A DREADFUL ORDEAL.

A New Yorker Heartlessly Deserts a Girl and Is Tortured.

The Awful Sweating Through Which Miller Is Compelled to Pass.

Hellish Ingenuity of a Woman Whose Honor Sought Vengeance.

Imprisoned in a Strange Cell to Be Released by Death.

New York Dispatch.

The recent shooting of Mr. Stephen Pettus by Mrs. Southworth recalls many episodes of a similar nature. In some, summary punishment has been meted out as it was in the affair mentioned, yet in others weirdly horrible have been the sufferings of men who have caused women to undergo real or imaginary wrongs.

A case illustrative of the hellish ingenuity with which woman is gifted when her honor cries out for vengeance can be cited:

Before the tunnel was built on Fourth avenue as a viaduct for the railroad cars, which were at that time drawn by horses from the old Twenty-seventh street depot to Forty-second street, at which point locomotives were attached to the trains formed there, there stood an old, rambling-looking building, solitary and alone by the side of the railroad track, not many blocks from the Fifth avenue entrance to Central park.

Weird and uncanny were the stories related by residents in the vicinity of the occupants of the old house.

Whether there was any truth in the stories mentioned does not matter, yet it is well-known that in 1867 one James Garr took up his residence here. His family consisted of himself, wife and charming daughter, then a budding maid of eighteen.

By some strange fatality Maud's father and mother were stricken down simultaneously with typhoid fever, and on the 27th of August, 1869, they died within an hour of each other.

The fortune left by James Garr was considerable, and within six months of the death of her parents, Maud, who was then a most entrancing creature of twenty, lithe and willowy in her every movement, was beset on all sides by suitors of the most ardent description.

Among the host of admirers Maud seemed to favor one in particular, George Miller by name. The favored personage had come to New York at an early age from the western part of the state of New York, and, after casting about for some time in search of permanent employment, finally secured work in a down town banking house, and, after years of strict attention to business, was, at the time he met Maud Garr, the trusted clerk of the firm.

IN THE SIREN'S CLUTCHES.

There was one peculiarity about Miller, and that was, although he was of a hearty, open nature, yet it was impossible for him to look, for over a second at a time, any person straight in the eye.

Maud Garr was attached to Miller with all the fervency of her warm young nature, and although no one for a moment suspected any undue familiarity in the relations which existed between the young people, yet George Miller so worked upon the feelings of the young woman that before two months had passed after their first meeting, although the marital knot had not been tied, yet their relations savored strongly of those of man and wife.

When Maud found herself, some months later, in a condition which so well becomes a good wife, she urgently requested George to repair the damages done and make her his wife.

To this proposition he offered no especial objection, yet so dilatory was he in the performance of the request that Maud was compelled to seek medical aid in her unfortunate plight.

When she recovered from illness incident to the ordeal through which she passed she determined at first to separate from Miller forever. On second thought, however, Maud determined to seek against her betrayer vengeance of the direst kind. She formed her plot, and how well she carried it out will be seen from events which subsequently took place.

Among the stories which were related concerning the old house in which Maud Garr's father and mother had died, and in which a young and unfortunate woman still resided, was one to the effect that it had been used during Revolutionary times as a sort of private prison. Be this as it may, the arrangement of the upper floor was, to say the least, peculiar.

AN ANCIENT EDIFICE.

Directly in the center of the house on the top floor was a sort of pen which was lighted from a skylight in the roof. In fact, the pen or room was the bottom of a sort of shaft. The only egress was a barred door which opened into a large room, and any one standing in the pen and peering through the bars of the door could have a full view of the large chamber.

George Miller, when he learned that Maud had taken recourse to medical aid, seemed more earnest in his attentions to the young lady. One evening in January he presented himself at her house and was received by the young lady. He immediately began pressing his suit, at least to the extent they should resume their former relations. His propositions were met by the statement that she had been deceived by him once, and that marriage must ensue before she would ever consent. Her refusal to yield was so firm and determined that the young man seemed more desperately in love with her than ever, and he pressed his suit with renewed vigor and zeal.

Maud then demanded a final decision on the question of marriage. Hoping to eventually overcome Maud's scruples, Miller flatly refused to marry the girl, and with the heated ardor of youth begged Maud to yield to his embraces.

For a while she seemed to battle bravely, then gradually she weakened, and finally yielded to his entreaties.

The servants had retired, and going out into the hall from the parlor, Maud listened intently, and perceiving that all was still about the house, she bade the young man follow her up stairs. With alacrity he obeyed, and in the semi-gloom of the hall she led the way to the upper floor. She opened the door of the large chamber, and, taking Miller by the hand, led him to the shaft-like pen in the center of the house. When she passed the door, which was formed of stout iron bars, she requested George to wait until she could secure a light.

Suddenly, as she left him, George heard the sharp clang of the heavy door as the catch closed and left Miller a prisoner within its pitch-dark cell.

IMPRISONED AT NIGHT.

All was as still as death, and the thoroughly frightened young man could hear the distinct thumping of his own heart as he groped his way in the direction of the barred door, and strove in vain to tear down the barriers which held him imprisoned.

He had been thus engaged about an hour when he saw a light suddenly burst into the chamber just outside his cell, and in a moment the form of Maud entered the room. He called to her to release him. She did not seem to hear, or, if she did, in no way did she make the fact known.

In the further corner of the large chamber stood a huge brass bedstead.

Placing the lamp which she carried on a table near the head of the bed, Maud deliberately began, in full view of the imprisoned and half-crazed George, to undress, as if about to retire. She did not seem conscious that the eyes of her former lover were riveted on her; nor did she seem to hear his supplications to be let free that he might fly to her.

In the morning Miller found food placed within his reach on the outside of the bars of the door. For a time he did not taste it, but spent his time calling loudly to be released from his terrible predicament.

Each night for a week the half-crazed Miller was subjected to the harrowing torture of seeing the woman, with whom he was now thoroughly and madly in love, whose every charm was revealed as on the night of his capture and incarceration, almost within reach, yet as far away and inaccessible as if thousands of miles separated them.

The supreme torture was yet in store for the unhappy Miller, who would have been spared all this mental suffering and anguish had he acted properly toward the young woman and married her when he still had the chance.

On the eighth night Maud entered to retire, as usual; but, horror! as the light of the lamp which she carried drove away the shadows that haunted the chamber, Miller saw that she was not alone. She was accompanied by a male companion, the friend and companion of Miller's boyhood and youth.

DEVOURED BY RATS.

At the top of his trembling voice Miller cried out that if she would only release him he would marry her.

Neither Maud nor her companion seemed to hear.

The torture which Miller endured was even beyond human endurance, and before the lamp was lowered by the siren he had sunk senseless upon the hard board floor of his cell, and before daylight dawned he was a raving maniac.

At the usual hour that night no light appeared in the large chamber without the cell in which the quivering form of George Miller lay, but in its stead came a strange scampering sound, and at the same time a nauseating, odor which filled the chamber and penetrated the cell in which the form lay huddled.

Scenting the odor of human flesh, the herd of rats sprang through the interstices of the bars in the prison door, and the wretched madman, with a demoniac yell, essayed to battle with the fierce and hungry rodents, but they, in loathsome numbers, soon overmastered him, and ere an hour was passed nothing remained of the unfortunate man but a few shining bones.

The vengeance of the woman whose honor had been betrayed and whose life and future were ruined was almost beyond belief, and but little credence would be given to the story had not a full and attested history of the affair been found among the papers of a noted criminal of New York, who died but a short time ago.

TUESDAY AT STILLWATER.

Sheriff Holcombe Finally Gets John Russell's Fine.

FRED POOLMAN'S ESTATE.

Two Long-Term Convicts Become Insane and Are to Go to St. Peter.

On his return from St. Paul yesterday, after several days of impatient waiting, Sheriff Holcombe jingled a bag containing $500 in coin, the amount finally paid out by John Russell in liquidation of the fine imposed upon him by the court. Russell, when arrested, was in the employ of the Tacoma & St. Paul Land and Lumber company, of which concern C. W. Griggs, formerly of Yanz, Griggs & Howes, St. Paul, is a member. The company is extremely anxious to get Russell back, as his services are valuable. Consequently, Mr. Griggs telegraphed his old St. Paul house to pay over the $500. The latter issued a check for the amount, and the sheriff then released Russell, took the next train for home, and drew the money at a local bank. Russell says his late experience with the law and the lady cost him $1,200.

Judge Lehmicke has appointed Feb. 10 as the date on which to hear the petition of Herman Wooldrik, of Anoka, to be appointed administrator of the estate of Fred Poolman. The latter, after having lived and worked in Stillwater for thirty-two years, was comparatively unknown here, and died at a boarding house a few days ago, leaving notes and securities amounting to over $1,500, of which $600 was deposited by him in a local bank. Poolman had never married, and died intestate. He has, so far as is known, not a relative in the world, his most intimate friend being Mr. Wooldrik, who came with him from Germany to Stillwater in 1854.

St. John's lodge Masons and their families met in a highly enjoyable social way at Masonic hall last evening.

The register of the Charleston hotel, Charleston, S. C., bore the names of Capt. A. T. Jenks and David Tozer, of Stillwater, under date of Feb. 7.

Convict James White, sent in 1882 from Clay county under a sentence of twenty-five years for rape, and John Smith, a Hennepin county man sent in 1884 for ten years on conviction of robbery, will be removed from the state prison to-day to the asylum for the insane at St. Peter. Both have been unbalanced mentally for many weeks, and their close confinement has of late been necessary.

News from Ed Stewart's camp, near Hinckley, is to the effect that big work is being done, 348,220 feet having been hauled in one week, making an average of 57,254 feet per load. One load scaled 9,500 feet.

The long wrangle over the election of a street commissioner was ended at a special meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon, when James Foran was elected on the fourth ballot by the bare necessary majority vote of the entire council, the final ballot resulting: Foran, 5; Butler, 3. The ninth alderman was absent.

Fenton McCarthy, employed by the Musser-Sauntry Land and Logging company, was brought down from Moose river yesterday with his right knee cap shattered and leg badly bruised, the effects of a log rolling upon him.

FOUR SLEEPLESS YEARS.

An Old Negro Man Who Has No Slept in That Time.

An Athens (Ga.) special says: Four years without sleeping a wink. That sounds preposterous, but it is exactly the case of an old negro now living in Athens. Charley Harden is his name, and the snows of age have settled down upon him. In slavery times he belonged to John White, who lived at that time in this county. Charley was seen on the streets yesterday talking to several of his friends and telling them of his curious condition.

"For four years," said he, "I have not slept a wink. I hear continually a buzzing sound, and it seems as if several persons were talking to me all the time. At night I lie in my bed with my eyes wide open, and if I do sleep never close them, and always hear the talking. It is an awful thing to be talked to for four years, and through the long nights to have to listen to this nonsense."

Charley has tried doctors for his sleeplessness, and has found no remedy, and has given up all hope of ever sleeping again. He, as a matter of necessity, sleeps, but his eyes never close, and all his mental faculties remain ever awake.

His case is a curious one.

HOW ABOUT THE PRUDENCE of allowing a Cough to run on, rasping the Pulmonary and Bronchial organs, when that approved and speedy remedy, Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant can be obtained from any apothecary.

AN UNSETTLED FEELING.

Wheat Opens Strong, Sags a Fraction, and Closes Strong but Lower.

Corn Shows up Strong, Room Traders Doing All the Business in Pork.

Financial Operations of the Money Kings---The General Quotations.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The wheat market was narrow again to-day, and with little from the outside to influence action either way, there was a further dragging down of prices. The confirmation of about sixteen boat loads of export business in wheat at New York yesterday, with some good buying by shorts, the first half-hour gave a show of strength. May sold at 78⅜@78½c and 5c. and July at 77⅞c. The cables proved to be weak. The export clearances for the day amounted to nothing outside of 46,000 bu of wheat out of New York, with nothing of wheat or flour out of Baltimore. There was an early report that the wheat in private houses here had decreased 500,000. Later this was not accepted. The wheat in store and afloat regular is 5,400,000 bu, and in private elevators 2,400,000, making a total of 7,800,000 bushels of wheat here. The contract wheat now in store is 4,122,000 bushels, or a decrease of 6,900 bushels for the week. The Cleveland Milling company was reported shut down for want of a demand for flour. When all the facts were before the trade and the weather and the big operators both against the market, prices yielded. May dropped from 78⅝c to 78⅜c, sold to 78½c, to 78¼@78⅜c, to 78⅜@78½c, to 78⅛@78¼c, the lowest price of the year, at 1 o'clock. July sold off from 77⅝to 76¾c. The weakness in wheat continued to the close, when the lowest prices of the year were touched. As the price of May approached 78c there was a lively interest in the pit. Receipts were 13 cars winter wheat, 40 spring, 423 corn, 201 oats. Withdrawals from store were 5,499 bushels spring wheat, 46,172 bu corn and 592 bu oats. Liverpool cables quoted corn tending down for spot and futures. The contract corn in store here is now 1,772,000 bu, a small increase for the week. There was little fresh news in the pit and the market was moved by the action of local traders alone. On the whole there was a slight decline in prices for the day. Clearings yesterday from three Atlantic ports were 512,000 bu; from New Orleans, 180,000 bu. Oats were weak and lower, closing at the bottom prices of the season. Provisions were dull and without important change in prices.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 2 Wheat:				
...y	78⅜	78⅝	78⅛	78⅛
July...	77	77	76⅝	76⅝
No. 2 Corn:				
February..	28⅜	28½	28⅜	28½
May.	30 ⅝	30⅝	30½	30½
July.	31¼	.....	.....	31⅛
No. 2 Oats:		2 ⅜		
February..	20⅝	22⅛	20½	20½
May.....	22¼	21⅞	22	22
June.....	21⅞	.....	21¼	21¼
Mess Pork:				
February..	9 72½	.....	.....	9 72½
March....	9 75	9 77½	9 75	9 77½
May.....	10 00	10 05	9 97½	10 05
Lard:				
February..	5 77½	5 80	5 77½	5 80
March....	5 82½	.....	.....	5 85
May.....	5 97½	5 97½	5 95	5 97½
Short Ribs:				
February..	.....	.....	.....	4 77½
March....	4 77½	.....	.....	4 77½
May.....	4 87½	4 87½	4 85	4 87½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull and exchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 78⅜c; No. 3 spring, 68c. Corn—No. 2, 28½c. Oats—No. 2, 20½c. Rye—No. 2, 42c. Barley—No. 2, 55@57c. Flax Seed—No. 1, $1.38. Prime timothy seed, $1.20. Mess pork, per bbl, $9.75. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 82½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.77½@4.80. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), unchanged. Short clear sides (boxed) unchanged. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.02. Sugars—Cut loaf unchanged; granulated unchanged; standard A unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 18,000 bbls; wheat, 16,000 bu; corn, 112,000 bu; oats, 125,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 78,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 9,000 bbls; wheat, 17,000 bu; corn, 303,0 0 bu; oats, 3?6,000 bu; rye, 15,000 bu; barley, 20,000 bu. On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs, 13½@14c.

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Duluth Grain.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 11.—Wheat was dull. It opened firm and ⅛c higher, but weakened under a poor demand, and at the close the best bid was ⅜c under the opening prices, and ¼c under last night. Nothing done in cash wheat, and prices were unchanged. No. 1 hard closed at 77c; No. 1 northern, 75½c; No. 2 northern, 71c, all nominal; May, No. 1 hard opened at 81⅛c, sold steady at that up till 11:30, then became dull, and at the close was 80⅝c bid; May, No. 1 northern, closed at 77¾c, bid. Cars on track—Wheat, 51. Receipts—Flour, 3,746 bu; wheat, 11,896 bu; oats, 12,258 bu. Shipments—Flour, 1,913 bbls; wheat, 1,397 bu; corn, 18,865 bu. Inspection: Wheat, No. 1 hard, 28 cars; No. 1 northern, 17 cars; No. 2 northern, 1 car; total, 46 cars; oats, 12 cars. Eastern Minnesota last week received 26,182 bbls flour, making total in store 32,482 bbls. The Imperial mill ground from Feb. 1 to Saturday night 10,320 bbls, and shipped 10,020 bbls, making a total flour increase here of 32,384 bbls, and present stocks 37,664 bbls.

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Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 11.—Flour dull. Wheat easy; No. 2 spring on track, cash, 72@73c; May, 73¼; No. 1 northern, 80c. Corn quiet; No. 3 on track, 27½@28c. Oats firm; No. 2 white on track, 23c. Rye quiet; No. 1 in store, 43¼@43½c. Barley quiet; No. 2 in store, 42c. Provisions steady. Pork, $9.70. Lard, $5.92. Butter and cheese unchanged. Eggs steady; fresh, 14c. Receipts—Flour, 6,000 bu; wheat, 15,400 bu; barley, 16,500 bu. Shipments—Flour, 19,600 bu; wheat, 1,100 bu; barley, 14,700 bu.

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St. Louis Produce.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11.—Flour unchanged. Wheat opened a small fraction better, but later became weak and declined, closing ⅛@⅜c below yesterday. No. 2 red cash, 75⅝@75⅞c; May, 76⅝@77⅜c, closing at 77c asked; June, 77c bid; July, 74⅛@74½, closing at 74⅛@74⅜c. Corn lower, with heavy buying of May options by shorts; No. 2 cash, 25½@25⅝c; May, 26⅝@26¾c; July, 27⅝@27¾c. Oats lower; No. 2 cash, 20⅝c bid; May, 21⅝@21⅞c. Rye quiet; 42¼c bid.

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New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Flour—Receipts, 23,336 packages; exports, 832 bbls; 7,781 sacks; weak, moderately active; sales, 20,150 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, 3,300 bu; exports, 46,159 bu; sales, 1,320,000 bu futures, 52,000 bu spot; spot market dull; No. 2 red, 85⅝@87½c, f. o. b. afloat; steamer No. 2 red, 81@81½c; No. 3 red, 81@81½c; steamer No. 3 red, 73½@74c; ungraded red, 78⅛@85½c; No. 1 northern, 92½@92½c; No. 1 hard, 94c; options dull, ⅛c off; weak; No. 2 red, February, 84⅝@84 13-16c, closing at 84⅝c; March, 85½@85⅝c, closing at 85½c; April, 85⅞@86c, closing at 85⅝c; May, 85⅞@86 9-16c, closing at 86⅜c; June, 85⅝@86c, closing at 85⅝c; July, 84⅝@84⅞c, closing at 84⅝c; August, 84⅝@84⅝c, closing at 84c; September closed at 84⅜c; December, 87@87⅛c, closing at 87c. Rye steady. Barley steady; Western, 48@63c; Canada, 59@75c. Barley malt quiet; Canada, 72½@90c. Corn—Receipts, 234,600 bu; exports, 141,656 bu; sales, 2,504,000 bu futures; 237,000 bu spot; spot market fairly active, weaker; No. 2, 35⅝@35¾c elevator; 36⅝@37¼c afloat; ungraded mixed, 25@37½c; steamer mixed, 35½@36⅝c; No. 2 white, 37½@37¾c; No. 3, 34¼@34½c; options less active, ⅛@⅜c off, heavy; February, 35½@35¾c, closing at 35½c; March, 36@36¼c, closing at 36c; April, 36 15-16@37⅛c, closing at 37c; May, 37 11-16@38c, closing at 37⅞c; June, 37⅞@38c, closing at 37⅞c; July, 38½@38⅝c, closing at 38½c. Oats—Receipts, 90,000 bu; exports, 43,026 bu; sales, 290,000 bu futures; 147,000 bu spot; spot market steady, quiet; options quiet, easier; February, 28⅛@28⅛c, closing at 28⅛c; March, 28@28⅛c, closing at 28c; April, 27¾@27⅞c, closing at 27¾c; May, 27¼@28c, closing at 27¼c; No. 2 spot white, 28¾@28⅞c; mixed Western, 27@30c; white Western, 29½@35c; No. 2 Chicago, 29¼c. Hay quiet, High grades; moderate demand. Coffee—Options opened steady, unchanged to 10 points down; closed steady, 5 points down to 5 points up; sales, 25,250 bags, including February, 16@16.05c; March, 16@16.05c; April, 15.90@15.90c; May, 15.90@15.95c; June, 15.90c; July, 15.90c; August, 15.80@15.85c; September, 15.7?@15.8?c; October, 15.70c; December, 15.65c; spot Rio firm, active; fair cargoes, 19¾c; No. 7, 17⅛@17⅜c. Sugar—Raw firm, quiet; sales, 2,522 bags; San Domingo concrete, 83-test, 4⅜c. Molasses—Foreign firm; New Orleans fairly active; Rye active, firm. Petroleum quiet, steady; United closed at $1.07 for March. Cotton seed oil active, firm. Tallow steady; city ($2 for packages), 4 5-32c. Rosin steady. Turpentine firmer at 42¼@42½c. Eggs less active; Western, 14⅜@15c; receipts 3,342 pkgs. Wool steady and quiet; domestic fleece, 32@37c; pulled, 27@36c; Texas, 13@27c. Pork quiet, firm; mess, old, $10.25@10.75; mess, new, $10.75@11; extra prime, $9.25@9.75. Cut meats quiet; pickled bellies 5@5¼c; pickled shoulders, 4⅛@4¼c; pickled hams, 8¼@8¾c; middles dull; short clear, $5.25. Lard quiet, about steady; western steam, $6.17½ bid; no sales. Options—Sales, 3,750 tierces; February, $6.15 bid; March, $6.18; April, $6.24; May, $6.29@6.30; June, $6.35; July, $6.41@$6.42; closing at $6.41; October, $6.60. Butter steady; moderate demand; Elgin, 28@29c; western dairy, 8@17c; western creamery, 12@27½c; western held, 8@15c; western factory, 5@18c. Cheese quiet and strong; western, 8@10c. Pig iron quiet; American 17@20. Copper dull, weak; lake, February, $14. Lead quiet, steady; domestic, $3.80. Tin quiet, fairly steady; straits, $20.40.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, Feb. 11.—Wheat dull, lower; cash, 78¼c; February, 78¼c; May, 81¼c; August, 78¼c. Corn dull, steady; cash, 30c; May, 31¼c. Oats dull; cash, 22½c. Clover seed dull, firm; cash and March, $3.40. Receipts—Wheat, 9,332 bu; corn, 127,764 bu; oats, 1,689 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 4,569 bu; corn, 325,850 bu; oats, 7,600 bu; clover-seed, 1,619 bags.

Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 11.—Wheat—No. 2 red cash, 69½c bid, 70 c asked. Market for corn easier. No. 2 cash, 21½c; February, 21¼@21½c asked. Oats—No. 2 cash, 17½c bid; February, 18c.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 11.—Wheat steady; demand improving; holders offer moderately; red Western winter, 6s 11½d per central; the receipts of wheat for the past three days were 74,000 centals, including 32,000 American. Corn easy; demand poor; new mixed Western, 3s 9¾d per cental; the receipts of American corn for the past three days were 129,000 centals.

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FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Clearings, $147,658,674; balances, $7,748,496. Money on call easy, ranging from 3 to 4 per cent, last loan 3, closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 4⅜@6½. Sterling exchange quiet and weak at $4.82¾ for sixty-day bills and $4.87 for demand. The stock market to-day, owing to the lack of local sensations of any sort, was dull, and left to its natural bent it showed a firm front with extremely narrow fluctuations, though in a few cases there were material advances made. This state of affairs continued until near the close of the afternoon, when word came from Chicago that the presidents had agreed, after placing the notices of the withdrawal of the Northwestern and the Union Pacific on file, the committee for the formulation of a plan by which those roads would be kept in the association made no report, and on the street this was variously interpreted. Later, however, the report that the freight agents had resolved to make a reduction of 30 per cent in all rates between the Missouri river and Chicago caused a heavy selling movement, which changed the character of the market completely, and dullness and stagnation gave place to great activity and decided weakness all over the room. A false report of the serious illness of J. Pierrepont Morgan also gave some impetus to the decline. The opinion that the roads propose to force a speedy settlement of the difficulty which caused the cut gained many believers. The bears were heavy sellers on the break, and little long stock came out except in the stocks of the roads immediately affected by the cut. Some of the specialties, however, made marked declines. In the morning the announcement that the Manhattan Elevated intended to pay its next quarterly dividend in cash instead of in scrip was somewhat of a surprise to the street, it being the first cash payment for a year. The opening of the market was dull and firm, and some new buying putting things up fractionally in the first hour, with Sugar leading the upward movement, which extended to about 1 per cent. Dullness and stagnation was the only feature in the general list after that, though some weakness in Wisconsin Central brought that stock down materially. Toward 2 p. m. the Chicago dispatches began to show effects and activity and weakness became universal. Prices moved off very rapidly, and the close was active and weak at the lowest prices reached. The final changes are almost all in the direction of lower figures, and Tennessee Coal lost 2 per cent, C., C., C. & St. Louis 1¾, Chesapeake & Ohio first preferred 1½, Colorado Coal 1¼, Missouri Pacific and Northern Pacific preferred each 1⅛, and Reading 1 per cent. Railroad bonds were a little more animated, but the character of the dealings underwent no change, and the market showed rather a heavy tone, with only slight fluctuations. The sales of all issues were 1,500,000, out of which the Reading thirds contributed 126,000. The important final changes were very few, but among those which are lower to-night, Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio 2nds lost 2 to 98, Minneapolis & St. Louis Southwestern 7s 2 at 73, Reading convertibles 4½ at 41⅛, Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City 1st 2 at 98, and Wisconsin Central incomes 2⅛ at 62⅜. Government bonds have been dull and heavy. State bonds have been entirely neglected. The Post says notwithstanding the unpromising aspects of the situation at the West just at present, the granger stocks were the strongest group on the list this forenoon, and Northwestern, St. Paul, Rock Island, Union Pacific and Atchison were all from ⅝ to ¾ higher at one time or another in the forenoon than they closed yesterday, and none of them were at any time before 12 o'clock lower than last night. A report came from Chicago that all the roads in the Northwestern association had agreed to reduce rates between Chicago and Missouri river points about 30 per cent. The probable purpose of this is to prevent the diversion of freight between Minneapolis and the Atlantic seaboard to the "Soo" route and to the new Green Bay & Manitowoc route of the Lackawanna. But whatever the purpose, it gave the stock market a setback, and before 2:45 about every stock on the list was about ⅝@¾c lower than at 12 o'clock. Reading dropped 1⅛ to 40½ before 2:30. The Reading third preference income bonds sold at 41@40¾; $7,662,362 of these bonds, which according to the terms of the plan of reorganization adopted, were to be exchanged for an equal amount of the old convertible 7 per cent bonds, and are convertible into the common stock of the company. These bonds sold to-day at 41½. The market closed active and weak for all stocks. The total sales of stocks to-day were 291,617 shares, including Atchison, 6,484; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 21,108; Lake Shore, 3,814; Missouri Pacific, 16,400; Northwestern, 3,510; Northern Pacific preferred, 7,787; Oregon Transcontinental, 3,800; Reading, 30,830; Richmond & West Point, 3,872; St. Paul, 17,300; Union Pacific, 8,660.

BANK OF MINNESOTA.
Paid Up Capital, $600,000.
Surplus, $100,000
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Wm. Dawson, Jr., Cashier.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Bank clearings, $9,882,000. New York exchange was par to 25c discount. Rates on call money were as usual. Government bonds were dull; No. 4s coup.....123 / do 4½s coup....109 / Pacific 6s of '95.116 / La. stamped 4s .97½ / Missouri 6s.... 100 / Ten. new set. 6s.107 / do do 5s....102½ / do do 3s.... 74 / Can. South'n 2ds 106 / Cen. Pac. 1sts. .111 / D. & R. G. 1sts..118½ / do do 4s ... 77⅞ / Erie 2ds.....101¾ / M., K. & T. G. 6s 74⅞ / M., K. & T. G. 6s. 69 / Mut. Union 6s .102 / N. J. C. int. ctfs.111⅝ / N. Pacific 1sts.. 114¾ / do 2ds.....114½ / N. W. consols...142¾ / do deb. 5s....110½ / Or. & Trans. 6s.105½ / St. L. & I.M.G.5s 99 / St. L.& S.F.G.M.111⅛ / St. Paul consols.126½ / St.P.,C.& P.1sts.116 / T. P. L. G. T.R. 92¼ / T. P. R. G. T.R. 40 / Union Pac. 1sts.111½ / West Shore.. 105½.

Lombard Investment Company !
Boston, Mass. Capital and surplus, $1,750,000. No. 150 Lombard St., London, E. C. Eng. Western office, Kansas City, Mo. Loans on St. Paul and Minneapolis Real Estate and Improved Farms in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin promptly closed. No applications sent away for approval. St. Paul office Globe Building. E. J. DEUEL, Manager.

MINING SHARES.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Alta.....	$1 25	Ophir.....	$3 70
Best & Belcher.	2 70	Potosi.....	1 65
Chollar.....	2 50	Savage	1 60
Consol'd C. & Va.	4 75	Sierra Nevada..	1 95
Hale & Norcross	2 90	Union Consol'd.	2 35
Mexican.....	2 80	Utah.....	55
Navajo.....	35	North Belle Isle	75

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LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

Quotations on wheat were unchanged, though the market was weaker. Oats showed more strength, notwithstanding the receipts were heavy. Barley and rye were quiet. Millstuffs quiet. Bran and shorts were in good demand and firmer. Hay was weaker. Dressed hogs steady. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 77c bid; No. 1 northern, 76c bid; No. 2 northern, 72@74c.

Corn—No. 3, 26½c asked.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 20c bid; No. 2 white, 22c bid; February, 21½c bid; May, 23c bid; No. 3, 20½@22c.

Barley—No. 2, 45@50c bid; No. 3, 38@42c bid.

Rye—No. 2, 34c bid.

Ground Feed—$1.50@11.

Corn Meal—Unbolted, $11 asked.

Bran—Bulk, $7 75@8.25.

Shorts—$8.50 bid.

Hay—No. 1 upland prairie, $6.25@6.50; No. 1, $4.50@5.50; No. 2, $4 bid; timothy, $8@9.

Dressed Hogs—$4@4.10.

Timothy Seed—$1@1.15 bid.

Clover Seed—$2.75@3 bid.

Potatoes—25c bid.

Produce Exchange.

Butter still continues very weak, with no indications of any improvement whatever. Cheese is firm. Eggs are about more firm and are somewhat higher. Poultry may be called steady, though prices are not quite as strong as they were. Potatoes, oranges and lemons and fruits are steady. Cranberries firm.

Butter—Creamery first, 18@19c; creamery second, 10@12c; dairy first, 1?@15c; dairy second, 6@10c; roll and prints, 6@10c; packing stock, 3@4½c.

Cheese—Full cream, 10@11c; skimmed, 4@5c.

Eggs—Fresh, $4.80@5.10.

Poultry — Dressed turkeys, 10@12½c; chickens, 9@10c; ducks and geese, 8@10c.

Maple Sugar—8@10c.

Maple Syrup—Per gallon, $1.15@1.25.

Honey—Slow at quotations; fine white new clover, 13@15c; buckwheat, 10@11c.

Malt—Per bushel, 60@70c.

Oranges—Californias, $3.50 asked; navels, $4.50@5; Messinas, $3.

Lemons—Fancy, $4@5.

Nuts—Pecans, Texas polished, medium to large, 8@10c per lb.; almonds, Tarragonas, 17c; California soft-shelled, 18c; filberts, Sicily, 12c; walnuts, new California, 12@15c; cocoanuts, $6 per 100; hickory nuts, $1.50 per bushel; shellbarks, $1.75@1.85 per bushel; Brazils, 10@12c; peanuts, Virginia hand-picked, 8½c; roasted, 10½c.

Dates—Persians, 7@8c; in mats, 5½c; figs, new, 12@15c.

Cider—Choice Michigan, 16-gallon kegs, $3 per keg; choice refined, 16-gallon kegs $3; choice refined, 32-gallon bbls, $5@5.50 per bbl; Ohio cider, $4 per half-bbl, $7 for full bbl.

Veal—$4@5.

Onions—75c per bu.

Carrots—35c per bu.

Apples—Fancy, $3.50@4; standard, $3@3.25.

Celery—30@35c.

California Fruits—

Grapes—Malaga, $7.50@8 per keg.

Pears—$3.50 per box.

Sweet Potatoes—Jerseys, $5; Muscatines, $4.

Cranberries—Bell and bugle, $13 asked; bell and cherry, $9@10; Cape Cod, $11.

Wholesale Produce.

Pork, Bacon, Lard, Etc.—Pork, mess, $11.50; hams, 10½c; salt dry long clear, 8⅝c; smoked long clears, 7c; breakfast bacon, 9¼c; long spiced rolls, 9c; tierce lard, 6⅞c; keg lard, 7⅛c; 3-lb tin pail, 7⅞c; 5-lb tin pail, 7½c; 10-lb tin pail, 7⅜c; 20-lb wood pail, 7½c.

Flour—Patents, $4.50@4.70; straight, $3.70@4; bakers', $3.25@3.50; buckwheat, $3.90@4.50; rye, $2.50@2.75.

Beans—Medium, $1@1.25; navy, $1.50@1.75.

Dressed Beef—Fancy dressed steers, $4.25@4.50; choice steers, $4@4.25; cows and heifers, $3.50@3.75; country-dressed beef, $2.50@3; hindquarters, $4@5; foreqnarters, $2@3; veal, 4½@5½c; extra heavy mutton, 6@7c; mutton ranging from 30 to 40 lbs, 7@7½c; country-dressed mutton, 4@5c; pigs' feet and tripe, 90c@$1 per kit; quarters, $2.

Oysters—Per can, standards, 30c; best standards, 40c; selects, 35c; best selects, 45c. Bulk oysters, per quart, standards, 45c; selects, 55c; counts, 60c.

Fish—Lake Superior trout, No. 1, 8c; Lake Superior whitefish, No. 1, 9c; Lake Superior whitefish, No. 2, 6c; fine Lake Superior herring, 6c; Lake Superior pike, 7c; pickerel, 6c; smelts, 10@15c; salt water herring, 6c; croppies, 8c; black bass, 12@15c; lobsters, 25c; halibut