FOR REFORM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Men of All Political Parties Join to Promote a Citizens' Movement.

SECTARIAN PROSCRIPTION UNRESERVEDLY DENOUNCED

Address of the Voters in Omaha and Douglas County Who Demand a Businesslike Administration of City and County Affairs by Honest, Capable and Nonpartisan Officials.

We, the undersigned citizens and voters of Douglas county, hereby declare that there exists in our midst urgent need for a vigorous nonsectarian and nonpartisan citizens reform movement for the purpose of securing an honest, economical and businesslike administration of our city and county government, and we invite all other citizens and voters of Omaha and Douglas county who agree with the following declaration of principles to join with us in organizing for the above mentioned purpose.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

1. The constitution of the United States ordains that no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification for an office of public trust. It furthermore ordains that the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states. An American citizen, whether native or naturalized, is endowed with all the rights and privileges that citizenship confers on ever foot of American soil.

Among the fundamental conditions under which Nebraska was admitted into the union was the guaranty that perfect toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured, and no inhabitant of this state shall ever be molested in person or property on account of his or her mode of worship. The freedom of conscience and the right of every citizen to the enjoyment of equal political privileges was engrafted into the organic law of this state in the most explicit terms, and all interference and discrimination on account of religious belief is interdicted in the bill of rights. Every man who takes the oath to support the constitution, national and state, is bound by the most sacred ties of honor and plights his faith to maintain inviolate these precious guaranties of the freedom of conscience and the right of all American citizens, regardless of creed, to an equal share in government and absolute equality before the law. A denial or abridgment of these rights is subversive of free government and destructive of civil as well as religious liberty.

2. Whereas, the machinery of our local government is dominated by vicious factions of secret political societies, who, under the cloak of patriotism and sectarian zeal, have usurped the legitimate functions of government, invaded the sanctity of the judiciary, fomented sectarian strife in the public schools, bred discord and insubordination in the police and fire departments, and have recklessly squandered the public funds to support their followers and promote schemes of spoilation to the detriment of the community; and,

Whereas, The people of this city and county are taxed over $2,000,000 a year for the support of our city and county governments, our public schools and courts, and this falls principally on the small home owners and wage earners.

Therefore, We deem it of vital importance that the same system of economy and accountability shall apply to the conduct of the public service that is enforced in business houses and by private corporations.

3. We believe in home rule for the city of Omaha, with a municipal civil service that would make capacity, honesty and fidelity the sole tests of fitness for office, and we favor the acquisition of all public works by the city at the earliest time practicable, so that all necessities now furnished by franchised corporations shall be supplied at the lowest cost to consumers.

4. We believe that every problem and every issue to be determined by the ballots of American citizens can and should be openly, publicly and fairly discussed and star chamber methods of organizing and conducting political campaigns should be frowned upon by good citizens as fraught with danger to free institutions and good government.

5. We believe that the greatest obstacle to the success of efforts to obtain pure municipal government lies in the division of good citizens in city elections on national party lines, and we therefore favor independent, nonpartisan action in our local elections, and the entire exclusion therefrom of national and state issues.

6. We believe that in the selection of judges and clerks of elections a fair division should be made in good faith at each of the polling places among all the different political parties, and we demand such action on the part of the appointing powers.

7. We believe that all men not incapacitated by law have a right to aspire to a voice and influence in the administration of their governments, whether local or otherwise, and we denounce any attempt upon the part of any class or section of citizens whatever to proscribe any other class or section by reason of religious creed as unamerican and unpatriotic.

We hereby invite the co-operation of all good citizens of whatever party or creed who are in accord with the views and principles hereby enunciated to unite with us in the effort to give this city and county a more economical and businesslike administration in all branches of government.

OMAHA.

E. E. Bruce, wholesale druggist.
A. P. Tukey, real estate.
George W. Doane, attorney.
Charles F. Weller, wholesale druggist.
A. T. Rector, wholesale hardware.
Thomas Kilpatrick, wholesale dry goods.
W. N. Babcock, manager Union stock yards.
Hobart Williams, grocer.
James M. Woolworth, attorney.
John S. Brady, wholesale grocer.
F. P. Kirkendall, wholesale boots and shoes.
V. H. Coffman, physician.
Robert W. Richardson, attorney.
J. N. Cornish, banker.
W. H. Defrance, attorney.
Harold Gifford, oculist.
J. F. Carpenter, wholesale paper.
B. E. B. Kennedy, attorney.
F. C. Ayer, manager Fairbanks, Morse company.
Arthur C. Wakeley, attorney.
Alex Gunther, wholesale hats.
Charles B. Rustin, real estate.
George Mills, real estate.
E. W. Lee, physician.
J. C. Sharpe, treasurer Union stock yards.
Edward Robertson, cigars and tobacco.
Lee Herdman, attorney.
William A. Paxton, real estate.
George W. Lininger, wholesale agricultural implements.
W. S. Wright, wholesale hardware.
Edward Droste, book binder.
Isaac Adams, attorney.
William Wright, book binder.
Amos Field, wholesale druggist.
Clarence E. Oliver, printer.
Silas Cobb, attorney.
Andrew J. Somers, physician.
Leo Benninghoven, journalist.
C. B. Hall, wholesale boots and shoes.
Joseph Adams, foreman book bindery.
C. C. Wright, attorney.
A. H. Droste, publisher.
Sherman Vanness, physician.
Bruno Tzschuck, real estate.
J. B. Sheean, attorney.
Ad Gress, book binder.
Arthur Karbach, carriage manufacturer.
J. P. Langevin, foreman printing office.
Frank Kasper, street commissioner.
Fred A. Wallwey, foreman printing office.
W. H. Herdman, attorney.
Charles A. Lucke, notary public.
W. S. Rector, banker.
Carl Schmidt, real estate.
C. P. Halligan, attorney.
Jay Burns, secretary Municipal league.
O. S. Wood, physician.
H. Burger, retail liquors.
William Glass, wholesale hardware.
Morris Karpelvs, liquors and cigars.
Gilbert Blue, laborer.
E. Keiffer, cigars.
George B. Tzschuck, treasurer Bee Publishing company.
Charles Petersen, carpenter and joiner.
Lee Helsley, attorney.
W. Walt Ford, carpenter and joiner.
W. D. Beckett, attorney.
C. D. Hamann, shoemaker.
John Zimmer, chemist.
C. J. Schmidt, boots and shoes.
Henry Lange, clerk.
P. P. Schmidt, plasterer.
M. A. Robert, physician.
James C. Anderson, laborer.
E. W. Simeral, attorney.
William Wolff, salesman.
W. S. Shoemaker, attorney.
C. A. Hawes, salesman.
Frederick Frye, freight agent.
Daniel Kendall, real estate.
C. S. Elgutter, attorney.
Henry Steiner, bricklayer.
Victor G. Lantry, real estate.
F. M. McGilton, attorney.
J. Heartman, mechanic.
Thomas Swebs, hotel keeper.
George A. Magney, attorney.
John Hobrecker, jr., wholesale stoves.
Richard Tizzard, real estate.
Robert W. Patrick, attorney.
George G. Manning, steamfitter.
Robert Cowell, wholesale dry goods.
A. H. Blehmer, salesman.
D. W. Merrow, attorney.
W. R. Singer, bookkeeper.
Jacob Williams, commission merchant.
Anton Scalzo, elevator conductor.
George G. Bowman, attorney.
John Groves, accountant.
F. A. Rinehart, photographer.
G. H. Udell, painter.
Simeon Bloom, attorney.
N. J. Schmidt, life insurance.
C. E. Goodman, druggist.
F. Knaack, clerk.
E. R. Overall, mail carrier.
George S. Kennedy, paper hanger.
J. W. Miner, journalist.
Alexander Douglas, barber.
A. S. Patrick, live stock dealer.
E. P. Peck, grain merchant.
Allen A. Kendig, canvasser.
A. Clark Rellick, banker.
M. Risdon, solicitor.
W. J. Mount, insurance.
C. A. Campbell, printer.
J. W. Rose, art goods.
F. S. Horton, printer.
O. Chat Redick, real estate.
D. R. Gaff, printer.
Lewis Ley, wholesale tinware.
Willis Hudspeth, journalist.
J. A. Carpenter, wholesale paper.
John E. Emblem, printer.
J. F. Davies, physician.
B. F. Hubbard, printer.
C. H. West, liveryman.
L. R. Rossiter, laborer.
C. Z. Gould, life insurance.
James J. Burr, salesman.
Charles Robertson, cigars and tobacco.
W. J. Huston, restaurant keeper.
J. J. McMullin, dentist.
C. E. Baker, printer.
D. A. Hensley, clerk.
Henry Horans, laborer.
R. S. Berlin, real estate.
Jesse White, bookseller.
J. H. Dahosse, physician.
W. F. White, newsdealer.
Thomas F. Boyd, loan agent.
E. F. Rutherford, marble dealer.
H. D. Sluice, real estate.
J. M. Sirpless, job printer.
D. W. Phelps, broker.
P. A. Griffin, barber.
William G. Doane, attorney.
Lon Sheehan, hotel clerk.
H. A. Gardiner, contractor.
Anthony Bobiset, shoemaker.
N. N. Geary, furniture.
G. W. Kenney, telegrapher.
David N. Young, clerk.
John Quinn, mechanic.
W. F. Sweesey, real estate.
S. Beals, collector.
Albert Stabler, fire insurance.
H. H. Powell, printer.
W. H. Crary, real estate.
A. J. Linn, drayman.
W. E. Hamilton, Cudahy Packing Co.
A. A. Perry, laborer.
Egbert Kellogg, merchant.
J. F. Hamilton, meats.
William Davis, laborer.
D. D. Miller, carpenter.
A. G. Gale, peddler.
C. B. Shriner, clerk.
I. W. Lumbeck, railway service.
E. P. Roggen, life insurance.
Earl Coburn, printer.
John Baumer, jeweler.
Morris Kelly, drayman.
William Gentleman, grocer.
Frank Severance, brakeman.
W. H. Hunter, journalist.
L. Goodman, merchant.
P. O. Hawes, attorney.
M. Burkenwood, clerk.
E. Holovtschiner, physician.
C. C. Vaughn, printer.
George Houlister, real estate.
Frank Tichner, butcher.
George E. Bertrand, attorney.
Charles Vogel, cigar maker.
J. F. Sweesey, real estate.
Edward Petersen, cigar maker.
F. D. Wilson, dentist.
H. W. Pettit, blacksmith.
Walter Breen, attorney.
George C. Whitlock, contractor.
Fred Hicksteln, butcher.
H. J. Hayne, switchman.
John R. Hughes, switchman.
William J. Holm, accountant.
E. C. McCrary, expressman.
A. J. Peck, real estate.
James M. Swazick, salesman.
M. R. Welch, switchman.
Charles Grotte, hotel keeper.
J. M. Ward, canvasser.
H. Hennoch, cigar dealer.
George D. Riggs, printer.
George Reed, billposter.
James H. Whalen, salesman.
Herman Reinhold, illuminating oils.
M. Conley, horse shoer.
Julius Festner, job printer.
W. J. Chizum, expressman.
Louis Pitthan, clerk.
A. P. Johnson, laborer.
H. Rohrs, salesman.
Fred Sidener, drayman.
Henry Voss, architect.
N. H. Church, furniture repairer.
William Bolemanson, waiter.
James Igle, brewer.
P. J. Karbach, carriage dealer.
E. A. Mason, dentist.
L. Good, laborer.
Peter Frenzer, real estate.
William Everett, carpenter.
John M. Frenzer, jeweler.
N. P. Nelson, car inspector.
Arthur P. Karbach, carriage dealer.
H. Romig, hay merchant.
George W. Karbach, carriage dealer.
M. Keiser, tailor.
Emil Karbach, carriage dealer.
Al Kodym, tailor.
Theodore Bernine, salesman.
Xavier Weisland, workingman.
J. H. Pendray, printer.
Christ Lajble, workingman.
Charles Riddlemoten, painter.
Peter Remacle, bicycle repairer.
R. S. Parker, newspaper union.
August Brown, workingman.
L. S. Lathrop, printer.
A. H. Heyden, mechanic.
George Brown, stereotyper.
George Main, workingman.
George W. Neff, printer.
F. Fancher, mechanic.
Fred Brodegaard, watchmaker.
Christ Kuil, workingman.
John C. Foley, printer.
J. J. Kaufman, helper.
J. M. Taylor, real estate.
Max Fogel, tailor.
G. W. Buck, carpenter.
Gustav Zeler, workingman.
William Scott, barber.
R. F. Gilder, clerk.
Ernst Langbehn, workingman.
E. R. Kindler, workingman.
George W. Harvell, reporter.
W. H. Groves, painter.
Fred Mohle, jeweler.
Paul Porch, workingman.
George Martin, printer.
E. Kygen, paper hanger.
Olaf Peterson, laborer.
W. W. Syfe, salesman.
Fritz Bieler, workingman.
Ed Peterson, bicycle repairer.
L. J. Bergquist, painter.
David P. Ricketts, collector.
P. Sanders, plasterer.
J. J. Young, contractor.
John Young, contractor.
Julius Middlestadt, workingman.
Thomas McGovern, messenger.
J. L. Eastman, clerk.
S. Jonasen, jeweler.
Christ S. Boyen, workingman.
M. O. Daxon, dealer in bicycles.
John Hynes, salesman.
August Beck, workingman.
Edward T. Heyden, dealer in bicycles.
H. Neilsen Trano, insurance agent.
August Kempf, brewery worker.
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Thomas Robinson, Bradstreet's agency.
Fred Pinzensham, workingman.
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James Phillips, Cudahy Packing company.
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David Moog, Cudahy Packing company.
W. S. Patrick, Cudahy Packing company.
A. H. Wagner, Cudahy Packing company.
Frank Jelen, laborer.
Joe Barton, laborer.
Matthew Barton, laborer.
Anton Sadil, laborer.
Frank Sadil, laborer.
Gabriel Kenning, laborer.
Joseph Hezivuk, laborer.
Joseph Viarina, laborer.
Avan Meoettlar, laborer.
Joseph Kulish, laborer.
M. Van Pleco, laborer.
Frank Meher, laborer.
Joseph Zelandek, laborer.
A. J. Dlcups, laborer.
Prakop Krunil,
Charles Krebs,
Frank Langpaul.
John Daley, finisher,
J. Doyle, painter.
E. Doyle, painter.
P. M. Garrett, salesman.
H. A. Overbeck, draftsman.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

MELTING SNOWS—By Prince Schoenaich-Carolath. Translated from the German. Cloth, $1.25. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. From N. B. Falconer, Omaha.

Bent Sorenson, a young student of North Germany, comes to a university town to get an education. He is entirely absorbed in the intellectual side of life, until a chance meeting with a beautiful girl changes the whole current of life for a time. The girl, Gracinta Galleri, is preparing to become an operatic singer. Her health is delicate, however, and at her debut in the midst of her triumph she bursts a blood vessel. The love episode passes away like the "melting snows." Their lives run on in different channels, and the singer marries a man of wealth. The story is very pathetic and thoroughly impregnated with a German atmosphere.

MASTER AND MAN—By Count Leo Tolstoi. A translation. Cloth. F. Tennyson Neely, Chicago. From Megeath Stationery company, Omaha.

"Master and Man" is a simple little tale, with hardly a plot worth speaking of. Vassill Andreitch, a sharp Russian merchant, starts out on a cold winter day, after an unusually good bargain, and is accompanied by Nikita, his henchman. Nikita is one of those stolid, aimless, easy going, dissipated Russian peasants that have been made familiar to Americans through fiction and have an actual existence in fact. These two get lost on their journey and finally are stranded in a snowdrift. Nikita, who is scantily dressed, is about to succumb to the cold, when his master suddenly comes to a new realization of his duty and saves Nikita from freezing, but at the expense of his own life. So much for the bare outline, which serves as a mere skeleton to be rehabilitated with Tolstoi's theories regarding the duties of those who are in authority and control the material things of life. In fact, read between the lines this simple tale is but a thread on which the author hangs his exquisitely sarcastic rallieries against existing conditions.

THE MASTER—By I. Zangwill. Cloth, 523 pages, $1.75. Harper & Bros., New York. From Megeath Stationery company, Omaha.

In "The Master" Mr. Zangwill has succeeded in telling the story of the career of Matthew Strang in a way that challenges admiration and demands more than formal words of praise. From his childhood, passed in a commonplace village—from the inception of his desire to place the beautiful things in nature, interpreted by his art, before the eyes of other people; from the first itching in his fingers for the brush and pencil; through his poverty in the streets of London; his return to his native country; his marriage for the sake of art and the subsequent tragedy of his life; his gain of the applause of the world; his brief glimpses into fields of happiness—we follow and feel as if we had shared Strang's life and often clasped his hand.

COIN AT SCHOOL IN FINANCE—By George E. Roberts. Paper, 25 cents. W. B. Conkey company, Chicago.

A number of merchants, mechanics, farmers and traveling salesmen engage in a controversy over "Coin" at a depot hotel in a small town in Iowa, and figures are here cited showing local prices have not declined since 1873. The question is asked whether advances in price are caused by scarcity and declines by gold, and other pertinent questions follow until the disciples of Coin are badly confused. A local school of finance is opened and Coin himself, in company with a prominent bimetallist, attends. The statements made in Coin's book are there put on trial and the author is terribly discomfited in attempting a defense. His figures, his premises, his conclusions, are each in turn challenged, and by the time the discussion is over Coin's goose is cooked into crow. No one can read the book without reaching the conclusion that Coin's mountain of thunder is only the magnified squeal of a mouse.

ALMOST A MAN—By Mary Wood-Allen, M. D. Flexible cover. Published by Mary Wood-Allen, M. D., Ann Arbor, Mich.

This little brochure is skillfully written to help parents do what too often is left to be done by those who have neither skill nor grace nor priority, in other words, to communicate that knowledge of themselves so essential to youth during the period in which they arrive at maturity.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE "QUESTION BOX" ON CATTLE AND THE DAIRY—Paper, 25 cents. J. Wallace Darrow, Chatham, N. Y.

A book of practical and authentic information on various topics pertaining to stock and dairy management as discussed at farmers' institutes, dairy conventions and in the agricultural press.

COIN'S FINANCIAL FOOL—By Horace White. Paper 25 cents. J. S. Ogilvie Publishing company, New York.

Mr. White's method of handling Coin will certainly not please its friends, so merciless is he in scoring its page after page of errors, misrepresentations and false deductions—in fact, often, unfortunately, descending to buffoonery, such, for instance, as is conveyed in the title of the book. The comic pictures by Dan Beard are very amusing.

MAGAZINES RECEIVED.

THE ESOTERIC—Esoteric Publishing company, Applegate, Cal.

POET-LORE—Poet-Lore company, 196 Sumner street, Boston.

THE KINDERGARTEN NEWS—Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass.

THE CHAP BOOK—Stone & Kimball, Chicago.

THE STATIONER AND PRINTER—J. Sawtelle Ford, Chicago.

THE CERAMIC MONTHLY—The Ceramic Monthly Publishing company, 85 Dearborn street, Chicago.

MEEHAN'S MONTHLY—Thomas Meehan & Sons, Germantown, Philadelphia.

WOMAN'S PROGRESS—Woman's Progress company, 1009 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

THE SANITARIAN—Dr. A. N. Bell, 251 Union street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

BABYHOOD—Babyhood Publishing company, 5 Beekman street, New York.

OFFICIAL LAWN TENNIS BULLETIN—The New England News company, Boston.

OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS—The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York.

THE AMERICAN JEWESS—The Rosa Sonnenschein Co., Chicago.

NATIONAL PRINTER JOURNALIST—National Printer-Journalist company, 327 Dearborn street, Chicago.

STILL TRUST THE PEOPLE

Wall Street Operators Not Worried Over the Free Silver Agitation.

DISLIKE FOR THEORETICAL CHANGES

Americans Not Prone to Rush Blindly Into Anything Revolutionary in Its Operations—This is the Hope of Sound Money Men.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Henry Clews, head of the banking house of Henry Clews & Co., writes of the situation in Wall street:

Wall street is not in a mood to borrow trouble from the drift of the silver agitation. Above all interests, it is most disposed to put faith in the safety of the final common sense conclusions of the popular judgment. It has too often seen the country brought to the verge of seeming catastrophe, only to be rescued by the eleventh hour conservatism of the people, to have any fear that the craze for national free coinage will ever be consummated. Our people are not given to violent revolutions; they dislike great changes which are purely theoretical and experimental, and, although they rather enjoy the excitement of an agitation upon some great question or principle, yet, when the stage for decision arrives, they know how to say no to the schemes of mere agitators and to the abettors of the mere aberrations of factionists. It may surely be taken for granted that the great mass of our people are fully capable of understanding that free coinage at 16 to 1 means a sweeping revolution in every interest, financial, commercial and industrial—a convulsion that would leave behind no stable basis of prices, no fixed standard of money value. It needs no more common sense than our citizens exercise at every election to discern that such a change would end in business disorganization, national discredit and widespread ruin, and Wall street reposes confidence in the final protection of this safeguard against an insane monetary revolution.

POLITICIANS ARE WILY.

Nor do the men of the Stock exchange take the politicians at their seeming worst in this matter. It belongs to the wily tactics of politics to humor even the wildest vagaries that crop up from popular ignorance and prejudice. So far as such vagaries may be likely to influence votes, their devotees are flattered by the privilege of representation in platforms and legislation in congress, and hence any sort of folly receives a measure of toleration. But, at the same time, the leaders who finally control the drift of politics have to maintain more respect for the reputation of their party than for the humor of its temporary dupes or lists, and it may be regarded as an impossibility in practical politics that a majority of either party would finally perpetrate the suicide of sanctioning unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, or any other policy that would endanger the permanence of the supremacy of the gold standard in the United States.

It is confidence in these general conclusions based on the working of our political institutions that keeps Wall street calm and unapprehensive in the midst of the prevailing excitement on the silver question. In the world's estimate of the prevailing judgment and conservatism of the American people is one that excludes the possibility of silverism ever becoming the law of the land. This conclusion might be less trustworthy were there any possibility of immediate final action upon the question being taken. But politicians most familiar with the complexion of congressional sentiment on this question agree that the new house of representatives stands two to one against free coinage. And were the attitude of congress less certain, there still remains the fact that, failing the Messrs. Cleveland and Gorman, no law favoring silver can escape his veto; so that, until the assembly of congress in the winter of 1897, there is no possibility of any change being made in the legal status of silver. For the interval there is opportunity enough for the common sense of the nation to do its saving work.

MARKET STILL UNTESTED.

Operations on the Stock exchange have been on a limited scale. There were good reasons for this, due to the inevitable waiting for the new reorganization schemes which are shortly expected to be announced. Large operators naturally hold aloof until the nature of these settlements is better known. Another reason was the apathy of the London market in spite of the fact that foreigners are ready buyers of all first-class issues. Still another cause of hesitancy is the inclination to discriminate more closely in speculative purchases, a disposition which is likely to become more marked as the advance continues. Thus far the market has not had any severe test of the principal operators, even when believing in better prices, are more particular as to the financial condition of properties as well as their business prospects. The industrials have been subject to several bear attacks, but thus far these have successfully resisted all attempts at depression, the steady increase of earnings and the improved commercial and crop outlook discouraging any general selling of railroad stocks. The demoralization of rates checked buying, it is true, but failed to induce any decline of consequence, showing that confidence in the future is undisturbed. Pennsylvania's last monthly report attracted much attention for its satisfactory results, and from the wide territory covered and large variety of products carried was regarded as excellent proof of business improvement. A break in the industrials, which began on Thursday, was not a very great surprise. These securities have long been an element of weakness in the situation, and the disturbance there must naturally have an effect upon other securities. The bears have made the successful stroke, and are not likely to give in until having done their utmost. Stop orders caused very heavy selling. The decline, however, will, in the end, benefit the market by creating a fresh buying basis and leaving the situation more clear of doubtful spots.

BETTER CLASS OF STOCKS ADVANCE

With Three Exceptions American Railway Shares Show an Upward Tendency.

LONDON, June 30.—The change of government, with the certainty that the elections are near, have had a good effect on the stock market, stimulating speculation and investment. All the best class of stocks advanced and 110 is talked of as the price that consols are likely to touch. The only chance of the money market hardening is in the statement that Japan has stipulated that a large portion of the indemnity shall be paid within six months. Mining stocks have hardly been so active, while Spanish and Turkish securities have been down on the Cuban and Macedonian troubles. Brazilians were lower on a rumor that the Rothschilds had declined to negotiate a new loan. Other South Americans were good. Central Americans were regular. It is still hoped that a boom will occur in this market in the autumn. Of railways Central Pacific and Wabash shares declined slightly. All others show an advance on the week. Missouri Pacific and Reading firsts 1, and the others fractionally. Grand Trunk shares advanced 9.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, June 29.—FLOUR—Dull and heavy; patents, $3.85@4.00; extra fancy, $3.75@3.85; fancy, $3.60@3.70; choice, $3.20@3.35. Rye flour, $3.75@4.00.

WHEAT—The buying was just enough better on rains in the winter wheat belt than the selling at the opening to start the market ½@⅝c higher, but the conditions changed and there was a decline of ⅝c. This was followed by a sharp upturn of 1⅝c. There was only the relapse from this, and at the close July was ⅝c and September to above yesterday. No. 2 red, cash, 71½c bid; July, 71⅝c; September, 71⅝c.

CORN—Rather easy early, but only ⅛c lower, with not much for sale; spot grades firm; No. 2 mixed, cash, 43⅝c bid; July, 45¾c; September, 45¾c.

OATS—Stronger, and with a much better demand for futures. Spot firm; No. 2 cash, 25c bid; July, 24½c; September, 24½c bid.

RYE—Lower; car old No. 2 sold east track at 65c, and sacked for prime this side, at 67c.

CORN MEAL—$3.25@3.30.

BRAN—Dull, easy; sacked, east track, 64@65c.

HAY—Steady for timothy at $13.00@15.00; cent side; prairie, steady, $9.00@10.00 for new stock, this side.

EGGS—Steady; slow demand, 8½c.

WHISKY—$1.25.

SPELTER—Dull and nominal at $3.42½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; jobbing, $12.62½. Lard, prime steam, $6.45; choice, $6.50. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $6.50; longs, $6.87½; ribs, $7; shorts, $7.12½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $5.62½; longs, $6.37½; ribs, $6.50; shorts, $6.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 2,000 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, June 29.—1:30 p. m. Closing: WHEAT—Spot, quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 4½d; No. 2 red spring, 5s 4½d; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 4½d; No. 1 California, 5s 4½d. Futures closed steady, with near positions ½d lower and distant positions ¼d lower; business heaviest on early positions; July, 5s 4½d; August, 5s 5¼d; September, 5s 6¼d; October, 5s 7d; November, 5s 7½d; December, 5s 8d.

CORN—Spot steady; American mixed new, 4s 2½d. Futures closed steady with near positions ½d lower and distant positions ¼d lower; business heaviest on early positions; July, 4s 2¾d; August, 4s 3¼d; September, 4s 4d; October, 4s 4½d; December, 4s 5¼d.

FLOUR—Dull; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 32s; short ribs, 18 lbs., 32s; long clear, light, 35 to 45 lbs., 32s; long clear, heavy, 55 lbs., 32s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 30s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 32s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 34s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 30s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 45s. Beef, extra India mess, 85s 9d; prime mess, 61s 3d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 58s 9d; prime medium, 51s 3d. Lard, dull; prime western, 32s 6d; refined, in pails, 34s 6d.

CHEESE—Firm; demand moderate; finest American white, new, 37s; finest American colored, new, 37s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, good, 45s.

COTTON SEED OIL—18s.

LINSEED OIL—22s.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 2s4d; hindquarters, 4s6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), 12.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.

Wheat, Corn and Oats Scored Some Improvement Saturday.

CHICAGO, June 29.—Wheat, corn, oats and provisions all closed at some improvement today. The grain markets were weak to begin with, but provisions struck a bullish gait at the start and kept it up. Wheat rose from 71⅝c for September to 72¾c, and corn from 47⅛c to 48⅝c. Liquidations of July wheat, which was the chief feature of the first hour's trading in that article, had run its course in that time, and having done so the short sellers found themselves confronted with probable small deliveries on July contract and the old wheat all tied up again for another two months.

Wheat began where it left off yesterday, under the influence of the July bulletin. For about half an hour that was the feature of the local trade, which overshadowed everything else, and under the influence a decline of 5c occurred, and the difference between July and September was cut at one time to 1½c. The 2,000,000 bushels of the market news referred to the weekly shipments and those told in favor of the bears. From both coasts Bradstreet's reported the shipments of wheat and flour at 1,846,000 bu., against 2,567,000 bu. the week before and 1,317,000 bu. on the corresponding week of 1894. The Argentine shipments for the week were 960,000 bu., which is about double what was sent out on the previous week, and so large as to upset all conditions in the previous report of exhausted stocks in that country. The day's receipts at Chicago were nominally ten cars, but that included five cars transferred from irregular to regular city houses. Minneapolis and Duluth received 257 cars, compared with 257 cars on the corresponding day of last year. The opening prices were about the same as the previous day's closing quotations, and for a minute or two there were enough buying orders to give an appearance of strength to the market. That gave way before the persistent selling of July by those who did not wish to take it at might be tendered to them on Monday if they should remain holders of their contracts till then. The price of September at the start was from 71⅝c to 71¾c, with 71⅝c the most generally prevailing price for a couple of minutes. Following that the tendency for an hour was steadily downward until at 71½c the selling relaxed and the rather cowed air of conviction of a still further breaking gave place to alarm on the part of those who had been trading upon such conviction. The reaction was sudden and in ten minutes the decline which an hour of persistent selling had brought about was recovered and an advance established. About half an hour from the close Monday's bullish news was received concerning the winter wheat threshings reproduced what had previously been remarked about the unsatisfactory yields and the miserable quality. The feeling of danger in the case of short side wheat, the quality of which is coming to market not much better than the tailings of previous years, was the uppermost thought in the minds of the crowd as the session was nearing its end, and the market steadily rallied to 72⅝c. The closing transactions were at 72⅝c, with July 1⅝c under that.

Corn was dull and of itself heavy, but buying was encouraged by the unusual opening strength in wheat and after an early decline of ⅛c per bu. it closed with ⅛c gain. The range for September was from 47⅛c to 48⅝c, the lowest price being made near the opening and the highest at the close. The trading was principally in the way of changing July wheat into September. The receipts of today were 174 cars, and 190 are estimated for Monday. The Arg