THE CONDITION OF TRADE

A Very Satisfactory Movement of Goods in This Territory.

THE BANK CLEARINGS CONTINUE LARGE

The Wholesale Trade of Omaha and the Retail Trade of the Surrounding Country Were Never Better—Splendid Prospects.

To write anything new or startling concerning trade in Omaha and the surrounding territory is a difficult matter just at present for the very excellent reason that no especially new features have developed of late. The jobbers, without exception, report a most satisfactory trade.

The hardware men are pushed to fill orders and have about all the business that they can take care of conveniently.

The grocery jobbers never had a better trade during the month of October, and while colder weather might stimulate the demand somewhat, they are doing well enough without it. This promises to be a banner year for the grocery trade. The liberal crop of corn and other cereals in this section of the country is an assurance that money will be reasonably plenty. As the crop is evenly distributed over the whole territory there will be no section that will be hard up and unable to buy its share of goods. At the same time the general failure of the vegetable and fruit crops will increase the demand for all kinds of dried and canned fruits and vegetables, as well as cereal goods, which will cause a large increase in the grocery trade in these lines alone. Potatoes are very scarce and high, being quoted at Omaha at from 60c to 75c as against 30c to 35c last season. A great many farmers have hardly potatoes enough to last them through the season. The scarcity of this standard article of food always increases the trade in groceries which can be used as a substitute. Owing to these conditions the grocery jobbers are looking for an exceedingly prosperous year.

The dry goods trade is very fair and jobbers are not complaining any, but colder weather would be a good thing for them. A great many retail dealers put off buying until forced to and a cold snap would be certain to bring on a rush of orders for all kinds of winter goods.

The trade in boots and shoes is also good but less agreeable weather would have a tendency to stimulate it somewhat.

Taken as a whole it is hard to imagine that the jobbing trade of Omaha could be in any more satisfactory condition than at the present time.

Collections in the country continue good and it has been a long time since any complaints have been heard regarding this subject.

With the jobbing trade in such condition as outlined above it follows that the retail trade in the country is good. The movement of farm crops has been sufficient to keep the farmers well supplied with ready money and they have not been at all backward about gratifying their wants. It is safe to say that there never was a time when there was a more general feeling of confidence among all classes of tradesmen in Nebraska.

In Omaha the retail trade does not show any material change from that outlined in previous reviews. The movement of goods in a retail way is not satisfactory and about all that can be said of the trade in general is that it is dull. Retail merchants generally do not look for any snap to trade before the coming of cold weather, which must of necessity force customers to be more liberal in their purchases. The outlook, however, is more encouraging than it was a month ago. Building operations have increased materially and it is really a surprise to make a trip over the city and notice how much work has been commenced during the past two or three weeks. Much of this work will continue well into the winter insuring employment to a good many laborers. There is also more activity in real estate circles and considerable property has changed hands during the present month. Public improvements in the way of paving are being pushed forward more rapidly, giving employment to a good many men.

Taking everything into consideration local conditions are certainly much brighter and the prospects would seem to indicate a more satisfactory trade for the retailers this winter.

The manufacturers of Omaha generally report a good demand and the majority of them are very busy. Nearly every manufacturer in the state is doing a much larger business than at this time a year ago. Many of the manufacturers have added very largely to their working force, thus furnishing employment to a good many additional men.

AS DUN SEES IT.

Manager Roberson Speaks Very Encouragingly of the Business Outlook.

Mr. W. H. Roberson, manager of the Mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., speaking of the local trade, says:

"One of our most conservative bankers and the head of one of the largest banks of the city, speaks most encouragingly of the outlook for the next six months. He says he notices already an improved feeling, and believes the next six months will be as good as the past half year has been discouraging. Banks of the city generally agree that there is an increased demand for money with a hardening of rates.

"Retail trade in several lines has visibly improved this week, though dealers in articles not essential to the comfort of consumers are not feeling much better than in the past.

"Jobbing in groceries is very good. As one of the most active wholesale men remarked: 'If ever a wholesale grocer should be happy it is now. Prices are advancing, people have confidence in the future and are buying freely and what is better still they have the money to pay for their goods. It is better to be a wholesale grocer these days than to own diamonds which nobody wants. Our stock is growing in value all along the line. Not a single article of general consumption is shrinking. Groceries are as good as money at interest. Prices in canned fruits, for instance, have advanced 15 per cent in three months and large shipments are already being made to fill early orders. Next to a wholesale grocer this year an ambitious man should wish for a California fruit ranch.'

"In dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps and millinery, business is not quite so active owing to the continuous warm weather. These lines are wishing for a taste of winter to stimulate sales of heavier winter goods. Collections are good, however, and in most instances dealers report sales heavier than a year ago in spite of the unfavorable season.

"The hardware firms continue to do a rushing trade with good collections. In heavy hardware reports indicate better trade than last month.

"Drugs are steady and sales thus far in October ahead of one year ago.

"Hides are down and as a result harness leather is a trifle weak but shoemakers' supplies are in strong demand.

"The wholesale lumber dealers are doing an immense business. Several of the heavy lest houses report themselves overworked. Yellow pine has advanced in price owing to increased demand and long delay in receiving goods from the southern mills.

"Hard wood lumber is also in better demand.

"Plumbing supplies are active owing to increase in building and in anticipation of cold weather.

"Leaf tobacco dealers complain of dull trade and slow collections.

"Furniture trade is only fair. The outside demand is a trifle ahead of that of the city.

"Liquors are better and the warm weather has helped to increase sales of beer.

"The oyster war stirred up by a local house which refused to enter a combine with the representatives of the two large eastern houses continues virulent and in spite of extremely warm weather the demand is very strong. The house which is taking the brunt of the fight at a loss of 1 to 2 cents per can, is working night and day to meet orders.

"The week has been active with the fruit and vegetable commission men. One house has received and sold 12,000 baskets of New York grapes during the week, and makes complaint only because potatoes, apples and a few other vegetables and fruits are so hard to get.

"Butter and eggs have been stiffer in prices. The egg season is closing with no over supply.

"At South Omaha the market has been fairly active and prices not much different from a week ago. Packing house products appear to be advancing and the local packing houses are buying stock freely.

"Before dropping the subject it is well to refer to the excellent credit which Omaha securities maintain in eastern financial centers, as shown by the sale of the district bonds the first of the week, at a premium of nearly 1 per cent upon the entire $333,800. Considering the season of the year and the large amounts previously sold this year the price brought is very remarkable.

"As further illustrating the high credit of Omaha and Omaha institutions I may say that during the week a comparative showing of the relative selling prices of national bank stocks in a neighboring city in 1889 and 1892 shows a falling off in market value of from 20 to 60 per cent, while in not a single instance has there been a reduction in selling price in Omaha national bank stocks for the period named."

Cholera

When properly treated as soon as the first symptoms appear, cholera can nearly always be cured. The patient should go immediately to bed and remain as quiet as possible. Send for a physician, but while awaiting his arrival take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in double doses after each operation of the bowels more than natural. If there is severe pain or cramps take it in double doses every fifteen minutes until relieved. This remedy has been used with great success in seven epidemics of dysentery that were almost as severe and dangerous as cholera, and if used as directed a cure is almost certain. Every family should have a 50-cent bottle at hand ready for instant use. After the disease is under control castor oil must be taken to cleanse the system. No other physic or substitute will do in place of castor oil. For sale by druggists.

IN THE COURTS.

Several Important Cases Disposed of by the District Judges.

Instead of taking the usual Saturday holiday the judges of the district court buckled down to business yesterday morning and worked just as hard as they would if it had been the beginning of the week.

Judges Ferguson and Keysor worked on the cases which were started several days ago, while the other judges passed upon cases which were tried during the early days of the term.

Judge Doane had the cases in which public interest centered and in his court the majority of the legal lights congregated.

Lars Soderberg did not feel as happy when court adjourned as he did when it convened. Last term he secured a judgment for $10,000 against the Omaha Gas company, on account of having been injured while working in a trench. A motion was filed asking to have the judgment set aside. Yesterday the motion was granted and Mr. Soderberg has to whistle for his damages. He testified twice in the same case and the testimony failed to harmonize.

The old Florence land case of Miller against Hay was also disposed of by Judge Doane overruling the motion for a new trial. This gives the property to Mary Miller and the other grandchildren of old Joseph Manning, deceased. When the old man died the Hays came to the front with a deed from Manning, in which he had conveyed to them all of his property, amounting to something like $25,000. The heirs brought suit, alleging that the deed was obtained a day or two before Manning died and that at the time he was not in his right mind. The case was tried twice and twice was the decision in favor of the children.

The case of Thomas against Thomas, a legal chestnut, was also disposed of by John D. Thomas defeating his nephew, John P. Thomas. Years ago the old man was involved, and to get his property in shape transferred it to his nephew. In time the young man thought that he would sell a few acres of land, but before he could do so the old man secured a temporary injunction. Yesterday the injunction was made permanent.

A Cholera Scare.

A reported outbreak of cholera at Helmetta, N. J., created much excitement in that vicinity. Investigation showed that the disease was not cholera but a violent dysentery, which is almost as severe and dangerous as cholera. Mr. Walter Willard, a prominent merchant of Jamesburg, two miles from Helmetta, says Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy has given great satisfaction in the most severe cases of dysentery. It is certainly one of the best things ever made. For sale by druggists.

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MEN.

Arthur Shiverick is one of the youngest of Omaha's successful business men, and is today at the head of the great furniture house of Charles Shiverick & Co. He is but twenty-nine years of age, and came to Omaha twelve years ago to accept a position as clerk in the house of which his brother was then the head and manager. He invested his savings in the firm, and in 1888 the partnership was formed that gave to the house its present name. In 1890, Charles Shiverick died, and the management of the immense business fell on the youthful junior member of the firm. The weighty responsibility did not fall upon shoulders that were unequaled to its support, and the business of the concern has continued to prosper, while the house holds its place in the front rank with the leading mercantile enterprises of the city. The business was started in 1871, as a branch of the Tobeys, of Chicago, the Shiverick boys being nephews of the head of the great Chicago house, and their energy, push and business ability made the Omaha house as much to this city as is the older one to the wonderful city that has grown up by the lake.

Too Much of a Risk.

It is not unusual for colds contracted in the fall to hang on all winter. In such cases catarrh or chronic bronchitis are almost sure to result. A fifty-cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure any cold. Can you afford to risk so much for so small an amount? This remedy is intended especially for bad colds and croup and can always be depended upon. For sale by druggists.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Oct. 15, 1892:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

Ed Phelan and wife to Minnie Evers, w 50 feet lots 1 and 2, block 111, South Omaha	$ 3,700
G W Loomis and wife to W H Baker, lot 6, block 1, Loomis' 2nd subdiv.	500
G G Wallace and wife to Jeremiah Kane, lot 7, block 2, Denise's add	4,000
J V Wilcs to G G Wallace, lot 11, block 7, Walnut Hill	1,250
Jeremiah Kane and wife to G G Wallace, n½ lot 11, block 14, E V Smith's add	4,000
Anna Corrigan to M L Anderson, lot 15, block 2, 1st add to Missouri Avenue park	450
Mary Dworak, sr. to Jos Mason, lot 14, n½ lot 19, block 2, Dworak's	1,250
Jos Mason and wife to Mary Dworak, jr, s½ lot 22, block 2, same	700
R A Thompson to Butcher McClelland, lot 10, Clifton Place	5,500
E P Nellis and wife to L M Nellis, e 16 feet lot 7, and w 17 feet lot 8, block 3, Foster's add	6,000
J P Williamson to Mamie Kratser, s 28 feet lot 1, block 10, Waterloo	800
Mamie Kratser to Cora M Williamson, same	800
J G Corteiyou and wife to Erskine Davis, n 57 feet of w½ lot 11, block 15, Improvement Association add	3,000
W L Selby, trustee, to E A Holland, lot 9, block 4, W L Selby's 1st add to South Omaha	400

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.

Margaret Fleming to H. E. Gladwin, 9¼ rods block—, 63½ feet beginning at point 133 feet north and 70¾ rods east of sw cor nw nw 8-15-13	400
Co-operative L and L Co to R F Williams, lots 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14 and 15, and half interest in lot 16, Smith & Williams' add	1
W E Newlin to L C Graham, lot 3, Prayn's sub in Millard & C's add	1

DEEDS.

G A Bennett, sheriff, to Fidelity Building and Loan association, lot 23, block 11, Clifton Hill	1,931
Total amount of transfers	$ 31,683

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Heavy Receipts and Generous Rains Caused Wheat to Decline.

THERE WAS A TEMPORARY RALLY LATER

It Was Claimed That the Indian Shipments for the Week Would Again Show a Light Movement—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 15.—Pelted with rain and heavy receipts, wheat fell down about ½c today. Corn was firm for near-by months and weak for May delivery, leaving off ⅛c higher for November and 1⅛c lower for May. The provisions deal seems resting, but pork and ribs on scant trading were placed on a somewhat higher plane of prices. Rain during the night through the winter wheat region was accepted as marking the termination of the drouth and as the precursors of more to come. The main influence was large local receipts and the heavy rain which started free selling. Later there was good covering by shorts on the decline, and the offerings being moderate with some cash wheat worked here and Pardridge's brokers being buyers, there was a slight rally, which, however, was only temporary. The market at the opening was from ⅛c to ¼c lower and declined from ⅜c to ¼c more, recovered slightly, but again settled back, declining ⅛c more and closing easy. The export clearances from both coasts were smaller by about 40,000 bu. than the preceding week. It was claimed that Indian shipments for the week would again show a light movement and was one of the features which was sustaining the English markets. Paradridge was said to be a buyer of December wheat and a seller of May, which was probably true of other shorts as well.

George A. Seavens was a buyer of December wheat on a considerable scale when the market got down around 75½c for December. His information from the northwest is that the farmers' receipts last week had fallen about 25 per cent and a further falling off next week to as heavy an extent was expected.

There was quite a flurry in the corn trade. It was caused chiefly by a scare among the shorts in November. The theory has been that new corn will move forward in November to fill the consumptive demand in the east and leave the stocks of old corn heavy on speculators. With the wet weather spreading over most of the country the prospects for the new corn getting dry enough to handle early were less favorable. At the same time the rains checked the shipments somewhat and receipts were 565 cars this morning. The withdrawals were again heavy at 342,000 bu. There was also rumor of a prospective squeeze in November contracts. All this started the shorts to buying and the November price was jumped up 1⅛c in a hurry. Later the cars for Monday were estimated at 85 and the market quickly flattened out.

In oats the last day of the week brought the lowest prices and the market was relatively lower than other leading cereals. At the opening firmness was present, as the receipts were less than expected. But some lines of oats, which had been previously bought for investment, were offered at the outside prices, and there was not enough demand to take them. Speculative offerings soon increased, especially when it was announced that 470 cars are expected for Monday. The market sold off le from top prices, closing weak at a decline of ⅝c for the day.

Interest in provisions was restricted to packers and scalpers. January pork was early advanced 17½c over last night's prices, but on an attempt to realize, all but 5c of the gain was lost. November ribs were advanced 12½c. Lard remained nearly stationary.

There were few boats on the market. Rates were steady at 2½c for wheat and 2¼c for corn to Buffalo.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 48 cars; corn, 830 cars; oats, 470 cars; hogs, 26,000 head. Should the inspectors work on six of the leading roads on Sunday, which they probably will, the receipts of corn will be about 1,300 cars.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT No. 2—				
October	$ 73⅛	73¼	72⅞	73⅛
December	75⅝	75⅞	75⅜	75⅝
May	80⅝	81	80½	80⅞
CORN No. 2—				
October	41¼	42¼	41¼	41⅝
December	42@42¼	42¾	41⅝	41⅝@42
May	45¼@45⅜	46	45¼	45⅜@45⅝
OATS No. 2—				
November	29⅞	30⅛	29⅝	29⅞
December	30¼	31	30⅛	30¼
May	34⅜	34⅝	33⅝	33⅞
MESS PORK—				
November	11 55	11 60	11 50	11 50
January	12 77½	12 82½	12 77½	12 82½
LARD—				
November	7 62½	7 65	7 62½	7 65
January	7 25	7 27½	7 22½	7 22½
SHORT RIBS—				
October	9 75	9 75	9 75	9 75
January	6 60	6 70	6 60	5 65

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet and steady; winter patents, $4.75@4.00; winter straights, $3.50@3.50; spring patents, $4.75@4.90; spring straights, $3.00@3.50; bakers, $2.50@3.00.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73⅞c; No. 3 spring, 62c; No. 2 red, 73½c.

CORN—No. 2, 41⅝@41¾c; No. 3, 40¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 29c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 32½c; No. 3 white, 29@31c.

RYE—No. 2, 55½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 60@62c; No. 3, 58c; No. 4, f. o. b., 3½@52c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.11@1.11½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.60.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $11.50; lard, per 100 lbs., $8.37½; short ribs, sides (loose), $7.75@9.75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.20@7.25; short clear sides (boxed), $8.05@8.10.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.15.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5½@5½c; granulated, 5⅛c; standard "A," 5⅛c.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, bbls	16,000	55,000
Wheat, bu	204,000	342,000
Corn, bu	505,000	428,000
Oats, bu	385,000	267,000
Rye, bu	5,000	15,000
Barley, bu	116,000	86,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was very firm; creamery, 18@25½c; dairy, 23@25c. Eggs, firm; strictly fresh, 20@21½c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 15.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—½@⅞c below yesterday; cash 69½c; October, 69c; December, 71½c; May, 78¾@78⅝c.

CORN—¼@½c under yesterday; cash, 40c; October, 38c; November, 38⅝c; December, 38½c; May, 41⅝@41¾c.

OATS—Lower, slow; cash, 29c; October, 28½c; May, 32½@32¾c.

RYE—No sales; 53½c asked.

BARLEY—Slow; Minnesota, 55@60c; Nebraska, 61@57c.

BRAN—Lower; east track, 55c.

HAY—Unchanged; prairie, $7.00@9.00; timothy, $9.50@13.50.

FLAXSEED—Quiet at $1.07.

LEAD—Dull at $3.75; spelter quiet at $4.10.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—Unchanged.

CORNMEAL—Lower at $1.65@2.00.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.15.

BAGGING—Unchanged.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Quiet with only a small job trade at previous quotations.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 37,000 bu.; oats, 39,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 44,000 bu.; corn, 16,000 bu.; oats, 25,000 bu.; rye, 8,000 bu.; barley, none.

Hides and Pelts.

Following are the prices paid by Omaha dealers for hides and pelts quoted subject to change without notice: No. 1 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3@3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3@3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5@6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 3@4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5@7c; No. 2 dry flint hides 3c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5@6c; part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured. Sheep pelts—Green salted, each, 35@$1.25; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15@25c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 10@14½c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@12c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 10@12½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@10c; dry fleeces and bucks, actual weight, 7@9c. Have feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 15.—WHEAT—Was out steady: No. 2 hard, 50½@60½c; No. 2 red, 62@64c.

CORN—Weak and slower: No. 2 mixed, 35@35½c.

OATS—Weak; No. 2 mixed, 26@26½c.

RYE—Weak; No. 2, 52½c.

FLAX SEED—Firm; 86@$1.00.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, 54@55c.

HAY—Firmer and unchanged; timothy, $7.50@9.00; prairie, $4.00@8.75.

BUTTER—Very firm; creamery, 15@25c; dairy, 12@22c.

EGGS—Firm; 17c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 93,000 bu.; corn, 4,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 48,000 bu.; corn, 7,000 bu.; oats, none.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 49,830 pkgs; exports, 11,340 bbls., 16,600 sacks; dull and easy; sales, 6,700 bbls. Low extra, $2.00@3.00; winter wheat, low grades, $2.00@3.00; fair to fancy, $3.00@4.30; patents, $4.00@4.40; Minnesota clear red, $3.00@3.30; straights, $3.40@4.35; patents, $4.25@4.85; rye mixtures, $3.00@3.50.

CORN MEAL—Dull; steady; yellow western, $3.00@3.10.

WHEAT—Receipts, 155,000 bu.; exports, 224,000 bu.; sales, 130,000 bu. of futures, 11,000 bu. of spot. Spots dull, easier; No. 2 red, 78⅛@78⅝c in store and elevator; 79@79⅛c afloat; 79⅞@80½c f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 72½c; ungraded red, 65@77½c; No. 1 northern, 83½@83¾c; No. 2 northern, 77⅛@77⅝c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 77⅞@78c. Options were dull at ⅛c decline, and closed steady; declined on account of free selling for foreign account and the weakness west; sales included No. 2 red, December, 81 1-16@81 3-16c, closing 81⅛c; March, 85⅛c, closing 85¼c; May, 87 9-16@88⅛c, closing at 87⅞c.

RYE—Quiet and steady; western, 63@66c.

BARLEY—Quiet and steady; western, 6?@75c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull and steady; Canada, 90@93c.

CORN—Receipts, 43,000 bu.; exports, 57,000 bu.; sales, 555,000 bu. of futures, 9,000 bu. of spot. Spots dull but firmer. No. 2, 50½c in elevator; 50½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 50@51½c. Options declined ½@⅝c, rallied ⅜c and declined ⅜c, all with the west, closing steady at ⅛@⅜c over yesterday, with trading moderately active. November, 50⅝@50¾c, closing at 50½c; December, 50½@51⅛c, closing at 51⅛c; May, 51⅝@52⅛c, closing at 52⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 161,000 bu; exports, 4,000 bu.; sales, 120,000 bu. of futures, 45,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, easier; options, dull, ⅛@¼c down, steady. October, 34⅝c, closing 34⅞c; December, 30⅛@30⅜c, closing, 30¼c; May, 33⅛@33⅝c, closing 33⅝c. No. 2 spot, white, 37½@37¾c; mixed western, 35@37c; white western, 37@43c; No. 2 Chicago, 35½c.

HAY—Quiet, steady; shipping, 65@70c; good to choice, 75@90c.

HOPS—Quiet, steady; state, common to choice, 18@26c; Pacific coast, 17@24c.

SUGAR—Raw, dull but steady; fair refining, 3c; centrifugals, 96 test, 3 7-16@3⅛c; refined, dull but steady; off A, 4 9-16@4⅝c; mold A, 5@5 1-16c; standard A, 4 15-16@5c; confectioners' A, 4 11-16@4¾c; cut loaf, 5 5-16@5½c; crushed, 5 5-16@5½c; powdered, 4 15-16@5c; granulated, 4 13-16@5c; cubes, 4 13-16@5⅛c.

MOLASSES—Foreign, nominal; New Orleans, quiet but steady; common to fancy, 25@35c.

RICE—Active and firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@6c; Japan, 5@5¼c.

EGGS—Steady and quiet; western prime, 22½@23c; receipts, 3,008 pkgs.

HIDES—Steady; fair demand; wet salted, New Orleans selected 45 and 60 lbs, 5@6c; Texas selected, 50 and 55 lbs, 5@6c.

WOOL—Fairly active and firm; domestic fleece, 25@35c; pulled, 20@32c; Texas, 15@21c.

PORK—Dull; mess, $11.75@12.00; extra prime, $13.50@14.00; cut meats, firm and quiet; pickled bellies, 8½@9c; pickled shoulders, 6½@7c; pickled hams, 10@11c; middles, firm and quiet; short clear, $8.50 for November. Lard, firm and quiet; western steam closed at $8.70 bid; sales, 25 tierces at $8.75; option sales, 250 tierces; October, $8.75, nominal; November, $7.94 bid; January, $7.50, closing at $7.60 bid.

BUTTER—Fairly active and firm; western dairy, 15@22c; western creamery, 18@26c; western factory, 14@17c; Elgin, 25½@26c.

CHEESE—Quiet and easy; part skims, 3@7½c.

PIG IRON—Fairly active; American, $13.00@15.50.

COPPER—Quiet but steady at $11.00@11.65.

LEAD—Quiet; domestic, $4.00@4.05.

TIN—Firm; straights, $20.75@.0.80.

Oil Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—PETROLEUM—Quiet, steady; crude in bbls., Parker's, 4¼c; Parker's, in bulk, $2.25; Unitd closed 51⅞c bid for November; refined New York, $5.90; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.95; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $4.45@4.50.

COTTON SEED OIL—Firm but quiet; crude, 37½c; yellow, 38½c.

TALLOW—Quiet but firm; city ($2.00 for pkgs), 4½c.

ROSIN—Quiet but steady; strained, common to good, $1.25@1.27½.

TURPENTINE—Dull but firm at 50½@50¾c.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—CALCUTTA LINSEED—40s per quarter.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—22s per cwt.

WHALE OIL—21s per ton.

Omaha Fruit Market.

GRAPES—New York Concords, 30c per 10-lb. basket.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Per crate, $1.50 muscats; $1.75 Tokays.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Per box, $1.65.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—$2.50 per box.

APPLES—Per bbl., $4.00; fancy, $4.50; five bbl. lots, 25c less.

QUINCES—Per box, $2.00.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Options opened steady, unchanged to 10 points down, and closed steady at 5 to 10 points up; sales, 17,750 bags, including: October, $15.35; November, $15.15; December, $14.90@15.05; January, $14.80@14.95; March, $14.70@14.85; May, $14.65@14.80; Spot Rio, dull and steady; No. 7, $16.12½.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 15.—WHEAT—Easier; December, 70½c; No. 2 spring, 69c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 3, 41c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 32½@33½c; No. 3 31½c.

BARLEY—61½c.

RYE—58½@60c.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 15.—Quiet and easy; middling, 7 9-16c; low middling, 7 7-16c; good ordinary, 6 9-16c; net receipts, 7,241 bales; gross, 8,891 bales; exports, coastwise, 7,336 bales; sales, 2,200 bales; stock, 189,908 bales.

Omaha Produce Market.

EGGS—Slow at 19c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 13@13½c; choice dairy, 16@22c.

POULTRY—Chickens, old fowls and ducks are selling mostly at 9c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 15.—WHEAT—Firm, demand fair, holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 6s 10½@6s 11½d per cental.

CORN—Quiet; western, 4s 4¾d per cental.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 15.—Counselman & Day to Cockrell Bros.' Commission company: The grain markets were visited with another wave of liquidation today, and a good many long lines which have accumulated on drouth, frost and short crop influences were thrown overboard from weariness, occasioned by large stocks in sight. Local shorts, shippers and private elevator folks were the best buyers. Taking into consideration the strong aspect of foreign markets we feel that prices are not far iro n a good rally, but continued large receipts next week and the interruption of sales by the World's fair holidays may postpone an advance or even exert a continuance of bearish influences.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 15.—Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter: Early in the day there was heavy covering of December wheat and reselling for May by local bears and this has been the chief feature of the market. Pardridge has done more of this than any other individual trader and he has been doing it all the week whenever a change could be made at a satisfactory difference. While few believe any serious attempt will be made to squeeze December on account of the relative scarcity of contract wheat in store, traders prefer to get out of it altogether.

This changing has a tendency to hold the market within narrow bounds, but there is a constant tendency toward lower prices in consequence of increasing pressure from heavy deliveries and but a moderate demand either for export or domestic consumption. Corn and oats continue to break former records of low prices on this crop. There seems to be no particular pressure from speculators who generally regard prices rather too low, but the big receipts of late break the market.

Provisions not only hold their own in the face of the general weakness, but the undertone is one of marked strength.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 15.—F. G. Logan & Co to Duncan, Hollinger & Co: Wheat at the opening was active, 75½c to 75⅞c for December. It sold as high as 75¾c on the advices from the northwest of 2,000 cars for Monday at Minneapolis and Duluth, the price decline to 75⅝c and 75½c and closed at 75⅝c sellers. The rains in Iowa, Nebraska and other points causes rather a bearish feeling. This, with the heavy receipts at primary points, say 1,370,000 bu., and shipments 683,000 bu., has caused some free liquidation. The estimates for Monday on the visible supply are put at about 3,500,000 bu. With all this we look upon the market as moderate and particularly so when freights are taken into account. There is still a lack of moisture in the winter wheat belt. This, with the better export inquiry, is in favor of some improvement in prices. The steady buying of the November option causes comment, of course. The buyers have in their favor wet and unsettled weather which would reduce receipts. Meantime they keep up large enough to supply all demands. May corn at about 46 cents is not high, with a 100,000,000 crop it may go a little lower. If it does it should be purchased on the decline. Oats from the opening until the close were weak. The small and light crop in this cereal appears to have been more than anticipated. Provisions opened strong on the lighter hog receipts. On the advance there were free offerings, which were not taken. While we believe in high prices for hog products, we think it is early in the season to have our high prices. The packing season has not yet commenced. Prime says: "The corn crop is big." Isn't it big? Conditions existing to-day are similar to those noted at this time last year. Hard frosts and dry weather prevail. Ravages by insects in some sections. Winter wheat seeding is at a standstill, early sown making no growth. Clearances—Wheat, 28,000 bu.; flour, 19,000 bbls; 11,500 sacks.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Much Strength Developed in Securities During Yesterday's Dealings.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The stock market during today's short session was characterized by strength, notwithstanding some talk about the probable closer working of the money market for a day or two next week as a result of the diminished bank reserves. The latter was offset to some extent by the knowledge that the treasury payments for pensions will be unusually heavy. New England led the list in point of activity, with Chicago Gas a close second. The latter was bought freely by prominent houses on the announcement that the management had decided to advance the rate of dividend from 5 to 6 per cent per annum. The stock rose to 91⅞, the highest price ever attained. Distillers was also taken by leading firms, and near the close the stock jumped to 64¾ on rumors that the bull pool intended to assume more aggressive operations next week. It is reported that eastern capitalists have bought into the property recently and radical changes in the manner of conducting the affairs of the company are anticipated.

Among the other industrials National Cordage and American Tobacco were strong, while General Electric, after opening ¼ per cent higher, declined a point on rumors of a strike, which was subsequently denied. Western Union was active throughout and reached par. Buying was based on the belief that at the special meeting called for October 25 a stock dividend of 10 per cent would be declared. The report that the Western Union purchased the Postal Telegraph company was contradicted in emphatic terms. New England rose from 44½ to 45⅞ and closed within a fraction of the highest, despite the continued denials by insiders that a deal is in progress. The Grangers and a few new lines closed quiet and firm, but the Gould and southwestern shares generally were in better request. The anthracite coalers were steady. Nothing definite was learned today of the alleged suit for the appointment of a receiver for the Lehigh Valley. This, it is understood, is another phase in the efforts to disrupt the combine. As the bank statement showed a smaller loss in surplus reserve than was expected, the demand for stocks continued well up to the close and the market left off strong in tone, compared with Friday's closing, the prominent stocks showing gains of anywhere from ¼ to 1¼ per cent.

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

Atchison	37	*Norfolk & W. pfd	60
Adams Express	148	North American Co	12⅞
Alton, T. H	35	Northern Pacific	33⅛
do preferred	150	do pfd	74
American Express	119	U. P. Den. & Gulf	18⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	97	Northwestern	115⅞
Canada Pacific	85⅞	do pfd	142
Canada Southern	57½	N. Y. Central	110⅞
Central Pacific	34	N. Y. & N. E.	47⅞
Ches. & Ohio	23⅞	Ontario & West	15
Chicago Alton	142	Oregon Imp	22⅞
Chi. Bur. & Quincy	102⅞	Oregon Nav. Co	74
Chicago Gas	91⅞	O. S. L. & U. N.	27
Consolidated Gas	117⅞	Pacific Mail	33⅞
C. C. C. & St. L	64	Peoria Dec. & E.	18⅞
Colo. Coal & Iron	43	*Pittsburg	156
Cotton Oil Certif's	47	Pullman Palace	200
Del. Hudson	135⅞	Reading	38⅞
D. L. & W	134	Richmond Ter	37⅞
D. R. & G pfd	32⅞	do pfd	46
D. & C. F. Co	63	Rio Grande West	34
East Tenn	48	do pfd	62
Erie	29⅞	Rock Island	82⅞
do pfd	63½	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	75
Fort Wayne	150	St. Paul	79⅞
Great Northern pfd	134	do pfd	123⅞
C. & E. Ill. pfd	145	St. Paul & Omaha	22⅞
Hocking Valley	29	do pfd	115⅞
Illinois Central	99⅞	Southern Pacific	37⅞
St. Paul & Duluth	45⅞	Sugar Refinery	106⅞
Kan. & Texas	20⅞	Tenn Coal & Iron	30⅞
Lake Erie & West	18	Texas Pacific	15⅞
do pfd	79	T. & O. C. pfd	75
Lake Shore	135	Union Pacific	49⅞
Lead trust	43⅞	U. S. Express	65
Louis. & Nash	73⅞	W. S. & N.	117⅞
Louis & New A'lby	26⅞	do pfd	28
Manhattan Con	133⅞	Wells Fargo Exp	144
*Memphis & C	50	Western Union	90⅞
Michigan Central	107	Wheeling & L. E.	20⅞
Missouri Pacific	62