

THE MARKETS.

Trading Dull and Featureless and Brokers Dependent. An Apparent Weakness Visible in a Majority of Stocks.

Special Dispatch. New York, Feb. 14.—The market opened dull and heavy, remaining dull and quite stationary all day. Trading was mostly in Union Pacific, St. Paul, Oregon Transcontinental, Lake Shore, and Delaware and Lackawanna, and very limited.

Gold buying orders were detected in the market at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and this caused some covering by the traders' pool, which bid up the market.

During the morning Gold brokers bought up all the floating Western Union, Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific and Delaware and Lackawanna, and Vanderbilt brokers absorbed the few Vanderbilt stock offering.

The Bankers and Merchants' Telegraph company have leased board of trade wires to Chicago for 99 years, guaranteeing interest on bond and per cent. on stock.

A Philadelphia telegram says a lease of the Lehigh Valley railroad to the Pennsylvania railroad is out of the question, but a traffic agreement may be made.

Sales of stocks to-day aggregated 291,952 shares, including: Canadian, 4,000; Delaware and Lackawanna, 40,100; Lake Shore, 20,355; Missouri Pacific, 7,300; Northwestern, 7,275; Northern Pacific, 5,700; Reading, 3,900; St. Paul, 40,620; Union Pacific, 58,950; Western Union, 10,140; Northern Pacific preferred, 15,000; Oregon Transcontinental, 22,530; East Tennessee, 5,115.

The following are the opening, highest, lowest, and closing prices of the principal stocks for the day, as corrected by special wire reports received by Bateman & Co., bankers, No. 1411 F street northwest:

Table with columns: Name of stock, Opening, Highest, Lowest, Closing. Lists various stocks like Delaware and Hudson, Western Union, Central Pacific, etc.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Table with columns: United States 4 1/2, 1891, coupon, etc. Lists bond prices.

RAILROAD STOCKS.

Table with columns: Washington City Gas Light, etc. Lists railroad stock prices.

COTTON MARKET.

Table with columns: February, March, April, etc. Lists cotton market prices.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Table with columns: Futures, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard. Lists grain and provision prices.

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

Table with columns: Baltimore Stock Market, deferred, 7, etc. Lists Baltimore stock prices.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

Table with columns: Baltimore, Feb. 14.—Cotton quiet; middling, etc. Lists Baltimore produce prices.

THE COURT RECORD.

Business Transacted by the District Judiciary Yesterday.

Court in General Term—Chief Justice Carter, Justice Jones and C. C. District of Columbia vs. Johnson; argument continued.

Circuit Court—Judge Hays—Thomas vs. Regan; on hearing. Patterson vs. Hallidge; judgment admitted.

County Court—Judge MacArthur—Barbour vs. Leddy and Leddy vs. Leddy; leave to J. S. Barbour to file petition. Whittier vs. Christmas; sale finally refused.

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Alabama Claims.

In the court of commissioners of Alabama claims yesterday the following cases were argued and submitted: No. 1403, M. Amelia Ballet, claimant; No. 1704, Thomas Slocum; No. 2312, Henry K. Kinnhardt; No. 2329, Charles P. Bunisher; No. 1270, F. M. Allen, executor; No. 1665, William Watkins, executor; No. 3670, Jonathan Browne; No. 3700, George O. Crocker; No. 701, Reed, Willam & Co.; No. 1860, Lewis W. Hampton et al.; No. 4547, William Leavitt, administrator—all vs. the United States.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate were filed for record yesterday: Columbia Heights, lot 25, sub. of block 35, Hon. John Sherman, trustee, to Anna J. G. Sherman, \$1,000.

AN INTERNATIONAL COCK FIGHT.

Ah Jim Wo Risks His Shanghai Against Mr. Mulcahey's Bright Little Bantam.

Mr. Mulcahey lives up stairs in a Mott street (New York) tenement. Ah Jim Wo has a laundry in the basement. Mr. Mulcahey, who is off a sporting turn of mind, kept a red game bantam of a warlike temper confined in a three-cornered coop in the yard.

Mr. Mulcahey was indignant. "Why don't you keep that beast as yours in the house?" he demanded. "Loooster likee fightee you looster," exclaimed Ah Jim Wo.

"Them things don't fight," exclaimed Mr. Mulcahey in disdain.

Ah Jim regarded the game compassionately, and exclaimed: "Him too little."

Mr. Mulcahey whiskered hoarsely and impressively: "Have ye any money, Mr. Wo?"

"No got velly much," said Ah Jim Wo. "Can ye cover a live that yer long legged devil'll stan' up till the game?"

"All right, come back, click," said Ah Jim Wo, and he tucked his long legged fowl under his arm and retired to the laundry to prepare for battle.

Mr. Mulcahey winked solemnly at Mr. Flaherty, who sat on the fence. Then he suddenly demanded a pair of long steel gaffs upon his chicken.

Ah Jim Wo reappeared with his cousin, Hop Gee, and several gentlemen from upstairs followed them into the yard. The Chinaman put his bird down and Mr. Mulcahey took the game hen. The game crowed, strutted up and walked around his big antagonist, looking for weak points. The Shanghai elevated himself upon his toes and looked down sideways at the pigmy. The game flew at the Shanghai, which dodged and tried to run, but the game headed him off. There was a flutter and a flash, and the feathers flew from the Shanghai's breast, and then Mr. Mulcahey's chicken sneezed and lay down upon the ground to die more contentedly.

"Ho the powers," cried Mr. Mulcahey, "it's snuff the heathen sprinkled in his rooster's breast to shanghai me poor burrd. I'll not pay."

And Jim Wo picked up the dead fowl and said, "What you call 'em on loosta's too? Hishman cheatee Jim Wo."

"I'm but entirely, Mister Flaherty," said Mr. Mulcahey dolefully. "Them Chinese is full of deceit."

The Greely Relief Expedition Resolution Approved.

The President has approved the joint resolution authorizing an expedition to be sent to the relief of Lieut. Greely and party.

Financial—Special.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

TROJAN. By Dr. HENRY SCHLIEMANN. New York: Harper & Bros.

No man has made more valuable contributions to archeological history than Dr. Schliemann, and the important results of his excavations are ably set forth in the preface to this book by Prof. A. H. Joyce, who bestows high, but just, praise upon the indefatigable and energetic excavator. These results have revitalized the heroes of Homer, who had been consigned to mythology by such practical historians as Niebuhr and Grote. This book is in reality a sequel to Dr. Schliemann's former work, "Ilios," and he amends and corrects many statements made in that work, which his later investigations have thrown new light upon. Underneath Hisarlik, which he attributed to be the Homeric city, he formerly identified two earlier settlements, but now he identifies only one, reaching the conclusion that the city on which the Homeric legends were founded was the second in the order of building. Important results follow this change, and the general credibility of the theory that Homer had substantial foundation of fact for his descriptions is strengthened.

Of all the places in the Troad, the weight of evidence is decidedly in favor of Hisarlik being the site of the Troy sung of by Homer, though Dr. Schliemann thinks that Hisarlik represents the Acropolis only, while the town of Troy extended below and southward. He locates the Skarant gate and traces the Skamander by its old bed near to the walls of Troy.

He searched the so-called tumuli of Achilles and Patroclus, and found that they were not tumuli, but sites of very ancient settlements, and other ancient sites were found by the shore, further down the coast. He crossed the Hellespont to the Chersonese, and made excavations in a tumulus called the Mound of Protesilaos. In it he found pottery fragments corresponding to those in the lowest layers on Hisarlik. Prof. Joyce, in his preface before referred to, lays this as an important fact and arrives at the conclusion that the Trojans who founded the city were Thracians; that the founders of Troy came from Thrace and were called Phrygians, the Armenians being later offshoots of the stock. After referring to statements by Strabo and Karl Blind of the Phrygian origin of the Trojans, he says:

The researches of the last few years have abundantly shown that all these statements were correct. My department of the cuneiform inscriptions of the Assyrians, and the excavations of the year 640 B. C. were as yet no Aryan settlements in Anatolia, the country being still held by races which seemed to have been the same as that of modern Georgia, and which spoke a language that had no connection with those of the Aryan family.

Finally made their way to their new home they must have marched from the west and not from the east. Among the Aryan peoples, those belonging to the vast district between Media and Hays, which occur on the monuments of Assyria, there are none that can be assigned to an Aryan race which corresponds with the evidence proved that modern Armenia, like the scanty relics of the old language of Phrygia, occupies a place between the Greek and the Indo-European on the one hand, and the Letto-Slavic on the other. The ancestors of the Armenians and the Phrygians must, therefore, have come from the north, and not from the south, in the very country which was known to classical geographers as Thracia.

The importance of connecting the Trojans with the Aryan stock appears in explaining the perfect understanding of each other's speech noticed throughout the contents of the heroes in the "Iliad," the Trojan speaking in a Grecianized dialect of Thrace. The book is one which will be read with deep interest by all lovers of Homer, and it may be read with profit by architects and the students of Greek inscriptions.

THE HAPPY ISLES AND OTHER POEMS. By S. H. M. BYERS. Boston: Cappie, Upson & Co.

This little volume will be read with pleasure by lovers of gentle fancy and pleasant rhythm. The poems are all elevated in tone, and bear evidence of the true poetic instinct of the author, Capt. Byers, who has found time while attending to his duties as consul at Zurich, Switzerland, to give them to the public. "Sherman's March to the Sea," which is included in the collection, is especially noteworthy, and there are other poems of a patriotic nature equally as stirring and effective. But the author's excellence is best shown in other efforts where his delicate fancy is given full play as in "The Happy Isles," "The Marriage of the Flowers," "The Kiss of Jupiter," and others that might be mentioned.

THROTTLING PAST A LOCOMOTIVE.

The Horse Club hears a Narration of a Remarkable Performance.

New York Journal. "Gentlemen," said the president of the Horse club, at a sorrowful face he called the club to order, "I have sad tidings to communicate. The mare Midnight is dead. Her last days were passed on Gov. Stanford's Palo Alto farm. She gave to the world Jay-Eye-See. Peace to her ashes! I would just notice gentlemen," continued the president, looking gloved that the eulogy had been pronounced, "that there is a great deal of talk about white elephants, and black and pink elephants, and other trained for a man who had made his fortune in paints. We started a horse around the trotting circuit. At Buffalo he was a bay, at Cleveland a roan, at Toledo a chestnut, and at New York a black. He never won a race, and he was sold for \$100. They buy the pick of the entire section. Hence Blackwell's Bull Durham Smoking Tobacco is the best of all tobaccos. Don't be deceived when you buy. The Durham Bull trade is the only one in every second package.

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"I once had a mare," broke in the caddy, "who always looked blue when she was kept out in a m. I said a horse the other day," commenced the jockey, "to an old doctor whose patients were scattered over fifty miles in the country. 'I want a good one,' said he, 'for there's another practitioner near me and I am bound to pass him.' So I trotted out a plug I had sworn on to the Turk Guide that he was sired by a grandson of Mambrino Chief and that he had a record of 2:27. I told the old doctor that I had once driven him right by a locomotive on the Long Branch road. The doctor took the horse out to his place and kept him a week. He brought him back, nearly choking with rage. 'What in the name of Fordyce Barker do you mean by telling me that this is a fast horse?' 'I ain't he' asked I, mildly, 'or I had his money in my pocket. 'No, he ain't.' A family with five children moved into our neighborhood, and all five had the cramps last night. The father, to be certain, woke up both the other doctor and myself. I caught up to him quietly jogging away, and I laughed to myself as I thought how I would do him out of the case. 'Doctor,' said I, politely, as I passed him, 'you had better go back to bed. I will attend to these patients.' 'You're very kind,' he answered, and took out his whip. 'This infernal beast you sold me went all right for a half mile and was dead beat. As I neared the patient's house he was just coming out. 'Doctor,' said he, 'if I need you I'll call you in consultation.' 'Now, sir,' yelled the old gentleman, as he shook his fist under my nose, 'what do you mean by telling me that you drove that hack by a locomotive?' 'I only forgot to say that they were loading coal at a station, said I, and ran past into the stable.' The club adjourned to accept the jockey's invitation to beer up on the doctor's money.

Popularizing Religion.

Philadelphia Call. "I read in the paper," remarked a lady to her husband, "that the Mohammedan theory is that no women are admitted into heaven, although I thought such a religion would be very popular."

"Why not?" asked her husband. "I don't know," she returned. "What interest would women have for men if there were no women there?"

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