COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat is Again Reaching Upward Toward the Dollar Mark.

SHORT STOCKS SEND SHORTS TO COVER

Corn and Oats Are Helped Up by the Leader, Each Gaining About a Half Cent—Provisions Unchanged.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Wheat added another 1⅝c to its price today, a total of 3⅝c since Monday. Shorts were driven to cover by the reports of short stocks in Europe and the northwest and an earnest but in the main a very strong market resulted. Corn was helped by wheat and light receipts, closing ½@⅝c higher. Oats advanced ⅛@⅜c. Provisions were almost at a standstill, but closed almost substantially at unchanged prices.

The substance of the demand for No. 2 spring wheat, except at a discount of from 8 to 9c under the December price, which was made so much of by bearishly inclined speculators near the close of yesterday's session, was still occupying the minds of the traders today when the session opened. Liverpool was only from ¼d to ½d below the closing of the day before. Paris was 15 centimes lower. This caused a weaker feeling. December, which closed yesterday at 95⅞c, started today at from 95⅛c to 95½c and sagged off to 95⅛c. Quite a sharp rally ensued when Minneapolis and Duluth stocks were shown to be only 8,236,000 bu., as compared with 20,512,000 bu. last year. December selling up to 96⅛c under a general demand from shorts; but their demands satisfied the market became easier and showed a better tendency during the rest of the forenoon. The purchase of another 100,000 bu. of Duluth wheat to come here contributed to the downward reaction, which carried December down to 95½c. There was plenty of news to encourage buyers. The drouth of the Mississippi valley was unbroken, yesterday's news about serious drouth damage to the Australian crop was confirmed and domestic receipts were moderate. Chicago received 146 cars of wheat, 14 of them contract and eight of the latter from local cleaning houses. Minneapolis and Duluth got 939 cars, against 554 Thursday a week ago and 1,221 last year. The Atlantic port clearances were equal in wheat and flour to 800,000 bu. New York reported the export demand for wheat light, but Minneapolis advised of a good business in flour for export. New York reported the day's export trade at seventeen hay loads. The market became very strong in the afternoon. Private cablegrams from Paris reported stocks of wheat high everywhere and said that the position was almost entirely in the control of America. Considerable buying was done on the strength of these advices, and December advanced steadily to 97⅝c, where it closed.

Corn was moderately active, opened easy with wheat, but soon became stronger and ruled firm for the rest of the session. The better movement was due largely to the smaller movement, 369 cars today and small estimated receipts tomorrow. Offerings were readily taken, several of the large houses buying early, which started shorts to covering also. The strong cash situation was a factor. Cables were ¼d lower. Exports were 234,000 bu. December ranged from 26⅝c to 25⅞@26c, closing ½@⅝c higher at 26⅝@26¾c.

More interest was shown in oats. Prices were easier early, but advanced later under sympathy with corn and better commission house buying. There was a good shipping demand and country offerings were small. Receipts were 265 cars. December ranged from 19c to 18⅞@18⅝c and closed 3-16c higher at 18⅝c bid.

There was very little life to the provision market. Prices ruled a shade easier, due to lack of interest more than to any bearish influence. Inquiry on shipping account was quite active and offerings fair. Hog receipts were liberal. At the close December pork was unchanged at $7.77½. December lard 2½c lower at $4.22½@4.25. December ribs unchanged at $4.47½@4.50.

Estimated receipts for Friday: Wheat, 120 cars; corn, 410 cars; oats, 220 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	Hgh.	Low.	Close.	Yestdy.
*Wheat—					
Oct....	.....	.....	.....	97¼	96⅜
Dec....	95⅝@⅞	97⅛	95⅛	97⅛	95⅛
May....	92⅛@⅜	94	92⅛	94	92⅜
*Corn—					
Oct....	25	25¾	24⅞@25	25⅝@⅝¾	25⅛
Dec....	26	26¾	25⅞@26	26⅝@⅝¾	26⅛
May....	29⅛	30⅛	29⅛	30⅛	30
*Oats—					
Oct....	17¾	18⅜	17¾	18	18
Dec....	18⅝	19	18⅝@⅞	18⅞	18⅝@⅞
May....	21⅛	21½	21	21⅜	21⅜
Lard—					
Dec....	7 75	7 77½	7 70	7 77½	7 77½
Jan....	8 02½	8 10	8 02½	8 07½	8 07½
Lard—					
Dec....	4 25	4 25	4 22½	4 25	4 27½
Jan....	4 37½	4 40	4 35	4 40	4 40
Sh'Ribs					
Dec....	4 47½	4 52½	4 47½	4 50	4 50
Jan....	4 50	4 52½	4 50	4 52½	4 52½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; spring patents, $4.90@5.00; bakers', $2.60@3.80; straights, $4.40@4.70.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 89@90c; No. 3 spring, 82@88c; No. 2 red, 98@99c.

CORN—No. 2, 26½@26¾c; No. 2 yellow, 26@26¼c.

OATS—18⅝c c. o. b.; No. 2 white, 22½@22¾c; No. 3 white, 20c.

RYE—No. 2, 47½c.

BARLEY—No. 2 nominal; No. 3, 28@42c; No. 4, 40@47c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.02@1.07.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.67.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.75@7.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.27½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.35@4.50. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.00@5.12½.

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

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

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	8,000	15,000
Wheat, bu	295,000	82,000
Corn, bu	261,000	700,000
Oats, bu	225,000	252,000
Rye, bu	24,000	25,000
Barley, bu	2,000	64,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 16@22c; dairies, 16@20c; cheese, quiet, 8@8½c. Eggs, 15c. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 8@9c; chickens, 6½c; springs, 7½c; ducks, 7½@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,604 bbls.; exports, 24,966 bbls.; strong and higher on the rise in wheat; Minnesota patents, $4.20@5.50; Minnesota bakers', $4.35@4.60; winter patents, $5.00@5.25; winter straights, $4.70@4.80; winter extras, $3.30@3.80 winter low grades, $3.00@3.15. Rye flour, firm; fancy, $3.60@3.70. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $1.40@1.45.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady, 37½@38½c.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 59c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 50½c.

BARLEY—Steady, 28½c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet, western, 57@63c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 341,625 bu.; exports, 115,610 bu. Spot, strong; No. 2 red, $1.04½. Options opened weak, under disappointing cables, but turned stronger, advanced all day, reaching $1 for December amid exciting trading; closed 1⅝@1¾c higher. Strength was based on bad Australian crop news, heavy covering and outside buying, big clearances and steady French cables; No. 2 red, October, 98½c; December, 98c@$1.00; closed at $1.

CORN—Receipts, 219,275 bu.; exports, 27,697 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 32¼c. Options opened easier on cables, but recovered with wheat and export demand, closing ⅝@⅞c net higher; November closed at 29⅝c; December, 30⅝@31⅛c; closed at 31½c.

OATS—Receipts, 222,300 bu.; exports, 149,280 bu. Spot, firmer; No. 2, 23⅛@23½c. Options quiet but firmer on a big cash demand, closing ¼@¾c net higher; October closed at 22⅝c; December, 23⅝@24c; closed at 23⅝c.

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

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 14@16c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 14@16c; London market, 55s@6c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15@16c; Texas, dry, 12@12½c; California, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 20@21c; acid, 20@23c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,888 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 14@23½c; Elgins, 23½c; factory, 9@13c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 8,612 pkgs.; quiet; large, white, 8½c; small, white, 9½c; large, colored, 8½c; small, colored, 9½c; part skims, 6½@7c; full skims, 2½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,877 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 16@20c; western, 18½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.00@10.50; extra, $7.50@8.50; beef hams, $21.00@25.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $6.37½@7.25; pickled shoulders, $5.75; pickled hams, $8.00@8.12½. Lard, dull; western steam, $4.00; refined, quiet. Pork, dull; old mess, $8.50@9.00; new mess, $9.00@9.50. Tallow, dull; city, 3½c; country, 3½@3⅝c.

OILS—Petroleum, quiet; United, no market; Pennsylvania crude, no market. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, quiet, 31½c. Cottonseed, quiet; prime summer yellow, 23@23½c; off summer yellow, 22½@23c; prime summer white, 26@27c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@6¼c; Japan, 4⅝@5¼c.

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

FREIGHTS—Quiet and steady.

METALS—Pig iron, warrants barely steady; $6.90 bid and $7 asked. Copper, lake, unchanged, $10.87½ bid and $11 asked. Tin, barely steady, $13.70 bid and $13.75 asked. Spelter, unchanged, $4.16 bid and $4.25 asked. Lead, exchange, unchanged, $2.92½ bid and $2.95 asked; brokers', quiet, $3.87½.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock weak at 14c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice to fancy, 14@17c; separator creamery, 22c; gathered creamery, 21c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½c; 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.

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, $1.75@3.00; Jonathans and fancy varieties, $3.00@3.25; California Bellefloweer, boxes, $1.60; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.65.

GRAPES—California, $1.25.

NEW YORK GRAPES—Per 9-lb. basket, 13½@16c.

PLUMS—Idaho and Oregon, 75c@$1.00.

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

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

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

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

HONEY—Choice white, 13c.

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

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

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

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7c; good forequarters, steers, 4c; good hindquarters, 9c; western steers, 6@6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters, heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8½c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5@5½c; common cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 3@3½c cow hindquarters, 7½@8c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 3½c; rump butts, 5½c; steer shoulder clods, 3½c; rump butts, 8½c steer chucks, 3½c; cow chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3c; steer plates, 3½c; flank steak, 7c; cow loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 9c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6c; steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 7c; cow rounds shank off, 8c; trimmings, 3½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 10c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each 4c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 12½c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7c; sheep, 6c; market racks (long), 8c; hotel racks (short), 11c; legs and saddles, 9c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 6c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 15c; loins, 7½c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 6½c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, in tierces, 4½c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 1½c; chock bones, 2c; rib bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, 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.

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., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 11@13c; 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. 28.—FLOUR—Firm at yesterday's advance; patents, $4.85@5.00; straights, $4.50@4.65; clear, $4.15@4.30; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Higher, closing 2c for December and 2¼c for May above yesterday. The active option, December, opened ⅝c lower, advanced 1⅝c, fell back ⅝c and then advanced 1⅝c, closing with sellers at the top. As a favorable report on the Argentine crop was received, cables disappointing and receipts showing up rather larger, there was considerable wheat for sale at the opening which brought about somewhat lower prices. The buying, however, was fairly good, and it was notable that none of the big longs were selling. Bulls all the early loss in price was speedily regained and bull feeling was again on the rampage by the announcement that the Australian crop was badly damaged. Spot higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1.01; track, $1.00½@1.00¾; No. 2 hard, cash, 89@90c; December, $1.05; May, $1.

CORN—Futures, after sales fluctuated, weakened, but rallied again late, closing at the top with December ⅝c and May ⅝c above yesterday. Spot, steady; No. 2, cash, 24½c; December, 24¾c bid; May, 26c.

OATS—Futures firm, but showed little change from yesterday. Spot, lower; No. 2, cash, elevator, 18½c bid; track, 19½c; No. 2 white, 21@21½c; December, 19½c bid; May, 21½@21¾c.

RYE—Nominally firm, 47½c.

CORNMEAL—$1.45.

BRAN—In light demand and easy; east track, sacked, 46c.

FLAXSEED—Lower, 99½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65.

HAY—Firm for choice grades, which are scarce; prairie, $7.50@8.00; timothy, $8.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 19@24½c; dairy, 12@20c.

EGGS—Firm, 13c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

COTTONTIES—83c.

BAGGING—6¾@7½c.

METALS—Lead, better, $3.77½. Spelter, quiet, $4 bid.

PROVISIONS—Pork, unchanged; standard mess, $8.25. Lard, easy; prime steam, $4.15 choice, $4.20. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear and ribs, $5.75; short clear, $5.62½; dry salt (boxed) shoulders, $5.37½; extra short clear, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50.

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

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 35,000 bu.; corn, 84,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 49,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 28.—FLOUR—Firmer; western superfine, $2.85@3.25; western extra, $3.50@4.25; western family, $4.00@4.85; winter wheat patents, $5.00@5.20; spring wheat patents, $5.10@5.35; spring wheat straights, $4.90@5.10.

WHEAT—Firm; spot, month, 99⅝c@$1.00; December, $1.00@1.00¼; steamer No. 2 red, 94½@94¾c; receipts, 23,956 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 88c@$1.00½; southern wheat, on grade, 94¾@$1.00¼.

CORN—Firm; spot, 31½@31¾c; December, new or old, 31¼@31⅜c; steamer mixed, 29½@29¾c; receipts, 114,811 bu.; exports, 122,081 bu.; southern white, 31½@33c; southern yellow, 31½@32½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 26½@27c; receipts, 30,192 bu.; exports, 50,929 bu.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 53½c; receipts, 35,502 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.00@13.50; grain freights, quiet; steamer, more active and unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 16½@17c.

CHEESE—Steady and unchanged.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 28.—WHEAT—Slow, steady, closing ½@1c higher; No. 1 hard, 88c; No. 2, 81½@86½c; No. 3, 81@84½c bid; No. 4, 70@83c; No. 1 red, 96c; No. 2, 92@93c; No. 3, 87@94c; latter for choice; No. 4, 84c; No. 2 spring, 82@84c; No. 3, 80c for mixed.

CORN—½@⅝c higher; No. 2 mixed, 23½c.

OATS—Fairly active, about steady; No. 2 white, 19@19½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 41½@42c.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $8.50; choice prairie, $7.00.

BUTTER—Receipts heavier; creamery, 21@23c; dairy, 16@22c.

EGGS—Firm; receipts light; demand heavy; Missouri and Kansas, 13c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 103,300 bu.; corn, 309,000 bu.; oats, 135,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 51,000 bu.; corn, 45,100 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 28.—FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—Strong and higher; No. 2 red, 96@97c.

CORN—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 25½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 20½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 47c.

LARD—Easy at $4.25.

BULK MEATS—Easy at $4.60. Bacon, quiet at $6.35.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.19.

BUTTER—Quiet; fancy Elgin creamery, 25c; Ohio fancy separator, 20@22c; gathered creams, 14@16c; fancy dairy, 12@14c.

SUGAR—Dull; hard refined, $4.10@5.85.

EGGS—Firm at 14c.

CHEESE—Firm; good to prime Ohio flat, 9c.

Detroit Grain Market.

DETROIT, Oct. 28.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 96⅝c; No. 2 red, 97c; December, 93½c; May, 93c; No. 3 red, 94c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 25c.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, 22c.

RYE—No. 2, 48½c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—BUTTER—Firm; good demand; fancy western creamery, 24c.

EGGS—Firm; good demand; fresh nearby, 20c; fresh western, 18@19c.

CHEESE—Quiet but steady.

San Francisco Wheat and Barley.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—WHEAT—Steady; December, $1.08¾; May, $1.07¾.

BARLEY—Steady; December, 84⅜c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Receipts today: Wheat, 146 cars; corn, 369 cars; oats, 265 cars. Estimated tomorrow: Wheat, 110 cars; corn, 420 cars; oats, 220 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 753 cars.

DULUTH, Oct. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 197 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 264 cars.

PEORIA, Oct. 28.—Receipts: Corn, 57,400 bus.; oats, 18,200 bus.; rye, whisky and wheat, none. Shipments: Corn, 400 bus.; oats, 16,150 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 372 bbls.; wheat, none.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 52 cars.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, Oct. 28.—WHEAT—Active and higher; No. 2 cash, 94½c; December, 96½c.

CORN—Active and higher; No. 2 mixed, 23c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 19½c.

RYE—Dull and firm; No. 2 cash, 49½c.

CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime cash and October, $2.50.

OIL—Unchanged.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Oct. 28.—CORN—Firm, higher; No. 1, 24½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 21c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.19.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 28.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 red, northern spring, new, firm at 7s 3d.

CORN—Quiet; November, 3s 1d; December, 3s 1¼d.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market is in Hands of Professionals, but They Cannot Move It.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Today's stock market was exclusively in the hands of the professional traders and contained nothing of significance in its bearing on the general condition of the country. The market was inactive. Trading was almost stagnant at times. Traders did the best they could to influence prices by manipulative buying and selling and by dissemination of rumors about their respective hopes and fears. The professionals were unable to induce any following and in meeting their earlier contracts carried prices back to near the starting point. One of the special stocks affected was Pacific Mail, which declined at one time 2¼ per cent on account of the decline in earnings shown by its September statement. The stock recovered to within a fraction of last night's close. Sugar, after a substantial gain, fell 2½ points, but also recovered to a net decline of a fraction. The coalers as a group were weak on the unsatisfactory condition of the trade. Notwithstanding gains near the close, their net losses were over ¼ per cent. Railroads generally are a fraction higher, except some southern roads and the coalers, while the industrials and specialties are generally lower. There was still some disposition to advance fears of the Cuban question as a motive for selling. Union Pacific was less active and was uncertain in its movement on account of doubts on just what changes the reorganization committee are involved in the advancement bid by the government. The doubt applies not only to the plan of financing the new company, but to the ultimate disposition of the Kansas division, which the committee expresses itself willing to relinquish to the government so far as the subsidized portion is concerned. The stock closed ⅝ per cent higher. The arrangements for the payment to the government, and for the government participation in the earnings due January 1, are also looked forward to with interest for their effect on the money market. It is believed the one will be timed to offset the other as far as possible, so as not to take so large an amount of money out of the market. The sum to be paid to the government will considerably exceed that to be paid out on this account, but the continued excess of disbursements over receipts will help to make up the difference and lessen the market effect on the cost of money will thus be avoided.

Georgia second incomes declined 2⅞ per cent and third incomes a point. Kansas & Texas issues were weak. Dealings were not on a large scale. Total sales, 1,580,000. United States 5s were advanced ¼ per cent bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "Today the market was quiet, with irregular movements. Consols and kindred stocks were better. Americans and Canadian Pacifics opened flat, but recovered before the New York prices arrived, partly on genuine purchases here. There was a further recovery later, but the close was at a fraction under the best. The Paris and Berlin markets were heavy. Taxes have been coming in largely during the week, therefore the increase in the balances in public funds, an increase of £1,235,000 in government securities shown in the weekly statement of the Bank of England mainly signifies that the government has paid the bank the amount borrowed on the three previous days to the disbursement of dividends on October 5. The reserve is up £612,000. Details of gold for this week are £100,000 from the Cape, £62,000 in eagles and £30,000 in sovereigns for the continent. Today the market has taken another small parcel of gold from the bank, but the bank has also repaid a certain amount of the total borrowed early in the month."

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

Atchison	13	St. Paul	92¾
do pfd	28⅞	do pfd	139
Baltimore & Ohio	13⅛	St. P. & Om	78⅝
Canada Pacific	78¾	do pfd	140
Canada Southern	55	St. P. M. & M	122
Central Pacific	16⅛	So. Pacific	20
Ches. & Ohio	21⅛	So. Railway	9¾
Chicago & Alton	160	do pfd	29¾
C., B. & Q.	75¾	So. R'y & Pacific	11⅛
C. & E. I.	54½	*Union Pacific t. r.	22¼
C. C. C. & St. L.	34½	U. P. D. & G.	7½
do pfd	80	Wabash	7
Del. & Hudson	113	do pfd	18⅝
Del., L. & W.	152	Wheel. & L. E.	1⅞
Den. & Rio G.	11	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	11¼
do pfd	44	Adams Ex.	160
Erie (new)	14⅛	American Ex.	115
Erie 1st pfd	45⅞	United States Ex.	40
Ft. Wayne	166	Wells Fargo Ex.	100
Great Northern pfd	130	A. Cot. Oil	21
Hocking Valley	6	do pfd	71
Illinois Central	101⅛	Am. Spirits	1⅝
Lake Erie & W.	17½	do pfd	27¼
do pfd	74½	Am. Tobacco	87¾
Lake Shore	170	do pfd	104
Louisville & Nash.	74⅞	Chicago Gas	71⅛
Manhattan L.	101¼	Cons. Gas	203
Met. Traction	109¾	Com. Cable Co.	175
Michigan Central	102½	Col. F. & Iron	23
Minn. & St. L.	24⅝	do pfd	90
do 1st pfd	70	Gen. Electric	33⅛
Mo. Pacific	29⅝	Illinois Steel	43
Mobile & Ohio	25½	La Clede Gas	42
Mo. K. & T.	12⅝	Lead	34⅝
do pfd	33⅛	do pfd	103⅝
Chicago, Ind. & L.	8	Nat. Lin. Oil	10⅛
do pfd	28	Oregon Imp Co.	12
N. J. Central	91¼	Pacific Mail	29⅞
N. Y. Central	97¼	Pullman Pal.	177
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13¾	Silver Certificates	58⅝
do 1st pfd	75	Stand. Rope & T.	4⅝
do 2d pfd	35⅛	Sugar	140⅝
Norfolk & Western	13¾	do pfd	112⅛
No. Amer. Co.	5⅛	T. C. & Iron	25⅛
No. Pacific	17⅛	U. S. Leather	7¾
do pfd	51⅛	do pfd	65¾
Ontario & W.	16	U. S. Rubber	16½
Ore. R. & Nav.	61	do pfd	62½
Ore. Short Line	18	Western Union	87⅛
Pittsburg	165	Chi. Gt. Western	15
Reading	22⅝	Northwestern	122¼
Rock Island	72⅛	do pfd	152¼
St. Louis & S. F.	4⅝	Rio Grande West.	23
do pfd	9¾	do pfd	55

* second assessment paid.

Total sales of stocks today, 257,600 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 5,700; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 26,835; Louisville & Nashville, 7,100; Missouri Pacific, 5,350; New York Central, 3,000; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,857; Reading, 4,600; Rock Island, 6,370; St. Paul, 27,900; Union Pacific, 25,160; Bay State Gas, 3,700; Chicago Gas, 24,700; Pacific Mail, 6,870; Sugar, 31,141; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5,097; Chicago Great Western, 5,646.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan closed at 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¼@4.85½ for demand; commercial bills, $4.81½.

BAR SILVER—58⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Heavy.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—58½@60c.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	127⅞	N. C. 4s	107
U. S. new 4s, coup	128	No. Pacific 1st s	120
U. S. 4s, reg	112⅜@114	No. Pacific 2d s	49
U. S. 4s, coup	113¾@114	No. Pacific 3d s	99¼
U. S. 2s, reg	93	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	104
U. S. 5s, reg	114½@15	N. & W. 5s	123¼
U. S. 5s, coup	115¾@16	N. W. Consols	143
District 3.65s	119¾	N. W. Deb. 5s	117¼
Ala. class A	108	Ore. Nav. 1st s	111¾
Ala. class B	108	Ore. Nav. 4s	92
Ala. class C	100	O. S. L. 6s, 1. r.	110
Ala. Currency	98	O. Imp. 1st s, t. r.	103
Atchison 4s	86¼	O. Imp. 5s, t. r.	40⅛
Atchison adj. 4s	57⅛	Pacific 6s of '95	102⅞
Canada So. 2nds	103	Reading 4s	84
Chic. Term.	84⅛	St. L. & W. 1st s	81⅛
C. & O. 5s	112⅞	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5	83
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅞	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	116⅛
D. & R. G. 1st s	111⅛	St. P. Consols	139
D. & R. G. 4s	86⅝	S. P. C. & P. 1st s	113¼
East Tenn. 1st s	108⅛	St. P. C. & P. 5s	115⅛
Erie Gen. 4s	70	S. C. nonfund	¼
F. W. & D. 1st, t. r.	68	Southern R'y. 5s	91¼
Gen. Elec. 5s	100	S. R. & T. 4s	60
G. H. & S. A. 6s	106	Tenn. new set 3s	86
G. H. & S. A. 2d s	105⅞	Tex. Pac. L. G. 1st s	95
H. & T. Cent. 5s	111⅛	Tex. Pac. Ra. 2ds	27⅛
H. & T. C. con 6s	104	U. P. 1st s	102
Iowa C. 1st s	97¼	U. P. D. & G. 1st s	49
K. P. 1st s, t. r.	89¼	Wab. 1st 5s	107⅛
K. P. con. t. r.	113	Wab. 2ds	77⅛
La. New Con. 4s	97⅛	West Shore 4s	109⅛
L. & N. Uni. 4s	81	Va. Centuries	66¾
Mutual L. 6s	100	Va. deferred	4
M. K. & T. 2ds	59	Pacific 6s of 99	106
M. K. & T. 4s	85⅛	M. & O. 4s	71
N. Y. C. 1st s	117	P. & R. G. M. 4s	84
N. J. C. 5s	112⅛	N. & W. consol 4s	76⅛
N. C. 6s	122		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Oct. 28.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	5⅛	W. Elec. pfd	53
American Sugar	140⅝	Sd. Elec. Ill.	125
Am. Sugar pfd	113⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd	80
Bay State Gas	1⅛	Atlantos pfd	28¼
Bell Telephone	253	Atchison 4s	86
Boston & Albany	217	Gen. Elec. 5s	99
Boston & Maine	168	Wis. Cent 1s	32⅛
C., B. & Q.	94¼	Wis. Cent 6s	123
Fitchburg	95	Allouez Mining Co	75
General Electric	33	Atlantic	22½
Illinois Steel	42⅛	Boston & Montana	138
Mexican Central	5⅝	Butte & Boston	21⅞
N. Y. & N. E.	80	Calumet & Hecla	455
Old Colony	184⅛	Centennial	14⅝
O. S. L.	18	Franklin	18
Rubber	19	Kearsarge	18
San