THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

News More Generally Unfavorable for Holders With Free Offerings.

FRENCH CABLES CAUSE EXCITEMENT.

Provisions Exceedingly Higher With Pork Leading the Rise—Result of the Price Current Estimates.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Wheat opened dull and lower. The news was generally unfavorable for holders. Offerings were free and about the only demand was from shorts, who wanted to cover their sales made at higher figures and take their profits. This they were enabled to do advantageously, as their takings were on a market whose tendency was downward. The opening sales were at about ½c decline from last night and finally lost about as much more, but reacted later. The situation both at home and abroad seemed unmistakably bearish.

Liverpool cables quoted a decline of ¼d on spot wheat and ½d on futures, while private advices from Paris reported a decline of ½ franc in that market with weather brilliant and crop prospects improving.

The weather in this country was favorable for harvesting and the receipts at the winter wheat markets were large. Toledo getting 200 cars of new wheat, St. Louis 178,000 bushels, and Chicago 300 cars, or over 100 cars in excess of estimates. About the only comfort the bulls got was the report that Portugal had reduced its tariff on wheat one-half.

After buying to recover early, Partridge and his following proceeded to put out fresh lines of shorts on every sign of a reaction. Moore sold out a big line of long wheat taken on yesterday. A reported failure in the grain trade in London, reports of big yields from the threshings and weakness in nearly all markets at home and abroad were depressing factors. December opened at 85¾@86c, fluctuated downward to 85c, rallied to 85¾c and weakened to 85c. Later the market was stron there being some by the liberal export purchases at New York and the sharp advance reported in Berlin and December sold at 85¾c. Later cables however showed weak and declining markets at Paris, Liverpool and London, the last mentioned showing a break of ¼d. Duluth came in over Toledo yesterday. Despite her weakness on this to 86¼c at which it closed.

Corn showed much strength early on the smaller receipts than was expected, firmer prices in New York, an active demand for cash and the light offerings and was also helped by the advance in provisions. Shorts showed a good deal of alarm and covered freely. September sold around the opening at 52¾@53¼c and went up quickly to 54½c. But at this point the selling became free and there was a drop to 52¾c, but this was followed by a reaction to 53½c, but broke again with the weakness in wheat and closed at 52¾c.

Oats were weak and at one time rather panicky, especially for August, due chiefly to a rumor of large receipts of new oats tomorrow. July was steady at 41¾@41¾c. August opened at 28½c, but soon became slumpy on free selling and fell to 27c, but reacted to 28c. September sold from 27¾c to 26¼c, but recovered to 27¼c.

Provisions started in excited and higher and especially lively. Receipts of hogs fell below estimates and prices at the stockyards were higher. Then it was reported that France was about to reduce the duty and shorts got excited and began to cover. Ream and Partridge were said to be buying heavily and the whole crowd seemed to be bullishly inclined. This feeling was assisted by a bullish article in the Cincinnati Price Current, which, taking the stocks in hand and the probable packing results, estimated that the entire product will be taken for consumption. September pork, which closed at $10.97½ yesterday, opened at $11.05, advanced irregularly to $11.30, broke to $11.25, advanced again to $11.35, then the shorts having covered, sold to $11.40, advanced to $11.20 and closed at $11.15.

Lard was less irregular, opening at $6.57½, advancing to $6.65, and closing at $6.55, the bottom figure of the day. The opposite at $6.72½, advanced to $6.80, reacted to $6.67½ and closed at $6.80.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE
WHEAT—No. 2				
July	$ 86	$ 86	$ 85¼	$ 85⅜
August	85¼	85⅝	82⅝	83½
September	85½	85¾	83¼	83⅝
December	86¼	86¾	86	86⅜
CORN—No. 2				
July	56½	56⅝	55¾	56¼
August	55¾	56	55¼	55¾
September	53¼	53⅝	52¾	52¾
OATS—No. 2				
July	34½	34⅝	34¼	34¼
August	27⅝	28⅛	27	27⅜
September	27⅛	27¼	26⅝	27¼
MESS PORK				
September	11 05	11 30	11 00	11 15
October	11 12½	11 32½	11 05	11 30
LARD				
September	6 57½	6 62½	6 55	6 55
October	6 70	6 72½	6 65	6 65
RIBS				
September	6 72½	6 80	6 67½	6 70
October	6 82½	6 90	6 80	6 80

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, 85¾@85¾c; No. 3, spring wheat, 82@8 c; No. 2 red, 85½c.

CORN—No. 2, 51c.

OATS—Nos. 2, 26c; No. 2, white, 30½@31¼c; No. 3, white, 30½@30¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 70½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.04.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.27@1.28.

PORK—Mess pork, per barrel, $11.00; lard, per cwt., $6.60; short rib sides, (loose), $6.50 @6.60; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.62½@5.75; short clear sides (boxed), $6.80@7.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.16.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, barrels	5,000	27,000
Wheat, bushels	213,000	404,000
Corn, bushels	210,000	347,000
Oats, bushels	110,000	160,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	6,000
Barley, bushels	1,000	1,000

On the produce exchange today, the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs, 15½ @16c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, July 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 9,578 packages; exports, 10,381 barrels; 1,040 sacks; dull and irregular; sales, 19,400 barrels.

CORN MEAL—Quiet and steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 101,000 bushels; exports, 168,727 bushels; sales, 8,016,000 bushels of futures; 40,000 bushels spot. Spot market active for export, stronger; No. 2 red, 94@95½c in store and elevator; 95¼@97c afloat; 93½@ 95¾c f. o. b.; unraded red, 91c@$1.04; No. 1 northern to arrive, $1.04¾; No. 1 hard to arrive, $1.06; No. 2 Chicago, 90¼@91c. Options declined early ¾@1¼c ascribed to large receipts and fine weather; became stronger and advanced ½@1c on more urgent export orders and closed steady at about yesterday's prices; No. 2 red, July, 94@94½c, closing, 94c; August, 92¼@93c, closing, 93c; September, 92½@93c, closing, 93c; October, 90¾@91c, closing, 91c; December, 86¾@87c, closing, 86¾c; May, $1.01@1.01¼, closing, 91¼c.

RYE—Dull; car-west, 77½@78c.

BARLEY—Dull; malt, dull.

CORN—Receipts, 107,000 bushels; exports, 18,158 bushels; sales, 1,344,000 bushels of futures, 3,000 bushels of spot. Spot market dull, easier. No. 2, 57½c in elevator, 58¼c afloat; ungraded mixed, 57@58c. Options advanced ½@¾c on covering and light receipts, fell ½c on realizing, closed weak; July, 56¾@56¾c, closing, 56¾c; August, 54¾@55¼c, closing, 54¾c; September, 51¾@52c, closing, 51¾c; October, 50¼@50½c, closing, 50¼c; December, 51¾@52c, closing, 52¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 34,000 bushels; exports, 300 bushels; sales, 170,000 bushels of futures, 40,000 bushels of spot. Spot market unchanged. Options dull, lower and weak; July, closing at 42½c; August, 33¾@34c, closing, 33¾c; September, 30½@30¾c, closing, 30c; No. 2, 34c; No. 2 white, 35½c; No. 2 white, mixed western, 34½c; white western, 40@ 45c; No. 2 Chicago, 41¾c.

HAY—Steady, quiet.

HOPS—Quiet, weak; state, common to choice, 18@22c; Pacific coast, 19@22c.

COFFEE—Options opened steady and 5 to 10 points down, closed steady and 5 to 15 points down; sales, 13,500 bags, including July, $16.90; August, $16.85@16.90; September, $16.45@16.45; October, $14.60; December, $13.80@13.90. Spot Rio, quiet, firm; fair cargoes, 19½c; No. 7, 17¾c.

SUGAR—Raw, quiet, steady; sales 7,000 bags Pernambuco 8 test, at 3½c breakwater to Philadelphia at 3c. Refined firm.

MOLASSES—Foreign, nominal; New Orleans, more active and steady.

RICE—Firm, good demand.

PETROLEUM—Steady; quiet; united closed at 87½c for August.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull.

TALLOW—Quiet, steady.

ROSIN—Quiet, weak.

TURPENTINE—Dull and easy at 36½@37c.

EGGS—Dull and weak; western, 16@16½c; receipts, 8,436 packages.

HIDES—Steady, dull.

WOOL—Steady; domestic fleece, 30@37c; pulled, 28@36c; Texas, 17@24c.

PORK—Quiet, firmer; old mess, $11.00@11.75; new mess, $12.50@13.00.

CUT MEATS—Fair demand, firm.

LARD—Firm and in fair demand; western steam, $6.65@6.67½; sales, 2,100 tierces at $6.62½ @6.67½; sales, options, 3,750 tierces; July closed at $6.65; August closed at $6.66@6.68; September, $6.82½@6.84, closing at $6.78@6.80; October, $6.93@7.01, closing at $6.88@6.90; December, $7.07, closing at $7.00@7.02.

BUTTER—In light demand and weak; western dairy, 11@14c; western creamery, 14@18c; western factory, 10@14c; Elgins, 18c.

CHEESE—In good demand and firm; part skims, 6@8½c.

PIG IRON—Dull and unchanged; American, $16.00@18.00.

COPPER—Heavy; July, lake, $12.60.

LEAD—Dull; domestic, $4.45.

TIN—Quiet and easy; straits, $23.40.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, July 17.—WHEAT—Quiet, demand good; holders offer moderately; California No. 1, 7s 8½d@8s 1d per cental; red western spring 7s 8d; Kansas winter hard, 7s 4½d; receipts for the past three days, 219,000 centals, including 6,000 American.

CORN—Firm; demand fair; new mixed western, 5s 9d per cental; receipts of American corn for the past three days, 9,440 centals.

BEEF—80s 0d per tierce for extra India mess.

PORK—Extra prime mess, 70s 0d per barrel.

BACON—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 pounds, 30s 6d; long clear middles, 28 to 34 pounds, 30s 6d; short clear middles, 28 to 34 pounds, 30s 6d; long clear middles, about 45 lbs, 30s 6d; short clear middles, about 45 lbs, 30s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 pounds, 28s 0d.

LARD—28s 6d per cwt for prime western.

CHEESE—Finest white, new, 57s 0d; finest colored, new, 57s 0d.

TALLOW—Prime city, 28s 0d per cwt; prime American, 28s 0d.

RESIN—Common, 4s 3d per cwt.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 6½d per gallon.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—30s 0d per cwt.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 17.—WHEAT—Lower; cash, 85½c; September, 82½c.

CORN—Higher; cash, 50½c.

OATS—Lower; cash, 31c.

PORK—Strong; $11.37½.

LARD—Firm at $6.10.

WHISKY—At $1.16.

Kansas City Grain Market.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 17.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 hard, cash, 74c; July, 74c; No. 2 red, cash, 80½c bid.

CORN—Stronger; No. 2 cash, 51c bid; July, 48½c bid.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 33c bid; July, 30¼c bid.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 17.—Sample wheat slow; as was everything except No. 1 Northern, which sold 2c over July. Receipts, 353 cars; shipments, 25 cars. Closing: No. 1 hard, July, 93½c; on track, 98c; No. 1 northern, July, 90c; on track, 90¼c; No. 2 northern, July, 85c; on track, 85½c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., July 17.—WHEAT—Easy; No. 2 red, 86@86½c.

CORN—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 62½c.

OATS—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 41c.

WHISKY—$1.16.

Milwaukee Grain Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 17.—WHEAT—Easier; No. 2 spring, cash, 86c; September, 81½c.

CORN—Quiet, cash, 50½c.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 white, 31c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The stagnation in the stock market continues to increase and those interested in the present and prospective values of securities are begining to ask anxiously how long it will last. The situation contains only this one discouraging condition for while bidders and would-be buyers are confident of improvement in both activity and range of prices in the future, the possibility of becoming tired out waiting for the advance deters buyers and renders holders uneasy. The waiting is now caused principally by the uncertainty as to whether the gold sent abroad will return or not and the still undetermined extent of the crops, although that both wheat and corn will be large no one doubts.

The dullness in the stock market to day was greater than any one day so far. The only point was the activity in St. Paul and the weakness in Northwestern. The opening was fairly steady but intensely dull and a heavy tone was soon developed, but the downward tendency in prices was not of long duration, absolute stagnation soon setting in down on everything in the market. The changes in the meantime were insignificant in all cases and it was not until afternoon that the pressure on North American was brought to bear and it was not until 2 p. m. after the taking of $3,000,000 gold for export was announced, that the best woes of the bears were done.

The announcement was the signal for a vigorous attack all along the line, but the force was felt most severely in Missouri Pacific, which dropped 1¼ per cent. All the leading shares lost large fractions, though the pressure was maintained for a short time only. The late trading showed a lack of recuperative power in the market and the close was heavy, practically at the lowest prices of the day. The drive was accompanied by a marked increase in activity among the stocks attacked. Missouri Pacific tonight is down 1¼ per cent and North American 1 per cent, while most of the list shows fractional losses large and small. Unfitness in railroad bonds was to some extent relieved by a spurt in the Northern Pacific 3s which contributed $207,000 to the day's total of $622,000, the only other active issue being Atchison incomes in which $67,000 changed hands. Time was not pronounced and the final changes are as usual insignificant even if the issue named.

Government bonds were dull and firm.

State bonds have been dull and steady.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York stock exchange today:

Atchison	32⅝	do preferred	102
Adams Express	141	N. Y. Central	100
Alton & Terre Haute	58½	N. Y. Chic. & St. L.	12
do preferred	90	do preferred	30
American Express	118	Ohio & Mississippi	18
B. C. R. & N.	75	do preferred	85
Canadian Pacific	82	Ontario & Western	15¾
Canadian Southern	48¾	Oregon Improvement	20
Central Pacific	30¼	Oregon Nav.	70
Ches. & Ohio	16¾	Oregon Trans.	18¾
do 1st preferred	46	Pacific Mail	44¾
do 2nd preferred	27¼	Peoria, Dec. & Evans	19½
Chicago & Alton	142	Pittsburg	140¾
C. B. & Q.	85¾	Pullman Palace	180
C. C. C. & St. L.	50¾	Reading	28¾
Delaware & Hudson	126	Rock Island	74¾
Del. L. & W.	134	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd.	70
D. & R. G. preferred	45¾	St. Paul	84
East Tenn.	6¾	do preferred	114
do 1st preferred	45	St. Paul, Min. & Man.	101
do 2nd preferred	15	St. Paul & Omaha	23¾
Erie	19¾	do preferred	80
do preferred	42	Texas & Pacific	13¾
Fort Wayne	150	Texas Pacific	13
Chi. & East. Ill.	64	Union Pacific	43
Hocking Valley	24	W. & Express	96
Houston & Texas	35	W. St. L. & P.	16
Illinois Central	103¾	do preferred	42½
St. Paul & Duluth	31	Wells-Fargo Ex.	140
Kansas & Texas	14	Western Union	79¾
Lake Erie & W.	20	Wis. Central pfd.	29¾
do preferred	57	Colorado Coal	32½
Lake Shore	109¾	Homestake	12
Louisville & Nash.	75¾	Iron Silver	26
Louisville, N. A. & C.	75	Quicksilver	3½
Memphis & Char.	34	do preferred	50
Michigan Central	88	Sales	5
Mil. L. S. & W.	93	Bulwer	80
do preferred	108	Con. California	1 05
Minn. & St. L.	4	Horn Silver	1 30
do preferred	19¾	Wisconsin Central	18¾
Missouri Pacific	69¾	Chicago Gas	69¾
Mobile & Ohio	23¾	Lead Trust	17¾
Nashville Chatt	85	Sugar Trust	86
N. J. Central	111¾	Southern Pacific	21
Norfolk & West pfd.	48	Ore. Ry. & N. Co.	85
Northern Pacific	22¾	Rio Grande West	37
do preferred	58¾	do preferred	86
U. P. Denver & Gulf	19		
Northwestern	104¾		

The total sales of stocks today were 70,710 shares, including Atchison, 11,530; Louisville & Nashville, 4,450; Chicago Gas, 33,040; St. Paul 20,030.

Financial Review.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The Post says: No money from the outside is going into the stock market at the present time and practically none in the bond market. There has been a slight increase in transactions in the later market since the opening of June, but it was very small and would have attracted little attention in a season of ordinary investment.

The volume of business was swelled, moreover, chiefly by trading in Oregon Improvement stocks, which seems to have been in the main outside business, and later on the Atchison issues to attract interest in which a special effort has been made in Boston and Europe. It is the testimony of bond specialists that there is an almost complete absence of inquiry on the part of investors and this phase of the situation is not a whit better than before the July disbursements.

The money is at hand, but the public is still undergoing one of its recurrent spells of distrust of all railway enterprises. Some of this money is lying idle, but a liberal share is unquestionably going into the shares of incorporated firms such as the Louisville and Trow enterprises, in the belief this will encourage the forming out of other stocks of the kind and the results will go to make up an interesting chapter in our financial history.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, July 17.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy ranging from 1½ to 2 per cent; last loan 2 per cent, closing offered at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE quiet and steady at $4.84½ for sixty day bills and $4.88½ for demand.

The following were the closing prices on bonds:

U. S. 4s registered	117¾	M. K. & T. 2d	59
U. S. 4s coupon	117¾	Mutual Union 6s	103½
4½s registered	104¾	N. J. Cent 1st Cert	108
4½s coupon	104¾	Northern Pac. 1sts	113¾
Pacific 6s of '95	110	do 2ds	113
Louisiana Stamp 4s	95	Northwest consols	135
Tennessee N. S. 6s	102	do debenture 5s	101
do 5s	100¾	St. L. & I. M. gen 5s	80
do 3s	75	St. L. & S. F. Gen M.	102
Canada Southern 2ds	97¾	St. Paul consols	121
Central Pacific 1sts	103	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	114
D. & R. G. 1sts	113	T. P. L. & W. Ty. Rcts	34
do 4s	76	T. P. R. G. Ty. Rcts	31
Erie 2ds	91¾	Union Pacific 1sts	110¾
M. K. & T. Gen 5s	70¾	West Shore	110¾

Financial Notes.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Clearings, $68,104,909; balances, $4,736,174.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 17.—Clearings, $2,877,-107; balances, $602,253. Money, 6 per cent.

BOSTON, Mass., July 17.—Clearings, $14,738,439; balances, $1,657,071. Money, 3@4 per cent. Exchange on New York, 17 to 12½c discount.

PHILADELPHIA, July 17.—Clearings, $10,587,-413; balances, $1,623,378. Money, 4 per cent.

CINCINNATI, O., July 17.—Money 4@5 per cent; New York exchange, 2 cents discount. Clearings, $1,940,8 c.

CHICAGO, July 17.—New York exchange, par to 25c premium. Money, steady and unchanged. Clearings, $14,557,000. Sterling exchange, $4.84½ for sixty day bills and $4.87 for night drafts.

Boston Stock Market.

BOSTON, Mass., July 17.—The following were the closing prices on the Boston stock market.

Atchison & Topeka	32¾	Catalpa	107
Boston & Albany	201	Franklin	118
Boston & Maine	167	Huron	12
C., B. & Q.	86¾	Kearsarge	57
Eastern R. R. 6s	121	Pewabic (new)	107
Fitchburg R. R.	76	Quincy	107
Mass. Central	17	Santa Fe Copper	45
Mex. Cen. Con.	5¾	Tamarack	154
N. Y. & N. Eng.	35¾	Anniston Land Co.	30
Old Colony	164	San Diego Land Co.	18
Rutland con. p f d	65	West End Land Co.	19¾
Wis. Cen. com.	18	Bell Telephone	189
Allouez Min Co (new)	2¾	Lamson Store S.	184
Atlantic	16	Water Power	27¾
Boston & Mont.	49¾	Com.	144
Calumet & Hecla	235	U. S. & P.	15

London Stock Market.

LONDON, July 17.—Closing at 4 p. m.:

Consols, money	95 5-16	Erie	19⅞
Consols, account	95 7-16	Erie 2ds	100
U. S. 4s	119½	Illinois Central	98
U. S. 4s	102⅞	St. Paul common	84
Canadian Pacific	84½	N. Y. Central	102¼

BAR SILVER—96¼ per ounce. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills is 1 5-16@1 per cent.

Bank of England Bullion.

LONDON, July 17.—Closing 4 p. m. The amount of bullion in the Bank of England on balance is £15,0 0.

Paris Rentes.

PARIS, July 17.—Three per cent rentes 95f 25c for the account.

Denver Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Colo., July 17.—Following are the closing quotations of the stock exchange:

Allegheny	12	Legal Tender	97
Amity	2¼	Little Rule	110
Argonaut	2¾	Maylieu	25
Ballarat	57	May Mercedes	3
Bangkok	60	Morning Glory	1
Bates Hunter	10	Ontario	103
Big Dallas	10	Par Bonk	2
Big Six	5	Pelosi	5¾
Brownlow	5	Park Con.	15
Calliope	8	Rescue National	2
Century	25	Ratio	10¾
Clay County	118	Running Lode	21¾
Cashing	1	Leavenworth	10
Colorado B.	2	Sherman Lode	2¾
Denver Gas & Oil	30¾	Puzzler	2¾
Elmore	45	Chandler	7¾
Ironclad	31	Gettysburg	15
		Whale	30¾
Justice	15		61

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	105	Potosi	37½
Belle & Belcher	175	Savage	110
Bodie Consolidated	55	Sierra Nevada	190
Challar	125	Union Con.	175
Gould & Curry	110	Utah	50
Hale & Norcross	150	Yellow Jacket	140
Mono	30	Com	40
Mount Diablo	275	N. Q.	20
Ophir	240	B. & T.	45

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 17.—There was very little trading on the mining exchange this morning and few changes in quotations.

The following bids were made on call:

American	29¼	M. Breen	40
Hinsdale	3400	Silver Age	110
Central Silver	1	Elizabeth	175
Granite Mountain	2150	Yuma	67½
Montrose	65		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The following are the closing mining stock quotations:

Alice	1 0	Mexican	10
Adams	1 0	Plymouth	17
Aspen	2 0	Ontario	2 0
Breece	1 0	Utah	1 0
Homestake	11 0	Yellow Jacket	13
Horn Silver	1 0		

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, July 17.—The demand for wool has been more active and the sales have been large, amounting for the week to about 3,200,-000 pounds of all kinds. Some large sales were recorded today. California and Oregon have been in fair demand at 17@18c as to quality, though the pressure to sell in Pennsylvania fleeces have been selling more freely, the sales including considerable No. 1 at 36c, with X at 35@36c and XX at 37@38c. Michigan quiet at 27@27½c; No. 1, 30@30½c. No. 1 combings steady to firm at 37@39c. Ohio fine delaine at 34@35c, and Michigan fine delaine, 33@34c.

Pulled wools have been quiet but steady. Australian wool has been firm and in good demand at 42@42½c. Foreign carpet wool has been quiet.

Havana Markets.

HAVANA, July 17.—SPANISH GOLD—$2.30@$ 2.90½.

EXCHANGE—Quiet on the United States short sight; gold 8@9 per cent premium; on London, 19¼@19½ per cent premium.

SUGAR—Tendency was upward yesterday; 8,750 bags centrifugals 96 to 96½ degrees polarization, were sold at $3.13@3.20 gold per quintal; 60,000 sold at $3.32.

London Refrigerator Beef.

LONDON, July 17.—American refrigerator beef, forequarters, 3¾@4d; hindquarters, 4s 8d per 8 lbs by the carcass.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The dry goods market presented no new feature today.

Antwerp Oil Market.

ANTWERP, July 17.—PETROLEUM—Steady and firm.

Traders' Talk.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 17.—Langenburg Brothers to Cockrell Bro.: The following was the range of prices at this point today:

COMMODITY	Open	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
Wheat—					
August	81¾	82⅛	81¾	81¾	82⅜
Corn—					
Sept	50¾	51⅜	50¾	50¾	50¾
Oats—					
Sept	30¾	30⅝	30	30⅛	31

CHICAGO, July 17.—E. G. Logan & Co. to Tongeman & Bryan: The wheat market has been moderately active. Foreign advices are very bearish. Fine weather holders are anxious to sell, with few buyers. Small failures in London and Antwerp add to the generally depressing influences. Heavy receipts at Toledo, St. Louis and here, along with the glowing accounts of the spring wheat crop causes a weak and bearish feeling locally. Foreign values are so much below ours we believe in buying on all weak spots. There does not appear much to warrant purchases in the face of the heavy movement, but the demand so far is quite up to the supply and we expect it to continue. Corn has been active. The demand for cash continues for shipment. The fair futures are at a high price considering the prospects for the new crop. The small reserves and small stocks give confidence to the present holders and higher prices would be no surprise. The trading in oats is moderately active. Corn for the future is relatively cheap. Provisions are much too low. Consumption will fall heavily on them unless conditions change. In any case we look on September oats as cheap and good for fair profits. Hog product firm. The buying has been principally by shorts and the demand was freely met.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Schwartz, Dupee and McCormick to E. C. Swartz & Co.: The wheat market has been fairly active and very weak in spite of the fact that a number of our local crop experts seem to be getting rather bearish of late. Cables were weak, Berlin alone showing an advance. The only basis which the bulls seemed to have for their purchases was the reported sale of about fifty loads on the Atlantic seaboard. Receipts at primary interior points, 893,000; shipments, 718,000. Corn was moderately active and firm, the basis of the strength being a very large cash clearance of corn, mostly on the part of investors and this phase of the situation is not a whit better than before the July disbursements.

The money is at hand, but the public is still undergoing one of its recurrent spells of distrust of all railway enterprises. Some of this money is lying idle, but a liberal share is unquestionably going into the shares of incorporated firms such as the Louisville and Trow enterprises, feeling this will encourage the forming out of other stocks of the kind and the results will go to make up an interesting chapter in our financial history.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, July 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was firmness today in all branches of the cattle market. No class sold much higher than on Thursday but it was easy to get that day's prices for anything that had any merit at all. Common to extra shipping steers were in demand at $4.75@5.40. Sales at $4.75@5.00 were for ordinary grassers. There were fewer sales to shippers at less than $4.25 and the largest number were at $4.75@5.75. Cows were firm at $1.50@3.50 for poor to choice, the bulk selling at $2.25@3.25. Extra qualities were quoted around $3.75. Bulls sold on a basis of $1.50@4.00 for "fresh" to extra qualities. There was a firm market for Texas cattle at $1.75@2.75 for cows and at $2.75@4.75 for steers. Fed Texas steers are quoted at $4.00@5.25.

The weakness that cropped out toward the close of yesterday's market was not a feature of the situation today.

The bulge yesterday in provisions, coupled with the fact that despite the continued rapid advance in prices of hogs receipts do not increase materially, caused buyers to pile in this morning and ran up prices 5@7½c, carrying the market 5c above the highest point previously reached. The bidding was fast and furious and long before noon everything wearing hoofs had changed hands at top notch. From $5.30 to $5.40 was paid for poor to extra qualities. There were a number of trades at $5.50 and the largest part of the supply sold at better than $5.20. Sales of culls strung all the way down to $4.50.

The Evening Journal reports: CATTLE—Receipts, 8,000; shipments, 3,000. Market strong; prime to extra steers, $5.00@5.25; others, $4.40@4.80; Texans, $2.50@3.50; stockers, $2.75 @4.40; native cows, $1.80@4.15.

HOGS—Receipts, 18,000; shipments, 10,000. Market irregular; rough and common, $4.80 @5.05; mixed and packers, $5.10@5.30; prime heavy and butcher weights, $5.00@5.30; prime light, $5.05@5.40.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000; shipments, 2,500. Market steady to low; native ewes, $4.75@4.75; mixed and wethers, $4.75@5.25; Texans, $2.80@ 4.35; westerns, $4.40@4.75; lambs, $4.80@5.75.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, July 17.—BEEVES—Receipts, 3,781 head, including 72 cars for sale. Trade at steers firm; medium to poor, lower; native steers, $4.25@5.60; Texans and Colorado, $3.00@ 5.00; bulls and cows, $2.25@3.85; dressed beef steady at 5½@7½c; shipments today, 400 beeves; tomorrow 2,421 beeves and 8856 quarters of beef.

CALVES—423 head; market dull.

VEALS—$5.00@6.25; buttermilk calves, $2.50@ 3.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,446 head; market low; sheep, $4.25@5.10; lambs steady at $4.50 @5.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,160 head, consigned direct.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000; shipments, 2,400. Market steady; fair to choice heavy native steers, $5.00@5.10; Texans and Indians, $2.35@4.85.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,800; shipments, 100; market higher; heavy, $5.20@5.30; mixed $4.70@ 5.20; light, $5.15@5.30.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 7,200; shipments, 1,400; natives steady; Texans one to lower; steers, $4.00@5.00; cows, $1.85@3.50; stockers and feeders, $2.30@4.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,600; shipments, 1,700; market steady; all grades, $4.90@5.25.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Fresh Fruits.

There are no canteloupes in the market and apples were not at all plenty yesterday. Quite a good many blackberries are coming, but the St. Louis shipments will be about over by the end of this week. Other berries are scarce, now arriving. There are no apricots on the market to speak of.

PLUMS—Southern, cases, $2.25@2.50 per 24 quart cases; California, $2.25.

APPLES—Green, $1.50; home grown, $1.25 per ½ bushel basket.

PEACHES—Per ½ bushel box, green, 60@65c; red, 75@85c; per bbl, $3.00@3.50.

ORANGES—Los Angeles, per box, $4.00.

PEARS—Per ½ bushel box, $1.00@1.25.

CANTALOUPES—Per crate of 1½ to 2 dozen, $3.00.

BLACKBERRIES—Good Missouri stock, $2.00@ 2.50 per 24 qt cases.

HUCKLEBERRIES—$1.75 per 16 qt. cases.

RED RASPBERRIES—Per 24 qt. cases, $2.75@ 3.00.

MELONS—Shipping stock, 15@20c.

LEMONS—Per box, $6.50@7.00.

BANANAS—Per pound, $2.00@2.50 for good shipping stock.

Vegetables.

Tomatoes are scarce and the market is nearly bare. Cucumbers are plenty but the supply has been light so far this season. Cabbage is in large supply and the market low. Potatoes are quoted considerably lower than for a week.

The following quotations represent the prices at which choice stock is bided out on orders unless otherwise stated:

NEW POTATOES—The market is weak and sales of stock from local growers are being made at all prices. It would not be safe to quote them above 50@55c.

BEANS—Navy, $2.25@2.50 per bu.

TOMATOES—Per box, one-third bu., $1.00.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 30c.

CELERY—35@4 c per doz.

NEW BEETS—Per bu., 60@$1.00.

ONIONS—California, 2½c per lb.

CABBAGE—Home grown, 2c per lb.

Flour.

Omaha milling company, Reliance, Patent, $2.8 ; Invincible Patent, $2.70; Lone Star, Superlative, $2.40; Snowflake, $2.05; Fancy Family, $1.90.

H. T. Davis milling company, High Patent, Nickel and Cream, $2.30; Blue D., full patent, $2.65; Hawkeye, half patent, $2.30; Special Royal, Patent No. 10, $3.00; Minnesota patent, $2.40; Kansas Hard Wheat, patent, $2.65; Nebraska Spring Wheat, patent, $2.60.

S. F. Gilman's Gold Medal, $2.80; Snow White, $2.50; Snowflake, $2.10; low grade, $1.65; Queen of the Pantry, $2.80; bran, $11.00; chopped feed, $21.00; Minnesota Superlative, $2.80.

E. L. Welch & Co., Best, $2.85; Crown Prince, $2.70; Minnesota Chief, $2.40; Splendid Family, $2.10; Straight, $1.60.

Country Produce.

The general market has not shown much change for some days past.

BUTTER—The bulk of the country butter goes to the packers at 8c and some dealers are predicting even a lower price for next week.

EGGS—Majority of the sale are at 13c.

POULTRY—The nearest lines: Old fowls, $3.75@4.00; spring chickens, $3.00@4.00; fancy, $4.00@4.50.

Currents of Commerce.

Allen Brothers, the wholesale grocers, are moving from their present quarters at 1114 Harney street to 1108-1110 on the same street. The new building has been fitted up with every convenience for conducting a grocery jobbing business. They will give them nearly double the room that was available in their old place and it was on this account that the removal was made.

Constipation poisons the blood; DeWitt's Little Early Risers cure constipation. The cause removed, the disease is gone.

Decision in Favor of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

The new palace sleeping cars of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., with electric lights in every berth, will continue to leave the Union depot, Omaha, at 6:20 p. m., daily. Passengers taking this train avoid transfer at Council Bluffs, and arrive in Chicago at 9:30 a. m., in ample time to make all eastern connections. Ticket office, 1