## A WORD OF WARNING.

To Persons Contemplating Seeking Their Fortunes in the Yukon Region. Alluring Prospectuses of Stock Companies.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—In view of the fact that a large number of stock companies have been organized to operate in Alaska, and are now industriously circulating their alluring "prospectuses" broadcast over the land, and in view of the further fact that many of these companies confessedly do not own a single foot of mining property, but are simply prospecting companies who hope to secure locations in the future that may be equally as productive as the recently discovered Klondike placers, it may be of interest to persons contemplating investments in such companies to be informed of certain deductions arrived at by competent mining experts, based on the reports of the Canadian Geological Survey of the Yukon region, made ten years ago.

These reports have an important bearing on the probable productive capacity of the Alaskan fields, and having been prepared by men of acknowledged scientific ability, they are, of course, wholly divested of the visionary and sensational character that usually distinguish the reports of non-professional newspaper corrspondents and other persons interested in transportation and supply companies, who are preparing to reap a rich harvest next spring from a multitude of gold-seekers who are expected to rally to the new cry of "Klondike, or bust." The reports of the geologists who accompanied the expedition referred to, establish three things that conservative investors will do well to remember. They are as follows:

1. The gold-bearing strata which have been so productive all along the western coast of America extend without essential change into the upper Yukon valley as far as the Arctic circle. Throughout the whole extent of the mountain ranges which face the Pacific ocean the same forces have been at work. Along a wide belt throughout nearly the entire length of the continent a belt of paleozoic schistose rocks have been fractured and filled with a network of quartz veins bearing more or less gold. McConnell reported essentially the same formations where the Yukon crosses the Arctic circle that he had been familiar with west of the Rocky mountains, the entire distance south to the United States boundary.

2. The Yukon river occupies a very old line of drainage. Its drainage basin has been elevated so long above the sea that the river has had time to cut long and deep canons across rocks of different geological ages, and to establish a pretty uniform gradient for a distance of nearly 2,000 miles. Schwatka built his raft at the head of Lake Lindeman, twenty-three miles from the summit of the Chilkoot pass, and was transported on it 1,500 miles, with only two or three short portages above Miles canon, about 150 miles from the place of its construction. The same raft was used the entire journey. From Miles canon the river is navigable for a distance of nearly 2,000 miles.

The significance of this is that it indicates an enormous period during which erosive agencies have been acting in the valley. All young rivers crossing such diverse geological formations are obstructed by waterfalls or rapids impassable to navigation. The gold, therefore, which is found in the placer mines of the Yukon is the accumulation from an immense amount of disintegrated rock. If the veins near the surface have been very rich an enormous amount may be expected from the placers. But from the amount of erosion a considerable accumulation may have arisen from veins of very low-grade ore. The geologists, therefore, were not able to make any prophecies as to the amount of gold to be expected. Nor is there is any certain basis to go upon even after the present discoveries. There is little probability that anything but rich placer mines can ever be worked there with profit, and it is altogether likely that the placer mining will always be of the most hazardous kind.

3. The effect of glacial erosion, to which reference is occasionally made in the papers, must be limited to the upper part of the Yukon valley, considerably above the region of the richest discoveries. Russell, Dawson and Hayes all agree that while glaciers formerly enveloped all the island along the Pacific shore of southeastern Alaska, they were of very limited extent on the northern side of the mountains, which form the southern border of the mainland. Indeed, the glaciers on the northern flank of these mountains scarcely pass the sixty-second parallel, not reaching even to old Fort Selkirk. Hence, there is not much probability that any large amount of gold has been carried by ice action from one drainage basin to another. The gold of the placers in the Klondike region is probably all of local origin, arising from the disintegration of the rocks through which the stream and its tributaries have flowed.

The conditions of that life in that region are almost inconceivable to those who have not paid especial attention to them. Russell reported at repeated places along the middle Yukon that ice took the place of ordinary rock. Bluffs along the river on whose surface forests were growing would appear on close approach to be precipitous walls of stagnant ice covered with a small amount of soil and a deep carpet of moss. Anywhere on the surface one had to dig down but a few inches to find solid ice. Indeed, the ground never thaws there to a depth of more than a few inches. The placer mining will always have to be in frozen soil, except on the margin of large streams. But the rich placers are on the small streams, from thirty to one hundred miles back from the Yukon.

The region is a regular rat trap. Up to the middle of September parties can without much trouble get over the Chilkoot pass with a small amount of equipment and can work down the river 600 miles, as Schwatka did, on rafts or boats of their own construction. But, once in at that time of the year, there is no possibility of there getting back until the next June. The same is true about the ascent of the river, which freezes up in September, and is not only unnavigable, but is well-nigh impassable until the following June. The lower part of the stream freezes up earlier and thaws out later than the upper portions. Consequently the ice dams in the lower portions make floods of the most disastrous kind, and when those of the autumn subside they leave the ice so rough that it is unfit for sledging. If reasonable calculation could be made concerning the numbers to be there in the winter, provision could be made for them during the three months when the river and the passes are open. But it is now too late for this year, and there seems little doubt that adventurers will flock to the region beyond all probable means of support, and will be beyond the reach of assistance. One dreads to hear the story which the mails of next spring will reveal.

Thus it will be seen that in the judgment of practical engineers who have examined the region, the Klondike deposits are of purely local origin, and as there is not a foot of ground along that stream or its tributaries that is not already taken up, the newcomers are going to prospect and probe about in the frozen ground a good while before they discover and locate the counterparts of the placers of the Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, which alone have caused all the excitement attending the Alaskan begira.

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## WHEELING WHOLESALE MARKETS.

**Weekly Change of Quotations in all Lines of Local Trade.**

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The past week has developed nothing remarkable in the local market. All lines hold their own, and wool and fruit command good prices. Otherwise the changes from last week are of little consequence.

### Groceries and Provisions.

Flour — Fancy roller mill winter wheat, wood at $4 75 per barrel; paper $4 60 per barrel; spring wheat, Minnehahaha $5 85 in cotton sacks; $5 75 per barrel; $5 65 in paper sacks; old wheat Galaxy, $5 75 in paper sacks; $5 55 per barrel; Pillsbury flour $5 80 in wood and one-eighth in cotton; $5 60 in paper.

Syrups — Choice sugar syrups, 27c. Fancy drips 23c; Silver drips 22c; New Orleans molasses, choice, 35c; prime, 32c; fair, 30c; mixed good, New Orleans, 26c; bakers' good 18c.

Provisions—Large S. C. hams 8¾c; medium S. C. hams 9c; small S. C. hams 9¾c; S. C. breakfast bacon 8@9c; shoulders 6¾c; sides 7¼c; ordinary beef 18½c; ham dried beef 18½c; knuckles 18½c; family mess pork 5-lb pieces $10 50; bean pork, bbls., $10 00.

Lard—Pure refined lb. tierce 6½c; 50-lb. tins 6c; Chicago lard in tierce, 5½c; 50-lb. tins, 6c; the advance for smaller packages is as follows: 50-lb. tins ¼c over tierces; fancy tubs ⅜c; 20-lb. tins ⅜c; 10-lb. tins ⅝c; 5-lb. tins ⅞c; 3-lb. tins 1c.

Sugars—Cutloaf 5.98c; cubes 5.62c; powdered 5.62c; granulated standard 5.37c; American A 5.12c; standard fine granulated 5.37c; standard confectioners' A 5.24c; Columbia A 5.12c; standard Windsor 5.12c; white extra 4.93c; extra granulated 5.31c; standard confectioners' A 5.65c; Columbia A 5.05c; standard Windsor 5.05c; white extra 4.87c; extra C 4.68c; fruit sugar 4 24c.

Coffee—Green coffee — Fancy Golden Rio 16c; fancy green 15c; choice green 14½c; roasting grades 10½c; Java 26½c; roasted in packages—Arrow 10.54c; Pan Handle 11.29c; Arbuckle & Co.'s roasted 11.29c; Lion 11.29c; bulk roasted 11c; Old Government Java roasted 29c; Mocha and Java 29c; A grade Rio 22c.

Teas—Young Hyson, per lb., 30@55c; Gunpowder, 30@80c; imperial, 40@55c; Japan, 28@75c; Oolong 27@80c; Souchang, 27@70c.

Candles—Star full weight, 7¾c; Parafine, per lb., 9½c; Electric Light, per lb., 8c.

Vinegar — Choice cider, 12@14c per gallon; standard city brands, 10@11c per gallon; country, 13@15c per gallon, as to quality.

Cheese—Full cream 9½@10c; Sweitzer 10@10½c; Limburger 12c; factory 7½c.

Fish—No. 2 mackerel, 100 lbs., $11 00; No. 2 extra mackerel ½-barrels, new, 100 lbs., $12 00; No. 2, 80 lbs., $11 00; No. 3 small $4 00 for 100 lbs.; No. 3 large 100 lbs., $10 00.

Seeds—Timothy, $1 50@1 60 per bushel; clover, small seed, $6 25@6 75.

Salt—No. 1 per bbl., 90c; extra, per bbl., $1 00; dairy, fine, five-bushel sacks, 20c per sack.

Seed Corn—11c per lb.

Wooden Ware—No. 1 tubs $5 50; No. 2, $4 75; No. 3, $4 00; 2-hoop pails, $1 15; 3-hoop, $1 35; single washboards, $1 50; double do., $2 50; fine crimped double do., $2 75; single do., $2 25.

### Grain and Feed.

(Quotations by Walter Marshall.)

Grain—New wheat 82@85. Corn 40c per bushel. Old oats, out of store, western crop, 30@35c per bushel; new oats (home crop) 25c per bushel.

Feed—Brain $15 00 per ton; middlings $16 00 per ton. Hay (baled) $11 00; hay (loose) $7 00@9 00. Straw, loose and baled $8 00 per ton.

### Fruits and Produce.

(Quotations by Walter Worls & Co.)

Butter — Creamery, fancy, 23@21c; country, choice, per lb., 16@18c; country good, 5c; country, fair, 4c. Butterine, C. C. brand, 10@12c; common, 10c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh in case, 15c per dozen.

Poultry—Old roosters 4c per lb.; spring chickens, 8c per lb.; hens, 7c per lb.; geese, 40c each.

Fruits — Peaches $1 50 per crate; Pears $3 50@4 00 per barrel. Plums $1 00@1 25 per half bushel basket. Apples $1 50@1 75 per barrel. Grapes 10@12c per basket.

New Vegetables — Home tomatoes 40@50c per bushel. New sweet potatoes $1 75@2 00 per barrel. Beets 35c per dozen. New cabbage 90c@$1 per barrel. Celery 20c per dozen. Spanish onions $1 50@1 60 per crate.

Tropical Fruits—Lemons, $3 50@3 75 box; bananas $1 50@2 25 per bunch; Jamaica oranges, $2 75@3 00 per box.

### Miscellaneous.

Roots and Barks—Ginseng, dry, per lb., $2 50@3 00; some in market; sassafras bark per lb., 8@9c; sassafras oil, per lb., 30@35c; May apple root, per lb., 6½@7c; yellow root, per lb., 5@6c; Seneca snake root, per lb., free of top, 30@35c; West Virginia snake root, per lb., 25@35c; pink root, per lb., fine, 30@35c; elm bark, per lb., 7c; wild cherry bark, per lb., 12@30c.

Beans—Prime new hand-picked, medium $1 25; prime new hand-picked navy, $1 35.

Wool—Fine washed, 25c; one-third off for unwashed; one-fourth off for unconditional; medium unwashed 18@20c; medium washed 25c.

Rags—Country, mixed, ½@1c per lb.

### Wheeling Live Stock Market.

(Quotations by Goodhue & Co.)

Cattle—Extra, 1,000 to 1,200, $4 25@4 50; good, 900 to 1,000, $3 75@4 25; good, 800 to 900, $3 50@3 75; fair, 700 to 800, $3 25@3 50; common, 600 to 700, $2 75@3 00; bulls, 2@3¼c; cows, 1½@3c.

Hogs—Extra, $4 25@4 35; good, $4 10@4 25; common $3 50@4 00.

Sheep—Extra, 3½@4c; good, 3@3½c; common, 2½@3c; lambs, 4¾@5c.

Fresh Cows—$20@30; calves 5@6c.

## FINANCE AND TRADE.

### The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Money on call steady at 2½@3 per cent; last loan 3 per cent; closed at 2½@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 85@4 85¼ for demand and at $4 82¾@4 83 for sixty days. Posted rates $4 83½@4 84 and $4 86@4 86½. Commercial bills $4 81½. Silver certificates 54½@56½c. Bar silver 54½c. Mexican dollars 42½c.

To-day's market for stocks was astonishingly dull at times, and the total volume of transactions as low as that of yesterday, and was smaller than for many months, the total sales numbering only 370,000 shares. It became evident that yesterday's dullness could not be ascribed to the Jewish new year holiday. It is, in fact, obvious that the large buying interests which have been so powerful a factor in the recent bull movement have retired from the field for a time, and the orders through commission houses, the medium through which the public at large operates, has shown a corresponding falling off. There are some who believe that the large bull operators have already liquidated their holdings and taken their profits. Certain it is that there was no evidence in the day's market of any heavy offerings of long stock. The recent conspicuous bulls, nevertheless, seemed to acquiesce, and offered little opposition to the bears. Practically all of the professional room traders have turned bears, and their selling is called short selling. Their most vigorous attack to-day was directed against the coalers, on the assertion that the anthracite companies have been exceeding the allotted output, and that there was no increase in demand that made any advance in the price of coal likely. Some of the prominent industries and the grangers were also under pressure. Whatever spurts of activity were shown during the day were on a downward course of prices, and any steadying of the market or recovery brought intense dullness, indicating the weak undertone. Conditions, nevertheless, all continued favorable as pointing to a further increase in real values of property. Railroad earnings all continued to show improvement. For the third week in September Norfolk & Western reported an increase of $38,591, and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, for the same period, reported an increase of $19,239. The August statement of the Atchison company showed an increase of the total income from operations of $213,583. London sent higher prices at the opening, and was a buyer of stocks all day, presumably to meet the settlement which was in progress there. The report that the government had assented to the foreclosure sale of the Union Pacific on the terms proposed by the reorganization committee with only slight modification, created a demand for the stock of that company, and served to steady the list generally to some extent. The development of interest in the money situation was a hardening tendency of domestic exchange on New York at some western centers, indicating some relaxation of the drain on the New York money reserve. Local money rates, however, continued firm and foreign exchange steady. This steadiness of foreign exchange is attributed to the covering of recent gold importations at San Francisco. The net losses of the day extended from a fraction up to 2 points, the high-priced industrials, the coalers and the grangers, especially Omaha and Rock Island being the most conspicuous sufferers. Consolidated Gas lost 4 points net; Sugar 2¾ and Chicago Gas 2½. Laclede Gas, Cotton Oil preferred and Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati & St. Louis preferred show gains of a point or over.

Bonds moved in sympathy with stocks. Total sales were only $1,500,000.

The total sales of stocks were 370,500 shares.

Evening Post's London financial cablegram:

The stock markets were quiet today, attention being confined to the arrangement of the account of the settlement, but the tone was better than for some time past, and the markets looking generally healthy. The rise in investment stocks is due to the indefinite idea that money may not get much dearer. Six months English treasury bills for 2,000,000 pounds were allotted to-day at an average of 2 per cent, which assisted this notion of easier money.

Contangoes on Americans were 3½@4 per cent.

The account was not specially large. The tone was good and there was a slight disposition here to deal for the new account; but the New York selling to-night surprised and discouraged the operators and prices closed weak.

Canadian Pacifics were especially strong, as were also Grand Trunks. Miners were distinctly better. Unless something unforeseen occurs, the new accounts bid to be fairly active in most markets.

Bar gold was quoted to-day as low as 77s 10¾d, but too much stress must not be laid on this decline as there are no buyers or sellers at the moment.

The Paris bourse was dull. The action of the government in regard to silver is closely watched there. The Berlin market was steady.

### BONDS AND STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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| U. S. new is reg. | 125¾ | Ore. R. & Nav. | 36 |
| do coupon | 125¾ | Pittsburgh | 159 |
| U. S. 4s | 112¾ | Reading | 26 |
| do coupon | 114¼ | Rock Island | 96⅝ |
| do 2ds | 98 | St. Paul | 99¾ |
| U. S. 5s reg. | 115 | do preferred | 144½ |
| do 5s coupon | 115 | St. P. & Omaha | 85¼ |
| Pacific 6s of '95 | 102 | do preferred | 143 |
| Atchison | 15⅝ | Southern Pac. | 20 |
| do preferred | 32⅝ | Texas & Pac. | 12 |
| Bal. & Ohio | 16¾ | Union Pacific | 24 |
| Can. Pacific | 76½ | Wabash | 8 |
| Can. Southern | 57½ | do preferred | 21¾ |
| Central Pacific | 17⅝ | Wheel'g & L. E. | 2¾ |
| Ches. & Ohio | 23⅞ | do preferred | 13⅝ |
| Chi. & Alton | 164 | Adams Express | 157 |
| Chi., Bur. & Q. | 97⅞ | American Ex. | 117 |
| C. C. C. & St. L. | 36⅞ | U. S. Express | 44 |
| do preferred | 83½ | Wells Fargo | 108 |
| Del. & Hudson | 117¾ | Am. Spirits | 13 |
| Del., Lack. & W. | 159 | do preferred | 31 |
| Del. & Rio G. | 13 | Am. Tobacco | 87¾ |
| do preferred | 48 | do preferred | 112½ |
| Erie (new) | 16¾ | Chicago Gas | 101⅝ |
| do preferred | 41 | Col. F. & Iron | 26¼ |
| Fort Wayne | 168 | do preferred | 80 |
| Illinois Central | 104 | Gen. Electric | 37⅛ |
| Lake Erie & W. | 19½ | Illinois Steel | 46¾ |
| do preferred | 76¾ | Lead | 38½ |
| Lake Shore | 176½ | do preferred | 104 |
| Lou. & Nash | 79¼ | Pacific Mail | 34¾ |
| Mich. Central | 105 | Pullman Pal. | 177 |
| Mo. Pacific | 23¾ | Silver Cer. | 54½ |
| N. J. Central | 98 | Sugar | 144⅞ |
| N. Y. Central | 116⅝ | do preferred | 115¾ |
| Northwestern | 127¼ | Tenn Coal & I. | 30¾ |
| do preferred | 161 | U. S. Leather | 8¼ |
| Northern Pac. | 20½ | do preferred | 67 |
| do preferred | 52¾ | Western Union | 90⅞ |

### Breadstuffs and Provisions.

CHICAGO—Speculative futures in wheat were all weak to-day, chiefly through sympathy with a big break in the cash market. That market was upset by a 600,000 bushel increase in the contract spring wheat. December closed at a 1⅛@1⅜c net decline. Corn under heavy liquidation, touched the lowest point of the present decline, closing ¾@1c lower. Oats declined ⅝c and provisions closed 10c lower.

Wheat was easy at the opening, the heaviness of the northwest receipts having a depressing effect. The number of cars reported at Minneapolis and Duluth was 1,872, compared with 1,924 a week ago. A year ago, however, but 1,182 cars were received. The effect of this was an opening decline of ⅜c, December, which closed yesterday at 91⅝@91¾c, starting to-day at 91⅜@91½c. For a few minutes after the opening the market showed symptoms of a recovery. The weather west and southwest was still very dry and farmers were reported to be greatly discouraged on account of their inability to do their fall plowing. Reports of damage by drought and frost in Argentina were also plentiful. This caused an advance in December to 91⅝c. It held only for a moment or two and for the remainder of the session the market ruled weak. There was but one interruption to the decline and that came when the closing Liverpool cables were posted, showing 1⅛@1¼d advance. December had previously worked down to 90⅞c, but it recovered then to 90⅝c. Chicago received 484 cars, not one of which was deliverable on December contracts. There were, however, 48 cars of No. 2 spring inspected into regular elevators, 28 of which came out of local irregular houses. The quantity of No. 2 spring wheat in store a week ago was only 512,000 bushels and is now 1,235,000 bushels, showing 623,000 bushels addition for the week nearly all of which on its arrival from the country was inspected at No. 3 or lower. As No. 2 spring will not be regular after September 30, this was a good deal of a bearish factor. Exports from Atlantic coasts amounted in wheat and flour to 610,000 bushels. Continental cables were irregular. Antwerp reported 1½ centimes decline, while Paris showed 10 centimes advance in September with later deliveries unchanged. One feature of trading was the heavy selling of December by one or two private wire concerns, presumably for a prominent St. Louis operator. The market as a whole, however, was very dull, with an almost total absence of outside support. December was selling at 90⅝c at the close.

Corn opened easy and became weak at the session advanced. Receipts 830 cars, were nearly 200 cars under estimates, but there were already heavier stocks than could be handled at previously prevailing prices, so that fact had no effect. The weakest feature of the situation was that cash corn was offered 2c below December price. There was very free selling by bear professionals. Shipping demand was only fair. Exports amounted to 268,242 bushels. December opened ⅛c lower at 29⅝@29¾c, sold down to 29⅛c, closing at 29⅛@29¼c.

There was little doing in oats. The market was weak from the start, principally through sympathy with corn. Longs sold freely during the decline, but the greater portion of the day's business was scattered. Cash demand continued urgent and readily absorbed all offerings. Receipts were 661 cars. December ranged from 20¾c to 19⅝, closing ⅝c lower at 19⅝c.

Provisions were steady at the opening. The market soon became weak on free offerings of ribs by packers generally and of lard and by Cudahy. Yesterday's advance also brought outside realizing sales and as the market lacked support a decline was inevitable. At the close December pork was 10c lower at $8 20; December lard about 10c lower at $4 47½ and December ribs 10c lower at $4 75.

Estimated receipts Wednesday:

Wheat 300 cars; corn 550 cars; oats 375 cars; hogs 34,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Opening. | Highest. | Lowest. | Closing. |
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| Wheat, No. 2. | | | | |
| Sept. | 90⅝ | 90⅝ | 88¼ | 88¾ |
| Dec. | 91⅝ | 91⅝ | 90⅛ | 90⅝ |
| May | 90¼ | 90½ | 88¾ | 88⅞ |
| Corn, No. 2. | | | | |
| Sept. | 27¾ | 27¾ | 27¼ | 27¼ |
| Dec. | 29⅝ | 29⅝ | 29⅛ | 29⅛ |
| May | 33¼ | 33¼ | 32⅝ | 32⅝ |
| Oats, No. 2. | | | | |
| Sept. | 19¼ | 19¼ | 19 | 19 |
| Dec. | 20¼ | 20¼ | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| May | 22⅞ | 23 | 22¼ | 22¼ |
| Mess Pork. | | | | |
| Oct. | 8 12½ | 8 12½ | 8 07½ | 8 10 |
| Dec. | 8 30 | 8 30 | 8 15 | 8 20 |
| Jan. | 9 27½ | 9 27½ | 9 15 | 9 17½ |
| Lard. | | | | |
| Oct. | 4 42½ | 4 42½ | 4 37½ | 4 40 |
| Dec. | 4 65 | 4 55 | 4 47½ | 4 47½ |
| Jan. | 4 70 | 4 70 | 4 62½ | 4 62½ |
| Short Ribs. | | | | |
| Oct. | 5 00 | 5 00 | 4 87½ | 4 87½ |
| Dec. | 4 87½ | 4 87½ | 4 75 | 4 75 |
| Jan. | 4 87 | 4 85 | 4 75 | 4 75 |

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour easy.

Wheat—No. 2 spring 88¾@90⅞c; No. 3 spring 87@89c; No. 2 red 93¾@94⅝c.

Corn—No. 2, 27½@27¾c; No. 2 yellow 27½@27¾c.

Oats—No. 2, 19¼@19½c; No. 2 white 22½c; No. 3 white 21@22¾c.

Rye—No. 2, 46½c.

Barley—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 31@44c; No. 4, 28@35c.

Timothyseed—Prime, $2 67½.

Mess Pork—Per barrel $8 10@8 15.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $4 42½@4 45.

Short Ribs—Sides (loose) $4 75@5 10.

Dry salted shoulders (boxed) 5⅜@5⅝c.

Short clear sides (boxed) 5¼@5⅜c.

Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon $1 22.

On the produce exchange to-day, the butter market was firm; creameries 14@21½c; dairies 12@19c.

Cheese—Steady at 8@9c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh 14c.

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts, 388,843 barrels; exports 10,635 barrels; quiet and weak at a lower range of prices; Minnesota $5 15@5 50; do bakers', $4 35@4 50; winter patents $5 15@5 40; do straights $4 70@4 80; do extras $3 50@3 75. Wheat, receipts, 238,300 bushels; exports 214,444 bushels; spot market weak; No. 2 red 96¼c; options opened easy, closed ⅞@1⅛c net lower; No. 2 red September closed 96⅝c; December closed 93¼c. Corn, receipts, 456,625 bushels; exports 260,935 bushels; spot market weak; No. 2 33⅞c; options opened steady, closing ⅝@¾c net lower; September closed 32½c; December closed 34⅝c.

Oats, receipts 405,600 bushels; exports 94,648 bushels; spot market weak; No. 2 23½c; options dull and easier; closed ¼@⅜c lower; September closed 23⅝c; December closed 24¾c.

Hay weak. Hops firm. Hides steady. Leather steady.

Beef firm. Cutmeats steady. Lard easier; western steamed $4 80; refined quiet. Pork quiet. Tallow dull. Petroleum quiet. Rosin quiet. Turpentine firm. Rice steady. Molasses quiet. Cottonseed oil weak.

Coffee, options opened steady at unchanged prices and closed steady with prices 5 points decline to 5 points net advance. Sales, 6,250 bags. Sugar, raw firm; refined firm.

BALTIMORE—Flour quiet and unchaged; receipts 21,872 barrels; exports 345 barrels. Wheat dull and lower; spot and month 94¼@94⅜c; December 95@95¼c; steamer No. 2 red 88@88¼c; receipts 23,566 bushels; southern wheat by sample 90@96c; do on grade 89@95c. Corn weak; spot 32¾@32½c; December new or old 32¾@33c; steamer mixed 30¼@30½c; receipts 76,060 bushels; southern white corn 37@37½c; do yellow 37½@38c. Oats firm; No. 2 white 26c bid; receipts 17,331 bushels. Rye dull and easy; No. 2 western 52@52½c; receipts 3,001 bushels. Hay steady; choice timothy $13 00@13 50. Grain freights very quiet. Butter very firm; fancy creamery 20½@21c. Eggs firm and unchanged. Cheese steady and unchanged.

PHILADELPHIA—Wheat weak and 1c lower; contract grade, September, 93@93¼c; October, November and December, nominal. Corn unchanged; No. 2 mixed September, 32@32½c; October, November and December nominal. Oats steady; No. 2 white, September, October, November and December, 27½c. Butter firm and 1@2c higher; fancy western creamery 22c; do Pennsylvania prints and do western prints 23c. Eggs firm; fresh nearby 18c; do western 17@17½c. Cheese quiet, but steady.

CINCINNATI—Flour steady. Wheat easier; No. 2 red 92c. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed 30½c. Oats quiet and firm; No. 2 mixed 21c. Rye quiet; No. 2 47c. Lard easy at $4 37½. Bulk meats quiet at $5 70. Bacon steady at $6 80. Whisky steady at $1 21. Butter firm and higher; fancy Elgin creamery 24c; Ohio 16@18c; dairy 11c. Sugar firm. Eggs firm at 13c. Cheese firm.

TOLEDO—Wheat lower and steady; No. 2 cash September and October 94c; December 94¼c. Corn active and lower; No. 2 mixed 29c. Oats dull and steady; No. 2 mixed 19½c. Rye quiet; No. 2 cash 47½c. Cloverseed active and steady; prime cash $3 35. Oil unchanged.

### Live Stock.

Union Stockyards, Claremont,
BALTIMORE, Monday, Sept. 27.

Swine.—Arrivals this week 11,925 head. There is a fair trade reported, with but little difference in values as compared with last week, prices for good light fat western hogs ranging as then at $4 90@5 00 per 100 pounds; those from other points, light $4 30@4 70, and heavy weights $4 40@4 65, a slight improvement. Light pigs $3 90@4 00 and roughs $2 50@3 00 per 100 pounds gross.

Sheep and Lambs.—There is a heavy run of sheep and lambs—25 carloads. Sheep are unchanged at 2@2¾c and a few extra a shade higher. Lambs 4½@5¼c, and a few extra a shade higher, a decline of ¼c.

Calves—Veals are unchanged, with a fair trade, and sell at 4½@6½c per pound. Roughs, common to good $4 00@7 00 per head.

CHICAGO—The few native cattle that were offered for sale were disposed of at about former prices, good fat light and medium weights having the preference. Nearly all the native beef steers crossed the scales between $4 and $4 50, the greater part going for $4 65@5 20. The stocker and feeder trade was fairly active, a good many little steers selling at $3 50@4 00, such lots being a dime lower than last week. Good to choice heifers were rather scarce and as high as ever. Feeding bulls brought $3 00@3 35 and bolognas $2 35@3 00. Calves were rather active, but prices averaged lower. There was an active demand for hogs, both local packers and eastern shippers taking hold freely, and prices averaged a nickel higher than yesterday. Sales were largely at $3 85@4 15, the average quality of the offerings being only fair. Heavy packing hogs found buyers at $3 90@3 90 and prime light weights sold at $4 25@4 30. The market for sheep and lambs was largely 10c lower. Sheep were salable at $2 25@3 00 for the poorest native flocks up to $4 00@4 25 for choice to prime, few going above $4 00. Lambs sold freely at $4 00@4 50. Receipts—Cattle 7,000 head; hogs, 20,000 head; sheep, 22,000 head.

EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; prime $5 00@5 10; common $3 50@3 80; bulls, stags and cows $2 00@3 75. Hogs steady; best medium $4 50@4 55; best Yorkers and pigs $4 40@4 45; heavy $4 30@4 40; roughs $3 50@3 75. Sheep slow; choice $4 20@4 30; common $2 50@3 40; choice lambs $5 30@5 50; common to good lambs $4 00@5 25. Veal calves $6 75@7 25.

CINCINNATI—Hogs active at $3 25@4 35.

### Wool.

BOSTON—The wool market here shows a quieter tone this week, although values are very strong and have hardened more or less during the week. Territory wools continue to harden and most business is being done in fine medium and fine on scoured basis of 46@48c. Fleece wools are also firmer and sales moderate. The demand for Australian wools is quite liberal, and the price is gradually working on toward the importing price. Following are quotations for the leading descriptions: Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces X and above 24c; XX and XX and above 27@28c; delaine 28c; No. 1 combing 28c; No. 2 combing 23c.

NEW YORK—Wool firm.

### Metals.

NEW YORK—Lead, exchange quiet at $4 32½@4 37½; brokers' strong at $4 00. Pig iron warrants very dull at $7 05@7 15. Copper dull at $11 25. Tin, quiet at $13 60@13 65. Spelter quiet at $4 25@4 35.

### Petroleum.

OIL CITY—Credit balances 70c; certificates no bide; shipments 94,597 barrels; runs 121,251 barrels.

NEW YORK—Petroleum, Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominal at 85c.

### Dry Goods.

NEW YORK—The dry goods situation is quiet this week in all departments. Print cloths gave signs of weakness.


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| Tr'n | Time | Tr'n | Time | Tr'n | Time |
| No. | a. m. | No. | p. m. | No. | a. m. | No. | p. m. |
| 2.... | 10:00 | 20.... | 2:00 | 1.... | 10:00 | 19.... | 2:00 |
| 4.... | 7:00 | 22.... | 4:00 | 3.... | 7:00 | 21.... | 4:00 |
| 6.... | 8:00 | 24.... | 5:00 | 5.... | 8:00 | 23.... | 5:00 |
| 8.... | 9:00 | 26.... | 6:00 | 7.... | 12:00 | 25.... | 6:00 |
| 10.... | 10:00 | 28.... | 7:00 | 9.... | 10:00 | 27.... | 7:00 |
| 12.... | 11:00 | 30.... | 8:00 | 11.... | 11:00 | 29.... | 8:00 |
| | p. m. | 32.... | 9:00 | | p. m. | 31.... | 9:00 |
| 14.... | 12:00 | 34.... | 10:00 | 13.... | 12:00 | 33.... | 10:00 |
| 16.... | 1:00 | 36.... | 11:00 | 15.... | 1:00 | 35.... | 11:00 |
| 18.... | 2:00 | | | 17.... | 2:00 | | |

†Daily, except Sunday.
Sunday church trains will leave Elm Grove at 9:45 a. m. and Wheeling at 12:17 p. m.
H. E. WEINGERTNER,
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| Depart. | B.&O.—Main Line East. | Arrive. |
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| *2:25 am | Wash., Bal., Phil., N.Y. | *8:20 am |
| *3:00 pm | Wash., Bal., Phil., N.Y. | ..... |
| 12:00 am | ...Cumberland Accom... | 11:30 pm |
| *5:00 pm | ....Grafton Accom..... | *10:10 am |
| *10:55 am | ...Washington City Ex.. | *10:20 pm |
| Depart. | B.&O.—C.O. Div., West | Arrive. |
| *7:35 am | For Columbus and Chi. | *1:15 am |
| 12:35 am | ...Cambridge Accom... | 12:30 pm |
| *10:40 am | ..Columbus and Cincin.. | *3:05 pm |
| 11:40 pm | ..Columbus and Cincin.. | *5:05 am |
| *3:25 pm | Columbus and Chi. Ex