THE TREND OF TRADE.

Common and Medium Grades of Lumber Higher and Firmer.

DRY HEMLOCK AND OAK SCARCE.

The Railroads Inadequate to Meet the Demands of Trade.

WEEK'S WORK AT THE CENTRAL YARDS

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, THURSDAY, October 31, 1889.

Medium and lower grades of yellow pine lumber are a shade higher, but fine grades are unchanged. The inference from this is that more common stuff than usual is going into the houses that are being erected this season. A leading lumberman said to-day: "We are selling medium grades of yellow pine $2 a thousand higher than last spring, but uppers are unchanged."

The supply of oak lumber and seasoned hemlock has not for months past been up to the demand. One reason for the scarcity has been the difficulty of securing railroad transportation.

The Effect of It.

This along with low waters and the consequent impossibility of shipping by river, has had the effect of reducing supplies in many lumber lines to the minimum point. Now that the river is up there is a partial, but not full relief. The first towboat of the season landed with a cargo of lumber from the Kanawha yesterday, and brought a quantity of stuff equal to the capacity of six railroad trains. A number of other tows are on the way. It has been fully demonstrated the past few months that the railroads are not capable of doing the business required by this one department of trade.

Sawmills are working up to their full capacity in the Michigan lumber region, and it is next to impossible to have special orders placed. At the season draws near its end the difficulty increases. Builders who have not laid in their supplies will be compelled from now on to take unseasoned hemlock. Dry oak and heavy ash are also very hard to get.

Liberty Live Stock.

With returns for the week all in it appears that local receipts of cattle were 90 head less this week than last, and through receipts 960 head more. The run of export cattle in our local supplies was larger in proportion to the total than usual.

The best price obtained was $4 50, and only a very few loads reached this figure. Prime beeves brought better prices in Chicago than in Pittsburg this week, the outside price at the former place being $5 10 against $4 50 here. This is explained by the fact that stock at Chicago in carload lots is better selected and much higher in quality than are offered here.

Here only a few in a load are strictly prime. In Chicago, the very best are to be had by the carload, and for export purposes are cheaper at 50c per cwt more than such as are offered of late at East Liberty as prime cattle.

Unrealized Expectations.

With a very light run of sheep—being 4,000 head less than last week or the week before—active markets were confidently looked for; but the expectations failed to materialize. Some 12 loads were dumped into the Liberty yards this morning from Chicago, with prices limited. In case of their not bringing the stipulated price they were to be sent on to the seaboard. At last reports there were no buyers ready to pay the price, and the probability is that this stock has gone further to fare no better.

It will be seen from the accompanying report that receipts of hogs were 1,000 head short of last week. Though supply was lighter demand did not improve. Prices are now 30c to 40c below the highest price reached in the early part of the month. At Chicago to-day the outside price is $4 05, a drop of 5c from yesterday. The regulars, who buy for packing purposes, appear to be holding off in expectation of lower prices.

For the Whole Week.

Following is a report of the week's transactions at the East Liberty yards:

RECEIPTS.	CATTLE.		HOGS.	SHEEP
	Thro'.	Local.		
Thursday	340	....	3,865	440
Friday	960	....	5,925	1,210
Saturday	1,120	470	3,675	350
Sunday	420	1,720	6,450	3,320
Monday	840	250	3,730	770
Tuesday	360	130	2,250	1,870
Wednesday	1,060	....	5,550	2,190
Total	4,580	2,570	31,455	10,330
Last week	3,620	2,680	32,475	14,300
Previous week	4,890	2,010	29,075	14,520

SALES.				
Thursday	....	40	1,769	20
Friday	....	3	1,648	51
Saturday	....	....	1,339	20
Monday	....	2,188	4,304	2,658
Tuesday	....	241	831	1,356
Wednesday	....	92	1,946	554
Total	....	2,564	11,887	4,859
Last week	....	2,650	14,199	7,630
Previous week	....	2,010	11,129	8,952

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 32 carloads for exportation alive and dead, 6 carloads to be sold and 1 carload for a city slaughterer direct; no trading in beef cattle; steady for dressed beef at 5½@7½c per lb for native sides, and at 4@5½c for Texas and Colorado do. Cable advices from London and Liverpool quote American refrigerator beef firm and at a scant 8c per lb. Calves—Receipts, 200 head; market dull and nominal, but dealers quote veals at 5@7½c per lb; grassers and western calves at 2@3½c. Sheep—Receipts, 8,400 head; sheep about steady at $3 70@5 25 per 100 lbs; lambs dull and weaker at $5 00@6 25 per 100 lbs, with some of the best up to $6 37½@6 50. Hogs—Receipts, 3,400 head; market quiet and unchanged for live hogs at $4 20@4 65.

CHICAGO—The *Drovers' Journal* reports—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market 10c lower; choice to extra beeves, $4 90@5 05; stockers and feeders, $1 90@3 00; steers, $3 00@4 70; cows, bulls and mixed, $1 00@2 80; Texas cattle, $1 50@2 75; Western ranges, $1 75@3 80. Hogs—Receipts, 29,000 head; shipments, 9,000 head; market weak and 10@15c lower; mixed, $3 75@4 00; heavy, $3 65@4 00; light, $3 80@4 10; skips, $3 00@3 80. Sheep—Receipts, 7,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market steady; natives, $2 75@3 60; Westerns, $3 00@4 15; Texans, $3 25@4 10; lambs, $4 50@5 75.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 3,600 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market steady; choice heavy native steers, $4 30@4 85; fair to good do, $3 30@4 25; stockers and feeders, $1 75@2 50; range steers, $2 10@3 15. Hogs—Receipts, 900 head; shipments, 3,900 head; market lower; fair to choice heavy, $3 75@3 90; packing grades, $3 65@3 85; light, fair to best, $3 85@4 00. Sheep—Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 500 head; market firm; fair to choice, $3 35@3 65.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle—Receipts, 8,674 head; shipments, 4,288 head; market slow, weak, and 10c lower; native, $3 20@4 50; cows, $1 30@3 15; packers and feeders, $2 15@3 00; Texans, $1 30@3 15. Hogs—Receipts, 7,204 head; shipments, 1,895 head; market 5c lower; good to choice light, $3 80@3 90; heavy and mixed, $3 65@3 75. Sheep—Receipts, 3,050 head; shipments, 1,987; market steady; good to choice muttons, $3 60@4 00; stockers and feeders, $2 50@3 25.

BUFFALO—Cattle steady and unchanged; receipts, 79 loads through, 1 sale. Hogs slow and 5@10c lower; receipts, 16 loads through, 30 sale; medium and heavy, $4 20@4 30; mixed, $4 25@4 30; Yorkers, $4 25@4 30; pigs, $4 00@4 40.

CINCINNATI—Hogs steady; common and light, $3 25@4 10; packing and butchers, $3 90@4 15. Receipts, 4,500 head; shipments, 5,000 head.

Brazil Instead of Canada.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WIS., October 31.—L. J. Newald, who absconded from this city several months ago with about $100,000, has been located in Brazil.

Progress.

It is very important in this age of vast material progress that a remedy be pleasing to the taste and to the eye, easily taken, acceptable to the stomach and healthy in its nature and effects. Possessing these qualities, Syrup of Figs is the one perfect laxative and most gentle diuretic known.

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No chapped hands after doing your washing with Walker's wax soap. MWTHF

CUT PRICES.—Child's plush coats, caps, etc. BUSY BEE HIVE, Sixth and Liberty.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

No New Features in Wheat, but Prices Fractionally Higher—Corn and Oats Stronger—Pork Active, but Closes Weak.

CHICAGO—Wheat—Trade was fair. There were no new features presented, and operators did not manifest any special desire to enter into extensive operations either on one side or the other. The market opened about the same as it closed yesterday, then eased off about ½c, improved some, ruling quite strong, and advanced ¼@1c, and closed steady and about ⅜c higher for December and ⅝c higher for May than yesterday.

European advices were indicative of a trifle steadier feeling. Some export inquiry existed, and New York reported three boatloads taken and freight room engaged for six loads to go to Glasgow. The receipts in the Northwest continue large. Cloudy weather was reported pretty much all over the country, and rain in some sections. Detroit wired that the deliveries of wheat in the winter wheat belt were very light. There was no decided action to the market until very late in the session, when prices were advanced to outside range.

Corn—Another day of activity was witnessed in this market, with the feeling generally quite strong, though at times a little unsettled. A still further advance was recorded on the near figures, though extreme prices were not maintained. The influences on the market were much the same as yesterday, namely, the small receipts, active shipping demand and unsettled weather, which had a tendency to make shorts on the near deliveries rather nervous. The market opened a shade higher than yesterday's closing quotations, was firm, and advanced ½c, shippers making liberal purchases of November, as also a prominent local trader. A reaction followed the early advance, due to free selling of May by several large local operators, and prices declined ½c, recovered the decline, eased off some and closed a shade higher than yesterday.

Oats—An active business was transacted and a higher range of prices recorded, but outside figures were not maintained. The feeling most of the session was firm, due to continued wet and cloudy weather and a sharp decline in arrivals. A good miscellaneous demand existed, and shorts were the chief buyers. Offerings were free at an advance of ¼c over yesterday's closing prices for May, and caused a recession of ⅜c, but later the market again became firm and prices rallied ¼c.

Mess pork—Rather more life was manifested in this market, and speculative trading was quite active, though almost exclusively in November and January deliveries. Free offerings early encouraged a little buying from the short interest, and prices were advanced to outside figures. At the improvement there was some desire to realize, which caused a decidedly weaker feeling, especially for January delivery, and prices receded again. Trading in October delivery was moderate, and mainly being credited to the long interest—prices ruling 30@60c higher early and then declining 75@80c, and closing weak.

Lard—The market attracted very little attention, and trading was comparatively light. Prices ruled 2½@5c lower on the deferred deliveries, while October ruled strong at 65@70c advance.

Short ribs—Only a limited trade was reported. October delivery ruled steady, while November and January deliveries were easier.

The leading futures ranges as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 November, 79¾c; December, 79⅞@80⅛c; January, 79¼@80⅛@79¼; May, 83⅝@84⅛@83⅝@84⅛c.

CORN — No. 2, November, 32½@32¾@32½c; December, 32½@32¾@31⅞@32c; January, 31⅝@31⅞@31½@31⅞c; May, 33½@33¾@33½@33⅝c.

OATS — No. 2, November, 18⅞@19@18⅞c; December, 19½@19¾@19½@19¾c; May, 22½@22¾@22½@22¾c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—October, $9 90@10 25@9 42½@9 52½; November, $9 30@9 50@9 30@9 47½; year, $9 07½@9 10@8 97½@8 97½; May, $9 25@9 30@9 17½@9 20.

LARD, per 100 lbs.—October, $6 25@6 35@6 15@6 35; November, $6 00@6 00@5 95@5 95; December, $5 87½@5 87½@5 85@5 85; January, $5 87½@5 87½@5 85@5 85.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 lbs.—October, $5 07½@5 20@5 05@5 05; November, $4 82½@4 90@4 82½@4 90; January, $4 77½@4 77½@4 70@4 70.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and easy, prices shaded 5@10c. No. 2 spring wheat, 78½@78¾c; No. 3 spring wheat, 64@65c; No. 2 red, 78½@78c; No. 2 corn, 32½c. No. 2 oats, 18½c. No. 2 rye, 42c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 28. Prime timothy seed, $1 15. Mess pork, per bbl, $9 50. Lard, per 100 pounds, $6 15@6 20. Short ribs sides (loose), $5 10@5 20. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 50@4 62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $5 50@5 62½. Sugars, cut loaf unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 21,000 barrels; wheat, 142,000 bushels; corn, 378,000 bushels; oats, 164,000 bushels; rye, 21,000 bushels; barley, 109,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 16,000 barrels; wheat, 84,000 bushels; corn, 195,000 bushels; oats, 190,000 bushels; rye, 3,000 bushels; barley, 55,000 bushels.

On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was slightly improved in demand and prices unchanged. Eggs, 18½@19c.

NEW YORK—Flour moderately active, closing steady. Cornmeal steady and dull. Wheat—Spot stronger and dull; options moderately active and irregular, closing firm and ⅝c above yesterday. Rye quiet; Western, 49@52½c. Barley quiet. Barley malt quiet; Canada, 86@95c. Corn—Spot quiet and stronger; options less active and firmer. Oats—Spot firmer and quiet; options more active and stronger. Hay firm and in fair demand. Hops quiet and steady. Coffee—Options opened barely steady, 15@25 points down, closed steady, 5@15 points down; sales, 60,750 bags, including November, 14.40@14.50c; December, 14.45@14.60c; January, 14.50@14.60c; February, 14.55c; March, 14.50@14.65c; April, 14.60c; May, 14.50@14.65c; June, 14.45@14.50c; July, 14.50c; August, 14.50@14.60c; September, 14.50c; spot Rio quiet and easy; fair cargoes, 19c. Sugar—Raw inactive and nominal; refined, quiet and weak. Molasses—New Orleans, dull. Rice easy and quiet. Cottonseed oil dull. Tallow steady; city ($2 for packages), 4⅝@4 7-16c. Rosin in fair demand and firm; strained, common to good, dull. Turpentine quiet and easy at 48½@49c. Eggs firm; moderate sale; western, 22½@24c; receipts, 7,807 packages. Pork quiet and firm. Cut-meats dull; pickled bellies, 12 pounds, 7@7½c. middles, firm. Lard easier and dull; western steam, $6 80; sales October, $6 60 bid and $6 85 asked; November, $6 47@6 48, closing at $6 46 bid; December, $6 28, closing $6 29 asked; January, $6 27 asked; February, $6 31 asked; March, $6 35@6 37, closing at $6 36 asked. Butter—Best in fair demand and firm; Elgin, 24½@25c; western dairy, 9@15c; do creamery, 12@24c; do held, 12@19c; do factory, 7½@12½c. Cheese—Choice firm; low grades weak; western, 7½@10c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour quiet and easy. Wheat—Cash higher; options extremely dull. Early in the day the market weakened off ¼@⅜c, along with the outside markets and an absence of news to hold prices. Later on bullish advices there was an advance of ⅜c and the close was firm at ⅛@⅜c above yesterday. No. 2 red, cash, 76⅝c; November, 76½c, closing at 76¾c bid; December, 77⅜@78⅛c, closing at 77¼@77⅜c; May, 83@83⅛c, closing at 83¼c. Corn irregular; No. 2 mixed, cash, 29½c; October, 29¼c; November closed 28½c asked; December and year, 28½c asked; January, 28⅜c; February, 28½c bid; May, 30½c asked. Oats higher; No. 2, cash, 17½c bid; May, 22½c; January, 20c asked. Rye—No 2 held at 38c bid. Barley dull; only sale reported, one car Minnesota at 57c and one car Dakota at 57½c. Flaxseed, $1 25. Provisions firm but unchanged, with light business.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour dull. Wheat dull; options ½c lower; No. 2 red, October, 80½@81c; November, 81@81½c; December, 82@82¼c; January, 83@83½c. Corn—Options firm; little or no speculation; car lots quiet; ungraded mixed track and grain depot, 42c; No. 2 mixed do, 42c; No. 2 mixed, October, 41@41¼c; November, 40⅞@41c; December, 40@40½; January, 39½@40¼c. Oats—Car lots steady; No. 3 white, 27½@28c; No. 2 white, in Twentieth street elevator, 29c; do track and grain depot, 29½c; futures quiet but firm: No. 2 white, October, 28½@29c; November, 28@28¼c; December, 28½@28¾c; January, 29@29¼c. Provisions steady. Eggs—Fresh stock scarce and wanted; Pennsylvania firsts, 24½@25c.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet. Wheat in fair demand; No. 2 red, 78@78c; receipts, 2,100 bushels; shipments, 3,900 bushels. Corn strong; No. 2 mixed, 35c. Oats stronger; No. 2 mixed, 21¼@21½c. Rye in fair demand; No. 2, 45c. Pork firm; $10 75. Lard quiet at $6 12½. Bulkmeats nominal: short ribs, $5 60. Bacon firm; short clear, $6 50. Butter dull. Sugar weak. Eggs in moderate demand at 18c. Cheese steady.

MILWAUKEE—Flour dull and firm. Wheat, Cash and December, 73½c; No. 1 Northern, 80c. Corn firm; No. 3, 38c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 21½c. Rye firm; No. 1, 46c. Barley quiet; No. 2 on track, 52½c. Pork, $9 65. Lard, $6 00. Cheese steady; cheddars, 9@9½c.

BALTIMORE—Provisions dull. Butter firmer; creamery, 22@23c. Eggs firm; fresh, 22@23c. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes, fair, 19c.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed active and firm; cash and November, $3 52½; December, $3 55; January, $3 62½.

Drygoods.

NEW YORK, October 31.—The drygoods market was without change. The general demand was somewhat less active than a few days ago, as usual at the end of the month, but there was a continued good business in spring articles and a steady, moderate movement of seasonable goods from the hands of both agents and jobbers, with stocks in relatively light condition and prices pretty firm. The general situation is satisfactory, and the outlook very cheerful.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK—Pig iron active and strong; American, $16 00@18 50. Copper neglected; lake, nominal. Lead dull and firmer; domestic, $3 80. Tin steady and quiet; straights, $22.

BEWARE of counterfeits. Salvation Oil is what you want to cure your aches and pains. 25 cents.

IRON COOLING OFF.

The Market Less Excited, but Firm and Active All Along the Line.

PRICES MAY MOVE UP WITH COKE.

Conspicuous Advances Scored in England, With the End Still Afar Off.

HOW TO PUT OUT LUMBER YARD FIRES

Now and then a passer-by is heard criticising the new Government building. An amateur architect, in replying to these objectors, remarked yesterday evening: "Those men don't know what they are talking about. They have no eyes for symmetry and proportion. In its entirety the Government building will present a beautiful appearance.

"Its architecture is composite, but different orders are so harmoniously blended as to produce an almost perfect whole. There are no incongruities about it, but it is chaste and symmetrical from top to bottom. It will be a credit to the Government as well as to the city."

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The iron market is less excited than last week, but continues firm and active. There is no visible weakness, but consumers show a disposition to wait until winter prices are established. That they will be no lower is almost certain; that they will go higher is probable. The advance in coke to $1 75 a ton means at least 50 cents more for pig, with which all descriptions of iron will sympathize more or less, but to just what extent cannot be foreseen. It is not desirable, in the opinion of many manufacturers, that values should go much, if any higher, for the reason that it would open the way for foreign competition.

Rails are firm at $32 50 to $33 50. Sales have been made at the latter figure. Nails are steady at the $2 card. There has been no change in wrought iron pipe since the recent meeting of manufacturers, at which the present discounts were reaffirmed. The season is about over for pipe laying, and very little new business is being placed. Foundries are loath to quote for future delivery, not knowing where pig iron will land.

The mills are all busy on orders, and they are receiving all that are offered, but will not guarantee quick delivery. A strong and healthy feature of the market is the projection of new railroads, bridges and other works which will call for large amounts of iron and steel.

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In England a rapidly advancing iron market is the characteristic of greatest importance. Conspicuous advances have been made during the past week at nearly all the centers of the iron trade in Great Britain toward the establishment of more remunerative prices. Pig iron warrants at Glasgow have passed 50s. a ton—a price which a month ago no one expected they would attain, and they are now 12s. above their former minimum before the recent rises began. The present price indeed is higher than any which has existed since 1882.

It is also nearly certain that in the future iron prices will show an even more rapid rate of increase than that which they have lately maintained. As to the average selling prices ascertained in connection with the wages boards of the North of England and the Midlands, it may be stated that iron masters have, during the whole period of the revival, been executing contracts which were booked at considerably less than current rates. At a meeting at Wolverhampton last week of the Midland Iron and Steel Wages' Board, one of the iron masters stated that he should not be surprised to see the average selling price of iron for September and October show an increase over the previous two months of as much as from 10s. to 12s. per ton.

The increasing cost of raw materials continues to be a factor with which iron and steel masters have seriously to grapple. In Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, and many other districts, miners have within the past few days received the second 5 per cent advance in wages to make up the 10 per cent advance, which was promised them early in the summer. As a consequence, prices of iron works coal have been advanced in Yorkshire by 5d. and 6d. per ton, and in Staffordshire by 1s.

Best coke for steel melting is 4s. per ton higher for Yorkshire qualities than in October, 1888, and Derbyshire and Durham cokes are similarly advanced. These additions to the cost of production furnish very real justification for the advances which have been, and are still being, declared in manufactured iron and steel.

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Every one who has witnessed a pile of dry lumber on fire knows how futile are all efforts to extinguish it. This has been demonstrated more than once in Pittsburg. The only recourse is to cover the adjacent piles with woolen blankets, hang a line of blankets along the alley-ways near the burning pile or piles and to keep the blankets thoroughly saturated with water. By this means a recent fire in a large lumber yard at Marinee, Wis., was confined to a small area. The account of this fire is so interesting and contains so much that may prove valuable to local lumber dealers, that it is appended:

"Here was a fire set by an incendiary between two piles of bone-dry lumber in the very heart of a closely-piled yard, containing about 20,000,000 feet. The hour was 11 o'clock at night, and the location nearly half a mile from the homes of the villagers and millmen. The fact that the yard was not destroyed is not a miracle, but rather it was an exhibition of the best-handled fire on record. The employes of the concern seemed to know just what to do in such an emergency. Scores of camp blankets were wet and covered over the surrounding piles of lumber, and even between the piles adjoining the two that were ablaze. They quickly had the mill hose and fire-pump in readiness, but no effort was made to extinguish the fire, but rather to keep the outside of the two piles thoroughly saturated with water.

"The result was that the two piles in question, which, when discovered, were a blazing chaldron of fire, was the only lumber injured about the yard. The ends and sides of adjoining piles were not even scorched. The expedient of wet blankets may not be new to every one in handling fires, but it probably is to many, and it is well worth making a mental note of, as it was undoubtedly the only possible expedient that would have saved the immense Marinee plant from entire destruction."

SEEKING ITS LEVEL.

Philadelphia Gas Stock Keeps Moving Up Toward Its Old Position.

Philadelphia Gas, like water, seems bound to find its level, which may be located around 36. It was again the distinguishing feature of the stock market yesterday, and contributed 925 of the 1,000 shares sold of all stocks traded in. The report put out by the company had a reassuring effect upon holders, and whetted the appetites of buyers.

It opened in the morning at 33¾ and closed at 35¼. The first sale in the afternoon was at 33¾, and the last at 34, with more bids than offers. The opinion on the street indicated still higher figures, unless something unforeseen nips the boom in the bud. The rest of the natural gas shares failed to keep step with the leader and were weak and neglected.

In all other respects the list was without particular feature. Lawrence Bank was offered at 59¾, New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company at 34¼, and Pleasant Valley at 20¾, showing very little change in any. Bids, offers and sales are appended:

	MORNING. Bid.	Asked.	AFTERNOON. Bid.	Asked.
Lawrence Bank	....	59½	....	....
Metropolitan N. Bank	....	....	....	101
Tradesmen's N. Bank	245	250	....	250
Allegheny Heating Co.	....	110	....	....
Chartiers Val. Gas Co.	....	....	45¾	47¾
Nat. Gas Co. of W. Va.	....	78	....	....
Ohio Valley Gas	....	....	....	22½
Pennsylvania Gas Co.	....	15¾	....	....
Philadelphia Co.	33½	33¾	....	34
Wheeling Gas Co.	28	30	28	....
Columbia Oil Co.	....	....	3¼	3
Hazelwood Oil Co.	....	....	50	....
Central Traction	30½	30¾	30½	30¾
Citizens' Traction	66¾	70	69	....
Pittsburg Traction	....	48	47½	....
Pleasant Valley	20¾	....	20¾	....
P., McK. & Y. H. C. Co.	....	....	60	....
P. C. & St. L.	....	....	17	....
Pitts. & Western	....	....	13	....
Pitts. & W. R. R. pfd.	....	....	19½	20
N. Y. & C. Gas Coal Co.	....	....	34¼	36
Hidalgo Mining Co.	....	2¼	....	2½
La Noria Mining Co.	¾	⅞	¾	....
Lustar Mining Co.	....	10	....	15
Yankee Girl Mining	2	3½	2¾	....
Allegheny Co. Electric	....	98	....	99
Westinghouse Electric	....	....	48	48¾
U. S. & Big. Co.	18¼	20	19½	20
Pittsburg Cyclorama	8½	10	....	9¾

The morning sales were 285 shares Philadelphia Gas at 33¾, 20 at 33⅝, 100 at 33¾, 110 at 33¾, 10 Central Traction at 30¼, 5 Electric at 47½, and 50 at 48.

In the afternoon 200 shares of Philadelphia Gas went at 33¾, 100 at 33¾, 10 at 33⅞, 100 at 34, and 10 Chartiers Gas at 46.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 146,408 shares, including Atchison, 5,674; Canada Southern, 4,810; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 10,400; Denver, Texas and Fort Worth, 5,300; Erie, 3,050; Lake Shore, 6,760; Louisville and Nashville, 3,600; Missouri Pacific, 7,300; Northern Pacific preferred, 6,455; Reading, 14,740; St. Paul, 12,210; Union Pacific, 13,796.

A MONTH'S RECORD.

What the Local Banks Are Doing—Clearing House Statistics.

The feature of the local monetary situation yesterday was a decrease in the checking account, as shown by the exchanges. The cause of this was attributed to a falling off in deposits, resulting from wet weather. Many of the largest depositors are old and rheumatic, and will not leave their comfortable homes when "the skies are melting in tenderness." The demand for funds was moderate, and rates were unchanged. Pittsburg still has money enough for itself and considerable to spare. All acceptable paper is readily cashed.

The exchanges were $1,922,501 94 and the balances $231,813 67. For the month the exchanges were $64,240,785 60, balances, $9,510,010 93.

Concerning the apprehension about money, President J. Edward Simmons, of the Fourth National Bank, New York, said yesterday: "Money is active, but by no means stringent, and there is a very plentiful supply at from 6 to 7 per cent. I fully expect to see a healthy and natural money market for the rest of the year, but according to my judgment there will be no stringency. Neither merchants nor bankers will find any difficulty in getting accommodation. On the contrary, money will be plentiful enough for legitimate purposes, but there is no reason to believe that it will be as cheap as it has been in the past. The cotton crop will soon begin to move, and this will cause a reflux movement. The situation is healthy enough, no matter what the croakers may say."

Money on call at New York yesterday was tight, ranging from 3 to 12 per cent; last loan, 4; closed offered at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@7½. Sterling exchange quiet and weak at $4 81 for 60-day bills, and $4 85 for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg	127	M., K. & T. Gen. 5s	69
U. S. 4s, coup	127	Mutual Union 6s	103
U. S. 4½s, reg	*104⅝	N. J. C. Int. cons	113¾
U. S. 4½s, coup	105½	Northern Pac. 1st s	114
Pacific 6s of '95	117⅛	Northern Pac. 2d s	109¾
Louisiana stamped 4s	101	Northw'n cons. s. f.	141
Missouri 6s	101	Northw'n deben's	114½
Tenn. new set. 6s	106½	Oregon & Trans. 6s	106
Tenn. new set. 5s	101½	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	85¾
Tenn. new set. 3s	75¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	117
Canada So. 2ds	98	St. Paul consols	127
Cen. Pacific 1sts	114	St. P., Chi. & Pac. 1sts	118
Den. & R. G., 1sts	121	Tex., Pac. L. G. Tr. Rs	91
D. & R. G., West. 1sts	77½	Tex., Pac. E. G. Tr. Rcts	37
D. & R. G. West. 1sts	89	Union Pac. 1sts	113½
Erie, 1ds	104¼	West Shore	106¾
M. L. & T. Gen. 6s	66½		

*Ex-interest.

Yesterday's bond offerings were as follows: Registered 4s, $115,000 at 127; registered 4½s, $2,500 at 105¾.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $133,051,003; balances, $4,551,688.

BOSTON — Clearings, $16,662,097; balances, $1,780,244. Money, 3¾ per cent. For the month—Clearings, $453,271,178; balances, $50,408,406. For the corresponding month last year—Clearings, $413,538,749; balances, $494,085,000.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $1,975,974; balances, $254,978.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $13,060,447; balances, $2,070,506.

LONDON—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £50,000.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 87f 10c for the account. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a decrease of 2,950,000 francs gold and an increase of 475,000 francs silver.

CHICAGO—Bank clearings were $10,954,000. New York exchange was par to 12½c premium. Rates remained at 6@7 per cent respectively as the inside figures on call and time loans.

ST. LOUIS—Bank clearings, $2,626,089; balances, $316,310.

BULLS DISAPPOINTED.

Oil Strong at the Opening, but Weakens Toward the Wind-Up.

The oil market was bullish at the opening yesterday on expectation of a scarcity with which to make deliveries, but as this hope of the bulls proved delusive it weakened and closed rather tame. The range of prices was as follows: Opening, $1 06⅝; highest, $1 07¾; lowest, $1 06⅝; closing, $1 06⅞. There was some trading in December at ¼ to ⅜c above the regular option.

One of the bull points early in the day was cash oil. It commanded a premium in the forenoon in anticipation of more or less squeezing in evening up, but in the evening it was a burden, 40 cents being paid on the lines of both companies. This is in fact operating as one system, except for the local business, which is in no way affected.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, oldest Pittsburg members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing Bid.
Am. Cotton Oil	41¼	41¾	36¾	38
Atch., Top. & S. F.	31	31¼	30¾	31
Canadian Pacific	69	69	68½	68¾
Canada Southern	55¾	55¾	55	55¾
Central of New Jersey	123	123¼	123	123
Central Pacific	....	....	....	34
Chesapeake & Ohio	25	25	24¾	25¼
C., Burl. & Quincy	106½	106½	106	106½
C., Mil. & St. Paul	69¼	70½	69¾	69¾
C., Mil. & St. P., pf.	113	113	112¼	112¾
C., Rock I. & P.	98¾	98¾	97¾	98¼
C., St. L. & Pitts.	....	....	....	15¼
C., St. P., M. & O.	....	....	....	47¾
C., St. P., M. & O., pf.	....	....	....	83¾
C. & Northwestern	112¼	112¾	112	112¼
C. & Northwestern, pf.	....	....	....	141
C., C., C. & I.	74¾	75	74¾	74¾
C., C., C. & I., pf.	....	....	....	86¾
Col. Coal & Iron	....	....	....	31¾
Del., L. & W.	140¾	141½	140½	141¾
Del. & Hudson	148½	148½	148½	148¼
Denver & Rio G.	....	....	....	16½
E. T., Va. & Ga.	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼
E. T., Va. & Ga. 1st pf.	....	....	....	70
E. T., Va. & Ga. 2d pf.	....	....	....	22
Lake Erie & Western	....	....	....	18¾
Lake Erie & West. pf.	64	64	63½	63¾
Lake Shore & M. S.	106¾	107¼	106¾	107¼
Louisville & Nashville	81¾	82	81¼	81¾
Michigan Central	96¾	97¼	96¾	96¾
Mobile & Ohio	....	....	....	13¾
Mo., Kans. & Texas	11¼	11¼	11¼	10¾
Missouri Pacific	70¾	71½	70¾	71
New York Central	106½	106¾	106½	106¾
N. Y., L. E. & W.	28½	28½	28¼	28¾
N. Y., C. & St. L.	17¼	17	....	17
N. Y., C. & St. L. pf.	....	....	....	86¼
N. Y., C. & St. L. 2d pf	36¼	36¼	36¼	36
N. Y. & N. E.	46	46¾	45¾	46
N. Y., O. & W.	18¾	18¾	18¼	18¼
Norfolk & Western	19	19	19	18¾
Norfolk & Western, pf.	55¾	55¾	55¾	55
Northern Pacific	31¾	31¾	31¼	31¼
Northern Pacific pref.	73½	73¾	72¾	73¾
Ohio & Mississippi	22¼	22¼	22¼	22¾
Oregon Improvement	....	....	....	33
Oregon Transcon	33¾	34	33¾	33¾
Pacific Mail	32¼	32¼	32¼	32¼
Peo. Dec. & Evans	....	....	....	19¾
Philadel. & Reading	42¼	43	42¼	42¾
Pullman Palace Car	....	....	....	188
Richmond & W. P. T.	22	22¼	22¼	22¼
Richmond & W. P. T. pf	80	80¾	80	80¾
St. P., Minn. & Man.	116¼	117	116	116¾
St. L. & San Fran	....	....	....	24¾
St. L. & San Fran pf.	55¾	55¾	55¾	55¾
St. L. & San F. 1st pf.	....	....	....	107
Texas Pacific	20½	20½	20	20¾
Union Pacific	67¾	68	67¾	68
Wabash	16¾	16¾	16½	16¼
Wabash preferred	31¾	31¾	31¾	31¼
Western Union	84¾	85	84¾	84¾
Wheeling & L. E.	70¾	70¾	70¾	69¾
Sugar Trust	73¾	74¼	71¼	72
National Lead Trust	21¾	22	21¼	21½
Chicago Gas Trust	55½	55¾	54¾	55¾

A VERY BAD YOUNG MAN.

The Supposed Tascott Will Serve a Term Upon His Own Account.

PHILADELPHIA, October 31.—Albert Sutherland, the young criminal who recently gained considerable notoriety because of his resemblance to Tascott, the murderer of Millionaire Snell, of Chicago, was given another hearing in a magistrate's court to-day on charges of passing forged checks for various amounts on tradesmen in this city. J. R. Wood, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was the principal witness against him, four checks bearing that gentleman's name having been passed by Sutherland. The courtroom was packed to suffocation with curiosity seekers anxious to catch a glimpse of the criminal. The magistrate held S