THEIR VIEWS APART

Prune Growers and Buyers Cannot Come to Terms.

RESULT IS LACK OF BUSINESS

No Disposition Shown to Speculate in This Fruit as in Former Years—Local Produce and Jobbing Quotations.

The prune market has not opeend as early this year as it did in former years. Where orders were booked for ten cars last year, one car is wanted now. The reluctance of buyers to take hold is due to the fact that, for several reasons, they have ceased to speculate. The principal reason is, of course, the wide divergence between th views of buyers and sellers, common to the beginning of the season. Buyers are also holding off because so many California prunes of the last crop were carried over in the East and held on consignment until late in the Spring, and even into the Summer. In former years, speculators have bought heavily of California dried fruits, anticipating a shortage or similar trouble, which failed to materialize. This year that class of purchasers is practically out of the market, California advices saying that Eastern buyers are not taking hold. For the same reason there is no inquiry to speak of for Oregon prunes, and no business of importance can be looked for until the grower and the Eastern buyer get near the same idea as to prune values. In the trade it is believed that the indications point to a lower opening price than last year's.

It is estimated that the Northwestern prune crop will be 25 per cent heavier than that of 1902. The Italian prune territory is expected to produce about 1500 cars, or between 4,600,000 and 4,900,000 pounds. Crops are in good condition, this weather being the best possible for the fruit, as it fills them with sugar and makes them heavy. About three-fourths of the crop will run between 40s and 70s. Some orchards will have quite a number of 30s-40s, but on account of the trees being so full, most of the orchards in the vicinity of Portland will run from 40s to 60s. Some few growers in Clark County are drying this week, and next week most of the dryers will be running to their full capacity.

Idaho Crop Report.

The Idaho weekly crop bulletin says in part:

Except over limited areas, harvest of small grain is complete, and in many localities the crop has been threshed; however, much of the grain is still in the shock, and therefore susceptible to injury from the rain, but with drying weather during the coming week, the damage will be reduced to a minimum. Yields of grain are very uneven, but the general result will be about average.

Cutting of the second crop of alfalfa in the more elevated districts, and of the third crop in southwestern valleys has been suspended owing to the rain; there are large quantities of hay still in the fields and this hay will be somewhat discolored as a result of the wet weather; reports indicate generally satisfactory results from the third cutting. The rain has been of inculculable benefit to ranges and to Fall pastures.

The heavy frosts caused some damage to standing alfalfa, but this was confined to the most elevated localities.

Sugar beets are in good condition; there is some complaint of potato rot in Kootenai County, due to wet weather.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

A moderate amount of trading is reported in wheat at the current quotations. The market inclines toward weakness. Other cereals are steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 77c; bluestem, 81c; Valley, 80c.

BARLEY—Feed, $19@20 per ton; brewing, $21; rolled, $21@21.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.10; gray, $1.05@1.10 per cental.

FLOUR—Valley, $3.65@3.85 per barrel, hard wheat straights, $3.60@4; hard wheat, patents, $4.20@4.50; Dakota hard wheat, $4.50@5.00; graham, $3.35@3.75; whole wheat, $3.55@4; rye wheat, $4.50.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $21 per ton; middlings, $25; shorts, $21; chop, U. S. mills, $18; linseed, dairy feed, $18.

HAY—Timothy, $14 per ton; clover, nominal; grain, $10; cheat, nominal.

CEREAL FOODS—Flaked oats, 90-pound sacks, $5.30 per barrel; rolled oats, 90-pound sacks, $4.50@6.00 per barrel; 36 two-pound packages, $3.50 per case; oatmeal, steel-cut, 50-pound sacks, $7.00 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $3.75 per sale; oatmeal, ground, 50-pound sacks, $6.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $3.50 per bale; split peas, 50-pound sacks, per cwt., $3.00; 25-pound boxes, per box, $1.30; pearl barley, 50-pound sacks, per cwt., $4.50; 25-pound boxes, per box, $1.25; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, per bale, $2.30.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Receipts of eggs are better than they have been for two weeks, but so far quotations have been maintained, though there is less strength to the market. Chickens are very scarce and continue firm. Butter is unchanged.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 25@27½c per pound; dairy, 18@20c; store, 15@16c.

CHEESE—Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15@16½c; factory prices, 1c less.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12@12½c per pound; Spring, 14@14½c; hens, 12½@13c; broilers, $2 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@12c per pound; dressed, 14@15c; ducks, $4@4.50 per dozen; geese, $5@6.50.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 24c; storage and Eastern, 22½@23c.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

There is a temporary scarcity of black grapes, and the price has advanced. A car of Valencia oranges was received yesterday, said to be the last of the season.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 65c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets, 90c per sack; cabbage, 1½c; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, per dozen, 25c; cucumbers, 15c per dozen; tomatoes, 30@50c per box; cauliflower, 60c@$1 per dozen; beans, 4@5c; green corn, 10@15c per dozen; green peas, 4c per pound; egg plant, 4c; celery, 75c.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatel, 4-crown, 7½c; 4-layer Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

POTATOES—Oregon, 60@75c per sack; sweet, potatoes, 2½@3c.

ONIONS—Yellow Danvers, 80@90c per sack.

BEANS—Pink, 3c per lb. 1 frame.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 5½@6½c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4½@5½c; apricots, 8@10c; peaches, 5@6c, pears, 5@6c; prunes, Italian, 4@4½c; French, 3@5c; figs, California blacks, 5c; do white, 7@8c; Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 4½@5½c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, 50c@$1 per box; peaches, 60c@$1; canteloupes, $1.25@1.50 per crate; Casabas, $1.25@1.50 per dozen; watermelons, 60@80c per owt.; plums, 25@50c per crate; pears, 50c@$1.25 per box; prunes, 25@50c per crate; grapes, Tokay, $1@1.25 per crate; Muscat, $1@1.15; black, $1@1.15; Concords, 45@50c per basket; cranberries, $9 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $2.75@4.50 per box; oranges, Valencia, $3.50; grapefruit, $2.50 per box; bananas, $3@3.25 per bunch; pineapples, $3.50 per dozen.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, fancy, 26@28c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c pound; Columbia roast, $16.75; Arbuckle's, $11.12; list; Lion, $11.12.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.65 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; fancy, 1-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 75c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $1.60.

SUGAR—Sack basis, per 100 pounds, cube, $6; powdered, $5.85; dry granulated, $5.75; extra C, $5.25; golden C, $5.15; less ¼c per pound for spot cash, advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds; maple, 15@16c per pound; beet sugar, granulated, $5.65 per 100 pounds.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.87½; No. 2, $5.50; Carolina head, $7.75; broken head, $4.00.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6½c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per dozen; walnuts, 13½c per pound; pinenuts 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 17c; almonds, 14@15c; chestnuts, 16c.

SALT—Liverpool, 50s, 48c per sack; half-ground, per ton, 50s, $14.50; 100s, $14.00; Worcester salt, bulk, 320s, $5.00 per barrel; linen sacks, 50s, 86c per sack; bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, $2.10 per bale.

Meats and Provisions.

VEAL—Small, 8@8½c; large, 6½@7c per pound.

MUTTON—Dressed, 5@5½c; lambs, dressed, 6c.

PORK—Dressed, 7½@8½c.

HAMS—10@14 pounds, 16c per pound; 14@16 pounds, 15½c per pound; 18@20 pounds, none; California (picnic), 10½c; cottage hams, none; Union hams, 4@6 pounds average, none; shoulders, 10½c; boiled hams, 22c; boiled picnic hams, boneless, 16c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 20c; standard, breakfast, 18c; choice, 16½c; English breakfast bacon, 11@14 pounds, 15½c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Regular short clears, 11@12c smoked; clear backs, 11c salt, 12c smoked; Oregon exports, 20@25 pounds average, 11½c dry salt, 12½c smoked; Union butts, 10@18 pounds average, 8c dry salt, 10c smoked.

SAUSAGE—Portland ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 6½c; weinerwurst, 8c; liver, 5½c; pork, 16c; blood, 5½c; headcheese, 5½c; bologna sausage, link, 5½c.

PIGS'FEET—Portland pigs' feet, ½-barrels, $3; ¼-barrels, $2.55; 15-pound kits, $1.25. Tripe, ½-barrels, $5.50; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kits, $1; pigs' tongues, ½-barrels, $6; ¼-barrels, $3; 15-pound kits, $1.25. Lambs' tongues, ½-barrels, $8.25; ¼-barrels, $4.75; 15-pound kits, $2.25.

LARD—Kettle rendered; tierces, 11¾c; tubs, 12c; 50s, 12c; 20s, 12¼c; 10s, 12½c; 5s, 12¾c. Standard pure, tierces, 11¼c; tubs, 11½c; 50s, 11¾c; 20s, 11¾c; 10s, 12c; 5s, 12¼c. Compound, tierces, 8c; tubs, 8¼c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 20@21c; 1903, 20@21c per pound.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2, and grease, 2½@3c.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 16c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@9c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7@8c; under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15 and 20 pounds, 7c; under 15 pounds, 5c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.50@2.00; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, 25c@$1.

WOOL—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 30@37½c.

Oils.

COAL OIL—Pearl or astral oil, cases, 22c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 15½c; wood barrels, 18c; eocene oil, cases, 24c; elaine oil, cases, 27c; extra star, cases, 25c; headlight oil, 175 degrees, cases, 24c; iron barrels, 17½c.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 24½c; iron barrels, 18c; 86 degrees gasoline, cases, 28½c; iron barrels, 22c.

BENZINE—63 degrees, cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15½c.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in barrels, 49c; genuine kettle boiled, in barrels, 50c; pure raw oil, in cases, 54c; genuine kettle boiled, in cases, 56c; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less per gallon.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 78c; wood barrels, 74½c; iron barrels, 72c; 10-case lots, 77c.

LEAD—Collier Atlantic white and red lead in lots of 500 pounds or more, 6c; less than 500 pounds, 6½c.

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Receipts and Ruling Prices at Portland Union Stockyards.

Receipts at the Portland Union stockyards yesterday were 85 cattle, 325 sheep, and 610 hogs. There was no change in quotations. The following prices were quoted at the yards:

CATTLE—Best steers, $3.75; medium, $3@3.50; cows, $2.50@2.75.

HOGS—Heavy (175 pounds and up), $3.25; medium fair hogs, $3.50@6.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $2.75; mixed sheep, $2.50.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000. Dull and lower. Good to prime steers, $5@6; poor to medium, $4@5.20; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.15; cows, $1.50@4.50; heifers, $2@4; canners, $1.50@2.60; bulls, $2@4.60; calves, $3.50@7.10; Texas fed steers, $3@4.40; Western steers, $3.25@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts today 24,000; tomorrow, 15,000; 10@15c lower; mixed and butchers, $5.60@6.20; good to choice heavy, $5.80@6.10; rough heavy, $5.50@5.75; light, $5.70@6.25; bulk of sales, $5.65@6.

Sheep—Receipts 25,000; sheep and lambs, strong to 10c higher; good to choice wethers, $3.25@4; fair to choice mixed, $2.25@3.25; Western sheep, $2.75@3.75; native lambs, $3.50@6.10; Western lambs, $3.50@5.45.

SOUTH OMAHA, Sept. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000. Market steady; native steers, $4.25@4.75; cows and heifers, $3@4; Western steers, $3@4.50; Texas steers, $2.75@3.85; canners, $1.50@2.25; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.20; calves, $2.50@5; bulls, stags, etc., $2@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 7000. Market 5c lower; heavy, $5.50@5.60; mixed, $5.50@5.60; light, $5.60@5.80; pigs, $5@5.60; bulk of sales, $5.50@5.60.

Sheep—Receipts 2500. Market steady, higher; fed muttons, $3.25@3.75; wethers, $3@3.60; ewes, $2.50@3.15; common and stockers, $3.25@3.50; lambs, $4@5.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 9000, including 100 Texans; market weak, 10c lower. Native steers, $4@5.60; Texas and Indian steers, $2.40@3.40; Texas cows, $1.50@2.45; native cows and heifers, $1.25@3.75; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.25; bulls, $2@3; calves, $2.50@5.50; Western steers, $3.90@5.40; Western cows, $1.25@2.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 6000; market, 5@10c lower. Bulk of sales, $5.85@6; heavy, $5.85@5.90; packers, $5.80@5.95; medium, $5.85@6; light, $5.85@6.05; yorkers, $5.95@6.05; pigs, $5.15@5.95.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; market weak; muttons, $2.60@4; lambs, $2.90@5.15; range wethers, $2.25@3.50; ewes, $2.30@3.75.

IRON TRADE REVIEWED.

Consumption Is Not Up to Production.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—While it is understood by producers that more pig iron is being purchased at present than at any other time since early in the Spring, the demand, according to the Iron Age, is not sufficient to take up the slack completely. Consumption is large, but production is larger. While the consumption may be at the rate of 19,000,000 tons per annum, the production is running larger than this, and therefore producers are competing actively for current business.

The most important development of the week has been the renewed effort put forth by Southern pig iron producers to secure a larger share of the trade of Eastern foundrymen. A special price has been named to Eastern buyers in the hope that this might induce them to make larger purchases of Southern iron. As far as can be learned, it has not led to any considerable business. A fact which militates against the placing of much Eastern business with Southern producers is the urgency with which buyers desire their iron delivered.

A large block of Canadian billets has just been sold for delivery at a New England point at a shade under $26, and some of the domestic billet-makers who are not members of the pool are assuming prices which are under the schedule. It hardly seems likely that these matters will be completely overlooked at Thursday's meeting o fthe pool. Inquiries for billets are reported to be increasing and a much larger volume in business is in prospect.

A branch of trade in which the outlook is decidedly promising for heavy business is the structural line. Contracts are pending which will probably be placed before the close of the month for about 100,000 tons.

The wire trade is enjoying a much more active demand, wire nails and fencing being in particularly good request. The general quietness of trade in some forms of finished steel gives rise to the belief that more determined efforts will be made in the near future to secure a larger share of foreign business.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Spot tin was 5c higher in London at £120 15s, and futures advanced 7s 6d to £120 15s. The local market for tin was quiet at 27.15@27.60c.

Copper advanced 7s 6d for spot to £56 17s 6d in London, and futures there were 5s higher at £56 17s 6d in London. Locally, copper was nominally unchanged. Lake is quoted at 13.75c; electrolytic 13.62½@13.75c, and casting at 13.25@13.37½c.

Lead remained firm here at an advance of 10 points to 4.50c, but remained unchanged in London at £11 3s 6d.

Spelter declined 5s in London to £21, but remained quiet in New York at 6c.

Iron closed at 50s 0d in Glasgow, and at 45s 7½d in Middlesboro. Locally iron was quiet; No. 1 foundry Northern is quoted at $17; No. 2 foundry Northern, $16.50; No. 1 foundry Southern and do soft, $15.50@16.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17.—Wool—Nominal; territory and Western mediums, 17@18c; fine, mediums, 15@17c; fine, 15@16c.

STEEL AGAIN THE FEATURE

COMMON STOCK ESTABLISHES A NEW LOW RECORD.

Crop Situation of Secondary Importance—Pacifics Advance on Buying by Brokers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Interest in today's stock market centered largely around the Steel issues and certain other industrials. The crop situation, concerning which further contradictory reports came to hand, was of secondary importance compared with the impression conveyed by the further heaviness of Steel common, which established a new low record of 18½. There was little pressure against Steel preferred, and the 5 per cent bonds were steady, compared with the previous day's marked weakness.

Another feature of the industrial situation which was not without effect, following hard upon the early week's developments in United States Realty, was the showing made by the Standard Rope & Twine Company and the late break in Tennessee Coal.

Under normal conditions, prices in New York probably would have shown some advance at the outset if only from the fact that the Bank of England's discount rate showed no advance, but persistent selling of Americans by London, and the suspension of a prominent Liverpool cotton house helped to produce an irregular opening. Buying of standard railway shares by brokers commonly supposed to represent strong interests, together with heavy covering, turned the course of the market upward before noon. Atchison was taken in large amounts by a Western commission house, and some of the Pacific stocks advanced on buying by brokers that have been prominent in these issues recently. Brooklyn Transit, concerning which many rumors were circulated, was again irregular.

All of the morning's improvement was wiped out later when trading became dull and prices once more sagged. In the last hour, the weakness of the industrial group became more acute, Tennessee Coal selling off four points, and Steel common touching the low figure of the day. There were material losses in Republic Steel and Pressed Steel Car. The break in Tennessee Coal was not explained. Some of the high-grade railway shares participated in the decline, which was followed by a rally, in the course of which prices recovered to a level approaching yesterday's close. Steel common made a net decline of ⅝ per cent, and the preferred was unchanged. The market closed steady. It developed after the close of the market that much of the selling of Tennessee Coal came from Philadelphia houses, and was said to be on adverse financial reports. London's sales on balances were estimated to be 20,000 shares. A feature of the day was the sale of 100 shares of United States Shipbuilding at $1 per share.

The subtreasury made another shipment of $100,000 to New Orleans, in addition to which further direct shipments West and Southwest were reported. The banks have thus far lost about $3,000,000 as against a gain of $1,460,000 in the same period last week.

The bond market showed some slight irregularities in sympathy with the wide fluctuations in United States Steel. Total sales, par value, $1,430,000. United States 2s and old 4s advanced ½ per cent on the last call.

STOCKS.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Atchison	87,900	66½	65	65¼
do preferred	550	90½	89¾	90
Baltimore & Ohio	11,200	80¾	79⅞	80
do preferred				89
Canadian Pacific	3,200	122½	121¾	122
Central of New Jersey				158
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,500	32¾	32	32
Chicago & Alton	100	21¾	21¾	21½
do preferred	450	63¾	62¼	63¼
Chicago & Great West.	300	15¼	15¼	15¾
do B preferred				29
Chicago & Northwestern	1,100	160½	159	159
Chicago Term. & Trans.				9½
do preferred				19¾
C. C. C. & St. Louis				70
Colorado Southern	100	12¾	12½	12¾
do 1st preferred				51
do 2d preferred	210	21½	20¾	20½
Delaware & Hudson	100	161	161	160
D. L. & Western				236
Denver & Rio Grande	100	23¼	23¼	23½
do preferred	300	77½	76	78
Erie	13,340	28¾	27¾	28
do 1st preferred	8,700	66¾	66	66
do 2d preferred	500	50¾	49½	49½
Great Northern pfd				160
Hocking Valley				67
do preferred				79½
Illinois Central	1,350	132½	131½	131½
Iowa Central	200	19¾	19	19
do preferred	100	37	37	36
Kansas City Southern	100	21½	21½	21½
do preferred	100	37½	37½	37½
Louisville & Nashville	500	104¾	103¾	103¾
Manhattan L.	500	134	133½	133½
Metropolitan St. Ry	1,600	114½	11..	113½
Minneapolis & St. Louis				54
Missouri Pacific	15,200	91¾	90¼	90¼
Mo., Kansas & Texas	700	19½	19	19½
do preferred	300	40¼	40	39½
Nat. R. R. of Mex. pfd.				40½
New York Central	1,850	121½	120¾	120¾
Norfolk & Western	1,100	62¼	62	61½
do preferred				83
Ontario & Western	810	22	21¾	22
Pennsylvania	13,100	124¾	123	123½
Pittsb'g C. C. C. & St. L.	100	61½	61½	60
Reading	33,000	51	49¼	49¾
do 1st preferred				76½
do 2d preferred				66
Rock Island Co.	15,700	27¾	26	26¼
do preferred	500	64	63½	63¾
St. Louis & San Fran.				54
do 1st preferred				65
do 2d preferred	300	49	48¾	48½
St. Louis Southwestern				14
do preferred	300	35¼	35¼	34¾
St. Paul	19,000	141	139¾	139¾
do preferred	100	173	173	172½
Southern Pacific	5,200	44¼	43½	43¾
Southern Railway	5,000	21¾	20¾	21¼
do B preferred	200	84½	84½	84¾
Texas & Pacific	1,300	26	25	25
Toledo, St. L. & West.	300	19¾	19	18
do preferred				86
Union Pacific	50,250	73¾	72½	72¾
do preferred				88
Wabash	800	20¼	20	20
do preferred	1,400	33¼	32½	32½
Wheeling & Lake Erie	300	17	17	16½
Wisconsin Central	300	17½	17½	17¼
do preferred	100	39¼	35¼	35½
Express Companies—				
Adams				223
American				180
United States				100
Wells-Fargo				200
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	36,000	46	44¾	44¾
American Car & Found.	1,100	30¾	30	30¼
do preferred	100	82	82	82
American Linseed Oil	100	10¾	10¾	10
do preferred				25
American Locomotive				17½
do preferred	700	88¼	85½	85½
Am. Smelting & Refin.	900	44	43	43
do preferred	350	90¾	90¼	90¼
American Sugar Refin.	2,700	113½	112½	113
Anaconda Mining Co.				72
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	11,780	38¼	36½	37¼
Colorado Fuel & Iron	200	43½	43½	43
Columbus & Hock. Coal				14¾
Consolidated Gas				171
General Electric	600	158	157½	157
National Biscuit	100	39	39	38¾
National Lead	100	14¾	14¾	14
North American				75
Pacific Mail	200	21½	21	20¾
People's Gas	175	95¾	95¼	95
Pressed Steel Car	1,495	39	36¼	37½
do preferred				78
Pullman Palace Car				215
Republic Steel	1,800	10¼	9½	9¾
do preferred	1,400	65½	64	64
Rubber Goods	200	16½	16½	16¼
do preferred				72
Tennessee Coal & Iron	10,200	37¾	33½	33¾
United States Leather	2,300	7½	7	7
do preferred	350	78¾	78½	78¾
United States Rubber				31½
do preferred				40
United States Steel	66,000	19¾	18½	18¾
do preferred	19,700	69¾	68½	69½
Western Union	200	83	83	83

Total sales for the day, 469,300 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	100½	Atchison adj 4s*	90
do coupon	100	C. & NW. con. 7s	130¾
U. S. 3s, reg.	108	D. & R. G. 4s	93
do coupon	108	Nor. Pac. 4s	101
U. S. new 4s, reg.	135¼	do 3s	70¾
do coupon	135¼	Southern Pac. 5s	99½
U. S. old 4s, reg.	100½	Union Pac. 4s	99½
do coupon	110½	West Shore 4s	109¾
U. S. 5s, reg.	101½	Wisconsin Cent. 4s	89
do coupon	101½		

*Bid.

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Sept. 17. — Consols for money, 88 15-16; consols for account, 89.

Anaconda	4	Norfolk & West.	64
Atchison	64¼	do preferred	91
do pfd	92½	Ontario & West.	22¾
Balt. & Ohio	82¾	Pennsylvania	63½
Canadian Pac.	125½	Rand Mines	9⅞
Ches. & Ohio	33	Reading	25¼
Chi. Gt. Western	16¾	do 1st pfd	39½
C. M. & St. Paul	144½	do 2d pfd	84½
De Beers	20¼	Southern Railway	22½
D. & R. G.	24½	do preferred	87½
do preferred	80	Southern Pacific	44¾
Erie	29	Union Pacific	72¾
do 1st pfd	67¾	do preferred	88½
do 2d pfd	51½	United States Steel	20
Illinois Central	136	do preferred	70¾
Louisville & N.	106¾	Wabash	21
M. K. & Texas	35¾	do preferred	35½
New York Cent.	123¾		

Money, Exchange, etc.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Close: Money on call, steady at 2@2½ per cent; closing bid 2; offered at 2½ per cent. Time money dull; 60 days, 4½ per cent; 90 days, 5 per cent; six months, 5¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6@6½ per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86.20@4.86.25 for demand, and at $4.82.25@4.82.35 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.83@4.87. Commercial bills, $4.82½.

Bar silver,—57¾c.

Mexican dollars—45c.

Bonds—Governments, firmer; railroads, irregular.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—Bar silver, steady at 26¼d per ounce. Money, 3@3½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3⅝ per cent; for three-months bills, 3 15-16 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Silver bars, 57¾c; Mexican dollars, nominal. Drafts, sight, 7½c; do telegraph, 10c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.82¾; do sight, $4.86½.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Today's statement of the Treasury shows:

Available cash balances	$238,255,993
Gold	110,694,239

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$550,903	$93,577
Seattle	478,331	56,588
Tacoma	352,317	29,290
Spokane	368,884	14,578

BETTER WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Reflected in Easiness of Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Better weather conditions and the growing belief that neither quantities nor qualities of the wheat yield have suffered appreciable loss, with lower cables and weakness in corn, caused a weak opening in wheat, December showing a loss of ⅝@½c at 81⅛c to 82¼c. On top of these influences came another bad break in September wheat at Minneapolis, and there was a rush of selling orders that forced December back to 81⅜c before the decline was checked. Some recovery scored on influential buying brought about by a report of a big export business in flour and an improved cash demand. The close was steady, with December off ⅝@¾c at 81⅜@81½c.

Crop damage reports from the country were few, and the corn market opened under heavy selling pressure. There was a show of strength in the closing hour on the prospect that frost danger is still imminent. December closed steady at 52¼c, a loss of ⅝@¾c.

Oats were lower early, but the late tone was strong, and the cash demand was good. December closed ¼c higher at 35⅛@39c.

Packing-house demand turned a weak provision market to firm and some early loss in prices was recovered. October pork closed 15c lower; lard down 10c, and ribs 2½c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Sept. (new)	$0.80¼	$0.80¼	$0.79⅝	$0.80¼
Dec. (new)	.82	.82⅛	.81⅜	.81⅜
May	.83⅝	.83⅞	.83¼	.83½
CORN.				
Sept.	.54⅝	.52½	.51½	.52½
May	.51½	.52⅛	.51½	.51⅝
Dec.	.51⅝	.52	.51⅝	.51⅝
OATS.				
Sept.	.37½	.38	.37⅝	.38
Dec.	.38⅝	.39	.38½	.39
May	.40¼	.40¼	.40	.40
MESS PORK.				
Sept.	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Oct.	13.65	13.65	13.60	13.62½
LARD.				
Sept.	9.32½	9.35	9.30	9.30
Jan.	7.37½	7.37½	7.27½	7.32½
SHORT RIBS.				
Oct.	9.00	9.02½	9.00	9.02½
Jan.	7.10	7.12½	6.97½	7.00

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Firm.

Wheat—No. 2 red, 80@82c.

Corn—No. 2, 52¾c; No. 2 yellow, 53¼c.

Oats—No. 2, 37c; No. 2 white, 39¾c; No. 3 white, 38@39½c.

Rye—No. 2, 56½@57½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 48@51c; fair to choice malting, 53@59½c.

Flax seed—No. 1—$1.00; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.05.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.20.

Mess pork—$13.50@13.55 per bbl.

Lard—$9.27½@9.30 per 100 lbs.

Short ribs—Sides (loose), $8.65@8.70.

Dry-salted shoulders—Boxed, 6¾@6¾c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, 8½@8¾c.

Clover—Contract grade, $9.75@10.00.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	14,900	8,500
Wheat, bushels	86,800	149,000
Corn, bushels	405,100	451,100
Oats, bushels	161,900	161,400
Rye, bushels	9,500	700
Barley, bushels	54,900	27,800

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Flour—Receipts, 24,700; exports, 11,400. Dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 25,000; spot easy; No. 2 red, 85¾c elevator; and 87c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 93¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 95¼c f. o. b. afloat. Options sustained a severe break this morning under liquidation, poor cables, a decline in Minneapolis and small clearances. Later the market rallied, and closed barely steady at ½c net decine. May closed at 80¼c; September closed 87⅝c; December closed 87¾c.

Hops, hides and petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Butter—Receipts 250; firm.

Eggs—Receipts 7300; quiet.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Wheat, steady; barley, steady; oats, firm.

Spot quotatons:

Wheat—Shipping, $1.42½@1.45; milling, $1.50@1.57½.

Barley—Feed, $1.12½@1.15; brewing, $1.17½@1.25.

Oats—Red, $1.20@1.32½; white, $1.22½@1.32½; black, $1.40@1.60.

Call Board sales:

Wheat—Steady; December, $1.45¾; cash, $1.45.

Barley—Steady; December, $1.14¼.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.50@1.55.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—Wheat cargoes on passage quiet; English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 17.—Wheat quiet; wheat in Paris firm; flour in Paris steady; French country markets quiet and steady; weather in England, fine.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	$0.16	Mexican	$1.10
Alpha Con.	.25	Occidental Con.	.35
Belcher	1.75	Ophir	1.80
Best & Belcher	.97	Overman	.25
Bullion	.36	Potosi	.25
Caledonia	.25	Savage	.29
Challenge Con.	.80	Seg. Belcher	.10
Chollar	1.65	Sierra Nevada	.65
Con. Imperial	.13	Silver Hill	.66
Crown Point	.12	Union Con.	.66
Eureka Con.	.30	Utah Con.	.16
Gould & Curry	.54	Yellow Jacket	.54
Justice	.08		

BOSTON, Sept. 17.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 5.75	Osceola	$75.50
Allouez	4.87	Quincy	88.00
Amalgamated	44 02	Santa Fe Cop