AS TO TABLE VIANDS.

Dairy Products Are Climbing Up, and Fruits on the Wane.

POTATOES AND TOMATOES EASIER.

The Fish and Oyster Supply Still Falls Below the Demand.

IMPROVED TRADE IN FLORAL LINES

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, October 4, 1889.

The marked features of the past week's trade in market basket materials were the advance in all dairy products, and the falling off of fruits. Peaches and melons are practically at their end for the season. The few peaches still on the market are anything but choice. The only fruit in full supply is the fruit of the vine.

Tomatoes and potatoes, in a jobbing way, are lower than they were a week ago; but the reduction has not materially affected the price to the consumer. There has been no frost, so far, which has affected tomato vines in this vicinity, and the result is that prices are a shade lower than a week ago.

Shortage in Fish and Oysters.

The supply of fish and oysters is still short of the demand, but is better than it was a week ago. White fish and large salmon are particularly short, owing to the light catch on Eastern shores. The catch of small salmon and herring has improved in the past few days, and stalls are fairly well supplied in these lines. One of our leading dealers reports that he finds it exceedingly difficult the past few weeks to meet the demands of trade, and, while the supply is better than it was a week ago, there is still difficulty in meeting the wants of customers.

Oysters can hardly fail to advance within a few days, as it has become next to impossible to meet the restaurant demand for choice grades.

Poultry of all kinds is scarce and firm. Peddlers who traverse the section within 50 miles of Pittsburg report that they have not known the time when poultry was so scarce in this region. Choice butter keeps moving upward, and the prospects are that prices will soon reach the old-time standard, in spite of the drop through the summer months.

Meats Like Ancient Laws.

Staple meats are like the laws of the Medes and Persians; they change not, though prime steers are fully 2 per cent. below the price of a year ago.

In floral lines trade is steadily improving. A number of prominent weddings this week have brought special demands on the trade, and the prospects are that next week will still be better. Prices are advancing, and now that the season is fairly opened with good prospects, there is little doubt that society events the coming months will make heavy demands on this important department of trade.

Following are the retail prices of market-basket materials, as furnished by leading dealers:

Meats.

The best cuts of tenderloin steak range from 20 to 25c, with last figure for very fancy, which are very often no better than the 20c article; sirloin, best cuts, from 18 to 20c; standing rib roast, from 15 to 20c; chuck roast, 10 to 12c; best round steaks, 15c; boiling beef, 5 to 8c; sweet breads, 20 to 50c per pair; beef kidneys, 10c apiece; beef liver, 5c a pound; calf livers, 25c apiece; corned beef from 5 to 10c per pound. Veal for stewing commands 10c; roast, 12½ to 15c; cutlets, 20c per pound; spring lambs, fore quarter, 10 to 12c; hind quarters, 15c. A leg of mutton, hind quarter, of prime quality, brings 12½c; fore quarter, 8c; loin of mutton, 15c; giblets, 5c per pound.

Vegetables and Fruit.

Potatoes, 15c per half peck; Jersey sweet potatoes, 25c per half peck; egg plants, 10 to 25c; tomatoes, 25c per half peck; cabbage, 5 to 10c; bananas, 20 to 25c a dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; lemons, 25 to 35c per dozen; oranges, 50c; lettuce, 5c per bunch, 6 for 25c; radishes, 5c per bunch; cucumbers, 5c apiece; beets, 3 for 10c; cauliflowers, 15 to 35c a head; string beans, 20c a half peck; golden wax beans, 25c a half peck; onions, 20 to 35c a half peck; new Spanish onions, 5 to 10c each; pie pumpkins, 10 to 35c, according to size; peas, 20c per quarter peck; Catawbas, 6 to 7c; Delaware grapes, 8 to 10c; Concord grapes, 5 to 7c per pound; peaches, 25 to 30c per quarter peck; pineapples, 20 to 35c; turnips, 25c per half peck; spinach, 20c per half peck; cranberries, 15c a quart; Lima beans, 20c a quart.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Choice creamery butter, 35c. Good country butter, 32c. Fancy pound rolls, 35c.

The ruling retail price for eggs is 22c.

The range for dressed chickens is 75c to $1 25 per pair. Turkeys, 20c per pound. Prairie chickens, $1 00 a pair; ducks, $1 00 to $1 25 per pair; reed birds, $1 00 per dozen; jacksnipes, $2 50 per dozen.

Fish in Season.

Following are the articles in this line on the stalls, with prices: Lake salmon, 12½c; California salmon, 40c pound; white fish, 12½c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; Spanish mackerel, 30c to 35c a pound; sea salmon, 40c a pound; blue fish, 25 to 30c; perch, 10c; halibut, 25c; rock bass, 30c; black bass, 20c; lake trout, 12½c; lobsters, 25c; green sea turtle, 28c; mackerel, 20c small, 40c large. Oysters: N. Y. counts, $1 75 per gallon; clams, $1 25 per gallon; scollops, 50c a quart; frogs, $2 00 per dozen; soft shell crabs, 75c per dozen; devil crabs, 85c per dozen.

Flowers.

La France roses, $1 25@1 50 per dozen; Bride roses, $1 25 per dozen; Perles, $1 00 per dozen; Niphetos, $1 00 per dozen; Bennetts, $1 50 per dozen; American Beauty, 35c apiece; Mermets, $1 25 per dozen; carnations, 50c a dozen; Maiden Hair fern, 50c per doz. fronds; gladiolus, 50c per dozen; lily of the valley, $2 per dozen.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The Condition of Business at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, October 4, 1889.

CATTLE—Receipts, 6,400 head; shipments, 520 head; market, nothing doing; all through consignments; no cattle shipped to New York to-day.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,900 head; shipments, 3,700 head; market very dull; best corn-fed Yorkers, $4 50@4 70; common and fair Yorkers, $4 35@4 75; medium and heavy hogs, $4 50@4 60; 12 cars of cattle shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,600 head; shipments, 2,600 head; market dull at unchanged prices.

By Telegraph.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle—Receipts, 5,011 head; shipments, 4,180 head; choice natives, dressed fat and shippers steers strong and a shade higher; common to best about steady; grass range steers slow and weak; cows, Texas and native, about steady; stockers and feeding steers firm; good to choice corn-fed steers, $4 00@4 25; common to medium, $2 70@3 90; stockers and feeding steers, $1 60@3 15; cows, $1 35@2 50; grass range steers, $1 60@2 60. Hogs—Receipts, 5,600 head; shipments, 2,311 head; market strong and 5@10c higher; good to choice light, $4 10@4 20; heavy and mixed, $3 80@4 05. Sheep—Receipts, 415 head; shipments, none; market steady; supply chiefly New Mexicans; good to choice muttons, $3 75@4 25; stockers and feeders, $2 00@3 00.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 62 carloads for market; 46 carloads for exportation, dead; good cattle firmer and a fraction higher; ordinary to fair offerings about steady; native steers sold at from $3 30@4 65, with one carload at $4 75; fair bulls at $2 35@2 50. Calves—Receipts, 550 head; market reported dull at 2@2½c per pound for grassers, 3@4c for mixed western lots and 5@7c for veals. Sheep—Receipts, 1,200 head, and 1,000 head were carried over from yesterday; market steady; sheep sold at 3½@4½c. Hogs—Receipts, 3,240 head; a bunch of light hogs changed hands alive at $5 10 per 100 pounds, and the market is reported steady at $4 50@5 10 for fair to good.

CHICAGO—The *Drovers' Journal* reports: Cattle—Receipts, 14,000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market dull; 10c lower; choice to extra beeves, $4 50@4 60; steers, $2 80@4 25; stockers and feeders, $1 75@3 00; cows, bulls and mixed, $1 00@2 75; Texas cattle, $1 35@2 85; Western rangers, $2 40@3 75. Hogs—Receipts, 22,000 head; shipments, 8,500 head; market slow, closing lower; mixed, $3 90@4 45; heavy, $3 85@4 25; light, $3 90@4 70; skips, $3 50@4 10. Sheep—Receipts, 8,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market weak; natives, $2 50@4 50; Western, $3 40@4 00; Texans, $3 00@4 10; lambs, $4 00@5 80.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market steady; choice heavy native steers, $3 90@4 40; fair to good do, $3 40@4 00; stockers and feeders, $2 00@2 60; range steers, $2 10@2 70. Hogs—Receipts, 2,800 head; shipments, 6,300 head; market strong; fair to choice heavy, $3 80@4 15; packing grades, $3 75@4 10; light, fair to best, $4 15@4 25. Sheep—Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 2,500 head; market firm; fair to choice, $3 10@4 40.

BUFFALO—Cattle dull, unchanged; receipts, 62 loads through; sale, 12. Hogs slow, lower; receipts, 40 loads through, 50 sale; mediums and heavy, $4 40@4 60; corn Yorkers, $4 50@4 60; Michigan Yorkers, $4 40@4 50; pigs, $3 50@3 55.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

No Snap in the Wheat Pit—Bearish News From the Northwest—A Steadier Tone Developed at the Close—Pork Flat.

CHICAGO—The wheat market was again lacking in snap and devoid of sensational features to-day. Opening figures were on a level with yesterday's closings, and, after numerous and frequent fluctuations within ⅜c limits, December selling up to 82¾c, off to 81¾c and back to 82¾c again, the market appeared to get into a rut, out of which it could not be dislodged by either side. Although prices averaged for the day fractionally above yesterday's closing quotations, the undertone was weak, and surface indications were bearish.

The reported arrivals of over 700 cars of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth, and a dispatch saying that Minneapolis millers had reduced their buying prices 1c in the country, had a depressing effect here. The realizing sales early and slump to 81¾c, December, proved to be the only feature of the forenoon. A little spurt just at the close carried prices to the outside figures of the day, and the market at the adjournment showed a net gain of ½@⅝c.

Corn ruled quiet the greater part of the session with occasional periods of temporary activity. The feeling developed was steady and prices averaged a shade lower compared with yesterday. Trading was mainly of a local character and fluctuations confined within narrow limits.

Oats were slow and easier, with trading chiefly local. No outside influences were brought to bear and transactions are mainly at slightly below yesterday's closing figures.

Trading in mess pork was very light. Prices ruled slightly higher, and the market closed quiet at inside figures.

Very little was doing in lard, and the market ruled steadier. Prices ruled about 2½c higher and the market closed steady.

Short ribs attracted very little attention, and trading was light. Prices ruled firmer and 2½@5c higher, and the market closed steady.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT — No. 2 December, 82⅜@82¾@81¾@82⅝c; year, 80⅝@80⅝@80⅛@80½c; May, 84¾@85⅛@84½@85⅛c.

CORN—No. 2, November, 31⅝@31¾@31⅛@31½c; December, 31⅛@31¼@31@31⅛c; May, 33⅝@33¾@33⅛@33½c.

OATS—No. 2, December, 19¾@19¾@19⅝@19½c; January, 20@20@19¼@19⅛c; May, 22⅝@22⅝@22⅛@22½c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—November, $9 40@9 42½ @ 9 37½@9 37½; year, $9 02½@9 20@$9 02½@$9 05; January, $9 22½@9 25@9 22½@9 25.

LARD, per 100 lbs.—November, $5 90@5 92½@5 90@5 92½; year, $5 85@5 90@5 82@5 90; January, $5 87½@5 90@$5 87½@5 90.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 lbs.—November, $4 85@4 85@4 80@4 80; January, $4 72½@4 75@4 72½@$4 75.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 80⅝@80½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 67@68c; No. 2 red, 80⅝@80½c. No. 2 corn, 30½c. No. 2 oats, 19⅝@19½c. No. 2 rye, 41½c. No. 2 barley, 64c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 27½. Prime timothy seed, $1 23. Mess pork, per bbl, $10 50@10 75. Lard, per 100 pounds, $6 10@6 20. Short ribs sides (loose), $5 05@5 10. Sugars unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 17,000 barrels; wheat, 61,000 bushels; corn, 236,000 bushels; oats, 251,000 bushels; rye, 20,000 bushels; barley, 89,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 10,000 barrels; wheat, 90,000 bushels; corn, 318,000 bushels; oats, 177,000 bushels; rye, 16,000 bushels; barley, 45,000 bushels.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was unchanged. Eggs, 17@17½c.

NEW YORK—Flour moderately active and unchanged. Cornmeal dull. Wheat—Spot irregular, closing at 76c, stronger; options dull and ⅛@¼c higher, closing steady. Rye quiet; western, 40@52c. Barley dull. Barley malt quiet; rowed, 75@82½c. Corn fairly active; options dull and ⅛@⅜c lower and weak. Oats—Spot active and firm; options fairly active and steady. Hops quiet and easy. Coffee—Options opened barely steady at 10@15 points down; closed with near months strong and far months barely steady and 20@25 points down; sales 41,250 bags, including October, 15.60@15.70c; November, 15.50@15.65c; December, 15.50@15.70c; January, 15.50@15.65c; March, 15.50@15.65c; April, 15.60c; May, 15.55@15.65; June, 15.60c; July, 15.60c; August, 15.50c; September, 15.45c; spot Rio weak; fair cargoes, 19½c. Sugar—Raw quiet and weak; refined ⅛c lower and in better demand; C, 6@6⅛c; extra C, 6¼@6⅜c; white extra C, 6⅝@6⅞c; yellow, 6@6⅛c; off A, 7@7 3-16c; mould A, 7½c; standard A, 7⅝c; confectioners, 7⅝c; cut loaf, 8c; crushed, 8c; powdered, 8c; granulated, 7⅞c. Molasses—New Orleans dull. Rice quiet. Cottonseed oil quiet. Tallow—City, 4⅝c bid. Rosin firm; light stock; strained, common to good, $1 05@1 10. Turpentine quiet at 48½@49c. Eggs easy and quiet; western, 20½@21c; receipts, 4,069 packages. Pork firm; mess, $12 50@12 75. Cutmeats steady; sales of pickled bellies, 10 pounds, 7½@7⅝c. Middles quiet and firm. Lard stronger and quiet; sales, 400 tierces; western steam, $6 60, closing at $6 60 bid; 500 tierces C and F, November delivery, $6 35; October, $6 55 bid; November, $6 37 bid; December, $6 30; January, $6 27@6 30, closing at $6 30 bid; February, $6 35; March, $6 37, closing at $6 39; city steam, $6 20@6 25. Butter quiet and less steady on fine; western dairy, 9@14c; do creamery, 12@25½c; do held at 12@20c; do factory, 7½@13c. Cheese weak and quiet; western, 8@9½c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour dull and weak. Wheat—Cash and October firm under light offerings and a fair demand from millers, but speculation very tame and futures beyond this month weak and ¼@½c lower; ungraded, in export elevator, 86c; No. 2 red, in export elevator, 85c; choice ungraded, on track, 82c; No. 2 red, October, 82½@83c; do November, 82¾@83¾c; do December, 83⅜@84¼c; do January, 85¼c. Corn—Option market ruled steady but quiet; car lots in moderate supply and firm; sales No. 2 high mixed, in grain depot, 41c; No. 2 mixed, October, 39⅝@40⅛c; do November, 40@40¼c; December, 39½@40c; June, 39½@40c. Oats—Car lots firm and ¼@½c higher under light receipts; sales No. 3 white, 26c; do old, 26½c; No. 2 white ungraded, in depot, 27½c; futures were quiet but firm; No. 2 white, October, 26¾@27c; November, 27⅛@27¼c; December, 26¾@27c; January, 29@30c. Butter easier; Pennsylvania creamery extra, 26c; do prints, 28@31c. Eggs steady; Pennsylvania firsts, 23c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour quiet and easier. Wheat opened quiet and unsettled; then a decidedly stronger tone developed and the close was firm at ⅜@½c above yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 78c; December, 79⅞@80⅛c, closing at 80⅜@80½c bid; May, 84⅛@84½c, closing at 84½c bid. Corn lower and weak; No. 2 mixed, cash, 29½c; October, 28¼@28½c, closing at 29¼c asked; December, 28⅛@28¼c, closing at 29½c asked; year, 28½c, closing at 28¼c asked; May, 30⅝@30¾c, closing at 30⅝c. Oats lower; No. 2 cash, 18c bid; January, 20½c; May, 22⅝@22½c. Rye—No. 2, 39c. Barley quiet; sales of Minnesota at 57c; Iowa, 40c. Flaxseed steady at $1 25. Provisions quiet and essentially unchanged.

MILWAUKEE — Flour unchanged. Wheat firm; cash, 73½c; December, 76½c; No. 1 Northern, 82c. Corn unchanged; No. 3, 32c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 22½c. Rye easier; No. 1, 43½c. Barley quiet; No. 2, 65½@65¾c. Provisions firmer. Pork, $10 80. Lard, $6 00. Cheese unchanged; cheddars, 9@9½c.

BALTIMORE—Provisions steady. Butter firm; western packed, 15@18c; creamery, 23@25c. Eggs firm; western, 22c.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed active; cash and October, $3 90; November, $3 95; December, $4 00; February, $4 12½.

BRITISH IRON.

Pig Strong and Active—Steel Rails Held Very Firm.

LONDON, October 3.

Scotch Pig—A strong and active market continues with prices increased.

No. 1 Coltness	67s. 6d. f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Summerlee	66s. 0d. f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Gartsherrie	65s. 0d. f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Langloan	56s. 6d. f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Carnbroe	54s. 0d. f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Shotts	56s. 0d. f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Glengarnock	56s. 6d. at Ardrossan.
No. 1 Dalmellington	53s. 0d. at Ardrossan.
No. 1 Eglinton	53s. 0d. at Ardrossan.

Bessemer Pig—Market active and prices strong. West Coast brands quoted at 67s 6d. for Nos. 1, 2, 3, f. o. b. shipping point.

Middlesbrough Pig—This market holds firm, but business is less active. Good brands quoted at 45s. 3d. for No. 3, f. o. b.

Spiegeleisen—Active market and prices holding firm. English 20 per cent quoted at 82s. 6d. f. o. b. at works.

Steel Wire Rods—Market steady and demand fair. Mild steel, No. 6, quoted at £6 15s. f. o. b. shipping port.

Steel Rails—The demand continues good and market firm. Standard sections quoted at £5 7s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Blooms—An increasing demand holds this market firm. Bessemer 7x7 quoted £4 12s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Billets—Market continues firm and the demand fair. Bessemer (size 2¼x2¼) quoted at £5 0s. 0d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Slabs—This market is steady but demand moderate. Ordinary sizes quoted at £4 12s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Crop Ends—A moderate demand and market steady. Run of the mill quoted at £2 17s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Old Rails—The market continues firm and demand fair. Tees quoted at £3 5s. 0d., and double heads at £3 7s. 6d., c. i. f. New York.

Scrap Iron—Firm market and a fair demand. Heavy wrought quoted at £2 15s. 0d. f. o. b. shipping points.

Manufactured Iron—This market continues firm with good business.

Stafford. ord. marked bars (f.o.b. L'pool)	£8 12s 6d
" common bars	£9 0s 0d@ 7 2s 6d
" black sheet singles	0 0s 0d@ 8 15s 0d
Welsh bars, f. o. b. Wales	6 17s 6d@ 0 0s 0d

Steamer Freights—Glasgow to New York, 4s. 0d. Liverpool to New York, 10s. 0d.

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A HOWL FOR HOUSES.

Pittsburg Capitalists Reminded That There Will be Great

DEMAND FOR THEM NEXT YEAR.

Rapid Transit Causing the Suburbs to Boom and Blossom Like the Rose.

SALT WATER KNOCKING OUT OIL AND GAS

Gentlemen who propose to build houses next year, for sale or rent, should not overlook the fact that the great need is for small ones with from four to six rooms. People desiring palaces to live in are generally able to build them. It is the bone and sinew of the land—the toilers of all degrees, who touch crude material and turn it into gold—that must be provided for. They would flock here by thousands if they could buy or rent houses at prices within their reach. Such people are needed. Give them a chance to become part and parcel of this great community by building houses for them to live in. Build small houses. There will be a great demand for them next spring.

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Strangers who visit Pittsburg at intervals of a year or two notice the rapid growth of the city more than citizens. What impresses them most is the wonderful development of the suburbs. Within a few years they have passed from the primeval condition—from fields tenanted only by browsing cattle and woods devoted to picnic parties—to that of thickly settled communities, covered with fine houses and presenting all the evidences of refinement and comfort. A great deal of this growth is due to the introduction of rapid transit, without which the diffusion of population into the suburban districts would be slow, since very few, only those whose time is their own, could arrange their business so as to make it convenient for them to reside beyond the limits of the city proper. With the facilities for quick passage already possessed, and still better promised, the movement toward the outlying districts will increase in volume. People want to get out of the city, which should be entirely given up to business. Capitalists could accelerate this movement by building several thousand small and medium-sized houses. They would quickly find buyers or renters for all they could put up.

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The oil and gas operators of Northwestern Ohio are having serious trouble with the salt water, which, as the field grows older and the draft upon its resources becomes greater, seems to be increasing everywhere as a disturbing element, and many devices have been tried to obviate this difficulty, but thus far without success. The oil wells can be relieved by pumping the salt water away at regular intervals, but in the case of a gas well the presence of salt water means ruin, and some of the greatest producers in the Findlay field are now practically worthless on this account. In Wood county there are a few wells that have not yet been troubled with salt water, but the vast majority have to be relieved regularly or they would produce little oil, while a large number of gas wells have been abandoned on account of its presence. The great Karg well, of Findlay, the fame of which was world-wide, is among the number.

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Sewickley, a pretty town nestling in a pretty valley 12 miles from Pittsburg, down the Fort Wayne railroad, is to have an important accession to her population. Robert B. Ivory, Esq., has purchased from W. P. Murray a lot there, 140x200 feet, on the northwest corner of Beaver and Nevin streets, for $3,500, or $35 a foot front, and will build a fine residence on it. There is a good inquiry for property in the borough, and vacant lots are being bought up very fast. The price paid by Mr. Ivory is considered very reasonable, considering the high character of the neighborhood.

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C. E. Mitchell, the Commissioner of Patents, has filed with the Secretary of the Interior the preliminary report of the operations of his bureau for the year ended June 30, 1889. There were received during the year 36,740 applications for patents, 808 applications for design patents, 101 applications for reissue patents, 1,281 applications for registration of trade marks, 772 applications for registration of labels, and 2,345 caveats, making a total of 42,047. The number of patents granted in the year, including reissues and designs, was 21,518; number of trade marks registered, 1,111; number of labels registered, 312, making a total of 22,941. The number of patents withheld for non-payment of final fees was 2,858; number of patents expired, 11,920.

The receipts from all sources for the year aggregated $1,186,557; the expenditures, including printing and binding, stationery and contingent expenses, $999,697; leaving a surplus for the year of $186,860, which makes the total amount in the United States Treasury to the credit of the patent fund, $3,524,526.

The Commissioner says that an opinion has found expression that the policy of the Patent Office in adjudicating upon questions arising in the granting of patents should conform more nearly to the decisions of the Federal courts. There can be no doubt of this view, and accordingly the Commissioner believes it would be wise for Congress to require the clerks of the Federal courts to furnish certified copies of all decisions and opinions in patent cases for publication in the official gazette.

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Every now and then the old question of establishing a real estate exchange comes to the surface in one shape or another, showing that the idea has not been abandoned. A real estate broker broached the subject yesterday and said: "I opposed the scheme at first, but have thought over it more carefully since and have come to the conclusion that it would be a good thing for the real estate business. I was bothered half to death the other day by a man who wanted to sell a house and lot. He went around among the agents to find out who would handle the property the cheapest. Then he came to me for a bid. I told him my terms, but he was not satisfied, and I had to talk very plainly to him before he would leave. If we had an exchange such worry and annoyance would be impossible. Owners would go there for a market and that would be the end of it until sales were made."

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Thos. J. Smith, living near Jackson, Mich., who owns a patent on a wire-fence machine, recently received a letter from the Globe Patent Company, of San Francisco, Cal., offering him a big price for the right to sell on the Pacific Coast, also a request that Smith should send $24 to pay for having the patent papers examined at Washington. Smith sent the money and the patent papers, but United States Express Agent Brown, thinking all was not right, telegraphed the San Francisco agent of his company to investigate. The result was the arrest of a gang of frauds, the "Globe Patent Company" being a bogus concern that has been working the schemes a long time victimizing inventors throughout the United States by receiving from them large sums of money. Smith will probably be called to California to appear against the Globe gang. Letters from the bogus concern have been received by Pittsburg inventors.

NEXT TO NOTHING.

Apathy Reigns at the Stock Exchange—Almost a Whitewash.

There was very little market at the Stock Exchange yesterday. In the morning Captain Barbour managed to find a customer for 10 shares of Airbrake at a concession from previous prices. Nothing was done in the afternoon. Everything was soft as well as dull. Sellers were plenty, but buyers few. Prices were too high for orders.

It is a mistaken idea of some people that the way to do business is to hammer things away down below their real value. A good bull is worth a dozen bears any day. Bids, offers and sales were:

	MORNING. Bid.	Asked.	AFTERNOON. Bid.	Asked.
Pitts. P. S. & M. Ex.	430	455	....	....
City Savings Bank	60	....	....	....
Diamond Nat. Bank	170	....	....	....
Southside Gas Co. Ill.	....	25	....	....
Chartiers Val. Gas Co.	49	50	....	50
Ohio Valley Gas	....	....	....	30
Pennsylvania Gas Co.	15⅝	16	15⅝	16
Philadelphia Co.	34½	35	34½	34¾
Pine Run Gas	....	....	....	90
Wheeling Gas Co.	....	....	28⅝	30
Columbia Oil Company	2¼	....	2⅝	....
Forest Oil Co.	107	....	107	....
Hazelwood Oil Co.	50	51	....	....
Tuna Oil Company	....	68	....	68
Washington Oil Co.	....	81	....	81
Central Traction	31	31¾	31¼	31½
Citizens' Traction	69	70	69	70¼
Pittsburg Traction	....	46¼	47	48
Pleasant Valley	18⅝	19½	18¾	19½
Pitts. Alle. & Man.	220	235	220	235
La Noria	⅛	⅜	⅛	⅜
Westinghouse Elec.	49½	50¾	49⅝	50½
U. S. & Sig. Co.	....	23	21	23
Union S. & S. Co. pref.	....	....	....	50
Westinghouse A. B.	113½	114	113	114

The only sale on call was that of 10 shares of Airbrake at 113¼. Henry M. Long sold 100 shares of the same stock at 114¼.

MONEY ALL RIGHT.

People Don't Want Much of It Because It is Plenty.

There was no change in the local financial situation yesterday. Borrowers made a very slight impression upon the surplus. That there is a surplus is the best evidence that there is no stringency. If there were no money people would want it.

Rates were steady at 6@7 as extremes. It would require considerable maneuvering, backed by gilt-edged names, to get it for less. Checking was heavy and depositing fair. The exchanges were $2,474,888 82 and the balances $468,405 26.

Apropos of the alarm which has been expressed by business men, the Director of the Mint has prepared a statement of the gold and silver coin in the United States at present, which shows in round numbers $617,000,000 in gold coin, $340,000,000 in silver dollars, and $76,000,000 in subsidiary silver coin, besides $64,000,000 of gold bullion held in the coffers of the Treasury as security for its equivalent in paper certificates. The statement will show that American tourists in Europe this year have drawn on their American bankers nearly $70,000,000; in fact, the statement of the Bank of France from January 1, 1889, shows an increase of $63,000,000—almost the amount exported from the United States.

John M. Oakley & Co.'s New York correspondent wired yesterday evening: "There was a further engagement of half a million of gold by August Belmont & Co., but they intimate that their order is already filled, so that unless it is renewed no more gold will go out for the present. The rate of sterling exchange does not favor exports of gold, and if it is shipped it will be special order. A general feeling of disgust in regard to speculation has seized upon traders, who are unable to guess the erratic turns to which the market is subject. It is impossible to forecast to-morrow's bank statement, and everything now seems to be in an uncertain state. Bears and bulls alike feel insecure in their position."

Money on call at New York yesterday was tight, ranging from 4 to 12, last loan 4, closed offered at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@7½. Sterling exchange quiet but weak at $4 82½ for 60-day bills, and $4 87 for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	127	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	86½
U. S. 4s, coup.	127	Mutual Union 6s	103
U. S. 4½s, reg.	109⅝	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	113
U. S. 4½s, coup.	109⅝	Northern Pac. 1sts	114½
Pacific 6s of '95	118	Northern Pac. 2ds	109¾
Louisiana stamped 4s	87	Northw'tn consols	147¼
Missouri 6s	105	Northw'n deben's	112
Tenn. new set. 6s	106½	Oregon & Trans. 6s	104
Tenn. new set. 5s	101	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	86½
Tenn. new set. 3s	73¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	116
Canada So. 2ds	96¾	St. Paul consols	126
Cen. Pacific 1sts	113½	St. Pl. Chi & Pc. 1sts	118¾
Den. & R. G., 1sts	121½	Tex., Pc. L. G. Tr. Rs	90
Den. & R. G. 4s	70¾	Tx., Pc. R. G. Tr. Rcts	37¼
D. & R. G. West, 1sts	110	Union Pac. 1sts	113½
Erie, 2ds	103⅝	West Shore	105¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	62½		

Government and State bonds were dull and steady.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $124,654,739; balances, $5,363,028.

BOSTON—Clearings, $15,431,666; balances, $1,202,249. Money at 3@4 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $11,804,654; balances, $1,578,274.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $1,643,000; balances, $215,067.

LONDON—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £29,000.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 87f 35c for the account.

CHICAGO—The demand for funds continue good, but the banks have a little better supply than they had a few days ago, and rates are a shade easier. Call money at 5@5½ per cent is more common than it was, though many of the call loans are still at 6 per cent. Time loans range at 6@7 per cent. Clearings, $12,647,000.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $3,470,059; balances, $567,257.

GONE GLIMMERING.

Petroleum a Mere Tag to the Eastern Stock Market.

Weakness in refined, depression in stocks and bearish news from Jefferson Center, of no particular importance, however, caused a weak opening of the oil market yesterday. Later on stocks rallied and oil hardened a little in sympathy. Trading was very light all along the line. The range of prices was: Opening, 98⅜c; highest, 98⅜c; lowest, 98⅜c; closing, 98⅜c. The finish was at the highest point and about steady.

The sop throw to outsiders to induce them to return to the fold has so far failed to work as desired, and room traders continue to have all the fun to themselves.

D. M. McCall has commenced developing his new oil field north of Tidioute. A derrick is already completed on the Gilmore lease and the drill started in earnest. The test well on the Wilson farm, near Wellsburg, W. Va., has been drilled to a depth of 1,000 feet and the tools are fast. There has been a showing of oil, and the prospects are that the Brooke county field will prove a good one.

Features of the Market.

Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange.

Opened	98⅜	Lowest	98⅜
Highest	98⅜	Closed	98⅜

	Barrels.
Average runs	60,409
Average shipments	89,039
Average charters	26,587

Refined, New York, 7c.
Refined, London, 5½d.
Refined, Antwerp, 17½f.
Refined, Liverpool, 6½d.

A. B. McGrew & Co. quote: Puts, 98⅜c; calls, 98½c.

Other Oil Markets.

TITUSVILLE, October 4.—National transit certificates opened at 98½c; highest, 98⅞c; lowest, 98⅜c; closed at 98⅞c.

BRADFORD, October 4.—National transit certificates opened at 98½c; closed at 98⅞c; highest, 98⅞c; lowest, 98⅜c. Clearances, 216,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, October 4.—National transit certificates opened at 98½c; highest, 98⅞c; lowest, 98¼c; closed, 98⅞c. Sales, 153,000 barrels; clearances, 422,000 barrels; charters, 62,381 barrels; shipments, 80,254 barrels; runs, 50,867 barrels.

NEW YORK, October 4.—Petroleum opened steady at 98½c, but after the first sales became dull and remained so until the afternoon; then a slight advance occurred on which the market closed firm at 98⅝c. Stock Exchange: Opening, 98⅛c; highest, 98⅜c; lowest, 98⅛c; closing, 98⅜c. Consolidated Exchange: Opening, 98⅝c; highest, 99c; lowest, 98⅝c; closing, 99c. Total sales, 283,000 barrels.

DEALS IN REALTY.

A Big Transaction on the Southside—Other Movements.

Magaw & Goff, 145 Fourth avenue, sold for R. G. Smith 17¼ acres of fine level land, close to the Pittsburg and Castle Shannon Railroad, near Reflectorville. Magaw & Goff will lay it out in lots and sell them on weekly payments for the purchaser.

Thomas McCaffrey, 3509 Butler street, sold for Mrs. Emma Tuft to John McCaully, the property corner Fortieth street and Liberty avenue, with a new brick dwelling of nine rooms, bath, etc., for $7,000. He also sold for Mrs. Rebecca Douglass to Mrs. Reagon, property on Forty-ninth, near Harrison street, lot 14x60 feet, with a frame house of five rooms, for $1,350.

Baltensperger & Williams, 154 Fourth avenue, sold to Mrs. Kate Gleisie for Hon. Alfred Marland, a neat frame dwelling of five rooms, lot 20x100, on Grandview avenue, Thirty-fifth ward, for $1,500.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold for D. McKinzie to James C. Wilson, a two-story and attic frame dwelling on Boquet street, Fourteenth ward, for $2,755.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold a lot on the east side of Oakland avenue, near Bates street, in size 50x150, for $3,875 cash. The purchaser intends erecting a handsome residence.

L. O. Frazier, corner Forty-fifth and Butler streets, sold for Mrs. Mary Ann Menold, lot 72x100 feet to a 20-foot alley, situated on the south side of Dearborn, near Mathilda street, Nineteenth ward, to William Velte, for $2,250 cash.

James W. Drape & Co. sold a valuable piece of property to a corporation for a special purpose, situate in the vincinity of Fourteenth street and Penn avenue, lot about 40x100 feet, for $18,000 cash; also a lot 50x150 feet at Ben Venue for a figure approximating $2,000; also an interest in coal and farming land near Finleyville for $8,000. They also placed a mortgage of $10,000 and one of $5,000 on properties in McKeesport at 6 per cent; also three mortgages of $1,800 on suburban properties at 6 per cent; also two mortgages of $4,000 on properties on Southside, city, at 6 per cent; also a mortgage of $1,750 on an East End property at 6 per cent; also a mortgage of $1,300 on two houses and lots near Homewood, East End, at 6 per cent.

Samuel W. Black & Co., 99 Fourth avenue, sold a ground rent on Wylie avenue to the Central Traction Company for $1,125, yielding $45 per year.

Fred Rinehart sold at par a $40,000 purchase money mortgage upon Penn avenue property, payable at the option of the mortgagor, and bearing interest at 5 per cent and State tax.

BEARS ON TOP.

Stringency in Money Gives Them a Chance to Do Some Hammering—Cotton Oil and Sugar Trust Let Go—Heavy Dealings.

NEW YORK, October 4.—Again the money question with the weakness in the trusts were the great influences which dictated the course of the stock market