AS TO TABLE VIANDS.

Varieties of Fruit and Vegetables Curtailed by Frost.

POULTRY AND BUTTER GO LOWER.

Supply of Ocean Products Better Than for Months Past.

QUIET TRADE IN FLORAL OFFERINGS

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, October 25, 1889.

There are few features of interest in the line of market basket materials different from last Saturday. The first killing frosts of the season put in their appearance this week, and outdoor tomatoes are a thing of the past. Grapes and California fruits have the field in fruit lines. At the Diamond Market stalls a quiet week's trade is reported. The quietness is attributed to the winding up of the Exposition. We are now having the lull which naturally follows the rush of the past few weeks.

Dairy products, which for several weeks past were moving upward, have turned the other direction, but not enough to affect retail prices.

A General Review.

Poultry comes in more freely and prices are a shade lower than they were a week ago.

The supply of fish and oysters is now well up to demand, but prices are firm, especially for high grade stock. Weather the past week has been favorable to fishermen along the coast, and the result is seen in better supplies of ocean fruits at this market.

Florists are not jubilant over the trade of this week. Last week brought unusual demands in floral lines, on account of numerous weddings and other society events. This week we are having the calm that follows the storm, and the effect is seen in a light demand for flowers. But the present lull is only a temporary one, and, according to all past experience, there will be a steady increase of demand in floral lines from now till the holidays. Our florists are better prepared to meet this demand than last season, when they were forced in the height of the season to draw supplies from Eastern markets.

Following are the retail prices of market basket filling as furnished by leading dealers:

Meats.

The best cuts of tenderloin steak range from 20 to 25c, with last figure for very fancy; sirloin, best cuts, from 15 to 18c; standing rib roast, from 15 to 20c; chuck roast, 10 to 12c; best round steaks, 15c; boiling beef, 5 to 8c; sweet breads, 20 to 50c per pair; beef kidneys, 10c apiece; beef liver, 5c a pound; calf livers, 25c apiece; corned beef from 5 to 10c per pound. Veal for stewing commands 10c; roast, 12½ to 15c; cutlets, 20c per pound; spring lambs, fore quarter, 10 to 12c; hind quarters, 15c. A leg of mutton, hind quarter, of prime quality, brings 12½c; fore quarter, 8c; loin of mutton, 15c; giblets, 5c per pound.

Vegetables and Fruit.

Potatoes, 15c per half peck; Jersey sweet potatoes, 25c per half peck; tomatoes, 25c per half peck; cabbage, 5 to 10c; bananas, 20 to 25c a dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; lemons, 25 to 35c per dozen; oranges, 50c; lettuce, 5c per bunch, 6 for 25c; radishes, 5c per bunch; beets, 3 for 10c; cauliflowers, 15 to 50c a head; string beans, 35c a half peck; onions, 20 to 35c a half peck; new Spanish onions, 5 to 10c each; pie pumpkins, 10 to 35c, according to size; Catawbas, 6 to 7c; Concord grapes, 5 to 7c per pound; California, Tokay and Muscat grapes, 20c per pound; turnips, 20c per half peck; spinach 15c per half peck; cranberries, 15c a quart; Lima beans, 25c a quart.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Choice creamery butter, 35c. Good country butter, 32c. Fancy pound rolls, 35c.

The ruling retail price for eggs is 25c.

The range for dressed chickens is 75c to $1 25 per pair. Turkeys, 20c per pound. Prairie chickens, $1 00 a pair; ducks, $1 00 to $1 25 per pair; reed birds, $1 00 per dozen; jacksnipes, $2 25 per dozen; partridges, $5 a dozen; squirrels, 50c a pair; plovers, $2 25 a dozen; rabbits, 50c a pair.

Fish in Season.

Following are the articles in this line on the stalls, with prices: Lake salmon, 12½c; California salmon, 40c pound; white fish, 12½c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; Spanish mackerel, 30c to 35c a pound; sea salmon, 40c a pound; blue fish, 25 to 30c; perch, 10c; halibut, 25c; rock bass, 30c; black bass, 20c; lake trout, 12½c; lobsters, 25c; green sea turtle, 20c; mackerel, 20c small, 40c large. Oysters: N. Y. counts, $1 75 per gallon; clams, $1 25 per gallon; scollops, 50c a quart; frogs, $2 00 per dozen; soft shell crabs, 75c per dozen; devil crabs, 85c per dozen.

Flowers.

La France roses, $1 25@1 50 per dozen; Bride roses, $1 25 per dozen; Perles, $1 00 per dozen; Niphetos, $1 00 per dozen; Bennetts, $1 50 per dozen; American Beauty, 35c apiece; Mermets, $1 25 per dozen; carnations, 50c a dozen; Maiden Hair fern, 50c per doz. fronds; gladiolus, 50c per dozen; lily of the valley, $2 per dozen; chrysanthemums, 50c to $4 a dozen.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The Condition of Business at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, October 25, 1889.

CATTLE — Receipts, 900 head; shipments, 880 head; market, nothing doing; all through consignments; no cattle shipped to New York to-day.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,400 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market fair; Philadelphias, $4 35@4 45; Yorkers, $4 20@4 35; roughs, $3 00@3 75; 7 cars of hogs shipped to New York today.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market, nothing doing to-day; no demand.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 60 carloads for the market; 30 carloads for city slaughterers direct, and 18 carloads for exportation. At an advance of 10c to 15c per 100 pounds on all grades the market was fairly firm, and the pens were cleared; native steers ranged from $3 45@4 85 per 100 pounds; bulls and dry cows, from $1 40@2 55. Calves—Receipts, 360 head; market steady at $5 00@7 50 per 100 pounds for veals and at $2 00@3 50 for grassers and western calves. Sheep—Receipts, 4,700 head; market closed very quiet; sheep sold at $3 00@5 00 per 100 pounds; lambs at $4 50@6 50 per 100 pounds. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000 head; steady for live hogs, at $4 00@4 60.

CHICAGO—The *Drovers' Journal* reports: Cattle—Receipts, 11,000 head; shipments, 3,500 head; market steady; beeves, $4 50@4 80; steers, $3 00@4 60; stockers and feeders, $1 95@2 85; cows, bulls and mixed, $1 00@2 90; Texas cattle, $1 50@2 80; Western rangers, $2 00@3 80. Hogs—Receipts, 25,000 head; shipments, 8,000 head; market weak; mixed, $3 85@4 15; heavy, $3 85@4 10; light, $3 85@4 20; skips, $3 10@3 85. Sheep—Receipts, 8,000 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market steady; natives, $3 75@5 00; Western, $3 50@4 15; Texans, $3 20@4 10; lambs, $4 25@5 80.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle—Receipts, 5,500 head; shipments, 6,000 head; market steady on native beeves, 5@10c lower on common cows, strong on Texas; native beeves, $3 65@4 50; cows, $1 40@2 35; stockers and feeders, $2 25@3 15; Texans, $1 40@3 25. Hogs—Receipts, 5,500 head; shipments, 1,200 head; market strong to 5c higher; good to choice light, $3 85@4 05; heavy and mixed, $3 80@3 90. Sheep—Receipts, 200 head; shipments, 1,500 head; market unchanged; good to choice muttons, $3 50@4 85; stockers and feeders, $2 00@2 50.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 2,200 head; shipments, 500 head; market strong; choice heavy native steers, $4 40@4 85; fair to good, do, $3 45@4 40; stockers and feeders, $1 80@2 35; range steers, $2 10@2 80. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000 head; shipments, 2,800 head; market steady; fair to choice heavy, $3 80@4 00; packing grades, $3 70@3 90; light, fair to best, $3 90@4 10. Sheep—Receipts, 600 head; shipments, 400 head; market steady; fair to choice, $3 40@4 60.

BUFFALO—Cattle unchanged. Receipts—28 loads through, 26 sale. Hogs steady; receipts, 37 loads through, 40 sale; Yorkers, $4 25@4 40; pigs, $4 00@4 20.

BOSTON—There has been more doing this week, and the sales of all kinds of wool amount to 3,100,000 pounds. Prices rule low and unsatisfactory, but there is more desire on the part of the manufacturers to buy. Territory wools have been sold with more freedom than the other kinds, the transactions amounting to 940,000 pounds, with sales of fine at 38@40c and medium at 50@55c. In spring Texas there have been sales at 20@24c and fall at 17@21c. Eastern Oregon sells mostly at 21c for No. 1 and No. 2 down to 18c. Valley Oregon is quiet with small sales at 26@28c. California wools are dull. With the exception of the sale of 50,000 pounds of Georgia at 27c, there have been no other sales of importance in unwashed. Fine washed are in fair demand. Ohio X sold at 33c, and XX at 33½@34c. Michigan X is quoted at 30c. In No. 1 Michigan fleeces there have been quite good sales at 35@36c, and choice at 37c. Pulled wools have been quiet and steady. Foreign wools move slowly.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Not Much Vim in the Wheat Pit, but Values Rule Fractionally Higher—Cable Advices Rather Discouraging to Holders.

CHICAGO—Wheat trading was moderate and within narrow limits. Occasionally a little spurt of trading occurred. Prices held their own very well, with May showing some strength, and the premium over December was widened to 3½@3¾c. The market opened dull at about yesterday's closing figures, held steady for awhile and then advanced ⅝c for December and ⅝c for May above inside figures reached, eased off ¾c, rallied ⅝c and closed ⅝c higher for December and ⅜c higher for May than closing figures of yesterday.

Trading is gradually centering in May. There was really nothing new in the influences presented on which to base speculative ventures. Cable advices were unfavorable for holders. It was rumored that the Agricultural Department figured a total yield of 493,000,000 bushels for the crop of 1889, but nothing definite could be learned regarding the rumor. There was a rumor that 20 loads of wheat had been taken in New York for export, but late advices denied this, but stated that it might prove to be 20 loads of No. 1 Northern taken by Philadelphia millers. Milwaukee reports 10,000 sacks to-day. It was estimated that the receipts at Minneapolis for Monday would reach 2,000 cars.

In corn the firm feeling that has prevailed for several days past became more apparent to-day, and higher prices were established, especially on the near deliveries. The stronger tone was due to the small receipts, wet weather, good shipping demand and decreasing stocks. The market opened ¼c above the closing prices of yesterday, was strong, receivers and shippers both purchasing near months, and gradually advanced ¾c, eased off ¼c, became firmer, and closed ¼@¾c higher than yesterday.

Oats were steadier with light trading. More pressure to sell January was noted, and a fair business was transacted in the way of changing trades from December to January at ⅝c difference.

In mess pork a moderate trade was reported, but the feeling was somewhat unsettled and prices irregular. October deliveries were easy and 10@12½c lower. The market closed rather quiet.

In lard a little more steadiness was manifested, but trading was only moderate. Prices ruled slightly higher, and the market closed steady.

In short ribs sides trading was dull, and there were no particular changes to note.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 December, 79¾@80¾@79¾@80⅝c; year, 78¾@78⅝@78¾@78⅝c; May, 83⅝@84@83¾@84c.

CORN — No. 2 November, 31@31¼@31@31⅜c; December, 30⅞@31¼@30⅝@31¼c; May, 33⅛@33⅜@33⅛@33½c.

OATS—No. 2 November, 18⅞@18¾c; January, 19¼@19⅜@19¼@19⅜c; May, 21⅝@21¾@21⅝@21¾c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—November, $9 80@9 80@9 67½@9 80; year, $9 25@9 30@9 25@9 25; January, $9 00@9 07½@9 00@9 07½.

LARD, per 100 lbs. November, $6 00@6 00@6 00@6 00; year, $5 90@5 90@5 90@5 90; January, $5 90@5 92½@5 90@5 92½.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 lbs.—November, $4 85@4 90@4 85@4 85; January, $4 77½@4 77½.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull; winter steady; spring patents, 10c lower. No. 2 spring wheat, 78¾@78¾c; No. 3 spring wheat, 74@75c; No. 2 red, 78¾@78¾c. No. 2 corn, 31½c. No. 2 oats, 18@18⅝c. No. 2 rye, 41¾c. No. 2 barley, 58c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 28. Prime timothy seed, $2 20. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 75. Lard, per 100 pounds, $6 00. Short ribs sides (loose) $5 15@5 30. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 50@4 62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $5 50@5 62½. Sugars, cut loaf unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 25,000 barrels; wheat, 121,000 bushels; corn, 177,000 bushels; oats, 162,000 bushels; rye, 15,000 bushels; barley, 104,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 20,000 barrels; wheat, 61,000 bushels; corn, 584,000 bushels; oats, 178,000 bushels; rye, 9,000 bushels; barley, 56,000 bushels.

On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was unchanged. Eggs, 18½@19c.

NEW YORK—Flour fairly active and firm. Cornmeal steady. Wheat—Spot dull and unsettled; options less active, irregular, ¼@¾c up, and steady. Rye quiet: Western, 49@52½c. Barley dull. Barley malt quiet. Corn—Spot firm, scarce and ½@¾c higher; options stronger. Oats—Spot firm and less active; options dull and steady. Hay fairly active and firm. Hops steady and quiet. Coffee—Options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points up, closed barely steady and unchanged to 5 points down; sales, 39,500 bags, including October, 14.90c; November, 14.90c; December, 14.95@15.15c; January, 15.00c; February, 15.05@15.10c; March, 15.10c; May, 15.00@15.10c. Spot Rio strong and in better demand; fair cargoes, 19¼c. Sugar—Raw nominal and weak; refined in fair demand and steady. Molasses—New Orleans dull. Rice dull and active. Cottonseed oil quiet and firm; yellow, 37@38c. Tallow dull and easy. Rosin scarce and firm. Turpentine quiet. Eggs—Choice fresh firm; Western, 21@22½c; receipts, 1,936 packages. Pork strong; mess, inspected, $12 25@12 50; do uninspected, $11 75@12 00; extra prime, $10 00@10 25. Cutmeats firm; pickled bellies, 12 lbs. average, 7¼c; pickled hams, 9¼@9¾c; pickled shoulders, 4½@4¾c. Middles firm. Lard stronger and quiet; sales, 250 tierces Western steam, $6 90; 500 tierces, $6 70; October, $6 75 bid; $6 85 asked; November, $6 52 bid; December, $6 38; August, $6 30 bid; January, $6 31, closing at $6 31 bid; February, $6 24 bid; March, $6 41 bid. Butter quiet and weak; Elgin, 24½@25c; Western dairy, 9@15c; do creamery, 24@24½c; do held, 12@19c; do factory, 7½@13c. Cheese firmer and in better demand; Western, 7½@10c.

PHILADELPHIA — Flour dull and in buyers' favor. Wheat dull; sales of choice ungraded in grain depot, 80,000 bu red, October, 81@81¼c; November, 81¾@82c; December, 82@82½c; January, 83@83¾c. Corn quiet but firm, prices advanced ¼@¾c under stronger reports from other grain centers; sales—No. 2 yellow on track, 42c; No. 2 high mixed, short in grain depot, 41½c; No. 2 mixed in Twentieth street elevator, 42c; do in export elevator, 40c; No. 2 mixed, October, 39¾@40¾c; November, 39¾@40c; December, 39@39¼c; January, 39@39¼c. Oats—Car lots quiet but steady; sales—No. 3 white, 27½c; No. 2 white, in Twentieth street elevator, 28¼c; do on track, 29c; futures were quiet, but steady; No. 2 white, October, 28@28¼c; November, 27¾@28¼c; December, 28¾@28¾c; January, 28½@28¾c. Provisions steady and in fair jobbing demand. Eggs irregular, with very small supplies of choice stock; Pennsylvania firsts, 23@24c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour quiet and steady. Wheat—The advance at other ports stimulated checked selling at the opening, and, though cables were dull and lower and receipts large, especially in the Northwest, prices improved ¼@⅝c; later there was a decline of ¼@⅜c, then a sharp rally, and the close was strong at ½@⅝c above yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 76½c; December, 77¾@78¼c, closing at 78¼c; May, 82¾@83¼c, closing at 83¼c bid. Corn firm and higher; No. 2 mixed, cash, 28¼c; October closed at 28⅜c; November, 28½c; December, 27¾c bid; January, 27½c bid; May, 30½c. Oats—Nothing done. Rye—No. 2, 38@38½c. Barley—Weather too dark to favorably display samples. Flaxseed unchanged. Provisions steady, and very light business done.

MILWAUKEE — Flour dull. Wheat higher; cash, 72¾c; December, 73¾c; No. 1 Northern, 81c. Corn firm: No. 3, 31½c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 21½c. Rye firmer; No 1, 42¾c. Barley fairly active; No. 2 October and November, 52c bid. Provisions firm. Pork, $10 75. Lard, $6 25. Cheese unchanged; cheddars, 9@9½c.

BALTIMORE—Provisions steady. Mess pork, $12. Butter easy; creamery, 23@24c. Eggs firm; western, 21@22c. Coffee nominal: Rio, fair, 19¼c.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed 11c lower; cash and November, $3 55; December, $3 60.

BUSINESS NOTES.

OF 28 mortgages recorded yesterday, the largest was for $6,500.

THE quotation on People's Pipeage of 15¾ in yesterday's paper should have been 17¾, at which the stock is firmly held.

PART of the Schenley estate, about 30 acres in Oakland, has been laid out in lots, and will be placed on the market in about a month.

IT is announced that General Benjamin F. Butler has been elected President of the San Miguel Gold Placers' Mining Company, of Colorado.

REAL estate dealers report plenty of money to place on mortgages, some as low as 5-3-10 per cent. Several were placed at that figure yesterday.

W. W. CHAPLIN, manager of the Clearing House at the Petroleum and Stock Exchange, was too ill to attend to business yesterday and the day before. He is threatened with pneumonia.

THE Government has not yet leased the Semple building in Allegheny for a postoffice. An expert will come on from Washington next week and examine the structure in reference to its availability for postoffice purposes.

THE New York Loan Improvement Company has ordered 3,000 tons rails for New York and New England, to build ten miles from Danbury to connect with the New York and Northern. A great depot will be built in New York.

THE Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's Board of Managers has decided to increase the capital stock of the company by issuing at par to the present stockholders an allotment of 10 per cent of new stock, which will increase the total capital to $13,943,250.

THE statement just issued by the Treasury Department, showing the condition of the silver surplus, indicates 5,419,338 silver dollars in the treasury against which certificates can be issued. This is slightly in excess of the amount at the last statement, October 10.

WILLIAM BLACK, *the eminent novelist, sat in to-morrow's* DISPATCH *talks about authors and their unknown correspondents.*

A LIGHTNING DEAL.

How a Real Estate Owner Was Cornered by a Hustling Agent.

ELECTRICITY IN THE SUBURBS.

Steel Advances at Glasgow on Reported Failure of Natural Gas.

WHAT THE WORD LIMITED SIGNIFIES

Owners of real estate, when they want to sell, pursue the same policy as people in other lines of business. They want all they can get for their property. Sometimes, when they hesitate about selling, the offer of a large price, much more than they expected, quickly brings them to terms. A case of this kind occurred in the lower part of the city a short time ago.

A Fourth avenue agent received a commission to buy a certain piece of business property not far from Market street. It was badly wanted by the gentleman giving the order, and he was not particular about the price. The property was worth, in the usual way, $10,000 or $12,000. The agent offered the latter price for it, but the owner refused to let it go at that figure, saying he didn't want to sell. In a few days the agent called again, but the owner adhered to his former conclusion. This put the agent on his mettle, and he determined to make a trade somehow.

"You say you don't want to sell," he remarked to the owner. "Now if some one would come along and offer you a fancy price, away above what you hold the property at, what would you do?"

"Oh, in that case I would let it go. But I hardly think there is any one fool enough to offer me, say, $30,000 for a property that isn't really worth more than the half of it as it stands."

"Will you take $20,000 for it?" asked the agent.

"Certainly I will, if anybody is idiot enough to offer it," replied the owner.

"I will take it," snapped the agent.

And, determined not to give the owner a chance to change his mind, the agent sat down there and then, examined the title, made out the papers, had them signed and handed the seller a check for the money. He has been lamenting ever since that he didn't ask more. The property has been improved by the purchaser, and is now worth probably twice as much as he paid for it.

This Napoleonic style of dealing is not recommended for general adoption, for it has its drawbacks, but it certainly worked well in the case in question.

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Sewickley, Wilkinsburg, Edgewood and perhaps other towns in the vicinity of Pittsburg are enjoying the luxury of electric light, and from all indications it is giving satisfaction to the citizens. This brings to view a fact hitherto not publicly noticed, the general movement among small towns in this end of the State to secure electric lighting. At present quite a number of boroughs surrounding Pittsburg are discussing the feasibility of getting the new light at a cost proportionate to the small population.

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The *American Manufacturer* takes considerable stock in the staying powers of natural gas. It says: "Through a private cable received in Pittsburg on Tuesday, we learn that there has been considerable excitement in Glasgow over the rumor that natural gas had given out in Pittsburg, and, as a consequence, the price of steel was advancing in that city. It seems almost past belief that sensible people, who have paid the least attention to the question of the supply of natural gas, can credit any such absurd stories. While there can be no doubt that ultimately the supply of gas will be exhausted, or will become so small in volume as to make it necessary to secure other fuel for large operations, there is no immediate prospect of any such exhaustion.

"The strongest wells that have ever been struck in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, possibly the strongest wells yet found in the United States, are those of the comparatively recently opened Bellevernon district, while the volume of gas that is being produced in the various Washington, Murraysville and other districts in the immediate vicinity of these show, as yet, no signs of diminution."

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The present condition of the Connellsville coke trade may be said to be the best in the history of the region, but on account of the scarcity of cars some of the works throughout the region made but four or five days the past week. It is expected, however, that with the number of individual cars now being built, the operators will be enabled to catch up with orders before long. The shipments for the week ending yesterday would have been fully 8,000 cars had the means of transportation been adequate, but for lack of shipping facilities 2,500 cars of coke were stocked in the yards. Many works are unable to draw, on account of this accumulation.

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It has become somewhat common nowadays to see the word "limited," in parenthesis, after the titles of corporations, and it is safe to say that people generally do not understand the significance of this term, though, of course, business men do. The old principle of corporations created by legislative act was that the entire property of every stockholder was liable for the whole of the company, as the whole property of every member of a general partnership is still liable for the debts of the firm. This system made every shareholder responsible for bad management, of which he might not be guilty, and deterred wealthy men from becoming interested in the shares of corporations. To remove this objection the principle of limited responsibility was introduced, and in order to notify the public that only the separate property of the corporation was liable for the debts of the corporation, the English law requires that the word "limited" shall be used in every case by the company in connection with its title.

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Further talk of developing the Cheat river coal fields has been caused by the recent purchase of 1,000 acres of land in Springfield county, W. Va., by Walter Laughead, of Uniontown, Pa. It is said that coke ovens are to be built on the property. Mr. Laughead states that he made the purchase for Eastern capitalists. The general opinion among Connellsville coke producers is that there will be no definite move in the near future to make developments in the field mentioned.

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The *Real Estate Record and Business Guide* remarks, and its meaning is plain: "Those who argue that prices of real estate in the business portion of the city and directly on lines of communication have reached their limit are referred to the prices ruling in other cities in similarly favored localities. This is a subject that must be considered apart from suburban values, and without reference to the valuation of the property in request by the buyers of home sites. When the volume of trade and facilities presented in the business localities are borne in mind, and values compared with those recognized in other large cities, the impression that values have reached their limit will probably yield, and the conclusion that they must increase in Pittsburg just as they have done elsewhere will be admitted."

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Considerable excitement has been caused in Preston county, W. Va., by the discovery of what is claimed to be rich lead deposits. Mr. C. E. Gallagher, of New York, Chief Engineer of the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Railroad, which is projected from Wheeling to Uniontown, Pa., has formed a company of capitalists to develop the ore.

STILL THE UNDER DOG.

No Let-up to the Raid on Philadelphia Gas Company Stock.

Evil communications corrupt good manners in stocks as other things. The weakness of the natural gas shares is beginning to affect all the favorites. Nearly everything on the active list, which was very narrow, was weaker yesterday.

Philadelphia Gas was again the cynosure of attention. It opened at 31¾ and sold down to 30⅝ on sales of 425 shares. As support seems to be getting weaker, it would surprise very few if 28, or even 25, were reached before the raid is over. It all depends upon the holders of small lots. If they begin a general unloading away it will go. There was no other feature to the market.

Bids, offers and sales are given below.

	MORNING. Bid.	Asked.	AFTERNOON. Bid.	Asked.
Lawrence Bank	....	60	....	....
Masonic Bank	80½	....	....	....
Nat. Gas Co. of W. Va.	....	79	....	....
Philadelphia Co.	30¾	31	30¾	30⅞
Wheeling Gas Co.	....	28	....	....
Columbia Oil Co.	2¾	3	....	....
Hazelwood Oil Co.	50	....	....	....
Washington Oil Co.	77	81	....	....
Central Traction	30½	31	30½	30⅞
Pleasant Valley	20⅜	20¾	19⅞	....
Chartiers Railway	46	....	....	....
Pitts. & L. E. R. R.	60	....	....	....
Pitts. June. R. R.	27	....	....	....
P., McK. & Y. R. R. Co.	60	63	....	....
P. C. & St. L.	17	....	....	17
Pitts. & Western R. R.	....	....	13	....
Pitts. & W. R. R. pfd.	....	....	19	....
N. Y. & C. Gas Coal Co.	....	....	22½	36
Monongahela Bridge	....	....	29	....
Hidalgo Mining Co.	....	2½	....	2⅝
La Noria Mining Co.	2⅜	1	⅜	⅞
Luster Mining Co.	....	10	....	10
Yankee Girl Mining	....	3	....	....
Westinghouse Electric	48¼	48½	48	49
U. S. & Sig. Co.	18	20	....	21
U. S. & Sig. pref.	....	50	....	....
Westinghouse A. B. Co.	112	114	....	....
Pittsburg Cycloramas	5	10	....	....

Sales at the morning session were 100 shares of Philadelphia Gas at 31¼. In the afternoon 300 shares of the same stock went at 30⅞ and 25 at 30¾.

L. F. Stark sold 30 shares of Philadelphia Gas at 31¼. Andrew Caster sold 100 shares of the same at 31, and $2,000 Steubenville and Indiana 5's, 1914, at 107¾.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 218,474 shares, including: Atchison, 10,620; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 14,686; Denver, Texas and Fort Worth, 14,560; Lake Shore, 4,165; Louisville and Nashville, 8,800; Missouri Pacific, 12,680; Northwestern, 5,315; Northern Pacific preferred, 8,805; Reading, 19,300; Richmond and West Point, 8,070; St. Paul, 13,660; Union Pacific, 47,330.

A PLETHORA OF FUNDS.

Pittsburg Banks Hold Plenty of Money for All Legitimate Purposes.

Chicago reports no money to spare, but Pittsburg banks have more than they can find employment for. The difference between the two is that Chicago is a debtor and Pittsburg a creditor city—money moves from the one and toward the other. Pittsburg manufactures draw funds hither; Chicago speculation causes an outward flow, making that center one of the first to feel a financial pinch.

Nothing short of a universal crash which would put a stop to all manufacturing, could materially affect Pittsburg. Other cities East and West have been complaining at intervals for a month or two of tight money, but the situation here has been at no time strained, and the prospect is good for an easy money market all through the winter.

There was a good demand for funds yesterday which was supplied at the customary rates. Checking was good and depositing liberal for so near the end of the week. Currency was easier. The exchanges were $2,544,541 18 and the exchanges $323,559 32. The probability is that Pittsburg will put Baltimore in a hole again this week.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from 4@4½ to 6, last loan 5, closed offered at 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@7. Sterling exchange quiet but firm at $4 81¾ for 60-day bills, and $4 85½ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg	127	M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	59¾
U. S. 4s, coup	127	Mutual Union 6s	103
U. S. 4½s, reg	105½	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	113¾
U. S. 4½s, coup	105½	Northern Pac. 1sts	114¼
Pacific 6s of '95	117½	Northern Pac. 2ds	110⅜
Louisiana stamped 4s	89¾	Northw'n consols	144
Missouri 6s	101¼	Northw'n deben's	114½
Tenn. new set. 6s	107½	Oregon & Trans. 6s	106¾
Tenn. new set. 5s	101½	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	85¼
Tenn. new set. 3s	73½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	118½
Canada 8s, 2ds	95¾	St. Paul consols	127
Cen. Pacific 1sts	114	St. Pl, Chi & Pc. 1sts	118½
Den. & R. G., 1sts	121¼	Tex., Pc. L. G. Tr Rs.	91
Den. & R. G. 4s	77	Tex., Pc. R. G. Tr. Rcts	37
D. & R. G. West, 1sts	110	Union Pac. 1sts	113¾
Erie, 2ds	104½	West Shore	105⅜
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	66		

NEW YORK—Clearings, $116,061,240; balances, $4,228,886.

BOSTON — Clearings, $13,584,763; balances, $1,682,637. Rate for money, 3½ per cent.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,266,861; balances, $361,683.

PHILADELPHIA — Clearings, $10,333,790; balances, $1,320,748.

LONDON—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £358,000.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 87f 50c for the account.

CHICAGO—Money was a trifle more plentiful than it has been for the last week or two. Outside capitalists are furnishing all the call money required at 6 per cent, and banks are also supplying customers at that figure. Time loans are 7@8 per cent. Clearings were $11,151,000.

GOING SKYWARD.

The Oil Boom Still On, but It Fails to Interest Outsiders.

The bulls on oil were more bullish than ever yesterday. They stormed around until they got the price up to 106¾. The opening was 103¾, the highest 106¾, the lowest 103⅝, and the closing 105¾.

The inciting causes of the boom were an advance of five points in refined at New York, and expectations that New York shorts will soon be compelled to cover. One or two experts said the market was runing up too fast to stay. Conditions, however, are beginning to count, and they all favor the advance.

Pittsburg and Oil City were the principal supporters of the market. New York sold; but there was considerable realizing all round.

A notable circumstance is that the boom has so far failed to interest outsiders. The lobby yesterday was very thin. Room traders had it all to themselves. The close was steady to strong. Thursday's clearings were 860,000 barrels.

The Wheeling Natural Gas Company is drilling four new wells, all of which are expected to come in within a week. The wells are situated in Oakwell and Mount Pleasant townships, Washington county, and when finished they will be connected with the company's main line from Washington county to Wheeling.

One of the wells was started as early as last December, but last spring the tools broke and since then the contractors have had a fishing job, which lasted for several months and delayed the work considerably. However, the well is now drilled down into the sand and it will be first to come in.

Features of the Market.

Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange.

Opened	103¾	Lowest	103⅛
Highest	106¾	Closed	105⅝

	Barrels.
Average runs	51,251
Average shipments	50,757
Average charters	39,808
Refined, New York, 7.25c.	
Refined, London, 6¾d.	
Refined, Antwerp, 17½f.	
Refined, Liverpool, 6 1-16d.	

A. B. McGrew & Co. quote: Puts, $1 03⅝; calls, $1 07⅛.

Other Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, October 25.—National Transit certificates opened at $1 03⅝; highest, $1 06⅜; lowest, $1 03¼; closed, $1 05⅝.

BRADFORD, October 25.—National Transit certificates opened at $1 03⅜; closed at $1 05⅝; highest, $1 06⅜; lowest, $1 03¾.

TITUSVILLE, October 25.—National Transit certificates opened at $1 03⅜; highest, $1 06⅜; lowest, $1 03¾; closed at $1 05⅝.

NEW YORK, October 25.—Petroleum opened strong at $1 03¾, and advanced to $1 08 on coverings of shorts. Realizing sales then caused a reaction, and the market closed steady at $1 05⅝. Stock Exchange: Opening, $1 03⅝; highest, $1 06; lowest, $1 03⅝; closing, $1 05⅝. Consolidated Exchange: Opening, $1 06¼; highest, $1 06⅝; lowest, $1 03⅝; closing, $1 05⅝. Sales, 2,109,000 barrels.

STILL IN THE SWIM.

Real Estate Continues Lively—Deals in City and Suburbs.

Charles Somers & Co., 313 Wood street, sold for Mrs. A. Bond to Mrs. J. Carey a two-story frame dwelling of six rooms, with lot 49-6x135 feet, on Wood's Run avenue, near New Brighton road, for $2,200.

W. E. Hamnett, of 404 Smithfield street and Wilkinsburg, sold for William W. Anderson house and lot in Edgewood to Frank Van Haag for $4,500; also two lots, 25x140 each, on Union street, Park place, for John J. Sullivan to Benjamin Wheeler for $950; also lot No. 11, Wilkins' estate plan No. 1 for $1,200; also lots No. 114 and 113 in plan No. 2, Wilkins' estate, to Charles L. Johnston for $1,500.

Alles & Bailey, 164 Fourth ave, sold for Peter Sohomoser a frame dwelling of four rooms, etc., lot 22x100 feet, on Martin street, Twenty-seventh ward, Southside, for $1,700.

Black & Baird, 95 Fourth avenue, sold to Robert Thompson a lot on the south side of Oakland avenue, between Fifth avenue and Forbes street, being 25x55 feet with a small blacksmith shop thereon, for $1,925. They also placed a second mortgage on a property on Wood street, city, for $4,000 at 6 per cent for two years.

Reed B. Coyle & Co., 131 Fourth avenue, sold lot No. 120 in the Marion plan for $250.

James W. Drape & Co. sold a house and lot on Eighth street, near Duquesne way, for $7,000 cash; also lot with a row of dwelling houses in the Twelfth ward, adjoining Penn avenue, for $14,000 cash; also a small house and lot on the Southside on Twenty-third street for $2,850; also a house and lot on Fifteenth street, Southside, for $1,700; also a small house and lot in the East End, on Bond street, for $1,650 cash. They also placed three mortgages in McKeesport of $6,000 at 6 per cent; also a mortgage on a farm in Moon township of $4,000 at 6 per cent; also several mortgages on properties in and around the city of $6,500 at 6 per cent.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold lot No. 892 in the Aspinwall Land Company's plan, 25x100 feet, for $300.

ACTIVE AND STRONG.

Railroad Shares Hold All of the Recent Gains and a Little More—News Entirely Favorable to the Bull Side.

NEW YORK, October 25.—The stock market was more active and decidedly strong to-day, and at the close all the active stocks were materially higher than they were last evening. The news of the day was almost entirely of a favorable character, and the disposition upon the street was to regard the new traffic agreement between the Union Pacific and Northwestern in a more favorable light, which stimulated buying of both of those stocks, and Union Pacific especially. The bullish feeling extended to the other Granger stocks, and for the first time in some weeks that group of shares was strong throughout, Rock Island being specially conspicuous in the upward movement. The buying was done by commission houses, who advised buying for the first time since the monetary stringency became a factor in the stock market, aided by Chicago and London in the afternoon. The shorts covered freely on the earlier condition of money and helped the upward movement to a great extent.

London was a seller of Union Pacific to a limited extent in the early dealings, and this had, as on yesterday, the effect of checking the natural upward tendency of the market, but the offerings were easily absorbed, and rumors of Vanderbilt's buying of the stocks soon started it upon the up track. All the Vanderbilt stocks were strong, and Lake Shore in particular, though none of them made any marked advance. The coal stocks were also strong, and Lackawanna late in the day took the lead of the market, scoring the highest rise of the day, while Reading was the only sluggard. The Gould stocks, with the single exception of Missouri Pacific, were rather backward, but many of the specialties made sharp gains, Denver, Texas and Fort Worth being the most prominent example among the stocks. The trusts were prominent in dealings, and sugar was