COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Weakness at Liverpool Main Factor for Chicago Slump.

WHEAT DEPRESSED AND FALLS OVER A CENT

Corn Holds Remarkably Steady in View of the Contrary Influences—Oats Feel the Bearishness of Other Grains.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Weakness at Liverpool was the main factor in a slump here today, wheat falling 1½c under yesterday. Corn closed ⅝c and oats ¼c lower. Provisions at the close were weak, pork 32½c, lard 12½c and ribs 17½@20c depressed.

Liquidation by discouraged longs, influenced mostly by a 1¼c drop at Liverpool, ruled in the wheat pit throughout the session. The heavy movement, favorable weather and a slow cash demand added to the bull demoralization. Some export business was accomplished at the decline, but there was not enough of it to check the bull rout. The increase in the world's visible, 2,156,000 bu., although under expectations, also failed to materially effect the price. The selling was general, the demand local and scattered and little calculated to withstand the heavy lines which came into the pit through commission houses. December opened ⅛@¼c lower at 72⅝c to 72¾c, rallied early to 73⅜c and then dropped steadily to 72⅛c near the end of the session. The close was weak. December 1½c down at 72⅛@72⅜c. New York reported 55 loads taken for export and 17 loads were sold direct from here. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 421,000 bu. Primary receipts were 1,081,000 bu., compared with 1,183,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 576 cars, against 592 last week and 798 a year ago. Local receipts were 226 cars, of contract grade. Argentine news was bearish, reporting crop prospects improved. Fly was reported doing damage in Ohio.

Corn held remarkably steady in view of the contrary influences—wheat weakness, better weather, liquidation by longs, absence of bull leaders, renewed short selling by previously cautious bears and the indifferent cables. December sold between 35⅝c and 35¼c, closing ⅝c lower at 35⅝c. October at one time touched 41c, or 1c over yesterday's close, but later, influenced by the wheat weakness, dropped to 38⅝c, ⅝c under yesterday. Receipts were 622 cars.

The oats market felt the bearishness of other grains and closed out of the hands of its few French friends. Business showed little activity and the price yielded without attracting much attention. Receipts were 300 cars. December sold between 22⅝@22½c and 21⅞c and closed ¼c lower at 21⅞@22c.

Provisions were weak at the opening, because of a decline at the yards, and as the grain weakness became pronounced later provisions eased off still further, closing weak. January pork sold between $11.37½ and 11.05 and closed 32½c lower at $11.07½. January lard, between $6.62½ and $6.55, closing 12½c down at $6.55, and January ribs, between $5.97½ and $5.87½, with the close 17½@20c depressed at $5.85. Liverpool was 6d lower for Cumberland cut bacon.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 220 cars; corn, 285 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 31,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Oct.	72½	72⅝	71⅞	71⅞	73⅛
Nov.	72⅝@⅞	73	71⅞	72	73½
Dec.	73⅜@¾	73⅝	72⅝	72⅝@¾	74⅛@¼
*Corn—					
Oct.	40⅝@⅞	41	39⅝	39½	40½
Nov.	38½	38⅝	37⅝@½	37⅝	38⅛@⅛
Dec.	35⅝	35⅝@⅞	35⅛	35⅛	35⅝
May	36⅝@¾	36⅝	36	36¼	36⅝@⅞
*Oats—					
Oct.	21⅝@¾	21⅝@¾	21⅛	21⅛	21⅝@¾
Nov.	21⅞	21⅞	21⅛	21⅛@¼	21⅞
Dec.	22⅛	22⅛@¼	21⅞	21⅞@22	22⅛@¼
Pork—					
Oct.	.....	.....	.....	14 00	14 00
Nov.	10 80	10 80	10 60	10 75	11 02½
Jan.	11 30	11 37½	11 05	11 07½	11 40
Lard—					
Oct.	.....	.....	.....	6 87½	7 00
Nov.	6 85	6 95	6 85	6 85	6 97½
Jan.	6 62½	6 62½	6 55	6 55	6 67½
Ribs—					
Oct.	6 80	6 85	6 80	6 85	6 97½
Nov.	6 20	6 22½	6 20	6 20	6 32½
Jan.	5 97½	5 97½	5 85	5 85	6 02½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.80@4.00; straights, $2.20@3.70; clears, $3.00@3.50; spring specials, $4.50; patents, $3.50@4.00; straights, $3.10@3.50; bakers, $2.30@2.80.

WHEAT—No. 3, 67@67½c; No. 2 red, 73@74½c.

CORN—No. 2, 40@40½c; No. 2 yellow, 40½c.

OATS—No. 2, 22¼c; No. 3 white, 23¼@24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 47@55c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.74; northwestern, $1.75½. Prime timothy, $4.05@4.15. Clover, contract grade, $10.00@10.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.97½@7.05. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.80@7.10. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $6.90@7.00.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines $1.27.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, $6.30; granulated, $5.90; confectioners' A, $5.70; off A, $5.55.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	21,000	19,000
Wheat, bu.	245,000	312,000
Corn, bu.	429,000	409,000
Oats, bu.	345,000	636,000
Rye, bu.	16,000	2,000
Barley, bu.	299,000	18,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was dull; creameries, 16@22c; dairies, 15@18c. Cheese firm at 10½@11½c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 11½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,610 bbls.; exports, 25,684 bbls.; sales, 8,500 pkgs.; weak and quoted lower on some grades, with business moderately active at the decline; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; Minnesota patents, $4.30@4.35; winter extras, $2.05@2.75; Minnesota bakers, $2.50@3.40; winter low grades, $2.40@2.60. Rye flour, firm; sales, 250 bbls.; fair to good, $3.10@3.30; choice to fancy, $3.35@3.65. Buckwheat flour, steady at $2.20@2.25.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 60@65c, c. i. f., New York.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 88c; city, 90c; Brandywine, $2.45@2.60.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 western, 57c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 52@53c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY—Weak; feeding, 42@46c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 50@55c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 62@68c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 155,825 bu.; exports, 64,636 bu.; sales, 4,175,000 bu. futures and 320,000 bu. spot. Spot, weak; No. 2 red, 77½c, f. o. b., afloat, and 75½c, elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 83½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 87c, f. o. b., afloat. Options broke again today under severe liquidation by heaviness abroad, continued absence of outside support, burdensome domestic stocks and small clearances. An active extension of short accounts attended the decline, making the close weak at 1⅛@1¼c net loss. March, 80⅝@81⅜c, closed at 80⅝c; May, 80⅝@81⅜c, closed at 81⅜c; October closed at 75⅝c; December, 77⅛@78⅜c, closed at 77⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 170,425 bu.; exports, 304,681 bu.; sales, 205,000 bu. futures and 800,000 bu. spot. Spot, steady; No. 2, 46½c, elevator, and 47½c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened firm and showed steadiness on wet weather news, but on subsequent predictions of clearing prospects and the break in wheat declined rather sharply, closing easy and partially ⅜c net lower. May, 41 9-16c, closed at 41⅜c; October closed at 46c; December, 42⅛@42½c, closed at 42⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 26,800 bu.; exports, 71,507 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 25½c; No. 3, 25c; No. 2 white, 27½c; No. 3 white, 27c; track mixed western, 24½@26½c; track white western and state, 27@33c.

FEED—Steady; middling bran, $17.00@19.50; winter bran, $17.50@19.00; city, $17.00@17.50.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 75@77½c; good to choice, 82@82½c.

HOPS—Quiet; state common to choice, 1899 crop, 10@13c; old olds, 2@5c; Pacific coast 1899 crop, 10@13c; old olds, 2@5c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 24 lbs., 18½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 13½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 22½@23½c; acid, 22½@23½c.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 25@27c; Texas, 15@19c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 8,200 pkgs.; firm; creamery, 16@22½c; June creamery, 18@21c; factory, 13@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 11,630 pkgs.; steady; large, white, 10⅞c; small, white, 11c; large, colored, 11c; small, colored, 11c.

EGGS—Receipts, 13,315 pkgs.; steady; western, regular packing, at mark, 16@19c; western, loss off, 21c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.50@11.00; mess, $9.00@9.50. Beef hams, $20.00@21.00; packet, $10.00@10.50; city extra India mess, $16.00@17.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 9½@11c; pickled shoulders, 6½@12c; pickled hams, 9½@9¾c. Lard, weak; western steam, $7.37; October closed at $7.37½, nominal; refined, firm; continent, $7.60; South America, $8.25; compound, 6½@6¾c; choice, 5½@6c; fancy, 6@6¼c. Prunes, 3½@8½c per lb., as to size and quality. Apricots, Royal, 11@14c; Moor Park, 15@16c. Peaches, peeled, 16@20c; unpeeled, 6@9c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 23.—WHEAT—Market lower; No. 1 northern, 75½@76c; No. 2 northern, 73½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 1, 51@52c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 57c; sample, 38@56c.

Duluth Market.

DULUTH, Oct. 23.—WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 77½c; No. 1 northern, 75½c; No. 2 northern, 71½c; No. 3 spring, 67½c; October, 75½c; December, 75½c; January, 78½c.

CORN—39½c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Opens with Hour of Activity, but Prices Go Lower.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The warning contained in yesterday's flurry in call money to 6 per cent was taken by the speculative element today and the rather intemperate buying which has flooded the market since the latter part of last week was materially curtailed. There was a great deal of business done in the first hour, but the selling to realize clearly outweighed the buying demand. In spite of some sharp manipulative activity in specialties, and the average of prices went below last night. The selling was not all precipitate and showed a tendency to decrease as prices receded to the lower level, but when efforts were made to bid up prices again it was found that selling orders were waiting at the higher level in sufficient volume to force prices back again. Late in the day a much heralded upward movement in Northern Pacific came into notice. For several days past rumors have been heard of a bull pool in this stock, based on the large short interest known to exist in it and the reduced floating supply owing to the recent buying of a substantial character which appeared when the quotation got below 50. The price was 54½ today, when the advance began, and it carried the quotation up through some very heavy selling, without material setback to a shade over 58, making the net gain 2⅝. Great Northern preferred was advanced 5 points correlatively. It was alleged in behalf of the movement that the impairment in the earning power of the railroads in the northwest by the shortage of the spring wheat crop had been greatly overestimated. The statement of the Northern Pacific for the second week in October shows a decrease in gross earnings of $17,493, notwithstanding additional mileage compared with last year of nearly 400 miles. There was a notable disinclination in the rest of the market to respond to this overstated news. The recoveries were quite insignificant. The fall in the call loan rate to 2½ per cent in the last half hour was equally without effect in reawakening speculative interest and the market closed irregular at small net changes. The earlier rates for call loans ruled from 4 to 5 per cent and it is not unlikely that the reaction was due to the abstinence of the speculators from further encroachment on money resources. Banks called loans to the extent of several million dollars this morning, and the shifting of loans which resulted caused quite an active bidding for money. The events of the day had the effect of awakening some fresh uneasiness over the money market conditions and these were not altogether allayed by the renewed weakness of exchange, especially Paris cheques. The transfer of currency to New Orleans through the sub-treasury was also renewed today. Much doubt exists regarding the effectiveness of high call loan rates in renewing gold imports. The gold thus far secured was the result of securing the open market supplies all over Europe, without arousing the opposition of the great central banking institutions, which would have to be resorted to for any considerable gold supply. Borrowers of time money show a disinclination to pay as much as 5 per cent, while bankers have counted upon a good market for time loans at 6 per cent. Whether they will be inclined to import gold under the circumstances to meet the exigencies of speculation is a mooted question.

There was a decided falling off in business in bonds and prices reacted at various points. Total sales, par value, $1,000,000. United States bonds were unchanged on last call.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: There was general dullness in the markets here today, occasioned mainly by the reaction in the American department, in which activity has mainly centered during the last few days. London was engaged in taking profits preliminary to the settlement tomorrow. Berlin also sold with some freedom and nothing but support from New York held the market to a degree of firmness. The Bank of England lost £25,000 gold to Egypt and £30,000 to Holland. France took a parcel of gold in the open market. India is still buying silver.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	31½	Union Pacific	61⅝
do pfd	74½	do pfd	75⅞
Baltimore & O.	74⅞	Wabash	7
Canadian Pac.	86¼	do pfd	19½
Canada So.	53¼	Wheel. & L. E.	3⅝
Ches. & O.	20¼	do 2d pfd	20⅞
Chicago G. W.	12⅛	Wis. Central	12½
C., B. & Q.	128⅝	Third Avenue	109
Chi. Ind. & L.	27	Adams Ex.	218
do pfd	77	American Ex.	153
Chicago & E. Ill.	85	U. S. Ex.	48½
C. & W.	163	Wells-Fargo Ex.	125
C., R. I. & P.	109	Amer. Cot. Oil	36
C. C. C. & St. L.	63⅝	do pfd	91
Colorado So.	6	Amer. Malting	4⅝
do 1st pfd	39	do pfd	21
do 2d pfd	17	Amer. S. & R.	41½
Del. & Hudson	113¼	do pfd	96½
Del. L. & W.	177	Amer. Spirits	1
Denver & R. G.	23¼	do pfd	17
do pfd	70¼	Amer. S. Hoop	24¼
Erie	12⅝	do pfd	72½
do 1st pfd	35	Amer. S. & W.	25⅞
Gt. Nor. pfd	166	do pfd	76½
Hocking Coal	16	Amer. Tin Plate	35½
Hocking Valley	36⅞	do pfd	82
Illinois Central	118⅝	Amer. Tobacco	98
Iowa Central	19¼	do pfd	127
do pfd	42	Anac. Min. Co.	46⅝
Lake Erie & W.	27	Brooklyn R. T.	68
do pfd	107	Colo. Fuel & I.	39⅝
Lake Shore	206½	Con. Tobacco	29⅝
L. & N.	75⅝	do pfd	81⅝
Manhattan L.	98¼	Federal Steel	39⅝
Met. St. Ry.	159¼	do pfd	68
Mexican Central	12⅝	Gen. Electric	144
Minn. & St. L.	59½	Glucose Sugar	55
do pfd	97⅝	do pfd	98
Mo. Pacific	54⅝	Inter. Paper	19⅝
Mobile & Ohio	40	do pfd	67
M., K. & T.	19	Laclede Gas	81½
do pfd	21½	National Biscuit	35¼
N. J. Central	136	do pfd	91
N. Y. Central	139⅛	National Lead	20½
Norfolk & W.	27½	do pfd	97
do pfd	76	National Steel	29⅞
No. Pacific	57⅞	do pfd	80
do pfd	73¼	N. Y. Air Brake	127
Ontario & W.	22¼	No. American	15⅝
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	Pacific Coast	38½
do pfd	71	do 1st pfd	84
Pennsylvania	132⅝	do 2d pfd	69
Reading	17¼	Pacific Mail	42
do 1st pfd	38⅝	People's Gas	94⅝
do 2d pfd	28¼	*Pressed S. Car	44⅝
Rio G. W.	19	do pfd	81
do pfd	90	Pullman P. Car	190
St. L. & S. F.	11⅝	S. R. & T.	7
do 1st pfd	68	Sugar	123½
do 2d pfd	36	do pfd	115
St. L. Southw.	12¼	Tenn. Coal & I.	58⅞
do pfd	30⅝	U. S. Leather	11⅞
St. Paul	115⅝	do pfd	71¼
do pfd	171	U. S. Rubber	32⅝
St. P. & Omaha	113	do pfd	94
So. Pacific	35⅝	Western Union	89⅝
So. Railway	12⅝	Republic I. & S.	14⅞
do pfd	50⅝	do pfd	59⅝
Texas & Pacific	17⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	55

*Ex-dividend.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Oct. 23.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 4½@6 per cent. Official closing:

A., T. & S. F.	31	West End	92
do pfd	74¼	Atchison 4s	99½
Amer. Sugar	123⅝	N. E. G. & C. 5s	6.3⅝
do pfd	116	Adventure	4⅝
Boston & Alb'y	247	Allouez Min. Co.	2⅝
Boston Elevated	153	Amal. Copper	91
Boston & Me.	190	Atlantic	26½
C. B. & Q.	128⅝	Boston & Mont.	515
Dominion Coal	40	Butte & Boston	65
do pfd	113	Cal. & Hecla	775
Federal Steel	39⅝	Centennial	17¼
do pfd	87⅝	Franklin	15⅝
Gen. Electric	143½	Humboldt	25
do pfd	140	Osceola	13
Ed. Elec. Ill.	213	Parrot	45⅝
Mexican Central	12⅝	Quincy	150
Mich. Tel.	85	Santa Fe Copper	7
N. E. G. & C.	13	Tamarack	267
Old Dominion	21⅝	Utah Mining	32½
Union Pacific	61⅝	Winona	3¼
Union Land	17⅝	Wolverines	42¼

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—With the government disbursing much money from the Bank of England there is no indication of a diminution of the floating supply thereby. The present abundance of money is considered artificial, necessitating caution and, considering also the condition of foreign exchanges, it tends to check a rapid fall in rates. Business on the Stock exchange today was fairly steady, but dealings were restricted and less hopeful. Consols were firm, home rails were mostly maintained and Americans were irregular and dropping. Louisville & Nashvilles were the worst. Grand Trunks were easier. The advance in the price of silver is attributed to the report that India has resumed purchasing, besides the buying for Russo-Chinese and German-Chinese account. Supplies are scarce. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England today was £280,000, mostly for shipment to Egypt. Spanish 4s closed at 68⅝. Gold premium at Buenos Ayres, 132.90.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—On the bourse today business opened firm, except in Kaffirs, which were weak. Later business was dull on offers of tractions and toward the close a weakness in industrials intensified the all-round unfavorable tone, especially of Spanish 4s. Three per cent rentes, 99f 85½c; exchange on London, 25f 19½c for checks; Spanish 4s closed at 69.35.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—On the bourse today home funds were firm in consequence of the success of the subscription to the 4 per cent Hamburg loan. Americans were supported and locals were firmer. After fluctuations prices closed easier. Exchange on London, 20m 43½pfg for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 2 per cent; three months' bills, 3⅛ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—MONEY—On call, firm, at 3½@5 per cent; last loan at 3½ per cent, prime mercantile paper, 5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83¾ for demand and at $4.80⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.81½@4.82 and $4.85@$4.85½; commercial bills, $4.80⅞@4.80¾.

SILVER—Certificates, 64½@65½c; bar, 65c per ounce; Mexican dollars, 51c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, irregular; state, weak.

The closing prices on bonds today are as follows:

*U. S. ref. 2s, r.	104	N. Y. C. 1s	108⅝
do coupon	104	N. J. C. g. 5s	123
do 3s, reg	109	No. Pacific 3s	69⅝
do coupon	109⅝	do 4s	103⅝
do new 4s, reg	137⅝	N. Y. C. & S. L. 4s	107
do coupon	138½	Nor. & W. c. 4s	9½
do old 4s, reg	114⅝	Ore. Nav. 1s	109
do coupon	114⅝	do 4s	103⅝
do 5s, reg	112	Oregon S. L. 6s	127
do coupon	113¼	O. S. L. c. 5s	114
D. of C. 3.65s	123½	Reading gen. 4s	88⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	103½	Rio G. W. 1s	59⅝
do adj. 4s	87⅝	St L. & I M c. 5s	110¼
Canada So. 2s	106¼	St L & S F g. 6s	124
Ches. & O. 4½s	100	S L & I M c. 5s	110¼
do 5s	122	St. Paul consols	170⅝
C. & N. W. 7s	139⅝	St. P., C. & P. 1s	118⅝
do S. F. deb. 5s	129	do 5s	119
Chicago Ter. 4s	97½	So. Pacific 4s	86½
Colo. So. 4s	82½	So. Railway 5s	109⅝
D. & R. G. 1s	103	S. R. & T. 6s	68½
do 4s	99½	Texas & Pac. 1s	113⅝
Erie gen. 4s	71½	do 2s	72
F. W. & D. C. 1s	73	Union Pacific 4s	106
Gen. Electric 5s	120	Wabash 1s	117⅝
Ia. Central 1s	115	do 2s	103
L. & N. uni. 4s	96⅝	West Shore 4s	112½
M. K. & T. 2s	66⅝	Wis. Central 1s	87⅝
do 4s	92	Va. Centuries	91

*When issued

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The following are the closing quotations for mining shares today:

Cholar	18	Ontario	575
Crown Point	11	Ophir	80
Con. Cal. & Va.	160	Plymouth	11
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	125
Gould & Curric.	70	do pfd	600
Hale & Norcross	38	Sierra Nevada	35
Homestake	5500	Standard	340
Iron Silver	70	Union Con.	20
Mexican	37	Yellow Jacket	15

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	99 1-16	Erie	12½
do account	99⅛	do 1st pfd	36
Atchison	32	Pennsylvania	61⅝
Canadian Pac.	85⅞	Reading	18⅝
St. Paul	119⅝	No. Pacific pfd.	75
Illinois Central	123	Grand Trunk	6⅝
Louisville	77⅝	Anaconda	9⅝
Union Pac. pfd.	78	Rand Mines	40⅝
N. Y. Central	135		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 30¼d per ounce.

MONEY—1½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3@3¼ per cent and for three-months' bills 3½@3⅝ per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $132,567,161; gold, $85,968,550.

Financial Notes.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23.—Clearings, $5,906,758; balances, $171,027; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, 75c discount bid, 50c discount asked.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Clearings, $22,372,690; balances, $2,065,066; posted exchange, $4.81½@4.85; New York exchange, 35c discount.

BOSTON, Oct. 23.—Clearings, $22,048,769; balances, $2,584,217.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Clearings, $227,124,008; balances, $11,655,174.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—Clearings, $3,898,941; balances, $619,693.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—Clearings, $18,788,265; balances, $1,941,068.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 23.—Clearings, $2,592,150; New York exchange, 10@20c discount; money, 4@6 per cent.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The cotton market opened at a decline of 8 points and further declined 10@13 points under active selling by professional traders and largely in the way of liquidation of the long account. The principal influences against the market were heavy receipts and almost perfect weather, with no indications of frost in the south. The semi-weekly movement also exerted a bearish influence. January sold down to 8.90c, against 10.15c two weeks ago, with the rest of the market off in proportion. This great decline naturally caused hesitation in further selling for short account and included some buying for an upturn. Some of the buying was on the strength of inquiries for time money from the south, said to be for the purpose of financing cotton in the Atlantic states, where holders show a preference to keep the rest of their crop for higher prices. In the southwest, on the other hand, the movement continues to be free and without signs of subsiding in the future. The market here was finally steady at a net decline of 8@14 points. Cotton futures closed steady: October, 9.09c; November, 9.01c; December, 8.98c; January, 8.97c; February, 8.96c; March, 8.95c; April, 8.94c; May, 8.93c; June, 8.91c; July, 8.90c; August, 8.92c. Spot cotton closed quiet at ⅛c decline; middling uplands, 9 7-16c; middling gulf, 9 11-16c; sales, 1,410 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 6,250 bales; ordinary, 7⅞c; good ordinary, 8c; low middling, 8⅝c; middling, 9 3-16c; middling fair, 9 7-16c; receipts, 20,467 bales; stock, 213,017 bales. Futures, steady; October, 8.74c bid; November, 8.72@8.74c; December, 8.72@8.73c; January, 8.71@8.72c; February, 8.73@8.75c; March, 8.74@8.75c; April, 8.74@8.76c; May, 8.74@8.75c; June, 8.75@8.76c.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 23.—COTTON—Spot, fair demand and prices easier; American middling fair, 5 13-16d; good middling, 5 15-32d; middling, 5 11-32d; low middling, 5 3-32d; good ordinary, 4 19-32d; ordinary, 4 7-32d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export. Receipts, 47,000 bales, including 46,700 American. Futures opened easier and closed quiet: American middling, l. m. c., October, 5.16-64d, sellers; October and November, 5.1-64@5 2-64d, sellers; November and December, 4.61-64@4 62-64d, buyers; December and January, 4 59-64@4 60-64d, buyers; January and February, 4 57-64@4 58-64d, buyers; February and March, 4 56-64d, sellers; March and April, 4 54-64d, sellers; April and May, 4 53-64d, sellers; May and June, 4 52-64d, sellers; June and July, 4 50-64@4 51-64d, buyers; July and August, 4 49-64@4 50-64d, sellers; August and September, 4 44-64d, sellers.

Oil Market.

OIL CITY, Pa., Oct. 23.—Credit balances, $1.10; certificates, no bid; shipments, 90,660 bbls; average, 60,150 bbls.; runs, 105,606 bbls.; average, 92,326 bbls.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 23.—OIL—Turpentine spirits, firm at 31s 3d.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—OILS—Cottonseed, easy; prime yellow, 35c. Turpentine, firm at 44½@45c.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—OIL—Turpentine spirits, 31s 10½d.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—SUGAR—Raw, weak; fair refining, 4⅛c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅝c; molasses sugar, 3⅞c; refined, quiet.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—SUGAR—Market quiet; open kettle, centrifugal, 4⅝@4 7-16c; centrifugal, white, 5⅝c; yellow, 4 5-16@4 11-16c; seconds, 3¼@4¼c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; open kettle, 26@32c; centrifugal, 19@22c.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS filed for record Tuesday, October 23, 1900:

Warranty Deeds.

W. T. Dunmore, executor, to Edson Rich, lot 11, block 3, McCormick's 2d add	$ 400
Same to Otto Simessen, lot 11, block 3, Sulpher Springs	1,500
E. J. Hedges and husband to N. V. Lininger, lots 14, 15, 17 to 21 and 23, Dodge's add	1,400
Joseph Tint and wife to Jacob Kattleman, s½ lot 3, block 12, Kountze 3d add	1,600
F. L. McCoy et al to W. N. Randolph, lots 7, 10, 15 and 16, block 133, Florence	75
Fred Harper to A. L. Bergquist, lot 1, block 121, South Omaha	750
A. W. Simpkins and wife to G. M. Webster, lots 1 to 10, block 1, Golden add	5
C. C. Hughes to A. M. Burrell, 53x50 feet at ne cor Hickory and 33d sts	1,000
Rome Miller and wife to same, lot 36, block 8, Hanscom Place	10,000

Quit Claim Deeds.

Henry Samuels to James Goldgraber, lot 7, block 5, Bennington add	1

Deeds.

Sheriff to Stockton Heth, lot 15, block 111, Dundee Place	867
Sheriff to C. B. Jacobs, lots 5, 6 and 7, block 2, Madison square	225
E. C. Perkins et al, executors, to H. W. Yates, lots 15 and 16, Hillside Reserve	500
Total amount of transfers	$17,923

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Receipts of All Kinds of Stock Unusually Light for Tuesday.

HOG MARKET AVERAGED SHADE LOWER

Tendency of Prices on Both Sheep and Lambs Lower and Market Consequently Was Rather Dull.

SOUTH OMAHA, Oct. 23.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	5,443	1,919	9,849
Official Tuesday	3,501	4,097	11,318
Two days this week	8,944	6,007	21,167
Same days last week	8,902	11,419	23,783
Same week before	16,846	12,356	18,994
Same three weeks ago	13,279	10,559	21,472
Same four weeks ago	16,070	8,062	16,493

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

Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.	Hr's.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	..	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	1	..	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	5	..	..
U. P. system	74	10	29
C. & N. W. Ry.	2	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	13	18	16
S. C. & P. Ry.	1	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	3	..	..
B. & M. R. R.	28	14	7
C., B. & Q. Ry.	..	4	..
K. C. & St. J. Ry.	3	2	..
C., R. I. & P., west	1	..	3
Illinois Central Ry.	..	1	..
Total receipts	128	62	46

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.
Omaha Packing Co.	37	419	..
G. H. Hammond Co.	212	724	300
Swift and Company	193	959	439
Cudahy Packing Co.	732	1,062	937
Armour & Co.	355	876	231
Cudahy, Kansas City	44	....	....
Hammond, Kansas City	50	....	....
Armour, Kansas City	42	....	....
Vansant & Co.	59	....	....
Lobman & Co.	357	....	....
McCreary & Clark	95	....	....
W. I. Stephen	64	....	....
Henton & Underwood	208	....	....
Livingston & Schaefer	307	....	....
Hamilton & Rothschild	123	....	....
B. F. Hobbick	1	....	....
Other buyers	727	....	5,324
Totals	3,603	4,670	7,222

CATTLE—There was an exceptionally light run of cattle here today for a Tuesday and as a result the market was in good shape. About three cars of corn fattie were included in the receipts and packers took hold of the kind that suited them in fairly good shape and bought them up at just about steady prices. Some of the common and half-fat stuff sellers found difficulty in moving the same, as has been the case for some time, and prices on that class of cattle were certainly no better today.

There were only about twenty-five cars of cows on sale, with the usual light supply of good stuff. Buyers all seemed to want a good many cattle and as a result the market was fairly active and in most cases a little stronger. Some of the better grades seemed to command quite a premium, but as a rule the market could be best described by calling it a good, strong market.

The feeling among feeder buyers was much improved. The better condition of the weather and the light receipts, with prospects favorable for very heavy run the rest of this week, made yard traders better buyers today than they were yesterday. Some of the choicest grades sold at prices that looked almost a dime higher, but the great bulk of the cattle brought good, strong prices. The commoner kinds were none too active, though, and did not show much of an improvement. Stock cows and heifers were not very plentiful and brought very satisfactory prices. Not much change was noticeable in bulls.

There were almost no western beef cattle on sale today, but feeder buyers were looking for cattle that would do for killers and it is safe to say that they would have brought good prices had there been any here. The market on cows was also in good shape and prices were generally a little stronger. Feeders were slow and prices freely today than yesterday and sold all the way from steady to a dime higher for some of the choicest bunches. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	920	$4 00	44	1424	5 15
1	820	4 00	47	1394	5 15
1	1000	4 00	16