TODAY'S MARKETS

So Scared Are Short Sellers of Hops That They Are Taking Otpions at 10c—Best News Growers Have Received.

OPTIONS TAKEN AT TEN CENTS

Hop Dealers Not So Sure the Market Will Not Advance—English Most Active.

Latest market features:
Ten cents offered for hops.
Honey market is very firm.
Slight weakness in chicks.
Eggs do not come faster.
Butter market just holding.
Grapes and peaches firmer.
Celery receipts are larger.

Ten Cents Offered for Hops.

That the agitation for a living price for hops is causing a somewhat better tone is shown by the attitude of the dealers since the agitation began. So hopeful are some that the market will soon reach a higher point that they are taking options on various crops, paying a small fee for this. Most of these options reported are at 10c a pound. This indicates quite clearly the trend of the market. It is stated that Williams of Independence has secured a number, of these 10c options during the past 48 hours and that a number of other dealers are out in the country for the same purpose. However, none of them will admit that they even have orders for hops at any price. It is definitely known that 8c has been paid for hops during the past day or so and 9 and 10c reports are all but confirmed. Dealers will not admit anything these days because if they did the growers would begin to hold and the result would be that those shorts who sold hops east as low as 10c a pound delivered there, would be up against a stone wall. Already some of them are expressing fears that the market is going to get away from them. The short bale in every section in the world has accomplished more for the price than all the agitation that has been going on for years. With a much-curtailed production everywhere and quality not over-fine anywhere the shorts who have sold good quality are spreading their nets to gather in all they can. However, as they have already sold more choice hops than the state produced, they will have to make their peace with the brewers when the time for delivery comes.

Honey Market Very Stiff.

There is a very stiff feeling in the honey market. Production was much curtailed in California this year owing to the lateness of spring. This left an already short supply shorter than ever. For two seasons there has been a very short production of honey and values have accordingly ruled higher. Along Front street supplies are very scant and there is an eager demand for best stock at $3.50 a case.

Chittim Bark Market Firm.

There is a very firm tone in the chittim or cascara bark market all over the country at this time. The eastern markets, while not excited at this time, are very firm owing to the very small offerings from the Pacific coast. The New York Journal of Commerce in a late issue says of the situation there:

"Barks—Cascara sagrada was in fairly good demand for small lots yesterday and the market remained in a very firm position. There are very limited offerings from the coast and spot holders are not disposed to sell freely. An inside quotation for stock held here is 10½c, but some holders are not inclined to quote below 11½c. Cottonroot bark is well held, but rather quiet. The market for sassafras bark is steady."

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Egg supplies are still very small and the market is holding well at 30c for guaranteed local stock.

Chicken market a fraction easier owing to the boosting of values by some dealers who ask from 1 to 2c advance over the printed quotations. Shipments larger.

Butter market is dull to steady. Supplies from Coos bay country increasing.

Celery receipts from local points are heavier but prices are still quite good. Some coming from Olympia is in better shape than formerly and is finding sale at 75 and 80c. Local stuff rules from 75c to $1.

Grape market is better for fancy stock but some poorly packed stuff still sells at 75c a crate. This is mostly for Black Hamburgs of small size.

Dressed meats are coming in fractionally better with all prices easily maintained.

Buying of potatoes at country points for shipping has practically stopped on account of the lower prices in the south. Onions are weaker here as well as in the south. Supplies in California are so liberal—homestock—that shipments are being made to the north cheaper than this market will sell.

Front street prices:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN BAGS — Calcutta, 9c, large lots; small lots, 9½c.

WHEAT—New—Club, 82c; red Russian, 79c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c.

CORN—Whole, $9; cracked, $30 ton.

BARLEY — New—Feed, $22.50@23.50 per ton; rolled, $24.50@25.50; brewing, $23.50@24.00

RYE—$1.55 per cwt.

OATS—New—Proucers' price—No. 1 white, $24.00 per ton; gray, $23.00.

FLOUR — Eastern Oregon patents, $4.80; straights, $4.25; exports, $3.90; valley, $4.30@4.40; graham, ¼s, $3.75; whole wheat, $4.00; rye, 50s, $5.50; bales, $3.00.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $17.00 per ton; middlings, $25.00; shorts, country, $20; city, $19; chop, $16.00@21.00.

HAY — Producer's price — Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $16.00@17.00; ordinary, $12.00@14.00; eastern Oregon, $18.00; mixed, $10.00@10.50; clover, $10@11; grain, $10@11; cheat, $10@11.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—F. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 33½c; sour, 31½c.

BUTTER — City creamery, 35c; seconds, 32½c; eastern, 32½c; state fancy, 32½c; seconds, 30@31¼c; store, Oregon, 22½c.

EGGS—Extra fancy, candled, 29c@30c; eastern, 27½@28c.

CHEESE — New — Full cream, flats, 16@16½c per lb.; Young Americans, 17½c per lb.; eastern, 17½c.

POULTRY — Mixed chickens, 14c lb; fancy hens, 14½c lb; roosters, old, 10c lb; fryers, 14c; broilers, 14c lb; ducks, 14c lb; geese, old, 8@10c lb; turkeys, 11@13c lb for old; squabs, $2.50 doz.; pigeons, $1.25 doz; dressed poultry, 1@1½c per lb, higher.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1907 crop—Choice, 8c; prime to choice, 7½c; ordinary, 5c lb.; 1906, choice, 5c.

WOOL—1907 clip—Valley, 20@21c; eastern Oregon, 18@21c.

MOHAIR—New 1907—29@29½c.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 15@20c each; short wool, 25@40c; medium wool, 50@75c each; long wool, 75@$1 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3½@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

CHITTIM BARK—6@7c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Fancy, $1.00@1.25 selling; buying, white, 80c@$1 per sack; sweets, 2½c lb.

ONIONS—Jobbing price — Oregon, $2.00; buying $1.50; garlic, 7c per lb.

APPLES—New, $1.00@1.75.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $4.50@5.00; bananas, 5c lb; lemons, $6@6.50 box; limes, Mexican, $4 per 100; pineapples, $5.50@6.00 doz; grapes, 75c@$1.25; Concords, 20@25c; Delaware, 15@20c; peaches, 75@90c; cantaloupes, $1.25@1.75; plums, 50@60c; watermelons, 1¼c; crabapples, 3c lb; Bartlett pears, $1.50 per box; casabas, $2.00 doz.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new, 90c@$1.00 sack, carrots, 75c@$1 per sack, beets, $1.50 per sack; parsnips, $1.00@$1.25; cabbage, 1¼c lb; tomatoes, Oregon, 50c; beans, 2@3c; green, 2@3c per lb; cauliflower, 80c@$1.25 doz; peas, 5c; horseradish, 8c lb; artichokes, 65@75c doz; green onions, 15c per doz; bell peppers, 5@8c per lb; hothouse lettuce, $1 box; cucumbers, hothouse, 15@25c doz; radishes, 15c dozen bunches; eggplant, 12½c lb; green corn, 75c sack, celery, $75c@$1.00.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR — Cube, $6.12½; powdered, $5.97½; berry, $5.77½; dry granulated, $5.77½; Star, $5.67½; conf. A, $5.77½; extra B, $5.27½; golden G, $5.17½; D yellow, $5.07½; beet granulated, $5.57½; barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

HONEY—$3.60 per crate.

COFFEE—Package brands, $15.88@16.63.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $12.00 per ton; 50s, $13.00; table, dairy 50s, $17.50; 100s, $17.25; bales, $2.25; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 4s $18.00; extra fine barrels; 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton; 50-lb rock, $11.00; 100s, $10.50.

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

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5½@5¾c; New Orleans, head, 7c; Ajax, 5c; Creole, 5¾c.

BEANS—Small white, $..30; large white, $3.50; pink, $3.50; bayou, $3.90; Limas, $6.35; Mexican reds, 4½c.

NUTS—Peanuts, Jumbo, 9½c per lb; Virginia, 7½c per lb; roasted, 10c per lb; Japanese, 5@5½c; roasted, 7@7½c per lb; walnuts, California, 10c per lb; pine nuts, 14@15c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; Brazil nuts, 18c per lb; filberts, 16c per lb; fancy pecans, 18@20c per lb; almonds, 19@21½c.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Hogs, fancy, 8½c per lb; large, 7@8c per lb; veal, extra, 8½@9c per lb; ordinary, 8@8½c per lb; poor, 6@7c per lb; mutton, fancy, 8@9c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack, (local) hams 10 to 12 lbs, 16c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs, 15½c per lb; 18 to 20 lbs, 15½c; breakfast bacon, 15½@22c per lb; picnics, 11½c per lb; cottage roll, 13c per lb; regular short clears, unsmoked, 12c per lb; smoked 12c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 12c; smoked, 13c per lb; Union butts, 10 to 13 lbs, unsmoked, 12c per lb; smoked, 13c per lb; clear bellies, unsmoked, 11½c per lb, smoked 13½c per lb; shoulders, 12½c per lb; pickled tongues, 70c each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 13½c per lb; 5s, 3⅝c per lb; 50-lb tins, 12¾c per lb; steam rendered, 1us, 9¾c per lb; 5s, 11⅞c per lb; compound, 10s, 11⅞c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c per lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 6c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, fresh Columbia chinook, 8c per lb; silvers, 7c per lb; herrings, 5c per lb; soles, 6c per lb; shrimps, 12c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 7c per lb; lobsters, 16c per lb; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb; craw fish, 25c per dozen; sturgeon, 12½c per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelt, 7c per lb; frozen shad, 5c per lb; black cod, 7½c per lb.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100-lb sack, $5.00; Olympia, per gallon, $2.25; per 115-lb sack, $6.00@6.50; Eagle, canned, 60c can; $7 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75 per hundred.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2.00 per box; 10c per doz.

Paints, Coal Oil, Etc.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 15c; standard, 13c; sisal, 10¾c.

COAL OIL—Pearl or Astral—Cases, 19½c per gal; water white, iron bbls, 14c per gal.; wooden, 17c per gal; headlight, 170 deg., cases, 21½c per gal.

GASOLINE—86 deg., cases, 24½c per gal; iron bbls, 18c per gal.

BENZINE—63deg., cases, 25c per gal; iron bbls, 23c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 96c per gal; wooden bbl., 93c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis at $3.15 per keg.

DOESN'T SEE HOW BUYERS WILL PROFIT

"I do not see where all of these high-priced apples are going to be sold by the buyers. This market is so well supplied with good apples at this time that prices are low and in my opinion are likely to go still lower. Receipts are very heavy."—Fred Page of Page & Son.

EGGS STILL SHORT SAYS TOM FARRELL

"Eggs are still quite scarce and I look for no very great increase in supply for a good while. It is likely that prices will rule firm for some months.

"Butter is in large supply and weak, and it is not likely that conditions will improve for some weeks.

"Poultry has had another good week, with a demand for hens, springers, ducks, geese, turkeys, etc. Supplies have been quite liberal, but all have been readily absorbed and at very flattering prices. This market will want a lot of ducks and geese from now forward. The trade should soon be informed as closely as possible as to what the output of fat ducks and geese for the holidays will be. There is a greatly increasing trade in these fowls in this city. I am of the opinion that the coming week will be a very good one from a poultry standpoint.

"Veal if small, medium and otherwise fancy, is in very firm demand and at nearly record prices, and all veal sells very well. Small and medium fancy mail-fed hogs are very fair sellers, but large and rough are neglected largely.

"Potatoes in large supply and easy."—Tom Farrell of Everdingen-Farrell.

VERY DULL TRADING IN ALL LIVESTOCK

LOCAL LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	35	..	66
Week ago	54	..	225
Year ago	241	35	2,301
Previous year	94	68	800

Portland Union Stockyards, Sept. 20.—There is a very dull tone all through the livestock market today, in arrivals and in demand.

A year ago all trading was slow at unchanged values.

Official yard prices:

Hogs—Best eastern Oregon, $6.50@6.75; stockers and feeders, $5.00@5.25; China fats, $6.00@6.25.

Cattle—Beast eastern Oregon steers, $3.85@4.00; best cows and heifers, $2.75@3.00; bulls, $1.75@2.00.

Sheep—Best wethers, $4.50; mixed, $4.00; lambs, $4.00@4.75.

Vice-President Fairbanks has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the meeting of the state board of trade of West Virginia to be held at Elkins next month. Judge George Gray of Delaware will also be a speaker.

A CONTEST FOR UNION PACIFIC

Control to Be Fought for at Next Meeting—Report Causes Buying.

STOCK MARKET GAINS.

Amalgamated	1⅛	U. S. Steel, pfd.	½
Smelter	1⅛	National Lead	⅛
Atchison	⅛	Penn.	⅜
Brooklyn	½	Reading	½
St. Paul	⅛	S. P.	⅛
Ill. Central	3	U. P.	½
U. S. Steel	¼		

STOCK MARKET LOSSES.

Car Foundry	1¾	Colo. Fuel	1
Anaconda	⅛	Gt. Nor., pfd.	1⅛
Canadian	1⅛	N. Y. Cent.	½
Nor. Pacific	¼		

(Leased Wire Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

New York, Sept. 20.—There was a bulge in some of the leaders today but the general stock market was dull and lifeless.

There is some mysterious buying of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific today. There is said to be a contest for the control of the Union Pacific and this held those issues steady. The report says that the contest will be made at the next meeting.

The improvement in the bond market was taken as an indication of an improved financial condition. New York City 4½ per cent bonds went to 106½ this morning.

A report from Boston said that the Amalgamated Copper company had already laid off more than 50 per cent of its working force and the reduction is still going on. The North Butte has reduced its force fully 50 per cent and Butte Coalition has cut its force more than that.

Americans in London were quite firm ¼ to ½ point up.

Earnings of the Reading system for the year ended June 30 show a gross increase of $8,092,421; net earnings an increase of $1,390,590; surplus after charges, an increase of $857,635.

Official prices:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos'g Bid.
Amal. Cop. Co.	61½	63⅝	61	62⅛
Am. C. & F. com	38½	38⅝	38	38⅝
Am. Cot. Oil com	.....	.....	.....	30
Am. Loco. com	.....	.....	.....	52⅛
Am. Sugar com	113¼	113½	113⅛	113
Am. Smelt. com	93¼	94¼	92⅞	93⅝
do pfd	97½	97¾	91½	97
Anaconda M. co	40¼	40¼	39¼	39½
Atchison, com	88	88⅝	87⅝	87⅞
B. & O., com	91½	91⅝	91½	91⅜
Brook. Rap. Tr.	47	47	46¼	46⅝
Can. Pac. com	164¾	165½	164½	164½
C. & Gt. W. com	.....	.....	.....	9½
C., M. & St. P.	121¾	122¼	121	121⅝
C. & N. W. com	146⅛	147¾	146⅛	146¼
Ches. & Ohio	34⅛	34¼	34	34
Col. F. & I. com	23½	23½	23	23½
Col. So. 2d pfd	43½	43½	43	43
Erie, com	20	20¼	19⅞	19⅞
Erie 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	37
Gt. North. pfd	132	132	130⅛	130⅝
Illinois Cen	140	140	138	137
L. & N.	109⅝	109⅝	108	108¼
Mex. Central Ry.	17	17⅛	17	17⅛
M., K. & T. com	36⅝	36⅞	36¼	36
Distillers	54¼	55⅝	54⅛	55⅛
Ore Lands	53½	53¾	53½	53½
Mo. Pacific	70¾	70¾	70	70
National Lead	50⅛	51⅛	50⅛	50½
N. Y. Central	107	107	106	106¼
N. Y. O. & W.	34	34	33⅜	33⅜
N. & W. c.	.....	.....	.....	70½
N. P. c.	133	133¼	131⅝	132¼
Penn. Ry.	120¼	120⅞	120⅛	120¾
P. G. L. & C. Co.	.....	.....	.....	87
Pr. Steel Co. c.	28	28	27½	27½
Reading, c.	96¾	97⅝	96⅛	97⅛
Rep. I. & S. c.	22	22	21½	21½
Rock Island, c.	19⅞	20⅛	19⅞	19⅞
St. L. & S. F. 2p	38¾	38¾	38	38
St. L. & S. W. p.	18	18	18	18
So. Pacific, c.	86⅝	86⅝	86	86½
So. Ry. c.	.....	.....	.....	15¾
do pfd.	55	55	53½	53½
T. St. L. & W. c.	.....	.....	.....	24¾
U. Pacific, c.	132⅝	133	131⅝	151⅛
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	81½
U. S. Steel Co. c.	29	29¼	28⅝	28⅞
do pfd.	92	92⅜	91¼	92
Wabash, c.	.....	.....	.....	114

Norfolk & Western, common, ex-dividend 1¼ per cent.

Southern Railway, preferred, ex-dividend 1½ per cent.

Total sales for day, 692,400 shares.

Call loans closed 3 per cent.

American Smelter, preferred, ex-dividend 1¾ per cent.

New York-London Silver.

New York, Sept. 20.—Bar silver, 67⅝c; London, 31⅛d.

Boston Copper Market.

Boston, Sept. 20. Copper bid prices:

Allouez	28	Old Dom.	25¾
Arnold	1A	Parrot	13
Atlantic	10	East Butte	5¾
Butte Coalt.	15	Nippissing	8
Centennial	19	Trinity	14¾
Cop. Range	59	Wolverine	122
Elm	1¼	Col. & Ariz.	113½
Michigan	19¾	Col. & Hecla	625
N. Butte	48½	Daly West	12
Nevada Con.	9	Ely	6½

Seattle Bank Statement.

Seattle, Sept. 20.—Clearings, $1,678,888; balances, $300,147.

A conference at Swansea, England, between the unions engaged in the steel trade and the employers resulted in an eight-hour working day being conceded. Other concessions also were granted, by means of which the lower-paid men will not suffer in pocket through the reduction of hours. The decision affects the 3,000 men already employed and will provide work for 1,500 men additional.

WEEVIL STARTS WHEAT HIGHER

Sharp Advance in Chicago and All Europe—Export Buying Is Heavy.

Frosts in Wheat Belt.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Fair and warmer tonight; Saturday fair; warmer interior; northeasterly winds.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Fair tonight with light frost; Saturday fair and warmer.

CHICAGO WHEAT VALUES.

	Sept. 20.	Sept. 19.	Gain.	1906.
Sept.	97⅝A	95⅝N	1⅞	72½
Dec.	101⅞	100⅛B	1¾	74⅝
May	107⅞A	106⅛	1¾	78⅝

(Leased Wire Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Although handicapped by the narrowness of speculative activity, wheat traders succeeded in lifting values nearly 2 cents. Bulls were favored by a general outlook of helpful news, but at times, a vigorous muscular effort was necessary to maintain the strength, not that the market had discounting influences, but because there is not enough trade to make news effective. The bugaboo of heavy stocks here and at other leading centers continues to hold the rank and file to the bearish position. The bulk of the crop matters from the northwest was favorable to the bulls, many of thr messages suggesting calamity.

Elevators in the west report it was difficult to obtain any wheat in Kansas and Nebraska. Report of heavy rains in the spring wheat states and the northwestern markets materially advanced the prices. There was a liberal shipping and export trade in wheat and flour in this county. Foreign demand made the highest price on record for durum wheat.

Bulls had everything in their favor today. European markets were excited. Liverpool advancing 2d and Paris had an opening of unchanged to 5 up. Primary receipts of wheat were 880,000 bushels, compared with $1,014,000 a year ago. In several of the soft winter states the weevil are reported and this started the markets up at interior points.

Official prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Sept.	97⅛	98	96⅞	97⅝A
Dec.	100⅝	102⅝	100¾	101⅞
May	107	108½	106⅞	107⅞A
CORN.				
Sept.	62	63¼	61¾	63
Dec.	57⅛	59⅛	57¼	58⅝
May	58½	60¼	58½	59⅝
OATS.				
Sept.	55⅝	55½	54⅝	54⅝
Dec.	53½	54	53½	53½B
May	55	55½	54⅝	54⅝
MESS PORK.				
Sept.	1490	1490	1490	1490N
Oct.	1490	1490	1490	1490
Jan.	1515	1532	1502	1527B
LARD.				
Sept.	890	890	882	890
Oct.	887	895	887	895
Jan.	860	865	860	865
SHORT RIBS.				
Sept.	842	840	835	840
Oct.	842	845	840	845B
Jan.	785	797	782	795

Liverpool Grain Market.

Liverpool, Sept. 20.—Official prices:

	Open.	Close.	Sept. 19.	Gain.
WHEAT.				
Sept.	7s 10⅝d	7s 11½d	7s 9½d	2d
Dec.	8s ½d	9s 11⅜d	7s 11½d	1⅞d
CORN.				
Sept.	5s 7¾d	5s 8¾d	5s 7½d	1¼d
Jan.	5s 3½d	5s 5d	5s 3¼d	1¾d

Portland Bank Statement.

Clearings today	$1,051,957.59
do year ago	1,101,542.49
Loss today	$ 49,584.90
Balances today	80,073.18
do year ago	86,825.50

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	—Sept.— 20.	19
Jan.	1137	1139	1134	1135	1139
Feb.	1142	1142	1140	1140	1144
March	1147	1160	1145	1146	1150
May	1157	1167	1157	1154	1157
July	1160	1160	1160	1159	1162
Sept.	.....	.....	.....	1112	1112
Oct.	1118	1129	1115	1116	1119
Dec.	1132	1143	1128	1130	1134

Liverpool Cotton Higher.

Liverpool, Sept. 20.—Cotton futures closed steady, 7½ to 9 points up.

United States Government Bonds.

New York, Sept. 20.—Government bonds:	Bid.	Asked.
Twos, registered	105¾	106¼
do coupon	106	106¾
Threes, registered	102	103
do coupon	102	103
Threes, small bonds	101⅞	.....
Dis. Columbia, 3-65s	113½	.....
Fours, registered, new	125½	126½
do coupon	125½	126½
Twos, Panama	104¾	105¼
Twos, Panama	104¾	105¼
Philippine Fours	109½	.....

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TAKEN FROM PRODUCERS BY RAILROADS

By Hyman H. Cohen.

More than $1,000,000 are being taken from the pockets of Oregon, Washington and Idaho wheat growers alone by the Hill and Harriman lines and the loss to other producers will reach several times that sum.

The shortage of cars is causing every wheat producer in the Pacific northwest to lose 2c a bushel on every bushel of wheat grown here, and as the crop was around 60,000,000 bushels this year, they stand to lose somewhat more than $1,000,000 because the railroads were too short-sighted to build a few cars to take care of the fast-growing traffic.

At this time the Portland grain market stands at 82c for club wheat. Buyers at primary points are offering on a basis of this for all the grain they can purchase. The real market in this city at the present time is 84c a bushel, but this is only for spot delivery. If buyers at country points were able to say when they would be likely to receive cars for wheat shipment they could pay this extra 2c a bushel to the producers, and they would pay it gladly to get out of the worry of getting cars from the railroads which have not time to take care of anything except to manipulate the stock market in New York or London.

At this time there is a very eager demand for wheat on the part of European buyers and exporters would jump into the market and purchase several million bushels in less time than it takes to tell it providing growers were willing to sell and the cars for delivery at seaboard could be obtained with little delay.

The real reason for this loss of 2c a bushel then is the fact that buyers cannot figure on immediate delivery at the ships and the charges for storing at warehouses would run up to figures that would easily wipe out the 2c margin which should belong to the grower.

It is reported on some sides that the railroads are delaying the delivery of cars simply because they own a considerable number of the warehouses, and as they know they will receive the wheat for shipment in any event, they receive the additional 2c a bushel or more by forcing the grain men to store in their warehouses. Warehouse charges must be paid whether the grain is stored there for a week or only a day.

Just now the English market is excited and in every section of the world English buyers are taking all the supplies they can possibly purchase at the present market. They are now in a buying mood and may change their minds when they purchase so much supplies elsewhere. In that event it would then mean that much more money lost to Oregon producers because of the car shortage and the inability of buyers to get supplies to tidewater.

The great strength in the wheat market is helping the flour market everywhere and advances in prices are general all over the Atlantic coast. Some small advances are reported at interior points but the local market is unchanged.

WANT "AD" FINDS MAN'S AFFINITY

C. W. Wasserbach Searched for Woman in Vain Until He Advertised.

Albany, Sept. 19.—Charles W. Wasserbach of this city, who advertised two weeks ago for "his affinity," has found her. She is Miss Elizabeth Roth of No. 135 West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, New York. Miss Roth fills all the requirements of Wasserbach's advertisement, which called for "a pretty orphan girl, with blue or brown eyes, black or brown hair, height five feet four to six inches; weight, 120 to 150 pounds; age, between 22 and 30 years."

Many girls answered the advertisement. The letters came from all parts of the country. Wasserbach looked over the Albany girls and then made a business trip to New York. He called on Miss Roth and did not find her at home, but left his hotel address, and the following day, accompanied by Miss Lillian McCormick, a friend, she called on him.

The Albany bachelor promptly decided that the pretty young New York girl was his choice. Within 24 hours Miss Roth was wearing a diamond engagement ring and the wedding was set for September 18, at the Ashgrove church in Albany.

"I'm very happy to have found Miss Roth," said Wasserbach tonight. "I invited her to supper in New York and when I asked her 'Are you ready?' she said 'Yes.' So I gave her my diamond as an engagement ring.

"Next day I took her to Coney Island, where we had dinner and supper, and when I left her at the door she kissed me good night and said: 'Write as soon as you get to Albany. Tell me the train you will come on the next time and I'll meet you at the Grand Central station.

"I am going down tomorrow, and if I can persuade her and Miss McCormick I shall bring them back with me. Wedding clothes can be bought just as well in Albany as anywhere. I ordered mine today.

"Lizzie is a German girl and an orphan. She is 22 years old and quite pretty. She has been working for a dressmaker and wants a home the same as I do. We will have a church wedding with 75 invitations, with a supper at Keeler's afterward. We will go to housekeeping this fall."

WAS WILLING TO HAVE HIS WIFE DIE

Harnessmaker Shows Little Concern When Spouse Drinks Poison.

"I love you like a burglar loves a cop," runs the parody on the former song hit, "That's how I Love you, Mame," and aptly describes the depth of affection George Derby, a harnessmaker, has for the woman he swore to love and cherish.

Derby and his spouse have been residing at the Pleasanton House, 288¾ Third street, since their marriage several months ago and life has been nothing but domestic infelicity almost from the time that the wedding bells ceased ringing. Realizing that she had not found her "affinity" in Derby, the heartbroken woman, whose ante-nuptial name was Jessie Jackson, endeavored to drown her sorrows in whisky.

Following a quarrel with her spouse yesterday Mrs. Derby went to dine with W. S. Flinn of 51 North Second street and upon returning to her rooms with him suddenly produced a bottle of carbolic acid which she raised to her lips. Before Flinn could interfere the woman had swallowed about an ounce of the poison.

Thoroughly frightened, Flinn ran to the office of Dr. Gillette a few blocks distant and returned with the medico. Prompt administration of an antidote saved Mrs. Derby's life. Patrolman Stark Lytle was notified and made an investigation.

Upon ascertaining that Derby was employed in a harness shop at Second and Taylor streets the policeman went to the establishment to apprise the husband of his wife's attempted suicide. "I don't care a rap if she does die," said the heartless fellow after the officer had broken the news to him, and would not even condescend to visit the bedside of his helpmeet.

Sentence Is Deferred.

Because Essie Watkins is out of the city and had not been notified that she was to be sentenced this morning, Judge Frazer deferred passing sentence on her and Dorothy Darlington until Monday morning. Both the women had pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of 16-year-old Alice Francis. They were to have been sentenced this morning. Both are at liberty on bail.

GOLDFIELD CON. TO PAY ITS DIVIDEND

(Leased Wire Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—The report that the directors of Goldfield Consolidated would announce tomorrow the declaration of a dividend on Monday caused higher prices in Nevada shares, Goldfield Consolidated advancing 14c in the bid price.

Official bid prices:

GOLDFIELD DISTRICT.

Sandstorm 47c, Mohawk $17A, Columbia Mountain 44c, Jumbo $3.62½A, Jumbo Ext. $1.60, Vernal 16cA, Pennsylvania 3cA, Kendall 26c, Booth 38c, Blue Bull 31c, Adams 12c, Silver Pick 53c, May Queen 10c, Nevada Boy 6c, B B. Ext. 7c, Dixie 6c, Hibernia 6c, St. Ives 71c, Conqueror 10c, Black Rock 4c, Lone Star 21c, Great Wonder 3c, Potlatch 40cA, Oro 18c, Kendall Ext. 2c, Sandstorm Ext. 4c, Mayne 5c, Atlanta 42c, Great Bend 54c, Simerone 15c, Empire 11c, Red Top Ext. 24c, Florence $4.05, Diamondfield B. B. Con. 23c, G. Daisy $1.17½, Laguna $1.20, Commonwealth 27½cA, Combined Fractions $1.97½, Great Bend Ext. 12c, Great Bend Annex 9c, Millstorm 5c, B. B. Bonanza 5c, Kewanos 60c, Esmeralda 10cA, Portland 20cA, Crackerjack 17c, Francis Mohawk $1, Red Hill 46c, Mohawk Ext. 12cA, Lou Dillon 8c, Yellow Tiger 20c, Grandma 16c, Yellow Rose 7c, Columbia Mountain Ext. 3c, Goldfield Con. $7.42½, Diamondfield Triangle 19c, Sunset 8c.

TONOPAH.

Tonopah Nevada $11.75A, Mont. Tonopah $2.95, Tonopah Ext. $1.60A, MacNamara 22c, Midway 79c, Tonopah & California 4c, Golden Anchor 11c, Jim Butler 79c, Tonopah Cash Boy 5c, Monarch Pittsburg Ext. 5c, Mont. Mid. Ext. 3c, Golden Crown 6c.

VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

Fairview Silver King 20cA, Fairview Eagle $1.25, Nevada Hills $4.90, Pittsburg Silver Peak $1.45, North Star Wonder 3c, Eagle's Nest 30c, Ruby Wonder 25cA, Alice of Wonder 5cA.

Cattle Slow in the East.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Official run:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	25,000	15,000	5,000
Kansas City	4,500	3,000	2,000
Omaha	4,500	2,000	10,000

Hogs are steady. Left over from yesterday, 7,300. Receipts a year ago were 14,000. Mixed and butchers, $5.75@6.50; heavy, $5.90@6.20; rough, $5.40@5.75; light, $6.00@6.50.

Cattle—Slow.

Sheep—Steady.

THIS GIRL SUPRISED NEWPORT.

Miss Eva Courtlandt Palmer, the beautiful Newport society girl, who created quite a sensation by appearing at the Hotel Buckingham, wearing sandals. She does not mind the sensation, however, and says there is nothing immodest in the display of pink toes, as permitted by sandals. Miss Palmer has ideas of her own concerning dress. She is opposed to corsets, braces, and the like and says they are worse than the drink evil. She believes the body was made to move freely.

RIO DE JANEIRO TAXES SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS

From Harper's Weekly.

To appreciate the situation as regards outdoor advertising in Rio de Janeiro and Brazilian cities generally, it is necessary to appreciate the tax situation in such municipalities. In general, it may be said that anything which can be made to produce a municipal revenue is employed to that end. In line with and supplemental to revenue-producing possibilities there are police and sanitary regulations of every sort. For instance, the financial estimate of the municipality of Rio de Janeiro for the current year includes revenue from a tax on salaries of officials, revision of house numbers, wagon-weighing tax, registration of cows, domestic servant tax, tax on unoccupied building sites, official dispatch tax, domicile change of commercial houses tax, fines for infractions of contracts, etc. Among such estimates are those for rent and licenses of kiosks and advertisement and door-plate tax which concern outdoor advertising.

Every sign in Rio de Janeiro is taxed. A cafe having a special "servete," or ice, to serve, makes a placard and hangs it to a door-post, to one of the palm trees in tubs which commonly decorate such establishments. The notice thus posted must have a revenue stamp attached. Permanent signs are taxed on a permanent basis; temporary signs on a stamp basis. A sign "house for rent" bears a revenue stamp. Under such circumstances the tax on signboards or billboards is the expected thing, but naturally there is much less general use of such forms of advertising. As in the cities of the United States, a vacant corner on a frequented street is very likely to have some sort of a billboard arrangement and temporary inclosures about buildings in course of construction are generally covered with more or less prominent signs, but these signs, being taxed, are regulated both in size and other respects. Since it costs considerable in the way of taxes, as well as in the preparation of boards, to erect such signs, there are few of them placed for short periods, and therefor little of bill or poster advertising.

The outdoor signs as