THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Heavy Movement of Wheat and Hogs Caused a Decline.

CABLES WERE DECIDEDLY BEARISH

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CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 17.—The heavy movement of wheat and hogs to Chicago gave markets for grain and provisions a further decline today. The weaker cables and more favorable crop news added to the heaviness and prices went lower all around. The action in the wheat market in dropping to 76¼c for September was not at all surprising to either buyers or sellers. The price went off ¾c from the close yesterday on natural influences. The cables were bearish, the weather perfect, the crop returns more favorable and the movement to market heavy.

Cables were lower and western recipts were free. The week's crop bulletin from Washington was very favorable. A Paris private cable said the French wheat yield was larger and of better quality than was expected and the market was weakening. The export clearances were lighter at 27,000 bu. of wheat and a moderate amount of flour from Atlantic ports. Offsetting all this bear news, buyers had only the fact that prices took safe for investment, the free out movements here of about 300,000 bu. a day and the possible crop d mage in the northwest. The market opened easier at 77c for September, sold at fro n 76¾c to 76¾c to 76¾c to 76¾c to 76¾ to 76¼c and closed at 76¼c.

It is feared that if the Buffalo railroad strike continues much lon ger it will injure the grain markets very seriously, as parties will fear to ship with such great risks.

The corn market opened weak, ostensibly because of the Washin ton, D. C., weekly crop and weather report, which indicated general improvement for the crop throughout the entire country. The weather conditions so far this week have been considered favorable, also we thers mps this morning having been so construed. Scattered droppings of long stuff which overstayed its opportunity has been one of the features of the last eight days and w s still a feature of business to day.

September started with sellers at 52c and sales at from 51¾c to 51¾c, dropped to 51¾c, recovered to 51¾c, and then sank gradually to 51¼c, taking about two hours to reach the last named price. It was wanted at the latter in greater quantities than were for sale, and gradually worked back again to 51¾c. The latest trading was at 51¾c for September.

The oats market showed proportionate decline. There were selling orders in the market from the outside, crop reports were unchanged and other markets on the floor were weak and the close shows a loss of ¼c. Lard is down 12½c for September, and ribs are 15c off for the same option.

There was a decided change in the tone of the provision market, and from leading all others in strength it became decidedly weak and generally dull, and later was raided badly. The easiness was helped by the lower prices ruling at the stock yards and the larger hog receipts. Sellers at 7.45 it was not safe to be on the short side. After the first break there was some recovery in ribs and lard, but this was followed by a general decline. Stop orders were cau ht, pork went off 60c from last night, closing 57½c lower. Lard is down 5@7½c lower. Short ribs 15c off.

Estimated receipts here tomorrow are: Wheat, 350 c rs; corn, 205 cars; oats, 251 cars; hogs, 21,000 head.

Lake freights steady on a basis of 2c for corn to Buffalo.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT No. 2				
August.....	$ 76½	$ 76¾	76¼	76¾
September...	77	77	76¼	76¾
December....	79½	79½	79	79⅜
CORN No. 2—				
August.....	52¼	52¾	51¾	52¼
September...	52	52	51¾	51¾
May.....	52⅜	52⅝	52	52⅝
OATS No. 2—				
August.....	32½	32¾	32	32¼
September...	33	33¼	32¾	32¾
October.....	33	33¼	32⅝	33¼
MESS PORK—				
September...	12 32½	12 32½	11 85	11 87½
January.....	13 30	13 30	13 02	13 02½
LARD—				
September...	8 02½	8 05	7 95	8 00
January.....	7 30	7 30	7 20	7 22½
SHORT RIBS—				
September...	8 00	8 05	7 92½	7 95
January.....	6 82½	6 82½	6 67½	6 70

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady and unchanged; winter patents, $4.00@4.20; winter straits, $3.50@3.75; spring patents, $4.00@4.50; spring patents, $3.50@3.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 76¾c; No. 3 spring, 68½@77c; No. 2 red, 76¾@77c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2, 51c; No. 3 yellow, 51c; No. 3 cash, 49¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 32½c; No. 2 white, 34½c; No. 3 white, 34@34c.

RYE—No. 2, 63c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 63c; No. 3, f. o. b., 56c; No. 4, f. o. b., 50@58c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.02¼.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.42½.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $11.90@12.00; lard, per 100 lbs., $8.05; short ribs sides (loose), $8.00@8.10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 7¾@8c; short clear sides (boxed), 8¾@8.85.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.15.

SUGAR—Unchanged.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, barrels.....	33,000	11,000
Wheat, bushels.....	323,000	290,000
Corn, bushels.....	356,000	317,000
Oats, bushels.....	484,000	185,000
Rye, bushels.....	17,000	30,000
Barley, bushels.....	6,000	2,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was unchanged; creameries, 21@25c; dairies, 15@20. Eg s, 10@16½c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,010 pkgs.; exports, 9,800 bbls., 4,100 sacks; quiet and weak; instances, 5@10c lower; sales, 28,000 bbls.

CORNMEAL—Dull but steady.

WHEAT—Rece pts, 378,000 bu.; exports, 247,000 bu.; sales, 6,170,000 bu. of futures; 57,000 bu. of spot. Spot more active for exports at easier prices; No. 2 red, 81¾c in store and elevator; 82¼@82⅝c afloat; 82¼@84⅛c f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 78¾@81½c; ungraded red, 74@86c; No. 1 northern, 85½c; No. 1 hard, 90½@90¾c; No. 2 northern, 79½@88 c; No. 2 Chicago, 81½@85c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 82¼@82½c; No. 3 spring, 80¾@80½c. Out ons were more active and ¼@⅝c lower, declining early ½c on lower cab es, free selling for foreign account, west selling, heavy receipts, light clearances and good crop news, advanced ½@⅝c on covering and quiet and steady; No. 2 red, August, 81¾@81¾c, c osing at 81¾c; September, 82@82⅝c, closing 82¾c; October, 83¼@83¾c, closing at 83¾c; December, 86½@86¾c, closing at 86¾c; May, 9.¾@91¾c, closing 9.¾@9.¾c.

RYE—Dull and easier; western, 68@70c.

BARLEY NAIL—Nominal.

CORN—Receipts, 78,000 bu.; exports, 10,000 bu.; sales, 9,5.0.0 bu. of futures and 90,000 bu. of spot. Spots more active and firmer; No. 2, 62c in elevator, 63c afloat; ungraded mixed, 56@6c; options more active, opening at ½@⅝c decline on weak cab es, better grading, fair receipts, advance l ¾@1¾c with the west and shorts covering, closed firm at ½@¾c up; August, 61c, c osing at 61c; September, 58 3-16c, closing at 58¾c; October, 57⅛@58c, closing at 58c; December, 54⅝@55c, closing at 57c.

OATS—Receipts, 57,000 bu.; exports, 1,650 bu.; sales, 455,000 bu. of futures, 70,0 0 bu. of spot. Spot quiet, lower; options moderately active, close ½c steady, ⅛c up and ⅛c down; August, 37½@38c, closing at 38c; September, 35½@36c, closing at 38c; October, 37½@38¼c, closing at 38¼c; May, 41¼@41¾c, closing at 41⅝c; No. 2 spot white, 41@42c; mixed western, 37¼@41¾c; white western, 4 @45c; No. 2, Chicago, 38¾c.

HAY—Good demand, firm.

HOPS—Steady, moderate demand;

SUGAR—Raw, firmer; fairly active; fair refining, 2¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¼c; sales, 4,0 0 tons of muscovado, 89 test, 2¾c; 4,000 bags of centr.fugals, 96 tess, 3¼c; and 1, 20 bags of mi lasses sugar, 80 test, at 2½c; refined fairly active, firm; off "A," 4¼@4 5-16c; No. 13, 3 5-16 @3 7-16c.

MOLASSES—Foreign, nominal; New Orleans, quiet.

RICE—In fair demand and firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@6c.

EGGS—Quiet; western prime, 19@20c; re-cipts, 8,0 0 bags.

HIDES—Quiet and steady; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45 to 60 lbs., 5@6c; Texas selected, 50 to 60 lbs., 5@6c.

PORK—Dull and eas er; old mess, $13.25; new mess, $13.5 @14.00; extra prime, $12.50@13.00; cut meats dull and easy; pickle l hams, 11½@12¼c; sales, 500 pickled shou ders, 6½c; middles, dull. Lard—Dull and lower; western s eam closed at $8.3 ½; option sales. 1,750 tierces: September, $8.35@8.40, c osing at $8.34 asked; 1,900 tierces October at $8.35, closing at $8.29 bid.

BUTTER—Slow trade; prices steady; western, 14@20c; western creamery, 17@21½c; western factory, 14@17c; Elgin, 21½@22c.

CHEESE—Light demand and steady; part skims, 3@7c.

PIG IRON—Dull and weak; American, $13.50@15.00.

COPPER—Dull; lake, $11.5 @11.6 .

LEAD—Steady; domestic, $4.0 @4.07½.

TIN—Steady at the decline; straights, $20.30 @20.40.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 17.—FLOUR—Depressed in feeling, but unchanged; patents, $3.70@3.80; extra fancy, $3.40@3.50; fancy, $3.00@3.20.

WHEAT—The market was dull and heavy today with light speculation, rallying slightly from bottom prices and closed ¼@⅝c below yesterday: No. 2 red, cash, lower at 72½c; August, 72½c, closing at 72¼c asked; September, 73⅝@73¾c, closing at 72¾c; December, 76¾@77⅛c, closing at 77c asked.

CORN—Was weak and heavy also, closing ⅜c off. No. 2 cash lower, 47¼c; August, 47¼c nominal; September, 47⅝@48¼c, closing at 48¼c asked; October, 48@48⅛c, closing at 48¼c asked; December, 45¾c; May, 49c nominal.

OATS—Weak at start but rallied later, closing strong; No. 2 cash higher, 34c; August, 34⅛c asked. September, 31¼@32⅜c, closing at 32¾c bid; May, 35½c bid.

RYE—Firm; 60c bid.

BARLEY—No trade.

BRAN—Steady; 65c at mill.

FLAXSEED—Lower, active at 95c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Firm; prime new, $1.35 bid.

HAY—Prime in good demand; timothy, $12.00 @16.00; prairie, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Firm and unchanged; fancy creamery, 23@24c; fancy dairy, 19@20c.

EGGS—Higher at 14½c.

LEAD—$3.9 ½ sellers.

CORNMEAL—Firm and unchanged at $2.60@2.75

BAGGING—Unchanged at 6¼@7⅜c.

IRON COTTON TIES—Unchanged at $1.10.

WHISKY—Unchanged at $1.10.

PROVISIONS—Dull; lower tendency. Pork—Standard mess, jobbing, $13.00. Lard—$7.7 @7.80, nominal. Dry salt meats—Unchanged. Loose shoulders, $7.25; longs and ribs, $8.15; boxe l, 25c more. Bacon—Unchanged. Packed shoulders, $7.75; shorts, $9.25. Hams—Unchanged. Sugar cured, $11.50@12.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 223,000 bu.; corn, 46,0 0 bu.; oats, 41,000 bu.; rye, 2,0 0 bu.; bar ey, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 40,000 bu.; corn, 18,0 0 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.; rye, 2,000 bu.; barley, none.

Omaha Produce Market.

PEACHES—California, $1.50@1.65; southern Illinois, 65@75c per basket.

LEMONS—$4.0 @5 .00.

ORANGES—California out of market, imported, $4.00@8.50.

BLACKBERRIES—$1.50. Sarce.

PLUMS—California, $2.5 @3.00.

BANANAS—$2.0 @2.75.

CABBAGE—Home grown, 5@60c per doz.

MELONS—Waterme ons, crate l, 25c.

PEARS—Bartlett, $1.00.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12½@13c; small lots select dairy, 17@17c.

POULTRY—Spring chickens, $2.0 @3.00 as to size; old fowls, 7 to 8c.

CANTALOUPES—Per crate, $3.50; jems, 75c per basket.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Per case, $1.00.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 25@30c.

EGGS—Firm at 14c.

NEW POTATOES—$2.00 per bbl.; in sacks, 1@1¼c per lb.

ONIONS—Per bbl., $3.00@3.25.

BLUEBERRIES—16-qt. boxs, $2.0 @2.25.

TOMATOES—4 basket cr ates, $1.25; bu. boxes, $1.75.

GRAPES—Per 9-lb. basket, 6@7 c.

NECTARINES—$1.75@2. 0.

DAMSON PLUM—24-qt. case, $1.0 @1.25.

APPLES—Good shipping stock scarce at $1.25 @4.75.

Oil Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—PETROLEUM—Market opened steady and advanced ⅛c on local buying, closing firm; Pennsylvania oil, spot sales, none; August, option s les, 35,0 0 bbls.; opening, 55½c; highest, 56¼c; lowest, 55¼c; closing, 56¼c; Lima oil, no sales. Total sales, 35,000 bbls.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet but steady.

TALLOW—Quiet but steady.

ROSIN—Quiet but steady.

TURPENTINE—Dull but steady.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 17.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—21s 9d per cwt.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—LINSEED OIL—17s 1d per cwt.

Manchester Commercial Review.

MANCHESTER, Aug. 17.—The Guardian in its commercial article says: The rise in the price of silver and the advance in American cotton at Liverpool has imparted a more cheerful feeling, without any increase in the practical business. Large transactions are not heard of. Sellers who need business have difficulty in finding purchasers at the lowest point. Orders are restricted to retail business. The stocks of better qualities of printing cloths are accumulating.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Contracts closed steady.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 17.—Steady; middling, 6 13-16c; low middling, 6 7-16c; good ordinary, 5 15-16c; net and gross receipts, 669 bales; exports coastwise, 1,331 bales; sales, 700 bales; stock, 67,725 bales.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Options opened firm 5 po nts down, closed firm 2 @15 points up. Sales, 31,500 bags, including August, $13.5; September, $13.2 @13.35; O tober, $13.25@13.40; December, $13 5@13.45; January, $13.30@13.4 ; March, $13.35@13.45. May, $13.30@13.40; spot Rio, active; No. 7, $14 25.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 17.—WHEAT—Dull; demand poor; holders offer freely; California No. 1, 6s 10d@6s 11d per cental; red western spring, 6s 5d@6s 5½d; red western winter, 6s 4½d@6s 5d. CORN—Dull; demand poor; new mixed western, 5s 5½d per cental.

LARD—49s 6d per cwt. for prime western.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 17.—Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter: The freight blockade has been the principal source of weakness in wheat. The crop is bein marketed rapidly and everything which checks the free movement to tide water necessarily has a depressing influence on interior markets. In addition receipts have been unusually large, cables unusually weak and exports below the average. Naturally prices have been lower and the bears have been out in full force. Local traders are generally short and looking for a further break. There has been some good buying by commission houses. There was a pretty sharp break in corn on realizing by discouragious longs, the dry weather, moderate receipts and strong eastern markets prevented a general raid and shake out on stop loss orders. The reaction of about 4c is thought by conservative traders to be sufficient to buy on, though some of the best bulls would not be surprised to see September drop under 50c. Oats followed corn, but at no time were particularly weak.

In provisions considerable long stuff went overboard on stop loss orders, and the bull leaders gave the market little support. The weakness in grain also contributed to an easier feeling. Traders who saw their profits shrinking preferred to get out for a time.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 17.—F. G. Logan & Co. to Duncan, Hollinger & Co.: The wheat market opened lower on the weak cables and from fear that railroad strike now on at Buffalo would interfere with grain traffic. During the day the news, such as receipts, shipments, late cables, was all of an extremely bearish character and caused free selling by the local crowd. The weakness in low grades, with discount for No. 3 wheat, also helped the decline. The only news of a bullish character was indications for rain and colder weather throughout the northwest, and a report from South Dakota showing that the crop had been largely overestimated. After ruling weak all the morning the market rallied and closed at the top price of the day. The weakness in corn the greater part of the day was large y due to the culmination of the past days' liquidation and free selling on the break, influenced by fear of the strike at Buffalo spreading. Fair buying absorbed all the offerings, and the market closed firmer at 52c. Oats moved in sympathy with corn. Larger receipts of hogs than expected caused a weak opening in provisions and started liquidation of small holders. pork declining sharply and closing at $11.9) Sellers of lard and lard were more ready.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 17.—Consensus & Day to Cockrell Bros. Commission company: With foreign markets demoralized, weather magnificent for crop movement and shipments interrupted by lab r troubles in the east, the wonder is that the grain markets were not panicky today. On the contrary, wheat closed steady at ⅛c decline, and corn and oats firm at ¼c below yesterday's latest prices. In wheat a light business was done and that confined principally to local shorts covering gradually as outside longs sold out. In corn liquidation by outside longs and heavy short selling by scalpers was the order of the day. There now remain but two important long lines in this market and these have been doubled in the past two days. In oats also the market has settled into local hands again and the most influential interest is on the bear side. The time is getting very close when September corn has to be paid for by somebody and country holders remembered that it sold at $3.0 under January pork last fall. The dread of another collapse in old pork has turned the public against it and made it hard to dispose of after shorts are filled. Lard and ribs are still firmly held by the manipulators, but new trade in them is very slack.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Strength in the Industrials Was the Leading Feature.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The stock market today again displayed a reactionary temper despite the strength in industrials, but the advances in the latter arising from manipulation, it was impossible to continue in the face of the general temper of the railroad list. In the general opening the short interest in the market has been greatly reduced by the advance of the previous day and the high prices undoubtedly brou ht out some stock for the long account, while selling of short account was not want ng and with the very limited demand a declining tendency was imparted to the market from the very opening in the face of manipulated strength of the industrials and the few specialties which received such attention.

Among the grangers Rock Island showed most weakness in the forenoon but Atchison led the downward movement later in the day. St. Paul was offered down, but received support and recovered, the others displaying no feature of note. The weak spot in railroad shares was the Wheeling and Lake Eries, each of which retired about 1 per cent on very light offerings, but all other losses were confined to fractional amounts. The sugar and the lead stocks were leaders among the industrials, the cordage shares be ng quite neglected, and general electric was advanced only in the afternoon.

The upward movement in the sugars and leads was very sharp in the early dealings and sugar preferred was lifted 2¾ per cent while the common was content with ¾ per cent. The leads rose 1¼ and 1¾ per cent respectively before the movement came to a halt. The engagement of nearly $1,000,000 in gold for shipment had the usual effect of checking the animation and advance, the drooping tendency of the general list could hardly be said to have been stimulated by it and the activity of the brokers who usually act for the leading dealers was sufficient to account for all the weakness displayed during the day. Prices dragged along during most of the day, slowly depreciating, but toward the close there was an increase of pressure of short stocks and special animation was developed in Reading, Rock Island, Burlington, New England, Erie and St. Paul, while all retired to still lower figures than had been reached during the forenoon.

The fears of a liquidation of Mr. Bostwick's holdings possibly exerted some influence in bringing that stock to the front, but the selling for the day was strictly for the short account and in anticipation of such liquidating, the market remained without other feature and finally closed quiet and weak at the lowest prices of the day. The losses in the last hour brought most of the active stocks down to a materially lower level than that of last evening, and while sugar preferred scored a net gain of 2¾ per cent it stood alone in that respect, for cotton oil lost 1¾ per cent, Burlington 1¾ per cent, New England 1¾ per cent, Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred 1¾ per cent and New York Central 1 per cent. The transactions in listed shares reached only 787,000, but reading furnished 44,45, the trading in no other stock reaching 15,000 shares, and the unlisted department 41,887.

Government bonds have been dull and firm. State bonds have b en dull and steady.

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

Atchison.....	38⅜	Nat. Cordage pfd...	112
Adams Express.....	146	N. J. Central.....	113½
Alton, T. H.....	35	Norfolk & West. pfd	42¾
do preferred.....	130	North Amer. Co	13⅜
American Express..	120	Northern Pacific....	20¾
Baltimore & Ohio...	97⅜	do pfd.....	56⅜
Canada Pacific.....	73	Ohio & Gulf.....	17¾
Canada Southern....	58⅝	Northwestern.....	117
Central Pacific.....	30½	do pfd.....	143½
Ches. & Ohio.....	23¾	N. Y. Central.....	115
Chicago & Alton....	147	New York & N. Eng	35½
Chic. Bur. & Quincy	117½	Ontario & Western.	19⅝
Chicago Gas.....	81⅛	Oregon Imdrove ...	21
Consolidated Gas...	116¾	Oregon Nav.....	78
C. C. C. & St. L....	66	O. S. L. & U. N....	25
Colorado Coal.....	32½	Pacific Mail.....	43¾
Cotton Oil Certific's	45	Peo. Dec. & E.....	18
Del. & Hudson.....	135⅝	†Pittsburg.....	153
D., L. & W.....	156	Pullman Palace.....	193
D. & R. G. pfd.....	47⅛	Reading.....	68¾
D. & G. E. R. Co....	47⅛	Richmond Term	8⅝
East Tenn	4½	Rio Grand Western.	36
Erie.....	27	do pfd.....	49⅝
do pfd.....	63½	R. G. & W. pfd.....	70¾
†Fort Wayne.....	153	Rock Island.....	80¾
Great Northern pfd.	143	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd.	83¾
Chicago & E. Ill. pfd	98¾	St. Paul.....	82⅝
Hocking Valley.....	33¼	do pfd.....	126⅝
Illinois Central.....	98¾	St. Paul & Omaha..	52⅝
St. Paul & Duluth..	24	St. P. & Omaha pfd.	105
Kansas & Texas pfd	27	Southern Pacific....	35⅝
Lake Erie & West...	24½	Sugar Refinery.....	108½
do pfd.....	76	Tenn. Coal & Iron..	33
Lake Shore.....	134⅛	Texas Pacific.....	8⅞
Lead Trust.....	40¾	Tol. & O. C. pfd....	80
Louisville & Nash..	69	Union Pacific.....	38⅜
Louisville & N. A...	25¾	U. S. Express.....	58
Manhattan Con....	136¾	Wabash, St. L. & P..	10⅜
Memphis & Char....	40	do pfd.....	25¾
Michigan Central...	108¾	Wells Fargo Ex.....	142
Missouri Pacific....	59	Western Union.....	99⅛
Mobile & Ohio.....	35	Wheeling & L. E	19⅝
Nashville Coat.....	88	do pfd.	69¼
National Cordage...	127¾		

* asked. † bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 229,793 shares, including: Atchison, 14,235; Chicago Gas, 5,800; Erie, 12,500; Manhattan, 6,275; Missouri Pacific, 1,250; Northern Pacific preferred, 6,814; Reading, 45,235; St. Paul, 13,230; Western Union, 5,200.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy, ranging from 1¼ to 2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closing, offered at 1¼ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Steady; 3½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.....	115¾	Mutual Union 6s....	110½
U. S. 4s coup.....	115¾	N. J. C. Int. Cert....	111¾
U. S. 4½s reg.....	109	*North. Pacific 1sts.	116⅜
*Pacific 6s of '95....	107¼	*North Pacific 2nds.	114
Louisiana stand 4s.	92	Northwestern Con..	137¾
Tenn. new set 6s....	103¼	*N. W. Con. Deb. 5s.	109
Tenn. new set 5s....	100	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s.	85
Tenn. new set 3s....	76¼	*St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	103½
Canada So. 2nds....	102¾	St. Paul Consol....	129
Central Pacific 1sts	106	St. P., C. & P. 1sts..	118
Den. & R. G. 1st....	117	Tex. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	80
Den. & R. G. 4s	80¾	Tex. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	27
Erie 2nds.....	104¾	*Union Pacific 1sts....	109¼
M., K. & T. Gen. 6s.	80¾	West Shore.....	103¾
M., K. & T. Gen. 5s.	47	R. G. & W.....	79¾

* bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 17.—The following are the closing stock quotations:

Atch. & Top.....	38⅜	Boston & Mont	275
Boston & Albany....	175	Calumet & Hecla....	300
do Maine.....	175½	Franklin.....	121½
Chi. Bur. & Quincy..	102¾	Kearsarge.....	11¼
Eastern R. R. 6s....	122½	Osceola.....	32
Fitchburg R. R.....	123¾	Santa Fe Copper....	19
K. C. St. J. & C. B.	123	Tamarack.....	167
L. R. & Ft. S.....	92½	West End Land Co..	88¼
Mex. Cen. com.....	15⅝	Bell Telephone.....	204
N. Y. & N. Eng.....	51¾	Lamson Store S....	18
do 7s.....	12	Water Power.....	28¾
Wis. Central com..	17	Cent. M.....	7⅜
do preferred.....	49	N. E. T. & T.....	86¾
Allouez M. Co.(new)	90	B. & B. Cop.....	9¾
Atlantic.....	9¾		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

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

Alta.....	2	Potosi.....	45
Best & Belcher.....	12	savage.....	60
Bodie Consolidated.	25	Sierra Nevada.....	105
Challenge.....	22	Union Consolidated.	75
C. C. & Va.....	325	Utah.....	10
Crown Point.....	50	Yellow Jacket.....	45
Eureka Con.....	160	Commonwealth.....	11
Gould & Curry.....	80	N. O.....	15
Hale & Norcross.....	110	B. H.....	5
Mexican.....	170	N. B. H.....	5
Ophir.....	220		

New York Mining Quotations.

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

Con. Cal. & Va.....	325	Sierra Nevada.....	105
Deadwood.....	215	Standard.....	140
Gould & Curry.....	80	Union Con.....	75
Hale & Norcross....	110	Iron Silver.....	50
*Homestake.....	1500	Quicksilver.....	350
*Independence.....	20	do preferred.....	1725
*North Star.....	650	Bulwer.....	80
Plymouth.....	25		

* asked.

St. Louis Mining Stocks.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 17.—On the Mining exchange today the following quotations were made on call:

Stock.	Bid.	Asked.	Stock.	Bid.	Asked.
Am Nettie.....	01¾		Pat Murphy. 02	05	
Elizabeth.....	03⅜		Silver Bell... 10	18¾	
Granite Min.	8 01				

London Financial Review.

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LONDON, Aug. 17.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Business has shown a little more life in the stock exchange today, though at the best it has been quiet. Consols are ⅛ per cent quieter, Indian rupee paper has fallen 1⅝ per cent, owing to slight reinpases in the price of silver. With one or two exceptions foreign government securities closed tolerably firm, a good tone being reported on continental bourses. Home railways have been dealt in to a larger extent than for some some time past and have been quite buoyant, having been favorably influenced by fine weather, while the traffic statements were encouraging. Brighton deferred has been freely bid for, resulting in a rise of 2¾ per cent. An advance of 1⅛ per cent, was established in Great Western and Northeastern, ¾ per cent in Southeastern deferred, ⅝ per cent in Great Eastern, 2 per cent in London and Southwestern, ⅛ to ¼ per cent in nearly all others. American railways closed less firm than they have been, due to latest advices regarding strikes, but considering the serious nature of the news the market is singularly little effected either in New York or here, which leads to the belief that the accounts have been exaggerated. There has been an improvement in the demand for money. Short loans have been easily obtained at ½ per cent. The discount market is firmer; two and three months' bills have been quoted at 1 to 1⅛ per cent.

Financial Notes.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Three per cent rentes 90f 82½c for the account.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Clearings, $88,166,517; balances, $4,311,737.

HAVANA, Aug. 17.—Spanish gold, $2.59¼@2.59½. Exchange quiet. Sugar quiet.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 17.—Clearings, $2,365,708; balances, $145,918. Rate, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 17.—Clearings, $11,038,204; balances, $1,028,6.0. Money, 2½@3 per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 17.—New York exchange sellin at $1.05; clearings, $226,60); balances, $84,493.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 17.—Clearings today, $1,037,334. New York exchange, commercial, 50c; bank, $1.50 per $1,000 premium.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 17.—Clearings, $1,277,802; balances, $577,248. Money firm at 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 40c discount.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 17.—Clearings, $14,404,065; balances, $1,052,012. Rate for money, 4 per cent. Exchange on New York, 12½@15c discount.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 17.—Money, steady and unchanged. New York exchange, 4 c discount. Sterling exchange, dull and unchanged. Clearings, $17,679,935.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—E. Von Hoffman & Co., have ordered $700,00 and Heidelbach, Ickelmer & Co. $250,000 gold coin for shipment to Europe tomorrow by the steamship Columbia.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balances today was £9,000. India council bills were allotted today at a decline of ⅛d per rupee. Paris advices quote 3 per centes at 99f. 82½c for the account and exchange on London at 25f. 18½c for checks.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Trading Moderately Active—Hogs Dull and Lower.

OMAHA, Aug. 17.—Receipts for the first half of this week compared with those for the first half of last week show a de rease of nearly 1,0 0 cattle and 3,2 0 hogs and an increase of over 1,000 sheep.

The run of cattle was not by any means heavy. There were hardly as many received as were here last Wednesday and some 300 head of half fat and green cattle were bought at Kansas City and consigned direct to a local killer, not being offered on the market. There was a good healthy demand for decent cattle of all kinds and on such prices ruled about steady. Some tidy fat beeves sold a shade stronger. On the other hand the general run of half fat and green cattle were hard to move even at a substantial r duction from Tuesday's prices. Fair to good cornfed steers brou ht from $4.10 to $4.40, with several loads of half fat and green stuff at $3.30 to $3.90. There were several sales of western cattle here good enough for beef. None of them were choice, and sales were at from $2.65 to $3.45. There were a few loads of mostly inferior cattle unsold at the close.

Butcher stuff generally sold a shade stronger. The fresh receipts included twenty or twenty-five loads of cows and mixed stuff, and the general quality of the offerings was nothing extra. All local houses wanted this class of stuff and the trade was fairly brisk. Poor to good cows and heifers sold at from $1.60 to $2.80. Bulls, oxen and stags were slow at from $1.25 to $1.75. Calves were in fair supply and demand and prices gradually ruled firm at from $1.20 to $4.25.

The tone to the trade in stock and feeding cattle was better than it has been for some time past. Fresh receipts were light, and the supply in the hands of regular dealers smaller than usual. Several country buyers were looking around, and quite a few cattle changed hands. Sales were at from $4.50 to $4.0 , but $2.25 to $2.75 bought the bulk. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
31	1045	$3 30	21	0 6	$4 60	23	1020	$4 25
41	1033	3 35	42	1 74	4 10	17	1119	4 40
1	1150	3 50						

SHIPPING AND EXPORT.

19	1059	3 35						

COWS.

1	690	1 00	1	740	75	18	956	2 10
3	883	1 15	4	1005	1 75	17	982	2 15
2	870	1 40	3	1025	1 50	23	828	2 20
8	1025	1 50	23	951	1 85	4	1147	2 25
1	1 0	1 50	22	818	1 90	4	957	2 25
4	1 7	1 50	11	991	2 00	5	954	2 25
10	980	1 50	2	755	2 00	15	911	2 30
1	1030	1 50	1	1370	2 00	11	910	2 40
4	1027	1 50	6	1165	2 00	6	1067	2 60
6	995	1 60	21	881	2 05	7	888	2 65
20	773	1 75	6	793	2 05			

COWS AND HEIFERS.

2	800	1 75	18	821	1 75			

HEIFERS.

4	440	1 10	5	438	1 15	2	270	1 25

CALVES.

8	375	1 20	2	165	3 00	1	140	3 50
8	375	1 25	1	227	3 00	2	180	4 00
4	222	1 25	4	235	3 25