

ON WALL STREET.

The Stock Market was Weak and Declining Yesterday.

Most of the List were Left Fractionally Lower Last Evening—A Narrow Market—Professionals did the Business.

COMMERCIAL RESUME.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Railway bonds today sold as follows:

Fort Worth and Denver, 90%.

Texas and Pacific 1's, 90.

St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas 1's, 92%.

2's, 35.

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, 49%.

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe 1's, 118%.

Missouri, Kansas and Texas 6's, 61%.

7's, 51%.

Silver, 92%.

Money, 4% per cent.

St. Paul, a fraction higher.

Wheat, stronger.

Cotton futures quiet and unchanged.

Coffee, steady.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The stock market was weak and declining almost

throughout today, and the result of the day's trading is to leave most of the list fractionally lower than last evening, with

exceptional gains of more than 1 per cent.

Vanderbilt directors announced that their policy in the future would be to return to a 6 per cent. basis on the New York Central, while an extra dividend of 1 per cent. was declared on Lake

Shore, and a dividend on the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis was declared. This, however, was only a piece of the news received during the day, and it soon became evident that it had been discounted as usual, although on any other kind of market its effect might have been pronounced. The market was narrow, and dealings for the most part were confined to the actions of the professionals, who sawed the price up and down to their hearts' content. The market closed fairly active and heavy at but little better than the lowest figures. The active list is invariably lower this evening.

The railroad bond market was very dull, the sales of all issues aggregating only \$771,000, while there was a little animation in a few bonds only. Fluctuations were confined to the smallest range, and the final changes on most of the issues traded in are for insignificant fractions. The tone of dealings was fairly steady throughout.

Government bonds were dull and firm for 4's.

State bonds were dull but firm.

YOUNG HOPKINS IN HOOD.

The Son of the Fidelity Bank Official Arrested for Negotiating a Forged Check.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Charles H. Hopkins, son of Ben Hopkins of the late Fidelity Bank, was arrested to-night for negotiating one of Charles Tinkler's forged checks. The check in question is on the Citizens' Bank. Young Hopkins' bail is fixed at \$15,000 and he is now in jail in default of it. Charles Tinkler is out in a confession that young William Hopkins was a participant in his crime of forgery and suggested to him and told him how to go about it in addition to aiding him otherwise in the crime.

ANOTHER NEGRO RIOT.

The Citizens of Lamar, Miss., Telegraph for Winchester.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 26.—A private telegram was received here to-night saying there was a negro riot in progress at Lamar, Miss., and asking that some Winchester be sent there on first train. Lamar is twelve miles south of Grand Junction on the line of the Illinois Central Railroad. Every effort has been made to get at the facts, but no responses to telegrams sent have been received up to midnight. It is rumored that two whites and five negroes have been killed.

MRS. SMITH'S RIGHTS.

Her Permitting Probate of Stewart's Will Does Not Bar Her Claims.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The suit of Mrs. Sarah N. Smith, nee of Mrs. A. T. Stewart, against Ex-Judge Henry Hilton, to set aside the transfer of A. T. Stewart's business and other property to Mrs. Hilton, on the ground of a decision by Judge Patterson in the supreme court special term to-day. He decided against Hilton's demurrer to Mrs. Smith's claim that she had not abandoned any right she might have in the matter by consent to the probate of Mr. Stewart's will. In other words, her rights to this contest were not given up by allowing probate of the will.

Christmas at Rockdale.

ROCKDALE, ILL., Dec. 26.—Christmas eve was duly celebrated here. The doors of the Baptist church were thrown open to all desiring to participate in the distribution of presents from a huge tree which had been erected in the church. A large number of people attended.

At the opera house, Mrs. J. H. Cone combined a distribution of presents to her music class with a novel Christmas tree, or boat, as it presented the appearance of a steeple laden with gifts from Santa Claus. The two entertainments were so arranged as not to conflict, that at the Baptist church having closed before the one at the opera house began. The latter was attended by all who could find room in the hall, and much praise is awarded to Mrs. Cone by the public for her management of the affair. At both entertainments Miss Texie Owsley, one of Rockdale's most amiable young ladies, gave some specimens of elocution, in which department she has been applying herself at the Waco Baylor University. Miss Owsley acquitted herself most creditably.

Black Jack.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

BLACK JACK, TEX., Dec. 26.—This section has been visited with another heavy rain. All the creeks and branches are now out of banks.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather Christmas has been dull.

Mr. J. B. Cook, first assistant teacher in the high school here, left to-day for

Dallas, where he will take a similar position in some of the schools at that place.

Killed Three Men and Was Drowned.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 28.—Near Harrodsburg, Ky., to-day, Frank Green, who had killed three men in the course of his life, while escaping from the officers by crossing the Kentucky river in a skiff, capsized his boat and was drowned. Green was born in Ohio, where he killed a man when a youth, moved to Eastern Kentucky, where he killed another, thence to Highbridge, where he dangerously wounded two others. His last killing was two months ago, when he bent a railroad hand to death near Chattanooga, Tenn.

A Settlement Requested.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the creditors of William D. Forbes, late president of the National Bank of Redemption, held this afternoon at Young's hotel, it was voted to request Mr. Forbes to settle his affairs in insolvency. Mr. Forbes made no offer to the creditors and will do as requested by them. The liabilities as figured up by the committee are \$264,000 and assets \$550,000.

Take things easy with a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and you will be rid of your cold.

All drugs at the Salvation Oil, the pain exterminator. Put it in a bottle.

Competitive Ocean Transit Wanted.

OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 26.—The president of the board of trade of Quebec has addressed a communication to Sir John McDonald asking the government to grant a subsidy for the establishment of a line of swift mail steamers between Quebec and Liverpool. The communication urged the necessity for the proposed line to compete with the line of mail steamers running between New York and Liverpool.

Died at Corsicana.

CORSICANA, TEX., Dec. 27.—Colonel Henry Jones was buried here this evening by Corsicana Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was in his eighty-second year, and has been a citizen of Texas over forty years, and was once a member of our legislature. His funeral was one of the largest ever had in this city.

Telegraph Operator Commits Suicide.

HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 26.—George M. Keith, the telegraph operator in charge of Chaneyville Junction, committed suicide to-night with morphine. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and had not been in Houston very long. He was thirty-five years old and unmarried. Nothing is known of his antecedents here.

Seal of South Carolina Plug Cut.

Smoking Tobacco is in Demand.

A Court to Try New Bootleers.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Governor Hill has ordered an extraordinary term of oyer and terminer to be held in New York city, Judge Daniels presiding, to continue until the criminal business is cleared up in New York city. It is understood here this court is ordered for the purpose of trying the "boodle" aldermen.

Two Young Ladies Drowned.

EAST BRADY, PA., Dec. 26.—Two young ladies by the name of Smith were drowned at Hillsville, four miles from here. They, in company with another girl and two young men, were crossing in a skiff and it sank with them. The bodies have not been recovered this morning. The others of the party were rescued in an exhausted condition.

They Broke Her Neck.

EXINGTON, PA., Dec. 26.—Word reached the officers here this evening of a murder at Leisenrun. During a drunken quarrel George and Peter Matcodel, brothers, threw Mrs. Drubross, with whom they boarded, down stairs and broke her neck. The murderers have not yet been arrested.

A Bad Piece of Work.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 26.—All day to-day workmen were engaged in taking down the false work on the Ohio span of the Huntington bridge. After all the men had done part of the work remaining fell into the river, and a large part of it floated away.

On Trial for Opium Smuggling.

BISMARCK, D. T., Dec. 26.—The opium smuggling case against James Curran has been going on for two days, and to-day the prisoner was on the stand. He testified he acted as a teamster, and did not know he was carrying opium. The trial is not yet ended.

A Heavy Failure.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 26.—W. C. Comstock, until lately lessee of the Mammoth Cave hotel, made an assignment this morning. His assignee gives no figures as to either his assets or liabilities, but both are thought to be large.

Good Roads.

We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Tarrant county do hereby request all taxpayers to meet at the court-house in Fort Worth on Saturday, December 29, 1888, at 11 o'clock, to consider the question of public roads, and to formulate a petition to the legislature to enact a law by which counties can issue bonds for the purpose of improving our county roads.

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ON 'CHANGE.

Spot Cotton Unchanged, Futures from 1 to 2 Points Lower—Money Easy.

Wheat Opened Strong and Advanced Steadily Throughout the Day—Coffee and Wool Unchanged.

Daily Review.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 27, 1888.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 27, 1888.

Quietness has reigned in all departments of this market to-day, but all classes of dealers say trade is away beyond what they all anticipated at this time. Farmers are quite numerous in the city.

The fact that the virtual collapse of the Panama canal scheme has not been followed by either a financial or political crisis in France, is deemed a subject for congratulation.

Bradstreet's says that the reduction of postal rates on letters is a subject upon which congress may be expected to take immediate action.

There were 335 failures in the United States reported to Bradstreet's during the week ending December 21, against 309 in the preceding week, and 264, 312 and 197 in the corresponding weeks of 1887, 1886 and 1885 respectively.

The Rio News, conceding to be conservative authority, has the following:

"The opinion seems extending that most of Rio has been too enthusiastic over the

out of a state of the present crop, both here and in Santos; the maximum of the latter port is now estimated at 2,500,000 bags, and that of Rio remains doubtful: if we may accept the published advice from the coffee states, next year will prove to be one of the most unsatisfactory known in the trade. The province of St. Paulo may save the situation, and

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