CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Waiting for the Clouds of Distrust to Roll By.

NO CHANGE IN COUNTRY COLLECTIONS

Values on Live Stock Have Shown Material Advances During the Past Thirty Days—Prices Still Lowest on Record.

Business in practically all departments has continued in a waiting mood all the past week under the spell of the great question to be settled on November 3. Concerning the final outcome there appears to be little apprehension in the minds of business men, but all the same neither buyers nor sellers have shown much disposition to anticipate it. On the one hand the demand has been kept down to nearly all instances to positive requirements and on the other there has been no movement made to tempt forward business. It is true that in some lines of the jobbing trade some little improvement can be noted as the time draws nearer when all uncertainty will be at an end, but generally speaking the condition of business is not much changed since a week ago. Goods that are particularly seasonable are, as a matter of course, in demand as the jobbing houses and are going into consumption quite freely. Retail stocks are so light that the jobbers are in close touch with the consuming demand and any little improvement is noted at once.

The movement of grain in the country consequent upon the advance in the market and the good demand for live stock is putting a large amount of money into circulation, with the result that farmers are buying more freely and are paying up some old obligations. The situation in the country has greatly improved in this respect and with all doubts of a political character removed even the most conservative business men are looking for very material improvement in the condition of trade.

At South Omaha the clearness of the money market has been most severely felt and with money easy once more there could hardly fail to be a boom in the live stock market at once. The country is full of corn and every one wants cattle to consume it, but few farmers have the money to buy and pay cash for the cattle. Cattle paper has always been regarded as a very desirable kind of security by money lenders and the minute that capitalists feel safe as to the future financial policy of the government South Omaha will have all the money that can be used to advantage. If care is taken to cause this money to flow into channels where it will do the most good business at the stock yards for the next six months is some.

VALUES ON PORK

During the past month the hog market has been in a much more satisfactory condition as regards values and the average of the prices paid at South Omaha has been the highest since last May—during the months of June, July, August and September the great bulk of all the hogs received at South Omaha sold at from 2½ to 2½ cents per pound and there were very few days during those months when the average price reached 2½. During the first week of October the price hovered around 2½, a little above or a little below, but on October 8 the market scored a substantial advance, which it has only maintained but gradually worked higher, the average price on the 14th inst. being $2.35. That proved to be the high point of the month and prices went down a little, the average ranging between $2.29 and $2.27 until the last week of the month, when there was a still further decline.

While the prices during the past month have been far from satisfactory as those which prevailed during the mid-summer months, they have nevertheless been the lowest for the month of October within the history of the stock yards. A year ago the great downward movement was already under way and prices were then the lowest they ever had been previous to that time, but this year the figures touched a still lower record for October. From the tabulated statement of averages given below it will be seen that 1895 was the high year, hogs selling in October of that year at about $6 or very nearly double the 1896 price. It will be further noted that starting with 1893 the market gradually worked upward, reaching high water in 1895, after which it has been on the down grade.

AVERAGE PRICE OF HOGS FOR OCTOBER.

The following will show the average price paid for hogs on each day of the month of October during the past ten years:

	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887
1	2 30	2 98	3 25	....	3 15	3 62	4 74	3 97	3 60	4 24
2	2 30	2 97	3 27	4 74	....	3 67	4 73	3 92	3 61	4 21
3	2 30	2 95	3 00	4 60	3 21	3 72	4 70	3 95	3 64	4 21
4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4 13	3 66	4 21
5	2 32	2 95	3 06	4 62	3 19	3 73	4 70	3 91	3 71	4 16
6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 68	4 16
7	2 34	2 96	....	4 57	3 25	3 82	4 74	3 94	....	4 14
8	2 33	2 96	3 06	4 58	3 27	3 82	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 18
9	2 33	2 96	3 06	4 58	3 27	3 82	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 18
10	2 32	2 94	3 05	4 57	3 27	3 84	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
11	....	2 79	3 00	4 54	3 20	....	....	3 90	3 66	4 19
12	2 31	2 77	3 01	4 54	3 20	3 81	....	....	3 65	4 19
13	....	....	3 00	4 52	3 20	3 81	....	....	3 65	4 19
14	2 31	2 78	3 00	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
15	2 29	2 76	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
16	2 29	2 76	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
17	2 29	2 76	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
18	2 29	2 76	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
19	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
20	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
21	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
22	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
23	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
24	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
25	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
26	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
27	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
28	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
29	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
30	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19
31	....	2 77	3 01	4 52	3 20	3 81	4 74	3 95	3 66	4 19

Blanks indicate Sunday.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 15c/16c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 6@7c; choice to fancy, country, 12@15c; separator creamery, 15@16c; gathered cream, 12@13c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $3.75@4.00; quail, $1.75@2.00; teal ducks, $1.50; red heads and mallards, $2.50@3.00.

CHEESE—Domestic brick 9c; Edam, per doz., $9.25; cream cheese, full, jars, per doz. $2.25; Limburger cheese, per lb., 9c; Roquefort, per lb., 25c; per doz., $2.50; Young American, 10½c; Swiss, 12½c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 6@6½c.

POULTRY—Fancy young chickens, 7c; old hens, 6½@6½c; turkeys, 9@10c; geese, 6c; ducks, 8c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½@6c; cocks, 3c; spring chickens, 7½c; spring ducks, 10@11c; turkeys, 9@ 7½c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@80c; 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 output, per lb, 2½c; red one green, running to burr, 2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—On orders, per bbl., $1.65@1.75.

TOMATOES—Per ½-bu. basket, 50@60c.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 30@35c.

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, 40@50c.

POTATOES—Good stock, per bu., 25c.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—New York, 15c; large lots, 12c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—None.

PLUMS—No shipping stock.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Tokays and other fancy are scarce, $1.50.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl, $6.00@7.50.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl, $1.75; eating, $1.85@2.00; Jonathans, fancy, $2.25; fancy New York, $2.00.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $2; New York, per bbl., $3.50@4.

QUINCES—Per bbl., $4.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, $4.

LEMONS—Messinas, $4.00@5.50; California lemons, $4.00@4.25.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Owing to the wet weather which prevailed during the gathering and curing season it is stated that the quality of the Turkish figs this year will be comfortably poorer of an average than for many seasons past. A considerable part of the output has been rain damaged, and the first arrivals, according to the statements made by receivers, is of that kind of goods. Black, or even good grades are comparatively scarce, and consumers' prices at least 5c per pound above those which were paid a year ago for fresh arrivals.

The peach crop this season will be the lightest for several years. Reports of short crops were circulated some time ago, but dealers regarded them with suspicion. Later advices, however, not only confirm early reports, but show the shortage to be greater than estimated. Even the most skeptical have become convinced that the shortage is a reality. A large house in San Antonio, Tex., writing to their correspondents, says: "The Texas pecan crop will be almost a complete failure. We hardly think we shall handle over two cars this season, against sixty cars last year." A correspondent at Eagle Lake, Tex., writes: "There will not be a car of peaches shipped from this point this season." From northern Texas comes the intelligence that there are few nuts on the trees, and the few that are on the trees are worthless, being devoid of meat. The Louisiana crop is also light. Original estimates placed it at 1,500,000 barrels. Well informed operators say now that 1,250 barrels is a very liberal estimate. There is every indication that when the full demand sets in, prices will be eagerly sought at high prices. Stocks carried over from last year are said to be moderate. The fortunate possessors of these goods have splendid prospects of realizing rich rewards. Quotations:

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 10@11c; choice, 9@10c; California amber, 8@9c.

CIDER—Choice apple, per half bbl., $2.75; per bbl., $4.50@5.00.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; per can, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $4.50; quart cans, $1.50.

HIDES—Inspected heavy, 3 cents, 50-lb. hores, 2c; choice, 45-lb. hides, 2 cents, 50-lb.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 8c; large, 9c; peanuts, raw, 6@7c; roasted, 7@8c; chestnuts, 10c.

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 4c to 5½c lbs., 6@7c; western steers, 3½@4c; good cows and heifers, 3½@3½c; medium cows and heifers, 3@3½c; canners' cows and heifers, 2½c; good bulls, 3c; common bulls, 2½c; native steers, 5@6c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chuck, 3½c; bologna chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3c; steers chucks, 5½c; beef tenderloins, 10c; beef loins, 10c; bologna rounds, 5c; cow rounds, 5c; steers rounds, 6c; cow chucks, 3c; steers chucks, 5½c; beef tenderloins, 10c; beef loins, 10c; North American, 15c; No. 1 cow loins, 8c; No. 2 cow loins, 6c; beef trimmings, 2½c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 4c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 7c; pork tenderloins, 10c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage, 9½c; pork sausage, 6½c; pork shoulders, 5½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 5c; pork trimmings, 3½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 4½c.

MUTTON—Dressed lamb, 7c; dressed mutton, 6c; racks, mutton, 3½c; mutton, 4½c; saddles, mutton, 6½c; stew, 3c; sheep pluck, 2c; sheep tongues, per doz, 25c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3c; No. 2 green hides, 2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2c; No. 1 veal, salt, 4½ to 6½ lbs., 5c; No. 2 veal, salt, 4½ to 6½ lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 4@5c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 3½c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 3@3½c; part cured hides, 2c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 75@85c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early spring), each, 30@40c; dry shearlings (short wooled early spring), No. 1, each, 5c; dry shearlings (short wooled early spring), No. 2, each, 3c; dry fine, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska medium wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 35@c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@c; dry flint Colorado medium wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 35@c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2½c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1½c; house grease, 2@2½c; brown grease, 1½c; butter grease, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@ 20c; trunk tallow, 2c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—FLOUR—Receipts, 27,400 bbls., exports, 12,450 bbls., firmly held, but restricted; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.40; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.50; city mill patents, $4.00@4.10; winter straights, $4.10@4.30; winter patents, $4.40@4.60; winter extras, $3.00@3.25; winter low grades, $2.00@2.85. Southern flour, steady, passed goods, $3.00@4.15. Rye flour, quiet, superfine, $2.75@3.00; fancy, $3.00@3.25.

BUCKWHEAT—quiet, $1 per cwt., trade, for prime.

CORNMEAL—Quiet and firm; yellow western, 90c.

RYE—Dull; western feeding, 37½@37½c.

BARLEY—Dull; western feeding, 27½@27½c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 30@35c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 36,000 bu.; exports, 15,800 bu. No. 3 hard, 67½c, spot, inactive. Options were fairly active on foreign selling, but declined on firm cables and prevailed. Closed spring wheat receipts, closed at 1c@2c advance; business was neglected most of the morning. May, 64@64½c; closing 65c; December, 70@70½c, closing 70½c.

CORN—Receipts, 221,400 bu; exports, 6,000 bu.; spot, inactive; No. 2, 30½c. Options were firmer on light receipts, but ruled very quiet, closing at 1@1½c advance. May, 30@30½c, closing 30½c; December, 29@29½c, closing 29½c.

OATS—Receipts, 12,000 bu.; exports, 1,000 bu.; spot, inactive; No. 2, 22½c. Options dull but steadier, closing ½ higher. May closed 23½c; December, 21½@22c, closing 22½c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, $@$.

HOPS—Firm, state, common to choice, 9@ 12½c; Pacific coast, 10@12c; Pacific coast, 1895, crop, 2@5c; 1894 crop, 1@3c; London, firm; 8@9c.

HIDES—Firm, Buenos Ayres, dry, nominal; Texas dry, 9½@10c; California, 10c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, B. A., light to heavyweight, 19½@22c; acid, 20@22½c.

WOOL—Firm; domestic fleece, average, fancy, 30@31c; medium, steady; pickled bellies, 18@20c; pickled shoulders, 45c; pickled lams, 45@50c. Lard, dull; western steamed, closed $4.65, nominal; refined, firm. Pork, dull; mess, $8.50@9.00. Lard, refined, firm; $4.90@5.30.

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

MOLASSES—Irregular. New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 24@28c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet, southern, $10.50@ 13.50; northern, $10.75@12.25. Copper, easy; lake brokers, $10.75. Lead, steady; domestic, brokers, $3.40. Tin, firm; straits, $13.00@13.10; plates, firm; spelter, firm; domestic, $3.90@3.97½.

St. Louis General Market.

ST LOUIS, Oct. 31.—FLOUR—Dull, easy; patents, $3.00@3.10; extra fancy, $2.60@2.70; fancy, $2.40@2.50; choice, $2.00@2.05.

WHEAT—The speculative market opened with a great deal of bull news, which caused an advance. Later in sympathy with a decline in the Chicago market it declined, but closed 1@1½c higher than yesterday; for futures. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 1c bid; track, 70@70½c; No. 2 hard, cash, 68c; December, 70½c; May 69½c.

CORN—Futures were also higher in sympathy with wheat, closing ½@¾c above yesterday. Spot, firmer; No. 2 cash, 27½c; December, 28c; May, 26½c bid.

OATS—Futures stronger, with May ½c higher, spot, dull and neglected; No. 2 cash, 16½c; May, 20½c.

RYE—35c.

CORN MEAL—$1.40.

FLAXSEED—Lower at 60c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.35.

POULTRY—Firm and steady.

EGGS—Steady at 14c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, dull, except for finer grades; prairie, firm, with a ready sale; timothy, $8.00@9.00; prairie, $5.50@6.00, this sine.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 14@21c; dairy, 8@ 15c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

LEAD—$2.60@2.65, nominal.

SPELTER—$3.66, nominal.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $9.50@9.60. Lard, higher; prime steam, $4.12½; choice, $4.25@. Bacon and dry salt meats, steady.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 35,000 bu.; corn, 34,000 bu.; oats, 27,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 112,000 bu.; oats, 28,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 31.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; demand poor; No. 1 red, spring, 5s 7½d; No. 1 California, 5s 9d. Futures closed quiet, with near positions ¼d higher and distant positions unchanged; business about equally distributed; November, 5s 4d; December, 6s 4¼d; January, 6s 5¾d; February, 6s 6¾d; March, 6s 7¾d; April, 6s 8¾d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 2½d. Futures closed quiet, near positions ¼d higher and distant positions ¼d higher; business about equally distributed; November, 2s 3½d; December, 2s 3½d; January, 2s 3¼d; February, 2s 3¼d; March, 2s 3¼d.

FLOUR—Quiet demand poor; St. Louis fancy, winter, 4s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, easy; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 32s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 30s; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs., 31s; long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 30s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., nominal; short clear backs, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., nominal; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 30s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 29s 6d. Hams, short, 14 to 16 lbs., 48s. Tallow, fine North American, 19s 3d. Beef, extra India, mess, 82s 6d; prime mess, 62s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 50s; medium western, 42s 6d. Lard, dull; prime western, 23s 6d; refined, in pails, 26s 6d.

BEEF—Firm; demand moderate; finest American, white, 60s; finest American, colored, 60s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 80s; good, 60s.

CHEESE—Linseed, 17s 6d. Petroleum, refined, 6½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 2½d; hindquarters, 2½d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £3 5s.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 31.—WHEAT—Active and 1@2c higher; No. 2 hard, nominally, 60@62c; No. 3, 60@62c; No. 2 red, 70@70c; No. 3 spring, 67@c; No. 3, 65c.

CORN—Mixed fairly active and steady; white dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 21@c; No. 2 white, 21@c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 16c; No. 2 white, old, nominally, 20@22c, new, nominally, 16@18c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 nominally, 32c.

HAY—Steady and unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady but quiet; creamery, 12@15c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Dull and unchanged at 14@c.

New York Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The weekly bank statement shows the following: Reserve, increase, $2,565,525; loans, decrease, $1,805,100; specie, increase, $2,345,800; legal tenders, decrease, $355,700; deposits, decrease, $2,626,800; circulation, decrease, $14,800. The banks now hold $17,462,425 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

London Wheat Market.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Wheat today was firmly held and in some cases 2d advance was asked, but the market was very quiet. Eleven thousand quarters, November delivery, of California sold at 28s 9d.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Trade in the Wheat Pit Quite Light on Election Eve.

THAT CEREAL OPENS RATHER STRONG

For a Time the Market Took the Offerings Readily, but Finally the Demand Slackened and Prices Weakened.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—The observance of "flag day" and the nearness of election made trade in the wheat pit very light today, prices suffering a ½c decline. Other markets were quiet, but comparatively strong corn advancing ¼@c, oats ¼c and provisions from 7½c to 10c.

The influence of the strength displayed by wheat on the open board yesterday afternoon, when the price of December touched 74c, was still felt at the opening today, notwithstanding the fact that the quotations from Liverpool showed an almost entire absence of sympathy with Friday's advance on this side of over 1c per bu. Opening prices for December ranged from 70½c to 70¾c, but after the opening flurry the tendency for an hour or so was downward, and a gradual and irregular decline to 70¼c resulted. Heavy offerings caused the decline. Many brokers are asking 5c and 10c margins to carry wheat lines over election, as Monday's market will have a decidedly holiday aspect. The result was that a good deal offered for sale. For a time the market took the offerings readily, but finally the demand slackened and prices weakened. When this was disposed of, however, an advance in prices took place. This was due more than anything else to the light northwestern receipts. The number of cars received at Minneapolis and Duluth was 530, against 1,088 a week ago and 1,282 on the corresponding day of last year. Before Chicago received 300 cars, against 209 on the parallel day of the previous year. This looked like a demonstration of the truth of the statement that country deliveries have been falling off for some time. After that advance interest in the market almost died out. The price declined momentarily to 70½c about half an hour from the close, but there was enough for sale to turn it down again to from 70¾c to 70¾c at which point the session ended.

There was but little life in the corn pit, but prices were firm, ruling a trifle higher all day. Cables were better, the shipping demand was good, elevator people were good buyers and local receipts are falling off. May opened ¼c higher at 28¾c, sold at 28¾c off to 28¾c and closed steady at 28¾c, quiet and firm market was reported for oats. Sympathy with corn alone ruled fluctuations which were confined to a range of ¼c. May opened ¼c higher at 21¾c, ranged between 21¾c and 21¾c, closing strong at 21¾c.

Provisions were strong on a very moderate amount of business. Opening prices were a shade higher, helped by larger hog receipts and better yard prices. Under a fair demand prices advanced somewhat, closing 5@7½c higher than Saturday. All the products maintained January puck closed 10c higher at $7.70; January lard 7½c higher at $4.30; January ribs 10c higher at $4.30.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 170 cars, 70 cars; oats, 300 cars; hogs 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low	Close
Wheat No. 2				
Oct.	71¼	71¾	70¾	70¾
Dec.	70¾@¾	71¾	70¾	70¾@¾
May	76¾@¾	76¾	75¾@¾	75¾
Corn No. 2				
Oct.	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾
Dec.	27½@¾	28¾	27½	28¼@¾
May	28¾	29¾	28¾	29¾@¾
Oats No. 2				
Oct.	17¾	18	17¾	17¾
Dec.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾@¾
May	21¾	21¾@¾	21¾	21¾
Pork, per bbl.				
Oct.	7 07½	7 15	7 07½	7 15
Jan.	7 80	8 02½	7 80	7 97½
Lard, 100 lbs.				
Dec.	4 27½	4 32½	4 27½	4 32½
Jan.	4 45	4 50	4 42	4 50
Short Ribs				
Dec.	3 72½	3 77½	3 72½	3 72½
Jan.	3 90	3 97½	3 90	3 90

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $3.75@4.00; straights, $3.40@3.60; spring specials, $4.00@4.25; spring patents, $3.50@3.75; straights, $3.40@3.70; bakers, $2.75@3.10.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70@c; No. 3 spring, 65@66c; No. 2 red, 72½@74½c.

CORN—No. 2, 28½@28¾c; No. 2 yellow, 27½@ 28½c.

OATS—No. 2, 18c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 21½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17½@19½c.

RYE—No. 2, 31@c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 25@ 34c; No. 4, 23@27c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 70@71c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $7.10@7.15. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.30. Short ribs sides (loose), $3.70@3.80. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.00@4.25; short clear sides (boxed), $4.00@4.12½.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 8½@9c; chickens, 6½@7c; ducks, 7½@8c.

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

SUGAR—Cut loaf, $4.85; granulated, $4.32.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	8,000	14,000
Wheat, bu.	89,000	27,000
Corn, bu.	240,000	140,000
Oats, bu.	340,000	279,000
Rye, bu.	17,000	1,000
Barley, bu.	114,000	142,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 8@13½c; dairy, 9@ 10c. Eggs, quiet; fresh, 17c. Cheese, firm; 9@9½c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Course of Prices Irregular and Some of the Fluctuations Material.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Today's stock market practically consisted of Sugar, Reading and St. Paul, to other stock reaching the 6,000 share mark. The course of prices was irregular and some of the fluctuations recorded in the principal shares were material. Lake Shore, for example, advancing 2 per cent. The early dealings were characterized by decided strength, but realizations by room traders caused a reaction, and the money rates to 10 per cent as the maximum, with the average and close at 6 per cent exerted a reassuring influence. The opening was strong and higher under liberal buying for both account and the covering of shorts, despite lower securities in London and added advices of a rather discouraging nature regarding alleged impending financial and political disturbances in connection with Kaffir affairs. Day traders saw a rise of 1 per cent on a variety of rumors, including that of a settlement of all differences between the conflicting interests in the property. The failure of confirmation of the report up to 1 o'clock caused a somewhat quieter and steady reaction to 12¾. The extreme advances in the leading shares ranged up to 2¾ per cent in Manhattan. The stock later reacted 1½ per cent and the other market about ½ per cent. After the first hour the market became quiet and dull, owing to uncertainty regarding the bank statement. The exhibit was apparently consistent in all items and was more favorable than had been anticipated, showing an increase of $2,565,525 in legal reserves, but was not reflected in the later trading. The closing was irregular, but with material improvements in a number of the leading shares. The early trading of the week was marked by a better tone of the market than that which characterized the previous week, under the stimulus of cheerful forecasts of the general business outlook, to which the animation in the cereal markets and increased foreign demand had in a good measure contributed. The steady movement of gold and the increased resources of the banks and treasury also constituted a bank log to the operations of the bears. The various developments of trade in many activity and advancing prices aided the efforts of pools in marking up the prices of the industrials. On Tuesday, however, a daring "scoop" was suggested, presumably by the bear leaders, on account of sympathy with Friday's advance on the sensational reports of pending political complications between this country and Spain. The street fell into the trap.

An ensuing rally on the unqualified denial of the reports was followed by a growing firmness in the money market and subsequently a dull and drooping market was noted. Subsequently the speculation became demoralized on semi-panic rates for call money, a flat 100 per cent rate being reached. The excitement stimulated relief action by a number of banks the next day and a pool was formed with an aggregate surplus reserve of $12,000,000 to lend money from Friday to Monday next at equivalent to 36 per cent per annum. The unexpected relief checked the lenders and the rate subsequently fell to 8 per cent. A large demand for cash gold had been reported at advancing premiums, but at the close the inquiry fell off materially. Some comments were made over the continued firmness of the foreign exchange market in the face of the scrimping in money, but this was partly attributed to the belief that high money rates would only last for a very brief period.

The news of the bank pool stimulated renewed confidence and heavy buying orders for both accounts caused advances of 10@1½ per cent in the active shares. The improvement in the usually inactive shares was quite marked, notably in Pullman and Lake Shore. In the late dealings the engineers were in exceptionally good demand. St. Paul and Rock Island advancing 3¼ and 4¾ per cent respectively from the low points. Sugar touched the 6 mark in the week, but subsequently advanced to 116. The rally carried many stocks to the highest figures recorded in a long time. The aggregate sales were 1,232,632 shares. The bond market of the week sympathized with the movement in stocks and enlarged investment inquiry for the gilt-edged issues toward the close. In speculative bonds a good demand was also noted with the Reading and Atchison issues prominent. The net changes show short sales generally in the leading issues. The total sales were $6,389,000. Governments were irregular, but the market was very quiet. Eleven thousand quarters, November delivery, of California sold at 28s 9d.

Atchison	14¾	N. Y. Central	98¾
Atlantic Ex.	140	N. Y., C. & St. L.	23
Adams Ex.	140	Ontario & W.	18¾
Am. Express	110	Oregon Imp.	24
Baltimore & Ohio	13¾	Oregon Nav.	18
Canada Pacific	71¾	O. S. L. & U. N.	14¾
Canada Southern	57	Pacific Mail	31¾
Central Pacific	10¾	Peoria Dec. & E.	13
Ches. & Ohio	20	Pittsburg	162
Chicago & Alton	161	Pullman Palace	170
C., B. & Q.	79¾	Reading	17¾
Chicago Gas	73¾	R. G. W.	10
Consolidated Gas	198	R. G. W. pfd.	40
C., C., C. & St. L.	27¾	Rock Island	69
Colo. Coal & Iron	31	St. Paul	73¾
Cotton Oil Cert.	17¾	do pfd.	120
Delaware & Hud.	124	St. P. & Omaha	40
Del. Lack. & W.	154	do pfd.	125
D. & R. G. pfd.	43¾	Southern Pacific	17¾
Erie Tenn.	13¾	Southern Railway	7¾
Erie	13¾	Tenn. Coal & Iron	24¾
do pfd.	29¾	Texas Pacific	6¾
Fort Wayne	159	T. A. O. Cent. pfd.	60
G. & Northern pfd.	127	Union Pacific	9
Hocking Coal	10¾	U. S. Express	40
Hocking Valley	10¾	W. S. L. & P.	10¾
Illinois Central	93¾	W. S. L. & P. pfd.	30¾
Lake Erie & West.	19¾	Wells Fargo Ex.	97
do pfd.	67¾	Western Union	84¾
Lake Shore	148¾	Wheeling & L. E.	6¾
Long Island	70¾	do pfd.	24¾
Louisville & N.	47¾	M. & St. L.	6¾
L. & N. A.	1	N. L.	19
Manhattan Con.	92¾	C. F. & I.	34
Memphis & C.	15	do pfd.	90
Michigan Central	98	T. & O. C.	11
Missouri Pacific	21¾	T. St. L. & K. C.	10
Mobile & Ohio	18	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd.	30
Nashville Chat.	68	St. L. R.	24¾
National Cordage	4¾	St. L. R. pfd.	74¾
Nat. Cordage pfd.	9¾	Am. Tob. Co.	84¾
N. J. Central	104¾	do pfd.	120
N. A. W. pfd.	10	Consol. Gas Co.	140
North Am. Co.	6¾	Am. Spirits	6¾
Northern Pacific	14¾	do pfd.	37½
N. Pacific pfd.	39	U. S. Leather	13¾
N. P. D. & A.	22	U. S. Leather pfd.	67¾
N. P. D. & A. pfd.	45	U. S. Rubber	19¾
Northwestern	105¾	U. S. Rubber pfd.	69¾
do pfd.	142		

* Offered.

The total sales of stock today were 1,276,700 shares, including the following: Atchison, 6,100; American Sugar, 21,800; Baltimore & Quincy, 4,800; Chicago Gas, 2,900; Louisville & Nashville, 5,700; Reading, 34,000; St. Paul, 15,000; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 4,900; Union Pacific, 7,200; Western Union, 2,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—MONEY ON CALL—Easier at 6@8 per cent; last loan offered at 6 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Nominally 7@9 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86¼ for demand and $4.82@4.82½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82@4.83 and $4.86@4.86½; commercial bills, $4.80@4.81.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—69@69½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—69c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; state bonds, irregular; railroad bonds, strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s reg.	110¾	C. P. 1st s. f. 6s	110
U. S. 4s coup. new	110¾	D. & R. G. 4s	74½
U. S. 5s reg.	110