BUYERS AFTER IRON.

They Give a Little Life to the Market With Fair Purchases.

NO DEMAND FOR OLD MATERIAL,

Steel Bars Experience a Slight Advance, While Rails Are Quiet.

STATE OF THE FOREIGN METAL TRADE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The *Iron Age* reports the iron and steel markets as follows:

American Pig—The market continues steady, buyers taking fair amounts, without, however, showing any inclination to purchase beyond this. One leading seller in this market reports the sale of a block of 6,000 tons. Some business has been done also in Bessemer pig. Northern brands are quoted at $16 75@18 00 for No. 1; $16 00@16 50 for No. 2, and $14 00@14 50 for gray Southern irons sell at $16 00@17 00 for No. 1; $15 25@16 00 for No. 2; $15 50@16 00 for No. 1 soft, and $14@14 50 for gray forge.

Spiegeleisen and ferro manganese—Importers report that there has been an advance of 5s in the foreign prices of spiegeleisen, the German makers having taken the lead, followed by the English producers. We quote $27 50@28 00 for German and English, with no business of magnitude to report. The agents of foreign ferro manganese producers claim that they have instructions not to cut the tidewater price of $74 50, but the feeling is that that price can be shaded in some manner. From Pittsburg come reports that domestic has been offered at $66 00.

Billets and rods—The market is quiet for both lines, and nothing is doing in foreign billets, which are quoted $31 00@32 50. Domestic rods are $27 50@28 00, tidewater.

Swedish stock—We note sales of five tons, 1892 delivery, at $37 00; bars, jobbers' specifications, may be quoted $63 00@67 00.

Manufactured Iron and Steel—The bids on the McCombe's dam bridge were opened today. The structure will take a considerable quantity of plates. In bars a slight advance has been secured by some mills for round lots. We continue to quote: Angles, 1.90@2.10c; shea ed plates, 1.95@2.25c; tees, 2.45@2.75c, and beats, and channels, 2.1c, on dock. Steel plates are 1.95@2.15c for tank, 2.20@2.30c for sheet, 2.45@2.65c for flange, 2.65@2.75c for marine, and 3@3.25c for firebox, on dock. Bars are 1.7@1.9c, on dock. Scrap axles are quotable at 2.15@2.20c, delivered. Steel axles, 2.15@2.25c, and links and pins, 2.15@2.20c.

Steel Rails—The market continues quiet. Neither Eastern nor Pittsburg mills have taken any business of consequence. A 3,000-ton lot of rails, for which a railroad in this vicinity was in the market, has been withdrawn. The price continues steady at $30 80, tidewater.

Track Material—We quote 2.15@2.25c for spikes, 1.75@1.90c for fish plates and 2.80@3.00c for bolts, delivered.

Merchant Steel—We quote hot rolled shafting, 2.05@2.10c; machinery, 2.15@2.25c; tire, 2.20@2.25c, and toe calk, 2.25@2.30c, delivered.

Old Material—Aside from small lots of old iron rails at $21, Jersey City, there has been no business.

FOREIGN METAL MARKET.

Pig Iron Warrants Are Quiet, and Tin and Copper Have Receded.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—[*Special.*]—The foreign metal markets are thus reported by the *Iron Age*: In London the market for pig iron warrants have been quiet and prices have receded to 47s for Scotch, 40s for Cleveland and 49s 1½d for hematite. Stocks in warrant stores show little change, the total of Scotch pigs being 500,000 tons and that of Cleveland 125,000 tons. Although more activity has been experienced in finished iron of late, interest in warrants is exceedingly tame and even an increase in the shipping demand for hematite seems to have fallen flat. Latest sales of warrants were at 47s for Scotch; 40s 6d@40s 15d for Cleveland, and 50s for hematite.

The market for pig tin has been irregular, receding from £91 17s 6d to £91 under the influence of slow demand, subsequently recovering 10s on the strength of reported decrease of 1,000 tons in the visible supply, good deliveries last month and comparatively small straits shipments.

Copper prices have further receded, merchant bar prompts going as low as £50 7s 6d. There is still an absence of active speculative interest, and consumers buy in an exceedingly careful manner. Sales of furnace material have been somewhat lower during the past fortnight, including 1,386 tons Montana matte at 10s. Arrivals of American copper have been small. Chile charters for the fortnight estimated at 1,000 tons. Stocks increased last month 145 tons. The tin plate market continues quiet pending the quarterly meetings. Buyers stand aloof, as though awaiting a break in prices, but makers are still firm in their ideas.

A DECLINE IN COKE.

The Demand Falls Off, Causing a Decrease in the Shipments.

SCOTTDALE, Oct. 8.—[*Special.*]—As predicted the improvement or rather increased shipments, noted in the last report was not lasting. The shipments for the week ending October 3 show a decrease of 175 cars. The demand fell off considerably and the number of idle ovens increased. However, some of the most hopeful operators express confidence and predict a general revival along about November 1.

The shipments sum up a total of 6,716 cars, against 6,891 for the previous week, and were distributed as follows: To points west of Pittsburg, 3,585 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 1,181; to Pittsburg, 1,950. The Western shipments show the largest decrease, 126 cars; Pittsburg next with 40 cars, and the East, to which point large gains were noted last week, but a decrease of nine, showing that the demand is better in the East than at Pittsburg or the West. In tons the total output was 123,888. Prices remain as quoted last week: Furnace coke, $1 90; foundry, $2 30; crushed, $2 65; all f. o. b. cars at ovens, per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Pig iron quiet: American, $15 75@18 00. Copper heavy: lake, October and November, $12 25. Lead nominal; domestic, $4. Tin quiet and steady; Straits, $20 10.

Turpentine Markets.

NEW YORK—Turpentine dull and easy at 37@37½c. Rosin quiet and steady.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Texas had a heavy frost Tuesday night.

—A Cigarmakers' Trust has been formed in New York.

—Servia is angry with ex-King Milan for mortgaging his private estates to a Russian bank.

—Dispatches from all over the Northwest announce the ruin or damage to wheat in the stack by rain.

—The Furness line of steamships is contemplating a new line from Baltimore and Norfolk to Antwerp.

—The Chinese Government is said to be drifting into war by its blind confidence in its own military strength.

—The German Government seems to be trying to corner the aluminum output of America for military purposes.

—Spain proposes to build for the World's Fair a caravel, a vessel similar to those in which Columbus made his voyage.

—Judge Johnson, in the Circuit Court at Topeka, has decided that an arrest made on a letter or a telegram is not due process of law.

—The grand jury has indicted Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City, for assault in the second degree. The indictment is for assaulting Alfred Nelson, at a meeting of the Board of Health, June 30.

—A Tennessee Sheriff, armed with the commutation of the death sentence on Nelson and Woodville Tarver, has started for Tiptonville on a race against time to save the two prisoners' lives. Tiptonville is remote from either telegraph or railroad.

—Another chapter in the Langevin scandal in Canada is about to come to light. A contractor who claims that he was defrauded out of one of the Quebec harbor contracts announces that he will sue the Government for a large sum, and promises interesting developments.

—Philip D. Armour and Nelson Morris, the two big packers, are about to have a tilt in the United States Courts. Mr. Armour, under the name of the Franco-American Patent Gut Opening Company, has entered suit in the United States Circuit Court against the Fairbank Canning Company, the majority of the stock of which is owned by Nelson Morris, his son and T. F. Vogel, for infringe-

WHEAT AGAIN OVER $1.

Its Stay at That Figure Was Very Short, However—A Very Irregular Market—Corn Fairly Active but Unsettled—Oats Quiet—Provisions Weak.

CHICAGO—Wheat ruled somewhat unsettled, with the average price higher. The strong domestic markets yesterday and the firm and higher cables from the United Kingdom, with the gloomy news about damage to wheat in North Dakota, scared the shorts to cover at the opening.

December started at 99¾c@$1 00¾, but with liberal offerings a weak feeling set in, and New York selling off, with other domestic markets weakening, the price here turned downward and touched 99¼c. A good deal of long wheat was carried over from Tuesday, which showed a good profit, and the realizing was very liberal. *Bradstreet's* report that the available supply on both coasts had increased 3,636,000 bushels during the last week, was also a bearish factor.

There was a dispatch from Berlin saying that it was rumored there that Russia would issue a decree on the 15th prohibiting the exportation of wheat. Then came the clearances, which were very generous, and there was another buying spurt, which sent the price to $1 00¼, but continental cables coming lower, and the selling being very free, it soon dropped to 99½c, then kept fairly steady, and closed at 99¾c.

Corn was fairly active but the feeling was somewhat unsettled, though stronger in the main. The firmness in wheat helped it some, but the principal firmness was due to the continued small receipts. The old bull leaders were operating for an advance but did not seem to be taking much. While the bears hesitated to sell in view of the small arrivals and the firm tone in wheat, and shorts seemed disposed to cover, yet at times the old bear element made itself felt and there were weak spots, but the recovery was easy. October opened at 52½c, sold up to 52¾c, broke to 52¼c, rallied to 53c, dropped to 52½c, held steady around that figure for a time but weakened at the end, and closed at 52¾c.

Oats were quiet and closed without material change from Tuesday's last figures.

Provisions were weak and lower on free selling by longs and by packers, but closed with a part of the loss regained and at figures somewhat below the closing prices of Tuesday.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Chicago Board of Trade:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT—No. 2				
October	$ 97½	$ 98	$ 97	$ 97¼
December	99¾	1 00½	99¼	99¾
May	1 00	1 00½	1 03½	1 03½
CORN—No. 2.				
October	52½	52¾	52½	52¾
November	45¾	47½	45¾	46½
May	42½	42¾	42	42
OATS—No. 2.				
October	26½	26¾	26¾	26¾
November	27¼	27¾	27¼	27¼
May	31¼	31¼	30½	31
MESS PORK.				
October	9 82½	9 82½	9 60	9 67½
December	10 00	10 00	9 75	9 85
January	12 40	12 42½	12 25	12 32½
LARD.				
November	6 70	6 70	6 67½	6 67½
December	6 75	6 75	6 72½	6 72½
January	6 85	6 85	6 77½	6 82½
SHORT RIBS.				
October	6 95	6 95	6 90	6 95
November	6 82½	6 82½	6 75	6 80
January	6 45	6 45	6 37½	6 42½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 95½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 89@92c; No. 2 red, 96c; No. 2 corn, 51⅝@52c; No. 2 oats, 26@26¼c; No. 2 white, 27½@30c; No. 3 white, 27@28½c; No. 2 rye, 84½c; No. 2 barley, 60c; No. 1 f. o. b., 34@62c; No. 4, f.o.b., 31@34c; No. 1 flaxseed, 95c; prime timothy seed, $1 13; mess pork, per bbl, $9 85@9 90; lard, per 100 lbs, $6 72½@6 75; short rib sides (loose), $7 10@7 20; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6 25@6 40; short clear sides (boxed), $7 40@7 50; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1 18; sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs, 18½c.

NEW YORK—Flour firm and active. Corn meal quiet. Wheat—Spot market lower and unsettled, closing weak; No. 2 red, $1 05 elevator, $1 06@1 08 afloat, $1 07@1 10 f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1 01½@1 01¾; ungraded red, $1 05@1 06⅝; No. 1 Northern, to arrive, $1 07⅜; No. 1 hard, to arrive, $1 09¾; options advanced ⅜c on better cables, although buying orders from the other side were light, declined 1⅛@1⅛c on the crowd selling and realizing, as it was found that the damage to stock grain was light, reacted ½c and closed steady at 1⅜@⅝c under yesterday: October, $1 03⅞@1 05⅝, closing at $1 05⅜; November, $1 07@1 07⅞, closing at $1 07⅝; December, $1 08⅞@1 10¼, closing at $1 08⅞; January, $1 10⅝@1 11⅝, closing at $1 10¼; February, closing at $1 12; March, $1 13⅝@1 14⅛, closing $1 13⅝; April closing at $1 14½; May, $1 14 9-16@1 16, closing at $1 14½. Rye steady: Western, 95@97c. Barley—No. 2 Milwaukee, 72c. Corn—Spot market irregular, closing easier, fair to active: No. 2, 60¼@60½c elevator; 61¼@61⅝c afloat; ungraded mixed, 61½@62c; options declined ¼@⅜c on the good quality of the new crop arriving, the West realizing and weak cables, closed steady at ⅛@⅜c under yesterday: October closing at 60¾c; November, 60@60¼c, closing at 60¼c; December, 54½@54¾c, closing at 54¾c; January, 51¾@51⅞c, closing at 54¾c; May, 51@51¼c, closing at 51@51¼c. Oats—Spot market active and easier; options dull and weaker; October closing at 33c; November, 33½@34c, closing at 33⅝c; December, 34½@34¾, closing at 34⅝c; May, 37c; No. 2 white, 33½@35c; spot, No. 2 white, 33½@35½c; mixed Western, 32½@35c; white do, 34@40c; No. 2 Chicago, 34½c. Hay steady, quiet. Hops quiet, easy. Tallow active and steady. Eggs firm at Western, 21@22c. Pork quiet, steady; old mess, $10 75@11 00, new mess, $11 75@12 25; extra prime, $10 75@11 00. Cut meats quiet, steady; middles quiet, steady. Lard lower, dull; Western steam, $7 00; options, October, $6 96, asked; November, $7 00; December, $7 04@7 05, closing, $7 04; January $7 18; closing at $7 [illegible]; February, $7 23. Butter—Fancy creamery very scarce and firmer; Western dairy, 13@19c; do creamery, 16@27c; do factory, 13@16c. Cheese more doing; fancy firm; Western, 6@8½c; part skims, 4@7½c.

PHILADELPHIA — Flour firm with a moderate demand. Wheat opened firm, but subsequently reacted and closed lower; No. 2 red, October, $1 03½@1 04; November, $1 05¼@1 06; December, $1 07¼@1 08; January, $1 09½@1 10. Corn firm: No. 2 low mixed, in elevator, 64c; ungraded high mixed, in elevator, 66½c; No. 2 mixed, October, 62@63c; November, 56½@57½c; December, 51½@52½c; January, 51@51½c. Oats weak: No. 2 mixed, 33½c; No. 3 white, 33½c; No. 2 white, 36½c; do clipped, 37½c; No. 2 white, October and November, 34½@36c; December, 36@36½c; January, 36½@37c. Butter firm and in good demand: Pennsylvania creamery extra, 26c; do prints extra, 28@32c. Eggs firm; Pennsylvania firsts, 23c.

BALTIMORE — Wheat firm: No. 2 red spot and the month, $1 04¼@1 04⅜; December, $1 08@1 08⅛; steamer No. 2 red, 99½c@$1 00. Corn firm; mixed spot, 70c; year, 51½@51⅝c; January, 51@51¼c; February, 51@51½c; March, 51¼c. Oats quiet and steady: No. 2 white Western, 36@36½c; No. 2 mixed Western, 32@34c. Rye active and firm; No. 2, 95c. Hay active and firm; good to choice timothy, $14 00@15 00. Provisions steady, firm and unchanged. Butter firm and unchanged. Eggs firm at 21@22c.

CINCINNATI—Flour in fair demand. Wheat strong and higher; No. 2 red, $1 00. Corn weak; mixed, 59c. Oats in fair demand; No. 2 mixed, 31½c. Rye in good demand and higher; No. 2, 90c. Pork barely steady at $10 37½. Lard quiet at $6 50@6 62½. Bulk meats firm at $7 25@7 37½. Bacon steady at $8 75. Butter strong and higher; fancy Elgin creamery, 29@30c; Ohio, 28c; choice dairy, 16@17c. Eggs firm at 17c. Cheese in fair demand and firm.

MILWAUKEE—Flour firm. Wheat quiet; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 93c; December, 94½c; No. 1 Northern, 98c. Corn firm; No. 3 on track, cash, 56c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, on track, 30½c. Barley firm: October, 61½c. Rye firm; No. 1, in store, 88½c. Provisions easier. Pork—January, $12 32½. Lard—January, $5 80.

TOLEDO—Wheat weak; cash and October, 99¾c; December, $1 02¼; January, $1 03⅞; May, $1 09. Corn dull; cash, 56c. Oats quiet; cash, 29@29½c. Rye dull; cash, 86c; October, 87½c.

DULUTH—Wheat opened strong but eased off near to the close; closing prices were: October, 99½c; December, 95¾; May, $1 04; No. 1 hard, 99½c; No. 1 Northern, 91½c.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 hard, on track, 95c; No. 1 Northern, October, 91½c; December, 91½c; May, $1 01¼, on track, 92½c; No. 2 Northern, on track, 88@90c.

KANSAS CITY—Eggs firm at 16½c.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Coffee — Options opened weak, 15@40 points down, closing steady 15@40 points down: sales, 41,250 bags, including: October, 11.30@11.50c; November, 10.35@10.65c; December, 10.45@10.60c; January, 10.35@10.50c; February, 10.35c; March, 10.55@10.60c; April, 10.65c; May, 10.65@10.75c. Spot Rio dull; No. 7, 12½@12¾c.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 8.—Coffee dull; Rio cargoes fair, 16½c; No. 7, 13½c.

Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The drygoods market was unchanged, with demand moderate at the hands of both agents and jobbers.

The Price of Bar Silver.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—[*Special.*]—Bar silver in London, 44⅝d per oun[illegible] New York dealt

POINTS IN REALTY.

Interesting Reminiscences of a Smithfield Street Merchant.

HOW A WOMAN MISSED A FORTUNE

Another Step in a Series of Mysterious and Significant Deals.

FEATURES OF MONEY AND SPECULATION

The realty market is in better shape than at any previous time this year. Several large transfers have been made within the past few days. While these are important as showing the high estimation in which realty is held by capitalists, it is after all the multiplicity of small deals that gives tone to the market. This trade, the absorption of small lots, has regained its customary activity.

A few years ago real estate was a "back number." Very little was said about it. Now it is more talked about than anything else. This was exemplified yesterday in the case of a prominent music dealer on Smithfield street, who, a short time ago, moved into a handsome building of his own. He was full of reminiscence. "The site upon which my store stands," said he, "was owned by a Scotch woman, who kept boarders. The building was small, but it answered her purpose. The owner offered her the property and the one adjoining for $9,000. She bought the one she occupied for $4,500. When urged to take the other she said she was too poor, and her means of making a living too precarious to run the risk. I paid her $30,000 for the ground alone. The property she thought she was too poor to buy is worth as much as mine. She thus missed a handsome fortune."

The small building on the southwest corner of Smithfield street and Sixth avenue, occupied as a drugstore, is more valuable than people suppose. The lot is 20x60. In regard to this property the gentleman quoted above said: "It belongs to an estate. About two years ago a prominent capitalist, who took a fancy to the location, made the heirs an offer of $60,000. His object was the erection of a handsome, compact, nine-story building, each floor to comprise an office. He thought such a structure in that quarter of the city would be a good investment. His offer was promptly refused. Not far from this corner is another property for which $60,000 has been offered and refused. Very little has been said about the Splane property for several months. I happen to know that a prominent banker is after it, and think he will succeed."

"Since I bought and built," he continued, "the chief interest in Smithfield street property has been diverted to the south side of Fifth avenue. This change, of course, is due to the new postoffice. Judging from the talk an active movement may be looked for in that quarter within the next year or two. The sale of the Messler property means more than appears on the surface. I have just learned that a prominent firm owning and occupying valuable property on Fourth avenue has leased new quarters for a terms of years. This is significant. It may be a link in the deal going on in the block between Diamond street and Fourth avenue, about which so much has been said and so little is known.

"Within two years there will be a new business block on Smithfield street, one on Fourth avenue and one on Third. Other improvements will be made. So you see the district south of Fifth avenue between Wood and Grant is full of promise of big things. I consider it the best part of the city for investments."

A Boom for Latrobe.

Mr. C. T. Beeckman, the Fifth avenue real estate man, has purchased 36 acres of land at Latrobe for $30,000. Twenty-six acres will be laid off in lots. The other ten acres have been donated to the Nation's Mower and Reaper Manufacturing Company, of Allegheny, for a plant, for which plans are being drawn. There will be two buildings, each three stories high and 200 feet long. It will give employment to 1,000 hands. Ground will be broken for this enterprise next week.

Anthracite Coal Trade.

According to an Eastern authority, the coal trade is now in excellent condition, and a continuance of the present weather will stimulate the demand to a point that would probably admit of an increase in the October production of 3,750,000 tons. The Western trade is rapidly getting into better shape, but the existence of contracts made earlier in the year at lower prices has been a handicap. Prices are being firmly held at a shade below circular figures, but the sales agents are encouraged by the willingness of retailers to stock up more freely.

With the close of navigation, and the advance of cold weather, a marked increase in consumption must follow as a result of the hand to mouth policy of consumers.

Business News and Gossip.

Pittsburg's prosperity is being shared by the surrounding towns.

The National Cordage Company has declared the regular quarterly dividends of 2 per cent on the preferred and 2½ per cent on the common stock.

Insiders are predicting another advance in Distillers and Cattle Feeders' stock.

A railway up Federal street, Allegheny, to the hilltop and beyond would open up a large scope of territory to settlement. This enterprise is quite possible.

Northern Pacific stocks are being sold on the further issue of $4,000,000 consolidated mortgage bonds.

At the last call yesterday 107 was bid for Citizens' Traction 5s—an advance.

Oil was weak yesterday on expectation of another batch of gushers at McDonald.

It was said there was no foundation for the rumor of impending failures in London.

Rea Bros. & Co. expect to resume business early next week.

Since the revival of business on Change there is not so much haste to sell the building. It is still in the market, but at an advance on the original figure.

Movements in Realty.

Baltensperger & Williams sold for B. J. Williams and George H. Hushey, a new frame dwelling of five rooms, hall, porches, pantry, etc., lot 20x100, situate on Belonda street, Mt. Washington, for $2,400 cash.

J. E. Glass sold 17 lots adjoining the Allequippa Place plan, in the Thirteenth ward, for $4,500.

Hoffman & Baldridge sold lot No. 24, in Palmer Place, Swissvale, 40x120 feet to an alley, for $800 cash. The purchaser will erect a residence at once.

Black & Baird sold for S. F. Harbison the property No. 142 Charles street, Allegheny City, being a two-story frame house with lot 20x73 feet, for $3,300.

A. J. Pentecost sold lots 100 and 101 in his Valley View plan, Chartiers Valley Railway, for $250.

Baxter, Thompson and Co. sold lot No. 113, Ruch Place plan, fronting 22 feet on Ruch avenue and extending back to a 20-foot alley 144 feet, for $250; also lot No. 409, Butler Place plan, Eighteenth ward, fronting 20 feet on Monongahela avenue by 160 feet in depth, for $300.

A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for D. W. Davis to John Garroway lot No. 20 in the Northside Land Association, Lim., plan, borough of West Bellevue, Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, size 35x105, for $500.

S. J. Fleming sold the following properties this week: two lots, Nos. 212 and 213, Baker street, Eighteenth ward, for $600; lot 175, Reineman & Dickson plan, on Ridge street, Thirteenth ward, to Isador H. Aaron, for $1,000; also sold two lots, 58 feet, on Wylie avenue, east of Junilla street, to Prof. C. B. Wood, for $2,625.

A. Leggate & Son sold on the Real Estate Auction Board the house and lot 119 Irwin avenue, Allegheny, lot 20x134 feet and brick house of five rooms for $1,500; also, subject to the approval of the Orphans' Court, a lot 86x138, on Perrysville avenue, Tenth ward, Allegheny, for $1,550.

John K. Ewing & Co. sold to W. R. Livingston a lot 50x150 feet, on Grant avenue, in the Watson sub-division. East Bellevue [illegible] handsome stone and brick residence in the spring.

The Building Record.

Eight permits were issued yesterday for the same number of improvements, the cost of all being estimated at $36,900.

John Reynolds, frame two-story dwelling, on Sunnyside street, Twenty-third ward; cost, $1,350. W. H. Stevenson, two-story stone and brick dwelling, on Dithridge street, Fourteenth ward; cost, $10,000. Capt. J. J. Vandergrift, stone and brick two-story and mansard dwelling, on Oakland avenue, Fourteenth ward; cost, $6,400. John A. Davis, frame one-story and mansard dwelling, on Juliet street, Fourteenth ward; cost, $1,600. Mrs. Sarah Connolly, brick three-story business house, on Seventh avenue, Fourth ward; cost, $5,500. Three others costing altogether $1,630.

HOME SECURITIES.

NO MATERIAL CHANGES IN VALUES, BUT PLENTY OF BACKBONE.

Duquesne Traction Displays a Firmer Front—Pleasant Valley Moves Up a Peg—A Feeble Raid on Philadelphia Gas—Electric and the Miners.

The stock market yesterday was dull, with price changes about equally divided between gains and losses. Buyers were in the majority.

There was a disposition to hammer Philadelphia Gas, but it received sufficient support to prevent the raiders from accomplishing their purpose.

Of the tractions Pleasant Valley and Duquesne showed most strength, each advancing a notch. The rest of this group was steady. There was no fresh consolidation talk that bore the impress of authenticity.

Electric weakened at the second call on bearish news from Boston, but regained lost ground and finished the same as the opening.

The change for the better in the financial condition of the Switch and Signal Company has caused a demand for the stock and brought new buyers into the market. It advanced ½ point to 9½ bid, with none in sight.

Luster was the only interesting feature in the mining group. Insiders get regular information, which never reaches the public. It was in good request and finished a fraction better than the opening bid.

Sales at the first call were 55 shares of Electric at 15, and 50 Pleasant Valley at 23¾. The second call was a barren ideality. At the third 50 shares of Philadelphia Gas went at 10⅞.

Bids and asking prices at each call are appended:

EXCHANGE STOCK.	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A	THIRD CALL. B	THIRD CALL. A
Arsenal Bank	....	....	71½	....	71½	....
Liberty N. B.	103¾	105	....	....	....	....
Marine N. B.	108½	....	....	....	....	....
Monongah'a N. B	131½	132	....	....	....	....
R. E., L. & T. Co.	78	....	....	....	78	....
Boatman's Ins.	33	....	....	....	33	....
Teutonia Ins.	....	52	....	....	....	....
Western Ins. Co.	....	50	....	....	....	50
Char. V. Gas Co.	....	....	....	6	....	6
Philadelphia Co.	10⅞	11⅛	....	....	10⅞	11
Wheeling Gas Co	20	....	20	....	20	....
Central Trac.	20½	21	20½	21	20½	....
Citizens' Trac.	59	61	....	61	60	61
Pittsburg Trac.	40	....	40	....	40	....
Pleasant Valley	....	24	23¾	....	23⅞	24
A. V. R. R.	....	....	....	4	....	....
P., Y. & A.	33	40	....	....	31	40
N. Y. & A. pfd.	52	....	....	....	50	....
N. Y. & C. G. C. Co	30	....	....	....	....	....
Red Cloud M. Co	2⅝	3¼	....	....	....	....
Hidalgo Min. Co.	....	4	....	4	....	....
La Noria M. Co.	25	30	....	....	25	....
Luster Min. Co.	....	11⅞	11¼	11¾	11⅛	11¾
Westhouse Elec	15¼	15¾	14¾	15½	15¼	....
Mo. Water Co.	27½	27¾	....	28	27	28
U. Sw. & Sig. Co.	9	9¾	9¼	10	9½	10
U. S. & S. Co. pfd.	....	....	....	....	....	25
W'house A. B. Co	105½	....	....	....	....	....

A DULL STOCK MARKET.

FEEBLE FLUCTUATIONS BUT NO IMPORTANT CHANGES.

An Early Improvement Wiped Out by Bear Hammering Before the Close—The Market Closes Quiet and Heavy—Changes Slight.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The stock market today exhibited little life in any of its parts, and once more dullness became one of the ruling features of the dealings, though after considerable strength in the forenoon the hammering operations of the traders and bears were sufficient to cause the entire loss of the improvement. The foreign purchases were the principal cause of a strong and higher opening here, the advances over last night's figures extending to ⅞ per cent. Domestic operators, however, made a very feeble response to this movement, and, in fact, the disposition to buy at present has been reduced to a minimum.

The early improvement was supplemented by further fractional gains in some stocks during the forenoon, but not until the leading shares had been again depressed to about last night's level by the persistent pressure from the bear's side. The bear hammering operations were abated after noon for a time, and the market showed an approach to midsummer dullness, but prices, relieved of the depressing influence, made some advance. The low-priced Vanderbilts, Atchison, Burlington, Rock Island, Chicago Gas and some specialties made considerable improvement.

Prices, however, never got far from those of the opening, and in the last hour another sharp attack was made upon the Atchison securities, and the stock reacted nearly 1 per cent on large transactions, wiping out all the former gain and something in addition. The general list responded feebly to this attack, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific showing most weakness under the pressure. The market finally closed quiet and rather heavy, generally at insignificant changes from the opening figures, as well as from last night's prices. The final changes are irregular, and in all cases for small fractions.

Railroad bonds were more animated than yesterday, but followed the share list in being without feature of moment, the attack upon the Atchison incomes in the last hour making those bonds prominent again in the dealings, being the only occurrence of note throughout the day. The total sales were only $1,050,000. The highest and closing quotations were:

Atchison In.	64½@	63⅞	NYC&StL 1st.	93	@	92½
Firsts	82½@	82¼	N Y O & W 1s.	111	@	111
At & Pac inc.	14¼@	14¼	N S F 5s.	105½@	105½	
Bur Iowa	91½@	109½	Gold Cpns	123½@	123½	
Deb	100½@	100½	Consols	134½@	134½	
Consols	121⅝@	121⅝	N Y & N 2d	50¼@	50¼	
B & E 1st	108	@ 108	N J C Gs coup.	109⅞@	109⅞	
Can Sou 1st	106½@	106¼	Reg	108⅞@	108⅞	
Second	97½@	97½	N Y C deb	104½@	104½	
C & E I 8s	97⅞@	97⅞	Ogn Imp 1st	100	@ 100	
C & O A	114	@ 114	O & M cons	110½@	110	
Flives	101⅝@	101⅝	O S L 1s	101	@ 101	
Chat 5s	103⅝@	103⅝	P & W 1st	78½@	78⅝	
Col Coal 6s	99	@ 99	P & E inc	28	@ 28	
Col Mid 4s	70⅝@	70⅝	R G W 1s	76⅝@	76½	
C & W I G M.	113½@	113½	R W & O con	108½@	108½	
D & R G 4s	79	@ 79	Reading 4s	80½@	80⅛	
Erie 2ds	105½@	105½	Firsts	68½@	68½	
C & E Inc	42	@ 42	Third	36⅝@	35⅝	
First cons	133	@ 133	R I 5s coup	100	@ 100	
H V 5s	85½@	85½	St L S 1st	68½@	68½	
I C 1st	86	@ 86	2ds	29⅞@	29⅞	
Iron Mt 5s	85⅞@	85⅞	S & A & P 8s	61	@ 61	
K & T 1sts	78	@ 78	S V 1s	75½@	75½	
do 2nds	44½@	44	St K & G I 1st	87	@ 87	
K Central 4s	89⅞@	89⅞	S Caro inc	24	@ 24	
L P cons	107½@	107½	S P 4s	84½@	84½	
Lacledeclas 5s	77½@	77½	Ch & Mo R	98	@ 98	
L E & W 1st	107¼@	107¼	St L & S F 8s	94½@	94½	
L S 1st reg	117	@ 117	S P of C 5s	98¼@	98¼	
L I 4s	90	@ 90	T P 2nds	32½@	32½	
L St L & T	82	@ 82	RStL&K C 1st	87⅞@	87⅞	
M L S & T 2ds	99⅞@	99⅞	T P & W 1st	75	@ 75	
M & O 4s	66½@	66	U E 1st	111½@	111½	
New 6s	114	@ 114	Va Mid G M	81	@ 81	
M P cons	108	@ 108	Wabash firsts	101½@	101½	
North Pac 5s	82½@	82½	W N Y & P 2ds	33⅞@	33⅞	
do lsts	115⅞@	115⅞	Wis C inc	40½@	40½	
S L S	98¼@	98¼	W S coup	101½@	100½	
Third	109	@ 109	Regular	101¼@	101¼	

The following sales of stocks were made to-day: Chicago Gas, 7,220; Erie, 20,810; Louisville and Nashville, 4,870; Missouri Pacific, 11,100; North American, 3,525; Northern Pacific, preferred, 13,057; St. Paul, 16,650; Union Pacific, 6,000.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York 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.
American Cotton Oil	....	....	....	25
American Cotton Oil, pfd.	....	....	....	46
Am. Sugar Refining Co.	88½	88⅝	88⅝	88¼
Am. S. Refining Co. pfd.	....	....	....	95
Atch. Top. & S. F.	45	45¼	44⅝	44¾
Canadian Pacific	....	....	....	88½
Canada Southern	59	59	58¾	58⅝
Central of New Jersey	118¾	119½	118¾	119½
Central Pacific	....	....	....	33
Chesapeake and Ohio	26	26¼	25½	26⅛
C. & O., 1st pfd.	59	59	58½	59
C. & O., 2d pfd.	39½	39⅝	39½	39
Chicago Gas Trust	51½	52¼	51½	52⅛
C., Bur. & Quincy	98⅝	98⅝	97⅞	98
C., Mil. & St. Paul	74½	74¾	74¼	74½
C., Mil. & St. Paul, pfd.	117	117	116⅞	116⅞
C., Rock I. & P.	82⅞	83⅝	82½	82⅞
C., St. P. M. & O.	33⅞	34⅛	33⅞	34¼
C., St. P. M. & O., pfd.	....	....	....	92
C. & Northwestern	116⅝	116⅝	116	116½
C., C., C. & I.	73	73⅛	72⅞	72⅞
Col. Coal & Iron	38½	38½	38	37⅞
Col. & Hocking Val.	33¼	33¼	32¼	32⅞
Del., Lack. & West.	141⅝	142	141⅝	141⅝
Den. & Rio Grande	19½	19⅝	19⅜	19
Den. & Rio Grande, pfd.	50	50	49¾	49¾
E. T., Va. & Ga.	....	....	....	6½
Lake Erie & West	22⅞	23	22⅞