets), Rev. C. M. CHUMBLEY, pastor.—Services by the pastor at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (corner Grace and Madison streets), Rev. ROBERT P. KERR, D. D., pastor.—Services at 11 o'clock A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M. All are welcome.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Dr. HOGE will preach at 11 A. M. The Presbyterian churches of the city will unite in the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at night in the First Presbyterian church. In consequence of this joint commemoration at 8 P. M., there will be no service in the Second Presbyterian church at 4 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT.—REV. J. CALVIN STEWART, pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Mid-week service Wednesday at 8 P. M.; Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:30 P. M. Sunday; Sabbath school meets at 9:30 A. M. Free seats and a cordial welcome to all. Preaching to-day (Christmas) by Rev. C. R. Hyde with appropriate music.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Corner Twenty-sixth and Broad streets.—Rev. CHARLES R. HYDE, pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.; Westminster League at 7:30 P. M.; Wednesday evening service at 8:15. All are cordially invited to these services.

GRACE-STREET PRESBYTERIAN church.—Sunday, preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M., by the Rev. JERE WITHERSPOON, D. D., pastor-elect. Sunday school services at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Wednesday night services at 8 o'clock.

THE THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Twenty-sixth and Marshall streets.—Rev. L. M. OMER, pastor.—Preaching every Lord's Day at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school meets at 9:30 A. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Society at 7 o'clock P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

MARSHALL-STREET CHRISTIAN church (Marshall street, bet. Graham and Hancock), Rev. H. C. GARRISON, pastor.—Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Christian Endeavor, 7:15 P. M. Sunday. Prayer-meeting, 8 P. M. Wednesday. Seats free. Public cordially invited.

SEVENTH-STREET CHRISTIAN (Seventh and Grace streets).—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by Rev. GEORGE F. RUTLEDGE, of Norfolk, Va. Seats free and the public cordially invited.

WEST-END MISSION (CHRISTIAN)—1206 west Cary street.—Sunday school 9:30 A. M. Prayer-meeting every Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

SEVENTEENTH-STREET MISSION (No. 916 north Seventeenth street).—Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 2:45 P. M., and preaching on Thursday night at 8 o'clock P. M. by some city pastor. Special music on Sunday afternoon. All are cordially invited to attend.

FRIENDS' CHURCH (CLAY STREET, near First). Services at the Friends' Church at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. to-morrow. CHARLES R. JONES and wife ministers from New England Yearly Meeting, will be in attendance. The public are invited.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION.—MRS. C. L. PLAMER will speak at the Twenty-first Street Union Gospel Mission, Sunday night, at 7:30. Meetings every night through the week.

NEW JERUSALEM MISSION (7½ W. Marshall street).—Regular services every Sabbath. At 11 A. M. sermon: "New Year's Discourse." 4 P. M. adult Bible class. We invite all to come and be with us, especially those whom our blessed Lord Jesus came to save, i. e., the lost.

Happy New Year Order.

President Trigg, of the Richmond Locomotive Works, received last night with best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year from Vice-President Joseph Ramsey, Jr., a telegram increasing the Wabash order from five to ten engines, the additional five to be all compound. This is a fine endorsement, as the tramp compound ran a prolonged test on the Wabash last spring and Mr. Ramsey knows what he is buying.

Mr. Trigg received another dispatch last night from one of his representatives saying he was on the point of closing an order for five and possibly seven locomotives with another railroad company.

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