STANDARD OIL MEN CONTROL MARKET

Belief That This Condition Exists Causes Hesitation and Unsettled State.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Professional operators in the stock market have come to practical agreement on calling it a Standard Oil market. Attention of this speculative element was wholly centred to-day on efforts to determine what Standard Oil brokers were doing. This was because of the conviction that the market is under the control of a combination of capitalists having affiliations with the Standard Oil Company. The market was in a constant state of hesitation and unsettlement throughout session. Open selling of large amounts of Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Reading by the houses which were largest buyers yesterday, broke prices from the brisk, early advance. The openness of this selling then came under suspicion, and the market fluctuated under this doubt.

Little impression was made by the estimates of a considerable drain in bank cash for the week. The banks appear to have lost a considerable amount from excess of shipments over receipts on the interior currency movement. The subtreasury operations have absorbed some $1,146,000 in cash. The week's liquidation at the stock exchange should operate to reduce the loan item. There were supplementary reports of further heavy buying for export to-day. The effect of this on the exchange market is modified by the influence of the English cotton mills shut down on the supply of cotton bills. Notwithstanding strong demonstrations at new points in the market, the uncertain sentiment remained unaltered at the closing.

Bonds were unchanged. Total sales, par value, $3,772,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales, $10,000 shares.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Money on call steady, 1@1 1-2 per cent.; ruling rate, 1 1-4; closing bid, 1 1-4; offered at 1 1-2. Time loans very dull and steady; sixty days, 2 1-2 per cent.; ninety days, 2 3-4@3 per cent.; six months, 3 1-2 per cent. Close: Prime mercantile, 4 to 4 1-2 per cent.; sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85@$4.8510 for sixty day bills and at $4.8660 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.84 1-2@$4.84 3-4. Bar silver, 51 5-8. Mexican dollars, 45.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., September 25, 1908.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
North Carolina 4s, C. 1910	99	...
North Carolina 6s, C. 1919	118	...
Va 3s, Old, C. and R., 1932	92	93
Centuries, 2-3, C. and R., 1991	92¼	92¾
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich. City 4s, R., 1920-1930	99	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. C. L. R. R. Con. Tr. 4 p. c.	93	...
A. C. L. R. R. Ctfs. of Ind. 4s	76	...
Char. Col. and Aug. Ex. 5s, C.	102	...
Char. Col. and Aug. 2d 7s, C.	105	...
C. & O. R. & A. Gen'l M. 4½s.	102	...
Col. and Green. 1st 6s, C.	106	...
Ga. Car. and North. 1st 5s, 1929	102	...
Georgia Pac. 1st 6s, C. 1922	115	...
Georgia, Sou. and Fla., 1945	102	...
Ga. and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945	98½	...
Nor. and West. Ry. 4s, 1996	99	...
Rich. and Dan. Gold 6s, C. 1915	106	...
South-Bound 1st 5s, 1941	100	...
Southern Railway 1st 5s, 1994	101	...
Western N. C. 1st 6s, C. 1914	106	...
Seaboard Air Line 4s, 1950	55	56
S. A. L. Col. Trust 5s, 1911	90½	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	160
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100	100
Atlantic Coast Line com	100	85
Atlantic Coast L. of Conn	100	200
Ches. and Ohio....Nov	100	49
Norfolk and Western com	100	72
R. F. and P. Div. Oblig	100	206
Seaboard Co. 1st pfd	...	31½
Seaboard Co. 2nd pfd	...	13
Seaboard Co. com	...	6¼
Southern Railway pfd	100	51
Southern Railway com	100	20
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.		
American National	100	135
Broad Street Bank	25	31
Bank of Richmond	100	120
City	25	33
First National	100	226
Merchants National	100	500
National Bank of Virginia	100	152
National State Bank	100	176
Planters National	100	115
Savings Bank of Richmond	25	50
Union Bank of Richmond	50	194
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd. 6 p. ct.	100	92
American Loco. pfd	...	101
American Loco. com	...	46
Amer. Tob. 4 p. ct. bonds	...	73½
Amer. Tob. 6 p. ct. bonds	93	110
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd. 8 p. ct.	100	109
Va.-Car. Chem. com	100	29

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, September 25.—After a severe decline to-day the cotton market rallied and closed very steady at a net advance of 4@7 points. Sales were estimated at 125,000 bales. The market opened at a decline of 3 points to an advance of 1 point, and during the early session prices sold off to a net decline of 4@6 points under scattering liquidation and local bear pressure. There was covering on the decline, however, and toward midday the market turned firmer on reports that a cyclonic storm was moving westward toward the Lesser Antilles and might head toward the Gulf. The weather forecast suggested showers or rains in sections of the belts also, and during the afternoon the market advanced to a net gain of 5@10 points on apprehensions of unsettled weather over the week-end. The late months were relatively firm on the advance, and it was reported that there was some selling of December against purchases of January and March for the purpose of undoing straddles. Last prices were a little off from the best, under realizing. Receipts were heavy, but clearances were also fairly liberal, and local spot people reported that mills were good buyers of spots wherever slight concessions were available. There was some Southern selling here early, but commission houses were buyers during the afternoon.

Receipts at the ports to-day were 43,619 bales against 38,242 last week and 47,133 last year. For the week 270,000 bales against 213,882 last week and 221,212 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 3,074 bales against 3,248 last year, and at Houston 13,034 bales against 7,062 last year.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed very steardy.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
September	8.90	...	...	9.04
October	8.98	9.04	8.82	8.94
November	...	...	...	8.71
December	8.76	8.81	8.68	8.78
January	8.60	8.89	8.55	8.66
February	...	...	...	8.65
March	8.60	8.70	8.66	8.67
May	8.64	8.73	8.64	8.69

August, 8.70 offered.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 9.40; middling gulf, 9.65.

Cotton, quiet; middling, 9.40; gross receipts, 2,771 bales; stock, 61,805 bales.

Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts, 46,640 bales; export to Great Britain, 16,900 bales; to France, 8,663 bales; to the Continent, 10,031 bales; stock, 448,108 bales.

Consolidated at all ports—Net receipts, 283,849 bales; export to Great Britain, 67,435 bales; to France, 38,850 bales; to the Continent, 65,377 bales.

Total since September 1st at all ports—Net receipts, 681,877 bales; export to Great Britain, 11,754 bales; to France, 465,511 bales; to the Continent, 177,642 bales; to Japan, 250 bales.

Consolidated at all ports, net receipts, are corrected figures.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., September 25.—COTTON—Spots were firm and steady; middling, 9 1-16c. Bad weather continued to oppress the market and buying was light, sales being 1,650 bales on the spot and 400 to arrive. Cotton futures opened steady at a decline of 1 point to an advance of 2 points compared with last night's closing. General apathy marketd the course of business after the opening, with prices tending slightly downward until receipts of the government's warning of a cyclonic disturbance approaching the Florida and Gulf coasts. Prices rose sharply for gains of about 10 points on covering by shorts, and held up fairly well throughout the remainder of the day. The closing was steady, unchanged to 6 points over last night. Closing bids: September, 9.00 nominal; October, 8.76; November, 8.68; December 8.70; January, 8.71; February, 8.73; March, 8.77.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, September 25.—FLOUR—Firm with a fair trade. Rye Flour, Buckwheat Flour and Cornmeal—Firm. Rye—Dull. Barley—Steady. Wheat—Irregular; No. 2 red, $1.08⅝@1.09⅝ elevator. Options ½c. net lower. September, $1.10⅝@1.10¾; December, $1.10¾; May, $1.11¾. Corn—Firm; No. 2, 66c. nominal, elevator. Options unchanged. September, 65½c.; December, 77½c.; May, 73⅝c. Oats—Steady; mixed, 53c.

Beef, Cut Meats, Lard and Pork—Steady. Tallow—Firm. Petroleum and Rosin—Steady. Turpentine—Quiet. Rice—Steady. Molasses—Firm. Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, $3.48; centrifugal, 96 test, $3.98; molasses sugar, $3.23; refined, steady. Coffee—Quiet; Rio, No. 7, 8¼c.; Santos, No. 4, 9½c.; mild, dull; Cordova, 9¼@12½c. Futures net 5 points higher to 10 points lower. Butter—Firm; creamery, extras, 24½c. Cheese—Firm and unchanged. Eggs—Steady and unchanged.

Peanuts and Freights—Quiet and unchanged. Potatoes—Barely steady; Eastern Shore sweets, per barrel, $1.25@1.50. Cabbages—Easy and unchanged. Cottonseed Oil—Firmer for refined on showing of shorts and speculative demand. Prime crude, 29c.; prime summer yellow, 38½@39½c.; off summer yellow, 38@39c.; good off summer yellow, 37@38½c.; prime white, 45½@46c.; prime winter yellow, 44@48c.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, September 25.—The wheat market advanced sharply for a time to-day December touching $1.02¾@1.02⅞, but there was plenty for sale on the bulge, and December closed ⅛c. off. Corn closed unchanged; oats ⅛@¼c. lower, and provisions slightly higher.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Sept.	1.01¼	1.01⅝	1.00½	1.00¾
Dec.	1.02	1.01	1.01¼	1.01½
May	1.04⅝	1.05	1.04¼	1.04½
OATS—				
Sept.	79	80	78¾	79⅝
Dec.	66⅝	66½	65¾	66¼
May	65⅝	65½	64⅝	64⅝
CORN—				
Sept.	48¾	48¾	48⅜	48½
Dec.	49⅝	49⅝	49¼	49⅜
May	51⅞	51⅞	51⅜	51⅝
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
Oct.	15.15	15.21½	15.15	15.25
Jan.	16.80	16.85	16.75	16.82½
May	16.70	16.77½	16.70	16.77½
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
Oct.	10.12½	10.20	10.12½	10.17½
Jan.	9.82½	9.87½	9.80	9.85
May	9.87½	9.90	9.85½	9.90
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
Oct.	9.75	9.82½	9.75	9.82½
Jan.	8.80	8.85	8.75	8.85
May	8.92½	8.95	8.87½	8.92½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Firm. No. 3 spring wheat, 98c.@$1.07; No. 2 red, $1.01¼@1.02½; No. 2 corn, 80@80¼c.; No. 2 yellow, 80½@81c. Oats—No. 3 white, 47½@50c.; No. 2 rye, 76@76½c. Fair to choice malting barley, 59@61c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.14⅝@1.23¾; No. 1 northwestern, $1.24¾; prime timothy seed, $3.15@3.25. Clover, contract grades, $9. Short ribs, sides (loose), $9.62½@10.00; mess pork, bar barrel, $15.25@15.37½; lard, per 100 pounds, $10.20; short clear sides (boxed), $10.25@10.50. Whiskey, basis of wines, $1.37. Receipts—Wheat, 54,000 bushels; corn, 259,000 bushels; oats, 237,000 bushels. Butter—Market firm (creameries, 19@24c.; dairies, 17@20c. Eggs—Steady; at mark, cases included, 16½@19c.; firsts, 22c.; prime firsts, 23c. Cheese—Steady at 12½@13¼c.

BALTIMORE, September 25.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged. Wheat—Dull; spot, contract, $1.04¼@1.04½; do., No. 2 red, western, $1.06¼@1.06½; southern on grade, $1.01¼@1.04¼. Corn—Steady; southern white corn, 80@84c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 51c. Rye—Firm; No. 2 western, export, 83@83½c. Butter—Quiet; fancy imitation, 20@21c.; do., creamery, 25½@26c.; do., ladle, 20c.; store packed, 16c. Eggs—Quiet at 23@24c. Cheese—Quiet; large, 13½c.; flats, 13½c.; small, 13¾c. Sugar—Unchanged; coarse granulated and fine, $5.20.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., September 25, 1908.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

WHEAT—Car lots.		
No. 2 red, Western		@$1.05
No. 2 red, Virginia	1.03	@ 1.04
No. 3 red	1.00	@ 1.02
Steamer	98	@ 1.00
Virginia (bag lots)	85	@ 1.00
Va., for seed (bag lots)	98	@ 1.04
CORN—Car lots.		
No. 2 white		@ 88
No. 3 white		@ 87
No. 2 mixed		@ 87
No. 3 mixed	86	
Virginia (bag lots)	85	@ 87
OATS—Car lots.		
No. 2 mixed	53½	
No. 3 mixed		@ 53
No. 2 white	55	
No. 3 white		@ 54
Winter seed (bag lots)	55	@ 65
RYE—Car lots.		
No. 2		@ 88
No. 3		@ 80
Virginia (bag lots)	75	@ 80

CATTLE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., September 25.—CATTLE—Receipts about 2,000 head. Market weak. Steers, $4.40@4.60; cows, $3.25@5.25; heifers, $3@4.25; bulls, $2.50@4.50; calves, $3.50@8.00; stockers and feeders, $2.80@4.50. Hogs—Receipts about 11,000 head. Market steady. Choice heavy, $7.40@7.45; butchers, $7.30@7.45; light, mixed, $6.85@7.00; choice light, $7@7.25; pigs, $3.75@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.80@7.10. Sheep—Receipts about 10,000 head. Market weak. Sheep, $3.50@4.50; yearlings, $3.85@4.25; lambs, $3.50@5.50.

NEW YORK, September 25.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,221 head. Steers, $3.35@5.30; culls, $2.90@3.50; cows, $1.70@4.00. Calves—Receipts, 242 head. Veals, $5@9.40; grassers, $2.50; western calves, $4. City dressed veals, 8@14c. per pound; country dressed, 7@12½c.; dressed grassers and fed calves, 5@7c. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 5,145 head. Sheep, $2.50@4.00; lambs, $4.50@5.65; bulls, $4.00. Hogs—Receipts, 2,225 head. Market weak; no sales.

RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond, Va., September 25, 1908.

Tobacco: Dark Fired—Receipts nominal. Market very quiet; very little doing. Brights—Unchanged; quiet but firm. Fair receipts. Sun-Cured—New primings continue in good demand at quotations; nothing doing in old.

DARK FIRED.		
Lugs	$ 7.00	@$ 9.00
Short leaf	9.00	@ 10.00
Long leaf	10.00	@ 14.00
Wrappers	12.00	@ 20.00
SUN-CURED.		
New primings	$ 1.00	@$ 5.00
Lugs, common to good	5.50	@ 6.50
Lugs, good to prime	6.50	@ 9.50
Short leaf	8.50	@ 10.00
Long leaf	10.00	@ 15.00
Wrappers	12.50	@ 25.00

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

PETERSBURG, VA., September 25.—PEANUTS—Market quite at $1 per bushel. Virginias—Market steady at 4c. for fancy stock; machine picked at 3c.; shelling stock at 2@2¼c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, September 25.—The sales of carpet wools in this market for the week aggregated 2,000,000 pounds. The dry goods market rules steady for the day. The observance of Jewish holidays is expected to make trade quiet for a time. Cotton yarns for knitters are firmer in this market. Cotton goods are fairly steady and some lines of prints and ginghams are being bought freely.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., September 25.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Steady at 34½c.; receipts, 36 casks. Rosin—Steady at $2.30; receipts, 130 barrels. Tar—Firm at $1.80; receipts, 22 barrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at $1.50@2 and $2.75; receipts, 52 barrels.

SAVANNAH, GA., September 25.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Firm at 35½c.; sales, 825 casks; receipts, 759 casks; shipments, 240 casks. Rosin—Firm; sales, 2,450 barrels; receipts, 2,652 barrels; shipments, 3,501 barrels; stock, 143,494 barrels. Quote: B, $2.60.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, SEPT. 25, 1908.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Berkeley, Shelly, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

Tug Standard Oil Company, No. 12, Burk, Baltimore, barge of oil, Standard Oil Company.

SAILED.

Steamer Berkeley, Shelly, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norfolk and James River landings, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Company.

WEEK'S BANK CLEARINGS SHOW SLIGHT FALLING OFF

NEW YORK, September 25.—Bank clearings for the week, $2,696,697,000, as against $2,706,747,000 last week and $2,481,682,000 last year.

Richmond, $5,488,000; decrease, 9.0.
Atlanta, $4,235,000; decrease, 12.2.
Savannah, $5,988,000; increase, 2.7.
Norfolk, $1,995,000; decrease, 21.1.
Augusta, $2,170,000; decrease, 29.0.
Jacksonville, $1,191,000; increase, 7.3.
Charleston, $1,312,000; decrease, 12.9.
Macon, $800,000; increase, 5.9.
Columbia, $595,000; increase, 9.7.

Bank Statements Called for.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—The comptroller of the currency to-day issued a call on national banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business on September 23d.

Thomas Branch & Co.

(Established 1838.)

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New York Stock Exchange,
New York Cotton Exchange

PRIVATE WIRES TO PRINCIPAL MARKETS

OFFICIAL RANGE AND SALE OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

By THOMAS BRANCH & CO., Bankers and Brokers.

SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing. Bid.	Asked
Allis-Chalmers	...	...	...	10¼	11
500 Allis-Chalmers, pfd	31¼	31¼	31	31¼	33
27,900 Amalgamated Copper	73⅞	74⅝	73⅝	74	74⅛
American Can	...	...	...	5½	6
American Can, pfd	...	...	...	58	59
900 Amer. Car and Foundry	30	30¼	28¼	29¼	30½
Amer. Car and Foun., pfd	...	...	...	102	103
500 American Cotton Oil	33⅞	34	33⅞	34	34¼
3,800 American Locomotive	46¾	46⅞	46¼	46½	47
150 Amer. Locomotive, pfd	101½	101½	101½	101	103
29,700 American Smelting	84⅝	...	...	85⅝	85½
900 American Sugar	129½	130⅝	129½	130	130½
American Tobacco, com.	...	...	...	315	330
American Tobacco, pfd	...	...	...	91½	94½
3,800 Anaconda Copper	43¾	44½	43½	44⅜	44½
2,500 Atchison	87⅞	88¼	87¾	87¾	88
200 Atchison, pfd	95⅝	95⅝	94¾	95	95½
Atlantic Coast Line	...	...	...	84	86
3,100 Baltimore and Ohio	97¼	97⅞	96⅞	97¼	97⅜
4,630 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	48¼	48½	47½	47⅞	48
2,200 Canadian Pacific	172½	172½	172	172¼	172½
1,300 Chesapeake and Ohio	40½	41	40¼	40¾	41
1,400 Chicago Great Western	7¼	7¼	6⅝	6¾	6⅞
28,900 Chi., Mil. and St. Paul	134⅛	136	132¼	135¼	135½
Ch., M. and St. Paul, pfd	...	...	...	153	156
1,350 Chicago and Northwest	158	159	157½	159¼	160
Clev., Cin., Chi. and St. L	...	...	...	53	56
3,060 Colorado Fuel and Iron	33⅝	34	33½	33¾	34
6,575 Colorado and Southern	38¼	39½	37¾	39	39¼
200 C. and S., 1st pfd., ex. 2	64⅛	64⅛	64⅛	64	64½
1,200 C. and S., 2d pfd., ex. 2	58⅛	58⅝	57⅞	58	58½
12,520 Consolidated Gas	145	146	144	145	145½
400 Delaware and Hudson	166	166	166	166	167
800 Distillers' Sec. Cor	32¼	32¼	31	31	32
36,900 Erie	30⅛	30¼	29¼	30	30⅛
500 Erie, 1st pfd	43⅛	43⅜	42⅞	43¼	43¾
100 Erie, 2d pfd	35¼	35¼	35¼	35	35¾
200 General Electric	140	140	140	138	140
51,900 Great Northern, pfd	128⅝	131½	128	131	131¼
4,800 Great Northern Ore ctfs.	56¼	58⅝	56¼	58½	58½
1,700 Illinois Central	140	140½	139½	139	140
500 Int. Metropolitan	11	11	10⅝	10⅝	10¾
1,800 Int. Metropolitan, pfd	32	32	31½	31½	32
500 International Paper	9⅞	9¾	9⅝	9½	10
500 Int. Paper, pfd	56¾	56¾	55½	56	57
500 Louisville and Nashville	104¾	105¼	104	105	105½
Manhattan	...	...	...	133	139
Metro. Street Railway	...	...	...	29	29¾
600 Mexican Central	...	...	...	15⅝	15⅞
2,750 Mo., Kan. and Texas	30½	31	30	31	31⅛
200 Mo., Kan. and Tex., pfd.	63¼	63¾	63½	63¾	64¼
1,800 Missouri Pacific	53½	53¾	52¾	53½	54
Nash., Chat. and St. L.	...	...	...	105	115
30,800 National Lead	82¼	85¼	82	84¼	84⅝
1,710 New York Central	103⅞	104	103⅝	103¾	104¼
600 N. Y., Ont. and Western	40¼	40⅜	40¼	40¼	40½
100 Norfolk and Western	72	72	72	72	72½
32,500 Northern Pacific	134¾	138½	133¼	137½	137⅝
400 Pacific Mail	26¼	26¼	25⅞	25½	26
3,600 Pennsylvania	122⅛	122½	121⅞	122	122¼
People's Gas	...	...	...	95	95½
500 Pressed Steel Car	31½	31½	31	31¼	31¾
Pressed Steel Car, pfd	...	...	...	92	94
143,100 Reading	128½	129⅝	128	129¼	129¼
900 Republic Iron and Steel	21¾	22	21⅝	22	22½
500 Republic I. and S., pfd	78	78¼	78	77½	78¼
12,100 Rock Island	18¾	19¼	18¼	19¾	20
89,400 Rock Island, pfd	35¾	40	35¾	39⅞	40
200 Sloss-Sheffield	60½	61	60½	61	62
57,300 Southern Pacific	103⅞	104⅝	103¾	103¾	103⅞
1,200 Southern Railway	21	21¼	21	21¼	21¼
100 Southern Railway, pfd.	51½	51½	51⅜	51¾	53
1,600 Tennessee Copper	38½	38¾	38⅝	38¾	38½
100 Texas Pacific	24	24	24	24¼	24½
167,400 Union Pacific	159	160⅝	158⅜	159¼	159½
200 United States Rubber	30	30	30	29½	30½
90,325 United States Steel	45¼	45¾	44¾	45⅜	45⅞
3,800 United States Steel, pfd	109⅜	109⅝	108¾	109½	109⅝
600 Va.-Car. Chemical	29⅝	30	29¼	29	29⅝
Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd	...	...	...	106	110
100 Wabash	12	12	12	12⅛	12¼
200 Wabash, pfd	25¼	25¼	25¼	25½	25¾
1,300 Western Union	60½	60½	59⅞	60½	60⅞

Total sales, 948,600 shares.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	103¾
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	104¾
U. S. 3s, registered	101
U. S. 3s, coupon	101
U. S. 4s, registered	121
U. S. 4s, coupon	121½
American Tobacco 4s	73¾
American Tobacco 6s	110¾
Atchison general 4s	101¼
Atchison adjustment 4s	94
Atchison conv. 4s (bid)	96
Atchison conv. 5s	103¼
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	94
Baltimore and Ohio 4s	101
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s (bid)	93
Brooklyn Rapid Transit conv. 4s	74½
Central of Georgia 5s	108¼
Central of Georgia 1st Inc. (offered)	64
Central of Georgia 3d Inc.	41
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s	102¾
Chicago and Alton 3½s	71½
Chicago, B. and Quincy new 4s	95½
Chicago, R. I. and Pacific R. R. 4s	76½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. R. R. col. 5s	68½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry. rfdg. 4s	88⅝
C., C., C. and St. Louis gen. 4s	95⅝
Colorado Industrial 5s	73½
Colorado Midland 4s (offered)	66
Colorado and Southern 4s	94
Delaware and Hudson conv. 4s (bid)	100
Denver and Rio Grande 4s (offered)	93
Erie prior lien 4s (offered)	87
Erie General 4s (offered)	42½
Hocking Valley 4½s (bid)	105
Interborough Metro. 4½s	68⅝
Japan 4s	80⅝
Japan 4½s	90¾
Japan 4½s, 2nd series	89¾
Louis. and Nash. Unified 4s (bid)	99
Manhattan consol gold 4s	99¼
Mexican Central 4s (bid)	81
Mexican Central 1st Inc. (bid)	16
Minn. and St. Louis 4s	75
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 4s (bid)	59
Missouri, Kan. and Tex. 2nds (bid)	84½
Nat'l R. R. of Mex. con. 4s (bid)	83
New York Central gen. 3½s (bid)	92
New Jersey Central gen. 5s (bid)	123¾
N. Y., N. H. and H. conv. 6s	129⅞
Northern Pacific 4s	102⅝
Northern Pacific 3s	73¼
Norfolk and West. con. 4s (bid)	99
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s	94¼
Pennsylvania conv. 3½s, 1915 (bid)	94
Pennsylvania consol 4s	104¼
Reading General 4s	93¾
Republic of Cuba 5s	102¾
St. L. and Iron Moun. con. 5s (bid)	111
St. Louis and San Francisco fg. 4s	74¾
St. Louis S'western con. 4s (offered)	74½
Seaboard Air Line 4s (offered)	55
Southern Pacific 4s	91⅝
Southern Pacific 1st 4s	95¼
Southern Railway 5s	101½
Texas and Pacific 1sts	119¾
Toledo, St. L. and Western 4s	77½
Union Pacific 4s	102⅛
Union Pacific conv. 4s	97½
United States Steel 2nd 5s	101½
Wabash 1sts (bid)	108
Western Mr. 4s	75
Wheeling and Lake Erie 4s	76
Wisconsin Central 4s	86

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Reports from Far West Very Encouraging and Those from the South Irregular.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

While events generally tend toward steady, if slow, improvement, conservatism still rules the purchasing in wholesale and jobbing lines, and at several large centres fall trade, notably in dry goods, has reached and passed its maximum. Taken as a while, trade is still generally below the normal, and the approach of the election has a tendency to discourage all but absolutely necessary purchases.

Western trade advices are good as a whole. Pacific coast trade reports and those received from spring wheat Northwest are generally encouraging. Southern reports are rather more irregular, but the rapid movement of cotton to market tends to help Southern trade and collections to some extent, though the contrast in the price of cotton, which is now 3 1-2 cents lower as compared with a year ago, is a drawback to the trade. There is rather more doing at the larger Eastern markets in some kinds of men's wear fabrics and foreign dress fabrics.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending September 24th number 267, against 266 last week and 166 like week of 1907; 165 in 1906; 185 in 1905, and 179 in 1904.

Visible Supply of Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., September 25.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued to-day, shows the total visible to be 1,799,384; against 1,793,617 last week and 2,324,285 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 1,322,384, against 1,127,617 last week and 1,513,223 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 657,000, against 666,000 last week and 811,062 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 948,000, against 1,266,000 last year; in Egypt, 54,000, against 31,000 last year; in India, 325,000, against 435,000 last year, and in the United States, 652,000, against 592,000 last year.

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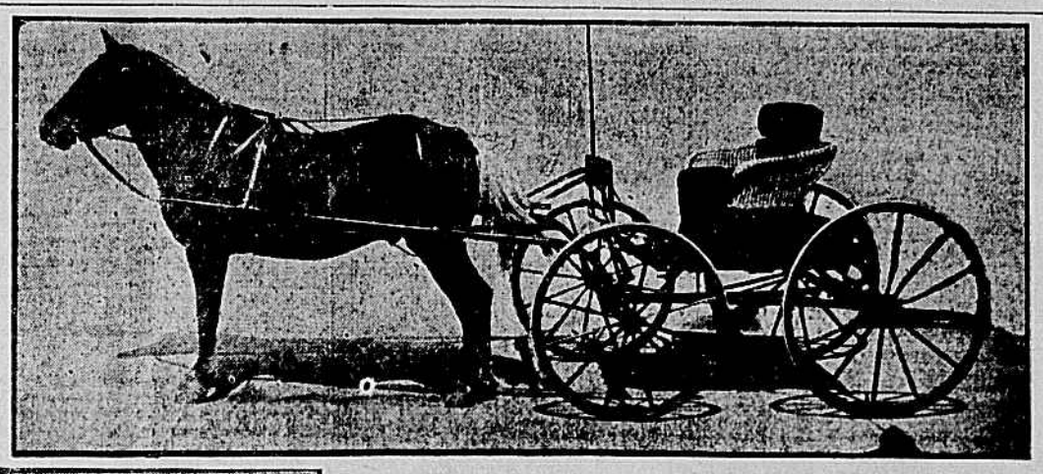
PONY AND CART WON BY MISS FOLKES



CHRISTINA FOLKES.

NICHOLAS DRAKE.

MISS FOLKES WINS IN PONY CONTEST

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with ribbons and ready to make friends with his new mistress. The cart is a neat four-seated trap, holding a party of children comfortably, while the harness is strong and matches the trap, making an appearance that any one might be proud of. The outfit will prove the envy of the children of the city.

No voting contest of recent years has had the attention of the city and State as has the pony and cart contest, the seven prize-winners alone polling nearly 1,000,000 votes, while ninety-two other contestants have been in the race, without counting those who got only a scattering complimentary vote. The final record of all contestants who stayed in the race to the finish is as follows:

Prize Winners.

Christiene Folkes	357,734
Nicholas Drake	351,588
Kenneth Goode	70,229
Herbert Smith, Manchester, Va.	50,874
Margaret Haynes	26,239
Helen Nolte	23,675
Margaret Atkinson, Champ, Va.	13,858

Other Contestants.

Lelia Dominici	12,061
Edith M. Robertson	9,987
Hazel Via	8,538
Jack Wright	7,498
Robert Bugg, Farmville, Va.	7,276
Rosa Marchetti	7,015
Everett W. Cooper	5,519
Otelia McGill	4,510
W. R. Shepherd	3,325
Norris E. Wills	3,250
Annie Hord	2,805
Olga Pohlig	2,509
H. H. White, Jr.	2,423
Bailey Saunders, Jr.	1,855
Ruth Folkes	1,852
Russell Mankin	1,833
Adelle Smith	1,827