

NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

METROPOLITAN, SUGAR AND
TOBACCO THE MOST
ACTIVE.

STANDARD SHARES STEADY

MARKET DULL, EXCEPT
FOR SPECIALTIES.

MONEY PLentiful.

New York, Oct. 18.

The market has been one of the most unsatisfactory on record. Only about 90000 shares sold up to noon. A few sales knocked Metropolitan Traction down to 158 but an attempt to secure a small quantity of stock sent it back to 161. It then became dull.

Sugar and Tobacco were subjected to a good deal of manipulation and close work.

The standard shares are not under the control of manipulation and show great strength, an attempt to buy a few North West sent it up to 131½. The other good stocks were dull and steady.

MORNING OPINION.

New York, Oct. 18.

The London market though not active shows considerable strength. St. Paul is up $\frac{3}{8}$. Southern Railway preferred $\frac{1}{2}$, the only decline being in Louisville which is down $\frac{1}{8}$.

New York, Oct. 18.

Twenty active stocks declined, 11 yesterday and 12 industrials advanced. 28. Traders had market to themselves all day, except in tobacco and sugar, where shares covered. No appearance of large dealings anywhere. The principal interests in the market unwilling to do anything till election prospects are clearer.

GENERAL NEWS.

The market opened higher on excellent earnings, McIntyre bought 1,000 sugar. The "Room" is inclined to fight the advance in sugar.

London doing nothing. London prices lower than tape quotations.

Louisville Post says: The plug deal is off. The company will now operate the Brown. Drummond planks by themselves.

Flower bought 500 Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Leaders sold. There is no feature in the stock beyond this.

Traders pressure to sell Metropolitan Street Railway is now removed. There is some attempt to cover. Very little stock for sale.

Noyes bid North West up. He has been a fairly good buyer of stock all around the Room. He bought St. Paul.

Metropolitan Street Railway was down by traders and did not have support until it touched 158.

Havens & Stout sold about 500.
Flower bought 500 Brooklyn Rapid
Transit.

EXCHANGE.

Exchange continues to accumulate in Banks.

ELECTIONS.

The coming elections have made the "Street" disinclined to attempt to bull stocks and until after the first week in November there is likely to be no strong movement. Advices from the South indicate frost is looked on as terminating the yellow fever scare. In some towns quarantine measures have already been abandoned. Possibly this explains the rise which has taken place in Southern Railway in London and it has also been helped by report that some return would be given to the stockholders in January.

GOSSIP.

The hesitation of speculators undertaking extensive operations pending the result of the election, and the strong business conditions which induce investors to cling to their securities create a conflict which holds the markets within narrow limits.

There were several factors that could be counted as distinctly favorable yesterday. The only important offsetting influence was the renewed weakness in the shares of the anthracite coal carrying properties.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.—October 18, 1896.

	CLOSING PRICES FROM OCT. 7 TO 17.										TO-DAY'S PRICES					Bid.	Asked.
	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	Open'g	Highest	Lowest	Closing				
American Cotton Oil Co.	35½	35½	34½	.....	36½	36½	36½	.....	36½	36½	.....	.....	36½	35½	36½
“ “ Preferred	114½	114	110½	109½	109½	112½	110½	111½	112½	111½	113½	112½	113½	113	113½		
“ Sugar	11½	.....	11½	.....	11	11½	11½	11½	.....	.....	.....	.....	11½	11½	11
“ Spirits Mfg. Co.	122½	124½	120½	118½	118½	118	114½	115½	115	115	113	113½	113½	114		
“ Spirits Mfg. Co pfd.		
“ Tobacco		
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Atch T. & S. Fe	32½	32½	32½	32½	3	33½	33½	33½	33½	33½	33½	33½	3½	33½		
Atch T. & S. Fe pfd		
Baltimore & Ohio	65½	64½	63½	64	64½	65½	64½	64½	64½	64½	65	64	64½	64½	64½		
Bay State Gas	.....	40	.....	.....	39½	40½	39½	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	39½	39½
Brooklyn Rap. Tran.	84½	.....	83½	.....	.....	.....	82½	83½	83	83	83	82½	82½	82½	83½
C.C.C. & St. L.	.....	.....	52½	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	52½	.....	21½	21½	.....	21½	21½
Canadian Pacific	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21½	21½
Canada Southern	14½	14½	14½	.....	14½	14½	14½	14½	14½	14½	114½	114½	114½	114½	114½	
Chesapeake & Ohio	114½	114½	113½	.....	114½	115½	114½	114	114½	114½	114½	114½	114½	114½	114½	
Chicago & Great Western	106½	106½	106½	.....	107½	107½	107½	106½	107½	107½	107½	107½	107½	107½	107½	
Chicago B. & Q.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago Mil. & St. P.	101½	101½	100½	100½	101½	101½	101½	101	101	101	101	100	101½	100½	101½		
Chi. Mil. & St. P. pfd.	130½	130	129	.....	130½	131½	131½	130½	.....	130½	131½	130½	131	131	131½
Chicago R. I. & Pacific	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago & Northwest	16½	16½	16½	15½	16½	16½	16½	16	16½	17½	17	17½	16½	16½	17½		
Chic. & Northwest pfd.	46	45½	45	44	45	45	45	44½	44½	44½	46	44½	45½	44½	45½		
Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ “ Pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ C. C. & St. Louis	169½	169½	169	.....	172	.....	171½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171	174
Consolidated Gas	105½	.....	05	104	104½	104½	.....	104½	102½	101½	103	101½	103	102½	102½
Delaware & Hudson	.....	.....	.....	148½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140	146
Del. Lack. & Western	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Denver & Rio Grand Pfd.	.....	.....	13	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	12½	.....	.....	.....	.....	12½	12½
Erie	80½	.....	79	79½	79½	79½	79	.....	78½	78½	78½	78½	78½	78	79
General Electric	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glucose Pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108½	109	108½	.....	108½	109
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laclede Gas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	190	193
Lake Shore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville & Nashville	54½	54½	53½	53½	54½	54½	55	54½	55½	55½	55½	54½	54½	54½	54½		
Manhattan con.	93½	94½	92½	92½	93½	94½	94½	94½	96	96½	96½	96½	95½	95½	95½		
Met. Street Ry. Co.	164	154	163½	163½	163	163½	162½	162½	160	160	161	158	160½	160½	161		
Michigan Central	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri Kan. & Tex.	.....	.....	10½	10½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10½	11½
Missouri Kan. & T. pfd	32½	.....	31	30½	28½	30½	30½	29½	29½	30½	29½	30	29½	29½	30½	
Missouri Pacific	32½	.....	31½	32	32½	33	33	32½	32½	.....	32½	32½	32½	32½	32½
Nat. Lead	33½	.....	31½	31½	32½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31½	32½
Nat. Lead pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108½	112
New Jersey Central	91	91	90½	89	88½	89½	.....	.....	85½	86	86	85	86	85	86
New York Central	115½	.....	115	115	115	115½	115½	115½	115½	.....	115½	115½	115½	115½	115½
Northern Pacific	39	39½	38½	38½	40½	41	40½	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40		
Northern Pacific pfd	7½	75½	74½	74½	74½	76½	75½	75½	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		
Omaha	79	79½	79½	.....	.....	79½	79½	.....	79	.....	79½	79½	79½	79	80
Oregon Rail. and Nav.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32½	32½
Pacific Mail	.....	32½	32½	32½	32½	32½	.....	32½	32½	32½	.....	.....	32½	32½	32½
Pennsylvania R. R.	117	.....	116½	.....	117½	117½	117½	117½	117½	.....	117½	117½	117½	117½	117½
Peo. Gas L. & Coke Co.	104½	104½	104½	102½	103	103½	103½	103½	103	103½	103½	102½	102½	102½	102½		
Pullman Palace Car Co.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	198	199
Reading	17½	17½	17½	17	16½	17½	17	.....	16½	16½	16½	16½	16½	16½	16½	
“ 1st Pfd.	41½	.....	40½	39½	39½	40	40½	40½	39	39½	39½	38½	38½	39	39½	
“ 2nd Pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8
Southern Pacific	33½	33½	32½	32½	32½	33½	33½	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½		
Southern Railroad Pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	13	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	13
Texas Pacific	27	.....	26½	26½	26½	27	26½	27	26½	.....	.....	.....	.....	26½	26½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Avenue R. R.	32½	32½	31½	31½	32½	33½	32½	32½	33½	32½	32½	32½	32½	32½	32½		
Union Pacific	64½	64½	64½	64	65½	65½	65½	65½	65½	65½	65½	65	65½	65	65½		
Union Pacific pfd.	38	39	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	38	38	38	37	37		
U. S. Rubber	103½	103	101	101½	101½	102½	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100½	101
U. S. Rubber pfd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
U. S. Leather	64½	64½	63½	63½	63½	64½	64	64½	64½	64	64	64½	63½	63½	64		
U. S. Leather pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wabash	.....	.....	20½	20½	20½	20½	20½	20½	20½	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20
Wabash pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W U Telegraph	91½	91½	90½	90½	91	91½	91½	91	90½	91½	91½	91½	91½	90½	91½		

CHICAGO MARKET.—October 18, 1898.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

	CLOSING PRICES OCT. 10 TO 17.							TO-DAY'S PRICES.			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—											
Oct.....	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 $\frac{3}{8}$	64 $\frac{1}{8}$	65—	65 $\frac{1}{4}$	64 $\frac{3}{8}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	65 $\frac{5}{8}$	65 $\frac{5}{8}$	65 $\frac{5}{8}$
Dec.....	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 $\frac{3}{8}$	64 $\frac{1}{8}$	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	65—	64 $\frac{3}{8}$	65 $\frac{1}{4}$	65 $\frac{3}{8}$	65 $\frac{3}{8}$	65—	65 $\frac{3}{8}$
May.....	64 $\frac{1}{8}$	65 $\frac{1}{8}$	65 $\frac{3}{8}$	65 $\frac{7}{8}$ 6	66 $\frac{1}{8}$ 4	65 $\frac{5}{8}$	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 $\frac{1}{8}$	66 $\frac{1}{8}$	66 $\frac{1}{8}$	66 $\frac{1}{8}$
Corn—											
Oct.....	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{3}{8}$	30 $\frac{3}{8}$	30 $\frac{3}{8}$	31—	.....	31 $\frac{3}{8}$	30 $\frac{3}{8}$	31—
Dec.....	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{3}{8}$	31	29 $\frac{7}{8}$ 31	31—	31 $\frac{3}{8}$	31 $\frac{3}{8}$	31 $\frac{3}{8}$	31 $\frac{3}{8}$
May.....	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{3}{8}$	33 $\frac{1}{8}$	33 $\frac{1}{8}$	33 $\frac{1}{8}$	33 $\frac{3}{8}$	34 $\frac{1}{8}$	33 $\frac{1}{8}$	34A
Oats—											
Oct.....	21 $\frac{5}{8}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{3}{8}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{3}{8}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dec.....	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	23
May.....	22 $\frac{5}{8}$	22 $\frac{3}{4}$ 3	23—	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24—	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{3}{4}$ 4
Pork—											
Jan.....	8 85	8 85	9 02	9 10	9 20-2	9 20	9 17	9 15-20	9 22	9 12-	9 20
Oct.....	7 57	7 57	7 72	7 77	7 87	7 87	7 75	.....	7 75	7 75	7 75
Dec.....	7 67-70	7 67	7 82	7 87	7 97	7 97	7 95	7 92-	8 00	7 90-	8 00
Lard—											
Oct.....	.....	4 65	4 75	4 80	4 90	.....	4 90	.....	4 95	4 95	4 95
Dec.....	.....	4 70	4 80	4 82	4 92-	4 97	4 90-2	4 90-	4 97	4 90-	4 97-
Jan.....	.....	4 80	4 87-	4 92	5 00-2	5 05	5 00	5 00-	5 05-	5 97	5 00
Shtr ribs—											
Oct.....	.....	5 20	5 32	5 32	5 30	5 37	5 32	5 30	5 37	5 36	5 37
Dec.....	.....	4 60	4 67-70	4 67	4 75	4 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jan.....	.....	4 62	4 70	4 72-5	4 77	4 77	4 72	4 72-	4 77-80	4 70-	4 77-80
Puts and Calls for Oct. 19 :											
Wheat, Dec. Calls.....							66 $\frac{1}{2}$	Puts.....		65 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Corn, May Calls.....							34 $\frac{1}{2}$	Puts.....		33 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Curb, Dec. Wheat.....							65 $\frac{3}{8}$				

This element, however, has not counted seriously in the general course of speculation for some years. Everyone is acquainted with the conditions of the anthracite industry and deplors the fact so many of them are unfavorable. There is at times a total absence of support so that the Bear element can make a decided impression on prices until it has oversold the market.

Earnings continue to be highly gratifying, the St. Paul report for second week of October again breaks the record. The St. Paul may be assumed to fairly reflect the great movement of traffic on the Granger roads, the problem before the railroads is to nullify by economies, the low rates prevailing and to avoid unreasonable controversies.

TOBACCO.

The announcement of the New issue in American Tobacco was looked on as a confirmation that new properties had been acquired and the result would be that the trust will be in more complete control of Tobacco trade than before.

Louisville despatch says: Plug tobacco deal all off again.

COAL SHARES.

There was nothing to explain yesterday's weakness in coal stocks.

SUGAR.

In the loan crowd there was better demand for Sugar than on Saturday.

Dealings in sugar yesterday chiefly reflect turning over of shorts. There is no change in the situation.

COALERS.

Exactly the explanation of the weakness in the coal stocks it is difficult to find out, there is no material change in the conditions prevailing in the anthracite coal trade, though there were vague rumors that a cut in prices had taken place in Boston. The Street is skeptical as to the ability of the J. C. to earn its present dividend, and there seems to be a possibility that when the directors of the D. L. & W. meet towards the end of the year, and declare div. for the ensuing year a reduction will be made. Little opposition to the selling move in J. C. was met, although in all probability the same old tactics will be resorted to in the loan crowd, as soon as the short interest becomes unwieldy.