NEW YORK.

MARKET OPENED EASY — ALL DECLINES MEET HEAVY BUYING ORDERS — THE STRONG STOCKS WERE UNION PACIFIC, MANHATTAN, STEEL—STANDARD SHARES STEADY.

New York, Dec. 21.

All branches of the London Stock market are reported dull owing to the near approach of the Christmas holidays.

The market for Americans is no exception, the course of prices being somewhat irregular. Excellent buying of D. G. continues, apparently on the dec.aration of a 1 p.c. div. on Southern Railway pfd. which was made public after the close yesterday, has been the signal for considerable realization in the stock. No announcement is made in regard to the periodicity of the dividend but it is not expected that another dividend will be declared until next July.

A considerable short interest had been created in Atchison during the end of last week owing to the lack of activity on the part of the insiders.

It is stated by most of the papers that in all probability Mr. Sloan will resign from the presidency of the D. & L. in January and that his position will be filled by a younger and more energetic man.

An attempt was made yesterday afternoon to force liquidation by bidding up money; as high as 4 p.c. was paid for a small call loan, but at the advance the market was flooded by money and the ruling of the day was not over 2½ p.c.

Bull tips are plentiful on Federal Steel. The Flower interests speak confidently of the div. prospects. Sentiment in the Street at the close yesterday was more Bullish than for three or four days.

B. & O. again advanced sharply with indications that floating supply is becoming very small. The buying of these stocks has been of the best for some time past and they have shown no disposition whatever to react.

The Flower party believe in F. S. Company as it believed in B. R. T.

There has been an exceedingly heavy speculation in stocks this morning from which very irregular changes have resulted.

The most active features were Atchison pfd. and F. S. The first was run up very rapidly in the opening dealings since when the pfd. stock has suffered a decline of 2 p.c.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.—December 21, 1898.

	Closing prices from Dec. 12 to 20.								To-day's prices					
	12	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Open'g	Highest	Lowest	Closing	Bid.	Asked.
Am. Cotton Oil Co	°34¼	34½	34½	34	33¼	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	33½
" " " Pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87¼	88
" Sugar	132⅜	128½	126	124⅜	124½	124	120⅞	125⅝	125½	126⅜	124¼	125	125⅛	125¼
" Sugar pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114⅜	.....	112	111½	111½	110¾	112
" Spirits Mfg. Co	12⅛	.....	12⅜	.....	12⅝	12¼	.....	12	.....	12½	12¼	12¼	12¼	12½
" Spirits Mfg Co pfd	35⅞	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	35½	.....	35½	36⅛
" Tobacco	143¼	140¾	141	141¼	141½	141½	141½	140⅞	141	141⅛	139¼	140½	140½	140⅝
" Tobacco pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Atch T. & S. Fe	17⅜	19¼	18¾	19¼	18¾	18½	18½	19¼	19⅝	19⅝	18¼	18⅝	18⅝	18¾
Atch T. & S. Fe pfd	50⅛	51½	51½	51⅝	51	57	50⅝	51⅞	52½	52½	50⅜	50¾	50½	50⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	59½	60	60¾	61	61½	62¾	65	65⅛	70	72¾	70	72¾	72¼	72¾
Bay State Gas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn Rap. Tran	72⅞	72¾	72⅞	72⅝	73	73	72⅝	72¾	72¾	73⅜	72	73	72¾	73
C.C.C. & St. L	44	44⅜	44	44½	44⅜	43⅞	43⅞	44	44⅛	.....	.....	.....	43⅞	44⅛
Canadian Pacific	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	85½	.....	.....	84⅜	83¾	83¾	84	84⅜
Canada Southern	54½	54¾	55½	57¾	56⅞	56½	54½	56	56½	56½	56	56	55¾	56
Chesapeake & Ohio	26⅛	25⅝	25⅝	25½	25	25	25	24⅞	24⅞	25	24½	25	25	25⅛
Chic. & Great Western	.....	15⅛	15⅛	14⅞	14⅝	14¾	15	15¼	15⅝	15½	15⅛	15¼	15¼	15⅜
Chicago B. & Q	122	121½	121½	122⅛	122	121⅝	121⅝	121¾	122	122⅛	121⅜	122⅛	122	122¼
Chicago Mil. & St. P	116⅞	116⅝	116½	116¾	116⅝	116¼	116⅞	117⅛	117⅝	117⅝	116¾	117¼	117⅜	117½
Chi. Mil. & St. P. pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago R. I. & Pacific	110⅞	110¼	109¾	109⅝	109¾	109⅞	109⅞	110	109⅞	110⅜	109½	110	109⅞	110
Chicago & Northwest	139	139½	142¾	142¾	141¾	142	140¾	141¼	.....	141⅞	141½	141¾	141¾	142
Chic. & Northwest pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clevel'd, Lor. & Wheel'g	15½	15⅞	15⅛	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15½
" " " Pfd	44⅞	45½	.....	.....	.....	.....	44¾	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44⅛	45
" C. C. & St. Louis	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Consolidated Gas	195¼	193	192½	190½	.....	191	196	196½	197	.....	.....	196	196¾	197
Delaware & Hudson	107¾	107	107	107	106⅛	106	104½	104¾	.....	.....	.....	104½	105	105½
Del. Lack. & Western	149¼	149¾	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149¾	150
Denver & Rio Grand Pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie	13¾	14⅜	14⅛	14½	.....	.....	13½	.....	14½	.....	.....	14½	14⅜	14½
General Electric	94	94	93¼	92½	93½	92¾	92⅝	93	.....	93¼	92½	.....	92½	93
Glucose Pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	113½	114
Ilinois Central	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laclede Gas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Shore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	201¼	208
Louisville & Nashville	64⅞	64⅝	64½	64¼	64¼	64	63¾	63¾	63½	63⅝	62⅞	63⅝	63⅝	63¾
Manhattan con	100⅜	99¼	99⅝	99⅛	97⅝	96½	96¼	96¼	96⅞	97⅝	96½	97½	97½	97¾
Met. Street Ry. Co	193¼	192¾	191½	192	191¼	191½	192½	192	192⅝	192⅞	192	193	191¾	193
Michigan Central	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri Kan. & Tex	12⅛	12½	12¼	13⅛	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	13⅛
Missouri Kan. & T. pfd	36¾	37½	37½	38	37½	37½	37¾	37⅝	37¼	37½	36¼	37⅜	37⅛	37⅜
Missouri Pacific	44	42⅝	45½	44¾	43½	42⅞	4 ¾	43¼	.....	43½	42⅜	43	43	43¼
Nat. Lead	37⅛	36⅞	37¼	37⅛	37¾	37⅜	3 ⅜	37½	37¼	38¼	37½	38	37⅜	37½
Nat. Lead pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey Central	95¼	.....	96	95	.....	.....	94	93½	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	94
New York Central	120⅜	119⅛	121⅜	124⅛	.....	123⅝	123	123	123¼	123⅝	122¼	122¾	122⅛	122¾
Northern Pacific	41⅜	41⅝	41½	41¾	41⅛	41	41¼	41¼	41⅛	41⅞	41½	41⅞	41¾	42
Northern Pacific pfd	77½	77¼	76⅝	76⅞	76⅜	76⅜	76½	75¼	76⅞	76⅞	76⅛	76⅞	76⅞	77
Omaha	86½	89	90½	93½	91¼	91½	91¼	91¼	.....	92½	91⅛	92½	92	93
Oregon Rail. and Nav	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacific Mail	43⅞	43¾	43	43	42¼	42⅛	42¾	43⅜	43⅜	43½	42¾	43	43	43¼
Pennsylvania R. R	120	120½	121⅜	121⅞	122½	122⅛	121⅞	.....	....	121¾	121⅞	121½	121⅜	121½
Peo. Gas L. & Coke Co.	110⅛	109½	109⅜	108⅝	109¼	108⅞	108½	108	108	109	107⅞	108⅜	108¼	108½
Pullman Palace Car Co	148	.....	.....	.....	149	.....	149	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	150
Reading	18½	19	19⅞	19⅞	19½	19¼	19	19	19	.....	.....	19	19	19¼
" 1st Pfd	46¾	46½	48	48	47¾	47⅞	47¼	46½	.....	46¾	46⅜	46⅝	46½	46¾
" 2nd Pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern Pacific	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern Railroad Pfd	42½	43	42½	42½	42⅛	41⅞	42⅜	42½	41¾	41⅞	40⅜	41⅞	41¾	42
Texas Pacific	16½	16⅝	16½	16¼	16¼	.....	17	17	17	18⅜	16⅞	18½	18½	18⅜
Tenn. Coal & Iron	33⅞	33½	34⅛	34	34	34½	36½	36½	36	36⅞	36	36¼	36⅜	36½
Third Avenue R. R	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Pacific	39⅜	38⅝	38⅜	38¼	38¾	39⅜	40⅛	40½	40¾	42⅞	40¼	42⅞	42⅜	42⅞
Union Pacific pfd	71⅝	71¼	70¾	70⅞	71⅝	71¼	72	72⅛	72⅛	73	72	72⅞	72⅞	73
U. S. Rubber	47¼	46¼	46¼	44¾	43	43	44¼	44½	44¾	45⅜	44½	44⅜	44⅝	44⅞
U. S. Rubber pfd	112½	112¼	112	12 ¾	110½	110	111	.....	.....	111⅞	111½	111½	111	111½
U. S. Leather	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
U. S. Leather pfd	69⅜	68¾	71	69¾	69¼	68¾	68⅛	69	69	69⅜	68⅝	69	68⅞	69
Wabash	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wabash pfd	22⅞	23½	22½	23¼	23	22⅞	23	22⅞	22½	22⅜	22¼	23⅜	23	23¼
W. U. Telegraph	95⅝	95⅝	95⅛	94¾	94¼	94½	94½	93¼	93¼	93¼	92¼	92¾	92¾	93

*Ex-Div. 1 p.c. †Ex-Div. 2½. §Ex-D. 3 p.c. ‡On new basis. ‖Ex-D. 2 p.c. °Ex-D. "Ex-D. 1½. p.c. ¶Ex-D. 1¼ p.c.

CHICAGO MARKET—December 21, 1898.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

	Closing prices Dec. 13 to 20.							To-day's prices.			
	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—											
Dec	64⅜-½	64⅛-	65⅞-	66⅝-	65¼-	66	65½-	65⅝	66½-	65⅜-	66½-
May	65⅞-6	65¾-	66⅞-7	67¾-	66⅞-	67¼-¼	67	66⅞-¾	68⅜-½	66¾-	68⅞-½
July	64½-	64⅝	65¼-⅜	66½	64⅞	65⅝-	65⅛-¼	65⅛	66 -	65⅛-	66-
Corn—											
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May	34⅝-	34⅜-	34⅞-5	35 -	34⅞-	35⅜-	35¼-⅜	35¼⅛-	36⅝¾	35⅛-	36⅝-¾
July	35⅛-	34¾-	35⅜-½	35⅜	35¼	35¾-	35⅝	35⅜-	36¼-	35⅜-	36¼-
Oats—											
Dec	.....	26¼-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25½-	.....	.....	.....
May	26¼-	26⅛⅜	26¾-	26¾-	26⅝-	26¾-	.....	26⅝-	27	26⅝-	27 -
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pork—											
Jan	9 37	9 37-	9 35	9 35	9 40	9 40-	9 35	9 37	9 42	9 35	9 42
May	9 65	9 62	9 65	9 62	9 67	9 67	9 67	9 62	9 72	9 60	9 72
Lard—											
Jan	5 22	5 17-	5 17	5 12	5 12	5 12	5 07	5 05-7	5 10-	5 05	5 10
May	5 42	5 37	5 35	5 35	5 32-5	5 35	5 30	5 30-	5 32-5	5 30	5 32-5
Sht ribs—											
Dec	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jan	4 67	.....	.....	4 65	.....	4 65	4 62	4 62	4 65-7	4 62	4 65-7
May	4 87	.....	4 85	4 85	4 82-5	4 82	4 80	4 80	4 85	4 80	4 85

Puts and Calls for Dec. 22: Wheat, May Calls ..... 69¾ Puts 67½
Corn, May Calls ..... 37½ Puts 36
Curb, May Wheat 68⅝-

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WHEAT AND CORN VERY STRONG — CABLES HIGHER — CLEARANCES LARGE — CASH DEMAND ACTIVE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.

There was a large trade to-day in wheat it ruled strong, owing to encouraging advices from Liverpool. Prices during the early part of the session advanced one-half to five-eighths cent over last night's closing. Our Liverpool friends cable us that their market was ¾d lower yesterday, but that there seems to be little or no reason for the break, as the weather in the Argentine is still unsettled. Continental markets were generally steady. C. and N.W. cars 990 against 1,086 last week and 886 last year. Seaboard clearances 750,000 bushels wheat and flour. Primary receipts 866,000 against 1,175,000 last week and 613,000 last year. There was a modest demand for cash wheat and some business worked was for export. Bradstreet's made an increase in the visible of 5,390,000 bushels. We are inclined to think that during the holidays, the market is likely to rule quiet within a 3 cent limit, but that later on, we may look for higher prices.

CORN.—Ruled very firm all day, on continued unfavorable weather and very large export demand, and prices ruled higher than yesterday. Country offerings moderate. Seaboard clearances were large. There was a splendid cash demand and a very large business reported, both here and at the Seaboard for export. Our advices from the country, indicate that the movement of corn is likely to shut down in time, and receipts should be smaller soon. We see nothing in the situation to change our opinion and look for higher prices.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET
(Continued)

AFTERNOON BOARD.

The afternoon board presented a holiday appearance. Toronto Railway monopolized the attention of operators, in it 1814 shares were traded in and the prices obtained showed decided strength. The right parties are under it and much higher figures will be seen soon. Pacific was steadier here than in New York. This stock is a purchase. Gas was steady at 207⅞. Duluths were in evidence. The strength of railway shares will yet extend to the dry bones of this once favorite. War Eagle was a shade lower at 298.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Pacific—100, 84¼, 75, 84¾.
Montreal Gas—100, 207⅞.
Montreal New Street—25, 281.
Toronto Ry—75, 107¾, 25, 108, 300, 107⅞, 525, 108, 100, 107⅞, 200, 108, 25, 107⅞, 475, 108.
Halifax Railway.—50, 130.
Duluth.—100 at 7½.
War Eagle.—1000, 298.
Jacques Cartier.—50 at 110½.
Bank of Commerce.—2, 143¾.
Can. Col. Cotton Bonds—$5,000, 100¼.

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