COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Was Feverish Throughout the Entire Session.

OPENING INDICATES A BEARISH MARKET

Brokers Who Were Large Buyers Thursday on Continental Orders Lead in the Selling During the Early Hours.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Wheat was feverish today and at one period of the session it looked as if the boom had been transformed into a boomerang. It had quick recoveries, however, from several sinking spells and in the end was only ¼c lower than it closed yesterday. The other markets were also easier, but like wheat the declines were immaterial in amount.

Wheat opened today with indications pointing to a decidedly bearish market, with accompanying lower prices. To begin with, the early Liverpool cables quoted spot wheat 1d higher, but futures ½d lower. The continental markets were quieter and inclined to weakness. New York wired that foreigners were good sellers there and cable responses to offers last night were generally that the offers were too high. Brokers, who were large buyers yesterday on continental orders, led in the selling at the opening, indicating that the rapid rise here was stopped temporarily at least on the foreign demand for American wheat. The heaviness of the northwestern receipts—1,136 cars, against 1,240 cars last year—also received attention. But overshadowing this all were reiterations of the failure of the India crop, which came from both London and San Francisco, in the shape of further engagements for shipment to that country. Those reports came in soon after the opening and stopped what otherwise would probably have been a lively decline. As it was, prices rallied at once. Later in the session reports from London that the purchase of wheat at San Francisco for Calcutta included an option of shipping to Cork instead, if deemed more desirable, created a weak spot in the market. December opened at from 68⅝c to 69¼c, compared with 69⅜c at the close the day before. It kept alternating between 68⅞c and 68¾c for about fifteen minutes before it made a clean break for a higher plane. It started up on the San Francisco news and made a quick advance to 69¾c, that price being bid for a few seconds. Then the conflicting India news, coupled with a feeling that the recent advances had been too rapid, brought about a weakness which carried the price down to from 68⅝c to 68⅜c. At that stage of the deal Bradstreet's report of the week's clearances of wheat and flour from both coasts was received, reporting the quantity at 4,215,000 bu., compared with 3,181,000 bu. the week before, as against 2,613,000 bu. on the corresponding day of the year before. That quickly revived the bull feeling and caused a rapid recovery to 69⅛c. Closed steady at 69⅛c, a net decline of ¼c.

Corn was moderately active, but inclined in a downward direction. The offerings from receivers were too heavy for the market, but failed to depress it to any great extent. The nervousness of wheat was reflected in corn, but to a less degree, and the decline for the day was only ⅛c. May opened a shade lower at 26⅝c, fluctuated between 26⅜c and 27⅛c, and closed easy at from 26⅝c to 26¾c.

Oats opened firm, but did not remain so long. The market lacked support and weakness followed, with prices much lower than at the opening. The final rally in wheat had the effect of stiffening prices, and the market closed exactly where it closed yesterday. May opened unchanged at from 20⅝c to 20⅞c, fluctuated between 20⅜c and 20½c, and closed at the opening price.

Trade in provisions was small and the bull feeling of the day before had considerably abated. Quite an advance occurred, after the opening, due to fair inquiry. But at the advance there was a little pressure to sell and prices settled back again. January pork closed 2½c lower, at from $7.25 to $7.27½. January lard, unchanged, at from $4.27½ to $4.30. January ribs, 2½c lower, at $3.60.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 265 cars; corn, 680 cars; oats, 425 cars; hogs, 18,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Oct.	67⅝@7¾	68⅜	67@67¼	67⅞
Dec.	68¾@9⅛	69¾	68⅜@⅜	69⅛
May	72½@⅞	73⅜	71⅞	72⅝
Corn, No. 2.				
Oct	23⅜	23⅜	22⅞	22⅞
Dec.	23⅝@⅞	24⅜	23⅜	23⅝@⅞
May	26⅝	27⅛	26⅝	26⅝@⅞
Oats, No. 2.				
Oct	18¼	18¼	17⅞	17⅞
Dec.	18⅜@½	18⅜	18	18⅜
May	20⅝@⅞	20⅞	20⅜	20⅝@⅞
Pork, per bbl.				
Oct.	6 50	6 60	6 45	6 45
Jan.	7 25	7 40	7 17½	7 27½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Oct.	4 02½	4 02½	4 02½	4 02½
Jan.	4 25	4 32½	4 25	4 30
Short Ribs—				
Oct.	3 20	3 30	3 20	3 27½
Jan.	3 55	3 65	3 55	3 60

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; 10c higher; winter patents, $3.30@3.60; straights, $3.00@3.40; spring specials, $3.55@3.75; straights, $2.75@3.10; bakers, $2.25@2.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 67⅞c; No. 3 spring, 65@66½c; No. 2 red, 70⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 22⅞c; No. 2 yellow, 23⅛c.

OATS—No. 2, 18c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 21⅝@22½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17½@20½c.

RYE—No. 2, 36c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 26@36c; No. 4, f. o. b., 24½@25½c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 76½@77½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50@2.52½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, per bbl., $6.45@6.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.05. Short ribs sides (loose), $3.30@3.50. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $3.87½@4.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $3.62½@3.75.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 8@11c; chickens, 7c; ducks, 8@8½c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	7,000	4,000
Wheat, bu.	121,000	6,000
Corn, bu.	332,000	213,000
Oats, bu.	578,000	315,000
Rye, bu.	18,000	1,000
Barley, bu.	93,000	5,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 9@15½c; dairy, 9@13c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 14½c. Cheese, steady; 7½@8½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—FLOUR—Receipts, 20,600 bbls.; exports, 9,200 bbls.; market quiet but steady, except for winters, which were scarce and firmly held; city mill patents, $4.70@4.75; winter patents, $3.75@4.00; city mill clears, $4.10@4.20; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; mill patents, $3.70@4.20; winter extras, $2.25@2.50; Minnesota bakers, $2.30@3.25. Buckwheat flour, steady; sales, 300 bags, at $1.50. Rye flour, firm; superfine, $2.60@2.70.

CORN MEAL—Firm; yellow western, 57c; city, 59c; Brandywine, $2.65.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady; sales, 10,000 bu.; quoted at 37@38½c, car lots.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, cif., 44@44½c.

BARLEY—Steady; western feeding, 32½@33c, cif.

WHEAT—Receipts, 247,700 bu.; exports, 129,725 bu. Spot easier; No. 1 northern New York, 74⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, 76⅝c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened weak and lower, under large sales by foreign houses and English cables, recovered on active local buying, and after another setback, finally rallied on rumored firm Berlin advices and heavy weekly exports; closing ⅛c net lower; May, 76⅝@78c, closed at 77⅛c; October, 72¾@72⅝c, closed at 72⅝c; December, 73 15-16@75⅝c, closed at 74⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 120,900 bu.; exports, 124,176 bu. Spot steady; No. 2, 29c; elevator, 30c, afloat; yellow, 30⅝c, store. Options opened steady, advanced with wheat, eased off under realizing, but finally rallied; closing ⅛c higher on October and ⅛c lower for other months; May, 32⅜@32⅝c, closed at 32⅜c; October, 28⅜@28⅝c, closed at 28⅝c; December, 29⅜@30c, closed at 29⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 204,100 bu.; exports, 20,185 bu. Spot quiet; No. 2, 21⅜@21⅝c; No. 2, delivered, 23⅝c; No. 3, 19⅝@20c; No. 2 white, 24⅝@25c; No. 3 white, 22⅝c; track, white, 20@30c. Options dull and nominal; October closed at 21⅝c; December closed at 22⅝c.

HAY—Quiet, but firm; shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 75@80c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@7c; 1896 crop, 7@10c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 3@6½c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c, nominal; dry California, 15c.

LEATHER—Strong; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19½@20c; sold at 19½@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $8.00@12.00; beef hams, $15.50@16.00. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, 4⅞@5½c; pickled shoulders, 4c. Lard, firm; western steam, $4.80; October, $4.45, nominal; refined, steady; continent, $4.75; compound, 4⅝@4½c South American, $5. Pork, firmer; old mess, $8.00@8.50; family, $10.50@12.00; mess, $8.00@8.75.

TALLOW—Market strong; city, 3⅜c; country, 3⅝c, as to quality.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, quiet; prime crude, 21@22c; prime summer yellow and off summer yellow, 25@25½. Petroleum, firm; United closed at $1.16 bid. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.60@1.62½. Turpentine, firm at 26½@26⅝c.

BUTTER—Steady; western dairy, 7½@11c; western creamery, 14@16c; western factory, 7@10½c; Elgins, 16c; state dairy, 10@15c; state creamery, 11@16c.

CHEESE—Quiet; large, 8@9⅝c; small, 7@9½c; part skims, 3@6c; full skims, 1½@2c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,296 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 18½@19c; western, 14@18c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 3½@6c; Japan, 4@4½c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 24@27c.

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $10.25@12.00; northern, $10.75@12.00. Copper, steady; brokers, $10.62½; exchange, $10.65@10.75. Lead, easier; domestic, brokers, $2.60; exchange, $2.70@2.75. Tin, steady; straits, $12.80@12.95; plates, steady. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $1.60@1.70.

Decrease of Exports from Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD, Oct. 2.—The exports from this place to the United States for the third quarter of the present year amounted to $606,695, a falling off of over $100,000 when compared with the same period of 1895. The decrease is attributed to doubts as to the result of the presidential election.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 13@13½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7c; choice to fancy, country, 11@12c; separator creamery, 15@16c; gathered cream, 12@13c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $2.50@3.00; quail, $1.25@1.50; teal ducks, $1.25@1.50; red heads and mallards, $2.50@3.00.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 9c; Edam, per doz., $9.25; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.15; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 9c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 10½c; twins, fancy, 9½c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., is quoted at 7@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

POULTRY—Live hens, 5½@6c; cocks, 3c; spring chickens, 6c; spring ducks, 7@7½c; turkeys, 8@10c.

PIGEONS—Live, 90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—On orders, per bbl., $1.75.

WATERMELONS—Per doz., crated, according to size, $1.75@2.25.

CANTALOUPES—Per crate, 75@90c.

TOMATOES—Per ½-bu. basket, 30@35c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@25c.

NEW ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 35@50c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.40@1.50.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per hundred, 75@90c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25c; fancy, large, 45@50c.

POTATOES—New potatoes, per bu., 30@40c.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Home grown grapes, 15c; large lots, 13@14c; New York, 16c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Freestones, 90c; clings, 85c.

PLUMS—Oregon, $1.25; California fancy, $1.25@1.35; Bradshaws and Italian prunes, $1.15@1.25.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Tokays, $1.25; black Ferrara, $1.00.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.00@6.50.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.50; eating, $1.75@2.00; Jonathans, fancy, $2.25.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Bartletts, $2.00; Buerre Hardy, $1.75; Buerre Clairgeau, $1.75.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—Per box, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, $4.25@4.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $6; California lemons, $4.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

PINEAPPLES—No shipping stock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—New York counts, per can, 45c; New York selects, per can, 40c; extra selects, per can, 35c; standards, per can, 30c; mediums, per can, 25c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25; per 1,000, $11; New York selects, per gal., $2; per tub, $11; bulk standards, per gal., $1.20.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 13c; California, amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.75; per bbl., $4.50@4.75.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 14c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 8c; large, 10c; peanuts, raw, 6½@7c; roasted, 7½c.

DATES—Halloween, per lb., 5c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 7c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 6@7c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; part cured hides, ½c per lb., less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2½c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 2½c; grease, white B, 1½c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

BONES—In car lots, weigher and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine, light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2.—FLOUR—Sellers holding steadily, but report little business at the recent advance; patents, $3.65@3.75; extra fancy, $3.25@3.35; fancy, $2.70@2.80; choice, $2.25@2.35.

WHEAT—Opened unsettled and later, on bearish cables, there was considerable pressure that forced prices down. During the last hour futures were very unsettled, closing easy and ⅝@¾c lower, as compared with yesterday; spot easier and lower on call; No. 2 red, cash, in elevator, 68⅛c; on track, 71@72c; No. 2 hard, cash, 62c; December, 71½@71¾c; May, 75⅛c bid.

CORN—Futures unsettled and generally easier, due chiefly to the decline in wheat; spot firm; No. 2 cash, 21⅛c; December, 21⅝c bid; May, 24⅛c bid.

OATS—Futures dull and easier; spot easy; No. 2 cash, 16c; May, 20⅛c bid.

RYE—Steady at 34c.

CORN MEAL—$1.35.

BRAN—Strong; sacked sold this side for 37c for large and 40c for small lots.

FLAXSEED—Firm at 70@71c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

WHISKY—$1.18.

POULTRY—Market slow; chickens, old, 6c; spring, 6c; turkeys, market firmer, 6½@7c; ducks, steady, 6½@7c; geese, steady, 4@6c.

EGGS—Steady at 8½c.

SPELTER—Dull; offered at $3.45.

HAY—Firm; demand for choice grades, which are scarce; prairie, $5.00@6.50; timothy, $5.00@10.00, this side.

LEAD—Quiet; common held at $3.55.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $6.50@6.75. Lard, steady; prime steam, $3.90; choice, $3.97½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.37½; longs, $4.35; ribs, $4.25; shorts, $4.37½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders and longs, $3.75; ribs, $3.87½; shorts, $3.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 52,000 bu.; corn, 79,000 bu.; oats, 65,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 34,000 bu.; corn, 66,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 8⅝c.

Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 8,180 bags, including 7,147 bags from New York; New York stock today, 181,000 bags; United States stock, 223,000 bags; afloat for the United States, 271,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 494,000 bags, against 604,244 bags last year.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 2.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7⅞c; low middling, 7 7-16c; good ordinary, 5 13-16c.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2.—COTTON—Steady and unchanged; middling, 7⅝c; sales, 1,627 bales; receipts, 1,799 bales; shipments, 1,688 bales; stock, 18,588 bales.

HAMBURG, Oct. 2.—COFFEE—Steady and unchanged; sales, 7,000 bags.

HAVRE, Oct. 2.—COFFEE—Opened dull; December ¼f lower; other months unchanged; at 12 noon, ⅜f advance.

RIO, Oct. 2.—COFFEE—Market firm; No. 7, Rio, 9,900 reis; exchange, 8 21-32d; receipts, 10,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 8,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 10,000 bags; stock, 328,000 bags.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 2.—WHEAT—Spot firm; demand moderate; No. 2 red, spring, 6s; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 6s 2d; No. 1 California, 6s 3d. Futures opened steady, with near positions ½@1d lower, and distant positions 1d lower; business about equally distributed; October, 5s 10½d; November, 5s 10½d; December, 5s 11d; January, 5s 11d.

CORN—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 2s 10½d. Futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions unchanged to ¼d higher; business about equally distributed; October, 2s 10½d; November, 2s 11d; December, 2s 11½d; March, 2s 11¾d.

FLOUR—Firm; demand fair; freely supplied; St. Louis fancy, winter, 8d.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 2.—WHEAT—Market rather slow; moderate offerings; No. 2 hard, 63@64c; No. 3, 60@60½c; No. 2 red, 68c bid, 70@71c asked; No. 3, 65c; No. 2 spring, nominally, 62c; No. 3, 59½@60c.

CORN—Market firm and active; No. 2 mixed, 20½@20¾c; No. 2 white, 20½c.

OATS—Market dull, nominally steady; No. 2 mixed, nominally, 16c; No. 2 white, new, nominally 18c; old, nominally 20@21c.

RYE—No. 2 nominally 31c.

HAY—Market weak; choice timothy, $7.00@7.50; choice prairie, $4.50@5.00.

BUTTER—Market steady; creamery, 12½@13½c; dairy, 9@12c.

EGGS—Market firm, trade fair; quotable 12½c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—COFFEE—Options opened firm at 10@20 points advance on strong Brazilian advices, assisted by European buying and local covering; subsequently ruled quiet; closed steady at 10@15 points net advance; sales, 11,750 bags, including October, $9.45@9.50; December, $9; January, $9; March, $8.85@9.00; May, $8.95@9.00; June, $9; July, $9.00@9.05; spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, invoice, $10.00; jobbing, $10.87½; mild, quiet; Cordova, $15.00@17.00. Sales, 1,700 bags Maracaibo, p. t.; 500 bags Savanilla, p. t.; 50 bags Central American, p. t.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 2⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 1-16c; refined, quiet; standard "A," 4⅝c; cut loaf, 5⅛c; powdered, 4⅞c; granulated, 4⅝c.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet but steady; centrifugal Java, 10s 10½d; Muscovado, fair refining, 9s 6d. Beet, steady; October, 9s; November, 9s 3d.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The dry goods market was quiet today, but prices continued firm; print cloths steady at 2⅝c.

FALL RIVER, Oct. 2.—Print cloths quiet at 2⅝c; no demand.

'Frisco Wheat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—WHEAT—Firm; December, $1.19¾; May, $1.21¾.

FAILURES OF THE QUARTER

But Six Times in Twenty-Two Years Were Defaulted Liabilities as Large.

BUSINESS NOW BUOYED UP ONLY BY HOPE

Record of Disasters Would Be Surprising, Says Dun & Co., if Political Causes Were Not Obvious—Wheat's Advance.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: The complete report of failures for the quarter, which ended with Wednesday, shows an increase which would be surprising if the political causes were not obvious. In number, 6⅓ per cent less than in the panic quarter of 1893, failures for the quarter show liabilities of 11.1 per cent less, amounting to $73,285,349, against $57,808,632 in the previous half year. Manufacturing liabilities were $32,479,196, or 27 per cent greater than in the same quarter of 1893, while the trading were $28,738,217, and "other commercial" were $12,067,236. To this must be added $11,712,590 liabilities in fifty bank failures, making, exclusive of railways, nearly $85,000,000 in a single quarter. Comparisons are given, showing that in only six quarters in twenty-two years have defaulted liabilities been so large, that the ratio to solvent business has been $6.04 per $1,000, against $2.34 for the same quarter last year; that the average per firm in business has been $63.57, against $26.92 last year; that the proportion of increase has been greater in the western states, both in amount and in average liabilities per failure and much larger in manufacturing than in trading. Part, but clearly not all of the causes, has been removed by the influx of gold, and depression is still shown by clearing house payments, 22.1 per cent less than last year for the week, and 21.2 per cent less than in 1892, when another presidential election was near.

The continued advance in wheat may prove of the utmost importance. It has been 1.12 cents for the week, and 10 cents since September 21, and is mainly due to short crops abroad and unusual foreign demand. Atlantic exports for the quarter, ending with September, flour included, were 23,195,214 bushels, against 14,320,020 bushels last year, the outgo of wheat separately having nearly doubled in spite of higher prices. No lack of visible domestic supply causes or supports the advance, as western receipts for the exact quarter were 57,742,941 bushels, against 43,790,459 bushels last year.

Cotton has weakened, after its sudden rise, because the demand for goods has relapsed into hand-to-mouth buying, and print cloths are lower, at 2.50 cents. Some injury has been done by recent storms, but the market seems not now in the humor to magnify it. There are unmistakably encouraging signs in the great industries, although the actual gain in the working force employed, or in new orders received, is slight. But the strong demand for materials, for pig iron, hides and wool, as for cotton, does not diminish, and has already gone far enough to stiffen prices. In wool, quotations are scarcely stronger, but represent active sales more nearly than in past weeks, when buyers with cash almost made their own prices. Sales in five weeks have been 23,169,200 pounds, of which only 4,879,000 pounds were foreign, against 24,719,170 pounds last year, of which 15,553,470 pounds were foreign, and when it is remembered that in spite of the recent starting of some mills, not more than 30 per cent of the total capacity can be producing, the preponderance of purchases to anticipate future wants is apparent. Orders for woolens do not gain, and several kinds of dress goods, flannel suitings and fancy worsteds are selling a shade lower.

Buying of Bessemer pig again lifts Pittsburg quotations to $11.75, without any general gain in the demand for finished products, and steel bars for the first time are sold at 1 cent, against 1.2 asked by the association for iron bars. Plates and rails are in less demand, but there is heavy buying of sheets at the west. Confidence that reviving business must bring a greater demand than all the works can meet, induces the various associations to make a change in their prices. The minor metals are not strong; lake copper at 10½c, tin at $12.90 and lead at 2.8 cents. Merchants and manufacturers are waiting, but there are not wanting signs that many have the confidence to invest and push forward as though the dawn of prosperity were close at hand. The quarter that has passed has been most trying, but things would be worse than they are but for the general belief that better times are near.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transacted By the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$503,378,601		21.0
Chicago	74,286,427		22.0
Boston	83,001,228		22.2
Philadelphia	52,886,495		32.6
St. Louis	20,620,226		13.4
San Francisco	14,285,585		10.1
Baltimore	11,847,534		9.8
Pittsburg	12,613,849		13.7
Cincinnati	9,412,950		24.7
Kansas City	9,123,671		7.9
New Orleans	7,951,888		23.5
Buffalo	3,699,967		24.9
Milwaukee	4,241,184		19.3
Detroit	4,596,395		28.0
Louisville	4,635,618		24.6
Minneapolis	10,791,598		9.0
OMAHA	3,211,562		22.2
Providence	5,047,500		6.9
Cleveland	4,661,319		31.5
Houston	6,593,927		20.0
St. Paul	4,233,703	6.0	
Denver	1,735,765		32.6
Indianapolis	2,529,194		16.3
Columbus, O.	2,812,600		24.2
Hartford	1,879,729		38.1
Richmond	1,635,286		28.0
Washington	1,381,332		21.0
Knoxville	396,650		
Dallas	2,200,361	1.8	
St. Joseph	1,622,528		22.0
Peoria	1,272,495		20.8
Memphis	2,139,679	46.9	
Portland, Ore.	1,264,147	11.5	
Rochester	1,279,766		23.0
New Haven	1,445,651		21.7
Savannah	3,482,736		14.0
Springfield, Mass.	1,092,275		40.0
Worcester	1,249,352		12.6
Portland, Me.	1,127,770		18.8
Atlanta	1,256,141		6.7
Fort Worth	909,285		15.4
Waco	1,455,913		45.2
Syracuse	713,687		29.2
Des Moines	783,243		27.3
Grand Rapids	700,017		5.7
Seattle	452,852		12.6
Lowell	474,164		21.7
Wilmington, Del.	556,700		21.2
Norfolk	1,075,658	1.5	
Sioux City	400,997		31.4
Los Angeles	714,718		36.5
Tacoma	439,512		25.9
Dayton	482,321		
Spokane	437,840		13.6
Jacksonville	175,215		9.3
Lincoln	221,071		41.4
New Bedford	338,678		38.5
Wichita	266,280		
Birmingham	288,055		
Topeka	250,785	1.4	
Lexington, Ky.	192,835		40.0
Binghamton	268,200		23.4
Davenport	441,967		76.4
Bay City, Mich.	298,278		43.3
Fall River	1,022,274	39.6	
Akron, O.	262,600	3.1	
Springfield, O.	133,735		21.7
Canton, O.	187,400		1.6
Sioux Falls	54,870		34.1
Fremont, Neb.	64,467		15.8
Hastings, Neb.	80,883		9.9
Chattanooga	221,922		8.6
Fargo	246,565	58.7	
Nashville	710,043		26.6
Galveston	6,742,500		6.5
Salt Lake	1,027,684		13.4
Scranton	842,910	6.7	
Helena	419,359		42.5
Augusta	385,135		
Kalamazoo	191,056		32.6
Toledo	1,186,263		24.3
Totals United States	$894,371,419		21.4
Exclusive of New York	390,911,818		21.0

DOMINION OF CANADA.

	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
Montreal	$9,618,473		18.0
Toronto	6,236,272	8.7	
Halifax	1,121,266	8.0	
Hamilton	561,877		15.4
Winnipeg	1,082,827		7.7
St. John	400,590		
Totals	$18,621,155		

Clearings at Bay City, Fall River, Akron, Springfield, Canton, Sioux Falls, Fremont, Hastings, Chattanooga, Fargo, Nashville and Galveston not included in the totals.

NO NOTICE TAKEN OF BAD SIGNS.

Stock Market Strong and Advancing in Spite of Everything.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Bradstreet's review of the New York stock market tomorrow will say: The feature is still the strong and advancing tone of the market on professional trading and the resistance which prices exhibit to either realizing or selling by the bears for the purpose of producing a depression. The market was not affected by the advance of exchange rates and the consequent stoppage of gold importing arrangements. The fact that the treasury reserve is up to $124,000,000 or more, and that money on time can be obtained at 6 per cent, outweighs all unfavorable elements in the situation. Nor has much attention been paid to the unfavorable earnings reported by trunk lines, granger and southern roads. The conclusion is apparently drawn that the decrease in question is the result of conditions that are now disappearing. The advance in wheat has a tendency to strengthen the stock market and it was believed that in a number of important trading stocks powerful pools and manipulative interests have been actively at work. London has not been a factor, though prices of American securities there have been generally strong. On Friday the signs of profit taking on the late advance became more strongly marked and the result was a fairly general lowering of quotations, interspersed, however, by advances for a few stocks. The decline, when developed, was rather slow and irregular and at the lowest range of quotations trading was dull, with the day's sales, as a whole, below the average.

MORE PURCHASES WEST AND SOUTH.

Cotton and Spring Wheat Regions Report Most Business Improvement.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Cooler weather and continued purchases by interior merchants, notably west and south, continued the slight improvement in trade recorded in preceding weeks. Merchants at primary cotton markets and at large centers in the spring wheat region report a better movement of staples, due to unusually heavy receipts of these crops. Throughout the central west, including such points as Baltimore, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, the volume of trade falls behind that of a year ago, in some instances, but is equal to it in others. At eastern centers the improvement is seen in greater ease in the money markets and more disposition to discount commercial paper, although at unchanged rates. Wholesale merchants report a better feeling very generally, but few anticipate any material increase in the volume of business for the month. Mercantile collections continue slow, and as difficult to make as heretofore, except in the cotton states and some points in the northwest, where heavy crop receipts have enabled interior merchants to liquidate long standing accounts. The more conspicuous demand at larger interior cities is for dry goods, clothing, shoes, hardware, leather and lumber.

There is also a better demand for pig iron and for steel. Business in cotton goods has been checked by the advance in prices, and mill stocks tend to accumulate again. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States, and from Montreal, this week, amount to 4,215,284 bushels, the largest week's exports of wheat since the second week of September, 1893. It is compared with 3,500,000 bushels last week, 2,612,000 bushels in the corresponding week one year ago, 3,213,000 bushels two years ago, 3,189,000 bushels three years ago, and with 4,071,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1892.

The total number of business failures throughout the United States from January 1 to September 30, is 11,280, the largest aggregate reported for a like period since records of this character have been compiled. The next largest corresponding total was 11,139, for nine months of the panic year, 1893. Total business failures throughout the Dominion of Canada amount to 1,651 for the past nine months, an increase of 315, compared with the corresponding period last year. Total liabilities amounted to $12,219,000, against $9,769,000 last year.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bear Aggression Works Prices Toward a Lower Level.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The stock market today was subject to further realizations and bear aggression, and the course of prices, at first irregular, eventually worked toward a lower level. The specialties were conspicuous on manipulation. The market, at times, especially in the forenoon dealings, became practically stagnant, but later developed comparative activity, chiefly at the expense of values. The distribution of the dealings was only moderately good, and the speculation had a strong flavor of professionalism throughout. The bears, and one operator, in particular, put out lines of shorts with freedom, hoping to cause a material decline. The only arguments brought against the market, as a whole, were the increasing strength of the foreign exchange market and expectations of a comparatively unfavorable bank statement, owing to the shipments of funds to the west and south for crop moving purposes. That this movement is not without fruit, is illustrated by the fact that the exports of wheat during the past week, were the largest since September, 1893. Shipments of funds through the subtreasury were larger than usual, aggregating for the day, $1,025,000. Call money rates worked slightly higher, but this condition was regarded as only temporary.

The movement in the general list was narrow, as a rule, and lacked feature until the final hour, when, under aggressive selling, the grangers and southwesterns yielded about a point from the top figures. The receipt of higher London quotations for American securities contributed toward a strong and advancing market, with the more noteworthy gains in the industrials and in international shares. It was imputed, however, as upon yesterday, that the London market has been rigged for effect upon this side, so as to permit realizations. A period of extreme dullness soon followed the initial flurry, and was in turn succeeded by activity on selling for both accounts. The closing was weak at sharp fractional net losses generally. Railroad bonds were quiet, but generally firm. Trading in Reading issues continues to attract general attention. The sales were $1,455,000. Governments were weak and lower on sales of $13,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets opened good today, consols touching 110¾, but prices eased off later, and the close was under the best in the absence of active dealings, and the resumption of a few tentative bear operations. A small failure was announced on the Stock exchange. Americans opened good and remained until just at the close, when others broke slightly, closing bullish. The demand for gold in Australia is increasing. The Paris bourse followed the London markets, opening firm and closing weak. The Berlin market was steady.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison	13⅝	do pfd.	143
Adams Ex.	143	N. Y. Central	91⅛
Alton, T. H.	56	N. Y. & N. E.	45
Am. Express	108	Ontario & W.	13⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	13⅜	Oregon Imp.	½
Canada Pacific	57⅞	Oregon Nav.	17
Canada Southern	43⅜	O. S. L. & U. N.	11
Central Pacific	11⅛	Pacific Mail	20⅝
Ches. & Ohio	13⅜	Peoria Dec. & E.	2
Chicago & Alton	155	Pittsburg	160
C., B. & Q.	69¼	Pullman Palace	147
Chicago Gas	62	Reading	20⅝
Consolidated Gas	148	R. G. W.	15
C., C., C. & St. L.	26	R. G. W. pfd.	40
Colo. Coal & Iron	½	Rock Island	61⅝
Cotton Oil Cert.	13⅞	St. Paul	71⅛
Delaware & Hud.	123⅜	do pfd.	125
Del., Lack. & W.	154⅜	St. P. & Omaha	38⅛
D. & R. G. pfd.	43⅛	do pfd.	118
East Tenn.	14⅛	Southern Pacific	15
Erie	32¼	Sugar Refinery	116⅞
do pfd.	19⅜	Tenn. Coal & Iron	22⅛
Fort Wayne	160	Texas Pacific	7⅞
G. Northern pfd.	117	T. & O. Cent. pfd.	50
C. & E. I. pfd.	89	Union Pacific	1⅜
Hocking Valley	16⅛	U. S. Express	35
Illinois Central	90⅛	W. St. L. & P.	6⅛
*St. P. & Duluth	29	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	14⅞
K. & T. pfd.	23⅛	Wells Fargo Ex.	80
Lake Erie & West	14⅛	Western Union	83⅝
do pfd.	65	Wheeling & L. E.	5⅝
Lake Shore	145	do pfd.	27⅞
Lead Trust	21⅛	M. & St. L.	16⅛
Louisville & N.	43	D. & R. G.	11⅞
L. & N. A.	1⅛	G. E.	28⅞
Manhattan Con.	91	N. L.	11
Memphis & C.	15	C. F. & I.	20
Michigan Cent.	90	do pfd.	75
Missouri Pacific	20⅝	T. St. L. & K. C.	4⅞
Mobile & Ohio	17	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd.	10
Nashville Chat.	68	S. R. R.	8⅝
National Cordage	4⅛	S. R. R. pfd.	24⅛
Nat. Cordage pfd.	8⅛	Am. Tob. Co.	61⅞
N. J. Central	103	do pfd.	95
N. & W. pfd.	15¼	Am. Tel. & C. Co.	90
North Am. Co.	4⅛	Com'l Cable Co.	145
Northern Pacific	13⅛	Am. Sugar pfd.	99⅞
N. Pacific pfd.	21⅛	U. S. Cordage gtd.	17⅞
U. P., D. & G.	1⅛	U. S. Leather pfd.	56⅞
Northwestern	98⅜	U. S. Rubber pfd.	70

* bid. † offered.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—MONEY ON CALL—Firmer at 4½@6 per cent; last loan, 5 per cent; closed at 4½@5 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83½@4.85½ for demand and $4.83@4.83½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82@4.84 and $4.85½@4.86½; commercial bills, $4.82@4.82½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65⅞@66½c.

BAR SILVER—65⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Weak; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg. new	110⅛	C. P. 1sts of '95	98
U. S. 4s coup. new	110⅜	D. & R. G. 7s	110
U. S. 5s, reg.	111	D. & R. G. 4s	86
U. S. 5s, coup.	111	Erie 2ds	62
U. S. 4s, reg.	107⅛	G. H. & S. A. 6s	100½
U. S. 4s, coup.	107⅛	G. H. & S. A. 7s	100
U. S. 2s, reg.	93	H. & T. C. 5s	106½
*Pacific 6s of '95	100⅛	do 6s	98
*Ala., class A	101	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	81⅛
*Ala., class B	100	do 2d 4s	53½
*Ala., class C	94	Mutual Union 6s	107
Ala. Currency	94⅛	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	115
La New Con. 4s	90⅛	No. Pacific 1sts	113⅛
*Missouri 6s	100	do 2s	107⅛
*N. C. 6s	112	N. W. Consols	134
N. C. 4s	95	do S. F. Deb. 5s	108
S. C. nonfund	1⅛	R. G. West 1sts	69⅛
Tenn. new set 6s	75	St. P. Consols 7s	129
*Tenn. new set 5s	105	do C. & P. W. 5s	111
*Tenn. old 6s	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	73⅛
Va. Centuries	57⅛	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	107
do deferred	4⅛	Texas Pac. 1sts	80⅜
Atchison 4s	75	Texas Pac. 2ds	19⅛
Atchison 2d A	30⅜	U. P. 1sts of '96	100
Canada So. 2ds	102⅛	West Shore 4s	104
L. & N. unified 4s	75⅛	O. R. & N. 1sts	108⅛
Southern 5s	85	S. Pac. 3ds	68

* bid. † offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Oct. 2.—Call loans, 5@7 per cent; time loans, 6@7 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	13⅜	West. Elec.	24
Am. Sugar	116⅞	W. Elec. pfd.	49⅛
Am. Sugar pfd.	99⅛	Ed. Elec. Ill.	135
Bay State Gas	6⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd.	64
Bell Telephone	203	Atchison 2d	20⅜
Boston & Albany	207	Atchison 4s	74⅜
Boston & Maine	150⅛	Wis. Cent. 1sts	115
Boston & M. pfd.	150	Allouez Mining Co.	25
C. B. & Q.	69¼	Atlantic	18
Fitchburg	84⅛	Boston & Montana	86⅜
Gen. Electric	28	Butte & Boston	2⅜
Illinois Steel	43	Calumet & Hecla	315
Mexican Central	8	Franklin	9
Old Colony	172	Kearsarge	13
Ore. Short Line	14	Osceola	27⅛
Rubber	18	Quincy	110
Union Pacific	6⅛	Tamarack	85
West End	68⅛	Wolverine	7
West End pfd.	89⅛		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	35	Ontario	800
Crown Point	48	Ophir	80
Con. Cal. & Va.	155	*Plymouth	20
Deadwood	150	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Curry	40	*Quicksilver pfd.	1500
Hale & Norcross	125	Sierra Nevada	95
Homestake	2900	Standard Con.	125
Mexican	40	Yellow Jacket	35

* offered.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 36 pfg.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 189.50; Madrid, 19.35; Lisbon, 31; Rome, 107.15.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 32½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 11½c for checks.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	4	Gould & Curry	57
Alpha Con.	12	Hale & Norcross	130
Andes	26	Justice	4
Belcher	52	Kentucky Con.	5
Best & Belcher	83	Mexican	46
Bodie Con.	55	Mono	17
Bullion	16	Occidental Con.	30
Bulwer Con.	40	Ophir	84
Caledonia	12	Overman	12
Challenge Con.	51	Potosi	60
Chollar	200	Savage	41
Confidence	120	Sierra Nevada	63
Con. Cal. & Va.	160	Union Con.	52
Con. Imperial	2	Utah Con.	6
Crown Point	48	Yellow Jacket	28
Exchequer	4		

Silver bars, 65⅝c; Mexican dollars, 52@52½c. Sight drafts, 5c; telegraphic, 10c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	110¼	Mexican ordinary	1
Consols, acc't	110¼	St. Paul com.	74⅛
Can. Pacific	59⅛	N. Y. Central	96
Erie	15	Pennsylvania	53⅜
Erie 1st pfd.	35⅛	Reading	10⅜
Ill. Central	94	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69⅜

BAR SILVER—30 5-16d per oz.

MONEY—1½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 3¼ per cent.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Oct. 2.—Clearings, $21,493,617; balances, $2,106,761.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Clearings, $129,814,243; balances, $11,297,220.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2.—Clearings, $3,855,300; balances, $419,481. Money, steady at 5@6 per cent for call loans and 7@8 per cent for time loans. New York exchange, $1 discount bid, 75c discount asked.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Clearings, $15,227,151. Money on call, firm at 6@7 per cent; on time, 7 per cent. New York exchange, 80c discount. Foreign exchange, buoyant; demand, $4.85¾; sixty days, $4.83¼.

REVIEW OF THE WOOL MARKET.

Trade in that Line Continues to Evidence More Firmness.

BOSTON, Oct. 2.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter says: The wool markets of the country continue to evidence a firmer disposition on the part of holders, and in some instances certain lines have been withdrawn from the market. There is no longer any evidence that the large sales are due to necessities of the dealers for ready money. That movement is a thing of the past, the present activity in the wool market being due more to the eagerness of the mills to buy than to the eagerness of the trade to sell.

Territory wools continue active; fleeces are scarce. Scoured and pulled wools have moved well. Quarter-blood wools are in very light supply. Sales in Boston, New York and Philadelphia for the week aggregate 8,322,200 pounds, 7,073,000 being domestic and 1,249,100 foreign. Sales since January 1, 149,618,650 pounds, against 239,722,585 pounds during the corresponding period of last year.

The two principal features of the market at Boston the past week are the increasing firmness of prices and the withdrawal of certain lines of wool from the market. The feeling has been steadily growing on the part of manufacturers that now is the time to buy. Fleeces have been a feature of the market, principally on account of their scarcity. An active demand continues for territory, sales footing up 3,700,000 pounds. Scoured and pulled wools have sold in considerable amounts. The demand for carpet stock is improving. In Australian some large lines of lambs have changed hands. Sales of the week aggregate 6,626,600 pounds, 5,830,600 pounds being domestic and 796,600 pounds foreign. Sales since January 1, 85,255,550 pounds, against 153,617,179 last year.

There has been somewhat more inquiry during the week at New York for both domestic and foreign stock, and increased firmness on the part of holders. This latter fact has had the effect of reducing the sales on domestic wools. Manufacturers are looking around more. In foreign stock something has been done in Chilian and carpet wools. Sales of the week aggregate 518,000 pounds, 317,000 pounds being domestic and 201,000 pounds foreign; since January 1, 29,571,455 pounds; last year, 52,321,900 pounds.

Domestic stock has ruled fairly active during the past week at Philadelphia, and the market has a firmer tone. Manufacturers find it impossible to duplicate lots purchased three weeks ago at the same prices. Territory has sold freely, and is in limited supply in this market. Pulled wools have also sold well. Sales of foreign have been moderate. Sales of the week are 928,200 pounds domestic and 252,400 pounds foreign, making a total of 1,180,600 pounds. Sales since January 1, 34,155,000 pounds; last year, 54,283,315 pounds.

At St. Louis the week's operations have resulted in a steady business and large sales, one item being 350,000 pounds Utah. Scoured and pulled wools have been in good demand. Total sales are fully 750,000 pounds for the week. Receipts about 400,000 to 500,000 pounds.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Oct. 2.—CORN—Firmer; No. 2, 22@22¼c; No. 3, 21¾c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 20¾@21½c; No. 3, 20@20½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 35c.

WHISKY—Market firm; finished goods on the basis of $1.18 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 23,650 bu.; oats, 17,500 bu.; rye, 1,150 bu.; whisky, none; wheat, 10,200 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 14,150 bu.; oats, 65,650 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 1,341 gals.; wheat, 9,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 2.—WHEAT—Closed at 67⅝c; December, 65⅞c; May, 69⅞c; on track, No. 1 hard, 67⅞@68⅛c; No. 1 northern, 65⅞@66⅛c; No. 2 northern, 63⅞@65⅛c; receipts, 752 cars.

Oil City Market.

OIL CITY, Oct. 2.—Credit balances, $1.16; certificates opened, high, low and closed at $1.16; shipments, 52,252 bbls.; runs, 88,521 bbls.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Nebraska is Promised a Warm Saturday with South Winds.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The forecast for Saturday is:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Fair; warmer; winds shifting to south.

For Colorado and Wyoming—Fair; slightly warmer; south to west winds.

For Montana—Partly cloudy, probably local showers in northwestern portion; cooler; northwest winds.

For Iowa—Fair; warmer; south winds.

For South Dakota—Fair; warmer in eastern portion; south winds, shifting to west.

For Missouri—Fair; north winds, becoming variable.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Oct. 2.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall, compared with the corresponding day of the past three years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Maximum temperature	74	77	71	52
Minimum temperature	55	46	51	45
Average temperature	63	62	61	51
Rainfall	.02	.00	.59	.00

Condition of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for the day and since March 1, 1896:

Normal temperature for the day	59
Excess for the day	4
Accumulated excess since March 1	55
Normal precipitation for the day	.09 inches
Deficiency for the day	.07 inches
Precipitation since March 1	29.02 inches
Excess since March 1	3.17 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895	7.61 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1894	14.42 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Max. Temperature for day.	Precipitation.
Omaha, cloudy	66	73	.00
North Platte, clear	64	76	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	74	82	.00
Cheyenne, clear	64	72	.00
Rapid City, clear	72	78	.00
Huron, clear	66	74	.00
Chicago, clear	54	56	.00
St. Louis, clear	66	72	.00
St. Paul, clear	62	70	.00
Davenport, clear	58	61	.00
Kansas City, clear	70	76	.00
Helena, cloudy	74	72	.00
Havre, cloudy	72	84	.00
Bismarck, clear	62	76	.00
Williston, clear	74	82	.00
Galveston, part cloudy	80	84	.00

L. A. WELSH, Observer.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Friday, October 2, 1896:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

Nancy Milestone and husband to C W Milestone, lot 12, Fairview add.	$ 500
Same to same, lot 17, same	500
Benson Land Syndicate to Matthew Kaiser, lot 18, block 18, Benson	150
Alex Ruger and wife to Amalia Zimmat, lot 1, block 150, South Omaha	550
Frederick Peterson et al to V Andreasen, w½ lot 3, block "L" Lowe's add	850
Anna Corrigan to W J Mangan, lot 19, block 1, Missouri Avenue park	500
Same to Patrick McDonough, lot 8, same	500
C W Martin to W H Pumphrey, w½ lot 21, block 6, Albright's Annex	650
Same to Adelbert Burton, e½ same	650
J H Sego and wife to E B Parish, lot 31, block 2, Mystic park	700
E A Benson and wife to Benson Land Syndicate, lot 6, Johnson's add	1,000

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.

John Smith and wife to L A Stimson, lot 2, block 82, Florence	1

DEEDS.

Special master to E M Pelgram, 75x505 feet commencing 157 feet east of west line lot 3 in 23-15-13	10,000
Special master to Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company, lot 49, Fairmount Place	1,450
Total amount of transfers	$17,951

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Not Large and Include a Trainload from Kansas City.

HOGS ARE PLENTIFUL AND HIGHER

Speculators and Packers Want Hogs and Willing to Pay for Them—Prices Ninety Cents Lower Than Last Year.

FRIDAY, Oct. 2.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
October 2	3,208	3,832	1,430	....
October 1	3,284	4,529	211	23
September 30	4,551	4,353	7,119	....
September 29	2,861	6,131	1,594	20
September 28	2,808	1,685	1,248	22
September 26	1,548	4,514	1,193	....
September 25	3,540	3,879	2,617	....
September 24	2,851	4,849	4,392	26
September 23	3,270	3,981	3,174	....

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
O. & St. L.	1	2	..
Mo. Pac. Ry.	21	5	..
Union Pacific system	57	8	6
C. & N. W. Ry.	1	..	..
F. & M. R. R. R.	29	10	..
C. B. & Q. Ry.	14	4	..
C. R. I. & P. Ry., east	..	1	..
C. R. I. & P. Ry., west	1	3	..
C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.	1	5	..
F. E. & M. V. R. R.	19	18	..
Total receipts	117	61	6

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing company	9	....	1
The G. H. Hammond Co.	284	923	185
Swift and Company	259	1,441	517
The Cudahy Packing Co.	179	592	787
R. Becker & Degan	178	....	....
Vansant & Co.	110	....	....
J. L. Carey	119	....	....
Lobman & Rothschilds	25	....	....
Hill & Lewis Co.	54	....	....
Benton & Underwood	95	....	....
Huston & Co.	113	....	....
Layton & Co.	....	91	....
Sperry & Barnes	....	168	....
Cudahy, from Kansas City	535	....	....
Becker & Degan, from K. C.	578	....	....
Other buyers	457	....	....
Left over	....	600	....
Total	3,286	4,085	1,489

CATTLE—The receipts of cattle today were 3,208, as against 3,284 yesterday and 3,840 on Friday a week ago. Included in today's receipts were 1,114 head of Kansas City cattle, half of them beef cattle consigned direct to a packer, and the balance feeders. The market as a whole was in very fair condition and the pens were cleared at an early hour.

Beef steers were in good demand and sold freely at just about yesterday's prices. One bunch of cornfed natives brought $4.35, and another load $4.00, and that was about the extent of the corn cattle. A few loads of western steers were on sale, but the total offerings of beef were light and the yards soon cleared.

Cows and heifers were in good demand and sold at about steady prices, the twelve or fifteen loads having changed hands in good season. Quite a string of western cows sold at $2.85.

The stockers and feeder trade was active and the offerings were all taken early. The prices paid were not much different from those prevailing yesterday, but if anything it was a little easier. The shipping of a trainload of feeders from Kansas City to this point seemed to make the regular buyers feel that they must have been paying pretty strong prices the past few days, and as a natural consequence they were not quite such brisk bidders. It was also the last day of the week on which business in feeders was to be expected and that fact naturally had a restraining influence on the market. In spite of these influences the market was in good condition, the offerings selling freely and at satisfactory prices. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	1423	$4 25	2	1135	$3 75	39	1146	$4 35
24	1329	3 45	15	1134	4 00			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	820	1 00	1	930	2 00	2	1075	2 25
1	1010	1 50	1	1000	2 00	1	1240	2 35
1	1120	1 50	2	780	2 10	1	1090	2 40
1	950	1 50	2	1024	2 10	4	1150	2 40
4	955	1 75	1	840	2 10	8	920	2 50
2	1030	1 75	2	1210	2 15	1	1200	2 50
1	1000	2 00	1	980	2 25	1	980	2 50
2	1050	2 00	2	850	2 25	3	1210	2 60
3	870	2 00	1	970	2 25			

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	685	2 40	1	660	2 50	1	590	2 70
1	750	2 50	3	873	2 50	1	700	2 60

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1490	1 60	1	1450	2 00	1	1200	2 40
1	1120	1 60	1	1310	2 10	2	1065	2 50
1	1280	1 75	1	1310	2 15	1	820	2 60
2	1020	1 75	1	1360	2 25	5	694	2 60
1	1210	1 75	1	950	2 35	2	1750	2 85
1	1170	2 00						

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
1	800	3 00

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
16	233	1 50	1	80	3 50	1	200	5 00
1	250	2 40	11	228	3 70	1	70	5 00
2	315	2 65	1	200	4 50	3	155	5 25
1	360	3 00	2	130	4 50	1	120	5 25
7	257	3 00	1	110	5 00	1	140	5 25
1	300	3 40						

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	775	2 55	1	730	3 00	3	471	3 30
1	730	2 60	2	670	3 15	1	1020	3 30
1	710	2 65	2	555	3 15	52	750	3 35
1	650	2 75	11	715	3 25	1	606	3 35
1	570	2 75	4	867	3 25	2	706	3 40
3	502	2 80	1	950	3 30	7	621	3 50
3	160	3 00	8	650	3 30	5	656	3 55
1	160	3 00	9	734	3 30			

NEBRASKA.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1 cow	1180	$2 00	1 cow	1000	$2 00
1 bull	1220	2 05	27 cows	1013	2 50
8 cows	971	2 15	3 feeders	1066	2 75
1 stag	1330	2 15	5 feeders	934	2 80
1 cow	1310	2 25	5 feeders	776	3 00
1 heifer	700	2 25	52 feeders	872	3 10
2 cows	1030	2 30	61 feeders	1001	3 17½
3 cows	1063	2 35	19 feeders	904	3 20
1 cow	990	2 25	40 feeders	876	3 30
1 cow	1030	2 20	21 feeders	885	3 40
1 cow	1230	2 25			

J. A. Painter.

54 feeders	902	3 25

UTAH.

W. L. White.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1 heifer	550	1 50	3 feeders	743	2 50
125 cows	991	2 00	9 feeders	1082	2 85
231 cows	924	2 25	34 feeders	944	3 15
1 stag	1210	2 10			

WYOMING.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1 cow	1290	1 75	1 feeder	1150	2 65
1 cow	860	1 90	45 feeders	1150	3 15
2 cows	1175	2 00	21 feeders	1102	3 15
2 steers	1250	2 35	18 feeders	1155	3 15
19 cows	1051	2 35	18 feeders	1138	3 15
1 stag	1460	2 05	6 feeders	1076	3 15
1 stag	1500	2 60	89 steers	1242	3 10

Bartlett Richards.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
10 bulls	1155	1 75	1 steer	1170	2 65
10 cows	927	2 00	2 steers	1165	2 65
25 cows	1078	2 55	10 steers	1201	3 01
25 heifers	1089	2 80	48 steers	1223	3 25

A. Lernan.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2 steers	1450	2 40	21 steers	1161	2 30
1 steer	1220	3 00	50 steers	1253	2 40
4 feeders	1250	3 00			

D. J. Sheehan.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
15 cows	1065	2 40	15 steers	1161	2 20
2 steers	1350	2 50	14 steers	1237	2 40
2 steers	1370	3 00			

IDAHO.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
52 cows	892	2 85	29 steers	1166	3 15
57 cows	915	2 75	38 steers	1155	3 15

H. T. Clark.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5 feeders	954	2 75	24 feeders	974	3 25

SOUTH DAKOTA.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1 feeder	1000	2 25	25 feeders	1045	3 20
3 feeders	940	2 50			

HOGS—Today's arrivals numbered 3,832, as against 4,529 yesterday and 3,570 on Friday a week ago.

The market was active and pretty close to 10c higher. The buyers all wanted hogs, both speculators and packers, but the latter were especially free buyers. Everything was sold and an early clearance was effected.

The coarse heavy hogs, which sold at $2.80 yesterday, brought $2.90 today. Heavy hogs, in fact, sold all the way from $2.90 to $2.05. Medium weight and mixed loads brought $3.05@3.10 and light weights as high as $3.22½.

The market today was just about 90c lower than it was one year ago, $2.25 lower than two years ago, and $3.20 lower than three years ago. At the same time the average price paid for hogs today was the highest that it has been any time since July. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
62	352	...	$2 90	64	255	40	$3 00
17	320	200	2 90	54	313	...	3 00
45	344	80	2 90	58	255	80	3 00
47	295	...	2 90	121	209	240	3 02½
54	329	80	2 90	66	251	160	3 05
34	346	...	2 90	59	250	80	3 05
58	317	80	2 90	49	258	40	3 05
55	288	80	2 90	52	272	...	3 05
44	315	120	2 90	69	276	...	3 05
40	306	80	2 92½	60	294	120	3 05
60	283	40	2 95	62	233	40	3 05
59	307	160	2 95	62	259	120	3 05
57	313	80	2 95	61	281	200	3 05
51	331	80	2 95	62	263	80	3 05
74	279	...	2 95	82	275	240	3 05
45	324	80	2 97½	54	271	80	3 05
60	285	80	3 00	47	237	80	3 05
61	226	200	3 00	57	232	120	3 05
58	258	120	3 00	65	271	40	3 05
59	307	80	3 00	62	249	120	3 05
62	282	120	3 00	74	271	40	3 05
46	319	160	3 00	68	261	...	3 07½
70	227	...	3 00	57	219	80	3 10
55	326	80	3 00	53	289	...	3 10
64	293	80	3 00	61	252	80	3 10
70	249	200	3 00	59	272	80	3 10
56	262	200	3 00	64	277	...	3 10
63	264	80	3 00	65	275	...	3 10
62	310	120	3 00	71	279	80	3 10
52	271	80	3 00	61	281	80	3 10
57	282	...	3 00	73	266	80	3 10
56	264	80	3 00	55	268	120	3 20
71	293	...	3 00	76	218	...	3 22½

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	490	...	2 25	4	395	40	2 85
3	163	...	2 70	2	272	...	2 85
2	390	...	2 75	6	293	...	2 85
1	315	...	2 60	7	271	...	2 90
2	250	...	2 85	1	250	...	2 90
7	360	...	2 85	6	261	...	3 00
5	298	...	2 85	7	249	...	3 00
5	390	...	2 85				

SHEEP—There were no arrivals of sheep until late in the day. The demand was good and values firm.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,322 head; steers active; rough stock quiet and steady; native steers, $3.50@4.70; stags and oxen, $2.30@4.00; bulls, $2.40@2.35; dry cows, $1.50@2.00; cables quote American steers at 10@11¼c, dressed weights; refrigerator beef, 8@9c; sheep, 8½@11c, dressed weight; exports today, 130 beeves; tomorrow, 772 beeves, 3,000 sheep and 3,977 quarters of beef.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,081 head; slow but steady; sheep, $2.00@3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,212 head; steady at $3.80@4.10.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Trade in Cattle Was Rather Animated and Prices Strong.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Trade in cattle was rather animated and prices were strong at yesterday's range. Sales of dressed beef cattle were mostly at $3.70 and upward, prime steers selling at from $5 to $5.10. The bulk of the sales occurred at from $4.10 to $4.85. Stockers and feeders maintained firm at from $2.60 to $3.40. Cows and heifers sold at an extreme range of from $1 to $4, and bulls at from $1.70 to $3.50. Calves sold readily, and the best lot brought from $5.15 to $6.25, an advance of 15c. Western range cattle were active and 10c higher, steers selling at from $2.75 to $3.90, and cows and heifers at from $2.25 to $3.40.

With a brisk local and eastern shipping demand prices for hogs were strong at an advance of 5c. Sales were at from $2.60 to $3.00 for coarse heavy to prime light weights, the bulk of the sales being at from $2.95 to $3.30 for heavy and medium, with light largely at from $3.30 to $3.40. Lambs of the better class sold about 25c higher than last week, common to prime going at from $2.50 to $5, with sales largely at from $3 to $4.75.

Sheep sold at from $1.50 to $3.25, few going above $2.90, as the offerings were mostly westerns. Feeders sold at from $2.40 to $2.60, and feeding lambs at from $2.90 to $3.10.

Receipts: Cattle, 2,500 head; hogs, 28,000 head; sheep, 21,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 7,000 head; shipments, 3,600 head. Market strong, 10c higher; Texas steers, $2.10@3.25; Texas cows, $1.60@2.15; native steers, $3.10@4.50; native cows and heifers, $1.00@2.90; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.85; bulls, $1.50@2.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,000 head; shipments, 1,200 head. Market 5@10c higher, active; bulk of sales, $2.90@3.15; heavy, $2.85@3.05; packers, $2.90@3.05; mixed, $2.90@3.25; lights, $3.00@3.27½; Yorkers, $3.15@3.27½; pigs, $3.15@3.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 2,100 head. Market steady; lambs, $2.60@3.25; muttons, $2.50@2.65.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000 head. Market steady; native shipping steers, $3.50@4.50; Texas steers, $3.50@3.70.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,000 head. Market 5c higher; light, $3.20@3.50; mixed, $2.90@3.25; heavy, $3.10@3.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,000 head. Market strong.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets, October 2, 1896:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	3,208	3,833	1,430
Chicago	3,500	25,000	21,000
Kansas City	7,000	8,000	2,000
St. Louis	2,000	5,000	3,000
Total	15,708	41,833	27,430

A QUAINT WOODSMAN.

Summons at His Will Snakes, Squirrels and Wild Birds.

If Kipling were in Virginia he would write of another and elderly Mowgli, local genius of a green valley, with its cordon of hills and outlying rocky summits. Thomas Hostetter is his name, he resides near Rockbridge and his age is absolutely uncertain. He thinks he is about 85 years old. The wrinkles on his bronzed face rival in number and complexity those of Loti's mummy, says a New York Tribune correspondent. His eyes are small and deep-set. He lives somewhere amid the crags and blackberry bushes several miles to the north of this place, in the neighborhood of Collierstown, Va.

He suddenly appeared here the other morning with a well-fingered and time-worn fiddle slung over his shoulder and a huge kohinoor of an alum diamond in his hand. He said he paid $10 for his violin ever so many years ago in Lexington. He seemed confident of the value of the gem, which only stern necessity compelled him to sacrifice for $1, and which the writer bought in the hope of drawing him out. He said his wife was dead. His nine children were all married or scattered. He had never been to a city and was absolutely unversed in knowledge of any life but one—that of the deep wood, with its multitude of silent creatures. Their habits and language were an open book to him.

The old man had innumerable little packages of rattlesnake rattles stuck into every conceivable receptacle of his clothing. It seemed that the snakes had come to regard him without animosity. He had acquired an insight into their habits and when he did not see them with his wornout eyes he simply sat down on a log and beguiled them out of the nooks and crannies to his feet. He had no Hindoo "tomtom" wherewith to charm the snakes, and apparently exerted no influence upon them other than that which close sympathy always begets. Doubtless they had learned to regard him much in the light of a sorely overgrown and distorted brother.

The writer came across him one dewy morning seated crosswise on a log with a six-foot rattler coiled contentedly at his feet. Not until the stranger appeared on the scene did that flickering tongue protrude or those angry eyes glitter. The two seemed to be simply enjoying a quiet wood talk as the claw-like hand of the man stroked down the diamond patches on the snake's shiny back. Hostetter apparently did not think this situation at all out of the common. He had known rattlesnakes and black snakes and moccasins so long and so intimately that any less of sociability between him and the reptiles would have seemed strange to him. So powerful was his influence over the coiled serpent at his feet that a little further endearment even reconciled the snake to the writer's presence at a reasonable distance.

When in the woods at night Hostetter always sleeps by the side of a convenient fallen tree, and it is no unusual thing for him to wake up in the morning and find a poisonous reptile slumbering between his legs or warmed into deep sleep on his body. He said that the blacksnakes in the mountain meadows actually coil themselves around the legs of cows and milk them, and that the cows actually grow fond of this unnatural milking and come to the same spot in the field each day at the same hour and low for the snake.

Uttering an inarticulate sound, midway between a sob and a groan, Hostetter sent the snake into the bushes.

"Let me see you bring a squirrel into your lap."

He sat down on the spreading roots of a pine tree and gave utterance to a subdued chorus of chirrups and squeaks in minor keys, and soon the wood seemed to be filled with the pattering of little feet, and the queer old man became the motionless center of a cluster of bushy brown and gray squirrels. They raced up and down his legs and arms, sniffed at the opening of his bulging pockets and only avoided the smoke of his pipe. Again, with a sound half inarticulate and a half gesture, he dismissed the nimble-footed throng.

"Can you call the wild turkeys, Hostetter?"

The old man seated himself again with his back to a tree, and the writer wandered off into the deep shadows. Scarcely was this done before a familiar "gobble, gobble" was heard, and then after five minutes' silence the notes were repeated. A twig snapped and soon through the leaves the beady eyes of a wild turkey peered with hanging comb and one foot lifted. Again a low "gobble, gobble," and the leaves divided and the stately bird strutted directly to a place beside the old man and stared without blinking into his face.

Ohio Women Choose Officers.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 2.—The election of officers took place at today's session of the Federation of Women's Clubs here. Mrs. J. M. Roberts of Dayton was made president; Mrs. Henry Weaver of Mansfield, vice president; Miss Frances Hatfield of Piqua, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Howard Lee of Cleveland, recording secretary; Mrs. M. E. Jones of Finlay, treasurer; Miss Nettie Oskamp of Cincinnati, auditor.

Columbus and Dayton both extended invitations for the convention of 1897.

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