COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Bearish Sentiment of Previous Day is Renewed, Wheat Breaking Heavily.

COARSE GRAINS TAKE DOWNWARD TREND

Bulls Face Mass of Discouraging News at Opening Which Brings Them an Unprofitable Day, Prices Passing Below Puts.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Wheat dropped 5c today, December closing at 70⅝c. The rapid accumulation of stocks and a sharp break at Liverpool were the weakening influences. Liquidation was heavy. The break in wheat caused the downfall of coarse grains, corn closing with a loss of ⅝@1⅛c and oats ⅛c. Provisions ruled dull and closed practically unchanged.

A decline of 1⅝d at Liverpool and favorable crop reports put wheat traders in a bearish temper at the opening. High ocean rates were also against the market and the longs began to unload at the outset. There was not a great deal of short selling, however, as the break has been such for the last few days that the trade was rather cautious, but liquidation to stop further losses was generous and the market soon got below puts. December opened ½@⅝c lower at 70⅝@71c, sold sparingly at 71c and declined to 70⅝@70¾c. It recovered to 70⅞c on covering by shorts, settled a small fraction and then for an hour held at about 70¾c, with business during that time almost at a standstill. During the latter part of the session there was a slight recovery in prices on covering induced by heavy clearances and a report that India had commenced importing wheat. The advance did not hold, however, as an increase of 6,656,000 bushels in the world's visible supply since a week ago started renewed liquidation, under which December declined to 70⅛c. The close was at 70⅜c. Chicago received 125 cars, five of which graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 1,106 cars, compared with 1,147 for the corresponding day a year ago. Atlantic port clearances were heavy, amounting to 641,000 bushels. Cash demand here was slow, but New York reported sixty boatloads disposed of for export.

Corn ruled dull and weak. The wheat break had some influence, but a break of 7d at Liverpool was also an important factor. Elevator interests and longs sold and the market got under puts, closing at the bottom. Cash demand fair. World's visible increased 2,772,000 bushels; receipts, 538 cars. December opened ⅛c lower at 30½@30⅝c, touched 30⅛c and declined to 30⅛c at the close.

Oats was weak under active selling by longs and in sympathy with the decline in wheat and corn. There was a fair cash demand; receipts, 307 cars; world's visible decreased 702,000 bushels; December opened a shade lower at 22¾c, declined to 22½c and closed at 22¼@22⅜c.

Provisions were weak early owing to large receipts of hogs and lower prices at the yards, but the loss was recovered near the close on buying by packers. January pork closed 2½c lower at $9.37½, January lard unchanged at $5.35@5.37½ and January ribs a shade higher at $4.90@4.92½.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday: Wheat, 130 cars; corn, 400 cars; oats, 180 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High	Low.	Close.	Yes'd'y
*Wheat					
Oct...	69¾	69⅝	69	69⅛	69¾
Dec...	70¾-71	71	70⅛	70⅝	71⅛
May...	74⅛@⅝	74⅛	74	74⅛	74⅝@¾
*Corn—					
Oct...	30¾	30⅞	30¾	30¾	31¼
Dec...	30⅛@⅜	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝	30¾@⅞
May...	30¾@⅞	31⅞	31⅝	31⅝	32
*Oats—					
Dec...	22¼	22¼	22¼	22¼@⅜	22¾@⅞
May...	24⅝	24⅝	23⅝	23⅝	24¾
Pork—					
Dec...	7 92½	8 00	7 90	7 95	7 97½
Jan...	9 35	9 40	9 32½	9 37½	9 40
Lard—					
Dec...	5 20	5 27½	5 22½	5 22½	5 22½
Jan...	5 32½	5 40	5 35	5 37½	5 37½
Ribs—					
Dec...	.....	.....	.....	4 75	4 77½
Jan...	4 87½	4 92½	4 87½	4 92½	4 90

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.30@3.40; clears, $3.20@3.30; spring specials, $4.20; patents, $3.40@3.70; straights, $3.20@3.30; bakers, $2.30@2.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70@71c; No. 3 spring, 63@70c; No. 2 red, 71¼@71½c.

CORN—No. 2, 31⅜@32c; No. 2 yellow, 32@32¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 22⅜@22½c; No. 2 white, 25@25½c; No. 3 white, 24½@25c.

RYE—No. 2, 55c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 39@45c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, and northwest, $1.30@1.32. Prime timothy seed, $2.35. Clover seed, contract grade, $7.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.85@7.90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.25@5.30. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.85@5.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.00@6.12½. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.50@5.60.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.23.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.18. Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls.	23,000	8,000
Wheat, bu.	180,000	15,000
Corn, bu.	476,000	504,000
Oats, bu.	504,000	355,000
Rye, bu.	11,000	2,000
Barley, bu.	155,000	29,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 15@23c; dairies, 13½@19c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 16½c. Cheese, strong; creams, 11¾@12¼c. Poultry, firm; spring chickens, 8½@9c; hens, 8@8½c; ducks, 7½c; turkeys, 9@10c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 48,000 bbls.; exports, 9,548 bbls.; sales, 870 packages; easier except for low grades, which were held quite firmly on account of scarcity; otherwise the decline in wheat gave flour buyers a slight advantage; winter straights, $3.40@3.50; Minnesota patents, $3.95@4.15. Rye flour, firm; choice to fancy, $3.45@3.75. Buckwheat flour, quiet.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 60c, c. i. f. New York.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 80c; city, 79@80c; Brandywine, $2.20@2.30.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 63¾c f. o. b. afloat, spot; state, 63c c. i. f. New York, car lots.

BARLEY—Firm; malting, 47@51c c. i. f. Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 99,575 bu.; exports, 369,158 bu.; spot weak; No. 2 red, 75¾c c. i. f. afloat, spot; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 78⅝c f. o. b. afloat, to arrive, new; No. 1 hard Duluth, 80¼c, to arrive; No. 2 red, 75⅝c, elevator. Options opened weak at a decline of ⅝c under disappointing cables, which made a full response to our loss of yesterday. The absence of satisfactory export demand also led to further liquidation here and prices further declined 3-16c. Renewed selling for short account was also a feature; later there was a little covering on which prices reacted partially, but the market was finally weak at a net decline of ⅝@¾c; May, 79@79⅛c, closed, 79c; May, 78 15-16@79c, closed at 79c; October, 73@73⅛c, closed at 73½c; December, 75 9-16@75 15-16c, closed at 75⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 373,475 bu.; exports, 342,569 bu.; spot weak; No. 2, 40¼c f. o. b. afloat; 39¾c, elevator. Option market opened easy at a decline of ⅛c under disappointing cables and unsatisfactory export outlook, further declined ⅝@¾c under liquidation and was finally weak at a net decline of ⅜c; May, 37½@37¾c, closed at 37½c; December, 38⅝@38½c, closed at 38⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 84,600 bu.; exports, 42,709 bu.; spot easier; No. 3, 28c; No. 2 white, 28½c; No. 3 white, 29½c; track, mixed western, 28½@30½c; track white, 30@35c. Options easier, closing nominal.

FEED STUFFS—Strong; spring bran, $16.00@17.00; middlings, $16.00@18.00; winter bran, $16.00@17.50; city, $17.00@17.50.

HAY—Easy; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, 75@90c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1897 crop, nominal; 1898 crop, 10@13c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1897 crop, nominal; 1898 crop, 11@14c.

HIDES—Steady; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 13c; California, 21 to 26 lbs., 19c.

LEATHER — Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 24@24½c; acid, 24@24½c.

COAL—Steady.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 4⅝@4¾c; Japan, 4¾@5⅜c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@36c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $10.50@11.50; beef hams, $24.00@25.00; packet, $10.50@10.50; city, extra India mess, $10.00. Pork, pickled bellies, $6.00@8.00; pickled shoulders, $7.00; pickled hams, $8.75@10.25. Lard, quiet; continent, $5.15. South American, $5.25; compound, $5.25⅜. Pork, firm; short clears, $10.25@11.75; family, $11.50@12.00.

METALS—The metal market was in a weak and unsettled condition most of the day under disappointing cables from European markets and unfavorable reports from producing points at the west. Offerings here were more urgent and demand exceptionally slack. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants very dull at $18.00 nominal; lake copper, dull at $18.25, nominal; tin, weak at $31.60 bid and $31.85 asked; lead, dull at $4.37½ bid and $4.62½ asked; spelter, easy at $5.40 bid and $5.50 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.40 and for copper $18.00.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, light; market firm at 17c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 14c; choice, 16@17c; separator, 22@23c; gathered creamery, 19@20c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 7½c; spring chickens, 7½c; old and staggy roosters, live, 3½@4c; ducks and geese, live, 6@7c; turkeys, live, 9c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEALS—Choice, 6c.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 20c; standards, per can, 24c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 35c; extra selects, per gal., $1.75; New York Counts, per can, 40c; New York Counts, per 100, $1.25.

HAY—Upland, choice, $6.50; midland, choice, $6.00; lowland, choice, $5.00; rye straw, choice, $5.50; No. 3 corn, 27c; new oats, 21@26c; cracked corn, per ton, $12; oats and oats chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $13; shorts, per ton, $14.

VEGETABLES.

WATERMELONS—Good stock, crated for shipments, 12@14c.

CANTALOUPE—Per crate, Rocky Ford, $1.75@2.00.

TOMATOES—Per crate, 60@70c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $1.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., 20@35c.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, $5.25@5.50.

ONIONS—Retail way, 50@60c.

CELERY—Per doz., 20@35c.

FRUITS.

PLUMS—Oregon, per crate, $1.15@1.25.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Freestones, $1.25, clings, $1.10@1.20.

APPLES—Choice shipping stock, $3.00@3.50; Jonathans, $4; New York stock, $3.75@4.25.

GRAPES—New York 20@21c; California, $1.30@1.35.

PEARS—Bartlett, scarce; other varieties, $2.00@2.25; eastern Keiffer, per bbl., $4.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California fancy, $5.00@5.25; choice California, $4.75@5.00; Messina, fancy, $5.50@6.00.

BANANAS—Choice, crated, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.50; medium-sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 8c; No. 2 green hides, 7c; No. 1 salted hides, 9¾c; No. 2 salted hides, 8¾c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3¾c; tallow, No. 2, 3¼c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2¾@3¼c; yellow and brown grease, 2½@3c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.00@3.25.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, per bbl., $1.25.

FIGS—California layers, per 10-lb. box, $1.15; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.25.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 9c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 69¾c; track, 70½@71½c; December, 70¼c; May, 75½c; No. 2 hard, 68@68c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 30c; track, 32c; December, 28¾c; May, 29¾c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 23c; track, 24c; December, 23½c; May, 24¾c; No. 2 white, 25½@25¾.

RYE—Lower at 57c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at $1.27½.

PORK—Steady; standard mess, jobbing, $9.00.

LARD—Steady; prime steam, $5.20; choice, $5.22½.

LEAD—Higher at $4.47½@4.50.

SPELTER—Dull at $5.25@5.30.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, old, 6½c; young, 7c; turkeys, 7c; ducks, 5½@6c; geese, 5½c.

FLOUR—Easier; patents, $3.50@3.60; extra fancy, $3.20@3.25; clear, $2.90@3.10.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady at $1.90@2.25.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.75@1.80.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 62@62½c.

HAY—Steady to firm; timothy, $7.50@11.00; prairie, $6.00@7.00.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.10.

BAGGING—6@6¾c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS — Dry salt meats, dull; boxed shoulders, $4.75; extra shorts, $5.37½; clear ribs, $5.50; clear sides, $5.62½. Bacon, dull; boxed shoulders, $5.00; extra shorts and clear ribs, $5.87½@6.00.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 17.—EGGS—Hot weather eggs are causing some dissatisfaction and several shipments of held eggs have been refused on account of their quality; market generally steady to firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, 14c doz., cases returned.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17.—BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 14@19c.

EGGS—Steady at 15c.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—BUTTER—Unchanged; fancy western creamery and prints, 24c.

EGGS—Firm and in good demand; fresh nearby, 19c; fresh western, 18½@19c; fresh southwestern, 18c; fresh southern, 17c.

CHEESE—Firm.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—BUTTER—Receipts, 9,953 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 17@24c; June creamery, 19@21½c; factory, 14½@17c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 13,613 pkgs.; firm; large, white, 11⅝@12c; small, white, 12¼c; large, colored, 12@12¼c; small, colored, 12¾c.

EGGS—Receipts, 12,224 pkgs.; quiet; western, ungraded, at mark, 15@19c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 17.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, steady at 6s; No. 1 California, 6s 3d@6s 3½d; No. 1 northern, spring, steady at 6s 2½d. Futures dull; December, 6s; March, 6s 1d; May, 6s 1½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new and old, quiet at 3s 10d. Futures, October, nominal; November, steady at 3s 9d; December, quiet at 3s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Lard, American refined, in pails, dull at 30s; prime western, in tierces, dull at 28s. Hams, short cut, dull at 47s 6d. Bacon, long clear middles, light, dull at 33s 6d; heavy, dull at 32s 6d; short clear backs, dull at 31s 6d; clear bellies, dull at 38s. Tallow, prime city, steady at 25s 6d.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 311,000 centals, including 257,000 centals American.

Receipts of American corn during the last three days, 137,100 centals. Weather fine.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 17.—WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, 67½c; December, 67@67¼c; May, 70⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 69½c; No. 1 northern, 67c; No. 2 northern, 64¾c.

FLOUR—Quiet and 5c lower on patents; first patents, $3.65@3.75; second patents, $3.45@3.55; first clear, $2.50@2.60.

BRAN—In bulk, $10.00@10.75.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 17.—WHEAT—Lower and weak; No. 2 cash, 70¼c; December, 72⅝c.

CORN—Dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 33½c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

RYE—Neglected; No. 2 cash, 60c bid.

SEEDS—Clover, steady; prime cash and October, $6.10; December and March, $5.50.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 17.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 1 northern, 70½@70¾c; No. 2 northern, 66½@68½c.

RYE—Lower; No. 1, 58@58¼c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 46@47c; sample, 33@44c.

Duluth Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 17.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 68½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 67¼c; October, 67⅝c; December, 67¼c; May, 70¼c. No. 2 northern, 64¾c; No. 3 spring, 61¼c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bulls Start a Campaign, but Do Not Carry it Out Vigorously.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—There was a short-lived demonstration by the bulls in the stock market today, but before trading was suspended the early gains were largely curtailed and in some cases more than wiped out.

The strength was attributed to various causes. The reappearance this week upon the floor of the exchange of several operators who took a large part in last spring's big bull market and who have been away on long summer vacations gave something of a fillip to the bullish sentiment. The quiet tone of the money market yesterday in face of the operations incident to the exchange of old Central Pacific securities for new encouraged some sentiment for a rise. There were one or two stocks in the list which were notably strong from individual causes which were rumored but not authoritatively disclosed and which helped to sustain prices. Among these were Pullman and Great Northern preferred, although the latter more than lost the early gains. The Baltimore & Ohio stocks were conspicuously strong, the common rising an extreme 2¾ and the preferred 2. Laclede Gas continued its advance and reached as high as 80. The grangers, Louisville and Southern Pacific, were quite well taken early in the day, apparently by pool interests. The public was not in evidence at any time during the day.

Call money continued at 6 per cent or below in spite of the fact that many banks report their cash still below the legal reserve. But while the money rate did not tighten a number of industrial stocks, especially those classed as "green" in Wall street parlance, showed signs of weakness, as might happen if they were subjected to discrimination by money tenders in the shifting of loans. The Glucose stocks were notably affected, the common dropping nearly 8 points and closing near the lowest, while the preferred lost 3½. The iron and steel stocks as a group weakened simultaneously. Steel and Wire leading with an extreme decline of 2¾. Others of the group suffered to the extent of between 1 and 2 points.

This unsettled the bull movement and wiped out pretty much all the gains which had been established. Prices struggled upward again in the final dealings to a level for the most part slightly above last night and the snap seemed to be taken out of the movement. There was a warning rally in the rates for foreign exchange during the day which was not unheeded. Signals of distress were in evidence in the German money markets and sterling exchange fell sharply at the continental centers, including Paris. Discount rates in London responded with an advance and exchange rates here, both on Paris and London, rose in sympathy. Add to this the fact that money is still going to the interior in considerable volume, that government payments through the subtreasury are again falling off, promising a renewed drain on the money market on account of revenue receipts, and that applications for anticipated payments for government interest continue on a small scale, and the outlook for easier money is not promising. This consideration was sufficient to give pause to the efforts to advance prices.

The bond market was moderately active and prices improved. Total sales, par value, $2,005,000. United States bonds were unchanged in bid quotations.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were quiet today in the absence of war news. They were fairly firm. Americans were the best section, opening above parity and strengthening in the afternoon. They closed at the top in the street. The feature was Baltimore & Ohio on New York orders. Louisville & Nashville and Southern Pacific were also strong on arbitrage buying. Spanish 4s and tintos were steady; Anacondas, 9⅝; Utahs, 7; Bostons, 1¼. The bank sent £250,000 gold to Egypt and bought £29,000 in bars. Money was a drug and bills were easier. The Bank of Belgium has raised its discount rate from 4½ to 5 per cent. The Bank of Bengal has raised its rate from 7 to 8.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	20¾	Texas & Pacific	18¼
do pfd	63¼	Union Pacific	45⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	52¼	do pfd	76⅝
Canadian Pacific	91	Wabash	7¼
Canada Southern	50¾	do pfd	20¾
Ches. & Ohio	25½	Wheel. & L. E.	11⅛
Chicago G. W.	5½	do pfd	34
C., B. & Q.	130¼	Wis. Central	16
Chi. Ind. & L.	11⅝	Adams Ex.	115
do pfd	44	American Ex.	148
Chicago & E. Ill.	95	United States Ex.	50
Chi. & Northw.	167¾	Wells Fargo Ex.	130
C., R. I. & Pac.	123¾	A. Cot. Oil	17¾
C. C. C. & St. L.	88½	do pfd	95
Colorado Southern	4⅞	Amer. Malting	12½
do 1st pfd	42	do pfd	38
do 2d pfd	15	Amer. S. & R.	10½
Del. & Hudson	120½	do pfd	87
Del. L. & W.	187¾	Amer Spirits	3½
Denver & R. G.	21	do pfd	26
do pfd	74½	Amer. Steel Hoop	42½
Erie	13⅛	do pfd	84
do 1st pfd	36⅝	Amer. S. & W.	24¼
Gt. Nor. pfd	176	do pfd	87
Hocking Coal	18¾	Amer. Tin Plate	26½
Hocking Valley	30½	do pfd	65¼
Illinois Central	112½	Amer. Tobacco	119¾
Iowa Central	15¾	do pfd	142
Lake Erie & W.	18	Anaconda Min. Co.	9⅝
do pfd	80¼	Brooklyn R. T.	63⅝
*Lake Shore	206	Colo. Fuel & Iron	54⅝
L. & N.	82½	Con. Tobacco	41⅝
Manhattan L.	107	do pfd	87
Met. St. Ry.	193	Federal Steel	53¼
Mexican Central	13⅝	do pfd	77¼
Minn. & St. L.	7	Gen. Electric	189½
do pfd	30	Glucose Sugar	54½
Missouri Pacific	44	do pfd	94½
Mobile & Ohio	44¼	Inter. Paper	15½
Missouri, K. & T.	12¼	do pfd	70
do pfd	38¾	Laclede Gas	79
N. J. Central	116½	National Biscuit	42½
N. Y. Central	134⅝	do pfd	95¼
Norfolk & W.	24⅝	National Lead	29¾
do pfd	68⅝	do pfd	110
Northern Pacific	52⅞	National Steel	50¼
do pfd	75½	do pfd	94½
Ontario & W.	24¼	N. Y. Air Brake	114
O. R. & N.	42	North American	12¾
do pfd	76	Pacific Coast	47½
Pennsylvania	131	do 1st pfd	84
Reading	20¾	do 2d pfd	65½
do 1st pfd	57⅞	Pacific Mail	39
do 2d pfd	31½	People's Gas	100¾
Rio G. W.	37½	Pressed Steel Car	56
do pfd	80	do pfd	89
St. L. & S. F.	10½	Pullman Pal Car	200½
do 1st pfd	68	Standard R. & T.	6¾
do 2d pfd	36	Sugar	143⅝
St. L. Southw.	13¾	do pfd	116½
do pfd	31¾	Tenn. Coal & Iron	115⅝
St. Paul	127	U. S. Leather	14⅝
do pfd	171	do pfd	77
St. Paul & Omaha	119	U. S. Rubber	45¼
Southern Pacific	37½	do pfd	112
Southern Railway	11⅝	Western Union	87½
do pfd	52⅝	Republic I. & S.	26⅝
		do pfd	76¼
		P. C. C. & St. L.	72⅝

*Offered.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—Call loans, 6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing quotations of stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	20⅝	West End	94
do pfd	63¼	Westinghi. Electric	47½
Amer Sugar	134	Atchison ds	98
do pfd	116½	Adventure	6¾
Bell Telephone	370	Allouez M. Co.	4½
Boston & Albany	248	Atlantic	27
Boston Elevated	165	Boston & Mont.	310
Boston & Maine	190	Butte & Boston	58
C., B. & Q.	130⅝	Calumet & Hecla	750
Pitchburg pfd	149	Centennial	23½
General Electric	118	Franklin	17
do pfd	139	Humboldt	1½
Federal Steel	53¼	Osceola	85
do pfd	77¼	Parrot	43½
Mexican Central	13⅝	Quincy	172
Mich. Telephone	195	Santa Pe Copper	10¼
Old Colony	200	Tamarack	210
Rubber	45	Wincna	8
Union Pacific	43¼	Wolverines	40½
Union Land	4½	Utah	35

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	103⅝	N. Y. Central	135
Consols, acct	103¾	Pennsylvania	67⅛
Canadian Pacific	94⅛	Reading	17½
Erie	13½	Nor. Pacific pfd	76½
do 1st pfd	37⅝	Atchison	21⅛
Illinois Central	112¼	Louisville	86
Union Pac. pfd	77⅝	Grand Trunk	7⅝
St. Paul common	129¼	Anaconda	9⅛

BAR SILVER—Dull at 26⅝d per oz.

MONEY—2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 4½@4⅝ per cent; for three months' bills, 4½@4⅝ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The following are official closing quotations for mining shares:

Cholar	34	Ontario	750
Crown Point	15	Ophir	84
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 00	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	20	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Currie	30	do pfd	650
Hale & Norcross	28	Sierra Nevada	60
Homestake	6,500	Standard	250
Iron Silver	53	Union con	35
Mexican	35	Yellow Jacket	25

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—On the bourse today Internationals were firm; Spanish 4s and Italians were the features; mining shares were weak in the early sales, but closing accounts showed slight recovery on re purchases. Americans were supported on the extraordinary earnings of the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific. Bank shares were steady. Exchange on London, 20 marks 27½ pfgs. for checks.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The bourse today was inactive: Internationals opened firm; Kafirs were weak and they declined as the day advanced, somewhat depressing internationals; Rio tintos were steady, but DeBeers' mining shares were weaker; Spanish railroads improved on the higher exchanges. Three per cent rentes, 100f 20c for the account, exchange on London, 25f 28c for checks; Spanish 4s, 61.47½.

FRANKFORT, Oct. 17.—Internationals today were irregular, but American securities were steady along the whole line.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The market for American securities opened firmer on rather better overnight news from New York and was well maintained, with business rather restricted. The closing tone was firm. Gold to the amount of £29,000 was taken into the Bank of England today and the sum of £250,000 was withdrawn for shipment to Egypt. Gold at Buenos Ayres, 137.30.

CALCUTTA, Oct. 17.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England has been raised from 7 to 8 per cent.

BUENOS AYRES, Oct. 17.—Gold was quoted today at 136.70.

MADRID, Oct. 17.—Spanish 4s closed today at 71.30. Gold was quoted at 26.37.

Bank Clearings.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17.—Clearings, $5,715,680; balances, $775,663. Money, 4@8 per cent. New York exchange, 20c discount bid, 75c discount asked.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Clearings, $24,891,400; balances, $2,411,131. Sterling exchange, Posted rates, $4.83¼@4.87½; actual, $4.83@4.88¾; sixty days, $4.81½@4.85¼. New York exchange, 60c discount.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Clearings, $315,405,973; balances, $11,153,300.

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—Clearings, $30,135,080; balances, $2,833,929.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 17.—Clearings, $4,166,222; balances, $615,100.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—Clearings, $18,892,775; balances, $3,321,359.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $286,006,145; gold reserve, $255,216,227.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—COTTON—Although trading in cotton futures fell off today there was an improvement in prices which at one time showed an advance of 10 points on most positions. The hesitation of investors was traced largely to uncertainty of holders who bought large lines of cotton some time ago and the confused ideas prevailing in the European cotton circles. Cables reported a poor opening at Liverpool, but later there was an improvement and the market closed steady. Local shorts were nervous toward the close, fearing higher prices in the pool tomorrow as a result of our improvement. Dispatches from the cotton belt were indicative of a continued firmness in spot markets, with exporters still buying. The crop movement showed a falling off and exports were large. The closing was firm at a net rise of 3@10 points.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 17.—COTTON—Unchanged; middling, 7 1-16c; sales, none; receipts, 2,651 bales; shipments, 6,682 bales; stock, 73,066 bales.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at an advance of 5 to 10 points and immediately developed marked firmness on active covering, fair investment buying and bullish European cables, the feature of the latter being a decrease of 3c in prices at the Amsterdam sale. Brazilian markets were heavy under larger receipts, but this fact failed to counteract the other influences at work. The market closed steady at a net gain of 5 to 15 points; sales, 22,500 bags, including November, $4.65@4.70; December, $4.80@4.85; January, $4.90@4.95; February, $5.00; March, $5.05@5.10; May, $5.20; June, $5.30; August, $5.35; September, $5.40. Spot coffee, Rio, firm and tending upward. Mild, firmer.

Oil Market.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 17.—OILS—Cottonseed, dull; refined, easy at 17s 3d. Spirits of turpentine, steady at 29s.

TOLEDO, Oct. 17.—OILS—Unchanged.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—OILS—Spirits of turpentine, 28s 1½d.

OIL CITY, Pa., Oct. 17.—Credit balances, $1.50; certificates, no bid, offer or sales; shipments, 122,329 bbls.; average, 79,573 bbls.; runs, 113,516 bbls.; average, 81,675 bbls.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 24c; prime yellow, 30@31c. Petroleum, firm. Rosin, quiet. Turpentine, steady at 33½@34c.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Further advances are reported in bleached cottons today, keeping pace with yesterday's advance. The demand keeps up. Wide sheetings tending upward. Brown sheetings and drills strong, as before, and no falling off in demand. American grain bags advanced ½c each. Denims, ticks and other coarse colored cottons strong. Print cloths in demand. Some sales of regulars at 2¾c. Prints firm and tending up in staple lines. Men's wear woolens and worsteds quiet at unchanged prices.

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17.—SUGAR—Steady; centrifugal, yellow, 4¼@4 11-16c; seconds, 2¼@4⅛c. Molasses, dull; centrifugal, 6@14c. New cane syrup, 54c.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—BEET SUGAR—October, 9s 3½d.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—SUGAR—Raw, firm on good demand from refiners; refined, steady but quiet.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Quiet for apples; other fruits firm. Evaporated apples, common, 6½@7c; prime wire tray, 7⅝@7¾c; choice, 7¾@8¼c; fancy, 9@9¼c. Prunes, 3¼@8½c. Apricots, Royal, 12@15c; Moorpark, 14@18c. Peaches, unpeeled, 7¾@9¾c; peeled, 20@22c.

Manchester Textiles and Fabrics.

MANCHESTER, Oct. 17.—Cloths and yarns steady, with a moderate demand.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Trading is Spiritless and Prices Are Maintained with Difficulty.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—CATTLE—Trade in cattle today was not very animated and prices ruled barely steady; good to fancy grades sold at $5.80@7.00; common to medium steers, $4.50@5.75; cows and bulls, $2.00@4.65; Texans, $3.50@4.30; calves, $4.00@7.15.

HOGS—There was a good demand for hogs, but too many were offered for sale and prices suffered a further decline of 5c; fair to prime lots brought $4.22½@4.45; heavy packers, $3.85@4.20; common to choice mixed, $4.15@4.40; butchers, $4.20@4.45; common to choice lightweights, $4.15@4.45; pigs, $3.75@4.35.

SHEEP—Trade in sheep and lambs was slow at a low range of prices; poor to prime sheep brought $1.50@4.00; western rangers selling at $3.00@3.85, and feeders at $2.90@3.70; common to choice lambs, $3.25@5.20; only a few, however, selling above $5.05.

Receipts: Cattle, 4,500 head; hogs, 22,000 head; sheep, 16,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 10,000 natives, 1,220 Texans. Market strong at an advance of 5@15c; heavy native steers, $5.75@6.25; lightweights, $4.50@5.75; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.80; butcher cows and heifers, $3.00@5.00; canners, $2.50@3.10; fed westerns, $4.50@6.25; Colorado steers, $3.10@4.75; Texans, $3.25@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 77,200 head. Market slow and about 5c lower; heavy and mixed, $4.15@4.25; light, $4.20@4.32½; pigs, $4.15@4.20.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,060 head. Market active; killers steady to shade higher; stockers and feeders, 10@15c higher; lambs, $4.00@4.85; muttons, $3.70@4.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@3.25; culls, $2.50@3.00.

St. Louis Live Stock.

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