NEW BANANA DEAL

Local Trade Will Work on a Closer Margin.

AND HANDLE MORE FRUIT

Shake-up Follows a Visit of Two Officials of the Trust—Quarter-Cent Advance in Hop Prices.

The local banana trade is to be conducted along new lines in the future. Several changes are about to take place, one of which will be a reduction of half a cent in the local price, which will become effective Monday, when a large delayed shipment is due. The local quotation will then be 5 cents. At the same time the customary differential on out-of-town orders will be canceled. What the shipping price will be is not known, but every jobber will doubtless fix this to suit himself.

The shakeup was the result of a visit paid to Portland by two officials of the Fruit Dispatch Company, otherwise known as the banana trust. These men were W. D. Cheney, resident manager of the company at Seattle, and R. B. Thompson, of Salt Lake, superintendent of the Coast branches. They came here to see what was the matter with Portland's banana trade and why the city now takes only three cars of bananas a week, whereas it used to take six. They also visited the towns in the territory tributary to Portland, evidently with the object of getting into direct touch with the trade at these points. To forestall such action and hold their territory is why the Portland jobbers have decided to cancel the old country premium on bananas.

All the jobbers of this city are not entirely pleased with the change. They lay the blame on one firm, which they declare has acted solely for selfish reasons. The house in question, it is declared, has contracted for several hundred cars of oranges and merely wants to get cheap bananas in order to work on its citrus fruits.

At any rate, the Portland trade will handle more bananas in the future than it has for some time past. In addition to the four cars that will arrive Monday, three or four more will be due about the middle of the week.

QUARTER CENT ADVANCE IN HOPS

Lot Purchased by a Local Dealer at 8½ Cents.

Another fractional advance in the hop market took place yesterday, when a purchase was made at 8½ cents to the grower. Eight cents was freely offered for choice goods and some bids at 8¼ cents were also reported.

On the whole the market was decidedly firm. Quite a number of local and Salem dealers had their men in the country making offers. Although the demand was better than it has been for some time, growers, as a rule, showed less willingness to sell than they did last week.

While poor hops are neglected, there is a good inquiry now for good primes, which have approached close to the 8-cent mark in value.

Particulars of the day's business were not available. While the market is not active in the sense it was when Kisber alone was buying so heavily a short time ago, yet there is a broad general demand and the transactions in the aggregate are of good volume. There is unmistakable indication of more interest being shown on the part of the Eastern trade. There is no foreign inquiry for Oregon hops at the present time.

English trade reports bearing date of October 10 to 14 follow:

Cattley, Gridley & Co., London—At Worcester on Saturday and in London on Monday there was a quicker demand for good healthy and bright hops, and prices are inclined to still further harden. Medium qualities at present are not much inquired for. Preparations are already being made for decreasing the acreage still further during the coming Winter. Foreign markets are unchanged, and at present little is doing for England.

Wild, Neame Co., London—There is a good demand for all celery and bright samples at full rates, but other descriptions continue to be most difficult of sale.

W. & H. H. Le May, London—The feature of the trade during the past week has been the continued demand for the best hops. For other qualities the trade must still be quoted quiet.

Manger & Healey, London—All the choice hops of this year's growth have changed hands and there is now nothing better to offer than grade No. 2 and healthy brown hops, which are good value.

Exchange and Hop Warehouses, London—There has been considerably more business passing during the week, especially in the best samples, prices for which remain firm; a good quality has been sold. Lower qualities are not yet looked at.

J. H. Meredith & Co., Worcester—There was a considerable falling off in the attendance at market on Saturday and the scarcity of really fine samples was increasingly apparent although useful medium and brown hops were plentifully supplied. Choice qualities were in request at full rates, but other grades sold slowly at previous prices, lowest descriptions being almost unsaleable. Last week 2217 pockets passed the public scales, making 11,807 pockets weighed this season.

CALIFORNIA INQUIRY FOR GRAIN.

Barley Firmer on Demand From South. Interest in Wheat.

Though the grain markets were dull yesterday, there was a generally firm tone, especially in barley and oats. The improvement in barley was due to a better inquiry from California. There was also a more satisfactory demand for wheat from the Southern state.

No business was done at the Board of Trade, where the following prices were posted:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Nov.	$ .90	$ .91½ A	$ .90	$ .90 B
Dec.	.90¼	.91½ A	.90¼	.90¼ B
OATS.				
Nov.	1.50	1.55 A	1.50	1.50 B
Dec.	1.52½	1.57½ A	1.52½	1.52½ B
BARLEY.				
Nov.	1.25½	1.30 A	1.25½	1.25½ B
Dec.	1.30	1.32½ A	1.30	1.30 B

Receipts for the week to date:

	Wheat. Cars.	Oats. Cars.	Barley. Cars.	Flour. Sacks.	Hay. Cars.
Monday	102	2	11	690	20
Tuesday	48	6	4	1152	8
Wednesday	53	4	9	110	15
Thursday	84	3	3	4788	7
Friday	20	5	9	80	9

Foreign wheat shipments for the week, compared with those of last week, as reported by the Merchants' Exchange, were as follows: Argentine shipments, 672,000 bushels; last week, 944,000 bushels. India shipments, 224,000 bushels; last week, 816,000 bushels. Australia shipments, 864,000 bushels; last week, 64,000 bushels.

Receipts of Produce.

Produce receipts reported by the Board of Trade: Apples, 419 boxes, 2 cars; berries, 21 boxes; grapes, 460 baskets, 273 crates; pears, 71 boxes; celery, 17 crates; onions, 107 sacks; potatoes, 306 sacks, 2 cars; sweet potatoes, 1 car; turnips, 17 sacks; butter, 102 cases; eggs, 72 cases; milk, 1108 gallons; cream, 2721 gallons; clams, 55 boxes; crabs, 7 boxes; crawfish, 2 boxes; fish, 64 boxes; oysters, 64 sacks; shrimps, 2 boxes; lard, 1 car; meat, 1 car; hogs, 83; veal, 53; mutton, 4; chickens, 148 coops; ducks, 2 coops; geese, 1 coop; cider, 10 barrels; cider, boiled, 5 barrels; hops, 34 bales; walnuts, 1 car; almonds, 1 car; prunes, dried, 3 cars; peaches, dried, 1 car; fruit, canned, 1 car.

EGG MARKET GIVING WAY.

Large Supply of Eastern Makes It Hard to Keep Up Oregon.

The recent heavy arrivals of Eastern eggs have had a weakening effect on Oregon eggs. A few sales of the latter were reported at 40 cents, but most of the business was at 37½ cents. There are fresh Eastern eggs on the market at 32½ cents and this fact has made it difficult to maintain the high price on local ranch, notwithstanding receipts from the country are very small.

Poultry continued in heavy supply and the tone of the market was weak, though prices were no lower.

There were no changes in the local butter market, though the feeling was improved somewhat by the advance in the East.

Fruit Trade Is Quiet.

The wet weather was responsible for a very quiet fruit market yesterday. There was not much demand for anything aside from grapes. Prices generally were unchanged.

Artichokes advanced to $1 per dozen as a result of the higher prices in cauliflower. Other vegetables were steady.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 902,317	$119,881
Seattle	1,403,414	173,643
Tacoma	737,878	34,695
Spokane	924,303	136,778

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

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

BARLEY—Feed, $24@26.50 per ton; rolled, $27.50@28.50; brewing, $27.

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; ½-sack graham, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, $5.50.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26.50 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, country, $31; city, $30; ½ & ½ mill chop, $22.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $14 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $11; Eastern Oregon, $16.50@17.50; mixed, $13; clover, $9; alfalfa, $14; alfalfa meal, $19.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUIT—Apples, 60c@$2 per box; peaches, 85c@$1 per box; pears, 75c@$1.25 per box; grapes, 75c@$1.25 per crate; local Concords, 10@15c per half basket; Eastern Concords, 35@40c per basket; huckleberries, 9@10c lb.; quinces, $1@1.25 per box; cranberries, $10.50 per barrel; nutmeg melons, $1.25 per box; casabas, 2½c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, Valencias, 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; pineapplestalks, $2.25 per box; pineapples, $2@2.50 per dozen.

POTATOES—Buying price, 90c@$1.00 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 1½@2¼c per lb.

ONIONS—Oregon, $1.25 per 100 pounds.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, 50c; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $1.25.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1 per doz.; beans, 10c per pound; cabbage, 1½c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1 per dozen; celery, 40@75c per dozen; cucumbers, $2 per box; corn, plant, $2 per crate; lettuce, 75c@$1 per box; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, $1.75@2 per box; pumpkins, 1@1½c per pound; radishes, 12½c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 1½c per pound; tomatoes, 40@50c.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 34@35c; fancy outside creamery, 32½@35c per pound; store, 17@20c.

EGGS—Oregon selects, 37½@40c; Eastern 27@32½c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 12½@13c per lb.; Spring, 12½@13½c; ducks, old, 12@13½c; young, 14@15c; geese, old, 8@9c; young, 9@10c; turkeys, 16@18c.

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, 7c per pound; large, 5½@6c.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 22c per pound; standard, 20c; choice, 19c; English, 17@18c; strips, 15c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 12c; smoked, 13c; short clear backs, heavy, dry salted, 12c; smoked, 13c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 12c; smoked, 14c.

HAMS—10 to 12 lbs., 16c; 14 to 16 lbs., 15½c; 18 to 20 lbs., 15½c; hams, skinned, 16c; picnics, 10c; cottage roll, 11½c; shoulders, 11½c; boiled ham, 22c; boiled picnic, 17c.

LARD—Kettle-rendered, Tierces, 15½c; tubs, 15½c; 50s, 13½c; 20s, 13¾c; 10s, 14c; 5s, 14¼c; 3s, 14½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12¾c; tubs, 12½c; 50s, 12¾c; 20s, 12¾c; 10s, 13c; 5s, 13¼c; 3s, 13½c. Compound: Tierces, 9c; tubs, 9¼c; 50s, 9¼c; 20s, 9½c; 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9¾c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 70c; dried beef sets, 16c; dried beef outsides, 15c; dried beef insides, 13c; dried beef knuckles, 18c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $13; regular tripe, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; pigs' tongues, $19.50; lambs' tongues, $19.

MESS MEATS—Beef, specials, $11 per barrel; plate, $14 per barrel; family, $14 per barrel; pork, $16 per barrel; brisket, $23 per barrel; S. P. beef tongues, $20; pig snouts, $12.50; pig ears, $12.50.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Oregon, 1903, 7¼@8¼c per pound; 1902, 3@4c; 1901, 1@1½c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, average best, 19@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 15@16c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 18c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 14@16c pound; dry kip, No. 1, 13c pound; dry calfskins 16c pound; salted hides, 6½@8c pound; salted calfskins, 12@13c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 marketable prime skins, as to size, No. 1, each, $5@10; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 20@50c; house, 5@20c; fox, common, grey, large prime, each, 40@$1; silver, each, $3@15; cross, each, $5@15; silver and black, each, $100@300; fishers, each, $3@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@3.50; prairie (coyote), 60c@$1.10; wolverine, each, $4@8.

CASCARA BARK—Small lots, 5c; car lots, 6c per pound.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Oct. 30.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 9.25	Quincy	92.75
Allouez	19.50	Shannon	10.12½
Amalgamated	80.00	Tamarack	78.50
Atlantic	18.00	Trinity	17.50
Cal & Hecla	660.00	United Copper	12.25
Centennial	24.25	U. S. Mining	39.00
Copper Range	77.[illegible]	U. S. Oil	28.50
Daly West	19.50	Utah	39.25
Franklin	13.50	Victoria	4.75
Isle Royale	22.50	Winona	3.25
Mass Mining	5.25	Wolverine	140.00
Michigan	13.00	North Butte	83.75
Mohawk	66.50	Butte Coal	26.75
Mont C & C	40	Nevada	17.87½
Old Dominion	32.12½	Cal & Ariz	119.50
Osceola	117.00	Ariz Com	34.25
Parrot	27.50	Greene Can	10.50

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Closing quotations:

Alice	225	Leadville Con	55
Bresse	5	Little Chief	8
Brunswick Con	10	Mexican	56
Con Tun stock	24	Ontario	450
do scrip	10	Ophir	125
C C & Va	55	Standard	185
Horn Silver	75	Yellow Jacket	48
Iron Silver	80		

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Coffee futures closed steady net unchanged to 10 points higher. Sales were reported of 15,250 bags including October, 5.60c; December, 5.35c; May, 5.25@5.50c; July, 5.25c; September, 5.25@5.30c. Spot, steady; Rio No. 7, 6¾c; No. 4 Santos, 8c. Mild, dull; Cordova, 9¼@12½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3.48½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.98½c; molasses sugar, 3.23½c. Refined, steady; crushed, 5.80c; powdered, 5.20c; granulated, 5.10c.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 20@27c; dairies, 19@23c.

Eggs—Steady; at mark cases included 18@22c; firsts, 24c; prime firsts, 27c.

Cheese—Steady, 12½@12¾c.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Butter—Strong; creamery specials, 27½c.

Cheese—Quiet, unchanged.

Eggs—Strong, unchanged.

New York Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Cotton futures closed steady, November and December, 5.90c; January, 5.85c; February, 5.81c; March, 5.80c; May, 5.77c; June, 5.71c; July, 5.76c.

GAIN IN EARNINGS

Effect of Union Pacific Statement on Stocks.

SHOWING FOR SEPTEMBER

Trading Is Congested in the Harriman Issues and Other Developments Are Little Regarded. Bonds Are Firm.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—The professional element in the speculation had an active day and rolled up a considerable aggregate of transactions. There was not much outside interest in the market, commission houses getting little of the day's business. Floor traders did a large proportion of the dealings, which were largely of the kind than Mr. Harriman, in speaking of the Summer's activity in Union Pacific, described as "sales in a circle."

There was a notable congestion of these dealings today in Union Pacific and the movement in that stock had an important sympathetic effect on the whole list. This sympathetic effect was somewhat sluggish and was quickly lost when the strength of Union Pacific itself began to wane. The movement in Union Pacific found its explanation in the earnings statement for September, which were published midway of the stock exchange session. Obviously, there was advance knowledge of this statement on the part of those whose buying at the opening made a spread of ¾ in the net price of the stock, 65,000 shares of Union Pacific selling at the same time at 172¾ and 173.

The showing of the monthly report was extraordinary to such a degree that it seemed to excite some suspicion and to leave the stock heavy and uncertain upon its publication. The $4 per cent in net earnings after last year's this time report, the railroads have scarcely emerged from the depression which overwhelmed them early in the year, makes brilliant contrast. Something must be allowed for the unfavorable effect on last year's September net earnings of the swelling operating cost, the Union Pacific reporting a falling off in net earnings at the time of over $500,000 compared with the preceding year. The heavy operating cost at that time affects the comparison with the expense item this year also, which is reduced nearly $1,000,000. The road's increase of $464,358 in gross earnings shows it unusually fortunate. With all these allowances made, however, the proportion of expense to gross earnings, which amounts in the case than 67 per cent with the taxes included, represents a degree of efficiency in earning power which carries no conviction of a permanent condition.

The whole market turned on this incident. Other developments were little regarded. An advance in the price of copper was an incident of the day.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $5,812,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	16,700	80¾	79¾	80¼
Am Car & Foun.	2,100	42½	42	42
do preferred	100	103¼	103¼	102¾
Am Cotton Oil	11,800	37½	36½	36¾
Am Hd & Lt pf				24¼
Am Ice Securi	500	25	24¾	24¾
Am Linseed Oil				10¾
Am Locomotive	5,600	50¾	50¼	50
do preferred				106
Am Smelt & Ref	13,700	94	92¾	92½
do preferred	600	105¼	105	104¾
Am Sugar Ref	600	132½	132¼	132
Am Tobacco pf	500	93¾	93¾	93¾
Am Woolen	500	28½	28	28
Anaconda Min Co	2,100	45¾	45¼	45¼
Atchison	15,200	93¼	92½	93
do preferred				96
Atl Coast Line	300	92¾	92½	92¼
Balt & Ohio	3,500	99¾	98¾	98¾
do preferred				89
Brook Rap Tran	1,700	49½	48¾	48¾
Canadian Pacific	1,300	175¾	174½	174¾
Central Leather	100	38¾	38¾	38¾
do preferred				103
Ches & Ohio	3,200	43¾	43¼	43¼
Chi Gt Western	200	7¼	7	7
Chicago & N W	1,000	162¼	161¼	161½
C M & St Paul	24,400	148¾	141¾	148
C C C & St L	200	93	93	93
Colo Fuel & Iron	3,200	37¾	36¼	36½
Colo & Southern	2,400	42¾	41¾	41¾
do 1st preferred	300	67	67	66¾
do 2d preferred	300	59¾	59¾	59½
Consolidated Gas	6,600	146¾	144	144¾
Corn Products	200	17¾	17¾	17½
Del & Hudson	1,000	167	167	167
D & R G Western	100	27½	27½	27
do preferred				89
Distillers' Securi	800	31	30½	30¾
Erie	12,600	31¾	31	31½
do 1st preferred	200	44¾	44¾	43¾
do 2d preferred	400	36¾	36¼	36
General Electric	400	144	143	143
Gt Northern pf	4,700	183¾	182¾	182¾
Gt Northern Ore	700	62	61¾	61¾
Illinois Central	4,500	141¾	139½	139¾
Interborough Met	1,300	10	9¾	9¾
do preferred	900	31½	29	28¾
Int Paper	5,000	10¾	9½	9¾
do preferred	900	53¾	53¾	58
Int Pump	4,800	30½	29¾	29¾
Iowa Central	300	24¾	24¼	24
K C Southern	800	28¾	28¼	28
do preferred	100	62	62	61
Louis & Nashville	400	169¾	169¾	169
Manh & St L				39
M St P & S S M	300	123	122½	122
Missouri Pacific	1,770	50¾	50	50¼
Mo Kan & Texas	2,300	31¼	30¾	31
do preferred	1,000	65¼	64¾	64¾
National Lead	2,200	84	82½	82¾
N Y Central	1,600	106¾	105¾	105¾
N Y, Ont & West	400	40¾	40¾	40¾
Norfolk & West	600	75¾	75¼	74½
North American	800	66¼	65¾	65¼
Northern Pacific	41,400	146¾	145¼	145¾
Pacific Mail	200	26	26	25½
Pennsylvania	10,700	127¼	126½	126¾
People's Gas	800	96¾	96	96¼
P C C & St L				82
Pressed Steel Car	1,200	34¼	33¾	33¾
Pullman Pal Car	200	164¼	164¼	164¼
Ry Steel Spring	1,200	41	40¼	41
Reading	88,700	124	122¾	123¾
Republic Steel	600	24½	24¼	24
do preferred	200	81¼	81¼	80¾
Rock Island Co	400	19½	19¾	19¼
do preferred	7,100	47¼	46	46
St L & S F 2 pf	200	30	30	29
St L Southwestern	300	18¼	18¼	18¾
do preferred				36
Sloss-Sheffield	3,400	72¾	71	72
Southern Pacific	52,000	109½	108¾	108¾
do preferred	400	118	117	118
Southern Railway	8,100	28	26¾	27½
do preferred	1,400	54¼	53	53¾
Tenn Copper	8,900	46¾	45¾	45¾
Texas & Pacific				26
Tol, St L & West				30
do preferred	100	57¾	57¾	57
Union Pacific	187,500	173¾	172¾	173¼
do preferred	1,000	91¾	91	91¾
U S Rubber	600	33¼	33	32¾
do 1st preferred	400	100	99¼	98¼
U S Steel	48,100	48¼	47¾	47¾
do preferred	4,800	110¾	110¼	110¼
Utah Copper	500	43¾	43¾	49½
Va-Car Chemical	2,000	33	32	32¾
do preferred				110½
Wabash	500	13	12¾	12¾
do preferred	1,500	27¾	27¼	27¼
Westinghouse Elec	900	82¾	82	82
Western Union	300	59½	59	59
Wheel & L Erie				8½
Wisconsin Central	100	27¾	27¼	26¾

Total sales for the day, 506,500 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	108½	N Y C G 5½s	93
do coupon	104	North Pacific 3s	74
U. S. 3s reg.	109¼	North Pacific 4s	102¾
do coupon	101	South Pacific 4s	91¾
U S new 4s reg.	139¼	Union Pacific 4s	102¾
do coupon	122	Wiscon Cent 4s	86¼
Atchison adj 4s	95¾	Japanese 4s	80½
D & R G 4s	96		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—Consols for money, 84¾; do for account, 84½.

Anaconda	9.50	N. Y. Central	102.00
Atchison	95.00	Norfolk & Wes	76.50
do pref	98.50	do pref	74.00
Balt & Ohio	101.87½	Ont & West	42.12½
Can Pacific	179.00	Pennsylvania	65.00
Ches & Ohio	44.75	Rand Mines	6.87½
Chi Grt West	7.37½	Reading	6.75
C. M. & S. P.	142.00	Southern Ry	25.25
De Beers	13.87½	do pref	55.00
D & R G	29.50	South Pacific	112.00
do pref	71.75	Union Pacific	177.75
Erie	32.75	do pref	93.50
do 1st pf	45.75	U. S. Steel	49.37½
do 2d pf	37.50	do pref	112.75
Grand Trunk	21.87½	Wabash	13.00
Ill Central	144.00	do pref	28.50
L & N	112.50	Spanish 4s	92.50
Mo. K & T	31.50	Amal Copper	82.37½

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Money on call firm, 1½@2 per cent; ruling rate, 1½ per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered at 2 per cent. Time loans dull and steady; 60 days, 2¾@3 per cent; 90 days, 3@3¼ per cent; six months, 3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange weaker, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8425@4.8435 for 60-day bills and at $4.8525 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.84.

Bar silver—50c.

Mexican dollars—45c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds firm.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—Bar silver—Weak, 23 13-16d per ounce.

Money—1 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1¼ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 2@2¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—Silver bars—Nominal.

Mexican dollars—Nominal.

Drafts—Sight, 5c; telegraph, 7½c.

Sterling—60 days, $4.84½; sight, 4.86¾.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve shows:

Available cash balance	$164,919,052
Gold coin and bullion	40,402,552
Gold certificates	41,782,410

CROP DAMAGE SEVERE

ARGENTINE REPORT PLACES INJURY AT 30 PER CENT.

Wheat Turns Very Firm at Chicago and Closes Almost at the Top Point.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—The wheat market opened easy with prices ¼@⅝c to ¼@⅝c lower, due to unexpected weakness at Liverpool. Moderate demand by a leading elevator interest caused a slight rally during the first part of the day, but no decided strength developed until within the last hour when sentiment became bullish as a result of the alarming reports from Argentina regarding the conditions of the new crop of wheat. These reports brought out active covering by shorts, which caused the market to close at almost the top point of the day with December at $1.00@1.00⅛, and May at $1.03. The most important of these dispatches was one received from a supposedly reliable source which placed the injury to the Argentine crop by recent frosts at 30 per cent of the entire crop. The market was also considerably strengthened by the cash situation in the Northwest. Premiums on cash wheat at Minneapolis made further advances today, No. 1 Northern selling at 3¼c over the December delivery. The Southwest also reported a brisk demand for the cash grain. Export demand was fair. Exports of wheat for the week, as shown by Bradstreet's, were equal to 3,463,000 bushels.

The corn market closed at almost the best prices of the day. An advance of ½ to 1c in the price of new corn at the sample tables had some influence. December closed a shade higher than yesterday at 63¾@63⅞c.

Oats displayed considerable activity and strength late in the session and closed at gains of ⅛ to ⅜c with December at 48⅜c and May at 50½c.

Provisions were rather weak early in the session, but became firm late in the day. At the close prices were 2½c lower to 22½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	$ .99¾	$1.00⅛	$ .99¾	$1.00⅛
May	1.02¾	1.04¼	1.02¾	1.04
July	.98	.98½	.97¾	.97¾
CORN.				
Dec.	.63¾	.64	.63¾	.63¾
May	.63	.63¼	.63	.63¼
July	.62½	.62¾	.62½	.62¾
OATS.				
Dec.	.48¼	.48¾	.48¼	.48¾
May	.50	.50¾	.50	.50¾
July	.45¾	.45¾	.45¾	.45¾
MESS PORK.				
Oct.	14.10	14.25	14.10	14.25
Jan.	16.00	16.15	16.00	16.15
May	16.82½	16.60	16.82½	16.97½
LARD.				
Nov.	9.40	9.47½	9.40	9.45
Jan.	9.37½	9.50	9.37½	9.47½
May	9.40	9.57½	9.45	9.52½
SHORT RIBS.				
Oct.	8.75	8.95	8.75	8.90
Jan.	8.40	8.56	8.40	8.47½
May	8.50	8.59	8.39	8.50

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.02@1.04; No. 3, 92c@$1.04; No. 2 red, 99¾@1.00¾.

Corn—No. 2, 69½c; No. 2 yellow, 75@75½c.

Oats—No. 2, 47½c; No. 2 white, 50¾c; No. 3 white, 48½@49½c.

Rye—No. 2, 74@75c.

Barley—Good feeding, 52½@55c; fair to choice malting, 55@60c.

Flax seed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1.29½.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.50.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	345,000	316,000
Wheat, bu.	95,000	167,000
Corn, bu.	48,000	191,000
Oats, bu.	225,000	261,000
Rye, bu.	15,000	4,200
Barley, bu.	194,000	45,700

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Flour—Receipts, 15,000 barrels; exports, 5900 barrels. Market, dull and about steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 135,100 bushels; exports, 113,000 bushels. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.09½ elevator; No. 2 red, $1.10⅝ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.14⅛ f. o. b. afloat. Extreme dullness prevailed in wheat up to the last hour today, traders getting out before election, but near the close bullish Argentine news stimulated active covering and a sharp advance. Last prices were ⅝@¾c net higher. December closed $1.10⅝, and May at $1.11⅝.

Wool and hops, quiet.

Petroleum and hides, steady.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—Wheat—Steady.

Barley—Firmer.

Spot quotations:

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

Barley—Feed, $1.40@1.41¼; brewing, $1.40@1.45.

Oats—Red, $1.50@2; white, $1.60@1.72½; black, $2.25@2.60.

Call board sales:

Wheat—No trading.

Barley—December, $1.43¾@1.43⅝; May, $1.44¾@1.44⅝.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.85@1.90.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—Cargoes quiet but steady; no buyers; Walla Walla, prompt shipment, at 37s; California, prompt shipment, 37s 6d.

English country markets steady; French country markets quiet but steady.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 30.—Wheat—December, 7s 8¼d; March, 7s 7¾d; May, 7s 6¾d. Weather fine.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Oct. 30.—Wheat—Milling, bluestem, 94½c; club, 91c; red, 90c. Export, bluestem, 92c; club, 87c; red, 85c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Supplies of evaporated apples are coming forward rather slowly and the market is steadier in tone with new fancy quoted at 4@6c, according to grade.

Prunes are in fair jobbing demand with quotations ranging from 4¼ to 13c for California and from 6¼ to 7½c for Oregon fruit.

There is a fair demand for apricots with supplies limited. Choice are quoted at 8@8½c; extra choice, 8¾@9c; fancy, 9¼@10½c.

Peaches are dull with choice quoted at 6¾@7c; extra choice, 7½@8c, and fancy, 8½@9c.

Raisins are steady with loose muscatels quoted at 5¼@5½c; choice to fancy seeded, 6@7½c; seedless at 4⅞@6c, and London layers, $1.50@1.65.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—There was a sharp advance in the London tin market today, spot closing at £126 5s and futures at £127 15s 6d. The local market was firm at 29.85@30.15c.

Copper advanced to £61 10s 3d for spot and £62 1s for futures in the London market. The local market was firm and another notch higher with lake quoted at 13.75@14c; electrolytic at 13.50@13.75c, and casting at 13.25@13.50c.

Lead advanced to £13 8s 9d in the London market. Locally the market was firm but unchanged at 4.32½@4.37½c.

Spelter unchanged at £20 in London and remained firm at 4.80@4.85c in the local market.

The local market was unchanged.

The town of Amherst, Nova Scotia, is supplied with light and power from the waste products of a nearby coal mine.

MILLS RUN AGAIN

Many Plants Resume After Months of Idleness.

CONFIDENCE IS INCREASING

Commodities Lately Offered at Concessions Are Now Held Firmly. Prompt Delivery a Feature of Orders.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Dun's review of trade tomorrow will say:

Decided improvement is noted in most trade reports this week, especially in respect to distributive departments.

Orders have come to manufacturers freely, in many cases accompanied by requests for immediate or very early delivery. Evidences of increased confidence are numerous and prices are more firmly held where concessions have been offered recently without attracting buyers. Many mills have resumed after months of idleness, sufficient orders having accumulated to assure active capacity during the remainder of the year, and there is general belief that contracts will be placed freely during the next two months.

Recent concessions in the packer hide market, together with better inquiry for leather, have brought