THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

JUSTICE KEOGH'S INTERPRETATION OF IT UPHELD.

The Appellate Division Sustains Unanimously His Decision in the Case of the Contested Brooklyn Appointments—Many Places They Illegally Filled.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn has sustained unanimously the decision of Justice Keogh, which virtually held that all municipal employees, with the exception of the Mayor, heads of departments, and members of the Board of Education, should be subject to civil service rules. There was much consternation around the public buildings yesterday afternoon when the action of the Appellate Division was announced. The suit was brought originally by some of the leading civil service reformers to restrain the city authorities from paying the salaries of eleven particular employees whose places, as contended, had been transferred illegally to schedule A on the non-competitive list. Justice Keogh's decision, however, was far more sweeping in its scope, affecting scores of other employees, as well as the eleven specified defendants. The decision caused to be held up not only the salaries of the eleven, but also those of all who had been appointed in a similar manner. The opinion of the Appellate Division is written by Justice William W. Goodrich, and all his associates concur. Justice Goodrich quotes the civil service section of the Constitution and reviews previous civil service decisions. He holds that these two points were established on the trial:

"First—That the oral testimony and documentary evidence in this case proved very clearly that it is practicable to ascertain by competitive examinations the merit and fitness of a person to be appointed to each of the positions filled by the several defendants.

"Second—That the action of the Mayor of Brooklyn in placing such positions in the non-competitive class and requiring them to be filled therefrom without competitive examination is illegal, and as such is subject to review by this court."

He continues:

"Notwithstanding that the several Mayors assigned the positions in question to Schedule A, the non-competitive class, the evidence shows that it was practicable to, and these places by competitive examination and that similar positions in the Federal Government and in the city of New York, as well as in the city of Brooklyn, have been filled after competitive examinations. This appears by the evidence of Theodore Roosevelt, President of the New York Police Department; Emmons Clark, Secretary of the New York Board of Health; Everett P. Wheeler, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission of the city of New York; Silas W. Burt, member of the State Civil Service Commission, formerly Chief Naval Officer of the port of New York, and Alfred T. White, formerly Commissioner of City Works in Brooklyn, and no evidence was even offered to contradict it or make it doubtful. It appears by the evidence of these witnesses that appointments to office similar to those in question, which were made upon competitive examination, were sufficiently and satisfactorily filled, and that competitive examination of candidates for such offices has resulted beneficially to the public welfare. * * * The theory of the civil service is that all appointments shall be made after examination, competitive or otherwise, whenever it is practicable, and we have concluded that examination was practicable in all the cases stated in the judgment."

Corporation Counsel Burr, on learning of the decision, said that he would bring the case before the Court of Appeals at the earliest possible moment. Mayor Wurster said that of the 170 old places in Schedule A only half a dozen had been filled by him, all the other appointments having been made by his predecessors. Should the Court of Appeals follow the course of the other courts all these places, he said, would have to be filled by competitive examinations.

Mr. Edward M. Shepard, the leading lawyer for the reformers, said that the decision was in favor of orderly and civilized government and gave him the greatest satisfaction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DEFICIT.

Appointments Put Off in View of One—Doctors' Salaries—Routine Matters.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held yesterday, it was decided to dismiss Roger Morrison, the fireman who is charged with assaulting his superior officer, and who put in a plea of not guilty. The department doctors said that his condition was due to overuse of alcohol.

Commissioner La Grange moved for a reconsideration of the board's action on the petition which the department doctors wanted to send to Albany to have their salaries raised from $2,000 to $3,000 a year. He said that the Fire Department doctors have to work harder than the police doctors and get less pay. Commissioner Sheffield voted against the motion because he did not think that the board should allow the doctors to go over its head to Albany in order to get the Legislature to compel it to do something that it had a right to do if it wanted to. Commissioner Sturgis voted against it and the bill was not reconsidered.

The board decided, in view of the fact that there was liable to be a deficit of $25,000 at the end of the year, not to appoint any more firemen at present, and to retire some of the captains.

The board recommended to the Charities Department that an auxiliary fire department be instituted on Randall's Island. This was in response to a letter sent to the Fire Department and the Charities Department requesting an investigation of the absence of a fireman from his post of duty at the late Randall's Island fire.

People's Traction Enjoined.

Justice Truax in the Supreme Court has handed down a decision in the long legal fight between the Southern Boulevard Railroad Company and the North New York City Traction Company as plaintiffs and the People's Traction Company as defendant in which the Court grants an injunction pendente lite to restrain the defendants from proceeding with the construction of a road from the Bronx to the Harlem. All three companies were original bidders for the franchise, as high as 7000 per cent. of the profits being offered for it. It was finally decided that the People's Traction Company should have the franchise on its bid of 100 per cent., and the other companies contested with the end of getting the present injunction. Justice Truax holds that the plaintiff companies must each give an undertaking on injunction of $5,000 each.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Feb. 19.

UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (IN $1,000s).

1 U S 4s, r, 1907 . 112 | 153 U S 4s, c, 1925
23 U S 4s, c, 1907 . 113 | 122¾@122⅞

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U S 2s, r, at pl of G	95½	—	U S 5s, r, 1904	113¾	114
U S 4s, r, 1907	111¾	112	U S 5s, c, 1904	113¾	114
U S 4s, c, 1907	113	113¾	U S 6s, r, 1898	103¾	—
U S 4s, r, 1925	122⅛	123	U S 6s, r, 1899	106⅛	—
U S 4s, c, 1925	122⅜	122⅞			

RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS (IN $1,000s).

10 Atch adj 4s	46½	5 N J C gnl 5s	117¾
35	47	1	117¾
10	46⅞	12	117½
2 Atch gnl 4s	82	59 Nor Pac gnl 3s	55½
29	81⅞	19	55⅛
15	81¾	19	55
10	82	58	55⅜
17 Am & Efg 6s	81	10	55½
1 Atl & Pac 1st tr	51½	1 N Y & S gnl	72½
1 Ann Arbor 4s	79½	4 N Starch m 1st	102
3	79½	1 N W d 5s, 25 tr	107
5 Atch & C 1st	25	5 N Y, O & W r 4s	95½
10 Aus & N W 1st	84	3	95⅜
21 Brook R T 5s	80½	1	95
16	80¾	12 Or R & N 4s	83¾
2	80½	32	83
19	81	3 Ohio South 1st	85½
5 Brook W & W 5s	98½	1 Ohio So gnl, t r	14
1 Brook City 1st	114	10 Oregon S L 6s	116⅛
5 Brook Un G 5s	100⅜	11	116⅛
2 Cha & O gn 5s	110⅛	6	117⅛
20	110½	15	117
11 Cha & O gnl 4½s	76	20 Or S L 6s, t r	116⅝
15	76½	13	116
1 Cha & O, R & A 1st con 4s	100	15	116⅛
4 Cha & O, P M E	103½	5	116⅛
5 Cha & O, R & A 2d con 4s	90	60	116⅜
		10	116⅛
		30 O S L unc n, t r	75
40 C, R I & P 4s, Neo ex	95⅜	3	75⅜
7 C, B & Q 7s	117¾	5	75¼
5 C, Ir & D 1st 5s	100½	5 P, D & E 1st, Ed	106
2 Can So 1st	110⅝	2 Peo & East 1st	74½
10 Ch & N P 1st t r	42	5 P, S & L E 1st	99½
1	42½	8 Rock Isl ex 5s	103¾
5 C K & R Coof Gag 5s	91½	15	103⅝
		70	104
3 Cen Pac ex 5s	101	7	103⅞
7	100⅝	1 Rock I deb 5s	98⅝
6 Ch & E I gnl 5s	100⅜	8 Rh & Dav 1st	121⅜
11 Den & R G 1st	111⅜	3 Rh & D db 5s, s	100⅜
		11 Read gnl 4s	81
21 Den & R G cn	88¾	5	81¼
5 Dul & I R 1st	99½	17	81¾
5 Eliz, L & B S 1st	102½	2 Read 1st pf in	44¾
3 Erie prior bds	94½	2	44
2 Erie gn lien 3-4s	65½	10	43½
20	65⅜	55	43⅜
4 Gen Elec deb 5s	95⅜	5 Read 2d pf in	32
4 H & St J cn n 6s	120⅜	1 Rio G W 1st	72⅜
17 Hock Val 5s	65	10 So P of N M 1st	103
5	64¾	St P & Ma M C 5s	103
17	64	3 St P Ma 2d	120
9	63½	1 St L & S F 2d cl B	114
17	63⅜	1 St L & S F gnl 5s	97⅛
6	63	16 S L & S F 4s	65
1	67	2	65⅛
2	66	1	65⅛
36 Rock Val 6s	50	7 St P gnl 4s	98⅜
10 Ind, B & W 1st p	107½	1 Stand R & T 6s	72
2 Iron Mt 5s	75⅛	4	72½
1 Iowa Cent 1st	96⅜	2	73
10 K Pac con, t r	74	3 San A & A P 1st 4s	58⅜
4	73⅜		
10 Kan & Tex 4s	84	2	58⅛
8 Kan & Tex 2d	59⅜	1	58⅜
5	59⅛	11	58⅛
6	59⅛	2 So Rway 5s	89⅛
2	59⅛	2	89⅜
4 Ky Cent 1st	89	2	89⅛
4 Kan C'y & P 1st	76	1 So Yuba W 6s	101
1 Kanawha & M 4s	77	1 Tex & P 1st 5s	88⅜
3 Laclede Gas 1st	93¾	2	89⅛
1	94	8 Tex Pac 2d in	20⅜
10 Lex Av & P F 1st	117¾	5	20½
5 L & N g 4s	80	24	21
1 L & N, N O & M div 2d	103	2	21½
		10	21¼
10 Leh V T 5s, s 20	108½	1 Union Pac, 96s	105
5	110	10 U P g 6s, C T N	101
6 Mor & Es 7s of '71	114¾	23	101¼
		7 Union Pac s f	92½
3 Man R'way 4s	94	1 Union El 1st	70
5	94⅜	1 Wabash 1st	107
1 Nor Pac 1st c	115⅜	6 Wabash 2d	69
8 s 20	115⅜	1 West Un col 5s	107
103 N Pac prior 4s	88	5 West Shore 4s	106⅜
15	87⅞	12 West Sh 4s, r	105⅜
13	88⅜	5	105⅜
5 N Y, N H & H 4s, deb ctfs	136⅜	14 W N Car 1st 6s	112⅜
		1 Wis C 1st, t r	39

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,762,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.	Closing Asked.
13595	Am S Ref	114¼	114¼	113⅜	113¾	114
255	Am S R p	102¼	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛	102⅜
1408	Am S M	14	14	13¾	13¾	14
606	Am S M p	33	33	32	32¾	33
8184	Am Tob	71⅜	72⅜	71	71⅜	71⅜
210	A, T & S Fe new	11⅛	12	11⅛	11⅛	12¼
219	A, T & S Fe	14¼	14¼	14¼	14¼	14⅜
1620	At, Top & S Fe pf	22⅛	23¼	22⅛	22⅛	23
700	Bkln R T	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	21¼
68	Bk U Gas	90	90	90	89	92
300	Ches & O	16⅜	17	16⅜	17	17¼
415	Chic Gas	76⅜	76⅛	76⅜	76⅜	77
3	Ch & Alt	162	162	162	162	—
615	Ch & N W	104¼	104⅜	103⅜	104	104¼
12320	C, B & Q	74	75	73⅜	74⅜	74⅜
8200	C, M & St P	75⅜	75½	75⅜	75⅜	75⅜
1910	C, R I & P	66⅜	66⅜	66	66⅛	66⅜
100	Col Fuel	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	21
120	C C & I D	⅛	⅛	⅛	⅛	1¼
1520	C, H V & T	4⅛	5	4⅛	4⅛	4⅜
10	Cl L & W p	38	38	38	40	50
100	Con Gas	149	149	149	148	149
700	Del & H	107	107⅛	107	107⅛	107⅜
1400	D, L & W	152½	153⅛	152½	153	153⅜
100	Dul, S S & Atl pf	8	8	8	—	—
25	Erie	14⅜	14⅜	14⅜	14¼	14⅜
100	Erie 1st p	33⅜	33⅜	33⅜	34	35
2	Erie 2d p	18⅜	18⅜	18⅜	19	20
2	Gt Nor pf	123	123	123	120	123
1330	Gen Elec	34⅛	34⅜	34	34⅛	34⅜
20	Ill Cent	93	93	93	92	93
100	Ill Steel	34	34	34	34	34⅜
26392	Lake Sh	155⅜	158	155⅜	156	156⅜
1620	L & Nash	49	49⅜	49	48⅜	49
2365	Man Con	87	88	86⅜	87⅜	87⅜
100	Min Iron	42	42	42	42	44
75	M & St L 1p	78	78	78	77	80
200	M & St L 2p	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	46	48
2645	Mo Pac	19⅜	20⅛	19⅜	19⅜	20⅛
1400	M, K & T pf	29⅜	30⅜	29⅜	30⅛	30⅜
5075	N J Cent	97⅜	97⅜	95⅜	96	96⅜
415	N Y Cent	92⅜	92⅜	92⅜	92⅛	93⅜
10	Nat Lead	22	22	22	22⅛	23
335	N Lead pf	91	91⅛	91	91	92
700	Nor Am	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅜
275	N Y & N H	174	174	174	—	—
100	N Y, C & St L 2d p	24	24	24	23	27
100	N Y, S & W	9	9	9	9	9⅜
300	Nor Pac	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
2527	Nor P pf	37⅜	38	37⅜	37⅜	37⅜
700	Ont & W	14⅛	14⅜	14⅛	14⅜	14⅛
2610	O R & N pf	42⅜	42⅜	42⅜	42	43⅜
700	Pac Mail	25⅛	25⅛	24⅜	24⅜	25
9868	P & Read	24⅜	24⅜	24	24⅜	24⅜
100	P & Read, 1st p, w i	49⅜	49⅜	49⅜	48⅛	49⅜
1700	P & Read, 2d p, w i	29⅜	30⅛	29⅜	29⅜	30⅜
100	St L & S F	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
100	St L & S F 2d pf	14⅜	14⅜	14⅜	14⅛	15
100	S L S W p	10⅛	10⅜	10⅛	10⅜	10⅜
200	St P & Om	48⅛	49	48⅛	48	49
420	Stan R & T	9⅜	9⅜	9⅛	9⅜	9⅜
744	South Pac	15⅛	15⅜	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
1620	South Ry	9	9	9	8⅛	9
650	Sou Ry p	27⅜	28⅛	27⅜	28	28⅜
1800	Tenn C & I	26⅜	27⅛	26⅛	26⅜	26⅛
400	Un Pac	7	7⅛	7	6⅛	7
600	U S Rub	20⅛	20⅜	20⅛	20⅛	21
400	U S L	8	8	8	7⅛	8⅛
6315	U S L p	56⅜	58⅛	56⅜	57	57⅛
200	Wabash	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	6⅜
100	Wab p	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	16
2100	West U T	82	82⅛	81⅜	81⅜	82
2706	Wh & L E	1⅛	1⅛	1	1	1⅛
600	Wh & L E p	7⅛	7⅜	6	5⅜	6⅛

Total sales, 106,292 shares.

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos & Alb	209½	210	West Elec	24½	25⅛
Bos & Me	161	162	Gen Elec p	73¾	75
Ch J com	102	103⅜	Bos & Mon	110⅜	110⅜
Ch J pf	—	106⅜	Cal & Hecla	352	357
New Eng pf	—	60	Osceola	32⅜	33
W E R com	66	66⅛	Quincy M	115⅜	116⅜
Domin'n C	8⅛	8⅜	Tam Min	117	119
Am Bell Tel	220⅛	—			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Val	24	24⅛	U G Imp Co	73⅜	73⅜
L C & N Co	39	39⅛	W G L Co	42⅜	43⅜
Penn R R	52⅛	52⅛	E & B com	25⅛	26
Phila Trac	72	72⅜	E & B pf	27⅛	28⅜
Union Trac	9⅛	9⅛	P H, L & Pa	14⅛	15
E & P T C	75⅛	75⅛	P H, L & P p	27⅜	28
Met Trac	107	108	Wels Com	20	—
C T of N J s	28	29⅛	Wels Com p	65	67
C T N J s 5s	80⅛	80⅜			

CHICAGO CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Am Str'bd	28	29	Nil Br pf	38	40
Canal & D	61	62	N Y Biscuit	42⅜	43
City Ry	210	214	N'h C St Ry	210	211
Diam'd M	129	130	W't C St Ry	94⅜	95⅜
Lake S "L"	16½	16⅜			

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison & A P	14⅜	Norfolk & W pf	17¼
Canadian Pacific	55⅛	Northern Pac pf	38⅜
Chesapeake & O	17½	Ontario & West	14⅛
Erie com A A P	14⅜	Pennsylvania	53⅛
Erie 1st pf	34⅜	Reading 1st A P	12⅜
Illinois Central	94⅛	St Paul	77⅛
Kansas & Texas	13⅜	South Railway	9⅛
Lake Shore	158	South Railway pf	28⅛
Lou & Nash	50⅜	Union Pacific	6⅜
N Y Central	95⅛	Wabash pf	16⅛

FRIDAY, Feb. 19.

The trade reports this week are of more than usual interest, for they agree that there is a basis for more hopeful views than have been entertained for a long time past. Because of their importance an extract from each is given herewith. *Dun's Review* says: "A large increase in the iron and steel business, on account of sales covering eight to twelve months' production of the largest works, a better demand for woollen goods, and slightly better for cottons, a gain which may prove lasting in boots and shoes, slightly better prices for wheat, cotton, wool and iron, and a money market well adapted to encourage liberal purchases against future improvement in business have rendered the past week more hopeful than any other since early in November. The heavy excess of merchandise exports over imports in January, the continuance of exchange rates showing that Europe is still largely indebted to this country on current account, and the prospect that Congress will adjourn without any disturbing action, all have their favorable influence upon the money market and upon future undertakings."

The following, in the same strain, is from *Bradstreet's*: "General trade shows more improvement, features of which are the advances for Bessemer pig iron, steel billets, steel rails, some grades of wool, raw sugar, Indian corn, pork, and lard, and for print cloths, with an upward tendency for leather, together with a number of metal and textile industrial establishments which have reopened within the week, and an improvement in recent railway earnings." Additional evidence of improvement is found in the fact that railway gross earnings for the second week in February were 9.7 ₽ cent. larger than for the corresponding week of last year, and for the first half of the month 7.9 ₽ cent. larger than during the corresponding period of last year. As compared with 1892, the last year of normal business, the decrease for the first half of the month is a little less than 6 ₽ cent. These figures, together with the reports printed above, confirm the statements made in this column this morning, that signs of a gradual increasing business activity are plainly discernible.

Should the improvement that is noted prove permanent Wall street will find that for once it has not lived up to its traditional record of anticipating events that influence the value of securities. There was not the slightest suggestion in to-day's market, nor has there been in the dealings in stocks for many weeks past, of an appreciation of the probability that the business of the country is upon rock bottom, and that any change is likely to be for the better. The last three or four years have been so full of disaster and disappointment that the speculative community, which has become reduced to a handful of professional operators without leaders, has become despondent, and hence incapable of clear perceptions. For that reason to-day's lifeless market and, in the main, narrow fluctuations are without significance. It is significant, however, that on light transactions Lake Shore advanced 2¾ ₽ cent. to 158, the highest price ever recorded for it, and that New Haven advanced 8½ points because, as described in detail on another page, the company has been able to borrow all the money it requires to fund its floating debt and fund maturing obligations on a 4 ₽ cent. basis.

The only other noteworthy net fluctuation was a decline of 1⅜ ₽ cent. in Jersey Central, due almost entirely to operations for short account. These were apparently based upon misleading statements that the production of anthracite coal for January and for this month to date indicate an excess of 2,000,000 tons above the estimated requirements of the trade for the two months, namely, 5,000,000 tons. The official figures for January show an output of 2,840 tons, and as mining has been conducted only nine full days during the present month, it is believed by those familiar with the trade that the estimated requirements for the two months will not be exceeded. Speculative interest centred in C., B. and Quincy on account of the declaration of a dividend. In a number of quarters it had apparently been expected that the dividend would be reduced. The announcement that the usual 1 ₽ cent. had been declared caused some covering of shorts, which left the price fractionally higher than yesterday. This movement started similar operations throughout the list, and on a very small volume of trading prices moved up rather sharply. In the final dealings, however, they yielded again, owing to the circulation of a rumor from Chicago that the Russian fleet had begun aggressive tactics against Turkey. The closing was dull and heavy, yet with a majority of the list fractionally higher or unchanged as compared with yesterday.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Feb. 18.	Feb. 19.		Feb. 18.	Feb. 19.
A, T & S Fe	14¼	14¼	Nor P com	14⅛	14⅛
A, T & S F p	22⅛	23	Nor Pac pf	37⅜	37⅜
Am S Ref	113⅜	113⅜	N Y Cent	92⅛	92⅜
Am Sug R p	102⅜	102⅛	N J Cent	97⅛	96
Am Tob	72	71⅜	Omaha com	48⅛	49
Am Spir M	13⅜	14	Pacific Mail	25⅛	24⅜
Am Sp M p	33⅜	32	Rock Island	66	66⅛
C, B & Q	73⅜	74⅜	Reading	24⅜	24⅜
Con Gas	150	149	St Paul com	75⅛	75⅜
Ches & Ohio	17	17	South R'y	9⅛	9
Chic Gas	76⅜	76⅜	South R'y p	27⅜	28
D, L & W	153	153⅜	St L S W pf	10	10⅜
Del & Hud	107⅛	107⅛	Tn C, I & R	26⅛	26⅜
Gen Elec	34⅜	34⅛	Union Pac	7	7
Kan & T pf	29⅜	30⅛	U S Rubber	20⅜	20⅛
Louis & N	49	49	U S Leath	8⅜	8
Man Con	87	87⅜	U S Leath p	56⅜	57⅛
Mo Pacific	19⅜	20⅛	West Un T	81⅜	81⅜
North Am	4⅛	4⅛	Wheel & L E	1⅛	1
Northw'n	104	104	W & L E pf	7⅛	6

Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway and other bonds firm. The features were American Spirits 6s, Brooklyn Rapid Transit 5s, Erie general 3-4s, Kansas Pacific consols, t. r., New Jersey Central general 5s, Standard Rope and Twine 6s, San Antonio and Aransas Pass 4s, Texas Pacific 2ds, Atchison, Kansas and Texas, Northern Pacific, and Oregon Short Line issues. The more important net advances were in American Spirits 6s, ½ ₽ cent., to 81; Brooklyn Rapid Transit 5s, ⅛, to 81; Hocking Valley, 5s, 1, to 66; Kansas and Texas 2ds, ¾, to 59⅛; Oregon Short Line 6s, t. r., ¾, to 116⅛; Standard Rope and Twine 6s, 1⅛, to 73; San Antonio and Aransas Pass 4s, ⅛, to 58⅛, and Texas Pacific 2ds, ⅛ ₽ cent., to 21⅛. The noteworthy declines were in Atchison adj. 4s, ⅛ ₽ cent., to 46⅜; Erie general lien 3-4s, ⅛, to 65⅛; Kansas Pacific consols, t. r., ⅛, to 73⅜; Kansas and Texas 4s, ⅛, to 84, and New Jersey Central general 5s, ⅛ ₽ cent., to 117¾.

In bank stocks 10 shares of Tradesmen's sold at 60.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 64⅜c. Bar silver in London closed at 29 11-16d. Mexican silver dollars were quoted at 50⅜c. Exports to Europe to-morrow 659,000 ounces.

Money on call, 1½@1½ ₽ cent. Time money, 2 ₽ cent. for sixty days, 2½ ₽ cent. for ninety days, 3 ₽ cent. for four to six months, and 3½ ₽ cent. for eight months on good mixed Stock Exchange collateral. There is a moderate demand for commercial paper. Prime indorsed bills receivable are quoted at 3 ₽ cent., choice and prime single names at 3½@4 ₽ cent., and good names at 4½@4½ ₽ cent.

Sterling exchange was firm, but the market was quiet. Continental was quiet and steady. Posted asking rates for sterling, $4.85½ for long bills and $4.88 for demand. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.85@$4.85¼; sight drafts, $4.87⅛@$4.87¼, and cable transfers, $4.87¼@$4.87½. Francs are quoted at 5.19⅜@5.18¾ for long and 5.17⅛@5.16⅞ for short; reichsmarks, 95@95⅛ for long and 95⅜@95½ for short; guilders, 40 1-16@40⅛ for long and 40⅛@40 5-16 for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—Par and 5 cents discount. Charleston—Buying, 1-16 discount; selling, 1-16 premium. Savannah—Buying, 1-16 off; selling, par. New Orleans—Bank, $1 premium; commercial, 25 cents discount. San Francisco—Sight, 25 cents premium; telegraph, 27½ cents premium. St. Louis—25 cents discount. Chicago—70 cents discount. Cincinnati—Between banks, 25 cents discount; over counter, 50 cents premium.

The imports of dry goods for the week ending to-day were $2,738,904, against $3,185,910 last week and $2,811,138 for the corresponding week of last year. The amount marketed was $2,825,977, against $3,187,513 last week and $3,049,335 for the corresponding week of last year.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1 ₽ cent., payable March 15.

The Memphis and Charleston Railroad reports gross earnings for December of $145,636, a decrease of $2,765 as compared with the same month of the previous year, and net $56,194, an increase of $2,513. For the six months ending Dec. 31 the gross earnings were $729,310, a decrease of $23,143 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, and net $222,018, an increase of $9,754.

The Chicago and West Michigan Railroad reports gross earnings for December of $124,022, a decrease of $2,205 as compared with the same month of the previous year, and net $25,119, an increase of $750. For the year ending Dec. 31 the gross earnings were $1,642,617, a decrease of $81,430 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, and net $321,141, an increase of $1,191. Fixed charges were $408,864, leaving a deficit of $85,727, an increase of $544.

The New England Railroad Company reports for quarter ended Dec. 31:

	1896.	1895.	Changes.
Gross earnings	$1,381,600	$1,656,558	Dec. $268,958
Op. expenses	1,054,677	1,142,916	Dec. 88,239
Net earnings	$326,923	$507,642	Dec. $180,719
Other income		6,212	Dec. 6,212
Total income	$326,921	$513,854	Dec. $186,931
Fixed charges	390,244	360,139	Inc. 30,105
Deficit	$63,321	sur. $153,715	Inc. $217,036
July 1 to Dec. 31:			
Gross earn'gs	$2,744,735	$3,299,257	Dec. $554,522
Op. expenses	2,181,478	2,256,300	Dec. 94,822
Net earnings	$563,256	$1,042,957	Dec. $459,700
Fixed charges	777,003	819,844	Dec. 42,841
Deficit	$213,747	sur. $223,113	Inc. $416,859

Deposits of gold in the Clearing House vaults to-day were $1,000,000, bringing the total up to $47,800,000.

Bradstreet's reports the number of business failures in the United States for the week at 375, as compared with 300 last week and 278 in the corresponding week of last year. R. G. Dun & Co. compute the liabilities of concerns failing during the first two weeks in February at $6,661,545, as against $7,680,393 in the corresponding period of last year.

The receipts of the Government to-day were: Customs, $324,470; internal revenue, $451,032, and miscellaneous, $343,635, a total of $1,119,... The disbursements, including $700,000 for pensions, were $1,094,000, an excess of expenditures over receipts of $24,758. The receipts for the fiscal year to date have been $199,450,392, and expenditures $247,252,388, an excess of expenditures over receipts of $47,801,996.

The net assets of the Treasury at the close of business to-day, as officially computed, compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Feb. 18.	Feb. 19.
Gold coin and bullion	$146,969,123	$147,381,113
Silver dollars and bullion	20,028,796	20,067,567
United States notes	9,396,236	9,239,707
Other assets in excess of demand liabilities	38,885,553	39,239,174
Available cash balance, including gold balance	$215,550,514	$215,827,561

Money in London, 1½ ₽ cent. Rate of discount in open market, for both short and three months' bills, 2 ₽ cent. Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day £7,000. Paris advices quote 3 ₽ cents at 102 francs 32½ centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 18½ centimes.

Electric Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—The closing quotations of electric stocks to-day were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Edison Electric Illuminating	150	155
General Electric	34⅛	34⅜
General Electric pf	73¾	75
Lamson Consolidated Store Service	22¼	25¼
Westinghouse Electric pf	50	51
Fort Wayne Electric	¼	1
Fort Wayne Electric Trust (series A)	2	3¼
Thomson-Houston (series C)	3	—
Thomson-Houston (series D)	3¼	4

COMMERCIAL COMPEND.

FRIDAY, Feb. 19.—GRAIN—Wheat—Spot was quiet but steadier. Sales 8,000 bush. ungraded spring and 10,000 No. 1 Northern spring on private terms for export. Free on board, afloat: No. 2 red, 92c.; No. 1 hard New York, 89⅜c.; No. 1 Northern spring New York, 85⅜c.; No. 1 Northern spring Duluth, 85⅜c. Duluth received to-day 47,424 bush., against 154,125 last year; Minneapolis, 94,170, against 182,650; Chicago, 18,200, against 28,370; Milwaukee, 14,950, against 11,050; Toledo, 4,208, against 5,342; Detroit, 5,813, against 6,022. Futures advanced 1c. to 1⅛c. Future sales 4,570,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
February	....	....	....	83⅜	82⅜
March	83	83⅜	83	83⅜	82⅜
May	81	82	80⅜	82	81
July	78⅜	79⅜	78⅜	79⅜	78⅛
September	75⅜	77	75⅜	77	75⅜

Barley—Was quiet. New feeding, 25@28⅛c., cost and freight to Buffalo; malting, 38@46c., as to quality. Rye—Was steadier. State, 39@40c.; No. 2 Western, 38⅜@38c., cost and freight to Buffalo. Corn—Spot was rather more active and higher. Sales 49,000 bush., including 45,000 bush. No. 2 mixed at 29c. free on board afloat for export. No. 2 mixed, 29⅜c. in elevator; steamer, 1,000 at 27⅝c. in elevator. Futures advanced ⅛c. Future sales 125,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
February	....	....	....	29⅜	29⅛
May	29⅜	30⅛	29⅜	30⅛	29⅜
July	31	31⅜	30⅜	31⅜	30⅜

Oats—Spot was stronger. Sales 82,000 bush. None for export. No. 2 white, 1,000 at 21⅛c.; No. 3 do., 21⅜c.; No. 2 white, clipped, 24c.; No. 3 do., 22⅜c.; No. 2 mixed, 21⅛c.; No. 3 do., 21⅛c.; rejected mixed, 19c.; rejected white, 6,000 at 20⅛@20⅜c.; No. 2 mixed delivered, 22⅜c.; track mixed, 21@23c.; track white, 70,000 at 22@28c. No. 2 mixed clipped, 5,000 at 21⅜c. in store. Futures advanced ⅛c. Future sales 10,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
February	....	....	....	21⅜	21⅛
May	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜	21⅛
July	....	....	....	22⅛	22

The speculation to-day was feverish and the fluctuations in prices were frequent. At the opening prices were slightly easier. There was very little pressure to sell, however, and on covering of shorts, foreign buying, firmer cables, and light receipts prices rallied and advanced. Then came a reaction on realizing sales, but before the close prices rallied again on covering of shorts induced by the unsettled political situation in Europe, the market closing at a substantial net advance for the day. Liverpool advanced ⅛d. Paris advanced ⅛c. on wheat and 10 centimes on flour. Berlin advanced ⅜c. The Northwestern receipts were 253 cars, against 356 last year. Last week was a holiday. Chicago received to-day 21 cars, against 76 last year. The clearances from New York yesterday were 221,475 bush. Corn and oats advanced in sympathy with the rise in wheat. Liverpool advanced ⅛d. on corn. Chicago received 237 cars of corn and 290 of oats. The receipts there to-morrow are estimated at 185 and 270 cars respectively. Chicago, Feb. 19, 1897.—"The price of wheat advanced again to-day in response to the strong situation heretofore noted. Foreign markets were steady, Liverpool closing ⅛d. higher for spot and futures, while Berlin, Paris and Antwerp were each about ⅛c. up. Opening prices were about the same as yesterday's close, but the market gradually advanced on good buying by foreign houses both here and in New York. At 76c. there was free selling by holders. There was also quite a large line bought at that figure, but the supply seemed to overbalance the demands, and the market slipped back about ⅛c. ₽ bush., then became firm, and during the last hour advanced quickly to 76⅜. The incentive that caused the last bulge seemed to be on news from New York that there were reports of further fighting in the island of Crete. Shorts are nervous over the unsettled condition of affairs in the East, and any news of an unfavorable character has the effect of causing buying among this interest. It was noticed, however, that New York parties were sellers above 76c., but the market took the offerings well and closes firm. The fact that Monday is a holiday may cause further buying to-morrow to even up contracts, providing the short interest has not already been pretty well covered. There was very little doing in a cash way. Corn clearances were again immense, amounting to over 1,100,000 bush. This and the strength in wheat were the chief elements of strength in corn. Oats were firm and closed a trifle higher."

FLOUR—Was quiet but firmer. Sales 9,200 bbls.

	Barrels.	Sacks.
Receipts	9,303	14,000
Exports	3,233	1,518

Spring in bbls.: Superfine, $2@$2.15; No. 2 extra, $2.25@$2.50; No. 1 extra, $2.75@$3.15; straights, $3.85@$4.15; patents, $4.20@$4.40. Mill feed was dull but steady. Bran (40 lbs.) 47@ ... ₽ 100 lbs., 62⅛c. ... shorts (60 lbs.) ...; middlings (80 to 100 lbs.) 65@70c.; sharps (fine), 75@80c.

COTTON—Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 755 bales for spinning. Middling uplands, 7⅜c., against 7⅝c. last year. New Orleans and Gulf, 7⅜c., against 7⅞c. last year. New Orleans and Savannah advanced 1-16c. There was a holiday in Galveston. New Orleans sold 3,900, Augusta 250, Norfolk 274, Mobile 200, and Savannah 85 bales. Liverpool was unchanged on the spot, with sales of 10,000 bales; futures there advanced ⅛ to 1½ points. In Manchester cloths were quiet; in yarns offers were scarce. The Liverpool sales for the week were 55,000, including 44,000 American, against 55,000 last week, of which 51,000 were American, and 58,000 last year, including 51,000 American; stocks, 1,284,000, including 1,217,000 American, against 1,379,000 last week, of which 1,105,000 were American, 1,124,000 last year, including ... American, and 1,784,000 in 1894, of which 1,633,000 were American. Houston expects to-morrow 2,000 to 2,300, against 3,277 last week and 1,761 last year. New Orleans expects 1,800 to 4,500, against 3,971 last week and 3,300 last year. The receipts at the ports were 11,192 bales, against 17,494 last week and 13,... last year; total for the week, 80,500, against 111,715 last week and 107,919 last year. The exports from the ports to-day approximated 25,000 bales. The total interior receipts for the week were 30,317 bales, against 51,351 last week and 41,425 last year; shipments 61,046, against 77,427 last week and 69,009 last year; stocks 391,394, against 417,381 last week and 417,178 last year. New Orleans advanced 8 points, but lost part of the rise. Futures here advanced 5 to 12 points, lost this and declined 1 to 7, closing easy with sales of 292,500 bales. The future trading was as follows:

	Closing.	Highest.	Lowest.	Sales.
March	6.81@6.82	6.95	6.81	51,300
April	6.86@6.87	6.98	6.86	2,000
May	6.92@6.93	7.04	6.91	89,500
June	6.96@6.97	7.09	6.91	3,900
July	7.01@7.02	7.13	7.01	6,100
August	7.03@7.04	7.14	7.04	28,200
September	6.69@6.70	6.77	6.71	600
October	6.61@6.62	6.71	6.68	1,200
November	6.62@6.64	6.74	6.70	3,900
December	6.63@6.69	6.74	6.69	12,200
January	6....	6.81	6.81	600

Prices advanced for a time to-day on covering of shorts induced by higher Liverpool cables and light receipts at the ports, while New Orleans also bought here. The improvement, however, was only temporary. The buying power was soon exhausted. Liverpool sold here, local operators took profits, the overland movement for the week was larger than had been expected, the South sold, and in the absence of support prices slowly receded and the market closed easy at about the lowest figures of the day. The near months showed the most firmness. The quantity to come into sight for the week is estimated at 105,000 to 110,000 bales, against early estimates of 95,000 bales. Mr. Hester of New Orleans gives the quantity brought into sight as 105,000 bales, against 122,518 last year, 118,766 in 1895 and 76,401 in 1894.

COFFEE—Rio on the spot was easy. No. 7, 9⅜c. Sales 700 bags No. 7 at 9⅜c., 1,000 bags Pablia Nos. 5 and 6 at 7⅜c., cost and freight, and 1,500 bags Maracaibo on private terms. The future trading was as follows:

	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
January	500	9.25	9.20	9.20@9.25
February	500	9.10	9.05	9.05@9.05
May	2,000	9.20	9.15	9.15@9.15
July	1,000	9.20	9.20	9.15@9.20
September	2,250	9.25	9.20	9.15@9.20
November	250	9.20	9.21	9.15@9.20
December	1,500	9.25	9.20	9.15@9.20

Futures here closed barely steady, with prices unchanged to 10 points higher. Havre advanced 1⅛ f. Hamburg advanced ⅛ to 1 pfg. American warehouse deliveries 10,362 bags. Rio was steady at unchanged prices; receipts, 5,000; stock, 287,000; exchange, 8 15-16d.; Santos was unchanged; receipts, 15,000; stock, 450,000. The higher European cables together with buying of the near-by months for European account caused the advance here to-day.

NAVAL STORES—Unchanged.

PETROLEUM—Crude certificates here were quoted at 91⅛c. In this city no market. Refined unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Lard quiet and firm at 4.15@4.20c. Pork stronger but quiet. Mess, $8.50@$9. Tallow, 3⅛c. Chicago, Feb. 19.—"Provisions were firm, with a large business transacted, which, however, seemed to be mostly between packers and local traders. Prices of hogs at the yards were 5c. to 10c. higher." Butter—Creamery Western thirds to extras, 14@21c.; do. State, 14@19c.; State dairy, half-firkin tubs, thirds to firsts, 13@18c. Cheese—State, full cream, large white, common to fancy, 9@11⅛c.; do. small, 9@12⅛c. Eggs—Pennsylvania fresh gathered, choice, 19c.; Western do., 18c.

SUGAR—Raw firm but quiet. 89° test, 2⅞c.; 96° test, 3⅜c. Sales 15,000 bags Centrifugals, 96° test, at 3⅜c., and 700 bags molasses sugar, 89° test, at 2⅞c. Refined unchanged.

TOBACCO—Sales of 150 cases 1895 New England Havana at 12@18c., 400 cases 1895 Wisconsin Havana at 8⅜@10c., 150 cases 1895 Zimmer..., 300 cases 1895 Pennsylvania Havana at 10@12c., 150 cases 1894 do. seed at 9⅛@10⅛c., 200 cases 1895 do. at ...c., 150 cases 1894 ... Havana at 11@13c.; 550 bales Havana in bond at 80c.@$1.10, and 200 bales Sumatra at 65c.@$1.75 in bond.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—These were to-day's prices:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
Wheat:					
May	75⅛	76⅛	75⅛	76⅛	75⅛
July	71⅛	73	71⅛	73	71⅛
Corn:					
May	24⅛	24⅛	24	24⅛	24
July	25⅛	25⅜	25⅛	25⅜	25⅛
Oats:					
May	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛
July	18	18⅛	18	18⅛	17⅜
Lard:					
May	4.00	4.10	4.00	4.02	3.97
July	4.10	4.20	4.10	4.12	4.07
Ribs:					
May	4.12	4.17	4.10	4.10	4.12
July	4.20	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.17
Pork:					
May	$8.05	$8.12	$8.05	$8.10	$8.05
July	8.20	8.25	8.12	8.12	8.14

Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Friday, Feb. 19.—Receipts of beeves were 1,201 head, 40 cars to be exported, 3 cars direct to local slaughterers, and 11 cars to be sold. On light supplies the trading ruled active from start to finish, with steers selling stronger, while rough butchers' stock of all descriptions showed firmness. The yards were cleared early. Poorest to best native steers sold at $4.25@$5.40 ₽ 100 lbs.; stags and oxen at $2.75@$4.25; bulls at $2.75@$3.25; dry cows at $1.90@$3. Dressed beef steady at 6@8⅞c. ₽ lb. for poor to prime native sides. Cables from British markets quote American steers at 10@11½c. ₽ lb., dressed weight; American refrigerated beef at 8@8½c. ₽ lb.; American sheep at 9@10c. ₽ lb., dressed weight. Exports to-day, 200 beeves; to-morrow, 1,073 beeves, 7,157 quarters of beef.

Receipts of calves, only 86 head. Quiet, but fully steady for all sorts. All sold promptly. Poor to prime veals, $5@$7.25 ₽ 100 lbs.; barnyard calves, $2.50@$3. Dressed calves steady; city dressed veals, 7@11c. ₽ lb.

Receipts of sheep and lambs, including 2 cars direct to butchers, were 2,502 head; 9 cars on sale, all sold. Market quiet, but a trifle firm due, however, entirely to light supplies. Two cars were unsold at the finish. Poor to prime sheep sold at $3.75@$4.62½ ₽ 100 lbs.; a car of choice to an exporter at $4.70; inferior to choice lambs at $5.25@$5.62½. Dressed mutton, 5@8c. ₽ lb.; dressed lambs, 7@9c.

Receipts of hogs were 2,236 head, all consigned direct to slaughterers. Nominally steady at $3.70@$4.10 ₽ 100 lbs. for State hogs.

Real Estate at Private Sale.

The Chatham Realty Company has sold to Charles Reutz No. 78 Charles street, old frame buildings, lot 25x95.

Mrs. M. I. Harrison and Miss A. L. Livingstone have sold to C. H. Russell No. 244 Lexington avenue, a private dwelling, 20x58x100, for $27,000.

Jennie Conklin of Santa Clara, N. Y., has sold to Mary Marx for $40,000 an irregular plot of land of about six lots, with a frontage of 120 feet on the north side of 127th street, 48 feet west of Convent avenue, running through to 128th street, where the frontage is 19 feet.

Mandelbaum and Lewine have bought Nos. 532, 534, and 536 West Thirty-eighth street, old buildings, on a plot 75x200, running through to Thirty-seventh street.

Barnett & Co. have sold for a Mr. Lightfiler No. 149 West 120th street, a three-story brownstone dwelling, 19x50x100.

No. 79 Nassau street has been traded for Nos. 118 and 120 East Ninety-third street. Lalor & Beringer were the brokers.

T. S. Clarkson & Co. have sold for Henry Corn to the McCready estate, 141 and 143 Fifth avenue, a new ten story stone and brick fireproof dwelling, plot, 48x90. The estate gives in part payment the five story brick storage warehouse, plot 100x132, at the northeast corner of West and Beach streets, and also 20 West Third street, a six story brick building, plot 40x75.

No Real Estate Auction Sales Yesterday.

There was not a single auction sale at 111 Broadway yesterday afternoon. The announcement was made that a plot in the village of Mott Haven was to be sold, but the sale was adjourned for a week.

Real Estate Transfers.

182d st, adjoining land of John A Haven and ano, 50x266.10x50x263; Henrietta E Buck et al to Henry B Auchincloss and ano	$1
Same prop; Chas G Buck to Henry B Auchincloss	1
Lots 43, 44 and 45, map prop of A R Van Nest at Inwood, 12th ward; also s s 216th st, 300 e 10th av, 50x99.11, s s of 216th st, 350 e 10th ave, 50x99.11; Arnold Lustig to Mrs Frank Leslie	1
134th st, 609 East; John T Nolan et al to Eliza Nolan	1
134th st, n s, 199 w Lincoln av, 25x100; Theda R F Lally to A R Filley	1
High Bridge st, n w cor Mariner av, 111.6x124x100x78; Wm Austin and wife to Chas B Squier	1
Same prop; Walter A S Chirmes and wife to same	3,500
Summit av, w s, 292 n e of n line of the Renwick property, 50x87.6x50.3x82; Daniel Cunningham and wife to John P Levins	2,550
Forest av, w s, 470.11 s 165th st, 25x100; Johanna Pieper to Adam Rueckeschel	5,000
132d st, n s, 140 e Trinity av, 60x110; Katharine P Kitchen to Chas M Dedrick	100
Fox st, e s, 249 n 167th st, 25x100; Margaret A Sheridan to Bridget Rosenthal	10
St Nicholas av, w s, 49.11 s 148th st, 18.9x100; Samuel J Ashley and wife and ano to Albert M Howell	1
Broadway or Kingsbridge road, e s, lots 101 and 120, map Dyckman estate, 12th ward; Wm H Hamilton, referee, to James K Hill	2,250
27th st, n s, 225 w 10th av, 25x98.9; Virginia Brugnelli to Emily Noble	1
27th st, n s, 250 w 10th av, 25x98.9; same to same	1
Eagle av, w s, lot 16, map prop Ursuline Convent; Chas B Farwell and wife to John Witzel and wife	2,000
Henry st, 79; Harry Mack to Jacob Klingenstein	24,250
94th st, 10 East; Alice Miller to Lewis Z Bach	100
115th st, s s, 220 e 1st av, 25x100.11; Teresa Coogan to Thomas O'Meara	1
Hamilton st, 16½; Esther Lebowitz to Morris and Nancy Levine	1
Park av, n w cor 91st st, 52.2x100; Lewis Z Bach to Alice Miller	100
111th st, 90 and 92 East; Alice Miller to Lewis Z Bach	100
St Nicholas av, s w cor 150th st, 51.1x75.10x irreg; Annie C Doyle to Mary A McCormick	1
117th st, n s, 75 w Lenox av, 100x100.11; Winifred Condon to Virginia Brugnelli	1
Batavia st, 12 and 14; Margaret G Moore to Kate G Moore, 2-3 part	10
West Broadway, e s, 175 n Grand st, 25x100; Chas S Seebell and wife to Helen Surbridge	1
27th st, n s, 250 w 10th av, 25x98.9; Geo F Wieders and wife to Virginia Brugnelli	1
27th st, n s, 225 w 10th av, 25x98.9; Abdigliani Stefano to same	1
24th st, s s, 404 s e 10th av, 14.8x80; James Jurady, referee, to J C Oakes	4,350
Barrow st, s w cor 4th st, 48.9x20.3x52.4x20.6; 8th av, n e cor 33d st, runs 58x40x75; Samuel J Ashley et al to Albert Myron	1
57th st, 341 West; James F Caldwell and wife to Henry Moeller	33,000
Prospect place, 49; John Heyman to Leopold Peck	9,500
2d av, 1468; Wm Norris et al to Max Orbach	1
West End av, n e cor 78th st, 50 and 58 to 62 West 93d st, n s, 100 w Lexington av, 58x80; Teresa Garrick to Martha W Horgan and ano	100
2d av, 1468; Wm Morris et al to Max Orbach	1
41st st, n s, 155 e 3d av, 25x71.9x28.6x87.9; Eliz Knorr to Frederick A Wolf	1
5th av, e s, 102.2 n 78th st, 25x100; Henry H Cook and wife to Louise M Pollock	128,000
77th st, n s, 180 w 2d av, 25x102.2; Elizabeth B Decker et al, exrs, to Heinrich D A Rauhahn	10,000
2d av, 1150; Ira Lowe to Leon Lewin, ¼ part	1
Madison av, e s, 19 s 127th st, 19x76; Mary H Ratebun and ano to E M Cutler	3,000
Riverside Drive, s e cor 104th st, 84.10x100; John Casey and wife to Henry Hirsh and ano	100
104th st, s s, 84.6 e West End av, 16.6x80.11; Wm D Stewart and wife to John Stewart	1
107th st, n s, 200 w Amsterdam av, 100x100.11, irreg; the New York Investment and Improvement Co to J Carlyle Raymond	1
Boulevard, n w cor 111th st, 50.5x...x46x75; Thomas O'Connor and wife to Charles H Cuddeback	21,000
140th st, n s, 125.6 w Boulevard, 25x99.11; James A Thomas and wife to Margaret A Thomas	1
116th st, n s, 100 e Amsterdam av, 150x99.11; Henry E Howland and wife to the Mayor, &c	30,150
97th st, 63 West; Mary B Schramm to Winifred Condon	1
97th st, 67 West; Franz C Vaughan and wife to Winifred Condon	1
149th st, n e cor St Nicholas av, 67.5x100; George Dalker and wife to Frederick A Bebe	1
182d st, centre line, adjoining land John A Haven and ano, 50x266.10x50x262; Stuart M Buck et al to Henry P Auchincloss and ano	1
Same prop; Nathalia S Buck et al to Henry B Auchincloss and ano	1
Aqueduct av, w s, 560.2 s w 190th st, 136.5x irreg; Moses Devoe and wife to the Mayor, &c	1
Penfold av, e s, 88 e Suburban place, 66x124x92.4x125.9, also s s Penfold av, 100 w Suburban p, 75x130; Norman T M Melliss, referee, to Wm S Seaman	12,000
Anthony av, w s, 218.3 n Burnside av, 50x100; Anthony Lavelle and wife to Wm J Marshall and ano	10
Edenwood av, w s, 187.8 n St James st, 50x100; Henry S Fuller to Mary V Fuller	1
St James st, n e cor Edenwood av, 50.8x134.4x irreg, also s s cor Edenwood av and 192d st, 60x200; Elmer A Allen and wife to the Mayor, &c	1
Lyman place, e s, 150 s Freeman st, 27.3x123.10; Mary Coyne to Joseph Pinchbeck	1,400
Lyman place, e s, 125 s Freeman st, 25x124.10; James Haley to same	1,400
Water st, n s, 800 n of an unnamed street, 40x127; Fund J H Iamsen, as Sheriff, to Ann Fitzhenry	55
Maple av, w s, lot 69, map village of Williamsbridge, 25x100; Albert N Tunstall and wife to George Vanderbeck	3,500

RECORDED MORTGAGES.

Ames, Carrie E, to Juliette Cushing, s s 55th st, 97.1 e 6th av, leasehold, 2 yrs	$5,000
Bauhahn, Heinrich D A, to Eliz B Decker et al, exors, &c, n s 77th st, 180 w 2d av, 1 yr	7,000
Cavinato, Giuditta, to German American Real Estate Title Guar Co, n s 118th st, 90 and 115 w Park av, 3 yrs, 6 mtgs	36,000
Same to Seymour & Hopkins, n s, 118th st, 90 w Park av, 1 yr	1,800
Curtis, Georgiana and Catharine L, to Fredk J Schlesinger, 133 and 135 Allen st, 3 yrs	3,500
Clark, Mary, and husb, to Isabella Sprunt, e s Rogers pl, 582.5 n Westchester av, 3 yrs	1,700
Cuddeback, Chas H, to Thomas H O'Connor, n w cor 111th st and Boulevard or Public drive, 3 yrs	21,000
Condon, Winifred, to Wm F Vause, 63 West 97th st, demand	1,500
Same to same, 67 West 97th st, demand	3,000
Draker, Wm R, et al, to Henry J Draker, trustee, &c, for Conrad M Draker, s s 118th st, 214 w 5th av, 3 yrs	18,000
Dandridge, Isabelle L, to The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, 43 and 45 Division st, 1 yr	3,000
Filley, Abbie R, to Seth M Milliken, n s 134th st, 199 w Lincoln av, 7 months	6,000
Fasterman, Henr J. Fredk, and ano, to Fredk Correll, s s 24th st, 75 e 1st av, 6 mos	1,000
Hercling, Fredk P H, and wife to John E Andrus, n s 40th st, 175 e 11th av, 5 yrs	14,500
Holden, Katharine V K, to Title Guar & Trust Co, 210 West 91st st, 3 yrs	10,500
Honeck, Geo H, et al, to East River Savings Inst, ... cor 2d av and 28th st, 1 yr	6,000
Horgan, Martha W, and Fannie G Slattery, to Metropolitan Life Ins Co, n s 58th st, 25 e ... av, 1 yrs, instals	200,000
Same to James Fraley, tr, same prop; demand	94,000
Kitchen, Katharine P, to Isabella McCormack, n s 132d st, 140; also 155, 175, and 185 ... of Trinity av, 4 mos; demand, 4 mtgs	5,600
Kain, Leopold, to John J Janis, trustee, &c, P Martin, n s 131st st, 175 and 200 e 7th av, 5 yrs, 2 mtgs	48,000
Same to Ella H Smith, n s 131st st, 150 e 7th av, 3 yrs	24,000
Same to Julius Iber, s s 131st st, 125 e 7th av, 3 yrs	24,000
Same to New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, s s 131st st, 100 e 7th av, 3 yrs	24,000
Loughlin, Philip C, to Thomas O'Connor, n s 174th st, 25 w 3d av, 4 yrs	500
Loewe, Henriette S, to Albert A Weiss, n s 179th st, 25.7 n w Vanderbilt av West, 9 months	275
Lemon, Thomas N, and wife, to Martin Metzger, w s 8th av, 25.11 n 118th st, demand	2,500
Same to John J Janis, as trustee, &c, of Isaac P Martin, deced, w s 8th av, 25.11 and 94.9 n 118th st, 3 yrs, 2 mtgs	75,000
Levine, Morris and Nancy, to Esther Lebowitz, 16½ Hamilton st, instals	2,000
Morris, Robt F, and wife, to Cora F Barnes, 241 Grand st, 5 yrs	9,000
Moss, Wm, et al, to Wm M Kingsland, s e cor Lexington av and 116th st, 5 yrs	40,000
McCaffrey, Catherine E, to Christian Wossner, s s 116th st, 210 w Lenox av, 10 days	5,000
Marshall, Wm J, and ano, to Wm Bragg to Anthony Lavelle, w s Anthony av, 218.3 n Burnside av, 1 yr	2,193
Mosenthal, Bridget, to Margaret A Sheridan, e s Fox st, 249 n 167th st, 3 yrs	600
Motley, Thornton N, exor of Jona E S Motley, deceased, to Eismold Dinem, n s 89th st, 130 w Columbus av, 3 yrs	29,000
Miller, Alice, to Lewis Z Bach, n w cor Park av and 91st st, 6 and 7 mos, 2 mtgs	13,000
Oakes, Josephine C, to James L Robertson, n s 24th st, 404 e 10th av, lease 2 yrs	2,000
Ogden, James W, and wife, to Harriet H Wilcox, e s Prospect av, 25 n 156th st or Leggett av, 3 yrs, 4 mtgs	18,000
Same to same, n s 156th st, 80 e Prospect av, 3 yrs	4,500
Pinchbeck, Joseph, to James Haley or Haly and Mary Coyne, e s Lipman pl, 125 s Freeman st, 1 yr	2,000
Pollock, Louise M, to Carlos M de Heredia, e s 5th av, 102.2 n 78th st, 3 yrs	8,000
Same to J Frederick Kernochan, committee of Marie Marshall, 182 Madison av, 1 yr	50,000
Rueckeschel, Adam, to Johanna Pieper, w s Forest av, 480.11 s 165th st, 3 yrs	1,000
Rosenberg, Joseph, and Jacob Feinberg to Herman Raabe, e s Public Drive, or Boulevard, 96.11 n 102d st, 1 yr	5,000
Raymond, J Carlyle, to the New York Investment and Improvement Co, n s 107th st, 200 w Amsterdam av, 1 yr	12,000
Same to same, s s 108th st, 200 w Amsterdam av, 1 yr	6,000
Rothwell, Katie L, to Chas H Robinson, trustee for Chas F Robinson, n s 118th st, 185 w Lenox av, 5 yrs	13,000
Rothwell, Katie L, to Wm W Van Valzah, s s 118th st, 185 w 6th av, 1¼ yrs	6,000
Siebold, Augusta, to Mayer Goldstein, n s 104th st, 200 w 3d av, 2 yrs	1,550
Stewart, John, to Emilie R Roth, s s 104th st, 84.6 e West End av, 3 yrs	13,000
Sorenson, Eliz, to Sophia L Cauldwell, n s 29th st, 114 e 9th av, 2 mos	700
Vanderbeck, Geo D, to Albert N Tunstall, w s Maple av, lot 69, map W F Duncan, Williamsbridge, 2 yrs	700

RECORDED LEASES.

Clark, N E, to Diedrich Miller, store and rooms, w s 5th av, 25 s 135th st, ... 3 yrs	$900
Greene, Geo A, to Martin Heeseman, 2921 5th av, store, 5 yrs, $1,200 to	1,440
Hoffmann, Simon, to Louis Drumm, store, &c, 167 East 106th st, 2 yrs	360
Kellar, Caroline, to John Leffler & Co, 92 9th av, store and basement, 1 yr	720
Keith, Jane, extrix, &c, to Bernard Reich, store, &c, 10 West 4th st, s w cor Mercer st, 5 yrs	3,000
Morgenthau, Henry, to Sophie Ottermann, 58 West 18th st, 3 yrs	3,500
Scheuing, Herman G E, to Geo F Pusch, store, &c, 731 3d av, 3 yrs	2,000
S Battle & Son to Ser and Thais Marble Co, 2d and 3d floors, s s 139th st, 50 s e Locust av and space in yards, 5 yrs	1,800

Appellate Division Decisions.

Supreme Court, First Department.

Louis Spero, appellant, vs. Katherine Schultz as executrix, respondent—Judgment affirmed with costs. Opinions by Barrett, J.; Van Brunt, P. J., and Ingraham, J. (Ingraham and Williams, JJ., dissenting.)

Edwin C. Jameson et al., respondents, vs. Hartford Fire Insurance Company, appellant—Order reversed with $10 costs and disbursements, and application denied with $10 costs. Opinions by Williams, Barrett, Rumsey, and Patterson, JJ. (Patterson, J., dissenting.)

John P. Jackson, appellant, vs. George C. Decker, respondent—Judgment modified as directed in opinion with costs of the action in the court below only.

John L. Gross, appellant, vs. William L. Moore, as administrator, respondent—Judgment modified as directed in opinion, and, as modified, affirmed without costs to either party.

James Smith, appellant, vs. Harry Bailey, respondent—Judgment reversed, new trial ordered, costs to appellant to abide event.

John Murphy, respondent, vs. Robert McWilliam and another, appellants—Judgment and order affirmed with costs.

Minnie Rothschild et al., appellants, vs. Herman Frank and Moritz Brockman, respondents—Judgment reversed, new trial ordered, costs to appellant to abide event.

Minna Knoch, appellant, vs. Ernestine Bernheim, et al., respondents—Judgment reversed, new trial ordered, costs to appellant to abide event.

Ellen Anderson, respondent, vs. Thomas H. McCann, as executor, appellant—Judgment reversed, new trial ordered, costs to appellant to abide event, unless plaintiff stipulate that the judgment be reduced to $120, with interest from March 6, 1895, with the referee's fees and disbursements, and if she so stipulate, judgment as so modified affirmed without costs to either party.

Charles L. Walton, as assignee, plaintiff, vs. Robert Stafford et al., defendants—Judgment directed for plaintiff for the sum of $811.17, with interest from Jan. 27, 1894, with costs. Opinion by Barrett, J.

Thomas J. Melborne, respondent, vs. Royal Benefit Society, appellant—Judgment affirmed with costs.

John McHale, respondent, vs. Fidelity and Casualty Company, appellant—Judgment and order reversed, new trial ordered, costs to appellant to abide event.

The People, &c., respondents, vs. Max F. Kaufman, appellant—Judgment reversed and new trial ordered.

Anton Schrade, appellant, vs. Third Avenue Railroad Company, respondent—Order affirmed with costs to respondent to abide the event. Opinion by Rumsey, J.; Williams and Patterson dissenting.

Richard Cousins, respondent, vs. Edward Swords, appellant—Judgment reversed and judgment ordered for the defendant on the demurrer with costs, with leave to the plaintiff to amend his complaint in twenty days on payment of the costs in this court and of the demurrer in the court below.

Maurice J. Jossaers, respondent, vs. Alva S. Walker, appellant—Judgment and order reversed, new trial ordered, costs to appellant to abide the event.

Theresa Coughlin et al., plaintiffs, vs. James Fay as executor, defendant—Judgment ordered for plaintiffs without costs.

Camp Manufacturing Company, appellant, vs. Job M. Reamer, impld, &c., respondent—Judgment reversed, and judgment directed overruling the demurrer with costs, with leave to defendant to withdraw demurrer and answer over within twenty days on payment of costs in the court below and in this court.

Etta Forgotston, appellant, vs. Matthew J. McKeon, respondent—Judgment reversed with costs, with leave to defendant to withdraw his answer and serve a new answer on payment of costs in this court and in the court below.

Julius F. Ludden, respondent, vs. Frederick L. Degener, appellant—Order, so far as it denied motion to vacate order for publication, affirmed, and so far as it denied motion to set aside service of summons and complaint reversed and motion to set aside granted, without costs of this appeal or in the court below.

People ex rel. Broadway Improvement Company, appellant, vs. Edward P. Barker et al., respondents—Order reversed, with costs and proceedings remitted to Special Term to be heard upon the merits.

Oliver H. Arkenburgh, respondent, vs. Robert H. Arkenburgh, appellant—Order affirmed, with $10 costs and disbursements.

Rosa Felke et al., respondents, vs. N. Y. Central and H. R. R. Co., appellant—Judgment and order affirmed with costs.

John M. Layman vs. John Anderson & Co.—Case remitted to Mr. Justice Andrews, in order that he may cause to be inserted in the case first settled the exceptions as they appear in the case subsequently settled upon the appeal from the judgment. Expenses of printing to be borne by respondents.

Jeremiah T. Smith vs. Joseph Fleischman et al.—Papers sent back to Clerk of Supreme Court in order that motion may be made to vacate certificate.

In the matter United States Pipe Line—Motion denied.

Holland Trust Company vs. Thomson-Houston Electric Company—Motion for certificate granted.

The Colwell Lead Company vs. Leander S. Sire, impld—Motion granted with $10 costs.

Charlotte W. Grogan vs. Charles J. Buchanan et al.—Motion granted, with $10 costs.

Leonard Bronner vs. William Mirick—Motion denied with $10 costs.

Court Calendars This Day.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part II.—Ex parte matters.

Surrogate's Court—Chambers—No day calendar. For probate—Wills of George G. Egler, Anna A. Rogers, at 10:30 A. M.

City Court—Special Term—Motions.

Financial.

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