## NEW YORK.

FLOWER STOCKS AND STAN-DARD SHARES ACTIVE -FEDERAL STEEL NEARLY TOUCHES 50 BUT REACTS SUGAR STRONG-MONEY EASY.

New York, Dec. 22.

Flower interests extremely Bullish Flower interests extremely Bullish on all their specialties, and advance in Federal Steel led the market. Yesterday afternoon other Bull interests came in, notably in Mop. pool and Cliques in some specialties. Evidence public is in Market as never before, and inclined to follow Pull leaders.

Bull leaders.

Flower people still predict further advance, and the same view is shared by practically all substantial in-

British Consols are unchanged. The market for Americans rather

The market for Americans rather dull.

Arbitrage Houses are not likely to do much to-day, considering that there are three days' holidays ahead. The story that was in circulation yesterday in regard to the attempt of Russia to borrow \$90,000,000 all of which was to be expended in the purchase of steel rails, to be manufactured by the F. S. Co., may safely be said to have been invented out of whole cloth. No foreign Government has as yet borrowed money in this country. A foreign loan would be unfamiliar to the American investors, but, if the experiment is to be tried, it should certainly be tried by a country, whose credit is somewhat higher than that of Russia.

The recent Russian loan in Germany was a dead failure, and the underwriters of it have the bonds on their hands. The Street still believes that Federal Steel Common will come very close to, if it does not touch, 50 to-day. It is confidently asserted that dividends on the common will be paid early next year.

The advance which took place yesterday in the Grangers was probably in expectation that the coming Statement for November of the St. Paul and Burlington, would make very favorable showings. Certainly the showing of the St. Paul koad should be satisfactory, unless there has been any marked increase in operating expenses. The gross earnings of November being unusually good, outside conditions likely to affect the market, continue to be decidedly Bullish, but it is as well in times like these to bear in mind that the influential technical stock market conditions often temporarily offset outside influences.

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The technical conditions of the market is not very strong.

As this is a record-breaking year, it is only natural that to-day's market should upset Wall Street precedents. Apparently the holders of stocks are not alaimed at the prospects of three days' suspension of spects of three days' suspension of business, and what may happen in the meantime, and those of them who were, have found enough new buyers to take their stock off their hands and put them to higher fig-

Without any important exceptions, the stock market this morning had scored further advances on very heavy transactions.

The day began with no news of any importance of a financial or political nature at home or abroad. London sent a higher market, which gave our market the initial cue, but the heavy dealing for foreign account on heavy dealing for foreign account on balance here did not amount to much. The Federal Steel stocks have been the centre of interest, and in further sharp advances in both common and preferred have, to all intents and purposes, made good the Flower prediction of 50, before Christ-

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----TO-DAY'S PRICES-

	——closing prices from dec. 14 to 22——								8,0	hest	rest	sing	d.	Asked.
	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	Open'g	Highes	Lowest	Closin	Bid.	Ash
Am. Cotton Oil Co	$34\frac{1}{2}$	34	334					°33½	335-	337	331	331/2	33½ 87}	33½ 88
" Sugar Pfd.	126	1248	1241	124	120%	125 5	125	125	1 41	1263	1231	1261	126	1261
" Sugar pfd				121		1148	$\frac{111\frac{1}{2}}{12\frac{1}{4}}$	131		141	133	14	$111\frac{1}{2}$ $13\frac{7}{8}$	112
" Spirits Mfg. Co " Spirits Mfg Co pfd	128		128	144				373		37 7 8	371	373	371	373
" Tobacco	141	1414	1411	1411	1411	140%	$140\frac{1}{2}$	140§	140½	1434	1401	1421	1424	142½
" Tobacco pfd Atch T. & S. Fe	183	191	183	181	181	191	185	183	183	187	185	187	184	19
Atch T. & S. Fepfd	511	518	51	57	508	517	50 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 72 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	50 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 70 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	50 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 69	50 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> 69 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	50½ 68½	507 c93	$\frac{50^{3}}{69}$	50½ 69½
Bay State Gas	604	61	61½	624	65	65 8	124							***
Brooklyn Rap. Tran	727	$72\frac{5}{8}$	73	73	728	723	73	723	731	744	73\\\ 43\\\\ 43\\\\\	74 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 44	74 431	744 438
C.C.C. & St. L	44	441	44%	43%	43½ 85½	44	833	44		44 85 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	844	843	841	854
Canada Southern	$55\frac{1}{2}$	573	$56\frac{7}{8}$	561	541	56	56	$56\frac{1}{2}$		$56\frac{1}{2}$	561	561	56 25½	56½ 25¼
Chesapeake & Ohio Chic. & Great Western.	25\frac{9}{8} 15\frac{1}{8}	$25\frac{1}{2}$ $14\frac{7}{8}$	25 14 <del>§</del>	$\frac{25}{14\frac{3}{4}}$	25 15	24 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> 15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	25 15 <del>1</del>	$25\frac{1}{4}$ $15\frac{7}{8}$	25 161	161	157	16	157	16
Chicago B. & Q	$121\frac{1}{2}$	122	122	1215	1215	1213	1228	1221	1225	1225	1221	1224	1225	1223
Chicago Mil. & St. P Chi. Mil. & St. P. pfd	116½	1163	1168	1164	1167	1178	1174	118	118	1184	11778	1181	118	118
Chicago R. I. & Pacific.	1093	1095	1093	1097	1097	110	110	1111	$111\frac{1}{2}$	112	1111	1111	1113	1111
Chicago & Northwest Chic. & Northwest pfd	1424	1424	1414	142	1404	1411	1414	142		1424	141½	142	1414	142
Clevel'd, Lor. & Wheel'g	151												15	151
" C. C. & St. Louis.					444							44	44	448
Consolidated Gas	1921	$190\frac{1}{2}$		191	196	1961	196	195	$194\frac{3}{4}$	1951	1931	1941	1941	195
Delaware & Hudson	107	107	1061	106	104½ 150	1043	104½	105 8		1044	104½	104½	104 149 <sup>3</sup>	$104\frac{3}{4}$ $150$
Del. Lack. & Western Denver & Rio Grand Pfd														
Erie	141	141	931	923	13½ 92§	93	14½	93	94	94	935	$\frac{14\frac{1}{2}}{94}$	148 934	94
General ElectricGlucose Pfd	934	$92\frac{1}{2}$	3.77										$113\frac{1}{2}$	114
Ilinois Central														
Laclede Gas Lake Shore													205	2071
Louisville & Nashville	641	641	64 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>9</sub>	64 96 <del>1</del>	63 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 96 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	63 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 96 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	63 § 97 ½	638 971	634 974	648 991	63 g 97 l	64 973	64 971	648 973
Manhattan con Met. Street Ry. Co	998 191½	99½ 192	1914	1911	1921	192	193	192	1913	192	1913	1914	1914	192
Michigan Central		191						131	127	138	131	131	131	138
Missouri Kan. & Tex Missouri Kan. & T. pfd	124 371	13 g 38	371	371	37 3	375	378	$37\frac{1}{2}$	$37\frac{1}{2}$	38	37	378	371	371
Missouri Pacific	451	443	431	$\frac{42\frac{7}{8}}{37\frac{8}{8}}$	424 378	43½ 37½	43 38	45 37 3	45	46 38%	44± 37±	45 38 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	$\frac{44\frac{7}{8}}{38}$	45½ 38¼
Nat. Lead	371	37 8	374	318	8	017								
New Jersey Central	96	95		1023	94	931	1003	$93\frac{1}{2}$ $123$	1227	94 123	$93\frac{1}{2}$ $122\frac{3}{4}$	123	931	94
New York Central Northern Pacific	121 <sup>4</sup> 41 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	124 <del>1</del> 41 <del>3</del> 41 <del>1</del> 41 41 <del>1</del> 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	411	123%	414	123 41½	1224	42	42	423	42	421	428	421
Northern Pacific pfd	765	767	765	76 <sup>8</sup> 91 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	76½ 91¼	75± 91±	$76\frac{7}{8}$ $92\frac{1}{2}$	76 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> 92	763	$76\frac{7}{8}$ 91	768 903	$76\frac{1}{2}$ 91	76 <sup>8</sup> 91 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	76½ 91¾
Omaha Oregon Rail, and Nav	90½	93½	914				942						******	
Pacific Mail	43	43	421	42½ 122½	$42\frac{3}{4} \\ 121\frac{7}{8}$	438	43	43 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 121 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	44½ 121½	44 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 122	$43\frac{3}{4}$ $121\frac{3}{4}$	$44\frac{1}{4}$	1-13	$\frac{44\frac{8}{8}}{122}$
Pennsylvania R. R Peo. Gas L. & Coke Co.	1218 1098	$\frac{121\frac{7}{8}}{108\frac{7}{8}}$	$122\frac{1}{2}$ $109\frac{1}{4}$	1087	1081	108	$\frac{121\frac{1}{2}}{108\frac{3}{8}}$	108	1094	1095	109	1098	1094	1091
Pullman Palace Car Co		107	149	101	149	10	10					19*	149	150
Reading	19 <sub>8</sub> 48	19 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	19½ 47¾	19\\\ 47\\\ align*	19 47\frac{1}{4}	19 46½	19 46§	467	471	471	47	471	47	471
" 2nd Pfd														
Southern Pacific Southern Railroad Pfd	421	$42\frac{1}{2}$	421	417	428		417	411	411	42	411	41%	415	417
Texas Pacific	161	161	16 <del>1</del> 34	341	17 363	$\frac{17}{36\frac{1}{2}}$	18½ 36¼	$\frac{18\frac{3}{4}}{37\frac{1}{2}}$	19 8 38 ½	$\frac{19\frac{5}{8}}{38\frac{1}{2}}$	$\frac{19}{37\frac{1}{2}}$	19 37 §	184 375	$18\frac{7}{8}$
Tenn. Coal & Iron Third Avenne R. R	348	34							STATE OF THE PARTY	*****		8		4
Union Pacific	388	381	384	398	401		427		438	434	4234	431	434	431
Union Pacific pfd U. S. Rubber	70 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 46 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	70% 44%	71 g 43	71¼ 43	72 44]	72½ 44½	72½ 44½		738 44½	73§ 45¾	73 45	73\\\45\\\\	73¼ 45	73\\\ 45\\\ 45\\\ 4
U. S. Rubber pfd	112	1213	$110\frac{1}{2}$	110	111		1111		111	111	$110\frac{1}{2}$	$110\frac{1}{2}$	1101	1103
U. S. Leather ofd	71	698	691	683	681		69	701	701	717	701	715	711	715
U. S. Leather ptd Wabash														
Wabash pfd W. U. Telegraph	22½ 95½	$23\frac{1}{4}$ $94\frac{3}{4}$	23 941	$22\frac{7}{8}$		$22\frac{7}{8}$ $93\frac{1}{4}$	23 8 92 4		$\frac{23}{928}$	$23\frac{5}{8}$ 93	$\frac{23}{92\frac{3}{4}}$	25 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 92 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	$\frac{23}{92\frac{3}{4}}$	$\frac{23\frac{1}{4}}{92\frac{7}{8}}$
7. C. Telegraphi	8		-											

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#### CHICAGO MARKET-December 23, 1898.

CLOSING PRICES DEC. 15 TO 22.-

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—	$\begin{array}{c} 65\frac{7}{8} - \\ 66\frac{7}{8} - 7 \\ 65\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{8} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 66\frac{5}{8} - \\ 67\frac{3}{4} - \\ 66\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$65\frac{1}{4} - 66\frac{7}{8} - 64\frac{7}{8}$	66 671-4 655-	$\begin{array}{c} 65\frac{1}{2} - \\ 67 \\ 65\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 66\frac{1}{2} - \\ 68\frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \\ 66 - \end{array}$	66 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> - 68 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> - 66 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -	$\begin{array}{c} 66\frac{1}{8} \\ 68\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{8} \\ 66\frac{3}{8}\frac{1}{4} \end{array}$	$   \begin{array}{r}     67\frac{1}{8} - \\     69 - \\     66\frac{7}{8} -   \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{r} 66 - \\ 67\frac{3}{4} - \\ 66\frac{1}{2} - \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 66\frac{7}{8} - \\ 68\frac{7}{8} - \\ 66\frac{7}{8} \end{array}$
May July	$34\frac{7}{8} - 5$ $35\frac{8}{8} - \frac{1}{2}$	35 - 35 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	347 354 354	35 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> - 35 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> -	35½-§ 35§ 35§	$36\frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{4}$ $36\frac{1}{4} -$	3 ½- 37¾- 37¾-	$   \begin{array}{c}     37-6\frac{3}{4} \\     37\frac{1}{4}-   \end{array} $	37 \frac{3}{8}	365-	378-
Dec May	26 <sup>3</sup> <sub>4</sub> -	26 <sup>3</sup> <sub>4</sub> -	265-	26 <del>3</del> 4		27 -	27½-	27½-7 	27 <sup>8</sup> -½	27 -	27 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> - <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Pork—   Jan   May   Lard—	9 35 9 65	9 35 9 62	9 40 9 67	9 40- 9 67	9 35 9 67	9 42 9 72	9 57 9 92	10 00	9 90 10 25	9 55 9 90	9 85- 10 20
Jan May Sht ribs—	5 17 5 35	5 12 5 35	5 12 5 32-5	5 12 5 35	5 07 5 30	5 10 5 32-5	5 17 5 42	5 22- 5 45-	5 27-30 5 55- 5	5 20 42-5	5 27-30 5 52
Jan May	4 85	4 65 4 85	4 82-5	4 65 4 82	4 62 4 80	4 65-7 4 85	4 72 4 90	4 92	5 05	4 92	5 05
Puts and Call	s for Dec	Co	rn, May	Calls		37 1/8	Puts			3	$6\frac{1}{2}$

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MARRET DECIDEDLY STRONG-WHEAT SELLS AT 69 FOR MAY -CORN AND PROVISIONS ALSO MAKE ADVANCES-CABLES RE-PORT GOOD DEMAND FOR WHEAT AND CORN.

Chicago, Dec 23.

Chicago, Dec 23.

Receipts at primary points have been for the first half of the week about double the figures of a year ago. The exports which have maintained such phenomenal proportions for so many weeks, indicate considerable falling off from now on. The first half of the week is decidedly smaller than a week ago, with a partial holiday at the end of this week and only five working days in the week to come. The first week in January should show a decided increase in Russian and minor countries' exports unless cabled advices and other sources of information have misrepresented the situation abroad. Should the offerings from other countries fail to materialize, a renewed foreign demand and maintained exposes would save at the second and the strength of the second save maintained exposes would save and and maintained exposes would save and the second sav renewed foreign demand and maintained exports would extend the present strong statistical position into another harvest, as European supplies affoat and ashore are some supplies afloat and ashore are some twenty millions of bushels behind the small totals of a year ago. That the present market has support is made evident by the slow rate of declines and the sharpness of the tallies. The price after three days sagging tendency retained a part of the advance of a day last week. The narrow spread in privileges indicates the holiday dullness likely to increase in the absence of new features as the week closes. as the week closes.

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