IRON TRADE REVIEW.

Sales Show Up Fairly Well, but Some Shading Is Reported.

THE PRICE OF BESSEMER WEAKENS.

The Latest Trade Surprise Not Much of a Market Disturber.

HOW THINGS LOOK AT OTHER CENTERS

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, Sept. 25, 1891.

RAW IRON AND STEEL—Trade for the week shows no improvement in values, in fact the very reverse. In certain kinds a weaker feeling prevails and in order to effect sales "shading" was resorted to to bring in new business. There is a lack of confidence among dealers that interferes materially with business. It will be some time before confidence can be restored to the place it held before the late failures were made public. As usual a wide difference of opinion exists. Some contend that the lowest prices have been reached and that the next movement will be favorable to furnacemen. Others advance arguments showing that the large amount of productions will still force prices to a lower figure. In support of the first theory certain furnaces have withdrawn their stocks from the market and refuse to accept prices current at present.

The Last Surprise Unimportant.

An Eastern paper has this to say: "The announcement that one of the largest and oldest Pittsburg concerns had been obliged to ask an extension from its creditors has had little effect upon the trade, for the condition of this firm had been known for several weeks to those who had intimate business relations with the company. The causes of this embarrassment are more personal than general, and this event can hardly be ascribed to the general condition of trade."

The very latest in regard to this firm is that matters are progressing favorably to a satisfactory arrangement, and that the near future will see it in good shape and doing business as usual. A comparison of prices for September, 1890, shows the following:

Sept. 25, 1890.	Bessemer...$18 50	Grey forge...	$15 25
Sept. 25, 1891.	Bessemer... 15 60	Grey forge...	13 85
Sept. 25, 1890.	No. 1 f'y. 17 00	No. 2 f'd'y...	16 00
Sept. 25, 1891.	No. 1 f'd'y. 16 25	No. 2 f'd'y...	15 00
Sept. 25, 1890.	Muck bar.. 26 50	Billets.....	26 50
Sept. 25, 1891.	Muck bar.. 26 50	Billets.....	25 00

The above shows a heavy decline in prices compared with one year ago, and ought to convince parties that prices have been reduced to a very low figure. Bessemer declined $2 90 per ton, Grey forge $1 40, Steel billets $5 25, Muck bar $4 and so on.

Finished Iron and Steel in Demand.

The demand for all descriptions of finished iron and steel continues active and seems to be on the increase, last week's prices being steadily maintained. From all we can learn there are strong evidences of a revival of the steel rail trade; inquiry is more active and orders for several round lots are said to have been placed. News from the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys shows that furnaces are generally running to their full capacity; prices there being steadily maintained. Scrap material was in good demand. No. 1 R. R. being most fancied. Skelp iron, narrow grooved and sheared iron sheet is slight advance; wide grooved unchanged.

THE LATEST—Sales liberal, but no improvement in values. In some instances shading was resorted to in order to effect sales. The list sale for 1892 is reported in this issue of THE DISPATCH. Sales of scrap material lags. Skelp iron steady with sales of several round lots. The settlement of the Moorhead-McClean matter is expected to improve business in the near future.

COKE, SMELTED LAKE AND NATIVE ORES.

2,000 tons Bessemer, October, Wheeling	$15 50	cash
500 tons gray forge, Oct., Nov., Dec.	13 75	cash
2,000 tons Bessemer, Oct., Wheeling	15 40	cash
1,500 tons Bessemer, Oct., Nov.	15 35	cash
500 tons Bessemer, Wheeling delivery	15 65	cash
1,000 tons gray forge, Oct., Nov., Nov.	13 80	cash
1,000 tons mill iron	13 85	cash
1,000 tons Bessemer, Oct., Wheeling	15 50	cash
750 tons gray forge, Oct., Nov., Dec.	13 75	cash
500 tons Bessemer, October	15 50	cash
500 tons Bessemer	15 50	cash
500 tons gray forge	13 75	cash
500 tons gray forge	14 00	cash
500 tons gray forge, valley furnace	13 75	cash
500 tons Bessemer	15 50	cash
500 tons No. 2 foundry	13 75	cash
500 tons gray forge, valley furnace	13 75	cash
250 tons No. 2 foundry	15 00	cash
500 tons gray forge	13 85	cash
250 tons No. 2 foundry	15 00	cash
200 tons gray forge	13 90	cash
100 tons No. 2 foundry	16 00	cash
100 tons No. 2 foundry	15 15	cash
100 tons open gray	14 25	cash
75 tons No. 2 foundry	15 25	cash
75 tons No. 2 foundry	15 25	cash
25 tons No. 1 foundry	15 25	cash
50 tons No. 2 foundry	15 25	cash

STEEL SLABS AND BILLETS.

3,000 tons steel billets, October, November, December	$24 25	cash
200 tons rod billets, October, November	25 60	cash
200 tons billets, December, January	26 75	cash
200 tons billets	25 00	cash
1,000 tons at mill	25 00	cash
1,000 tons billets	24 90	cash
500 tons billets and slabs	24 75	cash
500 tons billets, October, November	24 75	cash
500 tons billets	24 80	cash
500 tons billets	25 00	cash
300 tons billets	25 00	cash

MUCK BAR.

1,000 tons neutral, Oct., Nov., Dec.	$26 75	cash
1,000 tons neutral	26 75	cash
500 tons neutral, Oct., Nov.	26 75	cash
500 tons neutral, October	26 50	cash
300 tons neutral	26 25	cash

SKELP IRON.

2,000 tons wide grooved	1 75	4 mos
1,750 tons narrow grooved	1 72½	4 mos
1,250 tons sheared iron	$1 92½	4 mos

STEEL WIRE RODS.

1,000 tons steel wire rods, October	$34 00	cash

BLOOMS, BEAMS, RAIL AND CROP ENDS.

1,800 tons bloom and rail ends	$17 25	cash
500 tons billet ends	16 60	cash
200 tons billet ends	16 80	cash

FERRO MANGANESE.

150 tons 80 percent domestic	$66 50	cash
125 tons 80 per cent delivered	66 00	cash
50 tons 80 per cent delivery	66 25	cash

SCRAP MATERIAL.

280 tons No. 1 R. R. wrought scrap, net	20 00	cash
300 tons No. 1 R. R. wrought scrap, net	20 25	cash
250 tons old car wheels, gross	15 50	cash
200 tons cast scrap, gross	13 50	cash
200 tons leaf steel, gross	22 00	cash
200 tons steel rail half balts, gross	18 00	cash
150 tons No. 1 R. R. wrought scrap, net	19 50	cash
150 tons old iron rails, gross	24 00	cash
150 tons beam cutting	17 00	cash
120 tons No. 1 R. R. wrought scrap, net	20 00	cash
110 tons iron rails, for relaying, gross	26 75	cash
125 tons old steel rails, short lengths, gross	17 50	cash
125 tons old steel rails, long lengths, gross	18 50	cash
100 tons cast borings, gross	11 00	cash
100 tons old steel rails, short, gross	17 50	cash
100 tons R. R. cast scrap, gross	13 50	cash
70 tons leaf steel, gross	20 00	cash
70 tons old steel rails, short, gross	17 00	cash
70 tons leaf steel, gross	20 00	cash
60 tons rod steel, gross	22 00	cash
40 tons R. R. cast scrap, gross	12 25	cash

CHARCOAL.

100 tons No. 2 foundry	$21 00	cash
50 tons No. 1 foundry	22 00	cash
50 tons cold blast	26 75	cash
50 tons cold blast	26 50	cash
50 tons hot blast	20 00	cash

ACTIVITY AT CHICAGO.

Sales on the Increase, Making the Outlook a Still More Favorable One.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—[*Special.*]—Rogers, Brown & Merwin say: Considerable activity in the way of sales of pig metal has characterized the market during the past week. A number of round deals have been closed on both Northern and Southern cokes, a noticeable degree of activity having existed on the latter. Grades sold have been mainly Nos. 2 and 3, foundry and gray forge. Prices have in nearly every case ranged below what has been considered as the bottom market. More than this, some exceptionable long deliveries have been made, one sale of 500 or 600 tons gray forge having been taken by a prominent Southern firm for deliveries running 12 months beginning with October, and as this deal was put through on the basis of bottom figures, no advance in price being secured even for the long scattered deliveries.

Transactions on Lake Superior charcoal iron have been light. Some deals, however, have been put through with car wheel manufacturers and car builders; prices made on these sales have been close. Southern charcoal is in better demand, and inquiries are in for some round lots for deliveries running well into next year. The general situation continues good, hot weather during the last ten days having carried the corn crop almost entirely out of danger from early frosts, and the need in many sections now is for bountiful rains to break the continued drouth. As the week closes the outlook is good for free selling of pig metal during the balance of the year, but the evidence accumulating indicates that while prices may fluctuate somewhat there is likely to be but little material change.

NO CHANGE IN PRICES

At Cincinnati, but There Is a Great Deal of Business Under Way.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 25.—[*Special.*]—Rogers, Brown & Co. say: A good deal of business has been placed by all leading sellers since our last report. No material change is to be noted in prices. Concessions that were common a month ago are impossible to obtain, unless for occasional lots for spot delivery and cash. Gray forge is generally firmly held at $10 at Birmingham. Some surprise is expressed that the current demand should be equal to the current rate of production, which is very near to the top notch. The fact that this is the case, in spite of the very small consumption by railroads and allied industries, is deemed a strong argument for a better iron market.

Consumption was never so large for miscellaneous purposes in the history of the country as it is at present. Iron pipe, stoves, agricultural machinery, architectural work, etc., are calling for more iron than ever before in the history of those trades. Northern irons have not felt the improved spirit as much as Southern perhaps, because they were not as much depressed during the low prices. There is a disposition, however, not to take forward contracts unless at higher prices. Charcoal irons are not in improved demand, though better things are expected before long. Softeners are moving out more freely than for some time past. Old car wheels are becoming scarce and have advanced $2 per ton from the lowest prices.

SOUTHERN FURNACES BUSY.

The Heaviest Production Ever Known in Alabama Now Under Way.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Sept. 25.—[*Special.*]—For the first time in the history of the Birmingham district all the furnaces are in blast but one, making the heaviest production ever known in Alabama. The feeling is more hopeful than for 12 months, and for the first time in that long period of time furnace owners feel that they occupy vantage ground. They have contrived by making concessions to dispose of the large output, and the now expected rise will find them well sold up.

They are now refusing to sell much ahead at the top of the market quotations. Inquiries are more numerous than for a long while past, and ready sales give coloring to the hopes of producers. Whether the hopeful feeling that prevails derives anything from the buoyancy of temper natural to the latitude or not, the quotations given out have not advanced, being still at the old figures, as follows, f. o. b. at the furnace: No. 1 foundry, $12; No. 2 foundry, $11; No. 3 foundry, $10 50; grey forge, $9 75.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy, ranging from 4 to 7 per cent; last loan, 4; closed offered at 4. Prime mercantile paper 5½@7; sterling exchange active and heavy, at $4 89 for 60 day bills and $4 83 for demand.

THE ST. LOUIS MARKET.

Small Orders Coming In, With No Change of Any Especial Consequence.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25.—[*Special.*]—Rogers, Brown & Meacham say: No change worthy of note has taken place in the pig iron market during the past week. The orders that have been placed since our last report have been small and for prompt shipment. The demand for old car wheels is quite liberal, which has caused an advance in price of about $1 to $1 50 per ton during the past two weeks. The Southern furnaces are now more firm in their views, and we do not think that prices which were quoted ten days ago could be obtained now. We quote for cash f. o. b. St. Louis:

Hot blast coke and charcoal:	
Southern coke, No. 1	$15 50@15 75
Southern coke, No. 2	14 50@14 75
Southern coke, No. 3	13 75@14 00
Southern charcoal, No. 1	17 25@17 75
Southern charcoal, No. 2	16 75@17 25
Missouri charcoal, No. 1	15 50@16 00
Missouri charcoal, No. 2	15 00@15 50
Ohio softeners	18 00@19 00
Car-wheel and malleable irons:	
Lake Superior	$19 50@20 00
Connellsville foundry coke:	
St. Louis	$5 65

A DEMAND FOR IRON.

In Some Lines It Is Unprecedented in the History of the Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—[*Special.*]—Rogers, Brown & Co., say: The iron market shows further signs of improvement. The demand for foundry iron among makers of stove plate is unprecedented. Although the weekly pig iron production is within a fraction of the highest point ever reached, yet the accumulation of iron on hand at furnaces is not very large, and furnaces seem indifferent about selling very far ahead at present prices.

If the railroads had the money to purchase much needed rails and equipments we would have a veritable boom. They will hardly be in shape to buy before next spring.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Pig iron dull: American $16 000@18 25. Copper nominal; Lake, $15 10; do October, $12 45. Tin steady; Straits, $20 10. Lead dull; domestic, $4 32½.

THE MARKET BASKET.

Fruits and Vegetables Never Lower—Ocean Products Dull.

In fruit lines grapes have had the lead the past week, and prices have reached the lowest figure of the season. Top price of Concords in a jobbing way is 18c a basket, and Delawares and Niagaras are 35c per basket. With the great abundance of peaches on the market this season clings are reported scarce. At the Diamond Market fruit and vegetables stalls trade for the week is reported dull. Garden stuff of all kinds moves very slowly. While producers complain, consumers rejoice. It has been many a year since the market basket was filled at such low prices as they are filled at this time. A year ago tomatoes were selling at $1 per bushel and active; now they are slow at 30c to 35c per bushel. The same difference in prices prevails all along the line in vegetables.

The hot weather of the week has proved adverse to the fish and oyster trade. Said a leading dealer in this line: "About all we are able to make this week will not much more than cover our ice and express bills." The hot wave of September seems to have upset many calculations for game.

Staple meats are among the articles that change not. Live stock goes up and down, but retail prices of meats are the same in prices as for a year or two past. Florists report a better trade this week than last, with prices unchanged. Some important society events have brought strong demands on flowers within a few days.

Following are latest retail prices of market basket filling:

MEATS—Best cuts of tenderloin steaks, 25c per lb; sirloin, 18@20c; standing rib roast, 18@20c; chuck roasts, 12c; corned beef, 8@10c per lb; spring lamb, 25c; leg of mutton, 12c for kindquarter and 8c for forequarter; loin of mutton, 15c; lamb chops, 20c; stewing pieces, 6c per lb; veal roasts, 12½@15c per lb, and cutlets, 20c. Pork chops, 12½c, and steaks, 10c, an advance of 20 per lb on rates which have prevailed for some months past.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT—Cabbages, 5@10c; potatoes, 15c per half peck; sweet potatoes, 25@30c per half peck; roasting ears, 15@20c a dozen; green beans, 20c a half peck; wax beans, 20c a half peck; egg plants, 5@15c apiece; onions, 25c a half peck; bananas, 30@35c a dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; tomatoes, 10c a quarter peck; peas, 25c per half peck; lemons, 20@30c per dozen; oranges, 25@40c; lettuce, 2 bunches for 5c; beets, 3 bunches for 5c; radishes, 5c a bunch; cucumbers, 4 for 10c; eggplants, 5@10c; celery, 5c a bunch; watermelons, 1½@2c apiece; cauliflower, 10@25c apiece; apples, 10@12c a half peck; grapes, 2@5c a pound; peaches, 10@15c a quarter peck; plums, 10@15c a quart.

BUTTER AND EGGS—Good creamery, 27@28c per lb; fancy brands, 32c; choice country rolls, 25c; good cooking butter, 17c; fresh eggs, 23c per dozen.

POULTRY—Dressed chickens, 12 to 13c per lb; ducks, 15 to 15c per lb; turkeys, 16c.

FISH—Following are the articles in this line on the stalls, with prices: Lake salmon, 10 to 15c; California salmon, 35 to 40c per pound; white fish, 12½ to 15c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; Spanish mackerel, 25c per pound; bluefish, 15c; halibut, 20c; rock bass, 25c; lake trout, 12½c; lobsters, 25c; green sea turtle, 20 to 25c; oysters, New York counts, $1 75 per gallon; smelts, 20c a pound; shad, $1 00 to $1 25 each; scallops, 20c a pound; Mackinaw trout, 12½c per pound; soft shell crabs, $1 00 to $1 50 a dozen; frogs, $2 00 to $5 50 a dozen; clams, $1 25 a gallon.

FLOWERS—In France, $1 25 per dozen; Mermets, $1 25 per dozen; Brides, $1 25 per dozen; yellow and white roses, $1 00 per dozen; Bennettis, $1 00 per dozen; carnations, 35c per dozen; Duchess of Albany, $1 25 per dozen; bouts, $1 25 a dozen; water lilies, 25c a dozen; sweet peas, 10c a dozen; Senator Wootten roses, $1 25 a dozen; Lilium Albo, 75c a dozen; gladiolus, 75c to $1 00 a dozen; Lilium Roseum, 75c a dozen; hydrangea, 15c apiece.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Coffee—Options opened strong and 10@40 points up; closed steady, 5@35 points up; sales, 76,500 bags, including: September, 13.45@13.55c; October, 12.25@12.50c; November, 11.50@11.75c; December, 11.40@11.65c; January, 11.40@11.55c; March, 11.30@11.45c; May, 11.30@11.35c; June, 11.25c; July, 11.30@11.40c; spot rio dull and nominal; fair cargoes, 17c; No. 7 at about 14c.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 25.—Coffee steady; Rio cargoes, fair, 18c; No. 7, 14½c.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 25.—Coffee dull and nominal; Rio, ordinary to fair, 17¼@18½c.

POINTS IN REALTY.

Conservatism the Ruling Feature of the Local Market.

INDICATIONS OF MORE ACTIVITY.

St. John's Parochial School Project Hung Up by an Obdurate Owner.

OFFICE AND STREET NEWS AND GOSSIP

The project for a parochial school on Penn avenue, near the Forks of the road, is in suspense. The St. John's church people recently bought a site at that place for such a building, consisting of two lots separated by property owned by the Mrs. Mary Scott estate, which they expected to buy. This would give them sufficient space for the building and grounds. Herein is the trouble. Mrs. Scott's heirs refuse to sell at a price which the church people feel able to pay, and the result may be the abandonment of the enterprise altogether, so far at least as the locality is concerned. Negotiations are still in progress, but unless the heirs reduce their figures there is not much prospect of a deal.

A Striking Contrast.

Pittsburg conservatism, the policy of "looking before you leap," presents a sharp contrast to the extravagant ideas entertained in many of the Western cities, which are beginning to reap the fruits of their folly. Prices altogether out of proportion with the earning capacity of property have been paid, and skyscraping buildings have been erected under the stimulus of exorbitant rents, when not required by the legitimate demands of business. This has been carried to such an extent that many of these superfluous houses are vacant. Pittsburg is full of buildings, big and little, just finished or under way, but they are absorbed as fast as they are made ready for occupancy, the only exception being that of high-class dwellings, which are, perhaps, in advance of the demand. Business houses and small dwellings, as everybody knows, are short of requirements. The first case remains to be reported of a judicious investment in Pittsburg realty resulting in a loss.

Conditions Favor a Revival.

The forward impluise in other lines of trade must inevitably react on the real estate market. Every part of the city is full of push and enterprise. Trade is active. Non-residents are making investments in business and residence properties, with a view to locating here. The rapid transit system, already the best in the country, will soon be reinforced by several additonal lines, will penetrate new districts and establish new settlements in the suburbs. It is fair to predict that the sale of business and residence property in the next year or two will exceed anything heretofore known. All signs point to a large influx of people.

Extravagant Ideas.

The following from a Fourth avenue broker is to the point: "Too many persons seem to think that all they have to do to get rich is to buy real estate, wait a week or two and get whatever price they may ask for it, and feel blue if they don't. This is all wrong. There really is no speculation in land like there is in bonds and stocks, as it is the basis of all loans and the price is controlled by the demand, supply, etc.; and because real estate is not going up $1 or $2 per foot front every month and the owner can't realize a great enhancement in a short time is no evidence whatever of the market being dull or prices weak."

Business News and Gossip.

There will soon be an unbroken line of building between Shadyside and East Liberty.

Changes to the Hostetter building are approaching completion. The elevator will be completed to-day.

It is rumored that several large European orders are in the market to buy silver.

Seats on the New York Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange are reported as being $400 bid.

Messrs. Rea Bro.'s & Co. still have hopes of making such a settlement with White & Co., as will enable them to resume business.

The interest on the second mortgage bonds of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad, due October 1, will be paid in scrip at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

Walter Morris reports that sales of lots at Moundsville, W. Va., on Wednesday, aggregated $68,250.

The last bond of the old seven-year $250,000 issue has been signed and turned over to the Allegheny County Light Company, and the work of exchanging $250,000 of the new $500,000 20-year issue for the old issue, bond for bond, will be immediately commenced by the Mellon-Reity Pittsburg National Bank.

The following from a local broker is not far from the point: "People who will speculate had better stick to such securities as are handled on the Pittsburg Exchange. Although some of them may be rather damp, they are tangible properties and possess a value which is recognized in the money market."

The tobacco year at Danville, Va., closes October 1, and the sales will foot up 40,000,000 pounds, the largest ever made in a single year.

Walter Morris and Thomas W. Aisbitt have formed a copartnership for dealing in real estate. Both are well and favorably known.

John D. Bailey yesterday sold 25 shares of Mechanic's National Bank stock at 112½.

At the last call yesterday, Birmingham Traction was offered at 17½, with 16⅞ bid. Manchester was offered at 38, with 37¾ bid. There was a bid of 55 for Pittsburg and Bellevernon Coal Company stock.

Movements in Realty.

Hoffman & Baldridge sold a new frame house of six rooms, with lot 50x170, on Ella street, Wilkinsburg, for $5,200.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold lots Nos. 14 and 15 in the Crafton place plan, at Crafton, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway, 100 feet on Margaret street by 150 feet in depth, for $1,000.

Black & Baird report the following sales in Ellwood: To Brenner & Duncan, lot 801, for $400; to D. Cunningham, lot 545, for $625; to L. W. Lutton, lot 820, for $500.

Charles Somers & Co. report the following additional sales of lots at Blaine: P. S. Oberdorf, Southside, lot 54, in block 10, $400; W. A. Ryland, Southside, city, lot 55, in block 10, $400; A. Chase, South Bethlehem, Pa., lots 90 and 91, in block 8, $300 each; Sarah E. Chase, South Bethlehem, Pa., lots 88 and 89, in block 9, $400 each; J. C. Chaffe, Allegheny, lot 30, in block 8, $400 each; Joseph Zerfing, city, lot 37, in block 11, $350; Richard Weimer, city, lots 28 and 29, in block 11, $350 and $300 respectively; John Clark, Jr., Wheeling, W. Va., lot 46, in block 5, $500; S. C. Birdsall, Wheeling, W. Va., lots 14 and 15, in block 8, $400 each; J. R. Stultz, city, lot 91, in block 10, $500; T. Donohoe, Allegheny, lot 87, in block 8, $350.

A. J. Pentecost sold lot 195 in his Valley View place, Chartiers Railway, for $375.

George Schmidt sold another five-roomed house on Lookout avenue, being on lot No. 182 in his Eureka place plan, Oakland, to Joseph Jedlicka for $2,000.

James W. Drape & Co. sold a large lot on Perrysville avenue and a small house on Hanion street, Allegheny, for $3,825; also several lots in the town of Avonmore at from $350 to $450 each; also three lots in the Keystone plan, Crafton, for $1,000; also an interest in a residence property in Allegheny of $7,000; also a number of lots in Munhall Terrace plan, near Homestead, at from $300 to $400. The sales in this plan thus far foot up $15,000.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. sold lot 60, in Ruch Place plan, fronting 22 feet on Kirkpatrick street and extending back 110 feet, for $400.

A. J. Byers & Co. sold for Mrs. Seloma B. Jenkins to John Lanton a new frame house of six rooms, with lot 37¼x96 feet on Duquesne avenue, Duquesne Park, Tenth ward, Allegheny City. Consideration, $2,300.

S. A. Dickie & Co. sold for Mrs. E. E. Palmer, to Thomas Marshall, a store and frame residence on Marchand street, East End, lot 50x117 feet, for $15,000.

The Building Record.

Three permits were issued yesterday for the same number of improvements, involving an outlay of $1,775.

John Bradley, frame addition two-story dwelling, on Lincoln avenue, Twenty-first ward; cost, $325. Adam Diehl, frame one-story store, on Mary street, Twenty-fifth ward; cost, $650. John Siebert, frame two-story kitchen, on Sarah street, Twenty-eighth ward; cost, $300.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The drygoods market was without feature. Prints were never in such good shape, and fall ginghams are entirely sold up.

HOME SECURITIES.

A GOOD DAY'S WORK ON 'CHANGE, WITH SOME THINGS STRONGER.

The Tractions Still to the Fore—Big Blocks of Birmingham Change Hands—The Gassers Steady—Rea Bros. & Co. Hopeful of Resuming.

Sales of stocks on call yesterday were large enough to strengthen the hope that the season of requesting is not far off. The improvement in business was accompanied by a buoyant feeling.

The feature of the day was the sale of 500 shares of Birmingham Traction, in three lots, at a fair price, under present conditions, but the effect will likely be to put up the quotation. The demand and expected advance are based on reports of good earnings and the belief that the property is about the cheapest thing in the market at present prices. Central Traction scored an advance, and Pleasant Valley was firm. Pittsburg Traction held advanced ground.

There was a quiet demand for Philadelphia Gas, which sent it up a fraction. Buyers of this stock are moving very carefully. The rest of this group was neglected, but the absence of offers showed that holders were in no hurry to unload.

The miners about held their own in the absence of news, with a moderate supporting inquiry. Electric weakened a trifle, there being nothing encouraging from Boston. There was nothing in the rest of the list to demand attention.

Two suits were entered against Rea Bros. & Co.—one in New York and one here, the former for $13,000. Mr. Thomas Rea said: "While we have no definite knowledge today, we feel more encouraged than any time since the failure of White. The persons who have brought suit will get no advantage over any other creditors." Sales:

First call—80 Philadelphia Gas at 11⅝, 110 Luster at 12½, 50 Central Traction at 20¾.

After call—25 Pleasant Valley at 29.

Second call—No sales.

Third call—300 Birmingham Traction at 16¾, 100 Electric at 14½, 5 Manchester Traction at 38.

Bids and asking prices at each call follow:

EXCHANGE STOCK.	FIRST CALL B	FIRST CALL A	SECOND CALL B	SECOND CALL A	THIRD CALL B	THIRD CALL A
Alleg. Nat. Bank	....	68½	....	....	....	....
Ex. Nat. Bk.	....	87½	....	87½	....	....
Fifth Av. Bank	51	....	....	....	....	....
Freehold Bank	....	....	....	75	....	....
Liberty N. B.	103¾	105	103¾	105	103¾	105
Marine Nat. Bank	....	....	....	110	....	....
Mechanics' N. B.	....	112½	....	112½	....	112⅝
Mon. Nat. Bank	....	....	130	....	....	....
Third Nat. Bank	104	....	....	....	....	....
Ohio Valley Gas	....	....	19	25	....	....
Philadelphia Co.	11¼	11½	11⅜	11½	11⅜	11½
Wheeling Gas Co.	....	21½	....	....	....	....
Central Traction	20⅝	....	20½	21	20⅝	21
Citizens' Traction	61	....	61¾	62	61¾	62
Pittsburg Tract.	40	45	40	44	41	43
Pleasant Valley	24⅞	24¾	23⅞	24	23⅞	24
Allegheny Valley	....	4	....	....	....	....
Red Cloud M. Co.	2⅞	3¼	....	....	2⅞	3¼
Hidalgo Min. Co.	3½	4	3¼	4	3¼	4
La Noria M. Co.	....	50	36	40	....	....
Luster M. Co.	12⅛	12⅝	12¼	12⅝	12⅛	12¼
West'house Elec	....	14¾	....	14¾	14¼	14½
U. S. & S. Co.	7½	8½	....	....	7½	8½
W'house A. B. Co	107	108	....	108	....	108
Standard U. C. Co	....	....	....	....	61½	65

WALL STREET'S REVIEW.

STOCKS STILL ACTIVE BUT NOT SO MUCH SO AS YESTERDAY.

Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Canada Southern the Leaders, Closely Followed by Several Others—The General List Strong—Railroad Bonds Quiet.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The stock market today was not so active as that of yesterday, but it was still an unusually active market, while displaying a temper in marked contrast to that of its predecessor. The whole list, with only one exception, was decidedly strong, and the operations of the day showed that the desperate attempt to break the market yesterday was a complete failure. It was also demonstrated that the attempt resulted only in a large increase in the outstanding interest, which in some stocks may be judged from the fact that notwithstanding that money was in active demand at 6 per cent throughout most of the day, the bears were compelled to pay 132 for the use of Union Pacific in order to make their deliveries.

The scare among holders was exceedingly short lived, and after the opening this morning there was an excellent demand from all portions of the world. Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Canada Southern fairly led, followed by Rock Island, Lake Shore, Wheeling and Lake Erie common and preferred, Burlington, Atchison, and Louisville and Nashville. Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific were the centers of attraction, and while the transactions in Atchison were larger than those in Missouri Pacific its fluctuations were by no means so important. The dealings in Union Pacific, however, footed up to a larger total than those in any stock since the present upward movement began. The Grangers and Villards were again a good second in the market, but the Vanderbilts showed the most strength, and Canadian Southern, Lake Shore and Chesapeake and Ohio shares made most substantial gains on comparatively light transactions.

Union Pacific, after a more regular and feverish opening, was again attacked, and a drop of 1¾ was made, its lowest price being 38⅝; but Missouri Pacific was strong from the outset and steadily mounted until it had touched 69¾, a gain of 4¼ from its low figure of yesterday. Union Pacific, however, soon joined the procession and rose 4½ per cent to 43¼. The remainder of the list made substantial progress, and before the advance culminated losses were about recovered. There were realizations in the afternoon, but the best prices were well held, notwithstanding that the two leaders reacted materially.

All excitement died away toward the end of session and the business became very small, but the market finally closed active and strong at or near the highest prices of the day. Among the active stocks Union Pacific is up 2¾; Missouri Pacific and Canada Southern, 2⅜; Lackawanna, 2⅛; North American, 2; Atchison, 1¾, and Reading, 1⅞. The rest of the list generally showing gains of from 1 to 1½ per cent.

Railroad bonds were again comparatively quiet, the sales of all issues reaching only $1,378,008. The market failed again to sympathize with the improvement in shares, and while the tone was strong there were few important movements, and the general list is only slightly higher this evening. The following were the highest and closing quotations:

Atchison inc.	65⅝@ 64¾	NYO & W 5's. 98@ 96½
do 4's	82 @ 82⅞	N J C 5s. 109⅝@109⅝
A and P inc.	15⅝@ 15⅝	Ogn Imp 5's. 96½@ 96
Am. Cot. Oil.	29⅝@ 29⅝	Ogn S L 5s. 109 @109
B, C R & N 1st	98¼@ 98¼	Cons 5's. 74 @ 74
Bur. Den. 4s.	86 @ 86	O & M cons. 109 @109
Ches. & O. 5's.	109½@109½	Pac of Mo 2nd s 103 @103
Can S'n 2nds.	98½@ 98	Pec & E 1sts. 81 @ 81
do firsts.	105½@105½	Pitts & W 1sts. 78¾@ 78¾
Chat. firsts.	124½@124½	Pa 4½s reg. 104½@104½
do seconds.	106 @105	R I 5s con. 109½@109½
C.C.St.L.div.	85 @ 85	Reading 4s. 80⅝@ 80⅝
Col Mid 4s.	71 @ 70⅝	do 1sts. 68½@ 68½
Colo. Coal 6s.	99 @ 99	do 3ds. 87½@ 87½
Den. & R.G. 4s	78¾@ 78¾	do deben inc 1 s 8 @ 8
Del.&H.94sregl	109½@109¾	R & W P Tr 5s. 54¾@ 54¾
Erie, 1st lien.	109 @109	R & D deb. 95 @ 95
Ch. & Erie inc.	34 @ 38	R W C O. 1sts. 101 @101
Edison, E. 1sts	96⅝@ 96¾	Rio G & W 4s. 76½@ 76½
E. Tenn. 5's.	97½@ 97½	S Car inc. 27⅝@ 27⅝
Ft W & D 1s.	100½@100½	Scrip 1sts. 99½@ 99½
Hous & Tex 4s	67¾@ 68	do 2ds. 30½@ 30¼
H t'rm is reg.	119¾@119¾	St J G 1s 1sts. 88 @ 88
H.&St.J. con.	111 @111	St L & S F 6s. 109 @109
Iron Mt 1st.	101¼@101¼	Scioto Val 1sts 75 @ 75
Kan & Tex 2d.	25⅝@ 25⅝	S P of Ont 1sts 103 @103
K & D M 1sts.	93⅝@ 93½	do Cal 5s. 100⅝@100⅝
L S 2nd reg.	120½@120½	St P 7 3-10. 117½@117½
L N A & C o.	96¾@ 96¾	Union P 5s. 103⅝@103½
L E & St L 1's.	80 @ 82	do consols. 124⅝@124½
L & N 10s.	103½@103¾	So Min. 113 @113
L N O&Tex s.	85 @ 85	T P & W 1st. 70 @ 69
Mon Con 1sts.	115 @114½	Texas P 2ds. 32⅝@ 32¾
Mor. & E. 1s.	138 @138	T A A N M c. 83 @ 83
M & O 4's.	96 @ 96	T P B & G 1sts 72 @ 73
M & St L 1s.	102⅝@102¾	U P 4½s. 70⅝@ 70½
N Gold cts.	122 @122	W N Y & P 2d. 34 @ 34
N P 2d.	89⅝@ 89⅝	Wabash 1sts. 101½@101¼
Chi & N P 5s.	83¾@ 83¾	do deben. 78⅝@ 78⅝
St L S.	98 @ 98	W Shore con. 102¾@102
do 1sts.	115¾@115¾	Wis C inc. 42 @ 42
do 3ds.	109 @109	

The total sales of stocks to-day were 631,420 shares, including: Atchison, 91,550; Canada Southern, 4,650; Chicago Gas, 4,900; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 8,956; Erie, 28,420; Hocking Valley, 2,530; Lake Shore, 3,605; Louisville and Nashville, 9,711; Mo. Pacific, 58,200; Northwestern, 4,465; North American, 24,793; Northern Pacific, 16,488; do, preferred, 21,286; Reading, 17,125; Richmond and West Point, 8,802; St. Paul, 31,894; Union Pacific, 113,436; Western Union, 3,700.

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

| | Opening. | Highest. | Lowest. | Closing