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Great Importance Ascribed to This Feature by Dun's—Comparison of This Year's September With Last Year's—Increase of Exports in the First Two Weeks of the Present Month—Heavy Grain Movement the Cornerstone—Figures on the World's Wheat Supply—Bradstreet's Review.

New York, Oct. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

The one commercial exchange which more than any other insures better business in the near future is the excess of merchandise exports over imports. In September exports were $85,098,594 and imports only $50,826,705 and the excess of exports was $34,272,889, in payment for which net imports of gold were $34,249,183. Last year the excess of merchandise imports was $6,785,257 in September and net exports of gold $16,506,558. In two weeks of October the exports from New York have increased 30.6 per cent, against 31.2 in September, while imports have decreased 24 per cent, against 35.2 in September. Continued shipments of gold from Europe, not including $4,000,000 from Australia, now amount to $59,250,000 since the movement began, of which $52,250,000 has already arrived.

GRAIN MOVEMENT.

The heavy movement of grain is the corner stone. After an increase of $5,923,675 in exports of breadstuffs in September, there have been shipped the past week from Atlantic ports alone, 2,134,774 bushels, flour included, and 4,293,845 in two weeks of October, against 3,510,271 bushels last year. A more important fact is that all available grain freights have been engaged for months ahead here and on the Pacific coast. The minister of agriculture in India stated in council on Thursday that distress was expected in a large part of India as a result of the drouth, but importations of wheat from California would help to prevent actual famine. A high official of Russia now in this country confirms accounts of shortness in the Russian yield. Thus the estimates that Europe will fall 100,000,000 bushels short of last year's supply of wheat is strongly supported, and while department estimates of yield in this country are not credited, there is every reason to expect a remarkable foreign demand. Western receipts will fall a little blow last year and for two weeks have been 14,435,016 bushels, against 15,084,483 last year. Wheat has advanced 4½ cents for the week and corn two cents.

METAL MARKETS.

Confidence as to the future makes trouble in some industries, because speculation in materials raises prices so that demand for finished products is checked. Boot and shoe makers get very narrow orders at old prices, or at an advance of less than 1 per cent for the week, and less than 6 per cent from the lowest point. Similar difficulties threaten in the iron manufacture, for pig is higher, Bessemer at $11.50 and grey frog at $9.75. At Pittsburg whole plates, angles and beams are weaker and various combinations held prices only by leaving outside competitors to take the market as far as they can. Steel bars are largely sold at 1 per cent, while 1.2 is demanded for iron. All the nails that outsiders can produce are sold at less than the association asks, billets are still sold for less than the pool price and its shipments in September aggregated only 36,000 tons, mainly of sheet and tin plate bars, and the demand for rails is growing small.

The manufacture of minor metals also drags, though domestic demand for copper is moderate at 10.75 cents for lake. Lead is a shade weaker at 2.75 and tin makers are underselling foreign 15 to 20 cents per box.

WOOL AND COTTON.

Wool is stronger, with continued speculative buying, and sales at eastern markets have been 14,536,300 pounds for two weeks, against 21,275,000 last year and 31,072,300 in 1892, but consigned wool has been mostly withdrawn until after the election. No gain is at present possible in goods and though the number of mills starting for the week is fifteen, against seven stopping, much of the work done is in anticipation of a better demand than now exists. The cotton manufacture has also started more spindles, but the demand for goods scarcely increases and print cloths sell at 2.56 cent.

Failures for the week have been 328 in the United States, against 263 last year, and 40 in Canada, against 46 last year.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

New York, Oct. 16.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

While the volume of general trade has not increased materially new conditions are favorable to an early improvement. Notwithstanding many interior merchants prefer to wait until after election before placing orders, and others are willing to order subject to cancellation should the movement for free coinage of silver be successful. Sentiment at larger business centers regards the success of the campaign for sound money as secured. In some instances merchants are discovering that view of the situation by placing orders.

Features of the business week are the continued advance in price and strength of wheat and the maintenance of a large volume of wheat exports, notably to India and Australia. While wool is no higher, holders have sold enough to render them indifferent to immediate business, and are holding stocks for full figures. While new orders for iron and steel products are not being placed freely, they would be if makers would accept current quotations for 1897 delivery. Southern pig is 25 cents higher and, notwithstanding the growing export trade in iron and steel has been checked by higher ocean freight rates and cut prices by German steel makers, it is anticipated that within three weeks the domestic demand will meet expectations.

On the Pacific coast trade has been stimulated in the advance in the price of wheat and continued activity in exports of lumber and other staples, notably to Japan, Australia, South Africa and India. Trade is reviving in the San Joaquin valley of California since the completion of a competing railroad.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week, amount to 4,156,817 bushels, against 4,050,000 bushels last week, 2,409,000 bushels in the week one year ago, 3,192,000 bushels two years ago, 2,709,000 bushels three years ago and as compared with 3,270,000 bushels in the coresponding week of 1892.

The total number of business failures reported throughout the United States this week is 279, twelve fewer than last week and ten less than in the second week in October of 1895, but 26 more than in the corersponding week of 1894. As compared with the second week of October 1893, this week's total shows a decline of 61. There were 30 business failures reported from the Canadian Dominion this week, against 37 last week, 37 in the week one year ago, 39 two years ago, and 34 three years ago.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Oct. 16.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the per centage of increase or decrease with the corresponding week last year:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$558,997,340	....	13.4
Chicago	79,582,287	....	17.9
Boston	88,059,659	....	12.
Philadelphia	69,091,594	....	26.5
St. Louis	25,234,140	....	17.1
San Francisco	14,824,968	....	10.8
Baltimore	11,192,533	....	14.5
Pittsburg	15,452,254	....	14.2
Cincinnati	10,533,750	....	20.
Kansas City	19,089,235	....	10.9
New Orleans	3,115,245	....	56.8
Buffalo	14,583,973	....	7.6
Milwaukee	4,742,471	....	11.1
Detroit	5,754,289	....	25.4
Louisville	5,569,185	....	16.6
Minneapolis	10,183,939	....	15.8
Omaha	3,915,487	....	13.6
Providence	5,124,700	....	29.5
Cleveland	5,639,750	....	15.9
Houston	6,944,522	....	....
St. Paul	4,096,254	....	17.1
Denver	2,604,323	....	22.8
Indianapolis	2,840,033	4.9	....
Columbus, O.	3,310,500	....	17.8
Hartford	1,983,934	....	22.
Richmond	2,886,768	....	34.2
Washington	1,932,095	....	29.6
Knoxville	361,590	....	....
Dallas	2,959,287	....	3.8
St. Joseph	1,212,901	....	19.8
Peoria	1,616,041	....	2.
Memphis	2,480,784	....	5.3
Portland, Ore.	1,642,952	23.3	....
Rochester	1,429,568	....	17.9
New Haven	1,259,872	....	13.5
Savannah	3,886,130	....	14.6
Springfield, Mass.	1,180,290	....	25.8
Worcester	1,394,849	....	16.4
Portland, Me.	1,371,637	....	8.8
Atlanta	1,802,104	....	10.4
Fort Worth	1,092,393	....	20.
Waco	4,061,989	51.4	....
Syracuse	867,709	....	21.9
Des Moines	797,179	....	21.4
Grand Rapids	660,457	....	20.
Seattle	624,110	15.1	....
Lowell	601,688	....	19.1
Wilmington, Del.	613,176	....	22.9
Norfolk	1,134,141	2.4	....
Sioux City	537,475	....	18.2
Los Angeles	865,545	....	26.5
Tacoma	659,549	....	10.9
Toledo	1,288,182	....	8.7
Spokane	583,572	20.2	....
Jacksonville	266,921	....	3.2
Lincoln	293,422	....	11.3
New Bedford	619,888	....	30.8
Wichita	322,374	10.2	....
Birmingham	445,696	....	7.1
Topeka	391,349	....	22.1
Lexington, Ky.	292,674	....	24.9
Binghampton	339,800	....	7.3
Dayton	652,252	....	....
Bay City, Mich.	199,399	....	29.6
Fall River	1,135,679	15.4	....
Akron, O.	2,035,560	....	....
Springfield, O.	145,834	....	8.8
Canton, O.	186,300	....	12.6
Sioux Falls	70,323	....	14.6
Fremont, Neb.	61,749	5.1	....
Hastings, Neb.	80,974	6.4	....
Chattanooga	236,689	....	2.4
Fargo	151,783	....	11.1
Nashville	992,428	....	....
Galveston	6,802,400	....	15.1
Salt Lake	1,029,393	....	8.1
Scranton	797,503	3.6	....
Helena	572,219	11.5	....
Augusta	166,765	13.7	....
Kalamazoo	235,119	....	15.1
Rockford	306,113	....	12.3
Total U. S.	$965,325,904	....	14.7
Exclusive of New York	434,333,564	....	17.1
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 19,951,177	....	17.1
Toronto	6,750,429	8.3	....
Halifax	1,211,657	1.1	....
Hamilton	721,874	....	16.4
Winnipeg	1,458,171	....	9.3
Total	$ 31,093,158	....	....

From Canton (Mass.) Journal: The pay roll of the Rising Sun Black Lead Works is at present nearly one thousand dollars per week. This is at the rate of $48,000 per year that is distributed for labor in the town of Canton, in addition to large sums paid for printing, box making, carting and other outside work done in Canton and Sharon. This establishment paid the railroad fast year for freight in and out, $14,295.73. The employes of this factory during the last four years, when other factories have been run on part time or at reduced pay, or both, owing to the general prostration of business, have not known any hard times, they have had no reduction in their pay or hours of labor, and the factory has not been closed a day or hour except the short annual vacation in August, which was for only one week this year.

The Rising Sun Stove Polish and Black Lead Works is the largest establishment of its kind in the world, and has a capacity of ten tons of stove polish a day. Their new Sun Paste Stove Polish is larger in quantity, more attractive in style and better in quality than any other paste polish, and is already commanding a large sale. The old reliable Rising Sun Stove Polish in cakes, on account of its durability and economy, still commands an enormous sale in every English speaking country on the face of the earth. The growth of the business is marvellous when its small beginnings are remembered. Congressman Morse began the business when a school boy, made his first product in a little hand mould, dried it on a stove, and sold it at retail from a carpet bag.

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New York, Oct. 16.—The speculation in stocks today was perfunctory in the extreme and with one or two exceptions the fluctuations in prices were narrow. The only two stocks that reached even comparative activity were Sugar and St. Paul. The movement was irregular. Sugar was depressed early nearly a point on the cirmulation of reports of a probable strong combination of interests opposed to the American Sugar Refining company, and the inroads that are being made by the foreign products on the domestic trade. The first mentioned story elicited emphatic denial in usually well informed sugar circles, on which a rally ensued of -½ per cent, to 107¾ per cent. The full recovery was not held, but in the boards the impression prevailed that the traders had not succeeded in shaking out an amount of long stock commensurate with their outlay of energy. Tobacco was marked up 1⅝ per cent, to 76½ per cent, by the interests that have been identified for some time past with its manipulation. There was, as heretofore, a dearth of news regarding the basis of the upward movement, but the old rumors of a probable termination of the fight between the company and its competitors were again pressed into service. There was little or no news having a general bearing upon the market, aside from the arrival of about $1,625,000 in gold and reported additional engagements for import aggregating $300,000. The existing comparative money stringency was illustrated by several bank suspensions in the interior. The monotony of the market was to an extent relieved, however, by the announcement of the appointment of receivers for the Bay State Gas company. There was a notable lack of excitement over this development, as the street considered it to be more fully significant of politics than finance. The stock fell 3¼ per cent, to 7 per cent, on the news. The general market displayed a better tone in the afternoon session, and the prices stiffened all around to a fractional extent on the gold engagements and strength of the wheat market. Toward the close an easier tone obtained, with Consolidated Gas conspicuous for a decline of 3 per cent. The closing was steady at slight net gains.

The total sales of stocks today were 99,323 shares, including: American Tobaccoc, 4,400; Burlington, 5,100; Manhattan consols, 6,900; Reading, 5,400; St. Paul, 18,400; silver certificates 22,000.

ealings in bonds were light but firmness was generally displayed, Louisville and New Albany coonsol fives rose 5 per cent. The sales were 559,000.

Governments were strong and fractionally higher on purchases of $36,000.

Silver certificates developed strength and rose ½ per cent, to 65½ per cent, on a moderate revived foreign inquiry. The sales were $22,000.

FOREIGN STOCK MARKETS.

New York, Oct. 16.—Evening Post's London financial cablegram:

"The stock markets opened dull today on continued liquidation in mines here and in Paris. There was a recovery later but the close was flat on the gold exports, consols falling to 108⅛. The continued gold withdrawals are causing all kinds of rumors, chief among which is that the bank may raise the rate on Monday, unless a very heavy amount of gold goes out, and which action will be surprising, as no change has even been made so far in the selling price for eagles. On the last occasion when the bank rate was raised from 3 to 4 per cent, the bullion held was 12,000,000 pounds less than now. At the same time the bank now holds 9,000,000 pounds in Japanese money, none of which was held on the occasion named. Americans were comparatively steady and closed firm. The Paris bourse was flat, but the close was above the worst. At Berlin the market was weak.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Philadelphia, Oct. 16.—Clearings, $11,759,298; balances, $1,197,140.

Baltimore, Oct. 16.—Clearings, $2,440,160; balances, $430,663.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Clearings, $14,504,576; money scteady; on call 6@7 per cent; on time, 7 per cent. New York exchange, 80 cents discount. Foreign exchange steady; demand $4.83¾; sixty days $4.80¾.

St. Louis, Oct. 16.—Clearings, $3,690,773; balances, $317,415. Money 6@8 per cent. New York exchange, $1.25 discount bid; $1.00 discount asked.

GOLD RESERVE.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $236,283,655; gold reserve, $123,350,051.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK.

New York, Oct. 16.—Bradstreet's review of the stock market tomorrow will say:

Speculative conditions have become decidedly unsatisfactory. The Wall street market this week has been narrow and professional in quality and nervous and unsettled in tone. Banks have generally marked up loans and it appears to be difficult to obtain money for speculative purposes. The favorable condition of our foreign trade, the export demand for cereals and other products, has for the time being failed to stimulate speculative sentiment as they undoubtedly would under ordinary circumstances. The better feeling toward our stock abroad did not however, result in foreign buying, at least on any appreciable scale. The market here, in fact, has, apart from the manipulation of small professionals in particular stocks, exhibited little beyond the tendency of the larger shorts to cover and of holders of long stocks to sell, the object in each case being to reduce holdings in the face of the stringencoy of money. This selling, on the whole, has out-balanced the buying and caused declines throughout the stock list, while the room traders have naturally taken advantage of the situation to press stocks for sale, even though they were prompt to cover where such operations displayed a profit. These conditions have added to the uncertainty and undecisive character of the week's trading. On Friday the market was exceedingly dull and irregular in tendency.

CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE

Governing Committee Decides to Reopen November 5.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—At a meeting of the governing committee of the Chicago stock exchange today, it was unanimously decided to reopen the exchange on November 5. An amicable settlement of the affairs of the Moore stocks, Diamond Match and New York Biscuit the complications in which led to the temporary closing of the exchange, has been effected. Some minor failures are expected on the opening of the exchange but most brokers have been able to adjust their affairs in such a way that nothing serious is apprehended.

BAY STATE GAS COMPANY

Application Made at Wilmington, Ill., for a Receiver.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 16.—Before Judge Wales in the United States circuit court today, ex-Senator Anthony Higgins made application for the appointment of receivers for the Bay State Gas company of New Jersey, the principal office being located here. Judge Wales granted the application and named J. Augustus McCauley, president of the Artisan Savings bank of this city, and Dwight Bramah of Boston, receivers. Security in the sum of $35,000 was demanded. The appointment of receivers being only temporary, a rule was issued upon the office of the company, returnable November 7, restraining them from selling or disposing of any of the company's effects. The proceedings were entirely ex parte, Mr. Addicks not being represented.

The complaint upon which the application was based is made by William Buchanan of New York, a holder of Bay State Gas stock to the extent of $100,000.

The complaint makes the following charges: That the company has not paid any interest since April, 1884; that the capital stock of the company was raised from $3,000,000 and that the majority of the stock was raised by Addicks and his agents, without just consideration and fraudulently; that the directors and officers of the company are the creatures of Addicks and submissive to his control; that Addicks endeavored to dispose of $4,500,000 of the stock to the Bay State company of Boston; that, but for the mal-administration of Addicks and his agents, the company would have been paying dividends of 7 per cent.

The petitioner further alleges that in his opinion the affairs of the company will not be conducted in any better manner while J. Edward Addicks is in control, and asks the court to adjudge it insolvent and appoint receivers.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 16.—The Bay State Gas Company of New Jersey was incorporated in 1889, principally for the purpose of consolidating the fourteen gas companies then supplying the city of Boston. This company, in addition to obtaining control of all the Boston gas companies, subsequently absorbed the Brookline Gas company, at a cost of about $125,000. The financial statement of January 1, 1896, is as follows: Capital stock, $15,000,000. Funded debt: Boston United Gas first mortgage sinking fund, gold, 50 years, $500,000 bonds due January 1, 1939, interest January and July, issued $9,000,000; Boston Gas, second mortgage gold, $500,000 bonds due January 1, 1939, interest January and July issued $3,000,000; Bay State Gas income 7 per cent, $1,700,000, due 1899, issued $2,000,000. Total stocks and bonds issued $29,000,000.

The authorized issue under the mortgage of 1889 issued $12,000,000, of which $7,000,000 is secured by the Mercantile Trust company, trustee of nearly all the stock of the Boston, South Boston, Roxbury and Bay State (of Massachusetts) Gas Light company of Boston, the reported cost of which to the company was $10,000,000. Of the balance, $5,000,000, $2,000,000 were reserved for betterment and improvements and $3,000,000 to acquire control of other gas companies. An annual sinking fund of 1 per cent of the entire issue was provided for and bonds can be drawn at 105. All bonds issued are deposited with the Mercantile Trust company, New York, which issued its Boston Gas Trust certificates.

Lexington Races.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 16.—Between three and four thousand people turned out to see the trots today. The track was in first-class condition. In the unfinished 2:17 pace, which had been postponed from Thudsday, Eleanor won the fifth heat and Arthur W. the sixth, and race.

In the free-for-all the talent got a dump, as Pat L., who sold for $5 in a 100, won the race and Fantansy and Beausette, the two hot favorites, had to be content with second and fourth positions. William Penn, who was lame and unfortunate in getting two bad starts, was pocketed twice and trotted the best race of the party and would have won had he been less unfortunate. Pat L. and William Penn carried off all the praise and most of the money. Summaries:

In the 2:17 pace, purse $500, Arthur W. won second, third and sixth heats. Best time, 2:12¼. Eleanor won fifth heat in 2:12 and was second; Uncle Tom third. Iowa Joe, Lucey H., King Egbert, Palos, Edwin Clay, John S., Edgar H., Viola and The Jewewss also started.

The Lexington, for two-year-olds, purse $1,000, China Silk won in straight heats. Time, 2:17¾; 2:18½. Preston, second; Mabel Moneypenny, third. Jack Miller also started.

Free-ro-all trot, purse $2,000; Pat L. won fifth, sixth and seventh heats. Time, 2:10¼; 2:12; 2:10¾. Fantansy won second and third heats and was second. Time, 2:08½; 2:10½. William Penn won fourth heat in 2:09¼, and was third. Beusette won first heat in 2:07¾. No others.

In the 2:12 pace, purse $1,000, Royal Victor won in straight heats. Time, 2:09; 2:08¾; 2:09½. Miss Finley Alas, second; Ole Huth, third. Giles Noyes, Myrtle G., Captain Crouch, Nicol B. Tommy Brown, Connor, Hal Craigo, Russie Clay, Blacksie, Hydia Wilkes and Jacck also started.

American Horse Wins at Newmarket.

London, Oct. 16.—Enoch Wishard's horse MacBrigks won the Southfield plate, 200 sovereigns, at Newmarket today in a field of four starters.

International Chess Tournament.

Buda Pest, Oct. 16.—In the ninth round in the international chess masters tournament, played today, Pillsbury beat Walbrodt in a queen's gambit declined, 42 moves. The other games were adjourned.

POOR YOUNG MAN—"Why do you treat me so unkindly?" Fashionable Girl—"Treat you unkindly! Why, what do you mean? Haven't I told you I wouldn't marry you?"—Somerville Journal.

"THE older a man gets," said the corn-fed philosopher, "the harder he finds it to feel sorry for a woman whose pug dog has died."—Indianapolis Journal.

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May and December Wheat Each Close Six and Three-Eighths Points Above Thursday, Reaching the Highest Point in Three Years—Enthusiasm Great Under a Belief in a Continued Advance in Prices—Drop in the Afternoon Session—Chicago Closes at 71 1-8 Cents for December—The Markets in General.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 16.—Today's session of the San Francisco Produce exchange was the liveliest seen in many a day. The greatest excitement prevailed and the bidding was exceedingly spirited. May and December wheat each closed 6⅜ points higher than yesterday, reaching the highest figures quoted for three years. The majority of the call board men were "long" on wheat and enthusiastically confident of continued advances in prices. At the close of the noon session December wheat was quoted at $1.41⅛ per cental, and May at $1.44¼. At the afternoon session there was a drop the market closing: December, $1.40; May, $1.41⅞.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Wheat—October, 73⅝c; December, 71⅛c; January, 73⅛c; May, 76⅝c.

Corn—October, 24⅝c; December, 25⅝c; May, 28⅝c.

Oats—October, 18¼c; December, 18⅝c; May, 21 @⅝c.

Pork—October and December, $6.90; January, $7.77½; May, $8.12½.

Lard—October, ...; December, $4.12½@17½; January, $4.37½; May, $4.60.

Ribs—October and December, ...3.90; January, $3.83½; May, $4.05.

Butter—Firm. Creameries, 9@16c; dairies 9@16c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 16c.

Poultry—Steady; turkeys 7½@8½c; chickens 6½c; ducks 8@9c.

KANSAS CITY.

aKnsas City, Oct. 16.—Wheat—Slow; 2c higher. No 2 hard, 65c; No. 4 [illegible]; No 2 red, 78c; No. 3, 75@76c; No. 2 spring, nominally, 62c; No. 3, nominally 58@60c.

Corn—Firm. No. 2 mixxed, 23¾c; No. 2 white, nominally, 25½c.

Oats—Steady; fair demand. No. 2 mixed nominally, 17c; No. 2 white, 18½@22c.

Rye—Firm. No. 2 nominally, 34c.

Butter—Steady. Creamery, ; 14½@15½c dairy, 10@12c.

Eggs—Barely steady at 13c.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Oct. 16.—Receipts—Flour 8,000; wheat 55,000; corn 47,000; oats 10,000. Shipments—Flour 8,000; wheat 15,000; corn 94,000 oats 21,000.

Flour—Strong and higher; good demand; trade and export orders coming. Patents $4.00@4.10; extra fancy $3.45@3.55; fancy $2.90@3.00; choice, $2.60@2.80.

Wheat—Opened strong but the volume of selling longs realizing was heavy neough to check the advance, but the close was strong and 1⅛@2c higher than yesterday for futures. Spot stiff and higher. No. 2 red cash, elevator, 74c; track, 74@76c; No. 2 hard cash, 66½c; December, 75⅛@¾c; May, 79⅛c bid.

Corn—Futures advanced in smypathy with wheat and on reports of large sales for export and closed ⅝@¾c higher than yesterday. Spot dull, but higher; No. 2 cash 22½c bid; December 23½c asked; May 26¾c.

Oats—Futures showed a strong advance in sympathy with all other cereals. Spot higher, with a better inquiry. No. 2 cash, 16½c; May, 21⅞c.

Rye—Steady, 34½c bid.

Barley—Nominal.

Cornmeal—$1.30.

Bran—Firm; sold this side at 60c and ships at 62½c on track.

Flaxseed—Steady, 60c.

Prime timothy seed—$2.60.

Hay—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firm, 14c.

Butter—Firm, unchanged.

Whisky—$1.18.

Cotton ties and bagging—Unchanged.

Pork—Easier; standard mess jobbing 37 @7.37½.

Lard—Easier; prime steam $4.02; choice, $4.10.

Bacon—Boxed shoulders $4.75; longs $4.87½; ribs, $4.75; shorts, $4.87½.

Dry salt meats—Boxed shoulders $4.25; extra short clear, $4.65; ribs, $4.25; short, $4.37½.

NEW YORK.

New York, Oct. 16.—Flour—Receipts 16,100 barrels; exports 14,495. Quieter today owing to the 10@15c advance made by the holders. Winter patents, $4.10@4.40; winter straights, $3.75@3.85; winter extra, $2.50@3.20 winter low grades, $2.00@2.30. Southern flour firm, $3.50@4.00.

Rye flour—Firm.

Buckwheat flour—Steady.

Buckwheat—Steady.

Cornmeal—Firmer; No. 2 western, 45½@46c.

Barley—Firmer; feeding, 30c.

Barley malt—Dull; western, 50@55c.

Wheat—Receipts 89,600 bushels; exports 49,800. No. 1 hard, 81½c. Options passed through an exciting day with the heaviest business in months, strong and advancing foreign markets, bull sentiment, foreign buying and big cable acceptances caused a 2c advance in prices and stimulated heavy domestic buying. Local feeling was very nervous; large sales of long wheat produced rem aterial effect and the market closed at the top and 1⅞@2c above last night's close. No. 2 red October closed 77½c; December 77⅞@79c, closed 79c.

Corn—Receipts 105,800 bushels; exports 6,752. Spot firmer; No. 2, 31¾c. Options high er and more active with good general buying prompted by the advance in wheat and a big export demand closing ½c net higher. October closed 31½c; December, 32½@¾c, closed 32½c.

Oats—Receipts 19,900 bushels; exports, 13,879. Spot firm; No. 2, 23c. Options quiet but strong with the other markets, closing ⅝c advance: October closed 23½c; December closed 23¾c.

Hay—Steady; good to choice, 75@82½c.

Hops—Steadier.

Hides—Firm; Galveston, 22c; California, 25c.

Leather—Firm.

Beef—Firm.

Cut meats—Steady; pickled bellies, 5¾@6c; pickled shoulders, 4½@4¾c; pickled hams, 8@8½c.

Lard—Steady; western steamed $4.05@4.07½; refined, lower.

Pork—Dull.

Rice—Firm.

Molasses—Steady.

Butter—Receipts 2,936 pkgs steady. Western dairy, 7½@12c; western creamery, 12@25c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 7@11½c.

Cheese—Receipts 34,504 pkgs large, 7@10c small, 7@8¼c; part skims, 2½@4¾; full skims, 2@2½.

Eggs—Receipts 7,110; pkgs; steady. State and Pennsylvania, 20c; western, 15@17½c.

Sugar—Raw, quiet; refined, quiet; granulated, 4½.

Coffee—Steady, 19½c.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Cattle—Too few fat natives were offered to make a market. Other kinds of cattle sold slowly at generally unchanged prices. About 300 head of prime Herefords, Angus and other superior cattle sold at $5.10@5.35. Other sales were at $4.40@4.95 for common to choice and the bulk of the cattle crossed the scales at $4.20@4.75. There was a fair stocker and feeder trade, with sales at $2.50@3.85. Cows and heifers sold at $1.25@3.85. Bulls sold mostly at $2.00@2.75, a few expert bulls fetching $3.00@3.25, with an occasional sale as high as $3.40. Texas cattle sold freely at $2.60@3.35 for steers, and western range cattle sold at $2.90@3.90, chiefly at $3.25@3.65, while cows and heifers brought $2.10@3.40.

Hogs—The market was in better condition today, the demand showing decided animation, and prices were strong to 5c higher; sales were made at $3.60@4.35 for the poorest to best droves, the bulk going at $3.80@4.40 and packing lots brought $3.75@3.95. The syndicate paid $3.85@4.40 for light hogs.

Sheep and lambs—Western sheep greatly predominated and sold actively at $3.40@4.10; common to prime natives sold at $1.75@3.50; feeders took a great many westerns at $3.40@3.70; lambs averaged 15@25c lower, with sales at $3.40@4.85 for poor to prime lots, chiefly at $4.25@4.85.

Receipts—Cattle, 3,500; hogs, 32,000; sheep 12,000.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Oct. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,600; shipments, 4,300. Market steady; best grades firm, other slow. Texas steers, $3.35@3.65; Texas cows, $1.75@3.35; native steers, $3.40@4.70; native cows and heifers, $1.25@3.60; stockers and feeders, $2.10@3.65; bulls, $2.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; shipments, 10. Market weak to 5c lower. Bulk of sales $3.10@3.25; heavies, $3.10@3.20; packers and mixed, $3.15@3.25; lights, $3.15@3.30; yorkers, $3.25@3.30; pigs, $3.10@3.30.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,00; shipments, none. Market steady. Lambs, $3.50@4.25; muttons, $1.25@3.40.

Representative sales: Texas steers, 30 head, average 1,020 pounds, $3.45; Texas cows, 47 head, average 831 pounds, $3.35; native steers, 19 head average 1078 pounds, $4.70; native cows and heifers, 21 head, average 1,160 pounds, $3.00; stockers and feeders, 19 head, average 1,180 pounds, $3.35; bulls, 7 head, average 840 pounds, $2.00.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Oct. 16.—Cattle—Receipts 3,000. Market steady. Native steers, $3.40@4.80; Texas steers, $2.60@3.70.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market 5@10c lower. Lights, $3.10@3.30; mixed, $3.20@3.25; heavy, $3.00@3.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000. Market steady.

NEW YORK.

New York, Oct. 16.—Beeves—Receipts, 1,679. Very dull and lower; native steers poor to good, $3.60@4.50; stags and oxen, $2.40@2.40; bulls, $2.15@2.85; dry cows, $1.35@2.50. Cables quote American steers at 10@10c dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 8@8¾c; sheep at 9½@10½c dressed weight. Exports tomorrow 841 beeves, 1,000 sheep and 4,200 quarters of beef.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 4,377. Very dull; sheep, $2.25@3.35.

Hogs—Receipts 2,835; firm at $3.80@4.20.

WICHITA MARKETS

CATTLE.

Cattle steady.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.		Ave.	Price.
1 stocker		880	$3 20
1 heifer		820	3 00
1 cow		1120	2 40

HOGS.

Hogs 5 cents lower.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Dock	Ave.	Price	No.	Dock	Ave.	Price.
5	....	208	$3 85	5	....	162	$3 85
12	....	230	3 80	8	....	268	3 75
6	....	223	3 85	74	....	257	3 87½
75	120	271	3 85				

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WOOL MARKETS

Boston, Mass., Oct. 16.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market:

The market shows a slightly smaller movement than last week but chiefly because holders decline to sell. All prices are slightly higher. Since the Maine election, Michigan X has advanced a full cent from 24 to 25c and wool is being held all over the country for an advance in case of McKinley's election. In Michigan and Ohio the supplies thus held are large. All the holders in Boston are firm in their views, and in view of the continued dullness in manufacturing circles the sales are large. Though foreign wool has recently been re-shipped abroad, Americans are buying again at the London auctions, where the competition is keen.

The sales of the week are 2,874,000 pound domestic and 771,000 pounds foreign, as against 5,169,000 pounds domestic and 798,000 pounds foreign in the same week last year. The sales to date show a decrease of 50,449,363 pounds domestic and 25,429,700 pounds foreign from the sales to the same date in 1895. The receipts to date show a decrease of 149,396 bales domestic and 125,447 bales foreign.

St. Louis, Oct. 16.—Wool—Quiet but very firmly held at the recent advance.

New York, Oct. 16.—Wool—Steady.

St. Louis, Oct. 16.—Cotton—Steady; middling, 7 15-16c. Sales 250; receipts 1,072; shipments 232; stock 22,542.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 16.—Cotton—Steady; middling 7 9-16c; low middling 7c; good ordinary, 6¾c.

New York, Oct. 16.—Cotton—Quiet; middling 7 15-16c; net receipts, none.

DRY GOODS MARKETS

New York, Oct. 16.—It has been a slow day so far as the personal demand is concerned, but an irregular mail order request for dark prints, choice styles of cotton, and some other specialties took varying quantities and in some instances good lots. Staples however, were slow in demand, but a good movement was affected from the mills in the execution of former orders. Printing cloths firm at 2 9-16c, with sales at Fall River of 313,000 pieces for the week.

Fall River, Mass., Oct. 16.—Print cloths steady at 2 9-16c. Sales will probably exceed production this week.

Manchester, Oct. 16.—Cloths and yarns market quiet; sales hard to make unless at concessions.

COFFEE AND SUGAR MARKETS

New York, Oct. 16.—Options opened steady with October unchanged and other months 5@25 points lower; ruled fairly active with firm undertone on local and foreign buying and stability of spot holders; closed steady 10@15 points net advance October, 18.[illegible]; December, 19.[illegible]. Spot coffee—Firm; No