CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Business Shows Signs of Awakening from Midsummer Dullness.

FUTURE PROSPECTS CONTINUE BRIGHT

New Enterprises Increase the Feeling of Confidence Already Strong—Bank Clearings Show a Wonderful Increase.

The most important event of the past week bearing upon the general business situation was the change in the weather. The continued hot weather previous, together with the hint of hot winds, had created in the minds of all classes of business men a feeling of anxiety, and it was hardly to be expected that they would reach out very far or take upon themselves any additional obligations so long as there existed any doubt as to the safety of the year's crops. Country merchants were very much inclined to hold off in ordering goods, and there was a perceptible hesitancy about closing contracts in many lines. The effect of this feeling of doubt upon the markets was plainly shown by the sudden break of from 20 cents to 30 cents in the price of feeding cattle the early part of last week at South Omaha and the country stopped buying for a few days.

The coming of general rains all over the state promptly did away with any fear that might have found lodgment in the minds of business men, and trade at once took on renewed life. Before the close of the week the break in cattle values alluded to above was entirely wiped out, while the grain markets broke under the influence of the splendid prospects for an extra large crop. The season is now so far advanced that the danger of crop scares may be said to have about ended, as the amount of moisture required from now on to mature the crops will be very small.

BRIGHT HOPES AHEAD.

Everything from a businessman's standpoint seems to be favorable, and it would be hard to find a single discouraging feature of any importance. The daily papers are full of accounts of improvements and various new enterprises that are being undertaken. Building operations are being carried on more extensively than for several years past, which is creating a good demand for lumber, hardware, paints and oils, and in fact for all kinds of builders' supplies, while a great many men who have hardly had enough work to keep their families from starvation now find employment comparatively easy to secure. Manufacturing establishments that have been closed down for months are now running on full time, taking up with increased forces in all sections of the country, some because they have received a goodly number of orders, and others because of the excellent prospects for a large demand for manufactured goods. The improvement in this respect is not confined to any one line, but appears to be about equally distributed among all.

That the reports regarding improved business conditions in this section of the country are not imaginary is proven on the testimony of the reporting and jobbing houses of New York that supply western jobbers with goods. Almost every commercial paper that comes to hand from the east has something to say regarding the improvement in the west. A good many of these reports have been quoted in these columns.

A NEW YORK VIEW.

A late copy of the Daily Dry Goods Record of New York says in reference to the business situation in that city: "From the distant west the advices to hand and the personal reports are exceedingly satisfactory. Those in close touch with consumers between the Rockies and the Mississippi river are operating on a freer scale than ever. Reports from some houses are that the trade doing beats all records. As the season lengthens a similar demand will develop this side of eastern, if not the mighty river and continue to grow until it reaches the Atlantic markets. And according to those most familiar with trade currents and what impels them, the demands of consumers will stimulate a trade of more than large proportions, because of the being backed by the necessities of the masses with fuller purses than in some years."

There would appear to be no doubts in the minds of eastern business men as to the permanency of the improved conditions now in the west, but on the contrary they not only expect continued improvement, but what is more, that it will bring increased prosperity to the east.

Omaha's record of bank clearings for the past week made a most gratifying showing, the gain over the week before being 50 per cent, which was 5 per cent greater than the average gain for the whole country, showing that this city is improving more rapidly than its rivals. Minneapolis gained only 5 per cent; Kansas City, 6 per cent, while St. Paul lost 41 per cent. Denver's gain was almost as great as that of Omaha, but the volume of clearings was little more than half as large.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Most Lively Half Day's Trading in a Long Time—Manhattan's Jump.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Wall street has not seen a livelier half day of trading than that of today for a quite indefinite period. All of the favorable factors that have been in force during the week continued to exercise an influence and there were added to these several causes that carried the market up with a surge to a higher level all around. Principal of these was the sensational jump in Manhattan Elevated stock, which opened with running sales of a thousand shares at 102½ to 105, as against 99¼ at last night's close. Almost immediately the price rose further to 108, but it receded quickly and but steadied again and closed at 106½, a net gain of 7¼ per cent. Probably the large existing short interest in this stock was responsible for this sensational movement in part. A story that the Metropolitan Traction company had made an offer to purchase the elevated system, which offer was under favorable consideration, sent the stock up, and uncovered stop loss orders for the shorts. The scarcity of the stocks resulted in the shorts quickly bidding up the price on themselves. Another very significant feature of the day was the fact that London changed front and turned buyer of American securities. Prices of these securities were higher in London at the opening and arbitrage houses bought stocks for London account, even after prices here had risen above the London parity. Some of the stocks which London has most persistently sold of late were the favorites for purchase, notably St. Paul. Another factor in the rise was the further reduction by ½c of the posted rate for long sterling bringing the price down to $4.83½. The grangers were leaders in point of activity and showed sharp gains to new record prices in a period of several years. The Vanderbilts, also, were in keen demand for investment buying. Illinois Central leading. Belief in an improvement in the anthracite coal traffic for the coming fall lifted that group to a higher level, the movement being especially marked in New Jersey Central. Western Union showed a notable gain on prospects that it would be benefited by general improvement in business. The industrials generally participated, Sugar, Tobacco and Leather preferred each realized 1 per cent. Chicago Gas, East River Gas and Laclede Gas each showed declines extending to 1 per cent in the two first named. In the Vanderbilts, Illinois Central led with 2½ per cent advance, Canada Southern showing 2¼ per cent. Of the grangers, Burlington and St. Paul each gained 1¾ per cent, and New Jersey Central led the coalers with 2¼ per cent advance. Other notable gains were: Long Island, 4 per cent; Metropolitan Traction, 2 per cent; Western Union, 2¼ per cent; Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis preferred, 2 per cent, and Canadian Pacific, Colorado Fuel, Illinois Steel and Iowa Central preferred.

The market for securities during the week has reflected decisively the confidence of capital that prosperous times for this country have set in. The developments in the general situation have fanned the faith which began to manifest itself in the tone of the speculation three months ago, and the strength of today's market reflects the belief of still further improvement for the future. There were about 2,825,000 shares of stock sold on the local stock exchange during the week. The par value of the bonds marketed was $18,652,000. These enormous transactions were made on an almost constantly rising market, and at a level of prices that has not been reached before in years, and in some favorite stocks never before. Yet the faith of the outside public in a still further appreciation of values has continued unshaken, as witnessed by the constantly increasing volume of commission house purchases. The professional operators seem to be the only ones tinged with scepticism, and their calculations are largely based on technical considerations, such as that reaction must come after so long continued a rise. They operate in the confidence that most of the recent buying has underlying orders to sell on stop loss at a given point in any reaction. The bears made a determined effort on Thursday to reach these stop orders, but the outside buying took the market out of their hands and drove them to buy back the short sales in the last half hour of the day. This was the only marked reactionary feature of the week. The most striking fact in connection for the week's great market has been the persistent selling for London account, no sign of interest in American securities being manifested from that center until today, when some 10,000 or 15,000 shares were bought for London account. The London prices up to today have been below the New York parity, and New York operators have made part of their purchases on the London market. The industrials were very heavily dealt in all week, and Tobacco closes 3¼ per cent higher, and Sugar 4½. Leather preferred is up 4¾ and Cotton Oil preferred 3¾. Great activity was also displayed in the grangers, the gain extending to 6¾ in Burlington, 5¾ in St. Paul and 5½ in Chicago Great Western, this last stock having come forward to a leading place in the list of active low priced shares. The coalers are all up over 2 points and New Jersey Central, Illinois Central leads the high priced Vanderbilts, in all of which there was good buying, with an advance of 8¾, and New York Central gained 4. Manhattan leads the whole list with 12¾ points rise. A few of the other notable gains are: Illinois Steel, 3; Tennessee Coal, 4; Laclede Gas, 3¾; Laclede Gas preferred, 2; Long Island, 4; Louisville, 4¾; Metropolitan Traction, 4; Oregon Navigation, 4; Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis preferred, 4; Pullman, 3¾; Southern Pacific, 4¾; Manitoba, 3; Western Union, 2¾, and St. Louis & San Francisco first preferred, 7¾.

Transactions in railway and miscellaneous securities were in considerable volume at improved prices, which reflected the marked confidence in the general situation. The development of various favorable influences tended to accentuate the upward movement, which assumed considerable proportions. The low-priced and middle grade issues absorbed the bulk of the dealings, with purchases for speculative and investment account by local and foreign interests as the chief factor in the improvement. The aggregate sales were 218,862,000, which embraced an extensive variety of issues. The principal gains were: Erie General 4s, 5; Seaside & Brooklyn Bridge 5s, trust receipts, 5; Oregon Improvement consol 5s, trust receipts, 6; Wisconsin Central 50s, trust receipts, 5; Wisconsin Central income, trust receipts, 3¾; Kansas Pacific consols, trust receipts, 4¼; St. Louis Southwestern 5s, 3¾; St. Louis Southwestern 52s, 3.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison	14⅞	do pfd	18
do pfd	36⅝	St. Paul	82⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	16⅝	do pfd	142⅝
Canada Pacific	78	St. P. & Om.	67¾
Canada Southern	55⅝	do pfd	142⅝
Central Pacific	19⅝	St. P. M. & M.	120
Ches. & Ohio	21⅝	So. Pacific	20⅝
Chicago & Alton	157	So. Railway	10⅝
C., B. & Q.	84	do pfd	54⅝
C. & E. I.	46	Texas & Pacific	12⅝
C. C. C. & St. L.	32⅝	Union Pacific	9
do pfd	85	U. P. D. & G.	3⅝
Del. & Hudson	118⅝	Wabash	7⅝
Del., L. & W.	159⅝	do pfd	18⅝
Den. & Rio G.	12⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	1⅝
do pfd	57⅝	do pfd	5⅝
Erie new	14⅝	Adams Ex.	154
do 1st pfd	41⅝	American Ex.	115
Ft. Wayne	169	United States Ex.	47
Great Northern pfd	120	Wells Fargo Ex.	106⅝
Hocking Valley	8⅝	A. Cot. Oil	18⅝
Illinois Central	110⅝	do pfd	71
Lake Erie & W.	18	Am. n Spirits	15⅝
do pfd	73⅝	do pfd	35⅝
Lake Shore	175	Am. Tobacco	93⅝
Louisville & Nash.	59⅝	do pfd	118⅝
Manhattan L.	106⅝	Chicago Gas	101⅝
Met. Traction	157⅝	Cons. Gas	180
Michigan Central	104⅝	Cons. Gas. Co.	171
Minn. & St. L.	24⅝	Laclede Gas	78
do 1st pfd	86⅝	do pfd	80
Mo. Pacific	26⅝	Gen. Electric	37
Mobile & Ohio	24	Illinois Steel	40
Mo. K. & T.	15⅝	La Clede Gas	39⅝
do pfd	36⅝	Lead	35⅝
New Alb. & Chi.	71⅝	do pfd	104
do pfd	37⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	18
N. J. Central	92⅝	Pacific Mail	31⅝
N. Y. Central	107⅝	Pullman Pal.	174⅝
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	14⅝	Silver Certificates	56⅝
do 1st pfd	75⅝	Stand. Rope & T.	5⅝
do 2d pfd	35⅝	Sugar	144⅝
Norfolk & Western	12	do pfd	115
No. Amer. Co.	5⅝	T. C. & Iron	29⅝
No. Pacific	15⅝	U. S. Leather	8⅝
do pfd	40⅝	do pfd	67¾
Ontario & W.	14⅝	U. S. Rubber	16⅝
Ore. R. & Nav.	28⅝	do pfd	61⅝
Ore. Short Line	29	Western Union	91⅝
Pittsburg	162	North American	120
Reading	26⅝	do pfd	163
Rock Island	85⅝	Chi. Gt. Western	16⅝
St. Louis & S. F.	5		

Total sales of stocks today were 577,965 shares, including: Atchison, 2,600; Atchison preferred, 5,800; Canadian Southern, 4,900; Chesapeake & Ohio, 2,145; Burlington, 26,250; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 3,200; Erie, 6,900; Illinois Central, 6,120; Louisville & Nashville, 6,570; Manhattan L, 22,800; Missouri Pacific, 7,600; New Jersey Central, 4,827; New York Central, 5,290; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,770; Reading, 4,500; Rock Island, 11,000; St. Paul, 57,600; Southern railway, 10,510; Southern railway preferred, 3,220; Union Pacific, 6,445; American Tobacco, 8,340; Diss' State Gas, 3,900; Chicago Gas, 7,180; Sugar, 14,700; United States Leather preferred, 6,200; Western Union, 25,690; Chicago Great Western, 16,310.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1½ per cent.

TIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¼@4.86½ for demand, and $4.88¼@4.87 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.87 and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.84½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—Quiet.

BAR SILVER—58⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45¾c.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Strong.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 2s, reg.	97⅝	D. & R. G. 7s	111
U. S. 4s, reg.	111⅝	Erie 2nds	71⅝
U. S. 4s, coup.	112⅝	G. H. & S. A. 6s	100⅝
U. S. new 4s, reg.	125⅝	G. H. & S. A. 7s	110⅝
U. S. new 4s, coup.	125⅝	H. & T. Cent. 5s	109⅝
U. S. 5s, reg.	113⅝	H. & T. Cent. 6s	106
U. S. 5s, coup.	113⅝	Iowa C. 1st	94⅝
Pacific 6s of '95	102	M. K. T. first 4s	86⅝
Ala., class A	107	M. K. T. second 4s	62⅝
Ala., class B	100	Mutual Union 6s	111⅝
Ala., class C	98	N. J. C. Gen. 1sts	110⅝
Ala. Currency	98	No. Pacific 1sts	118⅝
La. New Con. 4s	96	No. Pacific 2sds	57⅝
Missouri 6s	100	No. Pacific 4s	90⅝
N. C. 6s	129	N. W. Consols	144
N. C. 4s	103⅝	N. W. S. F. Deb. 5s	116
S. C. nonfund	⅝	Ore. Nav. 1sts	111⅝
Tenn. new set 3s	86	Ore. Nav. 4s	89⅝
Tenn. new set 5s	105	R. G. West. 1sts	78⅝
Tenn. new set 6s	62	St. P. Consols 7s	137⅝
Tenn. old set 6s	65	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	116⅝
Va. Centuries	4	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	43⅝
Va. deferred	87	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	118
Atchison 4s	61⅝	Tex. Pacific 1sts	92
Atchison Second A	108⅝	Tex. Pacific 2sds	30
Canada So. 2nds	107⅝	U. P. Lens of '96	100⅝
C. P. 1sts of '95	101⅝	West Shore 4s	108⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	89		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—Call loans, 1½@2 per cent; time loans, 3½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	14⅝	W. Elec.	25⅝
American Sugar	144⅝	W. Elec. pfd.	55
Am. Sugar pfd.	112	Wis. Cent.	39⅝
Am. Bell Tel.	248	Bos. Elec. Ill. pfd.	153
Bell Telephone	239	Gen. Elec. pfd.	79
Boston & Albany	218	Atchison pfd.	28⅝
Boston & Maine	180	Atchison 4s	85⅝
C. B. & Q.	83⅝	Allouez Mining Co.	3
Fitchburg	91⅝	Atlantic	22⅝
General Electric	37⅝	Boston & Montana	139
Illinois Steel	43	Butte & Boston	25⅝
Mexican Central	⅝	Calumet & Hecla	397
N. Y. & N. E.	66	Centennial	17⅝
Old Colony	214⅝	Franklin	15
O. S. L.	16⅝	Kearsarge	5⅝
Rubber	9	Osceola	27⅝
San Diego	9⅝	Quincy	114⅝
Union Pacific	7⅝	Tamarack	129
West End pfd.	100	Wolverine	11⅝

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	113 13-16	St. Paul common	94⅝
Consols, acc't	113⅝	N. Y. Central	109
Can. Pacific	74⅝	Pennsylvania	57
Erie	18	Reading	13⅝
Erie 1sts pfd	42⅝	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69
Ill. Central	109	Atchison	14⅝
Mexican ordinary	20	L. & N.	61⅝

MONEY—¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 15-16@¾ per cent; for three months 15-16@¾ per cent.

Gold is quoted today at Buenos Ayres at 126.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Choiar	70	Ontario	350
Crown Point	18	Ophir	60
Con. Cal. & Va.	120	Plymouth	15
Deadwood	85	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	20	Quicksilver pfd.	700
Hale & Norcross	44	Sierra Nevada	80
Homestake	2900	Standard	160
Iron Silver	50	Union Con.	55
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	42

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease $4,719,025; loans, increase $6,566,200; specie, increase $632,900; legal tender, decrease $4,352,600; deposits, increase $3,187,200; circulation, decrease $46,400. The banks now hold $41,092,125 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The market for American securities opened firm and continued so throughout the session on bears covering. The tone was firm and the demand moderate.

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 7.—Clearings, $865,500.

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—Clearings, $16,888,782; balances, $1,655,332.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 7.—Clearings, $2,096,762; balances, $335,978.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Clearings, $111,604,450; balances, $5,767,808.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7.—Clearings, $8,771,066; balances, $1,034,575.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 7.—New York exchange selling at $1.50 premium. Clearings, $10,108; balances, $50,851.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 7.—Money, 2½@6 per cent. New York exchange, 25@40c discount. Clearings, $1,266,100.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—Clearings, $3,456,774; balances, $496,178. Money, 4@7 per cent. New York exchange, 5c discount bid; 50c discount asked.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Clearings, $12,840,156; balances, $1,457,900. New York exchange, 25c discount. Sterling exchange, demand, $4.86¼@4.86; sixty days, $4.82¾@4.87. Local stocks were active and higher at close. West Chicago, 105½; North Chicago, 82½; City Railway, 244; Lake Street L, 19; Lake Street Certificates, 37½; South Side L, 62½.

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Three per cent rentes, 105f 25c for the account.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £34,000.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, Aug. 7.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 cash and August, 75½c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 27½c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 21c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 cash, 45c.

CLOVER SEED—Steady; prime, October, 43c.

OIL—Unchanged.

New York Imports and Exports.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The exports of specie for the port of New York for the week amounted to $767,966 in gold and $984,776 in silver. The imports for the week were: Gold, $397,256; silver, $60,398; dry goods, $1,252,857; general merchandise, $4,679,409.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—FLOUR—Receipts, 14,832 bbls.; exports, 14,108 bbls.; quiet and unchanged; Minnesota patents, $4.50@4.80; Minnesota bakers, $3.60@3.75; winter patents, $4.40@4.70; winter straights, $4.10@4.25. Rye flour, quiet; superfine, $2.30@2.50; fancy, $2.60@2.75.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 65c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 49@49½c.

BARLEY—Quiet at 29@.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 41@56c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 24,322 bu; exports, 65,654 bu. Spot, weaker; No. 2 red, 77⅝@78c. Options opened weak and declined, owing to a break in English cables, rallied sharply on covering, but later collapsed under liquidation, and closed 1⅛@1½c net lower; August closed at 84⅝c; September, 85⅝@85 13-16c, closed at 85⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 96,325 bu.; exports, 107,555 bu. Spot, weaker; No. 2, 31½c. Options opened weak under bearish crop news, weak cables and liquidation, rallied slightly on covering, but finally sold off with wheat and closed ½@¾c net lower; August closed at 31½c; September closed at 31⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 106,000 bu.; exports, 50,456 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 22@22⅛c. Options quiet and better, closing ⅛@¼c not lower; September closed at 21⅝c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 65@85c; good to choice, 90@95c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 2@4c; 1896 crop, 2@6c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 2@4c; 1896 crop, 6@16c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 24½@25c; Buenos Ayres, 18½@19c; Texas, 12@17½c; California, 17c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19@20c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $8.50@9.50; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $20.50@27.00; packet, $8.00@8.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 6¼@6½c; pickled shoulders, 5¼@5¾c; pickled hams, 6¼@8c. Lard, easier; western steam, $4.85, asked; refined, quiet. Pork, quiet; old mess, $9.25@9.50; new mess, $9.25@9.75; short clear, $9.00@10.00; family, $8.50@10.25. Tallow, quiet; city, 3⅝@3⅞c; country, 3¼@3½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,596 pkgs; quiet; western creamery, 13@18c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 9@10½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,852 pkgs; quiet; large, white, 7⅝@7¾c; large, colored, 7⅝c; small, white, 7⅝c; small, colored, 7¾c; part skims, 4@6½c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 3,752 pkgs; firm; western, 12@12½c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; exchange closed, no market. Rosin, quiet; strained, $1.55@1.60. Turpentine, quiet at 27½@28c. Cottonseed, quiet, but steady; prime crude, nominal; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 19c; prime summer yellow, 20@22c; butter grades, 30@32c; prime summer white, 24@25c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¼@4¾c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 29@32c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $9.00@10.00; Bessemer, $10.25@12.00. Copper, steady; brokers, $11.12½. Lead, quiet; brokers, $3.60. Tin plates, quiet.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 7.—WHEAT—Firm. No. 1 red western, winter, 6s 10½d; No. 1 red northern, spring, 7s.

CORN—Steady; American mixed, spot, new, 2s 3½d; American mixed, spot, old, 2s 4½d; August, 2s 3½d; September, 2s 3¼d; October, 2s 3½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 5s 6d.

HOPS—Steady at London; Pacific coast, 55@60s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 55s; prime mess, 45s. Pork, steady; prime mess, fine western, 46s 3d; prime mess, medium western, 42s 6d. Hams, steady; short cut, 34 to 36 lbs., 38s. Bacon, steady; short clear, 20 to 24 lbs., 27s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28s; long clear middles, heavy, 27s; clear bellies, 24s. Shoulders, dull; square, 28s. Lard, spot, dull at 25s.

CHEESE—Firm; American finest white and colored, 29s 6d.

TALLOW—Firm; prime city, 18s.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; Liverpool refined, 16s 6d. Spirits of turpentine, firm at 21s. Rosin, common, 4s 6d.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—FLOUR—Dull, weak and unchanged; patents, $4.05@4.25; straights, $3.75@3.90; clear, $3.00@3.50; low and medium, $2.00@2.70.

WHEAT—Futures opened weak and declined heavily on cable and Liverpool news, lower cables and reports of increased world's shipments. Prices finally closed at from 1½c to 2¼c lower than yesterday. Spot, good demand, but decidedly lower. No. 2 red cash, elevator, 79½c; track, 80@80½c; No. 2 red hard cash, track; August, 80c; September, 79½c; December, 80c.

CORN—Futures active at the opening, but soon quieted down and the market closed at from ¼c to ¾c lower than yesterday. Spot, dull, lower; No. 2 cash, 24¾c bid; September, 24¾c; May, 27¾c bid.

OATS—Dull and lower for both spot and futures; No. 2 cash, 21c bid; on track No. 2, 18½c; September, 19c.

RYE—Nominal; 41½c.

BARLEY—Nominal.

CORNMEAL—$1.45@1.50.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The close of the week sees a quite active and sustained market in both cotton and woolen goods. The feeling among buyers is still a good one, and the market is active in a speculative way. Agents for woolen mills and commission men are making further advances in prices. There seems to be no lagging in the buying on this account. Brown goods are also bringing added prices. Cotton goods are very firm. Staple goods are in good demand, with advances in both bleached and brown cottons reported in various quarters during the week. Denims and other coarse goods are in such demand that stocks at first hands show signs of exhaustion, the curtailment of production in eastern mills being a strong factor in the situation. In print cloths this is peculiarly noticeable. The market has strengthened, extras being firm at 2 9-16c, an advance of 1 21-16c over previous prices.

Fall River Print Cloth Market.

FALL RIVER, Aug. 7.—The stock market has been quiet this week and but three sales are reported. There has been some bidding for small lots.

The curtailment of this week of 75,000 pieces out of the production, has stopped over a million spindles, and has lost to the operatives over $80,000 in wages, as fifteen cotton mills were closed during the week, and about the same number will be shut down next week. The curtailment is practically a forced one, because of the shortage of print cloth cotton and the market has responded to the conditions and has gone up to 2 9-16c. There is nothing very definite known about curtailment beyond next week. Still, men in the trade insist that by October 1 the production will have been cut off 50 per cent for August and September.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 7.—WHEAT—10@15c below yesterday's close; No. 2, 73c; No. 3, 71c; No. 4, 67c; No. 2, soft, 77c; No. 3, 74½c; No. 4, 70c.

CORN—½@¾c lower; No. 2 white, 34c.

OATS—Slow, about steady. No. 2 mixed, 16c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally, 37c.

HAY—Good demand, unchanged.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 13@14c; dairy, 10c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas, 7c.

RECEIPTS, Wheat, 249,000 bu.; corn, 35,800 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 96,000 bu.; corn, 22,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 7.—FLOUR—Quiet.

WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, 77c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—Active; No. 2 mixed, 21c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 46c.

PROVISIONS—Bulk meats, easy; $4.75@4.80. Bacon, in fair demand; $5.60@5.75. Lard, steady; $4.10.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.19.

BUTTER—Steady.

SUGAR—Firm.

EGGS—Steady; 7c.

CHEESE—Quiet; good to prime flat, 7@7½c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Aug. 7.—CORN—Quiet, easy; No. 2, 25c.

OATS—Inactive, easy; No. 2 white, 19@19½c.

RYE—Dull; nominal.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.19 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 21,800 bus.; oats, 38,100 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 75 bbls.; wheat, 1,200 bus.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 21,600 bus.; oats, 32,100 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 390 bbls.; wheat, none.

Wool Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—WOOL—Steady; fleece, 19@25c; pulled, No. 2 to extra, 25@33c. Texas, 10@17c.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—WOOL—Unchanged; medium, 16@17c; light fine, 12@16c; heavy fine, 10@11c; tub washed, 17@23c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Steady; evaporated apples, prime wire tray, 5½c; wood dried, prime, 5½c; choice, 5¼c; fancy, 6@6½c; prunes, 3@7½c; apricots, Royal, 8@9c; Moorpark, 12c; peaches, unpeeled, 4@6c; peeled, 11@14c.

Sugar Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3¼c; centrifugal 96 test, 3¾c. Refined, firm; standard A, 4⅝c; confectioners' A, 4⅜c; cut loaf, 5⅝c; powdered, 5⅛c; granulated, 5c; cubes, 5¼c.

Sugar Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 7.—SUGAR—Open kettle, quiet, 3¼@3⅝c; centrifugal, steady; granulated, 4¼@4 9-16c; yellow, 3⅝@3¾c; seconds, 2@3⅛c; others unchanged.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Declines and All Other Markets Drop with It.

FOREIGN QUOTATIONS ARE ALL LOWER

Cash Sales Moderate—Wheat Loses a Cent and a Half. Corn Five-Eighths. Oats a Half—Provisions Weak.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Wheat led the way to a great decline in prices on the board of trade. Foreign markets failed to respond to the advance in wheat here yesterday, and the cash sales were very moderate. Wheat declined 1⅝@1½c, corn ⅝c, oats ½c, pork 10½c, lard 7½c and ribs 5½c.

Liverpool quotations for futures of wheat were from ¾d for September to ⅝d for December lower than they closed the day before. That was the reason for a decline here of 1c per bu. to begin with. September, which was bringing 77½c as the session ended yesterday, started with sellers at from 76½c to 76⅝c. Trade was light. Those who made a handsome profit on the advance are not disposed to risk any of it by buying again on this side of a 5 per cent decline. A moderate amount of short selling was evident on the first bulge to 76⅝c and grew in proportions as the session progressed. Chicago receipts were 125 cars, of which thirteen were new spring wheat. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 158 carloads, against 427 a week ago and 274 the corresponding day of the year before. The amount inspected out of store was 265,000 bu. Chicago receipts for the week were 710,000 bu., and shipments 605,920 bu. The week's clearances of wheat and flour from both coasts were equal to 3,308,477 bu., compared with 2,343,000 bu. the week previous and 2,747,000 bu. the similar week last year. About the only bearish feature in the morning's news was the report of the Kansas crop, giving the yield of 50,580,000 bu., compared with 30,794,000 bu. the year before. The South Dakota wheat crop was privately estimated at 30,000,000 bu., the government's estimate for the year before was 27,583,000 bu. The startling rumors to the effect that the Russian government intended stopping wheat exports were discredited, owing to the apparent weakness in the foreign markets. Near the end of the session Paris was reported 2½@3c per bu. higher. A ⅛c rally followed, but the quotations were looked upon as an error and had little effect. A fresh decline set in which carried the price to the lowest point of the day. Cash sales were small compared with the enormous transactions of late. New York claimed forty bushels sold and one or two round lots were worked here. September rallied late at the close, closing on covering, September opened 8⅝@7⅞c to 3c lower at 76½@76¾c, sold between 76⅝c and 75⅞c, closing with sellers at 75⅞c.

There was another day of liquidation in corn. The Kansas crop report makes the condition of growing corn 80 and estimates the old corn in the state at 8,000,000 bu. The week's exports from the seaboard cities were 3,223,815 bu., against 1,492,000 bu. the week before and 1,285,000 bu. the corresponding week of last year. Chicago receipts for the week were 4,790,975 bu. and shipments 3,243,675 bu. September opened at from 35⅞c to 36⅝c, declined to 36⅛c and closed at that.

A fair business was done in oats. Selling orders were plentiful and the weakness in the other cereals helped the decline. Receipts were heavy, 365 cars, and the cash article was weak. Shipments were 20,000 bu. September opened ⅛c lower at 17½@17¾c, sold between 17⅛c and 16⅞@16¾c, closing with sellers at 16⅞c.

Provisions were very heavy during the greater part of the day, influenced largely by the weakness of wheat, corn and oats. The day's run of hogs was 21,000 and the week's receipts 165,000, against 90,000 head for the week last year. Shipments of dressed hog products from Chicago the week were 12,067,000 lbs., compared with only 4,452,000 lbs. for the same week last year. September pork started unchanged at $7.90, declined 12½c, closing at $7.77@7.80. September lard opened a shade lower at $4.32½, declined to $4.25, closing at $4.25@4.27½c. September ribs opened unchanged at $4.82, declined to $4.72@4.75, closing at $4.75 bid.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 200 cars; corn, 1,100 cars; oats, 500 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

HIDES—Steady, unchanged.

FLAXSEED—Firm, 84½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50@2.65.

HAY—Firm, no choice timothy, but dull and slow on poorer grades; timothy, $6.00@12.50; prairie, $4.00@8.00.

POULTRY—Chickens strong; old hens, 6½c; springs, 8c; ducks, springs, 6@6½c; geese, springs, 6c; turkeys, old, 7½c; springs, 12@12½c.

BUTTER—Market steady; creamery, 12@15c; dairy, 8@12½c.

EGGS—Market firm at 7½c.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—6@6⅝c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

METALS—Lead, dull; $3.55 bid. Spelter, firm; $4.15.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $7.50@8.00. Lard, lower; prime steam, $4.07½; choice, $4.12½. Bacon, shoulders (boxed), $5.75; extra short clear, $5.90; ribs, $5.90; shorts, $5.87½. Dry salt meats, shoulders (boxed), $5.62½; extra short clear, $5.62½; ribs, $5.75; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 136,000 bu.; corn, 61,000 bu.; oats, 75,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 85,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

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