

NEW YORK.

PRICES GENERALLY HIGHER WITH OCCASIONAL SOFT SPOTS -VANDERBILT'S AGAIN STRONG -ALL NEWS BULLISH-SUGAR SELLS EX-DIV. IS STRONG-FEDERAL STEEL ADVANCES.

New York, Dec. 15.

The London market is active for Spanish bonds and Kaffirs, but Americans are somewhat dull, prevailing prices being about the same as our close.

It is said that a good deal of buying in the London market is on orders cabled from this side.

Although yesterday's market was in some places heavy, and the traders thought that they had detected in the whole list a reactionary tendency, as a matter of fact the average price of 20 leading Railroads was .26 per cent. higher than on Wednesday and was higher than on any day during the present year.

Missouri Pacific was largely instrumental in bringing about this result. The price was about four points higher than on the previous day. There are two stories to account for the advance. One is that negotiations are on foot for the acquisition of the Chicago and Alton, and the other that with the approval of inside interests a powerful Bull pool has been formed which will put the stock to 60, and which has an agreement with inside interests that a dividend shall be declared on the Common in the near future.

The activity in leather yesterday was attributed to Keene. It is one of his favorites, but for some months he has left it alone.

Although Atchison preferred closed slightly lower than on the previous day, the buying continues excellent. The purchases by Flower Brothers were estimated at 10,000 shares, and confidence continues to be expressed that ultimately this stock will sell on a level with Union Pacific preferred.

Western Union for six months of fiscal year shows net dec. \$372,764 Deficit after div. of 2 1/2 p.c. \$5,279 against a surplus of 446,550 last year and \$329,222 in 1896.

Leather pfd. advanced 2 points. It is claimed that the Co. has earned considerably more than the 5 p.c. paid on pfd and that its financial position is all that could be desired.

The pfd. sells ex div. 1 1/2 to-day. Flower & Co. made up a pool in which no interest was less than 5,000 shares, and none large than 10,000 to take up the Federal Steel Common stock which belonged to the underwriting syndicate. The stock was immediately paid for and the members of the pool took it off the street.

This removed all the floating stock which might be a increase to the market.

Sugar was freely sold for both accounts. The stock has fallen merely 10 points from the highest last week and the trade conditions are not promising good.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.—December 15, 1898.

Table with columns: CLOSING PRICES FROM TO DEC. 6 TO 14, TO-DAY'S PRICES, Bid., Asked. Lists various stocks like Am. Cotton Oil Co., Sugar, Spirits Mfg. Co., etc.

*Ex-Div. 1 p.c. †Ex-Div. 2 1/2. ‡Ex-D. 3 p.c. §On new basis. ||Ex-D. 2 p.c. °Ex-D. °Ex-D. 1 1/2. p.c. ¶Ex-D. 1 1/4 p.c.

CHICAGO MARKET—December 15, 1898.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Table with columns: CLOSING PRICES DEC. 7 TO 14, TO-DAY'S PRICES, Opening, Highest, Lowest, Closing. Lists commodities like Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, etc.

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CLEARANCES OF WHEAT AND FLOUR SATISFACTORY-DELIVERIES OF DECEMBER WHEAT LIBERAL-RUSSIAN OFFERINGS INCREASE-MARKET STRONG.

Chicago, Dec. 15.

Shipments of wheat and flour continue in sufficient quantities to warrant an advance in price but fears are entertained that they will diminish after the New Year. December difference with May which was 3c some weeks ago has gone down to 1/2 cts. The slight increase in Russia offerings encourages buyers to hold off. Bradstreets increase for the week makes accumulations 6 millions more than last year.

The present rate of exports with the lessening of receipts would prevent any very great accumulations. Great strength in wheat and corn and cash offerings were well taken. Options very strong. The tremendous advance in Bonds and other American securities will extend to the Cereal and provision market some day when a big rise will occur.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET. (Continued)

AFTERNOON BOARD.

Montreal Gas and Toronto Railway which furnished the bulk of the afternoon business were steady for the former. The interests which cleared the market of Gas in the morning were buying on an extended and upward scale in the afternoon and the stock closed very strong with 207 1/2 bid and 208 asked. It is going higher. Royal Electric was stronger than at early board but is still under yesterday's price. This stock looks as if it would go higher. Sell it when it does. Montreal Street was firm at 284. There were further sales of Eagle at 294. Halifax Railway seems on the upward track. Some Colored Cotton Bonds sold at 99 1/2. Other business was in small lots.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Pacific-75 at 85 1/2. Montreal Gas-250 at 206 1/2, 50 at 207, 50 at 207 1/2, 25 at 207, 175 at 207 1/2, 50 at 207, 275 at 207 1/2, 100 at 207 1/2, 75 at 207 1/2, 25 at 208. Royal Electric-50 at 162 1/2, 50 at 163, 50 at 163 1/2, 11 at 163. Toronto Ry-100 at 106 1/2, 25 at 106 1/2, 50 at 108 1/2, 150 at 106 1/2. War Eagle-5000 at 294. Halifax Railway-175 at 131. Montreal St Ry-135 at 284. Can. Col. Bonds-\$1,500 at 99 1/2. Bank of Montreal-5 at 248. Montreal Telegraph-9 at 176. Dom. Coal Pfd.-15 at 117. Bank of British North America-4 at 125 1/2.

STREET RAILWAY EARNINGS

Table showing earnings for Montreal and Toronto Street Railways. Columns: Month Nov. 1898, Increase for Nov. day against day, 1898, 1897.

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