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WHEAT AGAIN TOOK A DROP

SEPTEMBER OPTION CLOSED ONE AND ONE-HALF UNDER SATURDAY

WORLD'S BIG SHIPMENTS CAUSE

Liverpool Showed Practically No Response to the Advance in Chicago Saturday—There Was Covering by Shorts for Profits.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
Sept. wheat, Minneapolis	76½	77¾
Sept. wheat, Chicago	76⅝-77⅞	78¼-78⅜
Sept. wheat, New York	81	82⅝
Sept. wheat, Duluth	78⅝	79⅞

CHICAGO, July 23.—Big world's shipments, large receipts and unresponsive cables started a decline in wheat today, and the close was 1½c under Saturday for the September option. September corn closed ⅛@¼c, and September oats ⅝c down. At the close provisions were 5 to 25½c depressed.

Wheat was a very tame market today. Liverpool showed practically no response to the advance here Saturday, and the world's shipments were large, showing good increases from Russia and the Danubian country. It was the sort of news which greeted the opening trade, September opening ½ to 1c under Saturday. There was some covering by shorts for profits, and September rallied to 78@78⅛c. The rally which traders were playing for failed to materialize, because of outside apathy, and a reaction followed. Heavy receipts and a very slack cash business during the rest of the session held the market true to the downward course, and the wind-up was lifeless and weak. September dropped to 76¾c, and closed 1½c lower at 76¾@76⅞c.

Clearances at the seaboard in wheat and flour were equal to 180,000 bushels. Primary receipts aggregated 1,185,000 bushels, compared with 993,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 369 cars, against 287 last week, and 560 a year ago. Receipts here were 103 cars, 67 of contract grade. The domestic visible decreased 450,000 bushels, and the English 1,221,000 bushels. Reports from the Dakotas were that hot winds had practically completed the destructive work of drought. Not much attention was paid to these reports, however.

Corn was quiet but steady, holding firmly against the weakness in wheat after it had made a small concession to the attitude assumed by the more important cereal. Business in the pit was limited in volume, and local in character. The supporting factors were light receipts—311 cars here—small country offerings, higher cables and a strong cash demand. September sold between 39⅛c and 39¾c, closing ¼@⅜c up at 39¼@39⅜c. Shipping bids were reported 3¼c over September c. i. f. Buffalo and 4½c over September for No. 2 white. Sales for shipment were placed at 250,000 bushels, while New York reported 36 loads taken for export.

The speculative trade in oats was small and largely confined to the operations of local scalpers. The depressing influence was to a degree counteracted by the steadiness of corn. Receipts were 109 cars. September sold between 23¼@23⅜c, and 23⅜@23¾c, and closed ⅜c under Saturday at 23⅜c.

Provisions opened firm, on light hog receipts and an advance at the yards. Trade was dull, however; hogs turned easier, there was no export demand, and the wheat weakness was depressing, all of which cost the hog market its early gain, and more, too. September pork sold between $11.20 and $11.90, and closed 22½c under Saturday at $11.92½. September lard between $6.92½ and $6.80@6.82½, closing 5c down at $6.82½, and September ribs between $7.05@7.07½ and $6.97½, with the close 5c depressed at $6.97½.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 715 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 16,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Wheat—				
July	76¾	76¾	75½	75½
August	76⅝	77⅛	75⅞	75⅞
September	77¾	78⅛	76¾	76¾
Corn—				
July	39¼	39⅝	39¼	39¼
August	39¼	39⅝	39¼	39¼
September	39⅜	39¾	39⅛	39¼
Oats—				
July				22⅞
August	23¼	23¼	23	23
September	23⅝	23⅝	23¼	23⅜
Mess Pork—				
July				11 80
September	12 15	12 22½	11 90	11 92½
Lard—				
July				6 80
September	6 90	6 92½	6 80	6 82½
October	6 92½	6 95	6 85	6 85
Short Ribs—				
July				6 95
September	7 05	7 05	6 97½	6 97½
October	7 00	7 02½	6 95	6 95

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet. Wheat—No. 3, 73c; No. 2 red, 78@78½c. Corn—No. 2, 39⅝@39¾c; No. 2 yellow, 39¾@40c. Oats—No. 2, 21¼@21½c; No. 2 white, 23@27¼c; No. 3 white, 25¼@27¼c. Rye—No. 2, 54@54½c; fair to choice malting, 46@48c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.70; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.74@1.76. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $11.40@11.85. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $6.70@6.82½. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $7@7.25. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 6⅝@7c. Sides—Short clear (bixed), $7.45@7.50. Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.23½. Clover—Contract grade, $8. Receipts—Flour, 17,000 bbls; wheat, 76,000 bu; corn, 274,800 bu; oats, 157,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 10,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 23,000 bbls; wheat, 57,000 bu; corn, 1,100,000 bu; oats, 182,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 6000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 15@19½c; dairies, 14@17c. Cheese firm; 3½@10¼c. Eggs firm; fresh, 11½c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 23.—Wheat opened lower. September wheat opened at 77¼c against 77¾c Saturday, firmed up to 77¾@77⅞c, declined to 77½c, advanced to 77⅝@77¾c, sold down to 77¼c, gained ⅛c, slid to 76⅝c, firmed up to 76¾@76⅞c by 11:30 a. m., and by noon held at 76¾@76⅞c.

December wheat opened at 78½c, being the same as Saturday's close, declined to 78⅛@77¼c, firmed up to 78⅜c, dropped to 77¾c, gained ⅛c, sold down to 77⅜@77½c, firmed up to 77⅝c, lost 1-16c by 11:30 a. m., and by noon held at 77⅝c.

The cash wheat market was active, with a good demand for all wheat offered. No. 1 northern sold at a premium of 1½@1¾c over the September future. July wheat closed at 76½c, September at 76½c, and December at 77¼c.

Wheat—	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Mon.	Sat.
July	....	....	....	76¼	77½	
September	77¼	77¾-⅞	76⅝	76½	77	
December	78½	78½	77⅛-¼	77	78½	

On Track—Official closing quotations: No. 1 hard wheat, 79½c; No. 1 northern wheat, 77½c; No. 2 northern wheat, 76¼c; oats, 25½c; corn, 38c; rye, 51@52c; barley, 38@42c; flaxseed, $1.65.

Cash Sales—

No. 1 northern, 14 cars, 79c.
No. 1 northern, 1 car, 78¾c.
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, 79½c.
No. 2 northern, 6 cars, 78c.
No. 2 northern, 14 cars, 78c.
No. 2 northern, 11 cars, 77¾c.
No. 2 northern, 1 car, 78¼c.
No. 2 northern, 2,000 bu, 76¾c.
No. 3 wheat, 4 cars, 74c.
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, 75c.
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, 75½c.
No. 3 wheat, 8 cars, 74½c.
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, 76c.
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars, 74¾c.
Rejected wheat, 1 car, 71c.

Flour—First patents, in wood, $4.20@4.30; first clears, $2.95@3.10; rye flour, per bbl, pure, $2.65@2.75.

Feed—Bran in bulk, per ton, $12@12.25; shorts in bulk, per ton, $12.50@12.75; flour middlings, per ton, $13.50@13.75; red-dog, 140-lb sacks, f. o. b. Minneapolis, $16.50@17.

Corn—Strong at 38@38½c for No. 3.

Oats—The oats market weak and lower; No. 3 oats range from 24½c to 25½c, with 25c paid for extra choice.

Rye—Steady; No. 2 rye, quoted at 51@52½c.

Barley ranges from 36c to 44c for choice malting.

Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, $15.50; No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra, $15.75@16.

Hay—The market is steady at the recent decline. Trade is fair, but receipts hold moderate. Old timothy is quoted at $12.50@13; choice new timothy, $12.50@13; clover-mixed timothy, $10.50@11; Minnesota upland, $12@12.50; Iowa upland, $12@12.50; coarse to medium, $9@10. Rye straw, $5@6.50. Receipts, 95 tons.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Roads.	Northern. No.1hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	No Gd.
Gt. Northern	..	10	8	1	1	1
C., M. & St. P.	..	51	22	5	1	..
M. & St. L.	..	10	3	1	2	..
Soo Line	..	4	5	..	3	1
C.,St.P.,M. & O.	..	1	24	10	..	..
Minn Transfer	..	11	1	3	..	1
Totals	..	87	63	20	17	3

Other Grains—Winter wheat, 6; No. 3 corn, 20; No. 4 corn, 2; No. 3 oats, 16; No. 2 rye, 2; No. 1 flax, 3; rejected flax, 2.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 2; No. 1 northern, 143; No. 2 northern, 42; No. 3, 15; no grade, 2; No. 3 corn, 24; No. 4 corn, 1; No. 3 oats, 13; No. 2 rye, 8; No. 5 barley, 2.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., July 23.—The market was fairly active and weaker; September opened ⅜c off at 79c, sold up to 79⅝c at 9:40, off to 78½c at noon and closed at 1c off at 78⅝c. Cash sales were 10,000 bu at ⅜c over September. Close—Wheat, No. 1 hard, cash, 80⅜c; to arrive, 80⅞c; August, 80⅞c; September, 80⅜c; December, 80½c. No. 1 northern, cash, 78⅜c; to arrive, 78⅞c; August, 78⅞c; September, 78⅜c; December, 78¼c; No. 2 northern, 77c; No. 3 spring, 73⅜c; oats, 25½@25¼c; rye, 52½c; barley, 39@41c; flax, spot, $1.60 in car lots, $1.65 in broken lots; September, $1.35; October, $1.30; corn, 39¼c. Receipts—Wheat, 34,451 bu; corn, 11,401 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 151,000 bu; corn, 27,500; oats, 47,825; flax, 1,353. Wheat stocks last Saturday: No. 1 hard, 1,647,772 bu; No. 1 northern, 1,730,159; No. 2 northern, 624,315; No. 3 spring, 195,908; no grade, 41,338; rejected 41,338; special bin, 1,123,303; total, 9,380,164; decrease, 928,649; stock years ago, 4860,613; corn, 371,580; oats, 197,181; rye, 25,880; barley, 44,907; flax, 24,241.

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—Prime says: "Spring wheat reports from eastern portion of North Dakota show that where the drouth is broken they can still use a good deal of rain. This section of the state, however, so far as spring wheat is concerned, can be put down as a total failure. There will be practically no wheat harvest. Grass is improving and will probably now get enough hay of grass to carry to carry stock through. Spring wheat reports from the eastern part of South Dakota show that probably one-half of spring wheat in this locality was saved by the rain. Late rain has done more hurt than good. Harvesting wheat—what there is of it—is progressing slowly. Oats are not more than half an average crop. Some fields fairly good; others not worth cutting. Corn and oats reports from central Illinois show that the crop is just now in tassel. Reserves of corn are the smallest known for many years. Shipments of old corn are very light. Half the oats in shock. The crop was badly lodged and went down before the grain was formed and, of course, has not filled well. Quality is good, but the yield will not be as large as in 1899."

LIVERPOOL, July 23.—Wheat quiet, ¼@⅝d lower; September, 6s 1½d; December, 6s 2¼d. Corn steady, ⅜@½d higher; September, 3s 11¾d; November, 4s ¼d.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 23.—Flour steady; wheat lower, No. 1 Northern, 78@78¼c; No. 2 Northern, 74¾@77¼c. Rye steady; No. 1, 58c. Barley steady; No. 2, 47@48c; sample, 40@45¼c. Oats steady; No. 3 white, 27@27¼c.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Flour—Receipts, 18,373 bbls; exports, 8,884 bbls. Market inactive and barely steady with wheat. Rye flour slow. Wheat—Receipts, 39,775; exports, 7,436; spot weak; No. 2 red, 84c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 81¼c elevator; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, 86c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 83c f. o. b. afloat; options, July closed 82c; September, 81 3-16@82½c; closed 81¾c; December, 82⅝@83 1-16, closed 82⅝c. Corn—Receipts, 403,400 bushels; exports, 84,745; spot steady; No. 2, 46½c f. o. b. afloat, and 45⅝c elevator; options, July closed 45¼c; September, 44⅞@45¼c, closed 44⅞c; December, 42@42⅛c, closed 42c. Oats—Receipts, 332,800; exports, 29,407 bushels; spot dull; No. 2, 28c; No. 2 white, 29@30c; No. 3 white, 28@29½c; track mixed Western, 27½@29¼c; track white Western, 28½@34c; track white state, 28½@34c; options dull and barely steady.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

These quotations furnished by Loftus & Kerwin, wholesale hay, grain and flour merchants:

Oats—Receipts, 5 cars; market firm; No. 3, 27@27¼c; No. 3 white, 27½@28c.

Corn—Market unsteady; No. 2, 39@39½c; No. 3 yellow, 40c.

Seeds—Timothy, $1@1.25, according to quality; clover, $4.50@5.20 per bu; flax, $1.74@1.76 per bu.

Feed—Granulated corn meal, in cotton sacks, $1.80; coarse corn meal, ton, $15; No. 1 feed, $15; No. 2 feed, $15.50; No. 3 feed, $16.

Bran and Shorts—Bran in bulk, $12.25; bran in sacks, 200 lbs, $12.25; bran in sacks, 100 lbs, $13.75; shorts in bulk, $12.75; shorts in sacks, 200 lbs, $13.75; shorts in sacks, 100 lbs, $14.25; middlings flour, bulk, $14; middlings, 200-lb sacks, $15; middlings, 100 lbs, $15.50.

Hay—Receipts, 9 cars; shipments, 8 cars; upland, choice, $10@10.50; upland, No. 1, $9@9.50; midland, $6@7; medium, $5.50@6; timothy choice, $12@12.50; timothy, No. 1, $11.75@12.25; timothy No. 2, $9@9.50.

Rye straw, $6@6.50; wheat and oats straw, $5@5.50.

PRODUCE AND FRUIT.

The quotations which follow are for goods which change hands in lots in the open market. In filling orders, in order to secure the best goods for shipping and to cover the cost incurred, an advance over jobbing prices has to be charged:

Butter—Steady and in active demand. Receipts light. Creameries, extras, 18½c; firsts, 17½c; dairies, hand separator, 17½c; extras, 16½@17c; ladles, extras, 14@15c; packing stock, 13½c.

Cheese—Market steady and active; Twins, fancy full cream, 10¾@11¼c; full cream, Young America, new, 11½@12c; brick, No. 1, 10@11c; brick, No. 2, 9½c; Swiss cheese, old, 12½@14c; Limburger, as to grade, 8½@11c.

Eggs—Market steady; receipts fair; fresh stock, cases included, loss off, 10½@10¾c.

Beans—Market firm; fancy navy, per bu, $2.25@2.35; medium hand-picked, per bu, $1.60@1.80.

Peas—Yellow peas, $1.25; fancy green, $1.30.

Potatoes—Steady; fair demand; old potatoes, 22@25c; new potatoes, bu, 40c.

Vegetables—Cauliflower, per doz, $1; beets, per doz, 60c; lettuce, per doz, 30c; parsley, per doz, 15c; tomatoes, per basket, 75c; asparagus, doz box, 30@40c; spinach, per bu, 25c; turnips, per doz, 60c; beans, wax, bu box, $2; string beans, bu, $2; cucumbers, doz, 50c; radishes, doz bunches, 10c; radishes, round, doz bunches, 10c; onions, green, doz bunches, 8@10c; carrots, bu, 75c; green peas, bu, $1.50; rhubarb, lb, 1c; new turnips, doz, 60c; kohlrabi, doz, 75c; horseradish, lb, 10c; cabbage steady, per lb, 2@2½c; onions steady; home-grown onions, bu, $1.

Apples—Market well cleaned up and good stock commands firm prices at advanced quotations. Fancy Ben Davis, $6@6.50; choice Ben Davis, $6.

Lemons—Receipts liberal; demand good. Fancy Messinas, box, $4.25@4.50; California, per box, $3.75.

Oranges—California navels, box, $4@4.25; California seedlings, box, $3@3.25; Mediterranean sweets, box, $3.25@3.50.

Nuts—Hickory, per bu, $1@1.25; black walnuts, bu, 75c@$1; new California walnuts, lb, 14c; peanuts, raw, per lb, 6c; peanuts, roasted, lb, 7c; Brazils, per lb, 4c; pecans, medium, 11@11½c; hazelnuts, per lb, 5@8c; chestnuts, new, per lb, 12@15c.

Bananas—Supply moderate; demand active; choice shipping, $2.25@3.

Figs and Dates—Figs, new California, box, $1@1.10; Fard dates, 10-lb boxes, 8@9c; Hallowee dates, new, 5½c.

Apple Cider—Sweet, per bbl, $5; sweet, per half bbl, $2.75; hard, per bbl, $9.

Dressed Meats—Demand light; supply fair; veal, fancy, 7@7½c; veal, medium, 6½c; hogs, country dressed, 5½@6c; milk lambs, pelts off, 8c.

Poultry—Demand active; receipts only fair; broilers, per lb, 11@13c; mixed chickens, 7c; hens, 7c; turkeys, 7c; ducks, fancy, 6½c; geese, 5c.

Fish—Fair demand; pickerel, per lb, 3c; pike, per lb, 5c; croppies, per lb, 4@5c; frog legs, doz, 4@8c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BUTTER AND EGGS—New York, July 23.—Butter—Receipts, 13,492 pkgs; steady; creamery, 17@20c; factory, 14@18c. Eggs—Receipts, 4,431; Western at mark, 11@13½c for average lots; Western at mark, loss off, 15½c.

Chicago, July 23.—Butter firm; creameries, 15@19½c; dairies, 14@17c. Eggs firm; fresh, 11½c.

Elgin, Ill., July 23.—Butter firm at 19c; 600 tubs withdrawn and 145 sold at 19c. Sales for the week, 11,730 tubs.

NEW YORK COFFEE—New York, July 23.—Coffee—Spot Rio easy; No. 7 invoice, 9½c. Mild coffee quiet; Cordova, 9½@13½c. Futures opened 15@25 points lower, under foreign and local selling, based on bearish crop estimates from Rio, weak spot coffee market, very unfavorable cables from European markets and predictions of increased crop movement. The low rate of exchange in Rio and late weak Havre cables, increased heavy undertone and checked buying. Closed steady with prices net 10@20 points lower. Total sales, 41,250 bags, including: July, 8.10c; August, 8@8.05c; September, 8.00@8.10c; October, 8.10@8.25c; November, 8.25c; December, 8.35@8.45c; January, 8.45c; March, 8.55@8.60c, and May, 8.65@8.70c.

Sugar—Raw strong; fair refining, 4⅝c; centrifugals, 96-test, 4⅞c; molasses sugar, 4⅛c; refined sugar firm.

SEED MARKETS—Chicago, July 23.—The speculative flaxseed market opened a little weak this morning and under pressure of sales weakness increased and the result was a drop of 3c for both September and October before noon. Holders are getting tired and improved crop prospects makes them nervous. Receipts here were 7 cars; 4 cars at Duluth and none at Minneapolis. Cash flax at $1.70, September at $1.35, and October at $1.29 per bu. Timothy seed closed at $3.00@3.35 per 100 lbs, and clover seed at $9@9.50. Minneapolis flaxseed quoted at $1.65 per bu.

Proceedings in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States, District of Minnesota, Third Division.

In the Matter of Harry Chapple, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the Honorable William Lochren, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the district of Minnesota.

Harry Chapple, of St. Paul, in the County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 2nd day of June last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and with the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore, he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 13th day of July, A. D. 1900.

HARRY CHAPPLE, Bankrupt.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, District of Minnesota, Third Division—ss.

On the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1900, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 6th day of August, A. D. 1900, before said court, at St. Paul, in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the St. Paul Globe, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court, that the Clerk shall send to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable William Lochren, judge of the said court, and the seal thereof, at St. Paul, in said district, on the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1900.

CHARLES L. SPENCER, (Seal of the Court.) Clerk.

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STOCKS RATHER ACTIVE

UNEVENNESS OF THE MARKET WAS, HOWEVER, THE PREDOMINATING FEATURE

PRICES ADVANCED EASILY

There Was Some Accession of Outside Buying to Act as a Reliance for Absorbing Stocks at a Higher Level.

	Close.
Bar silver, New York	61¼
Call money, New York	1¼@1½

NEW YORK, July 23.—The influential interests which have taken the leadership in the stock market continued their efforts today to make a rising market, with the object of inviting public buying. They were not discouraged by the failure of outside interest to develop on account of last week's advance, and they resumed their bullish manipulation from the opening this morning.

There was not much difficulty apparent in advancing prices, nor did any obstruction appear in the shape of larger volume than the market could absorb, the leaders deftly turned their attention to stocks whose upward movement was easier. As the long interest has not yet reached large proportions, and as there still remains a short interest whose position grows daily more critical, the technical conditions favored the advance.

There was some accession of outside buying to act as a reliance for absorbing stocks at a higher level. The appearance of this buying encouraged the professional bulls to redoubled efforts, and the day's market as a result, gave an appearance of greater activity, and more strength than on any day last week. This was particularly true after Sugar had been checked in its first reactionary tendency, and was found to move upwards easily on moderate buying. This stock continued to have a marked influence on the market and its reaction in the day precipitated a movement to take profits elsewhere, so that the closing was easy at considerable recessions from the best.

The distinguishing feature of the markets was its unevenness, as might be expected from its professional and manipulated character. A few stocks were active and strong, a larger number showed sharp advances, after lying dormant for a time, so that the very meagre transactions were sufficient to move them. But the majority of the list was only moderately active and continued very sluggish, small net gains being the rule in sympathy in special stocks. There was a disposition to pick some leading stocks from each group of securities in which the interests or conditions were allied and advance the leader for effect on their particular groups, thus permitting pretty much the whole market with a show of strength.

During the course of the day, other stocks in the several groups responded more or less to this maneuver, thus broadening the effect of the advances. Thus Tennessee Coal led the steel stocks, with an extreme advance of 4½, but several of the group responded to the call to a point or over. Metropolitan Street Railway rose 2¾ early in the day, but Brooklyn Transit took the leadership of the group with a rise of 3½ on the favorable judicial decision in the 10-cent fare case. In the grangers, St. Paul and Burlington rose about 2 points each. Early advances in Leather, People's Gas and Southern Pacific proved abortive, and these stocks were relegated to the background. Such recent favorites as Baltimore & Ohio and Union Pacific were notably neglected and were inclined to be heavy.

The hopefulness of the bulls was predicated on the more encouraging feeling regarding China, which was reflected from abroad, on the confidence that the money market is assured of a considerable period of ease, and that the period of quiet in political affairs is likely to intervene before the campaign takes on its more active phase. The absence of any engagements of gold for export today also helped the market, as did the favorable crop news.

The bond market continued dull and prices moved irregularly. Total sales, par value, $1,285,000. United States old 4s, coupon, and new 4s advanced ⅛ in the bid price.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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	S'l's	High	Low	Closing 23	Closing 21
Amer. S. & Wire	14900	35¼	34⅞	35½	34½
do pfd	1300	75¼	74½	74½	74
A. Mining Co.	....	44	42⅝	43¼	43
Amer. Tobacco Co	11100	97⅞	93½	94	93¾
Amer. Cotton Oil	....	....	....	34¾	34½
do pfd	....	....	....	123	123
Amer. Tin Plate	....	24¼	24	23¾	22¾
do pfd	....	....	....	76	76
Ame. Cotton Oil	....	....	....	34¾	34½
do pfd	....	....	....	89	88½
Amer. Ice	....	....	....	37¼	37
do pfd	....	....	....	68	67
A., T. & S. F.	19500	27⅛	26¼	27⅞	25⅞
do pfd	14500	70½	69⅞	70¼	69½
Am. Linseed Oil	....	12¼	11⅞	12	11½
do pfd	....	57½	56¾	57⅜	56⅛
B. & O., new	....	76¼	76¼	76½	76¼
do pfd, new	1100	81	80½	80½	80½
Brook. R. T.	4500	60	56½	58⅞	56⅜
C. B. & Q.	14100	128⅛	126⅝	127¾	126
Can. Southern	....	....	....	88¾	89
Car & Foundry	....	15⅝	15½	15⅝	15
do pfd	....	....	....	63¼	63
C., C., C. & St. L.	2400	60¼	60	60	59¼
Con. Tob. Co	1200	26½	25⅞	25⅞	26⅛
do pfd	....	....	....	79¼	79¼
Ches. & Ohio	2400	28¼	27¾	27⅞	27¾
Col. F. & I.	....	36	34¼	35¾	34⅜
do pfd	....	....	....	115	115
Chi. G. West.	700	11¼	10¾	11⅛	10¾
C. G. W. deb.4p.c.	....	....	....	83⅞	84⅞
do pfd A	....	....	....	69	69¼
do pfd B	....	....	....	33	33½
Chi. Terminal	....	10⅞	10⅞	10⅞	10¾
do pfd	....	....	....	25	25
Del. & Hudson	....	....	....	112	112½
Con. Gas	2000	181½	180½	180½	181¼
Del., L. & West	1000	179	178⅜	177	175
Den. & Rio G.	....	....	....	17½	17½
do pfd	300	66¾	66¾	66½	66
D., S. S. & A. pfd.	....	12	12	12	11⅞
Erie	....	....	....	11	11
do 1st pfd	....	33¼	32¾	33	32½
do 2d pfd	....	....	....	16	15½
Fed. Steel	7600	36	34¾	35¼	34
do pfd	3800	68	67	68	67¼
E. & T. H	....	....	....	41⅜	41⅜
do pfd	....	....	....	80	80
General Elec. Co.	700	131	130½	130	129
Great Nor. pfd	....	153½	153	153	153
Glucose	....	55	54	53½	52
do pfd	....	100¼	100	100	99⅞
Hocking Val. Co	100	35⅞	35⅞	35½	34
do pfd	....	....	....	63	63½
Illinois Central	2900	120¼	119¾	120	119
Int. Paper	....	....	....	22½	23
do pfd	....	....	....	65½	65¾
Jersey Central	800	130	129½	129¾	128⅞
K. C., P. & G.	....	....	....	16	16
Lake Erie & W.	....	....	....	26	26½
do pfd	....	....	....	90	90
Louis. & Nash	5300	74⅜	73½	74	73
Leather	24900	12¼	11½	11⅜	11⅛
do pfd	1000	69¼	69	68½	68½
Manhattan Con.	12100	92⅞	90¾	91½	90½
M.,St.P. & S.St.M.	100	20	20	20	19
do pfd	....	....	....	59¾	59
Met. Traction	2300	157	154¾	156	154¼
M. C.	....	13⅜	12	13⅛	12¼
Minn. & St. L.	800	56⅞	55¾	56	55½
do 2d pfd	200	94	93	93	92
M., K. & T.	....	....	....	9½	9½
do pfd	600	32	31½	32	31
Missouri Pacific	5300	51⅞	51	51¼	50¾
Nor. Pacific	3900	51⅝	51⅜	51⅜	51
do pfd	1000	72¼	71⅞	72	71½
N. Y. Central	1500	131	130	130¾	130
Nat. Steel. Co.	....	27	26⅝	26½	26¼
do pfd	....	84½	84½	84	84
Nat. Biscuit	....	....	....	31½	30
do pfd	....	....	....	85	82
Nor. & West.	....	34	33¾	33⅞	33⅞
do pfd	700	78½	78½	77½	77
N. Y. Air Brake	....	139¼	133½	138	138
North-Western	....	....	....	160¾	160
do pfd	....	....	....	198	....
North American	....	15¾	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
Omaha	....	....	....	112½	110
do pfd	....	....	....	165	....
Ont. & West.	1500	21	20¾	20¾	20⅝
P. Steel Car Co.	....	43⅜	43	43	43¼
do pfd	....	....	....	73	73
Pennsylvania Ry.	10700	129¼	128⅜	129	128¼
Pacific Mail	1500	33	32¼	32¼	32¾
People's Gas	9400	100¾	99⅞	100	99
Pullman	....	....	....	181	181½
Reading	700	17¼	17⅛	17⅛	17
do 1st pfd	8300	60¾	60½	60¼	60
do 2d pfd	....	29¼	29	29	28¾
Rock Island	5100	108	107½	107½	106⅞
Southern Pacific	31100	34⅞	34	34½	33¾
St. L. & S. W.	....	....	....	9⅜	9
do pfd	....	26½	26	26¼	26
Smelter	....	37⅞	37½	37¾	37½
do pfd	....	88¾	88¼	88⅞	88½
Sugar Refinery	39000	129⅞	126½	127½	126¾
do pfd	....	....	....	116½	116½
St. Paul	12000	112⅞	111¾	112⅜	111⅛
do pfd	....	....	....	171	170¾
T. C. & I.	15100	75¼	71	74⅜	72
Texas Pacific	700	15½	15¼	15⅜	15
Union Pacific	5900	76¾	75¾	75⅝	75¼
U. S. Rubber	400	24½	24½	24	24½
do pfd	....	....	....	93	93½
Wabash	....	....	....	7¼	7⅛
do pfd	700	19⅞	18⅞	19⅛	19⅛

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