

COINAGE OF GOLD

Where the Metal May be Reckoned in Terms of the

GREATEST UNIT OF WEIGHT.

The Precious Metal Referred to as So Many Tons Instead of Ounces. Some Interesting Figures From the Great Branch Mint at San Francisco.

San Francisco Chronicle: Ordinarily people speak of gold bullion, when quantities are mentioned, as so many ounces except in San Francisco, where the receipts of gold bullion at the United States branch mint are referred to as so many tons for certain days. It sounds like an enormous hoard, bordering on the fabulous, yet it is true. The mint books show it: the bullion was received, coined and turned over to its owners. One day in August last four tons of the precious metal were received at the mint for coinage, while in October, 1897, the receipts for one day were six tons. That exceeds the receipts of any other mint, as far as known, and so does the total coinage of the San Francisco branch mint exceed that of any other of recent years, and it is still on the increase.

The coinage of the last fiscal year, ended June 30, 1899, according to the report just completed, was the largest in the history of the mint. It is in the period of the year which under normal circumstances the extra uses for money in the moving of the crops begins to show diminution, releasing large funds for employment in stock speculation. Export opinion, however, is by no means unanimous that funds will be released in the usual volume this fall, owing to the marvellous business expansion. Outside the highly speculative industrialists, the movement in the railroads centered in the southwestern group. The special strength and activity in Southern Pacific helped the southwesterns and was based on current rumors of readjustment of control. The belated movement in cotton was a factor of strength among both southern and southwestern railroads. There were special movements besides in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and Chesapeake & Ohio, and some demand for the coals. The upward movement in the iron and steel stocks encountered difficulties as did that in Brooklyn Transit. Speculation in Leather continued on an enormous scale, the stock rising an extreme 3 1/2 per cent. Sugar was also very prominent and rose at one time 5 points. There were notable movements in Standard Rope, People's Gas, and Manhattan. The extent of the advance invited heavy realizing, especially during the last hour and some stocks showed reactions of between 1 and 2 points from the highest. The general tendency was yielding in spite of a fresh advance in Southern Pacific to 4 1/2 and in Chesapeake & Ohio to 2 1/2. The upward impetus at the opening was caused by higher quotations from London and the effect was exaggerated by the circulation of a canard alleging a disastrous defeat of the Boers at Ladysmith. Manipulation for the rise was very apparent all day. The bond market was active and strong, the demand being very well distributed. Total sales for value \$3,295,000.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Money on call firm at 4 1/2 per cent; last loan 4 per cent; ruling rate 8 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4 1/2 @ 4 7/8 for demand and at 4 1/2 @ 4 3/8 for 60 days; posted rates \$4 84 and \$4 83; commercial bills \$4 82 1/2. Silver certificates 13 1/2 @ 13 1/4. Bar silver 53c. Mexican dollars 67 1/2. Government bonds strong. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong. The stock market took on a show of great animation and strength to-day and some very striking net gains resulted. The general list, however, though higher in price at the close, developed little activity. The operations which totalled 950,200 shares sold, were largely confined to the professional element. The upward movement was obviously based upon the easier tone of the money market. The largest operations were by powerful pools and strong financial interests which have at command money resources outside the usual money market circles. The prevailing opinion in Wall street is that prices of stocks would move upwards easily if the obstacle of stringent money were removed. The large outstanding short interest in stocks has been palpably uneasy for some time past and any indication of relaxation in the tightness of money makes them inclined to cover their short contracts. The professional pool operations in a number of prominent stocks to-day were obviously directed against the bear contingent and with good success. It is very probable, however, that the large buying at other points is based on expectation of a rise in prices on account of a growing public interest in stocks. It is in the period of the year which under normal circumstances the extra uses for money in the moving of the crops begins to show diminution, releasing large funds for employment in stock speculation. Export opinion, however, is by no means unanimous that funds will be released in the usual volume this fall, owing to the marvellous business expansion. Outside the highly speculative industrialists, the movement in the railroads centered in the southwestern group. The special strength and activity in Southern Pacific helped the southwesterns and was based on current rumors of readjustment of control. The belated movement in cotton was a factor of strength among both southern and southwestern railroads. There were special movements besides in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and Chesapeake & Ohio, and some demand for the coals. The upward movement in the iron and steel stocks encountered difficulties as did that in Brooklyn Transit. Speculation in Leather continued on an enormous scale, the stock rising an extreme 3 1/2 per cent. Sugar was also very prominent and rose at one time 5 points. There were notable movements in Standard Rope, People's Gas, and Manhattan. The extent of the advance invited heavy realizing, especially during the last hour and some stocks showed reactions of between 1 and 2 points from the highest. The general tendency was yielding in spite of a fresh advance in Southern Pacific to 4 1/2 and in Chesapeake & Ohio to 2 1/2. The upward impetus at the opening was caused by higher quotations from London and the effect was exaggerated by the circulation of a canard alleging a disastrous defeat of the Boers at Ladysmith. Manipulation for the rise was very apparent all day. The bond market was active and strong, the demand being very well distributed. Total sales for value \$3,295,000.

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Breadstuffs and Provisions.

CHICAGO—Liquidation encouraged by the constant piling up of stocks and particularly foreign markets caused a decided slump in wheat to-day. December declining to 63 1/2c. Part of the loss was regained near the end on covering, but the market closed weak at a decline of 3/4c. Corn and oats declined 3/4c each. Provisions closed practically unchanged. Wheat opened weak and showed very little recuperative power, prices remaining below yesterday's level throughout the session. Nearly everything was against the market and long wheat came out in large quantities. The principal weakening influence was the excess of visible stocks this year compared with last and the fact that daily additions are being made to the over-supply. At this time last year there were but 15,000,000 bushels in the visible, whereas now there are 40,000,000 bushels. Of this amount 20,000,000 bushels are stored in Chicago against only 3,000,000 a year ago. Heavy cables and the promising condition of the winter wheat, together with an excessive stock cash, decided to encourage the selling movement. Near the end of the session covering by shorts started a slight rally but the market closed weak with 1/4c loss at the bottom. December opened 1/4c lower at 62 1/2 @ 63 1/2; sold sparingly at 63 1/2; declined to 62 1/2; and closed with sellers at 62 1/2c.

Chicago received fifty cars, one of which was of contract grade. Minneapolis and Duluth got 608 cars, compared with 1,261 the same day a year ago. Total western primary receipts were 808,000 bushels, against 1,536,000 bushels last year. Exports from Atlantic ports in wheat and flour equalled 315,000 bushels.

Corn was active, but weak with wheat. Light clearances slow cash decline and an estimate by a prominent statistician that the world's corn crop would amount to 2,605,000 bushels, against 2,416,000 bushels last year, also encouraged selling under which the market declined steadily until late in the session, when claims of disappointing hunking returns together with covering by shorts caused some relief. Receipts, 373 cars. December opened 1/4c lower at 31c; advanced to 31 1/2c; declined to 30 1/2c, and advanced to 30 3/4c @ 31c at the close.

Sympathy with the other grains and heavy commission house selling of the December option weakened oats. New estimates which made a considerable increase in the crop, together with a heavy advance in the market, also had a depressing influence. Receipts, 215 cars. December opened a shade lower at 22 1/2 @ 23 1/2; declined to 22c, and closed at 22 1/2 @ 23c.

A larger increase in stocks than expected strengthened provisions early, but the market finally yielded under heavy selling by packers. The weakness in grains was also a handicap. January of 1900 in advance of ten cents closed a shade lower at \$3 60; January had a shade lower at \$3 25, and January ribs a shade higher at \$4 90 @ 4 92 1/2. Estimated receipts for Friday: Wheat, 100 cars; corn, 295 cars; oats, 210 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

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Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet and easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring 69 1/2 @ 70c; No. 3 spring 68 1/2 @ 70c; No. 2 yellow 32c. Corn—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 white 26c; No. 3 white 24 1/2 @ 25c. Ties—No. 2, 5 1/2c. Hops—No. 1, \$1 25 @ 1 30; northwestern \$1 25 @ 1 30. Timothy seed—Prime, \$2 20. Mess Pork—Per barrel \$3 00 @ 3 05. Lard—Per 100 lbs., \$5 17 1/2 @ 5 20. Short ribs—Sides (loose) \$4 75 @ 5 20. Dry salted shoulders (boxed) \$3 65 @ 3 75. Short clear sides (boxed) \$4 50 @ 4 75. Whiskey Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, \$1 24. Clover—\$7 50. Butter—Firm; creameries 150 @ 20c; dairies 140 @ 18c. Eggs—Steady; fresh 17 1/2 @ 18c. Cheese—Strong; creams 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2c.

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts 21,715 barrels; exports 18,719 barrels; sales 12,000 packages; market more active, but easier under larger offerings following the further decline in wheat; Minnesota patents \$3 75 @ 4 10; winter exports \$2 55 @ 2 90; Minnesota bakers \$2 85 @ 3 15. Wheat, receipts 32,975 bushels; exports 55,799 bushels; sales 1,675,000 bushels of futures and 232,000 bushels of spot; market weaker; No. 2, 4 1/2c; No. 3, 4 1/2c; No. 4, 4 1/2c; No. 5, 4 1/2c; No. 6, 4 1/2c; No. 7, 4 1/2c; No. 8, 4 1/2c; No. 9, 4 1/2c; No. 10, 4 1/2c; No. 11, 4 1/2c; No. 12, 4 1/2c. Oats, receipts 127,000 bushels; exports 32,574 bushels; spot market quiet; No. 2 white 26 1/2c; track mixed western 20 1/2c; track white state 20 1/2 @ 20 3/4c; options nominal; no business. Hides and leather steady. Beef strong. Cutmeats weak. Lard dull and easy; western steamed closed at \$5 45 @ 5 50; city \$5 20; November closed at \$5 45 nominal; refined steady. Pork dull. Butter firm. Cheese weak; large white 12c; small white 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4c; large colored 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4c; small colored 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4c. Potatoes quiet. Talow quiet. Cottonseed oil quiet; prime 24 1/2 @ 25c; do yellow 24 1/2 @ 25c. Rosin steady. Rice quiet. Molasses steady. Coffee, options open firm, with prices 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4 higher; closed quiet at 6 1/2 @ 6 3/4 higher; sales 13,500 bags. Sugar, raw firm. Fair refining 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4; centrifugal 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4; 4-15c; molasses sugar 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4; refined steady.

BALTIMORE—Flour dull and unchanged; receipts 6,318 barrels; exports 9,912 barrels. Wheat dull and lower; spot and month 60 1/2 @ 61 1/2; December 64 1/2 @ 65 1/2; steamer No. 2 red 64 1/2 @ 65 1/2; receipts 8,652 bushels; exports none; southern by sample 63 1/2 @ 65c; southern on grade 65 1/2 @ 66c. Corn steady; mixed spot and month 33 1/2 @ 34 1/2; No. 2 mixed 37 1/2 @ 38 1/2; No. 3 mixed 35 1/2 @ 36 1/2; No. 4 mixed 34 1/2 @ 35 1/2; No. 5 mixed 33 1/2 @ 34 1/2; No. 6 mixed 32 1/2 @ 33 1/2; No. 7 mixed 31 1/2 @ 32 1/2; No. 8 mixed 30 1/2 @ 31 1/2; No. 9 mixed 29 1/2 @ 30 1/2; No. 10 mixed 28 1/2 @ 29 1/2; No. 11 mixed 27 1/2 @ 28 1/2; No. 12 mixed 26 1/2 @ 27 1/2. Oats, receipts 127,000 bushels; exports 32,574 bushels; spot market quiet; No. 2 white 26 1/2c; track mixed western 20 1/2c; track white state 20 1/2 @ 20 3/4c; options nominal; no business. Hides and leather steady. Beef strong. Cutmeats weak. Lard dull and easy; western steamed closed at \$5 45 @ 5 50; city \$5 20; November closed at \$5 45 nominal; refined steady. Pork dull. Butter firm. Cheese weak; large white 12c; small white 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4c; large colored 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4c; small colored 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4c. Potatoes quiet. Talow quiet. Cottonseed oil quiet; prime 24 1/2 @ 25c; do yellow 24 1/2 @ 25c. Rosin steady. Rice quiet. Molasses steady. Coffee, options open firm, with prices 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4 higher; closed quiet at 6 1/2 @ 6 3/4 higher; sales 13,500 bags. Sugar, raw firm. Fair refining 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4; centrifugal 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4; 4-15c; molasses sugar 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4; refined steady.

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Trains Run by Central Time.

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NORTHWEST SYSTEM—CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH DIVISION.

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OHIO RIVER RAILROAD CO.

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