## THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Dull and Lifeless With a Few Streaks of Activity.

CORN OPENS FAIRLY STRONG.

A Reasonably Interesting Trade Prevails in the Provision Pit-Business in Cattle Slow

#### CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

-Hogs All Sold.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. !- A weak, dull and mactive market seemed probable from the surface indications at the start this morning. Weak it was, and, for the most part, dull during the greater portion of the day, but streaks of activity were interspersed at times, when the weakness would give signs of deepening, and some good sized line of bull hoardings would come in a heap upon the market. The influences at work were a mere continuation of the circumstances which have been opersting to the disadvantage of the bulls ever since the practical securing of the spring wheat crop and the fine weather for marketing it gave promise of a liberal movement. Cables were weak and export clearances of wheat and flour were very light. The receipts at this point are running largely to No. 3, which, though very good milling and shipping wheat, is not of much use in filling speculative contracts. Out of 251 cars of red winter received to-day only 27 were inspected into No. 2 grade, and this, in connection with the small stocks of that quality in store, is a combination of circumstances sometimes forgotten by the shorts. December wheat opened at 7860 78%c and sold down to 77%c, appeared reluctant to go lower for a considerable time, but finally worked off another 14c, and after reacting to 77% again bumped on the 7%c figure, which proved the lowest of the day, the last quotation being 77%@77%c, or about %c lower than at the close on Friday.

The corn market opened with a fair degree of activity, but was weak early. The weather was favorable for the maturing crop, which was, of course, the main cause of the continued confidence shown by the bears. The heavy outgoings from store here and the firm tone of cereals were steadying elements at the opening of the market, but the operator who was the support of the September end of the deal yesterday was a selier of that delivery to a moderate extent, which had a weakening effect and wiped out for a time the premium which the near delivery brought over October yesterday until the final transactions immediately at the close, which restored September to its original premium. September closed at 32%c, as on yesterday, and May at 35%c bid, against

85c on Friday. Oats were not essentially changed, with a fair speculative business noted in long futures. Receipts continue materially less than the recent average, with only 204 cars posted to-day. One or two prominent opera-tors were moderately free buyers of May at at 23% @33%, while this month was steady at 19c. For November there were bids of 194c, but no sellers appeared below 194@194c. No. 2 oats to go to store sold principally at the former figure of 19c, with light trading in car lots to go to special houses at a slight

Provision traders were favored with a reasonably interesting trade for Saturday. Between Hutchinson manipulating October pork, Armour looking after September short ribs and the unexpected selling of the January product, especially pork, the market was able to command close attention. Traders found it sufficiently active and mysterious to keep them in or around the pit, and the day's aggregate business made quite a good showing. Prices were also irregular and fluctuations frequent, though the range covered by the changes experienced outside of October pork were only moderate. The article named opened at \$10.80, and after selling down to \$10.70 was advanced by an individual holding the balance of power to \$11.50. It closed at \$11.40, or 7234c above yesterday's last price. in January pork the limits covered by prices in their movements were only 15c, in lard 2½ (65c and in short ribs 5@10c, Lard and October short ribs closed unchanged. January pork was 7½ lower, January short ribs 2½ easier and September short ribs 10c higher.

### CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-CATTLE-Trade was slow and values rather easier than on Friday. There were too many cattle for a Saturday and the average quality of natives very common. Texans sold a shade off as compared with yes terday. The receipts consisted of about 2.000 2,000 Texans and 2,000 natives.
Choice to extra beeves, \$4.40@4.70; medium to good steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs., \$3.80@4.50; 1200 to 1350 lbs., \$3.40@4.10; 950 to 1,200 lbs, \$3.00@3.70; stockers and feeders, \$1.90@3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.00@3.00; bulk, \$1.60@2.85; slop-fed steers, \$3.80@4.10; Texas steers, \$2.10@2.80; cows, \$1.55@2.10; western rangers, \$2.50@3.50; cows, \$2.90.@2.25.

ers, \$2.50@3.50; cows, \$2.00@2.25. Hoes—Business was fair and about every-thing at all useful was sold out at an early hour. At the opening there was a slight ad-vance, but later on and at the close the gen-eral market ruled rather weak.

## FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- STOCKS-Gossip in all quarters last night was very flattering to the bulls. Buyers have become confident that a sharp break will be a surprise. There is much favorable talk by its friends. Advances of 214@3 per cent for the week have been so general that few stocks of importance have en left in the background. The market this morning was a little disappointing, inas much as coal stocks took a down turn. The rest of the list was well sustained, and Grangers, helped by the increasing belief that crop injury is now very improbable were particularly strong, without any special bulge to attract attention. Atchison was beld up to 40 at the close. Burlington was up to 100%. Northwest gained % per cent to 11336. Rock Island and Missouri Pacific gained 1/2 per cent each. Wabash preferred touched 34, closing at 33%. Louisville was up to the best figure for the month. The bank statement, which was favorable, was a sustaining influence toward the close, The total sales for the half day were 155,000

The following were the closing quotations 

Money-On call easy at 3@514 per cent. PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER -514 per cent. STEELING EXCHANGE - Quiet and firm; sixty-day bills, \$4.84%; demand, \$4.58.

Mining Stacks. NEW YORK, Sept. 7 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The following are the min-

ing stock quotations: 

A pear tree at Sandy Hill, Pa., is well filled with fruit, and one bough is covered with blossoms. People go miles to see it.

#### PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—1:15 p. m. close—Wheat—Easier; cash, 76c; October, 76%c; December, 77 11:16c.

Corn—Steady; cash, 33%c; October, 33%c; December, 32%c.

Oats—Stealy; cash, 19c; October, 19%c; December, 19%c.

Rye—September, 41%c.

Barley—Nothing doing.

Prime Timothy—\$1.33.

Flax Seed—Cash, \$1,28%c; September,

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Pork—Strong and higher; cash, \$11.35;
October, \$11.40; January, \$9.00.

Lard—Steady; cash, \$6.00; October, \$5.9214;
December, \$5.7234.

Flour—Steady; winter wheat, \$2.00@
4.40; spring wheat, \$1.20@3.10; rye, \$2.50

(@2.80. Salted Meats—Shoulders, \$4.50@; short clear, \$5.371/265.50; short ribs,

Butter-Dull; creamery, 10%@19c; dairy, 10/20160 Cheese—Quiet; full cream cheddars, 71/4 @73/c; flats, 8@83/c; Young Americas, 83/6@

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 14@15c.
Hides—Unchanged: green salted, 5%c; light green salted, 5%5%c; salted bull, 4%c; green salted calf, 5%c; dry flint, 7c; dry and salted hides, 5c; dry calf, 6@7c; deacons, each 30c. each 20c.
Tallow—Unchanged; No. 1 solid packel, 4@41/c; No. 2, 31/c; cake, 41/@41/c

Receipts. Shipments Flour 13,000 Wheat 137,000 Corn \$48,000 728,000 Liverpool, Sept 7. — Wheat — Dull; holders offer moderately; corn firm, de-mand fair; red western spring, 78@78 1d per cental; red western winter, 68 6d@68 9d. Corn—Firm and demand fair; new mixed

vestern, 4s 23d per cental. Cincinnat, Sept. 7.—Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, 7714c.
Corn—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 3414@35c.
Oats—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 21@214c.
Whisky—Steady at \$1.02.
Wheel—Lawer:

St. Louis, Sept. 7.—Wheat—Lower; cash 54c; December, 77%@774c. Corn—Lower; cash. 29%c; October, 30% @3014c. Oats-Lower; cash, 1816c; May, 22%c.

Pork-Lower. Lard-Dull at \$5.80. Butter-Quiet and weak; creamery, 1676

17c; dairy, 18@14c. Kansas City, Sept. 7.—Wheat—Weak; No. 2 red, cash and September, 63½c; No. 3 red, cash, 58; No 2 soft, cash and September, 65½c bid; Corn—Weak; No. 2 cash, 23½@24c; September, 23%c bid. Oats-No. 2 cash, 16%c bid; September,

161/c bid. New York, Sept. 7 .- Wheat-Receipts 30,000; exports, none; spot heavy and unsettled; new No. 2 red, 8314@8334c in elevator, 8314@8414c affoat, 8434@8514f. o. b.; ungraded red, 77@8514c; options dull, 14c lower and steady; September, 8314c.

Corn—Receipts, 97,000 bushels; exports, 82,000 bushels; exports, 97,000 bushels;

58,000 bushels; spot quiet and steady; No. 2, 42%c in store and elevator, 42@43%c affoat; ungraded mixed, 42@434c; options steady ond quiet.
Oats-Receipts, 19,000 bushels; exports,

Oats—Receipts, 19,000 bushels; exports, 10,000; spot dull and weaker, options dull and easier; September and October, 25%c; November, 26%: suot, No. 2 white, 27%c; mixed western, 25@28c.

Coffee—Options closed steady, 5 to 10 points up; sales, 44,250 bags; September, \$15.70@15.89; October, \$15.80@15.85; November, \$15.85@15.90; spot Rio, stronger; fair carroses, \$19.50.

cargoes, \$19.50. Sugar-Raw, firm; steady demand; refined, firm; fair demand. Petroleum-Steady; united closed at 99%c

Eggs-Quiet, easy; western, 17@18%c. Pork-Strong, quiet; inspected Lard -Quiet and stronger; western steam,

\$6.45. Butter—In fair demand; western 9@19c. Cheese-Stronger; western, 6% @7%c. Minneapolis, Sept. 7.-Sample wheat Minneapons, Sept. 7.—Sample wheat about steady; receipts, 243 cars; shipments, 5 cars. Closing: No. 1 hard, September, 76c; on track, 77½c; No. 1 northern, September, 74½c; December, 75½c; on track, 75½c; No. 2 northern, September, 71c; on track, 72c.

Milwankee, Sept. 7.—Wheat—Easy; cash, 72%c; October, 73%c.
Corn—Dull; No. 3, 33c.
Oats—Dull; No. 2 white, 22@22%c. Rye-Quiet; No. 1, 4214c. Barley-Easy; No. 2, September 57c.

Provisions-Firm; pork, cash, \$11.00.

### LIVE STOCK.

Chi cago, Sept. 7.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows:
Cattle--Receipts, 3,500; market slow; beeves, 4.40@4.70; steers, \$3.00@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.90@3.00; cews, bulls and mixed, \$1.00@3.00; Texas cattle, \$1.55@

Hose-Receipts. 8,000; market steady; mxed. \$3.75@4.30; heavy. \$3.60@4.10; light, \$3.90@4.70; skips. \$3.50@4.40. Sheep—Receipts. 2,000; market steady to strong; natives. \$3.50@4.70; western. \$1.50@ 4.00; Texans, \$3.40@4.10; lambs, \$4.00@5.75. Aansas City, Sapt. 7.— Cattle—Receipts, 3,400; shipments, 2,500; dressed beegs and shipping steers weak,110c lower; Texas and Colorado steady to 10c lower; cows steady to strong; good to choice cornfed steers, 34,00@4.25; common to medium, 32,00@7.75. steers, and faeding steers. .90@3.75; stockers and feeding steers, .60@3.00; cows, \$1.35@2.50; grass range

cers, \$1.60@2.75. Hogs—Receipts. 2,200; shipments, 5,000; good to choice and light, \$1.25@4.35; heavy and mixed, \$3.50@4.15.

\$1.60@3.00;

National Stock Yarls, East St. Louis, Sept. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; shipments, 600; market strong; fair to choice heavy native steers, \$3.80@4.55; stockers and feeders nominal; range steers, \$3.00@ Hogs—Receipts, 500; shipments, 2,000; market weak; heavy, \$4.20@4.30; packing grades, \$3.60@3.90; light, \$4.35@4.40.

Sioux Cty. Sept. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 100; shipments, 100; market steady; fat steers, \$2,90@3.40; stockers and feeders, Hogs-Receipts, 700; market steady; ligh; and mixed, \$3.70@3.77%; heavy, \$3.75@3.80.

### OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Saturday, Sept. 7.

The cattle market was very slow and so far as native beeves were concerned there was very little trading to speak of. A bunch of 1,400-lb beeves sold at \$4.12\(\sigma\) and some lighter cattle at \$3.45. Some corn-fed westerns sold at \$3.80 and \$4.12\(\sigma\) and a few range steers at \$2.50\(\overline{a}\) 2.85. The market upon the whole could hardly be quoted any other way than steady. There was some trading in butchers' stock, the supply of which was not large, and the prices paid were about the same as yesterday. A few native cows brought \$1.60\(\overline{a}\) 1.70. Western cows sold largely at \$1.50\(\overline{a}\) 1.60. Quite a bunch of western feeders were received, and there were quite a good many hold-overs on Cattle there were quite a good many hold-overs on sale. The demand was very good for the last day of the week, and there was considecable trading, values remaining about steady. The number of westerns sold was quite large.

The hog market was virtually steady at yesterday's prices, still there was a little better feeling and if there was any change it was on the side of stronger prices. The demand was good, both local and shipping, and with the light receipts an early clearance was effected.

Sheep. There were two cars on sale but no one appeared to want them. Receipts. 

 Cattle
 1,600

 Hogs
 2,300

 Sheep
 331

Prevailing Prices. The following is a table of prices paid in this market for the grades of stock men-tioned: Frime steers, 1300 to 1600 lbs...\$3.80 Good steers, 1350 to 1450 lbs... 3.50 Good steegs, 1050 to 1300 lbs... 3.25

Good steegs, 1050 to 1300 lbs. 3,25 (#4.00)
Common canners. 1.60 (#1.50)
Ordinary to fair cows. 1.40 (#1.75)
Fair to good cows. 1.75 (#1.90)
Good to choice cows. 1.90 (#2.25)
Choice to faucy cows, heifers. 2,20 (#2.50)
Fair to good bulls. 1.50 (#2.00)
Good to choice bulls. 2.00 (#2.20)
Light stockers and feeders. 2,25 (#2.60)

Good feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs. 2.50 @8.00
Fair to choice light hogs .... 3.55 @8.95
Fair to choice neavy hogs .... 3.65 @8.80
Common to fair heavy hogs ... 3.50 @8.60
Fair to choice mixed hogs ... 3.70 @8.85 Representative Sales. STEERS. No. Av. Pr. 60......1400 \$4 123 20......1211 \$3 45

COWS. 21...... 876 1 60 17...... 959 1 70 1......1460 1 90 PEEDERS. 31...... 701 2 50 21..... 941 2 60 CANNERS. BULLS. 2......1285 1 60 HEIPERS, YEARLINGS.

WESTERN CATTLE. Owner No 1 steer, range...... 870 2 00 Lance Creek Cattle Co— 20 steers, corn-fed.....1335 4 1234 Stewart-

12 steers, range tailings, 1230 2 00 14 steers, range tailings, 1172 2 00 feeders, range .... 1108 2 40 feeders, range ..... 1121 2 40 Johnson & Sonfeeders, range......1110 2 45 Dowling & Rush— 54 steers, range.......1208 2 50 22 feeders, range ...... 1145 2 50 24 feeders, range ...... 1100 2 30 Illinois Land and Live Stock Co— 42 cows, range......107 1 50 Young-32 feeders, range ...... 1278 2 55 feeders, range......1339 3 feeders, range......1070 2 50

Durbin-63 steers, range......1293 2 85 9 cows, range...... 923 1 60 Haley-5 feeders, range......1000 2 50 HOGS. No. Av. Sh. Pr. Sh. Pr.

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5....246 120 3 75 Live Stock Notes. J. L. Sperry brought in cattle from Belvi-

T. B. Hord & Son, Central City, were in with cattle. Tom Dun came in from Sweetwater with

cattle. W. G. Roeder, from Dixon, Col., brought J. M. Durbin from Cheyenne, Wyo., was in

W. B. Loring came in yesterday from Denver with cattle. Fisher & Limanek came in from Prague with a load of hogs.

William Vickory, of Miami, Ia., brought in a load of hogs. T. B. Hord, of Central City, brought in O. Lawson, of Living Springs, Ia., was a visitor on the market.

Hysham & Culver, of Colorado, came in with 576 head of cattle. W. G. Johnson, of Rawlins, Wyo., was in with three loads of cattle. Tom Sun of the firm of Johnson & Sun, from Rawlins, Wyo., came in with three loads of cattle.

### DUTIES ON WOOL

The firm of Folwell Bros. & Co., 625 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, are large manufacturers and spinners of worsted and woolen goods and yarns. I was received, says a correspondent of the American Wool Reporter, very cordially by N. T. Folwell and during our conversation I asked him for his opinion regarding the tariff on raw material and goods from abroad. He said that he was in favor of 83% per cent ad valorem duty on wool and a proportionate duty on goods, which would cover the expenses of labor and all incidental accounts connected with the processes of manufacturing. As long as wool comes in as it does now, they have not as yet enough duty on goods. Mr. Folwell said he would like to see the specific duty removed sufficient to allow some of the wools which are now practically shut out of this country from Australia to become available. When asked what he thought the effect would be on our wool-growing interests, should such a measure be adopted, he said that it would give manufacturers in this country a better opportunity to compete with the foreign made goods, and at the same time create more of a demand for our donestic wools, as this is plain to be seen, as our wools are not always adapted to the va-rious kinds of goods brought into competition with foreign made, but with a mixture of both at reasonable rates our manufacturers are placed on a footing with their competitors. He telt it but fair to the woolpetitors. He telt it but fair to the wool growing interests that they should have a fair share of protection in proportion to what manufacturers desired. "But," said be, manufacturers desired. "But," said be, "when we allow the foreign competitor to come in and sell his goods we not only take away the chances of the manufacturers, but the wool growers' interests as well. To produce one pound of finished goods on an average it requires four pounds of wool in the grease. Both are equally affected by the grease. Both are equally affected by material, and not proportionate to the tarif The Cotton Mill Failures.

American Wooi Reporter: The trouble in American Wool Reporter: The trouble in the woolen industry has caused some failures among cotton mills, showing how closely the two interests are identified. On Thursday last the failure of the Wauregan company, of Wauregan, Ct., was announced, closely followed by that of the Nottingham mill, of Described to The statement that the Woolenser. Providence. The statement that the Wauregan company was so heavily involved by Lewis Brothers' suspension, it is stated by the officers of the company, did great injury to the credit of the concern, and later fail ures have increased the distrust. The com-pany could make no further financial arpany could make no further financial arrangements, and accordingly the directora decided to send the company's notes falling due to protest. The Wauregan mill has 56, 160 spindles and 1,400 looms, and brown and bleached cotton goods are made there, also some fancy goods and specialties. The Wauregan company has won fame by its manufacture of a superior kind of shirtings. The Nottingham mill, in Providence, used to be the old steam mill, under the James Y. Smith Manufacturing company. This company was chartered in 1884, with a capital of \$300,000 and has 23,000 spindles and 556 looms. About 600 hands are now employed in the mill. Edward P. Taft, the treasurer of the Wauregan company, represents all the stock of the Nottingham Mills corporation, and he leases the mill to the Wauregan company. It leases the mill to the Wauregan company. It is, therefore, regarded as a part of the Wauregan property. Its liabilities are estimated at \$200,000 to \$250,000, assets nominally exceed this sum.

The Wauregan company had been a cause of great apprehension among the banks for some time. It was known to be carrying a large line of paper, but, as it was doing a big business, it was felt that, perhaps, it might weather the storm and come out all right in

the end. The president was advised to reduce his dividends, and to apply some of the money to the indebtedness of the company, but he did not heed the advice. Some idea of the value of the stock as an investment may be judged from the fact that in the last nine years it has paid dividends aggregating 125 per cent. The New England banks are generally represented in the list of creditors, those of Boston holding \$225,000 worth of the paper. The local and state banks all carried large blocks of the paper one year ago, but they began to unload one year ago, but they began to unload quietly, and by reducing the volume of paper, now hold in the aggregate but \$450,000 worth. The total indebtedness of the company of given by President E. P. Taft as \$1,200,000 given by President E. P. Laft as \$1,200,000, and the quick assets he places at \$500,000. The plant is valued at \$1,000,000, and he thinks that the creditors, if they are patient and show leniency, will be paid in full. All the other cotton mills are making good money. Those which have feit the blow labored under one difficulty. They were doing too great a business for the capital invested, and this made them free borrowers. vested, and this made them free borrowers and caused them to put out considerable for interest on the loans advanced. Business is too good for many more large failures. The Ponemah, with which Mr. Taft is also con-nected, paid a stock dividend of 33% per cent within a year, beside paying large regu-lar dividends. The plant is worth \$3,000,000.

Boots and Shoes. Boston, Sept. 1.—The market continues in a steady position, with the factories generally busy or heavy goods. More duplicate orders are coming forward and the outlook for a good fall business appears favorable The buyers in town are generally devoting their attention to fail goods, but some sampin sales of spring goods for next year have already been made. Spring samples are gen-erally made up and ready to be shown, but it is yet too early to expect much business. The shipments show an increase of volume, although they represent more smail parcels

The snipments of the week foot up to 87,-The snipments of the week foot up to 87,500 cases, against 79,963 cases last week and 83,536 cases for the corresponding week last year. The total shipmeats since the first of the year foot up 2,247,835 cases, against 2,210,725 cases for the same time in 1885, an increase of 33,110 cases for the business of 1859. Among the western towns to which over fifty cases were shipped during the week are the following:

Omaha, 507; Des Moines, Ia., 143; Dubuque, Ia., 133; Davenport, Ia., 126; Denver, Col., 106; Dayton, O., 191; Indianapolis, Ind., 435; Knoxville, Tenn., 625; Kansas City. Mo., 523; Keokuk, Ind., 165; Louisville, Ky., 1816; Little Rock, Ark., 199; Los Angeles, Cal., 178; Leavenworth, Kan., 129; Memphis, Tenn., 2,090; Milwaukee, Wis., 724; Minneapolis, Minn., 460; Ogden, Utah, 54; St. Paul, Minn., 674; St. Joseph, Mo., 362; Sioux Falls, S. D., 92 SultLake, Utah, 76. Shoe manufacturers continue to receive enough orders to keep them actively engaged, some of them being compelled to hire extra

help. Shoe workers are practically the only disturbing element in the New England labor world at present, and as their grievances are generally caused by disagreements on intricate price lists, a permanent settlement is often hard to reach. The North Adams op-eratives are again idle, whether from their own voluntary action or by order of the union, is not streed. Iron manufacture show signs of improvements, and an active fall trade is expected. The iron and steel handle at present, and are adverse to taking future orders at present prices. Manufacturers generally are of the belief that prices will be higher before long.

#### An Absolute Care.

The ORIGINAL ABIETINE OINTMENT is only put up in large two ounce tin boxes, and is an absolute cure for old sores, burns wounds, chapped hands, and all skin erup-tions. Will positively cure all kinds of piles Ask for the ORIGINAL ABIETINE OINT MENT. Sold by Goodman Drug cempany at 25 cents per box-by mail 30 cents.

BRODIE OUTDONE.

A Printer Duplicates the Newsboys

Feats on Dry Land. Harry Laffin, a compositor on the Ansonia Sentinel, like many other printers, has seen a good deal of the world, and is as daring as the majority of men. A few days ago his "take" of copy contained an account of Steve Brodie's last jump in Rhode Island, and he remarked: "That Steve Brodie was jump, into the water. Now I'll wager that I can jump from the roof of the Arlington house to the roof of Martinez's cigar store, about forty feet, and not get hurt."

The printers raised a purse for Laffin. On Tuesday evening, divesting himself of his coat and vest, says an Ansonia, Conn., special to the Globe-Democrat, he mounted to the roof, stood a moment on the cornice, and, selecting a certain spot on which to alight, he made the plunge. He landed just where he expected to, and as it was but a few feet from the edge of the roof, and being willing to give extra measure for his he threw a somersault and immed from the cigar store roof to the sidewaik, about twenty feet more. This, too, was successful, and the crowd cheered him to the echo.

Mr. Laffin is talking now of jumping rom the bridge across the Naugatuck river in the rear of the Sentinel office. and he is only waiting for some one to make it worth the while.

Catarrh cured, health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector ree. For sale by Goodman Drug Co .

The Lance in the German Army. In the German army the lance, the "queen of weapons," has been intro-duced into other than the uhlan regiments. All the cuirassiers and hussars of the guard have now also been armed with the lance, and a high authority says that the dragoous will soon also be furnished with it. It promises to become the chief arm of all the horse regiments in the German army. The French had discarded the lance entirely, but now that they see it being adopted in this universal manner by the Germans they are again beginning to copy them.

Puget Sound. All points on Puget sound are more easily reach via the Northern Pacific than any other line. This is the only line reaching all parts of Washington territory, is the only line running colonist sleepers through the territory direct to Tacoma, and is the only line via which through tickets can be purchased. The Northern Pacific allows stopovers at all points in Washington territory to holders of second-class tickets reading via their line.

Suggests a Sparrow Day. A Steubenville, O., man suggests that a day like Arbor Day be set apart annually for the destruction of the English sparrow.

IRON IS STILL IMPROVING. Prices Hardening and a Good Fall Business Anticipated.

STEEL FIRM AT FULL RATES.

Copper Moving Better-Dry Goods Ruling Steady With Plenty of Orders Ahead-Groceries Quiet-The Alleged Leather Trust.

Trade and Commerce.

Boston, Sept. 9 .- The improvement noted in the iron market continues, and while no special activity is noticeable, trade foots up well in the aggregate. The general market appears to be steadily hardening and the situation continues favorable, with indications pointing to a good fall business. The principal strength still appears to centre in Pennsylvania and the west, but as buyers here are in need of supplies they feel the effect of the stronger market there. Freights have been advanced, while thei ncreased cost of fuel also enters largely into the higher cost of production. As yet buyers have not attempted to stock up to any extent, but confidence is being restored, and there is more disposition shown to buy ahead. With any speculative demand, the market is in position to show a sharp advance, but even where dealers are free buyers, they only purchase to meet their own necessities.

The record of industrial events reveals a number of additions the past week to the colling mills in operation in Pennsylvania. not the least important of which is the Reading Iron company's works at Reading, Pa., including, besides their rolling mills, the pipe and tube mills and foundry, which have been idle for a period of about six months. The resumption of operations has, in many instances, been due to the improvement in the demand for various forms of finished iron, and in others to the settlement of labor disputes that have caused a temporary suspension of work. Manufacturers of railroad equipment and track supplies are reported to have secured more orders during August than in any preceding month for some time past, and are now in good position. The general condition of the foundry business is also reported to be quite brisk.

Pig iron continues firm, with the tendency towards a still further advance in the west. The advance is freights, and the higher cost of coke causes prices to be held firmer, and buyers, in order to get supplies, are obliged to pay more than formerly. The demand is still of a moderate character, however, as buyers do not make a practice of stocking up as formerly, but generally have the iron shipped to them from time to time as they need it. Considerable iron has been contracted for in this way for forward delivery, aud thus while new business is moderate, steady deliveries in fulfillment of old contracts are still going forward. These deliveries are sufficient to absorb the production so closely that in the face of the heavy production going on there is very little ac cumulation of standard brands in first hands. The only weakness noticeable is for some brands that are comparatively new to eastera consumers, and for which easy prices would coccasionally be accepted to bring the iron into favor. Scotch iron is still too high to compete with American grades, and is nominal in price.

Bar iron is firm, and values are showing more strength. The former low-priced sellers of the west have advanced their views, and this makes the competition less close Eastern millmen are asking \$1.70@1.75, but no large lots could be bought at the former rate. From store the range of sales is \$1.75 @1.85 for the best refined bars. Swedish iron is active and firm. General grades of manufactured iron continue firm, although the movement with dealers is still moderate. Dealers who stocked up liberally under the former depressed market are not disposed to press sales in the least, as they have confidence in the situation. General prices show no material change here, although buyers are not getting any concessions from present rates. The better tone induces more free purchases, but buyers are not yet disposed to purchase largely ahead. Tank iron and steel plates remain firm and move quite freely at full values, while steam piping is yet going forward steadily in the way of de liveries of former purchases. The companies are well supplied with orders for the larger sizes of piping, and have business booked to carry them well into the winter. Radiators and piping for steam heating pur-poses is beginning to attract attention, and business is generally brisking up.

The market for all kinds of steel is firm, and the depression of a few months ago has entirely disappeared. New York reports of the steel rail market say that eastern mill agents have taken orders for several lots involving about 15,000 tons all told. The largest transaction was a lot of about 8,000 tons. tons. Sales were chiefly at prices on the basis of \$28 at works for standard sections, which is generally adhered to by agents on orders for either near or distant future de livery. There are a few concerns whom it is thought might take \$27.75, or possibly \$27.50, for winter work, but the majority quote \$28

as strictly inside figures.

The nail market is showing more strength although no advance in prices can be noted as yet. The advance in raw material will have a tendency to force the price of finished material up. Sheet iron is firm and the de mand is improving. Blacksmiths' supplies

generally quiet.
Old iron is quiet, but values are very firm.
The New York market shows high prices for old rails and scrap.

Copper is firm and consumers are generally buying their supplies. They have given up hope of any break before the spring, and many of the leading consumers have bought stocks to last them for six mouths. Tin i

firm, but quiet, with antimony firm. Tin plates rule firm, with a fair trade. Lead is steady and former values are well main tained. No change in spelter and sheet

The volume of dry goods business in com-mission circles rules steady, with liberal lines going into distribution. Seasonable fabrics are moving well, and, owing to the advance asked by manufacturers for some goods, values are firm with an upward ten-dency. This is particularly the case with woolen and woolen mixed dress goods and flannels. Cotton goods continue quiet, al-though some business is being done right along. Cotton flannels still go forward freely in the delivery of former orders. Prints hold steady with sales fair, the movement in wide specialties being liberal. Ginghams remain steady with the demands confined princi-pally to small purchases of fancies. Dress goods are moving steadily in a jobbing way, with the mills holding firm at the advance. Flannels are doing well in the way of distribution by jobbers, with values firm. Blank-ets remain firm and are being taken quite

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freely in a jobbing way. Men's wear woolens continue quiet, but values are still firm. The low prices at which goods opened this season, as compared with the cost of raw material, prevents any giving way on the part of manufacturers. The mills have generally orders on hand to keep them busy a good share of the season, and are in position to wait.

wait.

In tea the market continues quiet, with only small lots moving, but the tone holds firm for desirable grades. The prependerance of stock in this country and in China is below the medium grade, and these lower grades are dull. A recent cable from China says that Formosa teas grading above me-dium in quality are scarce and firm. The fact of the light offerings of best teas keeps prices steady notwithstanding the light de-mand.

In coffee the market is firm and values are strongly maintained for all grades. The demand holds up well and buyers appear to have confidence in the future. The Brazil market is strong, the poor crop conditions there giving indications of steady values. In spices the market holds firm for black pepper, with cloves and nutmegs steady. The latest device in the way of commercial

combinations is the reported leather trust. According to very glowing accounts, all the tanneries in New England and New York had been secured by representatives of English capital, who thereupon proposed to fix prices for the whole country. They had unlimited capital, of course; all English companies have. They were sure to effect almost incalculable savings in manufacture and management, especially by means of concentrated power and shrewd division of abor. They had secured so vast a supply of bar':-producing forests that no competitors could resist them. Such was the beautiful tale, and to a great many people it had a singularly familiar sound, but persons who own large tanneries in New England and New York, without exception so far, appear to be entirely unaware that they have their works to anybody, or that anybody has proposed to buy them, or that any other owners of tanneries have sold. It is stated by persons who ought to know that more than half the leather now tanned in the United States is from tanneries in

Pennsylvania. In 1880 the proportion was more than one quarter, and yet the believers in every story labeled a trust hasten to credit the assertion that purchasers of a lot of works in New England and New York, of which many are now abandoned or un profitable, can control the market for the entire country, regardless of the manufacture in a state which probably furnishes about half the entire supply. Advice to Mothers,

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