COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Liquidation Causes Weakness in All the Grain Markets.

WHEAT LOSES A CENT AND A FRACTION

Government Crop Report is a Prominent Factor in the Dealings—Provisions Suffer from Yellow Fever News.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—It was a day of liquidation in all the grain and provision markets. The government crop report was especially prominent. Weak cables and a large visible decrease also affected wheat, which closed at a 1⅛@1¼c decline. Corn lost ⅞c, oats ⅝c and provisions, which had discouraging yellow fever news to contend with, declined 20c for pork and 5@10c for lard and ribs.

Wheat was quite weak at the opening, December, which closed yesterday at 91⅝@91⅞c, starting today at 90⅝@90⅞c. The government statement in its October report that the estimate of area and condition of wheat was withheld pending special investigation was given a very bullish construction by the trade. It was taken as notice that the previous estimate of area was to be increased. This and the weaker tone at Liverpool, which market opened ⅝@⅞d lower, and the local decline in corn made the trade bearish. Despite the weakness in Liverpool, the French markets were firmer and there were indications of continued French buying at the seaboard. The northwestern receipts showed a marked falling off, Duluth and Minneapolis received 1,267 cars, against 1,669 cars a week ago and 1,423 cars the corresponding day last year. Notwithstanding the bearish temper of the trade, the market declined very slowly. It even sold up a trifle shortly after the opening, December advancing to 90⅞@91c. By 11 o'clock it was selling around 90c. As the day advanced, however, it became decidedly unpleasant for holders of wheat. The Bradstreet's statement showed an increase in the world's visible of 8,212,000 bu. for the week, where an increase of not over 3,000,000 bu. was expected. This caused renewed selling, December declining to 89⅝c under decidedly free liquidation. The Liverpool closing was ⅜@⅝d lower than yesterday and the continental markets, which had been strong at the outset, closed at slight declines. There was nothing in the day's record of wheat movement to discourage a holder. Primary markets received 319,00 bu. against 1,540,000 bu. a year ago. The Atlantic exports equaled 770,000 bu. New York reported export engagements of fifty beat-loads after the effect of the Bradstreet's statement had been spent the tenor of the news seemed to change. There were denials that the Argentine drouth had ben broken and renewals of the assertions of damage by locusts. Very strong local buying attended these bullish reports and a gradual recovery in price took place. December was bringing 90¼c at the close.

Corn was very weak on account of the government crop report. This indicated a total yield of 1,828,000,000 bu., or fully 100,000,000 bu. more than the trade had estimated it, and severe liquidation was the consequence. The shipping demand showed no improvement, notwithstanding the break in prices. Liverpool cables were ½@¾d lower, an additional depressing factor. Receipts were 817 cars. There was a partial rally late in the session in sympathy with wheat. December ranged from 28½c to 27¾c, closing ⅞c lower at 27⅝@28c.

In oats the government report was the most influential feature and was mainly responsible for the decline in prices. A yield of 722,000,000 bu. is expected, or 40,000,000 bu. more than indicated in September. That, together with the weakness of wheat and corn, caused liberal selling by professionals. Offerings were quite readily absorbed. The market experienced a slight rally when wheat made its final recovery. Receipts were 427 cars. December ranged from 19¼c to 18¾c and closed ⅜c lower at 19c.

Provisions started strong in sympathy with the advance in hog prices. The slight advance disappeared at once under free selling by English houses, who found it difficult to dispose of their offerings. Discouraging yellow fever news and the extreme weakness of the grain markets caused the market to rule weak until near the close, when prices recovered a little. At the close December pork was 20c lower at $7.90; December lard 5c lower at $4.22½ and December ribs 7½@10c lower at $4.40.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday: Wheat, 155 cars; corn, 475 cars; oats, 275 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Opens.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesdy.
*Wheat—					
Oct.....	.....	.....	.....	90¼	89⅝
Dec.....	90⅝@⅞	90⅞@91	89⅝	90¼	91⅛@⅜
May.....	89⅞@90¼	90¼	88⅝	89⅝@⅞	90⅝
*Corn—					
Oct.....	26⅝	26¾	26¼	26⅜	27⅛
Dec.....	28⅜@⅝	28⅝	27¾	27⅞	28⅜@⅝
May.....	32@32¼	32¼	31½	31¾@⅞	32½
*Oats—					
Oct.....	18⅝	18⅝	18⅛	18⅜	18⅝
Dec.....	19¼	19¼	18¾	19	19⅜
May.....	21⅛	22	21½	21⅝	22@⅛
Pork—					
Dec.....	7 82½	7 82½	7 52½	7 60	7 80
Jan.....	8 77½	8 77½	8 47½	8 52½	8 75
Lard—					
Dec.....	4 30	4 30	4 20	4 22½	4 27½
Jan.....	4 45	4 45	4 35	4 37½	4 42½
Sh'tRibs					
Oct.....	4 57½	4 57½	4 45	4 47½	4 60
Dec.....	4 52½	4 52½	4 40	4 40	4 50
Jan.....	4 55	4 55	4 40	4 45	4 52½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easier.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 85¼c; No. 3 spring, 78@87c; No. 2 red, 90¼@90⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 20⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 18⅝c; f. o. b., No. 2 white, 21@22⅝c; No. 3 white, 20½@22c.

RYE—No. 2, 46c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 28@42c; No. 4, 25½@38c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.00@1.02.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.55@7.60. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.22. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.35@4.70. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@5.00. Short clear side (boxed), $5.00@5.12½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.96; granulated, $5.34.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	14,000	4,000
Wheat, bu.....	151,000	103,000
Corn, bu.....	557,000	110,000
Oats, bu.....	519,000	210,000
Rye, bu.....	24,000	85,000
Barley, bu.....	138,000	6,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@21½c; dairies, 12@19c. Cheese, quiet at 8@8½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 19½c. Live poultry, weak for hens; others steady; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 7c; chickens, spring, 8c; ducks, 7½@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 32,079 bbls.; exports, 38,245 bbls.; market suffered from the break in wheat and was weak all day; Minnesota patents, $3.10@3.50; winter straights, $4.00@4.70; winter extra, $3.20@3.60. Rye flour, quiet; fancy, $3.00@3.60. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.75@1.95.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 40@41c track.

CORNMEAL—Easy; yellow western, 62c; city, 67c.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 49c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 28½c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 238,650 bu.; exports, 491,226 bu.; spot, weak; No. 1 northern Duluth, 86⅝c. Options opened weaker owing to liquidation and bearish cables, ruled generally weak all day, influenced by 18,000,000 bu. increase in Bradstreet's visible, but rallied slightly near the close on export demand; closed 1@1¼c net lower; No. 2 red, October closed, 94⅝c; December, 89 5-16@89 11-16c, closed, 89⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 214,450 bu.; exports, 84,671 bu.; spot, easier; No. 2, 32⅝c. Options opened weak and declined under disappointing cables and the break in wheat, closing at a slight rally on covering at 8@⅜c net decline; December, 32⅝@33⅛c, closed, 32⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 213,600 bu. exports, 343,341 bu.; spot, weaker; No. 2, 23c. Options dull and heavy all day with corn, closing ⅛@⅜c net lower; October closed at 22c; December, 22⅝@22¾c, closed, 23⅛c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 40@45c; good to choice, 50@75c.

HOPS—Firm; state common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 14@17c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 12@16c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 15@18c; Texas dry, 12½@13c; California, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light, to heavy, 20½@21½c; acid, 20½@22c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,702 pkgs.; western creamery, 14@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 9@13c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 7,257 pkgs.; quiet; large, white and colored, 9@9⅛c; small, white and colored, 9¼c; part skims, 6½@7c; full skims, 3½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,000 pkgs.; quiet, state and Pennsylvania, 16@18½c; western, 16½@17c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; beef hams, $22.50@26.00. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, $6.50@8.00. Lard, easy; western steam, $4.60; refined, easy. Pork, quiet; old mess, $8.75@9.25; new mess, $9.75@10.00. Tallow, dull; city, 2½c; country, 3½@3¾c.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 20½@21c; prime yellow, 23@23½c. Petroleum, dull; refined, all ports $5.50@5.55; Pennsylvania crude, no market, nominally $5c. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, easy at 24@24½c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4⅝@5¼c; Japan, 4⅝@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 25@31c.

METALS—Conditions in the metal market continue unsatisfactory. The metal exchange reports the closing of the various departments as follows: Pig iron, warrants, easy at $8.90 bid, $7 asked; lake copper, unchanged; tin, quiet but firm at $13.70@13.80; spelter, dull at $4.30@4.35. Lead, easier at $4.15@4.22½; spelter, $4.

San Francisco Wheat and Barley.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—WHEAT—Quiet and steady; December, $1.47; May, $1.46½.

BARLEY—Quiet; December, 85c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock weak at 12½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@9½c; choice to fancy, 12@14c; separator creamery, 21c; gathered creamery, 18@19c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6½c; cocks, 3@4c; spring chickens, per lb., 7c; ducks, 6@7c; turkeys, 6@8c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5; midlands, $4.50; lowland, $4; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best, only top grades bring top prices.

BROOMCORN—Extremely slow sales new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2@2¼c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½@.

VEGETABLES.

ONIONS—Per bu., 40@50c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.40.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.25.

CABBAGE—Home grown, 1c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 40@55c; western stock, 60@70c.

FRUITS.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

APPLES—Per bbl., fall stock, $2.50@2.50; winter stock, $2.50@2.60.

GRAPES—California, $1.15@1.25.

COLORADO PEACHES—Large, 90c@$1.00; medium, 80@90c.

CALIFORNIA AND COLORADO PEARS—Good stock, $2.00@2.25.

NEW YORK GRAPES—Per 9-lb. basket, 14½@15c.

PLUMS—Idaho and Oregon, $1.00.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $5.00@6.50; Wisconsin, boxes, $1.00@1.10.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—Messinas, $4.25@4.50; choice California, $4.00.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, large, 8@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4@5 each; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice white, 15c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00; half bbl., $2.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Per 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5c; Ford 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 7c; good forequarters steers, 6c; good hindquarters, 9c; western steers, 6@6½c; fancy heifers, 6c; good heifers, 6½c; good forequarters, heifers, 5c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8c; good cows, 6¼c; fair cows, 5¼c; common cows, 5¼c; cow forequarters, 4½@5c; cow hindquarters, 7½@8c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c rolls, 8c; sirloin butts, 9c; shoulder clods, 6c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 5c; cow chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3c; steer plates, 3½c. Hank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 9c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c. steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 7c; cow rounds off, 5½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c. sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each 5c; livers, per lb., 2c; hearts, per lb., 7c; tongues, per lb., 15c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 8½c; sheen 7½c; market racks (long), 9c; hotel racks (short), 12c. legs and saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 6c; dressed hogs, 5½c. tenderloins, 13c; loins, 7c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage, butts, 6c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 6c; trimmings, 4½c. leaf lard, not rendered, 6c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 1½c; pigs' tails, 2c; plucks, each 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each 3c; tongues each 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each 2c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 11@13; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@10c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 9@10c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins) each 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; foot cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.

WHEAT—Lower; closing 1⅛c below yesterday for December; May, 1⅛c lower; December opened ⅝c lower and declined 1⅛c more on disappointing cables and favorable seeding weather; recovered ⅜c late, and closed strong with buyers ⅜c above the bottom. Spot, lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 94½c bid; track, 95@95½c; No. 2 hard cash, 85c; December, 90c bid; May, 95c bid.

CORN—Futures depressed and lower; closing dull, within 1-16c of the bottom. Spot, dull and weak; No. 2 cash, 25⅝@25¾c; December, 25⅝c asked; May, 29@29⅛c.

OATS—Futures declined in sympathy with other cereals, but speculation was light. Spot, steady; No. 2 cash, elevator, 19c bid; track, 19½c; No. 2 white, 21¼@21½c; December, 19¼c bid; December, 19¼c bid; May, 21⅝c bid.

RYE—Lower at 42½c bid.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.50@1.55.

BRAN—Quiet and firm; east track, sacked, 49@50c; track, this side, 51c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at 96c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.70.

HAY—Steady and more active; prairie, $6.00@7.50; timothy, $7.00@9.75.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 16@24c; dairy, 11@16c.

EGGS—Firm; 12c.

POULTRY—Chickens steady; old hens, 6½c; springs, 7½@8c; ducks, 6@6½c; geese, 6½c; turkeys, 7½@8c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

COTTONTIES—7½c.

BAGGING—6¼@6½c.

METALS—Lead, lower at $3.97½@4.00. Spelter, $4.05 asked; $4.00 bid.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8.25. Lard, lower; prime steam, $4.12½; choice, $4.17½. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear and ribs, $5.75; shorts, $6. Dry salt meats (boxed) shoulders, $5.37½; extra short clear and ribs, $5.25; shorts, $5.37½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 62,000 bu.; corn, 123,000 bu.; oats, 66,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 46,000 bu.; corn, 50,000 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 12.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 29,263 bbls.

WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 red, spot and October, 94⅝@94¾c; December, 95¼@95⅝c; steamer No. 2 red, 88½@88⅝c; southern, by sample, 90@96c; southern, on grade, 90¼@96⅝c; receipts, 68,239 bu.

CORN—Weak; mixed, spot and October, 31½@31⅝c; November or December, 31½@31⅝c; steamer mixed, 29½@29¾c; southern white, 35@36½c; southern yellow, 36@36½c; receipts, 50,031 bu.; exports, 34,286 bu.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 26½@27c; No. 2 mixed, 22c; receipts, 15,872 bu.; exports, 50,000 bu.

RYE—Easier; No. 2, nearby, 51c; No. 2 western, 51⅝@51¾c; receipts, 26,239 bu.; exports, 8,771 bu.; stock, 130,937 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.00@13.50.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very firm; demand better; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4½d, October; Cork for orders, per qr., 29@29½d, October or November.

BUTTER—Firm and unchanged.

EGGS—Firm and unchanged.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

Changes in Available Supplies.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday, as compared with the previous Saturday:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 2,812,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, increase, 5,400,000 bu. Liverpool, quiet; Corn Trade News world's supply, net increase, 8,212,000 bu.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 292,000 bu.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, 7,447,000 bu.

The larger increases of stocks of available wheat last week not included in the official visible supply statement are 570,000 bu. in northwestern interior elevators, 478,000 bu. at various Manitoba storage points, 200,000 bu. at Fort William, Ont., 112,000 bu. in Chicago private elevators, 72,000 bu. at Cleveland and 45,000 bu. at Newport News. Corresponding increases include 250,000 bu. at Ogdensburg and 182,000 bu. at New Orleans.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, Oct. 12.—WHEAT—Lower and firm; cash and October, 92¾c; December, 93¾c; May, 94½c asked.

CORN—Dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 28c; No. 3, yellow, 28½c; December, 28½c; May, 29½c.

OATS—Lower and steady; No. 2 mixed, 19½c; No. 2 white, 21c; No. 3 white, 20½c.

RYE—Dull and lower; No. 2, 47½c.

CLOVERSEED—Higher and steady; prime cash and October, $3.32½; December, $3.37½; March, $3.50; Nov. 2, $3.15.

OIL—Unchanged.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 12.—PROVISIONS—Lard, prime western, spot, dull at 22s.

CHEESE—American, finest white, steady at 45s; American, finest colored, steady at 45s.

OILS—Cottonseed, Liverpool refined, dull at 15s 3d. Turpentine spirits, steady at 22s 6d.

CORN—American mixed, spot, old, steady at 3s 1¾d; October, quiet at 3s 3¾d; November, quiet at 3s 2¾d; December, quiet at 3s 3¼d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy, winter, steady at 10s.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 12.—WHEAT—½@1c lower; No. 1 hard, 83c; No. 2, 86@82c; No. 3, 75@80c; No. 4, 70@76c; No. 1 red, 90c; No. 2, 89@90c; No. 3, 83@87c; No. 4, 72c; No. 2 spring, 78c; No. 3, 75@77c.

CORN—½@¾c lower, moderately active; No. 2 mixed, 24@24½c.

OATS—About steady; slow; No. 2 white, 19@19½c.

RYE—No. 2, 37½c.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $8.00; choice prairie, $6.00.

BUTTER—Active; supply light; creamery, 20@22c; dairy, 16@18c.

EGGS—Receipts inadequate; 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 71,800 bu.; corn, 19,500 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 171,000 bu.; corn, 40,200 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Receipts: Wheat, 283 cars; corn, 817 cars; oats, 427 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 12.—Receipts: Wheat, 841 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 12.—Receipts: Wheat, 23 cars; last year, 25 cars.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—Receipts: Wheat, 94 cars.

PEORIA, Oct. 12.—Receipts: Corn, 82,250 bus.; oats, 59,850 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 75 bbls.; wheat, none. Shipments: Corn, 9,900 bus.; oats, 29,750 bus.; rye, 600 bus.; whisky, 1,095 bbls.; wheat, none.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—BUTTER—Quiet, but steady; fancy western creamery, 22c.

EGGS—Firm and ½c higher; fresh, nearby, 18c; fresh, western, 17c.

CHEESE—Steady.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Oct. 12.—CORN—Lower; No. 2, 26c.

OATS—Easy; No. 2 white, 22½c.

WHISKY—Fresh high-proof spirits, $1.20.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bears and Bulls Agree that the Market Must Remain Dull.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Much parade was made yesterday of the alleged conversion of some of the leading bear operators on the exchange to the bull side of the market. Today's developments prove that there is a very large and aggressive contingent still left in the market. The operation known in Wall street parlance as testing the market had for several days failed to cause any movement in either direction. That is to say, short selling by the bears had failed to induce any large liquidation and purchases by the bulls had equally failed to invite any large followers. Skilled observers had arrived at the conclusion that the market was due for a period of dullness, barring the development of remarkable news. The prices last night and the further advance this morning looked like a termination of the bear campaign. Yet in the two final hours of the market the bears succeeded in working a sharper decline throughout the whole list than has been accomplished on any one day of their campaign. They had no new event which could influence the stock to aid them and no report of any consequence in the improvement of the earning power of properties in the stocks which are dull in exchange. The nominal motive of the selling was the fear that our relations with Spain were in danger of rupture as an outgrowth of the policy which Captain General Woodford was ordered to pursue. The dispatch from Madrid to the Associated press, carrying the semi-official announcement of the substance of Spain's reply, it was feared would force President McKinley to take action that would lead to a declaration of war. Apprehension on this point became so acute that large blocks of long stock were offered, and numerous stop loss orders were uncovered, which gave success to the bears. Several ineffectual attempts were made to stop the decline, but rallies were promptly and steadily met by fresh heavy offers kept the liquidation to the close of the day. Last prices were in many cases the lowest and the tone of the market at the last was very feverish. Losses on the day extend all the way from a fraction to over points, the range in the leading active stocks being from 2 to 4 points. Chicago Gas and the grangers were most heavily dealt in and showed the sharpest declines.

The bond market showed increased activity and shared in the weakness of the stock market, though to a less extent. Total sales, $2,450,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were quiet today, attention being absorbed with the commencement of the settlement, which reveals only a moderate discovery of stock with carry-over transactions, those Americans being usually 2½ per cent. There was a better tone in Americans, but the only pronounced rise was in Canadas and Norfolk & Western, both of which were largely bought. The tone was firm on the best of the day. In other markets, the only feature was the continued boom in West Australian mines. New York was bidding keenly for bar gold in the open market today at about 77s 11½d. More eagles will probably leave the Bank of England before long. Today's withdrawals of gold from the bank were for Germany, which is taking a strong share of gold. The Paris bourse was dull and sensitive. The Berlin market was dull, being generally adversely affected by the Imperial Bank of Germany declining to discount a certain kind of paper recently discounted. It means some curtailment of the credit system and assists the monetary stringency in Germany."

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison	13⅜	St. Paul	92⅛
do pfd	29¼	do pfd	139
Baltimore & Ohio..	18¾	So. Pacific	29
Canada Pacific ...	81⅛	do pfd	140
Canada Southern ..	74¾	St. P. M. & M.	122
Central Pacific ...	16	So. Pacific	19
Ches. & Ohio	21⅜	So. Railway	10¼
Chicago & Alton ...	163	do pfd	31½
C., B. & Q.	93	Texas & Pacific ...	10⅛
C. & E. I.	55	Union Pacific	20⅞
C. C. C. & St. L. ..	34	U. P. D. & G.	7¼
do pfd	83⅜	Wabash	7¾
Del. & Hudson	113	do pfd	18⅜
Del. L. & W.	153	Wheel. & L. E.	2¾
Den. & Rio G	12¼	do pfd	11½
do pfd	46	Adams Ex.	155
Erie	15⅜	American Ex.	117
Erie 1st pfd	39	United States Ex. ..	44
Ft. Wayne	163	Wells Fargo Ex. ...	108
Great Northern pfd.	137	A. Cot. Oil.	22
Hocking Valley	18	do pfd	75
Illinois Central ...	97½	Am. Tobacco	96
Lake Erie & W. ...	17⅜	do pfd	275
do pfd	74⅜	Am. Tobacco	85¾
Lake Shore	167	do pfd	142½
Louisville & Nash.	57¾	Chicago Gas	87⅛
Manhattan L.	100¾	Cons. Gas	201
Met. Traction	118	Com. Cable Co.	175
Michigan Central ..	101	Col. F. & Iron	22⅞
Minn. & St. L.	24	do pfd	75
do 1st pfd	85	Gen. Electric	32½
Mo. Pacific	28⅛	Illinois Steel	41⅜
Mobile & Ohio	26	La Clede Gas	40⅜
Mo. K. & T.	14¾	Lead	35
do pfd	39⅞	do pfd	103½
Chicago, Ind. & L.	9⅞	Nat. Lin. Oil	16
do pfd	32½	Oregon Imp Co.	13½
N. J. Central	92¾	Pacific Mail	33⅜
N. Y. Central	105¾	Pullman Pal.	172⅜
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	23⅜	Silver Certificates ..	56½
do 1st pfd	75	Stand. Rope & T. ..	5⅛
do 2d pfd	34½	Sugar	142
Norfolk & Western	15⅜	do pfd	114⅛
No. Amer. Co.	4⅜	Tenn. Coal & Iron ..	27
No. Pacific	18½	U. S. Leather	7⅜
do pfd	50⅜	do pfd	65
Ontario & W.	16⅞	U. S. Rubber	46½
Ore. R. & Nav.	34	do pfd	61⅜
Ore. Short Line ...	18¾	Western Union	88½
Pittsburg	165	Chi. Gt. Western ..	15⅜
Reading	23¾	Northwestern	122⅛
Rock Island	86¼	do pfd	162
St. Louis & S. F. ...	4⅜	Rio Grand West. ...	22
do pfd	19	do pfd	51⅛

Total sales of stocks today were 193,800 shares, including Atchison, 3,310; Atchison preferred, 1,450; Chesapeake & Ohio, 6,400; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 16,570; Louisville & Nashville, 1,400; Manhattan L., 6,400; Missouri Pacific, 11,500; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 3,800; New Jersey Central, 3,000; New York Central, 5,000; Northern Pacific, 5,800; Northern Pacific preferred, 26,015; Reading, 12,525; Rock Island, 19,620; St. Paul, 52,950; Omaha, 3,500; Union Pacific, 18,410; Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf, 4,500; Wabash preferred, 6,200; American Tobacco, 4,553; American Tobacco, 16,400; Bay State Gas, 11,350; Chicago Gas, 65,720; General Electric, 4,850; Standard Rope and Twine, 3,400; Sugar, 28,200; Toledo, Columbus & Indianapolis, 6,500; Western Union, 5,210; Chicago Great Western, 10,420.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—MONEY ON CALL—Steady at 2½@3 per cent; last loan, 3 per cent; closed at 2½@3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.84⅛ for demand, and at 4.82¾ for sixty days; posted rates, 4.82½@4.83½ and 4.85@4.85½; commercial bills, 4.80⅝@4.81.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—56½@57½c.

BAR SILVER—58⅞c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—43½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Weak.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s. reg	126¾	N. C. 6s	124
U. S. new 4s cou	127	N. C. 4s	102½
U. S. 4s. reg	112⅜	No. Pacific 1st 4s	120½
U. S. 4s. coup	113⅜	No. Pacific 3s	59½
U. S. 2s. reg	98⅜	No. Pacific 4s	99½
U. S. 5s. reg	115⅜	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s ..	104
U. S. 5s. coup	115⅜	N. Y. W. 6s	123
District 3.65s	109¾	N. W. Consols	141⅜
Ala., class A	107	N. W. Deb. 5s	117
Ala., class B	108	Ore. Nav. 1sts	112¾
Ala., class C	98	Ore. Nav. 4s	91
Ala. Currency	98	O. S. L. ds, t. r.	118¾
Atchison 4s	80⅜	O. S. L. 5s, t. r.	71⅜
Atchison adj. 4s	58	O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	100
Canada So. 2nds	106	O. Imp. 5s, t. r.	40⅜
Chic. Term.	44⅜	Pacific 6s of '95	102⅜
C. & O. 5s	112⅜	Reading 4s	84⅜
D. & R. G. 1sts	111½	R. G. West 1sts	81
D. & R. G. 4s	89⅜	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5	85⅜
East Tenn. 1sts	108	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	114⅜
Erie Gen. 4s	70⅜	St. P. Consols	140
F. W. & D. 1s, t. r. ..	71	St. P. C. & P. 1sts ...	118⅜
Gen. Elec. 5s	100	St. P. C. & P. 5s	115½
G. H. & S. A. 6s	105⅜	S. C. nonfund	¼
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	102⅜	Southern Ry. 5s	92⅛
H. & T. Cent. 5s	111	S. R. & T. 6s	62
H. & T. C. con 6s	108⅜	Tenn. new set 3s	85⅛
Iowa C. 1sts	98	Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	95⅜
K. P. con. t. r.	100	Tex. Pac. Rg. 2ds ...	26¼
K. P. 1sts, t. r.	117	U. P. 1sts	101
La. New Con. 4s	97	U. P. L. & G. 1sts ...	40
L. & N. Uni. 4s	83⅜	Wab. 1st 5s	107⅜
Missouri 6s	100	Wab. 2ds	77½
M. K. & T. 2ds	61⅜	West Shore 4s	117⅜
M. K. & T. 4s	80	Wis. Central	37
N. Y. C. 1sts	117⅜	Va. deferred	4
N. J. C. 5s	112⅜