TREND OF TRADE.

Affairs Assuming More Encouraging Shape in Stock Market.

THE OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS

Is Very Bright-At the Dullest Perote of the Year Merchants with Few Exceptions, Report Business Fairly Active. Railroad Earnings Tell a Remarkable Story-Auother Favorable Feature ia Renewed Foreign Buying-Prices for Wool Maintained.

Special Correspondence.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The events of the past week have been favorable to the stock market. There have been no developments of a nature likely to disturb the steady growth of confidence, and affairs generally appear to be assuning a more encouraging shape. Tariff. Cuba, silver and a lot of discountry on the edge of upheaval are fairly out of the way; and our legislators are now wisely giving their attenon to pressing home affairs and such measures as will promote the return of prosperity. Currency, bankruptcy, reciprocity and other distinctly business or economic questions are forcing themselves to the front. Currency very properly deads them all; for this vitally affects both our home and foreign rela outlook for any thorough reform at this session is not particularly bright at the owing to widely different views and the absence of strong leadership; but partial success will at least be gained, and then the compaign of education can be pushed on until complete and satisfactory revision is at Of one thing Wall Street may be assured-that is, that it has less to fear and more to hope for from Congress than for several years past.

The business outlook is also another substantial source of encouragement The large gains in bank clearings and The large gains in bank clearings and railroad earnings prove beyond dispute that trade is increasing. There is little speculation, and values are low, so that these gains cannot attributed to inflation. This is the dullest period of the year and yet merchants, with fewexceptions, report business fairly active. In the interior the recovery has been more prenounced than at the scabcard; New York being a laggard in this respect, because the brunt of the late depression was felt here, and the size and

New York being a laggard in this respect, because the brunt of the late depression was felt here, and the size and variety of the city's business inferests make it slower in responding to new influences than smaller cities.

Railroad earnings tell a remarkable story. In the month of November 131 roads reported an aggregate increase of 30 per cent; and in December even this rate of progress is being surpassed. In some cases our railroads are beating the records for earnings; and, as the gains are fairly distributed over the cuttre country, it follows that they must be due to a general increase of traffic, and not to single causes, although shipments of grain, cotton and provisions seem to have been the largest items of growth. Altogether the railroad situation is exceptionally satisfactory. The only dark spot is the remote probability of any pooling law, yet the railroads are not likely to cut rates with plenty of traffic in sight, as at present. Our railroads are down to hard-pan. Congolidation and raorganization have put them on a new and stroffere footing. pienty of traine in sign, as at peach. Our railroads are down to hard-pan. Consolidation and reorganization have put them on a neward stroffger footing. As a rule they are now managed by practical railroad men, not speculators, and financial control has passed into more conservative hands; so that there is little likelihood of a repetition of the diggraceful management which characterized American railroads in the past. Increased earnings are enabling some to resume or increase dividends, and others will shortly follow, making them desirable investments. These facts, as well as the approach of January disbursements, account for the present fercurrent strength of the stock market. The recent advance has been encouraged by local operators, and their efforts supported by the big holders of orts supported by the big holders of cks, who are always the first to see

new opportunities.

A favorable feature was renewed for-ign buying. Europe has long been so any of our investments, and we have been so completely thrown upon our own resources, that less attention has been paid to the London market than usual. Some time ago this country de-lared its financial independence, and lately foreigners have been bears on foreigners have been bears on market to our benefit and their this market to our benefit and mearewn disadavantage. Apparently, however, there has been a change of fronton the other side; and should Europe
buy with any freedom, the effect upon
values would be important. Increased
activity in both call and time money,
between now and the opening of the
new year, will be likely to hold in check
any further upward movement in the
stock inartice. As a matter of fact high
at rates of interest will be sure to produe a moderate reaction from the recent higher level of prices, in which
react it will nave the way better for
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callany, and thereby give the new
year a good send-off. Meanwhile, I adbies colck in-and-out buying and sellleg for samil profits only.

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Bradstreet's: The market is quiet as n whole, but prices maintain a fair unt of stendiness. The strength o the market abroad is sufficient to keep values very firm here, as there is yet tag price of wool and the cost to imperil. Advices from Melbourne quote that market firm, with the sale post-loned over to January 16. Purchasea for Americal in Melbourne are estimated at about 25,600 bales thus fab, while about 25,600 bales thus fab, while about 25,000 bales will be the probable Paramases. Fleece wools are held about the same, but sail slow. Quarter bloods are dull the best demand of late being for the finer wools. This is true of both foreign and domestic wools. The movement in territory wools is slow, but Pices are quoted on about the scoured lasts of 500 for fine medium and fine. The modum and fine, with medium at 150. Cape and Montroleo wools are firm. Carpet wools lim.

The Coming Woman.

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be froubled with loss of appetite, head-sches, slaeplessness, fainting or diszy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Blitters. Thousdands of sufferers from Lame Hack and Wask Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Femile complaints and Nervous toutless of all kinds are soon relieved by the time of Effective Blitters. Delicate value, and the build up the system. Only 50c. Fix bettle. For sale by Logan Drug Co. Fix bettle.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

The Features of the Money and Stock

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Money on call 24g per cent nominal. Time money during the week has ruled closer than of late. This has been rather the result of some temporary restriction in the output incidental to the Union Pacific tensactions than of an increased demand. The demand is, as it has been, fair, but by no means pressing. Rates 3 per cent for 60 to 90 days, 3½ per cent for four monks. 3½42 per cent for five to 81x months. Mercantile paper has been in the main in good demand, with the exception of the closing days of the week, when the causes above noted have curtailed the demand and caused some rise in prices. A fair, amount of attractive material is offered. Rates 3½ per cent for indered bills receivable, 3½444½ per cent for choke, four to six months, single names; 4½65½ per cent for less well-known single names. Rates at interior points are little changed from yesterday. Quotations at the four important domestic centers are reported by telegraph to-day as follows: Boston—Call, 263 per cent; time 4½56 per cent. Chicago—Call 3½424 per cent. It me 4½56 per cent. The rise of prices was pratically uninterrupted during the short session of the stock exchange to-day. Some very sharp net gains are the result, exceeding 2 per cent in some of the specialites, over a point in a large number of leading active stocks and a sharp fraction all through the list. The rise was almost wholly the result of professional buying, outside interest in the market being at a standstill. Bull operators extended their lines aggressively and the bears covered heavily. Prices of Americans were higher in London this morning that centre having become quite persistently bullish on the outlook for values in this country on a long turn. This incited an advance in the international stocks from the opening. The specialities were next to show ing the week has ruled closer than of late. This has been rather the result of

come quite persistently bullish on the outlook for values in this country on a long turn. This incited an advance in the international stocks from the opening. The specialities were next to show strength. Manhattan becoming buoyant on belief that conditions imposed upon the underground rapid transit project by the appellate court would be, in effect, prohibitory, Local gas stocks enjoyed the benefit of a rumor that differences had been adjusted between the interests seeking an amalgamation of the gas companies. New Jersey led a further advance in coalers in the prevalent belief that an effective agreement has been arrived at for restriction of production and maintenance of prices of product. Sugar was also quite buoyant on covering of shorts. This combination of strength in Individual stocks due to special causes would have been a powerful sustaining factor in Keelf. But the incident that determined the tone of the general speculation and a wakened a general buying movement all through the list was the report from London; offerwards schowa to be erroneous that over half a million movement all through the list was the report from London; afterwards shown to be erroneous that over half a million dollars in gold had been withdrawn from the Bank of England for shipment in the United States. Taken in connection with the easing of the call loan rate yesterday afternoon to 2 per cent and the quantity of funds offered at that rate, this report had the effect of dissipating some of the fears of traders in securities as to the future of the money market and aggressive buying ensued. The weekly bank statement with the large decrease shown in surplus reserve gave only a momentary pause to the upward movement; which was then renewed and continued with a buoyant tone to the close of the market.

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Up to Friday of this week it looked very much as though the expected reaction in the stock market had set in which is as much expected in the natural course of things as the "December rise." But to-day's developments leave the future course of the market very much of a problem. It is certain that there was a large profit taking during the week in expectation of a decline and realizing to close out speculative lines on account of the stiffening in the rates for money. Owing to the condition of the money market it was not expected that there would be much ease in rates again bewould be much ease in rates again bewould be much ease in rates again before the first of the year. Besides she usual accumulation of funds preparatory to the disbursement of January interest there has been withdrawn from the market this week over \$5,000,000 which was paid into the United States treasury on account of the Union Pacific sale. Another similar payment is to be made on December 27 and the last on January 5. The reason given that these later payments are being paid into the treasury instead of being left on deposit in New York banks as was done with the Farlier payments, is that the price of United States bonds has tisen to so high a point that a high premium would have to be paid to secure a sufficient number to secure these deposits. Much stress habeen laid upon the government's announcement that it would begin the redemption of the currency sixes which mature on January 1, on December 24, as promising offset to the withdrawals from the money market on account of Union Pacific payments. It is, however, pointed out that a considerable portion of these currency 8% are now in the treatury as a basis for circulation and a security for government deposits in banks. It is not likely that these would be offered for redemption before maturity, and if they were they would not relieve the situation. There has been in addition an outflow of currency from New York to the south in the last three weeks which is unusual at this time of the year and which promises to accentinate the temporary scarcity of money here.

Foreign exchange bankers express some sceptism regarding the goid engagement in view of the prices of exchange statement for Nov. Issued this week shows this balance increased still further in our favor from the bentinning of the fiscal year to December 1, \$233,456,000. The ruling price of exchange is known to be highly artificial, due to the leavitus in England and Germany at interest of millions of dollars due on balance to this country. Under the influence of the higher rate for money exchange rates have declined during to over too

tral, Norfolk & Western preferred is over four points higher. Otherwise net changes are mixed and generally within the limit of two points.

Honds went up and then went down, like stocks, but etill show net gains, re-maining in most issues. Total sales \$15, 500,000.

%c during the week white the old 4's coupon have advanced 4c and registered %c during the week.

The Financier says:

A decrease of \$2.161,375 in the surplus reserves of the New York banks, following a reduction equally as large for the previous week, brings the excess cash in the banks to \$15,726,650, or very nearly to the point reached at the height of the outward movement during the crop season. In view of this fact the sharp advance in money rates noted early last week, may be expected to continue for some time, although the upward tendency has been regarded heretofore as a temporary incident. The changes in the statement for the week are so intimately connected with the payment of \$5,500,000 into the sub-treasury by the Union Pacific committee that the totals do not require detailed attention. The National City Bank, which has been prominent in financing this operation, loses over \$7,000,000 in deposits. Its cash reserve has also decreased something like \$6,000,000, and its shrinkage in loans is more than the total noted in the average of all the banks. The other banks, assist from this one institution therefore appear to have gained both in deposits and cash, and their loans are slightly higher. The bank statements for the next few pear to have gained both in deposits and cash, and their loans are slightly higher. The bank statements for the next few succeeding weeks should be unusually interesting and important, as two additional payments of over \$8,000,000 are to be made to the sub-treasury before January 5th, and the treasury, on the other hand, will begin December 24, the disbursement of the principal of maturing Pacific bonds, which will release, when the operation is completed, something like \$30,000,000.

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Whether this money which may be slow in entering the advice market and the rather heavy deficiencies which the government will probably incur over the January disbursements will make up for the contractions due to payments into the treasury on Pacific settlements, is the key to the immediate future of the money market. If interest rates considered the settlement of the money market. If interest rates conmoney market. If interest rates continue to harden, and exchange weakers, as was the case last week, some interesting developments may be expected. There can be no profit in sterling exchange investments under these circumstances, and as the treasury reports show an increasing export balance in our favor, rates for money abroad will have to be maintained very firmly to prevent losses of specie to this side. Shipments to the south and the natural shifting of funds as the January dividends become due, are points in favor of continued hard money. Of course these conditions are as yet but vaguely defined, and may be quickly changed, but on the whole are important enough to bear in mind during the next few weeks.

Evening Posi's London financial cablegram:
The stock markets here were quietly firm to-day. Americans were reflected New York prices. To-day's sales of eagles by the Bank of England is for the continent and forms part of the 250,000 pounds ordered for Germany, et told in tinue to harden, and exchange weakens

continent and forms part of the 250,000 pounds ordered for Germany, as told in these dispatches vesterday.

BONDS AND STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

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CHICAGO—Wheat was very dull but firm to-day. Strong outside and foreign markets and anticipations of less bearlish statistics Monday caused some covering by shorts, resulting in 4,6% in May Onts leaned decidedly toward the buil side, corn and oats advancing about \$4¢ each, and provisions closing 21/2671/56 higher.

May. Oats leaned decidedly toward the bull side, corn and oats advancing about \$4c cach, and provisions closing \$2\cdot{2}\text{Corollaber}.

Wheat opened very tame but quite firm at about \$4c higher than it closed the day before, May \$1\cdot{6}\text{C}\$ its \$10d a few moments later at \$2c and for some time held at \$1\cdot{5}\text{Sp2c}\$. The Liverpool market, which yesterday refused to be influenced by Thursday's advance at Chicago, was couldly indifferent to-day to yesterday's decline in this market. The English market was a shade higher than it closed the day before. Some other items of the carly news was also helpful to the firmness the market showed at the opening and for the greater part of the session. The wock's clearances of wheat and flour as reported by Bradstreet's were considerably smaller than they have been running for a long time back. The amount of the week's clearance from both coasts is 4,604,000 binshels, against 6,256,500 bushels in week ago and 4,222,000 bushels the corresponding day of the year before. The Minneapolis and Duluth receipts to-day were 630 cars, against 588 last week and 376 the corresponding day of 1896. Cheago received 228 cars, against 55 cars a year \$400 on the similar day. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts for the week were 633 less than the week previous. It was reported from Minneapolis that 140 cars of their receipts to-day were Armour & Co.'s wheat en route from Eurika that 140 cars of their receipts to-day were Armour & Co.'s wheat en route from Eurika halton to Chicago.

Weather in Argentine was reported more favorable. Beerbohm estimated the world's shipments for the week to Europe of \$,000,000 bushels and expects a degrease in the quantity on ocean passage. Minneapolis announced it estimate to its stock of wheat for the west from 1,000,000 bushels increase, in addition to wheat delivered yesterday, to 500,000 bushels to 600,000 bushels increase. In addition to wheat delivered yesterday afternoon after December contrates, 1,220,000 bushels were delivered out to-day

Galveston 55,000 bushels of wheat. The market became much firmer in tone near the close and made its best prices for the day then. Shorts covered quite freely, and as offerings were moderate prices moved up easily. May finally rose to \$214,92%c and was bringing \$2½c as the session ended. December was dealt in very sparingly. It closed at \$9c, or ½c lower than it did yesterday. Corn was dull, off a shade early on moderate selling, but became strong and advanced when wheat did. Country offerings were reported on freer bids of Chicago last night. May ranged from \$2½c 20½c and 25½c and closed ½c 4½c higher at 29½c 20½c.

With the exception of about fifteen minutes' activity toward the close, trading in oats was very dull. Scalpers and others sold short early but covered when wheat advanced, and the market closed strong. Elevator interests also bought. May ranged from 22½c to 22½c, closing ½c higher at 22½c.

Trading in provisions was fairly active around the opening. Small hog receipts and the opening. Small hog receipts and the presence of some outside huying orders caused an early advance. Subsequently trade was very light and almost wholly local, but prices were well maintained. At the close May pork was 567½c higher at \$8.824,68.85, May lard 2½6bc higher at \$8.824,68.85, May lard 2½6b

The leading futures ranged as follow

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Cheese—Quiet at \$68%c.
Eggs—Steady; fresh 20c.

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts 33,223 barreis! exports, 14,655 barrels; market inactive but nominally steady; city mill patents \$5 65@5.55; city mill clears \$5 40 @5.59; winter extraights \$4 50@4 60; Minnesota bakers \$4 20@4 40; winter low grades \$2 90@ 3 00. Rye flour dull at \$2 70@3 25; latter fancy.

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54,6616., do shoulders, e.g.c. to haus, 76,74c. Lard, refined dull. Pork dull; mesn, 38,2562 00; short clear \$10,0061 100; family \$10,00611 00. Tallow very firm; city 3½e bid; country 3%,605%. Rosir steady strained common to good, \$1,4061 6. Turpentine firm at 3367314c. Rice steady; fair to extra 44,664c; Ispan 5,6544c. Molasses quiet; New Orleans open kettle, good to chloce 26,6831c. Cottonseed oid dull, but steadily held at unchanged prices; prime crude 18,134,615c; prime crude fob mills, 134,615c; prime summer vellow 214,56 2c; of simmer yellow 214,5c, butter oil 214,66764c; oritine winter yellow 214,57 butter oil 214,66764c; oritine winter yellow 214,5c, butter oil 214,66764c; oritine winter yellow 215,5c, butter oil 214,66764c; butters and bullish crop cables; bueton generally confined to expect and sure to gain of 10 to 15 bolinta. Sales, 12,5c, bases, including December \$5,5680 0c; March 36 1996 the yellow 21,5c, butter, yellow 21,5

choice, 7472.

BALTIMORE: Flour dull and unchanged: receipts 22,403 barrels: experts 15,606 barrels. Wheat steady, spot and month 371,47575c, steamer No. 2 red 914, 422c; receipts 91,190 bushels, experts 129,785 bushels; southern wheat by sample 20098; do on grade 224,47214c. Corn casy, spot 224,4725c; month 224,47255c; steamer mixed 316315c; receipts 100,425 bughels; experts 210,538 bushels, southern and yellow corn 234,47374c. Oats

easier: No. 2 white 291/20; No. 2 mixed 276274c; receipts 25:20 bushels; exports none. Rye firm; No. 2 nearby 52c; No. 2 western 536534c; receipts 15,745 bushels; exports 68,576 bushels. Hay steady; choice timothy \$13.00 asked. Grain reights quiet and unchanged. Butter quiet and unchanged. Eggs and cheese steady and unchanged.

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CINCINNATI—Flour dull but steady. Wheat active; No. 2 red 22½@53c. Corn firm: No. 2 mixed 27½c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed 24½c. Rye quiet at 45½@47c. Lard firm at \$4 37½. Bacon quiet and easy at \$3 50. Whisky steady at \$1 19. Biter steady. Sugar firm. Eggs firm at 16½c. Cheese quiet.

TOLEDO—Wheat bloom.

at 18½c. Cheese quiet.

TOLEDO— Wheat higher but dull;

№0. 2 cash and December 26½c bid; May
24½c asked. Corn active and higher;

№0. 2 mixed, cash and December 27c.

Oats dull but steady; №0. 2 mixed 22c.

Rye nominal; №0. 2 gash 46½c. Cloverseed lower but active; prime cash and

December 34 17½c. Oil unchanged.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO—To-day's cattle market was practically nominal, with recelois of less than 500 head. These were disposed of at yesterday's ruling prices. Receipts all week have been materially lighter than the week before, and prices improved, although the requirements of the trade were much less than at other seasons of the year. During the latter part of the week the market weakened on common cattle, and sales were made part of the week the market weakened on common cattle, and sales were made in from \$3.50 to \$1.65 for the poorest lots. Dressed beef firms are now pretty well stocked with meat, and as the Christmas season is so near large cattle receipts are needed at this time. Trade in hogs was fairly active, early, at steady prices, but the market weakened later. The bulk of the hogs sold at \$3.37\cdot 37\cdot 47\cdot 5.00 and prime butchers' and mixed hogs at \$3.50\cdot 35\cdot Arcompared with a week ago, prices were about 5c higher, and the advance is expected to bring in much larger supplies next week. Sales of lambs were at \$4.00\cdot 60\cdot for inferior to choice flocks, a good many Mexican yearlings at 34 0000 00 for inferior to choice flocks, a good many Mexican yearlings that averaged 72075 hs. fetching 34 50. Most of the sales of lambs were at 35 00 06 00. Sheep sold freely at 33 0000 4 75. Exporters took heavy sheep at 34 1504 25. Most of the late sales of sheep were at 33 7504 40.

Receipts—Cattle, 300 head; hogs, 17,000 head; sheep, 2,000 head.

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EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; prime \$4 75@4 85; common \$3 25@3 60; bulls, stags and cows, \$2 00@3 50. Hoss slow; prime mediums \$2 55@3 57½; best Yorkers and pigs \$3 50@3 55; heavy \$3 45@3 50; good roughs \$2 75@3 15; common \$2 25@2 50. Sheep steady; choice \$4 50@4 70; common \$3 00@3 55; choice lambs \$5 75@5 90; common to good lambs \$4 50@4 65; yeal calves \$6 50@7 00. good lam \$6 50@7 00.

5 5027 00.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle, receipts only a load of sale stock; market quiet and unchanged. Hogs, receipts 55 cars; market stronger on all grades; Yorkers, good to choice \$3 50; roughs, common to choice \$3 5003 25; pigs, common to choice \$3 5003 50. Sheep and lambs, receipts 15 cars; market quiet; lambs, choice to extra \$5 9006 10; culls to common \$1 5005 50; sheep, choice to select-d wethers \$4 6004 75; culls to common \$2 6003 75.

CINCINATI—Hogs active at \$3 400 55. Cattle steady at \$2 2505 10. Sheep dull and weak at \$2 5004 40. Lambs \$3 5005 50.

Dry Goods.

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NEW YORK—The dry goods district is the scene of more activity at the close of the week than was the case at the opening. The shipments of goods are heavy, particularly in staple cottons, buyers having taken goods in large quantities since the reduction of the last three days. Seliers at first hand as a rule are paying little attention to the future, but are selling freely where they can obtain their prices. Several of the leading lines of bleached goods have been well sold up, and the report is that Fruit of the Loom is "at value." It is probable that the present condition of staple goods will result in working the market into better shape all uround. Other staple cotton goods besides bleached are in unchanged condition as far as the price situation is concerned. Brown goods have gained only slightly in sympathy with bleached cottons. Export goods continue dull and quiet. Coarse colored cottons are unchanged in any important particular.

The Bank Statement.

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NEW YORK—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease, \$3,161,375; loans, decrease \$1.046,009; speede, increase, \$387,100; legal tenders, decrease, \$1,865,-300; deposite, decrease, \$5,278,509; circulation, decrease, \$103,100.

The banks now hold \$15,728,050 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent, rule.

Petroleum.

OII. CITY—There were sales to-day of 5,000 barrels cash oil at 6514 and 6,000 barrels at 66c. At the close 65c was bid for cash, and January options were offered at 67c; credit balances unchanged; salpments, 58,252 barrels; runs, 50,-874 barrels.

Metals.

NEW YORK-Pig fron dull. Copper dull; brokers '65gc, Lead strong; bro-kers' \$3 50. Tin plates steady.

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Depart, B.&O.—Main Line East. Arrive.

12.55 am Wash, Bai., Phil., N.Y.

14.45 pm Wash, Bai., Phil., N.Y.

17.00 am ... Cumberland Accom. 14.39 pm

14.45 pm ... Grafton Accom. 10.10 pm

10.55 am ... Washington City Ex. 11.00 pm

Depart. B.&O.—CO. Div., West: Arrive.

*7.35 am For Columbus and Chi. *1.15 am
*10.25 am. Columbus and Cincin. *5.15 pm
*11.40 pm. Columbus and Cincin. *5.15 am
*2.50 pm Columbus and Cincin. *5.35 am
*2.50 pm Columbus and Cincin. *1.10 am
*10.25 am. St. Clairsville Accom. 10.15 pm
*10.25 am. Sandusky Mail. *5.15 pm
*10.25 am. Sandusky Mail. *5.15 pm
*10.25 am. Columbus and Cincin.

Depart. P., C., C. & St. L. Ry | Arrive. | 19.15 pm | 19.20 pm | 1

Depart | C. & P.-Bridgeport | Arrive | 1935 am Fort Wayne and Cht | 1935 pm | 1933 am Fort Wayne and Cht | 1935 pm | 1933 am | Canton and Toledo. | 1935 pm | 1935 am | Steubenville and Pitts | 1935 pm | 1936 am | Steubenville and Pitts | 1935 pm | 1936 am | Steubenville and Pitts | 1935 pm | 1936 am | Steubenville and Pitts | 1935 pm | 1936 am | Canton and Toledo. | 1935 pm | 1936 pm | Canton and Toledo. | 1935 pm | 1935 pm | Philadelphia and N. X. | 1936 pm | 1

Davart, W. & I. E. Arrive.

**2:00 am ... Toledo and West.... *5:50 pm

2:10 am Brilliant and Steuben *5:50 pm

*2:14 pm Massilion and Canton *10:45 pm

4:45 pm Massilion and Steuben *10:45 am

*5:40 am Cleve. Akron & Canton *6:50 pm

Depart. Ohio River R. R. | Arrive. **5:30 am Park. and Way Points**!05:30 am 77:30 am Charleston and Cincin. **2:45 pm 11:45 am Cincin. and Lexington 6:50 pm **4:15 pm Park. and Way Points**!11:30 pm

ellaire. Jepart. B., Z. & C. R. R. 9:19 am Mali, Express and Pass. 1:50 pm Express and Passenger 1:10 pm Mixed Freig't and Pass.

RAILROADS.



Cumberland Accommodation, 7:20 a. m., daily except Sunday,
Grafton Accommodation, 6:45 p. m. daily.
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ARRIVE.
From New York, Philadelphia and Baletimore, 5:20 a. m., daily.
Washington Express, 11:00 p. m. daily.
Cumberland Accommodation, 4:20 p. m., except Sunday,
Grafton Accommodation, 10:10 a. m., daily.

Grafton Accommodation, 19:10 a. m., daily.

TRANS-OHIO DIVISION.

For Columbus and Chicago, 7:35 a. m and 3:50 p. m., daily.

Columbus and Cincinnati Express, 10:25 a. m. daily, and 11:40 p. m., daily except Saturday, and 2:40 a. m. Sunday only.

St. Clairaville Accommodation, 10:25 a. m. and 3:50 p. m., daily, except Sunday.

ARRIVE.

Chicago Express, 1:15 a. m. and 11:50 a. m., daily.

Cincinnati Express, 5:05 a. m. and 6:15 p. m., daily.

St. Clairaville Accommodation, 19:55 a. m. and 5:15 p. m., daily.

St. Clairaville Accommodation, 19:50 a. m. and 5:15 p. m., daily, except Sunday.

WHEELING & PITTSBURGH DIV.

For Pittsburgh, 5:10 and 7:30 a. m. and

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For Fittsburgh and the East, 5:10 a. m. and 5:20 p. m., daily.
ARRIVE.

From Pittsburgh, 10:10 a. m., 6:20 p. m., daily, 11:30 p. m., daily except Saturday, 11:40 a. m., except Sunday, and 2:30 a. m., Sunday only.

Sunday only.

W. M. GREENE,
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South Bound. | *7 | 11 | *3 |
Via P.C.C.&St.L.R
Pittsburgh, Pa...Lv | Cin | a.m. | Cin. 9:10 12:45 Fast Line 11:35 3:25 WheelingAr Wheeling Moundsville New Martinsville... Sistersville Villiamstown Parkersburg 10:60 10:10 3:25 11:10 4:35 11:58 5:37 Ravenswood Mason City [p. m.] 12:26 6:30 Point Pleasant Via K. & M. Ry. Point Pleasant...Ly CharlestonAr 12:29 17:10 5:07 9:25 Gallipolis
Huntington
Via C. & O. Ry
Lv. Huntington
Ar Charleston 12:37 6:42 1:35 8:00 12:25 a. m. 4:27 2:30 4:27 3:45 p. m. p. m. Kenova Ar Via C. & O. Ry. Lv. Kenova Cineinnati, O. Ar Lexington, Ky. Ar Louisville, Ky. Ar *1:55 5:15

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Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling RAILWAY COMPANY. Central Standard Time.

Time Schedule of Passenger Trains ed.

effect Sunday, May 16, 1897
Cleveland Depot Foot South Water Street. DEPART.

Bellaire
Bridgeport
Uhrichaville
New Philadelphia
Canal Dover Trafton .

Islyria Lorain Lester Junction. Cleveland ARRIVE.

Bellaire
Bridgeport
Unirchaville
New Philadelphia
Canal Dover
Justus
Masaliton
Warwick
Sterling
Hevillo
Nedlina
Lester
Litation
Elbria
Lester
Lester Junction
Cleveland p. m. p. m.

Nos. 4 and 5 daily between Cleveland and Uhricheville. All other trains daily ex-Ultrichaville. All other cept Sunday. Transengers between Wheeling, Marin's Transengers and Bridgeport, take Electric Railway. M. G. CARREI, G. P. A. Cleveland, Onic.

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