

BUSINESS IS SATISFACTORY STATE OF TRADE THE MOST ENCOURAGING IN YEARS.

All Changes Are for the Better with the Exception of Cotton—Trade Is Brisk, More so Than at Any Other Time Since 1892—Pig Iron Firm.

New York, Sept. 30.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade, will say: "Failures in September have been about \$7,000,000, and for the quarter about \$27,000,000, to report covering the exact month or quarter is possible this week for a journal which must go to press on Friday, the 30th, but the returns indicate a smaller aggregate of failures than in any other month in many years except in August of this year, and smaller for the quarter than any other quarter since 1892. In fact, excepting one-quarter in that year, no other appears to have shown a smaller aggregate unless more than ten years ago, when the volume of solvent business was very much smaller than it is now. Evidently the complete returns to be given next week will show that the state of business is in that respect more satisfactory than it has ever been unless in one quarter of 1892.

Changes are all for the better excepting the fall of cotton to the lowest point for 50 years, and even the lowest prices of 1848, considering differences of qualities, were perhaps not lower than prices this week.

If there were not on hand commercial and mill stock unusually large, or if manufacturing were more successful, early recovery might seem probable, but the heavy fall in material has affected the demand for goods, causing buyers to expect still lower prices for them, although the volume of business last week goods now average lower than ever before. While the stagnation in wool continues, even smaller than in the month of panic year, 1893, numerous mills have started temporarily in order to get out sample pieces. There has been a quotable decline in wool, and scarcely any in goods, the recent reduction having stimulated a larger demand.

PIG IRON FIRM. With pig iron firm everywhere, in spite of the extraordinary output, and Bessemer held at \$10.40 at Pittsburgh, while valley producers report 230,000 tons sold for delivery before June next, the consumption is evidently growing. The demand for iron bars, owing to increased use of steel, is in some quarters below expectation, and shipments are less active at Pittsburgh though the mills are full of orders. Rail producers are negotiating a new contract, and the usual eastern price \$18 is said to be shaded in some quarters while it is pending. But car, locomotive, bridge and structural work is exceedingly heavy, and there are no signs of decrease in the demand.

Wheat rose 2 1/2 cents, but on Thursday declined sharply, closing 2 cents lower for the week, notwithstanding very heavy exports, amount for the week to 4,911,022 bushels against 5,092,158 last year, and for four weeks to 15,011,942 bushels against 15,681,315 a year, last included. The usual label of guesses does not change the belief that the crop will be the largest ever grown, and while farmers throughout the west are holding back grain largely because of low prices, the western receipts are now running above even the extraordinary movement a year ago, both for the week and for the month. Corn is a fraction lower, with some decrease in export demand, though the recent shipments would have been considered heavy in any year until the last, and can hardly be continued long.

PROF. COLES FOR OCTOBER. Judging from the great sea of gaseous matter that has been passing over the sun during the past few weeks, causing a reversal of the usual meteorological conditions of the weather, we have reasons to believe that there is a stupendous freak of nature approaching that will destroy the meteorological equilibrium to such an extent that it will not be able to regain its balance in several months thereafter, for the planets Saturn, Uranus, Jupiter and Mercury will be on one side of the sun and Neptune, Mars, Venus and Earth on the other side, in direct opposition—and the cross firing of these planets over the sun will cause a break in the gaseous matter ad wet the pent up sun rays escape to earth, causing unprecedented heat waves and cold waves; earthquakes and hurricanes, hurricanes and cyclones, tidal waves, destructive floods, forest fires, etc. The greatest break will occur, we think, some time

THE STORMS AND SIGNS.

If the break in the gaseous matter now passing over the sun occurs in the night times the Eastern states will be flooded, but if it occurs during the day time then the Southern and Western states will receive the greatest affliction. There will be several unusual sunset scenes, sundogs, moon circles and Northern lights. The passing of the moon between two of the brightest stars in the heavens on the evening of the eighteenth inst., at good dark, will be a very pretty sight, and no one should forget to take a good look at them, should the evening prove clear. If you have taken any notice of the "bright star" now in the southwest, you should notice it at once, and should take it as a warning that the hills to do so, for this star has a meaning that will in due time surprise you. It can be seen in the early evening only. When this star reaches Sign Leo, down will go another ruler in the East country, and America will come to grief.

The great ocean storms came last month, as we predicted they would, and caused great destruction of life and property. THE EARTH DISEASED. The new revelation of unprecedented heat that we foretold its coming in our August predictions just came as we predicted it. It is the "Eruption," during the month of July, was in a state of constant vibrations, showing that some disease was working upon Poor Old Mother Earth and would cause her temperature to rise far above the normal. She is still trembling and in a very feverish condition, and we believe that great eruptions will break out upon her body—Yvesium like—during the next three months and cause great destruction of life and property. These unusual vibrations will have a great tendency to provoke spontaneous combustions, mine cave-ins, appalling railroad catastrophes and building collapses, etc. They will also cause the physical condition of people in all nations of the earth to be kept in a nervous state of anxiety, and appalling crimes, sudden deaths and awful plagues will break all records of the past.

IN THE MICROBE WORLD. Our prediction that typhoid and yellow fever would increase in virulence during the month of September came true, notwithstanding the fact that nearly all the expert medical men in the world predicted that they would die out nearly. These fevers will continue to rage during the present month, and a new epidemic, a cross between yellow jack and grip will appear in many sections of the country and cause great consternation. The shadow of the bright fever in the southwest is now slowly creeping up along the coast of the Atlantic, and we have reasons to believe that some of the great cities—such as New York—will be in imminent danger of being stricken. A low ebullient gathered apples, potatoes, etc., will be attacked by disease microbes and decay very rapidly. Another war cloud, composed of human microbes, is now hanging over America. Our November predictions may surprise you.

IN THE PLAY HOUSES. "A Parlor Match." which was popularized some years ago by Evans and his partner, the famed comedienne, has been revived this season and is produced at the Lyceum last night. It will be seen again this afternoon and tonight. In the company that now has the fate of the farce in its hands J. W. Kingsley is cast for the slender, voluble book agent. He is not quite as spare and much more valuable than Evans, but he makes a very acceptable book agent. Mark Sullivan was excellent as Old Hoss, the collector for an auction room, the character being admirably realized. Strung all through the three acts are many choice specialties that were well received by the audience last night. "A Parlor Match" is as capable of producing a number of good laughs.

Engagement Closes Today. The engagement of the Agnes Herndon company at the Academy of Music closes today. This afternoon "My Uncle from India," a farce comedy, will be the attraction and tonight "Saved from the Flames" will be seen.

Moving Pictures of the War. The Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer says of Lyman H. Howe's "Warpage," which is shown at the Lyceum on Monday night: "Some of the pictures shown were the Seventy-first regiment of New York parading before departure for the front; the arrival of troops at Camp Elm; morning wash in camp, blanket cover, martial, the troops embarking for Cuba, troops landing at Carnegie Pier, troops marching to Havana, Cuba, troops marching to the front, packing ammunition on mules, pack trains on route, wagon train en route with supplies, Spanish soldiers capturing an ammunition train, battleship Maine before leaving Spanish New York harbor for Havana, United States cruiser Nashville, United States battleship Iowa, the flying squadron, the bombardment of Matanzas by the flagship New York and Monitor Puritan; the flagship New York being captured by the Spanish, the ship being set on fire, the dynamic New York cruiser Vesuvius in action."

"Lost, Strayed or Stolen." "Lost, Strayed or Stolen" will appear for one night at the Lyceum on Thursday, October 4. This clever comedy comes to this city with everything bright and new. The fun is bright and clean, and never lags for an instant. The house is kept continually in roars of laughter, or else held spell-bound with delight at the marvelous singing of a bevy of pretty girls. "Lost, Strayed or Stolen" is one of the best comedies ever produced and has received only words of praise wherever it has appeared.

"Next Door." At the Academy of Music next week the Brothers Royer will appear in "Next Door." It is a most entertaining comedy, and is out of sorts physically to give the mind a little rest, and promptly resort to the right remedy for physical ailments. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best of all medicines for a balky body. When the head aches, the appetite is poor, the sleep is restless, the nerves are shaky and both body and brain suffer from dizziness and lassitude, it is time to resort to this great remedy. It restores the appetite, corrects all disorders of the digestion, makes assimilation perfect, invigorates the liver and purifies and nourishes the blood. It is the great blood-maker and brain-builder. It makes both body and brain alert and active. Medicine dealers have nothing "just as good."

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THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review. New York, Sept. 30.—The stock market displayed a rising tendency for a brief interval today under the influence of higher London prices and a moderate commission house demand. Support was also extended to the specialties and for the half hour succeeding the opening the market gathered headway under lively bidding. This condition of affairs, however, proved to be only of the flash in the pan order, and as soon as the bears were ready to attack, they found ready much gossip regarding the character of the Manhattan A. T. earnings. The uncertainty existing as to the nature of the contemplated improvements and the period for the final adoption of the announced electrical equipment, together with the sharp decline on heavy offerings. Frequent fearful rallies were made, but there was no strong support. Toward the close the market moved up in spots and ended with a fairly steady tone. Final prices indicated substantial losses in the specialties but the railway figures were successful. Total sales were 388,780 shares.

Table with columns: Am. Cot. Oil, Open-High-Low-Close, Am. Sug. Refg. Co., A. T. & P. Co., Am. Tobacco Co., Am. Spirits, etc.

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Chicago Produce Market. Chicago, Sept. 30.—Extreme dullness was the principal feature of today's trading in the grain and produce markets. Confirmation of reports of heavy Russian offerings, large receipts and weak cable were influences in what followed. Corn advanced 1/2 cent to 34 1/2.

East Liberty Cattle Market. East Liberty, Pa., Sept. 30.—Cattle—Steady; extra, \$3.50-3.75; prime, \$3.25-3.50; common, \$2.50-3.00. Hogs—Lower; prime assorted mediums, \$4.00-4.25; best Yorkers, \$3.50-4.00; common to fair, \$3.00-3.50; grassers, \$2.50-3.00; pigs, \$1.50-2.00.

Philadelphia Provision Market. Philadelphia, Sept. 30.—Wheat—Was weak and 1/2c lower; contract rate, spot, 99 1/2c; Oct. 99 1/2c; Nov. 99 1/2c; Dec. 99 1/2c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, spot, 37 1/2c; No. 3, 36 1/2c; No. 4, 35 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Sept. 30.—Cattle—Lower at \$1.25-1.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00-3.50. Hogs—Stronger at \$3.75-4.00; pigs, \$1.50-2.00. Sheep—Firm at \$2.50-3.00; lambs, \$4.00-4.50.

Oil Market. Oil City, Pa., Sept. 30.—Credit balances, \$1.65; certificates, highest, lowest, closing bid, \$1.65; cash at \$1.65; shipments, \$1.65; barrels; runs, \$2.10 barrels.

BASE BALL. Chicago-Louisville—No game. Cincinnati-Cleveland—Both games postponed on account of wet ground. Boston, 7; Philadelphia, 3.

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Delaware and Hudson. On Sunday, July 3rd, trains will leave Scranton as follows: For Carlisle, 7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 4:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

Central Railroad of New Jersey. (Lehigh and Susquehanna Division) Stations in New York—Foot of Market Street, N. R., and South Ferry, W. R. Street.

NEW YORK AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY. SCRANTON DIVISION. In Effect June 9th, 1898.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES. Del., Lacka. and Western. Effect Monday, June 20, 1898.

Trains leave Scranton as follows: Express for New York and all points East, 1:30, 3:00, 5:10, 8:00 and 10:50 a. m.; 12:15 and 7:00 p. m.

Express for Easton, Trenton, Philadelphia and all points in the West, 12:15 and 3:30 p. m.

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