

PRICES ARE KEPT UP.

Further Advance in the Values of Many Commodities Also Continues.

DEMAND IS ENCOURAGED.

Increased Quotations on Cotton and Wool Are Greater Than on Products Therefrom—As Viewed by Bradstreet.

New York, Nov. 11.—The most noteworthy feature of the time is the rise in prices. Cotton rose Wednesday to 7.51 cents with much excitement, putting the price 2 1/2 cents higher than it was a year ago, and yet it was still higher in September, 1897. Wool has risen relatively more—about 10 per cent in two weeks—and the average of 100 quotations by Cotes Brothers is higher than it has been at any other time since May, 1893. Pig iron has risen further, \$15 being quoted for anthracite No. 1, the highest price since January, 1888. Hides are at the highest point since January, 1873, having risen all the year with very little reaction.

Prices of products have not correspondingly advanced. Leather and boots and shoes were higher in November, 1895, than they are now; cotton goods were higher in January, 1896, than in July, 1894, and even the products of iron, though greatly advanced, are not as high as they were in January, 1890.

Such wide discrepancies in advances cause much embarrassment, but are the natural characteristics of a rise which is mainly due, not to concerted action in any trade, but to the pressure of a consuming demand, the greatest ever known, which for the time exceeds supplies, though very unequally. Its results begin to justify the conservative feeling which finds expression in many branches of business.

Present business conditions in the United States are thus briefly described in R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade, issued today. The Review continues:

The iron industry, which has led all others in the advance, now leads the way towards readjustment of values. While contracts for pig cover the entire product of the most important districts for six to nine months in advance, many of the consuming works in some lines approach the end of their orders and have new competition to meet, so that sheets have fallen \$4 per ton at Pittsburgh and \$9 from the highest point in September, while plates are \$6 lower there and \$3 at Philadelphia. At the same time bars are \$1 per ton higher both at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the demand being enormous, and at Chicago very heavy contracts have been made for car and implement works. A bridge combination is thought likely to affect future business structural shapes, which continues here, for the season. A break in the London market depressed tin, and sales were made at 28 cents.

Boot and shoe makers are generally getting about the 10 cents per pair advance they have held necessary, and have as large contracts in most lines as they now wish to close. In view of the uncertainty about materials, leather continues very strong and in that also dealers are not anxious for greater commitments, but consuming demand causes large sales in advance of production.

Wool has been very strong again, though sales at Boston, were but 13,404,000 pounds, against 21,537,300 the week before, for large transactions elsewhere raised the week's aggregate to 20,801,000, and buyers held firmly for outside prices. Nothing like the sensational rise of last week has continued, and the buying by manufacturers is slower, though still large. This and accounts of good trade indicate that an extraordinary business is expected for the next season.

The rise in cotton as yet helps manufacturers whose contracts cover production well ahead, but the buying has been mainly by traders, and based largely on an expectation of a very low estimate of yield by the department. While last year's official estimate was not highly accurate, the whole trade here and abroad then centred on a large crop and was right.

What has not been very active on the ordinary market has been very strong, though western receipts have much declined, being 4,931,907 bushels for the week, against 9,224,045 last year. Exports are also smaller, the Atlantic 2,663,637 bushels, flour included, against 3,338,569 for the week last year, and Pacific 1,188,600 bushels, against 1,016,691 last year. The decrease in foreign demand may be ascribed in part to heavy previous exports, but perhaps still more to the great movement in corn, 3,458,104 bushels for the week, against 2,062,331 last year. Corn advanced as much as wheat fell, though with prospects of a heavy yield.

Failures for the week have been 157 in the United States, against 211 last year, and twenty-three in Canada, against twenty-six last year.

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Bradstreet's prices: Strength of prices, a natural outcome of past and present active demand, is still the leading feature of the trade situation, notwithstanding that, unreasonably warm weather in some sections of the country tends to restrict retail distributive trade, and necessarily exercises some effect upon reorders from and collections by jobbers. Less than ordinary interruption is indicated by election day occurrences. The strength of textiles, leather, oils and miscellaneous products was calculated to offset the weakness and irregularity

PROGRESS IS SLOW.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week, aggregate 4,455,842 bushels, against 3,046,856 last week, 3,704,393 in 1898, 5,445,542 in 1897, 3,782,036 in 1896, and 3,325,025 in 1895. Since July 1, this season, the exports aggregate 77,620,216 last year, and \$9,319,734 in 1897-'98.

Corn exports for the week aggregate 4,583,447 bushels, against 4,303,425 last week, 2,342,745 this week a year ago, 2,651,548 in 1897, 3,782,036 in 1896, and 1,921,418 in 1895. Since July 1, this season, the exports aggregate 83,473,247 bushels, against 53,297,192 a year ago and 53,460,050 in 1897-'98.

FIVE PERSONS KURT.

Sidewalk Gives Way During Celebration at Columbus Junction.

Columbus Junction, Nov. 10.—A shocking accident occurred here about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A large crowd of people was in the city to attend the barbecue given in honor of the return of the soldiers from the Philippines, and quite a number of persons had assembled in front of the business house occupied by Colby Bros. & Vallow. Suddenly, and without the least warning, the walk gave way and all those occupying it, numbering about 100 men, women and children, fell into the cellar beneath, some six feet deep. The space was filled with a mass of humanity, piled together promiscuously. The screams of women and children and moans of injured men made a fearful uproar. This was added to by the rush of the outside crowd, seeking relatives or friends who might perhaps be among the victims of the accident.

The work of rescuing the struggling people quickly began, and fortunately very few were badly hurt. Five persons were more or less seriously injured. The accident was due to the rotten condition of the supporting timbers of the walk. It is rumored that the city will have several damage suits to contend with.

HOGS ARE DYING.

Cholera Devastating Herds in Northern Part of Iowa.

Odebolt, Nov. 10.—Hogs are dying by the hundreds in this county. Some of the farmers and hog raisers have lost as many as fifty and seventy-five from their herds and there seems to be no let up. Many have changed the feed from soft corn to that of oats, but in many cases the disease has obtained such headway that there is nothing that will offer relief. The complaint is prevalent all over the county.

Storm Lake, Nov. 10.—The greatest calamity to stock raisers that has visited this county for some time is here. Large herds of hogs are dying of a disease supposed to be cholera. Attempts are being made to check it, but so far there has been very little success attending the efforts. All along the northern tier of counties in the state the conditions are reported the same as here. One hog raiser in the vicinity of this city lost one hundred from his herd.

Early, Nov. 10.—Farmers in this vicinity are highly alarmed at the progress a disease supposed to be cholera is making. Hogs are dying in droves and there seems to be nothing that will offer relief. Great quantities of green corn has been fed to the hogs the past six weeks and it is thought that is the principal reason for their contracting cholera. A remedy has been suggested in the way of feeding oats for a change and it is thought this will have the effect of preventing a spread of the disease.

IOWA AT WASHINGTON.

Doings of Hawkeye Residents of the Nation's Capital.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The secretary of the interior has affirmed the land office decision of Anton Truelson, William H. Penquite and Daniel J. Linkswiler vs. Edward E. Campbell and Milwaukee railway, involving lands in O'Brien county. Defendants are awarded the land, the company under its right of way grant, and Campbell, as assignee of innocent purchasers from Sioux City and St. Paul company.

Edgar H. Bondurant, of Cedar Rapids, has been appointed stenographer in the postoffice department at \$900, and Calvin W. Jones, of Iowa, as a writer in the coast survey at \$720.

Pensions have been granted to Iowans as follows:

Original—Alonzo H. Enyart, Columbus City, \$6; George M. Swain, White Elm, \$6.

Increase—Geo. P. Bellevue, French Creek, \$6 to \$8; Justus Padden, Des Moines, \$8 to \$10.

SHOT A WOMAN HE HAD LOVED

Kentuckian Then Killed Himself in Order to Escape Arrest.

Paducah, Ky., Nov. 11.—Joseph Enders, a railroad engineer, aged 32, last night shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Dora Shyer, at Ninth and Campbell streets. The couple had quarreled and the woman had eluded him for several days.

After the murder Enders ran away, but was closely pursued by officers. Fearing capture he returned to the woman's residence, and standing over her lifeless body, said:

"Dora, I will die with you."

Then, placing the weapon against his temple, he fired. He lived only a few hours.

Miss Shyer was a niece of Capt. E. E. Bell.

Boutelle Changes His Mind.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 11.—Congressman Charles A. Boutelle, of Maine, who has repeatedly criticized President McKinley's policy, was here yesterday, and in an interview said:

"I believe that Mr. McKinley will be re-elected. Congress will decide the Philippine question, and decide wisely. The president is now simply carrying out the treaty with Spain and restoring order to those islands. The question of permanent retention I do not care to discuss. I have no doubt, so far as I am concerned, that Mr. McKinley and I will be of the same opinion when the time comes."

The 3-year-old daughter of Frank Lyman, of Ames, fell and broke her shoulder blade.

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COUNTRY UNDER WATER

Lawton Relying on His Cavalry and Scouts—MacArthur is Advancing Slowly—Twenty-nine Filipinos Are Killed.

Washington, Nov. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Otis cables: Severe typhoons over Panay impeded Hughes' troops, which are now several miles northwest of Iloilo. The insurgents have abandoned their strong defenses. Lawton is pushing through on the Lupadigan and San Quentin road. The country is submerged and the bridges washed out. Wheel transportation cannot move. His reliance is the cavalry and a few infantry and native scouts, living mostly on the country. MacArthur commenced to advance this morning. Yesterday two companies of the Seventeenth, making a reconnaissance on the Malatong and Concepcion road, struck a battalion of the enemy, which left twenty-nine dead on the field. Our casualties were three wounded.

Washington, Nov. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—A number of official insurgent dispatches were captured yesterday by Young in the north and forwarded by Lawton last night. They directed the abandonment of the country in the vicinity of Cabanatuan and San Jose, and indicated hurried movements by way of Taying over the mountains to Bayonobav, thence on to Apirra.

Among the dispatches was one dated Tarlac, Nov. 5, saying: "The quadruple alliance between Germany, France, Russia and Spain is a fact. Before December we will know our fate. Throughout Europe there is sympathy for our cause. American democrats are clearly in our favor; they are sure of Bryan's triumph next election. Pay attention to your affairs and never mind the rest."

The Hooker's Total Loss. Washington, Nov. 11.—The war department has received a dispatch from General Otis, stating that the hope of saving the transport Hooker had been abandoned. Her supplies will be taken off and the hull will be sold at auction at Manila. The vessel was worth about \$150,000.

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The address of welcome was made by Rev. D. Hastings, and response by Mr. Buntin. Both the Christian church, where the exercises were held, and the opera house, where the banquet was spread, were decorated with the national colors. Music was rendered by the choir of the church, and the Drakeville band.

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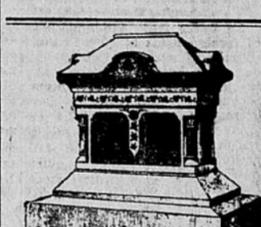
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