World's Markets—Grain, Securities,

LARGER RECEIPTS GO OUT OF SIGHT QUICKLY

More Wheat Coming Than Last Year, Yet Stocks Show a Steady Decline.

Meanwhile It Has Been Popular to Sell Wheat Short in the Local Pit.

The Market Closes the Week Firm—News of the Grain Trade.

Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, Sept. 24.—Wheat not only held its own today but sold sold higher and closed the week in strong tone in all markets. Locally the expectation was for a decrease of about 75,000 bu in local stocks, but it ran well over the 100,000-bu mark. More wheat came in again at all primary spring-wheat points, Minneapolis getting 399 cars against 281, Duluth 324 against 239 and Chicago 110 against 57, but the wheat is quickly taken up and put out of sight. Much of it goes for delivery on previous sales to arrive, and the good stuff unsold is taken by the millers. Meanwhile the speculators see the wheat coming in, forget that the resudue is poor stuff, and sell the market, which means that they are short the contract grade. It is a dangerous game, but it has been popular of late.

The southwest showed 118,000 bu in at St. Louis against 49,000, and 2112,000 at Kansas City against 182,000. This made the primary receipts a shade over last year, at 1,169,000 bu against 1,121,000.

Broomhall estimates world's shipments at 8,800,000 bu and some decrease on passage. Last year shipments were 12,138,000 bu. On passage increased 2,280,000 bu.

Clearances wheat and flour, 63,000 bu. Exporters claim London is 19c out of line on some grades of wheat. Flour exporters also say prices are out of line. This week, however, local millers did a little business for export, and the situation is said to have bettered.

The weather map shows higher temperatures and considerable rain. Preciptation: Moorhead, .20; St. Paul, .02; Des Moines, .04; Omaha, .64; Keokuk, 1.64; Davenport, .16; Chicago, .34; Kansas City, raining, trace; Oklahoma, .02, and scattered rains in Texas, Indiana and Ohio valley and Canada. Temperatures: Canada, 32 to 46; North Dakota, 44 to 48; Minnesota, 50 to 64; South Dakota, 50 to 54; Nebraska, 62 to 68; Iowa, 58 to 66; Kansas, 60 to 68; Missouri, 70 to 27; Illinois, 68 to 70. The Forecast: North and South Dakota—Generally fair and cooler. Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin—Fair; showers Sunday in northwest; cooler. Nebraska and Kansas—Fair and cooler. Illinois, Indiana and Missouri—Cloudy, with showers; cooler.

The market was very strong near the close.

December wheat closed at $1.15⅝. May at $1.11½ and September at $1.17½.

THE FLOUR MARKET

PRICES UNSETTLED—THE MARKET VERY STRONG.

Wide differences are noted in prices as quoted by the milling firms. Recently the clears were advanced by one firm and first clears fixed at $1 under first patents for the standing difference. Other millers have not followed this, and the result is that prices vary materially in some instances. It appears doubtful if the smaller difference between clears and patents can be maintained. The market is firm and inclined to advance. Orders are larger and the general outlook more favorable. Shipments, 52,299 barrels.

First patents are quoted $6.20@6.30; second patents, $6@6.10; first clears, $4.95@5.10, wood; second clears, $3.10@3.20, f o b in Minneapolis, in wood.

THE CASH TRADE

GENERALLY WEAKER TENDENCY—RECEIPTS WELL UP ALL AROUND.

FLAX—Receipts larger than expected. An inactive market and much unsold late in the session.

Closing prices: Minneapolis cash, $1.14½; to arrive, $1.14½; September, $1.14½.

Minneapolis received 67 cars against 62 a year ago, and shipped 31. Duluth received 41 cars.

OATS—No. 3 white closed at 29¼c. Receipts, 141 cars; shipments, 6 cars.

CORN—The market was weak again al laround and off over 1c. No. 3 yellow closed at 49¾c. Receipts, 9 cars; shipments, 1 car.

FEED AND MEAL—Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, in sacks, sacks extra, $20@20.25; No. 1 ground feed (2-3 corn and 1-3 oats), 80-lb sacks, sacks extra, $21@21.25; No. 2 ground feed (½ corn and ½ oats), 80-lb sacks, sacks extra, $21.50@21.75; No. 3 ground feed (1-3 corn and 2-3 oats), 75-lb sacks, sacks extra, $22@22.25.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran in bulk, $15@15.25; shorts, $16.50@17; middlings, $19@19.50; red dog, $22; all f o b in Minneapolis; in 200-lb sacks, $1 per ton additional; in 100-lb sacks, $1.50 per ton additional. Shipments, 1,117 tons.

RYE—Closing figures for No. 2, 74¼c. Receipts, 80 cars; shipments, 5 cars.

BARLEY—Feed grades are quoted at 35@42c; malting grades, 42@48c. Receipts, 86 cars; shipments, 32.

HAY—The market holds steady in an unchanged position. Choice timothy, $9; No. 1 timothy, $8; No. 2 timothy, $7@7.50; No. 3 timothy, $5@6; choice upland, $8@8.50; No. 1 upland, $7.50@8; midland, $6.50@7; rye straw, $5.50@6; wheat and oat straw, $3.50@4.50. Receipts, 133 tons.

CASH SALES REPORTED TODAY.

No. 1 northern wheat, 4 cars	$1.18¼
No. 1 northern wheat, 6 cars	1.18
No. 1 northern wheat, part car	1.18
No. 1 northern wheat, 4 cars	1.19
No. 1 northern wheat, 1 car, to arrive	1.19½
No. 1 northern wheat, 2,000 bu, to arrive	1.19½
No. 1 northern wheat, 5,000 bu, to arrive	1.17¾
No. 1 northern wheat, 3,000 bu, to arrive	1.17½
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	1.15
No. 2 northern wheat, 3 cars	1.16½
No. 2 northern wheat, 2 cars	1.14½
No. 2 northern wheat, 3 cars	1.14¾
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	1.16
No. 2 northern wheat, 2 cars	1.15½
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	1.16¼
No. 2 northern wheat, 2,000 bu, to arrive	1.16
No. 2 northern wheat, 1,000 bu, to arrive	1.14¾
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.12
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.10½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.13
No. 3 wheat, 6 cars	1.10
No. 3 wheat, 10 cars	1.11
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.08
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.07
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.09
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.07½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.80
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	.85
No. 4 wheat, 8 cars	1.02
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.90
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	.91
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.03
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, smutty	1.00
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.05
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.00
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.92
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.03
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.90
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.68
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.85
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.75
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.86
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.88
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.70
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	1.06
Rejected wheat, 1 car, test 43½ lbs	.68
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.00
Rejected wheat, 1,000 bu, smutty	1.06
No grade wheat, 1 car	.65
No grade wheat, 1 car	.9 0
No grade wheat, 1 car	.70
No grade wheat, part car	.70
No grade wheat, 2 cars	1112
No. 3 rye, 1 car	.72¼
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.29
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.29
No. 4 white oats, 4 cars	.28¾
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.28½
No. 3 oats, 1 car, transit	.28½
No grade oats, 1 car	.28¼
No grade oats, 1 car	.28
No. 2 rye, 1 car	.74¼
No. 2 rye, 3 cars	.74½
No. 2 rye, 3 cars	.75
No. 3 rye, 1 car	.73½
No. 3 rye, 1 car	.73¼
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	.38
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.40½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.41
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.47
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.44½
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	.40½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.44
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.37
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.38
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.36
No. 1 flax, 5 cars	1.15
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.14¾

Winter Wheat.

No. 3 winter wheat, 1 car	1.12
No. 3 winter wheat, 8 cars	1.09
No. 3 winter wheat, 1 car	1.10

Durum Wheat.

No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	.93
Rejected durum wheat, 1 car	.90
No. 2 durum wheat, 1,000 bu to arrive	.93

PUTS AND CALLS.

2:30 o'clock report:

Puts—December wheat, $1.12⅞.

Calls—December wheat, $1.17⅞.

Curb—December wheat, $1.15.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION, SEPT. 23.

Inspected in—Wheat—Cars—Great Northern—No. 1 northern, 22; No. 2 northern, 21; No. 3, 29; No. 4, 29; rejected, 24; no grade, 11.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—No. 1 northern, 26; No. 2 northern, 29; No. 3, 27; No. 4, 25; rejected, 45; no grade, 7.

Minneapolis & St. Louis—No. 1 northern, 7; No. 2 northern, 9; No. 3, 8; No. 4, 3; rejected, 1.

Soo Line—No. 1 northern, 17; No. 2 northern, 21; No. 3, 19; No. 4, 3; rejected, 4; no grade, 3.

Northern Pacific—No. 1 northern, 2; No. 2 northern, 1; No. 3, 5; No. 4, 8; rejected, 3.

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha—No. 1 northern, 6; No. 2 northern, 16; No. 3, 12; No. 4, 3; rejected, 8; no grade, 1.

Chicago Great Western—No. 1 northern, 2.

Total—No. 1 northern, 82; No. 2 northern, 97; No. 3, 100; No. 4, 71; rejected, 85; no grade, 22.

Other Grains—Cars—No. 2 macaroni wheat, 2; No. 3 macaroni wheat, 1; rejected mamaroni wheat, 1; No. 2 winter wheat, 2; No. 3 winter wheat, 50; rejected winter wheat, 4; no grade winter wheat, 1; No. 3 yellow corn, 3; No. 3 corn, 3; No. 2 white oats, 24; No. 3 white oats, 52; No. 4 white oats, 47; No. 3 oats, 26; no grade oats, 13; No. 2 rye, 13; No. 3 rye, 11; no grade rye, 1; No. 3 barley, 5; No. 4 barley, 54; No. 1 feed barley, 38; No. 2 feed barley, 8; no grade barley, 2; No. 1 northwestern flax, 27; No. 1 flax, 66.

Cars Inspected Out—No. 1 northern wheat, 6; No. 2 northern wheat, 53; No. 3 wheat, 25; No. 4 wheat, 10; rejected wheat, 7; no grade wheat, 1; No. 2 winter wheat, 8; No. 3 winter wheat, 8; No. 2 white oats, 10; No. 3 oats, 1; No. 4 barley, 8; No. 5 barley, 2; No. 2 rye, 1; No. 1 flax, 7.

DAILY WHEAT MOVEMENT, SEPT. 23.

The following are the receipts and shipments at the principal primary wheat markets:

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
New York	1,700	.....
Philadelphia	7,330	15,889
Baltimore	14,277	.....
Chicago	146,000	26,015
Duluth	32,400	27,000
Minneapolis	359,100	61,110

GRAIN IN REGULAR LOCAL ELEVATORS.

Wheat—	Week Ending Sept. 17.	Week Ending Sept. 24.
No. 1 northern	724,087	682,193
No. 2 northern	22,805	17,695
Rejected	8,501	.....
Special bin	833,573	771,491
Totals	1,589,056	1,471,881
Decrease	.....	117,675
Corn	7,531	7,531
Oats	2,251,228	3,160,530
Barley	399,428	533,288
Rye	38,566	74,969
Flax	38,002	104,552

GRAIN TRADE GOSSIP

Australian wheat shipments this week, 480,000 bu; last week, 1,000,000 bu.

Spencer and the St. Louis crowd buying wheat. Armour reported selling December wheat.

Looks like 750,000 bu increase in visible Monday, against 1,312,000 increase last year.

Comstock and Pringle buying corn.

Buying some wheat on rumor that Russian-English relations are strained.

Ware heavy seller of May wheat.

Liverpool close: Wheat, ⅛d higher; corn, ¼d higher.

Kansas City wired: "Stocks of wheat in Kansas City this week decreased 79,000 bu. Be worse than that next week."

Russell wired from Des Moines: "Weather warm and windy; corn maturing rapidly. I will take trip thru country this afternoon; report Monday morning."

Following from Mr. Cargill, president Trans-Mississippi Grain Co., Omaha: "Nothing new; rain last night; weather fine for corn this morning."

Kansas City—Shipper here just paid $1.05 for car No. 3 hard. This is highest price of the season for this grade.

Milwaukee—There was a lot of flour sold here yesterday.

Kansas City—Cloudy; rain last night.

St. Louis—Clear, pleasant.

Omaha—Clear, pleasant; had good rain last night.

Clearances, wheat and flour, 63,000 bu; corn, 4,000; oats, 20,000.

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RANGE OF WHEAT PRICE IN MINNEAPOLIS

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close. Today.	Close. Yesterday.	Close. Year Ago.
Sept..	$1.16½	$1.17½	$1.16½	$1.17½	$1.16½	$ .84¾
Dec..	1.14½	1.16	1.14	1.15⅝	1.15	.76⅝
May..	1.15⅜@½	1.17	1.14⅞	1.16½	1.15¾@⅞	....
Minneapolis Oats—						
Sept..	....	....	....	.28½	.29	....
Dec...	....	....	....	.29½	.30	....
May..	.31⅛	.31½	.31	.31½	.30⅞	....

THE DAY'S REPORTS

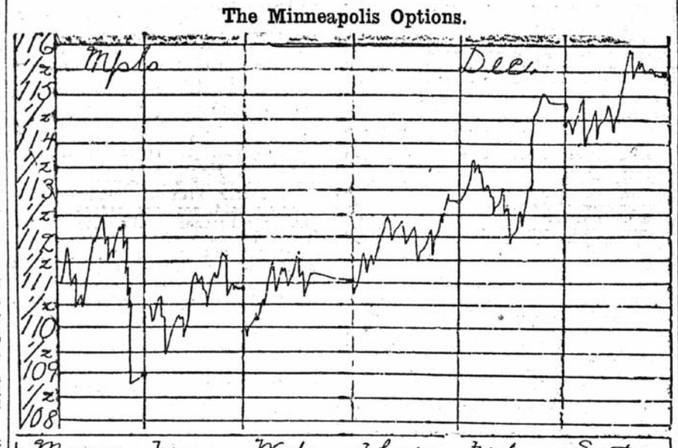
	—December Wheat— Close. Today.	Close. Yesterday.	—May Wheat— Close. Today.	Close. Yesterday.
Minneapolis	$1.15⅝	$1.15	$1.16½	$1.15¾@⅞
Chicago	1.14⅛	1.13¾@⅞	1.15¼@⅜	1.14⅝@½
Duluth	1.13⅝	1.13¼	1.16⅛	1.15½
St. Louis	1.18⅞	1.17⅞	1.18¾	1.16⅞
Kansas City	1.02¾	1.02½	1.04¼	1.03¾
New York	1.16¼	1.15⅞	1.15¾	1.15⅞

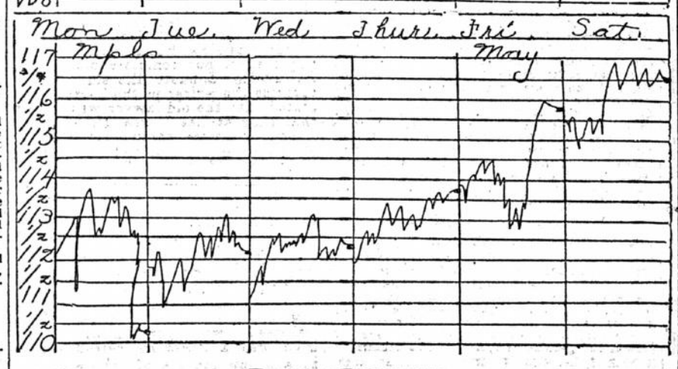
CLOSING CASH PRICES

On Track—No. 1 hard, $1.20⅝; No. 1 northern, $1.18⅝; No. 1 macaroni, 93c; No. 2 northern, $1.15⅝; No. 3 wheat, $109⅜@1.11⅜; No. 3 white oats, 29¼c; No. 2 rye, 74¼c; No. 1 northern, to arrive, $1.18⅜; No. 2 northern, to arrive, $1.15⅛; No. 1 flax, $1.14½; No. 3 yellow corn, 49¾c; Barley, 35c to 48c.

RANGE OF PRICES FOR THE WEEK

The Minneapolis Options.





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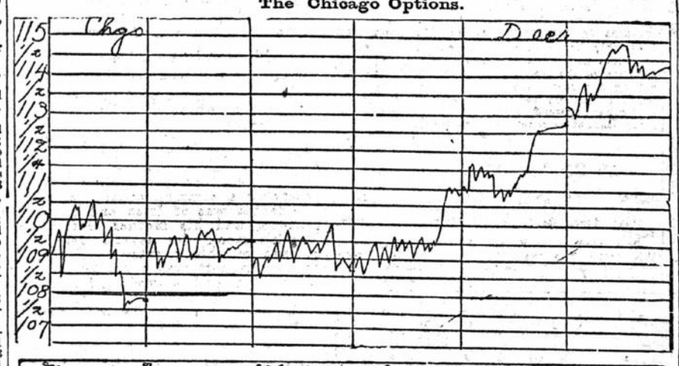

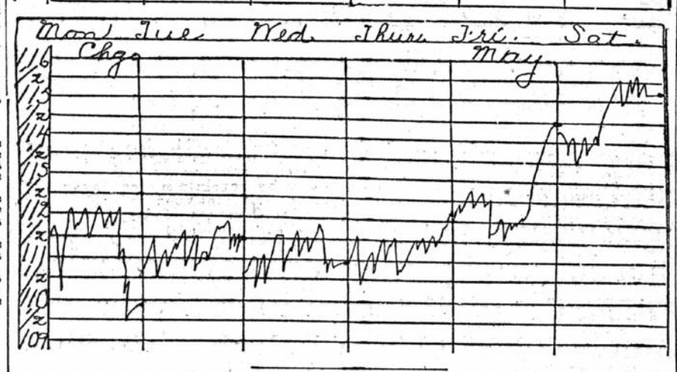

CHICAGO GRAIN

SELLING CAUSED DECLINE OF DECEMBER AND MAY WHEAT.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—General liquidation caused a decline of about a cent in the price of both December and May wheat here today. The selling was mainly the result of the unresponsive tone of foreign grain markets, cables being barely steady in the face of the sharp advance here yesterday. Another factor that contributed to the weak undertone was a report of the Canadian minister of the interior to the effect that the rust and frost damage reports from the northwest had been greatly exaggerated. After opening ⅝@¾c to 1¼c lower, at $1.12½ to $1.13⅛, December advanced to $1.13⅞ on covering by shorts. Renewed profit-taking, however, again forced the price back to $1.12⅞. May opened a shade higher to ⅝@¾c lower, at $1.13¾ to $1.14⅛. After selling off to $1.13½@1.13⅝, the price rallied to $1.14, but again reacted to $1.13½. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 838 cars, against 699 cars last week and 877 cars a year ago.

During the last hour the market became active and strong, an advance at St. Louis being one of the main factors in the situation here. The late strength of corn also had a bullish effect on the wheat market. On the rally December sold up to $1.14⅛ and May to $1.15¾. Much of the gain was lost on profit taking, but the market closed firm with December at $1.14@1.14⅛, a net gain of ¼c. May closed with a gain of ⅞c at $1.15¼@1.15⅜.

Cash wheat. No. 2 red, $1.18¾; No. 3 red, $1.14⅛@1.16½; No. 2 hard, $1.15@1.18; No. 3 hard, $1.03@1.11; No. 1 northern, $1.22; No. 2 northern, $1.18@1.20; No. 3 spring, $1.5.

Close: Wheat, $1.12½; old, $1.15; December, $1.14@1.14⅛; May, $1.14¼@1.14⅜. z

The weakness of wheat had a depressing influence on the corn market, but there was no great amount of selling. Rains thruout the west had a bullish influence on the market. December opened ¼@⅜c to ⅜c lower at 49⅞@50c to 50c. After advancing to 50⅜@50½c the price settled back to 50c. Local receipts were 218 cars, with 21 of contract grade.

A bullish report of a well-known crop expert changed the sentiment from weakness to strength, the market ruling strong the last hour. After advancing to 51¼c, December closed at 51⅛@51¼c, a net gain of ⅞c for the day.

Close: Corn, September, 52¾c; December, 51⅛@51¼c; May, 49¾c. Cash corn, No. 2, 52½@53c; No. 3, 52@52½c.

An easier tone prevailed in the oats market in sympathy with the weakness of other grains. The volume of trading was light. December opened unchanged to ⅛c higher, at 30⅞@31c, and sold off to 30⅝c. Local receipts were 142 cars.

Close: Oats, September, 30⅛c; December, 31¼c; May, 33½c; cash oats, No. 2, 31c; No. 3, 30½c.

The following was the range of prices:

Wheat—	Sept.	Dec.	May.
Opening	1.11⅝	1.13⅛@½	1.13¾@1.14¼
Highest	1.12⅝	1.14⅞	1.15¾
Lowest	1.10¾	1.12½	1.13½
Close—			
Today	1.12½	1.14⅛	1.15¼@⅜
Yesterday	1.11	1.13⅞@⅞	1.14⅜@½
Year ago	.76⅝	.77½	.78¾@⅞
Corn—			
Opening	52@52⅛	50	48⅞@49
Highest	52¾	51¼	49⅞
Lowest	51¾	49⅞@50	48¾
Close—			
Today	52¾	50¼@¼	49¾
Yesterday	52	50⅛@⅜	49¼@¼
Year ago	45⅜@⅞	46¼	46⅛
Oats—			
Opening	.....	30⅝@31	33¼@½
Highest	30⅛	31⅛@¼	33⅝
Lowest	29⅝	30½	33
Close—			
Today	30⅛	31⅛	33½
Yesterday	31⅛	30⅞	33¼@⅜
Year ago	37⅝ 37⅛	37⅝	38

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS

DULUTH GRAIN, Sept. 24.—Wheat showed another improvement today, selling up to $1.14 for December and closing ⅜c above yesterday at $1.13⅝. It opened ⅜c off at $1.12⅞ and hit the low price at $1.12¾ several times. The market grey very strong toward the close. Flax was dull and unchanged except for minor fractions. Receipts: Wheat, 324 cars; flax, 41; oats, 66; rye, 9; barley, 122. Shipments: Wheat, 3,300 bu; oats, 5,359; barley, 2,745. Cars on track, 425.

Close: Wheat, cash, No. 1 northern, $1.19; No. 2 northern, $1.13¾; to arrive, No. 1 northern, $1.17⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.13¾; September, $1.19; December, $1.13⅝; May, $1.16¼. Flax, cash, $1.16½; October, $1.16¼; November, $1.16; December, $1.15¾; May, $1.18¼. Oats, 30½c. Rye, 77c.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN, Sept. 24.—Close: Wheat higher; September, $1.04½; December, $1.04; May, $1.05@1.05⅛; cash, No. 2 hard, $1.06@1.08; No. 3, $1.03@1.06; No. 4, 94c@$1.01; rejected, 86@95c; No. 2 red, $1.08@1.10; No. 3, $1.04@1.08; No. 4, 96c@$1.04. Corn steady; September, 46½c; December, 44½@44⅝c; May, 44½@44⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 47½c; No. 3, 47¼@47½c; No. 2 white, 48c; No. 3, 47½c.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN, Sept. 24.—Close: Wheat, higher; No. 2 red, cash elevator, $1.18⅝; track, $1.21; December, $1.13⅝; May, $1.18½; No. 2 hard, $1.11@1.13. Corn, higher; No. 2 cash, 50c; cash, 50c; track, 51½c; December, 47½@47⅝c; May, 47⅝c. Oats, stronger; No. 2 cash, 31c; track, 32c; December, 31⅜c; May, 33½c; No. 2 white, 33¼@33½c.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND FLOUR, Sept. 24.—Flour, receipts, 19,367; sales, 1,200; market quiet. Wheat, receipts, 17,900; sales, 1,000,000 bu; sharp break at the opening under foreign selling but later rallied on scare of December shorts ruling irregular all morning; September, $1.15¾@1.16⅞; December, $1.15@1.16⅝; May, $1.14⅞@1.16. Rye, nominal. Corn, receipts, 16,125; dull and featureless. Oats, receipts, 75,000; nominal.

Close—Wheat, September, $1.16¼; December, $1.16¼; May, $1.15¾. Corn, September, 57⅞c; December, 57⅛c.

MILWAUGEE GRAIN AND FLOUR, Sept. 24.—Flour, 5c higher, active. Wheat, higher; No. 1 northern, $1.20@1.21; No. 2 northern, $1.17@1.19; May, $1.15¼@1.15⅝ asked. Rye, 1c higher; No. 1, 78½c. Barley, weak; No. 2, 57c; sample, 34@54c. Oats, ½c lower; standard, 32c. Corn, dull; No. 3, 52@53c; May, 49⅝@49¾c asked.

Wheat—Puts, $1.13¼ bid; calls, $1.18 asked. Corn—Puts, 49½c bid; calls, 50⅝c.

WINNIPEG GRAIN, Sept. 24.—It was a dull, strong market. Opening—October, $1.01¾; December, $1; May, $1.05. Close—September, $1.03½; October, $1.02⅞; December, 99½c; May, $1.04¾. Cash—No. 1 northern, $1.03½; No. 2 northern, $1; No. 3 northern, 94¾c; No. 4, 83½c; No. 1 fede, 66c; No. 2 feed, 51c. Receipts, 65 cars; years ago, 80.

CHICAGO COARSE GRAIN AND SEED, Sept. 24.—Rye, Sept, 75c; December, 76c; May, 78½c. Flax, cash, northwest, $1.15½; southwest, $1.09; September, $1.09; December, $1.11. Timothy, September, $2.75; October, $2.70@2.75; March, $2.90. Clover, September, $11.85. Barley, cash, 37@54c.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN, Sept. 24.—Close: Wheat, spot, nominal; futures, quiet; September, 7s 5¾d; December, 7s 7⅛d. Corn, spot, easy; American mixed, 4s 6d; futures, dull; September, 4s 6⅛d; December, 4s 6¼d.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW YORK COTON, SEPT. 24.—The cotton market opened at a decline of 1@4 points and ruled very quiet around that level to a little lower during the entire first hour. The opening decline was rather a poor response to higher cables and good weather, but while smaller longs wer taking profits there was some covering and moderate bull support. Receipts for the day were moderately full and very large port movement is expected next week, which, however, is expected to be offset by correspondingly heavy exports. Sentiment around the ring was still nervous and the tedency among the smaller traders, apparently was to even up rates than enter into fresh commitments.

Cotton futures opened firm: September, 10.75@10.79c; October, 10.72c; November, 10.72c; December, 10.79c; January, 10.80c; March, 10.90c; April, 10.92c bid; May, 10.93c; June, 10.95c bid; July, 10.95c bid.

Cotton futures closed steady: September, 10.78c; October, 10.67c; November, 10.75c; January, 10.76c; February, 10.80c; March, 10.85c; April, 10.87c; May, 10.89c.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands, 11.20c; middling gulf, 11.45c; sales, 475 bales.

NEW YORK, SUGAR AND COFFEE, Sept. 24.—Sugar, raw, firm; fair refining, 3¾c; centrifugal 96 test, 4 5-16c; molasses sugar, 3½c; refined, quiet; crushed, 5.95c; powdered, 5.35c; granulated, 5.25c. Coffee, steady; No. 7 Rio, 8½c. Molasses, steady; New Orleans, 31@35c.

NEW YORK OIL, Sept. 24.—Petroleum, steady; refined, all ports, 7.90@7.95c.

A Liverpool house, replying to an inquiry regarding the rumored reducelon of the French wheat duty, cables us that there is no truth in the rumor, that the matter is merely talk, and it is improbable that the duty will be lowered, certainly not until the end of the crop year. The French market are already on an import basis for Indian and Australian wheat.

WOMAN BALLOONIST DROWNED.

Phillipsburg, Kan., Sept. 24.—A balloon ascension and parachute leap here has resulted in the drowning of Mrs. S. B. Hendricks in the Rock Island lake. When above the pond Mrs. Hendricks made the leap, thinking that she could swing the parachute away from the pond, but her efforts failed and she was buried under the parachute in twenty feet of water and a hundred feet away from the nearest shore.

"Do you sell many of 'em?" he was asked.

"All I kin git, suh," was the reply. "De po folks buys 'em fer de babies, kaze dey outlas' de tin rattles, en in mo' homelike!

EXCITEMENT IN UNION PACIFIC

UNITED STATES STEEL HAS A PART IN THE FUN.

Rest of the Market Rather Languid at the Opening—Small Gains on Light Dealings the Rule—Atchison Preferred Showed Activity.

New York, Sept. 24.—The trading in Union Pacific and United States Steel preferred today was somewhat excited, but the interest in the general stock market was languid.

There were generally small gains on light dealings. A hundred shares of United States Steel preferred sold at 67¾c, followed by 4,000 shares on quotations of from 68 to 68⅝. Last night's final price was 67½. There were also 4,000 shares of Union Pacific at 101⅛ and 100⅞, compared with 101 last night.

A few stocks absorbed the bulk of speculative attention, notably the Atchisons, United States Steel stocks, Reading and St. Paul. All of these made higher prices. Atchison preferred showed unusual activity and rose 1¾ to 101. The common gained ⅞ and St. Paul and Reading ½. United States Steel rose to 17⅝ and the preferred was freely taken at 68½. Union Pacific lagged and ruled slightly under yesterday's closing.

Large buying was discontinued, but prices were well held until the appearance of the bank statement, when they yielded slightly. There were gains of 1 to 1½ for Rock Island preferred, Toledo, St. Louis & Western preferred, General Electric, Consolidated Gas, Pump and Pacific Mail. Metropolitan Securities lost 2⅜ and Metropolitan Street Railway 1⅝. In the general list, gains were about wiped out, and Union Pacific declined a large fraction. The closing was slightly irregular.

Stock quotations reported for The Journal by Watson & Co., brokers, Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis:

Closing figures are bid.

Sales.	Stocks—	High-est.	Low-est.	—Close— Bid. Sept24	Bid. Sept23
1,100	Am. Cot. Oil..	32⅝	32½	32½	32¾
	do pr	.....	.....	90	90
200	Am. Car	23⅛	23	23	22½
100	do pr	.....	.....	80½	80
800	Am. Locomot	.....	.....	26	25⅝
100	do pr	.....	.....	95¼	95¼
300	Am. Ice	7⅜	7⅛	7⅜	7
1,100	do pr	28⅝	28⅛	28½	28⅛
	Am. Linseed	.....	.....	11½	.....
	do pr	.....	.....	30	.....
	Am. Sugar	130½	130¼	130¼	130¼
	do pr	.....	.....	132	.....
2,900	Am. Smelting.	67⅝	66½	66½	66⅝
	do pr	108	107½	107½	107½
5,700	Amal. Cop	58	57⅝	57½	57¾
	Anacon. Cop	.....	.....	93	91
34,200	At.,Top.& S.F.	83⅛	82¼	82½	82⅛
13,300	do pr	101	99⅝	100¾	99⅞
2,400	Balt. & Ohio..	88½	88⅛	88⅛	88⅝
100	do pr	.....	.....	93	93
2,800	Brook. R. T..	55	54½	54¼	54⅝
	Canadian Pac.	.....	.....	127	127
3,000	Ches. & Ohio..	.....	.....	41¾	41¾
	Chi. & Alton..	.....	.....	39½	39½
	do pr	.....	.....	81	.....
	Corn Products.	.....	.....	13½	13⅝
	do pr	.....	.....	68½	67
	C C C & St L	.....	.....	78¾	.....
	Chi. Terminal.	.....	.....	6½	6½
	do pr	.....	.....	15⅝	15⅝
900	Col. F. & I..	.....	.....	34½	34½
800	Col. Southern.	20⅛	19¾	19¾	19¾
	do 1st pr...	.....	.....	51¼	51
	do 2d pr...	.....	.....	26¾	27
	C. H. C. & I.	12⅞	12¾	12⅞	12¾
3,400	Con. Gas	204½	203½	204½	203½
	Con. Tob. pr.	125¼	125	125	124¾
300	Del. & Hudson.	167¼	166½	166½	166½
	D., L. & W...	.....	.....	280	280
	Den. & R. G.	.....	.....	28½	28⅞
	do pr	.....	.....	81½	82¼
6,200	Erie	30⅝	30⅜	30⅜	30½
300	do 1st pr...	.....	.....	66⅝	66⅝
400	do 2d pr...	45⅞	45½	45½	45⅝
800	Gen. Electric.	170¼	168½	170	167½
	Greene C. C..	.....	.....	15⅞	.....
	Hocking Val..	.....	.....	79	79
	do pr	.....	.....	89	88
	Illinois Central	.....	.....	138¼	138⅜
100	Iowa Central	.....	.....	22½	.....
	do pr	.....	.....	42½	.....
1,400	Inter. Paper .	17¼	16⅝	16⅝	.....
	do pr	.....	.....	74½	.....
	K. C. & South..	.....	.....	24½	23½
	do pr	.....	.....	46	46
3,500	Louis & Nash	124¼	124	124	123⅞
300	M St. P. & S	.....	.....	74	73¾
	do pr	.....	.....	129	129
	Manhattan	.....	.....	154	153½
8,300	Met. St. Ry..	120	118⅜	118½	119⅞
	Met. Securities	80	77⅞	78	80
600	Missouri Pac .	97	96⅞	96⅞	96⅞
300	M., K. & T..	23⅞	23¾	23¾	23⅞
100	do pr	.....	.....	48½	48½
1,300	Mexican Cent	13¾	13⅛	13¼	13⅜
	Mex. Nat	.....	.....	23⅞	23¾
500	Nat. Biscuit .	48⅛	48	48	.....
	do pr	.....	.....	109	.....
1,000	Nat. Lead	24	23¾	23¾	.....
	do pr	.....	.....	94	.....
1,000	Norfolk & W	68	67¾	67¾	68½
	do pr	.....	.....	90	.....
	North Am. Co.	95⅛	95¼	95¼	94½
	Nor. Securities	103½	103¼	103¼	103½
	Northwestern	.....	.....	185	185
500	N. Y. Central.	126¼	126	126	126¼
11,800	Ontario & W.	35½	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝
	Pressed Steel..	.....	.....	32	32
	do pr	.....	.....	78½	78
1,300	Pac. Mail	35	34¼	34¾	33⅞
18,700	Penn. R. R..	131¼	130¼	131⅛	130⅝
400	People's Gas..	102¾	102½	102½	102½
	Pullman	.....	.....	215	.....
18,800	Reading	67	66¼	66¾	66¼
100	do 1st pr...	.....	.....	84⅞	84⅞
100	do 2d pr...	.....	.....	75⅞	75
100	Repub. Steel..	.....	.....	8	8¼
	do pr	.....	.....	43½	43½
	Rubber Goods.	.....	.....	19⅛	19⅛
	do pr	.....	.....	81	81
4,800	Rock Island..	27¼	27	27	27
100	do pr	.....	.....	70¼	70¼
	St.L.&S.F.2 pr	.....	.....	58¼	58¾
100	St. L. & S. W.