BUY MORE WHEAT

Trading in the Country Again Becomes Active.

OFFERINGS ARE LARGER

Purchases Are Mostly for Export and Milling Account--Summary of the Foreign Crop Situation. Coarse Grains Quiet.

The wheat market of the Pacific Northwest is showing more life. Selling has been fairly free in the last two days and there is more demand than there has been for some time. The buying is chiefly for export and milling purposes, trading for California account being small. The price holds steady at 81 cents for club and 83@84 cents for bluestem.

The oats market was steady, with only a moderate demand. Barley trade was slow.

The movement of wheat to tidewater has lessened because of the lighter buying done recently, but now that the country markets have become more active, heavier receipts can be looked for. Local receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange yesterday as follows:

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	193	7	18	13	33
Tuesday	26	1	12	7	13
Wednesday	87	----	10	6	16
Thursday	4	----	5	5	11
Friday	32	7	4	7	10
Year ago	32	----	3	4	3
Season to date	4522	284	867	454	884
Year ago	5187	175	787	397	1015

Weekly foreign wheat shipments were as follows:

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Yr.
Argentina	624,000	472,000	776,000
Australia	912,000	1,176,000	648,000
India	344,000	1,344,000	920,000

The following summary of foreign crop conditions has been issued by the Department of Agriculture:

Over a great part of the Northern Hemisphere the progress of agriculture now in its Autumnal phases has, during September, been retarded by adverse weather, but in the wheat-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere, where vegetation is now in the full flush of Spring, conditions on the whole are described as near ideal.

In Canada, where record crops of wheat and oats have just been harvested, threshing in the Spring wheat provinces has been widely interfered by rain, sleet and snow; the quality of much of the grain is believed seriously impaired. An official report states that in the premier agricultural province, Saskatchewan, only 5 per cent of the threshing has been done October 1, and about 3 per cent of the late and damaged crops, consisting chiefly of flaxseed, will not be cut.

The preliminary official estimate of this season's production of wheat and oats in the entire Dominion, excluding British Columbia, is respectively 285,000,000 and 348,000,000 bushels, against 238,000,000 and 393,000,000 bushels in 1910.

Preliminary official reports up to date suggest that the 1911 European wheat crop will go on record as a fairly close third in magnitude to the banner ones of the two preceding years; its quality as a whole has seldom if ever been surpassed. The indicated deficiency in quantity is due largely to decreased production, compared with the two previous years in Russia. Eight important producing countries, which in 1909 and 1910 raised, roughly, about 87 per cent of the total European crop, have published previsory estimates of their respective yields; the figures for Russia, it should be noted, include Asiatic Russia (which produced 71,792,000 bushels in 1909 and 76,282,000 bushels in 1910) and are based on the condition of the plants when in bloom; the estimates for Great Britain are obtained by multiplying the official returns of per acre yield by the official estimate of the area sown.

The probable deficiency, as compared with the previous year, in the 1911 crop of Europe, is coincident, it may be stated, with an increase of 55,000,000 bushels in 1911 wheat crop of Canada and of 11,500,000 bushels in that harvested last Spring in British India.

NAVEL ORANGES FOR THANKSGIVING

New Crop Will Be on Market by Middle of November.

The scarcity of lemons was relieved yesterday by the arrival of a car. Fancy were quoted at $6.50 and choice at $6.

There were plenty of California grapes except Muscats, but all kinds were held at firm prices. Local Concords did not move so well as earlier in the week.

There was a good demand for apples, especially fancy, high-colored fruit and the cheaper cooking varieties. Ripe bananas were scarce.

The orange market is poorly supplied, except for a few late Valencias. According to advices from California yesterday, new navels will be on the market by the middle of November in time for the Thanksgiving trade.

Sweet potatoes are moving out freely at the lately reduced price.

RECEIPTS OF CHICKENS ARE LIGHTER

With Continuance of Small Supply, Prices Should Improve.

Receipts of chickens were lighter yesterday than usual and the supply was worked off without much trouble. Prices were unchanged, but there is likely to be some improvement next week unless arrivals should be large.

The dressed meat market was also steadier than it has been.

There was no change in the egg situation. Fresh Oregons were very scarce and firm, but a storage stock was offered.

Butter and cheese were firm at last quotations.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,126,124	$276,508
Seattle	1,988,507	252,077
Tacoma	698,899	44,740
Spokane	692,906	70,929

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Export basis: Bluestem, 83@84c; club, 81c; red Russian, 79c; Valley, 81c; forty-fold, 82c.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.50 per barrel; straights, $4.05; exports, $3.80; Valley, $4.50; graham, $4.65; whole wheat, $4.50.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $24.50@25 per ton; middlings, $32; shorts, $25.50@26; rolled barley, $33.50@34.50.

CORN—Whole, $33; cracked, $34 per ton.

BARLEY—Feed, $31 per ton; brewing, nominal, per ton.

OATS—No. 1 white, $30 per ton.

HAY—No. 1, E. O. timothy, $17@18; No. 1 Valley, $15@16; alfalfa, $12.50; clover, $10@11; grain, $11@12.

Vegetables and Fruits.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, $4.50@4.75 per box; California grapefruit, $2.50; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; pineapples, 4c per pound; lemons, $5@6.50 per box; pomegranates, $1.50 per box.

FRESH FRUITS—Peaches, $1@1.65c per box; plums, 50@75c per crate; prunes, 2@2½c per pound; pears, 75@$1.75 per box; grapes, 50c@$1.25 per box; apples, $1@2.25 per box; cranberries, $3.25@3.50 per barrel; Casabas, $1.75@2 per dozen.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.25 per sack; turnips, $1; beets, $1.75.

POTATOES—Oregon, 1½c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, $1.25 per hundred.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; beans, 3@10c; cabbage ¾@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 25@60c per dozen; corn, 25@30c per dozen; cucumbers, $1@1.25 per sack; egg-plant, 8@8c per pound; garlic, 10@12c per pound; lettuce, 40@85c per dozen; hothouse lettuce, $1.25 per box; peppers, 5@6c per pound; radishes, 12½c per dozen; sprouts, 8@9c per pound; tomatoes, 40@65c per box.

Dairy and Country Produce.

POULTRY—Hens, 13@14c; Springs, 13@14c; ducks, young, 15@16½c; geese, 11½@12c; turkeys, alive, 20@21c; dressed, choice, 26c.

BUTTER—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 34c; prints, extra.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 35c per dozen.

CHEESE—Fresh Tillamook, flats, 15½c; Young Americas, 16c; storage, flats, 14½c; Young Americas, 15½c.

PORK—Fancy, 9@10c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 12@13½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.25 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.90; 1-pound flats, $2.40; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, $1.25.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 26½@40c per pound.

HONEY—Choice, $3.75 per case; strained honey, 10c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $15 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $8.50 per ton; 50s, $9 per ton.

NUTS—Walnuts, 18@19c per pound; Brazil nuts, 14@16c; filberts, 16c; almonds, 18@19c; pecans, 15c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen; chestnuts, 12½c per pound; hickory nuts, 8@10c per pound.

BEANS—Small white, 4½c; large white, 4½c; Limas, 6½c; pink, 3½c; Mexicans, 5½c; bayos, 5c.

RICE—No 1 Japan, 4½c; cheaper grades, $3.50@4.85; Southern head, 5½@7c; imported Imperial, 5½c; imported extra No. 1, 7@7½c.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, $7.50; fruit and berry, $7.30; beet, $7.10; extra C, $6.80; powdered, barrels, $7.55; cubes, barrels, $7.70.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 1c per pound; apricots, 16@18½c; peaches, 12@14c; prunes, Italian, 10½@10½c; silver, 18c; figs, white and black, 5½@7½c; currants, 10@11c; raisins, loose Muscatel, 6½@7½c; bleached Thompson, 11½c; unbleached Sultanas, 8½c; seeded, 9½@9½c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1911 crop, 40c; olds, nominal.

MOHAIR—Choice, 32@37c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern—Oregon, 9@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 15@17c per pound.

PELTS—Dry, 10½c; lambs, 40@60c each; shearings, 25@40c each.

HIDES—Salted hides, 9@10c per pound; salted calf, 15@16c; salted kip, 10½c; green, unsalted, 1c less; dry calf, 19@20c; dry stags, 12@13½c.

CASCARA—Per pound, 5½@6c.

Oils.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in barrels, 97c; boiled, in barrels, 99c; raw, in cases, $1.02; boiled, in cases, $1.04.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 72c, wood barrels, 69½c; iron barrels, 62c; 10-case lots, 65c.

GASOLINE—Motor gasoline, iron barrels, 17c; cases, 24c; 86 gasoline, iron barrels, 31c; cases, 39c.

COAL OIL—Ordinary test, cases, 10c; bulk, in tanks, 9½c.

Provisions.

HAMS—10 to 12 pounds, 15@15½c; 12 to 14 pounds, 17½@18c; 14 to 16 pounds, 17@17½c; 16 to 18 pounds, 17@17½c; skinned, 19c; picnics, 11½c; cottage roll, 10½c.

SMOKED MEATS—Beef tongues, 75c; dried beef sets, none; outside, none; insides, 25c; knuckles, 21c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 13½c; tubs, 14c; standard, tierces, 11½c; tubs, 12½c; shortening, tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9c.

BACON—Fancy, 26c; standard, 24c; choice, 21c; English, 16@18c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 13½c; backs, light salt, 13½c; smoked, 14½c; backs, heavy salt, 12½c; smoked, 14½c; exports, salt, 14c; smoked, 15½c.

SMALL SUPPLY AT YARDS

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK IS INTERRUPTED.

Business Confined Mainly to the Hog Market—Cattle and Sheep Are Firm.

The activity that the livestock market has shown this week was interrupted yesterday by a decrease in receipts. Only a few cattle and sheep came in, but there was a fair run of hogs.

The trading of the day was mainly in the latter line and the prices were around $7.40 for light weights and $6.75 to $6.40 for heavies.

Sheep and cattle were nominally firm and good prices are expected on the incoming shipments if the quality holds up.

Receipts yesterday were 31 cattle, 25 calves, 424 hogs and 284 sheep.

Shippers were: M. M. Hector, Centerville, Wash., one carload of hogs; William Mulligan, Warwick, Wash., one carload of hogs; E. S. Norwood, Brownsville, Or., one carload of hogs; Telton & Hansen, Roseburg, Or., two carloads of sheep; J. S. Flint, Junction City, Or., one carload of calves and hogs; S. Y. Cloydt, Pomeroy, Wash., one carload of hogs, and J. E. Reynolds, Condon, Or., one carload of cattle and calves.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price.
1 hog	420	$6.40
33 hogs	218	7.40
4 hogs	252	6.25
86 hogs	198	7.40
3 hogs	231	6.25
81 hogs	223	7.40

Prices quoted at the Portland Union Stockyards for the various classes of stock were:

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$5.40@5.60
Good to choice steers	5.25@ 5.40
Fair to good steers	5.00@ 5.25
Medium steers	4.75@ 5.00
Poor steers	4.75@ 4.50
Choice cows	4.50@ 4.65
Fair to good cows	4.00@ 4.25
Common cows	3.50@ 3.75
Extra choice spayed heifers	4.75@ 5.00
Choice heifers	4.50@ 4.60
Choice bulls	3.50@ 3.75
Good to choice bulls	3.25@ 3.00
Common bulls	2.50@ 2.50
Choice calves	7.25@ 7.50
Good to choice calves	7.00@ 7.15
Common calves	4.00@ 5.00
Choice stags	4.50@ 4.75
Good to choice stags	4.25@ 4.50
Hogs—	
Choice light hogs	7.40@ 7.50
Good to choice hogs	7.00@ 7.25
Fair to good hogs	6.75@ 7.00
Common hogs	6.00@ 6.50
Sheep—	
Choice yearling wethers, coarse wool	3.40@ 3.75
Choice yearling wethers, east of mountains	3.25@ 3.40
Choice twos and threes	3.15@ 3.25
Choice lambs	4.00@ 4.25
Good to choice lambs	3.80@ 4.15
Culls	2.00@ 2.50

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated, 2500; market, weak. Beeves, $4.75@8.75; Texas steers, $4.10@6.10; Western steers, $4.25@7.25; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.80; cows and heifers, $2@6.15; calves, $5@9.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated, 22,000; market, slow to 5c to 10c lower. Light, $6.30@6.62½; mixed, $6@6.65; heavy, $6@6.65; rough, $6@6.20; good to choice heavy, $6.20@6.65; pigs, $3.25@6; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.60.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated, 10,000; market, strong to 10c higher. Native, $2.25@4.75; Western, $2.40@3.85; yearlings, $3.60@4.25; lambs, native, $3.75@6; Western, $3.75@6.15.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Quoted at the Bay City for Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—The following produce prices were current here today:

Vegetables—Cucumbers, 35@75c; garlic, 3@5c; tomatoes, 15@40c; eggplant, 35@75c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32c.

Eggs—Store, 44c; fancy ranch, 47c.

Cheese—Young Americas, 15@15½c.

Fruit—Apples, choice, $1; common, 75c; Mexican limes, $4@4.50; California lemons, choice, $5.50; common, $1.50; pineapple, $2@3.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1.40@1.50; Salinas Burbanks, $1.50@1.65; sweets, $1.60@1.75.

Millstuffs—Bran, $28@29; middlings, $32@34.

Hay—Wheat, $13@20; wheat and oats, $13@17; alfalfa, $9@12.

Onions—$1@90c.

Receipts—Flour, 4585 quarter sacks; wheat, 2070 centals; barley, 3710 centals; oats, 1130 centals; potatoes, 3820 sacks; bran, 50 sacks; middlings, 100 sacks; hay, 980 tons.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Coffee futures closed weak on the distant months, 7 points lower to 20 points higher. October and November, 12c; December, 14.95c; January, 14.55c; February, 14.20c; March, 13.97½c; April, 13.92c; May, 13.85c; June, 13.83c; July, 13.87c; August, 13.87c; September, 12.85c.

Spot coffee steady. No. 7 Rio, 15¾@16c; No. 4 Santos, 17c. Mild coffee, firm. Cordova, 17@19c, nominal.

Offers from Brazil were reported unchanged to 10 points lower.

Sugar—Raw, nominal. Muscovado, 89 test, 5.30@5.37½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 5.80@5.87½c; molasses sugar, 89 test, 5.05@5.12½c. Refined, steady.

GOOD GAINS MADE

Stock Prices Lifted One to Two Points.

UNDERTONE IS VERY FIRM

Large Pool Said to Be at Work in United States Steel—Copper Shares Are Prominent in the Speculation.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Erratic movements again characterized the stock market today, although it exhibited a consistently firm undertone. Prices seemed to fluctuate in response to no well-defined changes in opinion, which remains confused and uncertain.

Changes in consequence were often perplexing and could be attributed only to the varying fortunes of large speculative interests whose operations have been expanded considerably in the last few days. The market closed with a substantial gain, ranging from 1 to 2 points among the active stocks, but the advance seemed to represent more the temporary advantage of one faction than a general enhancement of market values.

Although activity increased on both sides of the market, the bears were not able to bring about such periods of weakness as they produced yesterday.

According to the gossip of the street, a large pool was at work in United States Steel. Whether there is any ground for such a report, evidences of speculation in various parts of the list were plain. Bears attacked the market energetically in the early trading, but made little headway.

Selling at the outset was unusually heavy. More than 30,000 shares of United States Steel were thrown on the market within the first few minutes, but, although the list weakened somewhat, it soon recovered. After a series of unimportant fluctuations, the market took on a renewed activity before the close, and in the last half hour prices were carried up rapidly.

The metal stocks were most conspicuous. Transactions in United States Steel constituted one-half of the total morning's business.

The copper stocks, after several months of inactivity, became prominent in speculation. Amalgamated Copper advanced 2 points on heavy dealings, and Anaconda, Tennessee Copper, Utah Copper and American Smelting gained a point or more. While the movement in these stocks is largely speculative, it has a basis in current conditions in the copper metal trade.

Sales of copper continue on a large scale, for both domestic and foreign delivery, and prices have been quite generally advanced by producers and selling agencies. Although sales thus far this month are estimated at more than 100,000,000 pounds, a large increase in the surplus stocks at the end of October is expected.

Trading in bonds was on a smaller basis today. Prices improved after early irregularity. Total sales, par value, $2,002,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis Chal pf	1,200	11¾	10	11
Amal Copper	3,500	54¾	52¾	54½
Am Agricult				51
Am Beet Sugar	34,700	59¾	57¾	59¼
American Can	800	10¾	10	10¾
Am Car & Fdy	800	49	48¾	47¾
Am Cotton Oil	800	48	47	47¼
Am Ice Securi	200	17¾	17¾	17¾
Am Linseed				8¾
Am Locomotive	400	34½	34½	34
Am Smel & Ref	13,500	66¾	64¼	66
do preferred	300	101¾	101½	101¼
Am Steel Fdy	200	29	29	29¾
Am Sugar Ref				117
Am Tel & Tel	1,000	125	124¾	124¾
Am Tobacco pf	400	95¾	95½	95¾
Am Woolen				30
Anaconda M Co	900	35½	34¾	35¾
Atchison	4,000	107¾	106¾	107¾
do preferred	100	103¾	103¾	103
do preferred	800	126½	125½	126¾
Atl Coast Line	2,000	97¾	95¾	97¾
Balt & Ohio	500	100¾	100¾	100¾
Bethlehem Steel	100	28	28	28
Brook R Tran	500	75¾	75¼	75¾
Canadian Pacific	3,000	250¾	250¼	250¾
Central Leather	100	21¾	21¾	21
do preferred				94
Central of N J				290
Ches & Ohio	2,700	74½	73½	74¾
Chicago & Alton				20
Chi Gt W pf	200	18½	18½	18
do preferred				37
Chicago & N W	600	145¼	144	143
C, M & St Paul	11,900	109¾	108	108¼
C, C, C & St L				63
Col Fuel & Iron				27¼
Col & Southern				48
Consol Gas	300	139½	138½	139¾
Corn Products	300	10¾	10¾	10¾
Del & Hudson				162
D & R Grande				22
do preferred				46¼
Distillers' Secur				31
Erie	3,700	31	30½	30¾
do 1st pf	900	50¾	49¾	50
do 2d pf				41¼
General Elec	700	150¾	150	150½
Gt North pf	2,700	124	123	124
Gt North Ore	6,600	43¾	42¾	43¾
Illinois Central				139
Interboro Met	500	14¾	14¾	14¾
do preferred	200	44½	44	44½
Inter Harvester	700	104¾	104	104¾
Inter Marine pf				14¾
Int Paper				10¾
Int Pump	100	27¾	27¾	27
Iowa Central				18
K C Southern				29¾
do preferred				104¾
Louis & Nash	900	148	146¾	147½
Minn & St L				32
M, S P & S S M	1,200	134¾	133¾	134
Mo, Kan & Tex	1,300	31¾	31¼	31¾
do preferred				67
Mo Pacific	2,500	39¾	39	39¼
Nat Biscuit	1,200	128¾	126	128½
National Lead				52¾
N Y Nas R 2 pf	400	33¾	33¾	33¾
N Y Central	700	106	105	105¾
N Y, Ont & Wes	400	38¾	38¼	38¾
Norfolk & West	1,900	107	106¾	106¾
North Am	100	69	69	64
Northern Pac	2,300	117¼	116¾	116¾
Pacific Mail	900	30¾	29¾	30¼
Pennsylvania	1,900	122¾	122	122½
People's Gas				100½
P, C C & St L				94¾
Pittsburg Coal				24¾
Pressed S Car	100	28¾	28¾	28¾
Pull Pal Car	200	159¾	159	158¾
Ry Steel Spring				27
Reading	97,700	140¾	138¾	140¾
Republic Steel	800	23	22¾	23
do preferred	200	84½	84½	84½
Rock Island Co	1,600	25¾	25	25¾
do preferred	1,000	47¾	47½	47¾
St L & S F 2 pf	200	41¾	41¾	41
St L South'west				30
do preferred	100	68	68	67¾
Sloss Sheffield				39
Southern Pac	6,000	110¾	109	109¾
Southern Ry	1,400	29¾	29¾	29¾
do preferred	300	70¾	70	70
Tenn Copper	300	36¾	35¾	35¾
Texas & Pacific	200	27¾	24½	24¾
Tol, St L & Wes	800	19¾	18¾	18¾
do preferred	400	45	42	42
Union Pacific	67,000	163¾	161¾	163¾
do preferred				91
U S Realty				66¼
U S Rubber	600	42¾	42¾	42¾
U S Steel	28,800	96¾	95¾	96¾
do preferred	500	109¾	109¾	109¾
Utah Copper	14,000	45¾	45¾	44¾
Va-Caro Chem	600	48	47¾	48¼
Wabash	100	13	13	12¾
do preferred	200	25¾	25¾	25¾
Western Md	100	56	56	56¼
Westing Elec	100	64¾	64¾	64¾
Western Union	600	78¼	78¼	78¼
Wheel & L E				24¼
Lehigh Valley	1,000	165¾	164¾	165¾

Total sales for the day, 650,000 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Closing quotations:

U S ref 2s reg	100½	N Y C gn 3½s	87¾ B
do coupon	100¼	No Pacific 3s	69¾
U S 2s reg	101¾	No Pacific 4s	100¾
do coupon	101¾	Union Pacific 4s	101¼
U S new 4s reg	113¾	Wis Central 4s	92¾
do coupon	113¾	Japanese 4s	87¾ B
D & R G 4s	90¼		

Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Oct. 20.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	27¼	Mohawk	49½ B
Amal Copper	54¾	Nevada Con	16¾
A Z L & Sm	21¼	Nipissing Mines	7¾
Arizona Com	40	North Butte	25
B & C C & S M	4¾	North Lake	4
Butte Coalition	13¾	Old Dominion	36
Cal & Arizona	49¾	Osceola	88
Cal & Hecla	390	Parrott (S & C)	9¼
Centennial	9	Quincy	58
Cop Ran Con Co	32	Shannon	7
E Butte Cop M	10¼	Superior	23½
Franklin	6¾	Sup & Bos Min	2
Giroux Con	3¼	Tamarack	22
Giroux Con	80	U S S R & M	31¾
Greene Cananea	6¾	do preferred	46
I Royale (Cop)	15	Utah Con ex-div	15¼
Kerr Lake	2¾	Utah Copper Co	44¾
Lake Copper	25¾	Winona	3¼
La Salle Copper	4¼	Wolverine	88
Miami Copper	19		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Money on call steady, 2½ per cent; ruling rate, 2½; closing bid, 2½; offered at 2½ per cent.

Time loans steady, 60 days, 3¼@3½ per cent; 90 days, 3½@3¾ per cent; six months, 3½@3¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4½@4¾ per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8325 for 60-days bills and at $4.8680 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.82½.

Bar silver, 54¾c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds, firm.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Bar silver—Steady, 25 1-16d per ounce.

Money—1¼@1¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2@2½ per cent; do for three months' bills, 3¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.83⅝; do, sight, $4.86⅝. Drafts—Sight, 1c; do, telegraph 4c.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Exchange on New York, 5c discount.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Oct. 20.—Turpentine firm at 48¼c. Sales 634 barrels; receipts, 793 barrels; shipments, 985 barrels; stocks, 38,000 barrels.

Rosin firm. Sales 1700 lbs.; receipts, 1700 lbs.; shipments, 880 lbs.; stocks, 68,800 lbs. B, $6.40; D, $6.45; E, $6.45@6.50; F, $6.45@6.50; G, $6.52½; H, $6.52½; I, $6.52½@6.55; K, $6.55@6.60; N, $6.70; WG, $7.20; WW, $7.50.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Standard copper steady. Spot, October, November, December and January, 12.15@12.25c. London easy. Spot, £55 15s; futures, £56 10s. Custom-house returns show exports so far this month of 11,663 tons. Lake copper, 12.62½@12.75c; electrolytic, 12.37½@12.50c; casting, 12@12.25c.

Tin firm. Spot, 41.95@42.15c; October, 41.95@42.20c; November, 41.85@42.15c; December, 41.87½@42.15c; January, 41.82½@42.15c; February, 41.72@42.10c. Local sales, five tons spot tin at 42c. London firm. Spot, £161 10s; futures, £161 5s.

Lead easy, 4.25@4.30c New York; 4.10@4.15c East St. Louis. London, £15 5s 9d.

Spelter easy, 6.15@6.25c New York; 5@6.10c East St. Louis. London, £27.

Antimony, dull; Cookson's, 8.10@13½c.

Iron—Cleveland warrants, 46s 9d in London. Locally iron was quiet. No. 1 foundry Northern, $15.25@15.50; No. 2, $15@15.25; No. 1 Southern and No. 1 Southern soft, $15@15.50.

RECORD FOR THE SEASON

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR THIS YEAR'S WHEAT.

Rain and Snow in Northwest Stimulate Buying in the Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—A new high-price record for the season was made today in wheat. Rain and snow northwest hurried up investors who had been hoping in vain that a reaction was just at hand. The close, though nervous, was at ⅛@1¼c net advance. Corn finished 1¾c to 1⅞c above last night. Oats were up ¼c to ⅝c and hog products higher by from 7½c to 25c.

It was evident from the start that the pit supply of wheat would be too scanty for buyers' comfort. The main reason was snow throughout the Northwest. It was also said that world's shipments would be light. December wheat swung from $1.01 to $1.02½ and closed at $1.02¼@1.02¼, a gain of 1@1⅛c net.

Corn ruled strong all day. December fluctuated between 65¾c and 66⅝c, closing at the top point of the day, 1¼@1⅜c higher than last night. Cash grades were firmly held, with No. 2 yellow quoted at 75½c to 76c.

Oats received a lift, due to purchases for elevator concerns and commission-houses. Upper and lower levels for December were 48⅝c and 47⅝c, with the close ⅛c net higher, at 48c.

The provision trade caught enthusiasm from the grain pits and hoisted quotations with a vim. At the last pork had risen 22½c to 25c, and other hog products 7½c to 10c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	$1.01	$1.02⅝	$1.01	$1.02½
May	1.05⅝	1.06⅝	1.00	1.06⅝
July	1.00	1.00½	1.00	1.00⅝

CORN.

Dec.	.65⅝	.66⅝	.65⅝	.66⅝
May	.65¾	.67¼	.65⅝	.67¼
July	.65⅝	.66⅝	.65⅝	.66⅛

OATS.

Dec.	.47⅝	.48⅛	.47⅝	.48⅛
May	.50⅝	.50⅝	.50⅛	.50⅛
July	.47	.47⅛	.47	.47⅛

MESS PORK.

Jan.	15.52½	15.85	15.32½	15.85
May	15.75	15.97½	15.65	15.92½

LARD.

Oct.	8.95	8.97½	8.95	8.97½
Jan.	9.15	9.15	9.05	9.15

SHORT RIBS.

May	8.35	8.35	8.25	8.35

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Firm.

Rye—No. 2, 97@97½c.

Barley—Feed or mixing, 86c@$1.02.

Fair to choice malting, $1.12@1.28.

Clover—$14@19.50.

Pork—Mess, per barrel, $15.75@16.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $9.

Sides—Short, clear (boxed), $8.25@8.75.

Grain statistics:

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 128,000 bushels. Exports for the week, as shown by Bradstreet's, were equal to 2,542,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 1,253,000 bushels, compared with 826,000 bushels the corresponding day a year ago. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 63 cars; corn, 121 cars; oats, 153 cars; hogs, 12,000 head.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	32,200	17,000
Wheat, bushels	97,200	188,700
Corn, bushels	271,300	287,600
Oats, bushels	289,800	249,900
Rye, bushels	14,500	8,700
Barley, bushels	159,000	7,900

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Wheat and barley—Firm.

Spot quotations—

Wheat—Shipping, $1.47½@1.50 per cental.

Barley—Feed, $1.75@1.80 per cental; brewing, $1.87½@1.92½ per cental.

Oats—Red, $1.62½@2 per cental; white, $1.67½@1.72½ per cental; black, $1.70@1.80 per cental.

Callboard sales—

Wheat—No trading.

Barley—December, $1.89 per cental; May, $1.94 per cental.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The cargoes were firmer today. Walla Walla for shipment was listed 3d higher, the quotations now being 36s 6d to 36s 9d. The English country markets were firmer at an 3d advance. The French country markets were quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 20. — Wheat, 7s 6¼d; December, 7s 6⅛d; March, 7s 6¼d; May, 7s 6d. Weather cloudy.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 20. — Wheat—December, $1.11¾; May, $1.15⅛@1.15¼; July, $1.16. Cash corn, No. 1 hard, $1.12⅝; No. 1 Northern, $1.11⅛@1.12⅛; No. 2 Northern, $1.09¼@1.10¼; No. 3 wheat, $1.04¼@1.08¾.

Puget Sound Grain Market.

SEATTLE, Oct. 20. — Wheat—Bluestem, 83c; fortyfold, 80½c; club, 80c; Fife, 80c; Red Russian, 79c. Oats, $31 per ton; barley, $31.50 per ton; mixed corn, $32.50 per ton; yellow corn, $33 per ton. Yesterday's car receipts, wheat 24, oats 3, hay 20, barley 2.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Cotton futures very steady. Closing bids: October 9.08c; November, 9.10c; December, 9.28c; January, 9.15c; February, 9.21c; March, 9.28c; April, 9.34c; May, 9.34c; June, 9.47c; July, 9.51c; August, 9.48c; September, 9.46c.

Spot closed dull, 10 points higher. Middling uplands, 9.45c; do. Gulf, 9.70c. No sales.

Chicago Produce Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20. — Butter—Steady; creameries, 23@29c; dairies, 21@26c.

Eggs—Steady; receipts, 4610 cases; at mark, cases included, 13@18c; firsts, 21c; prime firsts, 22c.

Cheese — Steady; daisies, 14¼@14½c; twins, 12¾@14c; Young Americas, 14¼@14½c; long horns, 14¼@14½c.

Duluth Flax Market.

DULUTH, Oct. 20.—Flax on track and in store, $2.45; to arrive, $2.41; October, $2.45 asked; November, $2.39 bid; December, $2.35¼ asked; May, $2.31, nominal.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 20.—Wool—Weak. Territory and Western mediums, 17@20c; fine mediums, 16@18c; fine, 11@15c.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Hops—Firm. Pacific Coast,