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DUN AND BRADSTREET TELL THE TALE OF A WEEK IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

NORTHWEST BUSINESSS GOOD

Collections Generally Up to Expectations—Clearings Show a Substantial Increase—Dry Goods Trade Holds Up Well and Freer Buying Is Noticed—High Prices Preclude Activity in Wool.

The commercial reviews, Dun's and Bradstreets, discuss the markets of the country in their publications, dated New York, Sept. 17, as follows:

THE TWIN CITIES.

St. Paul—Merchandise sales for the week were quite up to expectations, and the trade generally looks for a continuance of good business. Collections in the main are reported very good, clearings indicating a substantial increase in volume.—Bradstreet's.

Minneapolis—The flour output reported by the Northwestern Miller is, Minneapolis, 283,115 bbl, against 306,745 last year; Superior, Duluth, 62,355, against 55,605; Milwaukee, 41,400, against 42,355; and St. Louis, 81,200, against 78,500. Domestic flour trade is quiet; sales here 275,000 bbl, with foreign shipments 112,358 bbl, the heaviest for some years. Hardware moves well for the season, and low prices increase the demand for wire nails and barbed wire. Glass is steady, with advance of 10 per cent in plate, and 5 per cent in window glass Sept. 1, and the movement in paints and oils is good. General trade throughout the Northwest is encouraging, and freer buying is noticed among retailers than for several years past, while jobbers in staple lines report improved conditions.—Dun's.

St. Paul—Dry goods hold up well, and the demand is seasonable in shoes, hats and men's furnishings, with groceries steady and hardware active. Retail trade appears better than for several years past. Collections are slow, as farmers are holding their grain for better prices, and rainy weather also affects speculation.—Dun's.

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IN GENERAL.

The industrial situation requires some study. It was noticed in August that a great volume of orders was due to the fact that many had been deferred by timid souls during the months of war. Their coming forward gave an impetus to the markets which was partly deceptive, because not of a character to be counted on as likely to continue. Great buying of materials naturally followed, so that very many works have nothing more to buy for the year, or for some months to come. The deferred orders having been placed, an apparent halting leads some to suppose that the consumption is falling. But there is as yet no evidence of that; on the contrary, the current orders in almost all branches are about equal to those received in the best of past years, with large increase in some. Controversy about prices still hinders business in several great industries, and in these and others the market is really waiting to get a better measure of the extent of the regular consuming demand.—Dun's.

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Wheat—Some advance has occurred, partly due to more active purchases for export and fairly firm foreign markets. The government report indicated a yield of only 584,800,000 bu, but no change in price occurred at its appearance. A newspaper estimate of 650,000,000 was received with more attention. A French crop prediction of 386,000,000 bu failed to depress quotations in Paris, although a record-breaking yield of that size would leave considerable wheat for export. Russian crop news is not satisfactory, and exports are much smaller than a year ago. Notwithstanding a good export movement, the American visible supply increased 1,260,000 bu last week. Higher prices offered by millers had much to do with the sharp advance late in the week, from which there was some reaction on Friday.—Dun's.

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Dry Goods—Trade continues quiet, but the cooler weather has helped operations considerably. Jobbers are doing a better business, and this also improves the situation at first hands. Cotton fabrics are steady for heavy goods, while a fair demand is in progress. The curtailment in production at Fall River, both by closing down mills and strikes, makes those goods firmer and the surplus production is being reduced. Printed fabrics are quiet but steady, wide crectonnes and percales doing well. Ginghams are steady. Dress woolens are quiet, but the fall business is working up along slowly and will foot up fair as a whole. Men's-wear woolens are being ordered very conservatively, although business is coming in all of the time. Woolen trade is disappointing.—Bradstreet's.

Sellers complain continuously of the quiet condition of the market in both cotton and woolen goods. In the latter they have full justification for their complaints but in the former they have up to the present done a good business in the aggregate this year, and are now doing very much more than at the corresponding time last year. The conservative policy which buyers consistently pursue is not appreciated, nor are results immediately recognizable, but well sustained, it really has greater merit than a spasmodic demand, followed by pronounced dull periods. This year it promises to keep buying up to an average level, or near it, during usually very slow times, and to bring the year's consumption ahead of several years past. In view of the downward course of prices since the beginning of the year, this may seem an extreme statement, but over-production rather than under consumption has been the cause of the drop in values. This week's reports from out of town markets tell of a better business doing than during the recent hot weather, and the urgency with which supplies are called for as bought indicates light stocks in second hands.—Dun's.

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Cotton Goods—Heavy brown sheetings and drills quiet, and, with few exceptions, easy to buy. Light weights more readily off red in both coarse and fine yarn goods. Duck quiet, and occasionally 1 per cent lower. Denims weak, and some makes of plain blues ¼c lower. Ticks dull and irregular. Plaids in moderate demand, and fairly steady. Checks, stripes and cheviots inactive and easy. There has been an improved demand for bleached cottons, and, although quiet, business is considerably fuller than at the corresponding time last year. Prices are without change in all grades. Wide sheetings slow and barely steady. Cotton flannels and blankets firm, but quiet. White goods for spring are opening with fair demand, but promise an irregular market.—Dun's.

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Woolen Goods—The Washington mills have reduced their clay worsteds 5c per yard to the basis of $1.15 for 16-ounce makes, and guarantee their customers up to Jan. 1, 1899. It is questionable if the change in price alone would have stimulated the demand, but with the "guarantee" buyers have shown more animation in these particular lines than for some timt past, and good orders are reported taken. The rest of the market has not been affected by this change. The demand for light weights, both plain and fancy, in grades of woolens and worsteds, has again been indifferent, and conditions are no more satisfactory than before. In heavy weights recorders are small, but the heavy weight division is, as a rule, in good shape. Overcoatings are dull, with the demand practically confined to kerseys. Cloakings inactive and featureless. Flannels dull, and blankets quiet at previous prices. Fall dress goods in moderate demand and irregular, and new spring business so far light.—Dun's.

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Wool—Sales at the three chief markets for two weeks have been 6,635,300 lbs, against 36,629,400 last year, and 17,015,100 in the same weeks of 1892. Prices are so high that very little can be sold, and yet concessions are few. A large sale at auction by underwriters at Boston brought very low prices, and retarded other dealings there and elsewhere.—Dun's.

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The market continues quiet and the demand from dealers is slow. Some buying is noted where manufacturers are in need of the raw material, and in this way prices are held about steady. No one is attempting to press sales. One feature of the Boston market has been the recent purchase of 1,000 bales Australian wool in bond for shipment to Europe. The London sale, which opens Sept. 20, promises a firmer market, and samples of all lots held here in bond have been taken by English buyers. It is said that English buyers have also picked up some lots of Australian wool in Philadelphia. Local buyers are only operating as forced to, and are waiting for the goods market to improve. The outlook is not very hopeful for immediate imporvement.—Bradstreet's.

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Boots and Shoes—Actual shipments from the East, compiled from the Shoe and Leather Reporter's weekly returns, have been smaller in September than last year, when the works were much behind in deliveries at this season, and were to date 222,581 cases behind this year's shipments, but have been larger than in any other year, amounting to 179,854 cases, against 210,002 last year, 170,736 in 1896, and 155,463 in 1892. Orders are still confined to immediate needs as far as possible, though jobbers are busy in deliveries on old orders, and retail trade shows some gain. Future business covers about a month in boots, little in heavy shoes, but some weeks in balmorals, little in women's shoes, and in light shoes orders are but few.

Leather—Sales are only moderate in any grade, though rather better in satin, but there is evident disposition to buy as little as possible until prices yield.

Hides—Chicago reports a slight advance in native steers and in Texas, with small supplies, and a better bid without sales in cows. Country hides show no change.—Dun's.

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The Coal Trade—Production of anthracite is said to be increasing, but the market is not absorbing more coal for consumption. Prices are ragged. At New York this week stove was sold by some jobbers as low at $3.70 per ton; but the leading producing companies quoted $3.85 to $3.95 net, f. o. b. Egg is selling at $4, chestnut at $3.65, pear at $2.35, buckwheat at $1.90 and rice at $1.50 @1.65. The stocks of coal at the West are still being enlarged.—Dun's.

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A correspondent writes to the London Times says that taking a survey over the last five-and-twenty years it is found that during the seven years 1868-74 the exports of British produce averaged in value £200,000,000 per annum and the exports of American produce £109,000,000 per annum, while during the last seven years ended June 30, 1898, the British exports have averaged £226,000,000 per annum and the American exports have averaged £196,000,000 per annum. Thus during these five-and-twenty years British exports have increased only £6,000,000 per annum in value, equal to 2¾ per cent, and the American exports have increased £87,000,000, equal to 80 per cent in the same period.—Bradstreet's.

The Wheat Markets.

WHEAT SUMMARY.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
December, Minneapolis	59⅛@59¼	59¼
December, Chicago	62¼	62⅝@62¾
December, Duluth	60⅞	61⅛
December, New York	67¼	67¼

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Heavy receipts and a large increase in the visible supply had a depressing effect on wheat today, and resulted in a decline of ½c in both September and December offerings. Corn was heavy with wheat and declined ¼c. Oats closed practically unchanged, after an exceptionally dull session. Provisions were weak throughout, and closed 5@7½c lower.

Wheat exhibited some hesitancy during the first half hour's trading. Receipts in the Northwest were exceptionally heavy Minneapolis and Duluth reporting 1,993 cars, against 1,131 a year ago, and though the crowd was in a measure, prepared for this, yet enough liquidation and short selling resulted to cause prices to sag for a time. December which opened at 62⅝@62¾c, declining to 62½c. This show of weakness was only temporary, however. Notwithstanding the heavy Northwest receipts, prices at Duluth, especially for cash wheat, were firm, and this fact caused a bullish feeling to gradually develop. Besides the firmness of the northern market prices here were helped to a certain extent by the small Russian shipments, 1,200,000 bu, and the receipts both here and at New York of numerous foreign buying orders. Many of the early sellers turned buyers, and in the absence of any particular selling pressure, December soon recovered its early loss, advancing to 62⅞c before the demand was satisfied. For some time after that price was reached, the market was dull, but was steady until after the visible supply statement was completed. This showed an increase of 1,782,000 bu, making the total 10,188,000 bu, compared with 17,140,000 bu a year ago. The figures were a distinct disappointment to bull traders, as an increase of not over 500,000 was looked for and the market was affected at once. Under the liquidation that resulted, the price for December sagged to 62¼c. Afternoon, the market was became very dull again, and continuel so until the close. The price in the meantime dropped to 62c and hung around that point, the lowest of the day for some time. A little better feeling developed late in the session, and December recovered to 62¼c, which was the closing price. Not much was done in September. The price ranged between 65½ and 64¾c and closed at the low point.

Corn was dull and inclined for the most part to follow wheat. It was firm early, due partly to light receipts, 521 cars, but when wheat turned weak, corn did likewise. Shipping demand was moderate. The visible increase was 1,867,000 bu, somewhat more than expected. December ranged from 22¾ 29½c, and closed ¼c lower at 29½c.

Oats were very dull. Considering the weakness of other grain markets, however, oats held very steady. There was a very good cash demand. The market was uninteresting throughout, trading being almost entirely of a light scalping nature. May ranged from 22¼@22½c and closed a shade lower at the latter figure. September and December showed no change.

The market for provisions was weak from the start, and substantial declines took place, due principally to the yellow fever reports from the South. Speculative market was moderately active but each trade was light. Hog receipts at all points were liberal. December pork closed 12½c lower at $8.25; December lard, 7½c lower at $4.72½@4.75; January ribs, 2½c lower at $4.70.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 315 cars; corn, 960 cars; oats, 550 cars; hogs, 19,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Wheat—				
Sept	65	65½	64¾	64¾
Dec	62⅝-¾	62⅞	62	62¼
May	64¼-⅜	64½	63¾	63⅞-64
Corn—				
Sept	29⅞	29⅞	29½	29⅝
Dec	29⅝-¾	29¾	29½	29½
May	31½	31⅝	31¼	31⅜
Oats—				
Sept	20⅞-21	20⅞-21	20¾	20¾-⅞
Dec	20¼	20⅜	20⅛-¼	20¼-⅜
May	22⅛	22¼	22-22⅛	22⅛
Mess Pork—				
Oct	.....	.....	.....	8 15
Dec	8 37½	8 37½	8 20	8 25
Jan	9 17½	9 17½	9 02½	9 07½
Lard—				
Oct	4 75	4 75	4 67½	4 67½
Dec	4 80	4 80	4 72½	4 75
Jan	4 90	4 90	4 80	4 82½
Short Ribs—				
Sept	.....	.....	.....	5 25
Oct	5 25	5 25	5 20	5 25
Jan	4 67½	4 70	4 67½	4 67½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady. No. 2 spring wheat, 65½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 62@65½c; No. 2 red, 65c. No. 2 corn, 30¼@30½c; No. 2 yellow, 30½@31c. No. 2 oats, 21½@22c; No. 2 white, 25c; No. 3 white, 22¾@24¾c; No. 2 rye, 47@47½c. Sample barley, 41@44c. No. 1 flaxseed, 90c. Prime timothy seed, $1.75@2.10. Mess pork, per bbl, $8.20@8.25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $4.72½@4.75. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.12½@5.32½. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4⅛@4¾c. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.60@5.70. Sugar, cut loaf, 6.08c; granulated, 5.64c. Receipts—Flour, 9,000 bbls; wheat, 125,000 bu; corn, 317,000 bu; oats, 428,000 bu; rye, 22,000 bu; barley, 110,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 11,000 bbls; wheat, 149,000 bu; corn, 232,000 bu; oats, 163,000 bu; barley, 7,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 13@19c; dairies, 11½@17c. Cheese, steady; 7@8½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 13½@14c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 19.—Wheat opened with a weaker tone and quickly receded, after which there was some improvement.——September wheat opened at 61½c, being the same as on Saturday's close, lost 1-16c, advanced to 61¾c, lost ⅛c, gained ⅛c, sold at 61⅛c and by noon held at 61¼c.——December wheat opened at 59½c, being the same as Saturday, lost 1-16c, firmed up to 59¾c, sold down to 59¼c and gained ¼c by noon.——May wheat opened at 61½c, against 61⅜@61½c Saturday, sold up to 61¾c and by noon held at 61¼c.——The cash wheat market was strong and active with a good demand for all good milling wheat.——September wheat closed at 61½c, December at 59⅛@59¼c and May at 61¼c.

WHEAT—	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. Mon.	Sat.
Sept	61½	61¾	61⅛	61¼	61½
Dec	59½	59¾	59⅛	59⅛-¼	59½
May	61½	61¾	61⅛	61⅛	61⅜-½

ON TRACK—No. 1 hard, 67¼c; No. 1 northern, 66¼c; No. 2 northern, 63¼c; September oats, 22½c; corn, 28c; flaxseed, 84½c.

Curb on December wheat 59¼
Puts on December wheat ....58⅞@59
Calls on December wheat ....59½@59⅝

SOME SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 hard, 2 cars 68
No. 1 hard, 2 cars 67½
No. 1 northern, 800 bu, to arrive 65
No. 1 northern, 18 cars 67
No. 1 northern, 80 cars 66½
No. 1 northern, 500 bu, to arrive 64¾
No. 1 northern, 800 bu old 71
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive 65
No. 2 northern, 500 bu, to arrive 65
No. 1 northern, 1 car choice 67½
No. 2 northern, 90 cars 62½
No. 2 northern, 1 car 62¾
No. 2 northern, 4 cars 62
No. 2 northern, 3 cars 63
No. 3 wheat, 10 cars 60½
No. 3 wheat, 12 cars 60
No. 3 wheat, 4 cars choice 61

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	Northern. No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	N.G.
Gt. N.—B. Div	37	37	7	12	37
Gt. N.—P. P. Div	55	28	4	6	1
C., M. & St. P.	...	11	2	..	1
M. & St. L	23	11	3	6	5
Soo Line	6	6	3	10	5
Northern Pacific	22	66	18	4	5
Totals	173	159	37	38	54

OTHER GRAINS—Winter wheat, 2 cars; No. 3 corn, 2 cars; No. 4 corn, 2 cars; no grade corn, 1 car; No. 3 oats, 27 cars; no grade oats, 1 car; No. 2 rye, 10 cars; no grade rye, 1 car; No. 1 barley, 6 cars; No. 4 barley, 9 cars; No. 5 barley, 1 car; No. 1 flax, 42 cars.

CARS INSPECTED OUT—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 37 cars; No. 1 northern, 33 cars; No. 2 northern, 31 cars; No. 3, 11 cars; rejected, 6 cars; no grade, 18 cars; winter wheat, 2 cars; No. 3 corn, 5 cars; no grade corn, 1 car; No. 2 oats, 2 cars; No. 3 oats, 21 cars; No. 4 barley, 1 car; No. 1 flax, 2 cars.

FLOUR—The flour market is strong and active, at prices unchanged. Sales were very large last week and today it is thought that the record will be kept up.

First patents .....$4 20@4 30

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Bran, in bulk .....$7 50@ 7 75
Shorts, in bulk .....7 50@ 7 75
Middlings, in bulk .....10 00@10 50
Red dog, 40-lb sacks, f. o. b. .. 13 50@14 00

Feed in 200-lb sacks, $1 per ton additional; in 100-lb sacks, $1.50 additional. There is a good demand for bran and red dog for export, with considerable inquiry for shorts. In domestic trade is fair.

CORN—Strong; No. 3, 28c; No. 3 yellow, 28¼c; no sales reported; strong; No. 4, 27½c; no sales reported.——OATS—No. 3 oats, 22¼c; No. 2 white, 22½c asked; no grade sold at 21½@21⅞c.——RYE—No. 2 rye, 44@44¼c to arrive; no sales reported.——BARLEY—Feed barley, 31c; No. 4 sold at 30@31c; good malting barley, 35@40c. The barley trade is mixed according to quality for feed or malting purposes. No change in values today.——FEED—The trade is fair for this season of year, with values steady.

Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn,

in sacks, per ton, sacks extra..$11 00@....
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra.... 11 50@....
No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn, ½ oats, 75-lb sacks, sacks extra..... 12 00@....
No. 3 ground feed, 1-3 corn, 2-3 oats, 70-lb sacks, sacks extra.... 12 50@....
Rye flour ..... 2 25@2 35
Pure family rye flour ..... 2 35@2 45
Buckwheat flour, nominal ..... 3 90@4 25
Granulated cornmeal ..... 1 50@1 60

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 612 bu, 446,700 cars; corn, 7,300 bu; oats, 62,010 bu; barley, 26,880 bu; rye, 6,660 bu; flax, 27,360 bu; oil cake, 48,900 lbs; flour, 432 bbls; millstuffs, 15 tons; hay, 63 tons; fruit, 678,472 lbs; merchandise, 2,014,550 lbs; lumber, 16 cars; barrel stock, 3 cars; machinery, 212,700 lbs; coal, 2,256 tons; wood, 143 cords; brick, 70,000; cement, 650 bbls; ties, 3 cars; stone and marble, 2 cars; salt, 3 cars; dressed meats, 100,000 lbs; railroad materials, 6 cars, sundries, 26 cars. Car lots, 1,189.

SHIPPED—Wheat, 92 cars, 70,840 bu; corn, 2,370 bu; oats, 9,840 bu; barley, 7,020 bu; rye, 3,840 bu; flax, 5,530 bu; oil cake, 26,370 lbs; flour, 51,391 bbls; millstuffs, 1,963 tons; fruit, 151,000 lbs; merchandise, 2,598,970 lbs; lumber, 160 cars; barrel stock, 41 tons; brick, 26,000; cement, 375 bbls; railroad materials, 3 cars; sundries, 23 cars. Car lots, 1,005.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Sept. 19.—Offerings were small this morning and the market was strong in narrow lines for cash, and near futures were but a trifle weaker for May. Receipts for two days were very large and a greater percentage of good wheat shows up; though receivers claim grain is no better than for several weeks. September opened at 65½c, went to 66c asked, and off by noon to 65⅜c. December opened at 61¼c, went up to 61½c, broke to 60⅞c, and up to 61¼c by noon. May opened at 63¾c, advanced ½c and eased off to the opening price. Receipts—Wheat, 515,675 bu; oats, 2,455; rye, 11,359; barley, 16,169; flax, 35,254. Shipments—Wheat, 799,090; flax, 55,592. Changes in stocks for week are as follows: Wheat in store, 1,589,795, increase, 60,958; corn, 1,262,858, increase, 28,812; oats, 97,335, increase, 37,047; rye, 79,135, increase, 48,240; barley, 215,521, increase, 117,150; flax, 231,055, increase, 117,778. Oats, 23¾c; rye, cash, 46c; October, 44¼c; flax, cash, 87c; December, 88c; corn, 28¾c. Cash, No. 1 hard, 69c; No. 1 northern, 66c; No. 2 northern, 61½c; No. 3, 57½c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 67¾c; No. 1 northern, 64¾c; No. 2 northern, 60¼c; October, 62½c; December, 60⅞c; May, 63c; September, 65½c.

ST. PAUL.

Quotations on grain, hay, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., grain and seed merchants:

WHEAT—These quotations are for new wheat; old wheat of corresponding grade commands a premium: No. 1 northern, 66@67c; No. 2 northern, 62@63c.——CORN—No. 3 yellow, 30@31c; No. 3, 29@30c.——OATS—No. 2 white, 22@22½c; No. 3, 21¼@21¾c.——BARLEY AND RYE—Sample barley, 28@29c; No. 2 rye, 43@44c; No. 3, 41@42c.——SEEDS—No. 1 flax, 85@86c; timothy seed, $1@1.15; red clover, $3@3.20.——FLOUR—Patents, per bbl, $3.80@4; straights, $3.40@3.60; bakers', $2.80@3; rye flour, $2.40@2.80.——GROUND FEED—No 1 feed, $11.75@12.——COARSE CORN-MEAL—$11@11.50. BRAN — $8@8.25.——SHORTS—In bulk, $8.50@9.——HAY—Market higher on very light receipts; choice Iowa and Minnesota upland, $6@6.50; No. 1 upland, $5.75@6; No. 1 wild, $5@5.50; good to choice timothy, $6.75@7.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP—Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of the New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade.——Russian shipments of wheat, 1,200,000 bu, compared with 1,696,000 bu the week previous, and 3,952,000 bu last year. Corn shipments, 160,000 bu, compared with 328,000 bu the week previous and 4,000 bu last year.——Topeka, Kan.—Secretary Coburn, of the Kansas state board of agriculture, makes the corn crop of the state 16 per cent less than last year, 124,663,000 bu. The acreage was 13 per cent less than last year. The acreage of wheat sown this fall, 4,768,000 acres, exceeds last fall by 5 per cent.——New York—Paul Worth has worked 110,000 bu No. 2 red to South Africa. This is the first he has had inquiry for in a long time, as Argentine has furnished most of the wheat for that section. It shows that Argentine is bailed out.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Flour—Receipts, 24,537 bbls; exports, 16,288 bbls. Easier on new spring wheat brands, but fairly steady otherwise. Wheat—Receipts 244,200 bu; exports, 302,840 bu; spot, steady; No. 2 red, 72¾c f. o. b., afloat, to arrive; options opened firmer on foreign buying and better cables. They ruled fairly steady all the morning, but finally yielded, the unloading caused by a heavy visible supply increase and lack of support; closed unchanged to ¼c net higher; sales included September, 70½@70⅝c; closed, 70½c; December, 67 1-16@67 3-16c; closed, 67¼c. Corn—Receipts, 147,750 bu; exports, 125,023 bu; spot easy; No. 2, 35⅜c f. o. b., afloat; options opened steady with wheat and afloat; options opened steady with wheat and on a bullish Kansas state report, but later affected by relizing and prospective larger receipts, sold off a little and closed partly ⅛c lower; December 34 7-16c@34 9-16c; closed 34½c. Oats—Receipts, 194,400 bu; exports, 20,419 bu; spot easier; No. 2, 24⅞c; No. 2 white, 27½c; options dull and neglected, closing nominal.

GRAIN VISIBLE SUPPLY—New York, Sept. 19.—The following is a statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat Saturday, Sept. 17, as compiled by the New York produce exchange: Wheat, 10,187,000 bu; increase, 1,781,000 bu. Corn, 19,249,000; increase, 1,869,000 bu; Oats, 4,701,000 bu; increase, 424,000 bu. Rye, 625,000 bu; increase, 26,000 bu. Barley, 660,000 bu; increase, 2,000 bu.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 19.—Wheat, quiet, unchanged to ⅛c higher; September 5s 9½d; December, 5s 4½d; March, 5s 5¾d. Corn, quiet, ⅛c higher; September, 3s 1⅜d; October, 3s 1⅞d; December, 3s 3⅜d.

St. Paul Markets.

PRODUCE—Butter and eggs are firm at the closing prices of last week with light receipts. Potatoes dragged a trifle and a further decline is looked for owing to the heavy supply while the demand has not increased. The following are the street quotations:

Apples—Fancy reds, $3 per bbl; other varieties, $2.50@3; crabs, 75c@$1 per bu.
Bananas—Choice Shipping—Large bunches, $2@2.25; small bunches, $1.75@2.
Beans—Per Bu—Brown, $1; dirty lots, 60@65c; fancy navy, $1.25; medium, hand-picked, $1.10.
Beef—Per Lb—Country-dressed, fancy, 6@6½c; rough, 3½@4c.
Butter—Per Lb—Creameries, extras, 20@20½c; creameries, firsts, 18½c; creameries, gathered cream, 14@17c; imitations, 12@12½c; dairies, hand-separator, 17c; dairies, extras, 15c; ladies, packing stock, 10½c.
Cabbage—Home-grown, doz, 25@35c.
Cheese—Per Lb—Brick, No. 1, 9½c; brick, No. 2, 8c; Limburger, 8½@9c; Swiss, 12@13c; twins, fancy Minnesota and Wisconsin, 9@9½c; Young America, new, 10c; primost, 6@6½c.
Cider—Sweet, per bbl, $5@5.50; sweet, per half bbl, $2.75@3.
Eggs—Fresh, subject to loss off, new, cases included, 12@12½c; seconds, cases included, 7@8c.
Fish—Per Lb—Pickerel, 4½c; croppies, 7c; trout, lake, 8c; whitefish, 8c.
Onions—Home-grown, 30@35c per bu; California, $1.75@2.
Oranges—Per Box—Mediterranean sweets, $2.75@3; seedlings, choice, $2@2.25; seedlings, fancy, $2.50@2.75.
Grapes—Per Basket—California, four baskets, $1.50; Concord, 11@12c.
Grape Fruit—Per Box—California, $5@5.50.
Hogs—Clean, Per Lb—Heavy, 4½c; light, 4¾@5c; medium, 4¾c.
Honey—Per Lb Sections—Buckwheat, 9@9½c; extracted amber, 6@6½c; extracted white, 6½c; golden rod, 10c; white, choice, 10@11c; white, fancy, 12c.
Melons—Per Bu—Musks, large, 75c@$1; small, 50@75c; watermelons, 100, $8@14.
Lemons—California, 300s to 360s, $5@5.50; Messinas, choice, 300s, $4.50@5; Messinas, fancy, 300s, $5@5.50; Messinas, choice, 360s, $4.50@5; Messinas, fancy, 360s, $5.50.
Maple Sugar—Per Lb—Ohio, in bricks, 10c; Vermont, in bricks, 10c; Western, in bricks, 10c.
Maple Syrup—Per gal, 75@90c; per half-bbl, 45@50c.
Mutton—Per Lb—Bucks, 5½c; country-dressed, 7½@8½c; milk lambs, pelts off, 9½@10c.
Nuts—Almonds, new, small quantities, 11@12c; almonds, Tarragonas, sacks, 100 lbs, 12c; Tarragonas, small quantities, 14c; filberts, sacks, about 200 lbs, 8½c; filberts, small quantities, 10c; hickory, per bu, 60c@$1; peanuts, per lb, raw, 6@6½c; peanuts, per lb, roasted, 7c; pecans, new, Texas, polished, 100-lb sacks, 9c; pecans, small quantities, 9@10c; walnuts, 9@10c; walnuts, California, hard, sacks 100 to 110 lbs, 10@11c; walnuts, California, hard, less quantities, 8c; black walnuts, $1.
Peaches—Michigan, $1.50 per bu; California, 90c@$1.
Plums—Per Box—Royal Hatitive, $1.25@1.75; Washington, $1; Kelsey Japan, $1.25; Michigans, $1.50 per crate of six baskets.
Potatoes—Early Ohios, 27@29c; mixed stock, 23@25c; Jersey sweets, $2.50@2.75 per bbl.
Poultry—Per Lb—Spring chickens, 10c; live hens, 8@8½c; live geese, 6c; live ducks, 7c; live turkeys, 7@7½c; cocks, 4½@5c.
Veal—Per Lb—Coarse and thin, 5c; extra, fancy, country-dressed, 8@8½c; good, 90 to 100 lbs, 8½@9c.
Vegetables—Green—Beans, string, per box, 40c; beans, wax, per bu box, 40c; beets, per doz bunches, 10c; cucumbers, per doz, 20c; lettuce, field, per bu, 20c; new carrots, per doz, 10c; new turnips, per doz, 15c; pie plant, 100-lb box, 40c; spinach, per bu, 25c; tomatoes, 70c; water-cress, 20c; canteloupes, cauliflower, dry, 40c; peas, 25c; Minnesota, doz, 25c; corn, green, per doz, 10c.
Pigeons—Tame pigeons, old and young, alive, per doz, 65c; squabs, fancy, $1.

Live Stock Markets.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Sept. 19.—Receipts at the Union stockyards today were: Cattle, 3,311; calves, 117; hogs, 639; sheep, 2,341. The cattle receipts were a little short of Monday a week ago, and were mostly Westerns. Those offered on the local market sold well. The butcher stuff opened firm and steady. Good stockers in demand, but common stuff continues low. The hog receipts were light but of fair quality. The market was steady on good stuff. The sheep market was weak, with but few offerings. The greater part of the receipts were feeders.

Hogs—Market steady at Saturday's quotations, with a tendency to weaken on poor stuff. Quality fair to good. Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price.
10	129	..	$3 65	6	225	..	$3 75
9	155	..	3 85	56	300	160	3 85
4	280	..	3 85	52	325	..	3 87½
78	275	..	3 90	53	315	..	3 87½
20	225	..	3 80	9	107	..	3 25
7	270	..	3 80				

Cattle—Market firm and strong on good butcher stuff and high grade stockers and feeders. Common stock cattle continue weak. Big run of Westerns, but only a part of them were offered. Representative sales:

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
2	975	$3 25	2	810	$3 10
1	720	3 00	5	1140	3 85
1	1200	3 00	2	1015	3 15
3	1033	3 00	6	1060	3 50
1	1250	3 15	3	1190	3 25
9	1022	3 25	2	1060	3 85

Stock Cows and Heifers—

1	760	$3 00	8	975	$3 85
3	513	3 20	4	240	3 50
3	360	3 50	6	485	3 25

Stockers and Feeders—

4	940	$4 10	6 calves	245	$4 75
10	1146	4 10	14	820	3 90
6	1015	4 10	1	1040	3 75
7	630	3 80	19	1005	4 20
4 calves	270	4 75	6	1025	4 20
6	620	3 70	9	475	3 80
2	560	4 15	4	360	4 00
10 calves	297	4 75	12 calves	242	4 90
2	600	3 90			

Thin Cows and Canners—

1	1060	$2 40	1	720	$1 75
1	910	2 10	1	940	2 05
1	700	2 75	1	1080	2 15

Butcher Steers—

19	1410	$4 25	1	920	$3 80
28	1500	4 15	31	1175	4 10
17	1230	4 15	9	1035	4 10
17	1325	3 60	15	1095	4 10
20	1385	4 20	17	1205	4 10
6	1150	4 10			

Bulls—

1	1260	$3 10	3	445	$3 00
1	1520	2 50	1	1410	3 10
1	350	4 00	1	1650	3 00

Veals Calves—

2	195	$5 00	1	220	$4 75

Stags and Oxen—

1	1510	$3 25

Milkers and Springers—

1 cow		for $28 50

Sheep—Market steady on good sheep and lambs. A shade lower and weak on poor grades. The greater part of the receipts were stockers. Representative sales:

13 lambs	65	$4 85	27	yearlings	85	$4 00
18 stock ewes	85	3 25	2	bucks	120	2 25
18 st'k lambs	53	4 10	18		101	3 75

Disposition of Stock—	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Temple	55	...	...
Goldenburg	5	...	...
L. Gottfried	4	26	...
W. Holland	9	...	...
J. Aronshon	2	...	...
Swift & Co	249	579	47
Staples & King	3	...	...
E. C. Page	15	...	...
Baker	15	...	...
J. Thompson	23	...	...
Simmer & Thomas	37	...	...
J. Bolten	3	3	...
Robinson	163	...	...
Hanky Brothers	39	...	...
W. S. Drake	37	...	...
Reber	16	...	...
Cummings	16	...	...
Spencer	...	78	...
W. E. McCormick	4	25	13
Murray	...	...	18
Hess	18	...	...
Young & Stevens	8	...	...
Porter	...	...	21
F. B. Cable	44	...	...
J. Marty	17	...	...
McIntosh	6	...	...
F. M. Mosher	9	...	...
Glenny	48	...	...
J. A. McMillan	...	151	...
Mee	11	...	...
Others	25	...	...

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