CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Business in a Jobbing Way Very Good for November

COLLECTIONS AS A RULE SATISFACTORY

Steady Cold Weather Would Be Greatly Appreciated by Merchants—Business Generally Better Than a Week Ago—Commission Men Will Meet.

Throughout the past week the weather was quite mild for November and it was not until near the close of the week that the thermometer dropped down to a point sufficiently low to stimulate business to any great degree. As a result, the retail trade of the country tributary to this market was only fair during the early portion of the week and whatever affects the retail trade is certain to be reflected in the demand for goods in a wholesale way. At the same time, the jobbing trade has been in very fair shape all the week, owing, no doubt, to the fact that a good deal of business was held back and delayed by the excitement of the elections.

Some jobbing houses report a much better trade than they had anticipated. Thus, the grocery jobbers have been very busy filling orders, and most of the houses engaged in that line have had about all that they could do to keep even with the demands of their customers. The fact that business in this line is holding up so well has been a surprise to the jobbers themselves.

In the line of dry goods there has not been enough cold weather yet to cause a break in the stocks of retail dealers and sorting up orders have not set in as yet to any extent. For that reason trade in the dry goods line is only fair, but it is in excess of last year at this season. There have been so many new customers booked by the Omaha dry goods houses that the volume of trade runs way ahead of previous years.

In the line of hardware the jobbers report an improvement in the volume of business since the election, owing, apparently, to the fact that consumers and retail merchants have gotten down to business once more, and are doing more buying and selling and less talking.

Trade in boots and shoes is very fair for the season and the same thing might be said of all lines of seasonable goods.

As the holidays approach the jobbers of holiday goods, toys, etc., report an increasing business, and there is every prospect that the volume of trade in this line will be in excess of any previous year, owing to the large number of new customers that are coming to Omaha.

During the past six days there has been an increase in the bank clearings of this city, amounting to 3.5 per cent. While this gain is not as large as many would like to see and falls short of the showing made by some cities, it is in excess of the average gain for the whole country, which amounted to only 1.2 per cent. If the clearings are any indication of business conditions they would seem to indicate that trade in this city is slowly recovering from the depression of the past year or more. While the recovery is not rapid, the fact that there is a steady improvement is taken as a good indication.

BUSINESS MEN WILL MEET.

H. Warren Patch of Boston, secretary of the National League of Commission Men, has written a letter to the Omaha members of the organization that great preparations are being made for a national meeting of the commission men to be held in New York City January 9. The commission men of the country have formed themselves into a very strong organization for the promotion of fair and honest dealing. The character of the produce commission business is such that it is a very easy matter for unscrupulous parties to go into the business for the sole purpose of defrauding the shippers of produce. Every year, in every city, firms are organized, and, after extensive advertising by means of high quotations, which bring in a flood of shipments from the country, they go out of business, indebted hundreds or thousands of dollars to the country. So common has this practice become that the responsible commission houses felt that something must be done to protect the honor of the business, and they formed a national league, the membership of which is limited to firms that are known to be reliable. If at any time a member of the league is detected in defrauding customers they are expelled from the league. In this way shippers in the country are protected against fraudulent concerns.

In January the league will hold its second annual meeting, and so well has the plan worked that the commission men are enthusiastic over it. Mr. Patch writes that at the annual meeting held in Cincinnati one member of every firm was a candidate for delegate to the national convention. In Omaha there is a good membership and this city will be represented in the New York meeting.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says that preparations are being made by the members in that city to entertain the visitors and adds:

The league is composed of eleven local branch organizations, one each being in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Omaha and Louisville. There will be five delegates sent to the convention from each branch, and it is expected that nearly 200 of the most prominent wholesale fruit merchants from all parts of the country will be present. The National League of Commission Merchants was organized to protect shippers of fruit and produce against irresponsible men, who manage to secure consignments of fruit and disappear with the proceeds of its disposal. Its members represent an aggregate capital of about $10,000,000 and handle the greater part of the fruit and produce marketed in the eleven cities mentioned.

AS DUN SEES IT.

Business Dull in Most Lines, but Still Full of Promise.

Mr. W. H. Roberson, manager of R. G. Dun & Co. for Omaha, says:

"This week has been a lifeless one in Omaha jobbing circles, and trade at the retail stores has been slow. Dealers charge present conditions to the weather, perhaps because they cannot charge them to anything else. Aside from the hardware trade, all wholesalers of staple lines report a quiet week. Dealers in Christmas novelties and holiday goods report quite an active demand, but all orders are small. A country merchant in town the other day, buying $50 to $100 worth of holiday goods, apologized and stated that he never before thought of purchasing less than $300 to $500 worth. Wholesale jewelry trade is rather better than usual on account of the near approach of the holidays, but the retailers in this line loudly complain.

"Collections continue, however, to draw new traders. The depression of trade generally sends buyers to the nearest market and consequently new faces are seen in this market every day. A merchant from Otoe county, who never came to Omaha until last year, stated to a jobber that hereafter he would make buying trips regularly once a month. He will buy less at a time, keep his stock assorted more satisfactorily, and, at the end of the year, have little or no unsalable merchandise. He says by this course he can make more money on the same aggregate of sales and handle his business to a better advantage in every way. Other merchants will probably find his experience worthy of emulation.

"Trade at South Omaha holds up better than was anticipated. At the banks money is plentiful and the demand light. Withdrawals of deposits and demand from the east are not by any means as large proportionately as they were this time a year ago. It looks now as if January 1 would come and go without creating any noticeable stringency in the local money market.

"News from the east continues encouraging. A steady improvement is reported all along the line. This is the most hopeful sign of the times. The west cannot expect convalescence until the east is well on the way to a return of normal health.

"No action has yet been taken by jobbers looking to a remodeling of our collection and assignment laws, but something should be done immediately. Within seven weeks the legislature will be in session, and, as a senator is to be elected, the sixty days will be badly broken in upon with politics. Only those measures which are pressed with vigor by somebody who means business will get through."

SNOW, CHURCH & CO'S. VIEW.

Cold Post-Election Weather Brings a General Revival of Business.

Albert Andriano, local superintendent for Snow, Church & Co.'s mercantile agency, writes:

"The colder weather has materially improved local retail business. Dealers in jewelry and fancy goods, as well as merchants in all lines, are preparing for a lively holiday trade, and the indications are that they will not be disappointed.

"The election excitement has passed away and business has resumed its regular course. General business is in a very fair way. Merchants in most lines express their satisfaction with the unexpectedly good fall trade, and there is every reason to expect that business will continue on the up grade. Collections are very fair. Local conditions have admittedly not been very encouraging, and it is therefore all the more gratifying to receive favorable reports at this time. Much of the trade that has come to this center has come from the northwest territory, and jobbers have, in fact, been more aggressive than would have been the case under ordinary circumstances. As matters stand, however, wholesalers feel the necessity of an extension of territory, and the result has thus far been of the most satisfactory nature.

"It is a little early to give a forecast of what the coming year will bring, but there is every indication that there will be a very marked revival. Despite adverse circumstances, trade has been gradually improving throughout the country until it has reached normal conditions, and real activity is only impeded by local circumstances. The hopeless state of uncertainty has given place to well defined stability, and some sections of the country are enjoying unusual prosperity. It is therefore no longer a question of general confidence, but of local prosperity, dependent, in this state, on the yield of marketable product. The early snows give indication of a heavy fall in this section of the country. This will put the soil in prime condition and benefit winter wheat. Prospects favorable to a good crop will encourage consumers and merchants to such an extent as to make the early part of 1895 excel the latter half of this year, with a gradual improvement of affairs, dependent, of course, on favorable crop conditions.

"In making this forecast the fact should be considered that the recent failure of crops was unusual in the extreme, and that there is every reason to hope for an abundant yield and little reason to fear a failure."

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

While the market has been weak on the common grades of butter and packing stock is quoted lower, the high grades have been firm. The supply of choice creamery and dairy butter is not large and the demand is good. Some butter men claim that in their opinion the low point for butter has been touched for the present and that from now on any change ought to be on the side of better prices.

The egg market has been on the upgrade the past few days. The total receipts of eggs are quite large, but the greater proportion of the arrivals is made up of cold storage stock shipped in from different points in the country where they have been held. A large proportion of the eggs sold on this market are nothing but cold storage. At this season of the year a fresh egg means an egg that is fresh from the store house.

The chicken market has been glutted all the week and receivers have found it no easy matter to keep stocks from accumulating. Prices at the close of this week were as low as they have been at any time this year. The larger proportion of the dressed poultry received has not been of extra good quality.

The game market has looked up during the past week and prices on prairie chickens and quail, especially, are higher than they were a few days ago. The demand has been good, both shipping and local, and receivers have found no difficulty in disposing of everything received.

The receipts of veal have been large on most days of the past week, and as a result the market has been depressed and prices are lower than was the case a week ago.

The following will show the receipts for the weeks ending on dates indicated at head of columns, the figures representing cases of eggs, coops of poultry, packages of butter and cars of potatoes:

	Nov. 16.	Nov. 9.	Nov. 2.	Oct. 26.
Eggs	1,062	798	774	675
Butter	1,039	832	892	1,121
Poultry	831	792	555	816
Potatoes	21	52	36	65

It will be noted from the above that there has been an increase in the arrivals of most lines of produce. Quotations:

BUTTER—Packing stock, 7½@8c; fair to good country, 11@12c; choice to fancy, 15@16c; gathered creamery, 19@20c; separator creamery, 22@23c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 21@22c; fresh (cold storage), 18@19c.

POULTRY—Old hens, 3½@4c; spring chickens, 4½@5c; ducks, 5@5½c; turkeys, 5@6c; heavy toms, 5c; geese, 5@5½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 4½c; choice large, 5c; choice small, 6c; turkeys, fair to good, 6@6½c; choice heavy, 7@8c; choice small, 8@9c; ducks, fair to good, 6@6½c; fancy, 7c; geese, fair to good, 6c; fancy, 7c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $3.50; grouse, per doz., $2; blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25; ducks, mixed, per doz., canvasbacks, $4.00@4.50; mallards and red heads, $2.50; quail, $1.50@1.75; deer saddles, 12@15c; antelope saddles, 10@11c; small rabbits, 1½; jack rabbits, $2.25.

VEAL—Choice fat and small veals are quoted at 5c; thin and poor, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young A., 13c; twins, 12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@8c; limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 14@15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9; midland, $8.50; lowland, $8; rye straw, $6. Color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring prices.

PIGEONS—Old birds, per doz., 75c.

VEGETABLES.

While the receipts of potatoes were not so large as for the previous week, they were plenty large enough and the market is largely supplied and holders find it slow work to move their stocks. The market may be summed up as slow and weak. Quotations:

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 62@65c; small lots, 70c.

OLD BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, $2; lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—On orders, 1½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@35c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2; Jersey, $3.50 per bbl.

BEETS—Per bu., 50@60c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 50@60c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $2.25.

EGG PLANT—Per doz., 50c.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 7@8c.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 50@60c.

RUTABAGAS—Per bu., 75@90.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 25c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 50c.

SPLIT PEAS—Per lb., 3@3½c.

HUBBARD SQUASH—Per doz., 75c.

TOMATOES—Per bu., 50c.

GREEN PEAS—Per bu., $1.25@1.35.

FRUITS.

California quinces are lower than they were a week ago, while pears are higher. There are no good shipping grapes on the market, except for small lots. Quotations:

QUINCES—California, per 50-lb. box, $1.50.

APPLES—Good stock, per bbl., $2.50@2.75; Michigan stock, $3; New York or New England, $3.00@3.25.

PEACHES—None.

PLUMS—California, none.

PRUNES—None.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, $1.75.

GRAPES—Concords, 10-lb. baskets, none; California, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., $7.50@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod fancy, $10 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3.50; Floridas, $2.75@3.00.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

LEMONS—Malaga, $4; fancy Florida, sizes 250 and 300, $4.00@4.25.

PINEAPPLES—None.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Prices on some grades of oysters have been cut a little during the past week. Quotations:

OYSTERS—IXL, 8c; medium, per can, 10c; horse shoes, 12c; extra standards, 15c; extra selects, 17c; company selects, 21c; New York counts, 25c.

NEW FIGS—Fancy, 16c; choice, 12@14c; California, bags, 8c.

HONEY—New York, 17c; California, 16c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon cans, per doz., $12.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@16c; English walnuts, 12c; filberts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 8c; eastern chestnuts, no good stock; sheilbark hickory nuts, per bu., $2; large hickory nuts, $1.75; fancy raw peanuts, 6c; roasted peanuts, 7½c.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $4.50 @4.75; per half bbl., $2.50.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 6½c; 10 gal. kegs, 7c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.75.

FISH—Fresh caught crappies, perch and sunfish, 3@5c; buffalo, 3@4c; pike and pickerel, 6@8c; catfish, 8@9c; black bass, 12@13c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5.50; half bbl., $3.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 2 green hides, 1½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 3 to 15 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 3 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 4c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

Many Hands Make Light Work.

New York Weekly: Tourist (in Utah)—Polygamy is no longer practiced, I am told.

Ex-Mormon (dejectedly)—No, and it's a shame. Only one wife! What good is one wife? Just a trial, that's all.

"How so?"

"Everything is at sixes and sevens. Nothing ever done. Buttons off, meals half cooked—everything wrong. In the good old days we had one wife to sew on buttons, another to darn stockings, another to boss the servants, another to do the shopping, and another to attend to the duties of society. A man had some comfort then."

Odd Signs.

In front of a sign painting establishment in Chicago is a great banner which says, "As a rule we don't believe in signs unless they happen to be selected from our new and handsome patterns."

A clothing store on the West Side has adopted as its catch line, "Even snakes shed their skins." This is supposed to be a gentle invitation to purchase a new suit of clothes.

On a bill of fare in a down-town restaurant is the following notice: "Any inattention or lack of courtesy on the part of employes will, if reported to the management, be gratefully appreciated."

Agreeably Surprised.

Henry Wilson, the postmaster at Welshton, Fla., says he cured a case of diarrhea of long standing in six hours, with one small bottle of Chamberlain's cholic, cholera and diarrhea remedy. What a pleasant surprise that must have been to the sufferer. Such cures are not unusual with this remedy. In many instances only one or two doses are required to give permanent relief. It can always be depended upon. When reduced with water it is pleasant to take.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Preponderance of Evidence Was on the Bull Side Yesterday.

FOREIGN ADVICES STRENGTHENED WHEAT

Receipts of Corn Were Heavier by Eighty Carloads Than Friday's Estimates—Transactions in Oats Were Unusually Heavy.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—The preponderance of evidence was on the bull side today and May closed ⅝c higher. Strength abroad was the feature, and there was plenty of bullish news, or news in addition to help the holders' side of the market. Corn was heavy, closing unchanged for May, and May oats finished ⅛c higher. Provisions wound up with fair gains.

The strength of the foreign advices gave the tone to the wheat market. An advance with which the session was inaugurated on the strong cables was checked for a short time by receipts of 914 car loads of wheat, compared with 666 a year ago, at Minneapolis and Duluth. The market recovered all it had lost and rose slowly but surely to the end. It wound up for May at 61¼c bid, having touched 61⅝c a minute or two before the final close. The opening was at from 60⅝c to 60¾c, and it sold to 60¼c before getting above the first prices. New York sent very bullish dispatches respecting the export business. Room for twenty boat loads for shipment to Liverpool was taken today at 6c per bu. freight. About 15 loads were taken for export at other seaboard cities. Flour shipments were heavy, engagements having been made for 51,000 sacks for Amsterdam. Bullish dispatches which rung the changes upon all that could help the price were plentiful.

The receipts of corn were heavier by 80 car loads than yesterday's estimates, and 500 cars are estimated for Monday. These increased receipts and pressure of corn, both on spot and to arrive, caused the markets to rule weak, but a decline was saved in the end by the bullishness of the wheat market. May opened at from 49¾c to 49¾c, declined to from 49⅝c to 49¾c, advanced near the close to 50c, and rested at from 49⅞c to 50c.

A very good business was transacted in oats. The disposition to buy was liberal. The consequences were a firmer feeling and slightly higher prices. The principal buyers were elevator people. May started a trifle lower than it closed yesterday, at 32½@c, sold up to 32¾c, down to 32⅛c to 32⅜, up again to 32¾c, and closed with sellers at that price.

Provisions were firm and higher, showing at the close the following gains for January delivery: Pork, 25c; lard, 10c, and ribs 17½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2—				
Nov.	55⅜	55⅜	55⅜	55⅜
Dec.	55⅝	56¼	55⅛	56¼
May	60⅝@⅝	61⅜	60⅛	61¼@⅜
Corn No. 2—				
Nov.	51⅜	51⅜	50¾	50¾
Dec.	50⅛	50⅝	50⅛	50⅛
May	49¾@⅞	50	49⅝@¾	49⅝@50
Oats No. 2—				
Nov.	28⅜	28⅜	28⅜	28⅜
Dec.	29¼	29¼	29	29¼
May	32⅝	32⅝	32¼	32⅜
Pork per bbl				
Jan.	12 30	12 55	12 30	12 55
May	12 65	12 90	12 65	12 90
Lard, 100 lbs				
Jan.	7 12½	7 25	7 12½	7 25
May	7 30	7 42½	7 30	7 42½
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	6 25	6 35	6 25	6 35
May	6 47½	6 55	6 45	6 55

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Winter patents, $2.50@2.70; winter straights, $2.25@2.35; spring patents, $3.30@3.50; bakers, $1.75@2.10.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 59¾@60¼c; No. 3, nominal; No. 2 red, 55¾@56¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 51½c; No. 3 yellow, 46¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 28⅝c; No. 2 white, 31¾@32½c; No. 3 white, 31½@32c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 55@56c; No. 3, 52@55c; No. 4, 50@50¼c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.44.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.62½@12.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.27½@7.30. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.40@6.75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5¾@5¾c; short clear sides (boxed), 6¾@6¾c.

WHISKY—$1.23.

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	20,000	23,000
Wheat, bu	48,000	38,000
Corn, bu	188,000	260,000
Oats, bu	150,000	45,000
Rye, bu	6,000	7,000
Barley, bu	62,000	38,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 14@22c; dairy, 12@22c. Eggs, steady; 20@21c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Provisions. Metals, Etc.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 32,800 bbls.; exports, 14,900 bbls.; sales, 9,200 pkgs.; market closed strong, but buyers were scarce and business ragged; city mill patents, $3.40@4.15; city mill clears, $3.35; Minneapolis patents, $3.05@3.55; Minnesota bakers, $2.00@3.75; spring low grades, $1.75@1.90; spring extras, $1.85@2.25; winter patents, $2.75@3.05; winter straights, $2.30@2.70; winter extras, $1.90@2.40; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15. Southern flour, dull; sales, none; common to fair extra, $1.80@2.40; good to choice, $2.40@3.00. Rye flour, quiet; sales, 200 bbls.; superfine, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.85@3.00. Buckwheat flour, $1.85@2.05.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet; 55@60c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; sales, 150 bbls.; yellow western, $1.18@2.00; Brandywine, $3.05.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 54@56c; boat loads, 56@58c.

BARLEY—Nominal; western, 63c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 70@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 52,100 bu.; exports, 15,600 bu.; sales, 1,965,000 bu. futures and 128,000 bu. spot. Spot market stronger; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 58⅝c; afloat, 60¾@60¾c; f. o. b., 61⅝c; No. 1 northern, 61⅞c, delivered; No. hard, 62½c, delivered. Options strong all the forenoon on foreign buying, increased weekly exports from both coasts and higher cables. Trade was very bullish. The close was at from ⅝c to ⅞c advance, and on the curb prices advanced ¼c more; No. 2 red, January, 60¾@61c; closed 61c; February, closed 61⅝c; March, closed 62¾c; May, 63⅜@63¼c, closed 64¼c; November, 59@59⅝c, closed 59⅝c; December, 58½@59⅝c, closed 59⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 176,900 bu.; exports, 2,000 bu.; sales, 220,000 bu. futures and no spot. Spot market dull; No. 2, 60c in elevator; 60¼c afloat; No. 2, 60c, delivered. Options opened steady and advanced with wheat, but afterward reacted under large realizing, estimates, closed ¼c higher on the year and ⅛c lower on far months; January, 54¼c, closed 54¼c; May, 53⅜@53⅝c, closed 53⅝c; November, closed 50c; December, 50¼@50⅝c, closed 50⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 37,200 bu.; exports, 400 bu.; sales, 58,000 bu. futures and 28,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2, 32¼c; No. 3, 32¼c; No. 2 white, 32¾c; No. 3 white, 32½c; mixed, 28¼c; No. 2 white, 37@41c. Options opened steady and advanced with wheat, but afterward generally firm with wheat, and closed at ⅛c advance; January, closed 34⅜c; February, closed 33⅝c; May, closed 36⅜c; November, closed 33¼c; December, 33¼c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 55@57½c; good to choice, 60@67½c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, old, 3@6c; new, 5@12c; Pacific coast, 2½@7c.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted, New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 8c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 5½@6c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 17@20c; acid, 16@18c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 19@24c; pulled, 20@25c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.00@12.00; extra mess, $8.00@8.50; beef hams, $17.00@17.50; city, extra India mess, $17.00@19.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 6¾@7¼c; pickled shoulders, 5½c; pickled hams, 8½@9½c. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $7.80 bid; city, $7.25; November, $7.00 bid; December, $6.67½ bid. Pork, nominal; January, $7.55, nominal; refined, steady; continent, $7.40; S. A., $8.50; compound, $5.50@5.75. Pork, dull; new mess, $13.75@14.25; family, $13.75@14.50; short clear, $14.00@16.00.

BUTTER—Steady; western dairy, 11@15c; western creamery, 15@25c; western factory, 10@14c; Elgins, 26c; imitation creamery, 12@19c; state dairy, 13@23½c; state creamery, 18@25c.

CHEESE—Active; 8½@10¾c; small, 2½@3c; part skims, 2¼@3c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 22@24c; refrigerator, 17@20c; western fresh, 17@22c; cases, $2.00@4.00; receipts, 16,673 pkgs.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 4¾c; country, 4¾c.

ROSIN—Quiet; strained, common to good, $1.50 @1.55.

TURPENTINE—Quiet; 28½@28¾c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@6¼c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@36c.

PIG IRON—Quiet; Scotch, $19.00@20.00; American, $10.00@13.00.

COPPER—Quiet; brokers' price, $9.50.

PEROLEUM—Nominal; Unite delosed at 82¾c bid.

LEAD—Steady; brokers' price, $3.

TIN—Firm; straits, $14.50@14.55.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet, but firm; prime crude, 25@25c; off crude, 23@23c; yellow, butter grades, 31@32c; choice yellow, 32c; nominal; prime yellow, 30@31c; yellow off grades, 27@28c; prime white, 32@33c, nominal.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—COFFEE—Options opened barely steady at 10@20 points declines under weak European advices, reacted partially on local covering, closed steady at 5@10 points net decline; sales, 12,000 bags, including: December, $13.95; January, $13.55@13.60; March, $12; May, $11.55@11.65; August, $11.30; September, $11.20. Spot Rio, firm; No. 7, 15¾; mild, quiet and steady; Cordova, $18.50@19.00; sales, none; warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 9,977 bags; New York stock today, 197,331 bags; United States stock, 337,840 bags; afloat for the United States, 234,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 491,000 bags, against 450,465 bags last year.

SANTOS, Nov. 17.—Hirror; good average $11.60; receipts, 1,600 bags; stock, 464,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Nov. 17.—Steady; prices, ⅛@¼ pfg. decline; sales, 15,000 bags.

HAVRE, Nov. 17.—Opened quiet, unchanged to ¼f advance; at 12 noon quiet; closed ¼@1f net decline; total sales, 10,000 bags; Monday will be a holiday at Havre.

RIO JANEIRO, Nov. 17.—No. 7, $11.60; exchange, 12 1-16d; receipts, 4,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 10,000 bags; cleared for Europe, none; stock, 241,000 bags.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17.—FLOUR—Firm at recent quotations.

WHEAT—Very tame at the opening, quickened later and turned strong, closing ⅝c up on better cables and export buying; No. 2 red, cash, 52¼c; December, 52⅜c; May, 58¼c.

CORN—Unsettled and irregular, closing finally ⅛c up; No. 2 mixed, cash, 45⅝c; December, 46⅝@46⅛c; May, 47c.

OATS—Firm; ⅛c higher; No. 2 cash, 82¼c; December, 32⅜c; May, 34¼c.

RYE—Higher; No. 2 spring, 59¾@60¼c; No. 3, nominal; No. 2 red, 55¾@56¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 51½c; No. 3 yellow, 46¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 28⅝c; No. 2 white, 31¾@32½c; No. 3 white, 31½@32c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 55@56c; No. 3, 52@55c; No. 4, 50@50¼c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.44.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.62½@12.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.27½@7.30. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.40@6.75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5¾@5¾c; short clear sides (boxed), 6¾@6¾c.

WHISKY—$1.23.

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	20,000	23,000
Wheat, bu	48,000	38,000
Corn, bu	188,000	260,000
Oats, bu	150,000	45,000
Rye, bu	6,000	7,000
Barley, bu	62,000	38,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 14@22c; dairy, 12@22c. Eggs, steady; 20@21c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 17.—WHEAT—Closing; Firm; holders offer sparingly; No. 2 red, winter, 4s 10d; No. 2 red, spring, 5s 1d.

CORN—Dull; holders offer moderately; spot, 4s 11½d; futures, firm; holders offer sparingly; November, 4s 11d; December, 4s 10¾d; January, 4s 7½d.

FLOUR—Firm; holders offer moderately; St. Louis, fancy winter, 5s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Lard, steady; holders offer sparingly; American, 37s 6d. Pork, firm; holders offer sparingly; prime western mess, 53s 9d; medium, 50s 3d. Beef, firm; holders offer sparingly; extra india mess, 67s 6d; prime mess, 56s 3d. Hams, firm; holders offer moderately; short cut, 48s. Bacon, dull; holders offer moderately; Cumberland cut, firm, 36s; short ribs, steady, 36s 6d; long clear, 45-lbs., steady, 35s; long and short clear, 45-lbs., steady, 35s; shoulders, steady, 29s.

CHEESE—Steady; holders offer moderately; finest white and colored, 51s for spot.

TALLOW—Nominal; supply poor; prime mess, 23s.

COTTON SEED OIL—Easy, 15s 9d.

TURPENTINE—Steady; holders offer moderately; spirits, 28s 9d.

ROSIN—Steady; holders offer sparingly; common, 3s 7½d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), firm; holders offer moderately; new crop, £2 15s@£3.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 17.—Wheat opened higher this morning, with a good demand at the outset for May. The rise was about ⅛c to ¼c shortly after the opening. The lack of ocean tonnage and a higher ocean rate, with large receipts in the northwest, were the chief factors in holding prices down from further advance. The market closed higher than yesterday by 1c for November, ⅞c for December, ⅝c for May and to higher on wheat on track, at 59¾c for November; 59¾c, December; 61c, May; on track, 61¼c, hard; 60¼c, No. 1 northern; 58¾c, No. 2; receipts were 351,120 bu.; shipments, 18,630 bu. Flour was active and quoted at $2.20@2.50 for patents, and $2.00@2.30 for bakers. Production for the 24 hours was estimated at 40,000 bbls.; shipments for the same time, 39,175 bbls.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 17.—COTTON—Steady; sales, spot, future, to arrive, 1,950 bales; middling, 5 1-16c; low middling, 4 13-16c; good ordinary, 4 9-16c; net receipts, 20,327 bales; gross, 21,345 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 3,583 bales; to France, 10,479 bales; to the continent, 11,591 bales; constwise, 8,668 bales; stock, 352,749 bales; futures, steady; sales, 28,800 bales; November, $5.01 bid; December, $5.05@5.06; January, $5.08@5.09; February, $5.10@5.11; March, $5.13@5.20; April, $5.20@5.22; May, $5.30@5.31; June, $5.36@5.37; July, $5.42@5.43; August, $5.46@5.48.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 5 1-16c; sales, 400 bales; receipts, 8,700 bales; shipments, 8,000 bales; stock, 33,300 bales.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, Nov. 17.—WHEAT—Active, higher; No. 2, cash and November, 55¾; December, 56¼c; May, 60¾c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 49¼c; May, 49¾c; No. 2 yellow, 50¼c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 30c; No. 2 white, 30c.

RYE—Dull; cash, 49½c.

CLOVER SEED—Active, steady; prime, cash and November, $5.57½.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 24,000 bu.; corn, 9,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.; clover seed, 238 bags.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 5,500 bbls.; wheat, 43,000 bu.; corn, 25,000 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.; clover seed, 108 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 17.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 1, 50@51c; No. 2 red, 49@50c; rejected, 45@47c; sales, by sample, on 'change, f. o. b., Mississippi river: No. 2 hard, 57c; No. 2 red, 56¾c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 mixed, 42¼@42c; No. 2 white, 42½c.

OATS—Slow; No. 2 mixed, 30½@31c; No. 2 white, 32@33c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 16@21c; dairy, 13@15c.

EGGS—Less active, 18c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 2,300 bu.; corn, 7,700 bu.; oats, none.

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

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—SUGAR—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3½c; refined, inactive; No. 6, 4 7-16@4½c; No. 7, 4 3-16@4¼c; No. 8, 4⅜@4 13-16c; No. 9, 3½@4 1-16c; No. 10, 3 7-16@3⅝c; No. 11, 3⅜@3 9-16c; No. 12, 3 5-16@3⅜c; No. 13, 3¼c; off A, 4⅜@4½c; mould A, 4 7-16@4¾c; standard A, 4 1-16@4¼c; confectioners' A, 4 11-16@4¾c; cut loaf, 4⅝@5 1-16c; crushed, 4⅝@5 1-16c; powdered, 4 7-16@4¾c; granulated, 4 3-16@4¼c; cubes, 4 7-16@4⅝c.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—SUGAR—Cane, dull and depressed; centrifugal Java, 12s; beet sugar, quiet; prices barely maintained; November, 9s 7½d; December, 9s 7½d.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 17.—FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2 spring, 57½c; No. 1 northern, 65c; May, 61¾c.

CORN—Firm; No. 3, 49½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 33c; No. 3 white, 32¾c.

BARLEY—Quiet; No. 2, 53½c; sample, 43@56c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 50½c.

PROVISIONS—Higher. Pork, $12.45. Lard, $7.15.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 8,600 bbls.; wheat, 3,300 bu.; barley, 52,400 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,400 bbls.; wheat, 1,300 bu.; barley, 1,000 bu.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Nov. 17.—CORN—Active, easier; new, No. 3, 43c; new, No. 4, 42c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 30¼@32c; No. 3 white, 30@30½c.

RYE—Scarce, nominal; No. 2, 50@51c.

WHISKY—Firm; high wine basis, $1.23.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 2,400 bu.; corn, 59,900 bu.; oats, 13,200 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; barley, 9,800 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 1,900 bu.; corn, 9,100 bu.; oats, 16,500 bu.; rye, none; barley, 4,200 bu.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—