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## THE GOLD QUESTION.\*

DEPRECIATION OF GOLD AND SILVER.

The money question is again the order of the day; it was raised sometime after the discovery of the placers of California and Australia, when the amount of specie was greatly increased by the supply of gold. For several years in fact these placers yielded for each country 300 or 400 million francs, say 700 millions for the two [about 140 million dollars]. The greater part of this gold was exported and reached the great commercial centres—the United States, England and France. There had been nothing like it for centuries—since the discovery of the famous silver mines of Mexico and Peru. Before 1848 the production of the precious metals in the entire world was probably from 400 to 450 million francs [80 to 90 million dollars], and yet it had nearly doubled since the commencement of the century from the working of the new silver mines of

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Russia. But with a sudden bound, in a few years, we pass from 450 million francs to 1100 or 1200 millions. It is natural that some anxiety should have been felt at this state of things, and that its consequences upon political economy should have been studied. It was asked especially if gold, which was becoming so abundant, would not lose its value, and if it was not wise to devise means of avoiding as much as possible the effects of depreciation. This precaution seemed to be demanded by those States which had either the silver standard or the double standard [silver and gold]. Those which had the silver standard adhered to it more rigorously than ever, and those which had both were induced to proscribe gold as legal coin, reserving its use simply for commercial purposes. It was under the influence of this prejudice that in 1849 Holland withdrew its gold from circulation, and that some years after, the example was followed by Belgium. In France there were also some very clever men who urged our country to follow the example of Belgium and Holland and return to the exclusive use of silver, which they considered the true monetary standard of France, by virtue of the law of Germinal in the year XI. Our Government was not induced to do this, preferring to remain in statu quo; and some years after, public opinion underwent some change, At first it was rather pleasant to see gold substituted gradually for silver, which bore a premium, and, consequently, disappeared from circulation. It was found that the new coin was more convenient and easier of transport, and finally as people became convinced that this gold, although supplied in abundance, was needed for circulation and did not even fully supply the demand, they ceased to be alarmed at the annual production of seven or eight hundred millions in America. In fact, in 1856, when the mines had already furnished to the world six or seven thousand millions of francs, the precious metals became very scarce. discount reached six or seven per cent in England and France, and the principal financial establishments of these two countries, which, in 1852 and 1853 had had a cash reserve of five or six hundred millions, were straightened to maintain it at two hundred millions. It will be remembered that the Bank of France made considerable sacrifices to supply itself with coin; it purchased, from 1855 to the end of 1857, one thousand three hundred and seventy-eight millions, for which it paid in premiums the sum of 15,883,000 francs. The same thing occurred in 1863 and 1864; silver became very dear, and the cash reserve of the Bank of France and the Bank of England sank below two hundred millions; it was even urged upon our principal financial institution to sell its stock in order to obtain the precious metals. After this experience several times repeated, of the dearness of gold, notwithstanding the production of the mines, no one concerned himself longer with the question of specie.

But things change rapidly in this world, and, among the rest, the phenomena of political economy. Three years had not elapsed after the crisis of 1854 before things appeared in an entirely different aspect. The specie reserve of the banks, instead of decreasing at intervals as formerly, continued to increase, that of France in particular. In the middle of 1865, the 6th of July, it had reached five hundred and twenty-one millions: in 1866, seven hundred and eighty-one millions; in 1867 it attained to the famous one thousand millions; and finally, the present year, it oscillates between twelve and thirteen hundred millions, which nothing seems to diminish materially; neither the stock of cereals which we have been obliged to purchase to meet the deficiency in the harvest, nor the acquisition of raw material for our manufactures, nor even the expense occasioned by our preparations for war. In view of this fact, which has exercised, and still does exercise all minds, the attention is recalled to the question of the currency; it is again asked if we have not reached the time when the production of the mines, after having filled all the channels, and satisfied all demands, is about to overflow and cause a serious depreciation of specie. One recalls what took place after the discovery of America. From 1492 to 1530, in spite of the relative abundance of the precious metals, which was experienced from the first discovery of the New World, there was no appriciable change in the price of things-money preserved its full value -but, commencing with 1530, depreciation made rapid progress, and in the course of a century, according to some, three-quarters of a century, according to others, the revolution was accomplished; the value of the precious metals was thre or four times less, that is, merchandise which was exchanged in 1492 and again, in 1530, for a certain weight of gold brought triple and quadruple the amount in 1620 or 1630. Can we now be, as in 1530, on the eve of a new monetary revolution, and have we just traversed the intermediary stage when the precious metals, abundant as they are, still find a demand? Does the production commence to be largely in excess, and is it to this that we must attribute all the specie reserve of the principal financial institutions? These are the questions which are proposed to-day, and which we wish to examine without pretending to give them a practical solution, for it is very evident that if the depreciation of the precious metals were found to be real, it would be impossible to prevent it. In any event it would be well to know it, in order to know how to regard certain facts in political economy, which we observe without inquiry into their causes.

We shall astonish many persons perhaps in saying that the money question is still an obscure subject in political economy. Yet its use has been known for a very long time; it would be necessary to go back to

the infancy of society, to the barbarous epochs even, in order to find exchanges made otherwise than with a metallic medium. The Greeks, the Romans, and before them the Assyrians employed it: it was of bronze, silver or gold, according to the resources of the country and the state of civilization, but it existed everywhere, and it was in that form that riches were particularly sought. It is a long time that men have been called to meditate upon the use of a metallic currency and upon the influence which it can exert in the political economy of a people; but as nothing is simple in the phenomena of political economy, depending as they do upon a thousand things which cause them to vary with times and circumstances, it often happens that in studying these phenomena at different epochs, we arrive at very different conclusions. That which is certain, and we think it can be demonstrated, is that there are great errors disseminated upon the subject of the use of a metallic currency, and, I repeat, it is one of the points of political economy upon which science is the least employed. In speaking thus we have no reference to the opinions of those who imagine that a metallic currency is a useless expense which society imposes upon itself, that we should gain by ridding ourselves of it, and that it would be easy to carry on all tran sactions with some other instrument of exchange some conventional thing of no intrinsic value, such as paper for example, We have several times seen this system in operation; we see it yet unfortunately every day; we know what it produces, and no reflecting mind can view it with favor; but there is another much more serious school which has combatted successfully the extravagance of the mercantile system, but has found riches in nothing but metallic currency, and has sought to acquire the greatest possible amount of it; this school has committed another extravagance in refusing to give to specie that peculiar import. ance which it deserves. Hence the erroneous conclusions derived from what has taken place.

Upon the utility of money there is a figure in an American author strikingly appropriate. "The precious metals," says Mr. Carey, "are to the social body what the atmosphere is to the physical world; both furnish the means of circulation, and the dissolution of the physical body into its elements, when deprived of the one, is not more certain than the dissolution of society when deprived of the other." This is substantially the character of a metallic currency: it is an instrument of circulation, par excellence, that which extends the use and gives value to the more substantial things. In order that an article of merchandise may have great stability in value, there is need of two things: first, that it have an extensive market, and secondly, that it can be kept a long time. If it has only a limited market and is perishable, however useful it may be, it cannot escape the immediate effects of the law of supply and demand which

operates upon it in the market where it is sent. Take wheat for example. That article of food is undoubtedly very useful, it can have a very extensive market; but it is not convenient and easy of transport, and cannot be sent far; besides, it is subject to rapid deterioration. If, then, wheat is produced in a much greater quantity than is needed for immediate consumption within the limits of its market, it must fall in price and it will decline so much the more, for the reason that it can hardly be kept in store to wait for the equilibrium to be better established in supply and demand. It will be the same with any other article of merchandise which is less perishable and more convenient of transport, provided it is not so useful. If it exists in a greater quantity than is needed for the almost immediate use for which it is destined, it will necessarily depreciate, for the fashion may change and with it the use of the article may cease. The precious metals, on the other hand, unite a universal utility with a durability which exceeds that of any other product; they are, besides, convenient and easy of transport, are not subject to the caprices of fashion, and consequently everything is in their favor. Suppose the consumption of cereals in France to be 120 millions hectolitres\*; if a good harvest furnishes 140 millions, and the markets surrounding have nearly what they need, this seventh part which is in excess of the ordinary consumption can cause a decrease in price of one quarter and perhaps a third-we have seen it many times. On the other hand, in years of scarcity, oftentimes a deficit of 10 or 12 millions of hectolitres is sufficient to send the price up in the same proportion. Not only has metallic currency a very extensive market and one always open, which renders a surplus more difficult, but its market has no appreciable limit, it can expand indefinitely. To day the commercial relations are maintained with 30,000 millions of money, to-morrow it will take perhaps 40,000 millions, and subsequently more in proportion as the commercial relations are extended. There is another fact, and it is one which has escaped certain writers upon political economy. The precious metals have of themselves developed business which eventually absorbed them, and thus have acted at the same time both as cause and effect. It is often said that man's ability to produce is unlimited like his ability to consume; it depends only upon the supply of necessary instruments, and the first in importance of these instruments is certainly that which extends his relations with his fellow-man. This is the service which a metallic currency performs. Like railroads, it brings the products to the consumers, and this ready supply increases the number of consumers and consequently the quantity consumed. You have

<sup>\*</sup> A hectolitre is about 2.75 bushels.

wine, woolen fabrics, manufactured products of any kind, with which you wish to purchase wheat, cotton, sugar and colonial commodities; but it may be that the people who have these commodities may not need at this time your wine and your fabrics. They will not take them in exchange, or if they take them it will only be on conditions unfavorable to you; you will abstain then from buying, and the holders of these commodities will not sell them till they have found a person who has the products which they wish in exchange. In the meantime see how the industrial pursuits are checked in their development, because the people are not furnished with a medium of exchange adapted to their wants. The precious metal presents itself and a medium is furnished.

Every one purchases the products he needs without taking the trouble to inquire whether the merchandise which he has is suited or not to those who sell to him; he is certain of a means of payment which will not be refused. In this manner products are distributed, production is increased, and with it the public wealth. A very conscientious and very competent author, who has written the best things upon the influence exercised by the abundance of the gold mines, M. Newmarch, has endeavored to explain this. "The discovery of the gold mines," he says, "has had the effect to increase wages and riches in the countries where they are found, and to attract there a large population, which, being enriched by the mines, has consumed a much larger quantity of the manufactured products of other countries with which they have been connected. These countries, in their turn realizing profits from their exportations, have also become consumers to a much greater extent, of the products of other countries; and thus, in consequence of the remunerative employment derived from the opening of the gold mines at one point on the globe, the industrial pursuits and commerce have become active everywhere." This explanation has unquestionably its value, but touches only the smallest side of the question. It is as if it were held that railroads have only been useful for the employment they have furnished in their construction and what they still furnish in their operation. On this supposition, if instead of gold mines, iron and copper mines had been worked, which had yielded the same profits, the result would have been the same, since it would equally have furnished markets for the manufactured articles of other countries. One can understand perfectly that such would not have been the case, and that gold mines have had an effect beyond furnishing a field for remunerative labor; they have, like railroads, put in mens' hands the most effective lever for developing public wealth.

Many things have been invented since the beginning of the world which have aided the progress of civilization, but, aside from printing,

there is nothing which has had the influence of railroads and the precious metals, and, we may also add, the electric telegraph. Railroads not only furnish means of distributing the products along their lines, but they also have the merit of making more products; we have proof of this every day before our eyes. A railroad is constructed in a country which was destitute of them and had not the means of easy communication; the first year the transportation is very limited, the second year it increases, and, after a short time, the rolling stock is insufficient, its capacity is overtaxed. What has happened to bring about such a result? It has been simply the fact that new branches of industry have been created along the line, that those which existed have been developed, and this has happened because the people have had at their command convenient, rapid and cheep means of communication. It is the same with the precious metals. A discovery like that of the placers of California and Australia, by furnishing to the world a great quantity of the instrument of exchange, acted necessarily upon business, and gave it a greater development, a result inconsistent with the reasoning of those who hold that the working of mines is an improductive labor, because it only helps increase the weight of money; it also shows the insufficiency of M. Newmarch's explanation that there is no source of riches in the new mines except in so far as they have furnished employment for the laborer, M. Hume has said, in speaking of specie, that it was not one of the wheels of commerce, that it was only the oil which makes the movement easier and more agreeable. We think he is mistaken, and that money is precisely one of the wheels of commerce, and one of the most essential; but following out his illustration, we still find that the more abundant the oil, the more means we have to give activity to the wheels, and, therefore. the more is accomplished. The gold mines have of themselves aided the commercial movement which has resulted in absorbing them.

I.

According to this school, in time of a crisis, when the metallic currency becomes scarce and leaves the country, there is no occasion to feel concerned. Products are exchanged for products and it matters very little whether we export specie or anything else. We do not export for nothing; it is a traffic analogous to that of exchanging wine for iron or silk. It is only necessary to let things take their course and the equilibrium will establish itself naturally. It is thus they reason who see in the precious metals only an article of merchandise like anything else. Nevertheless experience teaches us that in a time of crisis when silver goes out of circulation and becomes scarce, society is otherwise effected than by the extraordinary exportation of wine or any other product. If

we export more wine than the local demand will admit of, and it becomes dear, the consumption of the country will be perhaps a little disturbed, and the people will drink less wine than ordinarily; but the producers of that supply will be enriched; they will become consumers upon a greater scale, of the products of other industry, and on the whole the country will have gained by it more than it will have lost. The inconvenience will be partial and the advantage will be general. It is not the same in respect to money; a crisis comes for some reason or another; we are debtors abroad beyond what we are able to pay by the regular course of commercial exchange, we must pay the differences in money, and these demands encroach upon the stock which is needed in the country. The specie reserve in the banks diminishes, gold and silver are in demand and become very dear. What is the result? Is there a point where the evil may be stopped-Not at all. Commerce and all branches of industry are at once affected everywhere. There is no one who does not suffer from the difficulty in obtaining silver and from the high price it commands. A metallic currency is the base which sustains all transactions, the pivot upon which they all turn. It is possible by a skillful arrangements in using credit to increase the circle of these transactions, but it is not possible to do away with the base nor weaken it sensibly without damage and great damage to society.

It is to be remarked here that a metallic currency becomes the more necessary when there is a crisis. Credit then fails and everyone seeks that which affords the greatest security in business, that is specie. If then at these times, trusting to the general maxim that after all products are exchanged for products, there were no especial attention paid to arrest the exportation of money by effective means such as may be used to advantage, for example, a sudden advance in the price of discount, we should soon be thrown into the greatest embarrassments, no industry would escape the effects of it, and we should see our commerce declining, as in the countries where paper money rules. A metallic currency is still more than the base of commercial operations, it is the main-spring which sets in motion the active operations of a country. We have no need to cite examples in support of this proposition; they are furnished by every crisis; it suffices to recall what took place in 1857 in Europe, and particularly in England. We can also remember the complaints in our country, when, during two years in succession, 1863 and 1864, the Bank reserve did not exceed 200 millions, and it was necessary to raise the rate of discount to 7 and 8 per cent. It was plainly seen then that the metallic currency was not an article of merchandise like anything else, and that it demanded more circumspect treatment than ordinary products. Now, it is the same point of departure which causes the errors respecting the influence exerted by an abundance of gold mines.

It is imagined that gold, being an article of merchandise like any other, cannot become suddenly abundant, much more abundant than it was, without undergoing a certain depreciation. "The abundant supply of precious metals," says Hume in his essay upon money, "is a cause of loss to a nation in its foreign commerce, because it raises the price of labor and merchandise, and obliges every one to pay out a greater number of the little white and yellow pieces." Bastial, even, who had seen the commencement of the production of the California mines, said, in speaking of the countries producing gold and silver, "The more you send us of precious metals the better it is for us, for this permits us to have more gold and silver for making spoons, forks and knives; but it is so much the worse for you, for we do not send you more cloth and iron for the increased amount than we send you to-day for the lesser quantity."

In this estimate there were two errors: first, in supposing that the superfluity of gold and silver was destined principally, if not exclusively, for the manufacture of spoons and knives and, we will add, even jewelry; secondly, in admitting that the depreciation of the precious metals is in proportion to the increase in quantity. We might cite other authors who have gone further and who have even considered the working of the California and Australia mines in the light of a misfortune and a loss, for the reason that it has diverted from agriculture and industrial pursuits much sinew and capital which have been devoted to unprofitable work, that of increasing the medium of exchange to an extent that will render it more inconvenient, because it will require more of it for the same transactions. These opinions appear really very extravagant to-day, after the experience we have had since 1848; but it is not easy to explain how so many hundreds of millions turned out every year by the mines have entered into the circulation without having more effect upon it. It is a point which requires elucidation. We are twenty years removed from the commencement of the working of the California mines and seventeen from that of the Australian mines. The gold furnished by these mines, exclusive of other sources of production, may be estimated at 15 or 16 thousand millions [about \$3,000,000,000]. We have then under our eyes a field of observation sufficiently large, and if we cannot judge positively, by what has occurred during these twenty years, of what will take place in future, on account of the intricacy of the monetary phenomena and their disturbance by circumstances, we can at least make some useful deductions. According to some authors, the value attached to what are called the precious metals, arising from their use for manufacturing purposes, ornaments for example. It is admitted that they also derive a value from their use as money, but this is considered subordinate to the other, and when we compare particularly the intrinsic value of the pre-

cious metals with other conventional substances which are proposed as a circulating medium, paper for instance, we are very quick to note the advantage which the metals possess, of being adapted to manufacturing purposes, and it seems to be thought that from this quality only they have been adopted as a standard of value. Nothing is more false. The industrial pursuits for their various uses do not employ a tenth of the precious metals which are produced according to the estimates made by all competent judges who have examined the subject. Consequently, out of the 40 and odd thousand millions which have been taken from the mines during three centuries added to the 18 or 20 thousand millions which have been extracted since 1848, if we subtract one-quarter for loss and only consider its uses for industrial purposes, there will remain about 40 thousand millions, with no foundation for its value. It has a foundation for its value, however, which is its use as money, by the side of which its use for industrial purposes is nothing, and it is precisely because it has this foundation which is of the most substantial kind, that people have entertained the idea of using gold and silver for ornaments; otherwise, no one would have thought of it sooner than they would have thought of making jewelry and ornaments of iron or copper. The truth is, then, just the contrary of what has been held: it is its value as a monetary standard which has given to it its value as a material for ornaments. It has sometimes been said that it was in consequence of a conventional arrangement that these metals became monetary standards, that any other might have been adopted. This is a great mistake. The metals which are called precious have not been conventionally adopted; they have forced themselves into use by reason of their peculiar qualities which no other material possesses. Wheaten bread and wine are certainly very useful in the world, yet they have not a use as general as specie. We find people who do not eat bread nor drink wine, but have substitutes in rice, potatoes, beer and other fomented drinks. Even wool, which serves to clothe us, is not used everywhere; it is replaced by cotton or other tissues. It is not the same with a metallic currency. When a people does not possess it, and their commercial relations are conducted by means of barter, that is to say, an exchange in kind, it is in a primitive and barbarous state, and only commences to emerge from that condition when it adopts the precious metals as a medium of exchange. It is also seen what results to civilized people who, after having abused their resources, are compelled to dispense with metallic currency and to perform their exchanges by means of that conventional medium styled paper money. They are checked in their industrial and commercial developments and grow poorer year after year.

Now to what extent have they done this? Have the products which they have furnished been only proportional to the activity in business which they have produced? Have they been greater? This is the new question which we purpose to examine, a question of fact rather than of theory upon which authors are divided, and one which it is very difficult to settle authoritatively.

II.

The greatest monetary revolution which has taken place in the world, dates, we have said, from the discovery of America. At that epoch, 1492, in the opinion of most writers upon the subject, there was in Europe and in the civilized countries with which Europe had commercial relations about one thousand millions of coin-300 millions in gold and 700 millions in silver. The rest of the production anterior to that time had been buried during the barbarous period or destroyed. They did not at first find in America that richness in precious metals which was subsequently discovered. Nevertheless, from the first, much gold was exported which went to enrich Spain. One will recall the famous galleons which were the admiration of the world; a little later, from 1520 to 1530, when Ferdinand Cortez took possession of Mexico, and Pizarro of Peru, the yield increased perceptibly; but it was not at its height until the discovery by chance—as almost always happens—of the famous mines of Potosi. Then the working of the mines commenced upon a larger scale, and Europe was soon inundated with the metals which were obtained. M. Jacob estimates that in the course of the 16th century the supply of precious metals was about 3,615 millions. There is a difference of opinion as to what was the ratio of the specie in existence at the time of the discovery of America, to the amount in existence at the time of the opening of the California and Australian mines. Some calculate as 1 to 11, others as 1 to 7 or 8, and still others as 1 to 6. This last estimate is that of M. Newmarch, in his History of Prices; it is also that of Leber in his History of Private Wealth in the Middle Ages; it appears to be the most accredited. In 1492 then it required but one-sixth of the amount of specie which was required in 1848 to make the same purchases. This applies, it will be understood, to articles for which the value has maintained a certain constancy for centuries, and such articles are more rare than one may imagine. It cannot be gainsaid, indeed, that in spite of the depreciation of specie, there are to-day-owing to the progress of the industrial pursuits-many products which are cheaper than in the 15th century-for example, all which relate to clothing and to the comforts of life. One is clothed at less expense than at the close of the 15th century, one travels at less expense and much easier, and when it is

said, relying upon this depreciation, that it would require an income five or six times greater for a nobleman to live now as one lived then, it is a great mistake; he could live much better, he could procure a vanity of enjoyments which did not exist then, or which were accessible only to a few.

In adopting the price of wheat as a standard of comparison, it is generally admitted that the value of specie does not commence to diminish before the second quarter of the sixteenth century; calling it 4 in the second quarter, it fell to 3 in the third quarter, and finally in the last year of the century, and even up to 1620, it continued to fall, and reached 2, where it remained fixed up to the revolution in 1789. Some persons deny that any serious change was produced before 1560. According to them, the depreciation did not commence till that epoch and continued to 1620 or 1630; but whatever may be the difference of opinion as to the amount of depreciation and the time when it commenced, every one agrees that the great monetary revolution was accomplished near the close of the first third of the 17th century, about one hundred and forty years after the discovery of America, and that there was no serious change besides, up to a time very near the present.

Now, we are anxious to determine what has been the production of precious metals during the epoch in which the revolution was accomplished, and what it has been since that time. M. Jacob, we have said, estimates at 3,615 millions the entire production of the sixteenth century; he extends to 1,000 millions that of the seventeenth century, and supposing that a third of this belongs to the first thirty years of the century, we have a production of 6,000 millions to be added to the 1,000 millions which is thought to have existed before the time when the great change in the value of precious metals commenced. The increase in quantity would have been 600 per cent, and the depreciation only 200 per cent. It results, therefore, from this, that the depreciation of specie is not necessarily proportionate to the increase; but what has a greater significance still is the production which succeeds the monetary revolution.

The seventeenth century, according to M. Jacob, furnished 10,000 millions, which would be 7,000 millions subsequent to 1630. The eighteenth century produced, according to the most probable valuation, 20,000, in all 27,000 millions, which must be added to 7,000 millions supposed to have been in existence about 1630, that is to say, an increase nearly quadruple, and yet in spite of this increase no one has observed up to the middle of the eighteenth century any further important depreciation of the precious metals. It is supposed that a new change took place about 1789, and that the value of silver, which we found reduced from 2 to 1 in 1630, went up again to 2, that is to say, the value which

it had in 1848. Still there are other authors who deny this and who think that the last change occurred in the first half of the nineteenth century. However, the difference of opinion is of no importance, because supposing the depreciation the most considerable, we still find that from 1630 to 1789, it has only been 100 per cent, while the increase in quantity of the precious metals was 400 per cent. The same phenomenon continued during the first half of the nineteenth century. It is asserted that the production of that century, up to the discovery of the California mines, was about 12,000 millions, of which 8,000 at least were imported into Europe, and these 8,000 millions have been added to a stock of metals which, in 1800, amounted to about 26 or 27,000 millions. This is an increase of near one-fourth, and the increase has produced scarcely any effect. If the price of things has advanced since that, it is from causes foreign to the value of the precious metals. This is recognized by every one; there is only a difference of opinion as to what has occurred since.

We have said that some years after the opening of the California and Australian mines, the yield of precious metals had increased from 450 to 11 or 1200 millions per year; but it is necessary to deduct what was produced by countries with which the civilized world had little intercourse, such as Asia and Africa, which kept nearly all they furnished. There remains the production of the civilized world which is all that we need take into account. M. Michel Chevalier, whose remarkable labors in this field have won for him great distinction, estimates it in 1865 at 14000 millions. Let us add to this 3000 millions for the three years which have elapsed since, and we have 17000 millions for which it is necessary to deduct still what has been exported in gold and silver to those partially civilized countries which return but little of what is sent them of precious metals, such as India and Japan. M. Michel set this amount in 1865 at 3311 millions. It is necessary to deduct, in the second place, what has been lost by wear and accidents, such as shipwrecks and burying, which amounts to a considerable sum upon the whole stock of metals. The estimates for this can only be hypothetical and, therefore, vary a great deal.

According to some, the loss is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum for silver, and about  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent for gold; others set it higher, and make it amount to 1 per cent altogether. We shall not inquire which is the most probable. Precision in this point is of secondary importance in reference to the question which we are now discussing. It suffices to have an approximate figure, and if we set the loss for wear and accidents of every kind at  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent for the whole, it amounts to 200 millions per annum and 4000 millions for twenty years, which is not far from the truth. We

shall have then about 7500 millions to deduct from the I7000 millions furnished directly from the working of the mines. There remains 9500 or 10000 millions for the increase of precious metals since 1848. M. Newmarch, whose calculations we readily accept, has found that in 1848, after deducting for all loss, there were probably in the civilized countries, Europe and America, 34000 millions of precious metals (in round numbers), of which 20,000 millions were in silver and 14,000 millions in gold. The 9 or 10000 millions just alluded to, or near that amount, constitute, upon the whole metallic stock, an increase of 25 to 30 per cent in 20 years, which is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{9}$  per cent per annum.

Is this an increase sufficient to have brought about a depreciation of the precious metals? Some persons have thought so, and have even calculated the amount of that depreciation at different epochs in the period of twenty years, which separates us from the discovery of the California mines. Some have set it at 9, others at 15, and still others at 20 per cent. In order to make the calculation, they have obtained the price of certain commodities at the different epochs they wished to compare, and according to the variations in price which they have observed, they have estimated the depreciation. We understand this to be the proper course to take to estimate the variation in the price of things at different epochs; but to proceed with any security and to be at all certain that we do not deceive ourselves in the cause to which the variations are attributable, it is necessary to go over a long space of time in order to avoid accidental disturbances; if we have before us only a very short period, these accidental influences are in operation and aid in bringing about the results upon which our calculation is based. Here is unfortunately the error of the calculations to which we have alluded; they have been calculated for a period of ten or fifteen years. Now, for this period, what a variety of circumstances besides that of the production of specie may have modified the price! We have had, first, the extraordinary impulse given to business after the coup d'etat of 1851, then the influence of the Crimean war in 1854 and 1855. If we adopt wheat as the standard of comparison, it is necessary to take into account three consecutive years of scarcity, from 1854 to 1856. In 1857 occurred a formidable crisis, the result of excessive speculation. If we extend the comparison to our time, 1868, we find still in 1859 a new war, that of Italy, with all its consequences upon the political future of Europe. In 1863 and 1864 there were new financial embarrassments, having nearly the same causes as in 1857. In 1866 came on the German war which disturbed the equilibrium of States, and, finally, since that time, for reasons well known to every one, Europe finds itself plunged into apprehensions of war, and lives in the greatest disquietude. Hence a

prolonged stagnation in business, which is not without its influence upon the price of things, and yet is not a normal condition. What conclusions can be derived from a period so full of incidents, and so darkened with storms that there is hardly a vista of clear sky during the time? Certainly no definite conclusions as to the value of the precious metals.

It is evident that the price of certain things has not materially advanced since 1848. The price of meat, vegetables, wine and provisions general ly is higher to-day than at that time, so also are luxuries and certain materials of the first importance in manufactures. The price of handwork and salaries have proportionately advanced. It will be recollected, on the other hand, that all products have not undergone this advance. There are some which have to-day the same price as in 1848. If we take wheat, for example, and select, from the period of twenty years which have just elapsed, the years of scarcity, we shall find the mean price to be about 18 or 20 francs a hectolitre. It fell even to 15 and 16 francs in 1864 and 1865, when agriculture made such bitter complaints and asked for an inquiry into its grievances. The same stagnation applied to wool and other commodities. Sugar is cheaper than in 1848. and as to the larger part of colonial commodities such as coffee, chocolate, tea, although the consumption has increased very considerably, the price has advanced but little. In fact, the price of manufactured articles in general has rather diminished than increased. Iron is materially below its value in years preceding 1848, and one can be clothed at less expense now than twenty years ago. What is the inference from this? That the high price of certain things depends upon some other cause than the depreciation of specie. It depends upon the development of public wealth, which has changed every one's condition and increased the general consumption. Where the production has kept pace with the consumption prices have varied but little; they have not advanced except where the production has been much in arrears. They have varied but little for wheat, because, owing to the progress of agriculture, nearly enough has always been raised to meet all demands, and besides, the consumption of this article of provisions is not unlimited. One does not eat more bread because he is richer. Wool, also, on account of its importation from abroad, and particularly from Australia, has remained very nearly at the level of demand. Hence the stagnation in price. As to sugar, there has been much progress in home manufactures, which has naturally brought about a diminution in the net cost. It is the same with all manufactured articles; a much greater quantity is consumed now than twenty years ago, but the results of scientific appliances are such that the increased consumption is provided for, and still the articles are sold cheaper. Production never falls behind the demand; it out-

runs it even, which in some cases brings on crisis and a fall in prices, like that of which the iron manufacturers are complaining at this time. As to colonial commodities the prices have not advanced sensibly, because, owing to the extent of the markets which furnish us and to the means of transport, which have become more economical and more numerous, these commodities arrive in as great quantities as we desire. The things which have advanced in price are those, I repeat, of which the quantity can not be increased at the will of the consumers. There is certainly more wine produced to-day than there was twenty years ago, and our frontiers are open for the introduction of cattle, yet the consumption has so increased by the development of riches that the demand is still greater than the supply. Different from the case of wheat, this latter article of food is a kind which is consumed in greater or less quantities, according to the facility of obtaining it; and it is not necessary to enter into details to show that a very much greater use is made of it to-day than before 1848. It is the same with vegetables, with wine, and also with raw materials for manufactures. The progress in manufactures makes a demand for raw material and the price is raised because it is not so easy to increase the quantity as to work it up. It is the triumph of the genius of man to have succeeded, by means of economical appliances, in realizing this phenomenon, in appearance paradoxical, dearness of the raw material and cheapness of the manufactured products. It is the same cause which has raised the price of hand work; labor has been more employed, the demand for it has increased, and naturally we have had to pay higher for it; but the dearness of all these articles has nothing to do with the depreciation of the precious metals. Otherwise it would have affected as well those products which have remained at the level of consumption, for certainly, the equilibrium which has been sustained in these would have been broken as far as specie is concerned, the moment it became more abundant, and it would have taken more of it to make the same purchases, according to the natural law of supply and demand. This is what happened after the discovery of America. As soon as the depreciation took place, it was perceived with wheat as with all other merchandize, and wheat was even taken as a standard to measure that depreciation.

Besides, at the time when the authors of whom we speak made their calculations to prove the depreciation, the most of them about 1857, the commodities which they took for a standard had undergone an exceptional rise, due to the operation of excessive speculation which had taken place previously. We were encountering one of the greatest commercial crisis which had been known for a long time. Prices experienced a sensible fall later, and to-day, after ten years, they are generally below what they

were in 1857. The Economist gives a very explicit statement of them. It takes twenty of the most common kind of merchandize, coffee, sugar, tea, meat, indigo, oil, lumber, tallow, leather, iron, lead, tin, cotton, flax and hemp, silk, tobacco, and ordinary cotton stuffs. Only four of them were on the 1st of January, 1868, above the price of the first of January, 1857: these are butchers meat about 7 per cent; indigo, about 27 per cent; oil, about 2, and tobacco about 5. All the others are lower-coffee about 6 per cent, sugar about 40 per cent, tea about 32 per cent, lumber about 9 per cent, tallow about 30 per cent, leather about 40 per cent, iron about 30 per cent, lead about 26 per cent, tin about 34 per cent, cotton about 17 per cent, silk about 25 per cent, wool about 23 per cent. With the close relations which exist to-day between the principal markets, we may conclude that what has taken place in England has equally been the case in France. It results from this statement, that aside from the years 1863 and 1864, when prices nearly reached the level of 1857, resulting from enormous speculation, they remained generally below that level. This goes far to show that the exceptional advance in prices which the most part of these commodities underwent from 1852 to 1857 did not proceed from a depreciation of the precious metals; otherwise it would have continued, since the products of the mines have been more abundant than ever. Since 1857 California and Australia alone have furnished at least 7000 millions of gold. It has only continued upon certain commodities and in particular upon articles of food. The reason of this is, that in spite of the check given to many kinds of business, people continued to consume more, owing to increasing riches and the force of habit, and the production did not keep pace with the consumption. There would have been depreciation, if we had had less means than in the 16th century for employing the 25 per cent increase in the precious metals, which we have shown to be the increase since 1848; and the contrary has been the case Without speaking of other inventions which have multiplied commercial transactions by increasing production, we may characterize the difference between the present and former condition by two things: railroads and the electric telegraph. At the time when these two important inventions were first applied in a very limited way, there was a stimulant for the development of business such as we have never before known at any epoch, and what is remarkable, is the coincidence of these two inventions with the discovery of the gold mines of California and Australia. Without these mines we should certainly have made the railroads—they had been already commenced—but they would have been made much more slowly. and we would not have been able to devote to them 400 millions per annum, as we have done in France for more than fifteen years. And then

what a difference in the results! Business would not have received the development which we see if it had not found a solid basis in the increase of the precious metals. The gold mines came just in time to give to railroads and the electric telegraph their full development in results. On the other hand, if gold, in the quantities which were furnished at once, had come alone, unaccompanied by the greater facilities of communication and transport, it would not have been absorbed so easily—it would have been depreciated—and would not have produced the effect upon business which it did. The gold of California and Australia has served to extend the railroads and they, in turn, by the influence they have exerted upon commerce, have furnished channels for gold. It is thus that improvements are connected one with another, and that humanity advances through discoveries towards an ideal civilization beyond our knowledge.

Let us see now by figures how we can account for the increased quantity of specie since 1851. Every one knows that business has been much more extended, commencing from that epoch; but it is not generally known in what proportions, and this is a very important point to be presented. In 1851, at the time when the working of the mines of Australia commenced, on the eve of a considerable political change which took place in France, the foreign and domestic commerce of our country, exports and imports united, aside from the movement of the precious metals, was less than 200 millions (1,923 millions). It was more than 6,000 millions in 1867, which was a bad year, and it attained to 7,500 millions, including the precious metals.

The amount of the operations of the Bank of France was raised from 1,592 millions in 1851 to 7,372 millions in 1867, after having reached 8.292 millions in 1866. These figures are significant, and furnish the measure of the development of business, which has more than tripled since 1851. Supposing that we have had a proportional share with the rest of the world in the increase of precious metals furnished by the mines—that our metallic stock in particular has been increased 25 per cent, 40 per cent even, if you please, this 40 per cent increase of the precious metals has not been sufficient to meet the demands of the triple or quadruple amount of business. The same progress has taken place in England; the foreign commerce of less than 5,000 millions in 1851 exceeds to-day 15,000 millions. I know that it is necessary to take into account the great rapidity with which the precious metals circulate at present, the facilities which have been furnished in this respect by railroads and the substitution even of gold for silver; that is to say, a metal having greater value for one having less. It is necessary to take into account also all the means of credit which have been much expanded within fifteen years, the expansion keeping pace with that of business;

but there is a wide margin between 40 per cent more of specie and 3 or 400 per cent more of business; and whatever allowance may be made for these circumstances we shall still find enough to absorb largely the increase of precious metals furnished by the mines.

Proof that the precious metals have not been too abundant-more abundant than business has required, is found in the fact that several times in this period of twenty years there has been an insufficiency of gold and silver. Never before has such a price been paid for specie. If it is otherwise to-day, and if our principal financial institution is overflowing with specie for which it has no use, it is a condition entirely exceptional, for which we have pointed out the reason in a former article\* and does not in the least degree indicate to what extent our country is capable of employing the precious metals in ordinary times. If instead of 1,300 millions cash balance which the Bank of France has to-day, it had only two-third as much which could not be received into the circulation, that would suffice to bring about a depreciation. Gold would be worth less at home than elsewhere; it would leave the country and we should pay much more dearly for everything we purchase. Now the contrary of this is the case. As raw material tends towards that country which can use it to the best advantage, and which consequently can pay the most for it, so the precious metals in general go to the country where their purchasing power is greatest. Consequently if we see them abound with us, it is because they have not diminished in value. Let us examine the average prices of grain, and we shall see that in England, with the exception of articles of food and certain objects of luxury, which the in crease in comforts has rendered necessary, most articles of merchandise. especially those which are thought to have been affected by the depreciation of gold, are to-day below the market value of 1857, 1863 and 1864. They are affected by the stagnation in business as formerly they were affected by the opposite condition of things. The increase in the price of articles of food and luxury is so intimately connected with the increase of public wealth, that they are everywhere inseparable, and these articles become dearer as public wealth increases. Before 1848 they had become very dear in England and Holland, dearer than with us, for the simple reason that there was more wealth there. Since 1852 France is certainly the country which, owing to various causes, has made the most progress in the industrial pursuits and in commerce, that in which there has been the greatest comparative increase in wealth. So it is the country where articles of food and luxuries have the greatest demand. They are to day at nearly the same level as in England and Holland. Besides, if a more

<sup>\*</sup> See the Revue of May 15, 1868.

decisive proof were needed, it would only be necessary to cite the example of the United States. In that country for a long time, even before the discovery of the new mines, articles of food and luxuries were higher than anywhere in Europe. Why? Because the development of riches was greater, there were more consumers for the same articles, and the production was largely deficient.

If it is meant that the precious metals have no longer, with respect to merchandise, the same power of acquisition as formerly, that it is necessary to give more for things, and that this is the effect of the influence of the gold mines upon the development of public wealth, we have no difficulty in assenting to it; but there is a great difference between this and a depreciation of specie. If articles of food are dearer it is because there is more wealth to pay for them. The level of riches has risen nearly the same for every class; for some because they have increasing revenues: for others because they are producers and sellers of all which has advanced in price. The wages of workmen even have not remained long below what they should be as participants in this advance, and to-day, generally in spite of the dearness of commodities necessary for life, the condition of the working class is better than it was twenty years ago. It is especially better in the country, where the spirit of economy rules more than in the cities. There is no serious difficulty except for those who have fixed salaries and settled revenues. Still, as regards the fixed salaries they can be raised up to the level of public riches, and they are raised in fact constantly. As to settled revenues, which are after all an exception, they are subject to the law of humanity, which wills that nothing shall be immutable. If those who possess them do not find them sufficient they must resort to labor for what is wanting.

Now from the fact that the precious metals have not yet undergone a serious depreciation, which can be plainly shown, does it follow that it will always be so in future? The gold deposits are far from being exhaustel. In California they extend, it is said, over a surface 1,250 kilometres\* in length, by 115 in breadth, along the chain of mountains which border the Pacific. In Australia, which is a country greater than Europe, they extend over nearly the whole surface. Russia is constantly furnishing new mines in the mountains which separate it from Asia, in the Ural, the Altai, and even on the plataux inhabited by the Kirghis. As to the silver mines here is what was said of them forty years ago by M. de Humboldt: "The abundance of silver is such in the chain of the Andes, that in reflecting upon the number of deposits which have not been touched, or which have been only superficially worked, one would be tempted to believe that the

<sup>\*</sup> A kilometre is little more than 3-5 of a mile.

Europeans have but just commenced upon an inexhaustible store of wealth such as the New World possesses." Without seeking to make an estimate which would be impossible, it may be said, without fear of exageration, that there has not been taken from the mines already discoveredthose recently discovered especially-a tenth of the wealth they hold. And now that their working has become more regularthat it is done with capital, with machines, and in a scientific manner, we may expect for a long time an excessive yield; perhaps we shall succeed in doubling the present metallic stock. Will the effect be always the same; shall we be able still to absorb the additional supply of precious metals? This is a question which pertains to the future, and one we are not able to determine. All we can say is, that this prodigious increase—if it takes place—will be comparatively slow. Supposing that the mines which are worked to-day continue to furnish 1,000 millions per year, and that three-quarters of it goes to the civilized world-deduction being made for loss and exportation, and this calculation is evidently very liberal-it will take more than sixty years for the present metallic stock to be doubled, and eighty years for it to reach 100,000 millions. At the end of that time, according to what took place following the discovery of America, the depreciation of precious metals would be 50 per cent; but in the mean time what are the elements tending to diminish that result: First, the progress of the industrial pursuits is much more rapid to-day than formerly. They progress, if I may be allowed the expression, by steam; and as the wants of man may extend indefinitely, there is an immense field in which to employ the precious metals.

The English Economist, in presenting a tabular statement of the increase of business in England, during twenty-two years, from 1843 to 1865, fixed the consumption per head in 1865 at 41 1-10 lbs. sugar, 3 3-10 lbs. tea, 3 6-10 lbs. rice, against 16 5-10 lbs. sugar, 1 5-10 lbs. tea, and 1 lb. rice in 1843, that is to say, the consumption had almost tripled. The increase of foreign commerce per head, in tike manner was represented by 108 against 38; and as it was necessary to take into account the increase of population, which, according to the average in England, was about one" third for the same space of time, it resulted that the positive progress in twenty-two years was represented by an increase of products of 400 per. cent. Let us apply this calculation to the future with a great deduction Suppose that during the sixty years which will have transpired before we have doubled our metallic stock, the advance is only what it has been in England in twenty-two years; if we add to this the amount necessary for the increase of population, which we will estimate at 50 per centalthough the average period for doubling the population is, for Europe and America, at least 80 years—we have an amount of business 450 per

cent greater than it is at present, and we shall have, to meet this, double the amount of specie. The industrial pursuits, and the arts also, by reason of the increase of wealth, will employ more; they can take 200 millions, for example, instead of 100 millions, which they employ to-day.

These figures show that we shall be under the necessity of resorting more than ever to means of credit; yet, in admitting that we may by this means be able to make up in a measure for the insufficiency of specie, we do not go so far as to suppose, like certain enthusiasts, that we can some day do without it. We think, on the contrary, that more of it will be needed in proportion to the increase of business. It is like a pyramid which may be raised in height or proportion to the breadth of base. We may grieve at present to see 1,300 millions of specie inactive in the vaults of the Bank of France, but we may felicitate ourselves upon it in the future; when the political distrust shall have ceased and the spirit of enterprise shall have been renewed, we shall find in this the means of greater activity. Finally, in considering the use to which these precious metals may be put in future, we must not forget besides, that there are to-day in America and Europe great States by our side, which have about 10,000 millions of paper money, and that they will not always remain in that condition. They will suppress their paper money and recall a metallic currency. We find still another channel for their use, not less important, in the relations becoming more and more active, which we are forming with the East. Those countries are very eager for precious metals; they are far from having all that they are able to useall that they will be able to use one day-when they become richer. Consequently, if there is no assignable limit to the production of the precious metals, there is also none to their consumption, and we may hope that the two forces brought in contact will succeed in neutralizing each other-that specie will maintain nearly its present value, and that there will result from it only a very great stimulus to the increase of public wealth.

If, however, depreciation happens in spite of all, it will be no cause for regret, and we ought to refrain from thinking that it can cause serious trouble to our well-being. In the first place, it would be slow and gradual, and we should have time to prepare for it and to arrange our business accordingly. This is what happened in the 16th century. When the monetary revolution was accomplished every one conformed to the new order of things, and society was richer than ever. Another consequence yet of depreciation and a fortunate one, is the importance which labor assumes in respect to acquired wealth. The one gains in value, the other loses, and, by this means, equality is produced among the different classes of society. One of our distinguished contributors,

M. de Laverleye, has said in this Revue (\*) that in the 16th century the abundance of the precious metals had contributed to the elevation of the common people, and that, in the 19th century, the abundance of gold would contribute to the emancipation of the people; nothing is more correct, and we prefer this kind of emancipation to that which the laborers dream of in their social Congress. It has the merit of being conformable to the laws of political economy, and of tending to no violent disorder.

Victor Bonnet.

#### CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

One of the chief projects of the State of Virginia has for many years been the construction of a railroad which should connect the waters of Chesapeake Bay with those of the Ohio River, the distance between Richmond, Va., and the mouth of Big Sandy River, the terminal points, being upwards of 400 miles.

The Virginia Central Railroad, including the Blue Ridge Railroad constructed by the State, covers a little more than one-half of this line, and together have cost nearly \$6,000,000. The Covington and Ohio Railroad, the construction of which was undertaken by the State of Virginia alone, has to date cost about \$3,250,000. Since the erection of the State of West Virginia nearly the whole of the unfinished line is included within its limits.

The important ends to be gained by the completion of the Covington and Ohio Railroad led to identical action on the part of the two States most interested, and under acts passed by the Legislatures of each in 1867 commissioners were appointed whose duty it was to contract with any party which could give satisfactory assurances of being able to complete the road between Covington, Va., and the confluence of the Big gandy with the Ohio River. The acts specially referred to the Virginia Central Railroad Company, and provided that in case that Company should take the contract, they should acquire all rights, interests, &c., in the work now held by the States aforesaid and under the general title of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company become owners of the line.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, as thus organized, will begin at Richmond and run west through the Alleghany Mountains and West Virginia to the Ohio River, a distance of 405 miles. A branch line will also be built from a point 14 miles west of Charleston, W. Va., to Point

<sup>\*</sup> See the Revue of April 1, 1867.

Pleasant, thereby making two termini on the Ohio River and connections with the network of railroads already completed or now being constructed in the Northwest, West and Southwest. At Richmond direct connection is made with West Point on the deep waters of York River and also with Norfolk. A line is also projected to connect with Newport News, together giving the road three termini on the tide-waters of the Atlantic ocean.

On the 31st of August, 1868, the commissioners appointed under the acts aforesaid and the Virginia Central Railroad Company signed a contract giving to the latter the authority necessary to construct the line from Covington, together with all the franchises, &c., conferred by said acts, and from that date the Company assumed the title of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company.

The amount of money required to complete the roads is about \$13,-000,000. Of this about \$5,000,000 has been secured by stock subscriptions and the remainder by the issue of bonds secured by a fresh mortgage on all present and future property of the Company. For this purpose a mortgage for \$10,000,000 was executed on the first day of October, 1868, the trustees being Philo C. Calhoun, William Butler Duncan and William Orton of New York, and Mathew F. Maury of Virginia. The bonds issued under this mortgage have thirty years to run from October 1st, 1868, and are made payable, principal and interest in gold, either in New York city or London. They bear seven per cent interest free from United States Government tax, payable in gold or sterling, at the option of the holders. The mortgage deed also provides for an accumulative sinking fund, to commence one year after the completion of the read. Of the total issue authorized, \$2,000,000 are to be set apart in trust for the payment of the bonded and floating debt of the Virginia Central Railroad Company, to whose property, rights, branches, &c., the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company succeeds. By special acts of Virginia and West Virginia all the property of the Company is exempt from State taxation until 10 per cent dividends are declared from net earnings upon the capital stock.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad will pass through a country abounding in natural resources—iron, coal and salt being among its principal products. It will connect the Western waters and those of the Atlantic by the shortest line, and at its ocean termini find harbors capable of receiving the largest class of ships. Norfolk has 28 feet, Newport News 22 feet and West Point 21 feet water. The distance from Richmond to the Big Sandy is 405 and to Point Pleasant 398 miles. From Richmond to Cincinnati, by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, the distance is 545 miles, to Louisville 621 miles, to Chicago 792 miles, and to St. Louis 885 miles. The shortest existing lines from Cincinnati to New

York is 756 miles, from Chicago to New York 911 miles, and from Louisville to New York 862 miles. It is thus apparent that the distances from the Ohio River to tide-water are much shorter by this route than any now existing, and also that it must, in the order of things, become a strong competitor for the commerce originating in the great interior and aggregating in the Atlantic seaboard ports. The establishment of steamship lines from Norfolk to the principal freight ports is a part of the pro-

gramme.

If we were to measure the ultimate success of the whole road by the success of a part which has been in operation for years, we should fall short of what promises to be the actual result. The existing portion of the line has no western connections, and its terminus is in the midst of a wild and but partially improved country. Yet in the year 1867-68, the gross earnings amounted to \$599,354 06, and the net earnings, after paying all expenses on account of operations, amounted to \$162,705 57, enough to pay 7 per cent on the whole outstanding debt and liabilities of the company and leave a considerable surplus for the stockholders. As the road is extended to the Ohio, it will then have changed its local characteristics and assumed those of a great trunk line, and with this change must come far more favorable results.

#### EVANSVILLE AND CRAWFORDSVILLE RAILROAD.

As now existing, the Evansville and Crawfordsville Railroad expands in a north and south direction between Terre Haute and Evansville, Ind., a distance of 109 miles, with an extension northeast from the first-named city to Rockville, 23 miles in length. By July, 1869, Evansville, the southern terminus of the road, will be connected by the Evansville, Henderson and Nashville Railroad, now in rapid progress with Nashville, and thence with lines diverging southeast, south and southwest to the Atlantic, Gulf and Mississippi River. At Vincennes it will be intersected by the line now being constructed between Indianapolis and Cairo, and at Terre Haute by the line between Indianapolis and St. Louis. Terre Haute will also be the southern terminus of the Chicago, Danville and Terre Haute Railroad, which will afford a very direct line to Chicago, a few miles north of Terre Haute, the line now under construction between Indianapolis and Paris, and at Rockville the line between Indianapolis and Paris (the Indianapolis and St. Louis) will cross it. The further extension of the road to Crawfordsville, a distance of less than 20 miles, will connect it with the northern division of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad, and also with the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad, and

other lines pointing north, northeast and east. Thus a line which has hitherto been almost isolated from the commercial world, is to become, at an early date, a link in one of the great central north and south lines from the Lakes at many points to the Gulf of Mexico, with connections which will give it outlets on the South Atlantic coast at Charleston and Savannah, and on the Mississippi at Memphis and New Orleans.

The rolling stock on the road is ample for its present business demands. At the close of the last fiscal year (August 31, 1868), this consisted of 15 locomotives and 216 revenue cars, viz.: 11 passenger, 1 paymaster's, 4 baggage, mail and express, 81 local and 37 compromise box freight, 28 platform, 31 coal, 10 stock and 10 construction cars; also 27 hand and 17 push cars. The number of miles run by trains in 1866-7) was 272,310, and in 1867-68, 254,192.

The gross earnings, expenses and profits for the last two years are compared in the following statement:

Passenger earnings. Freight. Express Mail Rents	\$190,575 289,947 16,56? 9,400	23 54 30 00	1867-68. \$193,981 28 230,481 70 19,011 36 9,400 0 312 00	\$3,406 05 2,449 06	\$59,465 84
Gross earnings Operating expenses					
Earnings over expenses	\$163 347	92	\$117,920 09	\$	\$45,429 83

The following, compiled from the annual reports of the company, shows the progressive development of business on the road from 1858 to 1868:

Years	Earnings.	Expenses.	Profits.
1858-59	\$171,048 90	\$97,797 37	\$73,251 53
1859-60	206,944 27	102,971 89	103,973 38
1860-61	222,352 13	113,362 90	108,989 23
1861-62	244.540 43	106,95 + 50	137,585 93
1862-63	334,058 10	164,196 39	169 851 71
1863-64	451,223 36	218,539 13	232,684 23
1864-65	5:9.127 68	312,407 28	246,720 40
1865-66	462,971 75	345,378 80	117,582 95
1866-67	507,793 32	344,444 40	163,247 92
1867-68	453,186 34	335,266 25	117,920 09

The income account for 1867-68 shows the receipts from all sources, including balance from previous year, \$32,427 97, at \$486,768 18, and the expenditures on all accounts at \$510,393 57—balance against income \$23,625 39. The expenditures were: Expenses as above, \$335,266 25; interests \$96,083 90; internal revenue taxes \$6,108 98; State, county and municipal taxes \$7,754 10; construction \$46,028 71; equipment (new freight cars) \$14,056 82; and increase of supplies \$6,095 51—total, \$510,393 57. No dividends were ever paid on the company's common stock since 1856, when a scrip distribution was made.

The financial condition of the company, as exhibited on the general balance sheet of August 31, 1868, is shown in the following summary:

Capital stock paid in \$9	97,851 13	Construction	\$2,402,733 55
Fraction 1 stock Stock divi. of 1856, uncla'ed	8,988 25	Equipment	358,321 23 7,957 70
Preferred stock	100,000 00	Dist. fair ground stock	1,000 00
7 p. c. bonds, main line			16,025 17 21,351 51
Due other lines	20,996 46	Materials in sh ps	21,001 01
Earn'gs exp'nd'd in const'n 3	377,044 31	Due from *gents 14,405 42 Open accounts 3,079 50-	_ 29,739 91
Balance of income account	22,708 99	Total	9 886 199 07
Total		10101	2,000,120

The funded debt is described as follows:

First mortgage	(main line)	7 p. cent bonds of 1°52, due January 1, 1869	\$350,000
**	( " )	of 1854, dua May 1, 1869	740,000
66	(Rockville	extension) 7 p. c. bonds, due Feb. 1, 1881	150 000

The first mortgage (main line) bonds, due in 1869, are being exchanged into new sinking fund bonds having twenty years to run.

# AGGREGATE RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS FROM OCT., 1863, TO OCT., 1868.

We give below the official returns, showing the aggregate resources and liabilities of the National Banking Associations, from October 1863, the date of their first return, to October, 1868, the date of their last return. It will be seen that the total number of banks at the former date was sixty-six, with a capital of \$7,188,393; while now there are 1,645 banks, with a capital of \$420,634,511. Since October, 1866, however, both the amount of capital and the number of the banks have remained about the same, varying slightly from year to year. The National bank circulation now outstanding is \$295,769,489, while the State bank circulation is reduced below \$3,000,000. Some of the main items of the returns show the following progress from year to year:

Dite.	No.	Capital.	Loans.	United States bonds.	Bank notes circulation.
1863, Oct	66	\$7,188,393	\$5,466,088	\$5,662,690	\$
1864, Jan	139	14,740,522	10,666,095	15,112,250	30,155
1864, Oct	507	86 782,802	93,2:8,657	108,064,496	45,260,504
1865, Jan		135,618,874	166,448,718	176,578,750	66.769,375
1865, Oct	1,513	893,157,206	487,170,136	427,731,300	171,821,903
1866, Jan	1,579	403,357,346	500,650,109	440,379,350	213 239,580
1866, Oct	1,643	415,27 ,969	6 3,247,503	426,657,350	280,129,558
1867, Jan	1,644	419,779,739	608,411,901	428,120,700	191,093,291
1867, Oct	1,643	420,073,415	609,675,214	418,963,050	293,887,941
1868, Jan	1,642	420,230,790	616,603,479	420,544,450	2 4,377,390
1868, Oct	1,645	420,634,511	657,668,847	414,664,800	295,769,489

Besides the foregoing national securities the banks have held, as will be seen, compound interest notes to a large amount, and at the last return held \$59,080,000 of the Three Per Cent Certificates.

## Aggregate resources and liabilities of

#### 1863.

Resources.	JANUARY,	APRIL.	JULY.	остовен.
				66 banks.
Loans and discounts				\$5,466,088 33 5,662,600 00 106,009 12
Due from nat'l and other banks. Real estate, furniture, &c Current expenses Premiums				2, 625, 597 05 177, 565 69 53, 808 92 2, 503 69
Checks and other cash items Bills of national and other banks. Specie and other lawful money.				492, 138 58 764, 726 00 1, 446, 607 62
Total				16, 797, 644 00

## 1864.

	139 banks.	309 banks.	473 banks.	507 banks.
Loans and discounts	\$10, 666, 095 60 15, 112, 250 00	\$31, 593, 943 43 41, 175, 150 00	\$70, 746, 513 33 92, 530, 500 00	\$93, 238, 657 92 108, 064, 496 00
Other items	74, 571 48	432, 059 95	842, 017 73	1, 434, 643 76
Due from national banks Due from other b'ks and bankers Real estate, furniture, &c	*4, 786, 124 58 381, 144 00	4, 699, 479 56 8, 537, 908 94 755, 696 41	15, 935, 730 13 17, 337, 558 66 1, 694, 049 46	19, 965, 720 47 14, 051, 396 31 2, 202, 318 20
Current expenses	118, 854 43	352, 720 77	502, 341 31	1, 021, 569 02
Checks and other cash items Bills of national and other banks. Specie and other lawful money.	577, 507 92 805, 521 00 5, 018, 622 57	2, 651, 916 96 1, 660, 000 00 22, 961, 411 64	5, 057, 122 90 5, 344, 172 00 42, 283, 798 23	7, 640, 169 14 4, 687, 727 00 44, 801, 497 48
Total	37, 630, 691 58	114, 820, 287 66	252, 273, 803 75	297, 108, 195 30

	643 banks.	907 banks.	1,295 banks.	1,513 banks.
Loans and discounts	\$166, 448, 718 00	\$252, 404, 208 07	\$362, 442, 743 08	\$487, 170, 136 29
	176, 578, 750 00	277, 619, 900 00	391, 744, 850 00	427, 731, 300 00
	3, 294, 883 27	4, 275, 769 51	12, 569, 120 38	19, 048, 513 15
Due from national banks	30, 820, 1\$5 44	40, 963, 243 47	76, 977, 539 59	89, 978, 980 55
Due from other b'ks and bankers	19, 836, 072 83	22, 554, 636 57	26, 078, 028 01	17, 393, 232 25
Real estate, furniture, &c	4, 083, 226 12	6, 525, 118 80	11, 231, 257 28	14, 703, 981 77
Current expenses	1, 053, 725 34	2, 298, 025 65	2, 388, 775 56	4, 539, 525 11
Premiums	1, 323, 023 56	1, 623, 291 84	2, 243, 210 31	2, 585, 501 06
Checks and other cash items Bills of national and other banks. Specie Legal tender and fract'l cur'ncy.	17, 837, 496 77	29, 681, 394 13	41, 314, 904 50	72, 309, 854 44
	14, 275, 153 00	13, 710, 370 00	21, 651, 826 00	16, 247, 241 00
	4, 481, 937 68	6, 659, 660 47	9, 437, 060 40	14, 966, 144 22
	72, 535, 504 67	112, 999, 320 59	168, 426, 166 55	193, 094, 364 65
@ Total	512, 568, 666 68	771, 514, 939 10	1, 126, 455, 481 66	1, 359, 768, 674 49

## the National Banking Associations.

#### 1863.

Liabilities.	JANUARY.	APRIL.	JULY.	OCTOBER.
Mindon				66 banks.
Capital stock Undivided profits Individual and other deposits Due to nat'l and other banks* Other items				\$7, 188, 393 00 128, 630 66 8, 497, 681 84 981, 178 59 2, 360 51
Total				16, 797, 644 00

## 1864.

	139 banks.	309 banks.	473 banks.	507 banks.
Capital stock	\$14, 740, 522 00	\$42, 204, 474 00	\$75, 213, 945 00	\$86, 782, 802 00
Surplus fund	432, 827 81	1, 625, 656 87	1, 129, 910 22 3, 094, 330 11	2, 010, 286 10 5, 982, 392 22
Nat'l bank notes outstanding Individual and other deposits Due to nat'l and other banks* Other items	30, 155 00 19, 450, 492 53 2, 153, 779 38 822, 914 86	9, 797, 975 00 51, 274, 914 01 6, 814, 930 40 3, 102, 337 38	25, 825, 665 00 119, 414, 239 03 27, 332, 006 37 213, 708 02	45, 260, 504 00 122, 166, 536 40 34, 862, 384 81 43, 289 77
Total	37, 630, 691 58	114, 820, 287 66	252, 273, 803 75	297, 108, 195 30

	643 banks.	907 banks.	1,295 banks.	1,513 banks.
Capital stock	\$135, 618, 874 00	\$215, 326, 023 00	\$325, 834, 558 00	\$393, 157, 206 00
Surplus fund	8, 663, 311 22 12, 283, 812 65	17, 318, 942 65 17, 809, 307 14	31, 303, 565 64 23, 159, 408 17	38, 713, 380 79 32, 350, 278 19
Nat'l bank notes outstanding	66, 769, 375 00	98, 896, 488 00	131, 452, 158 00	171, 321, 903 CC
Individual and other deposits United States deposits	183, 478, 636 98 37, 764, 729 77	262, 961, 473 13 57, 630, 141 01	398, 357, 559 59 58, 032, 720 67	500, 910, 873 22 48, 170, 381 31
Due to national banks	30, 619, 175 57 37, 104, 130 62	41, 301, 031 16 59, 692, 581 64	78, 261, 045 64 79, 591, 594 93	90, 044, 837 08 84, 155, 161 27
Other items	265, 620 87	578, 951 37	462, 871 02	944, 053 70
Total	512, 568, 666 68	771, 514, 939 10	1, 126, 455, 481 66	1, 359, 768, 074 45

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#### 1866.

Resources.	JANUARY.	APRIL.	JULY.	OCTOBER.	
	1,579 banks.	1,612 banks.	1,633 banks.	1,643 banks.	
Loans and discounts. U.S. bonds dep'd to secure circ'n. Other U.S. bonds and securities. Oth'r stocks, bonds, and mortg's.	\$500, 650, 109 19	\$528, 080, 526 70	\$550, 327, 444 17	\$603, 247, 503 58	
	298, 376, 850 00	315, 850, 300 00	326, 383, 350 00	331, 733, 200 00	
	142, 003, 500 60	125, 625, 750 00	121, 152, 950 00	94, 924, 150 00	
	17, 483, 753 18	17, 379, 738 92	17, 565, 911 46	15, 887, 490 66	
Due from national banks Due from other b'ks and b'kers. Real estate, furniture, &c Current expenses. Premiums	93, 254, 551 02	87, 564, 329 71	96, 692, 433 23	107, 597, 858 41	
	14, 658, 229 87	13, 682, 345 12	13, 982, 227 06	12, 136, 549 87	
	15, 436, 296 16	15, 895, 564 46	16, 728, 533 45	17, 122, 117 01	
	3, 193, 717 78	4, 927, 599 79	3, 030, 439 01	5, 298, 375 86	
	2, 423, 918 02	2, 233, 516 31	2, 398, 862 26	2, 490, 891 81	
Checks and other cash items	89, 837, 684 50	105, 490, 619 36	96, 077, 134 53	103, 676, 647 55	
Bills of national and other banks.	20, 406, 442 00	18, 279, 816 00	17, 866, 722 00	17, 437, 699 00	
Specie	16, 909, 363 80	13, 854, 881-66	12, 627, 016 52	8, 170, 835 97	
Legal tenders and fract 'I cur'ncy.	187, 846, 548 82	193, 542, 749 28	201, 408, 853 58	205, 770, 641 38	
Total	1, 402, 480, 964 34	1, 442, 407, 737 31	1, 476, 241, 877 27	1, 525, 493, 960 50	

#### 1867.

	1,644 banks.	1,639 banks.	1,633 banks.	1,643 banks.
Loans and discounts U.S. bonds dep'd to secure circ'n. U.S. bonds dep'd to sec're dep'ts. U.S. bonds and sec'ties on hand. Oth'r stocks, bonds, and mortg's.	\$608, 411, 901 58	\$597, 124, 698 66	\$588, 100, 703 62	\$609, 675, 214 61
	339, 180, 700 00	338, 388, 650 00	337, 355, 250 00	338, 640, 150 00
	36, 015, 950 00	38, 405, 800 00	38, 302, 750 00	37, 862, 100 00
	52, 924, 050 00	46, 629, 400 00	45, 629, 300 60	42, 460, 800 00
	15, 072, 737 45	20, 194, 875 21	21, 452, 040 43	21, 507, 881 42
Due from national banks Due from other b'ks and b'kers. Real estate, furniture, &c Current expenses Premiums	92, 492, 445 95	94, 035, 405 85	92, 287, 906 39	95, 217, 610 14
	12, 981, 445 40	10, 720, 271 39	9, 603, 442 12	8, 400, 726 47
	18, 861, 137 63	19, 537, 898 38	19, 755, 023 70	20, 639, 708 23
	2, 795, 322 36	5, 665, 429 97	3, 217, 747 70	5, 297, 494 13
	2, 852, 945 23	3, 402, 629 76	3, 331, 247 11	2, 764, 186 35
Checks and other eash items	101, 330, 984 35	87, 876, 535 84	128, 255, 674 49	134, 591, 731 51
Bills of national banks	19, 205, 584 00	12, 868, 189 00	16, 120, 898 00	11, 841, 104 00
Bills of other banks.	1, 176, 142 00	852, 748 00	531, 264 00	333, 209 00
Specie	16, 634, 972 10	10, 335, 492 33	9, 602, 072 97	10, 256, 130 30
Legal tenders and fract lear ney	104, 586, 827 23	92, 661, 377 61	102, 431, 346 96	100 550, 849 91
Compound interest notes	81, 925, 100 00	84, 029, 095 00	75, 456, 915 00	56, 888, 250 00
Total	1, 506, 448, 245 28	1, 462, 727, 897 00	1, 491, 433, 582 49	1, 496, 927, 146 07

-	1,642 banks.	1,643 banks.	1,640 banks.	1,645 banks.
Loans and discounts	37, 315, 750 00 44, 164, 500 00	\$628, 029, 347 65 339, 686, 650 00 37, 446, 000 00 45, 958, 550 00 19, 874, 384 33	\$655, 729, 546 42 339, 569, 100 00 37, 853, 150 00 43, 068, 350 00 20, 007, 327 42	\$657, 668, 847 83 340, 487, 050 00 37, 369, 150 00 36, 817, 600 00 20, 693, 406 40
Due from national banks	99, 311, 446 60 8, 480, 199 74 21, 125, 665 68 2, 986, 893 86 2, 464, 536 96	95, 900, 606 35 7, 074, 297 44 22, 082, 570 25 5, 428, 460 25 2, 660, 106 09	114, 433, 979 93 8, 642, 574 72 92, 699, 829 70 2, 938, 519 04 2, 432, 074 37	102, 278, 547 77 7, 848, 822 24 22, 747, 875 18 5, 278, 911 22 1, 819, 815 50
Checks and other cash items Bills of national banks. Bills of other banks Specie Legal tenders and fract leur ney Compound interest notes Three per cent, certificates	109, 390, 266 37 16, 655, 572 00 261, 269 00 18, 163, 980, 49 116, 234, 367 78 39, 997, 030 00 8, 245, 000 00	114, 996, 036 23 12, 573, 514 00 196, 106 00 15, 379, 654 53 86, 215, 859 16 38, 917, 490 00 24, 255, 600 00	124, 076, 297 71 13, 210, 179 00 342, 550 00 20, 755, 919 04 102, 029, 458 91 19, 473, 220 00 44, 905, 000 00	143, 241, 394, 99 11, 842, 974, 00 222, 668, 00 11, 749, 442, 14 94, 716, 266, 97 4, 513, 730, 00 59, 680, 000, 00
③ Total	1, 499, 770, 023 14	1, 496, 674, 632 28	1, 572, 167, 076 26	1, 558, 367, 502 24

#### 1866.

Liabilities.	JANUARY. 1,579 banks.	APRIL.	JULY. 1,633 banks.	OCTOBER.
Surplus fund	43, 000, 370 78 28, 972, 493 70	44, 687, 810 54 30, 964, 422 73	50, 151, 991 77 29, 295, 526 03	53, 359, 277 64 32, 583, 328 33
National bank notes outstanding. State bank notes outstanding	213, 239, 530 00 45, 449, 155 00	248, 886, 282 00 33, 800, 865 00	267, 753, 678 00 19, 992, 038 00	280, 159, 558 00 9, 748, 025 00
Individual deposits II. S. deposits Dep'ts of U. S. disbursing offic'rs.	520, 212, 174-32 29, 747, 236-15	534, 734, 950 33 29, 150, 729 82	533, 330, 759 81 36, 038, 185 03 3, 666, 892 23	563, 510, 570 79 30, 420, 819 80 2, 979, 955 77
Due to national banks	94, 709, 074 15 23, 793, 584 24	89, 067, 501 54 21, 841, 641 35	96, 496, 726 42 25, 945, 586 99	110, 531, 957-31 26, 951, 498-86
Total	1, 402, 480, 964 34	1, 442, 407, 737 31	1, 476, 241, 677 27	1, 525, 493, 960 50

#### 1867.

	1,644 banks.	1,639 banks.	1,633 banks.	1,643 banks.
Capital stock.	\$419, 779, 739 00	\$418, 844, 484 00	\$418, 123, 148 00	\$420,073,415 00
Surplus fund	59, 967, 222 14	60, 193, 223 58	63, 229, 585 62	66, 695, 587 01
	26, 887, 323 35	31, 668, 365 93	30, 586, 670 86	33, 751, 446 21
National bank notes outstanding.	291, 093, 294 00	291, 880, 102 00	291, 491, 038 00	293, 887, 941 00
State bank notes outstanding	6, 961, 499 00	5, 955, 147 00	4, 522, 505 60	4, 692, 153 60
Individual deposits	555, 179, 944 45	510, 593, 098 63	537, 882, 950 49	537, 976, 834 02
U. S. deposits	27, 225, 663 60	27, 396, 477 89	29, 764, 089 09	23, 280, 763 16
Dep'ts of U. S. disbursing offic'rs.	2, 275, 384 79	2, 582, 015 44	3, 407, 608 11	4, 412, 825 58
Due to national banks	92, 755, 560 88	91, 152, 252 58	89, 817, 032 74	93, 111, 240, 89
Due to other banks and bankers.	24, 322, 614 07	23, 062, 729 95	22, 608, 954 58	19, 644, 940, 20
Total	1, 506, 448, 245 28	1, 462, 727, 897 00	1, 491, 433, 582 49	1, 496, 927, 146 07

	1,642 banks.	1,643 banks.	1,640 banks.	1,645 banks.
Capital stock	\$420, 260, 790 00	\$420, 676, 210 00	\$420, 105, 011 00	\$420, 634, 511 00
Surplus fund	70, 586, 125 70	72, 349, 119 60	75, 840, 118 94	77, 995, 761 40
	31, 399, 877 57	32, 861, 597 68	33, 543, 223 35	36, 095, 883 98
National bank notes outstanding.	294, 377, 390 00	295, 336, 044 00	294, 908, 264 00	295, 769, 489 00
State bank notes outstanding	3, 792, 013 00	3,310, 177 00	3, 163, 771 00	2, 906, 352 00
Individual deposits	531, 827, 088 04	529, 017, 191 67	575, 842, 070 12	579, 686, 549 60
	24, 305, 638 02	22, 750, 342 77	24, 603, 676 96	17, 573, 250 64
	3, 298, 783 03	4, 976, 682 31	3, 409, 389 99	4, 570, 478 16
Due to national banks	98, 144, 669-61	94, 073, 631 25	113, 306, 346 34	99, 414, 397 28
	21, 867, 648-17	21, 323, 636 60	27, 355, 204 56	23, 720, 829 18
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Total	1, 499, 770, 023 14	1, 496, 674, 632 28	1, 572, 167, 076 26	1, 558, 367, 502 24

#### WHAT BASIS HAVE WE FOR RESUMPTION ?

Whatever may be the features of the plan ultimately adopted for restoring the specie basis, to be successful it must include a reserve of coin adequate to sustain the note circulation. It is not our present object to inquire what may be deemed an adequate reserve, but rather to ascertain, as nearly as data may permit, what amount of gold and silver we have in the country, leaving it for after consideration, under what conditions that supply is a basis broad enough for the resumption of specie payments.

There is much vagueness in the public mind upon this very essential point; and we fear that to this indefiniteness the recent able speech of Senator Morton may have added positive misapprehension. While the country owes much to the Senator's clear elucidation of many questions affecting resumption, and while his plan will, by many, be conceded to be the most consistent and feasible of any yet introduced into Congress; yet it does appear to us that when he comes to the very important question as to the existing supply of coin, he handles figures with a prodigality which bespeaks enthusiasm rather than cautious research. We present the Senator's own language:

There is now in the treasury a surplus of not less than \$70,001,000, and the accruing surplus under the present tariff for the next two years cannot be less than \$100,000,000, which will, together, make \$170,000,000. It is very difficult to form an estimate of the amount of gold in the country. The Director of the Mint in Philadelphia, in 1861, estimated the \*mount of gold in the country at that time to be \$275,000,000, which, I have no doubt, was much short of the actual amount. The Comptroller of the Currency (Mr. Hulburd), in his report last year, estimated the gold product from our mines, from the 30th of June, 1860, to the 30th of June 1867, at \$411,320,000. The imports of gold from abroad during the same period were \$78,933,587. The products of the mines during the year enting June 30, 1868, are estimated at \$75,000,000, making in the aggregate \$840,253,587, to which may be added the gold circulation in California, and other gold producing States, not included in the above calculation (estimated at \$50,000,000), making in al \$890,253,587. Deducting the amount of gold exported during the same period (\$477,740,908), leaves a balance of \$412,512,679. There is also another large import of gold into the country from Europe, of which there is no official record, the amount of which can only be guessed at. I mean that which is brought in small sums by emigrants, who come to our country at the rate of half a million a year. I have heard various conjectures as to the amount thus brought to the country, and none have put it lower than \$20,000,000 per annum for the eight or ten years, making the sum of \$160,000,000, which, added to the above, makes a total sum of \$572,512,679. But, to make allowance for mistakes and exaggerations, I estimate the gold and silver coin in the country at \$400,000,000. The products of the mines ending June 30, 1869, may be safely estimated at \$75,000,000,000, and after that at \$100,000,000 per annum.

	Mr. Morton's balance sheet may be thus summarised:  (1) Gold in the Atlantic States in 1861
\$1,050,253,000 477,740,000	Total supply July 1, 1860, to June 30, 1868
\$ 572,513,000	Stock of gold July 1st, 1863

The Senator appears to have been incredulous of the result of his own statistics, and therefore, "to make allowance for mistakes and exaggerations," he throws off the very liberal amount of \$172,513,000, and lumps his estimate at \$400,000,000. Let us see how near this singularly generous method of handling figures brings us to the truth, taking the items seriatim.

The Director of the Mint, in 1861, estimated the stock of coin then in the country at \$275,000,000; Mr. Morton accepts that estimate, at the same time having no doubt it was "much short" of the actual amount, Mr. Chase, in his annual report of 1862, gave it as his opinion that \$210,000,000 covered the whole supply. These figures, we understand, to include the circulation of the Pacific States, which, taken at \$40,000,000 at that period, would leave \$170,000,000 as the supply in all the other States; an estimate which probably is not at all under the truth. For the two fiscal years, 1859-60 and 1860-61, the specie in the banks averaged \$85,000,000. What amount there was in the hands of the people can only be vaguely estimated. Considering the preference given to bank notes for their greater convenience in handling, and especially in large amounts, it may perhaps be very safely assumed that the amount of bank circulation, in the hands of the people, was double that of coin so circulating. The official reports show that, for the three years next preceding the war, the amount of bank notes in the hands of the people, this side the Rocky Mountains, averaged \$163,000,000; from which it would follow. adopting the ratio of one dollar in specie to two of notes, that the specie circulating from hand to hand outside the banks was about \$80,000,000 This we are disposed to regard as a very liberal estimate; and adding thereto the \$85,000,000 in the banks, we should have a stock of \$165,-000,000, exclusive of the Pacific circulation. If our estimate be correct. Mr. Morton must deduct from the first item of supply about \$110,000,000.

To the second item, there seems to be reason to demur rather on account of its being an under estimate than as an "exaggeration." Our own statistics (see the Magazine of January, 1868) would lead us to place the domestic production for the seven years at about \$40,000,000 over these figures; as it is possible, however, that we may have estimated too liberally the amounts conveyed from the mines to market by the miners, we are willing for present purposes to accept the estimate of Comptroller Hulburd, as given by Mr. Morton.

The fourth item, imports of specie for the seven years ending June 30, 1867, contains an important error. The corrected returns of the Bureau of Statistics give the total receipts of treasure from abroad for those years at \$128,200,000, or \$49,300,000 more than Mr. Morton's figures; which, we presume, leaves no room for question that the Senator is in error to

that extent. The fifth item, the circulation in the Pacific States, cannot probably be brought into the calculation. In that section, there has never been any suspension of specie payments; and, in the event of the other States resuming, the present coin circulation of the Pacific coast would be required there, as at present, and would in no way facili. tate the effort made here to recover the normal condition of affairs-For practical purposes, therefore, it would be as legitimate to count in the supply of Great Britain or any other foreign country as that of California and the adjoining territory. The sixth item, the amount of coin brought in by foreign emigrants within the last eight years, it appears to us, should be classed among the Senator's "exaggerations." The number of emigrants is here estimated at 500,000 yearly, which exceeds the truth by fully one-third, as appears from the official returns since 1860. The amount of gold brought by the emigrants is averaged by Mr. Morton at \$40 per head; which, again, considering the large proportion who come depending upon finding immediate employment or upon receiving help from their friends, and the large number of children, must appear to be an extravagant over estimate. It would probably be a much closer approximation to the truth to take the arrivals at 350,000, and the average amount of coin brought by each emigrant at \$25, which would give a total supply from this source of \$70,000,000 for the eight years, which is \$90,000,000 below Mr. Morton's estimate. One very important offset against this supply has escaped the Senator's attention. From thirty to forty thousand of our people every year make a tour to Europe, taking with them, in the form of coin, not less than \$150 per head, which, within the eight years, would take nearly \$40,000,000 of gold out of the country. Indeed, were we to accept the opinions of local dealers in foreign coin, we should place the estimate much above this figure. Upon the whole, these movements of influx and efflux may be regarded as so nearly balancing each other that they need scarcely be taken into

The seventh item, the exports of specie for the last eight years, fails to agree with the official records. Mr. Morton states the shipments at \$477,740,000. The revised returns of our foreign commerce recently issued by the Director of the Bureau of Statistics, give the following as the exports of specie for each of the last eight years:

Domestic. \$23, 00,000	Foreign. \$6,000,000	Total specie \$29,800,000
1862 31,000,000	5,800,000	36,800,000
1863	8,100,000	68,100,000
1864 100,300,000	4,900,000	105,200,009
1865 64,600,000	3,000,000	67,600,000
1866 82,600,000	3,400,000	86,000,000
1867 55,100,000	5,800,900	60,900,000
1868 83,700,000	10,000,000	93,700,000
*Total \$501,100,000	\$47,000,000	\$548,100,000

<sup>\*</sup> These figures differ somewhat from those given in an estimate of the gold movement in our issue of January, 1868; the difference having arisen from subsequent corrections in the official returns made by the Director of the Bureau of Statistics.

It thus appears that the exports of foreign and domestic specie, for the eight years, reach the real total of \$548,100,000, or \$70,360,000 above Mr. Morton's figures. There is one item of export of which we have no record, viz., the amount of specie sent out of the Southern States during the war. It is a well-known fact that the exports of cotton did not suffice to pay for all the imports made into that section; but the amount of the balance which had to be liquidated in gold we can but vaguely guess. According to the official returns, the banks of the seceding States held at the outbreak of hostilities about \$25,000,000 of specie. It would perhaps be quite safe to conclude that not over \$10,000,000 remained in the South at the close of the war, the balance having been sent out of the country. As an improvement upon Mr. Morton's figures, we submit the following statement of the course of supply and loss for the last eight years, omitting, for reasons above stated, the circulation on the Pacific Coast and the receipts by emigrants and loss by travelers:

Gold in Atlantic States in 1861		
Total supply, 8 years	\$548,100,000	\$791,900,000
Total loss in 8 years		563,100,000
Stock in 1868		\$228,800,000

It would thus appear that the present stock of the precious metals in the Atlantic States is close upon \$230,000,000. It is not to be supposed, however, that all this exists in the form of coin, nor even of coin and bars. A certain portion of the supply of gold and silver has been taken for commercial purposes. That form of consumption has been largely increased within late years, under the high duties on jewelry and plate, and perhaps could not be safely estimated at less than \$10,000,000 per annum. Assuming this to be a full estimate, and deducting only \$70,-000,000 from the foregoing balance, we should have about \$160,000,000 as the present stock of coin and bullion in the Atlantic States. It is true, this result makes a poor show against Mr. Morton's \$572,000,000, or even compared with his more modest estimate of \$400,000,000; but we do not see how its substantial accurac can be impugned. It is not easy to conceive where the whole of even this amount is held. The amount in the United States Treasury averages about \$100,000,000, including the public deposits; the banks, national and state, hold perhaps \$20,000,... 000 more, exclusive of coin certificates; beside this, there is in the hands of dealers and in circulation in some of the Southern States say \$15,000,

000 more, and hoarded by timid people say \$5,000,000; making a total of \$140,000,000 of coin, to which must be added about \$5,000,000 for bullion; which would give a total of the precious metals, in all forms, of \$145,000,000. A vulgar idea prevails that there is somewhere a large amount of gold secretly hoarded; but when it is remembered that all such hoards lose interest and afford no reasonable prospect of ultimate gain, it would be doing an injustice to the common sense of an acute and business-minded population to suppose that these secretions exist to anything beyond a nominal extent; beside, the supposition finds no confirmation in common observation or experience. Upon the whole, then it results that we have, in the States where resumption has to take effect, about \$150,000,000 of coin as the basis of gold payments. We may hereafter inquire how far this fact comports with the practicability of Senator Morton's plan of resumption.

#### THE HURON AND ONTARIO CANAL.

The Oswego Commercial Advertiser and Times, in referring to our article in the last number of the MAGAZINE on the Lake Simcoe canal, states that our doubts of the success of the measure, based upon the lack of means in Canada for the purpose, arrive from a misapprehension. The canal, the Advertiser and Times says, is to be constructed by a company "which does not ask a cent from the treasury of Canada, directly or indirectly. The surveys and estimates have all been made, and the feasibility of the project has been pronounced upon by the best civil engineers, not only of this country, but of England also. The money to pay for the work has been pledged, half in this country, and half in England, depending upon the grant of land by the Ontario Parliament. That grant, therefore, is all that now stands in the way of the early commencement of the work. How soon that grant will be made, it is impossible to say. The measure has met with opposition in the Provincial Legislature, which for the present has blocked its progress. But the people of the Province are beginning to understand the advantages of the measure to the Province, and it seems probable that all local opposition will eventually be compelled to give way before the pressure of public opinion. Instead of being a drain upon the wealth of the Province, it would not take a dollar from the treasury, but would lead to the expenditure of \$40,000,000 of the capital of outsiders within the Province, and stimulate enterprise, invite permanent settlement, and in every respect promote the material prosperity of the country. The ten million acres of land granted would be opened to settlement, and in this regard the increase of population and prosperity of the Province would be promoted. We regard it as certain that the good sense cf the people of Ontario will ultimately prevail. The opposition so far is not more formidable than should have been expected, from experience, to a work of this magnitude—is not so great as that which DeWitt Clinton encountered for years before success crowned his efforts; and the effects of this

work upon the prosperity of the Province of Ontario may be measured somewhat by the effect the construction of the Erie Canal has had upon the State of New York, raising it suddenly to the proud position of the Empire State of the Union."

## PRICES OF MERCHANDISE.

In the table which follows, a comparison is made of the prices of the principal articles of commerce in the New York market about the first of January in the past eight years. This comparison is extremely interesting, as it shows the course of prices at the several periods, from the commencement of the war to the period of greatest inflation and thence down to the present time. As the peculiar value of this statement is seen at a glance, any extended comment upon it is unnecessary.

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man on the same of	1862.	1863.	1804	. 1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.
	\$ c	\$ c	\$ C	\$ c	\$ c	\$ C	\$ C	\$ c.
Ashes, pots100 lbs	6 25	8 25	8 50	11 75	9 00	8 25	8 37	7 871
Pearls	6 25	8 25	9 75	13 00	11 00	12 00	10 50	9 25
Breadstuffs—			11111		1000	44.44		
Wheat flour, State Ex. bbl	5 50	6 05	7 00	10 00	8 25	11 00	10 00	7 00
do ex-West. & St. Louis		8 75	11 00	15 00	14 00	17 00	16 00	12 00
Pro flour Conocco	9 071/			9 00		7 85	8 75	7 00
Rye flour, Genesee	3 87%		6 65		6 10			
Corn meal, Jersey	3 00	4 00	5 65	8 80	4 25	5 00	6 15	5 00
Wheat, white Mich.bush	1 50	1 53	1 83	2 70	2 75	3 05	3 20	2 30
Chicago, Spring No. 1	1 30	1 33	1 48	2 22	1 85	2 45	2 45	170
Rye, Westernbush	83	96	1 30	1 75	1 05	1 25	1 75	1 51
Oats, State	42	71	93	2 06	62	69	87	78
Oats, Western	42	69	93	1 09	62	64	84	77
Corn, Western mixed	64	82	1 30	1 90	95	1 12	1 41	1 10
Cotton, mid. uplandb		683	6 82	1 20	52	84	16	27
Mid. New Orleans		683	6	. 1 21	53	85	163	6 274
Fish, dry cod gtl	3 50	4 50	6 70	9 00	9 88	6 50	5 50	6 80
Fruit, layer raisinsbx	3 20	3 50	4 20	6 25	4 50	3 85	3 80	3 56
Currants	9	13	15	21	15	13	123	
Hay, shipping100 lbs	77%		1 45	1 55	75	1 25	1 20	90
Hops	20	23	33	50	60	60	60	20
Iron—Scotch pigton	99 00	33 50	45 00		52 90	50 00	36 00	41 00
Ung ich horg	57 00			190 00			85 00	87 00
Eng ish bars	5100	65 00	30 00					41 00
American pig No. 1	400	7.75	4 50	59	51	49	39	
Laths per M	1 20	1 45	1 50		5 00	3 25	3 00	3 124
Lead—Spanishton	700	8 00	10 50		6 38	7 00	6 50	6 37
Galena	7 12%	801	10 50		****	****	****	****
Leather—hemlock, sole b	201		30		36	32	253	
Oak dodo		33	42		31	37	38	40
Lime, com. Rockland.bbl		85	1 35	1 15	1 70	1 70	1 50	1 60
Liquors, brandy, cog'c.gal	4 60	5 25	6 10	15 00	6 00	6 00	6 50	8 00
t omestic whiskeydo	203	39	94	2 24	2 27	£ 238	2 35	97
Molasses, N. Orleansdo	. 53	55	70	1 43	1 15	90	85	76
Naval stores ·								
Crude turpentinebbl	10 00				9 00	6 00	3 75	3 88
Spirits turpentinegal	1 4736	2 60	2 95	2 10	1 05	67	50	50
Common rosinbbl	6 00	13 00	32 00		6 50	5 00	3 00	2 45
Oils-Crude whale gar		81	1 10		1 60	1 30	70	1 95
Crude sperm	1 40	1 75	1 60		2 50	2 60	2 15	1 75
Crude, spermLinseed	86	1 25	1 47		1 45	1 34	1 03	98
Petroleum crude col		25	31		40	18	163	
Petroleum, crudegal		473			62	30	24	8
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Pork, old messbbls	19.00	14 50	19 50	43 00	28 50	19 25	21 15	27 25
Pork, prime	8 50	12 50	14 50		23 50	17 25	18 50	23 00
Beef, prime mess	5.50	13 00	12 00		20 00	11 20	16 00	
Post ortro moss	11.00	20 00	23 00		04.00	21 00		14 00
Beef, extra mess	14 50				24 00		21 00	19 50
Beef hams, extra	14 00	15 00	18 30		35 00	32 00	32 50	32 00
Hams, pickledlbs	. 6	. 7	11		16		13	16
Shoulder-, pickled.		53	8	18	14	10	83	
Lard, Western	83/		13		19	13	123	
Butter, prime Western Butter, prime State	. 15	22	24		35	10	38	40
Butter, prime State	. 19	24	29		43	41	45	
Cheese, prime factory	. 7	12	15		18			191
Rice, prime 100 lbs	7 00	8 75	10 00	13 00	12 50	9 25	8 75	9 25
Rice, prime100 lbs	. 86	1 25	1 85	2 47	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 10
Live pool, fine, Ashtons	. 170	2 15	2 80		4 10	3 70	3 90	3 85
Seeds, clover tb	73	103			14	14	12	
Seeds, clover	. 81	10	12		12	10	113	
Sugar refined hards	. 10%						: 6	
Tallow Wollar	- 43						10	
Wool, Ohio fleece, do'ble ex	. 59	60	80				60	581
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# COURSE OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1866.

The following is the Course of Prices at the New York Stock Exchange Board, each month, for 1866:

Statement showing the Lowest and Highest Sale-Prices of Shares at the New York Stock Exchange Board in each month:

STOCKS.	Januuary.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	October.	November.	December.
Ri?. shares, viz.: Buff. N. Y. & Erie. Buff. & State Line Catawissa	195 -195						79 - 79%					
do pref Central of N. J Chicago & Alton do do pref	83% - 90 114 -119 103 -105%	113 -114 102 -119	104 -107½ 83 -112½	106%-110 84 - 90%	110 -117 91 - 99	115½-117 95 - 99	116 -120	120 -128½ 102½-109	127 -129 105 -1133/s	127¼-130 110¼-113¼	128 -132½ 106 -113	124 -127 108 -11014
Chic. B. & Quincy Chic. & Great East Chic. & Milwaukee. Chic. & N'western	109¼-114 60 - 67½ 27 - 36½	112 -112	113½ 115 25 - 27½	115 -117½ 40½- 42 58 - 60 24 - 30½	113 -117 43 - 44 63 - 63 26½ - 29½	116 -121		129 -130 45 - 45 70 - 70 85% - 87%	128 -138¾ 45 - 50 34 - 37¼	$132\frac{1}{49}$ $-137$ $49\frac{7}{6}$ $-52\frac{1}{6}$ 70 $-7038 -60\frac{7}{6}$	131 -133¼ 30 - 45 79 - 79 37¾ - 62¼	130 -134 33% - 35 68 - 68 42 - 55%
Chic. & R'k Island Cinn., H. & D'ton Cleve., Col. & Cin Cleveland & Pitts	96%-109% 110 -123 74%- 87	98 -107 114 -115 76 - 821/4	104%-118% 111 -115 75%- 82	107 -123¼ 100 -100 114¼-115 76¼- 84½	89% - 96% 114 -115 80% - 99	91 - 95½ 116 -118½ 80 - 87½	110 -113 79¾- 88	102½-110½ 110 -111½ 85¾- 88¾	108¾-112½ 111½-115 85½- 90	105%-111% 85 - 85 113 -115 87%- 94%	100 -112½ 111½-113½ 84½- 94½	102 -105% 109 -112 83%- 93%
Cleveland & Toledo. Del., Lac. & West Erie	149 -158 80% - 93 81 - 83%	140 -145 76 - 85% 80 - 82%	124 -125% 74%- 87 80 - 81	180 -130 71% - 79%	135 -140 55% - 75 74 - 80	144 -147 57%- 65% 72 - 76	142 -150 62 - 77% 72% - 78%	160 -162½ 66½- 74¾	150 -155 68% - 80% 75 - 81%	150 -152 811/2 - 95 791/2 - 87	150 -150	144½-144½ 65%- 74½
do do pref Hart. & N. Haven Hudson River Illinois Central Indianapo. & Cin	170 -170 981/-1091/ 115 -1313/	52% - 53 99 -104% 112% -116%	102½-109¼ 114½-119½	102%-110% 114 -124	108 -113¾ 115 -122¾	50 - 52 110 -1181/2 117 -124	112½-120½ 115¾-123½	175 -175 118¼-122 121¼-124¼	52 - 53 119 -125 121 -123%	54 - 62 118 -128¾ 123¼-129	65 - 69 118 -126% 116 -126%	63 68 118½-137 115½-120

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Little Miami	110%-110%				
Long Island 72%- 76	75 - 75	68 - 68   60 - 60		60 - 60   55 - 60	60 - 60   60 - 60
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Mar. & C., 1st prf	40 40	39 - 43 37 - 433	42%-46% 40%-44	39% - 42   40 - 44%	
do 2d prf 25 - 27	20 21	18 - 20   19 - 20		1934- 20% 1934- 22	20 _ 21 1/2   20 - 20
Michigan Central 1011-10834 10034-10534	101 -104 11013 -1073	106 -109% 102%-104%			109 -117% 105%-109%
Michigan Southern. 661/2-75% 66%-71%				82% - 88% 87% - 93	78%- 94 79%- 83%
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do 1st pref 97 - 98	96% - 97   95 - 96	92 - 94	95 95 95% 95%	94%-100   99 -100%	100%-100% 97%- 98%
do 2d pref 85 - 88	85 - 85	82 - 85		85 - 87   85 - 90	90 - 90
Mil. & St. Paul 45 - 46%	41 - 46   42 - 47	50 - 59   55 - 59	56 - 573/1 55 - 57%	51%- 55   54 - 63	50 - 64 49% - 56
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Morris & Essex 99 -103% 99%-100	88% - 90 79 - 85	85 - 91	80 - 80		85 - 85   80 - 80
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New York Central 90%-98 86%-93	9014- 98% 90% 93%	91%- 98% 97 - 99%		102 -114% 111%-121%	10634-12834 10734-114
N. Y. & Harlem			85 - 85		
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	96 - 97	95 -110   109 -112		111 -112   112 -115	115%-118 114 -120
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Panama	250 -251	260 -260			265 270 258 -265
Phila. & Reading 97%-107 97%-102%			104%-111% 111 -117% 1		
Pitts., F.W. & Chic. 9114-1041 9114- 9578	88% - 93   88 -100%	92%-100% 95 -100		103 -108% 106 -111%	101%-111% 104%-107%
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Tol, Wab. & West. 42 - 42 31 - 40	3134-33 32 - 39	331/2 - 371/2 35 - 36		43% - 46% 44 - 55	40 - 54% 40% - 45%
	63 - 63	3079-3179 03 - 00		71 - 78% 78 - 75	72 - 75%
Warren				11 - 10% 10 - 10	
Coal Shares, viz.:					
American 65 - 69 58 - 60%	59 - 66   61 - 66	62 - 65   60 - 62		60 - 60   63 - 74%	67 73 60 - 63
Ashburton 13 - 14%	13 - 14% 12 - 14	14 - 18		16 - 19% 14 - 16	13 - 17   10%- 10%
Butler 13 - 13% 13% - 16%				13%- 20	19%- 21% 17 - 20%
Central 431/4-53 411/4-431/4		42 - 44%		52 - 53   51 - 57	54 - 57   50 - 50
Consolidated (Md.).					35 - 35
Cumberland 41%- 47% 41%- 45%	42 - 45% 42% - 46%	43 - 49 44%- 471	4434-47   46 -48%	46 - 56% 53%- 67%	64 _ 71   64% - 90
Del. & Hud. Canal. 134%-139% 133%-136%	1321/4-1353/4 133 -136	1411-1501 1453-155	146%-150   150 -155%   1	151 -154 152%-160	155 -160   152 -155%
Lehigh & Sus'hanna 51/4- 51/4			8 - 5	414- 414	4 - 41/2
Pennsylvania 167%-170% 155 -162%	141%-150   131 -135	140 -146 142 -148	150 -157		150 -150
Schuylkill 13% - 16% 15% - 17%	12 - 16	**********		8 - 8	
Spring Mountain 55 - 56%	44 - 45 4 42 - 55	3914-54 3214-3914	38 - 38	75 - 80	75 - 84   70 - 70

STOCKS.	Ja uary.	Feb uary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	October.	November.	December
Spruce Hill Wilkesbarre		60 - 60	50 - 50	48 - 48	4 - 6 48 - 52	53 - 55	4 - 47/8 53 - 55	3%- 5 54½- 54½	$\frac{4}{52} - \frac{43}{57}$	58 - 711/2		55 - 6314
Wolf Creek	50 53%		44 - 44	87 - 41	39%- 40	40 - 40	37½- 40	40 - 40	40 - 40	36 - 40	36 - 37	
Citizens Manhattan Mining shares, viz.:				105 -105	150 -150	*********		135 –135		125 -125	125 -125 150 -150	
Copake Iron Mariposa Gold do Pref.	12 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> - 15 16 - 19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10¾- 13 15 - 17¾	16%- 18%	11%- 13% 17%- 25%	11 - 13½ 19¾- 26½	10½- 12½ 21 - 26½	10¼- 12¾ 22 - 27½	11 - 12½ 26¼- 28¼			12 - 15½ 24½- 31	
Minnesota Copper Quartz Hill Gold Quicksilver			5 - 5 40 - 43½						17%- 17%			
Kutland Marble Smith & Parm, Gold	12¼- 17½						47½- 53¾ 8½- 10	16 - 23%	23%- 32%	29 - 331/8		21 - 21
Boston Water Pow. Brunsw'k City Land Canton	8 - 8 42 - 45½	43 - 44%	5½- 6½ 43½- 48¾	71/2-12	34% - 51% 8% - 10 55% - 62 12 - 14%	8 - 8½ 53½-261½	8 - 91/2	513/- 511/4	52 - 561/2		44 - 57%	714- 8
Tel'ph shares, viz.: West. Union do do (Rus. Ext.) St'ms'p shares, viz.:		54 - 70		52 - 59 106½ -100	57 - 64 107 -108		51 - 57% 10° -110	55 - 59½ 102 -103	54½- 58½ 95 -100½		44 - 53 96¼- 97½	43 - 50 95¾- 97¾
Atlantic	108 -135 180 -210	185 -212		215 -227	225 -225	124 -130 210 -212½	208 -216	112 -115 213 -222	110 -117½ 219 -222	215 -234	205 -246	103 -113 160 -174
South Am. Nav Union Navigation Express shares, viz:	100 -100								1		109 -111	110% 113% 101 -107%
Adams										85 -104 99 -105	73½-84 79 - 87 80 - 80	61 - 75% 75 - 82 70 - 78
Central Am. Transit New York Guano	15 × 28 22 - 12	22 - 22	18 - 18							20 - 20		
Union Trust			90 - 921/2		95 - 95		97 - 97	100 -100	105 -105	105 -105		

<sup>\*</sup> After November 20 the Pacific Mail Steamship shares were sold, ex-dividend 5 per cent., and stock distribution 33% per cent., from which date to the end of the month the sales ranged from 170@190.

Statement showing the Lowest and Highest Sale Prices of Shares at the New York Stock Exchange Board, in each month

Stocks.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September	October.	November.	December.
Chic, R I & Pacific Cin, Hamil & Dayt'n Cleve, Col & Cinc'ti. Cleveland, P & Ash Cleveland & Pittsb'g	124 -125 105 -110% 109 -112 129 -132 80 - 80 32 - 46% 57% - 83% 91 -104% 105 -111	120 -123 106 -111 112 -116 127 -130½ 35¼-39¼ 63¾-69¾ 95 -100¾ 100 -105 150¼-151¼ 79 -85¾	116 -118 105¼-108¼ 106 -109 129¾-132 32%-36¾ 59¼-65% 92½-98¾ 80 -88¾ 99 -100 78¼-83	113½-115½ 105 -107 108 -109	115 -118½ 107 -108 111½-111½ 130 -132 11 - 15 31½- 36¾ 56¾- 60½	109 -114½ 111½-116½ 132 -142  33¼- 44½ 58 - 65½	121 -122 114 -115 117 -122 144 -150 10 - 10 43 -5134 64% - 734 95% -104	121 -121% 111 -120 114 -120 148 -150 443/- 50 67%- 71% 99%-103% 100 -101 91%- 96	117 -125 118 -128 124 -126¼ 38¼-46¾ 63 - 71¾ 99 -105 100 -101¼ 75¼-89¼	126%-137 15 - 18 61 - 61 41%-48% 65%-70 94 -104 97 - 99% 77%-86%	120 122 125 -128½ 133 -135 20 - 20  46¼-58½ 62¾-67¾ 94¼-97½ 75 - 75 98 - 98¾ 104 -104 81 - 85	66 - 713 90½ - 91 % 97½ - 95½ 102½ - 10° ½ 82 - 88%
Dub'e & Sci. C. pref. Erie	52½-58 69 - 79 57 - 57	55%- 61% 70 - 75 52 - 53	52 - 6134 69 - 73 51 - 56	112 -112 55 - 56 53 - 64 6914 - 72 45 - 53 55 - 56 174 -174	120 - <b>12</b> 5 59 - 60 58% - 65% 71% - 73 55 - 55	58% - 67% 72 - 75% 49 - 50 58 - 64	130 -130 124½-126	116 -116	118 -123 113 -118	127%-133% x101 -107 109%-113 109 -109 70 - 70 63%- 76% 75 - 80 61 - 63	110%-113 69%- 74% 76 - 80 62%- 62%	111½-114 112 -112 71 - 74½ 79 - 81 50 - 50 61 - 63
Hudson River.  Illinois Central Indianap. & Cincin. Joliet & Chicago. Lehigh Valley Little Miami Long Island Marret. & Cincinnati  1st pref. 2d pref	111 -117% 84 - 87 60 - 60 35 - 38	114 -117 84 - 84 100 -100	114 -116 85 - 85  105 -105	***************************************	113¼-116 79 - 80	117 -122	116¼-119½ 80 - 81	117%-122% 81 81%		124¾-129¾ 70¾- 70¾ 93 - 95	124 -134% 68 - 68 95 - 95 102 -102%	124 -133¼ 129½-135 60 - 60 101 \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \

Stocks.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	October.	November.	December.
Michigan Central Michigan Southern. Milwau. & P. du Ch.		70%-75%		64% - 74%	651/2-701/4	67% - 78%	77%- 84%	77%- 841/4			106½-110½ 76%-82	80 - 861/2
" 1st pref 2d pref	90 -100	90 - 90		85 - 85	87 - 92					77 - 77		95½ - 98 85 - 90
Milwau. & St. Paul pref Morris & Essex	33 - 47 52½ - 70½	35%-4) 56 - 6)	33 - 35 50 - 56 70 - 70	25 - 36 47½- 56¾	33½- 37 53¼- 57¼ 67 - 67	33 - 40% $54% - 60$ $65 - 65$	40 - 54 60% - 68¼	47% - 51 64¼ - 68½	60 - 67%	40 - 47 61 - 68½	37 - 42¾ 59 - 63¾	40½- 49 60¾- 65¾
New York Central . New York & Harlem	96 -113	941/4-1033/8		95%-105%	140 -140½ 97 - 99¾ 93 - 95	98½-104¾ 96 -105	1041/4-1101/4		1051/4-1091/4	108 -115¼ 100 -100	135 -135 111¼-115¾	
N. York & N. Haven	114 -116	90 - 90 115 -118	85 90 116½-121	85 - 85 119½-123	98 - 93 115½-117	115½-123	117 -120	125 -125	110 -115 122 -1243/	100 -100 121 -123	120 -12414	112 -112 124¾-140
	23½- 24½ 87 - 89		95 - 95 $25% - 29$ $70 - 70$	22 - 2714	95 - 95 20% - 25%		26 - 287/8 65 - 67	67 - 69		7234- 7478	72 - 75	69% - 70
Panama Phi'adel. & Reading. Pittsb., Ft. W. & Ch.		1031/4-1061/4	100%-103	254 -258 97% 104 89¼- 95¾	254 -260 102½ 104½ 95 - 98	1037 <sub>8</sub> -1095 <sub>8</sub> 96½- 993⁄4	103 -1081		300 -312 101½-104¼ 99¾-106½			290 -294   91¼- 96%   97 -100%
Rome, W.& Ogdensb St. L., A. & T. Haute pref			30½- 34½ 60 - 64	31 - 35 60 - 61	35¾- 40½ 56 - 70%	40 - 58½ 75 - 83		50 - 51 73 - 83	67 - 67		105 -106 50 - 50	108 -108
Second Avenue Sixth Avenue Ston (N. Y., P. & B.)	60 - 60		55 - 55 120 -120		55 - 55 116 -116		65 - 65	100 -100	60 - 60	125 -125		50 - 50
Third Avenue Toledo, W. & West	39 - 45%	38 - 431/2	34 - 391/4	80 - 80 36 - 39½	38 - 43	41%- 47%	467/8- 531/4	46 - 51	180 -180 39 - 493/2		37%- 39%	38¼- 43¼
Troy, S. & Rutland . Warren		100 -100	59 - 65	61¼-65 96 - 96	587 <sub>8</sub> - 67 97 - 97		69½-72¼			61½- 68		61% - 64
2—Coal Share List. American Ashburton	56 - 70	57 - 61	46½- 54 9½- 10½	45 - 46	45 - 45	45 - 46 6 - 8	45 - 49	48 - 50	5 - 5	40 - 40 6 - 6	44 - 44	48 - 491/4
Butler Cameron Central	10 - 20%	43 - 47				10½-10½		16½ - 17½ 35% - 35%		40 - 42		
Cumberland Delaware & Hudson.	35 - 94 139 -156	33 - 36	25 - 36 143 -147	41½-45 26 - 34 143 -146	29¾- 32 147½-155	30 - 351/2	3534- 413/8	33%- 37%	29 - 35½ 145 -149		23 - 28 144 -148	27 - 32 144 -148½
Maryland	141 -145	145 -150	148 -150	150 -150		160%-160%						
Spring Mountain United States Wilkesbarre		65 - 65	32¾- 38 36½- 40		35 - 35	25 - 38	37 - 41			31 - 31	25 - 25	
Wyoming Valley							10 - 10					

3-Gas Share List   Citizens' (B.ooklyn)					126 -180	130 -130		127 -1274				+
Harlem.					100 100					155 -155	160 -160	
Harlem	145 -145	145 -160	160 -175	167%-167%		*********	140 -150	156 -156	155 -155			163 -164
Metropolitan												130 -130
New York									280 -280			
Consoli'd Greg'y g'ld		1074-14	11 - 13%	8%- 91/4	614- 8%	61/- 61/				A change of the	Section 2	alamana a
Mariposa gold	9 - 14	9 - 101/8				634- 814	9 - 12	9%-11	9 - 10%	7%- 9%	8 - 91%	7%- 8%
pref .	18 - 32%		20 - 231/2		16%-21	17%- 24%			17 - 20%		13 - 14%	
New Jersey zinc		100. 100.										
New York gold			12 - 12									
Rutland marble	35 - 451	381/- 415/		953/- 83	99 - 301/	24 - 3214	31%- 36%	27 - 331/	2416- 29	17 - 261/2	15 - 1814	15 - 221/2
5-La'd & Imp't Sh	50 20/2	00/4 11/8	00/2 00/4	20/4 00	WW - 00/4	1 00/2	02/8 00/4	. 05/2	11/2 110	1. 40/2	20 20/2	20 20/2
Boston Water Power		251/6- 281/2		241/6- 321/6	2614-3314	23 - 24%		19 - 223/4	16 - 201/8	151/8- 20	1614-1814	17%- 19%
Brunswick Land	8 - 9	814- 81/2			4 - 6		5 - 6	5 - 5%				***********
Carton improvement Cary improvement	41% - 49%				41%- 44%		40%- 53%	40 - 51%	43 - 50	42% - 45%	42 - 46%	44%- 57
6- relegraph Sh's.	11 - 11/2											
Western Union	421/4 - 471/4	40 - 451/4	40%- 42%	35%- 42	40 - 46	40%- 45%	44% - 50%	42 - 47%	36%- 44%	33 - 38	30%- 34%	8814- 32
	95 - 97											
7—St mship Shares.	0 440	MUST 402	WO 0444	wa 00	001/1011/	100 1001	104 4401/	111 111	100 119	110 110	111 101	114 101
Atlantic Mail	95 -110	79¾-105 122 -160	78 - 91% 117 -132	76 - 93			107 -1131/4				114 -121 117 -1453/	
Union Navigation			111 -102		124/4-150	120/8-140/4	100/4-140/8			155%-100		10074-10074
S. Am. Nav. & M. R			115 -116									
8Extress Shares.												
Adams		55 - 67	55 - 611/4		58%- 66%		66 - 74%				66%-81%	
Amer can		54% - 60	55 - 61	55 - 59 16 - 17	61 - 71%	61½-76 8 - 17½	64 - 74½ 10% - 12	71 - 77½ 11 - 13	57 - 73 10 - 15		66 - 78%	
				10 - 16	19 - 19	1814- 2014	15 - 21	16 - 19	13 - 22%			
35						20/8 40/4			231/4- 241/4		28 - 441/6	363/8- 421/6
	6534 - 72	54%-67	54 - 60	54 - 62	62 - 75	62 - 77	67 - 77	721/2- 78	55 - 76	58 - 69	68 - 80	
	67 - 70	54 - 70	54 - 6714	65 - 70	64 - 68	64 - 68	64 - 70%	65%-68	54 - 66	50 - 57%	47%-59%	42 - 59
9-Trust, Ins &c Sh's Central Am. Transit.				17 17								
Home Insurance				1111	121 -121	*********						
Union Trust			110 -110	111 -111		108 -108				112 -112	113 -116	
United States Trust.							160 -160					

# COURSE OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE BOARD FOR 1863.

Statement showing the Lowest and Highest Sale Prices of Shares at the New York Exchange Board in each month.

Stocks.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September	October.	November	December.
-Railr'd Share List Boston, Hart. & Erie		14 - 16%	13¾- 16	14%- 15	15 - 15%	151/- 151/	16 - 18%	1814- 24	22%- 23	23 - 273/	27%- 27%	26 - 26
Buffalo, N. Y. & Erie Cent'l of New Jersey						85 - 85				119 -1221/2		1103/-117
Chi ago & Alton	130 -136	128 -136	1291/4-131	120 -123%	127%-128	129 -138	137 -138	136 -144	141 -158%	150 -155%	134 -151	140 -147
Chic., Bur & Quincy	138 -1431/2		149%-150	150 -150	128 -1 91/2 149 -150	151 -154	128½-129½ 164 -165	170 -173	144 -158%	168 -171	159 -170	138%-146% 170 -175
Chic & Gt. Eas ern Chicago & Mi.w.uk.						35 - 37%		40 - 40	33 - 40	40 - 40%		
Unic. & Northwest.	5814-621/2	581/2-613/4	62 - 69%	60 - 64	63 - 70	65% - 72	73 - 8134	80 - 831/2	84 - 9034	883/4- 973/4	73 - 90%	7 %- 861/
Chic, R. I. & Pacific	70¼-76 93%-100¼	961/8-1023/4	91 - 983/2	85 - 97	9334- 9834	96%-105%	105 -110%	974-1124	83%-91%	102 -109%	101 -109%	75% - 88% 105% - 118
Clev. ol. Cin. & Ind levela d & Pittsb'g					83½- 89		88½- 90¾ 84¼- 90	81 - 88 85 - 89½	79%- 82	75 - 80	75 - 78 81% - 89%	74½- 77 82 - 88%
C.eveland & Toledo	913/4-1147/8	105%-113	10214-10814	97%-106%	105 14-11034	103%-110%	102%-104%	981/4-1023/4	100%-103%	10134-1065	95 -103	9614-10214
Del., Lack. & West.		114 -115			118%-125				118%-122			125 -131
Dubug & S. City	39 - 50	50 - 58				78 - 78	75 - 78	721/2- 721/2	801/2-101	95 -101		97 - 97
Er ie	71%- 75%	07%- 18%	6534-81%		68%- 72%			45%- (8%		33 - 49%	351/4- 54	96 - 96 87¼- 41
Hanib. & St. Jos		75 - 83 58% - 74	74 - 80%		74 - 77 78 - 83	75 - 76 80½- 87	74¾- 75½ 86 - 86		68 - 70% 87 - 90	65 - 71	59 - 65 90 - 90	60 - 65 90 - 91
" pref.	62 - 73	72 - 82	80 - 851/2	81 - 851/2	83%- 87	86 - 91	87 - 881/2	83 - 86	87 - 90	87 - 89%		
Hart. & V. Haven	132%-147			1221/2-140	136 -144	138 -1431/4	138 -1391/2	213 -225 133 -140	138 -142	1341/6-139	120 -138	124%-135%
											90 - 90	90 - 93
nd. & Cincinnati												14014-1443

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Joliet & Chicago 97 - 97 *Lake Shore 101 - 114 Lehigh Vailey 40 - 41 Lehigh Vailey 40 - 41 Mar. & Cin , 1st prf. 15 - 27; " 2d 64 - 64 Michigan Central 1054-112 Michigan Southern Mil & P du C, 1-t prf. 994-103 Mi'. & St. Paul. 47 - 52; " pref. 634 - 67 Morris & Essex New Jork & Harlem 112 - 130 New York & Harlem 112 - 130 Nor. & Worzester. Ohio & Miss 294-34 Nor. & Worzester. Ohio & Miss 294-34 Oil Creek & Allegh'y Panama. 994-97 Pit s, F Wayne & C Ren. & Sara oga. Rome, Wat & Oden St. L, A. & T Hauts 50 - 544 Scoond Avenue Sixth Avenue 120 - 120 Ston. (N Y P & B). 14-64 - 67  Toledo W. & West. 123-47  Toledo W. & West. 124-47  Hird Avenue Toledo W. & West. 164 - 67	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	45 - 45   23½ - 25½   9 - 10	25 - 25
2-Coal Share List American		2 - 31/2 .	45 - 45	*	
Central 40 - 40 Cumberland 32½ - 38¾	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	40 - 40     33 - 35½   155½ -160   156½ -165   15	50 - 50 33¼- 35¾ 33 - 35 29 - 31 33 -163 20 -141 119 2-131	29¾- 35 127 -131 128 -130¼ 210 -220	34 - 41 127 -133½ 220 -220 36 - 39½ 130 -134

Stocks.	Jaruary.	February.	March	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	October.	N vember !	December.
3—Gas Share List. Citizens Manhattan Metropolitan	132 -135	140 -140					210 -210		225 -225	230 -230		23) -230
4-Mining Sh List. Mariposa gold pref. Quicksilver	8¼- 8¾ 13½- 15½	10 - 14%	6 - 6% 10 - 11 20% - 23	6 - 6½ 9 - 12½ 23 - 28½	934-1134	634- 834	814- 91/2	7 - 7 20 - 22½	8 - 127/8	5 - 5¾ 13¼- 21¾ 21¾- 27¾	181/2- 221/8	4¾- 5½ 19 - 1½ 20%- 23%
5—Land & Imp. Sh Boston Water Power Brunswick Land Canton Improvem't. Cary "	19 - 23%		45 - 641/2	45 - 493/4	49 - 52	$\frac{4}{49} - \frac{9}{51\%}$	8½-10½ 45 - 49	8½- 8½ 45½- 48	7% - 7% 46 - 49%	15½- 18% 9 - 12½ 47 - 51½	11 - 12 45% - 51%	471/2 - 501/2
6—Telegraph Sha's Western Union	36%- 39%	33%- 37	331/4- 361/4	34½- 38¼	36¾- 38¾	337/2- 383/4	33%- 35%	33 - 35	34 - 34%	34 - 38	331/4- 571/4	33 - 3734
7—St'mship Shares Atlantic Mail Pacific Mail Union Navigation	95½-115 06¾-115¾	95¼ - 99 108 -114¾	102%-111%	86 -104	31%- 35 90½- 97 20 - 26	30 - 30 95 -103½ 23½- 26½	97%-101%	9834-10436	101%-113%	110 -130%	1121/2-1241/2	1111/2-1203/8
8—Express Shares. Adams. American. Merchants Union. United States. Wells, Fargo & Co.	76 - 87% 73 - 77% 36 - 39% 74%- 80%	$30 - 36 \frac{1}{2}$ $71 - 76 \frac{1}{2}$	67 - 70½ 32¾- 35%	49 - 69¾ 25 - 35	$53 - 61$ $28 - 31\frac{3}{4}$ $55\frac{3}{6} - 61\frac{1}{4}$ $22 - 27$		51% - 54 44% - 48% 23 - 25 45% - 49% 24% - 27%	18½- 24¾ 41 - 46½	41½-51 21½-25½ 41 -51	$45\frac{1}{2} - 49$ $21 - 23\frac{3}{4}$ $47 - 50$	41 - 49 $18% - 21%$ $44% - 50$	45 - 46 %
9-Trust. &c. Sh's. Union Trust New York Guano, . Bankers & Brok's As	3%- 12	11 - 13		*********			4 - 4%					

<sup>\*</sup> Previous to the month of October this road was known as the Cleveland, Painsville and Ashtabula Railroad Company.

There have been also sales, in addition to the above, of Columbus, Chicago and Indianapolis Central Stock at 40@41, and American Merchants Union at 42.

### DAILY PRICES OF GOLD AT NEW YORK FOR SEVEN YEARS.

The tables which follow exhibit a concise review of the Gold Market at New York, from the suspension of specie payments, at the close of 1861, to the close of the year 1868, embracing a period of seven years. From January 1, 1862, and including June 20, 1864, the prices are based on the daily sales at the New York Stock Exchange, from June 21, 1864, to December 31, 1868, on the quotations at the Gold Room. This change of the sources of information was rendered necessary by the total cessation of sales at the Stock Board immediately after the passage of the Gold Bill in Congress, and the infrequency of sales thereat up to the present day.

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mouth. January.	February.	March	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
1 Holiday	1031/4-1031/4	1023/4-1023/4	1013/4-10%	1021/4-1021/4	8.	108%-109%	115%-115%	1161/4-117	122 -123%	129 14-131 14	1281-1311
2	S.	S.	102 -102%	10214-10214	103%-103%	108%-109%	115 -115%	116%-116%		S.	131 -131 %
8	103%-103%	102 -102%	101%-101%	1021/4-1023/4	103%-103%	109%-109%	S.	1173/4-118	1223/2-1225/2	130%-181%	131 -132
4	103%-103%		1015 -10178	S.	103%-103%	Holiday.	114%-115	117%-117%	1221/4-123	129%-131%	133 -134
5 S.	1033/4-1033/4	102 -102	101%-102	103%-103%	103%-104	109%-109%	114%-114%	118%-119%	S.	13114-13214	13114-13214
6	1033/4-1031/4	102 -1021/8	S.	102%-103%	104 -1041	S.	114%-114%	118%-119%	122%-124%	13114-132	130%-132
7	103%-103%	102 -1021/8	1021/4-1021/4	1023/4-1023/4	104 -104%	110 -1101/	114 -11474	S.	123 -1237	131%-132	S.
8		1013/-1013/	101 -1021	102%-103	S.	11114-11114	112%-114	118%-119%	1241/-1247/	132 -132%	131%-131%
9	S.	S.	1013/-1017/	1031/4-1031/4	1041/-104%	113%-116%	112%-112%	118%-118%	1251/-1261/	S.	132%-133
10	103%-103%		101%-101%	10314-10334	10414-10434	115%-117%	S.	118%-118%	12734-129	13214-13314	1321/4-1321/4
11	103%-104	101%-101%	10176-102	S.	103%-104%	1143/-116	112%-113%	11834-11874	128 -12814	131 -132%	1321/4-1321/4
12 S.	104 -104%	101%-101%	101%-102	103%-103%	104%-105%	113%-114%	113%-114%	118%-118%	S.	131%-132	131%-131%
18 103 -103	10414-10436	101%-101%	S.	103%-103%	1051/4-1051/4	S.	114%-114%	118 -118%	129 -129%		1311/4-132
14 1023/-1033/	104%-104%	101%-101%	101%-101%	10314-10314	105%-105%	115%-116%	115%-115%	S.	131 -133	131 -132	S.
15 102%-102%	104%-104%		10134-10174	1031/4-1035/4	S.	1163/-117	114%-115%	117%-117%	132 -132%	131%-132	131%-132%
16 10214-10214	8.	S.	101%-101%	103 -10314	106%-106%	1163/-1171/	114%-114%	116%-117%	132 -132%	S.	132 -132%
17 101%-102	103%-103%	101%-101%	101%-101%	103 -10314	106 -106%	1173/-1187/	S.	116%-117%	132 -13214	132 -1321/	13214-138
18 10134-102	103%-103%	101%-101%	101%-101%	S.	105%-105%	119 -11914	115%-115%	116%-116%	130 -13014	131%-132	1321/4-1323/
19 S.	103 -1031/	101%-101%	1011/4-1011/8	10314-10814	106 -106%	11814-11814	114%-115%	1167/6-117	8.	130 -131	1321/4-1323/4
20 1021/4-1021/4	1031/4-1033/4	1011-101%	S.	1031/-1033/	1063/4-1065/8	S.	115 -11514	11634-11714	128%-129%	13014-13014	132 -132%
21 1021/4-1021/4	1031/4-1031/4	10114-10116	101%-101%	10314-10314	1063/8-1063/8	119%-120	1151/-1157/	S.	12814-12934	13014-130%	S.
22 102 %-102 %	103 -103	10114-1011	1015%-1015%	1031/4-1035/8	S.	119%-120%	115%-116%	117%-117%	133 -1331	130%-130%	13214-1321/8
23 1033/2-1033/4	S.	S.	101%-101%	103%-108%	1063/4-108	119 -11914	115%-115%	117%-118%	13214-133	S.	1321/4-1321/4
24 103%-103%	103 -10314	10114-101%	101%-101%	103%-103%	10814-10814	117 -118%	S.	118%-119	131 -132	130%-130%	132 -1321/8
25 103 -1031/4	103 -1031/8	1011/4-1011/4	101%-101%	S.	10814-10834	114%-116%	115%-115%	120 -120%	130 -1311/4	129%-130	Christmas
26 S.	102%-103%	10114-1013	101%-101%	104 -104	108%-109%	117 -117%	115%-115%	12014-12014	S.	12914-12914	131%-132
<b>97</b> 103 -1031/4	1021/4-1021/4	10114-10134	S.	104 -104%	1093/4-1093/	S.	115%-115%	121 1/3-121 3/4	130 -1311/	Thanksg'g.	131%-132%
28 1033/8-1033/8	1021/8-1021/4	10114-1013	101%-101%	103%-104	109 -109%	116%-117%	115%-115%	S.	131%-132%	12914-12914	S.
29 1031/4-1033/8		101%-101%	101%-101%	103%-103%	S.	115%-116%	116 -116	121%-123%	13114-13114	129 -12914	131%-132%
30 1031/4-1031/4	**********	S.	102 -102	103%-103%	108%-109%	114%-115%	115%-115%	1211/2-124	130%-130%	S.	132%-133
21 101%-103%		101%-101%	**********	103%-103%	***********	114%-115%	S.		1291/4-130		13314-13316
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0108%	102%-104%	101%-102%	101%-102%	102%-104%	103%-109%	108%-120%	112%-116%	116%-124	122 -133%	129 -13314	128%-134

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January,  1	164½-155½ 156%-158% 156%-158% 156%-158% 156%-158% 156%-157% 152½-153% 152½-153% 152½-153% 152½-155%-156 155½-156% 155½-156% 155½-156% 155½-156% 161½-164 162½-163% 162½-163% 163½-164% 171½-172½ 169½-171% 169½-171%	153¾-155 154¾-155¾ 154¾-155 153¾-154¾ S. 151 -153¼ 145½-159 139¾-141¾ 139 -140¾ 140 -140¾	1463/-149 150/4-152/4 150/4-152/4 157 -157/4 155-155/4 152-153/4 153/4-153/4 151/4-152/4 146/-147 145/4-150 151/4-152 152-154 8. 150-153/4	May. 150%-151% 149%-150% 8. 148%-151% 152% 1-54% 154%-154% 154%-154% 154%-154% 154%-154% 149%-150 149%-150 149%-150 149%-150 149%-150 148%-149% 150 148%-149% 150 148%-149% 150 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-1449% 148%-149% 148%-149% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-149% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-1449% 148%-148%-148%-148%-148%-148%-148%-148%-	June.  146 - 147%  146%-147%  146%-146%  146 - 146%  145%-145%  143 - 143%  143%-142%  141%-141%  142%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-143%  143%-145%  145%-145%  145%-145%  145%-145%  145%-145%  145%-145%  145%-145%  145%-145%  145%-145%		124%-125% 124%-124% 125%-125% 124%-124% S. 124 -124 122%-123% 122%-123% 124%-124%	S. 133 -133¼ 132 -132½ 132 -132½ 132½-132½ 131½-131½ 129½-129½ 125½-129½ 130½-131½ 131 -132½ 131½-132½ 133 -132½ 133 -132½ 133 -132½ 133 -132½ 133 -132½ 133 -132½ 134 -132½ 135 -132½ 137½-135½ 137½-135½ 137½-135½ 137½-135½ 137½-135½ 137½-135½ 137½-135½ 137½-135½ 137½-135½ 138 -139½ S.	October. 140%-140% 142%-140% 142%-143% S. 144 -144% 146%-146% 145%-146 145%-148 153%-155 152%-153% 156 -156% 152%-151%-154% 149%-149% 143%-144% 143%-144% 143%-144% 145%-144% 145%-146% 149%-149% 145%-149% 145%-149%	S. 145%-146% 146%-140% 1466-146% 1468-147% 1488-147% 146%-147% 145%-145% 145%-145% 145%-147 147,-147% 146%-147 147,-147% 147%-152% 153%-153% 153%-153% 153%-154 153%-154 153%-154 153%-154 153%-154 153%-154 147%-149% 147%-149% 147%-149% 147%-149% 147%-149% 147%-149% 147%-149% 147%-149% 147%-149% 148%-147 147%-149% 148%-147 147%-149% 148	December. 148%-148% 148%-148% 148%-148% 151%-152% 152%-152% 152%-152% 153%-152% 148%-149% 148%-149% 151%-150% 150%-150% 150%-150% 150%-150% 150%-150% 151%-155% 152%-152% 152%-152% 151%-151% Christmas. 5.
28. 152½-154 29. 153 -155½ 30. 153 -158½ 81. 159 -160¾	171%-172%	142¼-143½ S. 144¼-147½	149 % -150 % 150 -150 %	143%-143% 144%-145% 144%-145% 144%-145% S.	S. 146½-147½	127%-127% 127%-127% 127%-127% 127%-127% 128%-129	124 -124% 124%-124% 124%-124% S. 127 -128%	139¼-139¾ 142½-143¼ 141¼-142	145%-146% 147 -148 146 -146% 145%-145%	144%-144% 8. 148%-148	151%-152% 152%-152% 151%-152% 151%-151%
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## STATEMENT EXHIBITING THE RANGE OF PRICES MONTHLY AND YEARLY.

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	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Year.
1862.	10134-10334	1021/8-1043/4	101%-102%	1011/2-1021/4	102%-104%	1031/2-1091/2	10834-1201/8	1121/2-1161/4	1161/2-124	122 -1331/2	129 -1331/4	1281/2-134	10134-134
1863.	153%-160%	1521/2-1721/2	139 -17134	1451/2-1577/8	1431/2-1543/4	1401/2-1483/8	1231/4-145	1221/8-1293/4	1267/8-1431/8	140%-156%	143 -154	148 12-15234	1221/8-1721/2
1864.	15112-159%	1571/2-161	159 -16934	1661/4-1843/4	168 -190	193 -250	222 -285	2311/2-2613/4	191 -2541/2	189 -22734	210 -260	21234-241	1511/2-285
1865.	1971/4-2343/8	196%-216%	1481/2-201	1431/2-1541/2	1281/2-1451/8	1351/4-1475/8	138%-146%	1401/4-1451/2	142%-145	14416-149	1451/2-1483/4	14416-14816	1281/2-2343/8
1866.	13634-14434	145%-149%	124%-1361/2	125 -1291/2	125%-1411/2	1371/2-1673/4	147 -155%	1461/2-1521/8	1431/2-1471/8	1451/2-154%	1371/2-1485/8	1311/4-1413/4	1247/8-1673/4
1867.	1321/8-1377/8	135%-140%	133%-140%	132%-141%	135 -138 %	136%-138%	138 -140%	1397/8-1421/2	141 -146%	1401/4-1467/8	137%-141%	1321/2-1377/8	1321/8-146%
1868.	13314-14214	13934-144	137%-14114	13734-140%	139%-140%	139%-141%	140%-145%	1431/2-150	14116-14516	133%-140%	132 -137	134%-13634	132 -150

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# FLUCTUATIONS IN BANK SHARES FOR 1867.

The following summary exhibits the monthly fluctuations in the price of bank shares sold at the New York Stock Exchange Board of Brokers in the year 1867:

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		March.	April.	May.	June.	July.		September.			Decemb'r
America	134 -134 115 -115 <del>1</del>	115 -115	135 -135 116 -1164	1371-1371	115 -118	136 -136 <del>1</del> 118 -118	140 -140 1174 -118	118 -119	145 -145 113 -119	1:1 -141	113 -1184
Butchers & Drovers 125 -125					110 -110		********			110 1108	110 1108
Chatham 102 -110	109 -111	110 -111	109%-110%	1091-111	111 -114	105 -108	1071 108	1064-109	104 -107	103,-104}	101 -1041
Chatham	140 -140	********			******	********				200 -200	145 -145
Commerce 1104-115	112 -114	113 -116	112 -115	114 -119	1121-114	115 -118	118 -118	117 -118	116 -117	108}-116}	1161-117
Commonwealth 106 -106	1041-106	103 -106	106 -106	********	110 -112	105 -107	105 -108	107 -1081		103 -108	107 -108
Corn Exchange	101 -104	103 -104 119 -119	1021-103	1031-104	104 -106 <del>1</del> 123 -123	102 -105 122 - 122	1074-1074	1004-109	105 -106	105 -106	104 -107
Croton	*******	*******	11 9 110		140 -140	100 100		140 141			
East River 100 -100	1001 1041	********	**** ****	100 -100	100 -100	2000 4201	********	*******		*********	1001 100
Fourth 102 -1051 Hanover 1081-1081	103%-104%	104 -105 <del>1</del> 110 -110	104 -105 112 -112	105 -107 <del>1</del> 115 -117	107 -110 113 -113	1051-1101	1081-109	1081-1091	106 -107	104 -107	1061-108
Importers' & Traders' 112 -1131	112 -113	112 -113	1094-110	110 -111	111 -113	115 -118	118 118	116 -117	117 -117	119 -120	118 -120
Irving	*******		104 -104	100 100			1051-1051	****	*** ***		
Leather Manufactures Manhattan		********	135 -135	130 -130 135 -135	********	*******				135 -135	139 -140
Manufacturers & Merchants		********	130 100	200 100	********	100 -100			106 -108	100 100	
Market	135 -135		112	111111	22111223	*******		11111	********	117 -117	118 -118
Mechanics'	117 -117 110 -111		117 -117	118 -118	111 -114	114 -114		119 -119	120 -122	*******	108 -108
Merchants' 115 -115		115 -116	1141-115	116 -116	114 -114	116 -1161		119 -119	1174-1174		1171-1171
Mechanics' Exchange 108 -103	1051-1051	100 100	101105	1071-1071	110 -110	100 100	113 -113	104 105	100 101	100 100	101 101
Metropolitan 123 –123 Nassau	123 -1241	123 -126	124 -125	1251-1251	131 -131	127 -130	130 -131	134 -135	132 -134 108 -108	130 -133 1041-1041	131 -131 1034-106
National (Gallatin)110 -110	110 -110		106 -106	110 -111	110 -111		111 -111	112 -112	107 -107		110 -110
New York 116 -116	117 -118	118 -118			*********	126 -126	1081 1001	1 61 100	100 100		1001 1041
North America 100 -107	100 -106	*******	105 -106	105 -107	115 -115 <del>1</del> 108 <del>1</del> -109	1064-107	1051-1081		106 -106 108 -109	109 -110	1031-1041
Ocean	1021-103	101 -103	101 -102	101 -102	102 -105	101 -104	104 -105	1044 05	103 -105	103 -104	102 -104
Oriental		130 -130	110 110	140 140	145 140	142 -144	145 -152	150 1501	1401 1201	144 -147	144 -144
Park	104 - 106	106 -108	140 -142	140 -148 105 -106	145 -148 106 -108	103 -106	105 -105	152 -152 <del>1</del> 104 -104	1484 -152*		104 -104
Republic		114 -114	1141-115	115 -115	115 -116	120 -120	115 -116	114 -114		114 -114	110 -112
St. Nicholas			1051-1071	110 110	110 -110	108 -110	103 -104		104 -104	102 -105 110 -110	105 -105 110 -110
Seventh Ward	112 -112	112 -112	1111-112	110 -110 110 -1114	1104-113	1084-109	112 -11	111;-112}	********	110 -110	110 -112
State of New York 106 -108	106 -107	108 -109	109 -110	106 -111	110 -114	110 -111	106 11		112 -113	105 -112	1051-1051
Tenth		*******	*******	14K 14K	140 140	1031-1031	104 -10		*******	105 -105	102 -102 138 -138
Tradesmen's	115 -116	*******	117 -117	145 -145	143 -143		*******	** ***	*******	113 -114	106 -106
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Shares sold 2,461	1,929	3,425	3,518	4,051	8,584	4,784	2,467	1,819	1,886	8,221	2,451

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Banks. January America 136 -136	. February. March	440 440	May.	June. 145 -145	July.		September	October. 145 -145			
A erican Exchange 114 -115			1171-119	1191-121	1201-1211	120 -121	120 -1214	121 -121	144 -145 1114-113	113 -114	
Atlantic							103 -103	*******	*****		
Butchers & Drovers	135 -135 104 -106 104 -10	64 105 -107±	135 -135	1091-1101	1051-1081	130 -130	100 100	100 1101	100 110	********	
Central 101 -: 04 Chatham	104 -106 104 -10		1019-109	1032-1108	7008-TOC8	107 -108	108 -109 145 -145	109 -1101		105 -111	
City 190 -190	186 -18	i		*******	******			********	********	*******	
Commerce 114 -116	116 -120 117 -11		120 -125	129 -130	1227-125	1201-1221	121 -124	122 -125	122 -125	119 125	
Commonwealth 104 -104	109 -169 108 -10 100 -103 102 -10		103 -104	115 -115	1024-104	1011-103	115 -116 102 -1024	********	115 -115 102 -102	115 -115	
Contineutal	126 -12		100 -101	*******	1024 101	126 -127	128 -130	135 -135	184 -1354	100 -102	
Fourth 102 -104			1041-108	1044-110	1041-1051	104 -105	1041-1051	1041-106	1044-106	102 -106	
Fulton				160 -160	****	110 110	*******	*******			
Grocers	1121-1121			*******	i16 -116	110 -110	115 -115	115 -118	********	117 -117	
Importers & Traders	118 -122	HOW HON	129 -129	132 -132	1271-1271	127 -128	220 220	*******	131 -131	135 -135	
lrving 106 -106		1061-1061	********		1051054	110 -110	113 -113	********	117 -117		
Leather Manufactur rs	142 -14		200 -200	145 -145			*******				
Manufacturers & Merchants 136 -136 Manufacturers & Merchants 100 -100	102 -103			140 -140	100 -100		1001-1C1	101 -101	103 -103	1021-1031	
Marine			*******	150 -150		150 -150			********	2009 1004	
Market 112 -112	115 -11		107 107	*******	********	100 100	******		**** ****		
Mechanics Banking Asso	121 -121 123 -12		127 -127		130 -130	129 -129	*******	*******	130 -130	117 -117	
Merchant	114 -1174 118 -12		1191-1191	122 -122	118 -118	121 -121	122 -123	125 -125	1241-127	125 -125	
Merchants Exchange	107 -111 110 -11		114 -120		119 -120	100 1001	4.311313	*******	*******		
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Nas au	108 -110		101 -101				101 -101	*******	106 -106		
New York 133 -133				140 -140	136 -136		140 -140			140 -140	
New York County	1011 101 10		107 110		1001 110	165 -165		4102 440	11111111	**** ***	
North America 105 -105	103;-104; 104 -10 104 -107 107;-10		107 -110 110 -110	iii -iii	1071-110	1091-1091	108 -109	1103-113	111 -112	108 -113 110 -110	
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Ocean 101 -103	102 -103 102 -10		104 -108	103 -110	10 1 110	108 -109	108 -108	108 -111	1084-111	111 -111	
Park 141 -143	148 -150 148 -15 104 -105‡ · · · · ·		150 -150	155 -155	152 -152± 104 -107±	152 -152	145 -150 106 -108	151 -152 108 -108±	152 -154	147 -154	
Phœnix			*** ****	119 -120	120 -125	1071-1071	118 -118	100 -1002	109 -110	108 -108 119 -121	
St. Nicholas 106 -100			107 -1071		*******			112 -112	*******	111 -1112	
Seventh Ward	111 -111		440 4401	222225	100 101	112 -112	100 130			202	
Shoe & Leather 1091-111	110 -112 1121-11 112 -112 1121-11		116 -117 <del>1</del> 112 -114	115 -115 118 -118	120 -121 118 -121	121 -121	120 -120	121 -121	******	125 -125, 1:1 -1:21	
Tenth			1054-1054	98 -1051	97 -100	1007-101	99 -1001	100 -100		96 -101	
Tradesmen's	137 -137 135 -13	5 137 -137	140 -140								
Union 116 -116	118 -118 117 -11	7 115 -115				******			******	****	
Shares told 8,718	4,951 2,97	2,532	2,253	1,659	3,586	2,332	2,138	2,383	2,315	17,127	
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London,	London	(Bankers')	Pa	ris			Contin	ental Mark			-> /
Da'e. Commercia Jan. 4 108½-109	l. Long. 109%-1095	Short. 110%-110%	Long. 517½-515	Short. 515 -5121/2	Antwerp. 517%-516%	Swiss. 517%-516%	Hamburg 36%-36%	Ams'rdan	n. Frankf't 4114-4114		Berlin.
" 11 108½-109	10914-1093	110%-110%	516%-513%	513%-512%	520 -517%	520 -517%	31%-36%	413/8-411/4	41%-41%	78%-79 79%-79%	72%-72%
" 18 108¾-109 " 25 108¾-109	109¼-109½ 109½-109½	110%-111% 110 -110%		513¾-511¼ 513¾-512¾	517½-516½ 517½-515	517%-516% 517%-515	36%-36%			78%-79¼ 79%-79½	723/-723/
Feb. 1 107½-107	4 108%-108%	109%-109%	528 -517%	517%-515	52216-51834	522 14-52114	3614-363/	411/8-413/8	41 -411/4	7834-7938	72%-72%
** 8 107½-108; ** 15 107½-108	108%-108% 108%-108%		5221/3-5171/3 5181/3-5171/3	517%-515 516%-515	522½-521¾ 521¼-520	522½-521¼ 521½-520	36½-36¾ 36½-36¾		41 -41%	78½-79 78½-79½	71%-72%
21 1073/3-107	% 108%-109	109%-109%	517%-516%	515 -5121/2	52114-51834	52114-51834	361/2-361/2	4114-4116	411/4-413/8	79 -791/8	721/8-723/4
March 1 107% -108 8 107% -108		109%-109% 109 -109%	517%-516% 522%-517%	515 -513¾ 517%-515	520 -51834 5221/2-51834	520 -513% 522%-518%	36½-36¾ 36½-36¾	413/4-41 1/4	41 %-41 %	79 -79¼ 78¼-79	72 -72%
" 15 107¾-108;	€ 109 -109½	( 109%-110%	51614-515	51334-51214	5.0 -517%	520 -5171/2	3614-363/8	4114-411/	4114-413/8	785%-79	72 -721/4
22 107%-108 108%-108	4 10834-109 4 109 -10934	109%-109%	517%-516% 518%-516%	515 -513¾ 515 -513¾	520 -517%	520 -517% 518%-517%	36¼-36¾ 36¼-36¾	41 1/8 - 41 1/8 41 1/8 - 41 1/8	41 -41%	79 -79%	72%-72%
April 5 108 -108	8 108%-108%	10914-10916	51736-51634	515 -51834	520 -51834	520 -51834	36 -3634	413/8-411/2	41 -411/8	7816-79	72 -72%
" 19 108 -108	4 109%-109%	109%-110%	515 -513%	512½-510 512½-511¼	518%-516% 520 -517%	518¾-516¼ 520 -517¼	36 \( -36 \) \( \) 36 \( -36 \) \( \)	41%-41%	41%-41%	78¾-79¼ 78¾-79	72%-72%
· 26 108½-109		110¼-110½ 110¼-110½	518¾-515 516¾-512¼	515 -512½ 513¾-510	520 -515	520 -515	35%-36%	4634-4134	40%-41%	78%-79%	717/8-723/8
10 108½-1093	6 1093/-1097/	110%-110%	515 -5121/2	51212-510	5.0 -5171/ 5171/5-515	518%-517½ 517½-515	36½-36½ 36½-36½	407/8-412/8 413/4-1 5/8	41 41%	7834-79 7836-7936	72 -72%
" 17 109 -109) " 24 1083/-103		110½-110½ 110¾-110½	512%-511%	510 -50834 510 -50834	516 4-513 1/4 515 -512 1/4	51614-51414	361/2-365/8	411/2-41%	413/8-11/2	7916-7934	7236-7234
" 31 109 ¼ -1095	4 110 -110%	110%-110%	512%-511%	510 -50834	515 5121/2	515 -512½ 515 -512½	36¾-36½ 36¾-36½	41%-41%	4114-4114	7934-80 7934-80	72%-72%
June 7 109½-109½ 14 109½-109½			515 -512%	512½-510 511½-510	515 -512½ 515 -512½	515 -5121/2 515 -5121/2	36%-36%	413/8-411/2	4114-4116	79%-79%	721/2-723/
" 21 1093 -1093	10934-11018	1103/8-1105/8	5171/2-5121/2	5121/2-510	5171/2-5121/2	517%-512%	364-36%	40%-40%	4114-4114	79%-79%	72 -723/4
July 5 109 4-1093 1094-1093			517½-512½ 513¾-512½	512½-510 511½-510	517%-512% 516%-515	5171/3-5121/3	36 -36 % 36 % 36 % 36 % 36 % 36 % 36 % 3	403/4-413/8	40%-41%	78¼-78¾ 79 -79¼	72 -72%
12 1093/8-1093	110%-110%	110%-110%	5121/2-5111/4	51114-508%	5161/4-515	51634-515	363/8-361/2	4114-4116	41%-41%	79 -7914	7214-7216
19 109%-109% 26 109%-109%	110%-110% 110%-110%		512%-511%	511¼-508¾ 511¼-508¾	516¼-515 516¼-515	516¾-515 516¾-515	36¾-36¼ 36¾-36¼	411/4-411/4	41%-41%	79 -79%	72 -72%
Aug. 2 1091/4-1097	109%-110%	1101/4-1101/4	51334-5121/2	51114-510	51614-515	51614-515	36%-36%	411/4-413/8	4118-411	79 -79%	723/-723/
" 16 109 -1093		109%-110%	518%-512%	5121/2-5111/4 515 -5133/4	518%-518%	51834-51334	35%-361/8 36 -361/8	40%-41%	40%-41 40%-41	78 -78%	71%-72 71%-72
** 23 109½-109½	109½-109¾ 109½-109¾	110 -110 1	517½-515 516½-515	515 -5121/2 5133/4-5121/2	51834 51734	517%-517%	361/8-361/4	411/8-411/4	41 -41%	783/8-781/2	72 -7236
Bept. 6 109 -109	109%-110	109%-110%	51834-515	515 -5131/4	518¾-517⅓ 518¾-517⅓	518¾-517½ 518¾-517½	361/4-361/4	41 -41 1/4 40 % -41	41 -41%	783/8-793/8 783/8-785/8	72 -72%
13 109 -1093 1087/-1094		10 -110 %	518¾-515 517½-516¼	515 -512½ 515 -513¾	518¾-517½ 520 -517½	518¾-517¼ 520 -517¼	35%-36% 86 -36%	4634-41	41 -41%	701/8-785/8 781/4-785/8	71%-72
" 27 108½-108¾	109%-109%	110%-110%	517%-516%	515 -51334	520 -517%	520 -517%	36 -361/8	41 -411/2	407/8-41	78%-78%	$71\frac{3}{4}$ -72 $71\frac{3}{8}$ -72
Oct. 4		109%-109% 109%-109%	517%-516%	515 -513½ 516½-515	520 -517½ 520 -517½	520 -517½ 520 -517½	35%-36 35%-36	40%-41	403/4-407/8	783/8-785/8 783/8-785/8	713/4-717/2
** 18 208 -1083	108%-108%	109 -1091/8	520 -518%	517%-516%	5211/4-5183/4	52114-51834	35% -36	40%-41	403/4-407/2	783/8-781/2	713/8-72
Nov. 1 1081/-1083/ 109 -109/	108¾-108½ 109¾-109½	109½-109¾ 109½-110	520 -518¾ 516¼-515¾	517%-516%	521%-520 517%-516%	521¼-520 517½-516¼	35%-35% 35%-36	4034-41	4034-4078	78%-78%	71%-71%
8 109 -109		109%-109%	5171/2-5161/4	515 -513%	520 -517%	520 -517%	357/3-36	40%-41	40%-40%	783/-787/	7134-72
109 -109	109%-109%	109%-109%	517%-516% 517%-516%	515 -513%	520 -517½ 520 -517½	520 -517% 520 -517%	35%-36 35%-36	40%-41	40%-40%	78¾-78¾ 78¾-78¾	7134-72
· 29 109 -109½	109%-109%	109%-109%	517%-516%	£15 -513¾	520 -517%	520 -517%	35%-36	40%-41	40%-40%	7834-7878	71%-72
44 13 109%-109%	109%-110%	110% 110%	516½-515½ 515 -514½	513%-513% 512%-511%	518¾-516¼ 516¼-515	518¾-516¼ 516¼-515	36 -361/8	41%-41%	41 -41%	79 79%	71%-72
** 27 109 -109½ ** 27 109 -109½	110 -110%	1103/2-1103/2	515 -513%	512%-511%	517%-516%	517%-516%	36 -361/8	4114-4114	41 -41%	791/8-791/4	72 -7214
		110%-110%	513%-512%	51114-510	516%-513%	51614-51314	3614-361/8	4134-4138	4114-4138	79%-79%	72%-72%
YEAR 107%-109%	108%-110%	109 -110%	522%-511%	617%-608%	522%-512%	522%-512%	35%-36%	40%-41%	40%-41%	78 -80	71%-72%

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Date. Commercial. Lo	ndon (Bankers')-	Long. Par	Short.	Antwerp.	Swiss.	Hamburg.		Frankfit	Bremen.	Berlin.
Jan. 8 110 -110% 110%-	110% 110%-110%	5.13%-5 12%	5.11%-5.10	5.1614-5.13%	5.16%-5.13%	3614-363/	4 14-41%		79%-79%	72%-72%
10. 109%-110 110%- 10. 108%-109% 109%-	1005: 1007/ 110	5.1114-5.10	5.13%-5.12%	5.16%-5.15%	5.1614-5.1314	3614-3638	4114-4134	41 14-41%	79%-79%	721/8-721/4
" 17 108%-109% 109%- " 24 108%-109 109%-		5 17½-5.15 5.16½-5.15	5.15 -5.12½ 5.13¾-5.12½	5.20 -5.16¼ 5.18¾-5.16¼	5.20 -5.16¼ 5.18¾-5.16¼	36%-36%	41 -41 1/4	41 -41%	79%-79%	72 -72%
" 31 108%-109% 109%-	-109% 110%-110%	5.15%-5.14%	5.131/8-5.117/8	5.161/4-5.15	<b>8</b> .16 −5.15	36%-3614	41%		79 -79%	713/8-723/8
Feb. 7. 108%-109% 109%-		5.15%-5.14%	5.13%-5.11%	5.16%-5.15	5.16 -5.15	361/8-361/4	4114	41 -411/8	79 -791/8	7178-7218
" 14 108¾-109¼ 109¾- " 21 109¾-	-110 110%-110%	5.15%-5.14% 5.15 -5.13%	5.13½-5.11½ 5.12½-5.11½	5.16½-5.15 5.17½-5.15	5.16 -5.15 5.17½-5.15	36 %-36 %	411/4	41 -41%	79 -79%	71%-72%
16 28 10834-109 10934-	109% 110%-110%	5.15 -5.13%	5.12%-5.11%	5.17%-5.15	5.17为-5.15	361/4-361/4	41%-41%	41 -413/8	79%-79%	713/8-72
Marchs 109½-	-109% 109%-110 -109% 109%-109%	5,17½-5.16½ 5.16%-5.15%	5.15 -5.13% 5.14%-5.13%	5.20 -5.17½ 5.18¾-5.16¼	5.20 -5.17½ 5.18¾-5.16¾	361/8-361/4 86 -361/8	41%-41%	41 -41%	791/2-793/8	717/8-72
. 20 109%		5.1614-5.15%	5.13%-5 13%	5.17%-5.15	5.17%-5.15	361/8-361/2	41%-41%	41 -41%	79%-79%	713/4-72
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# RANGE OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, 1868.

The following table will show the monthly range of Government securities, as represented by daily sales at the New York Stock Exchange Board, during the year 1868:

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#### SPECIAL REPORT ON THE REVENUE.

The third annual report of Mr. David A. Wells, the Special Commissioner of Revenue, is a valuable document. It deserves, and will, no doubt, receive more attention from Congress than has been practically accorded to Mr. Wells' previous reports. A large part of this statistical document on the revenue is taken up with discussions about national development, irredeemable currency, the growth of wealth, the future financial policy, the refunding of the debt, the legalizing of coin contracts and the desirableness of allowing the banks to issue more notes than the 300 millions now allowed by law. The introduction of such extraneous matters into a revenue report, either extends it to an inordinate length, or else leads, as in the present case, to the omission and crowding out of facts and evidence which are of paramount importance.

The two great topics of Mr. Wells' report—the tariff and the internal revenue system—are treated with considerable ability. As to the first he protests against any further general increase of the customs duties. He would also enlarge the free list, reduce certain duties and increase a few others, with a view to increase the revenue. He would also convert the ad valorem rates into specific duties, and he would protect home industry by lightening the duties on imported material and appliances used in our manufactures.

The general views of Mr. Wells on the tariff are worthy of examination, and not the less so because they are more or less distasteful in both the hostile camps of protection and free trade. The nation during the past few years has rapidly learned to appreciate the effect of a universal and indiscriminate system of internal taxation in the enhancement of prices and in the restriction of production; but Mr. Wells declares the inevitable tendency which the adoption of a similar system of taxation under the tariff has to produce results corresponding and analogous. He illustrates his assertion by a reference to the fact that we have ruined the ship-building trade by excessive taxation, so that now "we can neither build, buy nor sell an American vessel." We cannot but think that Mr. Wells has somewhat overdrawn his picture, but the reasons he gives for the decadence of this branch of our industrial enterprises merit careful investigation, for they affect other departments of trade besides that of ship-building. These reasons are as follows:

<sup>&</sup>quot;While protecting the ships, we have also protected to nearly an equal degree the separate constituents that enter into the construction of ships, viz., the timber, the iron, the copper, the cordage and the canvass; and the e two agencies have so far neutralized and counterbalanced each other that neither party, within this particular sphere of industry, has been benefited; the ships not havin; been built, or the constituents of their construction created or applied, while the community at large,

whose interest it is that all these branches of industry should prosper, has likewise received no benefit, but rather detriment from the suspension or diversion of labor and capital from its previous employments. The same system, moreover, of checks and balances growing out of the indiscriminate and universal taxation under the tariff which we have thus shown to exist i ship-building, has been also so far extended to every other branch of production, that if ships available for foreign trade were to-day furnished to hand, without cost, their use must be exceedingly limited, for the reason that the high prices of all domestic commodities would effectually prevent that exchange with foreign countries which in itself constitutes commerce."

As the tariff now stands, Mr. Wells believes that it is injurious and destructive, and denies that it affords to American industry that stimulus and protection which are claimed as its chief merit. He opposes, however, the advances asked in the bills now before Congress, because in his opinion they would not only aggravate the difficulties of the country, and impair the revenues of the Government. but would even hinder the return to specie payments. In behalf of these opinions Mr. Wells appeals to the true friends of American industry for countenance and support, predicting that if unnecessary and iniquitous burdens of taxation under the tariff continue to be laid upon the people, the day is not far distant when a reaction of public sentiment will compel either a sweeping reduction of duties, or induce through agitation such an unstability in legislation as will in itself prove most injurious and destructive. It is to be regretted that Mr. Wells has not entered upon some specific details of a tariff revision, but the precise changes required in his judgment he promises to lay down in an additional report, or personally to the Finance Committees of Congress. As a bill proposing a change in the existing warehouse system is now pending before Congress, some recommendations in respect to this system are given in an appendix.

Of the internal revenue system, Mr. Wells gives a much better account. He shews that since the taxes began to be levied, in 1863, more than 1,100 millions of dollars have been raised, and that "so long as the war continued and the demand for manufactured products-owing to the enormous consumption of the army and the withdrawal of labor from its accustomed avocations—was fully equal to, or in excess of supply, so long taxation under the internal revenue was not regarded by the majority of producers as at all oppressive; but on the contrary, by reckoning taxation in common with labor and material as an element of cost, and profit as a per centum on the whole, it was very generally the case that the aggregate profit of the producer was actually enhanced." the close, of the war, however, a change came. The wheels of industry were clogged and the productive machinery of the country was deranged by the tax burden which had previously been scarcely felt. Congress interposed. Vexations, unproductive and needless taxes were taken off, to the amount of at least 170 millions a year. We have now so perfected

our system, that, as Mr. Wells justly observes, "it approximates closely to that which the experience of more than three quarters of a century in England has shown capable of yielding the most revenue at the least sacrific of the productive forces of the people.

As to the improvements of which our internal revenue system is capable, Mr. Well's statements are as vague and general as those about the tariff. He makes the remark that but little legislation is required to still further perfect the system. It should repeal the taxes now levied upon telegraph and express companies; upon the gross receipts of railroads, steamboats, and other common carriers for the transportation of passengers; and the percentage taxes on the sales of merchandise; the gross receipts from all of which is less than one-half the annual expenditures during the last two fiscal years for the equalization of bounties. When this shall have been accomplished, he says that the entire internal revenue system will have been made wholly subordinate to the more important end of creating national wealth; and under it no direct obstacle whatever will be imposed by the Government, which can prevent the domestic producer from placing his product upon the market at the lowest possible cost.

As to the effect produced on prices by repealing taxation Mr. Wells tells us that "thus far the abatement of prices consequent upon the large annual reduction of taxes has not been what was anticipated, or what the large amount of revenue abandoned would seem to have warranted. In the case of not a few articles, 23 pig oron, manufactured lumber and salt, the prices since the removal of taxation have actually advanced, while in other instances, as in the case of agricultural implements, sewing-machines, hoop-skirts, manufactures of silk, newpapers, and, in fact most articles which are the products of monopolies created by patents. established custom or other circumstances, the repeal of the internal tax. through the maintenance of former price, has been only equivalent to legislating a bounty into the pockets of the producer." This confirms the general remark which has often been made by European political economists that prices adjust themselves slowly and with difficulty to changes which taxation introduces into the cost of production, but that generally the advance of prices when a new tax is imposed is instantaneous, while the fall of prices from the repeal of the tax is slower, being forecd down by the law of demand and supply.

#### THE NEW YEAR IN EUROPE.

The year 1869 opens to Europe the prospect, says the London Times, of a "most precarious peace." These words from the organ of the commercial classes of Great Britain, are, to be sure, less significant than the famous phrases addressed by the Emperor of the French to the Austrian Ambassador, at the Tuilleries, on New Year's Day, in 1859. Yet they are not to be lightly received. For, though a British journal, unlike a French emperor, can neither make nor break the peace whereof it speaks, there are so many threatening features in the present aspect of European affairs, that the Times could hardly boast very loudly of its prophetic wisdom were the summer of 1869 to justify, in a "blood-red blossom of war," the fears with which it tempers the holiday rejoicings of the winter.

The perils which overcast the immediate future of the world's peace may be divided into two great classes: the perils imminent in certain actual political crises, and the perils contingent upon certain highly possible political accidents. Of the first class, the most conspicuous where in the political crisis through which Spain is now passing, and in the issue which has at last been boldly taken by the Turkish government with Greece. Of the second class, the most important attach themselves to the political situation in France and in Germany. Let us consider each class in its turn.

The Spanish Revolution, which promised so much at its outset, has thus far failed to keep its promise. The dynasty of the Bourbons has indeed been overthrown, and the Spanish people have been restored to a sort of centrol over their own affairs. But that control is after all imperfect; nor is there much in the history of the last two months to encourage the belief that were it as complete as it is incomplete, the Spanish people would be found capable of administering their own affairs as judiciously or as successfully as many sanguine lovers of popular government were led by the events of last fall to anticipate. The protracted interregnum of the Provisional Government has only resulted, so far, in exasperating what began as a local rising in the most important of the Spanish colonies, into something very like a genuine revolution, and in damaging the republican cause by the opportunities it has given to violent and fanatical men of identifying the Republican party in Spain with aimless and disheartening outbreaks of popular violence. Whether this unsatisfactory state of affairs in Spain has been connived at or instigated by the Government of France, cannot be positively known. But it is certain that the Emperor Napoleon has gained by it, at least in respect to the strength of the hold which his system has

upon the French people, in virtue of the fact that it is their only real alternative from a French Republic. It is clear that Spain would long ere this have been settled upon a practicable basis of constitutional monarchy, had it not been for the difficulty of finding a satisfactory monarch. Now the French people are perfectly well aware that in this particular a revolution would leave France no better off than Spain now is. Neither the pretender of the elder French line, Henry V., commonly called the Count of Chambord, nor the Princes of the younger line of Orleans can be said to be any more popular with the people of France, than Don Cartos, Don Sebastian, Don Ferdinand, the Duke of Montpensier, or the Duke of Aosta have proved to be with the people of Spain. It may very well have seemed worth while to Napoleon III. to keep Spain for a few months in a condition of dangerous effervescence, for the purpose of impressing this lesson by example upon his own subjects. Be this as it may, however, there is a point beyond which it will neither be safe for Spain, for France nor for Europe that Spain should be allowed to go in the process of fermentation. That point, we judge, is nearly reached. And it is not by any means improbable that upon the failure of the Spanish plebiscitum (soon now to be taken) to settle the dynastic question for Spain, a system modelled upon the Napoleonic system, with General Prim at its head, may be sprung and fixed upon that country. This system might not and probably would not carry with it any guarantee of permanency for itself; but it would at least remove the Spanish question for the time from the list of the active disturbing forces in European politics. The strength of the Spanish army, and its apparent fidelity to its leaders conspires with the practical disintegration of Spanish political parties, and the comparative weakness in Spain of those great material and social interests which are so powerful in more thoroughly modernized countries, to favor the success of any well-calculated step towards the establishment of such a system. We may theretore conclude the Spanish question to be less really and immediately dangerous to the peace of Europe than it might from a superficial observation of the state of affairs abroad be inferred to be.

The same thing, we are convinced, is true of the Eastern question, in its present shape. The Atlantic Cable has throbbed for weeks past with warlike mutterings from the Levant. The names of Syra, of Hobart Pasha, and of the Greek steamer Enosis, have been reiterated in the columns of the daily press till they have become at once as familiar to the eyes, as formidable to the fancy, and as vague of meaning to the minds of most people as once were the names of Duppel, and Schleswig-Holstein, and the Duke of Augustenbourg. Once more, too, we have had the Emperor Napoleon coming forward with his political panacea of a

European conference; and these signs and wonders in the air are interpreted not unnaturally to signify the near approach of that long-dreaded grapple of the Moslem with the Christian in the East from which the politicians and the statesmen of the world have so long looked for the "beginning of the end" of the so-called "balance of power" in the Old World.

But the truth is, we think, that the decisive declaration by Turkey of her determination to exact of Greece a strict fulfilment of her international duties, even at the price of war, is more likely to abate than it is to aggravate the political dangers of the Eastern question.

Of all the greater European powers, Austria alone is just now in a condition to make the notion of a war on the Eastern question not absolutely disagreeable to her. And this not because Austria either desires war really, or feels herself equal to enduring a great war without a very serious strain upon her resources, but because Austria foresees clearly the coming of a great collision between herself and Russia in the east of Europe, and, foreseeing this collision, may reasonably think the present as favorable a moment as she is likely in a long time to come upon, for confronting the peril. For at this moment Russia, for grave financial and social reasons, is greatly averse from war; nor can either of the other great powers be said to desire war. Prussia, upon which Russia leans as her ally, is just now in such a crisis of her German relations as would make it particularly vexatious for her to find herself dragged into a conflict in behalf of Russian aggrandizement against Austrian consolidation. England is too much intent upon strengthening her Indian frontiers towards the North, where, from her Himalayan fortresses, she descries afar off the advancing cross of St. Andrew and the green uniforms which fought at the Alma and at Inkermann, to be willing to see herself compelled to open the battle prematurely on the Levant and the Euxine also. France has the Suez canal on her hands, and the growing Prussian ascendancy to watch. Were the East to get into a blaze now, Austria might hope for something at least in the way of a reinforcement of her exposed position on the Lower Danube; and Austria, therefore, may be reasonably supposed to have stimulated Turkey to the energetic course which has just been taken by the Sublime Porte. But it will depend upon the other great powers whether the assertion of her rights by Turkey, backed by Austria, shall or shall not lead to a real conflict with Greece, and through that to a general European war. We have already shown why it is extremely unlikely that these other great powers, no matter what may be their feelings for or against either Turkey or Greece, should suffer such results to follow. And as such results can only be averted by a practical diplomatic defeat of the Greeks,

we may expect to see such a defeat. The aspirations of the "Hellenes" will be once more thwarted. The Cretan insurrection, extinguished in Crete, will not be suffered to be rekindled elsewhere.

If the actual political difficulties of the hour in Europe then are not so full of peril as the *Times* would have us believe them to be, can the same thing be said of the political contingencies of the year in Europe?

Hardly, we think. And this, in the first place, for the simple reason that they are contingencies. It may happen at any time that the Emperor of the French, now past his sixtieth year, sh uld cease to live. It is not very likely that while he lives he should cease to reign. But he ceasing to live, who can forecast the future of France, or of Europe? It has become fashionable of late to sneer at the political skill and genius of Napoleon III. But take him out of the way, and who will not do homage, if it be only the reluctant homage of fear and dismay, to the great qualities which have enabled him so long to master the French people and so brilliantly to illustrate the renown of France? In like manner, were Bismarck to be removed suddenly from his unfinished task of the unification of Germany nothing is more likely than that the French Government should avail itself of the opportunity to press upon and interrupt that task. This could not be done without setting Europe on fire.

Finally, then, we find in the chances upon which political confusion in Europe may supervene during the year 1869, a much more adequate ground for the justification of the alarm with which large numbers of practical people are looking forward to the coming twelvementh, than is to be found in the actual condition either of Spain or of the Levantine countries.

#### THE NEW YORK CENTRAL DIVIDND.

For some time past the stockholders of the New York Central Railroad Company have been promised a division of a certain large surplus of earnings said to exist in the hands of the Company. In three or four instances this promise, coming apparently from the management, has been made the occasion of extensive speculations, under which the stock has fluctuated between 115 and 135; and at last the dividend has come, exceeding the most sanguine expectations. Upon all outstanding stock, the holders receive a certificate equivalent to eighty per cent of the amount of their shares, and four per cent in cash on the stock and on the certificates, making \$7 20 in cash, and eighty per cent in scrip. The dividend was made, with very singular precipitance, near midnight of Saturday last, and at the residence of one of the city directors. If we may believe all that is stated in well-informed circles, some millions of this scrip had been prepared in anticipation of the action of the Board, and was taken by a leading director on account of himself and friends,

immediately upon the passage of the resolutions, to evade, it is presumed, any possible legal interruptions. Before daylight on Monday an injunction was served upon the Treasurer of the Company, restraining him from issuing the certificates; but the Treasurer is understood to have disregarded the prohibition upon the ground that the documents were being issued by the Union Trust Company, a function which we have reason to believe that Company disclaims. However this may be, the certificates have since been in process of issue from the hands of the Treasurer. An injunction was also issued a short time previous to the directors' meeting. restraining the direction from making any dividends upon the stock issued against convertible bonds; and the officers of the Company state that they intend to respect that order so far as to issue the scrip only against about \$23,000,000 of stock, until the injunction is settled. The scrip declares the holders to be entitled to the same dividends as may be paid upon the share capital, and conveys a claim to an equivalent amount of stock upon the Company obtaining authorization to issue it. some quarters serious doubts are expressed as to the validity of this very peculiar form of scrip; the directors, we have reason to believe, however, have taken the best legal advice to assure themselves upon that point.

The scrip is said by the Board to represent surplus earnings invested in construction and real estate and the general appreciation of the property of the company. This pretense is the most marvellous feature of this extraordinary proceeding. It is very unexpected information to the public that the Central Company has had any important surplus for employment in construction or real estate; and the inquiry is very naturally made, where do these investments appear? So slight has been the surplus that money has repeatedly been borrowed for the payment of dividends, and the directors have represented to the Legislature that, without an increase of fare, they could earn nothing for the stockholders. The reports made to the State Engineer show that, after paying ordinary expenses and providing for interest and dividends, the surplus income for the last fourteen years aggregates only about \$5,000,000 which has been represented by additional issues of stock. To represent that the surplus income and the improved value of the Company's real estate warrant an increase of capital to the extent of \$22,500,000 is nothing short of anattempt to practice a bold deception upon the public. It was, however, necessary to make some show of reason for this extraordinary procedure: and this was, doubtless, deemed the one best celculated to serve the purposes of the directors.

The real occasion of the dividend is to be found in the speculative operations of parties associated with the management. It is a matter we lunderstood in the better informed circles of Wall street, that, some few months ago, a knot o capitalists, mostly in the direction combined for

the purchase of \$7,000,000 of the stock of the Company; and in order to facilitate the purchase and the carrying of the stock, a loan was contracted with a London banking house upon the stock as collateral, the loan to run for two years, if necssary. The stock was systematically depressed previous to the purchase, and was bought at from 84 to 95, averaging about 90. In addition to this, a prominent director and his family have held a large amount of the stock from the inception of Mr. Vanderbilt's control; and this clique operation served as a support to his man agement, the operators being pledged to his policy and basing their operation on a knowledge of his plan. The declaration of this dividend is the consummation of the scheme. The clique realise about 60 per cent profit on \$7,000,000 of stock, or say \$4,200,000, and a family prominently connected with the road makes a still larger profit. But how has it fared with the ordinary stockholders? At the time these gentlemen formed their magnificent scheme, the stockholders outside the "ring" were not only held in utter ignorance of the private plans of the directors, but the stock was systematically depreciated below its real value, so as to frighten them into selling to the directors and their friends.

This operation is a fair illustration of the manner in which directors speculate upon their exclusive knowledge of the affairs of corporations, to the injury of the non-official stockholders. Either the New York Central Company has had a much larger surplus income than appeared from its annual reports, and the present dividend fairly represents it, or the representations of surplus earnings are fictitious and the dividend is unwarranted. In the former case, the stockholders ought not to have had the prosperous condition of the road concealed from them, but should, in all justice, have been allowed a full knowledge of the facts necessary to properly estimate their stock; such information, however, would have prevented the stockholders from selling to the directors at low figures, and for that reason it was withheld. In the latter case, the public equally suffer from their ignorance of the affairs of the road; for they are quite likely to take from the directors and their friends the stock they have advanced to such high figures, upon the pretence of the extraordinary prosperity of the Company. While directors are permitted to monopolise information respecting the business of the roads, they are not to be expected, in the present condition of public morals, to avoid the temptation to practice upon the ignorance of the stockholders and the public. The only remedy is in the Legislature requiring each road to make a faithful return of earnings and expenses at least once a month. The New York Central company has confined itself to an annual statement; had it done justice to its stockholders, by making a monthly return of its business, the stockholders would not have been taken by surprise with this extraordinary dividend. Unless some measures are adopted for terminating this official concealment, there is no possibility of the maintenance of public confidence in railroad securities.

## TREASURE MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

The following statement of the movement of treasure at New York, showing the amounts received from California, foreign ports, and the interior, and the amounts shipped to foreign ports and to the interior monthly and yearly for the ten years ending December 31, 1868, also the amount in banks and the Sub-Treasury at the commencement and close of each month and year forms a complete history of the movement of treasure at this port for the period stated. It should be stated, in explanation of the first and last columns, that ever since the issuing of gold certificates there has been a duplication of the treasure in banks and Sub-Treasury equal to the amount of such certificates held by the banks, and by them accounted for as specie. The amount thus duplicated cannot be determined by their publishe returns.

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Months, &c.	Treasure in banks and Sub-Treasury on 1st of month.	Received from California.	ons of treasur Imported from foreign ports.	From all	Aggregate	Total sup- ply of treas. for months,	Exported to foreign ports.	withdrawn from Returned inland and to hoards.		Treas, in banks and Sub-Treasury on last of month.	
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Year 1868	99,623,828	33,944,835	7,085,389	49,376,473	90,406,697	190,030,525	70,841,896	23,408,646	94,250,042	95,780,483	
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Year 1867	90,175,478	28,391,396	3,309,339	41,493,874	73,194,609	163,370,087	51,801,953	11,944,306	63,746,259	99,623,828	

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Year 1866	53,630,974	41,431,726	9,578,029	61,534,022	112,543,777	166,174,751	62,563,700	13,435,573	75,999,273	90,175,473
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Year 1865	30,054,450	21,531,786	2,137,011	87,532,311 180	61,201,108	91,255,558	30,003,683	7,620,901	37,624,584	53,630,974
January February March April May June July August September October November December	\$37,992,534 38,963,000 43,111,000 47,164,843 41,025,220 36,554,325 31,057,550 31,594,050 32,206,799 31,943,614 33,954,867 28,960,258	\$939,201 1,250,069 1,121,338 854,242 933,770 723,951 711,645 1,241,155 1,089,159 \$55,378 882,276 2,205,679	\$141,790 88,150 104,497 285,814 660,092 146,731 128,052 245,858 58,220 129,775 161,627 114,976	\$6,348,554 4,825,148 4,624,627 406,173 3,310,690 822,750 324,834 3,532,321 1,229,160 4,876,964	\$7,429,545 6,163,267 5,850,402 1,140,056 2,000,035 870,682 4,150,387 2,309,763 1,572,213 4,507,474 2,273,063 7,197,559	\$45,422,079 46,126,367 48,961,402 48,300,899 43,025,255 37,435,007 35,207,937 34,207,818 34,779,012 36,451,088 36,227,930 36,157,827	\$5,459,079 3,015,367 1,800,559 5,883,077 6,460,930 5,170,551 1,001,014 2,835,398 2,496,221 7,267,662 6,103,377	\$ 1,392,602 1,206,906	\$5,459,079 3,015,367 1,800,559 7,275,679 6,460,930 6,377,457 3,309,887 1,001,014 2,835,398 2,496,221 7,267,662 6,103,377	\$39,963,000 43,111,000 47,160,843 41,025,226 36,564,325 31,057,550 31,888,050 33,206,799 31,943,614 33,954,867 28,960,268 30,054,450
Year 1864	37,992,534	12,907,803	2,265,522	30,291,221	45,464,546	83,457,080	50,803,122	2,599,508	53,402,630	30,054,450

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January	\$40,971,000	\$2,337,682	\$101,906	\$1,609,382	\$4,048,370	\$45,019,360	\$4,624,574	*******	\$4,624,574	\$40,394,786	
February	40,394,786	951,823	213,971	3,455,505	4,621,299	45,016,085	3,965,664	******	3,965,664	41,050,421	
March	41,050,421	1,697,176	123,616	1.052,999	2,873,791	43,924,212	6,585,442	******	6,585,442	37,338,770	
April	37,338,770	724,934	107,061	2,267,383	3,099,378	40,438,148	1,972,834	*******	1,972,834	38,465,314	
May	38,465,314	776,122	197,217	2,837,478	3,810,817	42,276,131	2,115,679	*******	2,115,679	40,160,452	
June	40,160,452	809,176	109,997	2,929,224	3,848,397	44,008,859	1,367,774	******	1,367,774	42,641,085	
July	42,641,085	726,027	182,245	1,363,751	2,272,023	44,913,108	5,268,881	******	5,268,881	39,644,227	TREASURE
August	39,644,227	831,113	113,877	888,063	1,833,053	41,477,280	3,465,261	*******	3,465,261	38,022,019	H
September	38,012,019	750,259	78,231	3,786,333	4,614,823	42,626,842	3,480,385	*******	3,480,385	39,146,457	<b>A</b>
October	39.146,457	1,032,899	78,053	4,322.998	5,433,950	44,580,407	6,210,156	*******	6,210,156	38,370,251	28
November	38,370,251	713,021	103,144	3,099,137	8,915,392	42,285,553	5,438,363	******	5,438,363	36,847,190	H
December	36,847,190	857,688	118,961	5,427,748	6,404,397	43,251,587	5,259,053	•••••	5,259,053	37,992,534	E
Year 1863	40,971,000	12,207,320	1,528,279	33,040,001	47,775,600	87,746,590	49,754,056		49,754,056	37,992,534	M
				18	62.					A.	MOVEMENT
January	\$29,030,000	\$2,199,533	\$163,658	\$921,794	\$3,284,985	\$32,314,985	\$2,658,274		\$2,658,274	\$29.656.711	1
February	29,659,711	2,250,795	62,007	3,142,406	5,455,208	35,111,919	3,776,919	*******	3,776,919	31,335,000	E
March	31,335,000	1,846,752	88,327	3,554,154	5,489,233	36,824,233	2,471,233	*******	2,47 ,233	34,353,000	Z
April	34,353,000	1,834,117	26,152	3 553,406	5,413,675	39,766,675	4,037,675		4.037,675	35,729,000	H
May	35,729,000	1,939,771	110,388	5.781,477	7,831,636	43,560,636	5,164,636	*******	5,164,636	38,396,000	-
June	38,396,000	1,911,099	61.023	6,362,492	8,334,614	46,730,614	9,867,614		9,867,614	36,863,000	AT
July	36,863,000	1,961,468	219,001	6,781,868	8,962,337	45,825,337	8.0 17.237		8,067,337	37,758,000	
August	47,758,000	2,070,198	92,703	1,619,631	3,782,532	41,540,532	3,713,532		3,713,532	37,827,000	E
September	37,827,000	2,641,918	121,318	3,876,683	6,639,919	44,466,919	3,085,919		3,085,919	41,381,000	E
October	41,381,000	2,337,298	256,676	3,532,545	6,126,519	47,507,519	6,707,519		6,707,519	40,800,000	4
November	40,800,000	2,651,211	109,708	1,805,332	4,566,251	45,366,251	6,213,251		6,213,251	30,153.000	4
December	39,153,000	1,435,627	78,316	3,976,169	5,490,112	44,643,112	3,673,112	********	3,673,112	40.971,000	2
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Year 1862	29,030,000	25,079,787	1,390,277	43,907,957	71,378,021	100,408,021	59,437,021		59,437,021	40,971,000	
				180		Value Sanarana				Annual Control	
January	\$30,100,000	\$4,185,105	\$7,262,229		\$11,447,334	\$41,547,334	\$58,894	\$1,488,440	\$1,542,334	\$40,000,000	
February	40,000,000	3,622,893	2,274,067	******	5,896,960	45,89 ,960	1,102,926	94,034	1,196,960	44,700,000	
March	44,700,000	2,370,897	5,546,406	******	7,917,303	52,617,303	301,802	15,501	317,303	52,300,000	
April	52,300,000	2,951,253	1,953,001		4,904,254	57,204,254	1,412,674	3,391,580	4,804,254	52,400,000	-
May	52,400,000	1,977,827	3,486,812		5,464,639	57,864,639	128,900	135,739	264,639	57,600,000	6
June	57.600,000	2,012,062	5,387,153	P	7,399,215	64,999,215	244,242	9,054,973	9,299,215	55,700,000	8
July	55,700,000	2,055,368	6,996,498	3	9,451,866	65,151,866	11,020	3,240,846	3,251,866	61,900,000	2
August	61,900,000	4.245.755	1,049,552		5,295,307	67,195,307	3,600	8,891,707	8,895,307	58,300,000	20
September	58,300,000	2,815,243	1,231,012		4,046,255	62,346,255	15,756	8,530,499	8,546,355	53,800,000	77
October	53,800,000	2,980,815	639,328	*******	3,520,143	57,320,143	15,038	6,305,105	6,320,143	51,900,000	January,
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Year 1861	30,100,000	34,485,949	37,088,413		71,574,362	101,674,362	4,236,250	68,408,112	72,644,362	29,030,000	9
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# PUBLIC DEBT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Abstract statement, as appears from the books and Treasurer' returns in the Treasury Department, on the 1st of December, 1868, and 1st of January, 1869:

DEBT	BEARING COIN	INTEREST.		
5 per cent, bonds	December 1. \$221,588,400 00 283,677,300 00	\$221,589,300 00 283,677,400 00	\$900 00 100 00	Decrease.
6 " (5-20's)	1,602,570,400 00	1,602,563,650 00	******	1,750 00
Total	2,107,836,100 00	2,107,835,350 00		750 00
	ARING CURRENC	CY INTEREST.		
6 per ct. (RR.) bonds	\$44,337,000 00 58,140,000 00 14,000,000 00	\$50,097,000 00 55,865,000 00 14,000,000 00	*******	2,275,000 00
Total	116,477,000 00	119,962,000 00	3,485,600 00	\$
	BT NOT PRESENT	ED FOR PAYME	NT.	•1
7-80 n. due Aug. 15, '67, J'e & J'v 15, '65 6 p.c. comp. int. notes mat'd June 10, July 15, Aug. 15 Oct. 15, Dec. 10, 1867, May 15, Avg. 1, Sept. 1 & 15, and Oct. 1 & 16, 1868 B'ds of Texas ind'ty. Treasury notes (old)		\$2,174,900 00	\$	\$303,550 00
Oct. 1 & 16, 1868	4,224,920 00			346,630 00
Treasury notes (old) B'ds of Apr. 15, 1842, Jan. 28, 1847 &	256,000 00 149,361 64	256,0 0 00 148,561 64		800 00
Mar. 31, 1848	435,500 00	349,950 00		85,850 00
Treas. n s of Ma. 3, 63	445,492 00	445,492 00 197,310 00	*** *****	
Temporary loan Certifi. of indebt'ess	243,160 00 13,000 00	197,310 00 13,000 00	**********	45,850 00
Total	8,245,983 64	7,463,503 64	\$	\$782,380 00
DEB	T BEARING NO I	NTEREST.		
United States notes	\$356,021,073 00 33,875,268 17 23,255,840 00	\$356,021,073 00 34,215,715 64 27,036,020 00	340,447 47	\$
Total	413,152,181 17	417,272,808 64	4,120,627 47	\$
	RECAPITULATIO	N.		
	RECAPITULATIO	8	\$	8
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#### SENATOR MORTON'S FINANCE BILL.

Senator Morton introduced the following important bill on finances in the Senate on the 14th instant, embodying his views with reference to the resumption of specie payments. The following is the bill in full:

A BILL to provide for the Redemption in Coin of the United States Notes and Fractional Currency, and requiring the National Banks to Redeem their Notes in Coin Be it eracted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. That hereafter there shall be no sales of gold belonging to the Treasury of the United States, and that the surplus gold now in the Treasury, and that which may hereafter accrue, over and above the amount required to pay the interest on the public debt, and for other specific uses specified by law, shall be reserved and set apart for the redemption of United States notes and fractional currency.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That on and after the 1st day of July, 1870, the Treasury of th United States shall pay in coin at the Ireasury of the United States, at Washington, and at such other points as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, all United States notes and fractional currency that may be presented for redemption.

Sec. 3. That no and after the 1st day of January, 1872, the national banks shall pay in coin such of their notes as may be presented for redemption, and shall, on and after the 1st of July. 1870, reserve and hold in their vaults all the coin which may be received by them as interest on their stock held by the government for the redemption of their notes.

Sec. 4. That until the first of Jan, 1872, at which time they are required to begin the redemption of their notes, the national banks shall keep and hold in their vaults the full reserve of legal tender notes as now required by law; and that on and after that time the reserve legal tender notes, as fast as withdrawn, shall be repla ed with coin to a like amount; and the said banks shall thereafter be required to hold their reserve in coin to a like amount, and for the same purpose as now required by law, to be held in legal tender notes; provided that the Comptroller of the Currency may, with the assent of the Secretary of the Treasury, allow the said banks to hold a portion of the said reserve, not exceeding two-fifths of the said amount required by law in United States notes.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Treasury may cause as many of the United States notes, redeemed under the provisions of this act, to be cancelled, as may in his ju gment be necessary to the proper limitation of the currency; provided, further, that all fractional currency that may be redeemed shall be cancelled.

#### DEBT OF VIRGINIA.

A statement of the public debt of Virginia, November 1, 1868, lately published by the Treasurer of Virginia, shows the following: Total old registered and coupon debt, \$12,808,032.

Dated January 1, 1868: Coupons	6,305 77	\$2,987,805	77
\$2,61 Registered1,19	0,750 00 04,495 41	3,805,245	41
NOVEMBER 1, 1868.	0 030 00	\$6,793,051	18
Amount of coupons to be funded. \$26 Registered debt to be funded. 66 James River and Kanawa Co. guarantees yet to be converted.	3,328 00 5,228 91	\$878,548 230,880	
Total		\$1,109,428	91
BONDS GUARANTEED BY STATE, NOV. 1, 1868.			
James River and Kanawha Canal Company		\$230.880	00
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal		500,000	
City of Petersburgh		292 500	
Virginia Central Railroad		100 000	00
Richmond and Danvine Ranroad		200.000	00
City of wheeling		366,000	09
Alexandria Canal		15,000	00
Total		\$1,735 380	00

## COMMERCIAL CHRONICLE AND REVIEW.

Course of Monetary affairs—The Stock Market—Bonds sold at the New York Stock Exchange - Government Securities—Course of Consols and American Securities at London—Highest and Lowest Prices of Railway and Miscellaneous Securities—General Movement of Coin and Bullion at New York—Course of Gold at New York—Course of Foreign Exchange at New York.

The course of monetary affairs, during December, has been, in some respects, very unusual. The artificial stringency in money during November interfered with the forwarding of produce from the interior, postponing the movement to a period about a month later. The result has been that money has been flowing to Chicago, Cincinnati and other Western cities, until late in December, for moving the hog crop, while at the same time, the high price and the fair receipts of cotton have induced a very active demand for currency from the South, so that the shipments to that section have been much larger than at the same period of last year. Hence the city banks have been parting with large amounts of currency at a time whon it usually begins to flow back into their vaults, and at the close of the year they held only \$48,000,000 of legal tenders, against \$62,000,000 at the same period of 1867, and \$65,000,000 in 1868. On the 4th of January they were required to make their quarterly statement, and the preparations for that return, under the circumstances indicated, were naturally atterded with considerable calling in of loans and a momentary curtailment of loaning facilities. The result of this conjuncture of unfavorable circumstances was to make borrowers almost wholly dependent upon street lenders; who, as usual under such conditions, exacted extravagant rates of interest for several days before the close of the month, call loans ranging from 7 per cent in gold to that rate with a commission of 101 per cent. This condition of affairs has added another to the numerous crises growing out of the present system of periodical bank statements and the lack of elasticity in our currency system. These evils, however, have now become so chronic that their regular recurrence scarcely excites remark. The periods at which they occur are indeed welcomed by a class of speculators who make them the occasion of locking up money to promote stock ventures, or turn them to account by exacting usurious rates of interes. Needy borrowers have been driven to every conceivable expedient for raising money. Unable to obtain currency, they have pledged their collaterals against gold, which they have sold, taking the risk of being able to buy it back again at the same price. Some capitalists have loaned their currency upon gold at full legal interest and a heavy commi-sion, and have again loaned the gold so received upon stocks at 7 per cent, thus making 14 per cent an 1 a brokerage charge of 101 per cent. Banking arrangements which tend to produce such a condition of things as this, surely call for prompt revision.

The stock market has sympathized less with the stringency of money than might have been expected. Brokers have become accustomed to these periodical crises, and provide against them in anticipation by time loans, so that the only parties to suffer are the smaller holders dependent upon margins, whose sales have comparatively little effect upon prices. The declaration of a special divi-

dend upon New York Central, putting up the price to 160, and considerations affecting favorably some other leading stocks, have had a tendency to strengthen the whole market, and some shares have realized unusually high figures, in spite of the adverse influence of the loan market. The amount of ordinary transactions in stocks has been quite limited, but a considerable extent of busines has been done in the way of "turning" stocks—that is selling for immediate delivery—in order to get money, and buying them in again deliverable next day, or at the buyer's option. The total sales at both boards, for the month, were 1,093,730 shares, against 1,760,721 in December, 1867. The total transactions for the year at the two boards have been 19,713,402 shares, against 21,271,036 in 1867, showing a material falling off in this branch of speculation.

Classes.		1867.	1868.	Increase.	Dec:
		2,4 1	1,697		475
			965,099		310,818
Coal ".	*******************************		5,757		2.017
	***************************************	28,630	15,080		13,550
		37,465	9,100	****	28,365
	********	109,036	24,686		84,350
Steamship" .	*** ***********************************	172,740	41,369	*****	181,3.1
Expressac	*************	126,708	20,912	****	95,766
	cember		1,093,730		666,994
-sine	ce January 1	21,271,036	19,713,402	* * * * * *	1,557,631

United States bonds have not exhibited the buoyancy that usually characterizes the market in December. The customary advance just previous to the maturing of the January interest has not occurred; nor has the anticipation of the large demand in January for the employment of dividends and interest had its usual effect in stimulating speculative purchases. The stringency of money has been unfavorable to these movements, while it has prevented the banks and financial institutions from buying for the employment of their balances during the ease which usually sets in during January. From these causes prices closed at near the opening figures of the month. The total transactions of the month, of all classes of bonds, amount to \$20,060,550, against \$13,589,050 for the same month of 1867; for the whole year, the sales aggregate \$245,245,240, against \$206,980,430 in 1867.

#### BONDS SOLD AT THE N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE BOARD.

Classes.	1867.	1868.	Inc.	Dec.
U.S. bonds	\$9,667,400	\$13.882,600	\$4,21 ,200	\$
U. S. notes	84,650	******	******	784,650
St'e & city b'ds	2,409,500	4,965,750	2,556,250	
Company b'ds	727,500	1,212 200	484 700	
			•	
Total—December	\$13,589,050	\$20,060,550	\$6,471,500	******
" -since Jan. 1	206,980,430	245,245,240	38,264,810	*****

The daily closing prices of the principal Government securities at the New York Stock Exchange Board in the month of December, as represented by the latest sale officially reported, are shown in the following statement:

#### PRICES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT NEW YORK.

Day of	-6's, 18	881		-6's, (5	-20 yrs	.) Cou	pon	5'	s.10-4°
month.	Coup.	Reg.	1862.	1863	18t 5.	new.	1867. 18	368. Vrs	C'pn.
month.			110%	10714	1071/4	110	1101/8	110%	105%
2	1147%	1101/8	110%		107%	110%	110%	1105%	105%
3	114%	1101/8	1111/4	107%	107%	1:0%	110%	111	105%
4	115		1113/8	107%	1081/8	1111/2	110%		
5									
7			111%	107%	1081/8	110%	110%	110%	105%
8			111		1081/8	110%	110%		105 %
9,	11434	110	1111/	1075%	107%	1103%	110%	1103/	105%

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Day of	-6's, 18			-6's, (5	-20 yrs.				
month.	Coup.	Reg.	1862.	1864.	1865.	new.	1867. 18	868. yrs.	C'pn.
10	1147/8		111	107	108	1103/8	1101/	1103/4	105%
11			110%	107	107%	1101/8	110%		
12		109%	1105%	107	107%	110	1101/8	110%	105%
14			1103/8	107	107%	110	109%	110%	1051/4
15	1143/		110%		10734		110%	110%	105%
16,	11434	10934	11034	107%	107%	1101/	110%	210/2	1053/8
17	1145%	109%	11014	106%	107%	110/4	110	1103/8	105%
	114%		110%	10634		109%	109%	110	
18		1003/			1077				105
19	1143/8	1033/8	110%	1063/8	1073/8	1093/4	109%	110%	105
21	1143/8		110%	106%	107%	*****	110%	11 3/8	105%
22	1143/8		110%	106%	****	1101/8	110%	110%	105%
23	1141/8		110	106%	107%	10934	110	1101/8	105%
24		109	110%			109%	109%		1051/8
25				(Ch:	ristmas	3)			
26		1083%	110%		1073/2	1101/8	1103/2		1051/8
28	11434	109	110%	106%	108	110%	111	1:11	105%
29	114%		110%	107	10734	110%	11 34	111	105%
31	114%		1105%			110%	1111%	1111%	105%
31		109	11034	10734		110%	11114	111%	
oz		100	110,4	101/4		110/8	111/4	211/8	
First	114%	1101/8	110%	1071/	107%	110	110%	110%	1051/4
		10834	110	106%	1073	1093/	10934	110	105
Lowest									
Highest		1101/8	1113/8	107%	1081/8	110%	111%	1113/8	105%
Range	11.78	13/8	13/8	1 5/8	1	11/8	11%	13/8	10-78
Last	11434	109	110%	107%	107%	110%	110%	1113/8	105%

COURSE OF CONSOLS AND AMERICAN SECURITIES AT LONDON.

Date,	for	U.S.	securi Ill.C. sh's.		Date.	Cons for mon.	U.S.	secur Ill.C. sh's.	Erie
Tu'sday.       1         Wednesday.       2         Toursday.       3         Friday.       4	92%	745/8 745/8 745/8 743/4	96 96¾ 96¾	27 27 26¾ 26¼	Tuesday22 Wednesday23 Thursday24 Friday25	923/8 921/4	74% 74% 71% Chris	95½ 95½ 95½ tmas	25¾ 26½ 26½
Saturday       5         Mond-y       7         Tuesday       8         Wedney       9         Thurs       10         Reider       10	923/8	743/8 743/8 743/8 743/8 743/8	96 96¼ 96¼ 96¼	25 × 25 26 26 34 26 26 36 14	Saturday26 Monday28 Tuesday29 Wednesday30 Thursday3	921/4 923/8	74½ 74% 74% 74% 74%	95 95 95 95¾	26½ 26½ 26¼ 26¼
Friday. 11 Satu-day 12 Monday. 12 Tu sday. 15 Wednesday 16	9:3/8	713/6 743/4 743/4	96½ 95¾ 96	26¾ 26¾ 27 27 27 27½	Lowest Highest Range	923/4	743/4	95 96¾ 1¾	25 27½ 2½
Thursday 17 Friday 18 Saturday 19 Monday 21	92½ 92½ 92½	74%	961/4 953/4	27¼ 27¼ 26½		45/8	75	84¾ 102 17¼ 95¼	23¾ 50⅓ 26⅓ 26¼

The closing prices of Five-Twenties at Frankfort in each week ending with Friday, were as follows:

Dec. 4. Dec. 11 Dec. 18. Dec 25. 'Month. 79% 679% 78% 78% Christmas 78% 679%

The following table will how the opening, highest, lowest and closing prices of all the railway and miscellaneous securities quoted at the New York Stock Exchange during the months of November and December, 1868:

		Novem	iper			-Decer	nber	
					Open.			
Railroad Stocks—								
Alton & Terre Haut, pref	60	62	60	62	65	65	6034	63
Boston, Hartford & Erie	273%	273/8	273/8	273/8	26	26	26	26
Chicago & Alton	151	151	134	147	146	147	140	147
do do pref		150	135	147	146%	146%	13834	145
Chicago, Burl. & Quincy	170	170	169	170	172	175	170	175
do & Gt Eastern				****		****	****	
do & Northwest'n		903%	73	86	86	861/2	745/8	81
do do pref	91	911/2	7714	87%	873/4	881/2	75%	8316
do & Rock Island		10914	101	108%	19734	118	1053/2	118
Cleve., Col., Cin & Ind	78	73	75	76%	7	77	7436	7434
Columb., Chic. & Ind. C	****	****	***	****	351/8	41	351%	41
do & Pittsburg	100	8934	811/2	88%	871/2	887/8	82	84
do & Toledo	102	103	95	100%	1001/8	10234	9614	101
Del., Lack & Western	190	130	126	129%	131	131	125	125

Dabuque & Sioux city					97	97	97	97
do do pref					96	96	96	96
		54	351/2	40	3914	41	3714	3834
do pref	65	65	59	60	60	65	60	65
Harlemdo pref		****		****	125	128	120	125
do pref Hannibal & St. Joseph	90	90	90	90	1201/8	120%	12 1/8	120%
do do pref	89	921/2	86	92%	921/2	931	90	90
Hudson River		138	120	131	132	1351/4	124%	1351
do do scrip	90	90	90	90	93	93	90	93
Illinois Central	144	144	141	1431/4	144	144%	140	140
Ind. & Cin innati				****		****		
Joliet & hicago	95	95	95	55		****		
Long Island								
Lake Shore	99%	100	96	100	100	101	95	99
Mar. & Cincin., 1st pref	25	25	25	25	25	25	2215	221/2
Michigan Central		113	111	117%	118%	129	115	116
do S. & N. Ind.	85	90	80	8914	88%	891/2	8434	8714
Milwaukee & St. Paul	95	9712	61	7034	7034	70%	63	69
Mondo & Masses do pref	961/2	9834	76	881/8	89 90	89	111/2	861/2
Morris & Essex	101	134	131%	133	1331/2	95 133½	85	87
New Jersey	1901/	121	116	116	115	117	132¾ 110¾	133 115
New York Central.	1951/	129%	115	1291/8	12814	159%	12334	159
do & N. Haven	143	143	140	141	140	140	140	140
Norwich & Worcester	90	90	90	90	91	91	91	91
Oil Creek & Alleghaney					80	801/4	80	80
Ohio & Mississippi	30%	31%	281/2	311/4	3114	34%	291/4	34%
do do pref	79	79	79	79				
Panama		330	330	330	330	340	3271/2	340
Pittsb., Ft. W. & Chica		11314	1051/8	11!7/8	1111/4	114	109	11:3/8
Reading	97%	9934	92	991/2	9816	981/2	961/2	98
Renssalaer & Saratogo	247	****	****		93	93	93	93
Rome & Watertown		114 85	114 85	114 85	113 83	115 83	113	115
Toledo, Wab. & Western	85 611%	62	54	5834	58	59	83	83 59
do do do pref	731	731/4	70	71	7016	70%	53½ 70	
Miscellaneous-	1074	10%	10	**	10/2	1072	10	70%
Cumberland Coal	35	41	34	401/2	3916	39%	36	36
Del. & Hud. Canal Coal	130	133%	127	132%	134	134	130	130%
Pennsylvania Coal		220	220	220				
Spring Mountain Coal								
At antic Mail					21	21	21	21
Pacific Mail	124%	124%	1121/2	1183/8	118	120%	111%	1185%
Boston Water Power	15%	15%	147/8	15%	15	14%	1834	13%
Canton	47	51%	451/2	51	50%	50%	4716	4914
Brunswick City	12	12	11	11	****	****	****	
Mariposa	6¾ 22%	614 2216	181	6 21¾	5½ 21	51/2	19	5
do pref	221/2	25	20	23%	23%	211/8 233/4	20%	20
Quicksilver		225	225	225	20	230	230	280
West. Union Telegraph	36	371/8	331/4	37	365%	3734	33	3 14
Bankers & Brokers As		****	****		100	100	100	100
Express-								
American	46	49	41	48	45	46	42	45
American M. Union		****			42	42	42	42
Adams	4914	50	46	50	50	50	48	481%
United States	48	50	441/2	50	46	461/2	45	46
Merchant's Union	21%	21 %	1834	21 %	181/2	18%	141/2	141/2
Wells, Fargo & Co	281/2	291/2	25	27	26	261/2	25	251/2
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The following formula will show the movement of coin and bullion during the month of December, 1867 and 1868, respectively:

GENERAL MOVEMENT OF COIN	AND BULLIO	N AT NEW	YORK.	
In banks, near first	1867.	1868. \$17,644,264	Increase. \$1,071,374	Decrease \$
Receipts from California. Imports of coin and bullion. Coin interest paid. Redemption of loan of 1847-'48	3,288 162 128,917 1,438,753	784,019 496,019 2,539,900 48,550	372,102 1,101,147 48,550	2,504,143
Total reported supply  Exports of coin and bullion.  Customs duties	\$6,843,878	\$21,512,752 \$1,284,584 6,557,573		\$ \$5,609,294
Total withdrawn	\$12,292,123	\$7,792,157	\$	\$4,499,965
Excess of reported supply	\$9,131,600 10,971,969	\$13,720,595 17,940,865	\$4.588,995 6,968,896	\$
Derived from unreported sources	\$1,840,369	\$4,220,270	\$2,379,901	\$

The gold premium has been on the whole steady, the price having ranged between  $134\frac{8}{5}$  and  $136\frac{2}{5}$ , the highest figures having been reached under the early apprehensions of trouble arising out of the Eastern complications. During the same month of 1867 the price ranged between  $132\frac{1}{4}$  and  $137\frac{7}{4}$ . The tone of the market has been decidedly strong, which alone has prevented the scarcity of money from breaking down the premium. For several days next preceding the close of the month, holders of gold have had to pay from 1-16 to  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent per day for having it carried. The exports of coin during the month have been only \$1,234,000, against \$6,843,000 for the same period of last year, and there is consequently a correspondingly large supply of gold upon the market.

The following exhibits the fluctuations of the New York gold market in the month of December, 1868:

		COURSE OF GOLD AT NEW YORK.									
Date.	Openi'g	Lowest.	High'st.	Closing.	Date.	Openi'g	Lowest.	High'st.	Closing.		
Puesday	2 135¼ 3 135	1347/8	13514	135¼ 135½	Wednesday23 Thursday24 Friday25	134%	Chris	135% tmas			
Friday Saturday Monday Cuesday	5 135 ½ 7 135 % 8 136 ½	135 % 135 % 135 %	136¾ 136¾ 126¾	136¾ 136¾ 135¾	Saturday26 Monday28 Tuesday29 Wednesday30	135 134¾ 134¾	134¾ 134¾ 134¾	135 134% 134%	134%		
Wednesday Phursday Friday Saturday	0   136 % $1   136 %$ $2   135 %$	135¾ 135¾ 135¾	136¼ 136¼ 135¾	136 135 % 135 ¼	Dec1868 1867	1351/8	1343/8	13634	1335		
Monday Puesday Wednesday Phursday	5 135 % 6 135 %	135%	135% 135%	1353/8 135	" 1866 " 1865 " 1864 " 1863	148 228%	144½ 212¾	148%	226		
Friday Saturday Monday Fuesday	$   \begin{array}{c c}     8 & 134\% \\     9 & 135\% \\     1 & 134\% \\   \end{array} $	134 % 135 134 %	1351/4	135 ½ 135 ½ 135 ½	1862	13014	128%	134 100 150	1333		

The following exhibits the quotations at New York for bankers 60 days bills on the principal European markets daily in the month of December, 1868:

CO	URSE OF FORE					
	London.	Paris.	Amsterdam.	. Bremen.	Hamburg.	Berlin.
	cents for	centimes	cents for	cents for	cents for	cents for
Days.	54 pence.	for dollar.	florin.	rix daler.	M. banco.	thaler.
1	109%@109%	517%@516%	41 @41%	783/ @78%	36 @	71 4 @71%
2	10934 @1093/8	517% a 516%	41 @411/8	7834@7876	36 @	71%@71%
3	109%@109%	517% @516%	41 @41%	7834@7878	36 @	71%@71%
4	109 @10914	518% @517%	41 @41%	7834@78%	26 @	71%@71%
5	109% @109%	517% @516%	41 (0)411/2	783/4@787/8	36 @	71% @71%
7	1091/201093/8	517%@516%	41 @41%	7834@78%	36 @	71%@71%
8	109% @139%	516%@516%	411/0411/	79% @	361/4@361/4	72 @
9	109%@	516%@516%	411/20411/	79% @79%	36%@36%	72 @ 7214
10	109%@109%	517%@516%	41 @41%	78% @79	36 @361/8	713/071%
11	109%@109%	516% @515	41 @41%	78% @79	36 @363	7134@7178
12	109%@109%	516%@515	41 @41%	78%@79	36 @361%	713/0713/
14	109%@	5161 @515	41 @411/8	78%@79	36 @361%	71% @71%
15	109% @109%	51614@515	41 @41%	78%@78	36 @36%	713/ @71%
16	109%@	516% @515	41 @41%	78%@78	36 @36%	71% @71%
17	109% @109%	516 2 @515	41 @41%	78% @78	36 @36%	71% @71%
18	109% @109%	517%@516%	41 @41%	78% @79	36 @361/8	713/071%
19	109%@109%	517%@516%	41 @41%	78% 0.79	36 @36%	71% @71%
21	1093/4@	516% @515	41 @41%	78% @79	36 @363	713/0717/8
22	109%@109%	515 @513%	41 @41%	78% @79	36 @361/8	713/0071%
23	109% @109%	515 @51314	41 @411/8	78% @79	36 @36%	713/0713/8
24	109 2 @109%	517%@516%	4: @41%	78% @79	36 @361/8	713 @71%
25		/2	(Christmas		000/8	11/4 (311/8
26	109%@109%	517%@516%	41 @41%	78%@79	36 @36%	71%@71%
28	109% @109%	517%@516%	41 @41%	78% @79	36 @36%	7134 @7136
29	109% @109%	517% @516%	41 @41%	78%@79	36 @361%	71% @71%
80	109% @199%	517%@516%	41 @11%	78% @79	36 @36%	7134@7138
31	109% @109%	516% @	41 @41%	79 @791/8	361/8@	71% @71%
01		2-0/4 @	922/8	310/8		12/8/011/4
Dec., 1868	109 @109%	518%@513%	41 @41%	78%@79%	36 @3614	71% 872%
Dec., 1867,	1091/001101/	517%@512%	40%@41%	78% @79%	35% @36%	713/0721/4
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Returns of the New York, Philadelaphia and Boston Banks.

Below we give the returns of the Banks of the three cities since Jan. 1:

below we give the re		e Danks of		ties since J	an. 1:
Data Toons	Specie.	Circul tion.		T. Tond's	Ag. c'ear'gs.
January 4 \$249,741,297	\$12,724,614	\$34,134,391	Deposits. \$187,070,786	L. Tend's. \$62,111,201	\$483,266,304
January 11. 253,170,723	19,222,856	34,094,137	194,835,525	64,758,116	553,884,525
January 18 256,033,938	23,191.867	34,071,006	205,883 143	66,155,241	619,797,369
danuary 25 258 392 101	25,106,800	34,0-2,762	210,093,084	67,154,161	528,503,223
February 1 266,415 613	23,955,320	44,062,521	213.330,524	65,197,153	637,449,923
repruary 8 270,555,356	22,823,372	34,096,834	217,844,548	55,846,259	597,242,595
February 15 271,015,970 February 21 267,763,643	24,192,955 22,513,987	34,043,296 34,100,023	216,759,828 209,095,351	63,471,762 69,868,930	550,521,185 452,421,592
February 29 267,240,678	92 091 642	34,0 6,223	208,651,578	58,553,607	705,100 784
March 7 269,156,636	22,091,642 20,714,283	34,153 957	207,737,080	57,017,044	610.910 509
March 14 269,156,636 March 14 266,816,034	19,744,701	34,218,381	207,737,080 201,188,470 191,191,526	54,738,866	691,277,641
March 14. 266,816,034 March 21. 261,476,900 March 28. 257,378,247 April 4. 254,287,891 April 11. 952,936,725 April 18. 254,817,936 April 25. 252,314,617	17,944,308	34,212,571	191,191,526	52,261,086 52,123,078	099,982,541
March 28 257,378,247	17 323 367	24 100 808	186,525,128	52, 123, 078	557,843,908 567,783,138 493,371,451
April 4 251,287,891	17,077,299 16,343,150	34,227,108 34,194,272 34,218,581 34,227,624	280,956,846	51,709,706	567,783,138
April 11 252,936,725	16,343,150	34,194,272	179,851,880	51,982,609	623,713,92 <b>3</b>
April 25 25,214,617 May 2 257,623,672 May 4 265,755,883 May 16 267,724,783 May 23 267,381,279 May 30 258,117,490 June 6 273,792,667	16,776,542 14,943,547	24 227 624	181,832,523 180,307,489	50,533,660 53,866,757	6 9 794 154
May 9 957 622 679	16,166,373	84,114,843	191,206,135	57,863,599	5 2,784,154 588,717,802
May 4 265.755.883	21 286,910	34,205,409	199,276,568	57,541,527	507,028,567
May 16 267.724.783	20,939,142	34,193,249	201,313,305	57,613,095	480,186,908
May 23 267,381,279	20,479,947	34,183,038	202.507.550	62,233,002	488,735,142
May 30 268,117,490	17,861,088	34,145,606	204,746,964	65,633,964	602,118,24
June 6 273,792,267 June 13 275,142,024	14,328,531	34,188,159	209,089,655	68,822,023	640,663,329
June 13 275,142,024	11,193,631	34,166,846	210,670,765	69,202.840	530,328,197
June 20 214,111,008	9,124,830	34,119,120	211,484,387	72,567,582	553,983,817
June 27 276,504,036	7,753,300	34,048,721 34,032,466	214,302,207	73,853,303	516,726,075
July 3 281,945,931 July 11 281,147,708	11,954,730 19,235,348	94,052,400	221,050,806	60 501 540	525,646,693
July 11 281,147,708 July 18 282,912,490	20,399,031	34,068,202	224,320,141 228,180,749 226,761,663	72.125,939 68,531,542 71,847,545	591,756,395
July 18 282,912,490 July 25 280,345,255	20,333,031	34,004,111	226, 761, 662	72,235,583	505,462,464 487,169,387
August 1 279.311.657	20,502,737	33.957.305	228 101,867	73,638, 61	409, 34 169
August 8 219,100,180	24,784,427	31,074,374	228,101,867 231,716,492	73,638, 61 74,051,548	409, 31,169 587 004,381
August 15 277,808,620	20,804,101 20,502,737 24,784,427 22,953,85)	33,963,373 33,957,305 31,074,374 34,114,087	223,561,087	72.9 5,481	482,533,952
August 22 275,345,781	19,768,681	34,137,627	216,435,405 210,334,646	69,757,645	610,308,551
August 29 271,780,726	16,949,103	34,112,139	210,334,646	67,757,376	480,785,665
September 5 271,830,696	16,815,778	34,170,419	207,854,341	65,983,773	470,036.175
September 12. 272,055,690	16,150,942	34,139,926	205,489,070	63,429,337	493,191,072
September 19, 271,252,096 September 26, 271,273,544	14,665,742	34,014,693	202,824,583 202,068,334	68,772,700 63,587,576	690 105 00
October 3 269,553,868	12,503,483 11,757,335	34,050,771 34,154,806	194,919,177	60,210,417	620,105,094 747,618,516
October 10 265,595,582	9,346,097	34,188,103	189,053,997	60,05,086	657,958,155
October 17 264,644,035	9,186,620	34,213,918	188,880,586	58,626,857	635,516,454
October 94 · 963 579 133	9,553,583	34.193.938	186,057,847	56,711,434	850,584,443
October 31 262,365,569 November 7. 256,612,191 November 14 249,119,539 November 21 251,001,063	10,620,526	34,253,210 34,353,637 34,249,564	181,948,547	51,590,9 8	809,452,542
November 7 256,612,191	16.446.741	34,353,637	175.556,718	47,167,207	876,571.604
November 14 . 249,119,539	16 155, 08	34,249,564	175,150,589	51,466,693	807,806,543
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November 28 254,386,057 December 5 259,491,705	17 644 962	34, 254, 759	189,843,817	62,440,206 59,492,476	825 199 90
December 5 259,491,705 December 12 263,860,144	10 140 778	34,205,906	189 337 415	54,015,865	585 0:8 460
December 19 262,434,180	19,140,778 18,643,584	34,353,758	189,337,415 183,077,228	50,796,133	635, 133,390 585,0°8,469 611,108,133
December 19 262,434,180 December 26 261,342,530	17,940,805	34,387,114	178,503,752	48,706,160	621,929,203
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Date. Leg	al Mandana	Loans.	Specie.	Circulation.	Deposits
January 4. \$ January 11. January 18. January 25. February 1. February 8. February 15.	6,782,432	\$52,002,304	\$235,912	\$10,639,000	\$36,621,274
January 11 1	6,037,995	52,593,707	400,615	10,639,096	37,131,830
January 18	16,827,423	53,013,196 52,325,599	320,973 279,393	10,641,752 10,645,226	37,457,089 37,312,540
January 25	16,836,937	52,325,599	279,398	10,645,226	37,312,540
February 1	17,064,184	52,604,916	248,673	10,638,927 10,635 926	\$7,922,287 37.396,653
February 15	16,949,944	52,672,448 52,532,946	287,878 263,157	10,663,328	97.010.500
	7,573,149	52,423,166	204,929	10,632,495	37,010,520 36,453,464
February 29	7,877,877	52,459,757	211,365	10,634,484	35,798,314
March 7	17,157,954	53,081,665	232,180	10.633,713	34,826,861
March 14	16,662,299	53,367,611	251,051	10,631,399	94,523,550
March 14 March 21	15,664,946	53,677,337	229,518	10,643,613	33,836,996
	4,348,391	53,450,878	192 858	10,643,606	32,428,300
April 4	13,208,625	52,209,234	215,835	10,642,670	31,278,119
April 100	14,194,385	52,256,949	250,240 222,229	10,640,932	32,255,671
April 4	14,493,287 14,951.106	52,989,780 52,912,623	204,699	10,640,479 10,640,312	33,950,953
May 4	4,990,833	53,333,740	314,366	10,631,044	34,767,290 35,109,937
May 11	5,166,017	53,771,79	314,366 397,778	10,629,055	36,017,596
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Date.	Legal Tenders.	Loans.	Specie.	Circulation.	Deposits.
May 18		53,494,583	3:3,525	10,632,665	36,030,063
May 25		58,463,225	280,302	10,661,276	36,000,297
June 1		53,562,449	239,371	10,626,937	36,574,457
June 8		53,491.864	226,581	10,630 945	42,910,499
June 15		53,122,521	175,308	10,630,979	43,016,968
June 22		53,381,820	182,711	10,631,220	43,243,562
June 29		53,072,878	198,563	10,630,307	43,936,629
July 6		53,653,471	233,996	10,625,426	44,824,398
		53,791,596	182,524	10,626,214	45,156,620
		53,994,618	188,252	10,647,852	45,637,975
July 20		54,024,355	195,886		
July 27		54,341,163		10,622,247 10,623 646	45,553,220
August 3			187,291		47 205,867
August 10		51,592,015	184.007	10,622,751	45,044,718
August 17	17,819,300	54.674,758	196,530	10,624,772	46,636,377
Au ust 24		55,151,724	185,186	10,623,360	45,985,616
August 31	17,616,325	55,255,474	182,268	10,622,581	46,063,150
September 7		55,684,068	222,900	10,622,316	45, 279,109
September 14		55 646,740	209,053	10,613,974	44,730,328
September 21		55,620,710	197,207	10,620,531	43,955,531
September 28		55,468,286	234,552	10,607,940	44,227,127
October 5		55,248,512	195,689	10,608,33	43.525,479
October 12		55,373,834	161,282	10,607,413	42,713,623
Oct. ber 19		55,401,115	200,598	10,610,700	42,676,626
Oct ber 26		54,964,488	176,595	10,609,359	41,698,881
November 2		54,731,646	222,901	10,612,512	41 107,463
November 9	13,229,266	53,957,647	387,221	10.611,086	39,343,970
November 16		53,323,460	335,012	10,609,645	38,377,937
November 23	12,685,593	52,350,530	298,754	10,605,975	37,736,444
November 30	13,016,734	52,386,666	249,154	10,603,158	3 ,176,990
December 7	13,255 601	52,134,431	243 406	10,6 0,099	38,174,328
December 14	13,043,804	54,391,664	222,092	10,597,816	38,064,037
December 21	14,067,674	52,816,639	241,043	10,594,691	28,333,669
December 28		52,461,141	224,043	10,596,634	37,791,724

	BOS	TON	BAI	NK RE	TUR	NS.
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Calculation 1	_		Legal	2	Circula	
Date.	Loans.	Specie.	Tenders.	Deposits.	National.	State.
March 2	100,243,692	633,832	16,304,846	40,954,936	24,876,089	2 5,214
March 9	101,559,361	867,174	15,556,696	39,770,418	24,987,700	210,162
March 16	101,499,611	918,485	14,582,342	39,276,514	25,062,418	197,720
March 23	100,109,595	798,606	13,712,560	37,022,546	25,094,253	197,289
March 30		685,034	13,736,032	36,184,640	24,983,417	197,079
April 6		731,540	13,004,924	36,008,157	25,175,194	168,023
April 13		873,487	12,522,035	36,422,929	24,213,014	167,013
		805,486	11,905,603	36,417,890	24,231,058	166,962
April 20		577, 63	12,298.545	36,259,946	25,231,978	164,331
April 27						
May 4		815,469	12,656,190	37,635,406	25,203,234	160,385
May 11		1,133,668	11,962,868	37,358,776	25,225,173	145,248
May 18		1,186,881	12,199,422	37,844,742	25,234 465	160,241
May 25	97,041,720	1,018,809	12,848,141	38,398,14:	25,210,660	160,151
June 1		766,553	14,188,806	40,811,569	25,204,939	159,560
June 8	98 116,632	631,149	14,368,900	41,470,376	25,194,114	159,3'8
June 15	99,513,988	561,990	14,373,575	41,738,706	25,190,565	159.150
June 22		476,433	14,564,614	42,553,871	25, 197,317	158,908
June 29	99,477,074	436,699	15,195,550	42,506,316	25,182,920	158,812
July 6		1,617,638	15, 7,307	48,458,654	25 214.100	144,689
July 13		1,198,529	15,743,211	43,116,765	25,216,181	141,538
July 20		1,521,393	15,469,406	43,876,300	25,21-,727	135,799
July 27	102 408 771	785,641	15,837,748	43,580,894	25,254,906	142,450
August 3	102 :80 658	756,254	15,796,059	43,389,523	25,016,492	*****
August 10.	102,860 686	634,963	15,753,958	44,962,268	25,197,164	
August 10.	102 056 602	664,695	15,554,580	43,702,501	25,182,658	******
August 17	100,000,000					*****
August 24	100,024,091	779,192	16,310,323	42,360,049	25,214,5 6	*****
Augus 31	103,050,020	767.8 9	15,843,796	41,214,607	25,190,091	*****
Se ember 7	103,853,110	833,063	14,975,841	40,891,745	25,196,084	*****
September 14	102,921,733	748,714	13,774,330	40,640,820	25,183,876	** **
September 21	102,472,936	642,793	13,466,258	39,712,168	25,184,048	*****
September 28		642,829	14,0:2,447	39,127,659	25,150,081	*****
Octob r 5	99 562,844	618,428	13,923,894	39,215,483	25,143,517	
October 12		505,805	13,691,864	38,801,454	25,282,782	
October 19	102,595,177	501,008	13,009,829	38,686,344	25,267,095	*****
October 26	101,595,576	481,755	11,915,738	37,872,697	25,168,348	
November 2		729,830	11,701,307	37,740,824	25,248 470	
November 9		1,229,781	11,120,415	37,335,519	25,2-7,9 9	
November 16		1,242,085	10,961,899	34,970,223	25,200,679	
November 23		1,196,093	10,931,225	35,114,817	25,201,845	
November 30	97,612,392	1,030,427	11,129,886	36, 15,167	25,002,423	******
December 7	98,064,812	9 2,5 1	10,459,113	37,99 ,972	25,256,402	
Dec mber 14	98,770,840	915,630	11,821,575	37,555,164	25,229,377	~ ****
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Decemer 21	98,313,248	882,581	12,498,530	37,337,021	25,109,513	*****
December 28	98,659,778	784,299	12,510,962	36,797,963	25,152,339	******

# Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company,

# 51 WALL STREET, cor. of William, NEW-YORK,

N:	W YORK, Janua	ary 25th, 1868	3.
The Trustees, in Conformity to the Charter of the Companient of its affairs on the 31st December, 1867;	y, submit the	following Sta	ite
Premiums received on Marine Risks, from 1st Jan., 1867, to Premiums on Policies not marked off 1st January, 1867		\$7,322,015 2,838,109	
Total amount of Marine Premiums		\$10,160,125	46
Premiums marked off from 1st Jan., 1867, to 31st Dec., 1867		\$7,597,123	16
Losses paid during the same period	\$4,224,364 61		
Returns of Premiums and Expenses	1,305,865 93		
The Company has the following Assets, viz.: United States and State of New York Stock, City, Bank and Loans secured by Stocks, and otherwise. Real Estate and Bonds and Mortgages. Interest and sundry notes and claims due the Company, estim Premium Notes and Bills Receivable. Cash in Bank,	ated at	\$6,864,485 2,175,450 210,000 252,414 8,232,453 378,374	00 (0 82 27
Total amount of Assets		\$13,108,177	11

Six per cent interest on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the Fourth of February next.

Fifty p r Cen', of the outstanding certificates of the issue of 1865, will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the Fourth of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment, and cancelled to the extent paid.

A dividend of Thirty per cent is declared on the net earned premiums of the Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1867, for which certificates will be issued on and after

Tuesday the 7th of April next. By order of the Board

By order of the Board, J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

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