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STOCK MARKET DULL

MODERATE TOTAL OF SALES AND TENDENCY TO BETTER PRICES.

Gold Exports and Foreign Political News Worked by the Traders—Local Markets Steady.

At New York, yesterday, money on call was easy at 2½@3 per cent.; last loan, 2½; closed at 2½.

Prime mercantile paper, 4@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88½@4.88¾ for demand and $4.87½@4.87¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88@4.89 and $4.89½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.86¾.

Silver certificates, 67¾@68½c; bar silver, 67¾c. At London bar silver closed at 31 1-16d per ounce.

Total sales of stocks were 111,854 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 6,500; American Sugar, 25,000; Burlington & Quincy, 4,600; Chicago Gas, 3,290; Louisville & Nashville, 8,500; Reading, 3,000.

Dullness and strength characterized yesterday's New York stock market, and the very moderate total of business recorded showed a trifle improvement as to distribution. There were few new influences bearing on the speculation aside from the ones that have been worn almost threadbare. Foreign and domestic political possibilities and the gold-export movement were again the text of the traders, who controlled operations on 'Change. London purchases encouraged the local dealers, the demand including a fairly liberal amount of St. Paul and Louisville & Nashville. The news of the day was meager, but was favorable in tenor, including reports of the placing abroad of American municipal securities and a reduction of ½c in the posted figures for long sterling. Actual rates, however, were not essentially changed, although an easier tone was apparent, chiefly due to rather free drawings of bankers' bills and offerings against prospective shipments on Saturday. Considerable uncertainty was apparent regarding the probable extent of the export of the precious metal, but the consensus of opinion was that about $2,000,000 would be shipped, destined to Paris and Berlin. So far as could be learned, no arrangements in anticipation of the export had been made up to the close of business. The only withdrawal from the subtreasury yesterday was of $300,000 in gold coin, which was understood to be taken for Canadian account. The range among the prominent shares was narrow, but some exceptional fluctuations were noted in the specialties. Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg preferred improved 4¾ per cent., to 60¼. Slight concessions in prices were noted at times, chiefly due to realization orders, but the limited offerings of long stocks discouraged short selling and the losses scored were soon regained. A sharp rise in Atchison bonds was attributed to a renewed foreign demand, with the adjustment fours in great request. The market closed firm, with a fractional net gain general.

Railway and miscellaneous mortgages displayed strength, being influenced by renewed foreign purchases of leading issues, and by the firmer tone of the share speculation. The sales were $1,135,000.

Government bonds were without noteworthy feature on transactions of $76,000.

The following table, prepared by L. W. Louis, Room 13, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	149
Alton & Terre Haute	....	....	....	55
American Express	....	....	....	113
Atchison	15¼	15¼	15¼	15¼
Baltimore & Ohio	17½	17½	17½	17½
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	60
Canada Southern	....	....	....	49¼
Central Pacific	....	....	....	14½
Chesapeake & Ohio	17	17	17	17
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	154
C., B. & Q.	79¾	79¾	79¾	79¾
C. & E. I. pref.	....	....	....	99½
Chicago Gas	68¼	68⅞	67⅞	68⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	34	34¼	34	34
Cotton Oil	....	....	....	13¼
Delaware & Hudson	....	....	....	125½
D., L. & W.	....	....	....	155
D., S. & C. F. Co.	18¼	18⅜	18¼	18⅜
Edison Gen. Electric	34⅝	34⅝	34	34½
Erie	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Erie pref.	....	....	....	21⅜
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	160
Great Northern pref.	....	....	....	115
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	16
Illinois Central	....	....	....	95½
Lake Erie & W.	....	....	....	17½
Lake Erie & W. pref.	....	....	....	69⅝
Lake Shore	....	....	....	148
Lead Trust	....	....	....	25½
Louisville & Nashville	50¾	51¼	50¾	51
Louis. & New Albany	....	....	....	9½
Manhattan	105⅞	105⅞	105½	105⅞
Michigan Central	....	....	....	95
Missouri Pacific	25¼	25½	25¼	25½
U. S. Cordage	....	....	....	5
U. S. Cordage pref.	....	....	....	9¾
New Jersey Central	....	....	....	105
New York Central	97½	97½	97½	97½
N. Y. & N. Eng.	....	....	....	46
Northern Pacific	....	....	....	⅝
Northern Pacific pref.	12	12	12	12
Northwestern	104⅞	105	104⅞	104⅞
Northwestern pref.	....	....	....	148
Pacific Mail	26½	26½	26½	26½
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	2½
Pullman Palace	....	....	....	157
Reading	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝	11½
Rock Island	70¼	70⅜	70¼	70¼
St. Paul	77¾	78⅛	77⅝	77⅞
St. Paul pref.	....	....	....	128
Sugar Refinery	124¼	124¾	124	124¾
U. S. Express	....	....	....	42
Wabash, St. L. & P.	....	....	....	6½
W., St. L. & P. pref.	17⅞	17⅞	17¾	17¾
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	97
Western Union	....	....	....	85¼
U. S. Fours, reg	....	....	....	108⅞
U. S. Fours, coup.	....	....	....	109⅝
U. S. Fours, new, reg.	....	....	....	117⅛
U. S. Fours, new, coup	....	....	....	117⅛

Sales to noon, 36,852.

Thursday's Bank Clearings.

At Chicago—Money unchanged; on call at 6 per cent.; on time, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, before clearings, at $1 premium; sterling, posted rates, $4.90 on demand; $4.88¾ on sixty days. Bank clearings, $15,398,499.

At Memphis—Clearings, $355,907; balances, $117,139.

At New York—Clearings, $96,567,478; balances, $5,514,145.

At Boston—Clearings, $14,124,449; balances, $1,400,914.

At St. Louis—Clearings, $4,220,216; balances, $598,761.

At New Orleans—Clearings, $1,225,738.

At Cincinnati—Clearings, $1,869,550.

At Baltimore—Clearings, $2,657,206; balances, $507,020.

At Philadelphia—Clearings, $10,144,214; balances, $1,415,230.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Few New Features in Local Business and Prices Steady.

In no special line can business be said to be at a maximum. Probably grocers and druggists come nearer doing good business. The hide men report a dull market. Tallow is weak at quotations. Commission men are doing more business, but by no mean what they were doing at the corresponding period last year. Poultry and egg packers are doing more than in last May, but prices are weak. Dry goods houses are fairly busy. Leather dealers report trade better than in May last year, but not at its usual volume. Provisions are weak. Receipts of hogs continue large, and, while holdings here are not larger than last year, at many other points they are, which keeps prices down. Hardware men report some improvement.

The local grain market is very quiet. Receipts are not as heavy as last month, farmers probably being too busy to bring their grain to the stations for shipment. Prices (track) yesterday ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 65½c; No. 3 red, 61½@63c; wagon wheat, 65c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 30½c; No. 2 white, 30½c; No. 3 white, 30½c; No. 2 white mixed, 29c; No. 3 white mixed, 28c; No. 2 yellow, 29c; No. 3 yellow, 28c; No. 2 mixed, 28¾c; No. 3 mixed, 28¾c; ear corn, 28c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 22½c; No. 3 white, 21½c; No. 2 mixed, 20¾c; No. 3 mixed, 19¾c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $13.50@14.50; No. 1 prairie, $9.50@10.50.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices paid by shippers.)

Poultry—Hens, 6½c; springs, 18@ 15c; cocks, 3c; turkey hens, 8c; toms, 7c; old toms, 5c; ducks, 7c; geese, 4c.

Butter—Choice country, 4@6c.

Eggs—Shippers paying 7c for fresh stock.

Wool—Medium washed, 12c; fine merino unwashed, 10c; tub-washed, 20@22c; burry and unmerchantable, 5c less.

Honey—16@18c per lb.

Beeswax—20c for yellow; 15c for dark.

Feathers—Prime geese, 30c per lb; prime duck, 25c per lb.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Green-salted Hides—No. 1, 5¼c; No. 2, 4¼c; No. 1 calf, 6c; No. 2 calf, 4½c.

Green Hides—No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c.

Grease—White, 3½c; yellow, 2¾c; brown, 2¾c.

Tallow—No. 1, 3c; No. 2, 2½c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the selling prices of the wholesale dealers.)

Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 6½c per lb; common mixed, 5½c per lb; G. A. R. mixed, 7c; Banner stick, 10c; cream mixed, 6½c; old-time mixed, 7½c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 12@16c; English walnuts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 6@7c; mixed nuts, 11@12c.

Coal and Coke.

The following are the prices on coal and coke, as retailed in this market:

Anthracite coal, $7 per ton; Pittsburg lump, $4; Brazil block, $3; Winfrede lump, $4; Jackson lump, $4; Greene county lump, $2.75; Paragon lump, $2.75; Greene county nut, $2.50; Blossburg coal, $4.50; crushed coke, $3.25 per 25 bu; lump coke, $2.75; foundry coke, $6 per ton.

Canned Goods.

Peaches—Standard 3-pound, $1.50@1.75; 3-pound seconds, $1.10@1.30; 3-pound pie, 80@90c; California standard, $1.75@2; California seconds, $1.40@1.50. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 65@70c; raspberries, 2-pound, 90@95c; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, $1.25@1.35; choice, $2@2.50; cove oysters, 1-pound, full weight, $1.60@1.70; light, $1.10@1.20; string beans, 70@90c; Lima beans, $1.10@1.20; peas, marrowfats, 85c@$1.10; early June, 90c@$1.10; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, 90c@$1; strawberries, 90@95c; salmon, 1-pound, $1.10@1.20; 3-pound tomatoes, 75@85c.

Drugs.

Alcohol, $2.39@2.50; asafetida, 25@30c; alum, 2½@4c; camphor, 65@70c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 65@70c; copperas, bris, 40@50c; cream tartar, pure, 30@32c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz., $1.75@2; madder, 14@16c; oil, castor, per gal, 86@90c; oil, bergamot, per lb, $2.75; opium, $2.35; quinine, P. & W., per oz., 42@43c; balsam copaiba, 50@60c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb., 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@14c; turpentine, 34@40c; glycerine, 19@22c; iodide potassium, $3@3.19; bromide potassium, 45@47c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonidia, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 25@27c.

Oils—Linseed, 39@41c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 45c; lard oils, winter-strained, in bris, 60c per gal; in half-bris, 3c per gal extra.

Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6½c; Berkeley, No. 60, 8c; Cabot, 6c; Capital, 6c; Cambric, 4½c; Dwight Anchor, 7½c; Fruit of the Loom, 7c; Farwell, 6½c; Fitchville, 5¾c; Full Width, 5½c; Glit Edge, 4¾c; Gilded Age, 4½c; Hill, 6¼c; Hope, 6¼c; Linwood, 6¾c; Lonsdale, 7c; Peabody, 5½c; Pride of the West, 11c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperell, 10-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 15c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 18c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6c; Argyle, 5c; Boott C, 5c; Buck's Head, 5¾c; Clifton CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 6½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7½c; Dwight's Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls J, 4¾c; Hill Fine, 6½c; Indian Head, 6c; Pepperell R, 6½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 14½c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 15c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 17c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 4½c; Allen's staples, 4½c; Allen TR, 5c; Allen's robes, 5c; American indigo, 4½c; Arnold LLC, 6¾c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Cocheco madders, 4½c; Hamilton fancy, 5c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 5½c; Pacific fancy, 5c; Simpson fancy, 5c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; Simpson's grays, 5c; Simpson's mournings, 5c; American shirting, 3½c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5c; Amoskeag Persian dress, 6c; Bates Warwick, dress, 5½c; Lancaster, 5c; Lancaster Normandies, 6c; Whittenton Heather, 6c; Calcutta dress styles, 4½c.

Kid-finished Cambrics—Edwards, 3¾c; Warren, 3¼c; Slater, 3½c; Genesee, 3¾c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $11.50; American, $11.50; Franklinville, $13.50; Harmony, $11; Stark, $14.50.

Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 10½c; Conestoga BF, 12½c; Cordis 140, 9½c; Cordis FT, 10c; Cordis ACE, 11½c; Hamilton awnings, 9c; Kimono, 5c; Lenox fancy, 8c; Methuen AA, 10c; Oakland AF, 5½c; Portsmouth, 11c; Susquehanna, 13c; Shetucket SW, 6½c; Shetucket F, 7c; Swift River, 5½c.

Flour.

Straight grades, $3.75@4; fancy grades, $4@4.50; patent flour, $4.75@5; low grades, $2.75@3.

Groceries.

Sugars—City prices—Cut loaf, 6.24c; dominoes, 6.1c; crushed, 6.24c; XXXX powdered, 5.99c; powdered, 5.86c; cubes, 5.86c; extra fine granulated, 5.74c; coarse granulated, 5.74c; fine granulated, 5.61c; granulated, 5.61c; mold A, 5.86c; diamond A, 5.61c; confectioners' A, 5.49c; 1 Columbia A—Keystone A, 5.24c; 2 Windsor A—American A, 5.24c; 3 Ridgewood A—Centennial A, 5.18c; 4 Phoenix A—California A, 5.11c; 5 Empire A—Franklin B, 5.05c; 6 Ideal golden ex. C—Keystone B, 4.99c; 7 Windsor ex. C—American B, 4.93c; 8 Ridgewood ex. C—Centennial B, 4.86c; 9 yellow ex. C—California B, 4.74c; 10 yellow C—Franklin ex. C—4.74c; 11 yellow—Keystone ex. C, 4.68c; 12 yellow—American ex. C, 4.61c; 13 yellow—Centennial ex. C, 4.55c; 14 yellow—California ex. C, 4.24c; 15 yellow, 4.99c.

Coffee—Good, 19@20c; prime, 20@21c; strictly prime, 22@23½c; fancy green and yellow, 24½@25c; Java, 28@32c. Roasted—Old government Java, 32½@33c; golden Rio, 25c; Bourbon Santos, 25c; Gilded Santos, 25c; prime Santos, 24c; package coffees, 21.88c.

Flour sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $3.50; 1-16 brl, $5; ⅛-brl, $8; ¼-brl, $16; No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $4.25; 1-16 brl, $6.50; ⅛-brl, $10; ¼-brl, $20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $7; 1-16 brl, $8.75; ⅛-brl, $14.50; ¼-brl, $28.50. Extra charge for printing.

Salt—In car lots, 90@95c; small lots, $1.05@1.10.

Spices—Pepper, 10@18c; allspice, 10@15c; cloves, 15@20c; cassia, 13@15c; nutmegs, 65@75c per lb.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 20@40c; choice, 35@40c; syrups, 18@20c.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $6@6.25; No. 2 tubs, $5.25@5.50; No. 3 tubs, $4.25@4.50; 3-hoop pails, $1.40@1.50; 2-hoop pails, $1.15@1.30; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.25@1.50; clothes pins, 40@50c per box.

Wood Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2.50; No. 2, $3; No. 3, $3.50; No. 5, $4.50.

Rice—Louisiana, 4@5c; Carolina, 4¾@6¾c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $1.10@1.20 per bu; medium hand-picked, $1.10@1.20; limas, California, 5@5½c per lb.

Shot—$1.30@1.35 per bag for drop.

Lead—6½@7c for pressed bars.

Twine—Hemp, 12@18c per lb; wool, 8@10c; flax, 20@30c, paper, 25c; jute, 12@18c; cotton, 16@25c.

Iron and Steel.

Bar Iron—1.50@1.60c; horseshoe bar, 2½@2¾c; nail rod, 7c; plow slabs, 2½c; American cast steel, 9@11c; tire steel, 2½@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 30@35c; hemlock sole, 25@31c; harness, 31@42c; skirting, 34@41c; single strap, 44c; black brid'le, per doz., $70@85; fair bridle, $80@90 per doz; city kip, 60@70c; French kip, 90c@$1.20; city calfskins, 90@$1.10; French calfskins, $1.20@2.

Provisions.

Bacon—Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 6¼c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 6½c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 6½c. Bellies, 25 lbs average, 5½c; 14 to 16 lbs average, 6¼c; 10 to 12 lbs average, 7¼c; clear backs, 20 to 30 lbs average, 6¼c; 12 to 16 lbs average, 6¼c; 8 to 10 lbs average, 6¼c.

Hams—Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 10¼c; 15 lbs average, 10⅝c; 12½ lbs average, 11c; 10 lbs average, 11¾c; block hams, 10⅝c; all first brands; seconds, ½c less. California hams, sugar-cured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 6½c; boneless hams, sugar-cured, 7½@8c.

Dry-salt Meats—Clear sides, about 50 to 60 lbs average, 5⅝c; 35 to 40 lbs average, 5¾c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 5¾c; clear bellies, 20 to 30 lbs average, 4⅞c; 18 to 22 lbs average, 5⅝c; 12 to 16 lbs average, 5⅝c.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear firsts, 10½c; seconds, 9c.

Lard—Kettle-rendered, in tierces, 6¼c; pure lard, 5¾c.

Shoulders—English-cured, 12 lbs average, 6¾c; 12 to 16 lbs average, 6¼c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl, 200 lbs, $12; rump pork, $10.

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Bananas—Per bunch, No. 1, $1.75@2; No. 2, $1@1.25.

Cabbage—Florida cabbage, $2.25 per crate; Mobile cabbage, $2.50 per crate.

Cheese—New York full cream, 10@12c; skims, 6@8c per lb.

Lemons—Messina, choice, $3.50 per box; fancy lemons, $4.

Apples—Fancy stock, $4.50@5.

Oranges—California navels, $3.50@4 per box; seedlings, $3@3.25.

Onions—Bermuda onions, $1.50 per crate; new onions, $1.50 per sack.

Potatoes—23@25c per bu.

New Potatoes—$2.50@5.75 per brl.

Lettuce—5c per lb.

Cucumbers—50c per doz.

New Tomatoes—Florida, $2.75@3 per six-basket crate.

Cocoanuts—50c per doz.

Strawberries—$1.50@2 per case of twenty-four quarts; New Albany, $2.50@3 per crate.

Pineapple—No. 1, $3; No. 2, $2 per doz.

Green Peas—$1 per bu.

Green Beans—$1.75@2 per bu; wax, $1.75@2.

Gooseberries—$1.75 per drawer.

Cherries—$6 per stand.

Seeds.

Clover—Choice recleaned, 60 lb, $4.40@4.50; prime, $4.50@4.75; English choice, $4.50@4.75; prime, $4.75@5; alsike, choice, $5@4.25; alfalfa, choice, $5.50@6; crimson or scarlet clover, $3.25@3.50; timothy, 45 lbs, choice, $1.75@1.80; strictly prime, $1.70@1.80; fancy, Kentucky, 14 lbs, $1@1.10; extra clean, 70@90c; orchard grass, extra, $1.50; red top, choice, 80@$1.50; English blue grass, 24 lbs, $1@1.50.

Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $2.40; wire nails, from store, $2.80 rates; from mill, $2.55 rates. Horseshoes, per keg, $3.50; mule shoes, per keg, $4.50; horse nails, $4@5 per box. Barb wire, galvanized, $2.40; painted, $2.

Tinners' Supplies.

Best brand charcoal tin, IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $5.50@6; IX, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $7@7.50; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, $4.50@5; IC, 20x28, $9@10; block tin, in pigs, 19c; in bars, 20c. Iron, —27 B iron, 3c per lb; charcoal iron, 30c advance; galvanized, 75 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 6@6½c. Copper bottoms, 21c. Planished copper, 20c. Solder, 11@12c.

Window Glass.

Price per box of 50 square feet. Discount, 9 and 10.

6x8 to 10x15—Single: AA, $7; A, $6.50; B, $6.25; C, $6. Double: AA, $9.50; A, $8.50; B, $8.25.

11x14 and 12x18 to 16x24—Single: AA, $8; A, $7.25; B, $7. Double: AA, $10.75; A, $9.25; B, $9.50.

18x22 and 20x20 to 20x30—Single: AA, $10.50; A, $9.50; B, $9. Double: AA, $14; A, $12.75; B, $12.

15x36 to 24x30—Single: AA, $11.50; A, $10; B, $9.25. Double: AA, $15.25; A, $13.75; B, $12.25.

26x28 to 24x36—Single: AA, $12; A, $10.50; B, $9.50. Double: AA, $16; A, $14.50; B, $13.25.

26x34, 28x32 and 30x30 to 26x44—Single: AA, $12.75; A, $11.75; B, $10.25. Double: AA, $17.25; A, $15.50; B, $14.

26x46 to 30x50—Single: AA, $15; A, $13.50; B, $12. Double: AA, $19.75; A, $18; B, $16.

30x52 to 30x54—Single: AA, $16.50; A, $14.75; B, $12.25. Double: AA, $21.50; A, $19.75; B, $16.50.

34x58 to 34x60—Single: AA, $17.25; A, $15.75; B, $14.50. Double: AA, $22.75; A, $21.25; B, $20.

30x60 to 40x60—Single: AA, $19; A, $16.75; B, $15.75. Double: AA, $25.50; A, $23; B, $22.

CREOSOTED BLOCKS.

Method of Applying the Oil and the Durability It Imparts to Wood.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

I have read the article in to-day's Journal in regard to creosoting paving blocks, and as it contains some misstatements and wrong conclusions, I think you will be ready, upon being submitted information showing that this report was written without adequate information as to the facts, to publish the few lines which I wish to submit in connection with this subject. The arguments I have to offer are largely corroborated by the reports of the United States government, to be found in the report of the Secretary of Agriculture, which show that creosoting is the best wood preservative known. It is stated in your article that the process to be used here in the creosoting of blocks differs from that now employed at Galveston, and that therefore the blocks cannot be properly creosoted. As a comparison is made in to-day's article between asphalt and creosote block pavement, with the explanation that, in order to make such a comparison, it must be made under like conditions, I wish to make a comparison between the treatment of the pine block at Galveston and the treatment of the cedar block as prepared in this city. In Galveston the blocks are cut ten inches long, five inches wide and five inches deep and are taken direct from the forest, the sap exhausted and then creosoted—practically one operation. The cedar blocks to be treated here average about seven inches long, three inches wide and five inches deep and are kiln-dried. The specifications of the city demand that the blocks be heated to 200 degrees Fahrenheit and kept at this heat until thoroughly dry, and that then they shall be treated with the creosote for six hours.

The above treatment of the cedar block would not apply to the pine block, because the pine block is wet and is much larger. Even if both were kiln-dried it would take the pine block too long to become thoroughly impregnated with the oil, longer than could profitably be waited. It requires no argument to prove that a small piece of timber will become thoroughly saturated in less time than a larger one. And I maintain that timber creosoted by absorption is as strongly proof against decay or rot as that treated by the forcing process. It is the creosote that prevents decay and not the manner employed in doing the work. The report of the United States government above referred to shows that in a trial made by the Old Colony railroad, in Massachusetts, that railroad ties which were simply dipped in creosote, which penetrated the wood for a half inch only, were in good condition at the end of fifteen years, notwithstanding they had been cut after the creosoting, leaving them exposed at these places to moisture.

It is mentioned in this morning's article that the blocks on North Meridian street have swollen, and that therefore the pavement has roughened. The blocks treated in the manner directed by the Board of Public Works will not swell, for they will be impervious to water and cannot absorb it; the oil, being heavier than water, will resist it. When this pavement is laid it will show that it will not only last fifteen years, but that it will outwear any other kind of pavement that the city could use. It is, moreover, a very healthy pavement; and a very important consideration to the city of Indianapolis is to have a pavement that will not retain the heat, as asphalt does, making it very disagreeable. Another desirable feature is to have a pavement that will not soften in the summer, and become badly cut up, but a pavement that will be uniform summer and winter.

All of these facts are abundantly supplied by the United States report above referred to, and also by the reports of the United States Commissioners to the Paris exposition of 1889 on wood-preserving processes.

The only reason for employing the forcing process at Galveston is that they have heavy timbers, such as dock and bridge timbers of large dimensions, which require pressure on account of the length of time under any other conditions for the timbers to become thoroughly impregnated with the oil. But because this is necessary in large timbers the employment of this force is not necessary where the timber to be creosoted or saturated is small enough to take in the required quantity of oil by a more simple process. Creosoted pavements are largely used in Berlin, Paris and London, and if adopted here generally will be a great saving to the taxpayers; will give Indianapolis the finest streets that can be laid, and streets that will stand the wear and tear, without giving out in spots, requiring constant repair, for creosoting will make the blocks of a uniform quality, prevent decay, and increase their strength immeasurably. A creosoted block pavement should last twenty-five years. P. C. REILLY.

Indianapolis, May 13.

Abandoned the Horse and Buggy.

Marshall Perry, of West Indianapolis, left Greencastle early yesterday morning, after a fruitless effort to locate J. W. Riley, an account of whose disappearance was given in yesterday's Journal. Information received from Delmar, six miles east of Greencastle, indicates that Riley was seen in that place, and that he left his horse and buggy there. A note was found in the buggy, directing the finder to return it to 4 North Sheffield street, West Indianapolis, where a reward would be paid for its return. Beside the letter two pass books showing Mary F. Riley to be the owner of five paid-up shares of stock in a local building and loan association, were found. Several letters addressed to James W. Riley were also found, as well as a vehicle license issued to him. Riley was seen by several persons at the Big Four depot in Greencastle, Wednesday.

St. Andrew State Convention.

The State convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet this week in this city, the first of the services being a recognition meeting at St. Paul's parish house tonight, from 8 to 10 o'clock. Among the prominent members of the brotherhood who are expected to be present are Right Rev. David Sessums, bishop of Louisiana, and James L. Houghteling, president of the brotherhood in the United States.

Secretary of the Marion Trust.

William T. Noble is the new secretary of the Marion Trust Company, to which place he was elected a few days ago. Through an error it was stated yesterday morning that Mr. Noble had been made secretary of the Union Trust Company. Henry C. G. Bals is the secretary of the latter company, and has no intention of vacating the office.

Stabbed His Wife and Himself.

OTTAWA, Ill., May 13.—James McGuire, a kiln setter, employed at the Utica tile works, stabbed his wife twenty-one times and then plunged the knife into his own breast five times. The woman was literally hacked to pieces. McGuire is in jail. His injuries, although severe, are not fatal. Jealousy was the cause of the act.

Gift to Northwestern University.

CHICAGO, May 13.—William Deering, the well-known reaper manufacturer, has made a donation to Northwestern University at Evanston, amounting to $215,000. The gift is in real estate and bonds.

NO CHANGE IN WHEAT

CONTRARY REPORTS HELD THE MARKET STEADY AT CHICAGO.

Corn and Oats Remained Firm, While Provisions Improved on Light Hog Receipts.

CHICAGO, May 14.—Favorable weather reports and damaging insects held the wheat market steady to-day. July closed unchanged at 63⅜c. Corn and oats were firm and provisions improved on comparatively light receipts of hogs.

There was only a moderate speculative business in wheat, the market ruling dull a considerable portion of the session, the range being ⅜@¾c. The market early was rather hesitating, due to the rains in both the spring and winter-wheat districts, one about offsetting the other for a while, but good buying by professionals started a moderate up-turn, which was not well maintained. The Price Current was rather bullish in this week's crop summary and there were numerous bug stories in from Michigan and Indiana, accompanied by samples of the growing crop, and had some influence. The map showed too much rain in the Northwest, but receipts there were fairly liberal. The West had good rains and more is indicated. Early Liverpool cables quoted the market dull and easy. Exports were small and disappointing. The prediction of frosts for parts of the West and Northwest did not give the trade any particular apprehension and had little or no effect on the market in general.

There was not much of a trade in corn, the range being ¼c. Closing prices showed little change. There was a little buying of July for St. Louis account and a moderate demand for shorts, the action of wheat, light movement and talk of a cold wave having little effect on values.

The feature in oats was the active bidding for May by shippers. Offerings were small, and it did not take heavy purchases to advance prices ⅞c. The buying was with the idea of getting the May profits, as they have made large cash sales of late. The difference between May and July decreased from 1⅝c to ¼c, and the market closed with the advance maintained. Trading in the other months was moderate and without especial features.

A fair amount of business was done in provisions. Packers were buying during the greater part of the session. The market for the products started strong and was firm throughout the day. July pork closed at $7.80, compared with $7.65 yesterday. Lard improved 07½c and ribs .05c.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow—Wheat, 7 cars; corn, 170 cars; oats, 145 cars; hogs, 19,000 head.

Articles.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—May	62½	62⅞	62½	62⅜
June	63	63⅜	62⅝	62⅞
July	63½	63¾	63½	63⅜
Sept	64	64½	63⅞	64
Corn—May	29	29	28¾	28⅞
July	29¾	30	29½	29⅞
Sept	....	31¼	30⅞	31
Oats—May	18½	19⅝	18½	19⅝
July	19½	19¾	19¾	19⅝
Sept	19⅞	20	19¾	19⅞
Pork—May	....	....	....	$7.72½
July	$7.70	$7.80	$7.65	7.80
Sept	7.85	7.95	7.82½	7.95
Lard—May	....	....	....	4.60
July	4.62½	4.70	4.62½	4.70
Sept	4.77½	4.85	4.77½	4.85
Ribs—May	....	....	....	4.05
July	4.10	4.15	4.10	4.12½
Sept	4.25	4.27½	4.22½	4.27½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 62⅝c; No. 3 spring wheat, 65c; No. 2 red, 66⅝@66¾c. No. 2 corn, 29¼@29½c; No. 2 oats, 19½c; No. 2 white, 21@21½c; No. 3 white, 19½@21c. No. 2 rye, 36½c. No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 29@2.8¾c; No. 4, f. o. b., 28c. No. 1 flaxseed, 86½c. Prime timothy seed, $3.30. Mess pork, per brl, $7.70@7.75. Lard, per lb, 4.60@4.62½c. Short-rib sides, loose, 4.05@4.15c; dry-salted shoulders, boxed, 4½@4⅝c; short clear sides, boxed, 4¼@4¾c. Whisky, distillers, finished goods, per gal, $1.22. Sugars—Cut loaf, 6.25c; granulated, 5.62½@5.75c.

Receipts—Flour, 4,000 brls; wheat, 8,000 bu; corn, 76,000 bu; oats, 210,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 23,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 6,000 brls; wheat, 23,000 bu; corn, 73,000 bu; oats, 191,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 4,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Flour—Receipts, 18,900 brls; exports, 6,500 brls. Market steady, but not active, as the trade is supplied from previous purchases. Rye flour dull. Buckwheat dull at 39@41c. Corn meal steady. Rye quiet at 44@46c. Barley quiet. Barley malt nominal.

Wheat—Receipts, 17,200 bu; exports, 40,800 bu. Spots dull; No. 1 hard, 73¾@74c. Options declined sharply after the opening on rains in the wheat belt; afterwards rallied on covering and was generally firm all day, influenced by too much rain in the Northwest, and chinch bug news from the Southwest, finally eased off under realizing and closed ⅛@¼c higher on near and ⅛c lower on distant months. No. 2 red, May, 69⅝@70c, closed at 69⅞c; September, 69⅝@69¾c, closed at 69⅝c.

Corn—Receipts, 157,600 bushels; exports, 72,800 bu. Spots dull; No. 2, 35½c. Options without particular feature, showing some steadiness with wheat, followed by an easier tone, owing to fine crop reports, closed partly ½c net lower. May, 35⅝@35½, closed at 35½c; September, 37⅛@37¼c, closed at 37⅛c.

Oats—Receipts, 224,900 bu; exports, 25,600 bu. Spots steady, with active export and receiving demand; No. 2, 25c. Options sustained by less favorable crop news and good export demand, closed unchanged. May closed at 24⅞c.

Hay dull and easy. Hops easy. Hides quiet, but firm. Leather firm. Wool quiet.

Beef quiet. Cut meats steady; pickled shoulders, 4¼c. Lard steady; Western steam closed at 4.90c; refined firmer. Pork steady.

Rice dull; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@6c; Japan, 3⅞@4c. Molasses dull.

Cotton seed oil quiet and uninteresting.

Coffee—Options opened dull, with prices unchanged, ruled inactive and featureless in the absence of foreign news, and closed dull at unchanged to 5 points decline. Sales, 8,250 bags, including: May, 13.05c; September, Cordova, 16¾@18c. Sales, 600 bags Maracaibo 11.40c. Spot Rio; No. 7, 14c; mild quiet; p. t.

Sugar—Raw quiet; refined quiet.

TRADE IN GENERAL.

Quotations at St. Louis, Baltimore, Cicinnati and Other Places.

ST. LOUIS, May 14.—Flour dull and unchanged. W