MARKET SOMEWHAT FIRMER.

But For All That Speculation Was Almost as Dull as on the Preceding Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A firmer tone characterized the speculation on the stock exchange to-day, but the volume of business was little heavier than yesterday. London was a small buyer of St. Paul, and to a lesser degree of Erie, and late advices from London showed an improvement there in American securities, which had a favorable effect on the market here. At the opening of business the general list was held firmly, but Sugar broke 1¾ per cent. on liquidation sales, and Western Union sold down 1 per cent. ex-dividend of 1¾, owing to a pressure to sell by holders, who had been waiting to collect the dividend before liquidating their accounts. A slight reaction occurred before the end of the first half hour, but the market quickly rallied, and up to noon the tendency of prices was upward.

During the hour and a half immediately following midday the usually active stocks were practically without movement, but some of the specialties fluctuated rather widely. The depression did not last long and before 2 o'clock speculation was on the upward track, prices continuing to advance up to the final sales, and the market closed firm at or near the best figures of the day.

New York Stock Exchange.

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	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Tobacco	95¼	95¼	95¼	95¼
A. T. & S. F.	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞
C. C. C.	29	29½	29	29½
Canada Southern	50¼	50⅝	50¼	50⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	17⅛	17⅝	17⅛	17⅝
C., B. & Quincy	71⅛	72	71⅛	71⅞
Chicago Gas	71⅛	72⅛	71⅛	71⅛
Delaware & Hudson	126⅛	126⅛	126⅛	126⅛
Distillers & Cattle Feed	8⅞	9⅛	8⅞	9⅛
Denver & Rio Grande	35¼	35¼	35¼	35¼
Erie	9⅞	10⅛	9⅞	10⅛
General Electric Co.	35⅝	35⅝	35¼	35¼
Jersey Central	93⅝	93⅝	92⅞	92⅞
Louisville & Nashville	57⅝	57⅝	56¼	56¼
Lake Shore	135⅛	138	135⅛	138
Manhattan	101½	103⅛	101½	103
Missouri Pacific	27⅝	27⅞	27⅝	27⅞
New England	32	32⅛	32	32⅛
Northwestern	97⅛	98	97⅛	98
National Lead	36⅛	38⅛	38	38
New York Central	99⅛	99½	99⅛	99⅛
Omaha	33	33	33	33
Ontario & Western	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Pacific Mail	22	22	22	22
Pullman P. C. Co.	154½	154½	154½	154½
Reading	13⅛	14⅛	13⅛	14⅛
Rock Island	61⅞	62⅛	61⅞	62⅛
Southern Pacific	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
Southern Railway	11⅛	11⅛	11	11
Southern Ry preferred	37⅛	37⅛	37	37
St. Paul	57⅛	58⅛	57⅝	58⅝
*Sugar Trust	88⅛	90⅛	88⅛	90
Tennessee Coal & Iron	13⅝	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛
U. S. Cordage	7⅞	8⅛	7⅛	7⅛
†Western Union	87⅛	87⅛	86½	87
Wheeling & L. E.	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛

Firm; regular sale on sugar—88¼; opn., 88¼ to 88⅞.

*Opening sales, 88¼.

†Ex. dividend 1¾ per cent.

Bank of England's Weekly Statement.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England, issued to-day, shows the following changes as compared with the previous account:

Total reserve, decreased £5,529,000; circulation, increased, £148,000; bullion, decreased, £281,057; other securities, increased £259,000; other deposits, decreased, £807,000; public deposits, decreased, £231,000; notes reserve, decreased, £879,000; government securities, decreased, £800,000.

The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 63.28 per cent., is now 61.67 per cent.

Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Beeves—receipts, 447 head; none on sale. European cables quote American steers at 10a11½ per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 7a8c. Exports to-day, 250 beeves.

Calves—Receipts, 62 head, firm; veals, poor to prime, 5.00a6.00; grassers, 2.75a3.25; Western calves, 3.25a4.00.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 8,918 head; 29 cars on sale; weak; sheep, poor to prime, 2.00a3.75; lambs, common to choice, 3.75a4.80.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Shippers and dressed beef firms were slow to pay 2.60a5.50 for common to choice 1,030 to 1,600 pound steers, and there was a lack of activity in butchers' stock at 2.00a3.50 for common to extra cows, heifers and bulls. Canners' stuff was quoted at 1.25a2.25 with sales largely at 1.65a2.00; choice export cattle were stronger and fancy grades were quoted at 5.90a6.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Poor to choice sheep 1.50a3.35, and poor to choice lambs 2.00a4.60. Extra fed sheep as high as 5.50.

Hogs—From 3.90a4.60 for poor light. There was trading all along up to 4.60a4.70 for prime heavy. The prices most frequently paid for light weights averages of less than 200 pounds, were 4.25a4.50, and the great bulk of the 225 to 325 pounds hogs were weighed at 4.25a4.60. Culls and pigs were hard to sell at 2.00a3.75.

Receipts—Cattle, 11,000; hogs, 30,000; sheep 12,000.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Flour—Receipts, 13,500; exports, 18,200; sales, 8,800 pkgs. Market was again more active for winter brands but the final break in wheat discouraged buying. Southern flour dull. Rye flour quiet; sales, 200. Buckwheat flour neglected; buckwheat dull, 5.25a60. Cornmeal quiet; sales, 200; yellow western, 1.16a1.18. Rye nominal. Barley nominal. Barley malt inactive.

Wheat—Receipts, 2,880 bushels; exports, 218,600 bushels; sales, 3,255,000 bushels futures; 64,000 bushels spot. Spot steady. No. 2, red store and elevator, 69a69¼; afloat, 61¼a61⅝; f. o. b., 61¼a62 afloat; No. 1 Northern, 69 delivered; No. 1 hard, 70¼ delivered. Options advanced early on foreign buying and firmer cables, reacted under local sales, rallied and advanced all day on heavy clearances and firm late cables, but broke suddenly at the close under free liquidation and left off at ⅛c net decline. No. 2 red, January, 60¼a60⅝, closed 60¼; February, 61¼a61⅝, closed 61⅛; March, 62⅛a62⅝, closed 62; May, 63⅛a63⅝, closed 63¼; June, closed 63⅝; July, 62⅛a62 3-16, closed 62⅜; December, 59⅛a59⅝, closed 59⅝.

Corn—Receipts, 80,000; exports, 22,700; sales, 350,000 futures; 26,000 spot. Spot market dull. No. 2, 51⅝, elevator; old No. 2 white, 55¼ delivered; steamer mixed, quoted 49¼; No. 3, 48¼. Options opened steady, and after a slight decline ruled firm on predictions of rain, finally weakening with wheat, and closing at ⅛ decline. January, 51⅛a51¼, closed 51¼; February, 52⅛a52¼, closed 52⅛; May, 52⅝a52¾, closed 52⅝; December closed 51⅝.

Oats—Receipts, 70,800 bu.; exports, 600 bu.; sales, 40,000 futures; 80,000 spot. Spot steady. No. 2, 34; No. 2 delivered, 34; No. 3, 33½; No. 2 white, 38; No. 3 white, 37½; track white western, 37a42; track white State, 37a42. Options quiet, but steady all day, closing at unchanged prices. January, 34⅛a33⅞, closed, 34¼; February, closed 35⅛; May, 35⅝a36, closed 35⅞; December, closed 34.

Coffee—Options opened barely steady, with December 5 points higher; other months 20 points lower under European selling. Closed easy at 20a30 points net decline. Sales, 21,750 bags, including December, 13.75a13.80; January, 13.30a13.40; March, 12.65a12.90; May, 12.30a12.50; September, 12.25a12.35. Spot coffee—Rio easy; No. 7, 15¼. Mild quiet; Cordova, 18.14a18.19. Sales 1,000 bags Rio, Nos. 5 to 7, at 15c, c. i. f.; 1,600 bags do. No. 9, at 12¾, c. i. f.; 2,900 do., Nos. 7 and 8, at 13.80 c. i. f.; 2,000 bags Santos, Nos. 7, 8 and 9, at 13¼ c. i. f.; also yesterday, 4,000 bags Santos, Nos. 5 and 9, at 14.40 c. i. f., and 2,000 bags Maracaibo, and 150 packages Jamaica p. t.

Sugar—Raw dull; refined dull.

Chicago Grain and Produce Markets.

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	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
December	54	54	53⅝	53⅝
May	58⅝-¾	58⅝-¾	58⅜	58⅝-½
CORN.				
December	46	46	45⅞	45⅞
May	49⅛	49⅛	49	49
OATS.				
December	29¼	29¼	29	29
May	32⅝	32¼-¾	32-⅛	32-⅛
PORK.				
December	11.80	11.80	11.77	11.77
January	11.80	11.80	11.77	11.77
May	12.12	12.15	12.10	12.10
LARD.				
December	6.80	6.80	6.75	6.75
January	6.85	6.85	6.80-2	6.80-2
May	7.05	7.10	7.05	7.07
SH RIBS.				
December	5.90	5.90	5.75	5.85
January	5.90	5.90	5.87	5.87
May	6.10	6.12	6.10	6.10

New York Cotton.

Month.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
January	5.52	5.52	5.47	5.48
February	5.57	....	....	....
March	5.62	5.62	5.55	5.55
May	5.71	5.71	5.66	5.66

Liverpool Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20—4:15 p. m.—Cotton—Spot increased demand. Prices firm. American middling, fair, 3 21-32d; good middling, 3 7-32d; American middling, 3 1-16d; low middling, 2 29-32d; good ordinary, 2 25-32d; ordinary, 2 19-32d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,100 were for speculation and export and included 11,000 American. Receipts, 11,000 bales, including 7,300 American. Futures opened quiet and closed quiet at the decline. American middling l. m. c., December, 2 61-64a2 63-64d; December and January, 2 61-64a2 63-64d; January and February, 2 61-64a2 63-64d; February and March, 2 63-64d sellers; March and April, 3a3 1-64d; April and May, 3 3-64d sellers; May and June, 3 5-64a3 4-64d; June and July, 3 5-64d sellers; July and August, 3 6-64d buyers; August and September, 3 7-64a3 8-64d.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Regular call—12 o'clock m.—D. C. 3.65s, $100 at 114¾. Washington Loan and Trust, 5 at 119. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone, 20 at 52.

Government bonds—U. S. 4s, registered, 114 bid, 114¾ asked. U. S. 4s, coupon, 115 bid. U. S. 5s, 118 bid, 118¼ asked.

District of Columbia Bonds—20-year fund 5s, 109 bid. 20-year fund 6s, gold, 110 bid. Water Stock 7s, 1901, currency, 117 bid. Water Stock 7s, 19.3, currency, 120 bid. 3.65s, funding, currency, 114¼ bid. 3¼s, registered, 2-30s, 100 bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds—Washington and Georgetown Railroad conv. 6s, 1st, 135 bid, 140 asked. Washington and Georgetown Railroad conv. 6s, 2d, 131 bid, 140 asked. Metropolitan Railroad, conv. 6s, 120 bid, 102½ asked. Rock Railroad 5s 73 bid, 80 asked. Eckington 6s, Railroad 104¾ bid. Columbia Railroad 6s, 103½ bid, 108¼ asked. Washington Gas Company conv. 6s, 130 bid, 140 asked. U. S. Electric Light conv. 5s, 125 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 90¼ bid, 102 asked. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bid. American Security and Trust 7s, A. and O., 100 bid. Washington Market Company 1st 6s, 108 bid. Washington Market Company imp. 6s, 108 bid. Washington Market Company ext. 6s, 105 bid. M. Soldiers' Hall Association 5s, 102½ bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 93 bid. Washington Light Infantry 22 7s, 99 bid.

National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washington, 300 bid, 320 asked. Bank of the Republic, 250 bid, 280 asked. Metropolitan, 280 bid, 290 asked. Central, 270 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 190 bid, 200 asked. Second, 137 bid, 147 asked. Citizens, 130 bid. Columbia, 139 bid. Capital, 115 bid. West End, 105 bid. Traders', 105 bid, 110 asked. Lincoln, 94 bid, 100 asked. Ohio, 75¼ bid.

Safe Deposit and Trust Companies—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 140 bid, 150 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 119 bid, 121 asked. American Security and Trust, 135½ bid, 137 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 100 asked.

Railroad Stocks—Washington and Georgetown, 290 bid, 305 asked. Metropolitan, 52 bid, 62 asked. Columbia, 57 bid, 63 asked. Belt, 18 bid, 33 asked. Eckington, 35 bid.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks—Washington Gas, 46½ bid, 47½ asked. Georgetown Gas, 50 bid. U. S. Electric Light, *129½ bid, 136½ asked.

Insurance Stocks—Firemen's, 59 bid, 65 asked. Franklin, 45 bid, 55 asked. Metropolitan, 68 bid. Corcoran, 57 bid. Potomac, 70 bid. Arlington, 145 bid, 160 asked. German-American, 160 bid. National Union, 13 bid, 13½ asked. Columbia, 13 bid, 16 asked. Riggs, 7 bid, 7½ asked. People's 5½ bid, 5⅞ asked. Lincoln, 7½ bid, 8 asked. Commercial, 4½ bid.

Title Insurance Stocks—Real Estate Title, 108 bid, 115 asked. Columbia Title, 7 bid, 7½ asked. Washington Title, 5½ asked. District Title, 10 bid, 15 asked.

Telephone Stocks—Pennsylvania, 35 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac, 51 bid, 54 asked. American Graphophone, 4½ bid, 5½ asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 25 bid, 75 asked.

Miscellaneous Stocks—Washington Market, 15 bid. Great Falls Ice, 130 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 96 bid. Lincoln Hall, 85 bid, 100 asked. Mergenthaler Linotype, 157 bid, 159 asked.

*Ex div.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Flour dull unchanged—receipts, 6,664 barrels; shipments, 872 barrels; sales, 150 barrels. Wheat firm—spot and month, 58¾a58⅞; January, 59¼a59⅜; February, 60¼a60⅜; May, 62¼a62⅜; steamer No. 2 red, 55¾a56—receipts, 12,194 bushels; stock, 1,005,696 bushels; sales, 46,000 bushels; Southern wheat by sample, 57a60; do. on grade, 56¼a59¼. Corn weak—spot, 47¼a48; year, 47¼a47¾; January, 48¼a48½; May, 51¼ asked; steamer mixed, 41½a42⅝—receipts, 36,786 bushels; stock, 998,825 bushels; sales, 57,000 bushels. Southern white corn, 43¼a49; do. yellow, 45¼a49¼. Oats steady—No. 2 white Western, 38a38½; No. 2 mixed Western, 33¼a34—receipts, 11,931 bushels; stock, 168,287 bushels. Rye slow—No. 2, 57—receipts, 565 bushels; stock, 39,360 bushels. Hay firm—good to choice timothy, 13.00a13.50. Grain freights inclined to be easy, unchanged. Sugar, quiet, unchanged. Butter, eggs, and cheese, firm, unchanged.

Railroading Over a Bottomless Bog.

"I'm glad they've built that stretch of railroad out around Etna bog," said the traveling man. "I've traveled on the trains for years, and the only place on the road that made me nervous was when we ran over that mile stretch across the bog. Don't you remember how they used to crawl across the trestle? Now, I'll tell you something that I wouldn't have told before the Maine Central folks changed their track.

"Years and years ago when the road was constructed across from the Kennebec to the Penobscot the workmen came to a meddlesome snag in the person of Etna bog. They decided to build across its quaggy morass, and accordingly the farmers commenced to haul in long logs for piling.

"Etna bog has the name of being bottomless. But down at the distance of forty or fifty feet appears to be a sort of crust three feet thick or so. Below that seems to be water or very thin mud. The pilings were let down on to that crust, which apeared sufficiently strong to support them. But one extra long log, a sixty-footer, was brought in from the woods. The huge timber was set on end and the pile-driver struck it twice. At the second blow the log went down like a flash clean out of sight and would have been going now, perhaps, if it hadn't been for the chains. It was hauled back and a length was spliced on. Then the pile was let down again, but the top end of the new piece went under the mud and still no bottom.

"The crew decided to see if it was possible to find a resting place for piling beneath that crust, so they kept on splicing. They got down 450 feet and then gave it up as a bad job. Life was too short and timber too expensive to keep on. They built on the crust and let it go at that."—Lewiston Journal.

Remarkable Tremors.

Two very remarkable occurrences are connected with the earthquake that destroyed a large part of Thebes, in Greece, on the night of April 27 last.

At Birmingham, England, a delicate pendulum, suspended for the purpose of recording earth tremors, exhibited marked disturbance about fourteen minutes after the principal shock occurred at Thebes. Observers at Birmingham attributed the disturbance of their pendulum to the transference of the shock across Europe from Greece to England, the rate at which it traveled being about 110 miles a minute.

On the same night Dr. Gill, the English astronomer at the Cape of Good Hope, observed extraordinary undulations of the surface of the mercury which he was using to detect errors of level, and which continued during half an hour.

Dr. Gill thinks that these, like the tremors noticed at Birmingham, may have originated in the same disturbance of the earth's crust that produced the disaster at Thebes. Apparently, however, if the undulations were conveyed all the way from Greece to the southern end of Africa, they came from a different shock from that which manifested its effects at Birmingham, for the undulations were noticed by Dr. Gill before that particular shock had been felt at Thebes.

These are by no means the first instances in which perceptible effects from earthquakes have been noticed hundreds and even thousands of miles from the focus of the shocks.—Exchange.

WEALTHY DOCTORS IN ENGLAND

Sixty-five in Five Years Left Property Valued at £3,500,000.

Some idea of how much money a successful doctor in England may accumulate in the course of a long life is shown by the sworn statements made to the probate office of the personal property they leave.

In the last five years sixty-five doctors have left £3,500,000, an average of £50,000, or $250,000 each. This is in part due to careful investments by Sir William Gull, who was physician in ordinary to the Queen and Prince of Wales, and when he died, at the age of seventy-four, left a fortune of $1,720,000. He once spoke of making over $65,000 in a single year.

Seventy-five thousand dollars is probably as much as any doctor or lawyer can possibly make in England, and not more than half a dozen men probably in each profession average more than $50,000 a year. Of thirty-two doctors in the list whose ages were given one was ninety-three, eight more were eighty or over, and eleven were between seventy-five and eighty. Sir Andrew Clark, president of the College of Physicians, left over a million; Sir Oscar Clayton, $750,000; Dr. Armitage, a blind man, over a million. Dr. Morell Mackenzie, who was fifty-five when he died, left only $110,000. Seven estates only out of sixty-five exceeded $500,000.

Always Smiled at Him.

A cynical dry goods clerk says he sees more women's smiles than all the husbands in town.—Detroit Sun.

RECORD OF THE COURTS.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. Thursday, December 20, 1894.—Present: The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Field, Mr. Justice Harlan, Mr. Justice Gray, Mr. Justice Brewer, Mr. Justice Brown, Mr. Justice Shiras, and Mr. Justice White.

B. Howell Jones, of Ogden, Utah, was admitted to practice.

No. 29. The New Orleans City and Lake Railroad Company, plaintiff in error, vs. The State of Louisiana ex rel., The City of New Orleans.

No. 33. The City of New Orleans, appellant, vs. the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company et al., and

No. 62. Jerome F. Manning, appellant, vs. Irvine G. McLarren, as special administrator, etc. Ordered to be placed at the foot of the call for the first Monday, 7th, of January next.

No. 7, original. The State of California, complainant, vs. Southern Pacific Company. Argument continued by Mr. William M. Stewart and Mr. J. Hubley Ashton for the defendant and by Mr. John S. Miller and Mr. William R. Davis for the city of Oakland.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock. The day call for Friday, December 21, will be as follows: Nos. 7, original, 135 and 128, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143 and 144.

District Courts.

PROBATE COURT—JUDGE HAGNER—Proceedings in estates as follows: Johanna Hettinger; petition of William A. Hettinger for probate of will and letters testamentary filed. Calvin T. Sampson; withdrawal of claim of First Baptist Church for $500 filed. Mary E. Yates; assent of six next kin, citation of one kinsman returned served. Henry Prediger; will fully proved. Peter Yiaisketti; will fully proved. Thomas C. Gessford; E. W. Gessford bonded. Susan J. Weadon; petition of Mary A. Leonard for probate and letters of administration filed. Guardianship: Alice L. Biggs, special guardian, election of share for ward filed.

CIRCUIT COURT, No. 1—JUSTICE BRADLEY—In re will of Maria Cole; jury respited. Jarvis vs. District of Columbia; judgment in certiorari; judgments by default, Guggenheimer & Co. vs. Cumpston; Woodward & Lothrop vs. Anderson; Kaufman vs. Kohn; Kimmel vs. Donaldson; Hartman Company vs. Hickey. Assignment on trial, No. 771.

CIRCUIT COURT, No. 2—CHIEF JUSTICE BINGHAM—Hunter vs. Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company; jury respited. Cambell vs. Porter et al.; death of Georgeanna Porter suggested. Coblenzer vs. District of Columbia; judgment in certiorari; also McCullough vs. District of Columbia. United States vs. Hall et al.; judgment on verdict. Smoot vs. Hufty; judgment on verdict. Assignment, Nos. 273, 243, and 277½.

EQUITY COURT, DIVISION NO. 1—JUSTICE COX—Carter vs. Sanitary Co.; leave to amend petition granted. Marine Bank vs. Vaughn; answer required in ten days. Greason vs. Palmer; motion to set aside referees to auditor overruled. Johnson vs. Church; amendments to bill allowed. Assignment Nos. 23, 27, and 29.

EQUITY COURT, DIVISION NO. 2—JUSTICE HAGNER—In re Francis Mason, alleged lunatic; order confirming inquisition and appointing Amelia Bennett committee and trustee. Schover vs. Schoyer; decree dismissing bill. Caddington vs. Caddington; divorce granted. Cambell vs. Porter et al.; order for commission to take infant's answer to issue. Valta Graphophone Company vs. Cola Phonographic Company et al.; decree for perpetual injunction and accounting and order granting leave to withdraw exhibits.

CRIMINAL COURT, NO. 1—JUSTICE MCCOMAS—Peck & Simmons vs. Christian Heurich; verdict for defendant, and jury discharged.

CRIMINAL COURT, NO. 2—JUSTICE COLE—John T. Knight, bigamy; verdict of guilty as indicted. John W. Browner, arson; recognizance $1,000, taken with Wesley Fly surety.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds of real estate were filed yesterday for record as follows: R. T. Morsell and William L. Seufferle, trustees, to G. J. Seufferle, part of lot 15, block 29, Brightwood Park, subject to $1,500 trust, $500. Warren R. Choate, trustee, to J. L. Sprinkle, lots 1 and 2, block 1, Trinidad, $—. E. M. Hill and husband to Frank E. Murray, lot 14, square 813, subject to $1,550 trust, $10. Frank P. Malloy and wife to A. C. Clark, part of original lot 10, square 586, $100. M. H. Sullivan and wife to J. F. Brown, lot 85, block 27, Isherwood, $5. James F. Brown and wife to M. E. Sullivan, same property, $5. Rebecca E. Blaine and husband to F. S. Wight, lots 21 and 23, block 12, Trinidad, $10. F. L. Wight and wife to Rebecca A. Blaine, lot 82, block 27, sub of Long Meadows, $10. J. Edward Chapman and wife to James M. Durm, part of lots 4 and 5, square 1001, $4,700. M. L. Welfley and wife and others to Emily S. Cook and others, lot 34, block 44, Holmead Manor, $10. James F. Hood and G. J. Pest, trustees to E. W. Haight, lot 28, block 16, Center Eckington, $2,000. Nicholas T. Haller and wife to George J. Bond, lot 143, square 183, $10. B. H. Warner and wife to J. B. Collier, lots 103-115, $100.

Front and Rear.

The old story of the woman who swept all the dust of her rooms into the corners, where she imagined it would never be discovered, has many variations, and such women, it may be added, are fair subjects for mirth.

"I hear you've been visitin' Mary Staples, down Nashcy way," said one of the Brambletown ladies to Miss Melinda Harkins, who had been absent from her native place for a fortnight. "I suppose Mary ain't changed any great, has she? Same slack, good-natured piece she allus was, I suspicion."

"Jest about the same," assented Miss Melinda, with a nod which, though energetic, failed to shake the tight knob of hair which adorned the top of her head. "She's got a real up-an'-comin' man, too, but he can't change Mary a mite."

"What kind of a house have they got?" inquired the caller.

"Well," said Miss Melinda, "it was a real pretty lookin' house from the front, an' Mary she kep' it kind of slicked up. I was quite took aback when I got there to see how well it appeared.

"I spoke right out, sayin' how pretty I thought 'twas, the shape of it, an' the color an' so on. Mary, she was real pleased an' she told me 'twas what they call a 'Queen Anne' cottage.

"Well, when she took me out to the back part an' I see the yard all full o' clutter, an' the paint wore off, an' everythin' lookin' like the last o' pea-time," said Miss Melinda, whose Roman nose seemed to take an upward turn as she spoke, "I said to myself: 'This house may be Queen Anne in front, for all I know, but it's Mary Anne in the back, an' no two ways about it!'"—Free Press.

He Could Not Fill the Order.

In addition to his duties as United States Senator from Colorado Edward O. Wolcott is the general counsel of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway. Of course he receives many applications for passes. A young lady living in the southern part of Colorado desired to visit Denver. She had a friend of her own sex in Denver, who was a friend of Senator Wolcott's. The young lady wrote her Denver friend a long letter, saying she would like to visit the capital, and concluded it as follows: "I wish you would ask Mr. Wolcott to send me a pass from Alamosa to Denver and return."

Of course, there had to be a postscript, of which the following is a true copy:

P. S.—I wish you would send me one of those Y. Z. corsets—the kind you wore when I saw you last. They are just too lovely for anything.

The Denver lady, in a moment of absent-mindedness, turned the letter over, indorsed a request to Senator Wolcott for a pass on the back thereof, and mailed it to Mr. Wolcott's office.

The next day she received this reply:

"MY DEAR MADAM: I inclose you a pass for your friend from Alamosa to Denver and return, as requested. I would send her the corsets, but I don't know her number."—Chicago Tribune.

Bellows Worked by Big Dogs.

There is a nail foundry in Williamsburgh where the bellows under the forges are worked by five big mongrel dogs, who labor regularly a little more than an hour and a half each day. The dogs answer to the names of Joe, Peter, Rover, Jack, and George, and feed and sleep in the foundry. The animals tread inside a wheel eight feet in diameter, and when the time of one is up another takes his place, and for eight hours a day the wheel and the bellows are kept going at the rate of about four miles an hour. In another foundry three dogs named Spot, Check, and Harness work the bellows.

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW NATIONAL THEATER.
Every Evening and Saturday Matinee
DEWOLF HOPPER
OPERA COMPANY IN
DR. SYNTAX.
Next Week—
RICE'S "1492."
SALE OF SEATS WILL OPEN THURSDAY.
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EDWARD H. ALLEN, Manager.
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From the Prince of Wales Theater, London, and Daly's Theater, New York.
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One Week, Commencing 24
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"The Greatest of All American Plays."
MR. JAMES A.

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In His Beautiful Comedy Drama,
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As presented with original scenery all last season at Daly's Theater, New York, and over 100 nights in Boston.
Christmas and Saturday Matinee.
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Grand Sacred Concert
BY THE
CHORAL UNION
AT HAMLINE M. E. CHURCH,
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Friday Evening, Dec. 21, 1894,
AT 8 O'CLOCK,
Under the direction of PROF. J. ARTHUR ROSE
The programme will be rendered by Prof. J. W. Bischoff, Mr. O. B. Sweet, Mr. Douglas Miller, Miss Florence McNelly, Mr. Elphonzo Youngs, jr., Miss Flora Holden, and a chorus of fifty voices.
Admission.....25 cents
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KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.
All This Week.
SAM T. JACK'S
CREOLE COMPANY,
Introducing
KILAUII'S LIVING PICTURES.
Xmas Week—WEBER & FIELDS OWN CO.
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Flowers for Xmas.
See our extensive and magnificent showing of POTTED PLANTS and PALMS if you're present-hunting. Nothing more tasty.
Cut flowers of every kind. Our ROSES are the handsomest and most fragrant you'll find. See us for flowers.
A. Gude & Bro., FLORISTS, 1224 F st. n.w.

OLD DOMINION JOCKEY CLUB
RACES
on the grounds of the
Grange Camp Association of
Northern Virginia.
Five races will be run each day. First race at
2.15 P. M.
Trains will leave Sixth Street Depot at 12.30 and 1.40 p. m. Returning at 5.10 and 5.40 p. m.
Improper characters will not be admitted.
Admission - - - 50 Cents.

LOST.

LOST—A FOX TERRIER DOG; BLACK AND white head, black ears, white body, except round black spot on back at root of tail; dog license tag 5531. Reward if returned to 1431 N st. nw. del9-3t

SPECIAL NOTICES.

WARNING! TO THOSE HAVING ROOMS to rent—We have authorized no one to register rooms and collect fees for us. BUSINESS EXCHANGE, 614 13th st. nw. del8-tf

An Old Watering Trough.

The noise made by an Indian woman pounding corn in a rock mortar enabled the brave old fighter, Col. Benjamin Church, to secure the person of Annawan, the right-hand man of King Philip in 1676. There is hardly a town included in the Nipmuc (Mass.) country but has one or more of these crude mills of the red men. Grafton or Haranamisco holds an immense one on the borders of Kilville, not far from the last settlement of that tribe and near the battle-field of Keith Hill, where Philip's men came to grief. There were certain places resorted to by the Indians for growing their corn, and as far as my knowledge extends they were usually on the hillsides.

Some of the small mortars have no doubt been removed from their original places, but others remain where they were used, fixed as the enduring hills. The soapstone vessels used by the Nipmucs are of various sizes and have been numerously found in Millbury and Sutton. Along the streams, in clefts of rocks, and on the highest points of land they have been unearthed, many broken and others in perfect condition. I have in mind one which lies in the western part of Millbury, weighing perhaps seventy-five pounds and within fifty rods of Ramshorn stream. All that is known of its history is that the occupants of the farm had for generations used it as a watering trough for hens.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Chinaman Wanted Yellow.

"Speaking of selling tickets," said W. H. Taylor, the well-known district passenger agent of the Southern Railway, with headquarters in this city, "I was very much amused the other day at a Chinaman who came into our office and asked for a ticket to Chattanooga. He was given the ticket. Just then another tourist came in and asked for a ticket to some point beyond, and his ticket was given him, properly stamped. The Chinaman saw that the last ticket was not the color of his own, and to make things all the more complicated to him, the other ticket was a deep yellow one, while his was a green one. The fact that yellow is the national color of China, perhaps, stirred him to a high degree of uneasiness. He looked at one and then at another.

"'Gimme de yeller tick, too,' he finally said, eyeing the ticket agent in eagerness.

"He was told that his ticket was all right without respect to color.

"'Don't he go to Chattanoogie?' was asked. He was told that the man was not going to Chattanooga."—Atlanta Constitution.

Where the Copper Cent Is Despised.

There are yet many towns in the further West where the copper cent is despised, and the smallest coin used is a nickel, but in Eastern cities generally pennies have been increasing in demand in recent years. The fashion of clipping a cent from a dollar or half a dollar, making 99-cent and 49-cent prices, and almost every other price with odd cents figuring in it, has put a vast amount of copper change in circulation, and this is especially noticeable about Christmas time. One gets lots of brand-new red cents just now in change at the big stores, where supplies of them have been laid in for the holiday trade.

Holiday Excursion Rate to Baltimore via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Passenger Department, Pennsylvania Railroad, announces sale of excursion tickets to Baltimore, on account of the Christmas holidays, at rate of one dollar and sixty cents ($1.60), December 21 to 25, inclusive, and December 29 to January 1 inclusive. Good for return passage until January 3, inclusive. de21-22-24-27-28-29

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

UPRIGHT PIANO, VERY FINEST MAKE, style and tone, nearly new; must be sacrificed by private party needing cash. Address M. M. N., this office. de21-3t

FOR SALE—
$55 Organ, reduced from $125.
$5 down and $3 monthly.
Handsome Palace Organ, solid walnut case, high top, 2 knee swells, double coupler, 11 stops. Stool and instruction book included.
de19-3t F. G. SMITH, 1225 Pa. ave.

FOR SALE—
Chickering Piano for $75.
$5 down and $3 monthly.
In splendid musical order.
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IF YOU WANT TO BUY A CHRISTMAS PRESENT go to
SCHMID'S Bird and Pet Animal Stores,
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FOR SALE—
King Charles and Ruby Spaniel Pups.
SCHMID'S BIRD STORE,
de19-3t 1221 Pennsylvania avenue.

HALLET & DAVIS' PIANO CLEARANCE sale; imperative closing out sale of choice pianos; great inducements offered; no reservations; agency to be closed and removed; present agent retiring. H. L. SUMNER, Agent, 811 9th st. nw. de29-1m

FOR SALE—GOLD FISHES, FANCY PIGEONS, singing Canaries, Mocking Birds, Parrots, Monkeys, Fancy Poultry, Maltese and Angora Kittens. SCHMID'S Bird Stores, No. 712 12th st. nw. and 1221 Pa. ave. nw. oc9-3m

WANTED.

WANTED—
A BRIGHT YOUNG ATTORNEY
for a new insurance society (in-org). Address NATIONAL, this office. de21-3t

WANTED—YOUNG MAN OF GOOD ADdress and somewhat acquainted with city at once; permanent position; references required. Apply 614 13th st. northwest. de21-1t

WANTED—TWO GENTLEMEN FOR PRESIdent and treasurer of an insurance society organized under the District laws, who are willing to put in some cash money to push the business; success assured. Address NATIONAL, this office. de21-3t

WANTED—INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE MEN for sick benefit society which pays sick benefits; good pay and no lapses. 2620 Olive ave., Georgetown. de21-3t

WANTED — AN EXPERIENCED DOUBLEentry book-keeper and a stenographer and typ