COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Prices Close Practically Unchanged All Around.

BULLS AND BEARS EACH FEAR OUTLOOK

Board is Closed Until Monday and the Chances of Rain Before Then Are Too Uncertain.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Most of today's trading in wheat was confined to liquidation of outstanding contracts. There will be no session tomorrow. Bulls were afraid it might rain before Monday and bears were afraid it would not, and the result was that both sides evened up as much as possible. The market closed precisely at yesterday's figures. Other markets, however, showed more weakness for various reasons; corn declining ⅛c, oats a shade and pork 5@10c.

Though the Liverpool market opened at a decline of ⅛d and closed at ⅜d below yesterday's, the local wheat market showed no such disposition. Opening sales were at ⅛@¼c advance and soon after the market was ½@⅝c above the previous day's closing price. There was a decided tendency among the local traders to cover up all open deals and remain even on the market during the coming two days' intermission, both factions being a little nervous over the possible developments in the drouth situation between now and Monday. December wheat, which closed yesterday at 91⅝c, opened today at 91¾@91⅞c. The shorts got in their work first, the result being an advance to 92⅛@92¼c. The price dropped to 91c shortly afterward, and for some time the market hung around that figure. The world's visible supply of wheat and flour October 1 showed a total equal to 19,600,000 bushels of wheat, against 87,100,000 bu. September 1, and 151,300,000 bu. October 1 last year. The stocks in store in principal European countries October 1 were 31,200,000 bu., against 23,600,000 bu. a month ago and 30,800,000 bu. a year ago. Receipts for the day at Minneapolis and Duluth aggregated 1,126 cars, against 1,096 last week and 1,046 last year. Chicago receipts were 202 cars. Primary market receipts were 1,573,000 bu., against 1,169,000 bu. a year ago. New York export engagements of thirty-eight boatloads were reported. The Michigan crop report showed a total yield of 24,935,000 bushels of wheat this year, against 15,720,000 bu. last year. This news apparently had as little influence as did the easier Liverpool market. An important item concerning the Hungarian wheat crop was entirely lost. Beerbohm figured it at 80,000,000 bu., against 97,000,000 bu. at his previous estimate and against 148,000,000 as the crop last year. The Liverpool weakness was explained by the fact that there had been hedging sales there against the No. 2 spring wheat recently sent from Chicago. It is expected that the visible supply statement Monday will show an increase of 1,500,000 bu., against 2,300,000 bu. increase a year ago. The Modern Miller, which has heretofore been quite bearish on the situation, was out in an extremely bullish statement regarding the unprecedented drouth and limited area seeded. The effect was to check the decline late in the day and to cause a rally to 91⅝c. That was the price at the close.

Corn was weak and rather inactive most of the session, with the trade a good deal on the evening up order. Drouth talk seemed to have lost its influence for the time being, as cash offerings were liberal. The opening tone was firm, with wheat. An easier tone developed later, the reaction in wheat and indications of an early movement of the new crop being among the bear influences. Receipts were 536 cars. Exports amounted to 217,000 bu. Cables were ½d lower. December ranged from 29⅜c to 28⅞@29c, closing ⅛c lower at 29¼c.

Oats was dull, and moved within an exceedingly narrow range, prices being influenced almost entirely by the action of corn. About the only feature was the purchase of about 200,000 bu. December on New York orders. New York reported about 400,000 bu. being sold here for shipment. Receipts were posted at 263 cars. December ranged from 19⅝c to 19⅛c, closing a shade lower at 19⅛@19⅜c.

Trading in provisions was light. The market opened weak, because of the large receipts of hogs, and some decline followed on renewed English selling. A rally followed, in sympathy with wheat, but the strength was short lived, and as soon as the strength in grain began to disappear the market again weakened. Closing prices were substantially at the bottom; December pork 10c lower at $7.75, December lard 5c lower at $4.22½, and December ribs 7½c lower at $4.45.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 235 cars; corn, 465 cars; oats, 400 cars; hogs, 24,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yestdy.
*Wheat—					
Oct.				89⅝	89⅝
Dec.	91¾@⅞	92⅛@¼	91	91⅝	91⅝
May	91⅛@¼	91¾	90⅞	91¼	91⅛
*Corn—					
Oct.	27½	27⅝	27⅜	27⅜	27⅝
Dec.	29¼	29⅜	28⅞@29	29¼	29¼
May	33	33⅛	32¾	32¾@⅞	32⅞
*Oats—					
Oct.	18¾	18¾	18½	18½	19
Dec.	19⅝	19⅝	19⅛	19⅛@⅜	19⅝
May	22¼	22¼@⅜	22⅛@¼	22¼	22⅜
Pork—					
Oct.					7 75
Dec.	7 72½	7 82½	7 72½	7 75	7 85
Jan.	8 75	8 77½	8 67½	8 67½	8 77½
Lard—					
Oct.					4 20
Dec.	4 25	4 27½	4 22½	4 22½	4 27½
Jan.	4 42½	4 42½	4 37½	4 37½	4 42½
Sh'tRibs					
Oct.	4 70	4 70	4 57½	4 67½	4 70
Dec.	4 47½	4 52½	4 45	4 45	4 52½
Jan.	4 47½	4 57½	4 47½	4 47½	4 52½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $5.00@5.10; straights, $4.70@4.80; spring specials, $5.50; spring patents, $4.80@5.10; straights, $4.50@4.70; bakers', $3.75@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 86⅝c; No. 3 spring, 80@86c; No. 2 red, 94⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 27½c.

OATS—No. 2, 19c f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 22½c; No. 3 white, 21½@22½c.

RYE—No. 2, 46c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 32c; No. 3, 28@37c; No. 4, 27@32c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 97@99½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60@2.62½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.70@7.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.20@4.22½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.50@4.80. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.87½@5.12½. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.12½@5.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.96; granulated, $5.37.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	7,000	9,000
Wheat, bu.	243,000	133,000
Corn, bu.	345,000	180,000
Oats, bu.	443,000	321,000
Rye, bu.	24,000	.....
Barley, bu.	100,000	18,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@21½c; dairies, 12@19c. Cheese, steady at 8@9c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 14c. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 8c; springs, 8c; ducks, 7½@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 28,660 bbls.; exports, 11,174 bbls.; quiet and lower to sell; winter patents, $5.10@5.35. Rye flour, quiet. Buckwheat flour, quiet; $1.75@1.85.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 40c.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 68c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 49½c.

BARLEY—Steady; 39½c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 159,075 bu.; exports, 26,984 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, red, 97⅝c. Options opened a shade higher on drouth news, but weakened on weak cables, liquidation, small clearances and light export demand. The market later rallied slightly on bullish Modern Miller receipts and closed ⅛@⅜c net lower. No. 2 red October closed, 95⅝c; December, 94⅞@95¼c; closed, 94⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 118,175 bu.; exports, 106,811 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 33⅝c. Options opened steady and advanced on drouth, later eased off with wheat and closed unchanged to ⅛c net lower. October, 31⅞@32⅛c; closed, 31⅝c; December, 33⅜@34⅛c; closed, 33⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 242,400 bu.; exports, 55,545 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 23⅛c. Options moderately active and about steady, closing unchanged to ⅛c net lower. October closed, 23¼c; December closed, 24⅝c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, $4.00@4.50; good to choice, $5.00@7.50.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 14@16c.

HIDES—Quiet; Texas dry, 12½@13c; California, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 20½@21c; acid, 20½@23c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.00@10.50. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, 6⅛@8c; pickled shoulders, 5½c; pickled hams, 8⅜@9c. Lard, dull; western steam, $4.60; refined, steady. Pork, quiet; old mess, $8.75@9.25; new mess, $9.50@10.00; short clear, $10.00@13.00; family, $11.00@12.00.

TALLOW—Dull; city, 3⅛c; country, 3⅛@3⅜c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,328 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 14@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 8@13c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,616 pkgs.; easy; large white, 9@9⅛c; small white, 9½c; large colored, 9@9⅛c; small colored, 9½c; part skims, 6½@7c; full skims, 3½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,156 packages; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 16@18c; western, 16@17c.

OILS—Petroleum, quiet; United closed, 70c bid; Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally 85c. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, firm; 33½@34c. Cottonseed, dull and easier, with offerings at lower prices; prime summer yellow, 23½@24c; off summer yellow, 23@23½c; butter oil, 29@32c; prime summer white, 28c; prime winter yellow, 32c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 4⅝@6¼c; Japan, 4⅝@5⅛c.

MOLASSES—Unsettled; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 25@31c.

METALS—Pig iron, warrants, weak; $6.95 bid and $7 asked. Lake copper, easier; $11.15 bid and $11.25 asked. Tin, firmer; $13.65 bid and $13.75 asked. Spelter, easier; $4.20 bid and $4.25 asked. Lead, exchange barely steady for spot and easier for futures; $4.20 bid and $4.25 asked; brokers', strong; $4.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock weak at 12½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@9½c; choice to fancy, 12@14c; separator creamery, 21c; gathered creamery, 18@19c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6¼c; cocks, 3@4c; spring chickens, per lb., 7c; ducks, 6@7c; turkeys, 6@8c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75c; 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.

BROOMCORN—Extremely slow sales new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2@2¼c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2¼c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

CANTALOUPES—Per doz., 50@60c.

TOMATOES—Per half bu. basket, 25@40c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 50@55c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

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

CABBAGE—Home grown, 1c.

WATERMELONS—Crated, per doz., $1.50.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@60c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Per bbl., fall stock, $2.00@2.25.

NATIVE PLUMS—Per basket, 20@35c.

GRAPES—California, $1.25@1.50.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Per case, Crawfords 80c, clings, 70@75c.

PEARS—Bartlett, per case, $2.25; Utah Bartletts, $1.75@1.80; Buerre Hardy, $1.60@1.75.

NEW YORK GRAPES—Per 9-lb. basket, 16c.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per case, $1.00@1.25.

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

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—Messinas, $4.25@4.50; choice California, $4.00.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $4.25@4.50.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice white, 15c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.35; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each $2.25; gal cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 7c; good forequarters, steers, 6c; good hindquarters, 9c; western steers, 6@6½c; fancy heifers, 6c; good heifers, 6½c; good forequarters, heifers, 5c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8c; good cows, 6¼c; fair cows, 5¾c; common cows, 5¼c; cow forequarters, 4½@5c; cow hindquarters, 7½@8c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 9c; sirloin butts, 9c; shoulder clods, 6c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 5c; cow chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3c; steer plates, 3½c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 9c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 7c; cow rounds off, 8½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each 3c; livers, per lb., 2c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 11c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 8½c; sheep, 7½c; market racks (long), 9c; hotel racks (short), 12c; legs and saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 6c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 13c; loins, 7c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage, butts, 6c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 6c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 6c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 1½c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each 2c; tongues, each 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each 3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 11@13; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@10c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 9@10c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins) each 15c; 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.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 8.—FLOUR—Quiet, unchanged.

WHEAT—Lower, closing about 1c below Wednesday for December and May; December opened ⅛c lower on a variety of bear news, advanced ⅛c, declined 1⅛c and recovered ⅜@⅝c, closing at that. Spot steady; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 96c; track, 96½@97½c; No. 2 hard cash, 86c; December, 97⅜@97¼c; May, 97c bid.

CORN—Futures lower; fluctuating about as wheat, but closing firm, though ⅛c under Wednesday. Spot lower; No. 2 cash, 26@26½c; December, 26⅝@26⅞c; May, 30⅛@30⅜c.

OATS—Futures dull, easy and lower to sellers. Spot, lower; No. 2 cash, elevator, 20c asked; track, 20@20¼c; No. 2 white, 21½@22c; December, 19⅝c bid; May, 22¼c asked.

RYE—Firm; 43c.

CORNMEAL—Steady; $1.50@1.55.

BRAN—Strong and better; sacked, salable east track, 49½c, and this side, 55c, but sellers at these figures.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, higher; 93c. Prime timothy seed, $2.70.

HAY—Firm; prairie, $6.75@8.00; timothy, $6.50@9.25.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 16@24c; dairy, 11@16c.

EGGS—Firm; 12½c.

POULTRY—Chickens, steady; old hens, 6¼c; springs, 7½c; ducks, 6½c; geese, 6c; turkeys, 7@7½c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

COTTONTIES—70c.

BAGGING—6½@7c.

METALS—Lead, $4.05. Spelter, firm; $4.05.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $8.25. Lard, lower; prime steam, $4.10; choice, $4.17½. Bacon, extra short clear and ribs (boxed lots), $6; shorts, $6.12½. Dry salt meats, extra short clear and ribs (boxed shoulders), $5.50; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 12,000 bbls.; wheat, 80,000 bu.; corn, 149,000 bu.; oats, 74,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 82,000 bu.; corn, 129,000 bu.; oats, 30,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 8.—WHEAT—About 1c lower, fairly active; No. 1 hard, 83@84c; No. 2, 81½@84½c; No. 3, 79@82c; No. 4, 75@81c; No. 1 red, 92c; No. 2, 90@92c; No. 3, 84@87c; No. 4, 80@84c; No. 2 spring, 79c; No. 3, 77½c.

CORN—Fractionally lower, rather slow; No. 2 mixed, 24⅝@25c.

OATS—Fairly active, some weaker; No. 2 white, 18½@20c.

RYE—Weak; No. 2, 42c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $8.00; choice prairie, $6.00.

BUTTER—Active and firm; creamery, 20@22c; dairy, 14@17c.

EGGS—Easier; 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 281,400 bu.; corn, 91,000 bu.; oats, 55,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 100,200 bu.; corn, 21,400 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 8.—FLOUR—Dull, steady and unchanged; receipts, 16,355 bbls.; exports, 16,071 bbls.

WHEAT—Weak; spot, 95⅜@96c; December, 96¼c bid; steamer No. 2 red, 89½@89¾c; receipts, 74,179 bu.; exports, 64,000 bu.; southern wheat by sample, 90@97c; southern wheat on grade, 91@96c.

CORN—Easy; spot, 32⅞@34c; December, new or old, 32½@32⅝c; steamer mixed, 30½@30⅝c; receipts, 50,099 bu.; exports, 64,285 bu.; southern white corn, 35@36c; southern yellow, 36@36½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 26½@27c; receipts, 73,227 bu.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 52c; receipts, 4,854 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.00@13.50.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very firm and unchanged.

PRODUCE—Butter and eggs, firm and unchanged. Cheese, steady and unchanged.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Receipts: Wheat, 202 cars; corn, 536 cars; oats, 363 cars. Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 235 cars; corn, 650 cars; oats, 400 cars.

PEORIA, Oct. 8.—Receipts: Corn, 62,200 bu.; oats, 27,700 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; whisky, none; wheat, 1,800 bu. Shipments: Corn, 28,150 bu.; oats, 49,000 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 1,055 bbls.; wheat, 600 bu.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 8.—Receipts: Wheat, 696 cars.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 8.—Receipts of wheat for the past forty-eight hours, 121 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 8.—Receipts: Wheat, two days, 409 cars, year ago, two days, 168 cars.

New Orleans Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 8.—HOG PRODUCTS—Steady; pork, old, $8.50. Lard, refined, tierce, $4.37½. Boxed meats, dry salted shoulders, $5.37½; sides, $5.37½. Bacon, rib sides, $6.00. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.75@9.50.

COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to low fair, $8.75@10.75.

FLOUR—Quiet; extra fancy, $4.50@4.60; patents, $5.00@5.10.

CORNMEAL—Quiet at $1.60.

BRAN—Quiet at 60c.

HAY—Steady; prime, $10.00@11.00; choice, $12.00@13.00.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, sacked, white, 34@34½c; mixed, 37@38c; yellow, 39c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2, sacked, 25½@26c.

RYE—Firm; ordinary to good, 40@40½c.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, Oct. 8.—WHEAT—Lower and steady; No. 2, cash and October, 94c; December, 94⅝c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 29c.

OATS—Higher and dull; No. 2 mixed, 19½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, cash, 48c.

CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime, cash and October, $3.30.

OIL—Unchanged.

BUSINESS ON THE INCREASE

Week's Exchanges Are 8 8 Per Cent Larger Than in 1892.

PRODUCTIVE FORCE STEADILY ENLARGES

Distribution of Wages Affords an Increasing Fund for Purchasers—Experts Finally Agree on the 1897 Wheat Crop.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say in its issue tomorrow:

While failures were the smallest ever known in any quarter since 1892, and business payments through banks the largest by $255,000,000 ever known in September, the speculators who profess anxiety about Cuba, or fever at the south, or the municipal election, still have some influence. Helping them just now is the fact that after extraordinary purchases for replenishment of stocks from any section of town there must necessarily be for a time less buying from that quarter, yet business is still increasing. The productive force steadily enlarges, the distribution of wages affords an increasing fund for purchases and the foundations are laid for a larger business hereafter. The week's exchanges are 8.8 per cent larger than in 1892.

Crop reporters who have widely differed now agree in putting the yield of wheat at about 550,000,000 to 580,000,000 bushels, which is nearly 200,000,000 bushels more than will be required for home use, keeping stocks as they were July 1, the lowest for seven years. A larger demand is indicated and exports since July 1 have been nearly as heavy as in the best past year, 2,855,254 bushels from Atlantic ports, flour included, for the last week, against 2,249,571 bushels last year, the recovery of 1½ cents in prices for the week is not without reason. Western receipts continue to exceed last year 8,001,221 bushels, against 7,243,869 bushels for the week. With less favorable reports of yield corn exports fall short slightly, with small difference in price.

Cotton is unchanged in price, with larger consuming demand, though big crop estimates do not appear to be disputed.

A large increase in the production of pig iron and heavy realizing sales of lots held on speculation have caused a decline of 15 cents to $10.60 for bessemer at Pittsburg, though gray forge there has advanced 25 cents and pig iron is stronger at Chicago and eastern markets. But finished products grow stronger, with a demand outrunning the capacity of works in operation in many branches, so that delays in delivery are in sheets and tin plate bars embarrassing and in some other branches orders cannot be filled within one or two months. Building of more vessels on the lakes and seacoast, heavy orders for sheets, bars, rods and pipe, have caused advances averaging half of 1 per cent on the week for all classes, but the general gain is yet not quite 10 per cent from the lowest point. Reports from combination in steel rails are denied and it is expected that large producers will agree on prices, while the rod and wire compact appears to be still in the future.

Wool has now reached an average of 20.37 cents per pound for 100 quotations of domestic by Coates Brothers of Philadelphia, showing a rise of 8 cents since a year ago, with a much heavier rise on some qualities, but following an average decline of 11 cents from March, 1893. Speculative sales still account for most of the aggregate, which has been at the chiefs 14,334,000 for the week, of which 8,955,190 were domestic, but manufacturers are purchasing some wool for mixture with the cheaper wool held for some months past. The rise has so greatly exceeded the advance in prices of woolen goods that the mills might have to pause but for the very large stocks purchased in advance. Goods are strong, with a further advance in some grades, but in the aggregate thus far not 20 per cent from the lowest point, against 60 per cent advance in the avreage price of wool.

Dealings in cotton goods are delayed by weakness in raw cotton, but neither print cloths nor other goods have declined since last week, and though the mills are not quite fully employed a continued increase in consumption is with reason expected.

Failures for the week were 212 in the United States, against 296 last year, and twenty-nine in Canada, against 460 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transactions of the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at eighty-seven cities for the week ended October 7, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$834,783,585	37.7	.....
Boston	127,863,509	31.3	.....
Chicago	112,498,168	30.7	.....
Philadelphia	79,582,525	24.5	.....
St. Louis	25,301,393	35.2	.....
Pittsburg	18,933,303	23.5	.....
Baltimore	17,386,659	21.8	.....
San Francisco	18,686,522	45.3	.....
Cincinnati	14,940,100	26.0	.....
Kansas City	10,178,460	1.0	.....
New Orleans	6,615,886	.....	25.4
Minneapolis	11,497,276	.....	2.5
Detroit	6,867,453	15.8	.....
Louisville	7,312,125	55.8	.....
Cleveland	6,681,650	23.9	.....
Providence	6,397,300	18.7	.....
Milwaukee	6,795,547	43.8	.....
St. Paul	5,417,700	10.5	.....
Buffalo	5,017,891	16.5	.....
OMAHA	6,168,563	72.5	.....
Indianapolis	5,456,564	43.4	.....
Columbus, O.	3,609,200	9.1	.....
Savannah	3,938,867	.....	.....
Denver	2,384,022	15.5	.....
Hartford	3,016,753	11.0	.....
Richmond	2,519,484	13.0	.....
Memphis	2,256,659	.....	18.4
Washington	2,115,549	.....	4.8
Peoria	1,880,411	13.3	.....
Rochester	1,933,969	18.1	.....
New Haven	1,921,558	10.3	.....
Worcester	1,769,394	13.3	.....
Atlanta	1,676,948	.....	4.9
Salt Lake City	2,083,324	87.3	.....
Springfield, Mass.	1,482,650	8.8	.....
Fort Worth	1,940,784	35.6	.....
Portland, Me.	1,689,959	10.5	.....
Portland, Ore.	2,092,312	32.2	.....
St. Joseph	1,590,170	24.7	.....
Los Angeles	1,397,858	40.6	.....
Norfolk	1,015,042	.....	7.3
Des Moines	1,287,012	24.3	.....
Nashville	1,886,070	86.1	.....
Wilmington, Del.	932,540	35.0	.....
Fall River	1,063,508	.....	2.0
Scranton	882,828	.....	3.0
Grand Rapids	891,578	.....	.....
Augusta, Ga.	1,195,188	.....	.....
Lowell	807,228	12.8	.....
Dayton, O.	793,951	29.5	.....
Seattle	725,534	21.1	.....
Tacoma	693,628	39.1	.....
Spokane	604,820	10.3	.....
Sioux City	522,770	61.4	.....
New Bedford	653,839	13.0	.....
Knoxville, Tenn.	483,746	1.4	.....
Topeka	466,859	27.3	.....
Birmingham	447,302	12.1	.....
Wichita	420,700	17.6	.....
Binghamton	391,600	19.4	.....
Lincoln	447,283	81.6	.....
Lexington, Ky.	344,965	12.1	.....
Jacksonville, Fla.	201,286	.....	22.3
Kalamazoo	327,100	22.4	.....
Akron	285,000	27.8	.....
Bay City	259,283	2.3	.....
Chattanooga	301,182	11.9	.....
Rockford, Ill.	167,472	8.8	.....
Canton, O.	204,600	25.9	.....
Springfield, O.	175,703	1.5	.....
Fargo, N. D.	327,538	.....	3.8
Sioux Falls, S. D.	86,367	10.2	.....
Hastings, Neb.	115,691	30.7	.....
Fremont, Neb.	112,692	33.3	.....
Davenport	1,042,157	.....	.....
Toledo	1,753,594	22.3	.....
Galveston	9,070,799	21.6	.....
Houston	9,412,559	14.8	.....
Waco	1,868,127	.....	52.9
Totals, United States	$1,298,840,935	32.3	.....
Totals outside N. Y.	564,057,350	25.3	.....
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$14,601,837	31.5	.....
Toronto	9,052,167	37.1	.....
Winnipeg	3,116,661	130.3	.....
Halifax	1,412,467	12.5	.....
Hamilton	818,060	6.6	.....
St. John, N. B.	627,216	.....	12.7
Totals	$29,658,850	35.7	.....

Galveston, Houston and Waco not included in totals.

BRADSTREET'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Distribution of Merchandise Somewhat Checked by the Drouth.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Bradstreet's tomorrow, October 9, will say:

Distribution of general merchandise in the central west and northwest is further checked, owing to the prolonged drouth in Kentucky, Illinois, Kansas, portions of Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas. Telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's report serious damage in Kansas and parts of Nebraska and Iowa, where early planted wheat is up and budding out, but that planted later is not likely to sprout. Fall plowing is now impossible, six weeks without rain having dried up pastures and compelled farmers to feed stock.

Manufacturing industries throughout the west, particularly iron and steel, continue active, and there is an increasing tendency on the part of interior merchants to remit promptly. While the volume of trade has decreased at Chicago, it is ahead of the like record in recent years. There is a moderate improvement in business in the south, Alabama having released the quarantine against Georgia cities and central and northern Texas points having resumed commercial relations with Galveston. Planters continue to hold cotton, which delays collections. Higher prices this week are reported for cotton, which has been declining for some time. Coal and clothing, in sympathy with wool, for naval stores under heavy purchases by large traders, wheat flour and eggs, print cloths, lard, beef and sugar have declined. Hides are weaker, lead is lower and bessemer pig sold off 50 cents a ton under heavy speculative offerings, notwithstanding the iron and steel markets as a whole remain active and firm.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and Canada this week have been falling off, aggregating only 4,838,861 bushels, against 5,834,000 bushels last week, but compared with 4,050,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,224,000 bushels in 1895, 3,317,000 bushels in 1894 and 2,862,000 bushels in 1893. Corn exports also show a very decided drop, aggregating 2,108,000 bushels, against 3,108,000 bushels last week, 2,772,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 1,167,000 bushels in 1895, 184,000 bushels in 1894 and 1,065,000 bushels in 1893.

There are 237 business failures reported throughout the United States during the week, compared with 189 last week, 291 in the week a year ago, 274 two years ago, 283 three years ago and as compared with 406 in the first week in October, 1893.

REVIEW OF STOCK MARKET.

Narrow and Dull Speculation With Irregular Declines.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Bradstreet's review of the stock markets will say:

Inactivity on the part of the public, pressure from bearing operators and a lack of support from the larger interests of the financial and speculative world have been the principal factors in the week's stock market. The result has been a narrow and at times a very dull speculation, with irregular declines in the greater part of the list, but in few cases, as Chicago Gas, did the decline assume any serious proportions. The volume of transactions has fallen off in a marked degree and no less significance is the changed character of the trade itself. Commission houses have been comparatively inactive and the smaller room traders made the market for the greater part of the week, forcing prices lower wherever selling was apparent and causing brief and in the main unimportant rallies when they began to cover their own shorts. London has shown very little interest in these proceedings, though early in the week it bought some stocks at the declines, presumably to cover its short sales. This indifference, heaviness and bearish attitude of the market are not accompanied by any unfavorable developments in the actual situation. On the contrary the principal events bearing on the financial and speculative positions are distinctly favorable.

Gold importations have begun, apparently without anything but natural causes behind them, and authorities on the subject think we are liable to attain a large volume for the remainder of the year. Railroad earnings continue to make a handsome showing, those of the New York Central for September being the largest for any month in the history of the country. The rush of grain at the west is apparently decreasing, but railroad officials state that any falling off in eastbound traffic is compensated for by the increasing volume of westbound miscellaneous and merchandise freights. The activity of business in various sections also has its effect, and certain southern roads, notably Louisville & Nashville, which owing to the yellow fever quarantine at the gulf cities, were expected to show decreases in earnings for the current weeks, but have, thanks to the activity of the coal and iron trades in the south, shown increasing gross earnings. Some use has been made by bears in the stock market of the continued drouth at the west, and its effect upon agricultural operations, especially in the winter wheat regions.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Gold Imports Fail to Give the Market the Expected Activity.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The bulls were apparently impressed with a belief at the opening of the stock market today that the beginning of force of the import movement of gold would effect a turn in the market and send prices upward again after the long sustained reaction. Their confidence was dissipated very soon after noon and the market became almost lifeless. Business was of the lightest possible description and fluctuations were narrow and unimportant, many prominent stocks being entirely neglected. Total sales for the day for all stocks were only 250,000 shares. The bears have apparently come to the end of their campaign and there is no large buying contingent ready to take stocks even at the low level. The market seems in fact to have swung to a standstill. The announcements made today of gold engaged for import footed up a total of $4,435,000, and of this amount all but $1,200,000 comes from London. Today's engagement of $1,200,000 in Paris is the first to come from that center on the total movement, which now foots up $8,150,000. This is entirely at variance with all the prophecies made by the financial authorities who have foretold that London could easily be able to shift the demand for gold from the United States upon Paris. London has apparently viewed with great equanimity the increasing demand upon its gold reserves. The Bank of England has gone on expanding its loans in face of the continuous drain upon its gold, and no change was made on Thursday in its rate of discount. The open market discount rate in London has remained about steady up to today, when it hardened slightly and the same thing was true in Paris in response to the gold engagements. The effect in New York, while it was almost unappreciable on the stock market, was perceptible on the money and exchange market. Time money was distinctly easier, rates being lower at 3 per cent at sixty days and up to 4 per cent for four and six months. Actual rates of sterling exchange advanced ¼c and posted rates ½c. Tomorrow's bank statement is expected to show a less marked contraction of loans and a smaller falling off in deposits than has been the case for two weeks past, as a result of the demand for currency from the interior. This demand has been less during the week and the banks have not been at the necessity of calling in so many loans to protect their reserves. Dealings in the stock market were largely confined to the industrial stocks and to the specialties, and the net changes, though for the most part gains, are small, except in a few cases. Chicago Gas again absorbed nearly one-third of the dealings and recovered 1⅝ per cent of yesterday's decline. Consolidated Gas improved 5 points, General Electric 1 point and Manhattan L 1¼ points.

The bond market showed more life than the stock market and prices were firm. Total sales, $1,500,000. United States old 4s, registered, advanced 1⅝ per cent bid and the 5s, registered, the same.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "Consols were dull today on the gold exports, and other markets sympathized except Americans, which closed firm on the announcement that £417,000 in eagles had been taken today from the Bank of England for New York. In all the steamer Paris takes out for New York today £600,000 gold. At present the bank retains the selling price of eagles at 76s 7d, but further large withdrawals would probably mean a rise in the price and an advance in the bank rate next week. The Paris bourse opened steady, but closed weak. Gold is expected to go from there to New York and I understand that part of the withdrawals here are on French account. The Berlin market was steady."

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

Atchison	14⅛	do pfd	10½
do pfd	31⅜	St. Paul	95⅜
Baltimore & Ohio	16	do pfd	140¼
Canada Pacific	79⅛	St. P. & Om.	81
Canada Southern	53⅛	do pfd	142
Central Pacific	17	St. P. M. & M.	121½
Ches. & Ohio	23⅜	So. Pacific	20
Chicago & Alton	160	So. Railway	10⅞
C. B. & Q.	96¼	do pfd	33⅛
C. & E. I.	55	Texas & Pacific	[illegible]
C. C. C. & St. L.	36⅛	Union Pacific	23⅛
do pfd	83⅛	U. P. D. & G.	9¼
Del. & Hudson	116	Wabash	8⅛
Del. L. & W.	156¾	do pfd	20¼
Den. & Rio G.	12⅞	Wheel. & L. E.	2⅜
do pfd	47⅛	do pfd	14
Erie (new)	16⅛	Adams Ex.	159
Erie 1st pfd	41	American Ex.	117
Ft. Wayne	168	United States Ex.	44
Great Northern pfd.	137	Wells Fargo Ex.	108
Hocking Valley	6⅛	A. Cot. Oil	22⅛
Illinois Central	103½	do pfd	75
Lake Erie & W.	18⅛	Am'n Spirits	12
do pfd	76	do pfd	31
Lake Shore	173	Am. Tobacco	88¾
Louisville & Nash.	59⅛	do pfd	113
Manhattan L.	104⅛	Chicago Gas	95⅜
Met. Traction	120⅛	Cons. Gas	214
Michigan Central	104⅛	Com. Cable Co.	175
Minn. & St. L.	25⅛	Col. F. & Iron	24
do 1st pfd	86	do pfd	75
Mo. Pacific	33	Gen. Electric	36⅜
Mobile & Ohio	27¼	Illinois Steel	47
Mo. K. & T.	15¼	La Clede Gas	42⅛
do pfd	38	Lead	37⅛
Chicago, Ind. & L.	10	do pfd	103
do pfd	33¾	Nat. Lin. Oil	106
N. J. Central	95¼	Pacific Mail	35¼
N. Y. Central	109⅝	Pullman Pal.	178
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	14⅜	Silver Certificates	57
do 1st pfd	78¼	Stand. Rope & T.	16¼
do 2d pfd	35⅛	Sugar	146¼
Norfolk & Western	15⅜	do pfd	115¼
No. Amer. Co.	4⅞	T. C. & Iron	30⅜
No. Pacific	19⅝	U. S. Leather	38
do pfd	53⅛	do pfd	65
Ontario & W.	17⅛	U. S. Rubber	17
Ore. R. & Nav.	35	do pfd	64
Ore. Short Line	20	Western Union	90⅛
Pittsburg	169	Chi. Gt. Western	17¼
Reading	25¾	Northwestern	125
Rock Island	89¼	do pfd	163½
St. Louis & S. F.	5		

Total sales of stocks today were 252,800 shares, including: Atchison, 11,110; Atchison preferred, 7,437; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 12,296; Louisville & Nashville, 5,240; Manhattan L, 4,570; Missouri Pacific, 5,075; New York Central, 4,062; Northern Pacific preferred, 6,898; Rock Island, 8,445; St. Paul, 15,620; Union Pacific, 4,390; American Tobacco, 18,295; Bay State Gas, 7,450; Chicago Gas, 8,820; Sugar, 19,750; Chicago Great Western, 5,050.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	111 9-16	St. Paul common	99⅜
Consols, acc't	111⅝	N. Y. Central	113⅜
Can. Pacific	83	Pennsylvania	39⅛
Erie	17⅛	Reading	13⅛
Erie 1sts pfd	42	Mex. Cen. new 4s	67¼
Ill. Central	105½	Atchison	15⅛
Mexican ordinary	20	L. & N.	61⅜

BAR SILVER—Weak at 26⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—⅜@1 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2@2 1-16 per cent; for three months' bills, 2@2 1-16 per cent.

Gold is quoted at Rome at 105.20; at Buenos Ayres, 187.90; American eagles are quoted at 76s 7d.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	70	Ontario	300
Crown Point	72	Ophir	105
Con. Cal. & Va.	143	Plymouth	09
Deadwood	90	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	60	Quicksilver pfd.	900
Hale & Norcross	110	Sierra Nevada	115
Homestake	3000	Standard	165
Iron Silver	20	Union Con.	59
Mexican	50	Yellow Jacket	75

American Securities in London.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The market for American securities declined somewhat, but stiffened later on New York buying. The close was steady and the demand moderate.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—MONEY ON CALL—Easier at 2½@3 per cent; last loan, 3 per cent; closing, 2½@3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.81½@4.81¾ for demand and at $4.82½@4.82¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82½@4.86½; commercial bills, $4.81.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—57@57½c.

BAR SILVER—58c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—43½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firmer.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s reg.	121¾	N. J. C. 5s	112⅞
U. S. new 4s coup.	120¾	N. C. 6s	127
U. S. 4s reg	112¼	N. C. 4s	103¼
U. S. 4s coup	113¼	No. Pacific 1sts	121
U. S. 2s reg	98½	No. Pacific 3s	59⅛
U. S. 5s reg	115½	No. Pacific 4s	91
U. S. 5s coup	115¾	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	103
District 3.65s	109¼	N. & W. 6s	123
Ala., class A	107	N. W. Consols	142
Ala., class B	104	N. W. Deb. 5s	116⅝
Ala., class C	98	Ore. Nav. 1sts	112¾
Ala. Currency	98	Ore. Nav. 4s	91⅛
Atchison 4s	86⅝	O. S. L. 6s, t. r.	117½
Atchison adj. 4s	59	O. S. L. 5s, t. r.	91
Canada So. 2nds	107	O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	100
Chic. Term. 4s	[illegible]	O. Imp. 5s, t. r.	41
C. & O. 5s	112⅛	Pacific 6s of '95	102¼
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅛	Reading 4s	85
D. & R. G. 1sts	110	R. G. West 1sts	81⅜
D. & R. G. 4s	91	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5s	86
East Tenn. 1sts	108⅛	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	114⅛
Erie Gen. 4s	70	St. P. Consols	140½
F. W. & D. 1s, t. r.	71⅞	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118¾
Gen. Elec. 5s	100⅛	St. P. C. & P. 5s	115
G. H. & S. A. 6s	105½	S. C. nonfund	¼
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	102½	Southern Ry. 5s	92⅜
H. & T. Cent. 5s	110	S. R. & T. 6s	62
H. & T. C. con 6s	105	Tenn. new set 3s	85
Iowa C. 1sts	97⅛	Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	95⅛
K. P. con., t. r.	100	Tex. Pac. Rg. 2ds	28⅞
K. P. 1sts, t. r.	117	U. P. 1sts	101⅞
La. New Con. 4s	98⅝	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	51⅞
L. & N. Uni. 4s	87⅞	Wab. 1st 5s	107⅞
Missouri 6s	100	Wab. 2ds	70
M. K. & T. 2ds	63	West Shore 4s	107¼
M. K. & T. 4s	86	Va. Centuries	66¼
N. Y. C. 1sts	117⅛	Va. deferred	4

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Oct. 8.—Call loans, 4@5 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	14⅛	W. Elec. pfd	53¼
American Sugar	145⅛	Wis. Cent.	2⅛
Am. Sugar pfd	116	Ed. Elec. Ill.	158
Bay State Gas	3⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd	83
Bell Telephone	266	Atchison pfd	31⅛
Boston & Albany	216	New England 6s	112⅛
Boston & Maine	160	Allouez Mining Co.	3
C. B. & Q.	96¼	Atlantic	24
Fitchburg	94	Boston & Montana	144¼
General Electric	35¾	Butte & Boston	28⅛
Illinois Steel	47	Calumet & Hecla	460
Mexican Central	5⅛	Centennial	18⅞
Old Colony	185	Franklin	20
O. S. L.	20	Kearsarge	20¼
Rubber	17	Osceola	38⅞
Union Pacific	23⅛	Quincy	114
West End	94	Tamarack	135
West End pfd	109	Wolverine	15¼
W. Elec.	24⅛		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	19	Julia	3
Alpha Con.	19	Justice	33
Andes	29	Kentucky Con.	8
Belcher	74	Mexican	55
Best & Belcher	71	Occidental Con.	135
Bullion	13	Ophir	105
Caledonia	40	Overman	15
Challenge Con.	18	Potosi	35
Chollar	70	Savage	57
Confidence	105	Sierra Nevada	115
Con. Cal. & Va.	145	Silver Hill	7
Con. Imperial	4	Union Con.	58
Crown Point	75	Utah Con.	23
Exchequer	6	Yellow Jacket	70
Gould & Curry	63	Standard	180
Hale & Norcross	115		

Silver bars, 58⅝c; Mexican dollars, 44@44½c; drafts, sight, 15c; drafts, telegraph, 17½c.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Oct. 8.—Clearings, $18,367,960; balances, $2,073,560.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 8.—Clearings, $3,122,297; balances, $456,259.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Clearings, $133,530,658; balances, $26,496,126.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 8.—Clearings, $10,689,133; balances, $1,442,295.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 8.—Clearings, $428,802; balances, $118,719. New York exchange, selling at par.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 8.—Clearings, $1,039,105; New York exchange, bank, par; commercial, $1.50 per $1,000 discount.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 8.—Clearings, $6,698,708; balances, $598,706. Money, 4@5 per cent. New York exchange, 25c discount bid, par asked.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Clearings, $16,832,225. New York exchange, 40c discount; sterling exchange, posted rates, $4.83¾@4.85½. Trading in stocks was dull and uninteresting; closing: West Chicago, 103; Diamond Match, 159½; Metropolitan L, 7¼; South Side, 60; Lake Street L, 19½; New York Biscuit, 63⅛; Gas 7s, 102.

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—Three per cent rentes, 103f 2½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 18c for checks.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England today on balances was £417,800.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 8.—Money, 2½@6 per cent; New York exchange, par and 15c premium. Clearings, $2,108,850.

WOOL MARKETS.

Sales Have Dropped Off, but Prices Are Still Advancing.

BOSTON, Oct. 8.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: The demand for wool has dropped off in sympathy with a quiet and good market, and while the sales are still much above the average a quieter tone prevails. Prices continue to advance on fine wools. The London auction prices have advanced 5 per cent since the opening and prices of Australian here have not even risen enough to encourage much importing. Ohio XX has advanced to 30c. Scoured staple fine medium territory has advanced to 55c. Quarter blood wools, both foreign and domestic, are neglected. They have not advanced. The sales of the week are 4,978,000 pounds domestic and 3,023,000 pounds foreign, against 10,757,000 pounds domestic and 3,194,000 pounds foreign last week, and 4,964,000 pounds domestic and 672,000 pounds foreign for the same week last year. The total movement since September 1 to date is 1,487,537 bales, against 1,149,612 bales last year, and the receipts at all United States ports are 1,003,147 bales, against 1,282,119 bales last year; overland to northern mills and Canada, 72,257 bales, against 100,448 bales last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 165,234 bales, against 244,436 bales last year; mill takings, 128,159 bales, against 122,659 bales last year. Foreign exports for the week were 141,555 bales, against 109,589 bales last year, making the total thus far for the season 529,775 bales, against 509,763 bales last year. The total takings of American mills, north and south and Canada, thus far for this season, have been 322,837 bales, against 348,081 bales last year. These include 212,432 bales by northern spinners, against 223,586 bales, including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop. The supply to date is 1,606,091 bales, against 2,038,211 bales for the same period last year. The sales to date show an increase of 160,597,560 pounds domestic and 116,960,200 pounds foreign over the sales to the same date in 1896. The receipts to date show an increase of 118,144 bales domestic and 322,176 bales foreign.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The wool auction sales, which were postponed yesterday owing to the fog, were continued today with a large number of buyers present. The sale was good and showed a better spirit. Better descriptions were firm and showed a hardening tendency at times. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 2,090 bales; scoured, 9½d@1s ½d. Victoria, 1,470 bales; scoured, 7⅝d@1s 4d; greasy, 6⅝@9d. South Australia, 200 bales; scoured, 1s 1½d@1s 2½d; greasy, 5¼@6⅝d. New Zealand, 5,535 bales; scoured, 6⅝d@1s 5½d; greasy, 5⅛d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,117 bales; scoured, 6@7½d.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The dry goods market today shows a gathering strength in all cotton lines, due to the strengthened market of the cottons and the alleged injury to the cotton crop. This is particularly noticeable in print cloths and other staple cottons of similar grades. Reports of distribution at second hands in various parts of the country still continue favorable and retailers are said to be enjoying a period of activity in all seasonable lines of goods. The sales of the week, on a basis of 2½c for extras, have been heavy and bid fair to continue up to the close. The demand from the south is somewhat heavier than it was during the height of the fever scare, both for fancies and staples. The latter are stronger than fancies. Woolen and worsted goods show no change from their previously strong condition.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 8.—PROVISIONS—Bacon, clear bellies, steady at 37s; shoulders, square, dull at 25s. Lard, spot, dull at 22s 9d.

WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, steady at 7s 8d; No. 1 red northern, spring, 8s 7d for new crop.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, quiet at 3s 1½d; American mixed, old, quiet at 3s 2½d; October, steady at 3s 1⅜d; November, steady at 3s 2⅛d; December, steady at 3s 3⅛d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, firm at 10s.

Sugar Markets.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—BEET SUGAR—October, 8s 9d; December and March, 9s.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—SUGAR—Raw, dull; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅜@3 15-16c. Refined, steady; granulated, 5⅜c.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 8.—SUGAR—Quiet; open kettle, 2@2⅝c; centrifugal granulated, 4 1-8@4 9-16c; whites, 3 15-16@4 3-16c; yellows, 3½@4c; seconds, 2@3⅛c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Apples, strong; other fruits steady; evaporated apples, prime wire tray, 8½c per lb.; wood dried, prime, 8½c; choice, 8½@8¾c; fancy, 9c; common, 5@7c; prunes, 3@8½c, as to size and quality; apricots, Royal, 7@8c; Moor Park, 9@11½c; peaches, unpeeled, 7@11c; peeled, 12½@17c per lb.

Fall River Print Cloth Market.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 8.—Print cloth market, quiet at 2½c.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Scarcity of Supplies Does Not Bring About Revival of Business.

LIGHT RUN OF INDIFFERENT QUALITY

Only a Few Common Cattle Offered and Sold at Steady Prices—Hogs Have Another Bad Day, Losing a Dime.

SOUTH OMAHA, Oct. 8.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
October 8	1,771	4,975	1,361	5
October 7	4,910	5,526	3,909	26
October 6	5,926	5,713	1,622	....
October 5	7,374	5,501	2,810	19
October 4	6,366	1,876	851	95
October 2	651	5,777	126	26
October 1	2,223	5,317	2,120	....
September 30	2,270	5,452	3,315	28
September 29	5,904	4,950	882	....
September 28	6,891	4,761	247	24
September 27	6,744	1,050	646	27
September 25	972	3,931	....	28
September 24	3,808	1,887	4,466	....
September 23	4,549	5,285	1,451	....

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

	Cattle.	H'gs.	Sh'p.	H'ses
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	3	..	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	..	1	..	..
Mo. P. Ry.	..	3	..	..
U. P. system	28	17	4	..
C. & N. W. Ry.	1	1	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	10	18	2	..
S. C. & P. Ry.	1	1	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry	1	1	..	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	41	25	1	..
C., B. & Q. Ry.	..	7	..	..
K. C. & St. J.	1	..	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., E.	..	4	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., W.	..	1	..	..
Cripples and driven in	..	..	..	5
Total receipts	83	82	7	5

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	.....	719	.....
G. H. Hammond Co.	192	1,042	.....
Swift and Company	230	1,257	228
Cudahy Packing Co.	251	2,072	353
R. Becker and Degan	79	.....	.....
J. L. Carey	149	.....	196
Lobman & Rothschilds	156	.....	.....
W. I. Stephens	195	.....	.....
Hill & Lewis Co.	104	.....	.....
Benton & Underwood	243	.....	.....
Huston & Co.	16	.....	.....
Krebbs & Co.	18	.....	.....
Hass	73	.....	.....
Plankington P. Co., Milwaukee, Wis.	.....	96	.....
Other buyers	539	.....	.....
Left over	.....	250	.....
Totals	2,345	5,436	787

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle were light, the number falling short of yesterday's record by over 100 cars. It was, in fact, the lightest run since Saturday. The general market was devoid of any new or interesting features, cattle selling in just about the same notches as yesterday.

Only a few cornfed cattle were offered, and they sold at steady prices. None of the offerings were very good, so that the sales did not show up very well on paper.

The seven or eight loads of cows and heifers sold at firm prices, the offerings all being taken early.

As usual toward the close of the week the demand for feeders was not quite so brisk as on some days. There were quite a good many cattle in the hands of speculators, so that the regular yard operators were not quite as anxious for the fresh receipts as they might have been under other circumstances. Still the demand was fair and the cattle were pretty well cleaned up and in good season. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	1293	$3 50	6	1440	$4 10	22	1042	$4 50
20	1150	4 70	1	940	3 75	22	847	4 15
60	1175	4 25	14	1159	4 35	3	750	4 05
15	826	4 50	59	1179	4 20			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	960	1 75	1	1000	2 35	1	1230	2 75
4	925	2 05	1	960	3 05	2	825	1 50
3	960	2 25	12	1099	2 50	1	900	2 50
9	1014	2 70	3	1010	2 75	12	1193	2 85
1	959	2 85	2	973	2 85	1	1200	3 00
4	885	3 00	6	1006	3 00	8	848	3 25
2	1379	3 50	2	975	1 50	1	1250	2 25
1	750	2 40	3	956	2 50	1	1150	2 85
2	1145	2 85	1	1100	3 00	2	1240	3 15
5	941	3 15	2	1225	3 45	1	1280	3 50
3	853	1 75	1	900	3 15			

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	795	3 35	1	510	3 15	1	560	3 00
7	721	3 40	1	660	3 45	2	510	3 45
2	635	3 00	2	560	3 25			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
7	1370	2 75	1	1320	2 80	1	1120	2 20
1	1260	2 50	5	1438	2 65	3	1333	2 75
1	1620	2 85	2	1235	3 10			

STAGS.

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CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	310	4 75	2	295	4 75	1	160	5 00
2	190	5 50	1	370	2 50	1	310	4 35
3	216	4 50	1	260	5 00	15	205	4 10
17	322	4 40	1	260	4 75	3	163	5 75

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	575	4 00	11	907	3 25	63	812	3 45
2	850	3 50	45	1171	3 65	5	510	3 00
16	760	4 10	3	823	4 10	7	448	4 20
27	1217	3 35	79	1000	4 05	22	1092	4 10
6	478	4 40						

WESTERNS.

NEBRASKA.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4 feeders	857	$4 25	6 feeders	613	$4 25
1 cow	920	2 60	2 cows	750	2 60
1 cow	1170	2 60	2 cows	1200	2 75
1 bull	1210	2 75	5 cows	836	3 00
15 heifers	727	3 20	1 heifer	880	3 20
1 feeder	920	3 25	15 feeders	1093	3 85

WYOMING.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
10 feeders	1217	3 25	94 feeders	1066	3 85
1 stag	1050	3 25	50 feeders	1124	3 70
24 feeders	1012	3 75	7 cows	1088	2 95
4 bulls	445	2 25	1 bull	950	3 00
37 cows	878	3 00	24 heifers	847	3 15
24 strs. Tex.	1072	3 20	32 cows	1010	3 30
13 feeders	1135	3 70	61 feeders	888	3 70
1 tailing	1290	3 00	2 tailings	990	3 20
9 tailings	987	3 20	11 tailings	1124	3 35
27 feeders	1258	3 50	12 cows	954	3 15
25 tailings	1134	3 20	8 tailings	1126	3 15
19 tailings	1010	3 35	41 tailings	1059	3 55
60 steers	1146	3 70	1 bull	1460	2 25
1 bull	1300	2 50	1 heifer	560	2 50
12 cows	872	2 75	1 cow	560	2 75
1 cow	1020	2 75	1 cow	1040	3 00
2 heifers	650	3 30	1 heifer	500	3 30
8 cows	1040	3 40	5 cows	1160	3 40
4 tailings	1242	3 50	3 tailings	1286	3 50
2 feeders	920	3 65	3 steers	1101	3 75
3 steers	1216	3 75	2 calves	250	4 75

COLORADO.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5 feeders	872	3 50	144 feeders	909	4 15

HOGS—The market opened this morning with light and butcher weight hogs in good demand at a decline of 5@10c. The prices paid for that kind ranged all the way from $3.55 to $3.70, but after the buyers were pretty well satisfied and the best of the light and butcher weights had changed hands the market came to a halt. The buyers of heavy and packing hogs were in no great hurry and when they commenced operations it was at a decline of 10@15c from yesterday's prices. It was on that basis that the heavy and packing hogs sold. When once under way the market was fairly active and an early clearance was effected.

Taking the sales as a whole and they averaged 11⅛c lower than yesterday. Today's decline carries the market to the lowest point touched since August 11 and leaves it 20c lower than on Monday and 32½c lower than a week ago. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
40	409	...	$3 40	55	281	...	$3 50
[illegible]	[illegible]	80	3 40	65	276	80	3 50
24	359	...	3 40	52	335	80	3 50
48	348	160	3 45	71	282	120	3 50
55	328	...	3 45	56	290	120	3 50
19	256	80	3 45	71	298	80	3 50
51	331	...	3 45	63	306	...	3 50
53	356	40	3 45	63	269	40	3 50
47	338	40	3 45	58	281	80	3 50
12	255	80	3 45	62	256	120	3 52½
60	248	80	3 45	59	304	160	3 52½
54	326	...	3 45	64	290	...	3 52½
60	303	...	3 45	62	267	...	3 55
49	312	80	3 45	66	247	120	3 55
45	327	160	3 45	65	271	80	3 55
62	265	160	3 45	54	299	40	3 55
49	379	...	3 45	60	267	160	3 55
60	295	120	3 45	65	292	160	3 55
40	306	...	3 45	54	295	...	3 55
47	267	160	3 45	59	232	...	3 55
58	321	160	3 45	56	266	80	3 55
60	332	...	3 45	32	217	...	3 55
51	314	80	3 45	62	285	...	3 55
51	265	40	3 45	52	327	...	3 55
55	349	240	3 45	67	254	40	3 55
48	316	...	3 45	58	237	...	3 55
49	356	...	3 45	73	257	...	3 57½
61	252	280	3 50	59	265	40	3 57½
58	231	160	3 50	66	291	40	3 57½
65	250	160	3 50	51	318	40	3 57½
51	211	120	3 50	68	216	...	3 57½
47	240	...	3 50	43	247	160	3 60
59	303	80	3 50	55	284	...	3 60
51	240	240	3 50	77	235	120	3 60
57	222	...	3 50	70	275	...	3 60
58	216	120	3 50	59	315	...	3 60
64	301	40	3 50	67	231	80	3 60
52	318	...	3 50	64	265	80	3 60
60	278	240	3 50	58	261	80	3 60
52	324	80	3 50	75	223	...	3 65
67	204	...	3 50	66	223	...	3 65
66	210	160	3 50	71	223	80	3 65
62	338	80	3 50	47	161	...	3 65
				61	221	...	3 70

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	220	...	1 75	1	490	...	[illegible]
1	300	...	1 75	115	107	...	[illegible]
2	[illegible]	...	3 10	1	462	...	[illegible]
8	122	...	3 45	4	237	...	3 40
9	[illegible]	...	3 45	5	[illegible]	...	[illegible]
6	280	80	3 15	1	180	...	3 60

SHEEP—There were several loads of sheep here which sold in good season. The demand for desirable feeders was good and the market steady, but old and thin sheep with no teeth do not sell very freely. Desirable mutton sheep were also in good demand, but at lower prices. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
37	stockers	82	$2 50
126	western ewes	97	3 15
23	native wethers	113	3 40
46	yearlings	87	3 50
59	yearlings	84	3 60
2	native ewes	135	4 00
796	stockers	51	4 20
44	native lambs	65	4 35
24	native lambs	94	4 35
40	native lambs	61	4 35

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Weak—Hogs Lower, Pigs Making a Low Record.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—The general demand for cattle, as is usual on Friday, was poor and prices were weak, except for the best. Native beef steers sold largely at from $4.65 to $5.10, sales being at an extreme range of from $3.85 to $5.40 for the poorest to the best. Bulls, cows and heifers sold at the usual range. Veal calves sold at from $6.25 to $6.75, with small offerings. Stockers and feeders ranged from $3 to $4.60, and western range cattle sold at from $3.30 to $4.30 for steers and $2.75 to $3.85 for cows and heifers.

The market for hogs was again a bad one for sellers. Buyers took hold more freely, but they succeeded in putting prices about 5c lower, pigs selling at the lowest figures yet reached. Sales were largely at from $3.50 to $3.80, heavy packers selling at from $3.30 to $3.55 and prime light at from $3.90 to $3.95.

Native sheep sold at an extreme range of from $2 to $4.35, with few going above $4. Western range sheep comprised the great bulk of the supplies and sold at from $3 to $3.80, chiefly at $3.50 and upward, with feeders less active at from $3.50 to $3.60, owing to the drouth. Lambs sold at from $2.75 to $5.50 for inferior to prime lots, largely at from $4 to $5, western fetching from $4.25 to $4.50.

Receipts: Cattle, 4,000 head; hogs, 28,000 head; sheep, 12,000 head.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market strong for natives, with but few good cattle here; Texans a shade easier; fair to choice native shipping and export steers, $4.20@5.25; bulk of sales, $4.65@4.90; dressed beef and butcher steers, $3.85@4.75; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.80@4.35; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.25; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.50; Texas and Indian steers, $3.00@4.25; cows and heifers, $2.15@3.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 13,000 head; shipments, 7,000 head; market 10@15c lower; light, $3.50@3.90; mixed, $3.50@3.75; heavy, $3.50@3.90.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market strong; native muttons, $3.00@3.85; stockers, $2.00@2.85; culls and bucks, $1.25@3.25; lambs, $3.70@5.20.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 6,500; market steady; Texas steers, $2.90@3.65; Texas cows, $2.50@3.95; natives, $3.65@5.20; native cows and heifers, $1.25@4.00; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.40; bulls, $2.25@3.15.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,000 head; market 5@10c lower; bulk of sales, $3.55@3.65; heavies, $3.50@3.65; packers, $3.50@3.60; mixed, $3.55@3.67½; lights, $3.60@3.70; Yorkers, $3.65@3.70; pigs, $3.35@3.65.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,000 head, market steady; lambs, $2.75@5.00; muttons, $2.00@3.75.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—BEEVES—Receipts, 3,000 head; native steers, $3.50@5.10; stags and oxen, $2.75@4.40; Colorados, $3.80; bulls, $3.00@3.35; dry cows, $2.00@3.40. Cables quote American steers, 10½@11c; refrigerator beef, 8¼@9⅝c; no exports.

CALVES—Receipts, 480 head; grassers, $3.00@3.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,149 head; lambs, $5.40.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,000 head; lower at $4.30@4.55.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, Oct. 8.—CATTLE—Weak.

HOGS—Yorkers, good to choice, $4.15; roughs, common to good, $3.60@3.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Lambs, choice to extra, $5.15@5.35; culls to common, $3.85@4.65. Sheep, choice to selected, $4.00@4.25; culls and common, $2.15@3.40.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for October 8:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	1,771	4,975	1,361
Chicago	4,000	28,000	12,000
Kansas City	6,500	8,000	3,000
St. Louis	6,000	13,000	6,000
Totals	18,271	53,975	22,361

COTTON MARKETS.

Weak Undertone Prevails and Final Prices Are Lower.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The cotton market opened at a decline of 7@11 points, chiefly on the more remote deliveries. Following the first call there was some reaction on covering by local traders, who were able to see a little profit and were anxious to even up their accounts and await the government crop report, due Monday. Throughout the session the market had a weak undertone, public cables being decidedly disappointing, while private cables said that Neill was ready with a heavy crop estimate. At the same time the movement of cotton in the south showed an increasing tendency, which also checked confidence on the long side of the account. The market closed steady at a net decline of 9@12 points. Closing prices: January, $6.43; February, $6.47; March, $6.50; April, $6.54; May, $6.58; June, $6.62; July, $6.65; October, $6.33; November, $6.35; December, $6.40. Spot closed easy at a decline of ⅛c; middling uplands, 6⅞c; gulf, 6⅞c; middling, 6⅝c; net receipts, 1,225 bales; gross, 11,825 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,798 bales; exports to the continent, 50 bales; forwarded, 6,740 bales; sales, 25 bales, all spinners; stock, 57,563 bales. Weekly: Net receipts, 2,190 bales; gross, 37,170 bales; exports to Great Britain, 8,812 bales; exports to France, 2,444 bales; exports to the continent, 6,682 bales; forwarded, 14,403 bales; sales, 2,015 bales; spinners, 616 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 47,707 bales; exports to Great Britain, 30,107 bales; exports to the continent, 6,966 bales; stock, 456,974 bales. Consolidated: Net receipts, 281,926 bales; exports to Great Britain, 105,636 bales; exports to France, 11,342 bales; exports to the continent, 24,183 bales. Total since September 1: Net receipts, 1,092,544 bales; exports to Great Britain, 264,140 bales; exports to France, 58,595 bales; exports to the continent, 205,540 bales. Following are the total net receipts at the principal ports since September 1: Galveston, 335,296 bales; New Orleans, 214,094 bales; Mobile, 40,317 bales; Savannah, 208,415 bales; Charleston, 93,219 bales; Wilmington, 85,698 bales; Norfolk, 74,332 bales; Baltimore, 2,552 bales; New York, 6,316 bales; Boston, 2,716 bales; Newport News, 982 bales; Philadelphia, 4,722 bales; Brunswick, 12,697 bales; Pensacola, 3,697 bales; Port Royal, 7,891 bales; total, 1,092,544 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 8.—COTTON—Spot, fair demand, prices lower; American middling, fair, 4 3-16d; good middling, 3 31-32d; American middling, 3 27-32d; low middling, 3 25-32d; good ordinary, 3 19-32d; ordinary, 3 13-32d; sales, 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 9,100 American; receipts, 2,000 bales, including 400 American. Futures opened and closed easy, with a moderate demand; American middling L. M. C., October, 3 41-64@3 42-64d, value; October and November, 3 35-64d, buyers; November and December, 3 33-64d, sellers; December and January, and January and February, 3 32-64d; February and March, 3 32-64@3 33-64d, buyers; March and April, 3 33-64@3 34-64d, sellers; April and May, 3 34-64d, buyers; May and June, 3 35-64d, buyers; June and July, 3 36-64d, buyers; July and August, 3 37-64d, buyers.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 8.—COTTON—Easy and quiet; sales, 4,150 bales; ordinary, 5⅛c; good ordinary, 5⅝c; low middling, 5 13-16c; middling, 6⅛c; good middling, 6⅜c; middling fair, 6⅝c; receipts, 8,645 bales; stock, 87,347 bales. Futures, quiet; sales, 2,000 bales. October, $6.00@6.04; November, $6.07@6.09; December, $6.09@6.10; January, $6.13@6.14; February, $6.18@6.19; March, $6.23@6.24; April, $6.27@6.29; May, $6.31@6.33. Secretary Hester's figures as to the world's visible supply of cotton today are as follows: Total visible, 1,677,847 bales, against 2,283,292 bales last year; of this 1,519,847 this year, against 2,106,002 last year, is American. Secretary Hester's weekly statement shows the amount brought into sight during the last week has been 277,302 bales, against 425,963 bales last year.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 8.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 6c; receipts, 2,152 bales; shipments, 2,711 bales; stock, 28,766 bales; sales, 2,400 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 8.—COTTON—Steady and unchanged; middling, 6⅛c; sales, 523 bales; receipts, 226 bales; shipments, 441 bales; stock, 16,122 bales.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—COFFEE—Options opened quiet at 5@10 points decline, ruled inactive and generally weak under disappointing cables, increased receipts at Rio and Santos and decreased warehouse deliveries in this country. Lack of outside support checked bull opposition. Closed barely steady at a net decline of 5@10 points. Sales, 7,500 bags, including October, $6; March, $6.80@6.85. Spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, invoice, $7.12½; jobbing, $7.62½. Mild, steady; Cordova, $10.50@16.50; sales, 500 bags Maracaibo, private terms. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 9,282 bags, including 8,405 bags from New York; New York stock today, 323,152 bags; United States stock, 408,207 bags; afloat for the United States, 446,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 852,207 bags, against 549,328 bags last year and 583,819 bags in 1895.

HAVRE, Oct. 8.—COFFEE—Closed quiet; net unchanged to ¼f decline; sales, 14,000 bags.

SANTOS, Oct. 8.—COFFEE—Quiet; good average Santos, 8,700 reis; receipts, 41,000 bags; stock, 1,058,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Oct. 8.—COFFEE—Unchanged; closed unchanged to ½pfg decline; sales, 12,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 8.—COFFEE—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 8,300 reis; exchange, 7¼d; receipts, 20,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 13,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 13,000 bags; stock, 454,000 bags.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., Oct. 8.—Credit balances, 71c; certificates, no bids; shipments, 112,162 bbls.; runs, 41,397 bbls.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Linseed oil, 14s 6d. Turpentine spirits, 25s. Rosin, American strained, 4s 9d; fine, 5s 3d.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Oct. 8.—CORN—Market easier; No. 2, 27c.

OATS—Market quiet and steady; No. 2 white, 21@22½c.

WHISKY—Fresh high proof spirits, $1.20.

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