

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

As the first of July approaches, the tendency of money is very naturally upwards. The preparations made by the banks and other financial institutions for the payment of interest and dividends, even were there no other cause, would, in the present position of our reserves, have that effect; for it is not the wants of this city alone that our banks have to supply—nearly all near-by cities call upon New York at this period. Just now, however, we are losing money in other ways also. We are exporting gold, and though not in large amounts at present, yet with our surplus reserve only a little in excess of 6 million dollars, every shipment is felt. Then too the Government has again been drawing on the banks, and this week the net amount taken is in excess of the takings last week. If to these influences we add the current business demand which is more urgent than a year ago and which has in past weeks had some influence in keeping the currency flow from the interior to this center smaller than it was last year, it is not difficult to account for any increase of activity in money which is noticed. Indeed, the surprise is rather that the disturbance has been so slight; in fact it would be more marked were it not for the general belief that stringency now must be very temporary and that after the first of July, Government disbursements will be large, letting out not only the Treasury accumulations of the last three months, but also previous accumulations, not to speak of the new issues of currency soon to follow.

There has been no settlement as yet of the silver entanglement in Congress, though material progress has been made towards that end. After a struggle, the House of Representatives has voted separately against free coinage, has disagreed to all the other Senate amendments, and requested a conference of the two Houses on the bill and amendments. It would be idle now to speculate with regard to the nature or the effect of the final action. There is one conclusion about which we have little doubt, and that is that the Conference Committee will agree, and that they will agree on a measure which will become a law. As each of these legislative bodies has passed the provision making it obligatory upon the Treasurer to "cover into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt" (and therefore disburse) the amount of the deposits made by National Banks to redeem their circulating notes, that feature will evidently be in the conference report. The balance of this fund in the Treasury was reported on June 1st at \$58,431,165. On July 1st it will most likely be a little less. Whatever may be the amount, this provision of the Silver bill will put it all afloat and of course it will be in addition to the new silver issues which the other sections of the law will provide. So if silver inflationists do not hereafter find a basket full of currency left at their doors every night, the disappointment cannot be charged to any lack in the quantity of currency in the country *per capita*, but must be because that method of measurement which they so constantly use does not mean just what they interpret it to mean. Our experience would seem to teach us that inflation instead of making the poor richer, works so that only "to him that hath" is given, and he gets an abundance, but "from him that hath not" it appears to take away even that which he hath. Perhaps by-and-by, when the price of farm labor goes up while the price of wheat continues to be governed by the Liverpool quotation, our farmers and

planters may understand better the correctness of our suggestion.

With these new supplies of currency almost in sight, one sees good reason for the moderate effect on money lenders of the more urgent present demand. It is not unlikely that next week the irregularity may be greater, but it must be soon over. Money on call as represented by bankers' balances has loaned this week at 10 and at 3 per cent, averaging about 5 per cent. Renewals were also made at the same figure, and banks and trust companies continued to make 5 per cent their minimum. For time loans the demand has been good, while the supply of funds has not been very liberal. Rates are 5 per cent for sixty days, 5½ per cent for ninety days to four months, and 6 per cent for five, six and seven months on good Stock Exchange collateral. A loan has been made on first-class dividend paying stocks this week at 5½ per cent for six months, and a transaction is recorded on ordinary mixed security at 6½ per cent for the same time. Commercial paper is in good supply, but the demand is light, some of the city banks usually in the market being out, and their places not being taken by out-of-town buyers. Rates are 5@5½ per cent for sixty to ninety-day endorsed bills receivable, 5½@6 per cent for four months' acceptances, and 6@7 per cent for good single names having from four to six months to run.

The money market in London has continued to show increased activity. In the open market sixty to ninety day bank bills are now quoted at 3½ to 3¾ per cent, and the Bank of England minimum was advanced on Thursday to 4 per cent from 3 per cent, at which it had stood since April 17. Berlin and Frankfort have been a fraction lower than last week, the open market rate being reported at 3¾ per cent, while the Paris rate remains at 2¾ per cent. The Bank of England stock of bullion is low for this period of the year, while the prospective drains are large; hence the necessity of protecting it. This week there has been an increase of bullion by the Bank, the amount reported being £113,000; a private cable to us states that this was the result of an import from Portugal and Australia of £134,000, of an export to Portugal and Germany of £97,000, and of arrivals from the interior of Great Britain of £76,000.

Our foreign exchange market was dull and heavy early in the week under review. As the week advanced the market gradually grew more active and after Wednesday was firm for short bills and cables, though easier for long sterling in anticipation of the change in the Bank of England minimum. Last Saturday Brown Brothers & Co. reduced the rates for long and short to 4 85½ and 4 88 respectively. On Monday the Bank of Montreal posted 4 85½ for long and 4 88½ for short, while Kidder, Peabody & Co. and the Bank of British North America maintained 4 86 for the former and 4 88½ for the latter. On Tuesday all the drawers posted 4 85½ for sixty day and 4 88½ for sight, and on Thursday all except Brown Brothers & Co. reduced the long rate to 4 85. Commercial bills are lower they feel the effect of dearer discounts in London, and also of a little better supply of drafts against grain shipments. Messrs. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. will ship \$500,000 gold to France by the steamer sailing to-day. This gold goes out under much the same circumstances as that sent to Germany last week. No more gold will be sent forward at present, if for no other reason because no

more gold bars will be exchanged for shipment, or in fact for any other purpose until the annual examination of the Mint is completed, which will not be until after July 1. The condition of our foreign trade for May has been made public this week by the Bureau of Statistics. We give the following summary prepared in our usual form.

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES—(000s omitted.)

Ten Mos.	MERCHANDISE.			GOLD.			SILVER.		
	Exports.	Imports.	Excess of Exports.	Im-ports.	Ex-ports.	Excess of Imports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Ex-ports.
\$9-90	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
July...	52,258	71,787	19,529	835	5,281	4,447	2,022	1,701	801
Aug...	59,725	65,068	5,343	498	420	78	4,229	1,528	2,701
Sept...	61,990	53,080	8,910	2,407	290	2,117	2,614	1,590	1,024
Oct...	97,828	68,740	29,079	707	2,239	1,532	4,137	1,954	2,183
Nov...	93,714	58,995	34,719	1,774	576	1,198	3,824	2,396	1,428
Dec...	96,991	59,898	37,093	1,805	313	1,492	3,822	2,570	1,252
Jan...	75,212	63,223	11,989	1,057	491	566	3,147	1,405	1,742
Feb...	70,477	63,259	7,218	1,478	1,179	309	2,305	1,079	1,226
March	72,020	67,170	4,850	1,622	1,457	165	3,122	1,191	1,931
April	63,493	71,898	8,405	478	1,052	574	2,659	1,574	1,085
May...	57,453	70,148	12,695	281	289	8	1,398	3,579	2,181
Total	804,083	713,876	90,207	12,530	13,543	1,013	33,879	20,136	13,743
\$8-89	891,134	683,922	20,212	9,626	41,821	32,195	33,482	17,280	16,202
\$7-88	651,325	661,937	9,700	43,541	15,222	28,319	25,577	14,488	11,089
\$6-87	668,225	631,087	37,138	42,405	9,081	33,324	24,549	10,378	8,271
\$5-86	623,618	581,224	42,394	20,481	34,572	14,091	27,657	10,674	10,983
\$4-85	693,707	528,215	165,492	26,462	7,796	18,720	30,131	15,647	14,490

* Excess of imports. | Excess of exports.

It will be noticed that the silver movement has resulted just as we indicated it would two weeks since from an examination of the New York figures.

An important step has been taken this week towards improving the railroad situation west of Chicago. It will be remembered that passenger affairs were completely adjusted a short time ago. Freight matters remained as before, but the action taken at a meeting of trunk line representatives about a month ago in restoring rates on traffic from the seaboard to points in the Northwest was expected to facilitate a settlement of rates west from Chicago. This expectation seems now in a fair way to be realized. The question has been in the hands of a committee of the Western roads for some time, and this committee it is reported has agreed upon a plan for an advance over the existing tariffs, which plan is to be submitted at a meeting of the Western managers next Wednesday. The proposition is to restore rates from Chicago to Missouri River points to the old basis of 75 cents per 100 lbs. on first class freight, the present rate being 60 cents. It is also proposed to recommend that the 30-cent scale from Chicago to St. Paul on traffic originating east of Chicago be canceled, and that a 40 cent rate be applied on both local and through shipments. If, as seems likely, these recommendations shall be adopted, the situation as to Western rates will be better than it has been for a long time past. As to the difficulty between the trunk lines east from Chicago, on dressed beef, &c., one or two further slight cuts were made early in the week, but otherwise there were no important developments until yesterday, when the matter was brought to the attention of the trunk line presidents, who, after consideration, referred the question to the Central Traffic Association with a recommendation to restore rates.

Quite a good many returns of gross and net earnings for recent periods have been received this week, and the one prominent feature disclosed is a great and general increase in expenses. The fact is well illustrated in the case of the semi-annual statements of the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central, which we review at length in a separate article on subsequent pages. The Lake Shore, with gross earnings increased \$1,079,071, has added only \$104,512 to its net earnings, and the Mich-

igan Central, with gross \$610,000 better than last year, has increased net only \$66,000. But more remarkable than either of these are the exhibits made by various other roads in their returns for the month of May. There is the Pennsylvania, which shows \$408,223 increase in gross earnings, but a loss of \$12,711 in the net. Perhaps it will be said that the Pennsylvania is hardly a fair illustration, its policy of making extensive repairs and renewals and charging the cost to expenses being well known. But take the Union Pacific. That road, in its preliminary statement for May, shows almost nine hundred thousand dollars gain (\$899,546) in gross, which in amount excels the best record for gain by the Union Pacific or any other company, being larger even than the very large gain for the same month reported by the Atchison; but with this increase of about \$900,000 in gross, the net of the Union Pacific has been added to in amount of only \$23,760. Or take the Norfolk & Western, which has added \$110,260 to its gross receipts, but only \$12,381 to the net. Or the Northern Central, which, with gross enlarged \$36,534, has, because of heavier expenses, suffered a diminution of \$43,807 in the net. Then we have the Mexican Central which for April loses \$108,118 in net, with a loss of only \$12,406 in the gross. The Chesapeake & Ohio for May shows \$166,996 gain in gross, and but \$6,393 in net.

Of course there are other roads which make very much better comparisons. Conspicuous among these is the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, which on gross earnings for May increased \$93,000, has actually reduced expenses, giving a gain in net earnings for the month of \$103,655. The Philadelphia & Reading for May gains \$110,662 in gross and \$31,184 in net; the New York & New England has increased gross \$39,909 and net \$33,155; the Fort Scott & Memphis gains \$52,643 and \$9,862 respectively; and the Cleveland & Canton, with \$14,209 gain in gross, has \$7,912 increase in net. The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern for April has reduced expenses in the face of improved gross earnings, so that its net of \$58,316 for 1890 compares with only \$33,990 in 1889. The Cleveland & Marietta for the same month has added \$6,010 to its gross and \$2,002 to its net. The Columbus Hocking Valley & Toledo also has a very good statement for April, having gained \$95,463 in gross and \$68,356 in net; equally good is the return of the Alton & Terre Haute, with \$25,303 increase in gross and \$22,681 in net.

We have referred above to the slight loss in the net earnings of the Pennsylvania Eastern lines for the month of May. The Western lines make a somewhat better exhibit, there being a surplus above the liabilities for the month in 1890 of \$9,183, against a deficit in May, 1889, of \$81,330. The gross earnings of the system have been increasing in a really marvellous way for a good many years past, and even the net does not make a very bad comparison if one goes far enough back. Here is our usual table.

LINES EAST OF PITTSBURG.	1890.	1889.	1888.	1887.	1886.	1885.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
May.						
Gross earnings.....	6,708,033	5,294,810	6,027,700	4,965,040	4,178,580	3,890,400
Operat'g expenses.....	3,820,096	3,399,169	3,313,974	3,023,448	2,705,878	2,535,174
Net earnings.....	1,882,947	1,895,658	1,713,726	1,841,592	1,472,702	1,355,296
Western lines.....	+9,183	-81,330	+9,644	-169,792	-222,917	-274,183
Result.....	1,892,130	1,814,328	1,723,430	1,651,810	1,249,785	1,081,112
Jan. 1 to May 31.						
Gross earnings.....	20,760,508	24,073,218	22,777,803	21,458,866	18,014,063	17,583,955
Operat'g expenses.....	18,867,942	16,429,624	15,656,581	14,235,942	12,595,572	11,973,540
Net earnings.....	7,916,166	7,643,594	7,121,222	7,222,924	5,318,491	5,610,416
Western lines.....	+64,508	-282,858	-136,075	+254,448	-352,706	-652,273
Result.....	7,983,674	7,361,241	6,985,147	7,477,372	5,065,785	4,958,142

The audited gross earnings of the Chicago & Northwestern for the month of May have turned out materially heavier than the estimate made at the time of the annual meeting, when preliminary figures for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1890, were submitted. As the audited results are never ready till about twenty-five days after the close of the month, we thought it would be interesting to our readers to have the company's estimate for May, and we accordingly gave the totals in our issue of June 14 and again in the issue of June 21. From the latter the figures were copied into other papers, and as the audited totals appeared a few days subsequently and differed from ours, it seemed as if our statement had been unauthorized. To show that our figures agree precisely with the estimate made in the company's annual return, we have prepared the following, giving the figures by months and the total for the twelve months.

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN.					
Year end.	1889-90.	1888-89.	Year end.	1889-90.	1888-89.
May 31.	\$	\$	May 31.	\$	\$
June.....	2,061,054	2,286,974	December.	2,182,964	1,940,627
July.....	2,267,573	2,149,667	January..	1,857,673	1,613,245
August....	2,575,104	2,295,291	February.	1,790,914	1,560,879
September	2,555,590	2,714,274	March.....	1,910,316	1,893,414
October...	2,979,807	2,972,265	April.....	2,208,926	1,837,256
November	2,513,452	2,283,424	May.....	2,219,418	2,144,942
Total				27,122,791	25,692,258

For May the figures are just as we published them, and for the twelve months the total agrees with that reported by the company and printed by us in the CHRONICLE of June 7, page 800. But the actual gross earnings are now reported \$2,299,654, instead of the \$2,219,418 estimated, making the increase as compared with May, 1889, \$154,712, instead of only \$74,476. Of course, the gross for the fiscal year will in the company's annual report also be larger to the same extent. The St. Paul & Omaha figures of gross for May have likewise been published this week, and show \$33,216 gain.

The stock market has been dull and somewhat irregular, but with on the whole a firm tone. Silver legislation has assumed a more favorable phase; on the other hand, there have been some disturbing elements, such as the further shipments of gold and the Illinois Central strike. The half yearly statements of the Vanderbilt roads did not exert any special influence on speculation, and the Sugar Trust decision had a much less serious effect than might have been anticipated, having been in part discounted. Accounts with regard to the growing crops have continued quite generally favorable. At a meeting of the sales agents of the anthracite coal roads this week it was agreed to make an advance in the schedule prices of coal. The rumor of the resignation of President Corbin, of the Reading, is confirmed. The resignation has been accepted, and General Manager McLeod elected to succeed him.

The following statement, made up from returns collected by us, shows the week's receipts and shipments of currency and gold by the New York banks.

Week Ending June 27, 1890.	Received by N.Y. Banks.	Shipped by N.Y. Banks.	Net Interior Movement.
Currency.....	\$3,000,000	\$1,410,000	Gain. \$1,584,000
Gold.....	500,000	300,000	Gain. 200,000
Total gold and legal tenders....	\$3,500,000	\$1,710,000	Gain. \$1,784,000

With the Sub-Treasury operations and the gold exports the result is as below.

Week Ending June 27, 1890.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks Interior Movement, as above	\$3,500,000	\$1,710,000	Gain. \$1,784,000
Sub-Treas. oper. and gold exports..	10,100,000	13,000,000	Loss 2,800,000
Total gold and legal tenders....	\$13,600,000	\$14,710,000	Loss \$1,110,000

Bullion holdings of European banks.

Banks of	June 20, 1890.			June 27, 1889.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
England.....	21,572,906	.....	21,572,906	23,936,573	.....	23,936,573
France.....	52,667,000	50,978,000	103,645,000	45,867,000	50,090,000	95,957,000
Germany.....	29,393,334	14,696,668	44,000,000	30,860,667	15,180,333	45,541,000
Aust.-Hung'y.	4,999,000	16,334,000	21,333,000	5,414,000	15,608,000	21,142,000
Netherlands...	5,111,000	5,570,000	10,681,000	5,515,000	6,690,000	12,205,000
Nat. Belgium.	2,814,000	1,422,000	4,266,000	2,779,000	1,300,000	4,169,000
Tot. this week	116,587,240	89,000,068	205,587,906	113,802,240	80,048,333	202,950,573
Tot. prev. w'k.	116,913,775	89,084,000	205,997,775	113,840,892	80,012,000	203,542,892

THE SCOPE OF THE SUGAR TRUST DECISION.

The Sugar Trust decision, handed down this week by the Court of Appeals, is an important adjudication in many ways; and yet its effect as a solution of the social problem which the formation of trusts has raised may obviously be over-estimated. It is of some importance to the individual corporation whose charter is dissolved. It has also a decided importance in its influence upon the Trust of which it was a member. But most of all, it is important because of the clearness with which the opinion of the Court defines the limit of corporate powers in the matter of combinations and consolidations. It would be hasty, however, to assume that this decision will put an end to organizations having much the same scope as the Sugar Trust.

Most of our readers are aware that the parties to this proceeding were the Attorney-General of the State as plaintiff and the North River Sugar Refining Company as defendant, and that the judgment sought was corporate death. Judge Finch, who delivered the opinion of the Court, stated that to secure the purpose for which the action was brought, the Attorney-General must show some sin on the part of the corporation accused which has produced or tends to produce injury to the public; that the transgression must not be merely formal or incidental, but material and serious, and such as to harm or menace the public welfare. On the facts as admitted the Court found that the corporation had, by its own voluntary action, become an integral part and element of a combination which possessed over it an absolute control, and dictated the extent and manner and terms of its entire business activity; that the defendant's stock was in the central association, or "Board of Trustees," certificates carrying a proportionate interest being issued by this Board to the said stockholders; that the Refining Company relinquished its power to pay dividends, obligated itself to pay over all its earnings to this "master whose servant it became," and made itself liable to be mortgaged, not for its own benefit alone but to supply this Board with funds in pursuit of the purposes of the Trust. In all of these particulars the Court holds that the corporation was doing the public an injury; that in avoiding the State law, which compels reservation of corporate rights, it had proved unfaithful to its charter; that there can be no partnership of separate and independent corporations, directly or indirectly, through the medium of a Trust—no substantial consolidations which avoid and disregard the statutory provisions and restraints.

On its face this decision would seem, from this recital of findings and conclusions, to be broad enough to put an end to the whole Trust family. No doubt it effectually disposes of every organization formed on the lines which the Sugar Trust was formed on; and no doubt too, if our various legislatures had the virtue to prohibit any issue of stock in excess of the true value of the plant, and to require periodical statements

of the condition and finances of every chartered company, there would be an end to the worst if not to the only real evils connected with combinations. Permitting any board of trustees or directors to issue stock in unlimited quantities and to carry on their proceedings wholly in secret, only invites wrong practices and ensures losses not to the organizers but to innocent parties. It serves no useful purpose, however, to declaim against combinations. As we have often shown, they are a public need. They permit economies which can be secured in no other way, and are an important agent in the lower prices for commodities and freight charges which now prevail. That the Court takes the same view, even the Sugar Trust decision shows, for in killing this Trust it is a method that has been annulled, and not a principle. The Sugar organization would have been effectual if the machinery of the separate corporations had been preserved; even had the directors bought outright the stock and property of these corporations the transfer would have been absolute.

This raises the question as to the status now of the property supposed to be held by the Sugar Trust. The Judge in his opinion remarks that "the action which placed the stock (of the defendant) in the hands of the Board of Trustees shows that no sale was intended but simply a transfer in trust." In speaking thus of the stock the Judge would seem to imply that he referred to the status of the whole property; for he adds that the mortgage clause further proves his conclusion, as it authorizes the supposed buyers to put a mortgage on the property, and "no absolute owner requires any permission whatever to mortgage his property." These expressions may be held to be mere dictum and not necessary to a decision of the case. But they appear to open a wide field for discussion as to the distribution of the assets which pass into the hands of Mr. Gray, the receiver of the defendant corporation. And yet we assume the outcome of it all must be that the property of these individual corporations is the property of the Trust to be distributed under the deed of trust to the substituted scrip-holders. We hope that the organization will be speedily changed into a stock company and that the injunction which prevents that being done will be dissolved without delay. A different course helps to harm innocent holders' interests without serving any good purpose, public or private, so far as we can see.

PROSPERITY OF THE VANDERBILT ROADS.

For the first time in seventeen years is it possible to say that the gross earnings of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern for the January to June period are larger than ever before in the company's history. In 1873 the company earned \$9,797,649 gross in the first six months. That has ever since been the banner record. Until the present year the amount stood unequalled for that half-year period. The nearest approach to it was made in 1883, but even then the total fell nearly \$600,000 short of the 1873 figure. Now, however, we have for 1890 aggregate gross earnings of \$9,908,767, which represents an improvement of \$1,079,071 over the year preceding (1889), and is \$111,118 in excess of the very heavy earnings of 1873.

These facts deserve prominence because they illustrate strikingly the large and increasing business which all the Vanderbilt trunk lines are enjoying. They serve also to emphasize the prosperity of trunk-line interests

in general. For the Vanderbilt lines are no more distinguished in this respect than the other leading transportation systems operating in the territory between the Mississippi and the great lakes and the seaboard. At the same time a little more significance attaches to the circumstance of larger earnings in the case of the Lake Shore than in the case of most of the trunk lines. The Lake Shore was paralleled a few years ago by the Nickel Plate from Buffalo to Chicago, and though the Nickel Plate is now controlled by the Lake Shore the earnings and accounts are kept entirely separate and distinct. This is different from the practice with the New York Central and West Shore, since the amalgamation being complete in that instance the reports of earnings give the aggregate for both companies.

The Nickel Plate may be regarded as having developed very little traffic which the Lake Shore would not have secured in any event, and hence to show the natural growth of business over a term of years it is necessary to take the combined earnings of the two companies and compare the result with that on the Lake Shore alone before the existence of the Nickel Plate. The latter now earns in excess of five million dollars gross a year. If we assume that earnings for the current six months will reach \$2,500,000, that amount combined with the \$9,908,767 for the Lake Shore would give say \$12,400,000 together, as against the \$9,797,649 earned by the Lake Shore in 1873 when it was not obliged to share its traffic with the Nickel Plate. On that basis therefore—and it is the only fair basis of comparison—there has been very decided growth and progress. And the growth is really greater than the figures indicate, for in 1873 values were on an inflated basis, and though rates on the Lake Shore at that time were by no means high, yet they are materially lower now, so that it takes a very much larger amount of traffic to produce a given amount of earnings.

As regards the increase over the year preceding, that as we have seen, is very heavy, reaching \$1,079,071, or 12.22 per cent. The Michigan Central also has a very large increase, namely \$610,000, though the ratio of improvement is somewhat less than for the Lake Shore, being not quite 10 per cent. Together the two systems may be said to have gained roughly \$1,700,000, or say at the rate of 3½ million dollars a year. For the other trunk lines we have as yet only the results for the five months ending with May, but improved receipts are the feature in each and every case—the gains being proportionately even much heavier in some instances than for the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central. On the so-called Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburg & Erie, gross earnings for the five months of 1890 show an increase over the corresponding period in 1889 of \$2,713,290, or a little over 11½ per cent. The New York Central in the same time gained \$1,056,152, or about 7½ per cent. The Erie for four months ending April 30 has gained \$1,098,125, or 14½ per cent, and the Baltimore & Ohio for five months has gained 1,380,208, or nearly 17 per cent (16.91). Thus the two companies last named—the Erie and the Baltimore & Ohio—have larger percentages of improvement than any others, and the Baltimore & Ohio in particular has a very heavy ratio of gain. Even in amount of increase, the latter it seems likely when the returns for the full half year are made up, will be excelled only by the Pennsylvania, though it is possible that the Erie may also run slightly ahead of it. But, though the percentage of addition varies for the different companies, the most important point is that one and all are

increasing their earnings and thus sharing in the prevailing prosperity for that class of roads.

The conditions of course were nearly all favorable to good returns. During the last two mouths there has been some demoralization in rates on east-bound through freight, but this has not affected more than a portion of the traffic, west-bound business being entirely undisturbed, and on the whole, rates, though low, have been fairly well maintained. The winter was a mild one, and no traffic was lost or extra expenses incurred because of snows or ice. The demand for coal of course was restricted (and most of the trunk line roads carry quite considerable amounts of coal), but the demand was also restricted in the year before and in the same way, so in the comparison of the two years that circumstance is not especially important. Judging from current indications indeed the coal traffic in 1890 must have been more satisfactory with some of the roads than that of 1889. Trade and business of course were on a very large scale—quite generally larger than ever before—and this was a circumstance of decided advantage to the roads. Besides that, there was a heavy movement of agricultural products, as the result of last season's excellent crops and a good foreign demand for the same, and also a heavy movement of provisions and live stock.

It will be observed that we have confined ourselves chiefly to a study of the changes in gross earnings, since it is the gross earnings that afford the best guide of the growth and prosperity of the carriers. As far as the net earnings are concerned, the increase is small considering the great expansion of the gross. With a growing volume of traffic and with rates tending downwards we naturally look for heavier expenses, but the augmentation in the expense account of the different roads is very much greater than such conditions alone would call for. Evidently the managers of the roads are taking advantage of the existing prosperity to make very extensive renewals and repairs—and betterments and improvements generally on a very large scale. The Lake Shore, with \$1,079,071 increase in gross earnings for the six months, has added only \$104,512 to its net earnings, the rest of the amount being consumed by augmented expenses. The Michigan Central has enlarged its net only \$66,000, expenses taking \$544,000 more than in the corresponding period last year. And the same policy is observable as regards the roads not under Vanderbilt management. The Pennsylvania, for instance, with gross added to in amount of \$2,713,290 (five months ending May 31), reports only \$275,572 gain in net. Even the Baltimore & Ohio, which has done relatively much better than the others, has enlarged its net but \$515,000 on a gain of \$1,380,000 in the gross. Whatever may be said of the policy or wisdom of making such extensive improvements and betterments, rather than giving stockholders the benefit in extra dividends, there can be no doubt that the value of the property, and consequently the stockholders' interest in the same, is enhanced thereby. Shareholders may not get the return expected, but at least the intrinsic value of their shares is greater than it was before.

With net earnings increased but slightly, we need hardly say that dividends on the Vanderbilt roads were not changed at the meetings this week, the Michigan Central and the Lake Shore making the usual 2 per cent semi-annual declarations and the Canada Southern the usual 1½ per cent. Extra dividends, therefore, this year, as in other years, will depend upon the results for

the last six months. There is a degree of fairness in this, as the heaviest earnings are made in that period. Notwithstanding, however, that the first six months constitute the poorer half of the year, the Lake Shore in those six months earned 2·65 per cent on its stock, which compares with 2·37 per cent for the first six months of 1889. The following is a summary of the Lake Shore's earnings, expenses, charges, &c., for the first six months of the last twenty years.

LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN.

Jan. 1 to June 30.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses and Taxes.	Net Earnings.	Interest, Rentals, etc.	Surplus.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1871	7,019,612	4,518,994	2,500,618	1,000,000	1,494,618
1872	8,461,179	5,668,817	2,792,362	1,020,000	1,772,362
1873	9,797,040	6,947,819	2,849,221	1,327,000	1,522,221
1874	8,251,504	5,610,238	3,041,266	1,501,000	1,540,266
1875	6,020,427	5,589,507	1,330,920	1,405,000	def. 74,080
1876	6,887,300	4,681,144	2,206,156	1,380,000	826,156
1877	6,461,167	4,788,120	1,673,047	1,887,800	285,247
1878	6,500,092	4,169,573	2,426,519	1,350,000	1,076,519
1879	6,932,292	4,335,218	2,597,074	1,377,300	1,219,774
1880	9,072,993	4,683,784	4,389,209	1,375,000	3,014,209
1881	8,054,926	5,285,164	3,669,762	1,362,000	2,307,762
1882	7,952,721	5,850,876	2,593,845	1,516,919	1,076,926
1883	9,219,171	5,722,937	3,496,234	1,749,403	1,746,831
1884	7,220,365	4,491,290	2,729,075	1,830,385	898,690
1885	6,487,050	4,583,116	1,899,538	1,033,728	def. 31,190
1886	6,933,082	4,485,985	2,447,097	1,556,490	890,607
1887	8,044,330	5,068,138	3,576,192	1,830,000	1,746,192
1888	8,067,880	5,381,222	3,283,658	1,804,307	1,479,351
1889	8,820,096	5,944,721	2,875,375	1,711,025	1,164,350
1890	9,908,767	6,919,280	2,989,487	1,680,000	1,309,487

The Michigan Central also, though paying only 2 per cent, has earned over 2½ per cent. The Canada Southern scarcely ever earns the dividend in full in the first six months, but this year the deficit is hardly more than nominal, being only \$6,500. We annex the following to show the combined earnings of Michigan Central and Canada Southern for the first six months of each year since 1880.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL AND CANADA SOUTHERN.

Jan. 1 to June 30.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses and Taxes.	Net Earnings.	Interest and Rentals.	Surplus.	To Michigan Central.	To Canada Southern.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1880	6,500,000	4,089,000	2,411,000	1,044,000	1,367,000	.....	.....
1881	6,158,000	4,378,000	1,780,000	1,192,000	588,000	.....	.....
1882	5,568,000	4,473,000	1,095,000	1,240,000	def. 145,000	.....	.....
1883	6,740,000	4,591,000	2,149,000	1,210,000	939,000	626,000	313,000
1884	5,603,500	4,216,500	1,387,000	1,280,000	107,000	71,333	35,667
1885	4,973,000	3,880,000	1,087,000	1,320,000	def. 233,000	.....	.....
1886	5,436,000	3,952,000	1,484,000	1,290,000	194,000	146,360	47,640
1887	6,361,000	4,511,000	1,850,000	1,276,000	574,000	404,000	170,000
1888	6,535,000	4,725,000	1,810,000	1,260,000	550,000	391,000	159,000
1889	6,233,000	4,424,000	1,809,000	1,260,000	549,000	393,000	156,000
1890	6,813,600	4,963,000	1,875,000	1,222,000	653,000	472,600	180,400

There is one other important Western Vanderbilt system whose results deserve mention. We refer to the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis. This company is now earning at the rate of twelve million dollars gross a year. But another circumstance lends interest to its exhibit. There is a marked contrast between the course of expenses on it and on the other Western Vanderbilt roads. We have not the results for the six months, but the following is an exhibit for the five months.

CLEVELAND CINCINNATI CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS.

January 1 to May 31.	1890.	1889.	Increase.
Gross earnings	\$5,195,346	\$4,869,750	\$325,596
Operating expenses	3,381,136	3,369,755	11,381
Net earnings	\$1,814,210	\$1,499,995	\$314,215
Interest, taxes, rentals, &c.	1,331,305	1,372,320	-41,015
Balance	\$482,905	\$127,675	\$355,230

Thus while the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central both increased their expenses almost as much as the gross, this road has managed to do a larger business at but a trifling increase in cost. In other words, while gross earnings have been enlarged \$325,596, net has been enlarged nearly as much, or \$314,215.

PROMOTING THE STABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION CHARGES.

The question of the division of competitive traffic between carriers is commonly supposed to be purely one in which the carriers themselves, and they alone, are interested. But while it is true that the matter is of vital concern to our great transportation systems and their owners, it may well be doubted whether in a larger sense the mercantile community and the general public have not the most to gain from such an arrangement. We have referred to the subject many times before, but the fact that there is now a measure before the United States Senate which proposes to give legal sanction to the idea, and furthermore the apparent modification of public opinion as to the advisability of such a step—the suggestion not meeting with such universal antagonism as a few years ago—all this gives new interest to the matter, and makes desirable a discussion and presentation of its various phases.

What is the object of the apportionment of traffic, or to use the more common but less pleasing term, pooling? What other purpose has it but the maintenance of rates? And if that be its object, is it at all inimical to public interests? Is it not rather an element of advantage to public interests, and this not alone because it tends to benefit the general mercantile community, but also because it operates to place railroad affairs on a more secure and less fluctuating basis, adding to the desirability of investments in that form of property and allowing of a more reliable and more efficient service. There was a time when those hostile to railroad corporations contended that pooling was simply an arrangement for maintaining high and extortionate charges, and fleecing and plundering helpless shippers and an unwilling public. But the steady and large decline in rates which has been in progress year by year and is still in progress, and the intense rivalry and competition which was maintained by members of the different pooling organizations, notwithstanding the pooling arrangement, have deprived that argument of all force. Moreover, this tendency towards lower rates has become so manifest and is so generally recognized now that it hardly seems worth while to adduce any evidence in support of it.

We may accept it as a fact therefore that the aim of railroad managers in advocating pools or a division of traffic is not to charge high or excessive rates, but simply to maintain reasonably fair and stable rates. And that being the case, the only point as far as mercantile circles are concerned is whether the community is best served by regular and even rates or by wide and fluctuating ones. That the general range of industries must suffer from transportation rates so low as not to allow the carrier a profit on the operation, is too evident to need demonstration. For the railroad industry is such a large one, and it is so closely connected with other leading industries, that an injury to it is necessarily an injury to the others. Entirely apart from that, however, constant variations in rates are a source of great embarrassment and loss to merchants and shippers. They inject an element of doubt and insecurity into all business transactions. Mr. Walker, the Chairman of the Inter-State Railway Association, made an argument the present month before the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce which stated the situation in that regard with great clearness and force.

Every variation in the tariff, Mr. Walker points out, bestows an advantage upon some shipper at the expense

of his less favored competitor. "Every rate-war among the carriers reduces the value of articles which have been previously purchased and transported, and its progress is marked by speculation in all directions at the expense of legitimate business enterprise." Contracts are everywhere made in which the transportation charge is a factor, and where unexpected changes in rates produce injurious results. Manufacturers, miners, merchants and consumers of all classes of industrial products are involved in a tossing sea of uncertainty unless the rates of transportation can be relied upon as a constant element in the cost." What the public really needs, Mr. Walker says, is the maintenance of efficient, safe and responsible transportation service, with rates properly adjusted as between competitive points of production and consumption, and free from individual discrimination. He also directs attention to another fact well worth recording, namely that complaints concerning rates before the Inter-State Commerce Commission and other authorities which have jurisdiction of the subject are universally founded upon a comparison of rates, and almost never upon a claim that the rate of itself is unreasonable.

But why cannot rates be maintained without pooling or some other scheme for the apportionment of traffic? Why is not a simple agreement to observe tariff schedules sufficient? The answer is very easy. With rates on a like basis for all competitors, the stronger lines, having the best facilities and able to render the most expeditious service, or those having the shortest route, would carry off nearly all the business. Other conditions being the same, a shipper naturally prefers the route which offers the most advantages in point of time, efficiency and reliability. But such a situation leaves little or no traffic for the weaker and inferior lines, and hence these latter observe an agreed schedule of rates only to find their earnings and traffic becoming a diminishing quantity. With no assurance that this loss will be made good to them in some way, it is natural that they should become restive, and when all other measures fail should cut rates and practice irregularities, or break away altogether from the agreement with competing lines.

It is to overcome this disposition, we might almost say necessity, on the part of the weaker lines to obtain business, that the pool is intended. It removes the temptation to underbid or make concessions, for under the pooling arrangement a certain amount or proportion of the traffic is allotted them, and this is guaranteed to them in any event. If they fall short of their allotment, it does not matter, since the difference is to be made up to them. Of course, the plan is in a sense unfair to the stronger lines because it deprives them of the advantages which accrue to them by reason of their strength and superiority. The managers of these lines know this, and that accounts for the fact that such managers are scarcely ever enthusiastic advocates of the pooling idea. But these managers also know that their weaker rivals are in the field and cannot be got rid of—hence that provision must be made for them, unless indeed conquest, through absorption or consolidation, be intended. The transaction is likened by Chairman Walker to a "purchase of peace," and so it is a purchase of peace; but it is a peace in the interest of the general community.

The pool, therefore, is not free from objection, but it is the only device which railroad managers have yet found to answer the requirements of the case. It was

not because it met with general favor that it was so largely practiced, but simply in default of something better. The very stringent provisions of the Inter-State act making pools unlawful has consequently had marked effects. The law came into force in April, 1887. During 1888, as will be remembered, railroad affairs reached a state of demoralization worse than any in our railroad history. That situation did not follow from the enactment of the Inter-State law. The surroundings were such that a disturbance was certain in any event. Much unnecessary new mileage had been built, and parallel and competing lines greatly multiplied. Concurrently there came a shortage of the crops, so that altogether affairs were in a very bad shape. But it was just at such a time that the need for a pooling arrangement was specially urgent. At that juncture the roads were deprived by the law against pooling of the only feasible plan they had had for settling their difficulties. Hence, it is not wonderful that they were completely at sea for a long time.

It is true that out of the demoralization then prevailing, there came the presidents' and bankers' agreement, which served to ensure for 1889 a period of peace as effective as any previously reached, and this may be taken by some as indicating that pools are not necessary after all. But we must not forget that the situation was peculiar at that time. The war of rates had been continued so long that not alone the weaker, but also the stronger, lines were in danger of insolvency if it was carried any further. Something had to be done, and done very quickly, to avoid such a contingency. Both the weaker and the stronger lines were forced to the conclusion that anything was better than taking business at a loss, and with stockholders and strong banking interests urging that view of the case an agreement to advance rates was the natural outcome. Moreover, it was then supposed that some way could be found for apportioning traffic between competing roads, and a provision was inserted in the agreement intended to ensure to each road its proper share of the traffic. But it has been found very difficult to give effect to that provision. Chairman Walker takes the view that the prohibition against pooling is a prohibition against the old form of pooling—that of the earnings—and not against the apportionment or division of traffic. But many railroad managers differed with him in this respect, and not being desirous of violating the law, that part of the agreement has counted for little.

This inability to make a division of traffic caused considerable discontent, but large crops and an active state of trade have served to counterbalance the ill effects of that circumstance to some extent. As it is, there has been considerable trouble from time to time, though it has been localized and confined within a limited area as a rule. We may refer to the difficulties on freight rates between Chicago and St. Paul, between Chicago and Kansas City, and between Chicago and Omaha, which are even yet unsettled, and to the great and general passenger war in the West which prevailed till a week or so ago. With this the situation while traffic is large and growing, what guaranty is there that the old troubles in their worst form will not recur when the tendency of traffic, under a crop failure or poor business, shall be in the opposite direction.

We have no idea that pooling, even if sanctioned by law, will altogether avoid rate disturbances in the future. There were disagreements under the old pooling arrangements, and doubtless there will be some under any new application of the principle. But at

least such privilege would be of very great benefit in reaching settlements and in maintaining them after they are reached. Furthermore, divisions or apportionments of traffic made under the encouragement and by the authority of law, would be on an entirely different basis from the old form of arrangements of that kind, so that arguments as to the non-success of the one would hardly apply to the other. Under the old scheme, if a member, after having given his assent to the compact, refused to be bound by it, there was no way of enforcing the responsibility against him, and there was always a fear that courts might not sustain agreements for the division of traffic or earnings. This objection would be removed under a statutory regulation. Moreover, there are now stringent provisions against secret rebates and other irregularities which the old pool organizations found it difficult to contend against, but which practices were not placed under the ban of the law till the enactment of the Inter-State statute. In other words, the efficiency and value of the pooling idea could only now be developed and satisfactorily tested.

In the form proposed there would appear to be no objection whatever to the principle. Existing provisions of law give the Inter-State Commerce Commission ample powers to prevent high or extortionate transportation charges, so that there would be no danger to fear on that score. But, as we pointed out at the time the proposition first came up for discussion a few weeks ago, the new measure is very carefully drawn, and the powers granted are hedged about with special safeguards. The bill provides that agreements to apportion traffic shall be lawful, but (1) carriers are not to be relieved from any other provisions of the Inter-State law; (2) the jurisdiction of the Commission and the courts shall not be affected by the amendment; (3) the amendment shall not be construed to permit the diversion of traffic routed or consigned by a shipper over any specified line; (4) a copy of the pooling agreement must be filed with the Inter-State Commissioners, who shall have power to *modify or annul the same*.

Under these circumstances and with these limitations, is it not wise for Congress to legalize contracts providing for a division of competitive traffic?

THE PROPOSED VIRGINIA DEBT SETTLEMENT.

The entire public will hail with satisfaction the new movement to adjust Virginia's debt. For, while the State on the one hand, and her creditors on the other, are primarily the parties interested, the matter has a much wider bearing. For years the old Commonwealth has been in default on her obligations, her financial health shattered, her credit impaired. That is a condition no American citizen can view with indifference, and it is a condition we are all interested in seeing removed, the more so as Virginia's credit formerly stood very high.

There have been many attempts to settle the Virginia debt, as our readers are well aware, but the present movement marks an altogether new departure. In many essential particulars it differs widely from any previous similar effort. The Council of Foreign Bondholders in London, which has so long been the champion and representative of the bondholders, retires from the field and is superseded by an entirely new committee, composed of gentlemen distinguished in the financial world, and who will seek to bring about an understanding between the State and her creditors, and prepare a plan satisfactory and equitable to both

interests. In a measure the change follows from the requirement imposed on the Commission appointed by the Legislature of the State, which Commission, before it is allowed to consider any proposition emanating from the bondholders, must have assurance that the proposition if accepted by the State will be carried out by the bondholders. Such a guarantee the Council of Bondholders could not have given. In part also the change follows because it was natural and inevitable, since a new bondholders' committee, and especially a committee of the character and standing of that now selected, would obviously be in better position to deal with the State authorities.

The new committee proposes in the first place to establish harmonious relations between the State and the bondholders, and in this way facilitate a settlement. Heretofore there has been considerable ill feeling between the two interests. The Council of Foreign Bondholders pushed the case of the bondholders with great zeal. The legal contest which has been waged, and the various phases of it, are familiar to all. The Council gained many legal victories, but they were barren victories. After each advantage obtained the State fought the bondholders with greater vigor and determination than before, and sought by every means within its power to defeat and circumvent them. Thus the efforts of the creditors were not only fruitless but, worst of all, tended further to antagonize public sentiment in the State. It was natural that the bondholders should oppose the Riddleberger plan, for they had had no voice in its preparation and there was a manifest indifference to their wishes and desires. On the other hand, it was to the interest of bondholders to reach a settlement, even if to attain that end very important concessions on their part had to be made. Instead of that, however, under the policy pursued the bondholders and the State were steadily drifting further apart, notwithstanding the many and the various conferences had between representatives of the two interests. The new movement, therefore, is decidedly welcome, and from its nature and constitution is very much more promising than any that has preceded it.

The better class of the people of the State have always been solicitous for a settlement of the question and a rehabilitation of the State's finances. This element is now more solicitous than ever in that regard. At the same time, the State has been unfortunate from the first in having among its population such a large number of ignorant blacks, who know nothing and care less about financial honesty, and to whom appeals to protect the honor and fame of the State are in vain. It is evident, too, from the address of the new bondholders' committee (we give the address in full in another part of our present issue, and it is deserving of very careful study) that some of the earlier plans of settlement imposed burdens upon the State which the State was not able to bear, making default inevitable and leading to much of the subsequent trouble. Of course the new movement will carefully guard that point. That is as essential as the restoration of amicable relations between the opposing parties. As a first evidence of good faith pending suits against the State have been withdrawn, and already the new movement is finding considerable favor both with the press and the people.

In formulating a plan of settlement, we may rest assured the committee will treat the matter simply as a business proposition. The committee is composed of

Frederic P. Olcott, Charles D. Dickey, Jr., William L. Bull, Hugh R. Garden, Henry Budge, of New York, and John Gill, of Baltimore. Most of these gentlemen have been very successful in reorganizing various railroad properties, and the work and talent required in this case is not greatly dissimilar from that in the other cases. The main question is to fix a limit of interest charges well within the ability of the State to bear. If concessions to that end are necessary by the bondholders, they should be freely and cheerfully made. The committee, of course, will go carefully into the State's resources, taxes, expenses and income, and in preparing their plan will be guided by the results of that investigation.

But perhaps the main and most noteworthy feature of the present movement is found in the requirement that having agreed upon a plan, the bondholders' committee, before submitting it to the bondholders, must first get for it the *unanimous* approval of an Advisory Board, composed of the following eminent gentlemen: Ex-President Grover Cleveland, ex-Secretary of State Thomas F. Bayard, ex-Minister to England Edward J. Phelps, President George S. Coe of the American Exchange Bank, and President George G. Williams of the Chemical Bank. The character of these gentlemen is a guarantee that entire justice to all interests will be done. The bondholders, on the one hand, will have the assurance that their rights will be protected to the fullest extent possible under existing circumstances, while the people of the State, on the other hand, will have the assurance that their interests will be equally well guarded. Thus the Advisory Committee gives additional strength and confidence to the movement. But as a further safeguard bondholders will have the right of objecting to the plan, even if approved by the Advisory Board, and should a majority of any issue of bonds oppose the plan then it cannot be consummated as to that issue. When the bondholders receive their new securities they are to pay $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent in cash on the par value of the same to cover the expenses of the bondholders' committee.

Thus the movement starts under very favorable auspices and with powerful backing and support. It is to be earnestly hoped that it will succeed. The time is particularly opportune. Any one who has had occasion to consult financial interests in Great Britain will recall how frequently Virginia's debt is referred to as a stain upon American credit. It is to be remembered that the position of Virginia is exceptional even among the Southern States. With her credit restored she would at once take rank with the rest. Not only that, but with the debt question settled, Virginia will be able to command increased amounts of capital for the development of her great natural resources, and that is what she needs more than anything else. There is at present considerable activity in the unfolding of her mineral wealth, and with all checks on the flow of capital removed, great prosperity ought to be in store for the State and her people. As for the bondholder, anything is better than carrying a losing investment and further antagonizing public sentiment.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR MAY.

The Bureau of Statistics has issued its detailed statement of the foreign commerce of the country for the month of May, 1890 and 1889, and for the five and eleven months ending May 31, 1890, and 1889, as follows:

The Bankers' Gazette.

For dividends, see previous page.

WALL STREET, FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1890-5 P. M.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—The week has been rather quiet, but variable and irregular in the phases presented at the Stock Exchange. The matters of more general importance have included the advance in the Bank of England rate to 4 per cent; the rejection by the House of Representatives of the Senate bill for free coinage, thus placing the House in the position of being the conservative body rather than the Senate; the decision against the Sugar Trust by the New York Court of Appeals; the strike on the Illinois Central Railroad; and, lastly, the prospect that the Chicago Gas dividend will be paid, since the dismissal to-day of the Charlton suit and discharge of the receiver.

In summing up the notable events we ought also to include the new departure, already fully undertaken, for the adjustment of the Virginia State debt. This project, commenced under the most favorable auspices, ought to be successful, and if it is so, it will remove a financial cloud from one of the greatest States of the South and leave an opportunity for its more rapid development.

The issue of the Vanderbilt trunk-line statements always marks a point at the close of the half-year, and although those given out this week were remarkably good, the stocks did not advance, but rather weakened, as the good showing had been discounted, or else there had been a vague expectation of increased dividends, which there was really no reason to look for at this period.

The open market rates for call loans during the week on stock and bond collaterals have ranged from 3 to 10 per cent, with 5 per cent as a fair average. Prime commercial paper is quoted at 5½@6 p. c.

The Bank of England weekly statement on Thursday showed a gain in specie of £113,000, and the percentage of reserve to liabilities was 36·83, against 39·81 last week; the discount rate was raised to 4 per cent. The Bank of France gained 1,075,000 francs in gold and lost 1,625,000 francs in silver.

The New York Clearing House banks in their statement of June 21 showed a decrease in the surplus reserve of \$842,975, the total surplus being \$6,144,925, against \$6,987,900 the previous week.

The following table shows the changes from the previous week, and a comparison with the two preceding years in the averages of the New York Clearing House banks:

	1890. June 21.	Differen's from Prev. week.	1889. June 22.	1888. June 23.
Capital.....	\$ 60,812,700	.....	\$ 60,762,700	\$ 60,762,700
Surplus.....	60,526,500	.....	55,093,500	50,381,500
Loans and disc'ts	395,518,500	Inc. 403,700	416,829,000	373,807,500
Circulation.....	3,771,200	Inc. 26,100	3,988,700	7,513,500
Net deposits.....	403,837,100	Dec. 969,700	442,170,400	406,540,800
Specie.....	75,398,800	Dec. 839,100	73,922,100	61,009,600
Legal tenders.....	31,705,400	Dec. 246,300	45,841,000	38,195,000
Reserve held.....	107,104,200	Dec. 1,085,400	110,763,100	129,204,600
Legal reserve.....	100,959,275	Dec. 242,425	110,542,600	101,635,200
Surplus reserve.	6,144,925	Dec. 842,975	9,220,500	27,569,400

Foreign Exchange.—Exchange has been dull all the week, with demand bills and cables steady in tone, but long bills weak, owing to higher rates for money in London and the raising of the Bank of England rate to 4 per cent on Thursday. The gold shipments since last Saturday have been \$504,000. Posted rates for sterling are 4 85½ and 4 88½, and actual rates are: Bankers' 60 days' sterling, 4 84@4 84½, demand, 4 87¼@4 88¼; cables, 4 88@4 88½.

The following were the rates of domestic exchange on New York at the under-mentioned cities to-day: Savannah, buying par, selling ½@¼ premium; New Orleans, commercial, 25c. premium; bank, \$1 premium; Charleston, buying par, selling ½@¼ premium; St. Louis, 75c. per \$1,000 premium; Chicago, par@25c. per \$1,000 premium.

The posted rates of leading bankers for foreign exchange are as follows:

	June 27.	Sixty Days.	Demand.
Prime bankers' sterling bills on London..	4 83	4 85½	4 88½
Prime commercial	4 82¼	4 83½	.....
Documentary commercial.....	5 18¼	25 18½	5 18¼
Paris (francs).....	403½	@40¼	403½
Amsterdam (guldens).....	95	@95½	95¾
Frankfort or Bremen (reichmarks).....	.....	.....	.....

Coins.—Following are quotations in gold for various coins:

Sovereigns.....	\$4 90	@ \$4 94	Fine silver bars..	1 04	@ 1 06
Napoleons.....	3 88	@ 3 93	Five francs.....	— 93	@ — 96½
X X Reichmarks.	4 77	@ 4 83	Mexican dollars..	— 80	@ — 82
25 Pesetas.....	4 78	@ 4 83	Do uncommore'1	— 79	@ — 80½
Span. Doubloons.	15 55	@ 15 75	Peruvian sols.....	— 74	@ —
Mex. Doubloons.	15 35	@ 15 70	English silver.....	4 86	@ 4 88
Fine gold bars... par	@ 1,100	U.S. trade dollars	— 79	@ —	

United States Bonds.—Governments, though firm early in the week, were somewhat dull later, the quotation for the 4s being slightly reduced. The sales to the Treasury were only \$401,550, of which \$71,500 were fours.

The statement for this week is as follows:

	4½ Per Cents due 1891.			4 Per Cents due 1907.		
	Offerings.	Purch'ss.	Prices paid.	Offerings.	Purch'ss.	Prices paid.
Saturday ...	\$2,900	\$2,900	109	\$20,450	\$20,450	123
Monday.....	61,700	61,700	118	14,050	14,950	123
Tuesday.....	1,500	1,500	109	3,500	3,500	122
Wednesday.	262,650	262,650	103	10,000	10,000	123
Thursday.....	.....	.....	.....	8,500	8,500	123
Friday.....	5,000	6,000	103	19,100	19,100	123
Total.....	\$933,050	\$933,000	103	\$71,500	\$71,500	123

The closing prices at the N. Y. Board have been as follows:

	Interest Periods	June 21.	June 23.	June 24.	June 25.	June 26.	June 27.
4½s, 1891.....reg.	Q.-Mch.	*103	*103	*103	*103	*103	*103
4½s, 1891.....coup.	Q.-Mch.	*103	*103	*103	*103	*103	*103
4s, 1907.....reg.	Q.-Jan.	*121½	*121½	*121½	*121½	*121½	*121½
4s, 1907.....coup.	Q.-Jan.	*122½	*122½	*122½	*122½	*122½	*122½
6s, cur'cy,'95.....reg.	J. & J.	*113	*113	*113	*113	*113	*113
6s, cur'cy,'96.....reg.	J. & J.	*116	*116	*116	*116	*116	*116
6s, cur'cy,'97.....reg.	J. & J.	*118	*118	*118	*118	*118	*118
6s, cur'cy,'98.....reg.	J. & J.	*121	*121	*121	*121	*121	*121
6s, cur'cy,'99.....reg.	J. & J.	*124	*124	*124	*124	*124	*124

* This is the price bid at the morning board; no sale was made.

State and Railroad Bonds.—The pending arrangements looking to an adjustment of the Virginia debt have caused activity in that State's bonds, and the transactions in the disputed issues of North and South Carolina were also at advancing prices. The sales of the week were as follows: \$423,500 Virginia 6s deferred trust receipts at 9 to 11½; \$45,000 North Carolina special tax trust receipts at 6 to 7½; \$30,000 South Carolina 6s, non-fund, at 4½; \$62,000 Georgia 7s, gold, at 102 a 102¾; \$51,000 Tenn. settlement 8s at 75½-¼, and \$13,000 settlement 6s at 109½.

Railroad bonds increased in strength from day to day on limited dealings until Thursday, when there was more business doing, better distributed, though prices were irregular. The features were Atchison and Texas Pacific incomes, Milwaukee Lake Shore & Western ext. 5s, Reading issues and L. N. Alb. & Ch. consols, the latter being quite active on Thursday, advancing to 103¾, and closing at 103 to-day. To-day Col. H. V. & Tol. gen. 6s and Lou. St. L. & Tex 1sts were active at higher figures, with considerable demand for M. K. & T. new 4s.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The market this week has been irregular with the tendency up to Thursday towards strength, in spite of the temporary set-back caused by the Sugar Trust decision. On Thursday, however, owing to the advance in the Bank of England rate and some selling on London account, the bears improved their opportunity, and in the absence of much demand for stocks were enabled to turn prices downward. Atchison and Mo. Pac. have been strong and active most of the week on the renewed rumors of an alliance of some kind—probably an agreement as to traffic. Reading has also been active and advancing (particularly on Wednesday, on which day it reached 47). This activity is said to be on buying by inside parties, and on the news that Mr. Corbin was to resign the presidency; there was also considerable buying for London account. The stock closed to-day at 45¾, against 44¾ last week. All the coalers were influenced by the decision to raise coal prices and limit the July production to 3,250,000 tons. Chicago Gas advanced to 57¾ to-day, closing at 57½; it has been active all week, and to-day particularly so on the announcement that the receiver had been discharged and that the dividend would probably be paid soon. Mexican Central was quite active on Tuesday, and rose to 28½, and though transactions since have been very small, it closes at 26¾. The statement of the Vanderbilt lines, published this week, were favorable, and the usual August dividends were declared, but the stocks fell off.

To-day little business was transacted, barring the Chicago Gas dealings, and the close was very weak.

The Sugar Trust decision handed down Tuesday seemed to have been pretty well discounted so far as the fluctuations of that stock were concerned; indeed, it is openly charged that the heavy selling of Monday was due to "previous information." On Wednesday the transactions were much smaller than before and have decreased since. The highest price was 74½ on Tuesday (after the decision had been received, it being misunderstood at first). Closing price to-day, 70½, against 76¾ last week. Other Trust stocks neglected, with closing prices as follows: Am. Cotton Oil, 20¾; Pipe Lines, 86½; Lead, 19; Distilling Co., 45¾.

Sales of bullion certs. were on Saturday, \$40,000 at 105½@¼; Monday, \$105,000 at 104½@¾; Tuesday, \$62,000 at 104¾ @ 1½; Wednesday, \$50,000 at 104½; Thursday, \$110,000 at 104½ @ 105; Friday, \$10,000 at 104½; total, \$377,000, at 104¾@105½.

STOCKS—PRICES AT N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, AND SINCE JAN. 1, 1890.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Saturday, June 21, Monday, June 23, Tuesday, June 24, Wednesday, June 25, Thursday, June 26, Friday, June 27, Sales of the Week, Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1890, Lowest, Highest. Rows include Active RR. Stocks, Aetehison Top. & Santa Fe, Atlantic & Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Canada Southern, Central of New Jersey, Central Pacific, Chesapeake & O., Chicago & Alton, Chic. & Atl. Benef. Tr. Rec., Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago St. Louis & Pittsburgh, Chicago St. Paul Min. & Om., Cleve. Cincin. Chic. & St. L., Columbus Hocking Val. & Tol., Delaware Lackawanna & West, East Tennessee Va. & Ga., Evansville & Terre Haute, Great Northern, Illinois Central, Iowa Central, Lake Erie & Western, Lake Shore & Mich. Southern, Long Island, Louisville & Nashville, Louis. New Alb. & Chicago, Manhattan Elevated, consol., Mexican Central, Michigan Central, Milwaukee Lake Sh. & West., Minneapolis & St. Louis, Mo. K. & Tex., all ass't paid, Missouri Pacific, Mobile & Ohio, Nashv. Chattanooga & St. Louis, New York Central & Hudson, New York Chic. & St. Louis, New York Lake Erie & West'n, New York New England, New York New Hav. & Hart., New York Ontario & West., New York Susquehan. & West., Norfolk & Western, Northern Pacific, Ohio & Mississippi, Ohio Southern, Oregon K y & Navigation Co., Oregon Sh. L. & Utah North., Oregon & Trane-Continental, Florida Decatur & Evansville, Phila. & Read. Vol. Trust. Cert., Pittsb. & West., prof. tr. cert., Richmond & West Pt Terminal, Rio Grande Western, Rome Watertown & Ogdensh'g, St. Louis Alton & T. H., prof., St. L. Ark. & Tex., trust rec., St. Louis & San Francisco, St. Paul & Duluth, com., St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba, Southern Pacific Co., Texas & Pacific, Tol. Ann Arbor & N. M., Union Pacific, Union Pacific Deuver & Gulf, Wabash, Wheeling & Lake Erie, Wisconsin Central Co., Miscellaneous Stocks, Amer. Cot. Oil Trust receipts, Chicago Gas Co., Citizens' Gas Co., of Brooklyn, Colorado Coal & Iron, Columbus & Hocking Coal, Consolidated Gas Co., Distilling & Cattle F. Co., Edison General Electric, Laclode Gas (St. Louis), National Lead Trust, Oregon Improvement Co., Pacific Moll., Pipe Line Certificates, Pullman Palace Car Co., Silver Bullion Certificates, Sugar Refineries Co., Tennessee Coal & Iron, Texas & Pacific Land Trust, Western Union Telegraph.

* See are the prices bid and asked; no sale made at the Board. § Prices from both Exchanges. x Ex dividend.

INACTIVE STOCKS—Quotations continued. († Indicates actual sales.)

Table of inactive stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names such as Albany & Susq., Bell & So. Ill. pf, Buff. R. & Pttis., etc.

BONDS — LATEST PRICES OF ACTIVE BONDS AT N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, AND RANGE SINCE JAN. 1, 1890.

Large table of bond prices with columns for Closing, Range since Jan. 1, and Railroad and Miscel. Bonds. Includes entries like At. Top. & S. Fe.—100-y'r 4s, 1889, and various other bond types.

NOTE—The letter "b" indicates price bid, and "a" price asked; all other prices and the range are from actual sale; "x" ex-interest.

BONDS—STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS ON FRIDAY OF THE LESS ACTIVE RAILROAD BONDS.

Table with columns for SECURITIES, Bid, Ask, and multiple columns of bond listings including Railroad Bonds, E. Tenn. Va. & Ga., and Northern Pacific.

* No price Friday; these are the latest quotations made this week.

Quotations in Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore.—Below are quotations of active stocks and bonds not generally quoted in N. Y. A full list is given the 3d Saturday of each month.

Table of securities with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of various stocks and bonds from Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

City Railroad Securities—Brokers' Quotations.

Table of City Railroad Securities with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of various railroad stocks and bonds.

Bank Stock List—Latest prices this week.

Table of Bank Stock List with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of various bank stocks.

New York City Bank Statement for the week ending June 21, 1890, is as follows. We omit two ciphers (00) in all cases

Large table showing New York City Bank Statement with columns for Capital, Surplus, Loans, Specie, Legals, and Deposits.

N. Y. and Brooklyn Gas Securities—Brokers' Quotations.

Table of N. Y. and Brooklyn Gas Securities with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of various gas stocks and bonds.

New York Stock Exchange—Unlisted Securities.

Table of New York Stock Exchange—Unlisted Securities with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of various unlisted stocks and bonds.

Summary table of bank financials with columns for Capital, Surplus, Loans, Specie, Legals, Deposits, and Clearings.

* Indicates actual sales. † Including, for Boston and Philadelphia, the item "due to other banks."

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RAILROAD EARNINGS.

Table with columns: ROAD, Latest Earnings Reported (Week or Mo, 1890, 1889), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (1890, 1889). Lists various railroads like Allegheny Val., Anniston & Atl., etc., with their respective earnings.

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Canada Southern.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors a semi-annual dividend of 1½ per cent was declared, payable on the first day of August next. A statement was received from the Michigan Central R.R. Company (June, 1890, being partly estimated), which shows the following results from the business of the past six months:

	1889.	1890.
Gross earnings of both roads.....	\$6,233,000	\$6,843,000
Operating expenses and taxes.....	4,424,000	4,968,000
Percentage of earnings.....	(70.9)	(72.6)
Net earnings.....	\$1,809,000	\$1,875,000
Interest and rentals.....	1,260,000	1,222,000
Surplus.....	\$549,000	\$653,000
Division as per traffic agreement— To Michigan Central Railroad Company....	393,000	472,000
To Canada Southern Railway Company.....	\$156,000	\$181,000
And balance from income of previous years..		229,045
Balance June 30, 1890.....		\$110,045
Less dividend 1½ p. c. declared this day.....		187,500
Balance.....		\$222,545

Charleston Cincinnati & Chicago.—The Circuit Court at Charleston, S.C., has just entered a decree in the suit of the Massachusetts & Southern Construction Company against various townships in South Carolina. By the terms of a contract made between the Charleston Cincinnati & Chicago Railway Co. and the Mass. & Southern Construction Co., the construction company was to build the railroad and take the bonds issued by certain townships in York and Lancaster Counties to the extent of some \$277,000 in part payment. When the road was completed the townships refused to deliver the bonds and the construction company brought the case before the Supreme Court of South Carolina. The court decided in favor of the construction company. The townships still refusing to deliver the bonds the company brought suit in the United States Circuit Court with the above result, the court holding that the bonds were a valid obligation against the townships, and ordering the Boston Trust Co., who hold the bonds as trustees to ensure the performance of the contract, to deliver the same to the construction company.

Chicago Gas—On Friday the company procured Charlton's consent for a dismissal of his suit, and presented the order to Judge Collins in Chicago, who discharged Receiver Davis and dismissed the Charlton suit. It is supposed that the dividend will now be paid by the Central Trust Co. in New York in a few days.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis.—The earnings, expenses and charges for May and eleven months (July 1 to May 31) were as follows:

	May.		July 1 to May 31.	
	1889.	1890.	1888-89.	1889-90.
Gross earnings.....	1,070,273	1,163,525	10,878,510	11,701,341
Operating expenses....	711,730	701,327	7,254,601	7,566,532
Net earnings.....	358,543	462,198	3,623,909	4,134,809
Int., taxes, rentals, etc.	300,357	289,549	2,807,920	2,787,026
Net income.....	58,186	172,649	815,989	1,347,783

East Tennessee—Louisville Southern.—The negotiations for the control of the latter road by the former contemplates a reduction in the rate of interest on the Southern bonds to 5 per cent, with a guarantee by the East Tennessee Company.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company.—The first mortgage 5 per cent convertible twenty-year gold bonds of this company were listed this week on the New York Stock Exchange. The particulars of the issue as given in the application to the Exchange is published in full on another page.

Kansas City Ft. Scott & Memphis.—Gross and net earnings and charges for May and the eleven months have been as follows:

	May.		July 1 to May 31.	
	1889.	1890.	1888-9.	1889-90.
Gross earnings.....	\$373,144	\$423,787	\$4,179,851	\$4,577,626
Operating expenses....	248,560	291,341	2,764,242	3,124,928
Net earnings.....	\$124,584	\$134,446	\$1,415,609	\$1,452,698
Charges.....	83,399	87,459	911,066	954,096
Balance.....	\$41,185	\$46,987	\$504,543	\$498,602

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 25th inst., a dividend of two per cent was declared payable on the first day of August next. The following is the half-yearly statement that was presented to the meeting, the month of June, 1890, being partly estimated:

	1889.	1890.
Gross earnings.....	\$8,829,696	\$9,908,767
Operating expenses and taxes.....	5,944,721	6,919,280
Per cent.....	(67.33)	(69.83)
Net earnings.....	\$2,884,975	\$2,989,487
Interest, rentals and dividends on guaranteed stock.....	1,711,625	1,680,000
Balance to stock.....	\$1,173,350	\$1,309,487
Equals per share.....	(\$2.37)	(\$2.65)
The above dividend of 2 p. c. amounts to.....	989,330	989,330
Leaving the surplus for the half-year....	\$184,020	\$320,157

Expenses include all expenditures. Nothing has been charged to construction or equipment since 1883.

Lehigh Valley.—A formal consolidation of the Buffalo & Geneva Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railway and the Geneva & Van Etnenville Railroad has been effected, Mr. Elisha P. Wilbur being President of the consolidated system, which controls the Lehigh Valley's lines in New York State. The

new company, entitled the Lehigh Valley Railway, has executed a mortgage to the Girard Life Insurance & Trust Company of Philadelphia, as trustee, for \$15,000,000. The mortgage is payable in 1940, and bonds will be issued bearing 4½ per cent interest. Six hundred thousand dollars of the issue is reserved to take up a like amount of Ithaca & Athens first mortgage seven per cent bonds maturing on July 1 of this year, and the balance will be available for constructing the new road from Geneva to Buffalo, and for other purposes.

Michigan Central.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors held June 25 a dividend of 2 per cent was declared payable on the first day of August next. The following statement of the business for the six months ending June 30th compared with that of the previous year was presented (June, 1890, being partly estimated):

	1889.	1890.
Gross earnings.....	\$6,233,000	\$6,843,000
Operating expenses and taxes.....	4,424,000	4,968,000
Per cent.....	(70.9)	(72.6)
Net earnings.....	\$1,809,000	\$1,875,000
Interest and rentals.....	1,260,000	1,222,000
Surplus.....	\$549,000	\$653,000
Proportion to Canada Southern Co.....	156,000	181,000
Leaves.....	\$393,000	\$472,000
Dividend 2 per cent declared this day.....	374,764	374,764
Balance.....	\$18,236	\$97,236

Missouri Pacific.—The stockholders of this railway company are asked to give their proxies to the management to be voted at a special meeting, to be held July 15, upon the following propositions:

First—To increase the authorized capital stock of the company \$10,000,000, with a provision that of the new stock not more than \$1,000,000 shall be issued and subscribed for in connection with first collateral mortgage bonds of the company, and not more than \$2,000,000 shall be issued and used to carry out exchanges already made for the stock of the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railway Company upon the basis of exchange heretofore in force, and that the balance of said new stock over and above such \$3,000,000 shall only be issued or used when and for such purposes as the stockholders of this company may, at a regular or special meeting thereafter, prescribe and determine, and shall not in the meantime be issued or used.

Second—To increase the bonded indebtedness of the company to the authorized amount of \$10,000,000 by the issue of the company's first collateral mortgage bonds, bearing 5 per cent interest and running thirty years, to provide for the debt incurred by the company in aiding and promoting construction and equipment of roads of auxiliary companies not heretofore provided for by the issue of any securities of the company; such collateral mortgage bonds to be secured by the deposit of first mortgage bonds of said auxiliary companies, and to be issued at a rate not to exceed 80 per cent of the par value of such deposited or underlying bonds.

Monterey & Mexican Gulf.—President Bullock has just returned from Mexico and says work is progressing rapidly in the construction of the road. There are now 195 miles completed, and grading done for another 100 miles, on which track-laying is proceeding at the rate of a mile a day.

Oregon Trans-Continental—Edison General Electric—Thompson-Houston.—Regarding these companies the *Wall Street Journal* says to-day: "There have been almost daily conferences recently between representatives of the Thompson-Houston and the Edison General Electric Co. and Mr. Villard. One is being held to-day. A gentleman identified with one of the companies says "Mr. Villard is trying to bring about a close alliance of these companies with the O. T. It was this purpose in the first place which caused the advance in Thompson-Houston stock, and the decline now is the result of a hitch which is always apt to occur in such large and important negotiations. Some of the trustees of the Edison General are at present objecting to some of the proposed features of Mr. Villard's plan so far as it involves their concurrence in them."

Pennsylvania.—The gross and net earnings for April and the four months of the year, in 1889 and 1890, were as below stated. On the lines west of Pittsburg and Erie the net result, after payment of all charges, is shown in the second table:

	LINES EAST OF PITTSBURG AND ERIE.			
	Gross Earnings.		Net Earnings.	
	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.
January.....	\$4,528,746	\$5,142,311	\$1,080,796	\$1,306,046
February.....	4,421,156	4,851,091	1,391,442	1,395,131
March.....	4,796,136	5,470,715	1,589,100	1,647,271
April.....	5,032,370	5,619,357	1,686,598	1,687,771
May.....	5,294,810	5,703,033	1,895,658	1,882,947
5 months.....	\$24,073,218	\$26,786,507	\$7,643,594	\$7,919,166

	LINES WEST OF PITTSBURG AND ERIE.			
	Net surplus or deficit after payment of charges.			
	1889.	1890.	Diff. in 1890.	
January.....	Sur. \$54,301	Sur. \$73,968	Gain. \$19,667	
February.....	Def. 207,403	Def. 185,899	Gain. 121,504	
March.....	Def. 31,742	Def. 36,779	Loss. 5,037	
April.....	Def. 16,179	Sur. 4,035	Gain. 20,214	
May.....	Def. 81,330	Sur. 9,183	Gain. 90,513	
5 months.....	Def. \$282,353	Sur. \$64,509	Gain. \$346,861	

Philadelphia & Reading.—The Reading Directors held a special meeting to-day in Philadelphia and accepted President Corbin's resignation, and elected Mr. McLeod to succeed him, and Col. James Boyd, of Norristown, a Director to succeed Mr. McLeod.

Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac.—The 8 per cent convertible loan of \$150,000, falling due July 1, 1890, will be paid at the office of Brown Brothers & Co., Baltimore.

St. Louis Arkansas & Texas.—The increased expenses, viz., \$446,995, for the four months ending April 30, over the same period of 1889, as reported in our last issue, page 875, is largely accounted for by the extraordinary repairs now being conducted under the advice of the Reorganization Committee

and supervision of the receivers; the actual charges for betterments for the four months being \$342,600. The plan of reorganization provides for about \$1,600,000 to be put into the road, in addition to the amount expended last year for betterments, and paid out of net earnings, and until the property has been sold under foreclosure all the net earnings will be used by the receivers as against this reserve. The receivers are now in consultation with the Committee, and have laid before the Committee statements and plans calling for a further outlay of over \$300,000 for immediate betterments. The required amount will most probably be advanced out of the \$1,600,000 reserved for improvements against receivers' certificates. After the road is put into good physical condition, as contemplated by the Committee, and the equipment all paid for, which is also provided for in the plan of reorganization, it is expected that the cost of operating will be reduced to a minimum.

The gross earnings for 1889 were.....	\$3,876,285
A fair moderate estimate for 1890 would be.....	\$4,000,000
Allowing 70 per cent for ordinary operating expenses.....	2,800,000
Estimated net earnings.....	\$1,200,000

St. Louis & San Francisco.—This company was taken over by the Atchison subject to its obligations, including the first preferred stock which was left intact. This stock has always been somewhat peculiar in its character, owing to the following clause in the certificates following the statement of its 7 per cent preference over the other classes of stock—"and by resolution of the company has priority of lien on net revenues for such dividend over any mortgage bond that may be issued by the company subsequent to the creation of this stock." Whatever meaning a legal and technical construction might put upon these words, their plain and common-sense meaning would seem to be that the stock should receive its dividends out of the earnings of the road as it then existed, ahead of the interest on any bonds that might subsequently be issued on the same road.

The St. Louis & San Francisco has just come under a new management, and it is believed that the rights of the first preferred stock will be fully respected. The *Boston News Bureau* speaks of the subject somewhat indefinitely as follows: "There has been some discussion of late as to the value of St. Louis & San Francisco first preferred shares, which are not treated in the consolidation, and it can be safely affirmed that they will get all they earn; 5 per cent if earned or 4 per cent if no more is earned. But it may interest the holders of such stock to know that the Frisco accounting is now in the same hands and will be done upon the same strict lines as are the Atchison's affairs; and the 1st preferred stock will get what it earns." [The preference entitles this stock to 7 per cent if earned.]

Shenandoah Valley.—The foreclosure sale of this road will take place at Roanoke, Va., on September 30.

Sugar Trust Suit.—At Saratoga, June 24, the N. Y. Court of Appeals rendered a decision in the case of The People of the State of New York against the North River Sugar Refining Company. The appeal from the order of the General Term affirming the order of the Special Term against defendant's motion for a stay of proceedings is dismissed, and the judgment is affirmed. The decision was written by Judge Finch—all the other judges concurring—and he says:

"The judgment sought against the defendant is one of corporate death. The State, which created, asks us to destroy, and the penalty invoked represents the extreme rigor of the law. Its infliction must rest upon grave cause, and be warranted by material misconduct. The life of a corporation is indeed less than that of the humblest citizen, and yet it envelops great accumulation of property, moves and carries in large volume the business and enterprise of the people, and may not be destroyed without clear and abundant reasons. This would be true even if the Legislature should debate the destruction of the corporate life by a repeal of the corporate charter, but is beyond dispute where the State summons its defender before judicial tribunals, and submits its complaints to their judgment and view. By that process it assumes the burden of establishing the charges which it has made, and must show us warrant in the facts for the relief which it seeks."

"Two questions therefore open before us—first, has the defendant corporation exceeded or abused its powers and, second, does that excess or abuse threaten or harm the public welfare? We find disclosed that it has become an integral part and element of a combination which possesses over it an absolute control, and dictates the extent and manner and terms of its entire business activity. All its stock is in the central association, denominated a 'Board of Trustees,' and consisting of only eleven individuals, who took and distributed to its own stockholders certificates of the Board carrying a proportionate interest in what it describes as its capital stock. The defendant corporation has lost the power to make a dividend, and is compelled to pay over its net earnings to the master whose servant it has become. Under the order of that master it has refused to refine sugar, and by so much has lessened the supply upon the market. It cannot stir unless the master approves, and yet is entitled to receive from the earnings of the other refineries, amassed as profits in the treasury of the Board, its proportionate share for division among its own stockholders, who now own the substitute certificates. In return for this advantage it has become liable to be mortgaged, not for its own corporate benefit alone, but to supply with funds the controlling Board when that Board reaches out for other coveted refineries. All of this is admitted by the defendant.

"The question to be determined is whether the corporation became the servant of the Board by its own voluntary action or through the will and power of others. If what has happened is ascertained to be that the stockholders of this corporation, one or many, sold absolutely to the Board their entire stock, and the latter have merely chosen directors in their own interest and are managing the property as absolute owners may, then it is difficult to see wherein the corporation has sinned or what it has done, more than for a time to omit to do business. This is the appellants' theory.

"On the other hand, it is contended that there never was a sale, but a trust constituted by mutual agreement; that they who agreed were the whole body of stockholders, in each corporation, necessarily representing and binding the corporation itself; that they transferred their shares to the Board upon the trusts declared in the deed; that the certificates issued by the Board were the formal declarations of the trust;

that the corporate stockholders parted with the legal title of their stock to the chosen trustees with the power to vote upon it, but retained its beneficial ownership through the operation of the certificates, and as the corporation entered into partnership with the Board of Control."

"The question to be determined is whether the conduct of the defendant in aiding to form the trust was illegal. In all of these points which have been reviewed it is found that the corporation was doing the public an injury, and in avoiding the State law which compels reservation of corporate rights had proved unfaithful to its charter. It is a violation of law for a corporation to enter into a partnership (as shown in the case of *Whittenton* against *Repton*, 10 Gray, 596,) which furnishes the reasons at length.

"If the trust had been properly formed as a corporation under the laws the twenty separate companies would have been dissolved and not have remained in existence as in this case. The present corporation or trust puts upon the market a capital stock proudly defiant of actual values and capable of unlimited expansion. It is one thing for the State to respect the rights of ownership, and quite another thing to add to the possibility of a further extension of those consequences by creating artificial authority in the management of such aggregations. If corporations can combine and mass their forces in a solid trust with little added risk to capital already in without limit to magnitude, a tempting and easy road is open to enormous combinations vastly exceeding in number and strength any possibilities of individual ownership. The State seeks to protect individuals rather than combinations."

Concluding, the opinion says:

"The defendant corporation has violated its charter and failed in the performance of its corporate duties, and that in respect so material and important as to justify a judgment of dissolution. Having reached that result it is needless to advance into the wider discussion over monopolies and the problem of political economy. The duty of this court is to leave them until some proper emergencies compel their consideration. Without either approval or disapproval of the views expressed by the courts below we are enabled to decide that in this State there can be no partnership of separate and independent corporations, whether directly or indirectly, through the medium of a trust, no substantial consolidations which avoid and disregard the statutory provisions and restraints; but that manufacturing corporations must be and remain several as they were created or one under the statute.

"The judgment appealed from is affirmed, with costs."

—It is not yet clear just what will be the course of proceedings in the Sugar Trust affair, but it seems tolerably certain that in some shape reorganization will follow and the owners will get the benefit of the property. It has been decided before that forfeit of a charter is not forfeit of the property. In Boston Mr. C. O. Foster, President of the Boston Sugar Refining Company, and one of the trustees in the Sugar Trust, is reported as saying, regarding the Court of Appeals decision: "No matter what the decision of the Court may be, it will not affect the business of the trust. They can't prevent us from making money legitimately. If the Court says we are not doing business legally, why then we shall reorganize into a corporation, and our business will go on just the same."

"* * * We are to have our annual meeting Monday, June 30, at No. 117 Wall Street, for the purpose of electing three trustees in place of Charles H. Sneff, William Dick and myself, whose terms of office will expire on that date. Hector C. Havemeyer, a large New York sugar merchant, I understand, will succeed Mr. Sneff, and I think Mr. Dick and I will be re-elected."

Tennessee Coal & Iron.—The Directors have declared a 4 per cent semi-annual dividend on the preferred stock. There has been a proposition before the Directors for an important land purchase, but the particulars are not made public and the matter is said to be in the hands of a committee.

Virginia Debt Settlement.—An important movement has been inaugurated in the formation of a bondholders' committee to obtain the cordial co-operation of the different classes of bondholders, and to bring about, if possible, harmonious relations between the State and those bondholders and their representatives who have been engaged in harassing litigation for many years. Such success has attended these efforts that foreign bondholders have expressed their earnest desire and intention to co-operate with the committee and deposit their bonds, and those engaged in the litigation with the State have already directed that all litigation on their behalf should be forthwith suspended.

The following gentlemen constitute the committee: Mr. Frederic P. Olcott, President of the Central Trust Company; Mr. William L. Bull, of Edward Sweet & Co., and ex-President of the New York Stock Exchange; Mr. Charles D. Dickey, Jr., of Brown Brothers & Co.; Hugh R. Garden, Esq., President of the New York Southern Society; Mr. Henry Budge, of Hallgarten & Co., and Mr. John Gill, President of the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company of Baltimore. This committee will endeavor to formulate a plan of settlement which shall have the approval of an Advisory Board consisting of the following: the Hon. Grover Cleveland, the Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, ex-Secretary of State; Mr. George G. Williams, President of the Chemical National Bank of this city; the Hon. Edward J. Phelps, ex-Minister to England; and Mr. George S. Coe, President of the American Exchange National Bank of New York.

As the State of Virginia will not treat with any one who is not authorized to act for the bondholders, this bondholders' committee requires that the bonds shall be deposited with certain leading financial institutions in this country and in Europe under an agreement giving to the bondholders' committee the power to represent them, but with the privilege to the bondholders to ratify any proposition which shall have been found satisfactory to the advisory board appointed for that purpose or to withdraw their bonds.

The depositaries for the different classes of securities are: The Central Trust Company of New York, Brown, Shipley & Co. of London, the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company of Baltimore and the Planters' National Bank of Richmond.

On another page is given a very full statement of the situation and what is proposed.

Reports and Documents.

THE EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CO.

APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, May 26th, 1890.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of New York, a corporation organized and doing business in the city, county and State of New York, hereby makes application to your Exchange to list \$2,000,000 of its first mortgage 5 per cent convertible twenty-year gold bonds, being Nos. 1 to 2,000 inclusive, for \$1,000 each; dated March 14, 1890; due March 1, 1910.

These bonds are in coupon form, in denominations of one thousand dollars each. Coupons are due March 1st and September 1st in each year. The bonds can be registered as to principal, and are secured by a mortgage and supplement thereto, both dated March 14, 1890, to the Central Trust Company of New York as Trustee, which mortgage is for five million dollars. The remaining three million dollars of bonds are to be issued only on the authority of a majority of the stockholders and as further property may be acquired. Here-with please find copies of the mortgage and supplement thereto, and specimen of the bond as engraved by the American Bank Note Company.

The bonds are an absolute first mortgage on the property of this company, real, personal and mixed, of every name and nature, acquired and to be acquired, in the city of New York below Seventieth Street, together with the corporate rights and franchises, inventions, licenses, patent rights and grants of every kind, all of which are specifically referred to in the mortgage and supplement thereto.

After September 1, 1891, the holders of the bonds are given the right to convert them at par into capital stock of the company, on the twenty-first days of January or July during the years 1892 to 1895 inclusive, upon giving ninety days' prior notice and submitting the bond for the endorsement of the company; and should the company be, for any reason, legally unable to make such conversion, the bonds become due and payable, with a premium of 20 per cent added thereto.

On and after January 1, 1900, the company may pay these bonds in cash with 10 per cent premium added to the principal, upon giving seventy days' notice by publication.

The present issue of \$2,000,000 bonds have all been sold, and \$750,000 of them have already been delivered and paid for, and the payments on the remainder will be duly made in accordance with the terms of sale, *i. e.*, \$600,000, July 1st, 1890, and \$650,000 on September 1st, 1890.

Out of the proceeds of these \$2,000,000 bonds, \$250,000 have been used to pay off a mortgage previously existing on the company's real estate, and which has been satisfied and discharged of record. The remaining proceeds are to provide for the development and extension of the company's business, that is to say, the erection of one or more additional large central stations in the city of New York, the laying of underground conductors in sections of the city not heretofore reached by this company's service; the enlargement of its plant in the existing stations to meet the constantly-increasing demand for our current for light and power.

The property covered and to be covered by the present mortgage consists of real estate, stations, buildings, dwellings, and the plant, including machinery, underground conductors and other property, all in the city of New York, and which will have cost, when the proceeds of these bonds have been expended, over four million dollars in cash.

The gross and net earnings for the four months ending April 30th, 1890, have been as follows:

1890.	Gross Earnings.	Total Expenses.	Net Earnings.
January.....	\$44,847 20	\$24,118 18	\$20,729 02
February.....	44,276 00	27,128 66	17,147 34
March.....	38,492 16	26,955 63	11,536 53
April.....	40,378 61	23,895 25	16,483 36

The executive and transfer office is at 16 Broad Street, New York City.

The Board of Directors, elected January 28th, 1890, consists of John I. Beggs, R. R. Bowker, C. H. Coster, Charles E. Crowell, Thomas A. Edison, J. Buchanan Henry, E. H. Johnson, J. P. Marquand, George Foster Peabody, F. S. Smithers, Spencer Trask, Henry Villard and J. Hood Wright.

The officers are George Foster Peabody, President; R. R. Bowker, 1st Vice-President; John I. Beggs, Vice-President and General Manager; J. B. Skehan, Secretary and Treasurer; Joseph Williams, Assistant Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CO. OF N. Y.
R. R. BOWKER, 1st Vice-President.
J. B. SKEHAN, Treasurer.

The Committee recommended that \$1,500,000 of the above-described First Mortgage Five per cent Convertible Twenty-year Gold Bonds, Nos. 1 to 1,500, be admitted to the list. Also that this Committee be empowered to add to the list from time to time balance of the bonds up to No. 2,000, when advised by company that said bonds are issued and sold.

Adopted June 25, 1890.

VIRGINIA DEBT SETTLEMENT.

HISTORY OF THE BONDS, ETC.

NEW YORK, May 19, 1890.

To Holders of the Unsettled Portion of the Virginia Debt:

For more than seven years the holders of Virginia bonds have refused the terms offered, and have, through various agencies, expended large sums in fruitless efforts to obtain better terms.

It has been thus established: 1st. That Virginia has not been able to negotiate successfully with agencies heretofore proposing to represent this debt; and 2d. That the State will not entertain any proposition unless it is accompanied by a satisfactory guaranty that, if accepted, substantially all the bonds will be immediately surrendered.

To meet the requirements of the situation, the debt is to be conditionally deposited under an Agreement giving a Committee power to consummate such a compromise as creditors accept.

An Advisory Board will examine such plans of settlement as may be proposed by the creditors (represented by the Bondholders' Committee), and will state their approval and recommendation, or the contrary, of such plan when submitted to them.

After a plan of settlement has been approved by the Board, it will be submitted to the bondholders for their acceptance, and when accepted by them, but not otherwise, it will be carried into execution.

The Bondholders' Committee is, Frederic P. Olcott, Charles D. Dickey, Jr., William L. Bull, Hugh R. Garden, Henry Budge, of New York, and John Gill, of Baltimore.

The Advisory Board consists of Hon. Grover Cleveland, Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, Hon. Edward J. Phelps, Mr. George S. Coe and Mr. George G. Williams.

The Depositories are, Central Trust Co. of New York, Brown, Shipley & Co. of London, The Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore, and The Planters' National Bank of Richmond.

The subject is fully developed in the following pages. Copies of the Agreement under which the Debt is to be deposited will be furnished, on application, by any Depository or by any member of the Committee.

MEMORANDUM.

Fruitless efforts have been made during the past twenty years to place this debt on a sound financial basis.

The issue of consols in 1871 failed because it was proposed to redeem annually \$1,100,000 of tax-receivable coupons in excess of the net revenue of the State.

The issue of Ten-Forties in 1879 failed because of the popular indignation it excited in Virginia.

The issue of Riddleberger Bonds in 1893 failed because none of the creditors were consulted, and because at the then market value of the proposed new bonds the creditors would not have realized 30 cents on the dollar. Various other attempts in this behalf were equally barren of results.

Exhausting litigation, continued through sixteen years, to compel the State to receive Consol and Ten-Forty coupons for taxes, and unsatisfactory negotiations by parties representing a portion of the bondholders, produced antagonisms which have delayed a fair and equitable settlement.

It is confidently believed, however, that there is now presented a most favorable opportunity for inaugurating a movement through which results can be speedily attained satisfactory to all concerned.

Creditor and debtor alike desire it, and an acceptable intermediary can accomplish a compromise satisfactory to both.

But in view of the past history of this debt, as shown in the following pages, any undertaking in this behalf to be successful must be by an Agency prepared to guarantee a complete and final settlement, if the State accedes to propositions which the bondholders are willing to accept; and this the Committee proposes to do by providing the necessary organization and machinery through which this debt may be deposited in London, New York, Baltimore or Richmond, under an Agreement authorizing one Agency to carry into execution and promptly consummate such a compromise as has been previously accepted by at least a majority in value of the several classes of creditors.

The existing law provides that the principal of all Virginia bonds, and interest thereon prior to and including January 1, 1885, may be funded into Riddleberger bonds, provided all coupons maturing after January 1, 1885, or coupons of like character, accompany said bond when tendered to be funded; but all interest subsequent to January 1, 1885, is forfeited and no allowance is made therefor in funding.

The existing law also provides that fractional certificates and detached coupons maturing prior to and including January 1, 1885, may be funded in Riddleberger bonds.

This debt, as held by the public,* is in round figures:

\$12,900,000	Consols.	
3,800,000	"	Forfeited interest ('85-'90).
250,000	"	Fundable " (to July, '82).
850,000	"	" " ('82-'85).
6,000,000	Ten Forties.	
960,000	"	Forfeited interest ('85-'90).
200,000	"	Fundable " (to Jan'y, '85).
1,160,000	Old Bonds and Pealers.	
532,000	"	Forfeited interest ('85-'90).
690,000	"	Fundable " (to July, '82).
195,000	"	" " ('82-'85).

*Viz: Exclusive of bonds owned by the United States, by Virginia Colleges and by the State itself.

The forfeited coupons are still attached to a very large majority of the bonds, but the fundable coupons are generally detached and scattered. The Depositories will issue Certificates of Deposit, which will all be of the same character and value for each class, and will (so far at least as the Consol and Ten-Forty Coupon bonds are concerned) conform to the requirements of the Exchanges in London, New York and elsewhere.

It is therefore practicable to provide for making transactions on the Exchange, in Virginia securities, through TRUST CERTIFICATES issued by the several Depositories, which transactions are now practically impossible because of the various and unknown conditions of the past-due coupons.

As the movement for a settlement progresses, these Certificates of Deposit will be in demand by investors who have faith in the integrity of the movement, and holders may thus dispose of their interests should they so desire, without waiting until a final settlement has been obtained.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE VIRGINIA DEBT.

From 1828 to 1860, it was the policy of Virginia to subscribe for three-fifths of the stock of corporations organized to build roads and other works of internal improvement, and to issue her bonds in payment of such subscriptions. In 1860, the bonds outstanding aggregated upwards of \$30,000,000. The interest was always paid promptly, and Virginia securities ranked among the safest investments. The interest was defaulted during the war, and during the period of reconstruction (while the State was under military rule), covering a period of about ten years. The creation of West Virginia, in 1863 (a military measure by Congress), deprived the old State of one-third of its basis of revenue in territory and population; and the war made bankrupt the corporations, and destroyed more than half of the taxable values on which the bonds had been issued.

THE BONDS OF '66, 67.

Immediately after the War a short session of the Legislature was held, under the auspices of the military authorities, and a law was passed to capitalize and issue new bonds for the interest which had then accrued.

The bonds under this Act were called "BONDS OF '66-'67."*

THE CONSOLS.

In 1871 the first Legislature, after reconstruction, found the treasury hopelessly bankrupt, and a debt amounting to \$45,718,112, about one-third of which was defaulted interest.

The Legislature was then composed of two distinct classes: First, a body of gentlemen, anxious at any sacrifice to uphold the credit of their State. Second, a body of recently enfranchised negroes, who could neither read nor write, who paid no taxes, and who, from the nature of the case, were not prepared to apply business principles to the reorganization of the debt. Hence it resulted that a funding bill was passed, which compounded at six per cent the accumulated interest (in part already once compounded), and attached to the new bond interest coupons, which would be a legal tender for taxes. West Virginia, of course, owed a portion of this debt; hence one-third of each bond was set aside as her portion, and a certificate therefor given to the bondholder; the payment of which was deferred, pending the settlement between the two States, and one-third of each bond was held by Virginia, unfunded, and in trust for the certificate holder, until such settlement was effected.†

The total debt was then (1871).....\$45,718,112
Deduct 1/3 for West Virginia..... 15,239,370

Amount to be funded.....\$30,478,742

It will be noted the act proposed a new principal of \$30,000,000, whereas a proper statement would have been this:

Total principal, July, 1871.....\$30,000,000
One-third off for West Virginia..... 10,000,000

New principal to bear interest.....\$20,000,000
Total interest, July, 1871.....\$15,000,000
One-third off for West Virginia..... 5,000,000

New interest account.....\$10,000,000

By this statement the interest-bearing sum would have been \$20,000,000, instead of \$30,000,000.

The bonds issued under this act were called Consols.

This act proved a Pandora's box.

To accept coupon's for taxes is to apply so much of the revenue to the payment of interest, and if all taxes be paid in coupons the Treasury will receive no money to meet the ordinary expenses of government.

With her diminished revenue it was impossible for Virginia to apply exceeding \$700,000 a year to interest on her debt, and yet the Legislature improvidently, but with the best intentions, passed a law to produce annually \$1,800,000 of tax-receivable coupons, making an inevitable deficiency in interest of \$1,100,000 per annum.

Immediately upon the passage of this act some \$20,000,000 of the new bonds were issued, yielding annually \$1,200,000 tax-paying coupons, creating at once an annual deficit of \$500,000. If the balance of the old bonds came in to be funded, the annual deficit would be \$1,100,000.

With a treasury again hopelessly bankrupt, the schools without money and the hospitals without food, Virginia was forced to decline to receive coupons for taxes.

*The bonds issued before the War and the bonds of '66-7 have become known as "OLD BONDS."
† A Synopsis of this Act is printed in Appendix.

THE PEALERS.

In 1872, less than a year after the passage of the funding bill, the debt stood (approximately):

Consol Bonds, principal.....	\$20,000,000
Defaulted coupons.....	500,000
Old bonds and interest to 71, 1/3 off for West Va.....	10,500,000
	\$31,000,000

To prevent these old bonds from being converted into tax-receivable coupon bonds, the Legislature amended the funding law by repealing the clause making coupons a legal tender for taxes. The bonds issued subsequent to this repeal were called Repealers or PEALERS.

WHY THE VIRGINIA DEBT IS THE ONLY SOUTHERN ANTE-WAR DEBT REMAINING UNSETTLED.

At this point was inaugurated the mistaken policy which has caused both bondholders and the State terrible loss, and the adherence to which explains why Virginia is the only Southern State whose debt, incurred before the war, remains unsettled. Had the situation been then thoroughly studied by persons having the confidence of both sides, and acquainted with the affairs of State, a reorganization of the entire debt on sound business principles, could have been easily effected.* But, unfortunately for debtor and creditor alike, a large proportion of the bonds had drifted to Europe, where the political complications, which necessarily control legislation in this country, and have especially controlled in the South during the last twenty years, cannot be understood or appreciated.

Under a leadership which did not realize the true condition of Virginia, some of the creditors came to expect payment in full, although the bonds represented what seemed to be more than was justly due, and although the coupons far exceeded the ability of the State to pay. And so it came about that the Council of Foreign Bondholders in London, organized in 1873, and representing a portion of the bonds, with the best intentions but disastrous results, endeavored, by judicial process, to compel Virginia to carry out the improvident law of 1871. This she refused to do, and thereupon commenced a struggle in the Courts, which has continued without intermission for more than sixteen years, between the representatives of a portion of the creditors on the one side and the State of Virginia on the other; the former endeavoring to compel the Commonwealth to accept coupons and the State officials (zealously supported by the people) endeavoring to keep the coupons out of the Treasury.

THE TEN-FORTIES--(McCULLOCH BILL)

In 1879 a truce was called, and the Legislature, acting under the impression that the Council controlled the bonds, passed a new law to refund the entire debt into a 3 per cent bond, with tax-receivable coupons.

At that time the debt stood approximately:

Consols.....	\$20,000,000, worth 80 cts.
Defaulted Coupons.....	1,000,000, " 75 "
Pealers.....	3,500,000, " 25 "
Defaulted Interest.....	250,000, " 25 "
Old Bonds.....	6,000,000, " 25 "
Defaulted Interest.....	3,000,000, " 25 "
	\$33,750,000

This Act, by its express terms, constituted a contract between Virginia and the Council, and secured to the latter the exclusive privilege of presenting bonds to be funded.‡ This contract, while binding on the State and on the Council, was not binding on the creditors, because the Council had no authority to commit them. The outcome was, only a small portion of the debt was surrendered and the Act was abandoned. But before it was abandoned a considerable amount of "Fractional Scrip" and other securities least valuable in the market had been converted into tax-paying coupons. The passage of this Act produced the Readjuster legislation.

The bonds issued under this Act were called TEN-FORTIES, and this law was known as the McCulloch Bill, because attributed to Mr. McCulloch of the Council of Foreign Bondholders.

THE RIDDLEBERGER LEGISLATION.

Finally, the genuineness of some of the coupons were questioned, and a general opinion prevailed that the State had outstanding obligations far in excess of its just indebtedness and very largely beyond its ability to pay. Hence the Legislature of 1882 (elected on that issue) enacted two laws.

The first (called the Riddleberger Bill) gave a calculation of the indebtedness of the State after eliminating compound interest. The true debt was fixed at \$21,000,000 (round figures) and it was provided that each outstanding obligation should be abated according to a prescribed schedule, and after being so abated should be funded in a new 3 per cent bond.

The bonds under this act are called Riddleberger Bonds, or "RIDDLES."

The second Law provided that no tax collector should accept a coupon until after its genuineness had been first established by the verdict of a jury.

This law, and many others having the same object in view, have practically destroyed the value of a coupon as a legal tender for taxes. It should also be observed that the popular

* Virginia has paid, since 1861, \$23,900,000 on account of her debt, and, although her actual creditors may have realized only 30 cts., these payments (which are exclusive of the 1/3 set apart for West Va.) prove that most of the loss could have been prevented by a wise reorganization.

‡ This includes the bonds held by the Colleges, State, and by the United States.

‡ A synopsis of this Act is given in Appendix.

feeling against using coupons has become so intense that very few citizens are willing to use them, although offered to them at a large discount,

THE DEBT DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL CLASSES.

In consequence of the partial funding under the various Acts above mentioned (viz., 1866-7, '71, '73 and '79), the debt came to be divided into several classes, and at the time of the Riddleberger Bill (1882) was approximately as shown by the following statement:

A STATEMENT OF THE DEBT AS IT STOOD AT THE PASSAGE OF THE RIDDLEBERGER BILL.

	Quota- tion.	Amount Outstanding.	Funda- ble Rate.	Amount new bonds. Issuable.
OLD BONDS, viz., Bonds issued before the war and under the Act of '66-7.....	25	\$3,773,493	69	\$2,603,710
Interest to July 1, '82.....	20	2,862,853	63	1,803,597
CONSOLS, viz., Tax-receivable coupon bonds under Act of '71.	80	14,369,974	53	7,616,038
Interest (coupons) to July, '21	63	1,600,000	100	1,600,000
PEALERS, viz., Bonds under Act of '71, issued after repeal of clause making coupons tax-receivable.....	25	2,394,305	69	1,652,070
Interest to July, '82.....	50	1,072,545	80	858,036
TEN FORTIES, viz., Bonds under Act '79.....	40	8,517,600	60	5,110,560
Interest (coupons) to July, '82	45	500,500	100	500,500
		\$35,090,270		\$21,744,561

— the average rate of funding being 62 per cent. The \$35,090,270 then (1882) outstanding was, at above quotations, worth \$18,500,000, or an average of 53 cents. The new bonds were discredited, and were quoted at say 40 cents. Hence, if holders had funded, and sold the proceeds of funding, they would have realized in money only \$8,697,824, or less than 26½ cents on the dollar.

(The Present Condition of the Debt

should be contrasted with its condition at the date of the Riddleberger Bill.

It should be carefully noted that the law, as originally passed in 1882, permitted the entire debt to be funded; no part of either principal or interest was excluded, and the average rate of funding was 62 per cent; but to-day, nearly one-third of the principal, and largely more than half the interest, is excluded from the privilege of being funded, and the average rate is only 32 per cent. It will be remembered that one amendment forfeited interest to accrue after January, 1885, & to bonds not funded before that date; and another amendment forbids the funding of any bond unless all its coupons for the forfeited interest are produced and surrendered;—the absence of a single coupon destroys the fundability of the entire bond. The records at Richmond show that one or more of these forfeited coupons belonging to \$4,000,000 Consols and \$2,500,000 Ten-Forties have been canceled by the State. In other words, holders of \$6,500,000 bonds, by selling coupons to be tendered for taxes, have destroyed the fundability of their bonds; and it is evident that such bonds are without any basis of value, except the hope that Virginia will some day repeal the amendment, or the hope that presently the tax-payers can be found willing to tender coupons. These coupons have rated in the market at from 15 to 20 cents, and it is to be presumed holders sold them, to be used for taxes, because not informed that doing so destroyed fundability.

The present situation of the debts, as held by the public (viz., exclusive of bonds owned by the State, by State Colleges and by the United States), is approximately as follows:

	Amount Out- standing, 1890.	Fundable Rate.	Amount New Bonds Issuable.
Old Bonds and Pealers...	\$1,000,000	69	\$690,000
“ “ Int. to '82....	650,000	63	410,000
“ “ “ to '82-5....	250,000	50	125,000
“ “ “ to '85-90....	500,000	forfeited	.....
Consols fundable.....	8,900,000	53	4,717,000
“ unfundable.....	4,000,000	unfund.	.....
“ Int., '82.....	250,000	100	250,000
“ “ '82-5.....	850,000	50	425,000
“ “ '85-90.....	3,800,000	forfeited	.....
Ten-Forties, fundable...	3,500,000	60	2,100,000
“ unfundable.....	2,500,000	unfund.	.....
“ Int. to '85....	200,000	100	200,000
“ “ '85-90....	960,000	forfeited	.....
	\$27,360,000		\$8,916,500

In other words, as the law now stands, only \$8,916,500 of new bonds can be issued; hence, by now funding and selling the proceeds of funding (with “Riddles,” at 66 cents), holders could not realize \$6,000,000 in money or their \$27,000,000 of bonds.)

A few of the creditors (chiefly holders of the lower-priced securities), exhausted by the fruitless policy pursued for sixteen years, have surrendered their holdings and accepted the Riddleberger Bill. Hence some \$4,500,000 of bonds, issued under this Act, are now held by the public.

THE SITUATION SINCE 1882.

The creditors refused the terms offered, and the struggle to force coupons into the Treasury has continued. This policy, naturally adopted by a management 3,000 miles distant, was the opposite of that recommended by those nearer to the popular heart of Virginia, and who understood the situation; and has resulted in a determination by all Virginians to resist coercion, while the Legislature has been ingenious to find new ways to induce bondholders to fund under the Riddleberger Bill. To this end the law of 1882 has been amended:

* This is inclusive of the bonds owned by the State, by State Colleges and by the United States.

† The enumeration of the amounts, as made by the bill, treats all tax-receivable coupons then outstanding as credits. Hence these figures differ somewhat from those in the bill.

‡ The different groups into which this \$27,000,000 has become divided are shown in Appendix.

1st: To forfeit one-half of the interest between July, '82, and July, '85 (except on Ten-forties).

2d: To forfeit all interest subsequent to January, '85.

3rd: To prohibit the funding of any bond unless accompanied with this forfeited interest (or with coupons of like character, date and amount), for which no allowance is made. In other words, if any coupon maturing after January, '85, be missing, the principal cannot be funded unless an equivalent coupon, taken from some other bond, is produced and surrendered—but it will be observed that the fundability of the bond from which this coupon is taken is destroyed.*

THE CONFERENCE OF 1887.

The Legislature of 1887, in response to an application by the Council of Foreign Bondholders, appointed a Committee to confer with its representatives.

Upon the threshold of this conference, the Committee inquired what amount of bonds were under the control of the Council, and its representatives stated that the Council did not control any of them, but they expressed their belief that substantially all of the creditors would accept and abide by any compromise which the Council recommended. Thereupon the Committee made an elaborate exposition of the financial condition of the State to convince the representatives of the Council that Virginia could not depart from the general principles of the Riddleberger Legislation. The Conference was fruitless of results.

CONCLUSION.

Funding has practically ceased; the Riddleberger bonds, being discredited, are generally excluded from the stock lists in the financial centres and are avoided by investors; the unpaid interest is accumulating at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a year, and the breach between Virginia and her creditors becomes rapidly wider and less reconcilable. The bonds of Virginia are more discredited than those of almost any other State, and are rapidly drifting beyond the pale of commercial recognition. The present value of the \$27,000,000 (including interest) held by the public is less than \$8,000,000; and it cannot be doubted that unless there be prompt action to invoke new methods this loss will be irretrievable. It is true an average of \$109,440 coupons were annually forced into the Treasury during the last eight years; but while the State redeemed them at 100 cents, it is doubtful whether the owners of the bonds realized an average of forty-five cents; and it is certain that every coupon forced into the Treasury increases the popular prejudice against the foreign creditors and makes a compromise more difficult.

FORFEITED COUPONS LOW-PRICED BECAUSE TAX-PAYERS REFUSE TO USE THEM.

This popular prejudice against using coupons has become so intense and so universal in Virginia that it is exceedingly difficult to find even a few tax-payers willing to defy the odium of their neighbors by tendering them. Intelligently directed inquiry will show that the non-fundable, or forfeited, coupons, are low-priced—not because it is difficult to prove them genuine, but because it is difficult to find tax-payers willing to incur the popular odium which is fixed upon any one who tenders them; and it is evident that so long as the present popular feeling exists in Virginia, very few of her people can be induced to tender them for taxes, and consequently it will be practically impossible to create for them a permanent market value.

LITIGATION WILL NOT PRODUCE COMPROMISE.

It is probable the Supreme Court will declare unconstitutional certain recent legislation intended to obstruct the use of coupons, but no judicial determination against the State can pacify that popular feeling which prevents the use of coupons, although offered at 15 per cent, and hence it is immaterial to discuss the legal questions which the Council of Foreign Bondholders have had before the Court during the past 16 years.

A COMPROMISE PRACTICABLE.

Thoughtful and influential citizens of Virginia recognize, however, the necessity of restoring their State credit, and will actively assist any proposal within the limits of the revenue which guarantees a prompt and final settlement.

But in view of their past experience the Virginia people are unanimous against considering any proposition looking to a modification of the existing law, unless accompanied with an absolute and undoubted guaranty that if accepted by the State it will be binding upon substantially all the bondholders. In other words, the State will not consider propositions which (although agreed to by persons who expect to control the bonds), may be rejected by the creditors after the State is committed, as was the case with the Act of 1879. Virginia will not again commit herself unless her creditors are equally committed; and it was with reference to this fixed purpose that the Commission, appointed last March, to agree with creditors on terms for funding the debt, is prohibited from entertaining any proposition unless accompanied with a guaranty that ensures its being carried out if accepted by the State.

It is, therefore, impossible to reopen negotiations unless the widely-scattered bondholders co-operate to appoint one agency with which the State may authoritatively treat and which has power to bind the bonds to any new agreement which binds the State.

* It should be carefully observed that a bond which is not fundable is worth very much less than one which is; and using any of these forfeited coupons to pay taxes destroys the fundability of the bond.

APPENDIX.
THE FUNDING BILL OF 1871.
(Condensed.)

WHEREAS, West Virginia includes about one-third of the territory and population of the Old State; and, whereas, the ordinance authorizing the organization of the new State provided that it should take upon itself a certain proportion of the debt incurred prior to 1860; which is estimated at one-third; now, for the purpose of restoring the credit of the State, it is ENACTED:

1. The owner of any bond heretofore issued (except the 5 per cent dollar and sterling bonds, but including the stock of the James River Company and the bonds of the James River & Kanawha Company guaranteed by the State), may fund two-thirds of the principal and interest to July 1st, 1871, in coupon or registered bonds of denominations of \$100 and multiples thereof. Said bonds to be dated July 1st, 1871, and to be payable in thirty years, interest payable semi-annually on the 1st of July and January.

The coupons shall be receivable at and after maturity for all taxes, debts and demands due the State.

The 5 per cent dollar bonds may be funded at 5 per cent. Interest-bearing certificates shall be issued for fractional sums less than \$100, which certificates in sums of \$100 shall be convertible into bonds of like character; and new certificates issued for fractional amounts which remain in making exchange.

2. For the other one-third which remains, a certificate shall be issued bearing the same date as the new bond, and stating the amount of the bond which is not funded, which amount will be provided for in accordance with such settlement as shall be made with West Virginia.

It was further provided that two-thirds of the interest accruing after July 1, 1871, should be paid on sterling bonds; for the interest accrued at said date, certificates should be issued drawing the same rate of interest as the bonds.

THE ACT OF 1879.
(Condensed.)

WHEREAS, the Council of Foreign Bondholders of London, and the Funding Association of the United States, have expressed their willingness to endeavor to obtain the consent of the creditors to an abatement in interest; it is ENACTED:

1. New bonds, registered and coupon, dated January 1st, 1879, payable in 40 years, bearing interest at 3 per cent for 10 years, 4 per cent for 20 years and 5 per cent for 10 years, payable in Richmond, New York and London, on July 1st and January 1st of each year.

The coupons shall be receivable after maturity for taxes and all demands due the State. The holder of any registered bond shall be entitled to a certificate for the interest which is due, and such certificates shall be receivable for taxes and demands due the State. The bonds to be of the denomination of \$100 and the multiples thereof.

2. The indebtedness of the State is divided into Two classes; class One includes tax-receivable coupon bonds or securities which may be converted into tax-receivable coupon bonds; class Two includes all evidences of debt which have not the security of the interest being receivable for taxes.

3. The proportion of class Two refunded shall not exceed in amount one-third of the total amount funded, until \$18,000,000 of class One have been retired.

4. If, before the 1st of May, the Council of Foreign Bondholders and the Funding Association file their acceptance of this Act, the same shall be taken to be a contract between the State and said Corporations.

5. The said Corporations may present for funding \$8,000,000 of the bonds during each period of six months, and so long as said corporations shall present for funding the amounts aforesaid, they shall have the exclusive privilege of funding the outstanding debt.

THE RIDDLEBERGER BILL.
Approved February 14, 1842.
(Condensed.)

Whereas, It is essential to ascertain the true debt of the State, the following statement is submitted:

STATEMENT.

January, 1861, to July, 1863.		
Principal.....	\$33,141,212	
Interest to July, '63.....	\$5,954,716	
The share of Virginia is two-thirds of this principal and two-thirds of this interest.		
Two-thirds of above principal.....	\$22,094,141	
Two-thirds of above interest.....	\$3,969,810	
Less payments from '61 to '63.....	3,662,434	
Balance of interest due July, '63.....	\$307,376	
July, 1863, to July, 1871:		
Payments on principal.....	3,710,449	
Balance principal July, '63.....	\$18,383,692	
Interest, '63, to July, '71.....	10,499,961	
	\$10,807,337	
Less payments.....	4,039,546	
Balance interest due July, '71.....	\$6,767,791	
July, '71, to July, '79:		
Payment on principal.....	1,540,657	
Balance principal.....	\$16,843,035	
Interest, '71 to July, '79.....	8,289,937	
	\$15,057,728	
Interest, '79 to July, '82.....	2,983,560	
Total interest to July, '82.....	\$18,041,288	

Carried forward.....	\$18,041,288
Less payments.....	\$13,848,945
Balance of interest due July, '82.....	\$4,192,343
Debt July 1, 1882:	
Principal.....	\$16,843,035
Interest.....	4,192,343
	\$21,035,378

And, Whereas, It appears that the true debt of Virginia, as of July 1, 1882 (including the bonds held by the Literary Fund), is \$21,035,377, and she may issue her bonds for the same, that is for her equitable share of:

Class A. (Consols).....	\$14,369,074 81
" B. (Ten-Forties).....	8,517,600 00
" C. (Pealers).....	2,394,305 12
" D. (Interest).....	1,072,545 75
" E. (Old Bonds), One-third off.....	3,773,493 68
" F. (Interest).....	2,802,853 06
Bonds owned by Literary Fund.....	1,428,245 25
Interest thereon.....	379,270 00

Therefore, be it enacted:

1. Registered and Coupon Bonds be created to such extent as may be necessary to comply with this Act.

2. The bonds to be dated July 1, 1882, and payable July 1, 1932. The rate of interest to be 3 per cent.

3. Principal and interest to be paid at the office of the State Treasurer in Richmond.

4. The coupon to read:
Virginia will pay bearer \$ in money at the office of the State Treasurer, January 1 (or July, alternately). The first coupon to be payable January 1, '83.

5. The bonds to be \$500 and \$1,000, and to be issued in exchange for the outstanding evidences of debt, as follows:

- For Class A. Consols, at 53 per cent, the interest being fundable dollar for dollar;
- For Class B. Ten-Forties, at 60 per cent, the interest being fundable dollar for dollar;
- For Class C. Pealers, at 69 per cent.
- For Class D. " Interest, at 80 per cent.
- For Class E. Old Bonds, at 69 per cent.
- For Class F. " " Interest, at 63 per cent.
- Bonds owned by Literary Fund, at 69 per cent, the interest to be paid in money.

A STATEMENT OF THE GROUPS INTO WHICH THE UNSETTLED PART OF THE VIRGINIA DEBT HAS BECOME DIVIDED.

OLD BONDS, dated before Jan'y, '66, dollar and sterling.	
" " after " " (issued under Act '66-7 to capitalize interest.)	
" " (Scrip under Act '66-7 for fractional interest, dollar and sterling.)	
" Interest Certificates.	
CONSOLS, Coupon bonds, fundable.	
" " unfundable.	
" Coupons maturing before Jan'y, '83.	
" " between July, '82, and July, '85.	
" " after Jan'y, '85—if attached.	
" " — " detached.	
" Registered bonds.	
" Fractional certificates.	
" Interest.	
PEALERS, Coupon bonds.	
" Coupons maturing before Jan'y, '83.	
" " between July, '82, and July, '85.	
" " after Jan'y, '85.	
" Registered bonds.	
" Fractional certificates.	
" Interest.	
TEN-FORTIES, Coupon bonds, dollar and sterling, fundable.	
" " " " unfundable.	
" Coupons maturing before July, '85.	
" " after Jan'y, '85—if attached.	
" " — " detached.	
" Registered bonds.	

NEW YORK, May 12th, 1890.

TO HON. GROVER CLEVELAND, HON. THOMAS F. BAYARD, HON. E. J. PHELPS, MR. GEORGE S. COE, MR. GEORGE G. WILLIAMS, Gentlemen:—

The condition of the debt of Virginia is a matter of history. Her creditors have for seven years refused to accept the terms proposed by the State, and her people are averse to changing the general purpose of existing laws touching this subject. They are anxious, however, to effect a satisfactory settlement; and on the 3d of March last the Legislature appointed a Commission to agree with her creditors upon terms for funding her debt; but this Commission is expressly forbidden to consider any proposition unless security be given that when accepted by the State it will be carried out by the creditors. Negotiations, therefore, cannot be opened until the Bondholders are represented by an Agency prepared to make a satisfactory disposition of the subject. The undersigned the Bondholders' Committee, in connection with the Central Trust Company of New York, the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company of Baltimore, the Planters' National Bank of Richmond, and Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Company of London, have undertaken to effect such adjustment.

They respectfully request that you will serve as the Advisory Board provided for by the enclosed agreement, under which the Bonds of Virginia are to be conditionally deposited.

Your acceptance will be an assurance that the matters submitted for your consideration will receive the most intelligent and impartial criticism; in which you will render to the creditors and the State a service of the greatest value.

*It should be observed that included in this credit on interest are \$2,013,446 of coupons due on and before July, '82, so that the interest due July, '82, instead of being \$4,192,343, was \$6,205,789.

By the terms of the agreement your province and function will be to examine such plans or propositions of adjustment as may be formulated and proposed by the holders of the obligations of Virginia, represented by the Bondholders' Committee, and submitted to you in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and to state your approval and recommendation, or the contrary, of any such propositions.

We have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servants,

FREDERIC P. OLCOTT,
WILLIAM L. BULL,
CHARLES D. DICKEY, JR., } Bondholders'
HUGH R. GARDEN, } Committee.
HENRY BUDGE,
JOHN GILL,

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1890.

TO MESSRS. FREDERIC P. OLCOTT, WILLIAM L. BULL, CHARLES D. DICKEY, JR., HUGH R. GARDEN, HENRY BUDGE AND JOHN GILL.

Gentlemen:—

We have received and duly considered your letter of the 12th instant, and the Agreement, a copy of which was enclosed therein.

In common with all other friends of the State of Virginia, we sincerely desire to see her public credit restored and her people relieved from their present distressing situation.

To promote this object we are willing to act as the Board proposed in your letter, with the mutual understanding that our duties and functions are to "examine such plans or propositions of adjustment as may be formulated and proposed by the holders of the obligations of Virginia (represented by your Committee), and submitted to us in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, and to state our approval and recommendation, or the contrary of any such propositions."

We are, gentlemen,

Very respectfully your obedient servants,

GROVER CLEVELAND,
THOS. F. BAYARD,
GEO. S. COE,
GEO. G. WILLIAMS,
E. J. PHELPS.

N. Y. Stock Exchange—New Securities Listed.—The Governing Committee have listed the following:

EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY.—\$1,500,000 5 per cent first mortgage twenty-year convertible gold bonds.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN & FLORIDA RAILROAD.—\$420,000 additional first mortgage 6 per cent gold bonds, making the total amount listed \$1,800,000.

LACLEDE GAS LIGHT COMPANY, OF ST. LOUIS.—\$260,000 additional first mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds, making the total amount listed \$9,975,000.

NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILROAD.—\$3,000,000 additional preferred capital stock, making the total amount listed \$27,000,000. The stock of the Scioto Valley & New England Railroad was ordered to be stricken from the lists.

NEW YORK ONTARIO & WESTERN RAILWAY.—\$1,000,000 additional consolidated first mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds, making the total amount listed \$4,500,000.

NATIONAL BANK OF DEPOSIT.—\$300,000 capital stock.

NATIONAL STARCH MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—\$2,647,000 first mortgage 6 per cent thirty-year gold bonds; \$3,000,000 first preferred, \$2,500,000 second preferred and \$5,000,000 common stock.

OREGON RAILWAY & NAVIGATION COMPANY.—\$818,000 additional 5 per cent collateral trust gold bonds, making the total amount listed \$4,000,000, and \$549,000 additional consolidated mortgage 50 per cent gold bonds, making the total amount listed \$12,983,000.

OREGON SHORT LINE & UTAH NORTHERN RAILWAY.—\$5,000,000 collateral trust 5 per cent gold bonds.

WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILWAY.—\$1,500,000 first mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds, Wheeling division.

WOODSTOCK IRON COMPANY.—\$1,000,000 first mortgage 6 per cent gold bonds.

—Messrs. Coffin & Stanton, bankers, this city and London, pay a large number of coupons, due July 1st, on city, town and county bonds, notice of which will be found in our advertising columns. They also offer for sale two million dollars of municipal, railroad and corporation gold bonds, yielding all the way from 2½ to 7 per cent on the investment. Parties wishing to invest should obtain their list with full details.

—The first mortgage 6 per cent thirty-year gold bonds of the Toledo St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad Company are offered in the advertisement of Messrs. John H. Davis & Co. in to-day's CHRONICLE. This firm recommends these securities as a safe and profitable investment, paying over 6 per cent on the cost price.

—Attention is called to the notice of Messrs. Reed & Flagg in to-day's CHRONICLE. Investors desiring first mortgage railroad securities paying from 4½ to 7 per cent, will be glad to obtain particulars.

—A new issue of Kansas City, Mo., four per cent bonds is being offered by Messrs. Henry Clews & Co., of this city, and Messrs. W. J. Hayes & Sons, of Cleveland and Boston.

—Investors seeking new loans will find matters of interest in the advertisement of Messrs. Farson, Leach & Co., in this issue.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

FRIDAY NIGHT, June 27, 1890.

The action of the House of Representatives the past week on the silver question has been construed as adverse to the success of the scheme for free coinage, and undoubtedly points to the adoption of a compromise measure which will meet the views of President Harrison. The weather has been summer-like and generally favorable to crop prospects, but in some sections too much rain has fallen. The progress of the new Tariff bill through Congress has been impeded by antagonisms growing out of the recent pan-American Congress and opposition to free sugar, except as a measure of reciprocity.

Lard on the spot has declined; each concession, however, was attended by liberal transactions, and the close is fairly active at 5.60c. for prime city, 5.95c. @ 5.97½c. for prime Western and 6c. @ 6.40c. for refined to the Continent. The speculation in lard for future delivery was at steadily declining prices until yesterday, when a demand to cover contracts caused a partial recovery. To-day, however, there is renewed depression under the issue of notices for free deliveries on July contracts, which led to a free selling movement.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
July delivery.....c.	6.14	6.06	6.03	6.00	6.00	5.95
August delivery.....c.	6.28	6.22	6.20	6.13	6.15	6.12
September delivery.....c.	6.39	6.34	6.32	6.26	6.27	6.23
October delivery.....c.	6.40	6.42	6.41	6.35	6.37	6.33
November delivery.....c.	....	6.42	6.40	6.33	6.33	6.29
December delivery.....c.	....	6.32	6.35	6.28	6.30	6.29

Perk is lower and closes dull at \$13 25 @ \$13 75 for new mess, \$10 @ \$10 50 for extra prime and \$12 50 @ \$13 50 for clear backs. Beef is easier at \$6 25 @ \$6 75 for extra mess, \$7 @ \$7 50 for packet and \$12 @ \$14 for extra India mess. Beef hams are lower at \$15 50 @ \$15 75 per barrel. Cutmeats have been irregular and so close, but rather quiet. Sales to-day embraced a line of pickled bellies, 11 lbs. average, at 5½c.; quoted at 9¼ @ 10c. for pickled hams, 5¼ @ 5½c. for do. shoulders, and 4¼ @ 5¾c. for bellies; smoked shoulders, 6 @ 6¼c., and smoked hams 10½ @ 11c. Tallow is lower and more active at 4 7-16c. Stearine firmer at 7¼ @ 8c., and oleomargarine at 5½ @ 6c. Butter firmer at 13 @ 17c. for creamery and 11 @ 15c. for State dairy. Cheese is lower and more active at 7¼ @ 8½c. for State factory, full cream.

Coffee on the spot has declined, and to-day No. 7 Rio is quoted at 17½c., against 18c. last Friday. A fair business was done at the reduction. The speculation in Rio options has been depressed by increased receipts at Brazil ports and weak European advices. This morning there was a sharp decline, which was partially recovered on a demand to cover contracts, closing steady, with sellers as follows:

July.....	16.80c.	October.....	15.70c.	January.....	15.25c.
August.....	16.45c.	November.....	15.45c.	February.....	15.25c.
September.....	16.10c.	December.....	15.45c.	March.....	15.25c.

—a decline for the week of 30 @ 65 points.

Raw sugars have again declined and are quoted to-day at 4¼c. for fair refining muscovado, and 5½c. for centrifugal, 96 deg. test, and the transactions to-day were unimportant. Refined sugars are also lower at 6¼c. for standard crushed and 6½c. for granulated. Molasses dull and nominal at 19c. Rice in fair demand for foreign at full prices. The tea sale, though the offering was a large one, went off at steady to firm prices.

Kentucky tobacco is firm and there is a rumor that 1,000 hds. have been sold for export. Seed leaf is in steady demand, and the sales for the week are 1,350 cases, as follows: 250 cases, 1889 crop, Wisconsin Havana, private terms; 350 cases, 1888 crop, Pennsylvania Seed Leaf, 7 to 11c.; 200 cases, 1888 crop, Wisconsin Havana, 10 to 13c.; 100 cases, 1888 crop, State Havana, 14 to 16c.; and 250 cases Sundries, 5½ to 35c.; also 800 bales Havana, 65c. to \$1 15, and 1,200 bales Sumatra, \$1 25 to \$2 40.

On the Metal Exchange strait tin has declined; sales to-day were 40 tons at 21.15c. for July, and 21c. for August; quoted at 20.95c. for September, these figures showing a considerable decline from yesterday. Ingot copper has been higher, but declined to-day, and Lake closed at 16.35c. for July. Domestic lead is slightly firmer, but quiet at 4.52½c. Domestic spelter is steady at 5.55c. Pig iron warrants sold to-day to the extent of 1,800 tons at \$16 25 for July, and \$16 62½ for August and September. The interior iron markets are irregular and unsettled. Manufactured stock firm, but pig iron dull and weak.

Refined petroleum is lower at 7.15c. in bbls. and 9c. in cases. crude in bbls. also cheaper at 7.35c.; naphtha steady at 7.40c. Crude certificates have declined and close at 86½ @ 87c. per bbl. Spirits turpentine advanced to 42 @ 42½c., but closes dull at 41 @ 41½c. Rosins are quiet and unchanged at \$1 45 @ \$1 50 for strained. Tar is up to \$2 65. Wool and hops tend slightly upward.

COTTON.

FRIDAY, P. M., June 27, 1890.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 3,301 bales, against 3,347 bales last week and 4,885 bales the previous week...

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Rows include Galveston, El Paso, New Orleans, Mobile, Florida, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Port Royal, Wilmington, Washington, Norfolk, West Point, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Totals this week.

For comparison we give the following table showing the week's total receipts, the total since September 1, 1889, and the stock to-night, compared with last year.

Table with columns: Receipts to June 27, 1889-90, 1888-89, Stock 1890, 1889. Rows include Galveston, El Paso, New Orleans, Mobile, Florida, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Port Royal, Wilmington, Washington, Norfolk, West Point, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Totals.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, West Point, and Totals.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 11,899 bales, of which 11,098 were to Great Britain, 15 to France and 786 to the rest of the Continent. Below are the exports for the week, and since September 1, 1889.

Table with columns: Exports from—, Week Ending June 27, From Sept. 1, 1889, to June 27, 1890. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, West Point, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Totals.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York, which are prepared for our special use by Messrs. Carey, Yale & Lambert, 24 Beaver Street.

Table with columns: June 27, at—, On Shipboard, not cleared—for, Leaving Stock. Rows include New Orleans, Mobile, Charleston, Savannah, Galveston, Norfolk, New York, Other ports, Total 1890, Total 1890, Total 1888.

The speculation in cotton for future delivery at this market was moderately active for first half of the week under review, but at rapidly declining prices. The lowest figures of Tuesday showed a decline from the closing bids of the previous Friday, of a point for this crop. Weak Liverpool reports and favorable crop accounts were the principal influences for the decline...

The total sales for forward delivery for the week are 500,900 bales. For immediate delivery the total sales foot up this week 6,527 bales, including 4,727 for export, 1,800 for consumption. The following are the official quotations for each day of the past week—June 21 to June 27.

Table with columns: UPLANDS, GULF, STAINED, Sat., Mon, Tues, Wed, Th, Fri. Rows include Ordinary, Strict Ordinary, Good Ordinary, Strict Good Ordinary, Low Middling, Strict Low Middling, Middling, Good Middling, Strict Good Middling, Middling Fair, Fair.

MARKET AND SALES.

The total sales and future deliveries each day during the week are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add a column which shows at a glance how the market closed on same days.

Table with columns: SPOT MARKET CLOSED, SALES OF SPOT AND TRANSIT, FUTURES. Rows include Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., and Total.

The daily deliveries given above are actually delivered the day previous to that on which they are reported.

The above totals show that the old interior stocks have decreased during the week 2,793 bales, and are to-night 1,426 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at the same towns have been 617 bales more than the same week last year, and since Sept. 1 the receipts at all the towns are 4,610 bales more than for the same time in 1888-89.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—In the table below we give the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the past week:

Week ending June 27.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON ON—					
	Satur.	Mon.	Tues.	Wednes.	Thurs.	Fri.
Galveston...	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4
New Orleans	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 7/8	11 7/8	11 7/8	11 1/2
Mobile.....	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 3/8	11 3/8
Savannah...	11 1/8	11 5/8	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Charleston...	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 3/8	11 3/8	11 3/8
Wilmington.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Norfolk.....	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 3/4	11 3/4	11 3/4	11 3/4
Boston.....	12 3/8	12 3/8	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4
Baltimore...	12 1/8 @ 1/4	12 1/8 @ 1/4	12 1/8	12 1/8	12 1/8	12 1/8
Philadelphia	12 3/8	12 3/8	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4
Augusta.....	11 3/4	11 3/4	11 3/4	11 3/4	11 3/4	11 3/4
Memphis....	11 5/8	11 5/8	11 9/16	11 9/16	11 9/16	11 1/2
St. Louis....	11 5/8	11 5/8	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Cincinnati..	12	12	12	12	12	12
Louisville..	12	12	12	12	12	12

The closing quotations to-day (Friday) at other important Southern markets were as follows:

Atlanta.....	11 1/4	Little Rock...	11 1/2	Raleigh.....	11 1/2
Columbus, Ga.	11 1/2	Montgomery..	11 1/4	Romo.....	11 1/2
Columbus, Miss	10 7/8	Nashville.....	11 5/8	Selma.....	11
Eufaula.....	10 7/8	Natchez.....	11 1/4	Shreveport...	10 7/8

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ending—	Receipts at the Ports.			S'k at Interior Towns.			Rec'pts from Plant'ns.		
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1888.	1889.	1890.
May 23.....	23,601	9,748	18,888	117,812	44,194	38,073	10,160	5,318	7,737
" 30.....	22,558	7,690	8,778	107,442	38,418	33,508	12,150	1,000	4,211
June 6.....	19,822	6,710	4,487	92,942	31,708	31,131	5,129	5	2,110
" 13.....	18,812	5,188	4,885	83,079	26,092	26,682	6,942	.....	436
" 20.....	13,228	3,301	3,347	65,081	22,878	22,527	.....	87	.....
" 27.....	15,020	1,091	5,301	52,654	18,449	19,264	2,590	.....	38

The above statement shows: 1.—That the total receipts from the plantations since September 1, 1889, are 5,784,766 bales; in 1888-89 were 5,490,735 bales; in 1887-88 were 5,460,823 bales.

2.—That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 3,301 bales, the actual movement from plantations was only 38 bales, the balance being taken from the stocks at the interior towns. Last year the receipts from the plantations for the same week were — bales and for 1888 they were 2,599 bales.

AMOUNT OF COTTON IN SIGHT JUNE 27.—In the table below we give the receipts from plantations in another form, and add to them the net overland movement to June 1, and also the takings by Southern spinners to the same date, so as to give substantially the amount of cotton now in sight.

	1889-90.	1888-89.	1887-88.	1886-87.
Receipts at the ports to June 27	5,777,946	5,487,661	5,431,999	5,190,442
Interior stocks on June 27 in excess of September 1.....	6,820	3,074	28,824	*6,158
Tot. receipts from plantat'ns	5,784,766	5,490,735	5,460,823	5,184,284
Net overland to June 1.....	880,754	881,153	936,716	771,792
Southern consumpt'n to June 1	440,000	428,000	398,000	356,000
Total in sight June 27.....	7,105,520	6,799,888	6,795,539	6,312,076
Northern spinners takings to June 27.....	1,725,638	1,678,914	1,676,294	1,551,076

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Telegraphic advices to us from the South continue of a favorable character. During the current week the plant has made very satisfactory progress generally, high temperature having stimulated growth. In the Southwest dry weather has prevailed in almost all places, and elsewhere the rainfall has, as a rule, been light.

Galveston, Texas.—It has rained moderately on one day of the week, the rainfall reaching twenty-one hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 80, ranging from 74 to 87.

Palestine, Texas.—Crops are fine. Dry weather has prevailed all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 72 to 92, averaging 82.

Huntsville, Texas.—There has been no rain all the week. Cotton is in fine condition. Average thermometer 83, highest 94, lowest 72.

Dallas, Texas.—Cotton looks fine, but would be benefitted by rain. The thermometer has averaged 84, the highest being 94, and the lowest 74.

Brenham, Texas.—There has been no rain during the week. The thermometer has averaged 81, ranging from 72 to 90.

Belton, Texas.—Crops are in fine condition. Dry weather has prevailed all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 72 to 94, averaging 83.

Weatherford, Texas.—We have had no rain during the week. Cotton looks fine. Average thermometer 80, highest 92, lowest 69.

San Antonio, Texas.—We have had dry weather all the week. Cotton is fine. The thermometer has averaged 81, ranging from 71 to 91.

Luling, Texas.—Cotton looks well and bolls are opening. There has been no rain all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 70 to 98, averaging 84.

Columbia, Texas.—Under the influence of dry and favorable weather, cotton is improving. Average thermometer 83, highest 94 and lowest 71.

Cuero, Texas.—The weather has been dry all the week. Cotton looks fine and bolls are opening. The thermometer has averaged 83, the highest being 98 and the lowest 68.

New Orleans, Louisiana.—It has rained on five days of the week, the rainfall reaching fifty-one hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 89.

Shreveport, Louisiana.—Rainfall for the week four hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 82, ranging from 72 to 94.

Clarksdale, Mississippi.—Telegram not received.

Columbus, Mississippi.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the precipitation reaching sixty-seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 68 to 96, averaging 81.

Vicksburg, Mississippi.—It has been showery on two days of the week, the precipitation reaching two inches and five hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 72 to 93, averaging 82.

Leland, Mississippi.—There has been no rain all the week. Average thermometer 83.4, highest 97, lowest 72.

Meridian, Mississippi.—It has rained on one day of the week. Crops are growing well. The thermometer has ranged from 70 to 92.

Memphis, Tennessee.—Crop prospects continue fine. It has rained on one day of the week, the rainfall reaching ten hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 86, ranging from 75 to 96.

Nashville, Tennessee.—There has been rain on two days of the week, the precipitation reaching thirty-five hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 70 to 95, averaging 84.

Little Rock, Arkansas.—Telegram not received.

Helena, Arkansas.—The weather has been hot and dry during the week, with one light shower to the extent of nine hundredths of an inch. Cotton is doing finely, except that in overflowed lands cutworms have done damage. The thermometer has averaged 84, the highest 96 and the lowest 70.

Montgomery, Alabama.—Corn and cotton could not do any better. Rain has fallen on four days, and the remainder of the week has been hot and dry. The rainfall reached twenty-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 82, the highest being 94, and the lowest 69.

Mobile, Alabama.—The crop is developing very promisingly. We have had rain on two days of the week to the extent of sixty-six hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 79, highest 89, lowest 70.

Selma, Alabama.—We have had rain on three days of the week, the precipitation reaching fifty-nine hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 79, ranging from 69 to 90.

Auburn, Alabama.—Telegram not received.

Madison, Florida.—Rain has fallen on four days of the week to the extent of one inch and seventy-five hundredths. Average thermometer 80, highest 93, lowest 70.

Columbus, Georgia.—The week's precipitation has been seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 86, the highest being 93 and the lowest 79.

Savannah, Georgia.—Rain has fallen on four days of the week to the extent of one inch and fifty-four hundredths. The weather is hot. The thermometer has averaged 83, ranging from 69 to 98.

Augusta, Georgia.—The weather has been warm and dry during the week, with light rain on two days, the rainfall reaching twenty-three hundredths of an inch. Reports from the crop are conflicting. In sections where there has been rain it is doing well. Other sections where rain is needed it is somewhat off. In the main it may be said, however, that the condition is satisfactory and the plant very heavily fruited. The thermometer has ranged from 71 to 100, averaging 84.

Charleston, South Carolina.—Rain has fallen on three days of the week to the extent of forty-nine hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 84, highest 97, lowest 74.

Stateburg, South Carolina.—Rain has fallen on two days of the week to the extent of eighty hundredths of an inch. Some damage has been done by lice in a few fields. The thermometer has averaged 79.4, the highest being 91 and the lowest 70.

Wilson, North Carolina.—The weather has been warm and dry all the week. The thermometer has averaged 80, ranging from 70 to 98.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 3 o'clock June 26, 1890, and June 27, 1889.

	June 26, '90.	June 27, '89
New Orleans.....	Above low-water mark.	Feet. 10-9
Memphis.....	Above low-water mark.	Feet. 20-4
Nashville.....	Above low-water mark.	Feet. 4-1
Shreveport.....	Above low-water mark.	Feet. 16-7
Vicksburg.....	Above low-water mark.	Feet. 29-5

NOTE.—Reports are now made in feet and tenths.

Cotton freights the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns: Port (Liverpool, Havre, Bremen, Hamburg, Amst'dm, Reval, Barcelona, Genoa, Trieste, Antwerp), Day (Sat., Mon., Tues., Wednes., Thurs., Fri.), and Freight rate.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port.

Table showing weekly statistics for Liverpool: Sales of the week, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Total import, Amount afloat.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the week ending June 27, and the daily closing prices of spot cotton, have been as follows:

Table showing market conditions for Liverpool: Spot (Market, Mid. Up'l'ds., Sales, Spec. & exp.), Futures (Market, 4 P. M.).

The opening, highest, lowest and closing prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below. Prices are on the basis of Uplands, Low Middling clause, unless otherwise stated.

The prices are given in pence and 64ths. Thus: 5 63 means 5 63-64th., and 6 01 means 6 1-64th.

Large table showing daily futures prices for Liverpool from June 21 to June 27, 1890. Columns include dates and price ranges (Open, High, Low, Clos.).

BREADSTUFFS.

FRIDAY, P. M., June 27, 1890.

The market for wheat flour has been more active. The buying began with the taking of low grades for export, but during Wednesday and Thursday the local trade bought the medium and better grades with much freedom. Contracts

for large lines of choice patents from spring wheat have recently been made at or about \$5 in sacks. The general range of prices shows little change, the improvement being more in the volume of business than in values. To-day the market was quieter.

The wheat market, without showing wide fluctuations in prices, has been quite unsettled in tone. In the early part of the week better crop accounts and the action of the House on the Silver bill caused a good deal of weakness, but heavy buying for export, beginning on Monday, increasing on Tuesday, and continuing on Wednesday, together with reports of a small outturn from many fields where harvesting has begun, checked the decline in the early months, and caused a fractional advance in the more distant deliveries. The business for export embraced No. 1 hard spring at 97 1/2 @ 99c., No. 2 Milwaukee spring at 90c., ungraded red winter at 87 1/2 @ 88 1/2 c., and No. 2 red winter at 93 @ 94 1/2 c. in store and delivered. To-day the market was weakened by the marketing liberal quantities of new wheat at a Southern market, good weather at the West, and some re-selling of purchases for export.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 RED WINTER WHEAT

Table with columns: Month (July, August, September, December, May), Day (Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.), and Price.

Indian corn has been in large supply on the spot, owing to free arrivals by the Erie Canal, and has been taken very freely for export at about steady prices, but the speculation since early in the week has been rather sluggish. The weather at the West has been hot and generally favorable to the next crop. To-day the spot market was firm and fairly active, but the speculation rather slow.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN.

Table with columns: Month (July, August, September), Day (Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.), and Price.

Oats declined under a marked reduction of the export demand, but toward the close shippers are again in market, and prices are steadier.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED OATS

Table with columns: Month (July, August, September), Day (Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.), and Price.

Rye has been taken for export to some extent at 55c. for No. 2 Western, but the close is dull.

The following are closing quotations for wheat flour in barrels. (Corresponding grades in sacks sell slightly below these figures):

Table listing flour types and prices: Fine, Superfine, Extra, Clear, Straights, Patent, Spring, Patented, winter, City shipping, extra, Rye flour, superfine, Fine, Corn meal—Western, &c., Brandywine.

ORAIN.

Table listing grain prices: Wheat (Spring, per bush., Spring No. 2, Red winter No. 2, White), Rye (Western, per bush., State and Jersey), and Corn (per bush.—West'n mixed, West'n mixed No. 2, Western yellow, Western white, Oats—Mixed, White).

The movement of breadstuffs to market is indicated in the statement below, prepared by us from the figures of the New York Produce Exchange. We first give the receipts at Western lake and river ports, arranged so as to present the comparative movement for the week ending June 21, 1890, and since August 1, 1889, for each of the last three years:

Table showing receipts at various ports for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye from 1889 to 1890.

Below are the rail shipments from Western lake and river ports for four years:

Table showing rail shipments for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye for the years 1890, 1889, 1888, and 1887.

The receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended June 21, 1890, follow:

Table with columns: Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows: New York, Boston, Montreal, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, New Orleans.

Total week 230,422 242,724 1,916,326 2,140,041 28,000 16,576

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending June 21, 1890, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Peas. Rows: New York, Boston, Portland, Montreal, Philadel., Baltim'rs, N. Or'ns., N. News., Richm'd.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and in transit by water, June 21, 1890:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows: In store at—New York, Do afloat, Albany, Buffalo, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Toledo, Detroit, Oawego, St. Louis, Do afloat, Cincinnati, Boston, Toronto, Montreal, Philadelphia, Peoria, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Minneapolis, St. Paul, On Mississippi, On Lake, On canal & river.

Summary table with columns: Tot. June 21 '90, Tot. June 14 '90, Tot. June 22 '89, Tot. June 23 '88, Tot. June 25 '87.

* Cincinnati—Last week's stocks; this week's not received.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

NEW YORK, Friday P. M., June 27, 1890.

At first hands the demand for both domestic and imported dry goods was strictly moderate the past week, jobbers having been so busily engaged in taking their semi-annual account of stock and closing up the transactions of the half year that their purchases of reasonable goods were confined within the narrowest possible limits.

DOMESTIC WOOLEN GOODS—As a whole, the market for men's wear woollens was sluggish during the week as regards new business, but there was a fair movement in heavy descriptions on account of back orders.

market for these goods at present. Woolen and worsted dress goods adapted to the coming season were in fair request, and the most popular makes are largely under the control of orders.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The exports of cotton goods from this port for the week ending June 25 were 2,811 packages, valued at \$163,069, their destination being to the points specified in the table below:

Table with columns: NEW YORK TO JUNE 23, 1890, 1889. Rows: Great Britain, Other European, China, India, Arabia, Africa, West Indies, Mexico, Central America, South America, Other countries.

From New England mill points direct. The value of the New York exports since January 1 have been \$3,515,430 in 1890, against \$4,223,201 in 1889.

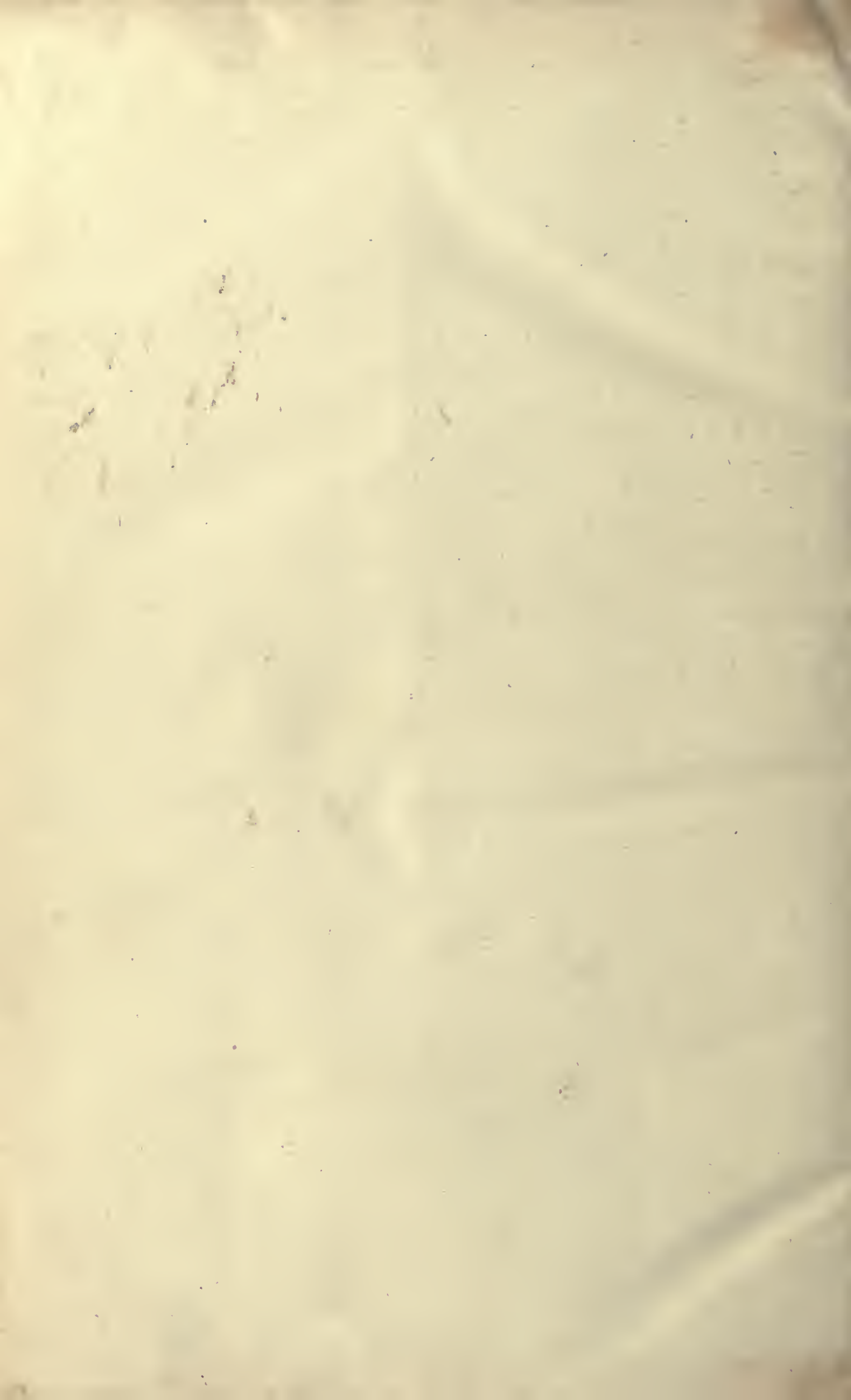
As generally expected, staple cotton goods were more or less quiet in first hands, jobbers having been so busily engaged in taking account of stock that their operations were almost wholly confined to the purchase of such goods as were absolutely necessary for the pursuance of current trade.

Table with columns: Stock of Print Cloths—June 21, 1890, June 22, 1889, June 23, 1888. Rows: Held by Providence manufacturers, Fall River manufacturers, Providence speculators, Outside speculators (est).

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The demand for foreign goods at first hands was light and irregular. Such fancy fabrics of a seasonable character as are subject to the mutations of fashion were sold in considerable quantities by means of low prices, and staple goods ruled quiet but firm.

Table with columns: IMPORTATIONS OF DRY GOODS, WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE AND THROWN INTO THE MARKET, ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE JANUARY 1, 1890 AND 1889. Rows: Wool, Cotton, Silk, Flax, Miscellaneous.





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