

THE FINGER OF SCORN



HENRY CLEWS' LETTER

New York, Sept. 7.—Money, crops and politics dominate the stock market. While the west, encouraged by plentiful harvests, is boldly preparing for active fall and winter trade, the east is timidly pondering over increased money requirements, the possibility of killing frost and continued unsettled political tendencies.

All indications point to an active money market this fall. High but not stringent rates may be anticipated. Crop and trade requirements alike being record-breaking. Interior banks are already well loaned up, and eastern banks find their reserves much reduced at the beginning of the season. For some time past large sums of Canadian money have been on deposit in New York but these are being withdrawn for similar reasons to our own. Hence the recent exports of gold to Canada, which may be followed by other shipments. Local money conditions reflected a decline in foreign exchange and larger offerings of finance bills. Very shortly a larger supply of cotton and grain bills will be in evidence, so that Europe will be in a position to aid our seasonal financial requirements. Gold imports are already in prospect. Germany is not

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likely to get much financial aid in New York this season. Higher interest rates are also having the effect of inducing banks to lessen their holdings of high grade bonds. All things considered, the monetary outlook is satisfactory. Current demands are merely for the purpose of satisfying legitimate requirements, not undesirable speculation, and lenders at least will secure more profitable rates.

Adverse from the interior are increasingly encouraging, bank clearings for August showing a gain of over 9 per cent compared with last year. Mercantile houses with scarcely an exception report an active demand by customers for both necessities and luxuries. Railroad earnings also testify to trade expansion, 27 roads reporting for the third week of August an increase of 8 per cent over last year. Better results should come later. Importations continue very heavy; the increases being in raw materials for American manufactures and also in articles of luxury, such as precious stones, etc. The dry goods trade at the interior is unusually active, and jobbers report a satisfactory distribution in all classes of clothing, both cotton and woolen. There is no abatement in the activity of steel. Orders at first hand are somewhat less urgent, but many of the mills are running at about 95 per cent of their capacity. They have orders for railroad and construction enterprises that will keep them fully occupied for months ahead, and this week a stronger demand and higher prices developed for semi-finished steel products. The steel trade continues to lead all others in point of activity. Nevertheless other lines of industry are generally well employed. This is demonstrated by the satisfactory profits reported by most of the large industrialists, not to speak of the extra dividends which many of them have lately declared.

The crop outlook is still a matter of first consequence, for the two most important items, corn and cotton, are not yet beyond the reach of uncertainty. Corn is somewhat late, and must face the dangers of frost. Sept. 15 is the usually earliest date for killing frost, but this only touches the northernmost and comparatively unimportant producing sections. The zone of greatest danger from frosts is that covered by Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota, which states combined raise nearly one-quarter of the crop. In this district frost does not generally appear until the last half of September; hence it will be another three weeks at least before this section will be entirely out of danger. The present outlook continues for a bumper crop of 3,000,000, 000 bushels, but no surprise should be created if some slight deterioration occurs during the present month. Cotton is now facing its most critical period. The government report showing a decline of 1.7 per cent in August was about as expected. September is universally a month of deterioration, the average decline in September for the last 10 years being 6.2 points. Last September the deterioration was only 1.8 points; the next government report may compel some modification of recent optimistic expectations, which have gone considerably beyond the 14,000,000 bale mark. The present situation for cotton and corn is highly satisfactory, but it will be imprudent to ignore the possibilities of considerable deterioration during the remainder of the season.

Wall street is not in a very optimistic mood in spite of favorable mercantile and industrial conditions. The reasons for this, as already stated, are largely monetary and political. Financial leaders are still sensitive, perhaps unduly so, over the political outlook. The Vermont election was, fortunately, not disturbing, but the results in Ohio were somewhat disliked. Needless to say, the initiative and the referendum are not relished by those opposed to seeing our government and legislatures at the mercy of passing whims or waves of passion.

Another element which causes a decided undercurrent of hesitation in financial circles is the railroad situation. It is imperative that our railroads in all parts of the country spend

large sums during the next few years for enlarged terminal facilities; this to meet an evergrowing pressure in public requirements. In addition to these demands for new financing, which of course mean increased fixed charges, the railroads are also embarrassed by growing demands of labor. If the requests of the engineers are granted, all railroad labor is likely to follow with corresponding claims, and the results will be a further increase of between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 in the annual expenses of the American railroads. Net earnings are only just now beginning to recover from the advances made to labor two years ago. Further concessions such as are now insisted upon would seriously cripple many of our great transportation systems, particularly the weaker lines. The railroads might recoup themselves by passing on increased charges to the consumer, as in other lines of business. But in this course they are prevented by the interstate commerce commission, which keeps in view the resentment of public opinion that would follow the granting of an advance in rates. Thus it is the railroads are in an exceedingly embarrassing dilemma. At the moment this is being somewhat eased by liberal gains in gross earnings and a very satisfactory improvement in net on a few of the most favorably situated lines. September and October earnings should still further their gains, if the fears of railroad managers as to a car famine are well founded.

There is one other difficulty which the roads have to face, that of financing early requirements. New security issues thus far this year have been exceedingly heavy and until these have been assimilated it would be impractical to issue further large amounts at this time. The bond market is already congested, both at home and abroad, and with the present high rates of interest it is difficult to place new issues upon terms satisfactory to the issuers. In all probability these perplexities will be gradually worked out. But their existence is quite sufficient to restrain extreme bullish enthusiasm at this time. Nevertheless the financial situation is in many respects distinctly better than at any time during the current year; and should monetary and political conditions improve, we might see a decided increase in stock exchange activity. Next week the Maine election takes place, and the government report on cereals will be forthcoming. Both of these events will aid in clarifying the situation.

HENRY CLEWS.

All the news all the time — The Argus.

HIS TROUBLE NOT OF HEART

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TAMED THE BULLY

Dramatic Incident of Pioneer Days in Tennessee.

A STAGECOACH ADVENTURE.

The Thrilling Scene When the Terribly Calm Stranger Cowed the Insulting Desperado, as It Was Described by Henry Clay, Who Witnessed It.

Upon a certain occasion in his early manhood Henry Clay was traveling in a public stagecoach in Tennessee. His fellow passengers were a young lady and her husband—the latter evidently an invalid—and a man in the front corner so muffled up in a fur lined cloak that his features were concealed. He appeared to be rather under than over the medium size and was evidently enjoying a refreshing slumber.

By and by a big, brown faced, brawny Kentuckian got into this coach, smoking a rank, coarse grained cigar. He gazed around fiercely, as though he would impress upon the minds of his new companions that he would chew up and swallow any one who dared to interfere with him. In short, he was half horse and half alligator, with a goodly sprinkling of panther and grizzly bear thrown in. He puffed forth huge volumes of smoke without the least concern for the comfort of his companions.

Presently the lady, who seemed to be growing sick, whispered to her husband, and the husband, in the politest manner possible, asked the stranger if he would not throw away his cigar, as the smoke greatly discommodated his wife.

With an impudent, swaggering stare the fellow replied, interlarding his speech with several oaths: "I reckon I've paid for my place. I'll smoke as much as I please, and I'd like to see some one try to stop me."

He looked dangerous as he glared around, and it was very evident that he was used to quarreling and strife, and, furthermore, a struggle with him might have been a deadly one. The young man who had spoken to him shrank back and was silent. The lady lowered the sash by her side for a breath of fresh air.

Mr. Clay felt every gallant instinct of his soul aroused. He considered for a moment whether he should interfere and found himself reluctant to draw upon his own head the brutal violence of the gigantic ruffian. In that then lawless country he knew that his life might be sacrificed unavailing. He knew himself to be physically unequal to the contest, and he thought, after all, it was not his duty to risk his life in some quixotic manner.

Clay was settling back with pity for the insulted and disgust for the insolent when suddenly, but very quietly, the cloaked figure in the corner assumed an upright position, parting the burled mantle without a particle of excitement, thereby revealing the small, well built, muscular frame of a man plainly dressed in a closely buttoned frock coat, with a face rather pale and a pair of bright eyes that gleamed like polished steel, and those strange eyes quickly attracted the attention of the ferocious Kentuckian.

With a terrible calmness this man passed his hand under his collar at the back of his neck and deliberately drew forth a long, glittering and ugly looking knife from a sheath in that singular place.

"Stranger," he said, "my name is Colonel James Bowie, well known in Texas and Arkansas. If you do not put that cigar out of the window in less than fifteen seconds I'll put this knife through your heart as sure as death."

Clay said he would never forget the expression of the colonel's eyes at that moment. They told, as unmistakably as signs can tell, that the threat would certainly be fulfilled, and this conviction evidently impressed itself upon the mind of the offender.

During a very few seconds his eyes met those of Bowie. With all his brute strength he was the weaker man, and he quailed. With a muttered curse he threw his cigar away, upon which Bowie coolly returned the knife to its sheath and, without another look or word, refolded his cloak about him and lay back as before.

At the next stopping place the Kentuckian got out and took a seat with the driver.—New York Telegram.

The Proper Retort.

At a dinner a married man praised the beauty of the Atlantic City girls. Then, with a foolish chuckle, he added:

"I had an awful bunch of them after me when I was down there on my vacation."

The lady beside him looked at him coldly and retorted:

"Dear me! They must have been an awful bunch"—Exchange.

The Better Name.

"So you are thinking of calling your baby boy Peter. I wouldn't; I'd call him Paul."

"Why so?"

"He would have a better chance in life. It's Peter, you know, who is always robbed to pay Paul."—Boston Transcript.

The Missing Word.

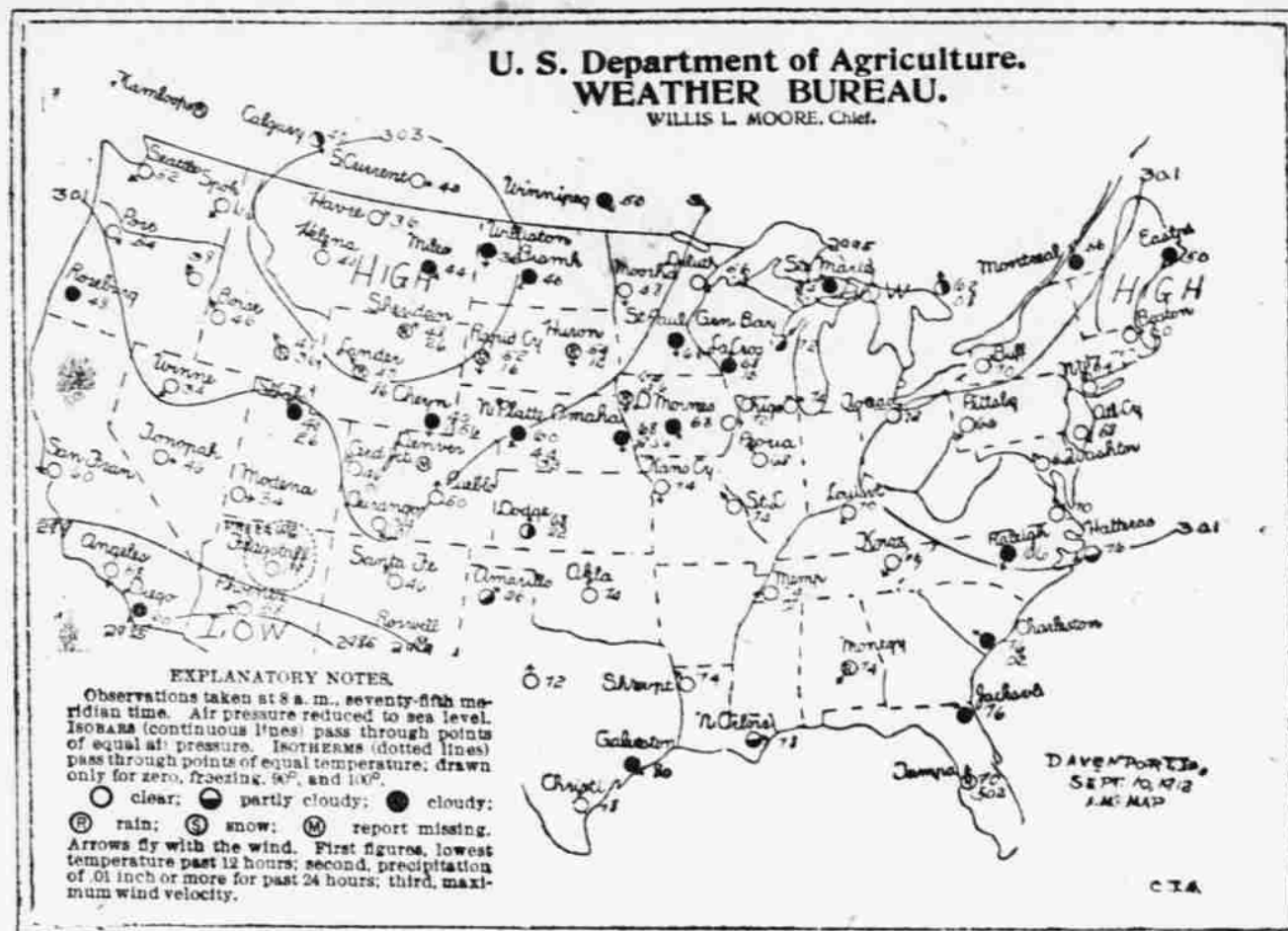
A prospective woman tenant through the typewriter's omission of one all important little word of two letters received the following startling statement: "Dear Madam—You can have the flat provided you repaint and redecorate yourself!"

The Retort Courteous.

Miss Oldman—I've refused many, many offers of marriage. Gayboy (absentmindedly)—Very thoughtful and considerate of you, I'm sure.—Megendorfer Blatter.

That character is power is true in a much higher sense than that knowledge is power.—Smiles.

Daily United States Weather Map



FORECAST FOR ROCK ISLAND, DAVENPORT, MOLINE AND VICINITY.
Showers this afternoon or tonight. Wednesday, generally fair. Cooler.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Yesterday's area of low pressure, which now shows separate centers over Arizona and northern Michigan, has been attended by showers and thunderstorms on the eastern Rocky mountain slope and in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and the upper lake region. Rains on the south Atlantic and east gulf coasts have also accompanied the moderately low pressures over the Gulf of Mexico. The following heavy rains, in inches, are reported: Tampa, 5.02; Omaha, 2.54; Denver, 1.56. The northwestern area of high pressure, with its much cooler weather, has advanced to the upper Mississippi valley. The continued eastward movement of these conditions will be attended by showers in its vicinity this afternoon or to

night, followed by generally fair weather Wednesday. It will be cooler to night and Wednesday.

OBSERVATIONS.

	High.	Low.	Prep.
Atlantic City	80	68	.00
Boston	80	60	.00
Buffalo	80	70	.00
Rock Island	97	72	.00
Denver	62	76	.00
Jacksonville	82	76	.00
Kansas City	96	74	.00
New Orleans	88	74	.00
New York	84	64	.00
Norfolk	88	70	.00
Phoenix	86	58	.00
St. Louis	92	74	.00
St. Paul	90	66	.00
San Diego	72	60	.00
San Francisco	80	60	.00
Seattle	66	52	.00

MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

	Flood.	Height.	Chng.
St. Paul	14	1.3	—0.4
Red Wing	14	4.4	—0.3
Reed's Landing	12	4.4	—0.3
LaCrosse	12	7.0	—0.3
Lansing	18	7.1	x0.4
Prairie du Chien	18	7.5	x0.5
Dubuque	18	7.8	x0.6
Clinton	16	7.4	—
LeClaire	10	3.3	x0.2
Rock Island	15	5.2	x0.2

RIVER FORECAST.

Rapidly rising stages in the Mississippi will prevail from below Dubuque to Muscatine during the remainder of the present week.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Today's Market Quotations

(By wire from J. W. Wagner & Co., Grain, Provision, Stocks and Cotton Local office at Rock Island house, Rock Island, Ill. Chicago office, 98-99-100 Board of Trade. Local telephone, No. West 320.)

BOARD OF TRADE TRANSACTIONS.

Wheat.
September, 90½, 91½, 90¾, 91½.
December, 90, 91, 90¾, 90¾.
May, 94½, 95½, 94, 95½.

Corn.
September, 72¾, 73¾, 71¾, 71¾.
December, 53¾, 53¾, 52¾, 53.
May, 52½, 53, 51¾, 52¾.

Oats.
September, 32, 32½, 31¾, 32.
December, 32½, 32½, 32, 32½.
May, 34½, 34½, 34, 34½.

Pork.
September, 17.05, 17.05, 16.95, 17.02.
October, 17.22, 17.25, 17.07, 17.20.
January, 18.87, 18.87, 18.75, 18.85.

Lard.
September, 11.07, 11.10, 11.05, 11.10.
October, 11.12, 11.15, 11.02, 11.10.

Ribs.
September, 10.70, 10.72, 10.62, 10.70.
October, 10.80, 10.80, 10.65, 10.70.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago Cash Grain.
Wheat—No. 2 r 104½@105½, No. 3 r 95½@104½, No. 2 s 94½@92½, No. 3 s 90½@92, No. 1 s 92½@93, No. 3 s 88½@87, No. 2 s 87½@90, No. 3 s 84½@85, No. 4 s 82½@86.

Corn—No. 2 76¼@77¾, No. 2 w 78½@80, No. 2 y 77½@78½, No. 3 76½@77½, No. 3 w 78½@79½, No. 3 y 76½@78½, No. 4 75½@77, No. 4 w 77½@78½, No. 4 y 75½@77¼.

Oats—No. 2 w 34½@35, No. 3 w 32½@33, No. 4 w 31½@32½, standard 33½@34.

Liverpool Cables.
Wheat opened ½ lower; closed ½ to ¾ lower.
Corn opened ½ higher; closed ¼ to ½ up.

Chicago Receipts.
Today's Contract.
Wheat 429 166
Corn 659 136
Oats 545 94

Northwest Cars.
To-Last Last
day Week. Year
Minneapolis 468 1442 179
Duluth 472 735 579
Winnipeg 57 86 316

Chicago Estimates Tomorrow.
Wheat 202
Corn 381
Oats 386

Primary Movement.
Receipts Shipments
Wheat today 1,542,000 1,215,000
Year ago 1,344,000 449,000
Corn today 921,000 580,000
Year ago 720,000 1,358,000

LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Opening of Market.
Hogs 10,000; slow; left over 5,622.
Light 8.45@9.25, mixed 8.00@9.15, heavy 7.80@8.90, rough 7.50@8.00.
Cattle 4,500; steady.
Sheep 28,000; strong.

Nine O'clock Market.
Hogs slow; shade lower. Light 8.45@9.15, bulk 8.20@8.50, mixed 8.00@9.15, pigs 5.25@5.20, heavy 7.80@8.90, good 8.00@8.90, rough 7.80@8.00, Yorkers 9.05@9.15.

Cattle steady. Beeves 5.75@10.70, stockers 4.25@7.00, Texans 4.75@6.40, cows 3.00@8.00, westerns 5.85@9.30, calves 8.50@11.50.
Sheep strong to 10c up. Natives 3.50@4.75, lambs 4.75@7.40, westerns 3.60@4.75, lambs 5.00@7.55.

Close of Market.
Hogs, best steady, others weak. Light 8.45@9.25, bulk 8.20@8.80, mixed 8.00@9.20, heavy 7.80@8.90, rough 7.80@9.00.

Cattle steady; top 10.70.
Sheep strong to 10c up; top 4.75.
Lambs strong; top 7.55.

Western Livestock.
Hogs, Cattle, Sheep.
Kansas City 6,000 16,000 14,000
Omaha 6,800 6,900 2,400

Chicago Estimates Tomorrow.
Hogs, Cattle, Sheep.
Chicago 26,000 16,000 35,000

LOCAL MARKET CONDITIONS.
Sept. 10.—Following are the wholesale quotations on the local market today:

Butter—Dairy, 27½c; creamery, 30c to 33c.
Eggs, 22½c.

Potatoes, \$1.40 to \$1.60.
Clover hay, \$15 to \$16.
Cabbage, 5c head.
Onions, 30c peck.

Sept. 10.—Following are the whole-sale quotations on the local market today:

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Eggs, 22½c.

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