THE MARKETS.

An Irregular Opening Followed By a Good Day's Trading in Wall Street —Favorable Crop Prospects Stiffen Prices.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The markets opened irregular. New York Central ⅛ lower on a reported reduction of the quarterly dividend to 1¾ per cent. Lackawanna ⅛ lower, but the other active stocks were ⅛ to ½ higher. Northwest and Western Union were very strong, and when the shorts began covering in Northwest the whole list strengthened 1 to 2 per cent. The improvement held till the closing hour, which showed the highest prices of the day and the tone was quite firm.

The favorable crop reports was the main argument for the advances. This and the covering of granger shorts were the features in to-day's trading. The market will likely open higher to-morrow.

Bonds more active. Erie 2seconds advanced 1 per cent. to-day. Sterling Exchange continues dull 484 to 6. Money 1¾.

Union Pacific was mostly bought by insiders yesterday on the belief that the forthcoming statement from President Adams will be accepted as exceptionally favorably. It is said that as soon as Gould is ready to lift prices, Western Union or St. Paul will be used as levers to advance the market.

The buying of stocks from the delivery hour yesterday until the closing was mainly by the shorts and by the White-Gould brokers, who predict a sharp rise in the general market should favorable weather last until the corn has passed all danger. The bears seem inclined to wait for definite crop news before taking an active part in stocks.

Meanwhile business is mostly confined to smaller traders. The commission brokers say that they expect but little important change in the stock market immediately, as the large operators will do nothing until the fate of the corn crop is assured.

D. P. Morgan said last night that he still believed in higher prices, and predicted a general advance of 10 per cent. in stocks this month. A good many conservative houses think Morgan is right and advise customers against selling short if they will not buy long.

St. Paul is given as a pointer for good buying.

An impression prevails that Commissioner Fink will succeed Mr. Adams in the arbitration committee.

It is stated that the Union Pacific has decided to close the Chicago and St. Louis offices. This is construed as evidence that the American and Pacific propose to stand by the tripartite agreement.

At the opening New York Central attracted attention. The principal dealers were Seligman & Co., Wormser & Co., Douglas Henry, and George Henderickson. In Northwest, Montifiare Isaacs and Treichel bought and C. S. Marlor sold.

The West Shore bondholders are signing a petition to Judge Daniels asking the reappointment of Mr. Theodore Houston as receiver.

The Western Union Telegraph company has just secured four Bankers and Merchants' wires to Milwaukee, three to Madison, Wis., and two to St. Paul at less than half the original cost.

It is reported that there is a bull pool in St. Paul in Harvey Kennedy's office.

The directors New York Central yesterday declared a quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. payable Oct. 15. It was cabled to Europe, and this accounts for the decline in London.

It is reported from Chicago that Mitchell and Wadsworth are buying about 25,000 shares of St. Paul.

A prominent Wall street broker predicts that the next dividend on New York Central will be at the rate of 6 per cent.

Quotations of Friday's Stock Sales.

The following have been furnished by Bateman & Co., bankers, 1411 F street, being the most active stocks in the New York exchange:

	On'g.	B	High.	Low.	Clos.	Sales
N. Y. Central	104⅛	104	105⅛	103⅞	.....	
Lake Shore	81⅛		82⅛	80⅞	82⅛	.....
Canada Southern	51⅛		.....	.....	51	.....
C. & N. W.	98⅛		100⅛	98⅛	100	.....
C. St. P., M. & O.	31		.....	.....	34⅛	.....
C. St. P., M. & O. prf.	94⅛		.....	.....	95⅛	.....
C., M. & St. P.	84		86⅛	83⅞	86	.....
Chicago, Burl'n & Q.	120		126	121	124¼	.....
Pacific Mail	49	¼	49⅛	48⅞	49⅛	.....
Western Union	62	⅛	66⅛	65	65⅞	.....
Missouri Pacific	92	⅛	93⅞	92⅛	93	.....
Texas Pacific	12	⅛	13⅛	12⅛	13	.....
Central Pacific	42	⅛	42	41½	42⅛	.....
Erie	17		16⅞	15⅞	16⅛	.....
L. & N.	71		71⅛	69½	71⅛	.....
Union Pacific	57	⅛	57⅞	48½	57⅞	.....
Central of N. J.	57	⅛	57⅞	56½	57⅞	.....
W., St. L. & P., pref.	14		14	13⅞	14	.....
Del., Lack. & West.	107	⅛	110⅛	107⅛	110	.....
Phil'a and Reading	26⅛		26⅞	26	26⅞	.....
Northern Pacific	21⅞		.....	.....	21⅞	.....
North'n Pacific pref.	45⅞		48⅞	48⅞	48⅞	.....
Oregon Trans.	16⅞		16⅞	15⅞	15⅞	.....
West Shore	92⅞		.....	.....	92⅞	.....
Rock Island	116		117⅛	116⅛	116⅛	.....

Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos'g.
September	10.23	.....	.....	.....
October	10.32	10.33	10.17	10.06
November	10.43	.....	.....	10.48
December	10.46	.....	.....	10.58
January	10.55	10.55	10.50	10.51
February	10.67	10.67	10.62	10.63
March	11.79	10.78	10.74	10.87
April	10.91	10.94	10.87	10.99
May	11.02	11.02	10.99	11.10
June	11.14	11.14	10.10	.....

Sales, 39,000 bales.

Grain and Provisions.

The following shows the range of prices in the Chicago market yesterday as corrected by reports received by Robert J. Thomas, Metropolitan bank building:

Opening—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Pork.	Lard.
October	80	50⅞	29	.....	7 45
November	82	45	.....	.....	7 40
December	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Year	.....	41⅛	25⅞	12 20	.....
Highest—Oct	80	53⅞	26⅛	12 02	7 47½
November	82⅛	46⅛	.....	.....	7 40
December	82⅞	.....	.....	.....	7 60
Year	.....	41⅛	25⅞	12 00	.....
Lowest—Oct	79⅞	50⅞	25⅞	12 00	.....
November	81⅛	45	.....	.....	7 30
December	82⅛	.....	.....	.....	7 30
Year	.....	41⅛	25⅞	11 85	.....
Closing—Oct	80⅛	52⅞	26⅛	12 00	7 45
November	81⅞	46⅛	.....	.....	7 40
December	82⅞	.....	.....	.....	.....
Year	.....	41⅛	25⅞	12 00	.....

Washington Stock Exchange Quotations.

Sept. 5, 1884.	Bid.	Asked.
Fifty-year funded 1886, 1924, cur	109	111
Board of Public Works, green 8s	84	85
Washington Gas Light Co., par 50	30	32
Columbia Insurance	5	12½
Riggs Insurance	5	6½
Washington & Georgetown bonds	112	.....
Washington Market Co. stock	14	.....
Nat'l Bank Bank Machine Co.	100	100
Real Estate Title Ins. Co.	100	104
Pennsylvania Telephone Co.	50	65
Ches. & Pot. Telephone Co.	100	68

Baltimore Produce Market.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 5.—Cotton dull; middling, 10⅞c. Flour quiet and easy, Howard street and western superfine, $2.50@3.75; do. extra, $3.00@3.75c; do. family, $4.00@5.00; city mills, superfine, $2.50@2.75; do. extra, $3.00@3.50; do. Rio brands, $4.75@4.87; Patapsco family, $5.50; do. superlative patent, $6.00. Wheat—Southern easier; western lower, closing easier; southern red, 88@91c; do. amber, 93@95c; No. 1 Maryland, 92⅞@93c; No. 2 western winter red, spot, and September, 88⅞@88⅞c; October, 88⅞@89⅛c; November, 90⅛@90⅞c. Corn—Southern firm; western no offering and no bid; southern white, 68@70c; do. yellow, 63@65½c; western mixed, year, 58⅛@58½. Oats firm; southern, 39@43c; western white, 39@40c; do. mixed, 38@39c; Pennsylvania, 39@40c. Rye quiet at 56@58c. Hay lower; prime to choice Pennsylvania and Maryland, $13.00@14.00. Provisions steady with fair inquiry; mess pork, $12.25; bulk meats, shoulders and clear rib sides, packed, 8@11⅛c; bacon—shoulders, 8½c; clear rib sides, 12¼c; hams, 15⅛@16½c. Lard—Refined, 8⅛c. Butter steady for choice; western packed, 8@16c; creamery, 18@22c. Eggs firm at 19c. Petroleum steady; refined, 7½@8½c. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes, ordinary to fair, 9½@10½c. Sugar steady; A soft, 6⅞c. Copper—Refined quiet at 13c. Whisky firm at $1.18@1.19. Freights to Liverpool per steamer dull and heavy; cotton, 5⅛d; flour, 1s; grain, 2½@3d. Receipts—Flour, 1,475 barrels; wheat, 82,000 bushels; corn, 3,000 bushels; oats, 2,000 bushels. Shipments—Wheat, 153,300 bushels; corn, 500 bushels. Sales—Wheat, 186,000 bushels; corn, 5,000 bushels.

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 5.—Virginia 6s consolidated, 32; past-due coupons, 30; new 3s, 52 bid to-day.

It Sold Them All.
Boston Bulletin.

A fun-loving farmer's daughter residing not twenty miles from Boston decorated a bush in the front yard with egg shells adroitly fixed on the ends of branches. Result: Pleasure drivers from a neighboring hotel would gaze, then halt and often alight for a closer inspection of the "curious plant," which they would describe to their fellow-sojourners, who would be sold in their turn on their next drive.

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SOME GOOD HASH.

Things That Will Make You Laugh and Other Things to Set You Thinking.

Stopped Off at Niagara Falls.
Detroit Free Press.

A man, seemingly about sixty years of age, was telling the people in the waiting-rooms at the Third-street depot yesterday that he had been east to old Massachusetts to see his sisters, and that on the way back he stepped off at Niagara Falls.

"That's a place I never saw," remarked a woman with a poke-bonnet on.

"You didn't! Well, you've missed the awfullest sight on earth! I was just stunned."

"What is it like?" she asked.

"Well, there's a river, and the falls, and lots of hotels, and several Injuns, and the bridie veil, and land only knows what else. If my old woman had a-been along she'd have wilted right down."

"There's water there, I suppose?"

"Oh, heaps of it. It pours and thunders and roars and foams and humps around it the terriblest manner. You have bit on a shirt button in a piece of pie, haven't you?"

"No, sir."

"Well, the feeling was about the same—kinder shivery. Why, the biggest mass that ever lived ain't half as big as Niagara falls! Let him stand thar and see thar 'ere water tumbling over them 'ere rocks, and he can't help but feel what a miserable hoss fly he is. You've fallen out of bed, haven't you?"

"No, sir."

"Well, it's about the same thing; you wake up and find yourself on the floor, and you feel as if you had been stealin' sheep or robbin' blind men."

"What portion of the falls did you most admire?" she asked.

"The water, mum," he replied. "If you'd put 10,000 kegs of beer on the roof of this building and set them all running, they couldn't begin with Niagara. It's the terriblest, appallingest thing ever patented."

"Cost you much?" inquired a gentleman.

"'Bout 65 cents. It's pooty tight times, and 65 cents don't grow on every bush, but I ain't sorry. It's sumthin' to talk about for twenty years to come. There's a chap in our town who used to travel with a circus, but he'll have to take a back seat when I git home. Flip-floppin' round in a circus don't begin with Niagara."

"So, on the whole, you were pleased, eh?"

"Pleased! Why, I was tickled half to death! I tell you, if I had one on my farm I wouldn't sell it for no $50 in cash! I've looked into a field whar' 750 fat hogs was waitin' to be sold for solid money, but it was no sich sight as the falls. I've seen barns afire, and eight horses runnin' away, and the Wabash river on a tear; but for downright appalling grandeur of the terriblest kind gim me one look at the falls. You all orter go thar'. You can't half appreciate it 'till you've gazed on the rumpus."

A Notable Meeting.
San Francisco Post.

A Shocking Truth, walking up Stockton street yesterday, met a General Denial coming down with a friend. "Where are you stopping now?" asked the Truth. "Over the way there—on the corner," replied the General. "Who is your friend?" asked the Truth. "Oh, he is a Silent Contempt," answered the General. "We both reside at democratic headquarters till November."

A Bat's Wings.
Boston Budget.

There is a singular property with which the bat is endowed, too remarkable and curious to be passed altogether unnoticed. The wings of these creatures consist of a delicate and nearly naked membrane of great size, considering the size of the body; but besides this the nose is in some varieties furnished with a membranous foliation, and in others the external membranous ears are greatly developed. The membranous tissues have their sensibilities so high that something like a new sense is thereby developed, as if in the aid of the sense of sight. The modified impressions which the air in quiescence or in motion, however slight, communicates, the tremulous jar of its currents, its temperature, the indescribable conditions of such portions of air as are in contact with different bodies, are all apparently appreciated by the bat. If the eyes of a bat be covered up, or if he cruelly be deprived of sight, it will pursue its course about a room with a thousand obstacles in its way, avoiding them all, neither dashing against a wall nor touching the smallest thing, but threading its way with the utmost precision and quickness, and passing adroitly through apertures or interspaces of threads placed purposely across the apartment. This endowment, which almost exceeds belief, has been abundantly demonstrated.

Free Lunch.
Puck.

The twilight shadows were lingering tenderly on the meadow, where the golden-rod was tilting idly to and fro, and the robin was singing his vesper song in the branches of the old apple tree. The brook purled softly on its laughing course through the wood, and there was just breeze enough to make the leaves rustle.

"Isn't this quiet and dreamy?" she asked.

"Yes, very," he replied, as he lighted a cigarette.

"Don't you think it would make a nice little picture?" she inquired, as she reached up and toyed with the honeysuckles on the porch.

"A lovely one," he replied.

"Which do you think it would make, a nocturne in purple or a golden fantasy?"

"I think," he replied, "that it would make a splendid chromo to give away with every pound of coffee, because the flavor of the coffee and the dream of the picture are both Oriental, and—"

By this time Zuleika had dropped into the hammock with a d. s. thud.

A Bewitched Clock.
Detroit Free Press.

Yesterday forenoon a woman boarded a Grand River avenue car at Sixth street, having in her hand one of the dollar clocks to be found in every jewelry store. It was striking away as regularly as if paid to hit off a million strokes, and it continued the racket until she left the car at Jefferson avenue. She then started on foot for the ferry dock, the clock striking about forty times per minute, and every pedestrian halting to make inquiries. Arriving at the dock the woman gave the timepiece a heave far out into the river, and it was pounding away when it sank from sight. She explained that it began striking about 7 o'clock the night before, and there has been no let up, even for a minute. The morning mail brought her a letter saying that her sister was very ill, and she made up her mind to get rid of the bewitched clock before it brought some great misfortune upon her household.

Question and Answer.
New York Mail and Express.

A bashful young man called upon a Madison avenue florist one day last week and gave the proprietor $16 to construct a bouquet which would say in floral language, "Dearest one, I love you—be mine," and which was to be delivered that evening, without fail, at the residence of a beautiful, accomplished, and auburn-haired girl on Thirty-sixth street. It evidently was delivered, because at an early hour next morning the young lady called at the same florist's and invested $2.75 in a bouquet conveying the message, "No, you bandy-legged clam."

Serpent Subtlety.
Somerville Journal.

The Rev. William Gill, who was twenty years a missionary in the South Pacific Islands, has written an account of his life there, in the course of which he relates many interesting incidents and facts of natural history. One of the most remarkable of these statements is that certain serpents in Polynesia coil themselves up when rain is coming on, collect water in the coil, and thus form a fatal drinking place, to which unsuspecting birds are attracted to assuage their thirst and fall easy victims.

Absent-Minded.
Paris Beacon.

"Did you see the defendant drink?" asked the attorney of the witness.

"I did not," replied the witness.

"Why, then, do you think he was drunk?"

"Because he was on his way home from the convention and attempted to wind up the door knob with his watch key."

"Is that your only reason for swearing that the defendant was drunk?"

"Yes, but I think that is reason enough."

"Your honor, the court," said the lawyer, springing to his feet, "the witness is unable to distinguish between absent-mindedness and drunkenness. Such evidence as this is preposterous, and if entertained would convict all of us. Why, even the court would not escape. Your honor knows that the court last night bit the end of a cucumber pickle, stuck it in his mouth, scratched a toothpick on his pants and tried to light it for a cigar. Of course your honor was thinking of a case——"

"Yes," said the court, "I was thinking of a case-a case of beer. I was absent-minded. The case is dismissed."

PRINCE KRAPOTKIN'S CAT.

Can Pussy See Her Reflection in the Glass—Judge for Yourselves?
Pall Mall Gazette.

Does a cat see its reflection in a glass? Such is the question which has been raised in the columns of the *Revue Scientifique*. Among others, Prince Krapotkin has sent his experience from his prison. The prince has, it seems, during his captivity made a humble friend of a cat. "I see," says the prince, "by reading the interesting notes in the two last numbers of the *Revue* that there yet exists a doubt as to whether a cat can see its reflection in a glass. I have a cat about 14 months old, which I have brought up in prison, and as regards it, at least, there can be no doubt upon this subject. When it was little it amused us much by seeking a cat behind the glass, even when I showed it a very small one. I have just repeated the experiment by showing it a small oval mirror twenty centimetres long.

When it saw its own reflected image it immediately assumed a serious air. It endeavored to touch it with its paw, but finding that there was glass interposed it peeped behind the mirror. If I drew the mirror backward it pursued until, being quicker than I was in its movements, it discovered that there was no cat behind, and then it went away and did not concern itself about the reflection any more. I should add that my little pupil is as a general thing very intelligent. For instance, when it wants my door opened it does not mew, it stretches itself to its full length and shakes the latch with its paw. If the door had another kind of fastening it would certainly open it by raising the latch. It knows perfectly well the meaning of all the bells which ring in the prison—that to bid the inmates rise in the morning, that which sounds before soup is served. Its dictionary is very limited, but it understands perfectly the meaning of the words it knows.

Thus, in the evening, when I walk in my room, it performs all sorts of gambols, and by making certain special sounds endeavors to make me play with it at hide-and-seek (it plays this game exactly as do children, and insists that each party should hide in his turn) or to draw a string along for it to run after. If, in reply to its invitations to play, I say to it: 'What do you want? Food! drink!' it is displeased, and goes with a sulky air to sit behind my little stove. But when I say, 'The string?' it replies immediately by two sounds concerning the affirmative tone of which there can be no doubt. I could relate other instances of sagacity, but I do not wish to appear to impose upon the credulity of your readers. There is, however, an interesting point which it would be well to have cleared up. Are cats susceptible to music? Without being able to affirm positively, I believe that they are. When my cat was little it several times seemed to us that it found a real pleasure in listening to some air of a pleasing cadence—for example, the waltz from Faust—provided that it was sung by a very high and pure voice. We even thought that music caused it to assume almost a sentimental air. It is unnecessary to say that my cat, like all others, is very susceptible to caresses, and—for I must confess its faults—to flattery. In general cats are less intelligent than dogs, but by care and attention their intelligence can be highly developed. I am sorry that I have not sufficient time, or I should undertake the education of my cat by a system of cards as proposed by Lubbock."

Enough to Scare Them to Death.
Arkansaw Traveler.

While Gen. Sherman was lying in front of Atlanta, and while a "military necessity" suggested to every man the propriety of hugging the bottom of the ditch, a committee of evangelists called on the general.

"My dear general," said the spokesman, "we have come to see you on important business. We would like to get a special train to bring in a load of ministers and tracts."

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