COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Makes a Rally in the Afternoon and Prices Move Upward.

GRAINS ARE ALL A FRACTION HIGHER

Pork and Ribs Close at About a Nickel Advance and Lard is Unchanged —European Demand Again in Evidence.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Weakness in the wheat market in the morning was succeeded by strength later and small advances were chronicled all around. Wheat was helped by a renewal of the continental demand for American wheat. December closing 5c higher. There was a slight disposition to play for a reaction in corn and a 5c advance was the result. Oats closed 3/@¼c higher. Provisions closed at small advances for pork and ribs, with lard substantially unchanged.

Wheat was steady at about yesterday's closing price for a few minutes after the opening and then it was subjected to some bearish influences that caused it to decline 1c per bu. during the next hour. May was not as weak as December during the time referred to, owing, it was supposed, to the action of the bull clique, which, as on the day before, sold December at or above 91c and bought the May when it was weak. The comparative firmness during the first few minutes was because of a further reduction in northwestern receipts and steadiness of the Liverpool and Paris markets, both of which quoted prices unchanged from the previous day's closings. Heavy rains were reported in Argentina. The Liverpool Corn Trade Review revised its previous estimates of European requirements, making the requirement only 72,000,000 instead of 128,000,000 previously calculated. That had some depressing effect, but more serious news was a reported sale at Duluth of 200,000 bu. No. 1 northern to Chicago for delivery on December contracts, which was made possible by the higher prices ruling here. December opened at substantially yesterday's closing price, 90@90¼c, and before the effect of the Duluth transaction had worn off a decline to 90½ had taken place. Chicago receipts were 201 cars, or 31 over the estimates. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 887 cars, against 920 last week. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were smaller than Monday and Tuesday, the total being under 250,000 bu. Bradstreet's report on the world's visible showed an increase of 4,127,000 bu. About 12 o'clock the market began to show signs of firmness. Sales were reported of two cargoes of No. 2 red winter at Toledo and one cargo at Detroit for immediate export to the continent. This indication of a revival of the foreign demand encouraged local buyers and the price began slowly to mend. December advanced to 91¼@91¾c and was bringing 91¾@91¾c at the close.

Corn was steady in the forenoon and was very firm later when wheat advanced. There was considerable buying on the theory that the market was bare and following the recent heavy decline. Shorts were also numerous. The foreign demand, which for two weeks has been apathetic, revived in force today. The opening was a shade easier on the liberal receipts—659 cars—and the lower cables, but the decline was soon made up. The visible increase was 2,430,000 bu., 1,500,000 bu. more than December ranged from 26c to 25¾c, closing ⅝c higher at 26c.

Oats was higher and firm at the advance. Trading was not important, the firmness being due principally to light offerings. New York did considerable bidding all day. Director Horton's cables were firm during the day. Sympathy with corn was an important factor. Receipts were 242 cars. December ranged from 18⅝ to 18¾c and closed 3/@¼c higher at 18¾@18⅝c.

Provisions were steady on a small amount of business. The continued bad reports from the yellow fever district caused a small opening decline. Shorts were good buyers, and the cash demand was considerably improved, which facts caused a recovery of the opening decline and a small advance besides. The firmness of wheat and corn helped toward the end. At the close December pork was 7½c higher at $7.80. December lard, unchanged at $4.20@4.32½, and December ribs 2½c higher at $4.50.

Estimated receipts for Thursday: Wheat, 220 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 235 cars; hogs, 34,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesday.
*Wheat—					
Oct....	.....	.....	.....	91¼@⅝	90⅞-91
Dec....	90⅝-91	91¾@⅞	90⅛	91¼@⅝	90⅞-91
May....	89@⅝	89⅞	88¾	89⅞	87⅝@⅞
*Corn—					
Oct....	24	24½	24	24½	24⅛
Dec....	25¾@⅝	26	25⅛	26	25⅞
May....	29¾@⅞	29⅞	29¼	29⅞	29⅜
*Oats—					
Oct....	17	17⅛	17	17⅛	17⅛
Dec....	18⅝	18⅞	18⅛	18⅝@⅞	18⅛
May....	20⅝	20⅞	20⅛	20⅞	20⅛@⅜
Pork—					
Dec....	7 72½	7 82½	7 72½	7 80	7 75
Jan....	8 07½	8 75	8 07½	8 72½	8 72½
Lard—					
Dec....	4 30	4 32½	4 30	4 32½	4 32½
Jan....	4 45	4 50	4 45	4 47½	4 47½
Sh'Ribs					
Oct....	.....	.....	.....	4 55	4 55
Dec....	4 47½	4 50	4 47½	4 50	4 47½
Jan....	4 55	4 57½	4 52½	4 55	4 55

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter straights, $4.50@4.70; spring patents, $4.50@5.00; bakers', $3.80@4.00.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 84c@$1; No. 3 spring, 78½@85½c; No. 2 red, 91½c.

CORN—No. 2, 21½c.

OATS—No. 2, 18¾c; No. 2 white, 22@22½c; No. 3 white, 20½@21⅜c.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 27@42c; No. 4, 25½@37c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.01½@1.04½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.75@7.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.30@4.32½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.40@4.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.12½. WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.96; granulated, $5.34.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	18,000	16,000
Wheat, bu	283,000	70,000
Corn, bu	809,000	484,000
Oats, bu	623,000	404,000
Rye, bu	31,000	.....
Barley, bu	141,000	28,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@22c; dairies, 12@19c. Cheese, steady, 8@9½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 14½c. Live poultry, quiet; turkeys, 8@9c; chickens, 7c; springs, 7½c; ducks, 7½@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,272 bbls.; more active and firmer at the close with wheat; winter low grades, $2.00@3.15; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.40; Minnesota bakers, $3.40@4.50; winter patents, $4.00@5.25; winter straights, $4.60@4.70; winter extras, $3.20@3.65. Rye flour, steady; fancy, $3.00@3.50. Buckwheat flour, easy, $1.50@1.60.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady; 60@61c.

CORNMEAL—Dull; western, 90c.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2 western, 48½c.

BARLEY—Steady at 28½c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 253,800 bu.; exports, 22,353 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 99½c. Options opened weak and declined under reported rains in Argentine, bearish continental statistics on requirements and transfer of Duluth wheat to Chicago; turned sharply and fully recovered on heavy covering by early short sellers; closed strong at ⅝@⅞c net advance; October closed at 94⅝c; December, 95 7-16@94⅝c, closed at 94⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 53,025 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 31½c. Options opened steady and with few exceptions were firm all day on covering; closed ⅝c net higher; November closed at 30c; December, 30½@30 13-16c, closed at 30⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 234,100 bu.; exports, 250 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 22½c. Options opened quiet, ruled firmer with corn; closed ¼@¾c net higher; October closed at 22⅝c; December, 23¼@23⅝c, closed at 23⅝c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, $4.00@4.50; good to choice, $5.00@7.00.

HOPS—Quiet; 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 14@16c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 14@16c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15@16c; Texas dry, 12@13½c; California, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 20½@21½c; acid, 20½@22c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6,559 pkgs.; quiet; western creamery, 14@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 9@13c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 7,448 pkgs.; quiet; large, white and colored, 8c; small, white and colored, 9¼@9½c; part skims, 4½@6c; full skims, 3½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,672 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 16@19c; western, 17c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.00@10.50; extra mess, $8.00@8.50; beef hams, $15.00@25.00. Cut meats, strong; pickled bellies, 6¾@8c; pickled shoulders, 6¾. Lard, firm; western steam, 74.70; refined, steady. Pork, dull; old mess, $8.10@9.00; new mess, $9.00@9.75. Tallow, dull; city, 3½@3⅝c; country, 3¼c.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 26c; prime yellow, 23½c. Petroleum, quiet; Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally at 8c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, easy at 22@22½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@6¼c; Japan, 4¼@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 21@31c.

FREIGHTS—Quiet.

METALS—Pig iron, warrants quiet at $6.75 bid; 87 asked. Lake copper, dull at $11 bid; $11.25 asked. Tin, quiet at $13.80 bid; $13.90 asked. Spelter, quiet at $4.15 bid; $4.25 asked. Lead, exchange, easy at $3.90 bid; $3.96 asked; brokers, steady at $3.75.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock weak at 13c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@10c; choice to fancy, 14@17c; separator creamery, 22c; gathered creamery, 20c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½@6c; cocks, 3@4c; spring chickens, per lb., 6c; ducks, 6@7c; turkeys, 8@9c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.50; 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., 2½@2¾c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2¼c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@ 30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 40@55c.

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

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.25.

CABBAGE—Home grown, 1c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 40@55c; western stock, 60@70c.

FRUITS.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25@1.35.

APPLES—Winter stock, $2.75@3.00; Jonathans and fancy varieties, $3.00@3.25.

GRAPES—California, $1.25.

CALIFORNIA ASSORTED—COLORADO PEARS—Good winter nellis, $2.00@2.25; other varieties, $1.90@2.00.

NEW YORK GRAPES—Per 9-lb. basket, 12½@14c.

PLUMS—Idaho and Oregon, 75c@$1.00.

CRANBERRIES—Capes Cod, per bbl., $5.00@5.50; Wisconsin, boxes, $1.00@1.10.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $4.50.

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

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 12c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 13c; standards, 10@ 11c; niberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4@5c each; peanuts, raw, 5@ 5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 3 crown, 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice white, 13c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00; half bbl., $2.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Per ½-gal. cans, each $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Per 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5c; Ford 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

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, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters, heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8½c; good cow, 5c; fair cows, 4½c; common cows, 3c; cow forequarters, 4½@5c; cow hindquarters, 7½@8c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 15c; boneless strips, 8½c; strip loins, 6½c; rolls, 8c; sirloin butts, 8c; shoulder clods, 3½@4c; hind shoulder chucks, 5½c; 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, 8c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 9c; ribs, No. 1, 12c; ribs, No. 2, 9½c; ribs, No. 3, 8c; short ends, 7½c; cow rounds, 7c; cow rounds off, 8c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 10c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; ox tolls, each 3c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 11c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7½c; sheep, 6½c; market racks (long), 8½c; hotel racks (short), 11c; legs and saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 4c; lamb stews, 5c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 6c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 12c; loins, 7½c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage, butts, 6½c; shoulders, rauch, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5¾c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 3c; pluck, each 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each 3c; tongues, each 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each 3c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 20.—FLOUR—Lower and dull; patents, $4.75@4.85; straights, $4.45@4.50; clear, $3.80@4.25; spring, $3.90@4.75.

WHEAT—Higher; closing ⅝c to 1c above yesterday for December and May; December opened firm on a continuance of the drouth and decreasing receipts and large shipments at this point and advanced ¼c. From that price it fell back and subsequently advanced 1¼c, closing firm, ¼c to ⅝c below the top. Spot, high; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 95c bid; track, 95@96c; No. 2 hard cash, 87c; December, 90⅝@91⅛c; May, 95@95⅝c.

CORN—Futures stronger on the advance in wheat and covering by shorts, while not much was for sale; the market closing about ½c above yesterday. Spot, stronger; No. 2 cash, 24½c; December, 24@24¼c; May, 27⅜c asked.

OATS—Futures dull and stronger. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, elevator, 18½c bid; track, 18½c; No. 2 white, 20½@21c; December, 18⅜c bid; May, 21c bid.

RYE—Higher at 44c.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.47.

BRAN—Sacked east track, salable at 48@50c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at 99c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65.

HAY—Firm for choice grades; prairie, $7.00@ 7.50; timothy, $6.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 16@23½c; dairy, 11 @16c.

EGGS—Firm at 12c.

POULTRY—Chickens, steady; old hens, 6½c; springs, 7@8c; ducks, 6@6½c; geese, 6c; turkeys, 7@8c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

COTTONTIES—77c.

BAGGING—5¾@7½c.

METALS—Lead, nigher at $3.80 bid. Spelter, firm at $4.02½ bid.

PROVISIONS—Pork, unchanged; standard mess, jobbing, $8.25. Lard, unchanged; prime steam, $4.20; choice, $4.27½. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear and ribs, $5.75; shorts, $6. Dry salt meats (boxed) shoulders, $5.50; extra short clear, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 31,000 bu.; corn, 129,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bbls.; wheat, 59,000 bu.; corn, 35,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 20.—FLOUR—Dull and prices lower; western superfine, $2.75@3.10; western extra, $3.40@4.15; western family, $4.50@4.75; winter white patents, $4.90@5.15; spring patents, $5.00@5.25; winter straights, $4.80@5.00; receipts, 19,596 bags; exports, 18,305 bags.

WHEAT—Firm. Spot, October, 95¼@95½c; December, 95⅞@95¾c; steamer, No. 2 red, 89¾@ 90c; southern, by sample, 91@96c; southern, on grade, 90@95½c; receipts, 105,316 bu.; exports, 161,434 bu.

CORN—Steady; mixed spot, October, 30½@30⅝c; December, new or old, 30¼@30⅝c; steamer mixed, 28½@28¾c; southern white, 31@33c; southern yellow, 32@33c; receipts, 45,157 bu.; exports, 8,572 bu.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 26½@27c; receipts, 7,231 bu.; exports ,17,143 bu.

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FREIGHTS—Firm and fairly active and unchanged.

BUTTER—Butter, firm and unchanged. Eggs, Firm and unchanged. Cheese, steady.

Changes in Available Supply.

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Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 2,450,000 bushels.

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New Orleans Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20.—HOG PRODUCTS—Steady; pork, old, $8.25. Lard, refined tierce, $4.25. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $5.12½; sides, $5.12½. Bacon, clear ribs 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@5.00; patents, $5.00@5.10.

CORN MEAL—Quiet, $1.60.

BRAN—Quiet, 65@67c.

HAY—Steady; prime, $10.00@11.00; choice, $13.00@14.00.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 white, sacked, 36c; mixed, 36@37c; yellow, 38@39c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2, sacked, 25½@26c.

RYE—Firm; ordinary to good, 40@40½c.

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OATS—Steady; No. 2, sacked, 25½@26c.

RYE—Firm; ordinary to good, 40@40½c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 20.—WHEAT—Steady; 4c higher; October, 7s 4¾d; November, nominal; December, 7s 3½d; May, 7s 1½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, dull, 3s 4½d; October, quiet, 2s 3d; November, quiet, 3s 1d; December, quiet, 3s 1½d.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, steady, 32s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, firm, 35s 6d; long clear middles, light, firm, 33s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, firm, 34s; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs., firm, 31s. Lard, spot, dull, 23s.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, Oct. 20.—WHEAT—Higher and active; No. 2 cash, 93½c; December, 92½c.

CORN—Dull, but steady; No. 2 mixed, 24½c.

OATS—Dull, but steady; No. 2 mixed, 18½c.

CLOVERSEED—Active and higher; prime cash, $3.40.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 22c; western prints, 23c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 18c; fresh western, 17@17½c.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Oct. 20.—CORN—Easy; lower; No. 2, 23½c.

OATS—Slow, weak; No. 3 white, 19¼c.

WHISKY—Fresh high proof spirits, $1.20.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 20.—WHEAT—Hard, active; in some cases slightly higher; soft, neglected; No. 1 hard, 84@84½c; No. 2, 81½@84c; No. 3, 78@80½c; No. 4, 74½@78c; No. 1 red, 85c; No. 2, 85c; No. 3, 81½@82c; former for poor; No. 4, 81@ 82c; No. 2 spring, 78c; white, 75c; rejected, nominally, 72@74c.

CORN—About steady; more active; No. 2 mixed, 21½@22c.

OATS—About steady; fairly active; No. 2 white, 19½c.

RYE—Weaker; No. 2, 40c.

HAY—Active, firm; choice timothy, $8.00@8.25; choice prairie, $6.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 20@22c; dairy, 14@ 17c.

EGGS—Firm; receipts, small; quotable, 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 50,400 bu.; corn, 67,200 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 174,000 bu.; corn, 31,800 bu.; oats, 13,000 bu.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The situation in dry goods is practically unchanged. Unfavorable weather conditions, which have heretofore been a drag on the market, give promise of change and the buying from southern states, where the panic has had a stultifying effect, begins to be heavy again. The distribution in various sections of the country is still reported rather slim. Woolen goods are still a strong feature of the market, sales for next year being more of a factor day by day. Cotton goods are generally less active. Staple cottons, brown goods, in both cottons and drills, are still quiet and without feature. Export goods are in somewhat better demand, although there is little liberality displayed by expert buyers. Prints in both staple and fancy lines show no change, and are pretty generally bought in conservative lots.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 20.—Wheat: Receipts, 48 cars. CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Receipts today: Wheat, 204 cars; corn, 659 cars; oats, 242 cars. Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 230 cars; corn, 600 cars; oats, 235 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 20.—Receipts: Wheat, 561 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 20.—Receipts: Wheat, 134 cars.

DULUTH, Oct. 20.—Receipts: Wheat, 326 cars.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—WHEAT—Quiet and firm; December, $1.47½; May, $1.44⅝.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bears Have Lost Their Grip and Prices Rise Until Near the Close.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Today's market looked very much as though an effort was being made to test it for a rise. Many of the professional traders have concluded that liquidation has about run its course and there has been a cessation of the bear campaign. Opinions have differed among the professionals as to whether conditions in the stock market are ready for a sustained advance in prices again. The bears made an abortive effort in the early dealings to-day but quickly and directed an attack against Sugar and Chicago Gas. The failure of the raid encouraged the bulls to aggressive action and there were indications of the reappearance in the market of some of the large buying interests which were prominent in the late rise of the market. This professional buying carried prices up quite strongly, net advances throughout the list ranging from 1 to 4 points. But the bulls were apparently satisfied with a short rally and they commenced to sell to realize profits about half an hour before the close. This carried prices down in some cases below last night's close and where the bulls bought they were in most cases fractional. The success of the bears was frustrated in part owing to the special strength in Sugar and Chicago Gas, upon which they relied to work a sympathetic decline in the balance of the list. Sugar was also strong on the decision of the Treasury department to hold Dutch refined sugars conditionally liable to the countervailing duty which applies to imported sugars upon which no export bounty is paid. Chicago Gas derived strength from rumors of a compromise with the threatened competition. The market showed considerable increase of activity as compared with the last few days, but was still almost purely professional. London changed from its recent attitude and sold stocks here. Additional reports of railroad earnings for the second week in October all show handsome increases and many vague rumors were afloat of still more striking improvements to be shown in statements not yet issued. The large movement of cotton along lines recently released from quarantine restriction was shown by reports and gave strength to the railroads affected. The exchange market was somewhat firm and the local money market easy, the small withdrawals of American eagles from the Bank of England for shipment to New York not being considered of importance. Some business is being done in the gold shipping movement, which will result in effect the lending of money abroad. This naturally tends to keep up the rate of exchange. The continued ease of the local money market and the large resources in hand by interior banks, owing to the unusually good yield of fall following the crop movement, are the inducements for thus deferring the movement of gold this way. The market net changes were gains of 2 points by Rolling Valley preferred, 2¾ by Manhattan, 2 by Metropolitan Traction and New Jersey Central, 4 by Rubber preferred, 3 by Minnesota & St. Louis second preferred and 2½ by Pullman.

Dealings were strong in sympathy with stocks. One $25,000-block of Union Pacific collateral trust notes were sold at 69 and another block of 150,000 at the same price. Total sales, $2,325,000. United States new 4s advanced ¼ bid and the 5s coupon declined ¼ bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were steady today. The tone was good and closed quiet at the best, though the support here is only professional. The chief feature was the Paris bourse, which were flat on reports that the negotiations for the sale of certain Brazilian state railways to a foreign syndicate had been suspended. I am informed in creditable quarters that the sale of American eagles yesterday and today by the Bank of England is for account of Germany, the reason given being that owing to the lightness of many of the sovereigns withdrawn it pays better to take eagles at the present price. The amount of eagles withdrawn today was £55,000 and the total amount taken from the bank was £72,000. A cablegram from the Financial News' New York correspondent attracts much attention here. It affirms that New York banks have loaned to London a large amount of money on long sterling bills. Evidences of this are very scanty here at present and wonder is excited as to how such an operation can pay with discount rates at 2½ per cent. The Paris and Berlin markets are quiet."

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

Atchison	14	St. Paul	95⅜
do pfd	30⅝	do pfd	140
Baltimore & Ohio	15⅜	St. P. & Om	82
Canada Pacific	85	do pfd	120
Canada Southern	56⅜	St. P. M. & M	121⅜
Central Pacific	17	So. Pacific	20⅝
Ches. & Ohio	22⅜	So. Railway	10⅝
Chicago & Alton	160	do pfd	40⅜
C. B. & Q	96	Texas & Pacific	11⅜
C. & E. I	53	Union Pacific	27⅛
C. C. C. & St. L	36	U. P. D. & G	8⅜
do pfd	75	Wabash	7⅜
Del. Lack. & Western	159⅜	do pfd	20⅛
Del. L. & W	155	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	11¼
Den. & Rio G	12⅜	Adams Ex	156
do pfd	46⅜	American Ex	115
Erie new	14	United States Ex	50
Erie 1st pfd	39	Wells Fargo Ex	108
Ft. Wayne	167	A. Cot. Oil	22
Great Northern pfd	135	do pfd	75⅜
Hocking Valley	9¾	Am'n Spirits	11⅜
Illinois Central	98⅛	do pfd	34⅜
Lake Erie & W	18¼	Am. Tobacco	83⅜
do pfd	76⅜	do pfd	110
Lake Shore	172	Chicago Gas	95⅜
Louisville & Nash	58⅜	Cons. Gas	174½
Manhattan L	94	Nat. Cable Co	175
Met. Traction	120¾	Col. F. & Iron	24⅛
Michigan Central	106	do pfd	90
Minn. & St. L	25⅜	Gen. Electric	35⅜
do 1st pfd	75⅛	Laclede Gas	75
Mo. Pacific	32	La Clede Gas	44
Mobile & Ohio	27⅜	Lead	36
Mo. K. & T	14⅜	do pfd	104
do pfd	35⅜	Nat. Lin. oil	17
New Y. & Chicago	9⅜	National Cop Co	15
do pfd	31½	Pacific Mail	34
N. J. Central	95¾	Pullman Pal	173
N. Y. Central	109⅜	Silver Certificates	59
N. Y. Chi. & St. L	14	Stand. Rope & T	5⅝
do 1st pfd	71	do pfd	143⅜
do 2d pfd	35	do pfd	115
Nor. Olk & Western	14⅜	T. C. & Iron	28½
No. Amer. Co	4⅜	U. S. Leather	7¼
No. Pacific	10⅛	do pfd	65¾
do pfd	55⅛	U. S. Rubber	17
Ontario & W	17	do pfd	66
Ore. R. & Nav	36	Western Union	89⅜
Ore. Short Line	20	Chi. Gt. Western	10⅝
Pacific Coast	71	Nor. Western	125¾
Reading	24⅜	do pfd	103
Rock Island	88⅜	Rio Grand West	22
S. Louis & S. F	4⅜	do pfd	56¼
do pfd	10⅜		

Total sales of stocks today were 462,200 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 8,140; Chesapeake & Ohio, 4,805; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 27,129; Louisville & Nashville, 14,388; Manhattan L, 16,600; Missouri Pacific, 24,590; New Jersey Central, 6,603; New York Central, 31,836; Northern Pacific preferred, 11,195; Northwest Terminal, 4,040; Ontario & Western, 3,127; Reading, 3,150; Rock Island, 16,323; St. Paul, 27,770; Omaha, 7,850; Southern Railway preferred, 3,420; Union Pacific trust receipts, second assessment paid, 9,720; Wabash preferred, 7,290; American Tobacco, 7,219; Bay State Gas, 5,670; Chicago Gas, 28,480; Pullman Palace, 2,592; Sugar, 33,291; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 3,525; Western Union, 4,305; Chicago Great Western, 11,135.

Boston Stock Markets.

BOSTON, Oct. 20.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F	14⅛	W. Elec. pfd	51½
American Sugar	144	Mex. Cent	7⅜
Am. Sugar pfd	115	Ed. Elec. Ill	158
Bay State Gas	3⅜	Gen. Elec. pfd	82
Bell Telephone	264	Atchison pfd	30⅛
Boston & Albany	187	Atchison 4s	86⅜
Boston & Maine	167⅜	Gen. Elec. 5s	99⅛
C. B. & Q	95⅜	Wis. Cent 5s	122⅜
Fitchburg	94⅛	Allouez Mining Co	
General Electric	44	Atlantic	24⅛
Illinois Steel	45	Boston & Montana	142⅜
Mexican Central	6⅞	Butte & Boston	25
N. Y. & N. E	80	Calumet & Hecla	465
Old Colony	185	Centennial	18¼
O. S. L	20	Franklin	21
Rubber	17⅜	Kearsarge	20¼
Union Pacific	37	Osceola	40
West End	94¼	Quincy	112
West End pfd	100	Tamarack	135