NEW YORK.

PROFIT-TAKING CAUSES A DE-CLINE-FLOWER STOCKS SHOW GREATEST WEAKNESS -- MAR-KET BROAD AND ACTIVE-SUGAR STILL WEAK.

New York, Dec. 28.

The London market for Americans is booming, with St. Paul and L. & N. in the lead.

The tone of the New York news-

papers is almost generally bullish and it is admitted that speculation of the outside public is more rampant than at any time in the history of Wall Street.

The bull sh sentiment was further The bull sh sentiment was further intensified yesterday by the sharp advance which took place in the grain market, and it was this advance which was largely responsible for the increased activity and strength in the Grangers. The question yesterday was, who supplied the public with the stocks they bought so freely? Close observers of the market are convinced that so important an interest as Flower & Co and brokers representing J. P. Morgan & Co., were heavy sellers on a scale up.

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Conservative Wall St men, altho' bullish on stocks, in the long run are beginning to feel somewhat nervous on account of the enormous lines of stocks being carried by Commission houses. The competition for commission business has, in recent years become so pronounced, that business has been done upon very much smaller margins than in the earlier history of Wall Street, would be considered justifiable.

Barring technical conditions in the market, the bulli-liness of the situation cannot be decried, but considering technical situation, the taking of profits on all moderate bulges at the present juncture, would be wise.

The volume of dealings approaches one million shares, and activity in last two weeks breaks all records. The advance in Standard stocks is considered quite a favorable feature, as indicating a probable continuance of movement. Bull leaders are unchanged in the belief that the market will advance. Public clearly buying pretty much everything, and London expected to be a feature to-day after the settlement.

Nor. Pacific for 5 months shows net increase, \$393,595. This indicates earnings for the year, 4 to 5 p.c. on common. Rumor says company had made; or wanted to make, important land sale, not confirmed, but believed in many quarters.

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it. Bull points out on People Gas.
Heavy buying of Leather stocks on
favorable statement regarding con-

dition of trade.

Earnings U. Pac. month November net increase, \$47,600. For 5 months, net increase \$919,000.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.—December 28, 1898.

--- TO-DAY'S PRICES-

——closing prices from dec. 16 to 27									n'g	Highest	Lowest	Closing	Bid.	Asked.	
	16	17	19	20	21	22	23	27	Open,	Hig	Lov	CIO	B		
Am. Cotton Oil Co	334					°33½	331	331	34	351	333	348	34½ 87↓	35 88	
" Sugar	1241	124	1207	1258	125	125	1261	1233	124	124	121	1227	1224	123	
" Sugar pfd				1148	1111	121	14	14		141	138		1115	113	
" Spirits Mfg. Co " Spirits Mfg Co pfd	128	121		12	124	13 ¹ / ₄ 37 ³ / ₄	14 37 ³ / ₄	14 38		374	$36\frac{1}{2}$	373	37	371	
" Tobacco	1412	1411	1411	$140\frac{7}{8}$	140}	1405	1421	1431	1431	$143\frac{1}{2}$	1411	143	1424	143	
" Tobacco pfd	183	181	181	191	185	183	187	19	191	191	18	183	188	183	
Atch T. & S. Fe Atch T. & S. Fepfd	51	57	508	517	504	504	50%	513	524	528	504	51	50%	51	
Baltimore & Ohio	$61\frac{1}{2}$	$62\frac{3}{4}$	65	651	724	70}	t 93	693 81		7(4	671	67 l	674	68	
Bay State Gas Brooklyn Rap. Tran	73	73	728	$72\frac{3}{4}$	73	723	741	764	771	771	753	764	768	768	
C.C.C. & St. L	418	4378	437	44	834	44	44 84 ⁸	434	441	44½ 85¾	43 t 85 t	43 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85	43½ 85	* 434 863	
Canadian Pacific	567	561	85½ 54½	56	56	561	564	57		57	56}	57	56	561	
Chesapeake & Ohio	25	25	25	247	$\frac{25}{15\frac{1}{4}}$	$25\frac{1}{4}$ $15\frac{7}{8}$	16	25¼ 16§	25½ 16§	25½ 16¾	25 15\frac{5}{8}	25½ 15½	25 16	25½ 16½	
Chicago B & O	148 122	14 ³ / ₄ 121 ⁵ / ₈	15 121 5	154 1213	122	1224	1223	1244	1241	1244	1235	1234	1237	124	
Chicago B. & Q Chicago Mil. & St. P	1165	$116\frac{3}{4}$	1167	1171	1174	118	1181	1198	1197	120	1184	119	$118\frac{7}{8}$	119	
Chi. Mil. & St. P. pfd	1093	1097	1097	110	110	1111	1111	1148	1148	1147	113	1133	1138	1131	
Chicago & Northwest	1413	142	1403	1414	1413	142	142	$142\frac{1}{2}$	1421	$142\frac{1}{2}$	$141\frac{1}{2}$	1411	1414	142	
Chie. & Northwest pfd													$14\frac{3}{4}$	15	
Clevel'd, Lor. & Wheel'g			443				44						431	45	
" C. C. & St. Louis.					100	10-	1011	105	1051	107	1041	1941	1941	1953	
Consolidated Gas	1061	191	$196 \\ 104\frac{1}{2}$	$196\frac{1}{2}$ $104\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{196}{104\frac{1}{2}}$	195 1051	$194\frac{1}{2}$ $104\frac{1}{2}$	195 $104\frac{3}{4}$	195½	197	$194\frac{1}{2}$ 105	1068	1042	1062	
Delaware & Hudson Del. Lack. & Western	1008	100	150							150	1494	1493	$149\frac{1}{2}$	1494	
Denver & Rio Grand Pfd			191		141		141	141	141	141	141	141	141	148	
General Electric	931	923	$13\frac{1}{2}$ $92\frac{5}{8}$	93	,,,,,,	93	94	96	963	97	951	$95\frac{1}{2}$	$95\frac{1}{2}$	$95\frac{3}{4}$	-
Glucose Pfd								401					113½ 49½	114 491	-
Fed. Steel Com pfd								49 ½ 83 ½					831	834	
Lake Shore													1201	1231	I
Louisville & Nashville	641	64	63 ⁴ 96 ¹	634 964	635 97½	63 g 97 h	$\frac{64}{97\frac{3}{4}}$	648 98	65½ 98	65¼ 98	64 971	644 974	644 974	648 971	
Manhattan con Met. Street Ry. Co	978 1914	$96\frac{1}{2}$ $191\frac{1}{2}$	1922	192	193	192	1913	1921		1911	189	1908	190	1903	ı
Michigan Central						191	131	131	133	133	13%		131	13%	ı
Missouri Kan. & Tex Missouri Kan. & T. pfd	371	371	374	375	378	$\frac{13\frac{1}{8}}{37\frac{1}{2}}$	378	377	373	38	37	371	371	378	1
Missouri Pacific	431	427	4 18	431	43	45	45	455	46	46	441	441	448 373	44½ 38	-
Nat. Lead	374	378	3 8	37½	38	37 %	384	38%	398	398	37 8	374	014		1
Nat. Lead pfd New Jersey Central			94	$93\frac{1}{2}$		931		933		931	$94\frac{1}{2}$	941	94	95	1
New York Central		1238	123	123	1223	123	123	123½ 43§	123½ 44½	123½ 44¼	1224 425	122 ³ / ₄ 43 ¹ / ₄	1223 431	123	1
Northern Pacific Northern Pacific pfd	41 § 76 §	41 768	41 [†] 76 [‡]	41½ 75½	41½ 76¾	42 76§	$42\frac{1}{2}$ $76\frac{1}{2}$	78	781	781	763	77	77	774	1
Omaha	914	$91\frac{1}{2}$	911	$91\frac{1}{4}$	$92\frac{1}{2}$	92	91	911	93	94	$92\frac{1}{2}$	$92\frac{1}{2}$	92	93	1
Oregon Rail, and Nav	421	421	423	438	43	439	441	451	455	46	44 }	45	447	45	1
Pacific Mail Pennsylvania R. R	1221	1221	1217		$121\frac{1}{2}$	1213	1217	1225	1227	$122\frac{7}{8}$	122	122	1.17	122	1
Peo. Gas L. & Coke Co.	1094	1087	1081	108	108%	1087	1098	1101	1101	1104	109	108	109 1	109 [‡] 151	1
Pullman Palace Car Co Reading	149 19 ¹ / ₂	191	149	19	19		19*	193	******	204	191	197	193	201	1
" 1st Pfd	473		471	461	465	467	478	48	484	498	471	481	481	488	
" 2nd Pfd Southern Pacific															ı
Southern Railroad Pfd.	$42\frac{1}{8}$		428	$42\frac{1}{2}$		411		42	424	421	411	415	413		
Texas Pacific		341	17 36 ¹ / ₃	$\frac{17}{36\frac{1}{2}}$	$\frac{18\frac{1}{2}}{36\frac{1}{4}}$	183 373		19§ 38	19½ 38¾	20½ 38§	$\frac{18\frac{3}{4}}{36\frac{1}{2}}$	19 36§	18 ½ 36 ½	19	ì
Tenn. Coal & Iron Third Avenne R. R		34½	905												
Union Pacific	394	39%	401	401	427	438	$\frac{43\frac{1}{2}}{731}$	43½ 73	438	$43\frac{5}{8}$ $74\frac{5}{8}$	428 724	425 725	$42\frac{1}{2}$ $72\frac{7}{2}$	42 ⁵ / ₈	
Union Pacific pfd U. S. Rubber		71¼ 43	72 441	72½ 44½	728 448	$73\frac{1}{2}$ $44\frac{1}{4}$	73¼ 45½	451	148	45	441	442	441	443	
U. S. Rubber pfd	7401		111		4411	111	1101	111		$111\frac{1}{2}$	1118	$1.1\frac{1}{2}$	$110\frac{3}{4}$		
U. S. Leather			681	69	69	701	718	733		74	$71\frac{1}{2}$	72	721		
U. S. Leather ptd Wabash									*****						
Wabash pfd	. 23	$22\frac{7}{8}$	23	228 934				234 927		23\\\ 93\\\\ 93\\\\		$22\frac{3}{4}$ $92\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{22\frac{3}{4}}{92}$	$\frac{23}{92\frac{1}{2}}$	
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CHICAGO MARKET—December 28, 1898.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

	CLOSING PRICES DEC. 17 TO 27.						TO-DAY'S PRICES.				
	17	19	20	21	22	23	27	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat— Dec May July	65¼- 66½- 64½	66 67 1-1 65 8-	65½-67 65½-4	$\begin{array}{c} 66\frac{1}{2} - \\ 68\frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \\ 66 - \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 66\frac{3}{8} - \\ 68\frac{1}{4} - \\ 66\frac{3}{8}\frac{1}{2} - \end{array}$	$66\frac{7}{8} - 68\frac{7}{8} - 66\frac{7}{8}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 68 - \\ 70\frac{5}{8} \\ 68\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 68\frac{1}{2} \\ 71 - \frac{1}{4} \\ 69 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 68\frac{1}{2} - \\ 71\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{4} - \\ 69\frac{1}{8} - \end{array}$	673- 693- 684-	$\begin{array}{c} 67\frac{8}{2}\frac{1}{2} \\ 70\frac{8}{8} - \\ 68\frac{1}{2}\frac{5}{8} \end{array}$
May July	34 7 - 354	35 ³ / ₈ -35 ³ / ₄ -	35½-8 35½ 35§	$36\frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{4}$ $36\frac{1}{4} -$	3 8 - 378-	37 § - 	39½- 39½-	$39\frac{1}{8}$ - $39\frac{5}{4}\frac{1}{2}$	39 § 39 § 39 §	38½- 38¾- 38¾	38½- 38½ 38½
•May	26 5 -	26 3 4-		27 -	27½- 	273-12	$28\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{2}$	$\begin{array}{c} 28\frac{3}{8}\frac{1}{2} \\ 27\frac{1}{8} - \end{array}$	28½- 	274-	281-
Pork— Jan May	9 40 9 67	9 40- 9 67	9 35 9 67	9 42 9 72	9 57 9 92	9 85- 10 20	10 15 10 55	10 27 10 65	10 27 10 70	10 00 10 37	10 02 10 40
Lard	5 12 5 32-5	5 12 5 35	5 07 5 30	5 10 5 32-5	5 17 5 42	5 27-30 5 52	5 45 5 70	5 52- 5 75-	5 52 5 75	5 42 5 65	5 45 5 65
Dec Jan May	 4 82–5	4 65 4 82	4 62 4 80	4 65-7 4 85	4 72 4 90	5 05		5 15			
Puts and Cal	ls for Dec.	C	orn, May	Calls	**********	392	Puts			3	

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CHICAGO.

MARKET OPENS STRONG AND CLOSES NEAR LOWEST ON REALIZING - CORN, WHEAT AND PORK VERY ACTIVE-SHIPPING DEMAND SLOWER

The strong Bull sentiment which prevailed yesterday and at the early part of to-day's session, was changed at close to one of weakness. It looks as if for the present, wheat has seen its best prices, as the shorts, which were large, have been forced to cover, on signs of weakness they will now come in again as sellers. The position of wheat is not a strong one statistically. There is a decided falling off in the demand from abroad and that the world's exports have largely fallen off, shows that for the present there is no urgent demand from England. The small supply in sight on other side must soon cause a fresh demand and the next Bull movement will have its start from strength in Cables.

Corn was very strong and in good demand at opening, but closed weak. The demand was good, and it should be cheap on reactions.

Provisions were at one time very strong, and the May option has become very active.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET (Continued)

AFTERNOON BOARD.

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A reaction of small dimensions took place this afternoon b t there was very little pressure to sell. No weakness, was shown in fact Pacific was better and Richelieu quite as strong as at end of morning session. The selling off of stocks in New York might have affected Pacifi adversely but such was not the case, it closes better this after oon than for a long time. On sales of 578 shares it closed at 874 to 874. Montreal Street was back to 2874 it closed a trifle better at 288 bid. Toronto Railway was offered down to 1084 at opening o session but soon developed strength selling up to 1084 closing at 1083 to 1084 Gas was steady at 2094. Last sale was at 209 which price was bid at close. War Eag'e was down to 3044 on some realizing sales. It is a good purchase and should sell much higher. It closed at 304 to 305.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Pacific - 3, 854. 75, 854. 150, 857. 250, 86. 50, 854. 50, 854. Street Railway.-150, 2874. 25, 288. 75.

 $288\frac{1}{4}$. Montreal Cas-100, $209\frac{1}{4}$. 200, 209.

Mentreal Gas=100, $209\frac{1}{4}$, 200, 209. Toronto 9 wy. -300, $108\frac{1}{2}$, 200, $108\frac{1}{4}$, 100, $108\frac{1}{2}$, 25, $108\frac{1}{4}$, 175, $108\frac{1}{4}$. 200, $204\frac{1}{4}$. War Eagle. -8250, 30° . 3500, $204\frac{1}{4}$. 900, 100 New Montreal Street=25, 286. 25, 286. Montreal Telegraph=82, 175. Royal Electric=25, $161\frac{1}{4}$.

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