AWAIT LOW PRICES

Eastern Prune Buyers Not in the Market.

MAY HOLD OFF TOO LONG

Large Sizes Are Scarce and Prices Should Be on a Higher Level—Fine Quality of Dried Output.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—That the total prune crop of Oregon and Washington this year will not be over 15,000,000 pounds, as compared with about 35,000,000 pounds last year, is the estimate of S. A. Lasselle, secretary and manager of the Northwest Fruit Association, who has just returned to his home in this city from an extensive trip through the prune-growing sections of the state. The California crop is also short, he says, and this should mean a good price for prunes, but now the Eastern market is low, as buyers are waiting in the hope of price-cutting on the Coast. He says:

"Oregon growers are not selling now at prices that are being offered by the packers, as there seems to be quite a difference in their views of the market. The growers contend that on account of the extra light crop in California prunes should be worth more than what packers are now offering, which is 4¼ cents for the 30-35 count, which is a 2¼ basis, by allowing the grade to run to the seven point, which all packers do. While the market in the East is rather quiet it is not nearly so bad as some packers try to make the growers believe. In the last week the Northwest Fruit Association has had several offers for prunes at a 3-cent basis. The great trouble with the buyers in the East, according to my opinion, is that they are just waiting to see how low certain packers of the Coast will go before they will do any business. They are all ready to buy, but while there is a show for the prunes to go cheaper they will wait. The association is trying to remedy this condition by having all growers who have not sold join the association and this will steady the market and put a stop to price-cutting on the Coast by the packer at the expense of the pruneraiser.

"One thing I noticed on my trip," continued Lasselle, "was the absence of large sizes, such as 30-40s. Most of the prunes will run 40-50 and smaller. Therefore, it looks like poor business judgment to me for the sections which have 30-40s, which are very limited, to sell on a 2 or 2½ basis, as later, when the buyers go to hunting for these large sizes, they will find them very scarce. The Northwest Association has put a price of 3¼ basis on their large sizes and from present conditions we are most likely to get it, as the shortage of big sizes is just beginning to show up."

Lasselle says Oregon growers have dried their prunes better this year than ever before. All prunes have been dried very hard and this, he believes, will have a good effect on the East as the buyers are demanding nothing but first-class dried stock this season.

The Northwest Association is growing rapidly, according to Lasselle, and he says the association already plans to widen its scope greatly next season. This year the association is operating the big Albany prune-packing plant only, but before the next season it plans to put up several packing houses in the districts that will require them to handle their prunes and which are not tributary to Albany.

GRAIN MARKETS ARE ALL FIRM.

Good Milling Demand For Wheat and not Much Being Offered.

The firm tone of the wheat market continues, with the demand for bluestem strong and but little to be had. Cash oats and barley were firm and fairly active.

Hay Holds Steady.

Barley futures were firmer and 2½ cents higher at the Board of Trade. Wheat and oats were unchanged.

The range of futures were as follows, f. o. b. warehouse, Portland:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Nov.	$ .92	$ .92 A	$ .90	$ .90 B
Dec.	.90½	.92¼A	.90½	.90½B
OATS.				
Nov.	1.50	1.55 A	1.50	1.50 B
Dec.	1.50¾	1.57¼A	1.53¾	1.53¾B
BARLEY.				
Nov.	1.30	1.32½	1.30	1.30 B
Dec.	1.32½	1.35 A	1.32½	1.32½B

Receipts for the week to date:

	Wheat cars.	Oats cars.	Barley cars.	Flour sacks.	Hay cars.
Monday	123	5	15	1320	11
Tuesday	86	11	11	1060	11
Wednesday	53	6	8	....	17
Thursday	27	13	5	916	4
Friday	83	13	1	510	12

Foreign wheat shipments for the week as reported by the Merchants' Exchange, were:

Argentine shipments, 1,288,000 bushels; last week, 524,000 bushels; Australia shipments, 728,000 bushels; last week, 200,000 bushels.

HOP TRADING SLOWS DOWN.

Demand Is Good, But Growers Are Slow Sellers.

There were no new developments in the hop market yesterday, and aside from some business between dealers transactions were reported to be light. In the Aurora section 7¾ cents was being freely offered and 8-cent options were being taken.

The latest issue of the Producers' Price Current says of conditions in New York:

The market continues practically unchanged. In New York State sales of a few hundred bales are reported at from 11c to 12½c, the top price, however, having been paid for only a few lots. The buying is scattered, all dealers buying a few bales. Samples are coming in right along, but as a rule only a few bales of each lot are pressed. More rain is needed before the crop will be entirely baled up. On the Coast one sale is reported in Sonoma at 8c and a few sales are reported in other California sections around 7c. In Oregon some buying is reported at 7c to 7½c, with 8c reported bid for choice, but the buying has been confined to two dealers. Estimates of the Oregon crop have been revised, as the crop has come down lighter than anticipated; 55,000 bales are now considered a conservative estimate. Other Coast estimates are the same as heretofore. It is generally conceded that the state has come down slightly heavier than was generally expected, and estimates are put at 48,000 bales. No change in conditions is reported from either England or the Continent.

POULTRY PRICES ARE ADVANCING.

Good Friday Demand For Chickens—Eastern Egg Receipts.

With lighter receipts of poultry and the usual good Friday demand, the chicken market was firm yesterday, with 12 cents quoted on hens and Springs. Other descriptions also moved well.

Oregon eggs were firm and in strong demand at 37½ cents up to 32½ cents for the best. Two cars of Eastern eggs and a mixed car of Eastern eggs and butter arrived.

There was no change in the butter or cheese markets, which were strong.

POTATOES STEADY; IN SMALL DEMAND.

San Francisco the Only Outlet at Present. Onions Are Low.

There is not much activity in the potato market now, but prices are on a fairly steady basis. The best Oregons are selling at San Francisco at $1.40, which does not justify dealers operating heavily here at over 90 cents for fancy stock, while the market for poor qualities is entirely neglected. California is shipping out its rivers on the basis of 90 cents for No. 1 shipping stock, though fancy Jap rivers command 85 cents. Under the circumstances, there is no other market now for Oregons but San Francisco, and the low prices there govern values here.

It is said the California onion crop will be cleaned up by February 1, unless prices advance, which will stop shipments. Onions are so cheap there now that there is no chance for Oregons to compete with them except at about 50 cents a hundred.

Shipping Demand For Fresh Produce.

Business was good in the fruit and vegetable line yesterday, mostly for country account. There were no material changes in prices. Eastern Concord grapes were in demand, but the California varieties moved slowly. A good many peaches are on hand for which there is not much inquiry.

The most active features of the vegetable market are celery, cabbage and tomatoes.

Oversupply of Dressed Pork.

Rather than feed their hogs, at the ruling price of feed, farmers are marketing a lot of dressed pork these days, and only a small part of it is fit for sale. For the very best 7½ cents is now the top price quoted. A good many large ones are coming in that do not bring in over 5½ or 6½ cents.

Receipts of Produce.

Daily receipts of produce as compiled by the Board of Trade: Apples, 402 boxes, 2 cars; strawberries, 1 crate; grapes, 641 boxes, 2 cars; peaches, 847 boxes; pears, 140 boxes; prunes, 20 boxes; cabbage, 90 crates, 1 car; celery, 13 crates; cantaloupes, 3 crates; egg plant, 2 crates; onions, 205 sacks; potatoes, 30 sacks; sweet potatoes, 1 car; peppers, 11 boxes; clams, 116 boxes; crabs, 13 boxes, 1 barrel; crawfish, 2 boxes; fish, 83 boxes; oysters, 75 sacks; butter, 89 cases; milk, 715 gallons; cream, 2447 gallons; eggs, 54 cases, 2 cars; butter and eggs, 1 car; cheese, 14 cases; chickens, 54 coops; ducks, 2 coops; turkeys, 6 coops; squabs, 1 coop; hogs, dressed, 161; veal, dressed, 91; meat, 6 cars; honey, 6 cases; lentils, 10 sacks; vinegar, 20 barrels; condensed milk, 1 car; canned fruit, 1 car; canned tomatoes, 1 car.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,318,667	$ 57,394
Seattle	1,542,246	213,393
Tacoma	761,302	40,480
Spokane	1,107,399	96,793

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Bluestem, 93@94c; club, 89c; fife, 89c; red Russian, 86c; 40-fold, 90c; valley, 90c.

BARLEY—Feed, $26@27 per ton; rolled, $27.50@28.50; brewing, $26.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, $31@31.50 per ton; gray, $30@30.50.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.80 per barrel; straights, $3.85; exports, $3.70; Valley, $4.45; ¼-sack graham, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, $5.50.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26.50 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, country, $31; city, $30; U. S. mill chop, $22.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $14 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $11; Eastern Oregon, $16.50; mixed, $13; clover, $9; alfalfa, $11; alfalfa meal, $20.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUIT—Apples, new, 60c@$1.50 per box; peaches, 35@65c per box; pears, $1@1.25 per box; grapes, 50c@$1.19 per crate; Eastern Concords, 37½@40c per basket; huckleberries, 9@10c lb.; quinces, $1@1.25 per box; cranberries, $10 per barrel; prunes, 2@2½c per lb.; nutmeg melons, $1.25 per box.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, Valencia, lates, $4.00@4.50 per box; lemons, fancy, $4.50@5.00 per box; choice, $3.50@4.00; standard, $2.75 per box; grapefruit, $4@4.75 per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; pomegranates, $1.75@2 per box; pineapples, $2@2.50 per dozen.

POTATOES—Buying price, 80@90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, $1@1.10 per 100 lbs.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, 85c; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $1.25.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 65c per doz.; beans, 5@10c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; cauliflower, 50c@$1 per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; cucumbers, $2.25 per box; egg plant, $1.75@2 per crate; lettuce, 75c@$1 per box; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, $2.25 per box; pumpkins, 1@1½c per pound; radishes, 12½c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 9c per pound; squash, 1½c per pound; tomatoes, 45@60c.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 23c per pound; standard, 19½c; choice, 18½c; English, 17@17½c; strips, 15c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 12¾c; smoked, 13¾c; short clear backs, heavy, dry salted, 12¾c; smoked, 13¾c; Oregon exports, bellies, dry salt, 14c; smoked, 15c.

HAMS—10 to 13 lbs., 17c; 14 to 16 lbs., 16½c; 18 to 20 lbs., 16c; hams, skinned, 16½c; picnics, 10½c; cottage roll, 12c; shoulders, 12c; boiled ham, 23c; boiled picnic, 18c.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 14¼c; tubs, 14½c; 50s, 14¾c; 20s, 14⅞c; 10s, 15c; 5s, 15¼c; 3s, 15¾c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12¾c; tubs, 13c; 50s, 13c; 20s, 13¼c; 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13⅝c; 3s, 13¾c. Compounds: Tierces, 8¼c; tubs, 8⅜c; 50s, 8⅜c; 20s, 8⅝c; 10s, 9¼c; 5s, 9⅜c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 70c; dried beef sets, 16c; dried beef outsides, 15c; dried beef insides, 18c; dried beef knuckles, 18c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $13; regular tripe, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; pigs' tongues, $19.50; lambs' tongues, $22.

MESS MEATS—Beef, specials, $13 per barrel; plate, $14 per barrel; family, $14 per barrel; pork, $21 per barrel; brisket, $25 per barrel; S. P. beef tongues, $20; pig snouts, $12.50; pig ears, $12.50.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 35@36c; fancy outside creamery, 32½@35c per pound; store, 18c.

EGGS—Oregon selects, 37½c; Eastern, 27@32½c per dozen.

POULTRY — Hens, 12c per pound; Spring, 12c; ducks, old, 12@12½c; young, 14@15c; geese, old, 8@9c; young, 9@10c; turkeys, 16@17c.

CHEESE—Fancy cream twins, 15c per pound; full cream triplets, 15c; full cream Young America, 16c.

VEAL—Extra, 8½@9c per pound; ordinary, 7@7½c; heavy, 5c.

PORK—Fancy, 7½c per pound; large, 5½@6½c.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 7½c per pound; peaches, 11@12½c; prunes, Italians, 5@6½c; prunes, French, 3@5c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white, fancy, 50-pound boxes, 6½c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12@16c per pound.

RICE—Southern Japan, 5¾c; head, 8c; imperial Japan, 6½c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $2.

SUGAR—Granulated, $6.95; extra C, $5.55; golden C, $5.45; fruit and berry sugar, $6.05; plain bag, $6.05; beet granulated, $5.85; cube (barrels), $6.45; powdered (barrel), $5.85. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ½c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ¼c per pound. Maple sugar, 13@18c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½@18c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 14c; pecans, 16c; almonds, 16½@18c; chestnuts, Ohio, 25c; peanuts, raw, 6¾@8¼c per pound; roasted, 10c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SALT—Granulated, $14.50 per ton, $2 per bale; half ground, 100s, $10 per ton; 50s, $10.50 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 5¼c; large white, 4c; pink, 3¾c; bayou, 3¾c; Lima, 6c; Mexican red, 4¼c.

HONEY—Fancy, $3.50 per box.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, per barrel, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.50; oatmeal, steel-cut, 45-pound sacks, $8 per barrel; 9-lb. sacks, $4.25 per bale; split peas, per 100 pounds, $4.25@4.80; pearl barley, $4.50@5 per 100 lbs.; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.75 per bale; flaked wheat, $2.75 per case.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Oregon, 1908, 7@8c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 13@16c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 18c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 13@15c pound; dry kip, No. 1, 12c pound; dry calfskins, 16c pound; salted hides, 6½@8c pound; salted calfskins, 12@13c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Bear skins, as to size, No. 1, each, $5@10; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; house, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, each, 40@50c; red, each, $3@5; cross, each, $5@15; silver and black, each, $100@300; fishers, each, $5@8; lynx, each, $4.50@6; mink, strictly No. 1, each, according to size, $1@3; marten, dark northern, according to size and color, each, $10@15; marten, pale, according to size and color, each, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, each, 12@15c; skunk, each, 30@40c; civet or polecat, each, 5@15c; otter, for large, prime skin, each, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, each, $2@5; raccoon, for prime large, each, 50@75c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, each, $2.50@5; prairies (coyote), 60c@$1.10; wolverine, each, $5@8.

CASCARA BARK—Small lots, 5c; car lots, 5c per pound.

BONDS IN DEMAND

Union Pacific Convertibles Advance Steadily.

STOCK LIST IS FIRM

St. Paul Helped by the Favorable Earnings Report for August. Light Offerings Are Readily Absorbed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The strength of individual stocks affected the general list by sympathy today. The causes back of the strength in the influential stocks were lost in conjecture, but the manner in which they were absorbed and the evidence of scanty market supplies were accepted as evidences of accumulations. Union Pacific and St. Paul were conspicuous instances.

A marked demand for the Union Pacific convertible bonds has been in evidence for several days past, keeping them well in advance of the parity value of the stock for purposes of exchange, which is 175. In the case of St. Paul, the August earnings statement was favorable in its showing of an increase in the gross return over that of August last year, but this showing was not much different from that of the return to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has been published before. A favorable impression was made, however, by the decision of this company to resume the regular publication of its monthly gross and net earnings, which was discontinued in 1906. The resumption at this time is regarded as expressing in some measure assurance of the favorable nature of the returns which will be forthcoming.

The Controller's abstract of condition of all the National banks in the country shows an expansion in loans since July 15, the date of the preceding call, of $135,000,000, that item now standing $73,028,762 in excess of the total of August 22, 1907, which was the date of the last abstract published before the financial crisis developed. The bank clearings of the country for the week, according to Dun's, show a greater rate of decrease than was shown during September, and this is taken to reflect considerable caution in commercial and financial lines. Foreign exchange hardened in the morning, but fell back to last night's level later.

The activity in Union Pacific convertibles stirred up some movement in other bonds of that class. The bond division was active and firm. Total sales, par value, $4,944,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	11,800	76¼	75⅜	75¾
Am Car & Foun.	700	40⅝	40¼	40½
do preferred	300	102½	102	101½
Am Cotton Oil	500	35	34½	34½
Am Hd & Lt pf.	.....	.....	.....	28½
Am Ice Securi	100	26	26	25⅜
Am Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	9¾
Am Locomotive	3,[illegible]00	50⅛	49½	49¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	105
Am Smelt & Ref.	15,100	88⅛	87⅜	87½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	104½
Am Sugar Ref.	1,500	133⅜	132¼	132⅞
Am Tobacco pf.	.....	.....	.....	93¼
Am Woolen	.....	.....	.....	22
Anaconda Min Co	1,000	44½	44	43⅞
Atchison	7,100	91⅛	90¼	90⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	95
Atl Coast Line	.....	.....	.....	90
Balt & Ohio	2,500	97⅝	97⅛	97½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	88
Brook Rap Tran	1,700	49	48½	48½
Canadian Pacific	1,700	175⅝	175	175¼
Central Leather	500	25⅜	25½	25¼
do preferred	200	96⅜	96⅛	96
Central of N. J.	100	199	199	198
Ches & Ohio	1,900	43	42½	42
Chi Gt Western	300	7⅛	7½	7
Chicago & N. W.	100	160½	160½	160½
C. M. & St Paul	22,700	139⅛	136⅞	138⅜
C. C. C. & St L.	300	52⅞	52½	51½
Colo Fuel & Iron	2,100	35⅛	35½	35½
Colo & Southern	2,100	43½	42⅜	42⅜
do 1st preferred	400	66½	66	66½
do 2d preferred	1,100	59⅜	58⅝	59¼
Consolidated Gas	1,800	146	145	145
Corn Products	.....	.....	.....	17½
Del & Hudson	700	167½	167	166⅞
D & R Grande	400	29¼	28½	28⅝
do preferred	100	69	69	69
Distillers' Securi	1,000	30	29⅝	30
Erie	8,900	31⅝	30⅞	30⅞
do 1st preferred	700	44⅝	44	44
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	35½
General Electric	1,000	145	144⅝	144⅝
Gt Northern pf.	6,900	133½	132	132
Gt Northern Ore	400	59¼	59	59
Illinois Central	1,800	139	138	138
Interborough Met.	200	10⅝	10½	10
do preferred	200	31	31	31½
Int Paper	.....	.....	.....	9¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	51
Int Pump	5,000	29⅝	28½	29¼
Iowa Central	700	26¼	25	25
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	27¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	61½
Louis & Nashville	400	106⅝	106½	106
Minn & St L.	400	38⅛	37	38¼
M. St P & S S M.	1,000	124½	123⅝	123½
Missouri Pacific	1,600	57	56	55⅞
Mo. Kan & Texas	1,100	31¼	30⅞	30⅞
do preferred	1,500	66⅛	65½	65⅛
National Lead	4,100	82⅛	81⅝	82
N Y Central	1,800	105½	104⅝	104⅝
N. Y. Ont & West.	500	41	40⅜	40⅜
Norfolk & West.	.....	.....	.....	73½
North American	1,000	65	64	64
Northern Pacific	22,100	142½	141⅛	141⅜
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	25½
Pennsylvania	3,500	124⅜	123⅞	123⅝
People's Gas	400	95½	95	95¼
P. C. C. & St L.	.....	.....	.....	81
Pressed Steel Car	600	32⅞	32½	32½
Ry Steel Spring	100	38	38	37
Reading	137,100	132⅜	130⅝	131⅝
Republic Steel	500	22⅝	22½	22
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	79½
Rock Island Co.	500	20	19⅜	19⅝
do preferred	7,700	48⅝	47½	47¼
St L & S F 2 pf.	300	31	30½	30½
St L Southwestern	.....	.....	.....	18½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	47½
Sloss-Sheffield	100	63½	63½	63½
Southern Pacific	29,500	104⅛	103⅞	103⅞
do preferred	200	118½	118½	118¼
Southern Railway	1,400	22⅜	22	22
do preferred	300	53¾	53½	53
Tenn Copper	2,300	43	42½	42⅜
Texas & Pacific	600	27	26½	26
Tol, St L & West	300	31	30⅝	30½
do preferred	500	59⅜	59⅝	59¼
Union Pacific	155,600	168⅞	166⅝	167⅛
do preferred	300	87⅛	87⅛	87
U S Rubber	400	32½	32	32½
do 1st preferred	200	100⅛	100⅛	99¼
U S Steel	55,700	46⅞	46⅛	46⅜
do preferred	1,500	109⅝	109⅜	109⅜
Utah Copper	600	41½	41⅜	41
Va-Caro Chemical	400	31⅝	31⅜	31¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	108½
Wabash	900	12½	12½	12⅛
do preferred	400	27⅜	27	26⅝
Westinghouse Elec	18,800	83	79	82
Western Union	400	60⅝	60	59½
Wheel & L Erie	.....	.....	.....	8½
Wisconsin Central	100	26½	26½	26⅝

Total sales for the day, 561,600 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	103¾	N. Y. C. G. 3½s	92¼
do coupon	104	Northern Pac. 3s	73¼
U. S. 3s reg.	100¾	do 4s	102¼
do coupon	101	South. Pac. 4s	91¼B
U. S. new 4s reg.	120¾	Union Pac. 4s	102⅝
do coupon	122	Wis. Cent. 4s	84½
Atch. Adj. 4s	94B	Japanese 4s	79½
D. & R. G. 4s	95¾		

Stocks in London.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Consols for money, 84 13-16; do for account, 84⅞.

Anaconda	9	N. Y. Central	108¼
Atchison	93¾	Nor. & West	75¾
do pfd	98½	do pfd	83
B. & O.	100½	Ont. & West	42
Canadian Pac.	182⅞	Pennsylvania	63⅞
Ches. & Ohio	43¾	Rand Mines	6⅞
Chi. G. W.	7⅛	Reading	67½
C. M. & St. P.	140¼	Southern Ry.	22⅜
De Beers	13¼	do pfd	55
D. & R. G.	30	Southern Pac.	107⅝
do pfd	70½	Union Pacific	172
Erie	32¼	do pfd	89½
do 1st pfd	45½	U. S. Steel	47⅞
do 2d pfd	37	do pfd	112⅝
Grand Trunk	20⅝	Wabash	13
Ill. Central	142	do pfd	28⅝
Louis. & Nash.	109½	Spanish 4s	92
M. K. & T.	31¾	Amal. Copper	77¾

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Money on call steady, 1½@2 per cent; ruling rate and closing bid 1½ per cent; offered at 1¾ per cent. Time loans, very dull and firm; 60 days, 2¾@3 per cent; 90 days, 3¼@3½ per cent; six months, 3¼@3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8490@4.85 for 60-day bills and at $4.8655 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.84½@4.84¾.

Bar silver—51½c.

Mexican dollars—45c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds firm.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Silver bars—51½c.

Mexican dollars—Nominal.

Drafts—Sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

Sterling, 60 days, $4.85; sight, $4.86¾.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Bar silver—Steady, 23¾d per ounce.

Money—⅝ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1⅜ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 1⅞@2 per cent.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Today's Treasury statement shows:

Available cash balance	$160,016,392
Gold coin and bullion	41,584,712
Gold certificates	27,817,520

London Wool Market.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 13,480 bales. Greasy merinos were in active demand at full prices and home buyers secured most of the offerings. There was animated bidding by Americans for fine and medium greasy crossbreds at the highest prices of the series. Home traders bought coarse crossbreds moderately. Slipes were taken for France.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Coffee futures closed unchanged to five points higher. Sales, 7750 bags, including October, 5.35c; November and December, 5.40c; March, May and July, 5.30c. Spot coffee quiet; No. 7 Rio, 6¼c; No. 4 Santos, 8¼c. Mild coffee, dull; Cordova, 9¼@12½c.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3.48c; centrifugal, .96 test, 3.98c; molasses sugar, 3.23c. Refined, quiet; crushed, 5.70c; powdered, 5.10c; granulated, 5.00c.

SCARCITY OF POTATOES

JAPANESE GROWERS WILL NOT SUPPLY SEATTLE MARKET.

Holding for Higher Prices—Egg Quotations Are Shaded. Poultry Is Higher.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—With only 20 cars of potatoes brought to this market this week, the market is practically bare of good stock. Japanese growers refuse absolutely to let go at the prevailing prices, and now that they have commenced to put their crop into the pits, dealers state that they will not take them out until the market is considerably higher than at present.

With no steamers due until Sunday, the grape market was firm. Good Tokays easily commanded $1 and Malagas sold as high as $1.30. Concords sold briskly at yesterday's quotation.

There was a tendency for egg dealers to shade prices on fancy stock today, although no sharp reduction was made. Poultry was in better demand, with large Springs cleaned up. Good fat hens were in better tone, commanding as high as 16 cents.

Wheat was active today, but unchanged. Veal was cheaper, little selling above 11 cents, and more selling around 9 and 10 cents. The market is well supplied.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Millstuffs—Bran, $29.50@31.50; middlings, $33.50@35.50.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, 75c@$1.25; garlic, 6@7½c; green peas, 5@7c; string beans, 3@5c; tomatoes, 25@40c; egg plant, 65@75c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 31c; creamery seconds, 26c; fancy dairy, 22½c; dairy seconds, 20c.

Cheese—New, 12@13c; Young America, 13@13½c; Eastern, 16½c.

Eggs—Store, 41c; fancy ranch, 49½c; Eastern, 26c.

Poultry—Turkey gobblers, 23@25c; hens, 23@25c; roosters, old, $3.50@4.50; roosters, young, $5@7; broilers, small, $3@3.50; broilers, large, $3.50@3.75; fryers, $4@4.50; hens, $3.50@9; ducks, old, $4@6; young, $6@7.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 15@18c; Mountain, 4@7c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 7@9c; Nevada, 9@12c.

Hay—Wheat, $15@20; wheat and oats, $14@18.50; alfalfa, $11@14; stock, $10@12; straw, per bale, 50@65c.

Potatoes—Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.60; Oregon Burbanks, $1.25@1.40; sweets, $1.50@1.66.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.15; common, 40c; bananas, $1@3; Mexican limes, $4@6; California lemons, choice, $3.50; common, $1; pineapples, $1.50@3.

Receipts—Flour, 3562 sacks; wheat, 605 centals; barley, 4410 centals; oats, 1800 centals; beans, 16,157 sacks; corn, 20 centals; potatoes, 4050 sacks; bran, 897 sacks; middlings, 60 sacks; hay, 270 tons; wool, 278 bales; hides, 1025.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Receipts of hogs were large again yesterday and as the quality was nothing to brag about, the market naturally wore a decidedly weak aspect, with prospects good for a decline in the near future. There was a strong demand for good cattle, but inferior stock, of which a considerable amount is coming in, drags. Sheep and lambs hold steady. Receipts for the day were 300 cattle, 183 sheep, 815 hogs, 50 lambs and 240 goats.

The following prices were current on livestock in the local market yesterday:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4; medium, $3.25@3.50; common, $3@3.25; cows, best, $2.75@3.25; medium, $2.25@2.50; calves, $3.50@4.50.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $3.50; mixed, $3; ewes, $2.50@2.75; lambs, best trimmed, $4@4.25; untrimmed, $2.50@3.75.

HOGS—Best, $6.50@6.75; medium, $5.75@6.25; feeders, not wanted.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Cattle — Receipts, 2500; market, steady. Beeves, $3.40@7.50; Texans, $3.25@4.70; Westerns, $3.10@5.75; stockers and feeders, $2.60@4.50; cows and heifers, $1.50@5.30; calves, $6@8.50.

Hogs—Receipts, about 23,000; market, generally 5c lower. Light, $5.20@5.80; mixed, $5.65@6.05; heavy, $5.30@6.10; rough, $5.35@5.50; good to choice heavy, $5.50@6.10; pigs, $3@5; bulk of sales, $5.50@5.80.

Sheep—Receipts, about 10,000; market, steady. Natives, $3.50@4.60; Westerns, $2.50@4.50; yearlings, $5.40@5.90; lambs, $4@6; Westerns, $4@6.10.

SOUTH OMAHA, Oct. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000; market, steady. Western steers, $2.25@5.30; Texas steers, $2@4.40; range cows and heifers, $2.50@3.75; canners, $2@2.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.60; calves, $2.75@5.75; bulls and stags, $2@3.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 5500; market, 5c lower. Heavy, $5.10@5.70; mixed, $5.50@5.69; light, $5.30@5.60; pigs, $3.50@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 6500; market, steady. Yearlings, $4.40@4.90; lambs, $5@7.00.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000; market, steady to weak. Stockers and feeders, $2.70@4.65; bulls, $2@3.35; calves, $3.50@6.75; Western steers, $3.40@5; Western cows, $3@3.65.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market, 5c lower. Bulk of sales, $5.30@5.80; heavy, $5.75@5.95; packers and butchers, $5.60@5.95; light, $5@5.70; pigs, $4@4.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000; market, steady. Muttons, $3.80@4.25; lambs, $4.50@5.75; range wethers, $3.40@4.50; fed ewes, $3.25@4.50.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—Closing quotations:

Alice	$3.50	Leadville Con.	.04
Breece	.05	Little Chief	.08
Brunswick C.	.06	Mexican	.58
Com. Tun. Stk.	.20	Ontario	5.00
Com. Tun. Bds.	.17	Ophir	1.80
Con. Cal. & Va.	.65	Standard	1.90
Horn Silver	.65	Yellow Jacket	.50
Iron Silver	1.00		

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 7.50	Quincy	92.00
Allouez	38.00	Shannon	15.50
Amalgamtd.	75.87½	Tamarack	71.00
Atlantic	17.75	Trinity	17.50
Cal. & Hec.	655.00	United Cop.	10.75
Centennial	35.00	U. S. Mining	39.50
Cop. Range	74.00	U. S. Oil	25.50
Daly West	9.12½	Utah	40.50
Franklin	12.50	Victoria	4.50
Granby	100.00	Winona	5.12½
Isle Royale	23.50	Wolverine	140.00
Mass. Min.	5.50	North Butte	87.87½
Michigan	13.50	Butte Coal.	24.50
Mohawk	63.00	Nevada	16.37½
M. C. & C.	.40	Cal. & Ariz.	118.00
Old Dom.	48.37½	Ariz. Com.	35.50
Osceola	119.00	Greene Can.	10.12½
Parrot	27.00		

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—No change is reported in the market for evaporated apples. Early new crop fruit is quoted at 5¾@6c on spot and 1907 at 4½@6½c according to grade.

Prunes are relatively active and the market is steady in tone, with quotations ranging from 4¼c to 13c for California and 6¼c to 7½c for Oregon fruit.

Apricots are steady, with choice quoted at 8@8¼c; extra choice at 8¾@9c and fancy at 9¼@10½c.

Peaches are dull and nominal, with choice quoted at 7@7¼c; extra choice, 7¾@8c; fancy, 8½@9c.

Raisins continue dull, with loose muscatels quoted at 5¼@5½c; choice to fancy seeded, 6½@7¾c; seedless, 4⅞@6c. London layers, $1.60@1.65.

COLD IN ARGENTINA

Frost Reported in the Rosario District.

EFFECT ON WHEAT MARKET

Prices Advance at Chicago and New York—Export Demand at Duluth—Good Inquiry for Flour.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—The wheat market opened easy, with prices a shade to ⅛c lower. During the first few minutes of trading prices dipped still lower, but soon advanced again and held strong the remainder of the day. Final quotations on December were at $1.00⅞, and on May at $1.03⅜. There was some selling during the first half of the day, based on an official forecast of showers tonight in Nebraska, but the report of cool weather in Argentina completely offset this influence. The report claimed there had been frost last night in Rosario, in which district the wheat crop is said to be the farthest advanced and the most susceptible to damage. Duluth reported a good export demand for wheat and Minneapolis reported flour in good demand. Receipts in the Northwest were liberal.

Corn was strong nearly all day, in consequence of the brisk demand by shorts, who were actuated by fear of wet weather in the corn belt. At the sample tables low grades of corn closed about 1c lower. The market closed strong at the top, with prices ⅜@½c higher than the previous close. December closed at 63⅜c.

Buying by local interests and commission houses caused firmness in oats, but prices showed only slight gains, final quotations being unchanged to ¼c higher. Cash oats were steady for the ordinary grades and about ½c higher for the best grades. The December delivery closed at 48⅜c.

Provisions were weak all day in consequence of selling inspired by liberal receipts of hogs at Western packing centers. Receipts of hogs were about 20,000 more than on the corresponding day a year ago. At the close prices were 5@10c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	$ .99⅞	$1.00⅞	$ .99⅝	$1.00⅞
May	1.02⅞	1.03½	1.02⅝	1.03⅜
July	.98⅜	.98⅜	.97½	.98
CORN.				
Dec.	.63	.63⅜	.62⅞	.63
May	.62⅞	.63½	.62⅝	.63½
July	.62⅜	.62⅞	.62⅜	.62⅞
OATS.				
Dec.	.48⅛	.48⅜	.48⅛	.48⅜
May	.50⅞	.50⅞	.50⅜	.51⅛
July	.45⅞	.46	.45⅞	.46
PORK.				
Oct.	.....	.....	.....	15.35
Jan.	15.20	15.22½	15.10	15.10
May	15.00	15.10	14.95	14.95
LARD.				
Oct.	.....	.....	.....	9.40⅛
Jan.	9.17½	9.17½	9.10	9.12½
May	9.10	9.12½	9.07½	9.10
SHORT RIBS.				
Oct.	8.80	8.80	8.77½	8.77½
Jan.	8.10	8.12½	8.07½	8.07½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.04@1.05; No. 3, 96c@$1.05; No. 2 red, 99¼c@$1.00.

Corn—No. 2, 72@72½c; No. 2 yellow, 78@78¼c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 46@49½c.

Rye—No. 2, 75c.

Barley—Good feeding, 55@55½c; fair to choice malting, 57@61c.

Flax seed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1.23.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.40.

Clover—Contract grades, $8.

Short ribs—Sides (loose), $8.62½@9.25.

Pork—Mess, per bbl., $13.50@13.62½.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $9.40@9.42½.

Sides—Short, clear (boxed), $9.50@9.75.

Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.27.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	37,000	28,100
Wheat, bu.	77,000	4,600
Corn, bu.	151,200	100,300
Oats, bu.	282,000	278,700
Rye, bu.	3,000	1,000
Barley, bu.	106,700	12,500

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Flour receipts, 27,400; exports, 21,800 barrels; market steady, but slow.

Wheat—Receipts, 219,000; exports, 35,000 bushels. Spot firm; No. 2 red, $1.08@1.09 elevator and $1.10 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.12⅞ f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter, $1.09⅝ f. o. b. afloat. Although weak at the start, owing to easy cables and wet weather in the Southwest, wheat rapidly recovered and was strong in the afternoon on reports of freezing weather in Argentina, closing ⅜c to ⅞c net higher. December closed at $1.10¼; May, $1.10½.

Hops—Dull.

Hides—Dull; Central America, 19¼c.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Wheat—Steady.

Barley—Strong.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping—$1.62½@1.67½; milling, $1.67½@1.70.

Barley—Feed, $1.36¼@1.38¾; brewing, $1.40@1.42½.

Oats—Red, $1.50@1.70; white, $1.62½@1.72½; black, $2.45@2.60.

Call board sales:

Wheat—No trading.

Barley—December, $1.40@1.40¾; May, $1.42.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.85@1.90.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Cargoes very dull; Walla Walla, prompt shipment, unchanged, 37s 6d; California, prompt shipment, unchanged, 38s.

English country markets, easy; French country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 16.—Wheat—December, 7s 7⅝d; March, 7s 4¾d; May, 7s 4d. Weather in England today, fine.

CAUTIOUS BUT CONFIDENT

BUYING LIGHT, BUT WILL BE BIG AFTER NEW YEAR'S.

Approach of Election Tends to Hamper General Trade—Industrial Situation Is Good.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Bradstreets tomorrow will say: Continued warm, unseasonable weather and the approach of the National election tend to hamper distribution of seasonable merchandise, the purchase of any but immediate necessities and the projection of new enterprises. On the other hand industry is slightly more active, some branches of the iron trade having increased forces, while building is more brisk but at the same time drouth or low water in various navigable streams tend to affect such lines as coke, waterway navigation and paper mills. Railway tonnage is heavier and current gross earnings show smaller decreases than for any time in the past ten months.

Summed up, caution still prevails, but confidence is very strong and, therefore, natural conditions, together with light stocks, should produce a marked degree of expansion after the turn of the new year. Until then repression seems to be the policy, the hand-to-mouth buying movement is deemed to be part of wisdom and new enterprises are being held in abeyance, either by the credit-giving institutions or by their projectors.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending October 15, number 244 against 256 last week, 194 in the like week of 1907, 170 in 1906, 178 in 1905 and 227 in 1904. Business failures in Canada for the week number 29 against 31 last week and 36 in this week a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending October 15, aggregate 4,458,227 bushels against 5,652,652 bushels last week and 4,964,062 this week last year. For the 16 weeks ending October 15 this year, the exports are 62,222,816 bushels against 58,709,876 in the corresponding period last year.

PROGRESS SLOW BUT STEADY.

Undertakings Hold Back Pending Result of Election.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Dunn's review of trade tomorrow will say:

Moderate improvement is indicated in reports of current trade from most sections of the country, with pronounced confidence regarding the future. Although many large undertakings are held back in the iron and steel industry, pending the result of the election, numerous small contracts are being placed and specifications on old orders involve a considerable tonnage. Progress is slow but, on the whole, there is a distinct improvement each week, export business continuing liberal.

Conditions in the footwear industry were unsettled by labor controversies at Lynn and some other factories are closed for inventories. There is no controversy regarding prices. In leather, quotations are well maintained. Light sole and upper leather is more abundant, sales of the former being at more pronounced concessions. Export demand has sustained the market for glazed kid, but domestic trade is poor. Weakness in hides is more noticeable, natives being relatively easier than branded varieties.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending October 15, shows an aggregate of $2,634,016,000, as against $2,749,280,000 last week and $3,038,134,000 the corresponding week last year. The following is a list of the cities:

		Pct. Dec.
New York	$1,564,687,000	12.0
Chicago	239,751,000	11.5
Boston	140,471,000	18.5
Philadelphia	106,639,000	30.2
St. Louis	66,031,000	19.3
Pittsburg	40,224,000	23.1
San Francisco	31,738,000	16.0
Kansas City	43,457,000	9.6
Baltimore	23,428,000	20.7
Cincinnati	24,079,000	12.5
Minneapolis	31,189,000	15.5
New Orleans	15,286,000	19.4
Cleveland	15,300,000	24.6
Detroit	12,984,000	12.5
Louisville	11,412,000	17.7
Los Angeles	16,475,000	18.5
Omaha	13,308,000	1.7
Milwaukee	12,141,000	7.2
Seattle	10,822,000	9.8
St. Paul	9,564,000	14.2
Buffalo	8,265,000	17.4
Denver	8,547,000	.9
Indianapolis	8,008,000	2.3
*Fort Worth	12,668,000	31.6
Providence	7,727,000	20.5
Portland, Or.	8,384,000	10.3
Albany	6,174,000	1.9
Richmond	6,465,000	4.4
Washington, D. C.	5,759,000	6.9
*Spokane, Wash.	8,041,000	3.4
Salt Lake City	5,757,000	19.2
Columbus	5,138,000	15.0
St. Joseph	5,515,000	3.4
Atlanta	6,227,000	6.7
Memphis	5,007,000	6.9
Tacoma	4,879,000	4.2
Savannah	5,807,000	16.7
Toledo, O.	3,478,000	17.5
Nashville	3,053,000	35.5
Rochester	3,422,000	15.9
Hartford	3,165,000	9.6
Des Moines	2,900,000	12.8
Peoria	3,001,000	14.5
Norfolk	2,331,000	21.7
New Haven	2,627,000	3.9
Grand Rapids	2,244,000	15.2
Birmingham	2,041,000	14.4
Syracuse	1,868,000	20.0
*Sioux City	2,747,000	3.9
Springfield, Mass.	1,941,000	12.2
Evansville	2,108,000	7.6
Portland, Me.	1,700,000	20.3
Dayton	1,725,000	14.6
Little Rock	1,784,000	2.7
Augusta, Ga.	2,445,000	39.9
Oakland, Cal.	1,609,000	34.9
Worcester	1,619,000	10.7
Mobile	1,301,000	10.0
Knoxville	1,332,000	24.0
*Jacksonville, Fld.	1,628,000	5.1
Chattanooga	1,526,000	4.8
Charleston, S. C.	1,566,000	18.2
Lincoln, Neb.	1,294,000	2.3
*Wilmington, Del.	1,389,000	4.5
Wichita	1,348,000	10.1
Wilkesbarre	1,119,000	5.1
*Wheeling, W. Va.	1,540,000	19.2
Fall River	1,268,000	5.8
Davenport	1,167,000	7.9
Kalamazoo, Mich.	952,000	15.7
*Topeka	1,205,000	10.6
Helena	1,111,000	27.1
Springfield, Ill.	914,000	8.6
*Youngstown	95,000	32.0
Fort Wayne	752,000	10.3
New Bedford	1,034,000	2.4
Erie, Pa.	646,000	12.0
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	904,000	6.2
Macon	908,000	14.6
Akron	714,000	22.8
Lexington	545,000	32.0
Rockford, Ill.	612,000	16.0
*Fargo, N. D.	938,000	12.7
Lowell	540,000	8.7
Binghamton	511,000	13.6
Chester, Pa.	422,000	30.0
*Sioux Falls, S. D.	779,000	13.0
South Bend, Ind.	508,000	2.3
*Bloomington, Ill.	508,000	.9
*Canton, O.	675,000	33.8
*Quincy, Ill.	502,000	20.8
Springfield, O.	460,000	.6
Decatur, Ill.	401,000	26.6
Mansfield, O.	334,000	15.8
Fremont, Neb.	321,000	28.9
Jacksonville, Ill.	274,000	4.5
Oklahoma	1,269,000	9.4
Houston	29,154,000	3.6
*Galveston	18,961,000	23.8
Sacramento	907,000	
Columbia, S. C.	631,000	21.9
Jackson, Miss	436,000	

*Increase.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 20½@27½c; dairies, 18½@24c.

Eggs—Steady; at mark cases included 17@20c; firsts, 23c; prime firsts, 24c.

Cheese—Steady, 17¼c.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Butter—Weak; creamery specials, 27@27½c; extras, 26½c; Western factory firsts, 19½c; Western imitation creamery firsts, 20c.

Cheese—Quiet, unchanged.

Eggs—Firmer; Eastern firsts, 24@26c; seconds, 22@23c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The London tin market declined to £132 5s for spot and £133 17s 6d for futures today. The local market was dull at 29@29.25c.

Copper was unchanged to a shade higher in London, spot advancing to £59 13s 9d, while futures remained at £60 10s. The local market continued dull and nominal.

Lead and spelter were unchanged in both markets.

The English iron market was higher, with standard foundry quoted at 48s and Cleveland warrants at 49s. No change was reported locally.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Cotton futures closed very steady. October, 9.05c; November, 8.90c; December, 8.85c; January, 8.70c; February, 8.64c; March, 8.61c; May, 8.51c; July, 8.46c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 16.—Wool—Firm; territory and Western medium, 17@20c; fine medium, 15@17c; fine, 12@14c.

Reaches End of His Rope.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Chorus girls, wine suppers and automobiles are the causes for the downfall of a young man of many names, who last night changed his abode from a down-town hotel to the central police station. The name by which the prisoner is booked on a charge of passing bogus checks, is Perry T. Marquette. He also is known as Bert Maerker, Robert Maucher Robert Mercher and various other cognomens.

His arrest was caused by C. W. Motley, proprietor of an automobile livery.

Report Big Catch of Seals.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 16.—The first of the homing seal fleet, the schooner Jessie, arrived last night with five seal otter skins and 471 sealskins. News was brought that the eight schooners from Victoria had 3868 sealskins, about double the catch made by 12 schooners last year.

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