CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Every One Quite Busy for the Mid-Summer Season.

OBBERS REPORT A LARGE JULY TRADE

Barring South Omaha Labor Troubles General Situation as Regards Business is Most Encouraging in All Industrial Departments.

The strike in the South Omaha packing houses is the only cloud that has arisen in some weeks past to darken the business horizon and it is probable that even that will soon be dissipated. While it lasts, however, it is bound to demoralize the live stock interests and all allied industries, but the general business situation is still very satisfactory. In every department of trade only good reports are given out, and there is something in the manner of those most deeply interested that says more plainly than words, that no other reports could be made if the truth is to be adhered to.

Both jobbers and retailers are having plenty to do and it is safe to say that merchants have seldom been so busy during the month of July as they are at present. The retailers all admit that they are reaping a very substantial benefit from the exposition in the way of trade from strangers who, during their visit, find it necessary or convenient to make some little purchases.

In the jobbing district good results have also been attained, as western merchants who are attracted to the exposition form the acquaintance of Omaha jobbers and it is quite natural that they should open up business relations. No doubt before the end of the season Omaha jobbers will be able to count a good many new customers brought to them by the exposition.

The handlers of paper say that the combination in control of news print is becoming stronger every day and at the present time there are very few mills that have had the strength to stand out. This has a naturally stimulating effect upon the market and it is said that the plans of the combine contemplate a still further advance of the market. There appears to be a disposition in many directions to buy quite freely.

Groceries Active.

Taking into consideration the time of year the trade in wholesale groceries continues to be very active and far better than in previous years. Prices on all lines are being well maintained, but only a few quotable changes are reported. Packers of California canned fruits have advanced the price on peaches, apricots and pears and some have withdrawn entirely from the market, owing to the increased cost of green fruit. Apricots, it is said, are almost unobtainable at the present time and canners are unable to fill their orders. The shortage in the crop this year is well shown by the following statement which was given out by one of the largest evaporators in California: "The quantity of apricots dried in 1897 was about 1,250 carloads, all of which was distributed in regular channels so that there is practically no old stock left in the state. It was well known early in the season that the crop would be exceedingly short and from present indications the quantity dried this season will not exceed 150 carloads, and may be considerable less, as the canners are now paying extreme prices for the green product and it is only the orchards too far removed from points where canneries are established, or because of the fact that extreme warm weather may rule during the period of ripening and the owners be unable to get the fruit to the canneries in proper condition, that any will be dried. Present prices for canning fruit would make it impossible to sell the dried product for less than 12½@15 cents per pound and there are but few growers even in this state sanguine enough to believe that such prices can prevail for any considerable quantity."

With the exception of this uncertainty regarding the future of the market for California canned and dried fruits, there is nothing of importance to report. The sugar market remains firm and the demand exceedingly heavy.

July Short of June.

Hardware jobbers report trade so far in July as being hardly up to the standard of June, but they are not at all surprised at this slight falling off in the volume of business as it occurs annually. There were no changes in the market last week to report, but some are expected for this week as the railroads are going to restore their freight rates, which means an advance on nearly all staple goods.

The movement into the country of dry-goods for fall use has commenced. Several large shipments to Idaho were made last week and a few orders from this state were filled. From now on there will be a steady stream of goods going out and the jobbers are still getting in their stocks the houses have an unusual air of activity. The demand for seasonable goods is not yet over and staple goods are in as large request as ever.

No new developments were reported last week by the boot and shoe jobbers. Their traveling men are still on the road, as is evidenced by every incoming mail. Practically no goods are being shipped as yet, but preparations for that process are being rapidly made, as more orders have been received this year than for some time past.

Dealers in rubber goods are well pleased with the way orders have come in this season, but they are not entirely satisfied with the prices they have been forced to accept. The advance in the cost of rubber has caused a little more than the customary amount of cutting which eats into the profits an alarming amount. No jobber has yet been found who will admit that he is doing any cutting, but they all agree that some one is doing it.

Lumbermen as a rule are very well satisfied with their July trade and are talking of an improvement over June, although this is apt to be a month almost void of business. Country dealers are ordering lumber and they want it in many cases immediately, which indicates an unusual amount of building for this season of the year.

Lumber dealers of this city are part at present greatly interested in the success of lumbermen's day at the Transmississippi Exposition. A committee, consisting of several of the leading merchants of this and other western cities, has been appointed to make arrangements for that occasion, and September 9 is the day set aside as lumbermen's day. Great interest is being manifested in the undertaking by lumbermen all over the country, and the committee promises a grand time to all those who will come and participate. Lumbermen are requested to bear in mind the date and try to make arrangements to visit the exposition at that time, as especial efforts will be put forth to make their stay in the city a pleasant one.

Fruits and Produce.

Commission men report greater activity in their line of business than for some time past, although the public is still strongly opposed to paying good prices, which keeps much of the best fruit from coming to this market.

The end of the raspberry season is close at hand, as only a few home-grown berries are to be had. Blackberries are still in good supply from Missouri, but after this week they will be gone and then only the home-grown ones will be left. Some scarcity is reported in peaches, as the early Californias are exhausted and the Crawfords are not yet marketable. Late advices from California put the peach crop at about half its usual size, consequently this market is not apt to receive an abundant supply from that source. Georgia and Texas peaches will be received here in a few days if prices will admit of it. At present other markets are better, so growers will not share.

The grape and apple crop of California is said to be very large this year and because of the scarcity of other fruits the price of table grapes will doubtless go higher. The prune crop in the northern part of the state is in good condition, but the same cannot be said of other sections. The plums are in much the same shape as prunes, and nectarines, like peaches, will be a very light crop. But in spite of the short crop California people are of the opinion that the state will receive the usual amount of revenue, as what is lost in amount will be made up in price.

Watermelons continue to be in good request, which is partly due to the exposition. Commission men say the exposition has helped them quite as much as they expected and they have no complaints to make in that direction.

The demand for eggs is still very large for this time of year. It is said by some that twice as many are being sold this year as last. Some say it is due to the increased population of the city and others to the high price of meat. The quality of the eggs is still very poor, about 20 per cent of them being heated. The average price at the present time is about 9c. Some are sold as low as 8½c and others as high as 9½c, but the bulk go at 9c.

Spring chickens are ready sellers, but the supply has been so abnormally large that in spite of the good demand they fell off 1c per pound the latter part of the week. Butter remains unchanged.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, July 16.—WHEAT—About steady. No. 1 hard, 70c; No. 2, 66½@71c; No. 3, 62@68c; No. 1 red, 73c; No. 2, 71@72c; No. 3, 64@68c; No. 2 spring, 67@69c; No. 3, 62@64c.

CORN—Mixed, higher; white, steady; No. 2 mixed, 30¼@30¾c; No. 2 white, 32½@32¾c; No. 3, 31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 27c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 40c.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 18,600 bu.; corn, 29,200 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Groceries.

EGGS—Good stock, 9c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator, 15c; gathered creamery, 13@14c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7c; old roosters, 4c; spring chickens, 12@13c; ducks, 5c; geese, 5c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60@75c.

VEGETABLES.

ONIONS—New southern, per lb., 1¾@2c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25.

POTATOES—New, per bu., 50@55c.

CABBAGE—Per crate per lb., 1c.

TOMATOES—Per four-basket crate, 75@80c.

CUCUMBERS—Home grown, per doz., 30@50c.

WAX BEANS—1-2 bu. box, 40@50c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Seedlings, $2.50@2.75; Mediterranean sweets, $3.00@3.25.

LEMONS—California, $4.75@5.00; fancy Messina, $6.00.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

FRUITS.

BLACK RASPBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $1.75.

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RED RASPBERRIES—Per 24-pt. case, $1.50@2.00.

BLUEBERRIES—Per 16-qt. case, $1.75.

GOOSBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $1.00@1.25.

CHERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $1.00@1.25; Californias, per 10-lb. box, $1.00.

APRICOTS—Per 20-lb. case, $1.50@1.60.

CURRANTS—Per 24-qt. case, $1.25@1.50.

WATERMELONS—Crated, 20@22c.

CANTALOPE—Crates, $1.25; per basket, 75c.

PEACHES—Per 4-basket crate, $1.25; per 6-basket crate, $1.75@2.00; Californias, 20-lb. case, $1.10@1.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 11@12c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 6@6½c; roasted, 7c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $2.25; quart cans, $3.50.

HONEY—Choice white, 14@15c.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb., boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.25@3.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 9c; No. 2 salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), per lb., 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, July 16.—FLOUR—Better; patents, $3.75@3.85; clears, $3.00@3.50.

WHEAT—Irregular, closing with July 1-8c up and September ¼@3-8c and December ¼c lower, compared with yesterday; spot, higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 72c; track, 72@73c; July, 69 5-8c; September, 65 7-8c asked; December, 66 5-8c; No. 2 hard, cash, 73@76½c.

CORN—Shade easier to steady for futures; spot, steady; No. 2, cash, 32c; July, 31½c bid; September, 32 5-8@32½c.

OATS—About 5-8c higher for July, with September steady; No. 2, cash, 24c bid; track, 25c; July, 23c bid; September, 19 7-8c; No. 2 white, 28c.

RYE—Firm at 45c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at 92c cash and July.

CORNMEAL—$1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Strong demand; sacked east track, 51@54c.

HAY—Steady; prairie, $5.00@6.00; timothy, $6.50@11.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 14@16½c; dairy, 10@14c.

EGGS—Steady at 9½c, loss off.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.25.

COTTONTIES—70c.

BAGGING—6 5-8@7½c.

METALS—Lead, quiet at $3.85. Spelter, quiet at $4.35.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $9.87½. Lard, easy; prime steam, $5.30; choice, $5.40. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $5.50@6.25; extra short clear, $6.12½; ribs, $6.25; shorts, $6.37½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $5; extra short clear, $5.62½; ribs, $5.75; shorts, $5.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 83,000 bu.; corn, 11,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 17,000 bu.; oats, 4,800 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, July 16.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 3,042 bbls.; exports, none; western superfine, $3.50@3.75; western extra, $4.00@4.75; western family, $5.00@5.50; southern wheat, by sample, 75@82½c; southern wheat, on grade, 76½@81¾c.

CORN—Strong; spot and month, 38¼@38c; August, 37 1-8@37¼c; steamer mixed, 35¾@36c; receipts, 2,977 bu.; exports, 442,905 bu.; southern white corn, 38@38c; southern yellow, 38c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, quiet at 31c; No. 2 mixed, 27½@28½c; receipts, 5,353 bu.; exports, none.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 17@18c; fancy imitation, 16c; fancy ladle, 13@14c; good ladle, 12c; store packed, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 12c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, July 16.—WHEAT—Spot steady; No. 2 red western, winter, 6s 8d; No. 1 red northern, spring, 6s 8d. Futures closed quiet; July, 6s 7d; December, 5s 7 5-8d.

CORN—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 3s 1½d; futures steady; July, 3s 2d; September, 3s 3½d; October, 3s 4½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 9s 6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), dull at 42@24.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 72s@76d; prime mess, 63s. Pork, prime, firm; prime mess and fine western, 41s 5d; prime mess, medium western, 48s 9d. Hams, short cut, 5s 6d. Bacon, firm at 29s 6d; short ribs, 51s; long clear middles, light, 31s; long clear middles, heavy, 31s 6d; short clear backs, 30s; shoulders, firm, square, 24s. Lard, prime western, firm at 28s 3d.

CHEESE—Firm; American finest white and colored, 36s 6d.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, 15s 9d; turpentine spirits, firm at 22s. Rosin, common, steady at 4s 7½d.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, July 16.—FLOUR—Steady; fancy, $4.10@4.30; family, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Easier; No. 2 red, 76c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 36@36½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 25¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 40c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, steady at $5.40. Bulk meats, steady at $5.70. Bacon, steady at $6.62½.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.25.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy Elgin creamery, 18c; Ohio, 12@15c; dairy, 10@8c.

SUGAR—Easy; hard refined, $4.47@6.10.

EGGS—Easy at 9c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 7½@8c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, July 16.—Receipts: Wheat, 56 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 16.—Receipts: Wheat, 40 cars.

CHICAGO, July 16.—Receipts today: Wheat, 79 cars; corn, 548 cars; oats, 174 cars. Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 110 cars; corn, 400 cars; oats, 175 cars.

DULUTH, July 16.—Receipts: Wheat, 4 cars.

KANSAS CITY, July 16.—Receipts: Wheat, 142 cars.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, July 16.—CORN—Strong, higher; No. 2, 32½c.

OATS—Firm, higher; No. 3 white, 24@24¾c.

WHISKY—Firm; basis of $1.25.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Decline in Wheat Checked by Surprising Strength of Corn Market.

JULY IS HIGHER AND SEPTEMBER LOWER

Corn Shows Advance, While Oats Decline, Pork and Ribs Are Lower and Lard is Higher.

CHICAGO, July 16.—Decided strength in corn prevented a decline in wheat today. July wheat left off ½c higher and September 3-8@½c lower. Corn gained ½@5-8c and oats declined 1-8@¼c. Pork lost 2½@5c and ribs 2½c; lard closed 2½c higher.

The increasing receipts of the new crop and excellent weather for harvesting and thrashing, together with disappointing cables, started wheat weak. The decline was checked by the strength developed in corn during the first fifteen minutes. Every time the wheat market attempted to start downward on its own account something would happen in corn to make it forget its troubles and join the improving fortunes of its now lively neighbor. September wheat had worked down to 67c about thirty minutes before the close, but just then corn made its most telling advance and wheat responded by a ¼c a bu. recovery. The demand for car lots of cash wheat was slow and prices were shaded. Chicago received seventy-nine carloads, of which seventy-seven were new. Minneapolis and Duluth together received forty-four cars, compared with 375 the corresponding day of the year before. The day's clearances of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports were equal to 400,000 bu. Beerbohm's estimated the world's shipments of wheat and flour for the week to Europe at 4,800,000 bu., compared with 4,025,000 bu. last year. July opened ¼c higher at 68½c, sold off to 67¾c, then rallied to 73¾c bid, the closing figure. September began 1-8@¼c lower at 67½@67 5-8c, declined to 67c, rose to 67½c, then reacted to 67¼@67 3-8c bid at the close.

Bull sentiment in corn was stimulated by the continued dry weather. Prices started rather easier than at the close yesterday and when September had declined to 33c a good deal was for sale on stop loss orders. There were plenty of buyers, however, around that price, and after absorbing all the offerings the demand was still unsatisfied and the price had a lively advance to 33⅝@33 5-8c for September. There was a reaction later on realizing of profits, but the weakness did not last long and was more than recovered on influential buying by the bull leaders. September started unchanged to ¼c lower at 33 1-8@33 3-8c, declined to 32 7-8@33c, up to 33⅛@33 5-8c, down to 33 3-8c, recovered to 34c and settled back to 33 7-8@34c asked at the close.

Oats followed corn, but did not display nearly as much strength as its leader. There was good buying early and September rose to 20c, but offerings were so liberal at this price that the market reacted. September started 1-8c higher at 19¾@19 7-8c, advanced to 20c, reacted to 19 5-8c, then rallied to 19⅞@19 7-8c at the close.

Higher prices for hogs at the yards and a fair cash demand for night stuff started provisions strong. September pork opened 2½c higher at $10.07½, declined to $9.95, then rose to $10 at the close. The range in lard and ribs was inconsequential.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 110 cars; corn, 400 cars; oats, 175 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

Leading futures range as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
*Wheat—					
July....	73⅛	73¾	73¼	73¾	73¼
Sept....	67⅛@67¼	67⅝	67	67¼@67⅜	67¾
Dec....	67⅝@67¾	67¾	67⅛	67⅜	67⅜
*Corn—					
July....	33	33⅝	32¾	33⅝	32¾-33
Sept....	33⅛@33⅜	34	32¾-33	33⅝-34	33⅜
Dec....	33⅝	34¼	33⅝	34¼	33¾
May....	35¾	36⅝	36⅛	36¾	36
*Oats—					
July....	23¼	23⅛	23⅜	23⅜	23¼
Sept....	19⅝@19⅞	20	19⅝	19⅞	19⅝@19¾
Dec....	22⅝@22⅞	22⅝@22¾	22⅝	22⅝@22¾	22⅝@22¾
Pork—					
July....	9 80	9 85	9 80	9 85	9 90
Sept....	10 07½	10 07½	9 95	10 00	10 05
Lard—					
Sept....	5 67½	5 70	5 65	5 70	5 67½
Oct....	5 72½	5 72½	5 70	5 72½	5 72½
S. Ribs—					
Sept....	5 67½	5 70	5 67½	5 70	5 72½
Oct....	5 72½	5 72½	5 70	5 72½	5 75

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; special brands, $5.00; hard patents, $4.50@4.75; straights, $4.10@4.30; bakers, $3.25@3.40.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 72@82c; No. 2 red, 75c.

CORN—No. 2, 33½c.

OATS—No. 2, 24c; No. 2 yellow, 33½@34c; No. 2 white, 27c; No. 3 white, 26c.

RYE—No. 2, 48½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 30@35c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.02½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.55.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $9.85@9.90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.60@5.62½. Bacon, short ribs sides (loose), $5.50@5.80. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00; short clear sides (boxed), $6.00@6.20.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.02; granulated, $5.52.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments
Flour, bbls.	7,600	7,200
Wheat, bu.	31,500	3,700
Corn, bu.	181,000	475,800
Oats, bu.	109,700	100,400
Rye, bu.	2,100	.....
Barley, bu.	6,000	1,700

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 12@16c; dairies, 11@13½c. Eggs, easy; fresh, 11½c. Cheese, steady; creameries, 7@8c. Live poultry, steady; spring chickens, 10½c; ducks, 6½c; turkeys, 6@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, July 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,541 bbls.; exports, 4,977 bbls.; quiet but steady.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 72c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 57@63c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 3,300 bu.; exports, 279,337 bu.; spot, easy; No. 2 red, 89c, f. o. b. afloat, export grades; 87½c elevator. Options opened easy with bearish weather news and free new wheat receipts, partly recovered later on an advance in corn, but finally yielded crop reports and covering; closed 1-8c net higher; July closed at 80⅞c; September, 37½@37 7-8c, closed 37¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 233,000 bu.; exports, 10,800 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 27c; No. 2 white, 29c. Options were dull, but fairly steady with corn, closing ¼c net lower; July closed at 26½c.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 12@13c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c 1897 crop, 12@13c.

WOOL—Steady; Texas, 13@15c.

CHEESE—Steady; fine white fancy, 7c; small white fancy, 7¼c; large colored fancy, 7@7 1-8c; small colored fancy, 6@6½c.

TALLOW—Steady at 3 3-8@3 5-8c, as to quality.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 5 3-8@5¾c; Japan, 5 7-8@6 1-8c.

MOLASSES—Dull; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@33c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $9.75@11.00; northern, $10.00@11.50. Copper, quiet; brokers, $11.62½. Lead, dull; brokers, $3.60. Tin plates, quiet.

OIL—Cottonseed oil, dull and nominally a shade lower; prime crude, 18½c, nominal; prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 16@17c; prime summer yellow, 23½c bid; off summer yellow, 23c; butter oil, 26@28c; prime winter yellow, 28@29c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,500 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 13½@17c; Elgins, 17c; factory, 10@12¾c.

EGGS—Receipts, 2,600 pkgs.; steady; western, 11c.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, July 16.—WOOL—Prices are quoted for leading descriptions as follows:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, X and above, 25@26c; XX and above, 29@30c; XX, 26c; delaine, 30c; No. 1 combing, 30c; No. 2 combing, 28c. Michigan, Wisconsin, etc., X Michigan, 25c; XX and Michigan combing, 29c. No. 1 Illinois combing, 29c; No. 2 Michigan combing, 28c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 28c; X New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 22@23c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 28c; delaine Michigan, 28c; unwashed medium Kentucky and Indiana quarter-blood combing, 22@23c; three-eighths-blood combing, 22@23c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 21@22c; braid combing, 20c; lake and Georgia, 19@20c. Texas wools, spring medium, 12 months, 16@18c; scoured, 40@42c; spring fine, 12 months, 16@17c; scoured price, 38@40c. Territory wools, Montana fine medium and fine, 15@18c; scoured, 45c; staple, 48c; Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 14@15c; scoured, 43@45c; staple, 48c. Australian, scoured basis; combing, superfine, 70@72c; good, 65@68c; average, 62@65c; Queensland combing, 65c.

LONDON, July 16.—The attendance at the wool auction sales was large. The offerings aggregated 9,019 bales, concluding a fortnight's selling of merinos, which sold extremely well, especially New South Wales greasy, which was taken mostly by the continental buyers. A lot of scoured New Zealand merinos caused animated bidding and were taken by the home trade. Punta stock, although of poor quality, sold well. The general tone of the market was strong. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 1,700 bales; scoured, 1s@1s 5½d; greasy, 69¼d. Queensland, 69 bales; scoured, 1s 1½d@1s 2½d; greasy, 8½d. Victoria, 600 bales; scoured, 80@1s 4½d; greasy, 6½@11d. Tasmania, 52 bales; greasy, 7¼@8d. New Zealand, 4,500 bales; scoured, 6¾d@1s 5½d; greasy, 5½@16d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 200 bales; scoured, 8½@9 1s 3d. Punta Arenas, 1,300 bales; scoured, 8@11d; greasy, 4½@7¼d. The arrivals for the next series number 129,192 bales, including 2,500 forwarded direct. The imports for the week are as follows: New South Wales, 2,067 bales; Melbourne, 3,563 bales; South Australia, 389 bales; Stanley, 1,169 bales; New Zealand, 3,448 bales; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,676 bales; elsewhere, 1,212 bales.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market is Uninfluenced by the Defeat of the Spaniards.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Wall street apparently remained unconvinced today that values of securities had been increased by the capitulation of Santiago and prices stubbornly refused to advance in face of that event. The upward tendency of Americans in London was viewed with apathy and the few advances at the opening hour were not up to the London parity. The accumulated orders in commission houses were of small volume, the outside public being apparently taken up with other interests than speculation in stocks. The bears were confident and aggressive and were prompt to take advantage of the absence of buying demand to attack the market. Sugar was the first point of attack and the price yielded readily, but only small quantities of stock were dislodged by the decline. The weakness of the Coalers, which had persisted all week, continued a marked feature. There is no doubt there has been liquidation of long stock in these companies on account of accumulated troubles of trade. There is but sluggish demand for even the curtailed output, and the companies find themselves at odds over the maintenance of prices and division of territory. The plans for the construction of a new road from the anthracite region to the tidewater had a further unsettling effect. Delaware & Hudson was easily forced down 2½ points and Reading first preferred and New Jersey Central also suffered material declines. The bears were also busy with Manhattan. There was an obvious increase in the short account and no apparent effort to cover it over Sunday. The bank statement is not readily analyzed. The decrease in cash of $4,049,900 is practically all accounted for by the gains of the subtreasury during the week on account of the bond subscriptions. The government gains on this account are not reflected in the deposit average of the banks, as was the case last week. The loan expansion is considerably curtailed, but still reflects a good business. The legal reserve requirement is little changed by reason of the small decrease in deposits, so that the decline in cash is almost all reflected in the decrease of surplus. The government crop report caused some depression owing to declines in condition compared with the previous month, in spite of a high average compared with former years, and an estimated crop exceeding 600,000,000 bushels of wheat. The hesitation of the stock market is due in no small part to the enormous exports and the high prices of last year with which comparisons for this year will have to be made. United States old 4s, coupon, declined 1¼, the new 4s 1, the 5s, coupon, 7-8; 5s, registered, and new 4s, registered, ½, and the old 4s, registered, ¼ in the bid price.

The following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	13⅝	do pfd	151
do pfd	34½	St. P & Om	81⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	14¼	do pfd	150
Canada Pacific	83¼	St. P. M & M	153
Canada Southern	52¾	So. Pacific	19⅝
Central Pacific	14⅛	So. Railway	8⅛
Ches. & Ohio	22⅛	So. Railway pfd	30¼
Chicago & Alton	158	Texas & Pacific	12⅝
C., B. & Q.	105⅛	Union Pacific pfd	60
C. & E. I.	54⅛	U. P. D. & G.	9¾
C. C. C. & St. L.	40¾	Wabash	7¾
do pfd	85	Wabash pfd	18⅝
Del. & Hudson	104⅛	Wheel. & L. E.	1
Del. L. & W	155	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	8
Den. & Rio G	11½	Adams Ex	89
do pfd	48⅝	American Ex	132
Erie (new)	13	United States Ex	40
Erie 1st pfd	34	Wells Fargo Ex	118
Ft. Wayne	170	Am. Cot. Oil	20
Great Northern pfd	125⅛	A. Cot. Oil pfd	73¾
Hocking Valley	8¾	Am. Spirits	12⅛
Illinois Central	108¾	Am. Spirits pfd	34⅝
Lake Erie & W	18¾	Am. Tobacco	119⅝
do pfd	86⅛	do pfd	128⅛
Lake Shore	188	People's Gas	97⅛
Louisville & Nash	52¾	Cons. Gas	195⅛
Manhattan L	105⅛	Com. Cable Co	175
Met. St. Ry	152⅛	Col. F. & Iron	20
Metropolitan Central	115⅛	do pfd	90
Minn. & St. L	28⅛	Gen. Electric	38¾
do 1st pfd	88	Illinois Steel	57⅛
Mo. Pacific	34⅛	La Clede Gas	19
Mobile & Ohio	27	Lead	33⅛
Mo. K. & T.	11	do pfd	107⅛
Mo. K. & T pfd	33½	Nat. Lin. Oil	13
Chi., Ind. & L	9⅛	Pacific Mail	28⅛
do pfd	29⅛	Pullman Pal	200
N. J. Central	88¼	Silver Certificates	59
N. Y. Central	117	Stand. Rope & T	6
N. Y. Chi. & St. L	12	Sugar	132⅛
do 1st pfd	70	do pfd	113⅛
do 2d pfd	30	T. C. & iron	24½
Ontario & W	14	U. S. Leather	7⅛
Norfolk & Western	6⅝	do pfd	66¼
O. & Ave Co	30	U. S. Rubber	21½
No. Pacific	69⅝	do pfd	80¾
do pfd	14⅝	Western Union	92
Ore. R. Nav	48	Hawaii C. C	22
Ore. Short Line	28	Reading 1st pfd	38⅝
Pittsburg	170	S. L. & S. W	5
Reading	18	do pfd	11
Rock Island	95⅛	R. G. & W	26⅛
S. L. & S. F	7⅛	R. G. & W. pfd	65
do 1st pfd	36⅛	Chi. & West	137⅛
do 2d pfd	28⅝	Northwestern	126⅛
St. Paul	98⅛	do pfd	172⅛

Total sales stocks today were 103,800 shares, including 6,810 Atchison preferred, 2,270 Burlington, 6,000 Manhattan, 6,000 Metropolitan, 7,200 Reading preferred, 3,120 Rock Island, 4,715 St. Paul, 9,530 Sugar.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, July 16.—MONEY ON CALL Steady; 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3¾@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾@4.86 for demand, and $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½ and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—59@59¼c.

BAR SILVER—59 1-8c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45 5-8c.

BONDS—State bonds, dull; railroad bonds, steady; government bonds, steady; United States new 4s, reg., 123@124; coupon, 125; 4s, reg., 109⅝@110¼; coupon, 110@111; 2s, 95; 5s, reg., 111@112; coupon, 112@112; Pacific 6s of '95, 101½.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s reg	123	N. Y. C. 1st s	115¼
U. S. do coup	124	N. J. C. 5s	112
U. S. 4s reg	109¾	N. C. 6s	125
U. S. 4s coup	110	N. C. 4s	102
U. S. 2s reg	95	No. Pacific 1st s	112⅛
U. S. 5s reg	111	No. Pacific 3s	63⅛
U. S. 5s coup	112	No. Pacific 4s	94⅛
District 3.65s	116	N. Y. O. & St. L. 4s	103
Als., class A	107⅛	N. & W. 6s	121⅛
Als., class B	100	N. W. Consols	142⅛
Als., class C	90	N. W. Deb. 5s	116⅛
Als. Currency	98	Ore. Nav. 1st s	113
Atchison 4s	94⅛	Ore. Nav. 4s	95⅛
Atchison adj. 4s	70⅛	O. S. L. 6s, t. r	107
Canada So. 2nds	109⅝	O. S. L. 5s, t. r	101⅛
Cal. Terms. 4s	83⅝	Pacific 6s of '95	101⅛
C. & O. 5s	114⅞	R. G. West 1sts	89⅛
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅞	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5	98
D. & R. G. 1sts	108	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	117⅛
D. & R. G. 4s	91	St. P. Con. 4s	141
East Tenn. 1sts	103⅛	St. P. C. & P. 1st s	117⅛
Erie Gen. 4s	73⅛	St. P. C. & P. 5s	115⅛
F. W. & D. 1s, t. r	75	Southern Ry. 5s	94
Gen. Elec. 5s	103½	S. R. & T. 4s	70
G. H. & S. A. 6s	104	Tenn. new set 3s	91⅛
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	103	Tex Pac. L. G. 1sts	105
H. & T. Cent. 5s	105	Tex. Pac. Ry. 2ds	43⅛
H. & T. Cent. 6s	111	Va. C. & I. 5s	103
Iowa C. 1sts	102	Wab. 1st 5s	110⅛
La. New Con. 4s	103	Wab. 2ds	86⅛
L. & N. Uni. 4s	87⅛	West Shore 4s	106⅛
Missouri 6s	100	Va. Centuries	71⅛
M. K. & T. 2ds	67⅛	Va. deferred	3⅛
M. K. & T. 4s	90⅛	Union Pacific 4s	90⅛

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