The latest price for silver in Wall street was 106 3/4, which is equal to $2.56 cents for the value of the pure metal in the United States dollar.

The imports at New York last year were much the largest of any annual period. The total of entries was $602,736,000, against $590,979,000 for 1889, these figures representing only the foreign cost, freight and duty not being included. Of course a large part of the increase was due to a heavy importation of goods anticipating the change in the schedule of duties, the movement for September, October, and November being a little less than $5,000,000 per month in excess of that for the corresponding time a year previously. Less than a third of the imports of the year were of dry goods or articles in any way connected with that branch of trade.

By a slip of the pen The Tribune was made to say yesterday:

The election at the Union National Bank was postponed till Jan. 21. The bank is to be reorganized, the capital stock increased, and the name changed to the Columbian National Bank. The Controller of the Currency gave permission to postpone the meeting till after the reorganization is completed.

Instead of "Union National Bank" the writer of the paragraph intended to say "The United States National Bank." The error was self-evident to any careful reader of the whole article, as in the column above this erroneous statement was printed the result of the election of directors of the Union National, and it was said that all the old officers of that bank were relected.

It is said that in their writing exercises the pupils in some of the public schools in this part of the world are required to begin every word with a capital letter. Is not this teaching them something which they will have to unlearn at a future time? and should not that change be avoided as much as possible? The one common fault of occasional writers to the newspaper is an excessive use of capital letters, and the abundance is not far from proportional to the amount of misspelling in the manuscript. The growing majority of these writers need to be told when not to capitalize, and it would seem superfluous to increase the amount of this unlearning to be done by the pupil if "Zie" would write correctly.

The Chicago stock market was active and higher yesterday. An advance in bonds is a feature of the trading. The New York market was strong at the opening but weakened later. New York exchange was par. Sterling rates advanced—The Chicago produce markets were fairly active yesterday, but were held within narrow limits, and were chiefly under the control of one man. Conditions were favorable for an advance, but the free selling that followed every upward movement quickly checked it. As compared with the latest prices of the previous day May wheat closed 1/2 cent lower, corn 1/2 cent lower, oats 1/2 cent lower, cash rye firm, barley steady, flax 1 cent lower, May pork firm, lard firm, and rice 5 cents higher.