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FUNERAL NOTICE.

DIED—In this city, September 24, at the residence of his son-in-law, D. D. Clarke, 395 Fifth street, Rev. C. A. Huntington, aged 82 years and 8 months.
Funeral services at the residence Sunday at 4 p. m. Friends invited.
Interment at Eureka, Cal.

CONROY—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Conroy will take place from her late residence, No. 18 Grand avenue, North, east side, Monday morning at 9 o'clock, from St. Francis church. Requiem mass.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thunder showers, accompanied by unusually heavy rainfall have continued in Northern California during the last 24 hours. Light showers have also occurred at widely scattered places in the North Pacific states. Rain continues in portions of California this evening, while in Oregon, Washington and Idaho the weather is partly cloudy. The indications are for partly cloudy weather in this district Sunday, with but little change in temperature.

Observations taken at 5 p. m. were: Maximum temperature, 71 degrees; minimum temperature, 56 degrees; river reading at 11 a. m., 8.3 feet; change in past 24 hours, none; total precipitation, 5 p. m. to 5 p. m., 0.05 inch; total precipitation since September 1, 1904, 0.17 inch; normal precipitation since September 1, 1904, 1.24 inches; deficiency, 1.07 inches; total sunshine, 0.54; possible sunshine, 12.06; barometer (reduced to sea level), 29.92.

Crematorium on Oregon City car line, near Bellwood; modern, scientific, complete. Charges—Adults, $50; children, $25. Visitors 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Portland Cremation association, Portland, Or.

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Zeller-Byrnes Co., funeral directors and embalmers, 273 Russell. Lady asst. Phone East 1068.

Get your insurance and abstracts to real estate from the Title Guarantee & Trust company, Chamber of Commerce building.

SAN FRANCISCO LOCAL STOCKS.

San Francisco, Sept. 24.—Local stocks:

	CLOSING Bid.	Ask.
Makawell Sugar	28½	29½
Onomea Sugar	27½	30
Paauhau Sugar	15½	16
Honokaa Sugar	15½	16
Hutchinson Sugar	10½	10¾
Kilauea Sugar	.....	4½
Spring Valley Water	98½	99
S. F. Gas & Electric	60½	61½
Pacific Lighting	56½	.....
Giant Powder	62½	.....
Vigorit Powder	.....	4½
Oceanic Steamship	2½	.....

PORTLAND CLEARING HOUSE REPORT.

The report of the Portland clearing house for the past week shows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Monday	$1,066,674.03	$100,923.41
Tuesday	965,224.29	79,229.06
Wednesday	969,662.49	75,743.57
Thursday	968,122.49	93,260.99
Friday	853,335.92	95,036.91
Saturday	818,962.14	73,690.19
Totals for week	$4,841,983.57	$468,495.13
Totals year ago	3,571,379.65	465,321.02

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET.

New York, Sept. 24.—Coffee options closed unchanged. The official coffee market:

	CLOSING Bid.	Ask.
January	$7.15	$7.20
February	7.20	7.25
March	7.30	7.35
April	7.40	7.45
May	7.50	7.55
June	7.60	7.65
July	7.70	7.75
August	7.75	7.80
September	8.05	8.90
November	8.65	7.00
December	7.05	7.10

Total sales, today, 22,750 bags.

COTTON VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York, Sept. 24.—The Chronicle's figures on the visible supply of cotton:

	This week bales.	Year ago bales.	Prev. year bales.
American	872,357	622,462	1,308,737
World's	1,125,357	1,574,462	1,761,737
In sight—			
American	963,133	966,031	871,008
World's	820,767	929,018	1,635,784

WEEK'S WHEAT MARKET.

	Close Monday.	Close Saturday.	Gain 1 Week.
New September	$1.05½	$1.12½ B	$ .07
Old September	1.08½	1.18 N	.09½
December	1.07½	1.14½	.06½
May	1.09½	1.15½	.06½

St. Louis Grain Market.

St. Louis, Sept. 24.—Close: Wheat, December, $1.16½ asked.

Duluth Grain Market.

Duluth, Sept. 24.—Close: Wheat, September, $1.19 bid.

CHITTIM BARK

BOGGESS & CO. will pay the highest price for any amount of CHITTIM BARK.
Good demand for Oregon Barbarossa.
281 Front Street, Portland.

MANY EASTERN BUYERS EAGERLY SEEKING PURCHASES OF PORTLAND WHEAT

Armour, the Wheat Magnate, Sends Representative to Portland to Purchase Stocks.

United States Steel Issues and Atchison Strong Despite a Rather Weak Stock Market.

Large Run of Hogs Causes Local Market to Weaken—Cattle and Sheep Are Strong.

KING ARMOUR IS IN PORTLAND WHEAT

SENDS A REPRESENTATIVE INTO THIS TERRITORY TO MAKE PURCHASES—EASTERN BUYERS GALORE ARE TO GIVE FARMERS TO FARM WITH THEIR CROPS.

Front Street, Sept. 24.—6 p. m.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets during the past week were:

Wheat strong and higher.
Flour market is very firm.
Sensational rise in oats products.
Potatoes seek lower level.
Some poultry is carried over.
Grape market is glutted.
Butter to advance the coming week.
Cheese market very firm.
Hops hold firm at prices.
Fresh eggs were rather scarce.

Portland Wheat Market Sensational.

The Portland wheat market during the past week was rather sensational and with a very strong tone the quotations at the close showed an advance of several cents over that of the previous week's end. There is a stronger tendency among the farmers to hold for an advance and if they persist in this prices may possibly go a trifle higher.

Armour Enters the Market.

For the first time in the history of the Portland wheat market it was invaded this week by a representative of J. Ogden Armour, the great manipulator of wheat, corn and provisions. The city as well as the entire northwest wheat territory is flooded with eastern buyers and they are very willing to pay a premium of 2 cents to the local dealers in order to secure supplies.

Market Nearly Touches 90 Cents.

At present standing the Portland wheat market has nearly touched the 90 cent mark and some of the dealers are talking of still higher figures. In an interview this week Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring Mills company, predicted that before the close of the present season wheat in this city would touch the dollar mark. This announcement caused a big flurry in the market and dealers were more than ever anxious to buy at the then ruling figures.

Bluestem Is Practically Cornered.

According to definite advices the 1904 crop of bluestem wheat in the northwest has been practically cornered and as there is now a very big demand for this grade from the eastern millers the market looks higher. Up to this time the easterners have paid most of their attention to the club and red grades and it is estimated that fully 10,000,000 bushels have already been bought for eastern account.

Flour Market Is Very Firm.

The higher ruling prices in the wheat market has practically caused an advance of 15 cents a barrel in the quotations on export flour during the past week. The market at present is very strong although very little business is being received from oriental ports. One of teh features of the week in the flour market was the call for local stocks from most of the larger eastern flour centers. The demand extends all the way from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic ocean. Local figures on flour are as yet unchanged. The strength in the market is causing a large per cent of the retail trade to stock up quite heavy in anticipation of an early rise in values.

Sensational Rise in Oats Products.

Unable to longer withstand the high figures ruling in the oats market without any change in the manufactured product, the various cereal people the latter part of the week made a very heavy advance throughout their lists. Rolled oats in bulk show an advance of 50 cents a barrel and other products show a rise in proportion.

Potatoes Seek Lower Level.

There were larger offerings of local potatoes toward the close of the week and prices show a remarkable decline. One of the larger dealers of San Francisco is flooding this market with cheap California river stock which he is having distributed to the consumers by way of the hawker route. This is the main cause of the decline in local values. The larger stocks of potatoes in all parts of the country except Oregon will shut this territory out of the shipping business for perhaps the entire season. All the states are showing a high average for their crops and prices all over the country are at least one-third lower than in Portland. The condition of the potato crop in the various states on September 1 shows:

	Condition.		Condition.
New York	92	Iowa	100
Pennsylvania	93	Missouri	83
Texas	81	Kansas	77
Arkansas	96	Nebraska	99
Tennessee	85	North Dakota	93
West Virginia	95	South Dakota	90
Kentucky	90	California	86
Ohio	91	Oregon	70
Michigan	86	Washington	80
Indiana	88	Oklahoma	83
Illinois	88	Other	92
Wisconsin	92		
Minnesota	92	Average	90.8

Fresh Eggs Were Rather Scarce.

During the week fresh eggs were rather scarce and the prices were kept up to the high point of last week. Several more cars of eastern eggs are now en route to this city. The poultry market at the close of the week was duller after several advances during the early part of the period. Some few coops of chickens were carried over and if the movement of this week is repeated during the coming six days lower prices may be expected. During the week there were very heavy arrivals of turkeys but the market did not show any weakening in the tone.

Creamery Butter to Advance.

All through the week the best grades of creamery butter were in short supply and the market ruled very firm. On Monday and Tuesday the city creameries will advance the quotations on their best product to 30 cents a pound. Some butter is now coming from in the vicinity of Seattle. Country store butter was in very small supply and the market ruled very firm. The cheese market is very firm with the supplies showing a steady decrease.

Hops Hold at Firm Prices.

There was much activity in the hop market this week but the tone was very strong. Both the dealer and the grower are awaiting developments before making much of a move. Some few sales at the former values are reported. McClinley Mitchell on Friday purchased 50 bales of choice Washington at 26 cents and Stephenson bought 32 bales of good stock at 25½ cents.

The quotations which ruled at the close of the week are:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—New and Old—Club, 88@89c; bluestem, $1.12½; valley, 84@86c.

BARLEY—Feed, $22.00; rolled, $23.00; brewing, $22.00.

OATS—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $27.00@27.50; gray, $26.00@26.50.

FLOUR—Eastern Oregon: Patents, $4.85; straights, $3.50@3.60; valley, $3.35; graham, ¼s, $4.00; 10s, $4.40.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19.50 per ton; middlings, $23.00; shorts, country, $22.00; chop, $18.00.

HAY—Producers' price—Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $14.00@15.00; ordinary, $12.50@13.00; eastern Oregon, $10.00@14.00; mixed, $10.00@13.00; clover, $9.00@11.00; grain, $11.00@11.50; cheat, $11.00@11.00.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1903, nominal, 25@30c for choice, 20@c for prime; 1904, 24@26c.

WOOL—Nominal. Valley, coarse to medium, 17@18c; fine, 19c; eastern Oregon, 12@16c.

MOHAIR—New, 30c.

SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 10@20c; short wool, 20@30c; medium wool, 30@50c; long wool, 50c@$1.00 each.

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

CHITTIM BARK—5c per lb, buying price.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 15 lbs and up, 14½@15c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs, 12½c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs, 15½c; dry salted hides and stags, 1-3 less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, round, 60 lbs or over, 7@8c; 50 to 60 lbs, 7c; under 50 lbs and cows, 6@7c; stags and bulls, sound, 6c; kip, 15 to 30 lbs, 7½c; sound, 10 to 14 lbs, 8c; calf, sound, under 10 lbs, 8½c; green (unsalted, 1c per lb less; calls, 1c per lb less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—Sweet, 26c; sour, 24c.

BUTTER—City creamery, best, 27½c; second grade, 25c; outside fancy, 25c; ordinary, 20c; eastern, 22½c; store, 15@16c.

EGGS—No. 1 fresh Oregon, 25c; uncandled, 24c; eastern, 24c; bakers, 22c.

CHEESE—New—Full cream, twins, 11@11½c; Young America, 12@12½c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12½c per lb; hens, 12½@13c per lb; roosters, old, 9c per lb; young, 12@12½c per lb; broilers, 12½@15c per lb; fryers, 12½@15c per lb; ducks, old, 12c per lb; young, 12½c per lb; geese, 8@9½c per lb; turkeys, 17@18c per lb; dressed, 19c per lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1.00@1.15 per cwt; buyers' prices, $1.00@1.10; California, $1.00@1.10; sweets, $1.85 per cwt.

ONIONS—Local, $1.50@1.75; California, $1.75; garlic, 9@10c per lb.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, fancy Oregon, $1.00 per box; cheap grades, 50@75c per box; oranges, Mediterranean sweets, $2.00@2.50 per box; Valencias, $3.00@3.75 per box; bananas, $2.50 per lb; lemons, choice, $2.75@3.00 per box; fancy, $3.00@3.50 per box; limes, Mexican, 65c per 100; pineapples, $4.50; plums, 50@60c per box; peaches, ordinary, 40c per box; fancy, 75@85c per box; pears, 50@65c per box; grapes, $1.00@1.15 per box; Oregon, 30@50c; Concords, 15c per 5-lb basket, 10-lb basket, 20@25c; watermelons, Oregon, 60c; cantaloupes, $1.00@1.25 per crate; casaba, $1.50 per doz; huckleberries, 10c per lb; crabapples, 2½c per lb; cranberries, $8.00 per bbl.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25 per sack; Oregon radishes, 15c per doz; cabbage, Oregon, $1.65@2.00 cwt; lettuce, head, 15c doz; green peppers, 40@50c per box; celery, 75c per doz; lettuce, Oregon, 50@60c per box; parsnips, 75c@$1.25; green peas, 6c per lb; green onions, 12½c per doz; local green corn, $1.00@1.25 per sack; pie plant, 2@2½c per lb; string beans, 4c; cucumbers, 50c per sack; hothouse, 12½c per doz; cauliflower, 75@90c per doz; butter beans, 8c; pumpkins, 1½c per lb; horseradish, 10c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 7@8c per lb; apricots, 9½@12c per lb; sacks, ½c per lb less; peaches, 8@12c per lb; pears—per lb; prunes, Italian, 3½@4½c per lb; French, 5½@4½c per lb; figs, California black, 5@6½c per lb; California white, ——per lb; dates, fard, 7c per lb; dates, golden, 6½c per lb; fards, $1.50 per 10-lb box.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Sack basis—Cube, $6.40; powdered, $6.35; fruit granulated, $6.15; dry granulated, $6.15; beet granulated, $6.05; extra C, $5.15; golden C, $5.05; bbls, 10c; ½ bbls, 20c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 20c cwt for cash, 15 days; maple, 14@16c per lb.

HONEY—14½@15c.

COFFEE—Green Mocha, $1@25c; Java, fancy, 26@28c; Java, good, 20@25c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 19@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 11@15c per lb; package coffee, $13.75@14.75.

TEAS—Oolong, different grades, 20@65c; gunpowder, 25@35@35c; English breakfast, different grades, 12½@60c; uncolored Japan, 30@65c; green Japan (very scarce), 30@60c per lb.

SALT—Fine—Sales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, $1.20@1.50; table, dairy, 50s, $0.00@11.50; 100s, $6.15; imported—Liverpool, 50s, $15.50@16.50; 100s, $15.50@16.00; 224s, $14.00@15.50; extra fine, bbls, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, $4.00; bulk, 280 lbs, $3.50; sacks, 50s, 80c.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, per ton, $5.20@6.50; 50s per ton, $5.60@7.00; Liverpool lump rock, $15.50@16.50 per ton; 50-lb rock, $6.25@6.75; 100s, $3.75@4.25.

(Above prices apply to sales of less than car lots. Car lots at special prices subject to fluctuations.

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, $5.75@6.00 per 100.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 4¾c; New Orleans head, 4¾@4¾c; Adjack, 3¾c; Creole, 4¼@4½c.

BEANS—Small white, 3¾@3½c; large white, 3 3-4c; pink, 4½c; bayou, 3½c; Limas, 4¾c; Mexican reds, 5½c.

NUTS—Peanuts, 7½c; jumbos, 9½c per lb; raw, 9@10c per lb; roasted, cocoanuts, $6@90c per doz; walnuts, 14½@15½c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; chestnuts, eastern, 15@16c per lb; Brazil nuts, 15c per lb; filberts, 15@16c per lb; fancy pecans, 14@15c per lb; almonds, 18@15c per lb.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Inspected—Beef, steers, 6c per lb; cows, 5@5½c per lb; mutton, dressed, 4@6c per lb; veal, extra, 7c per lb; ordinary, 6@6½c per lb; pork, 6@6c lambs, 5½@5½c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 14c per lb; 14 to 18 lbs, 14c per lb; 18 to 20 lbs, 14c per lb; cottage, 9½c per lb; breakfast bacon, 14@18c per lb; picnics, 11c per lb; regular short clears, unsmoked, 10½c per lb; smoked, 11½c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 10c per lb; smoked, 11c per lb; Union butts, 10 to 15 lbs, unsmoked, 8c per lb; smoked, 8c per lb; clear bellies, unsmoked, 11½c per lb; smoked, 12½c per lb; eastern hams, 14½c per lb; breakfast bacon, 18c per lb.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 10½c per lb; 5s, 10½c per lb; 50-lb tins, 9½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 9½c per lb; 5s, 9½c per lb; 50s, 9½c per lb; compound, 6½c per lb; 10s, 6½c per lb; 50s, 6½c per lb.

EASTERN LARD—10s, 10½c; 5s, 10½c; 50s, 10½c.

CANNED SALMON—Columbia river 1-lb talls, $1.85; 2-lb talls, $2.50; fancy 1-lb flats, $2.00; 1-lb fancy flats, $1.25; fancy 1-lb ovals, $2.75; Alaska talls, pink, $3@90c; red, $1.50; nominal 2s, half $2.00.

FISH—Rock cod, 6c per lb; flounders, 5c per lb; halibut, 6c per lb; crabs, $1.25 per doz; striped bass, 10@12½c per lb; catfish, 7c per lb; salmon, chinook, 6c per lb; steelheads, —per lb; herring, 5c per lb; soles, 6c per lb; whitings, 10c per lb; shad, dressed, 12½c per lb; shad roe, 15c per lb; roe shad, 5c per lb; black cod, 6c per lb; silver smelt, 6c per lb; lobsters, 15½c; fresh mackerel, 8c; crawfish, 20c per doz; flounders, 5c per lb.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gal, $2.25; per sack, $4.00 net; Olympia, per sack, $5.25; per can, 65c; gross, $6.50; per box, $2.00; razor clams, $1.75 per box.

Paints, Coal Oils, Etc.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 15½c; standard, 12½c; sisal, 10½c.

COAL OIL—Pearl or Astral—Cases, 11½c per gal; water white, iron bbls 10c per gal, wooden ——per gal; headlight, 170-deg, cases 23½c per gal, iron bbls 17c per gal.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in bbls 55c per gal, cases 60c per gal; genuine kettle boiled, cases 63c per gal, bbls 60c per gal; ground cake, per ton $35.00 per ton, less than carload $37.00 per ton.

GASOLINE—86-deg, cases 22c per gal, iron bbls 16c per gal; stove, cases 24½c per gal, iron bbls 18c per gal.

BENZINE—88-deg, cases 22c per gal, iron bbls 16½c per gal.

PAINT OIL—Raw, bbls 55c per gal, cases 60c per gal; boiled, cases 63c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases 65c per gal, wooden bbls 61c per gal, iron bbls 70c per gal, 10-lb case lots 90c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots 7½c per lb, 500-lb lots 7½c per lb, less lots 8c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present base at $2.45.

CHICAGO CASH WHEAT.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Cash wheat today unchanged to 4c higher. The official market:

	CLOSING Bid.	Ask.
No. 2 red, new	$1.12½	$ .....
No. 3 red, new	1.14½	1.16½
No. 2 hard winter	1.15	1.18
No. 3 hard winter	1.10	1.11
No. 1 northern spring	1.22 N	1.30
No. 2 northern spring	1.18	.....
No. 3 spring	1.16	.....

Farmer—"There are others who want my wheat."

ATCHISON AND U. S. STEEL FAVORITES

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)

New York, Sept. 24.—The stock market today was generally strong, particularly for the Atchison issues and the United States Steel shares. The reports which were current yesterday afternoon that a very large interest in the Atchison property had been acquired in behalf of the Union Pacific company were repeated and were generally accepted as being correct to all intents and purposes, although no official announcement of the transaction was forthcoming. The Bank statement was about as expected and was considered negatively favorable, as the decrease in surplus reserves was much smaller than in recent weeks. The decrease amounted to $3,102,125, and this item now stands at $26,351,025, compared with $10,569,300 last year and $5,633,000 or well above yesterday's preliminary estimates. The favorable changes were decreases in the loan and deposit items, although sentiment would be favorably affected if these contractions were much larger. The decrease in loans was only $3,464,000. But this is the first contraction in some time. Loans now stand at $1,138,504,800 or only slightly below the highest level ever attained and made last week.

Prices Irregular After Statement.

Following the bank statement prices became irregular and with less active trading. Union and Southern Pacific were conspicuous through realizing and closed with fractional declines. On the other hand, steel issues held very strong and active and closed at the top with net gains of over a point in both common and preferred.

The close was firm but rather quiet and with general concessions from the highest except in steel issues.

There was little feature in the foreign markets and with irregular price movements. In London the tone was firmer, but Paris was heavy and Berlin dull.

Undertone Was Firm.

Although today's stock market was irregular at times, the undertone was very firm. Dealings were active for a short day, but as recently a large proportion of the total transactions was in a few issues. This again gave the market an artificial appearance and brought out criticism as to further excessive manipulation. There was no improvement in the outside public business through commission firms, although the market's recent general resistance has had a good effect in these quarters.

Money to Move Crops.

The events of the week in the monetary world were exceedingly interesting when considered in connection with their possible bearing upon the future of the financial situation. Three important facts were established—one that the south from this time will draw heavily on New York for currency to move cotton; another, the fall in New York exchange in the leading western centers clearly presages a large outgo of money to the grain regions of the west and still another, the development that outside funds are available to the local money market with an advance in interest rates. The sharp decline in sterling exchange, although partially regained at the close, started agitation as to the possibility of gold imports before the close of the year.

Sales Larger Than Year Ago.

The total number of shares sold on the stock exchange was 283,976, against 245,749 a year ago. Since January 190,367,033 shares, against 119,755,274 shares for the same time last year. The par value of bonds sold today was $2,197,000, against $1,618,000 last year. Since January 1, $526,037,000, against $480,198,000 same time last year.

Sterling Exchange Weaker.

Sterling exchange was decidedly weaker, declining soon after the market opened to $4.86⅝. This was a fall of 10 points since yesterday and causes bankers to again consider the chances of importing gold.

Atchison was next to the steel issues in point of activity, but shaded off in the closing dealings, with its extreme gain of a point cut to a small fraction. Atchison preferred, however, held firm at a gain of close to 3 per cent.

The official stock market:

DESCRIPTION.	Open Today.	High Today.	Low Today.	Close Today.
Amal. Copper Co.	58	58	57⅞	57⅞
Atchison, com.	82⅝	83⅛	82⅛	82⅞
do preferred	99⅝	101	99⅝	100⅝
Am. Car & Found., com.	33	33	33	33
do preferred	80¼	80¼	80¼	80¼
Am. Sugar, com.	130½	130½	130⅝	130⅝
Am. Smelt., com.	67	67⅝	66½	67½
do preferred	109	108	107½	107½
Baltimore & Ohio, com.	88⅝	88⅝	88⅛	88⅛
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	93
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	54⅝	55	54½	54⅝
Canadian Pacific, com.	.....	.....	.....	127⅛
Chi. & Alton, com.	.....	.....	.....	20⅛
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	81
Chi. & Gt. West, com.	.....	.....	.....	16
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	157½	157½	157	157⅝
Chi. & North., com.	.....	.....	.....	185
Chi. Terminal Ry	.....	.....	.....	6½
Chesapeake & Ohio	42	42	41⅝	41⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron, com.	.....	.....	.....	54½
Colo. South., com.	20	20½	19⅝	19⅝
do 2d preferred	37⅝	37⅝	37⅛	37⅛
do 1st preferred	51⅝	51⅝	51⅛	51⅛
Delaware & Hudson	167	167½	166½	166½
D. & R. G., com.	.....	.....	.....	28⅛
do preferred	82½	82½	81½	81½
Erie, com.	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝
do 2d preferred	45½	45½	45	45½
do 1st preferred	66½	66½	66⅝	66⅝
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	138⅝
Louisville & Nashville	124	124½	124	124½
Metro. Traction Co.	120	120	118⅝	118½
Manhattan Elevated	.....	.....	.....	154
Mexican Central Ry.	18½	18⅝	18½	18⅝
Minn., St. P. & Ste. M.	74	74½	74	74
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	129
Missouri Pacific	97	97	96½	96⅝
M., K. & T., com.	23	23⅝	23	23⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	48⅛
New York Central	126	126½	126	126
Norfolk & Western, com.	68	68	67⅝	67⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
North American	26½	26⅝	26½	26½
N. Y., Ont. & West	35⅝	35⅝	34⅝	35⅛
Pennsylvania Railway	121	121½	120	121½
P. C. C. & St. L. Co.	102⅝	102⅝	102½	102⅝
Pressed Steel Car, com.	.....	.....	.....	32
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	78½
Pacific Mail Steam. Co.	34½	35	34½	34⅝
Reading, com.	66⅝	67	66½	66⅝
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	75⅝
do 1st preferred	84⅝	84⅝	84⅝	.....
Rep. Iron & Steel, com.	.....	.....	.....	.....
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	43½
Rock Island, com.	27⅛	27⅛	26½	26½
do preferred	71	71	70½	70½
Southern Ry., com.	32⅝	33⅛	32⅝	32⅝
do preferred	93½	93½	93	92⅝
Southern Pacific	56⅝	56⅝	56⅝	56⅝
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd.	.....	.....	.....	68⅝
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	85⅝
St. L. & S. W., com.	21	21	20⅛	20⅛
do preferred	45½	45½	45	45⅛
Texas & Pacific	31½	31½	31	31
Tenn. Coal & Iron	47½	47½	47	47
T., St. L. & W., com.	31½	32	31⅛	31
do preferred	51	51⅝	51	51
Union Pacific, com.	101	101⅝	100⅝	100⅝
do preferred	93⅝	94	93⅝	93⅝
U. S. Leather, com.	9⅝	10	9⅝	9⅝
do preferred	87	87⅝	87	87⅝
U. S. Rubber, com.	20	20	19⅝	19⅝
do preferred	76	76	74½	74½
U. S. Steel Co., com.	16⅝	17⅝	16⅝	17⅛
do preferred	96½	96⅝	97⅛	96⅝
Wheel. & L. E., 2d pfd.	22	22	24½	.....
do 1st preferred	45	45	44½	44½
Wisconsin Central, com.	18⅝	19	18⅝	18⅝
do preferred	43⅝	43⅝	43½	43½
Western Union Tele.	.....	.....	.....	90½
Wabash, com.	20⅝	20⅝	20	20
do preferred	41½	41½	41½	41½
Amalgamated	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛
do preferred	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝

Total sales for day, 283,300 shares.

BOSTON COFFEE MARKET.

Boston, Sept. 24.—Mining quotations:

	CLOSING Bid.	Ask.
Dominion Iron	11	12
United States	20⅝	20⅝
Adventure	3½	3⅝
Allouez	15⅝	16
Zinc Mining	11⅝	12
Arcadian	.....	1⅛
Arnold	25	.....
Atlantic	14	.....
Bingham	20⅝	20⅝
Calumet	500	510
Centennial	26⅝	27
Copper Range	27⅝	27⅝
Daly West	14	14⅝
Michigan	6	6⅝
Mohawk	48⅝	49
Old Dominion	15	15⅝
Osceola	75⅝	76
Parrot	24	25
Quincy	.....	90
Phoenix	20	20⅝
Santa Fe	1⅝	1⅝
Shannon	6	6⅝
Victoria	4	4½
Winona	4	4⅝
Wolverine	86⅝	87

Demand Sterling.

New York, Sept. 24.—Demand sterling, 486.65 to 486.75; 60 days, 482.50 to 482.65.

CHICAGO LOCAL STOCKS.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Local stocks:

	CLOSING Bid.	Ask.
National Biscuit	47⅝	48
do preferred	109	109⅝
United Box	1	1⅝
do preferred	10½	11½
American Can	3½	3⅝
do preferred	26⅝	27
National Carbon	32	34
do preferred	108	110
Diamond Match	121½	123
Swift & Co.	101½	102
North Side Ry.	80