HOP MARKET OPENS

Dealers Offer 23 to 24 Cents for Choice.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR GROWERS

Crop Larger Than Anticipated—Producers Generally Holding for Better Prices—Local Jobbing Quotations.

It is unusual for hops to command high prices in two successive years. Hops were worth 25 cents last year, and they will do as well this season, judging from the opening prices announced yesterday. In recent years the hop market has opened as follows:

	Cents.
1902	23 @24
1902	20½@23
1901	10
1900	13 @14
1899	8

The hop market opened yesterday at the best initial figures in many years, 23@24 cents for choice. So far as can be seen, the outlook is bright for the grower.

Picking was practically completed in this state last night and baling operations will be general this week. Until baling has been completed, it will be impossible to give close figures on the yield, but growers say the crop is turning out larger than expected, as the boxes are heavier than anyone thought they would be. Many growers will raise as many hops or more than last year. The quality is exceedingly varied, running from very poor to choice, with a sprinkling of mold in nearly all.

Not much trading has been done yet, as the farmers are not disposed to sell under 25 cents. A few sales that have been made have been 50 and 75-bale lots around 22½ cents. Word has been received of a sale of 1000 bales of Sacramentos at 24 cents.

Regarding the recent storm in the hop-growing district of England cable advices say:

"We estimate our crop 400,000 cwt. Crop is injured by wind and promises very different qualities. Many of low quality. The price of 1903 hops is 50s to 140s."

Mail advices from Germany estimate the German crop proper at only 80 to 85 per cent of last year, and on this basis it is figured that the total production of the Continent will be close to 200,000 cwt. short of last year. German markets continue to be quoted firm and higher.

The Waterville Times, of the 15th, said of the New York crop:

The hop harvest is now completed, and the general report is a less yield than was expected before picking. Some yards have come down but little better than last year, and the crop was very light then. As to quality, there will be, as always, a great diversity. There will be choice hops, and from that to very poor. Thus far there has been very little business, as it is hard to tell the quality of hops until they are baled, and very few have been baled yet. Growers, too, are very firm in their demands, and that seems to restrict business. It is also said that brewers are holding off. The majority of opinion seems to be that the yield for this state will be less than 50,000 bales, and some have put it as low as 35,000, but that is an extreme view. Probably 45,000 would be nearer right. Two lots of Humphreys were sold this week at 25c and 26c.

WALNUT FUTURES.

Prices Announced by the California Association.

Prices have been named by the association at Los Angeles as follows: No. 1 soft shell, 12½c; No. 2 soft shell, 10½c; No. 1 hard shell, 12c; No. 2 hard shell, 10c. The crop is way short of early estimates and orders have been booked for a possible full crop. All orders booked are subject to pro rata delivery in case of short crop. It is not known at this time on what basis the deliveries will be made, as buyers consider the prices high and are confirming orders slowly.

In the Portland trade an agreement has been reached between grocers and produce men to maintain the same prices. Heretofore the Grocers' Association has had one list, the produce dealers another. The result has been confusion and dissatisfaction generally. The prices as announced range from 14 to 15¾ cents, according to quantity. It will be two or three weeks before California walnuts begin to arrive. A car of French walnuts is en route from New York.

Handling Merced Sweets.

The Vegetable Union, of Los Angeles, has gone into the Merced-Atwater sweet potato business. It announces to the trade its invasion in the following circular:

"We have arranged to handle a large portion of the crop and have our experienced agents located in the fields. These sweet potatoes are now in good shipping condition, and we can furnish carlots on short notice. We can ship either in crates or sacks, but strongly recommend the use of crates, which insures best condition on arrival. Sweets shipped in sacks are more or less bruised in handling, which is not the case when shipped in crates. There will be an extra charge of 25c per 100 pounds to cover cost of crates. The minimum weight per carload at present is 30,000 pounds, but we are promised a 24,000-pounds minimum in a few days. This reduction will be a great advantage to the trade."

Offer for Hops Refused.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Twenty-two cents was offered here for hops last week, and was refused. The growers have private reports that indicate a good price, and expect from 25c to 30c to be the ruling figure. Practically all the yards have been picked. The biggest yards in the county, Horst Bros.' and McLaughlin's, have nearly a week's run yet.

Lambs Shipped to San Francisco.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—John Stewart and A. J. Pickard yesterday shipped a special train of 2500 lambs to the San Francisco market. This is the first important shipment of stock from this station for a year. Prices are not given. If satisfactory returns are realized, another shipment will follow.

Albany Sheep for Portland.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—One carload of mutton sheep was shipped from Albany to the Union stockyards in Portland today.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Wheat is weaker all around. Very little business is reported as the farmers are backward about selling on a falling market. Prices are practically down to an export basis, and as soon as growers will consent to let go, a heavy movement should begin and some chartering of ships may then be expected.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 74c; bluestem, 78c, Valley, 78c.

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

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

FLOUR—Valley, $3.75@2.85 per barrel, hard wheat straights, $2.75@4.10; hard wheat patents, $4.20@4.50; Dakota hard wheat, $4.85@5.60; graham, $3.25@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 food, $19.

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

CEREAL FOODS—Flaked oats, 90-pound sacks, $5.40 per barrel; rolled oats, 90-pound sacks, $4.90@6 per barrel; 36 two-pound packages, $2.50 per case; oatmeal, steelcut, 50-pound sacks, $7 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $3.75 per bale; oatmeal, ground, 50-pound sacks, $6.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $3.50 per bale; split peas, 50-pound sacks, per cwt., $3; 25-pound boxes, per box, $1.50; 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.

The egg market is barely steady, though receipts yesterday were small. Practically no poultry came in. Butter is unchanged.

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

CHEESE—Full cream, twins, 14½c; Young America, 15½@16c; factory prices, 1@1½c 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.

Two cars of sweet potatoes and two cars of chilled bananas came in yesterday. Peaches were scarce and will doubtless continue so until the end of the season. Opening prices on fruit generally are about the same as last week.

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, 65c@$1 per dozen; beans, 4@5c; green corn, 15@20c per dozen; green peas, 4c per pound; egg plant, 4c; celery, 75c.

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

HONEY—14@15c per No. 1 frame.

POTATOES—Oregon, 65@75c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2½@2½c.

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

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 5½@6½c per pound; sundried, sacks or boxes, 4½@5½c; apricots, 8@10c; peaches, 5@6c; pears, 3@3½c; prunes, Italian, 4@4½c; French, 3@3½c; figs, California blacks, 5c; do white, 7½c; Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 4½@5½c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS — Apples, 50c@$1 per box; peaches, 60c@$1; cantaloupes, $1.25@1.40 per crate; Casabas, $1.25@1.50 per dozen; watermelons, 60@80c per cwt.; plums, 25@50c per crate; pears, 50c@$1.25 per box; prunes, 25@50c per crate; grapes, Tokay, $1@1.25 per crate; Muscat, 90c@$1; black, 90c@$1; Concords, 45@50c per basket; cranberries, $9 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $3.50@4.25 per box; oranges, Valencia, $2.75@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@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 16@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c pound; Columbia roast, $16.75; Arbuckle's, $11.13 list; Lion, $11.13.

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, $1.00.

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.

NUTS—Peanuts, 9½c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per dozen; walnuts, 15½c per pound; pinenuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c per lb; 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; Worcester salt, bulk, 320s, $5 per barrel; linen sacks, 50s, 85c 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@8¼c.

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, 14@18 pounds, 15½c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Regular short clears, 11@12c smoked; clear backs, 11c salt, 12c smoked; Oregon exports, 20@22 pounds average, 11½c dry salt, 12½c smoked; Union butts, 10@18 pounds average, 9c 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, 10c; blood, 5½c; headcheese, 5½c; bologna sausage, link, 5½c.

PICKLED GOODS—Portland pigs' feet, ½-barrels, $3; ¼-barrels, $2.85; 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, 11½c; tubs, 12c; 50s, 12c; 20s, 12¼c; 10s, 12½c; 5s, 12¾c. Standard pure tierces, 11¼c; tubs, 11½c; 50s 11½c; 20s, 11¾c; 10s, 12c; 5s, 12¼c. Compound, tierces, 8c; tubs, 8½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 20@21c; 1903, 23@24c 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 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.50@2; dry, each, $1@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, 25@37½c.

Oils.

Turpentine advanced 2 cents a gallon yesterday.

COAL OIL—Pearl or astral oil, cases, 22c per gallon; water white, oil, iron barrels, 15½c; wood barrels, 18c; esoene 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, 51c; pure raw oil, in cases, 54c; genuine kettle boiled, in cases, 56c; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less per gallon.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 80c; wood barrels, 76½c; iron barrels, 74c; 10-case lots, 78c.

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

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; steady, easier. Good to prime steers, $5.40@6; poor to medium, $3.90@5.10; stockers and feeders, $2.40@4.15; cows, $1.40@4.50; heifers, $2@5; canners, $1.40@2.60; bulls, $2@4.75; calves, $3.50@5; Texas-fed steers, $3@4.40; Western steers, $3.75@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, today, 26,000; tomorrow, 15,000; 5@10c higher. Mixed and butchers, $5.55@6.40; good to choice heavy, $6@6.35; rough, heavy, $5.60@5.95; light, $5.80@6.35; bulk of sales, $5.85@6.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 30,000; steady to 10c lower. Good to choice wethers, $3.40@4.25; fair to choice mixed, $2.25@3.25; Western sheep, $2.75@4; native lambs, $3.75@6; Western lambs, $4@5.50.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 18,000, including 2000 Texans; market steady. Native steers, $4@5.40; Texas and Indian steers, $2.80@4; Texas cows, $1.50@3.40; native cows and heifers, $1.50@3.40; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.50; bulls, $2@3; calves, $2.75@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 6000; market higher; bulk of sales, $5.90@6.05; heavy, $5.80@6; packers, $5.90@6; medium, $5.95@6.10; light, $4.85@6.10; Yorkers, $6@6.10; pigs, $5.50@6.05.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; market strong. Muttons, $2.60@4; lambs, $2.90@5.50; range wethers, $2.20@3.75; ewes, $2.25@3.75.

SOUTH OMAHA, Sept. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 9800; market slow, 10c lower. Native steers, $4.25@5.60; cows and heifers, $3@4; Western steers, $4.25@5.60; Texas steers, $2.50@3.75; canners, $1.50@2.25; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.10; calves, $2@5; bulls, stags, etc., $2@4.

Hogs—Receipts 1500; market 10c higher. Heavy, $5.75@5.80; mixed, $5.75@5.80; light, $5.75@5.80; pigs, $5.15; bulk of sales, $5.75@5.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; market steady. Fed muttons, $3.40@3.75; wethers, $3.25@3.50; ewes, $2.60@3.10; common and stockers, $2.50@3.50; lambs, $4@5.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Sept. 21.—Butter was quoted at 21 cents a pound on the Board of Trade today, an advance of 1½ cents over last week's figures. The sales for the district during the week were 702,802 pounds.

Advance in Silver.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The price of commercial bar silver advanced to 59c an ounce today, the highest price since July 1, 1901.

SENDS UP STOCK PRICES

FAVORABLE NEWS RECEIVED FROM THE GRAIN BELTS.

Statistics of Railway Traffic Show Large Increase in Movement of Corn—The Money Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—There was a period of depression in the stock market today, but the market recovered later in the day and wiped out most of the declines. The covering of shorts by the bears was the principal element in the rally, but the bears were prompted to this course by the lessened anxiety manifested by the real owners of stocks.

The principal factor in the relief of sentiment was the news from the crop region and its effect upon the grain market. The weather map was reported an ideal one for all classes of crops. In addition to this present condition, the weekly statistics of railroad traffic showed a large increase in the movement of corn, especially in the shipments of the grain from primary points which showed an increase of 1,893,000 bushels over the week before, and of 2,828,000 over the movement of the corresponding week last year. It was argued that if the farmers were willing to part so freely with their holdings of corn, it served to discredit last week's reports of excessive frost damage to the cereal.

The course of United States Steel was watched with great interest, and its decline to a shade below the lowest record, which was reached last week, encouraged traders to sell the rest of the list. The assertion was circulated that the leading banking interest in the Steel corporation had expressed the opinion that there was no occasion for a supporting measure in the stock market. Other stocks in which this interest is dominant were affected, notably the coalers. It was evident, however, that support was afforded United States Steel. The fact that a number of the iron and steel industries commanded a premium in the loan department this morning served as a warning to the bears that they might be overselling the market and prompted them to cover. While the disposition to sell stocks was thus curbed in the course of the day, no important demand was awakened and the market showed increasing dullness in the course of the rally.

The financial district continued in a state of uncertainty and apprehension over the possible extension of the reaction to the commercial world at large. Allegations have been made that the demand for mercantile credits is showing great urgency and that high rates are paid for these credits. Inquiry among bankers in the Wall-street district failed to bear out this assertion. Prime grades of paper negotiated through customary channels bring 6 to 6½ per cent. For names less known and for applications from other than their regular sources, banks are inclined to ask higher rates or are indisposed to lend at all. This is in accordance with the knowledge that the whole banking fabric of the country has been devoting itself for some months past to preparations to supply the regular legitimate commercial demands for credits. The returns received from day to day by the Controller of the Currency of the condition of the National banks at interior cities show a general improvement in percentage of reserve over that for the corresponding period of last year and encourage the growing hope that the regular course of business will not be disturbed by lack of funds this Autumn. The market closed dull and firm.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,182,000. United States 3s advanced ½ per cent, the old 4s registered ¼ per cent, old coupons 1¼ per cent, and the 5s ¾ per cent on the last call.

STOCKS.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	38,100	65¼	64½	65¼
do preferred	1,500	93	89½	89½
Baltimore & Ohio	5,712	80¾	79¾	79¾
do preferred				86
Canadian Pacific	4,225	123	121½	122
Central of New Jersey				157
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,200	31¼	30¾	31¼
Chicago & Alton	700	21½	20¾	20¾
do preferred				62¾
Chicago & Great West	900	15¼	15	15¼
do B preferred	100	20¾	20¾	20¾
Chicago North-Western	650	158	156½	157
Chi. Term. & Transfer				9½
do preferred				18
C., C., C. & St. Louis				69½
Colorado Southern	110	12½	12½	12½
do 1st preferred	280	50	50	49½
do 2d preferred	365	20	20	20
Delaware & Hudson	600	156	155	156
Del., Lack. & Western	100	233	233	230
Denver & Rio Grande				23
do preferred	200	75	75	74½
Erie	37,430	27¾	26½	27¼
do 1st preferred	4,330	66	64¼	65¼
do 2d preferred	1,100	47½	47	47½
Great Northern pfd				190
Hocking Valley	200	69	69	69
do preferred	450	79¾	79¼	79
Illinois Central	600	131	130½	131
Iowa Central	300	19¼	18½	19
do preferred				35
Kansas City Southern				20
do preferred				36½
Louisville & Nashville	3,700	102½	101½	102¼
Manhattan L	620	131½	131½	132
Metropolitan St. Ry	32,500	112½	111¾	112
Minn. & St. Louis	200	56	55	56
Missouri Pacific	29,450	96¾	95¾	96½
Mo., Kansas & Texas	300	19	19	19
do preferred	400	40	39	39¼
Nat. of Mexico pfd				40
New York Central	3,000	119¾	118¾	118¾
Norfolk & Western	1,570	61½	60¾	61
do preferred				88
Ontario & Western	2,500	21¾	21	21¾
Pennsylvania	23,650	123	121½	122½
Pitts., C., C. & St. L.				62½
Reading	36,620	49½	48¾	49¼
do 1st preferred				77
do 2d preferred				67
Rock Island Co.	14,100	26½	25¾	26½
do preferred	100	62½	62½	62
St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd				65
do 2d preferred	100	48½	48½	48
St. Louis Southwestern	300	14½	14½	14¼
do preferred	500	34¾	34¼	34
St. Paul	16,600	140	138½	139¾
do preferred	100	173	173	173
Southern Pacific	5,900	42½	42¼	42¾
Southern Railway	2,500	21½	20¾	21½
do preferred	300	84¾	84½	84½
Texas & Pacific	1,600	25¼	24¾	25¼
Tol., S. Louis & West	420	16½	15	16
do preferred				26
Union Pacific	20,960	73¾	72¾	72¾
do preferred	400	86	86	85½
Wabash				20
do preferred	1,300	32¼	31¾	31¾
Wheel. & Lake Erie				15
Wisconsin Central	100	17	17	17
do preferred	375	38	37½	37
Express companies—				
Adams				223
American				180
United States				100
Wells-Fargo				200
Miscellaneous—				
Amal. Copper	26,925	45¼	43¾	44¾
Am. Car & Foundry	6,000	26¼	24¼	25¾
do preferred	800	79¾	78½	79¾
Am. Linseed Oil	100	11	11	10½
do preferred				23
Am. Locomotive	600	17	16¾	16¾
do preferred	300	84	83	83¼
Am. Smelt. & Refining	6,820	44	41½	41¾
do preferred	720	89¾	89¼	89¼
Am. Sugar Refining	1,400	113	112	113
Anaconda Mining Co.	1,300	75½	70½	72
Brook. Rapid Transit	6,182	37½	36	37¼
Colorado Fuel & Iron	100	42	42	42
Col. Ind. & Stock. Coal	100	15¼	15¼	15½
Consolidated Gas	835	170	170	169½
General Electric	1,100	153	152	153
International Paper				12
do preferred				64
International Pump				33¾
do preferred				70
National Biscuit				37½
National Lead	100	14	14	13¾
North American	700	74	73	74¾
Pacific Mail	300	20	20	21
People's Gas	100	92¾	92¾	92¾
Pressed Steel Car	1,970	35½	33½	34
do preferred	400	78¾	76¾	78¼
Pullman Palace Car				213
Republic Steel	950	9¼	9	9¼
do preferred	1,430	62½	60¾	62
Rubber Goods	100	15¾	15¾	15¾
do preferred				70
Tenn. Coal & Iron	2,250	34½	33½	34¼
United States Leather	300	7	7	7
do preferred	700	77¼	77	77¼
United States Rubber				10¾
do preferred				37½
United States Steel	93,042	18	17½	17½
do preferred	12,842	68¼	67¾	68¼
Western Union				82

Total sales for the day, 430,500 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	100½	U. S. 5s, coupon	102¼
do coupon	110	Atchison adj. 4s	90
U. S. 3s, reg.	108¼	C. & N. W. con. 7s	130¾
do coupon	108½	D. & R. G. 4s	98¾
U. S. new 4s, reg.	135¼	North. Pacific 4s	100
do coupon	135¼	do 3s	70¾
U. S. old 4s, reg.	109¾	South. Pacific 4s	86¼
do coupon	110¾	Union Pacific 4s	99¾
U. S. 5s, reg.	102¼	Wis. Central 4s	89

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Consols for money, 88 15-16; consols for account, 89.

Anaconda	3¾	Norfolk & Western	63¼
Atchison	67	do pfd	91
do pfd	92¼	Ontario & Western	27¼
Balt. & Ohio	81¼	Pennsylvania	63¼
Can. Pacific	125	Rand Mines	9⅝
Ches. & Ohio	22¾	Reading	25¾
Chicago G. W.	16¾	do 1st pfd	39
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	144	do 2d pfd	34¼
De Beers	19¾	Southern Ry	21½
D. & R. G.	23¾	do pfd	87½
do pfd	78	Southern Pacific	6
Erie	27¼	Union Pacific	75¼
do 1st pfd	67¾	do pfd	88¼
do 2d pfd	50	U. S. Steel	18¾
Illinois Central	134¾	do pfd	70
Louis. & Nash.	105	Wabash	20¾
Mo., Kan. & Tex.	19¾	do pfd	33¼
N. Y. Central	126½		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—On call, steady, at 2@2½ per cent; time money, firm; 60 days, 5 per cent; 90 days, 5½ per cent; six months, 6 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 6@6½ per cent.

Sterling exchange steady at decline, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8630@4.8640 for demand, and at $4.8240@4.8250 for 60 days; posted rates, $4.83@4.87; commercial bills, $4.82¾.

Bar silver, 59c.

Mexican dollars, 45¾c.

Bonds—Government, strong; railroad, irregular.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Bar silver—Firm, 27¼d per ounce.

Money—3@3½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 15-16@4 1-16 per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 4@4½ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Silver bars, 59c.

Mexican dollars—Nominal.

Drafts—Sight, 7½c; do telegraph, 10c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.83; do sight, $4.87.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Today's statement of the Treasury shows:

Available cash balances	$236,909,662
Gold	116,964,865

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$771,563	$131,273
Seattle	667,461	135,336
Tacoma	358,939	37,793
Spokane	419,976	55,720

WHEAT STEADILY DECLINES.

Bears Have Their Own Way at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—The wheat market had no bullish news from anywhere during the greater part of the session. The start was influenced by good weather, weak cables and corn weakness. December opening with a loss of ⅛@¼c, and except for a spurt during the first hour to 79⅛c on covering by local shorts, the market received but little support and declined steadily. The Northwest, Southwest and local houses dumped their holdings upon the market and stop-loss orders came out. Near the close, reports of export business from the seaboard caused some of the early sellers to turn buyers, and a little better feeling resulted. December closed at a loss of 1⅛@1⅜c, at 78⅛@78⅝c.

Corn opened about ⅝c lower and showed additional weakness as the session advanced. Good weather in the corn belt was responsible for unloading by longs, and there was but little support at any point on the way down. The country was also a heavy seller of both cash and futures. December closed with a net loss of 2⅛c at 46⅝c.

Oats sympathized with the corn and wheat markets, was easy and sold off early. Trade was large and the sentiment mixed. December closed at 37⅛c, a loss of ⅜c.

The demand for October ribs, presumably from packing-house interests, was heavy and that product showed an advance at the close of 15c. The rest of the list was weak in sympathy with corn, October pork closing 47½c lower, and lard down 20c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Sept (new)	$0.77½	$0.77½	$0.76¾	$0.77
Dec. (new)	78⅛	79⅛	78⅛	78⅝
May	80½	81	80⅛	80¼
CORN.				
Sept	48⅝	49	47⅝	47⅝
December	48	48⅝	47⅛	46⅞
May	47¾	48⅝	47	47
OATS.				
Sept	36	37⅛	36	36¼
December	37⅝	37⅝	37	37⅛
May	38½	39¼	38½	38⅝
MESS PORK.				
Sept	.....	.....	.....	12.75
October	12.27½	12.35	12.87½	12.87½
January	13.30	13.30	12.90	12.92½
LARD.				
Sept	9.55	9.65	9.50	9.50
October	8.15	8.15	7.90	7.95
January	7.15	7.15	6.92½	6.92½
SHORT RIBS.				
Sept	.....	.....	.....	9.20
October	9.30	9.50	9.30	9.35
January	6.85	6.85	6.65	6.67½

Spot quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Corn—No. 2, 46¾c; No. 2 yellow, 48½c.

Oats—No. 2, white, 39c; No. 3 white, 37½@38½c.

Rye—No. 2, 54½@56c.

Barley—Good feeding, 48@49½c; fair to choice malting, 52@56c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, 97c; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.01.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.05.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $12.75@13.

Lard—Per cwt., $9.45@9.50.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $9@9.35.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $6.62½@6.75.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8.75@9.

Clover—Contract grade, $9.75@10.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	20,589	30,100
Wheat, bushels	77,130	143,150
Corn, bushels	341,800	730,400
Oats, bushels	155,150	301,000
Rye, bushels	1,900	2,400
Barley, bushels	81,200	1,000

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Flour—Receipts, 22,696 barrels; exports, 23,252; market easy, lower to sell; Minnesota patents, $4.70@4.90.

Wheat—Receipts, 76,005 bushels; exports, 16,243 bushels. Spot weak; No. 2 red, 82½c elevator, 83c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 90½c f. o. b. afloat. Options experienced another pronounced decline today, feeling the pressure of heavy Russian shipments, a large visible supply increase and fine weather. The close was weak at 1⅛@1½c lower. May closed 84⅞c; September, 84¼c; December, 84½c.

Hops, hides and petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Firm.

Butter—Receipts, 7143. Market firm. State dairy, 14@21½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 7900. Market unsettled; Western, 17@23c.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Wheat, weak; barley, steady; oats, firm.

Spot quotations—

Wheat—Shipping, $1.40@1.42½; milling, $1.47½@1.57½.

Barley—Feed, $1.10@1.13¾; brewing, $1.17@1.22½.

Oats—Red, $1.20@1.22½; white, $1.22½@1.82½; black, $1.40@1.65.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Weak; December, $1.41⅝; cash, $1.42½.

Barley—Steady; December, $1.13⅛.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.50@1.55.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Wheat cargoes on passage, sellers declined 3d. English country markets quiet and steady. Wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 1,800,000; to Continent, 1,680,000.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 21.—Wheat, quiet; wheat in Paris, quiet; flour in Paris, steady; French country markets quiet and steady.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The visible supply of grain, September 19, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows:

	Bushels.	Increase.
Wheat	15,977,000	1,181,000
Corn	7,970,000	982,000
Oats	6,939,000	*485,000
Rye	795,000	50,000
Barley	2,104,000	572,000

*Decrease.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Sept. 21.—Wheat—1c lower; bluestem, 82c; club, 78c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—There was a liberal amount of tin offered today and prices were generally lower, declining £1 5s to £119 7s 6d for spot in London and £1 for futures, which closed at £119 15s. Locally, tin was easy at 26@27c.

Copper declined 2