

## STOCK WATCH

Listings At Close of Market January 8, 2021 • Courtesy of RBC Wealth Management  
Dow Jones Closed 31,097.97 491.49 • Prime Rate 3.25% +0.00

|                                 | Close  | Week's Change |                            | Close  | Week's Change |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Honeywell (Allied Signal)       | 210.03 | -2.67         | Danaher Corp. (Kollmorgen) | 243.49 | 21.35         |
| Becton Dickinson (C.R. Bard)    | 255.06 | 4.84          | Merck (Hubbard Farms)      | 83.03  | 1.23          |
| Toronto Dominion Bank (TD Bank) | 58.32  | 1.90          | Deluxe (NEBS)              | 31.24  | 2.04          |
| PC Connection                   | 50.79  | 3.50          | Teleflex (Jaffrey)         | 413.38 | 1.81          |
| Bank Of America (Fleet)         | 32.53  | 2.22          | Timken (MPB Corp.)         | 84.38  | 7.02          |
| Corning Inc.                    | 36.95  | 0.95          | People's United Financial  | 14.04  | 1.11          |
| Ametek, Inc. (Precitech)        | 123.54 | 2.60          | Dover Corp. (Markem)       | 129.45 | 3.20          |

  

| PRECIOUS METALS         | CLOSE    | WEEK'S CHANGES |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Silver (\$ per ounce)   | 25.50    | -1.02          |
| Gold (\$ per ounce)     | 1,849.90 | -51.20         |
| Platinum (\$ per ounce) | 1,075.10 | -4.10          |

  

| COMMODITIES                 | CLOSE    | WEEK'S CHANGES |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Wheat (cents per bushel)    | 638.00   | -3.75          |
| Corn (cents per bushel)     | 497.00   | 11.25          |
| Soybeans (cents per bushel) | 1,376.75 | 66.75          |
| Cattle (cents per pound)    | 114.50   | -0.62          |
| Crude (\$ per barrel)       | 52.73    | 4.29           |

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## We Are All Americans

Christopher Flannery, host of *The American Story* podcast ([www.theamericanstorypodcast.org](http://www.theamericanstorypodcast.org)) lectured at Hillsdale College November 6, 2020, and discussed the age-old question: How should we live? Our answers and lives are the essential threads comprising the larger American story.

Helen Keller was 14 when she first met Mark Twain in 1894, and they became fast friends. He helped her get into Radcliffe and she became the first deaf and blind person in the world to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. In her 1929 book, she relates he often offered her "cigars and Scotch, or Bourbon if she preferred, in the bathroom."



Twain read aloud while Keller touched his lips to understand what he was saying. She related, "To one hampered and circumscribed as I am, it was a wonderful experience to have a friend like Mr. Clemens. I recall many talks with him about human affairs. He never made me feel my opinions were worthless.... He knew that we do not think with eyes and ears, and our capacity for thought is not measured by five senses."

"He kept me always in mind while he talked, and he treated me like a competent human being. He smiled, not with his mouth but with his mind – a gesture of the soul rather than of the face. His words seemed to take strange lovely shapes on my hands. It has been said that life has treated me harshly; and

sometimes I have complained,... So long as the memory of certain beloved friends lives in my heart, I shall say that life is good."

Flannery tells another story about how film Director Raoul Walsh noticed a 22-year-old prop man carrying a table across a soundstage. Walsh needed an unknown to play the lead in a new Western, and selected unknown Duke Morrison, for his "warm and wholesome" appearance. John "Duke" Wayne starred in many Westerns for the ensuing 37 years, as one of America's favorites, "indivisibly associated with America itself."

Ely Parker was born in 1828 to Elizabeth and William Parker of the Tonawanda Seneca tribe of the Iroquois Confederacy in western New York. Trained as a civil engineer, he moved to Galena, IL and became friends with Ulysses S. Grant. One time, he even came to Grant's aid in a barroom brawl. When the Civil War came on, Parker tried to join the Union Army, but was rejected because he was not a citizen. He was told that the war was "an affair between white men" and he should go home.

Grant did get him a commission and later he transferred to Grant's staff where he became "the Indian at headquarters." He became best known when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Grant at the Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, and Grant's adjutant general's hands were so unsteady he couldn't write out the surrender documents. Grant asked Parker to do it. When Lee recognized Parker was an American Indian, he said, "I am glad to see one real American here." Parker replied, "We are all Americans."

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