TIN BUYERS WAIT

Consumers Deterred From Business by High Prices.

MARKET AGAIN SOARING

Total Production of the World Is Not Keeping Pace With Consumption—Decrease in the Visible Supply.

TIN—Buyers hold back because of high prices.
FRUIT—Exhibition apples on sale.
POTATOES—Market has upward tendency.
HOPS—Oregon growers firmer.
POULTRY—Market is better shape.
EGGS—Receipts are larger.
BUTTER—More active movement noted.

Buyers of tin, who usually place their orders at this time of the year for Spring delivery, are in a quandry. The market has for several weeks been on the up-grade and shows no immediate indication of going back to a lower level. Oregon and Washington consumers, especially the cannery trade, are holding back their purchases, hoping that there will be a break in the London market, but it must be confessed that there is nothing in the prospect that lends them much encouragement. Statistically the market seems good for a still further advance.

The consumption of tin in the world is growing faster than the production, as is shown by a decrease in the visible supply to 12,209 tons at the end of September, against 14,508 tons a year previous. Manipulation, also, no doubt, is playing some part in the sensational movement that has taken place recently in the London market. When the English market got above £200 in the Spring, the long-abandoned Cornwall mines were reopened at great expense, but with the subsequent relapse in prices, operations there ceased.

Prices in the Singapore market continue to harden though the output varies but little. Exports of tin from the Straits Settlements (in tons of 2240 pounds) compare as follows:

	1906.	1905.	1904.
January 1 to July 31:			
To United States	7,899	10,652	10,834
To Great Britain	20,703	17,089	17,687
To European Continent	4,575	4,822	4,495
Total to Europe and United States	33,177	32,484	32,976
China	249	289	801
India	511	685	1,039
Total, tons	33,874	33,398	34,816

The following comparative table shows the total visible supply of tin at the end of each month (in tons of 2240 pounds):

	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.
January	14,286	13,645	17,115	17,679	18,351
February	13,414	14,911	16,450	16,294	17,943
March	11,848	14,392	15,062	19,407	18,113
April	11,104	13,663	13,895	18,878	15,596
May	12,607	12,987	14,099	18,493	17,018
June	11,955	11,938	13,780	18,107	15,897
July	12,184	12,270	15,318	16,507	14,899
August	12,840	12,762	12,480	16,544	16,293
September	12,209	14,508	13,159	17,249	18,023
October	.....	12,812	12,194	15,516	19,653
November	.....	13,174	14,412	15,195	18,246
December	.....	13,451	14,798	14,274	16,769

SHOW APPLES ON FRONT STREET.

Part of the Hood River Exhibit Placed on Sale. Potatoes Firm.

Front street looked like a fruit fair yesterday. Several shipments of apples from the Hood River exhibit were placed on sale and attracted much attention. The largest lot was the Mosier exhibit of 71 boxes, which was bought by a local creamery. The demand for the ordinary run of apples was good. Grapes also sold well.

The Pacific Cranberry Company has advanced its price of cranberries 50 cents a barrel to $9.50. Eastern cranberries are steady at the former price.

The potato market is firmer on a good shipping demand and prices have an upward tendency.

HOPGROWERS ARE FIRM.

Opening of Export Demand Has Strengthened Their Ideas.

Conditions in the hop trade are gradually getting in shape for a boom, in the opinion of local dealers. The opening up of the export demand, as was expected, has been followed by the awakening of the Eastern trade to the situation and orders from that quarter are now beginning to come in. Buying for both foreign and Eastern account is under way in this state and is expected to increase steadily.

The views of growers have been very much strengthened by this week's developments and buyers who are looking for snaps find them few and far between. Growers of choice crops are well aware of the importance of their holdings and are asking the full limit, when they will sell at all. Prime hops are also held more firmly than was the case a few days ago.

Good progress has been made in taking in contracts and now most of the Portland and Salem dealers are ready to handle new business. The transportation question is giving more than the usual amount of trouble.

Kiaber, Wolf & Netter made a number of purchases yesterday in the Airlie and Dallas sections. Among the lots bought by this firm was 155 bales from Arnold Bros., of Airlie. John Carmichael, of Salem, the agent of Wigan, Richardson & Co., of London, is reported to have secured, among other lots, that of Dan Gaisen, of Silverton. The same English firm, according to New York advices, is reported to be buying export hops in that state at 23 and 24 cents.

San Francisco telegrams yesterday said there was some small buying of California hops at 22 and 24 cents.

POULTRY SELLING BETTER.

Receipts of Oregon Eggs Larger. Increased Demand for Butter.

The poultry market is again in good condition. Receipts of chickens were fairly large yesterday and moved out well at steady prices. The prospects are for good business the remainder of the week, but prices are not likely to change.

Eggs held steady at former quotations. Some increase in receipts of ranch stock is noticed.

Butter is moving fairly well on Front street, but the supply is still rather too large. The city creameries report a good movement in their product. Country store butter is coming forward more freely and finds a good market.

Brisk Demand for Hops.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—This was a busy day among Salem hopdealers and yet few sales were made, owing to the fact that growers, encouraged by the upward trend of the market, are firm holders. Lachmund & Pincus offered as high as 26½ cents for choice hops, but did not make a purchase. Carmichael, for Wigan, Richardson & Co., bought the Kaiser crop at 15½c and a crop at Airlie at a price not known. Carmichael has a number of buyers in the field hunting hops for his firm.

Farmers Peddle Wormy Apples.

County Fruit Inspector Deich condemned 18 boxes of wormy apples yesterday which he caught farmers in the act of peddling in North Portland. In every case they were from Washington County. One rancher became indignant when the Inspector "kerosened" his fruit, and demanded that the official reimburse him for his loss. The others, however, acknowledged their error and promised to mend their ways. Most retail grocers refuse to handle infected fruit, and even the street peddlers will not buy such stuff these days.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearances of the leading cities of the Northwest yesterday were:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,022,801	$ 90,918
Seattle	1,709,223	488,374
Tacoma	173,390	62,357
Spokane	659,742	93,214

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patents, $3.90@4.10 per barrel; straights, $3.10@3.60; clears, $3.10@3.25; Valley, $3.40@3.60; Dakota and hard wheat, patents, $3@3.60; clears, $4.10@4.25; graham, $3.50; whole wheat, $3.75; rye flour, local, $5; Eastern, $4@5.25; cornmeal, per bale, $1.90@$2.20.

WHEAT—Club, 64@65c; bluestem, 68@69c; Valley, 67c; red, 61@62c.

OATS—No. 1 white, $23.50@24; gray, $22@22.50.

BARLEY—Feed, $20.50 per ton; brewing, $21.50; rolled, $23.

RYE—$1.35@1.40 per cwt.

CORN—Whole, $26@27; cracked, $28 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $14.50; country, $15.50 per ton; middlings, $24; shorts, city, $16; country, $17 per ton; chop, U. S. Mills, $18.50; linseed dairy food, $18; scalps meal, $18 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.75; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-pound sacks, $3 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 50-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, $5 per 100-pound sacks; 25-pound boxes, $1.40; pearl barley, $4.25 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

HAY—Valley timothy, No. 1, $10@11 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $14@16; clover, $6.50@7; cheat, $7@7.50; grain hay, $7; alfalfa, $11.50; vetch hay, $7@7.50.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, common to choice, 25@75c per box; choice to fancy, 75c@$1.25; grapes, 50c@$1.50 per box; Concords, Oregon, 27½c half basket, Eastern, 30@35c per basket; peaches, 75c@$1; pears, 75c@$1.25; crabapples, $1@1.25 per box; prunes, 50@50c box; cranberries, $8.50@9.50 per barrel; quinces, $1@1.25 per box.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $5@7 per box; oranges, Valencias, $5@5.50; grapefruit, $4@5, pineapples, $3@4 per dozen; bananas, 5c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Beans, 5@7½c; cabbage, 1½@1½c pound; cauliflower, $1.25 per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; corn, 12½c per dozen; cucumbers, 15c per dozen; egg plant, $1.50 per box; lettuce, head, 20c per dozen; green onions, 10@12½c per dozen; peas, 4@5c; bell peppers, 5c; pumpkins, 1½c per pound; spinach, 4@5c per pound; tomatoes, 50@60c per box; parsley, 10@15c; sprouts, 7½c per pound; squash, 1½c per pound; hothouse lettuce, 25c per dozen.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, 90c@$1 per sack; carrots, $1@1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25@1.50 per sack; garlic, 7½@10c per pound; horseradish, 10c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, $1@1.15 per hundred.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Oregon Burbanks, fancy, 75c@$1.05; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 14c per pound; apricots, 15@19½c; peaches, 12½@12c; pears, 11½@14c; Italian prunes, 2½@5c; California figs, white, in sacks, 50@60c per pound; black, 40@5c; bricks, 75c@$2.25 per box; Smyrna, 20c pound; dates, Persian, 6@8½c per pound.

RAISINS—Seeded, 12-ounce packages, 80@85c; 16-ounce, 9½@10c; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 6½@7c; 3-crown, 6½@7½c; 4-crown, 7@7½c; loose Muscatels, 2-crown, 6½@7c; seedless Sultanas, 6@7c; Thompson's fancy bleached, 10@11c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $3, 2-crown, $1.75.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 30@32½c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 26@30c; store butter, 17c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 31@32½c dozen; best Eastern, 26@27c; ordinary Eastern, 24@25c.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 14@14½c; Young America, 15@15½c.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 12@12½c; mixed chickens, 11@12c; Spring, 12@12½c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 14@15½c; turkeys, live, 16@21c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22c; geese, live, per pound, 9@10c; ducks, 14@15c; pigeons, $1@1.50; squabs, $2@3.

Dressed Meats.

VEAL—Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 7½@8c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6c; 200 pounds and up, 5½@6c.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 2@2½c per pound; cows, 4@5c; country steers, 5@5½c.

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 7c per pound; ordinary, 5@6c; lambs, fancy, 8c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150 pounds, 8c; 150 to 200 pounds, 7@7½c; 200 pounds and up, 6@6½c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5½c; Southern, per Japan, 5.40c; head, 6.75c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 29@35c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 15@22c per pound; Columbia roast cases, 100s, $13; 50s, $13.25; Arbuckle, $17.25; Lion, $18.75.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.25, sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.70.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $5.30; powdered, $5.05; dry granulated, $5.45; extra C, $4.95; golden C, $4.85; fruit sugar, $5.45; P. C., $5.35; C. C., $5.35. Advance sales over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c. Beet sugar, $5.35 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

NUTS—WALNUTS, 17½c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 18c; filberts, 16c; pecans, jumbos, 16c, extra large, 17c; almonds, 20c; chestnuts, Italian, 12½@16c; Ohio, 20c; peanuts, raw, 7½c per pound; roasted, 9c; pecanettes, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 7½@8c; cocoanuts, $5@6 per dozen.

SALT—California dairy, $15 ton; imitation Liverpool, $13 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $9; 50s, $9.50; lump Liverpool, $19.50.

BEANS—Small whites, 4c; large white, 5½c; pink, 2½c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 4½c. Mexicans, red, 4½c.

HONEY—Fancy, $2.25@2.50 per box.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 21c per pound; standard breakfast, 16½c; choice, 16½c; English, 11 to 14 pounds, 15½c; peach, 14½c.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 16c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 15½c; 18 to 20 pounds, 15½c; California (picnic), 10½c; cottage, same; shoulders, none; boiled, 24c; boiled picnic, boneless, 20c.

PICKLED GOODS—Pork, barrels, $21; half-barrels, $11; beef, barrels, $11; half-barrels, $6.

SAUSAGE—Ham, 15c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 7c; wienerwurst, 10c; liver, 6c; pork, 9@10c, headcheese, 6c; blood, 6c; bologna, link, 4c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt 11½c, smoked 12½c; clear backs, dry salt 11½c, smoked 12½c; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds average, dry salt none, smoked none; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds average, dry salt 13½c, smoked 14½c; Union bellies, 10 to 18 pounds average, none.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle rendered: Tierces 12c; tubs, 12½c; 20s, 12½c; 10s, 12¾c; 5s, 12½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 11½c; tubs, 11¾c; 20s, 11¾c; 10s, 11¾c; 5s, 11¾c. Compound: Tierces, 7½c; tubs, 7¾c; 20s, 7¾c; 10s, 8¼c; 5s, 8¾c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1906, 14@16c per pound; 1905, nominal, 10@14c; 1904, nominal.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon average best, 18@19c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 20@22c, according to fineness.

MOHAIR—Choice, 29@30c.

HIDES—Dry: No. 1, 16 pounds and up, per pound, 18@20c; dry kiln, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 18@21c per pound; dry salted bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, mutilated, branded, stained, weather-beaten or grubby, 2c lb. less per pound less. Salted hides: Steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, per pound, 10@11c; steers, sound, 50 to 60 pounds, 10@11c per pound; steers, sound, 40 to 50 pounds, and cows, 9@10c per pound; stags and bulls, sound, 7c per pound; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 10c per pound; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 11c per pound; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 11@12c per pound; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; veals, 1c per pound less. Sheepskins: Shearlings, No. 1, butchers' stock, each, 25@50c; short wool, No. 1, butchers' stock, each, 50@90c; medium wool, No. 1, butchers' stock, each, $1.25@3; mountain pelts, from 10 to 20 per cent less, or 15@18c per pound. Horsehides: Salted, each, according to size, $1@1.50; colt, each, 50@75c. Goatskins: Common, each, 15@25c; Angora, with wool on, each, 30@1.30.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Bearskins, as to size, each, $5@20; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; house cat, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, each, 50@70c; red, each, $1@3; cross, each, $5@15; silver and black, each, $100@300; mink, strictly No. 1, each, according to size, $1@3; marten, dark, Northern, according to size and color, each, $1@15; pale pine, according to size and color, each, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, each, 12@15c; skunk, each, 40@60c; civet or polecat, each, 5@15c; otter, large, prime skin, each, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, each, $2@5; raccoon, prime, large, each, 50@75c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, each, $3.50@5; prairie (coyote), 90c@$1; wolverine, each, $5@8; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; medium, $3@7; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 22@25c per pound.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@4½c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c.

CASCARA SAGRADA (chittam bark)—New, 4c per pound; 1904 and 1905, carlots, 6c; less than carlots, 5@5½c.

GRAIN BAGS—5½@5½c each.

Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 51c per gallon.

COAL—Cases, 19c per gallon; tanks, 12½c per gallon.

GASOLINE—Stove, cases, 24½c; 86 test, 32c; iron tanks, 24c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c; 500-pound lots, 8c, less than 500-pound lots, 8½c. (In 25-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin cans, 100 pounds per case, 2½c per pound above keg price.)

LINSEED—Raw, in barrels, 47c; in cases, 53c; boiled, in barrels, 50c; in cases, 55c; 250-gallon lots, 1c less.

BENZINE—Cases, 19c per gallon; tanks, 12½c per gallon.

Dried Fruits at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The market for evaporated apples continues to show a firmer tone, with prime to fancy quoted at 5¾@7½c and common to good 4¾@5½c.

Prunes remain firm in tone, with quotations running from 3½c to 8½c for California fruit and from 9½ to 10c for Oregon.

Apricots, dull and prices more or less nominal; choice, 16c; extra choice, 17c, fancy, 18@20c.

Peaches—In light supply; demand light; prices shade higher; choice, 11c; extra choice, 12@12½c, fancy, 12½@12¾c; extra fancy, 13@13½c.

Raisins—Firm in tone; loose Muscatels, 22 to 24c; crown, 6¾@7¾c; seeded, 6¾@8½c and London layers nominal.

PRUNES MOVING BETTER

SALEM PACKERS MAKING DAILY SHIPMENTS TO EAST.

Growers Who Did Not Contract Are Getting Two-Cent Basis or Fraction More.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—The prune market in Salem has been quite active ever since the harvesting of the crop disclosed the shortage in the yield. Though prices have not reached the high figures that were named in contracts made in early summer, the growers are able to get a price that will leave them some profit unless they were very unfortunate in harvesting. Those who did not contract have been able to get a two-cent basis or a fraction better.

The early contracts made by packers with the growers covered. It is estimated, about half the entire Oregon crop as the crop was expected to turn out. The packers in turn sold to Eastern houses and made many contracts for early delivery. The contracts usually called for the normal proportion of large sizes. Soon after the harvest began it became evident that the yield would be only half what was anticipated and that packers would not get from the growers more than half the quantity named in contracts. This left the packers unexpectedly short of prunes to fill their Eastern contracts, especially on large sizes, and they began hunting prunes. This has made the market active, whereas it would have been dull had the crop been 25 per cent greater. Because there was a great shortage of large sizes the packers found it necessary to buy many crops of average sizes in order to get fruit from which they could grade out the large prunes to fill the requirement. This situation has created a demand, especially for early shipment, and growers have found ready sales for their fruit, unless it ran to extremely small sizes. The two packing houses here, the Willamette Valley Prune Association and Tillson & Co., are running with large forces and daily shipments are being made to the East and to England.

SAN FRANCISCO QUOTATIONS.

Prices Paid for Products in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market yesterday:

FRUIT—Apples, choice 85c, common 35c; bananas, 75c@$3; Mexican limes, $3.75@4.50; California lemons, choice $6.50, common, $3; oranges, navels, $1.75@4; pineapples, $1.75@4.00.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, 75c@$1; garlic, 2@3c; green peas, 2@4c; string beans, 2@4c; tomatoes, 25@50c; egg plant, 35c; okra, 50@60c.

EGGS — Store, 25½@32½c; fancy ranch, 43c; Eastern, 20@23c.

POTATOES—River Burbanks, 85c@$1.15; River Reds, 75c; Salinas Burbanks, $1.60@1.75; sweets, 1½c.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 32c; creamery seconds, 32c; fancy dairy, 28c; dairy seconds, 26½c; pickled, 20@21c.

WOOL—Fall, Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@16c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 7@8c; humps, 8½@12c.

HOPS—12@15c.

HAY — Wheat, $18@20; wheat and oats, $10@15.50; barley, nominal; alfalfa, $9@$10.50; stock, $6@8; straw, 50@65c per bale.

CHEESE—Young American, 13½c; Eastern, 17c; Western, 15c.

MILLSTUFFS — Bran, $18.50@20; middlings, $26@28.

FLOUR—California family extras, $4.65@5.10; bakers' extras, $4.50@4.60; Oregon and Washington, $3.75@4.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 26,519 quarter sacks; wheat, 15,662 centals; barley, 10,883 centals; oats, 15,837 centals; beans, 2217 sacks; potatoes, 1070 sacks; bran, 5565 sacks; middlings, 200 sacks; hay, 979 tons; wool, 43 bales.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alpha Con.	$ .06	Kentuck Con.	.03
Andes	.20	Mexican	.89
Belcher	.21	Occidental Con.	.70
Best & Belch.	.50	Ophir	2.80
Bullion	.31	Overman	.10
Caledonia	.58	Potosi	.12
Challenge Con.	.12	Savage	.10
Confidence	.75	Scorpion	.06
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.70	Sag Belcher	.05
Crown Point	.12	Sierra Nevada	.50
Eureka Con.	8.50	Silver Hill	.73
Exchequer	.45	Standard	3.00
Gould & Curry	.19	Union Con.	.40
Hale & Nor.	1.00	Utah Con.	.04
Julia	.07	Yellow Jacket	.34
Justice	.04	St. Louis	.08

BOSTON, Oct. 18.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 7.25	Quincy	103.50
Allouez	40.75	Shannon	15.00
Amalgam'td	110.25	Tamarack	162.50
Atlantic	16.00	Trinity	10.87½
Bingham	35.00	United Copper	67.25
Cal. & Hec.	850.00	U. S. Mining	61.00
Centennial	28.67½	U. S. Oil	10.75
Cop. Range	82.25	Utah	67.75
DalY West	19.00	Victoria	4.50
Franklin	25.87½	Winona	12.75
Grandby	14.00	Wolverine	159.00
Isle Royale	24.75	North Butte	113.00
Mass. Mining	0.25	Butte Coal'n	38.75
Michigan	17.50	Nevada	22.00
Mohawk	67.75	Mitchell	0.50
Mi. C. & Co.	2.75	Cal. & Ariz.	139.75
Old Dominion	60.00	Tecumseh	16.50
Osceola	128.00	Arizona Com.	38.50
Parrott	28.00	Green Con.	23.67½

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	$ .20	Little Chief	$ .05
Breece	.32	Ontario	3.25
Brunswick Con.	.55	Ophir	3.85
Cam. Tun.	.19	Potosi	.10
Con. Cal. & Va.	.76	Savage	1.10
Horn Silver	1.80	Sierra Nevada	.55
Iron Silver	5.00	Small Hopes	.30
Leadville Con.	.02	Standard	3.05
Alice	4.00		

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Coffee futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales for the day were reported as 17,250 bags, including December at $6.45@6.50; March, $6.60; May, $6.25; July, $6.20 and September, $6.90@7. Spot Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 8½c; mild, steady.

Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4c; molasses sugar, 3½c. Refined, quiet; crushed, $5.60; powdered, $5; granulated, $4.90.

FLURRY IS BRIEF

Amalgamated Dividend for Moment Helps Stocks.

THEN REACTION COMES

Speculative Spirit at a Low Ebb—No Improvement Expected Until After the Election—Call Loans Higher.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Speculative spirit was at a low ebb in the stock market today. Board room traders had increased difficulty in scalping a fractional profit out of the movement of prices, as their own limited operations were about all there was in the market. The increasing sluggishness of prices deterred even this class of operators from acting and the market sank at one time nearest to actual stagnation that has been witnessed in the stock exchange for many months. Had it not been for the stirring of interest in Amalgamated Copper, the business would have been more inconspicuous.

The placing of Amalgamated Copper on an 8 per cent dividend basis by a distribution of $1.50 regular dividend, 50 cents extra per share for the quarter, has been so confidently acclaimed that that action should seem to leave little occasion for surprise. The way in which the stock jumped on the announcement, however, indicated a surprise on the part of some of the speculating element. The resistance encountered by the stock on every upward movement for some time past was the basis for some fears that the dividend was not to be increased, in spite of the demand for copper and the extraordinary profitable prices at which the metal is selling.

The backwardness of Amalgamated Copper, in face of the profitable condition of the trade, and the general belief that the dividend was to be increased has formed the principal grounds for a belief now prevailing that the leading financial powers of the country are doing what they can to discourage active speculation in stocks, while protecting prices from any serious inroads by supporting measures in the market. Speculative comment generally assigns the election as the probable period for the termination of this constraint upon the stock market. This attitude is believed to have been due largely to the fact that the stock market is made subject to survey and comment in political discussions in a way that might make its activities an influence on the campaign.

There has been a total subsidence of discussion of a number of financial projects which were subjects of rumore and which are looked to as a stimulating influence on the speculation. It is supposed that these also may be held up with the desire to await the passing of the present contest. This prospect of lack of ammunition may have its part in the discouragement of speculation.

It is also evident that the money market is playing its part in restraining stock market activity. Call loans went to 5 per cent early today and held well above 4 per cent, thus precluding the idea that yesterday's flurry was due only to temporary stock market exigencies. The time money market gave a still more decisive demonstration of the narrowing of resources, the amount of funds offered on time loans being markedly less. A downward plunge in foreign exchange to near the gold import point was an incident of this development, although rates for exchange subsequently rallied strongly. The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows but a meager recuperation of the nation supply, the improvement in condition being principally due to the scaling down of outstanding credits. But this is raising the open market discounts and thus establishing the banks rate in the open market. Discounts here hardened somewhat.

The effect of the 2½ point rise in Amalgamated Copper when the dividend was announced soon passed and the market closed easy at the reaction.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, $1,221,000. United States twos and new fours advanced ¼ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	275
Amal. Copper	200,600	137½	115	116¼
Amer. Car & F.	300	43⅞	43⅞	43⅞
do preferred	400	102	101¼	101¼
Am. Cotton Oil	.....	.....	.....	35¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92½
Amer. Express	.....	.....	.....	244
Am. H. & L. pf.	100	27	27	26¾
American Ice	400	10¼	10	10
Am. Locomotive	.....	.....	.....	18¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	39
Amer. Locomot.	300	76½	76	76¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	112
Am. Smelt. & R.	1,500	160¾	159	159¾
do preferred	200	119½	118¾	118
Am. Sugar Ref.	200	136	136	135¾
Am. Tobacco pf.	800	100¼	99⅞	99¼
Anaconda Min.	24,800	283½	280¼	281¾
Atchison	7,600	103¾	102⅞	102⅞
do preferred	900	101½	101½	101½
Atl. Coast Line	.....	.....	.....	139½
Balt. & Ohio	4,000	122¾	122	122
do preferred	100	92½	92½	92
Brook. R. Tran.	24,700	80⅞	78¾	79⅞
Can. Pacific	2,400	180⅞	180¼	180¼
Central of N. J.	.....	.....	.....	223
Central Leather	200	37¼	37	37
do preferred	100	103½	103½	103¾
Ches. & Ohio	500	61⅞	61	61
Chi. Gt. West	300	20¾	20¾	20¾
C., Mil. & St. P.	6,200	174¼	173½	173¾
Chi. Ind. & L.	.....	.....	.....	11
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	36½
C. C. C. & St. L.	100	95	95	94¾
Col. Fuel & Iron	5,200	55⅞	55	55½
Col. & Southern	500	38½	38½	38½
do 1st pfd	200	60½	60	60
do 2d pfd	1,200	54¾	54¾	54¾
Consolidat. Gas	700	149	139	140
Corn Products	900	20⅞	20	20¾
do preferred	600	75¼	75¼	75¼
Del. & Hudson	.....	.....	.....	221
Del. L. & West	.....	.....	.....	550
Denver & R. G.	500	42	41¾	42
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	84¾
Distillers' Sec.	1,500	71¼	70¾	70¾
Erie	4,700	40⅞	40¼	40¼
do 1st pfd	.....	.....	.....	76¾
do 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	68¾
General Electric	600	179¼	177¾	177¾
G. Northern pf.	900	332	332	332
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	118
Illinois Central	300	175½	175	175
Int. Met.	1,200	38⅞	37¾	37¾
do preferred	900	77½	76¾	76¾
Internat. Paper	100	18	18	17¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	81¾
Internat. Pump	700	45¼	45	45
do preferred	200	84	83½	83½
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	27½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	52
K. C. Southern	900	29	28¾	28¾
do preferred	1,700	61½	61	61¼
Lackaw. Steel	2,200	147¼	146¼	147
Mexican Central	700	22½	22	21¾
Minn. & St. L.	200	67½	67½	67
M. S. P. & S. S. M.	.....	.....	.....	149
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	167
Missouri Pacific	4,000	97¼	95¾	96
M., Kan. & Tex.	.....	.....	.....	36
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	71¼
National Lead	1,900	78¾	78½	78
Mex. Nat. pfd.	700	52½	52	52¼
N. Y. Central	2,500	132¾	131¾	132½
N. Y., O. & W.	500	47¾	47½	47
Norfolk & West.	100	95½	95½	94¾
do preferred	200	90½	90½	90½
North American	400	91¾	91¾	91
Pacific Mail	4,700	216¼	215¼	215¼
Pacific Mail	100	36	36	35¾
Pennsylvania	24,900	144¾	143¾	143¾
People's Gas	500	90⅞	90¼	90½
P. C. C. & St. L.	100	85½	85½	85
Press. Steel Car	2,500	38¾	37¾	37¾
do preferred	200	98¼	96	96
Pullman P. Car	300	263	263	262
Reading	69,900	152¾	151¼	151¾
do 1st pfd	400	91	91	91
do 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	98
Republic Steel	100	37	37	37¾
do preferred	100	98½	98½	98¼
Rock Island Co.	5,900	28¼	28	28¼
do preferred	100	66½	66½	66¼
Schloss-Sheffield	600	73¾	73	73¼
St. L. & S. F. 2pf	.....	.....	.....	47¾
St. Louis South.	400	23⅞	23⅞	23⅞
do preferred	100	58½	58½	57¾
Southern Pacific	9,600	94¾	93¾	93⅞
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	118¾
Southern Railw.	1,900	35¾	35¼	35¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	98½
Tenn. C. & Iron	.....	.....	.....	150
Texas & Pacific	2,800	38¾	37¾	37¾
T., St. L. & W.	200	27	26¾	26¾
do preferred	300	47	46½	46½
Union Pacific	94,700	187¾	186¼	187¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	130
U. S. Realty	100	86	86	85¼
U. S. Rubber	2,900	50¼	48½	48½
do preferred	200	108½	108¾	107
U. S. Steel	68,600	49⅞	48¾	48¾
do preferred	2,300	107⅞	107½	107½
Vir.-Car. Chem.	.....	.....	.....	29
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	105½
Wabash	200	20¼	20¼	20
do preferred	400	45¾	45¼	45¼
Wells-Fargo Ex.	.....	.....	.....	230
Westing. Elect.	.....	.....	.....	154
Western Union	200	88¼	88¼