CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Business Holds Fully Up to the Record Made a Week Ago.

COLLECTIONS RATHER INCLINED TO DRAG

Business in a Jobbing Way Continues Quite Satisfactory, Though Behind the Average of a Year Ago—Some Lines Ahead of Last October.

The past week has, according to all accounts, witnessed little change affecting the distribution of goods in a jobbing way. It may be said, however, that such changes as have occurred have been, if anything, on the side of an improvement. There is a tendency in such lines of business as have been slow to recover from the midsummer depression to gradually work their way back to the normal, while such lines as were quick to recover still maintain the position reached early in the fall.

The grocery business, which has been good all the fall, was without special feature last week, and while there could not be said to have been any improvement the volume of business of the previous week was well maintained. It would appear that eastern jobbers take with a grain of allowance the reports of the very satisfactory business that is being done by western jobbers in groceries. The New York Bulletin remarks that reports of free western buying of various lines of groceries have been so frequent of late that the casual observer might reasonably arrive at the conclusion that jobbers in western territory are having more enviable experience than their European competitors in distributing goods. A certain allowance for western exuberance may be proper, but there is convincing evidence that something substantial remains back of it. For example, the most convincing evidence has been brought forward to show that the proportion of California produce, such as dried and canned fruit, etc., has been above the average since the beginning of the autumn season. In fact, some lines of those goods have been taken in sufficient quantity to upset previous calcuations of eastern dealers regarding the probable future statistical position. The influence of large western distribution is not confined alone to California goods. It is conspicuous in connection with tomatoes and some other lines of canned vegetables, is also cutting some figure in shaping the market for salted fish, and not without a certain degree of influence upon certain of the more staple lines of groceries. Eastern jobbers are not slumbering by any means. In fact they are on the alert to put through the largest possible amount of business on the safe and sure policy, leaving the home producer and importer to wrestle with the uncertainties incidental to carrying surplus stocks. Still late movements would indicate that the western dealers are either more confident as to the future or taking greater risks. In any event, it is the plain fact that very free movement to western distributive centers has been the means of giving a certain amount of life to the market for various lines of goods and imparting stability to prices as well.

Some other lines as well as groceries have shown little change during the week past, as, for example, boots and shoes, hats and caps and clothing. It may be added, however, that the clothing business this month is way ahead of the corresponding month last year as concerns the volume of business. This is something that can be said of very few lines, and may be due to the crowding into October of a part of the trade that would on ordinary seasons come to hand in September.

The dry goods business continues very active and local houses are doing a very satisfactory business. It looks now as if the volume of business for the month would show an increase over October a year ago, if it does not it will be close up to it.

Jobbers in hardware are reporting an improved trade in their line. Business is not yet up to where it was a year ago, but the reports from the country are more cheering and the orders are more numerous. The fact is that orders are coming in as rapidly as they did a year ago, but they are not so large.

There has been a more cheerful feeling in the wholesale district during the past few days, owing to the prospect of the speedy repeal of the silver bill. The general opinion among local jobbers is that the repeal of the bill in question will be the signal for a general revival all along the line. They do not look upon the repeal as being a panacea for all the ills of trade, but as people generally are waiting for favorable action on that question before branching out to any extent in any business enterprise it follows that trade must be slow, so long as the final settlement of the question is an uncertainty.

Collections are very active and from all sources come complaints as to the difficulty of securing prompt payment of obligations when due. Reports from the country indicate that farmers are not marketing their crops very rapidly, and until farm products move more rapidly no great improvement in collections can be anticipated.

The clearings for the week ending on Saturday show a slight decrease as compared with the previous week. At the same time the decrease as compared with the corresponding week a year ago was only 24 per cent, as against 27 per cent the previous week. The decrease in the clearings for the whole United States was 20 per cent for the past week, while for the previous week it amounted to 32 per cent. Omaha still compares very favorably with other western cities in the matter of clearing house reports. Cities like Minneapolis, St. Paul, Denver, St. Joseph and Sioux City show a decrease much larger than Omaha.

The following will show the clearings for each day of the week under review together with the totals for previous weeks:

Monday	$ 953,428.36
Tuesday	887,873.19
Wednesday	805,186.83
Thursday	861,834.82
Friday	725,853.13
Saturday	652,550.88
Total	$4,886,733.21
Week ending Oct. 21	5,027,660.49
Week ending October 14	$4,963,710.11
Week ending October 7	4,942,771.64

Produce Pointers.

The Kirschbraun-Haskell Produce company is opening a branch house at Falls City.

Branch & Co. are contemplating moving into larger and better quarters if such can be had.

Ed Lytle of the firm of Riddell & Lytle has been spending a few days in Iowa with his gun.

Bemis & Clark cleaned up the poultry market in pretty good shape by shipping one full car and part of another.

R. E. McClain formerly of the Mullin & McClain company has purchased an interest in the firm of J. A. Ryder & Co.

Mr. Smeltzer of the firm of Fairham, Smeltzer & Co., is in California arranging for shipments of celery from that state.

Twelve cars of potatoes have been shipped into Hastings and distributed among the grocers. It is said that the farmers in that vicinity have quite a good many potatoes, but are holding them in hopes of receiving $1 per bushel.

Minneapolis, Denver, Kansas City and Milwaukee commission men are talking about organizing branch leagues in their cities. A number of firms have written Omaha houses, asking for information on the subject.

The butter men of New York City are complaining about the stagnation prevailing in their business, which they ascribe to the increased and illegal sales of butterine. The prospect is that butterine will cut a big figure in the Omaha market this winter.

Eastern cranberry growers are writing local members of the National League of Commission Merchants and offering to supply them with cranberries, at the same time informing them that the names of their firms were secured from the roster of the league.

The fruit buyers of New York have been accusing the importers who sell by sample, of "fixing" the samples. The importers come back at them in good style. It is charged that the buyers take common Malaga lemons, which contain very little juice and many seeds, in a green state, put them in new boxes, stenciled with leading brands, and after ripening them in their cellars by means of oil and gas stoves, ship them throughout the United States as fancy Messina lemons. This may account for the rapid deterioration in the quality of circus lemonade in the west during the past season.

Burt H. Whitney has purchased the interest of his father, David Whitney, in the firm of Whitney & Co. The name and standing of the firm will remain unchanged. Mr. Whitney senior has been in the commission business since 1878. B. H. Whitney has been with the firm since 1886.

Commission men receive some very amusing kicks. A letter came to a local house the other day which read "You ship me Palmetto oranges when I ordered Floridas—what do you mean?" If the party who registered the kick stays in the business long enough he may learn that fruit packers are in the habit of branding their special packs with other names than that of the state in which the fruit is grown.

Regular shipments of Florida oranges will be made during the season by the Florida Fruit exchange to England via New York, and it is understood that several steamships will leave Fernandina during the season for foreign markets. Freights are reported to be 75 cents per box from Jacksonville to England, which, considering the first-class condition in which the fruit will be handled, seems low enough. Freights on shipments direct from the state will undoubtedly be less than the above figures.

The past month has demonstrated clearly the importance of figs in the foreign dried fruit market, says the New York Bulletin. This fruit is usually first in the field at the opening of the fall season, and its advent is the signal, so to speak, for the merchants of the country to start in upon their holiday operations. With new figs in market orders for same are immediately forthcoming, and as all buyers can be depended upon to follow the same course, an order for figs is never complete without an accompanying memorandum for miscellaneous goods, and the ball of trade is thus set in motion. With the seal of prohibition set upon the importation from Smyrna to this time, the market has been deprived of the old-time stimulant. Cholera in Smyrna and the quarantine system have put a complete check upon the importation of the article, the national government having instructed its consular agent to withhold clearance papers from proposed shipments of the fruit to this country, the instructions being that a clean bill of health must be refused until the epidemic has ceased at the port of shipment, and thirty days have elapsed from the last officially reported case.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—MONEY ON CALL—2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5½@7½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills, $4.83½@4.83¾ for demand and $4.80½@4.80¾ for sixty-day bills. Posted rates, $4.81½@4.84½. Commercial bills, $4.79@4.79½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—72½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds inactive.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	111	Ala. currencies	88
U. S. 4s coup	111	N. W. Consols	137
U. S. 4½s reg	97	N. W. Deb. 5s	106½
Pacific 6s of '95	102	St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	73
La. stamped 4s	94	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M	98
Missouri 6s	102	St. Paul Consols	132½
Tenn. new set 6s	100	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	108¾
Tenn. new set 5s	100	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	75
Tenn. new set 3s	70	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	21
Canada So. 2ds	99	Union Pac. 1sts	102½
Central Pac. 1sts	102	West Shore	103½
D. & R. G. 1sts	110	R. G. W. 1st	66½
D. & R. G. 4s	73	Atchison 4s	74
Erie 2ds	92	do 2sd A	47¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	45	G. H. & S. A. 6s	103
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	79½	do 7s	93
Mutual Union 6s	106	H. & T. C. 5s	103
N. J. C. Int. Cert.	109½	do 6s	100
N. Pac. 1sts	115	M. C. 6s	115
N. Pac. 2ds	91	do 4s	93
Ala. Class A	97	Tenn old 6s	60
Ala. Class B	100	Va. Centuries	52½
Ala. Class C	90	Va. Centuries df	5

Boston Mining Quotations.

BOSTON, Oct. 28.—Call loans, 2½@4 per cent; time loans, 4@6 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Atch., T. & S. F.	22¾	West. Electric	20
American Sugar	104½	West. Elec. pfd	44
do preferred	93	Wis. Cent'l	6
Bay State Gas	1	Calumet & Hecla	413¼
Boston & Albany	204½	New England 6s	105
Boston & Maine	152	Atlantic	9¾
C. B. & Q.	87½	Boston & Montana	25¾
Fitchburg	89	Butte & Boston	8¾
General Electric	30¾	Calumet & Hecla	275
Mexican Central	8½	Franklin	11¼
N. Y. & N. E.	35¾	Kearsarge	2
Ore. Short Line	24¾	Osceola	25¾
Rubber	41	Quincy	109
Union Pacific	20	Tamarack	135
West End	57		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	10	Navajo	15
Belcher	15	North Belle Isle	5
Best & Belcher	140	Ophir	135
Bodie Con	25	Potosi	65
Challar	40	Savage	65
Con. Cal. & Va	280	Sierra Nevada	70
Crown Point	45	Union Con	50
Gould & Curry	60	Utah	20
Hale & Norcross	55	Yellow Jacket	40
Mexican	75		

On the London Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The Post's London special says: One hundred and seventy thousand pounds in bar gold were sold today, partly for New York. Seventy thousand sovereigns went out to Germany. The Bank of England still puts a prohibitive selling price on American eagles. American securities were booming today on the belief that the Sherman bill will be repealed very soon.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,600 head; shipments, 2,900 head; market steady; Texans and Indian steers, $2.40@3.25; cows and heifers, $1.80@2.75; native calves, $4.00@7.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 700 head; shipments, 2,200 head; market strong and 10c higher; top price, $6.40; bulk of sales, $5.90@6.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100 head; shipments, 300 head; market nominally steady; native muttons, $3.40@3.75.

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 28.—Clearings, $1,464,389.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 28.—Clearings, $1,530,209.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 28.—Clearings, $1,968,726; balances, $278,971.

PARIS, Oct. 28.—Three per cent rentes, 98f 25c for the account.

OMAHA, Oct. 28.—Clearings, $652,550; total for the week, $4,886,733.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 28.—Money, 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, 70c premium. Clearings, $1,601,150.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 28.—New York exchange selling, $1.50 premium. Clearings, $365,988; balances, $66,225.

BOSTON, Oct. 28.—Clearings, $13,953,388; balances, $1,206,674. For the week, $79,632,849; balances, $9,228,865. Exchange on New York, 17@20c discount for cash.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Clearings, $13,307,254 for the week, $86,027,220. Corresponding week last year, $110,073,508. New York exchange, 75c premium. Sterling exchange, nominal; actual, $4.81@4.84. Money, steady at 7 per cent; on time call, 6c.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.—Clearings, $2,179,059; this week, $17,750,965; last week, $20,407,877; corresponding week in 1892, $25,286,256; balances today, $48,194; this week, $2,110,250; last week, $2,235,700; corresponding week last year, $2,460,777. Money, quiet at 6@8 per cent. Exchange on New York, 50c premium.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today was £6,000. Gold to the amount of £70,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England today for shipment to Germany. The Bank of England has sold £170,000 for shipment to America.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—It is asserted that the holders of 3,000,000 bonds out of a total of 4,400,000 have assented to the plan of exchanging the bonds for preferred stock in the new cordage company.

The sterling exchange market is nominal today, the European steamers having sailed at an early hour, and there being no disposition to do business for next week. The rates are nominally unchanged.

The money market is featureless today, there being no business in call loans and but little doing in the outside market. The bank statement shows a heavy increase in reserve deposits and loans.

Clearings, $102,347,586; balances, $5,713,777. For the week, $546,371,946; balances, $32,107,742.

The imports from the port of New York were as follows: General merchandise, $7,374,540; dry goods, $1,091,696; specie, $426,561. The exports of specie for the week were $24,000 gold and $596,160 in silver.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record October 28, 1893:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

Christian Hartman and wife to E F Shukert, 4 ½ lot 20, Beauvoir Place	$ 900
Peter C. Olds and wife to John Muckley, lot 3, block 12, Bedford Place	250
M A Wilson and husband to G N Kridler, lots 37 and 38, block 1, Saunder's & Il's add to Walnut Hill	3,500
Otto Baumann and wife to G N Kridler, lots 5 and 6, block 17, Omaha View	1
J H Erck to J I Coatsworth, lot 13, block 4, Everett Place	600
M P Griffien to J K Chambers, part s ½ of lot 4, sw 32-15-13	8,000
R P Hamilton to E C Blum, lot 10, block 18; lot 19, block 13; lot 31, block 14, Orchard Hill	3,000

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.

T G Northwall and wife, et al, to George Armstrong, lot 3, block 6, Armstrong's 2d add	1,700
Total amount of transfers	$ 17,951

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Unexpectedly Heavy Northwestern Receipts Today an Important Factor.

WHEAT AT THE OPENING WAS HIGHER

After Holding Quite Firm for Awhile that Cereal Eased Off, Prices Decline One-Half Cent and Closing at Inside Figures.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Unexpectedly heavy northwestern receipts today knocked out the theory of a falling off in the wheat movement. Incidentally a bulge in the price was also knocked out. It was also found that 1,200,000 bu. of the week's exports went from Pacific ports, and the visible supply might show a big increase regardless of the better clearances. Corn secured only a ⅛@¼c advance. Provisions closed with a trifle loss.

Wheat at the opening was from ⅛c to ⅝c higher than yesterday's closing and held quite firmly for awhile, then eased off, prices declining ¾c, ruled rather steady and the closing was about at insde figures. Cables were stronger and higher, the clearances for the week from both coasts were 600,000 bu. larger of wheat and flour than last week, the New York bank statement was favorable, railroad stocks were higher and a general buoyant feeling pervaded all departments, influenced by the news from Washington. However, the receipts in the northwest for the week were about 300,000 bu. larger than the preceding week, and the export clearances of wheat from five of the Atlantic seaboard and gulf ports were about 200,000 bu. smaller than the preceding week. It was generally estimated that the visible supply would show an increase of about 1,500,000 bu. against an increase of 2,291,000 bu. the corresponding week a year ago.

Corn opened quite strong at from ⅜c to ¼c advance, and in some instances a further improvement of ⅛c to ¼c was gained. Later the feeling was not so strong, and prices gradually settled back again from ¼c to ⅜c, and the market closed rather quiet at the reduction. As usual on the closing day of the week business was very moderate. Anticipated heavy receipts on Monday and Tuesday was a depressing factor toward the end.

Oats were steady, prices averaging slightly better, and the close on the near futures was from ⅛c to ¼c higher, but on May steady. There was no new feature. Business in provisions was confined to the local operators and was not by them indulged in to a heavy extent. The market was generally firm until near the close, when the setback in wheat seemed to pull the props from under the hog products. Pork is 7½c less costly than last night. Lard and ribs are about unchanged.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 220 cars; corn, 515 cars; oats, 280 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Oct.	64½@¾	64⅝	64⅛	64⅜
Dec.	66⅛	66¾	66⅛	66⅜
May	73⅛@⅜	73¾	73¼	73⅜
CORN—				
Oct.	38⅜	38⅝	38¼	38¼
Nov.	38⅜	38⅝	38⅛	38⅛
Dec.	38⅜	38⅝	38⅜	38⅜
May	42⅛	42¾	42⅜	42⅜
OATS—				
Oct.	28¼	28¼	28⅛	28¼
Nov.	28¼	28¼	28¼	28¼
Dec.	28⅜	28¼	28⅜	28¼
May	32⅛	32¼	32	32
MESS PORK—				
Oct.	16 95	16 95	16 95	16 95
Jan.	14 55	14 60	14 47½	14 47½
LARD—				
Oct.	10 12½	10 12½	10 10	10 10
Nov.	9 22½	9 22½	9 20	9 20
Jan.	8 47½	8 47½	8 45	8 47½
SHORT RIBS—				
Oct.	8 87½	8 87½	8 70	8 70
Jan.	7 52½	7 57½	7 52½	7 52½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 64¾c; No. 3 spring, 58c; No. 2 red, 64¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 38¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 28¼c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 29c.

RYE—No. 2, 47½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 40c; No. 4, 34c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.01.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.20.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $17.50@17.55; lard, per 100 lbs., $10.10@10.15; short ribs sides (loose), $9.00@9.25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.00@7.25; short clear sides (boxed), $9.25@9.50.

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

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today.

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, bbls.	11,000	3,000
Wheat, bu.	98,000	94,000
Corn, bu.	314,000	129,000
Oats, bu.	286,000	294,000
Rye, bu.	4,000	1,000
Barley, bu.	94,000	65,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 23@28c; dairies, 21@24c. Eggs, quiet at 20@21c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 2,700 bbls.; exports, 11,600 bbls.; sales, 7,200 pkgs.; market dull but firmly held; city mills, patents, $4.25@4.50; winter patents, $3.50@3.80; city mills, clears, $3.65@3.70; winter straights, $2.85@3.30; Minnesota patents, $3.85@4.10; winter extras, $2.25@2.75; Minnesota bakers, $2.35@2.80; winter, low grades, $1.70@3.30; spring, low grades, $1.65@1.95; spring, extras, $1.95@2.55.

CORN MEAL—Steady; sales, 500 pkgs.; yellow western, $2.60@2.75; Brandywine, $2.85.

RYE—Dull; boat loads, 53@55c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 66@68c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@80c; six rowed, 80@85c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 195,100 bu.; sales, 165,375 bu.; futures, 53,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, 3c advance; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 70⅞c; afloat, 70⅝@70¾c; f. o. b., 71¼@71⅝c; ungraded red, 70½@72c; No. 1 northern, 73¾c. Options opened ⅜c higher, closed ⅝@⅞c net advance; No. 2 red, January, 73¼@73 7-16c, closed 73¾c; February, closed 74⅜c; March, 76c@77¼c, closed 76½c; May, 78⅛@78¾c, closed 78¾c; October, closed 70⅝c; November, 71⅛c, December, 71⅝@72c, closed 71⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 77,400 bu.; exports, 65,400 bu.; sales, 100,000 bu. futures, 64,000 bu. spot. Spots quiet but firm; No. 2, in elevator, 47c; afloat, 48c. Options opened firmer, closed firm with wheat ¼c net advance; October 46¾c; November, 46¾c; December, 47¼@47¾c, closed 47¼c; May, 49⅝@49¾c, closed 49⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 177,000 bu.; exports, 600 bu.; sales, 20,000 bu. futures, 43,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, firm. Options dull, closed nominal with only two sales at ⅛@¼c net advance; October 34¼c; November, 34¼c; December, 35¼c; May, 37c. 2 34½c; No. 2 white, 36¾@37c; No. 2 Chicago, 35¼c; No. 3 Chicago, 34½c; No. 3 white, 35½c; mixed western, 35@36c; white western, 37@42c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 65@85.

HOPS—Steady; state common to choice, 19@23c; Pacific coast, 19@23c.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 46@50 lbs., 3½@4¼c; Texas dry, 24@27 lbs., 6c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 21@24 lbs., 10½c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 20@28c; Texas, local, 7c.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, fairly steady; pickled bellies, 10¾@11¼c; pickled shoulders, quiet; pickled hams, dull. Lard inactive; western steam closed at $10.50; option sales, none; October closed at $10.60, nominal; November at $9.80, nominal; January closed at $8.95, nominal. Pork, quiet; extra prime, $14.50@15.00.

BUTTER—Quiet; western, 17½@22c; western creamery, 21@28c; western factory, 17@20c; Elgin, 28c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, large, 9@11½c; part skims, 4@9¼c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 22@23½c; western fresh, 21@21½c.

TALLOW—Steady; city (2 per pkg.), 5c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Steady; crude, 36c; yellow, 40c.

PETROLEUM—Firm; United closed at 72½c. Pennsylvania oil, spot sales, none; November option sales, 1,000 bbls.; closing at 71½c. Lima oil, spot sales, none.

ROSIN—Steady; strained common to good, $1.17½@1.20.

TURPENTINE—Easier; 30¼@31c.

RICE—Steady; domestic fair to extra, 3¼@5¾c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@38c.

SUGAR—Neglected; fair refining, nominally 3¼c; centrifugals, 96 test, nominally 3¾c; refined sales; mould A, 5⅝@5 9-16c; standard A, 5 1-16@5¼c; confectioners A, 5 1-16@5¼c; cut loaf, 5⅝@5 13-16c; crushed, 5¾@5 15-16c; powdered, 5 7-16@5½c; granulated, 5 3-16@5¼c; cubes, 5 7-16@5½c.

PIG IRON—Quiet. American, $12.00@14.00.

COPPER—Lake, $9.40 nominal.

LEAD—Weak; domestic, $4.30.

TIN—Quiet; 18 salts, $20.60.

SPELTER—Firm; domestic, $3.23.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 28.—The wheat market opened strong at ½c over yesterday's close, but soon exhibited signs of weakness, and long before noon all the advance was lost and a fraction additional. The cause assigned for the weakness was that there were many outside orders to sell, which came from disheartened longs who have been holding on for many weeks. December wheat opened at 61¼c; May, 68c, and, after the ordinary fluctuations, prices closed at 62½c for hard; in store, 60½c; No. 1 northern, 58½c; No. 2, December, 61c; May, 67⅝c. On track, 63¾c hard; 61¼c, No. 1 northern; 59¼c No. 2 northern. Receipts, 524 cars; shipments, 57 cars. The demand for track wheat was good, sold at 61¼c mostly for No. 1 northern, with some choice cars selling above that. Elevator men and millers, in the city and outside, were principal buyers. The buying was for shipment. Farmers were selling freely to the end of the week.

Flour shows no improvement and is slow. The demand would be good at somewhat lower prices, but owing to the better wheat prices, especially for track stuff, sellers do not see their way clear to accept orders without loss. Considerable flour is going on old orders and this, with what sales are made, keep the production pretty well disposed of. Ship cents, 45,675 bbls.; quoted at from $3.50 to $3.90 for first patents and from $3.20 to $3.50 for second patents. Bran holds steady. Bran, in bulk, from $9.00 to $9.25. Shorts, $10 to $10.25. Shipments, 1,100 tons.

Omaha Produce Market.

BUTTER—Choice butter is not very plenty, but the market is weaker. Some houses report their receipts as lighter than a week ago. Fancy creamery, 27@28c; good creamery, 25@26c; fair creamery, 23@24c; choice to fancy country, 23@25c; fair to good country, 18@22c; packing stock, fresh, 15@17c.

EGGS—The bulk of the sales are at 19c, but some strictly fresh are going at 20c. While the receipts are not so very large, they are fully up to the demand.

POULTRY—The receipts of poultry are quite liberal, but the demand is good at the prices. Old hens, 6½@7c; chickens, 6½@7c; geese 7@8c; ducks, 8@9c; turkeys, 8@9c.

VEAL—The arrivals during the past day or two have been light and the market firm at quotations. Choice small and fat veals, 6½@7½c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

GAME—The receipts of game are fairly large, but the market is low and the demand light. The people are not buying game this season. Perhaps cold weather will stimulate the demand. Prairie chickens, $2.50; mallard ducks and redheads are slow at $2.00@2.25; teal ducks, $1.25; quail, $1.25; antelope saddles, 14@15c; deer saddles, 15@16c.

HONEY—Honey is commencing to move a little more freely, but the demand is still light for it; choice white clover, 16@17c.

OYSTERS—Medium, 45c; horseshoes, 19c; extra standards, 21c; extra selects, 24c; company selects, 29c; counts, 34c.

NUTS—Chestnuts are lower and there is a fair supply of choice eastern stock on the market which is selling at 12@14c per lb. Pecans are quoted at 12@13c. The market on black walnuts is slow at 75c@$1.00 on orders; small hickory nuts, $1.75@1.90; large hickory nuts, $1.25@1.35.

VEGETABLES.

BEANS—Eastern hand-picked navy, $2.10@2.15; western navy, $1.80@1.90; common white beans, $1.50@1.75.

ONIONS—There is not much activity in the onion market, owing to the fact that the local crop is large and the gardeners are supplying the demand very largely. Onions are quoted at 50@55c, and on orders at 75c; Spanish onions, per crate, $1.50.

WATER CRESS—Put up in berry boxes, per case of 16 qts., $1.60@1.75.

POTATOES—The receipts are larger and the market is very weak. Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota Burbanks potatoes are selling from store, 70c; same in car lots, 60@65c; Colorado, from store, 75@80c; Colorado lots, 75c.

CABBAGE—There is a good deal of cabbage selling in this market, but the demand is supplied entirely by the gardeners. Orders for cabbage from the country are filled at 1½c per lb.

CELERY—There is considerable poor stock on the market and some very fancy. Good stock, 25@35c; fancy, 50c.

SWEET POTATOES—The supply is fair; home grown, per bbl., $3.25@3.50; Jersey stock, per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Eastern Concords, per basket, 22@23c; large lots, 20@21c.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—There is not much left on the market; peaches, clings, $1.15@1.25; pears, $2.25; grapes, $1.25.

APPLES—The supply is light on this market; choice eastern, per bbl., $4.25@4.50; choice western, $4.00@4.25.

CRANBERRIES—Cranberries are arriving very freely and are in good demand; Cape Cod, early, per bbl., $5.75@6.00; bell and cherry, $5.00@5.25; bell and bugle, $6.00@6.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Prices remain about steady; per bunch, large, $2.00@2.50; per bunch, small to medium, $1.75@2.00.

LEMONS—Messinas per box, $4.00@5.00; Mlord, cases, 300 size, $5.50; Floridas, $5.25.

ORANGES—Floridas are selling at $3.50; Mexicans, $3.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 2 green hides, 2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 2c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 3c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 4c; No. 2 dry flint hides; 3c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c. Part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 35@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 10@15c; 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@11c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool belts, per lb., actual weight, 17@20c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 9@10c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 7@9c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 5@7c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 28.—FLOUR—Stronger, but not quotably changed.

WHEAT—Opened light and ½c up, but realizing put prices back to last night's closing; cash held its gains; No. 2 red, closed, cash and October, at 60¾c; December, 61¼c, nominal; December, 62¾@63c; May, 70¾@70½c bid.

CORN—Was strong, closing ¼c higher; No. 2 mixed, cash and October, 37¼c; November, 35½c bid; December and year, 34½c bid; May, 39¼c.

OATS—Firm; little trading; No. 2, cash and October, 26½c; November, 27c bid; May, 31¾c bid.

RYE—Held higher No. 2, 44c bid, 46½c asked.

BARLEY—Quiet and steady; sales of Iowa made at 48c.

BRAN—Higher; 62c, east track.

FLAX SEED—Nominal at 98½c.

CLOVER SEED—Better at $6.50@7.50.

TIMOTHY—$3.00@3.20.

HAY—Easier; prime to choice timothy, $9.50@10.50.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—Higher at 17½c.

LEAD—Nominal, $3.35; spelter, quotable at $3.32½.

CORN MEAL—Unchanged.

BAGGING—Unchanged, 5@6½c.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged, 95c@$1.00.

WHISKY—Higher, $1.15.

PROVISIONS—Quiet and unchanged, except lard, $9.87½, and bacon, packed shorts, $10.50@10.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 69,000 bu.; corn, 33,000 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.; rye, 4,000 bu.; barley, 13,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 4,000 bu.; corn, 41,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.; rye, 2,000 bu.; barley, 2,000.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 28.—WHEAT—½@1c higher; No. 2 hard, 55@55½c; No. 2 red, 56@56½c.

CORN—Slow; No. 2 mixed, 32@32½c; No. 2 white, 34@34¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 25½@26¼c; No. 2 white, 27@27½c.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2, 45½@46c.

FLAX SEED—Firm; 89@91c.

BRAN—Firm; 56@57c.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $9.00@10.00; prairie, $6.00@7.00.

BUTTER—Easy; creamery, 23@26c; dairy, 18@22c.

EGGS—Scarce; 17½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 86,000 bu.; corn, 10,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 64,000 bu.; corn, 10,000 bu.; oats, none.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 28.—FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 spring, 61c; No. 1 northern, 67¼c; December, 63c.

CORN—Steady; No. 3, 38¼c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 3 white, 28c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 53¾c; sample, 38@55c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 49¼c.

PROVISIONS—Steady; pork, $16.75; lard, $10.10.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 45,000 bu.; barley, 115,200 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 27,700 bbls.; wheat, 10,400 bu.; barley, 176,800 bu.

Peoria Grain Markets.

PEORIA, Oct. 28.—CORN—Market firm; No. 2, 38c; No. 3, 37c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 white, 29¼c; No. 3 white, 27@28¼c.

RYE—Scarce; No. 2, 45@50c.

WHISKY—Market firm; wines, $1.16; spirits, $1.17.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 39,650 bu.; oats, 95,700 bu.; rye, none, barley, 12,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 1,800 bu.; corn, 8,450 bu.; oats, 58,300 bu.; rye, 2,400 bu.; barley, 9,100 bu.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Oct. 28. The wheat market was strong and advancing today. Close: No. 1 hard, cash, October and December, 64¾c; May, 70¾c; No. 1 northern, cash and October, 63¼c; May, 69¾c; No. 2 northern, cash, 60¼c; No. 3, 59¼c; rejected, 48¼c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 63¼c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—COFFEE—Contracts opened steady from unchanged to 15 points lower, closed steady at from 5 points up to 15 points down from yesterday's close. Total sales, 12,500 bags, including: October, $17.75; November, $17.60@17.15; December, $16.70@16.75; January, $16.40; March, $16.15; April, $17.00@17.65; May, $15.80@15.95. Spot Rio, No. 7, $18.25.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 28.—COFFEE—Quiet; No. 7, 17,250 reis per 10 kilos. Receipts, 3,000 bags; total stock, 81,000 bags. Exchange (private), 10s 13d.

SANTOS, Oct. 28.—COFFEE—Easy; receipts, 7,000 bags; stock, 174,000 bags; good average, 400 reis per 10 kilos; cleared, 45