THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Grain Again Feverish and Subject to Rapid and Wide Variations.

FEARS OF CLIQUE MANIPULATIONS.

Evidence Not Conclusive But Every Indication Points to a Vigorous and Combined Effort to Corner the Cereal.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—The grain markets were again feverish and subject to rapid and wide variations in price in the early trading this morning. Wheat and oats continued excited with occasional spells of dullness and closed with decided advances, but corn, after opening excitedly higher, grew dull and weak and failed to respond to the later advances in the other cereals. This was due to fears of manipulation by a clique which is said to comprise a number of heavy local houses with eastern backing who are supposed to be making a corner in this cereal. Traders were all suspicious of manipulation in December wheat but the evidence of this was not conclusive, as the news of the day was sufficient with itself, taking into consideration the nervous condition of the market to cause the advance made.

Wheat opened with a bull hurrah with December quoted at from $1.05 to $1.05¼ against $1.04 at the close yesterday and sold quickly up to $1.06 and declined to $1.05. It lingered in that neighborhood for a time and then took a downward move to $1.05¼, rebounded to $1.05⅝; broke to $1.04¾. All of this occurred within the first two hours of the session. The fluctuations later in the day displayed the same nervousness and uncertainty among the traders, but prices moved up on a higher plane. About 12 o'clock the price shot up in five minutes from $1.05¼ to $1.06, dropped back ⅛c and then jumped again after touching $1.07⅜, and stuck for a time then rebounded to $1.08, but under heavy offerings near the close, broke and closed at $1.06⅝. The trading became very animated at the higher range of prices and a repetition of the panicky state of affairs existing on last Saturday and Monday appeared imminent for a moment or two. The day's news was strongly bullish.

The Liverpool market is ½d higher and the weather in England was reported to be unsettled. Private cables brought buying orders from Paris and both Baltimore and New York wired here that foreigners were taking all offerings. The clearings from the Atlantic seaboard were unusually heavy, reaching about 1,300,000 bushels, if the flour be included, and New Orleans cleared 14,000 bushels for Antwerp. But the great bulge of the day was due to a dispatch to the effect that the Russian government had issued an order prohibiting the export of grain containing 8 per cent of rye and another cablegram which reported a prohibition of export of rye from Finland. Then another item to the effect that the fortresses of Russia were being visualled immediately raised rumors of war and sent prices to the roof.

The corn market was very nervous and erratic. The commission men, whether buying or selling orders, had a hard time if the orders were limited anywhere within ½c of the market. The crowd were all buyers or all sellers at the same moment on several occasions. The shorts were in hot water throughout most of the session and afraid to trade on account of the supposed corner. Much long wheat is held here by prominent houses, presumably for eastern men and the shorts fear that to protect they will go on a bull campaign if the bears, in expectation of large receipts, begin to sell shorts freely. One of the commission houses which is credited with holding a long line of long corn for New Yorkers, was very busy today disposing of September and replacing it with October. If this should become general with the other bull houses interested it would indicate either a postponement of the deal or the belief to the parties who are long that they have only to wait a sufficient time and the price will advance of itself.

There was quite a demand for corn for direct shipment to Buffalo and 5,000 bushels were arranged for with one of the freight lines. September in different parts of the pit at the same time sold at opening, 67c up to 69c, but few bought it at the higher price and its tumble was quick, 69½c being marked in the first half minute's trading. It recovered again to 67¾c very quickly and later it reached 68¼c. It broke later to 66¾c but the market rallied considerably with wheat and closed at 67¾c. Good buying of oats for export, both here and in New York, frightened the shorts who literally tumbled over one an other in their efforts to cover.

The provision market was rather active and notwithstanding the heavy receipts of hogs and lower prices for them the products were declined to finish. The fluctuations were narrow and the changes from yesterday's closing prices small.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT—No. 2				
August	$1 04	$1 07	$1 03	$1 05¼
September	1 05 @ 05¾	1 05⅝	1 02¼	1 04⅜
December	1 05¾	1 08⅜	1 04¼	1 06⅝
CORN—No. 2				
August	69 @ 69¼	69½	68¾	67¾
September	67 @ 68	69	66¾	67⅝
October	61¼@65 @ 62	63¼	60¾	62¾
OATS—No. 2				
August	29¼	31	29	31
September	28⅝	31⅞	29	31¾
May	33 @ 33⅜	35⅜	33	34⅜
MESS PORK				
September	10 25	10 45	10 25	10 35
October	10 35	10 55	10 35	10 47½
January	13 12½	13 20	13 05	13 12½
LARD				
September	6 62½	6 65	6 62½	6 62½
October	6 75	6 77½	6 72½	6 72½
January	7 12½	7 12½	7 10	7 10
SHORT RIBS				
September	6 60	6 65	6 60	6 62½
October	6 75	6 77½	6 72½	6 75
January	6 90	6 92½	6 85	6 90

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, $1.05¼@1.05⅝; No. 3 spring wheat, 96c; No. 2 red, $1.05@1.05¾.

CORN—No. 2, 67½c.

OATS—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 white, 33@33½c; No. 3 white, 31@32¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 95c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 65c; No. 3, 49@59c, f. o. b.; No. 4, 48@52c, f. o. b.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.07.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.24@1.25.

PORK—Mess pork, per barrel, $10.30@10.35. Lard, per cwt., $6.62½; short ribs sides (loose), $6.62½@6.65; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.50@6.25; short c ear sides (boxed), $7.25@7.35.

WHISKEY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged, 6@5¾c.

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, barrels	12,000	5,000
Wheat, bushels	226,000	217,000
Corn, bushels	259,000	210,000
Oats, bushels	250,000	160,000
Rye, bushels	26,000	50,000
Barley, bushels	6,000	5,000

On the produce exchange today the butter market was unchanged; fancy creamery, 22@23c; dairy, 14½@18c. Eggs, 14@15c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,012 packages; exports, 7,223 barrels, 1,259 sacks; fair demand, stronger; advanced prices; sales, 20,000 barrels.

WHEAT—Receipts, 430,000 bushels; exports, 515,358 bushels; sales, 111,824,000 bushels of futures, 1,6,000 bushels of spot. Spot market higher, unsettled but dull. No. 2, red $1.12⅝ in elevator, $1.12⅝@1.13¼ afloat; $1.13¼@1.16⅜ f. o. b; No.3 red, $1.09¼@1.10; ungraded red, $1.09¼@1.16⅛; No. 1 northern, to arrive, $1.20; No. 1 hard, to arrive, $1.22; No. 2 Chicago, $1.10@1.10¼; No. 2 Milwaukee, $1.17@1.17¼. Options more active, opening 1¼@2¼c up upon heavy foreign buying, declined on the Cincinnati Price Current's report of 885,000,000 bushels crop, fine weather and large receipts, and advanced 2⅜@3¼c on a Russian dispatch of prohibition of exports and fears that political complications were imminent; Paris with Germany; declined ¾@1¼c on realizing and closed easy at 2¼@3c over yesterday. Sales included No. 2, red, August, $1.11⅞@1.14¾, closing $1.13⅝; September, $1.11⅝@1.14¾, closing $1.13⅝; October, $1.12¾@1.15⅜, closing, $1.14¾; November, $1.13⅝@1.16¼, closing $1.15½; December, $1.14@1.17¼, closing, $1.16⅝; January, $1.15¼@1.18½, closing, $1.17¾; May, $1.18½@1.21¾, closing, $1.20¾.

RYE—Western, September delivery stronger; sales, two loads at $1.00¼@1.01; two cars state at 89c@$1.00.

OATS—Receipts, 111,100 bushels; exports, 346 bushels; sales, 735,000 bushels of futures, and 228,000 bushels of spot. Spot market higher and active for exports. Options active, firm; August, 36¾@37½c, closing, 37½c; October, 35¾@37¼, closing, 37¼c; No. 2 white, September, 41c; spot No. 2 white, 45@47c; mixed western, 34@39c; white mixed western, 38@52c; No. 2 Chicago, 39@41c.

CORN—Receipts, 49,025 bushels; exports, 707 bushels; sales, 1,350,000 bushels of futures and 61,000 bushels of spot. Spot market firm; general business for home inquiry; No. 2, 82c in elevator, 83c afloat; ungraded mixed, 78@84½c. Options very irregular at times; No. 2, 2½c lower, closing firm for the day at ⅛c decline on August and ⅛c advance on other months to December on manipulations. August, 78¾@78¾c, closing, 78¾c; October, 75¾@75¾c, closing, 74¾c; November, 74½c, closing, 80½c; December, 62¾@68¼c, closing, 63¾c; May, 56@57c, closing, 56¾c.

HAY—Quiet and steady.

HOPS—Quiet and easy.

COFFEE—Options opened steady at 5 points up to 5 points down; closed steady 5 points down to 10 points up; sales, 28,500 bags, including August, $16.65; September, $15.05@16.10; October, $15.05@15.20; November, $14.10@14.30; December, $13.6 @13.75; May, $13.30@13.55; spot Rio, dull and easy; fair cargoes, 18c; No. 7, 17c.

SUGAR—Raw, active and firmer; centrifugals, 96 test, 3 15-32@3¾c; sales, 400 hogsheads of Muscovado to Baltimore at 3 1-16c for 89 test; 4,900 hogsheads of Muscovado to New York at 3c for 98 test; molasses, 2 21-32c; a cargo of concrete, 92 test, at 2.60; and some centrifugals, 96 test, at 3 15-32@3¼c; opened firm and in good demand.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, firm and quiet.

RICE—Dull and weak.

COTTON SEED OIL—Strong.

TALLOW—Unsettled and dull; city ($2.00 for packings; 4 15-16@5c.

ROSIN—Quiet and steady.

TURPENTINE—Quiet and steady.

EGGS—Quiet; western, 15@16c; receipts, 1,100 packages.

HIDES—Firm.

PORK—Dull, unchanged; old mess, $10.00@10.75; new mess, $10.50@12.00; extra prime, $10.25@10.75.

BULK MEATS—Dull, steady.

MIDDLES—Dull, firm.

LARD—Stronger, quiet; western steam, $6.97½; sales, 625 tierces at $6.95; options sales, 3,500 tierces, September, $6.91, closing, $6.96; October, $7.05@7.08, closing, $7.04 bid; November, $7.17@7.25; January, $7.40.

BUTTER—Quiet, firm; western dairy, 12@16c; western creamery, 19½@22c; western factory, 12@14½; Elgin, 23c.

CHEESE—Moderate demand; western, 10@17½c; part skims, 3½@6½c.

PIG IRON—Unchanged; American, $15.00@16.85.

COPPER—Nominal; Lake, August and September, $12.00.

LEAD—Steady; domestic, $4.50.

TIN—Steady, active; straits, $23.00.

PETROLEUM—The market opened steady, but after advancing ⅛c fell ⅛c on a false rumor, then became dull and remained so until the close.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 20.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 hard, cash, 91¼@91¾c; August, 91c bid; No. 2 fall, cash, 92c bid.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, cash, 56¼c bid; August, 57c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2, cash, 26¾c; August, 26¼c bid.

FLOUR—Steady, firm and unchanged.

HAY—Steady and unchanged; fancy prairie, $6.00; good to choice, $4.00@4.25.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged; good creamery, 15½@17c; dairy, 10@13c; store packed, 9@10c.

EGGS—Firm, at 13c.

PROVISIONS—Steady and unchanged.

WOOL—About steady and unchanged.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 68,000; corn, 9,000.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 68,330; corn, 9,700.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 20.—WHEAT—Firm; demand improved; holders offer sparingly; California No. 1, 8s 11½d@9s 0d per cental; red western spring, 8s 8½d@8s 9½d; Kansas winter, hard, 8s 8½d@8s 9d.

CORN—Steady; demand poor; mixed western, 6s 6½d per cental.

PEAS—Canadian, 6s 7½d per cental.

LARD—Prime western, 34s 2d per cwt.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 20.—WHEAT—Strong; cash, $1.00; September, $1.01⅛.

CORN—Higher; cash, 61¼c; September, 60¾@61c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 30¼c; September, 30¾c.

PORK—Steady, $10.55.

LARD—86.20.

WHISKEY—$1.18.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 20.—WHEAT—Offerings larger; good demand for good stuff about 1½c higher. Receipts, 160 cars; shipments, 170 cars. Close: No. 1 hard, on track, $1.04½@1.07; No. 1 northern, September, 98¾c; on track, 99c@$1.04; No. 2 northern, mixed, 96c@$1.01¾.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 20.—WHEAT—Strong; No. 2 red, $1.03.

CORN—Strong; No. 2, mixed, 67c.

OATS—Active; No. 2 mixed, 31½@33c.

WHISKEY—$1.18.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., Aug 20.—WHEAT—Firm; cash, $1.05.

CORN—Steady; cash, 67c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2, mixed, 36c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The stock market today again gave evidence of the revival of confidence among all classes of operators and the course of prices during the day was most discouraging to those who for one reason or another are looking for a material reaction in stocks. London was again a heavy seller and the manipulation was not wanting to make various depressions, but the volume of buying for outside account was such as not only were the free offerings absorbed but marked advances in many cases were seen. An evidence of the general increase in confidence in higher prices in the market was the easier tendency in time money with the relaxation of the severe scrutiny of collaterals while the long expected revival of interest and business in the bond market is the most influential factors in the situation.

The Union Pacific matter is out of the way at least for the present and the market has no cloud upon it and the stocks traded in from day to day show a most encouraging increase. The grangers as usual of late absorbed most of the attention of operators while St. Paul and Atchison were the ones most largely traded in. Burlington and Rock Island displayed the most pronounced strength. Outside of Union Pacific the Gould stocks were given most attention and the industrials again became prominent both for activity and strength. Sugar, Cotton Oil and Cordage all scored handsome gains.

Sugar was especially strong in the reaction on the rumors in regard to the trust and the Spreckles' refineries, while new life was given Cordage and it spurted up 2¾ per cent to 60 per cent. The market finally closed fairly active and still rather heavy at but slight changes for the day in most cases.

Railroad bonds showed a falling off in activity, the transact ons footing up $1,561,000. The final changes showed many marked gains.

Government bonds were dull and easier.

State bonds were dull and steady.

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

Atchison	36¾	N. Y., Central	101⅜
Adams Express	143	N. Y., Chic. & St. L...	12⅜
Alton, Terre Haute	29	do preferred	65½
do preferred	125	Ohio Mississippi	19¾
American Express	116	do preferred	35
Canada Pacific	83¾	Ontario & Western	16¾
Canada Southern	50¾	Oregon Improvem't	24
Central Pacific	39	Oregon Nav	68
Ches. & Ohio	17	Oregon Trans	15
do 1st preferred	48	Pacific Mail	33¾
do 2d preferred	23¾	Peoria, Dec. & Evans	19¼
Chicago & Alton	139	Pittsburg	147¼
C., R. & Q	93¾	Pullman Palace	184
C., C. & St. L	64	Reading	30
Del., L. & W	136½	Rock Island	78¾
Den. & R. G. pref	49¾	St. L. & S. F. 1st p'f'd	71
East Tennessee	9	St. Paul	90¾
do 1st preferred	47	do preferred	113½
do 2nd preferred	12¾	St. Paul, Min. & Man.	106
Erie	21¾	St. Paul & Omaha	26¾
do preferred	54¾	do preferred	94
Fort Wayne	150	Tenn. Coal & Iron	30
Chi. & East. Ill	66¾	Texas Pacific	13
Hocking Valley	20¾	Tol. & O. Cent. pfd	76
Illinois Central	94	Union Pacific	39¾
St. Paul & Duluth	33	U. S. Express	57
Kansas & Texas	14⅜	W. St. L. & Pac	11⅜
Lake Erie & West	14⅜	W. St. L. & Pac. pfd.	24⅜
do preferred	59¾	Wells Fargo Exp	138
Lake Shore	112	Western Union	81
Louisville & Nashv	70¾	Am. Cotton Oil	21¾
Louisville & N. A	22¾	Colorado Coal	34
Memphis & Char	34	Homestake	11
Michigan Central	94	Iron Silver	100
Mil., L. S. & W	71	Ontario	57¾
do preferred	109	Quicksilver	5
Min & St. L	20¾	do preferred	50
do preferred	73¾	Sutro	5
Missouri Pacific	69¾	Ruiwer	28
Mobile & Ohio	42	Rich. & W. P. Ter	12
Nashville Chatt	90	Wisconsin Central	19¾
N. J. Central	112¾	Great Northern pfd	93¾
Norfolk & West pfd.	49¾	Chicago Gas	47
Northern Pacific	23¾	Lead Trust	15¾
do preferred	60¾	Sugar Trust	84¾
U. P. Denver & Gulf	17¾	Southern Pacific	36¾
Northwestern	108¾	Oregon S. L. & U. N	24
Northwestern, pref	135		

The total sales of stock today were 265,477 shares, including: Atchison, 50,075; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 13,040; Erie, 6,180; Louisville & Nashville, 11,805; Missouri Pacific, 6,480; North American, 4,640; Northern Pacific, 2,705; Northern Pacific preferred, 14,935; Union Pacific, 15,869.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—MONEY ON CALL—Easier, ranging from 2 to 3 per cent; last loan 2½ per cent; closing offered at ⅞ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGES—Quiet and firm at $4.85½ for sixty-day bills and $4.86 for demand.

The following were the closing prices on bonds:

U. S. 4s, registered	116¾	M. K. & T. Gen'l 8s	41
U. S. 4s, coupons	116¾	Mutual Union 6s	109
U. S. 4½s, registered	109¾	N. J. Cent 1st Cert	108
4½s, coupons	109¾	Northern Pac 1sts	115
Pacific 6s of '95	111	do 2ds	111
Louisiana Stamp 4s	87	Northwest' consols	132¾
Tennessee N. S. 6s	104	do debenture 5s	102¾
do 5s	101	St. L. & I. M. Gen 5s	87½
do 3s	79	St. L. & S. F. Gen M.	103⅜
Canada Southern 2ds	98	St. Paul consols	125
Central Pacific 1sts	105	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	112
D. & R. G. 1sts	114⅜	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	84¾
do 4s	78¾	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	31¾
D. & R. G. Wests 1sts	75¾	Union Pacific 1sts	105¾
Erie 2ds	100¾	West Shore	100
M. K. & T. Gen'l 6s	77¼		

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 20.—Clearings today, $1,169,166.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Bank clearings, today, $9,930,082; balances, $4,524,627.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—Clearings today, $9,786,257; balances, $1,512,742. Money, 4 per cent.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 20.—Bank clearings today were $2,568,204; balances, $524,333. Rate, 6 per cent.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 20.—Money, 4@6 per cent; New York exchange, 60@75c discount; clearings, $1,712,150.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 20.—Bank clearings, $13,813,205; balances, $1,700,170; rate for money, 4 per cent; exchange on New York, 15@17c per $1,000.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—New York exchange steady at 60 per cent discount. Money quiet and unchanged at 6 per cent for both call and time loans. Bank clearings, $14,288,000. Sterling exchange slow; 60 day bills, $4.84½; sight drafts, $4.86½.

Boston Stock Market.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 20.—The following were the closing prices on the Boston stock market:

Atchison & Topeka	36¾	Calumet & Hecla	250
Boston & Albany	202¼	Franklin	15⅝
Boston & Maine	175⅛	Huron	100
Ch., Burl. & Quincy	90	Kearsarge	12¾
Eastern R. R. 6s	121¾	Osceola	26
Fitchburg R. R	73	Quincy	105
Flint preferred	75	Santa Fe Copper	50
Mass. Cen	18	Tamarack	155
Mex. Cen. com	12¾	San Diego Land Co	17
N. Y. & N. Eng	36¾	West End Land Co	14⅞
Old Colony	164¾	Bell Telephone	182
Rutland preferred	72	Lamson Store S	18¾
Wis. Central com	18¾	Water Power	2¾
Allouez M. Co. (new)	18⅞	C. M	16¾
Atlantic	13¾	B. & B. Co	16¾
Boston & Mont	44		

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The following were the London stock quotations closing at 4 p. m.:

Consols money	95⅝	Mexican ordinary	33¾
Consols, account	95 15-16	St. Paul common	69⅜
U. S. 4s	129	N. Y. Central	114⅜
N. Y. P. & O. firsts	123⅝	Pennsylvania	52⅜
Canadian Pacific	86	Reading	15⅜
Erie	22	Mexican	—
Illinois Central	101		

BAR SILVER—45 5-16d per ounce.

MONEY—1¾@2 per cent.

Rate of discount in the open market for both short and six months' bills, 1⅜ per cent.

Bank of England Bullion.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The bullion in Bank of England decreased £28,000 during the past week. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability last week was 44.23 per cent; is now 45.22 per cent. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today, £144,000.

Paris Rentes.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—Three per cent rentes 95f 25c. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 103,000f gold and 1,765,000f silver.

Denver Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 20.—There was very little business in mining stocks today. Total sales, 11,500 shares. The following were the closing quotations of the Mining exchange:

Alleghany	23	Legal Tender	13¾
Amity	2¼	Little Rule	108
Argonaut	4	Matchless	500
Ballion	57	May Mesa	123
Bangkok	5½	Morning Glim	42
Bates II	18	Oro	100
Big Indian	8	Pay Rock	2
Big Six	3¾	Potosi	4¾
Browntow	6½	Park Con	16
Calliope	17	Reed National	100
Century	1	Rialto	110
Clay County	172	Sanford Lode	21¾
Cash G	20	Leavenworth	10
Diamond B	3¾	John J	4¾
Denver Gas & Oil	15	Puzzler	3¾
Emmett	3¾	Gandlin	3¾
Gold Treasure	33	Gettysburg	17
Ironclad	4¾	Whale	22
Justice	9½	Gold Rock	62

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	60	Potosi	315
Best & Belcher	345	Savage	225
Bodie Consolidated	60	Sierra Nevada	285
Choller	210	Union Consolidated	240
Con. Cala. & Va	650	Utah	75
Crown Point	175	Yellow Jacket	155
Gould & Curry	145	Bulwer	20
Hale & Norcross	230	Mexico	25
Mexican	253	Comn	25
Mount Diablo	285	Nevada	25
Navajo	20	B. J	45
Ophir	395	North Belle Isle	35

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The closing mining stock quotations are as follows:

Alice	195	Iron Silver	100
American Con	75	Ontario	3700
Aspen	300	Plymouth	500
Con. Cal. & Va	375	Savage	183
Deadwood	123	Sierra Nevada	330
Eureka Con	175	Union Con	250
Homestake	1050	Yellow Jack	150
Horn Silver	325		

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Some improvement is to be noticed in the demand for dry goods as the jobbing trade expands, but there is no change as to the conservative character of operations. Sales in pound lots are occasional. The bulk of transactions continue to be made in small parcels.

Havana Markets.

HAVANA, Aug. 20.—SPANISH GOLD—$2.32½. SUGAR—In active demand; prices advanced; sales 2,500 centrifugals 96 polarization at $3.18¾ @3.22½ gold per quintal.

Traders' Talk.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—Langenberg Brothers to Cockrell Brothers: The following was the official trade and prices on the leading options at this point today:

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
WHEAT—					
Dec	$1 05	$1 07¾	$1 03¾	$1 06¼	$1 03½
CORN—					
Sept	60½	61¾	60	60¾	59¾
OATS—					
Sept	29	31	29	30¾	28¾

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—F. G. Logan & Co., to Bryan Commission Co.: The wheat market opened strong at $1.05¾ on the higher cables and shorts covered freely on the swell and the market broke it off to $1.04¾, but good buying on the large clearances turned the tide up again and the close was at the day on export duty on wheat from Russia caused general buying and a sharp advance to $1.08¼ with the close firm at $1.07. Shorts covered freely on the advance and we think the market at the close nearer even than for a long time. Corn started off with a rush this morning at 69¾, but closed only steady at 67¾ the future of the trade today being free selling by receiving houses. Some September longs were buying the October option today. Oats ruled strong all day, closing firm. The buying was for eastern account and by operators who figure the relative difference between corn and oats too great. We look for them to come closer together. Provisions closed steady. The selling was by the packers and the purchases of yesterday while the outside was selling the September product and buying the long futures.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Schwartz, Dupee & McCornick to F. G. Swartz & Co: The volume of trade in wheat has not been very large today but the market has been active and the fluctuations frequent and violent. The news was all bullish. Foreign markets scored the following advances: London 6d, Liverpool 2d from yesterday, Paris 20c and Berlin ¾ of a mark. Receipts at eleven primary points were large, 1,658,000 bushels, but were exceeded by the shipments, which were 1,717,000 bushels, three Atlantic ports clearing over 1,100,000 bushels of wheat and flour counting flour. A sensational cable was received from Paris saying that the estimate of the French crop was being reduced to 50 per cent. Good export purchases were reported from New York. The result of all this bullish news was an active opening market and it begins to look as if we had had our reaction from the crazy advance of last Monday and that our market might work still higher. Corn has been active, but has not shown much strength. The only crowd has for us is an idea that the New York contingent is trying to sell out their long corn and are determined to make that operation as difficult as possible. They are aided in their bearish schemes by a slackening in the cash demand, cars lots being but 15c tle, if any, over the September price. Receivers report an increasing movement in the country and that their country shippers are willing to accept present prices with great freedom. They also say that the corn which they are now selling is not short but will be met by actual deliveries from the country. The out deal which has been lying so quiet and lambilike waked up today in fine shape. The start was caused by reported sales of 500,000 bushels of corn and in New York for direct export, and the shorts who have been afraid to sell corn but have sold oats at the present low price so freely began to be alarmed at the probability of a fine demand for oats. Oats were worth for feeding purposes two-thirds the price of corn and the relative markets have been entirely out of shape. Provisions have been dull but firm. The east is again appearing in the provision market as a buyer, while local packers are inclined to take the other side.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter: The disposition of the stock market today has been to gravitate towards lower prices. The market has not declined in a manner indicative of any pressure to depress it, but rather has shown an absence of demand. London gave it the first start down by selling freely at the opening. It sold chiefly St. Paul, Union Pacific, Louisville & Nashville and Atchison. The stocks were fairly well taken by traders, who, however, later in the day were sellers because no general demand appeared to take stocks off their hands. Northern Pacific was a strong feature of the market, the advance being accompanied by a report that the annual statement not yet published will show a surplus of $45,000 above interest charges and dividends. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy was also notably strong and more than sustained its price. The dividend which was taken off the market though more active so far this week than previously is not yet broad and a large percentage of dealings, especially on Monday and Tuesday, were due to covering of shorts. Since then the volume of transactions has been smaller. The public having been attracted to the market by the spurt in prices and on any marked recessions, there will be good buying all around. The market closed comparatively stubborn with a somewhat weak undertone.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Kennet Hopkins & Co., to S. A. McWhorter: Better cables made a strong opening, and at no time today has wheat sold as low as it closed yesterday. The clearances at Atlantic ports were the largest of the season, which had a stimulating effect, but the most influential news was bad weather in England. The harvest there is just beginning, and if rains continue the English markets will advance rapidly, as they are particularly sensitive to weather conditions at this season. The situation appears to be growing rather worse abroad and there has been good foreign buying of wheat in consequence. Even it seems to be shaping itself for higher markets. We are slow to admit this and have been strenuously fighting every advance, but all the same prices continue to rebound quickly from the depression. Boerbohm in his late estimate of the world's wheat requirements made a surplus of 16,000,000 bushels, but to do this he credited Russia and southern Europe with an exportable surplus of 96,000,000 bushels and made the total import requirements of Belgium, Holland and Germany, 18,000,000 bushels. Now Germany alone is likely to import 18,000,000 bushels, and scarcely any one thinks Russia and Southern Europe will be able to spare 50,000,000 bushels. The clique have not done much in corn today, most of their operations being on the selling side. The weather is superb and the new crop is making magnificent progress, furthermore the September deal has been so extensively advertised holders of old corn will make arrangements to ship in all they have to deliver on September contracts if the new crop matures without damage by drouth or frost. The deal, however, is evidently in strong hands and the possibilities are such that being short of old crop futures is attended with great risk. The May option looks like a sale on all good rallies. Oats came to the front today and marked strength was shown. It has been the fashion to sell them short whenever other products gave promise of still higher prices. Provisions have been firm most of the day and close with a considerable show of strength. Recently there have been two strong bull markets in provisions when the situation seemed weaker than now and it would not be surprising if a third upward movement should set in here soon. We advise purchases on breaks.

OMAHA MARKETS.

OMAHA, Aug. 20.

CATTLE — Official receipts of cattle 2,484 as compared with 826, yesterday and 2,050 Thursday of last week. The market was steady on all grades of beef steers, dull and about steady on butcher stock and weak on feeders. There were no good cattle among the receipts.

HOGS—Official receipts of hogs 3,613, as compared with 2,850 yesterday and 2,830 Thursday of last week. The market was strong at the opening on all weights of good hogs and a shade easier on common grades and closed lower with some unsold. The range of the prices paid was $4.80@5.25, the bulk selling at $4.95@5.15. Light, $4.90@5.25; heavy $4.70@5.20; mixed, $4.90@5.05. The average of the prices paid was $5.05 as compared with $5.02 yesterday and $4.98¾ Thursday of last week.

SHEEP—Official receipts of sheep 504, a compared with none yesterday and 80 Thursday of last week. The market was unchanged. Natives, $2.50@4.75; westerns, $2.25@4.75; good, 60 to 70 lbs. lambs, $4.00@5.75.

•Receipts and Disposition of Stock.

Official receipts and disposition of stock as shown by the books of the Union stockyards company for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock, p. m., August 20, 1891:

RECEIPTS.

CATTLE.		HOGS.		SHEEP.		H'RS'S&MULES.	
Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head.	Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head.
106	2484	56	3,613	2	504		

DISPOSITION.

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep
Omaha Packing Co	.....	179	.....
The G. H. Hammond Co	247	.....	126
Swift & Co	473	213	367
The Cudahy Packing Co	157	1,896	.....
Britton	.....	1,277	.....
Shippers and feeders	1,380	103	1
Left over	530	350	.....
Total	2,757	3,728	494

Representative Sales.

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	700	$1 00	24	925	$1 75	13	1010	$1 90
29	762	1 25	21	920	1 75	22	907	1 93
7	808	1 40	26	851	1 80	25	888	1 95
30	787	1 50	2	1060	1 80	5	1252	2 00
2	1060	1 55	1	1370	1 85	1	1200	2 00
20	699	1 60	7	901	1 85	15	1014	2 00
1	800	1 60	33	857	1 90	10	962	2 00
16	848	1 70	21	976	1 90	1	1010	2 00
12	885	1 70	11	960	1 90	1	1230	2 20

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

1	700	2 25	25	1000	2 67½	22	869	2 90
1	750	2 25	1	830	2 67½	2	915	2 95
3	700	2 25	1	1140	2 67½	20	960	3 00
1	880	2 40	1	1020	2 67½	21	1083	3 00
5	1012	2 40	20	888	2 70	50	1040	3 00
5	932	2 40	26	821	2 75	24	1045	3 00
1	970	2 50	1	920	2 75	24	922	3 05
28	843	2 50	28	853	2 75	25	1051	3 20
7	817	2 55	23	1083	2 85	5	1214	3 25
20	896	2 65	20	986	2 90			