

NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

**SENSATIONAL RISE IN TOBACCO—
BURLINGTON REFUNDING & Q.
SCHEME ADVANCES THE STOCK
SUGAR STRONG—A RISE IN B. R.
T. PROMISED.**

New York, Feb. 18.

The market for Americans abroad is firm with St. Paul, N. Y. C. and N. P. showing advances from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ above our closing. L. & N. is the only stock showing a decrease. Advance in Union Pacific is attributed to buying orders from Berlin.

The news-agencies and papers this morning state a prominent Banking House has made an offer to B. Q. Board to refund its bonds by issuance of new $3\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. currency bonds. The directors of the Board have not definitely accepted or declined proposition, but belief is strong that offer will be accepted. Deal is an important one not only on account of saving in fixed charges, which will result but also because of willingness of Bankers to accept a currency bond, indicates that in financial circles the belief is strong that the silver question is settled for all time and that for the future a bond which calls for the payment of the currency of the United States is as good as a bond which calls for specifically gold payment.

GOSSIP.

Locally the sensation of the day was the continued advance and great activity in B. Q. The long continued talk about refunding plans of the Company was necessarily involved, and the best information foreshadows a final agreement between directors of B. Q. and some of the most influential bankers of New York, by which the fixed charges of the Company may be reduced to an extent exceeding 1 per cent. upon the Company's capital stock.

The printed lists of the European stock exchanges tell the story of the possibilities of investment expansion. It is far from a dream to imagine that the Stock Exchange list in New York may not in time require as much printers' ink as is used in publishing the sheets at London.

A great gain was made when the Union Pacific R. R. system was taken out of the sphere of political manipulation and put upon a sound financial basis.

N. Y. BANK STATEMENT.

Reserve, Dec.	1,135,000
Loans, Inc.	8,567,700
Specie, Inc.	3,634,000
Legaes, Dec.	2,493,700
Deposits, Inc.	9,113,200
Circulation, Dec.	21,500

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Exchange News.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.—February 18, 1899.

	CLOSING PRICES FROM FEB. 9 TO 17							TO-DAY'S PRICES			
	9	10	14	15	16	17	Open	Highest	Lowest	Closes	
Am. Cotton Oil Co.	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	36	36	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Pfd.	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	36	36	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
" Sugar	129 $\frac{1}{2}$	131 $\frac{1}{2}$	132 $\frac{1}{2}$	131 $\frac{1}{2}$	133 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	135 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	
" Sugar pfd.	129 $\frac{1}{2}$	131 $\frac{1}{2}$	132 $\frac{1}{2}$	131 $\frac{1}{2}$	133 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	135 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	
" Spirits Mfg. Co.	14	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$						
" Spirits Mfg Co pfd.	14	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$						
" Tobacco	139	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	135	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	141	168	141	158	
" Tobacco pfd.	139	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	135	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	141	168	141	158	
Atch T. & S. Fe.	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Atch T. & S. F. pfd.	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	63$\frac{1}{2}$	63$\frac{1}{2}$	63$\frac{1}{2}$	63$\frac{1}{2}$	
Baltimore & Ohio	71	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7$\frac{1}{2}$	7$\frac{1}{2}$	7$\frac{1}{2}$	7$\frac{1}{2}$	
Bay State Gas	57	7	7	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6$\frac{1}{2}$	6$\frac{1}{2}$	6$\frac{1}{2}$	6$\frac{1}{2}$	6$\frac{1}{2}$	6$\frac{1}{2}$	
Brooklyn Rap. Tram.	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	92	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	93 $\frac{1}{2}$	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	
C.C.C. & St. L.	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	61$\frac{1}{2}$	61$\frac{1}{2}$	61$\frac{1}{2}$	61$\frac{1}{2}$	61$\frac{1}{2}$	
Canadian Pacific	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Canada Southern	60	60	60	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	60$\frac{1}{2}$	60$\frac{1}{2}$	60$\frac{1}{2}$	60$\frac{1}{2}$	60$\frac{1}{2}$	60$\frac{1}{2}$	
Chesapeake & Ohio	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	29	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	29	29	29	29	29	29	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Chi. & Great Western	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Chicago B. & Q.	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	141 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	144 $\frac{1}{2}$	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	146 $\frac{1}{2}$	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	146 $\frac{1}{2}$	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Chicago Mill. & St. L.	125 $\frac{1}{2}$	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	128	130	131 $\frac{1}{2}$	132 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	131 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Chi. Mil. & St. L. pfd.	115 $\frac{1}{2}$	117 $\frac{1}{2}$	118 $\frac{1}{2}$	117 $\frac{1}{2}$	118 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Chicago R. I. & Pacific	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	149	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	150 $\frac{1}{2}$	151 $\frac{1}{2}$					
Chicago & Northwest	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	149	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	150 $\frac{1}{2}$	151 $\frac{1}{2}$					
Chi. & Northwest pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland, Lor. & Wheel ^g	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Consolidated Gas	69 $\frac{1}{2}$	200 $\frac{1}{2}$	206 $\frac{1}{2}$	206	206	205 $\frac{1}{2}$	206	206	206	206 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Delaware & Hudson	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	113 $\frac{1}{2}$	113 $\frac{1}{2}$	113 $\frac{1}{2}$	114	113 $\frac{1}{2}$	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Del. Lack. & Western	158 $\frac{1}{2}$	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Denver & Rio Grand Pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
General Electric	111	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	112$\frac{1}{2}$	112$\frac{1}{2}$	112$\frac{1}{2}$	112$\frac{1}{2}$	
Glucose Pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fed. Steel Com.	48	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52	52	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	
" " pfd.	86	86	86	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Lake Shore	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	65	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$	65$\frac{1}{2}$	65$\frac{1}{2}$	65$\frac{1}{2}$	65$\frac{1}{2}$	65$\frac{1}{2}$	
Louisville & Nashville	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Manhattan	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Met. Street Ry. Co.	235	234	233 $\frac{1}{2}$	236 $\frac{1}{2}$	239	243	244 $\frac{1}{2}$	245 $\frac{1}{2}$	244 $\frac{1}{2}$	244 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Michigan Central	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri Kan. & Tex.	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	39	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Missouri Kan. & T. pfd.	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	46$\frac{1}{2}$	46$\frac{1}{2}$	46$\frac{1}{2}$	46$\frac{1}{2}$	
Missouri Pacific	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Nat. Lead	37	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Nat. Lead pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey Central	102	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	105	105	105	105	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	
New York Central	136	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Northern Pacific	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	54$\frac{1}{2}$	54$\frac{1}{2}$	54$\frac{1}{2}$	54$\frac{1}{2}$	54$\frac{1}{2}$	
Northern Pacific pfd.	78 $\frac{1}{2}$	78 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Omaha	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	92	93	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94$\frac{1}{2}$	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Oregon Rail. and Nav.	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52	52	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52	
Pacific Mail	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$ </								