STOCKS ADVANCE AS BEARS RETREAT.

Cliques Forced to Buy Heavily to Cover Short Contracts.

$500,000 GOLD IMPORT.

Both Manhattan and Metropolitan Street Railway Close with Net Gains.

Wall Street, December 18, 1897.

Excellent buying for long account and the covering of short contracts by frightened bears were responsible for the sharp upward turn in the stock market, which led to a recovery in prices in two hours, equal to the losses which the bears were able to manipulate during four days of steady pounding.

Part of the strength at the close was due to cable announcement from England that £102,000 United States gold coin had been withdrawn from the Bank of England for shipment to this country.

That the gold was intended for import here could not be verified among the foreign banking houses. The rates of exchange do not at present make gold imports profitable; though with higher rates here, which, from present appearances will prevail at least temporarily, a fall in exchange may be looked for.

This latter condition was presaged by the weekly statement of averages of the associated banks, which shows a reduction in the surplus reserve of $3,161,375, making this item $15,726,050, as compared with $33,274,725 in the corresponding week of last year. Deposits show a decrease of $5,278,500, loans a decrease of $1,046,000, and a decrease in legal tenders of $4,868,100. These changes in the condition of the banks reflect the payment of $8,538,000 cash into the Sub-Treasury on account of the Union Pacific purchase. Only for three days was this item carried in the statement, with the result of only showing half of it in the averages.

With no considerable sum from any source payable to the banks during the coming week, the prediction is made that call money may reach temporarily 5 or 5½ per cent. The payment by the Treasury Department of $80,800,000 principal and interest on currency 6s, on December 24, will benefit the banks in the following week, and interest payment coming on January 1 will provide loanable resources in excess of possible requirements after the first of the year.

Both Manhattan and Metropolitan Street Railway closed at about the highest quotations of the day, with a net advance of 1⅝ for the former and 1¼ for the latter. The fact seems to be well digested now that it is at least rather early to discount the construction of a road which cannot under the most favorable conditions be completed short of five years, by which time the increasing population will provide enough traffic for all the roads in the field.

Taken all in all, the strength and activity in the market was unusual for a half business day just on the eve of the holiday season. It reflects the excellent situation of the general business of the country, and does not indicate any rampant speculative move now, which could be injurious, as the buying was mainly by strong investors who could not be shaken out by higher interest charges or other ordinary condition likely to prevail before the first of the year.

Following are the sales of stocks and the range of prices:

Sales.	Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
28075	Am S Refining	137⅞	139⅛	137	138⅞
20	Am S Refining pf	113	113	113	113
220	Am Spirits Mfg	18	19	18	19
300	Am Tobacco	86½	86¾	86¼	86¾
600	Am Cotton Oil	22⅝	23⅛	22½	23⅛
200	Am Cotton Oil pf	75	75⅜	75	75⅜
125	Atch, T & S Fe	13¼	13¾	13¼	13¼
2913	Atch, T & S Fe pf	30½	30⅞	30¼	30⅞
600	Brunswick Co 2d l p	7⅞	7⅞	7½	7½
300	Baltimore & Ohio	13½	13¾	13½	13¾
305	Balt & O, S W pf	6¼	6⅜	6¼	6⅜
13575	Bay State Gas	5⅛	5⅜	3⅞	4
325	Brooklyn R T	32½	33	32½	32¾
5	Canada Southern	56¼	56¼	56¼	56¼
5870	Chic & Gt W	15⅝	16	15⅝	15⅞
730	Ches & Ohio	21¼	22	21¼	22
400	C, C, C & St L	34¼	35¼	34¼	35¼
1700	Chic & N W	120	121⅛	120	121⅛
13296	Chic, Bur & Q	99	99⅞	98⅞	99¾
11521	C, M & St P	95¼	95⅞	95¼	95⅞
210	C, M & St P pf	141⅛	141¾	141⅛	141¾
5585	C, R I & Pacific	90¼	90⅞	90¼	90⅞
300	Chic, Ind & L pf	30½	31	30¼	30⅞
10	Col, H V & Tol	5	5	5	5
100	Cleve, L & W pf	49	49	49	49
1780	Consol Gas Co	180	183	180	181½
984	Del & Hudson	113	113½	113	113½
510	Del, Lack & W	156	157¼	156	157¼
200	Erie Railroad	15	15	15	15
325	Erie R R 1st pf	38½	38¾	38½	38¾
65	Erie R R 2d pf	20½	20½	20	20
400	General Electric	33	33¼	33	33¼
300	Hawaiian C & S	27⅜	28¼	27⅜	28¼
700	Illinois Central	103¾	104¼	103¾	104¼
600	Kan City, P & G	21⅝	21⅞	21¾	21¾
200	L E & Western pf	71	71½	71	71½
600	Laclede Gas	44	44¾	44	44¾
2890	Louis & Nash	56⅞	57⅛	56⅝	57⅛
12520	Manhattan Con	103¾	104½	103	104½
927	Metropolitan St Ry	122½	123	122	122½
75	Michigan Central	103⅝	103⅝	103⅝	103⅝
400	Minn & St L	26	26	26	26
7060	Missouri Pacific	33¼	34¼	32⅞	34¼
500	Mo, Kan & T	13	13	13	13
950	Mo, Kan & T pf	36	36¾	36	36⅝
201	Mobile & Ohio	28	28	28	28
6655	N J Central	92¾	95	92¾	95
100	N Y Central	107½	107½	107½	107½
300	National Lead	34	34⅝	34	34⅝
100	Nat Lead pf	104	104	104	104
300	N Y S & W pf	34½	34½	34½	34½
300	Norfolk & W	15¼	15½	15¼	15½
810	Norfolk & W pf	48	48⅝	48	48⅝
8110	Northern Pacific	21¼	22	21¼	22
6445	Northern Pac pf	60¼	60⅞	60	60⅞
250	Ontario & West	15½	15⅝	15½	15⅝
200	Pacific Mail	29⅝	29⅞	29⅝	29⅞
3900	Phoenix Mining	9	10	7	9
7975	People's Gas	95¼	97⅛	95¼	97⅛
740	P, C, C & St L	35½	36	35½	36
328	Pennsylvania R R	113	113⅛	113	113⅛
1025	Reading R R	22½	22¾	22½	22¾
8130	Reading 1st pf	49	49¾	49	49¾
500	Reading 2d pf	27⅛	27⅝	27⅛	27⅝
200	St L S W pf	10	10	10	10
605	St P & Omaha	77⅞	78⅛	77⅞	78⅛
300	Southern Pacific	20⅜	20⅝	20⅜	20⅝
400	Southern Railway	9¼	9½	9¼	9½
1615	So Railway pf	32⅝	33⅛	32⅝	33⅛
100	St J & G I	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝
525	St J & G I 1st pf	50⅝	51⅜	50⅝	51⅜
325	St J & G I 2d pf	18	18¼	18	18¼
200	St Louis & S F	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝
704	St L & S F 1st pf	58	58⅝	58	58⅝
400	St L & S F 2d pf	26½	26⅝	26½	26⅝
538	Tenn Coal & Iron	25	25⅛	25	25⅛
300	Texas Pacific	11	11¼	11	11¼
908	Union Pacific	25⅜	25⅞	25⅜	25⅞
100	Un Pacific, D & G	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝
200	U S Rubber	16½	16⅝	16½	16⅝
200	U S Rubber pf	67½	67⅝	67½	67⅝
100	U S Leather pf	62⅝	62⅝	62⅝	62⅝
300	Wabash	7½	7⅝	7½	7⅝
920	Wabash pf	17⅝	18⅜	17⅝	18⅜
1721	Western Un Tel	89⅞	90¼	89⅞	90¼
100	West Chic St Ry	102	102	102	102

Total sales, 169,377 shares.

Following are the sales of bonds, expressed in $1,000s, and range of prices:

64	Atchison adj. 4s	57¾@ 58
82	Atchison gen. 4s	89¾@ 89⅞
1	Ann Arbor 4s	83⅝@ —
16	Austin & N. W. 1st	89¼@ 89½
20	Brooklyn R. T. 5s	92½@ 93
10	Ches. & Ohio con. 5s	112 @112⅝
80	Ches. & Ohio gen. 4½s	80 @ 80⅝
1	C., B. & Q. convt. 5s	110¼@ —
45	C., B. & Q. 4s, Neb. ex	98 @ —
1	C., B. & Q. 7s	118⅝@ —
5	C., C., C. & St. L. 4s, St. L. div.	94⅝@ —
7	Canada Southern 1st	112¼@112½
5	Canada Southern 2d	107½@ —
12	Central Georgia con. 5s	91½@ —
3	Central Georgia 2d inc	15 @ —
5	Central Pac. 6s, '98	102⅝@ —
1	Chi. & E. Ill. gen. 5s	102 @ —
10	Ch., St. L. & N. O., Min. div. 1st	103⅝@ —
154	Chicago Terminal t. r	46 @ 46½
6	Chi. & Erie 1st	111 @ —
3	Det., M. & M. lg	17⅛@ —
4	Eliz., L. & B. S. 1st	101½@ —
5	Erie con. 1st	145 @ —
31	Erie prior bonds	92½@ 92⅝
31	Erie gen. lien 3-4s	72 @ —
4	Ft. Worth 1st	72 @ 72¾
3	Ft. W. & R. G. 1st	56½@ —
1	Gal., H. & H. 1st	89½@ —
23	General Electric deb. 5s	100 @100½
10	Hocking Valley 5s t. r	75¼@ —
19	Houston & T. C. 1st 5s	78 @ 78¾
10	Ind., Dec. & Hn. 1st	105 @ —
1	Int. & Gt. N. 2d	84½@ —
5	Iowa Central 1st	99 @ —
6	Keok. & D. M. 5s	107 @107¼
13	Kansas & Texas 4s	86⅝@ —
10	Kansas & Texas 2s	62⅞@ —
6	Lake Shore 3½s	104 @ —
8	Louis. & Nash. g. 4s	87⅛@ 87¼
4	L., N. A. & Ch. 1st	115 @ —
15	Mo., Kan. & T. 1st	94 @ 94¼
7	Manhattan Railway 4s	95⅝@ 95¾
60	Metropolitan St. Ry. 5s	113⅝@113⅞
25	Metropolitan Elevated 2d	103⅛@ —
1	Mobile & Ohio new 6s	121 @ —
1	Mo. Pac. con	94¾@ —
1	Morgan's L. & T. 7s	129 @ —
62	Nor. Pac. gen. 3s	60½@ 61
25	Nor. Pac. pr. 4s	95½@ 95⅝
10	N. J. Central gen. 5s r	119 @ —
16	N. J. Central gen. 5s	112⅞@113¼
3	N. Y. Central deb. 5s	110⅝@ —
10	N. Y., Ch. & St. L. 4s	106½@ —
43	N. W. gold c	116⅛@ —
1	N. Y., O. & W. r. 4s	96⅜@ —
41	Oregon R. & N. 4s	93⅛@ 93½
1	Oregon Short Line 6s	123⅜@ —
5	Oregon Short Line 1st	98⅜@ 98⅞
3	Oregon Imp. 1st t. r	101⅜@ —
25	Peo., D. & E. 2d t. r	13 @ —
5	P., G. & C. 1st con. 6s	114⅝@ —
14	Rock Island 6s	134⅛@ —
6	Rock Island ex. 5s	107⅜@ —
152	Reading gen. 4s	85¼@ 85½
10	So. Pac. of Arizona 1st	105 @ —
10	St. P. 1st, S. W. div	121¼@ —
1	St. P. 1st, S. M. div	120⅞@ —
3	St. P. 1st, W. & M. 5s	116¼@ —
2	St. Paul & Duluth 2d	107½@ —
12	San A. & A. P. 1st 4s	60⅝@ 60¾
5	S. C. & Ga. 1st	95 @ —
30	Southern Railway 5s	94½@ 94¾
2	Standard R. & T. 6s	59½@ 59⅝
1	Texas & Pac. 1st 5s	97⅝@ —
71	Texas Pac. 2d inc	28½@ 29½
1	T. C., I. & R. 6s, Bir. div	86½@ —
2	Union Pac. 1st, '98, t. r	116 @ —
7	Union Pac. pfd. cts	111 @ —
5	Union Pac., D. & G. 1st, t. r	50 @ —
2	Wabash 1st	107½@ —
1	Wabash 1st, D. & C	100 @ —
10	West Shore 4s	111⅛@111⅜

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,461,000.

The sales of United States bonds were $13,000 4s r. of 1907 at 113¼ and $4,000 4s c. of 1925 at 120½.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 56c. Mexican dollars were quoted at 45c. Bar silver closed in London at 25 15-16d.

Money on call, 3½ per cent. Time money, 3@4 per cent. Commercial paper, 3½@5 per cent.

The Mobile & Ohio Railroad reports gross earnings for October of $383,886, a decrease of $21,383 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $173,192, a decrease of $2,805. For the four months ending October 31 the gross earnings were $1,338,597, an increase of $70,033 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $486,738, an increase of $27,926.

The Southern Pacific Railroad, of California, reports gross earnings for October of $916,769, a decrease of $32,403 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $412,717, a decrease of $23,612. For the ten months ending October 31 the gross earnings were $8,395,835, an increase of $106,030 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $3,532,432, an increase of $499,678.

The Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company reports net earnings for November of $51,500, an increase of $6,591 as compared with the same month of last year, and surplus $3,723, and increase of $6,698. For the eleven months ending November 30 the net earnings were $521,190, a decrease of $146,831 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and deficit $4,357, an increase of $145,654.

The Central Pacific Railroad reports gross earnings for October of $1,523,391, an increase of $203,033 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $755,301, an increase of $141,833. For the ten months ending October 31 the gross earnings were $11,632,058, an increase of $1,193,166 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $4,952,741, an increase of $949,454.

The Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad reports gross earnings for October of $477,463, a decrease of $61,138 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $119,441, an increase of $18,631. For the ten months ending October 31 the gross earnings were $3,493,400, a decrease of $240,462 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $1,010,864, an increase of $80,028.

The Pittsburg & Western, including the leased lines, reports for the year ended June 30:

	1897.	1896.	Changes.
Gross earn	$2,768,507	$3,091,302	Dec. $322,795
Net earnings	956,084	981,223	Dec. 25,139
Chgs. and tax	1,002,370	549,971	Inc. 56,399
Deficit	$46,286	Sur. $35,252	Inc. $81,538

Railway gross earnings for the first week of December as compared with the corresponding period of last year:

Bur., C R & N	$84,509	Dec.	$4,967
Georgia	34,420	Inc.	7,256
Grand Trunk	492,361	Inc.	67,146

Railway gross earnings for the second week of December as compared with the corresponding period of last year:

Canadian Pacific	$545,000	Inc.	$102,000
N. Y., Ont. & Western	73,254	Inc.	11,560
Minn. & St. Louis	39,947	Dec.	3,198
Buff., Roch. & Pitts	72,485	Dec.	14,818
Toledo & Ohio Central	39,976	Inc.	163
Lake Erie & Western	69,198	Inc.	6,109
B. & O. Southwestern	130,439	Inc.	15,017
Chic. & East. Illinois	95,400	Inc.	10,200
Missouri Pacific	547,000	Inc.	103,000
Chesapeake & Ohio	242,944	Inc.	8,524
Chicago Gt. Western	98,440	Inc.	7,956
Mexican Central	277,960	Inc.	54,739

Following are the closing Philadelphia quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Valley	26⅜	26⅝
Pennsylvania R. R.	56⅜	56½
Philadelphia Traction	76⅞	77
Union Traction	12⅛	12¼
Electric and People's Trust Ctfs	76¾	77
Metropolitan Traction	122	123
Consol. Traction of N. J. stock	36½	37
Consol. Traction of N. J. 5s	99	99½
United Gas Improvement Co	97⅛	97¼
Welsbach Gas Light Co	40	40½
Electric Storage Battery, common	26	26½
Electric Storage Battery, preferred	28	30
Penn. Heat, Light & Power, common	18⅜	18½
Penn. Heat, Light & Power, pref	43	43⅛
Welsbach Commercial, common	12	13
Welsbach Commercial, preferred	62½	63

Following are the closing Boston quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Boston & Albany	216	217
Boston & Maine	167½	—
Chicago Junction, common	106½	—
Chicago Junction, preferred	—	110
Fitchburg, preferred	98	—
New England, preferred	—	80
Mexican Central 4s	65	66
Mexican Central stock	5⅞	6
Old Colony, ex div	183	—
West End R'y common	86½	87
Dominion Coal	24½	25
American Bell Telephone	264	264½
Westinghouse Electric	20½	—
General Electric, preferred	—	85
Boston & Montana	145	145¾
Calumet & Hecla	—	470
Osceola	38	39
Quincy Mining	114	116
Tamarack Mining	126	128
Butte	24⅛	24¼
Boston United Gas 1sts	86	88
Boston United Gas 2ds	67½	70

The weekly statement of averages of the Clearing House banks shows:

Loans	$606,679,300	Dec.	$1,046,000
Deposits	669,891,400	Dec.	5,278,500
Circulation	15,751,160	Dec.	163,100
Legal tender	78,931,900	Dec.	4,868,100
Specie	104,267,600	Inc.	387,100
Reserve	$183,198,900	Dec.	$4,481,000
Res required	167,472,850	Dec.	1,319,625
Surplus	$15,726,050	Dec.	$3,161,375

The surplus a year ago was $33,274,725 and two years ago it was $17,088,800.

The imports of general merchandise, including dry goods, at the port of New York last week were $7,930,716, as compared with $6,930,432 the previous week and $7,364,968 for the corresponding week of last year. Since January 1 they were $463,209,029, and $427,730,494 for the same period last year. Imports of specie for the week were $112,335, of which $42,429 was gold and $69,906 silver. Exports of specie were: Gold, $38,250, and silver, $936,693, a total of $974,943, against $1,096,843 same week last year. The exports of specie since January 1 have been: Gold, $31,572,920, and silver, $43,304,645, a total of $74,877,565.

Latest London quotations are as follows:

Atchison	13½	Ont. & West	16
Canadian Pacific	84½	Nor. Pac. pf	61¼
Erie 1st pf	39	Nor. & West. pf	61⅝
Erie com	15½	Pennsylvania	58
Ches. & Ohio	22½	Reading	11¾
Den & R G pf	47⅜	St. Paul	98
Illinois Central	106⅞	Southern Railway	9¾
Kansas & Texas	13⅛	Southern R'y pf	33½
Louis & Nash	58⅝	Union Pacific	26
N. Y. Central	111	Wabash pf	18¼

Money in London, 2@2½ per cent. Rate of discount in open market for short bills, 2 15-16 per cent, and for three months' bills, 3 per cent. Paris advices quote 3 per cent rentes at 103 francs 25 centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 24 centimes.

WHEAT PIT IN CHICAGO'S GRIP.

Speculators Wait for Developments in That Market.

PRICES A SHADE HIGHER.

Shipments from the West Very Small and Exports Continue to Fall Off.

On 'Change, Saturday, Dec. 18.

Following are to-day's cash prices for staple commercial products:

Wheat, No. 1 Northern	$1.01⅛@ —
Corn, No. 2 mixed	.32⅝@ —
Oats, No. 2 mixed	.27¼@ —
Cotton, middling	.05⅞@ —
Coffee, No. 7 Rio	.06⅝@ —
Flour, Minn. patent	5.20 @ —
Lard, prime	4.75 @ —
Molasses, O. K., prime	.27 @ —
Sugar, granulated	.05⅛@ —
Butter, Western creamery	.23 @.23½
Cheese, State, full cream	.08¾@ —
Eggs, Western	.23 @ —

Speculation in wheat was again restricted by the uncertainty of the situation in Chicago. The market was featureless, but prices were a shade higher on steady Liverpool news. December ranged from 98½ to 99⅛, closing at the top, a net gain of ⅞c, and May from 93⅝ to 93⅞, closing at 93¾, a net gain of ⅛c. Shipments of wheat continue very small at Chicago. The strength at the close was on large seaboard clearances of 656,700 bushels. Cash sales for export were 64,000 bushels. Northwest receipts were 650 cars, against 688 last year. The falling off in American exports last week will result in a decrease on passage and also in a sharp falling off in the world's shipments on Monday. The weather West is severely cold.

Corn and oats were steady.

The following is the day's range of prices:

New York.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
December	98½	99⅛	98½	99⅛
January	97⅝	97⅞	97⅝	97⅞
May	93⅝	93⅞	93⅝	93¾
July	..	..	..	87⅝
CORN.				
December	..	..	..	32
May	34¼	34¼	34¼	34¼
OATS.				
December	..	..	..	27¼
February	..	..	..	27⅞
May	27¼	27⅜	27¼	27⅜
LARD.				
December	..	..	..	4.75

Chicago.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
December	98½	99½	98½	99
January	94	94⅛	93⅝	94⅛
May	91⅞	92½	91⅞	92½
July	82⅜	83¼	82⅜	83⅛
CORN.				
December	25⅞	26⅛	25⅞	26⅛
January	26⅜	26⅝	26⅜	26⅝
May	29	29⅛	28⅞	29⅛
July	30⅛	30¼	29⅞	30⅛
OATS.				
December	21½	21⅝	21½	21⅝
May	22⅜	22⅝	22⅜	22⅝
LARD.				
December	..	..	..	4.42½
January	4.50	4.52½	4.50	4.52½
May	4.67½	4.72½	4.67½	4.70
RIBS.				
December	..	..	..	4.37½
January	4.37½	4.37½	4.37½	4.37½
May	4.52½	4.52½	4.50	4.52½
PORK.				
December	..	..	..	7.65
January	8.60	8.60	8.55	8.60
May	8.85	8.85	8.82½	8.82½

The Cotton Market.

Cotton was dull and featureless; the opening was steady and unchanged to 1 point advance. The fluctuations for the day were within a very narrow range, and trading dull. Cables were dull and without special feature. Thoman's estimate of the cotton crop appeared to have but little effect on the market. The visible supply of cotton is now 4,083,000 bales against 4,066,000 last year. The close was steady and unchanged to 1 point advance.

Prices:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing To-day.
December	566	566	566	566@568
January	567	568	567	568@569
February	570	570	570	571@573
March	574	576	574	575@576
April	579	581	579	580@581
May	584	585	584	585@586
June	589	589	588	589@591
July	593	593	592	593@595
August	597	598	597	598@599
September	..	..	..	597@599
October	600	600	600	600@601

PUBLIC BUYING MINES.

Speculation in the Shares Broadening Every Day, and Prices Are on the Up Grade.

With the renewed interest being taken in speculation, which arises largely from the surplus means in the country, mining is coming in for its share of attention. Every day witnesses new investment buying by the public on the Mining Exchange by people who have studied the mining situation and are looking for a still greater development in this industry as the months roll round.

The result of this buying is to impart a steady, strong tone to the mining market, which, with few reactions in prices, keeps quotations constantly on the up grade. The features of the market yesterday were the marked rally in Gold Magnet, which sold up to 6½, buyer 30 days, and closed with 5½ asked on regular trades. Miami was strong as 38½, Rocky Mountain at 13⅛, and St. Frances Cariboo fluctuated between $2.62½ and $2.75 per share.

Among the so-called "cheap" stocks Cannon Ball was steady at 7@7¼; Sentinel at 2¾@3¼, while Justine was not traded in at all, with bids for it at $10 and $13.75 per thousand asked.

Sales, with quotations, were as follows:

Sales.	Stocks.	High.	Low.	Close.
32000	Gold Magnet	.06⅝	.04	.06⅝
1000	Miami	.38½	.38½	.38½
100	Rocky Mountain	.13⅛	.13⅛	.13⅛
265	St. F. Cariboo	2.75	2.62½	2.75
7000	Alamo	.03⅛	.03	.03⅛
5400	Cripple Creek con	.10	.10	.10
12000	Cannon Ball	.07¼	.07	.07¼
6000	Garfield Gr	.04⅛	.04⅛	.04⅛
500	Golden Fleece	.53	.53	.53
89000	Sentinel	.03	.02¾	.03¼
12000	Tamarack	.09	.09	.09
6500	Work	.04¾	.04¼	.04¼

Total shares sold, 176,265.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Joseph Hlawatsch.—Joseph Hlawatsch, plumber, of No. 871 Tinton avenue, Morrisania, made an assignment yesterday to Charles Hlawatsch, without preference.

Solomon Leichter.—Solomon Leichter, dealer in shoes, at No. 2277 Third avenue, has given a bill of sale to William F. Herz, of the Meyer & Herz Shoe Co., of New Haven, Conn.

Elias P. Roberts.—Deputy Sheriff Loub has received an attachment against Elias P. Roberts, wholesale dealer in meat, at West Washington Market, for $530, in favor of David Shannon.

David M. Jonas.—Deputy Sheriff Burnes received an execution yesterday against David M. Jonas, dealer in cloaks, of No. 599 Broadway, for $418, in favor of Benjamin Levy.

Herman Von Keller.—James H. Powers has been appointed receiver in supplementary proceedings for Herman Von Keller, of the firm of M. Von Keller & Co., importers of woollens, at Nos. 134 and 136 Grand street, by Judge Pryor, of the Supreme Court, on the application of Oelberman, Dommerich & Co. The firm failed a year ago, with liabilities of $80,000, and Max Von Keller is now at Jena, Germany.

Thomas J. Blair & Son.—Judge Dykman, of White Plains, has appointed Frederick G. Herter receiver in supplementary proceedings for Thomas J. Blair & Son, carpenters, at Third avenue, near One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, on the application of the Bradley & Currier Co., of this city.

James W. Barker.—Deputy Sheriff Simonson has received an attachment against James W. Barker, carpet manufacturer, at Norristown, Pa., for $2,245, in favor of T. J. Keveney & Co., of this city.

"Many fail while one succeeds,"
Is a maxim old and true;
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BRISK WEEK IN REALTY MARKET.

Both Investors and Speculators Showing Great Interest in Business.

LOWER BROADWAY QUIET.

Activity in Vacant Lots in the Washington Heights and Bronx Sections.

For a week so close to the holidays the showing in both investment and speculative buying of real estate was excellent. It is a good week which can present two Broadway transactions, half a dozen sales in the mercantile district and a long and interesting list of lot purchases.

So far this season the Broadway trading appears confined to the mercantile region. Both sales reported last week were of properties in that section, one parcel, Nos. 498 and 500, being located between Broome and Spring streets, and the other parcel, No. 678, being between Bond and Great Jones street. In neither transaction is the name of the purchaser yet announced, but it is known that both are of the investment class. There is but little speculative trading in Broadway realty. It is held too high to admit much speculative chance. Operators buy where they can turn quick profits and not where they have to await appreciation in values. The bulk of the dealing on Broadway of late years has been with a view to improvement, as is evidenced by the many new office and commercial buildings that loom up between Bowling Green and Fourteenth street, and even beyond the latter point.

But there will be a perceptible falling off in the character of improvement. The annual report of the directors of the Real Estate Exchange, submitted to the stockholders last week, shows that in order to prevent vacancies in the Exchange building it was necessary to make a general scaling of rents. The same condition prevails throughout the entire lower section. Owners of old buildings not only have to reduce rents, but to keep tenants new and gratis conveniences must constantly be introduced.

Quiet in Lower Broadway.

As the season advances the apathy in the lower Broadway market becomes more conspicuous. There has been no sale on Broadway south of Chambers street since last Summer. True, there are few parcels in that section that present known opportunities of buying, but experience has proven that it is far from always the marketed real estate that sells first. The only sale downtown for some time past was the partition, week before last, of the Smith properties in Cortlandt and Liberty streets. While these properties were wanted and were secured by the owners of abutting holdings, there seems no reason why outside investors should let them go at such low prices, except for the fact already spoken of, the growing disinclination for the skyscraper style of investment, for at the values placed on these properties by some estimates nothing short of a skyscraper extending over the combined property could be expected to pay.

The week produced a purchase in the upper Fifth avenue section, which had been lying phenomenally idle for as much as a fortnight, and several sales in the better class residence districts. There was also considerable dealing in the East Side tenement districts.

Really the feature of the week was the speculative dealing in Washington Heights and Twenty-third Ward lots together with many tracts of land in the southerly districts of the new Borough of Brooklyn. In the main this buying was by operators, who will sell to builders or offer at auction, and this probably at an early day. It is an unusual thing for a church property to be purchased by another church society. During the past two or three years there have been several sales of church properties, but in every instance up to the sale of the Central Congregational property, in West Fifty-seventh street, last week, the buyer has been a speculator or a builder. The Central Church, however, goes to the Church of the Strangers, which society pays less for the property than it cost the sellers ten years ago.

There was nothing of feature in the auction market last week. There were several executors' offerings made, but with few exceptions they excited only a desultory interest, while as to the legal sales there is nothing to be said except that they were many in number and ordinary in character.

Samuel Milbank is reported to have concluded negotiations for the sale of the old Church of the Holy Trinity site, at the northeast corner of Forty-second street and Madison avenue, 147.3x88.5, with L to Forty-third street.

Sales of the Week.

James Barrett has purchased of the Katvenstein estate, through Folsom Brothers, No. 239 West Thirteenth street, a dwelling.

Captain A. Condit has sold, through Pease & Elliman, the four-story dwelling No. 155 East Thirty-fourth street, 20.10x100.

Joseph Fistere has purchased of Elmira S. Lent, through Folsom Brothers, No. 202 Waverley place, a dwelling.

Mr. Pinner has sold, through Frederick Zittell, for $24,000, No. 732 Lexington avenue, 20x75, a four-story dwelling.

H. Robinowitz has purchased of the Melvin estate, through Edward M. Crosby, at about $26,000, the old building on the northeast corner of Grand and Attorney streets, 16x69.

Margaret Reilly has sold to Mrs. Catherine Kraetsch, through Folsom Brothers, at $13,500, No. 315 East Eighteenth street, 20x42x95, a three-story dwelling.

Oppenheimer & Hammerschlag have purchased of Harriet Overhiser, through C. R. Gregor & Son, the southwest corner of Ninety-fourth street and Central Park West, 75.8½x100.

M. L. Sire has purchased of the New York Life Insurance Company the two four-story dwellings Nos. 16 and 28 East Seventy-sixth street, 19 and 20x102.2 feet.

William S. Weir has purchased of W. Frederick Layton, through Layton & Rogers, the three-story dwelling on the north side of One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, 275 feet west of the Boulevard, 16.8x65x100.

The Metropolitan Improvement Company has sold to Hugo Wesendonach, No. 10 West Eighty-eighth street, 17.6x100.8½, a four and a half story American basement dwelling.

Blakeslee Barnes has purchased of the Hemenway estate the southwest corner of One Hundred and Thirty-second street and Park avenue, 100x100, vacant.

Clarence True has purchased No. 143 West Ninety-seventh street, 15.6x100.11, a four-story dwelling, giving in part payment No. 146 Rodney street, Brooklyn, for $17,500.

Joseph Cirrito has purchased of Adler & Hermann two unfinished flats on the south side of One Hundred and Ninth street, 100 feet west of Columbus avenue, 50x100.11.

Max Marx has purchased of R. M. Olyphant, as executor, the vacant plot, 50x200, on the north side of One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, and the south side of One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, 225 feet east of Eleventh avenue.

Marcus Nathan has sold to a Mr. Ives, for $66,000, Nos. 629 and 631 Columbus avenue, 50x100, two five-story flats, with stores.

K. M. Wallach & Son have purchased of the estate of L. Baffloer, through J. Judson Kilpatrick & Bro., Nos. 1414 and 1416 Avenue A, northeast corner of Seventy-fifth street, 51x87x98, two five-story tenements with stores.

Martin L. Strauss has purchased of the heirs of George W. Comstock, No. 23 East Seventy-fifth street, northwest corner of Madison avenue, 33x27.2 feet, for $33,200.

Plans of Builders.

Plans were filed by the city yesterday for alterations costing $34,000 to the County Court House, in the City Hall Park.

W. & J. Sloane will build, from plans by W. Wheeler Smith, on the south side of Nineteenth street, 187 feet east of Broadway, a ten-story brick and stone store and loft building, 43x92.

Joseph H. McKennee and Otto C. Van Schoen will build, from plans by William J. Dithey, an eight-story brick and stone store and loft building, 50x92, to cost $80,000, at Nos. 80 and 82 Fourth avenue.

August Jacob will build, from plans by John Hauser, on the northwest corner of Vanderbilt avenue and Gouverneur place, eight four-story brick and stone flats, to cost $220,000; also, on the southwest corner of Vanderbilt avenue and Gouverneur place, ten four-story brick and stone flats, to cost $220,000.

Frederick Schuck will erect, from plans by John Hauser, three five-story brick and brownstone flats, to cost $75,000, on the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, 250 feet east of Amsterdam avenue.

George Schreiner will erect, from plans by John Hauser, two five-story brick and brownstone flats, to cost $35,000, on the north side of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, 90 feet west of Second avenue, and four five-story brick and brownstone flats, to cost $100,000, on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, 90 feet west of Second avenue.

Arthur Gorsch will build five tenements on the southeast corner of First avenue and One Hundred and Sixth street, plot 100.11x113.

Charles Gahren will build flats on the south side of Eighty-fourth street, 100 feet west of West End avenue, also at Nos. 309 to 313 West Eighty-fourth street.

Mrs. Catherine P. Hitchen will build from plans by W. C. Dickerson, two four-story brick flats, to cost $14,000 each, on the west side of Bergen avenue, fifty feet north of Rose street.

Rosalie L. Rafalsky will erect, from plans by Buchman & Deisler, a ten and a half story fireproof store and apartment house on the southwest corner of Columbus avenue and Eightieth street, to cost $300,000.

Urry Goodman will erect, from plans by Nathan Langer, two six-story and basement brick apartments, to cost $55,000, on the southwest corner of Stanton and Attorney streets.

Thomas J. Jenkins will build three five-story flats on the north side of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, 100 feet west of Amsterdam avenue, 75x100.

The record for the week shows: 272 conveyances filed, with $1,815,090 involved; 300 mortgages, with $4,253,408 involved; 44 building plans, with $758,450 involved; auction sales, $347,774.

AUCTION SALES FOR THIS WEEK.

The following sales are billed to take place this week at No. 111 Broadway, except where otherwise specified:

Monday, December 20.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co.—Foreclosure, Nos. 398 and 400 Houston street and 289 and 291 Second street, 46x60.7x40.4x65.8, two three-story brick and frame tenements on Houston street, and three and four story brick tenements on Second street; leasehold; due on judgment, $3,404.

Tuesday, December 21.

By William Kennelly—Foreclosure, Nos. 112, 114 and 116 Bleecker street, 75x100, two eight-story brick stores and lofts; due on judgment, $51,964; on prior mortgage, $165,000; also, foreclosure, No. 688 East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, 44.10x55.1x16.8x55.1x44.10x16.8, three-story brick dwelling; due on judgment, $6,346.

By D. Phoenix, Ingraham & Co.—Foreclosure, Fulton street, north side, being northerly ½ of lot 168, on map of Washingtonville, South Mount Vernon, 25x100; due on judgment, $1,075; also, foreclosure, No. 302 East One Hundred and Eleventh street, 25x100.11, five-story brick tenement, with stores; due on judgment, $3,356; on prior mortgage, $14,500; also, foreclosure, No. 304 East One Hundred and Eleventh street, 25x100.11, five-story brick tenement with stores; due on judgment, $3,356; on prior mortgage, $14,000.

By Solomon De Waltearss—Foreclosure, No. 427 Cherry street, 25.1x90.7x25x92.6, five-story stone front tenement; due on judgment, $17,677.

By Bryan L. Kennelly—Foreclosure, Nos. 614 and 618 Morris avenue, 30x70.3 and 28.9x70.3, two three-story frame stores and tenements; due on judgments, $1,734 and $4,473 respectively.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co., foreclosure, No. 9 West Ninetieth street, 20x100.8, four-story brick dwelling; due on judgment, $26,597; also, partition, four lots on the northeast corner of Lincoln avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, 25x100 each.

By John N. Golding, auction, East Seventy-third street, south side, 108 feet east of Avenue A, 250x102.2, vacant; also, foreclosure, No. 122 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, 25x99.11, five-story stone front flat; due on judgment, $22,898.

Wednesday, December 22.

By Richard V. Harnett & Co., foreclosure, Nos. 406 to 412 East One Hundred and Fourth street, 100x100.11, one and four-story brick factory; due on judgment, $18,060; also, foreclosure, No. 1460 Amsterdam avenue, northwest corner of One Hundred and Thirty-second street, 25x100, five-story brick tenement, with stores; due on judgment, $15,732.

By William Kennelly, foreclosure, Nos. 313 to 323 East Twenty-second street, 150.8x98.9, five-story brick factories; due on judgment, $58,238; also, partition, Nos. 287 and 288 West street, 46x100, eight-story brick stores and lofts; also, foreclosure, Nos. 173, 175 and 177 West Forty-fifth street, northeast corner of Seventh avenue, 60x75.3, three five-story stone front dwellings; due on judgment, $29,567; also, foreclosure, Nos. 859, 861, 863 and 865 Morris place, or avenue, 95x125, four-story brick tenements, with stores; due on judgments, $13,564; on prior mortgages, $37,000.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co., foreclosure, No. 38 Lorillard street or place, 25x100, two-story brick dwelling; due on judgment, $4,809. Also, foreclosure, No. 219 West Fortieth street, 25x98.9, five-story stone front flat; due on judgment, $25,061. Also, foreclosure, Nos. 389 and 391 Pleasant avenue, 16x75.6x16x75.8, and 16x75.3x16x76.6, respectively, two three-story stone front dwellings; due on judgments, $6,982 and $6,464.

Thursday, December 23.

By William Kennelly, foreclosure, Nos. 562 to 566 West Thirty-fourth street, 75x40, one-story frame and three-story brick kindling wood factory; due on judgment, $2,695. Also, foreclosure, No. 411 East Fifty-eighth street, 16.8x100.4, three-story stone front dwelling; due on judgment, $7,654. Also, foreclosure, Nos. 150 to 154 West Eighty-second street, 56x102.2, three four-story stone front dwellings; due on judgments, $9,346; on prior mortgage, $72,731. Also, foreclosure, No. 630 Morris avenue, 17.6x70.3x17.11x70.3, four-story brick tenement, with stores; due on judgment, $6,596. Also, foreclosure, No. 505 Fifth avenue, 37x108, four-story brick dwelling, with two-story brick stable on rear; due on judgment, $32,923.

By D. Phoenix Ingraham & Co., foreclosure, No. 783 West End avenue, 17x80, four-story stone front dwelling; due on judgment, $17,263.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co., administrator's sale, No. 82 Avenue B, 24.3x100, leasehold, four-story brick building, with stores.

Friday, December 24.

By William Kennelly, foreclosure, No. 155 West One Hundred and Nineteenth street, 27x100.11, five-story brick flat; due on judgment, $11,524; on prior mortgage, $20,000.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co., Third avenue, northwest side, 21.6 feet northeast of One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, 77x21.6x23x45.3x100x23.9; due on judgment, $4,049. Also, foreclosure, Third avenue, northwest side, 45.3 feet northeast of One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, 23.9x100; due on judgment, $4,049.

Of Interest to Rent Payers.

The New York Building-Loan Banking Company, of No. 111 Fifth avenue, in the December number of the Monthly Review calls attention to something which is of interest to every rent payer. It is this: That increasing prosperity means increased value in real estate, and consequently more rent, and during the next few years every person who lives in a rented house or a rented flat will be obliged to pay a considerable advance over the prices charged now, and those people who own their own houses are consequently peculiarly fortunate; they not only will not be obliged to pay any more per year, but their property will be greatly enhanced in value, and they will make both a large saving and a large profit.

The New York Building-Loan Banking Company has already purchased for its members $3,000,000 worth of homes in the metropolitan district, and these homes are being paid for by its members.

TWO SALES OF REALTY.

Transfers Recorded Yesterday Show a Marked Falling Off—Record of Mortgages.

143d st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of 3d ave., 20x100; Annabella Howell to Geo. C. Howell ... 1
122d st., n. s., 80 ft. w. of Lenox ave., 19x100.11; Allan D. Prior to Geo. F. Johnson ... 10
Manhattan ave., e. s., 100.11 ft. s. of 106th st., 16.4x86.10; Albert A. Wigand to Ida M. Wigand ... 1
136th st., s. s., 216.6 ft. e. of Alexander ave., 40x100; Joseph B. Richardson et al. to Viola Karam ... 1
Same prop., Wm. T. Washburn and ano., exrs., to Viola M. Karam ... 7,500
Bowery, Nos. 113 and 113½, 34x103.7x33.10x103.7; James Connolly and wife to Henry L. Sprague ... 1
147th st., n. s., 295 ft. e. of Grand Boulevard, 16x99.11; Elizabeth B. Rawson and ano. to H. Wheeler Powell ... 100
133d st., n. s., 385 ft. e. of Lenox ave., 16.8x99.11; Edw. L. Patterson, ref., to Mary L. Shear ... 1,200
94th st., n. s., 287.5 ft. w. of Central Park ave., 12.11x100.8; Leopold Adler and wife to Therese Steinmann ... 1
Same prop.; Therese Steinmann to Helene Schwitzer ... 1
Lot 162, map of Amended Bronxwood Park; Mary M. Dorland to Francis Taylor ... 1

Recorded Mortgages.

Altieri, Jerry, to Louis Lese and Morris Goldstein, n. s. 115th st., 100 ft. e. of 5th ave., 1 year ... $12,500
Bernstein, Betsy, to Jennie Bernstein, No. 257 West 12th st., 2 years ... 8,500
Cobey, Albert J., to Hudson P. Rose, lot 276, block G, amended map property of H. P. Rose, Mapes estate, 5 years ... 275
Hall, Ida A. and Edward H., to Charles F. Emery, n. s. 129th st., 443.9 ft. w. of 7th ave., instalments ... 600
Landauer, Julius, and Maurice Kaim, to Adeline S. Weed and another, n. s. Grand st., 25 ft. e. of Suffolk st., 3 years ... 25,000
Plath, Ernest, to Henri Strasbourger, n. w. cor. Stanton and Forsyth sts., 1 year ... 2,000
Smith, Delia, to Hudson P. Rose, lots 143 and 144, block D, amended map Mapes estate, 7 years ... 700
Simon, Louisa and Julius, to the Congress Brewing Co., Ltd., of Brooklyn, No. 201 Eldridge st., demand ... 8,000
Taylor, Frances, to Charles L. Dorland, lot 162, amended map Bronxwood Park, instalments ... 600
Thomas, Rowland W. and Margaret, to Lillian E. Moffett, w. s. Valentine ave., 585.4 ft. s. of 180th st., 3 years, 2 mortgages ... 5,000
Benjamin, George, to Mary E. Parsons, n. s. 148th st., 400 ft. w. of 7th ave., 3 years ... 14,000
MacDonnell, Allan G., to John Vincent, trustee, etc., road from West Farms to Westchester, n. w. cor. Forrest st., 3 years ... 6,000
Van Cura, Joseph C., and another, to Serial Building, Loan and Savings Institution, north half of plot 70, map land of Wm. O. Giles, instalments ... 300
Karam, Viola J. M., to Emma R. Wolters, s. s. 136th st., 216.6 ft. e. of Alexander ave., 40x100, 3 years ... 6,000
Thomas, Rowland W., and wife, to Lillian E. Moffett, w. s. Valentine, 618.9 ft. s. of 180th st., 3 years ... 2,500
Sullivan, Cornelius, to Cornelia A. Kneeland, s.e. s. Hamilton place, 73.2 ft. s. of 142d st., 1½ years ... 1,000

Assignments and Mortgages.

Billings, Franklin N., to Oliver P. C. Billings, et al., executors, etc ... $1
Brown, Sophia E. C., et al., executors, etc., to Alwyn A. Alvord ... 3,028.74
Brown, Frederick G., to Sarah E. Snyder ... 1,000
Boyd, James, executor, etc., to Mary E. Boyd ... 8,559.02
Frobisher, Frederick M., to Susan W. Bryan ... 800
Martin, Isaac P., to John J. Lynes and another, executors, etc ... 1
Rogers, James, to Margaret Reilly ... 1
Ray, Thomas F. and another, to Sophie Goff ... 2,000
Rosenberg, Charles, to Jacob Cohen ... 1
Wigand, Albert A., to Ida M. Wigand ... 1
Williams, George G. and another, trustees, etc., to City Real Estate Co ... 30,000
Kennedy, Carrie S., to Nineteenth Ward Bank ... 1
Davenport, William J., and Stephen H., to the Gansevoort Bank ... 1

Mechanics Liens.

Liberty st., Nos. 95 and 97; Davis and Russel against Thomas R. White, owner and contractor ... $600
135th st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of St. Ann's ave., 100x100; Semi Guidera & Co. against William Jeffrey, owner and contractor ... 4,250
34th st., No. 213 West; Frederick J. Haines against Adeline P. Tripp, owner; D. D. Mason & Co ... 161.47
39th st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of Madison ave., 50x100.11; Charles E. F. McCann, as receiver, etc., and Michele Perrotti against Babette Blumenthal, owner and contractor ... 900
Madison ave., Nos. 1217 to 1221; Davidson's Sons Marble Co. against Amund Johnson, owner; Adolph Hoffstadt, owner and contractor ... 858.25
96th st., n. s., 375 ft. e. of Amsterdam ave., 100x100; George Mackenzie against Morrissey & Egan, owners and contractors ... 118.40
60th st., n. w. corner Lexington ave., 25x75; Peter Moore against Albert Sire, owner; John Connors, contractor ... 68
Lexington ave., No. 645; Peter Moore against A. Hartog & Co., owners; John Connors and John Devlin, contractors ... 44
141st st., n. w. corner Edgecombe ave., 69x99.11x51.8x101.4; Frederick J. Kloes against Alfred W. Stone, owner and contractor ... 147.40
Home st., n. e. corner Tinton ave., 24x120; James A. & E. T. Wolf against Mary O'Grady, owner; Niels Tielberg, contractor ... 179.80
38th st., No. 102 East; William J. Brandt against Minnie Knowlton, owner; W. W. Graham & Co., contractors ... 122.76

Court Makes an Ethan Allen.

Samuel Mallory Allen obtained from Justice Pryor yesterday, in the Supreme Court, an order permitting him to change his name to that of Ethan Samuel Allen. He was, he says, born on July 12, 1883, and is a son of Ethan Allen and Harriet Ida Allen, and lives at No. 580 St. Nicholas avenue. He wished, he stated, to adopt the name of his great-great-grandfather, Ethan Allen, the celebrated warrior of Ticonderoga.

Another Endless Chain.

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City Hall Notes.

The Commissioners of the Croton Aqueduct have asked to have the interments in Katonah Cemetery taken away, as the cemetery is now within the flush water line of the new reservoir. Out of consideration for the sentiment of the people of Katonah the Commissioners have suggested the purchase of a new burial site, and have consulted the Corporation Counsel on the subject.

The old reservoir at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue was emptied yesterday. Under the law which gives the site to the united libraries, the Commissioner of Public Works has to pull down the present structure and then turn the cleaned site over to the Park Department. The pulling down will be begun immediately. There were thousands of small fish in the bottom of the reservoir when the water was drained off.

The Hostlers' and Drivers' Union has won its fight against the Department of Street Cleaning. Colonel Waring had insisted that he was exempt from the provisions of the Eight-Hour Law, but the Acting Corporation Counsel stated otherwise to the Board of Estimate yesterday, and it was decided that the Sunday, or extra pay, of hostlers should hereafter be $1.97 a day.

Colonel Waring told the Board of Estimate yesterday that he thought it would snow to-day. To be prepared to handle it, he asked for a transfer of $25,000. And it was transferred without question, although the Colonel's ability as a weather prophet had never before been publicly recognized.

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