BARREN OF CHANGE.

The Situation in the American Pig Iron Mart Practically

THE SAME AS OUTLINED LAST WEEK

Prices for the Finest Grades of Foundry Continue Firm.

METAL MARKETS ON THE OTHER SIDE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, October 30.—The *Iron Age* in its issue of to-day quotes the American metal market as follows:

American pig iron—The situation is practically the same as outlined last week. To all accounts the deliveries of high grade foundry iron continue to closely absorb the current output of popular brands, Northern and Southern, and prices for this class of material are, therefore, practically firm. As an instance of the character of the movement statistics of a prominent Lehigh Company are cited, showing for the week ending October 25 deliveries of no less than 4,277 tons against an out put of 3,500 tons. This is doubtless an exceptional exhibit, but it may be remarked that the offerings of other popular Northern brands are by no means heavy and that deliveries of certain Southern makes that stand well with consumers in this section are not free. Of No. 2 foundry the supply is ample, however, although apparently not burdensome, and there is sufficient mill iron to go round. For the week under review no changes in values are to be recorded. We quote $17 50@18 for No. 1 and $16@16 50 for No. 2 foundry, good Northern brands; $17@17 50 for No. 1, $16@16 50 for No. 2, and $14 75@15 25 for No. 3 Southern.

Spiegeleisen and ferro manganese—The depression in the market for steel productions operates to restrain business momentarily, and the market is in a rather unsettled condition for the time being. A lot of 20 per cent German spiegel has been taken at $30, but popular English brands are quoted at $31 50 upward, and $31 is considered very close value. Of 80 per cent ferro small sales at $68 50@69 00 at tide water, to arrive, were mentioned, but those figures are below the general quotations.

Steel rails—The meeting of manufacturers on the 22d instant, it is learned, did not terminate in a manner conducive to general good feeling. To the contrary, it would seem that the gathering reflected a degree of independence incompatible with the aims of "association." In any event, the developments on the market since the meeting show very conclusively that there is no uniformity of action at the present time either as regards distribution of business or maintaining prices; the few particulars divulged as to action at the meeting and regarding subsequent transactions indicate that individual concerns are free to do as they please. One Eastern company is reported to have taken an order for 3,000 tons 60-pound section, this year's delivery, at $31, landed at Charleston. Other transactions involving a total of about 15,000 tons have taken place, on which the terms were not above the basis of $29 at mill. Several lots of light rails have been closed for at prices on the basis of $30 for standard sections.

Steel billets—Eastern mill prices are nominally $29 50@30 00, and sales at those figures are slow, while Western Pennsylvania concerns are represented as being willing sellers at $28 at works. Steel wire rods—Prices as low as $40 00@40 50 are said to have been accepted in Western Pennsylvania, and $42 50@45 00 are named as full figures in quarters further East.

Rail fastenings—There is considerable irregularity in this line, and lots from second hands are selling at a round concession from manufacturers' prices. Spikes have been sold at 2c, steel plates at 1.80c, iron plates at 1.85c, and bolts and hexagon nuts at 2.75c, all New York delivery.

Old rails—There has been very little business here and the demand is slow, with offers rarely above $25 for tees. About $25 50@26 00 on cars appears to be full value at the moment.

Scrap iron—For wrought scrap there is little demand, and prices are uncertain, with $21 00@21 50 f. o. b. cars, apparently all that No. 1 would bring.

PRICES GOING UP.

Pig Iron Averages Better in British Metal Circles.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, October 30.—The *Iron Age* of this date quotes from London the condition of the British iron and metal market as follows: The trading in pig iron warrants has been moderate, but prices have averaged somewhat better, with Scotch selling up to 51s. 3d., Cleveland to 48s and hematite to 58s. 2d., the latter subsequently reacting to 57s. 6d. The improvement is due to a recovery from the set back occasioned by the difficulties in financial circles in London, the most of which is said to have been arranged. Consumers are still covering against forward contracts, as there is yet much uncertainty as to the future. The strike, it is feared, will be protracted. Shipments to the continent are lessening, but a heavy reduction in stocks on this side is still taking place.

Prices for block tin, on the spot, have advanced £1 10s, selling up to £99 10s, but figures have improved only £5. Cash tin is positively scarce and supplies here are low. Holders, it is expected, will advance their prices, as the consumption is heavy, chiefly at tin plate works. Copper has been rather slow and the appearances are that consumers' immediate wants are well supplied by recent heavy deliveries. Holders, however, are not disposed to increase engagements. Outsiders are holding off. The action of the Tharsis Company versus the Societe des Meteaux for damages for breach of contract was decided in favor of the former on Saturday. The tin plate market is rather easier. Orders are scarce and buyers seem inclined to suspend operations for a time. Sellers look upon the quieter market as being merely a temporary lull and makers hold steadily to former prices. Business continues to be chiefly in cokes. Rather more interest has been manifested in old material, including a good demand for rails from America.

New York Figures.

NEW YORK—Pig iron dull and steady. Copper unchanged; Lake nominal. Lead purely nominal; domestic, $3 75. Tin more active, closing steadier; straits, $21 35.

American Manufacturer's Cable Quotations.

Scotch Pig—Operations in warrants have been on a moderate scale, but prices have averaged somewhat higher the past week, and, with labor difficulties still holding production in check, the undercurrent is one of decided strength. Sales to-day at 51s. 3d.@51s. 4d. Makers are not quoting prices as yet, and business continues dull.

No. 1 Coltness	00s. 0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Summerlee	00s. 0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
Gartsherrie	00s. 0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Langloan	00s. 0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Carnbroe	00s. 0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Shotts	00s. 0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Glengarnock	00s. 0d.	at Ardrossan.
No. 1 Dalmellington	00s. 0d.	at Ardrossan.
No. 1 Eglinton	00s. 0d.	at Ardrossan.

Bessemer Pig—Hematite warrants have ruled somewhat firmer and the general market is responding better to the strong situation from the supply point of view. There has been less doing in makers' iron, but prices remain steady. West Coast brands Nos. 1, 2, 3, selling at 58s. f. o. b. shipping point.

Middlesbrough Pig—Cleveland warrants have ruled firmer and there is better general tone to the market. Makers report a quiet trade and quote 48s. for No. 3, Middlesbrough, free on board.

Spiegeleisen—The demand is running very fair and prices are unchanged. English 20 per cent quoted at 190s. f. o. b. at works.

Steel Wire Rods—There has been no further change in prices and the market is quiet. Mild steel, No. 6, quoted at £7 12s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping port.

Steel Rails—Demand has been more active and prices are higher, with the market very firm. Heavy sections quoted at £5 5s. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Blooms—A fair business passing and prices very steady. Bessemer 7x7 quoted £5 f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Billets—The market is quite firm, and a fairly active business is passing. Bessemer (size 2½x2½) quoted at £5 2s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Slabs—There is only a moderate demand, but prices remain firm. Ordinary sizes quoted at £5 2s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Crop End—Sales are light and at unchanged prices. Run of the mill quoted at £5 @15 2s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Old Iron Rails—There has been rather more demand, but prices are unchanged. Tees quoted at £3 s. 5d.@£3 5s. and double heads at £3 5s.@£3 7s. 6d. f. o. b.

Scrap Iron—Demand is light and the market is barely steady. Heavy wrought quoted at £2 7s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping points.

Manufactured Iron—Trade has been running light throughout the week and prices have undergone no change.

Stafford, ord. marked bars,

(f. o. b. L'pool)	£9 0s 0d@	9 0s 0d
" common bars	7 0s 0d@	7 5s 0d
" black sheet singles	8 0s 0d@	8 2s 6d
Welsh bars, f. o. b. Wales	6 7s 6d@	6 10s 0d

Steamer Freights—Glasgow to New York, 2s. 0d. Liverpool to New York, 10s. 0d.

Pig Tin—Speculation has been rather slow, but purchases for consumption keep supplies low and prices are again moving in the upward direction. Straits quoted at £98@99 5s for spot; futures (3 months), £97.

Copper—There has been a gradual hardening of prices, and, while yet somewhat irregular the market shows better form. Chili bars quoted £39 for spot, £39 for future delivery. Best selected English, £66.

Lead—Export demand has been more active, and the market is very firm, with prices somewhat higher. Soft Spanish quoted at £14 10s.

Spelter—There is more demand and prices are higher. Ordinary Silesian quoted at £25 2s 6d.

Tin Plate—A very good business has been done in ordinary cokes, but the market is not as brisk as it was last week and it is less difficult to buy at the quoted prices.

I. C. charcoal, Allaway grade, f. o. b. Liverpool	18s. 6d.	@19s. 0d.
Bessemer steel, coke finish	17s. 9d.	@18s. 0d.
Siemens steel, coke finish	18s. 0d.	@18s. 3d.
B. V. grade coke, 14x20	17s. 6d.	@17s. 9d.
Dean grade ternes	16s. 9d.	@17s. 0d.

CHECKED BY THE FAMINE.

The Short Car Supply Continues to Block the Coke Market—Other Deficiences in Transportation—Trade Characterized by the Usual Active Demand.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SCOTTDALE, October 30.—The inadequate car supply, together with other deficiences in transportation, continue to check the tendency to a remarkable coke market. Transportation is apparently becoming more entangled. Last week the volume of business did not satisfactorily compare with the previous week, being disparaging to the coke producer. The shipping facilities are equally insufficient for the coke traffic on the Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania Railroad, and Lake Shore line in the face of their efforts for improvement.

The individual cars are of invaluable aid to the coke companies which fully demonstrates the wisdom in having them constructed. The efforts of the railroad companies to supply needy consumers have not been unavailing, however. It is given out that special trains are now being run through to different points in the West to soothe the wants of distressed furnacemen. Other means are being tried to aid in the transportation of coke. A fast Ft. Wayne engine now makes a trip daily to the coke region and takes out a train.

The market is barren of any special features. The usual active demand still characterizes the trade. The other conditions, that of too much coke on the yards throughout the region and the consumers confronted with exhausted stockhouses, are still prevalent.

A coke superintendent, conversant with the trade, spoke in the following tone to your correspondent to-day.

"The demand for production is stiff from all directions, but under this Republican administration the business is of such enormous proportions that the railroad companies are totally unable to handle it. The demand is all that could be desired, and I have no fears but that it will be retained."

Notwithstanding the fact that some coke is being stocked in the yards for the want of ample transportation, the coke operators are making six days right along. There is a limited number of exceptions to the rule. This week the Dexter, Kyle, Valley, Eagle, White and Summit plants laid off for the restriction of production. The main trouble over which a strike is threatened may be settled. All the furnaces are still in operation and the owners doing a seasonable amount of kicking over the high prices and failure of coke to reach them. The idle list of ovens is over 1,700. There are no signs of a resumption of operations at the Charlotte plant here. The fire is still on. The new Rainey plant of 100 ovens is completed. Thirty-four ovens are out of blast at Lemont. Leisening No. 1, of 500 ovens, is still extinct. There is talk of extending the Pemickey Railroad. Fifty-one ovens are out of blast at Donnelly, and 110 ovens are still building at Lippincott. The list of ovens in the region is about 16,000. Orders are quite numerous from the West, and an increase in shipments is noted in that direction. Pittsburg and Eastern shipments fell off. The shipments last week averaged 1,015 cars per day, as compared with 1,061 cars the week before. The total decrease was 275 cars. The following was the distribution: To points west of Pittsburg, 4,270 cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 820 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 1,000 cars. Total, 6,090 cars. The following was the record of the preceding week: To points west of Pittsburg, 4,050 cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 1,115 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 1,200 cars. Total, 6,365 cars.

Prices are being firmly maintained. No deviations are reported. They are: Furnace coke, $2 15: foundry, $2 45; crushed, $2 65; all f. o. b. cars at ovens per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Freight rates from the region are as follows:

To Pittsburg	$0 70
To Mahoning and Shenango Valleys	1 35
To Cleveland, O	1 70
To Buffalo, N. Y	2 25
To Detroit, Mich	2 35
To Cincinnati, O	2 65
To Louisville, Ky	3 20
To Chicago, Ill	2 75
To Milwaukee, Wis	2 85
To St. Louis, Mo	3 35
To East St. Louis	3 20
To Baltimore	2 17
To Boston	4 00

This will make prices at these points of consumption as follows:

Point.	Furnace.	Foundry.	Crushed.
Pittsburg	$2 85	$3 15	$3 35
M. and S. Valleys	3 50	3 80	4 00
Cleveland	3 85	4 15	4 35
Buffalo	4 40	4 70	4 90
Detroit	4 50	4 80	5 00
Cincinnati	4 80	5 10	5 30
Louisville	5 35	5 65	5 85
Chicago	4 90	5 20	5 40
Milwaukee	5 00	5 30	5 50
St. Louis	5 50	5 80	6 00
East St. Louis	5 35	5 65	5 85
Baltimore	4 32	4 62	4 82
Boston	6 15	6 45	6 65

DIVING IN THE SEA.

The Color Effects and How Men Endure the High Pressure.

Robert Rogers, who was a practical diver ten years ago, and only recently retired from the business, speaks as follows in the New York *Sun*: "On a good clear day, when the water is clear on top, when there is no ripple, it is possible to see objects distinctly 15 feet away, at a depth of 75 feet or even 100 feet. At that depth when you look up you can notice that the water seems to be of a slightly lighter color than it does if you look horizontally. You can distinguish nothing. You can't see the bottom of the boat from which you are working, but if you look right straight in the direction of the ship you may notice that the water is the same color as it appears to be when you look horizontally.

The color of fishes cannot be distinguished. They simply look like dark objects moving about. My ability to see under water didn't increase with experience. I could see as well the first time as I could the last time I went down. Constant practise, of course, enables a man to stand the pressure of great depths better. Usually a man begins to feel uncomfortable when he gets down 75 feet, and at 125 feet the average man would faint away. He would be overcome by the pressure. I have been down that deep and have come up all right, but I tell you I didn't enjoy the trip. I know one diver who went down 140 feet. That was in the lakes. He was after a sale pail of money belonging to the Wells-Fargo Express Company. He got it."

A HUSBAND'S ECCENTRICITY.

He Insists on Keeping the Embalmed Body of His Wife in His House.

A romantic story, strange if true, is published, says *Galignani*, of a wealthy Russian gentleman living in his own house on the banks of the Seine, who, for the last ten years, has kept in a box in a private room the embalmed body of his young wife. She was murdered a few days after marriage, and her sorrowing husband obtained the Czar's permission to take her body away with him. The law of France forbids absolutely the keeping of a dead body in any place btt a cemetery.

The Russian gentleman hopes to obtain special permission from high quarter to remain the custodian of the beloved relic. If not, he threatens to leave the country rather than part with it.

A RISE IN THE RIVER

Expected To-Day on Account of the Excessive Rain Fall.

Rivermen are on the lookout for a rise, although it is not expected to go above 15 or 16 feet. Yesterday afternoon the Market street gauge registered a little over 11 feet, while in the morning it was under that mark. The rise is not expected to do any damage.

The packets made their usual trips yesterday, except the Cincinnati boat, which was held over until to-day. All were on good time.

Numerous coal fleets and empties went up and down the river yesterday. About 25,000 bushels of coal left Pittsburg for Southern ports during the day.

STEAMBOATMEN, ATTENTION!—All persons or their heirs, serving on U. S. Transports during the late Rebellion, will hear something to their advantage by inclosing stamp to H. J. Everett, Attorney at Law, Indianapolis, Ind.

MANY causes induce gray hair, but PARKER HAIR BALSAM brings back youthful color.

PARKER'S GINGER TONIC cures inward pains

A TEMPORARY LULL.

Real Estate a Little Slow on Account of Well-Known Causes.

THE OUTLOOK VERY ENCOURAGING.

Important Advances Scored in a Number of Leading Local Securities.

THE NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE CITY

Rainy weather and bad roads are the only drawbacks to business in real estate. The inquiry is good, but sales are delayed in many cases by the refusal of buyers to plow through the mud to examine property. While this is disappointing to those dealing for quick profits, the lull will be beneficial in the long run, by affording opportunity to improve property already sold. The demand is here, and will assert itself so soon as the elemental pressure shall be removed.

One of the oldest real estate brokers in the city, in reviewing the situation yesterday, remarked: "The year so far has been exceedingly prosperous. Sales of all descriptions of properties have been largely in excess of last year. The neighth has not been reached, for the demand continues, and the scarcity of houses becomes more pronounced every day. There is a noticeable increase in the inquiry for sites for industrial purposes. This means more business, and more business means more people and more buyers."

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Silver Across the Water.

A recognized authority says the situation abroad in regard to silver is by no means clear. For the time being the supply, mainly of South American origin, available in the London market is somewhat greater than the demand. But it must be remembered that the high rates for money which have recently prevailed there have affected India exchange and reduced the demand for silver for shipment to eastern countries. At the same time a more tangible shape has been given to the often-repeated threat of selling silver by some of the continental nations. It is now alleged that the Austrian Government is about to throw 20,000,000 florins of silver on the market. This report has been denied, only to reappear again, and as the matter is not yet finally settled it seems to have some effect on the temper of the market.

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Under the Hammer.

The building occupied for nearly 30 years by the defunct Lawrence Bank was sold yesterday at public auction by the Fidelity Title and Trust Company, assignee. The lot has a frontage of 97 feet on Penn avenue and 91 feet on Butler street. It started at $15,000 and gradually advanced to $19,700, at which figure it was awarded to Mr. C. L. Reno. Although the price realized is $300 under the appraised value, good judges think it is about all the property is worth. The location is good enough, but the shape of the building is far from prepossessing, while the interior arrangement is decidedly antiquated. John D. Bailey was the auctioneer.

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Business News and Gossip.

Real estate men would like to buy the Exchange building, but say there is too much money in it for them. If they were organized it might be different.

Southern California is still suffering from the collapse of the real estate boom there two or three years ago. A Pittsburg gentleman, one of the victims, said yesterday that owners of town lots eagerly accept almost any price offered.

The withdrawal of natural gas from the mills should stimulate inventive genius to produce a cheap and efficient substitute. There are millions in it for the man who gets there first.

Nineteen of 44 mortgages on file yesterday were for purchase money. The largest was for $14,000. Each of 17 was for less than $1,000. More than 100 mortgages have been paid off this month.

Major A. J. Pentecost remarked yesterday: "That business continues good and money well distributed among the people is shown by the fact that there is no increase in the number of forced sales. I do a great deal of court business and know this to be the fact."

The little lull in real estate has no terrors for owners, who are holding out for top prices. If there were danger in the air they would be the first to see it.

The Squirrel Hill Land Company has sold 28 building lots during the last two weeks, aggregating $15,000, of which more than $10,000 was cash.

A company has been formed at Baltimore, with a capital of $1,500,000, for the purpose of attracting to that city and encouraging manufacturing industries.

G. B. Orr Co. yesterday sold 30 shares Philadelphia Gas at 26, to go to Hamilton, Ont. Charles L. McCutcheon filled an order from Boston, Mass., for 40 shares of the same stock at 26.

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New Buildings.

Seven permits were taken out yesterday, all for cheap houses except one. The list follows:

John Flinn, brick three-story dwelling, 20x53 feet on Fulton street, Eighth ward; cost, $5,000.

Lawrence Leffler, frame two-story dwelling, 20x32 feet, corner Neville and Fillmore streets, Fourteenth ward; cost, $975.

Timothy Eckert, frame addition two-story dwelling, 15x15 feet on corner Penn and Thirtieth streets, Sixteenth ward; cost, $500.

Armstrong & Co., frame one-story coal house, 16x40 feet on corner Twenty-ninth and Liberty streets, Twelfth ward; cost, $150.

Calvin McA. Willey, frame two-story dwelling, 20x32 feet, on Cayuga street, Sixteenth ward; cost, $1,600.

Mr. Buchman, frame one-story dwelling, 15x15 feet, on South Sixteenth street, Twenty-eighth ward; cost, $150.

John H. Wolff, frame one-story wagon shed, 13x16 feet, on Ridge street, Thirteenth ward; cost $40.

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Movements in Real Estate.

W. A. Herron & Sons yesterday sold for the Monongahela Insurance Company the property known as the Palmer homestead, at Swissvale, Pennsylvania Railroad, containing 19 acres of beautiful laying ground, with a large and commodious dwelling, for $50,000, to a prominent resident of the East End, who intends laying the ground out in building lots, beautifying and making it a choice residence location.

The same firm says that there is a fair inquiry for business houses from persons from Eastern cities, who are willing to pay fair but not exorbitant rents, provided business houses to suit can be had. They rented to T. and N. Taylor & Co., tin plate dealers of Philadelphia, No. 64 Second avenue, near Market street, part of the fine large building lately put up by J. C. McCormick, Esq.

S. A. Dickie & Co. sold for Melvin & Smith to Thomas P. Marshall four more lots on the north side of Bennett street, Melvin & Smith plan, Nos. 37, 38, 39 and 40, 120x135 feet each, for $3,200. This makes 20 lots sold to Mr. Marshall from this plan.

Magaw & Goff, Lim., sold in Etna Park place, Etna station, a new six-roomed house and two lots, each 24x100, on Greely avenue, to Mary E. McKnight for $1,700 on monthly payments. They also sold for Mrs. Kate Pine to Mrs. Dierker a three-roomed house and lot, 50x150, at Grove station, Castle Shannon Railroad, for $1,000 cash.

Ewing & Byers sold for Joseph McCall to T. W. Haus a new two-story frame house of five rooms and hall, lot 20x100, on Wandless street, near Wylie avenue, for a price approximating $2,000.

J. E. Glass sold for A. C. Watkins lot No. 15 in Allequippa Place, Thirteenth ward, for $650.

Black & Baird sold to Frank H. Speer for G. D. Simon lot No. 41 on McPherson street, Boulevard Place, East End, 59x140 feet, for a price approximating $3,500.

The Squirrel Hill Land Company sold to J. A. Jackson a lot on Stanton street for $500.

W. E. Hannett & Co. sold a lot on Biddle avenue, Wilkinsburg, 50x120, to Mary A. Coleman for $125 cash.

Baltensperger & Williams sold to George W. Knipschild a half interest in a tract of land on Perrysville avenue, Tenth ward, Allegheny. Price private.

HOME SECURITIES.

Sales of a Number of Small Bundles at Bed-Rock Prices.

The speculative pulse was weak yesterday. At the first call 10 shares of Luster realized 23¾, 20 23¼, 10 23¾, 10 23, and 10 Philadelphia Gas 25¾. Sales at second call were 10 shares of Philadelphia Gas at 25¾. At third call 10 shares of Pleasant Valley brought 26¾, 25 Philadelphia Gas 25½, 10 Wheeling Gas 15 and 10 Luster 23¼. The bundles being small prices realized are no criterion of what large lots would bring.

Most of the important price changes were advances. Ohio Gas scored a gain of $3 a share. New York and Cleveland Gas Coal was $1 better than the previous close. Allegheny Gas improved half a point, Philadelphia and Wheeling Gas were weaker, the former closing half a point below the opening, and selling at 25½—the lowest point ever touched by it. Luster continued its downward course, opening at 23¾ and closing at 22. Electric and Switch and Signal about held their own. The tractions were weak and neglected.

	First Call. B	First Call. A	Second Call. B	Second Call. A	Third Call. B	Third Call. A
Com. Nat. Bank	....	108	....	....	....	....
Odd Fel. Sav. B.	70	75	....	....	70	75
Safe Deposit Co.	....	....	....	....	....	72
Humboldt Ins.	....	....	....	....	49	....
Atl. G. Co. (Ilim)	39	....	....	....	39½	....
Pitt. G. Co. (Ilim)	75	....	....	....	....	....
C. V. Gas Co.	....	36	30	35½	30	35½
Ohio Valley	20	....	....	....	23	....
P. N. G. & P. Co	....	13¾	....	....	....	....
Penna. G. Co.	....	13¾	....	....	....	13¾
Phila. Co.	25¾	26	25½	25¾	25¼	25½
Wheeling Gas C.	....	....	....	....	14½	15¼
Columbia Oil Co.	....	....	....	....	3¾	3¾
Hazelwood Oil C.	51	....	....	....	....	....
Central Traction	....	23½	....	....	....	....
Pitts. Traction	....	35	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Valley	25¾	27	26¼	27	25¾	26¾
Second Ave.	51	....	....	....	....	....
Chartiers Ry.	....	53	....	....	....	....
P'gh. V. & A.	....	40	....	....	....	....
P. & W. R. R. Com.	13¾	....	....	....	....	....
P. & W. R. R. pref.	....	17	....	....	....	....
P., W. & K. R. R.	....	83¾	....	....	....	....
N. Y. & C. G. C. C.	33	35	....	....	33	35
Luster Mining	22¾	23¼	22½	23	22	22½
Silverton Min.	....	....	1¾	2¼	1¾	2¼
Westinghouse E.	28	29	....	29	....	29
Monon. W. Co.	....	30	....	....	....	....
U. S. & S. Co.	13¾	14	....	....	....	14
U. S. & S. pref.	....	....	....	....	....	47
W. B. Co. Lim.	....	....	....	74	....	....

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 284,509 shares, including Atchison, 13,051; Delaware and Lackawanna and Western, 11,900 Louisville and Nashville, 17,850; North American, 9,300; Northern Pacific preferred, 8,761; Reading, 7,600; St. Paul, 41,680; Union Pacific, 26,900.

MONETARY MOVEMENTS.

Slight Drop in Bank Clearings, Due to Well-Known Causes.

Bad roads, wet weather and milltroubles growing out of the natural gas scare, are making some impression upon general trade, but less than expected. With the removal of these obstacles, which is only a question of a little time, everything will go on swimmingly again.

Bank clearings yesterday were the lowest of the month, but still strongly entrenched above the $2,000,000 mark, which is a long remove from the danger line. They footed up $2,269,515 26, while the balances were $173,988 84. Pittsburg people are so accustomed to prosperity that they give undeserved prominence to temporary embarrassments. There is nothing in the business situation that cannot easily be overcome.

Money was again easy yesterday, but the supply was not limitless. Calls from merchants and manufacturers were readily met, but outside paper was not sought for. Interest rates were firm on the usual basis of 6@7 per cent. Depositing was good. Notes of small denominations were in moderate supply.

A counterfeit $20 silver certificate has been put in circulation in Ohio. It is of the "series of 1880." The Treasury number is believed to be the same on all—namely, B 2774258X. The check letter is "B." It is believed to be a production of the camera, the work being shallow and the black off color. The large seal and XXs on the face of the note, in colors, are made by the ordinary process. It is a dangerous note in experienced hands.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy at 3@6 per cent, closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 6@8. Sterling exchange dull but fairly steady at $4 80¾ for 60-day bills and $4 85¼ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	124	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	44½
U. S. 4s, coup.	124	Mutual Union 6s	102
U. S. 4½s, reg.	104¼	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	110¼
U. S. 4½s, coup.	104¼	Northern Pac. 1st s.	116¼
Pacific 6s of '96	113	Northern Pac. 2ds	111
Louisiana Impmt'd 4s	93¾	Northw'n consols	140
Missouri 6s	100	Northw'n deben's 5s	109¼
Tenn. new set. 6s	105½	Oregon & Trans. 6s	107½
Tenn. new set. 5s	101	S. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	90
Tenn. new set. 3s	71	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	111
Canada So. 2ds	96	St. Paul consols	124¾
Central Pacific 1sts	110¼	St. P. Chi & Pc. 1sts	116
Den. & R. G. 1sts	118	Tex. Pac. L. G. Tr. Rs.	90¼
Den. & R. G. 4s	82½	Tx., Pc. R. G. Tr. Rs.	36¾
D. & R. G. West 1sts	—	Union Pacific 1sts	111½
Erie 2ds	99¼	West Shore	103¼
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	78		

NEW YORK—Clearings, $136,807,455; balances, $5,840,708.

BOSTON — Clearings, $16,284,992; balances, $1,975,196. Money, 6@7 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $10,285,328; balances, $1,834,900. Money, 6 per cent.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,804,967; balances, $337,481. Money, 6 per cent.

LONDON—The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £158,000 during the past week. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is now 34.33 per cent.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 94f 2½c for the account. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a decrease of 7,600,000 francs gold and an increase of 1,375,000 francs silver.

CHICAGO—Clearings, $14,031,000. Money was in excellent demand and few loans of any kind were made below 6½ per cent on call and 6½@7 per cent for time loans. New York exchange was 75c discount.

A TRIFLE WEAKER.

Buyers Take Oil in Small Doses—Figures Shrink a Little.

There was considerable trading in oil yesterday. The market started at 77¼, advanced to 77¾, and then, late in the day, on Eastern selling, declined and closed at 76¾, with 76⅝ bid.

Average runs were 84,918; average shipments, 86,755; average charters, 32,869. Refined was higher at London, but unchanged elsewhere.

A. B. McGrew, No. 115 Fourth avenue, quotes: Puts, 75¾; calls, 77¾.

Other Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, October 30.—National Transit certificates opened at 77¼; closed at 76¾; highest, 77¾; lowest, 76¾. Sales, 72,000 barrels; charters, 39,682 barrels; shipments, 85,551 barrels; runs, 98,776 barrels.

BRADFORD, October 30.—National Transit certificates opened, 77¼; highest, 77¾; lowest, 76¾; closed, 76¾; clearances, 188,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, October 30.—Petroleum opened weak, and on light buying advanced to 77⅝c for November option, but on realizing reacted at the close, which was steady. Pennsylvania oil, spot—Opening, 78c; highest, 78c; lowest, 76c; closing, 76c. Pennsylvania oil, November option—Opening, 77c; highest, 77⅝c; lowest, 76⅝c; closing, 76c. Lima oil—No sales. Total sales, 139,000 barrels.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Stock Market Generally Waiting the Outcome of the Sugar Trust Litigation Before Resuming Activity—Some Specialties Prominent.

NEW YORK, October 30.—The stock market to-day was again in the main a waiting one, the principal object of interest being the argument on the suit for the appointment of a receiver for the Sugar Trust, and while there was no lack of activity in the Granger stocks the general market was dull and without feature. The market was nothing in the main but an effort to cover shorts, but there was little success attending the attempts. The London market was materially lower this morning. Our opening was made at from ⅛ to ⅜ per cent lower than our last night's prices, while Louisville and Nashville was down ⅝.

The bears ignored the lower London market, however, and went in to cover with a vigor unknown of late, and during the continuance of these operations, which consumed the entire forenoon, prices in the active stocks, which comprised the Grangers, Union Pacific, Louisville and Nashville, Atchison, Lackawanna, Sugar Refineries and Chicago Gas, moved up sharply at times.

There was said to have been news from private sources of a favorable nature regarding the Western railroad situation, and advances of from ¾ to 1¾ per cent were scored in the railroad stocks, while Sugar was lifted over 69⅝ against 67¾ last evening. The news from the arguments before the court in the afternoon, however, created a bad effect, and Sugar was rattled off to 65¾, and the whole railroad list followed, the early gains being entirely wiped out in most cases. Chicago Gas was the one exception to the rule, and it stands alone in closing with a material gain for the day. Late in the day the news that the decision was reserved, but that a modification permitted the publication of the reorganization plan, created a favorable effect, and that plan being regarded as favorable, there was a material rally in the last hour in Sugar. The railroad list failed to respond, however, and the close was rather heavy at the close at opening figures.

One of the features of the day was the manipulation in Illinois Central upon the issue of the report of earnings for the past three months, showing a loss in net. It was hammered down to 97¼, and, considering the limited business done in the stock, the offerings of seller 60 days options were unusually numerous at about 1 per cent below the market. It closed at 98, a loss of 1¾ per cent for the day. The strong spot in the specialties was Canada Pacific, which, however, had been opened off 2 per cent, and recovered only half the loss. The final changes are irregular, but generally for small fractions only; but Chicago Gas was up 1¾ per cent.

Texas Pacific seconds were again the feature of the trading in railroad bonds, and while their fluctuations were confined to fractions they furnished $411,000 out of a total day's business of $1,371,000. The general market was rather heavy, but there are the usual slight changes this evening. The important ones, however, show a majority of losses. Houston and Texas first certificates are down 2 at 112. Government bonds have been dull and steady. State bonds have been dull and steady.

The *Post* says: Exchange was ⅛@⅛ on the pound lower this morning, which move they think indicated the buying of stocks for London account. A private cable from London also said: "Investors are the principal buyers in to-day's market. The speculators are chagrined over the fact that a firm which was in the market and which is said to have backed the stock syndicate, did not fail." Money is still tight in Boston, but it is a notable fact that exchange on New York is still at a premium there. Money is also tight in Chicago, and exchange on New York is still at a discount. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that money is returning to New York from various quarters, and the bank statement on Saturday is expected to show that fact.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, oldest Pittsburg members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.
Am. Cotton Oil	....	....	....	18
Am. Cotton Oil pref.	....	....	....	41½
Am. Cotton Oil Trust	....	....	....	19
Atch., Top. & S. F.	32⅝	33⅝	32⅝	33¼
Canadian Pacific	71	72	71	71¾
Canada Southern	51½	51½	51½	51¾
Central of New Jersey	110	110½	110	110¼
Central Pacific	....	....	....	29½
Chesapeake & Ohio	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
Chesapeake Dis Trust	37	40¼	37	39¾
C., Bur. & Quincy	90	91⅝	89⅝	91⅝
C., Mil. & St. Paul	56¼	57⅝	56	56⅞
C., Mil. & St. P., pf.	106⅝	106½	106½	106½
C., Rock I. & P.	75⅝	76¼	75⅝	75⅝
C., St. L. & Pitts.	15½	15½	15	14
C., St. L. & Pitts., pf.	....	....	....	46½
C., St. P., M. & O.	27½	27½	27½	27½
C., St. P., M. & O. pf.	....	....	....	84
C. & Northwestern	107⅝	108	107⅝	107⅝
C. & N. W. pf.	....	....	....	138
C., C., C. & I.	65⅝	66⅝	65⅝	66
Col. Coal & Iron	44⅝	45¼	44⅝	45
Col. & Hocking Valley	29⅝	29⅝	29¼	29¼
Ches. & Ohio 1st pref.	....	....	....	63
Ches. & Ohio 2d pref.	33⅝	34½	33⅝	34
Del., Lack & West.	142½	143¾	142½	143¼
Del. & Hudson	138	138