cent. Exchange on New York, \$1.00@1.50 dis-

LONDON, Aug. 15. Amount of bullion gone nto the Bank of England on balance today,

New Orleans, Aug. 15.—Clearings, \$941,045. New York exchange, commercial, \$7.50 pre-mium; bank, par.

MENPHS, Aug. 15, New York exchange selling at \$1,50 premium. Clearings, \$95,425; balances, \$17,172.

Dalances, \$17,172.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 15.—Money, 76:8 per cent.
New York exchange () \$5,000,88.00 discount.
Clearings \$1,130,550.

New York, Aug. 15.—Petroleum weak; there
were no sales; Pennsylvania spot. sales, none;
September options sales, none; 57:5c bid.

St. Louis Aug. 15: Bank clearings today.

St. Louis, Aug. 15.: Bank clearings today, \$2,653,109; balances, \$277,411. Money, quiet, 628 per cent, exchange on New York, \$6 discount.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Clearings, \$10,556,879. New York exchange \$15 discount. Sterling exchange firmer; actual, \$4,79@4.83%. Money comfortable at 7 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Trade Barely Steady-Hogs Active

and Much Higher.

Receipts today were about up to the aver-

age for a Tuesday in August. For the two

days supplies foot up 3.965 cattle, 5,249 hogs

and 1,146 sheep, as against 2,902 cattle, 7,395

hogs and 3,642 sheep Monday and Tuesday

The cattle market today lacked life and

there were a good many soft spots in

the trade. Most salesmen thought they got

very nearly steady prices for cattle that

suited the dressed beef men, but ordinary to

poor stuff was hard to move even at prices

weak to a dime lower than Monday.

of last week.

\$1.30 to \$1.85.

TUESDAY, Aug. 15.

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Almost One Cent Knocked Off the Price of Wheat.

THAT CEREAL OPENED AT A DECLINE

Early Weakness in Ratiroad Stocks Was a Weakening Factor-In Corn Cloudy Weather Made Buyers a Little Backward.

Cuicago, Aug. 15 .- The premium on currency increasing the discount on New York drafts here today was chiefly what knocked We off the price of wheat. Corn suffered also to the extent of 3cc. There was a decided scarcity of offerings of provisions. Compared with last night, pork is up 2714c,

lard 1714c and ribs 20c. Wheat at the opening was about 1/c lower than yesterday's closing figures, and after some slight fluctuations prices further declined 1/c, then became strong, and were advanced from 1c to 1 kc, again eased off, and the closing was easy, from he to he from the bottom. It was surmised that some of the large speculative operators were creating a little manipulation of the market in a speculative way. A day or two ago they bought at the lower figures and the market advanced sharply, and at the higher prices it was claimed, they sold, and now are awaiting a turn to buy in again. Of course the financial situation is having effect upon the market. The recent strength in exchange helped to advance the price of wheat, while today exchange was again re-ported easier and at 15c discount and this worked against the interest of holders. Dables are generally lower, reflecting the course of the American markets yesterday The early weakness in railroad stocks in New York was a weakening feature. There

was good buying at the decline which held the market rather steady. The receipts continue light, even in the northwest the movements seem to be letting up. Local receipts only 119 cars and the estimates for Theorem were only 45 cars.

In corn, cloudy weather made buyers a little backward. The weaker feeling in theat also had some effect in a general way. The market opened at from 14c to 14c de cline and later receded from 15c to 25c, but recovered from 15c to 25c and closed com-

paratively steady. Price changes in oats were confined to be and the close was at a reduction of from \( \frac{1}{2} \)c. Trade was light.

The packers' anticipation of a falling off the results of \( \frac{1}{2} \).

in receipts of hogs was borne out by today's report of only 7,500 head having been re-ceived at the yards. The hog market was consequently strong and as a further consequence the price of hog products was advanced. Lard for September brought a premium of from 2214c to 25c over the October delivery, suggesting that more is sold for the Easter month than is warranted by the limited stocks and causing apprehension of some sort of a squeeze. Final quotations were not far from the top.

The demand for vessel room was moderate and rates steady at 14c for wheat and 1c for corn to Buffalo and 234c for wheat and 234c for corn to Kingston. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, ars: corn, 225 cars; oats, 125 cars; hogs,

15,000 head. The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low,	Close.
WHEAT— Aug. Sopt Dec	62 63 70% 17%	621s 634s 71	61% 62% 70	6154 6254 7036
Oet		30%66% 40% 41%	30%654 40 41%	39% 40% 41%
Aug Sept May	2436 2536 3036	2434 2534 31	24% 25 30%	24% 25% 30%
Aug Sept	12 50 12 62% 12 05	12 77% 13 00 13 00	12 50 12 62% 12 95	12 77% 12 90 13 00
Aug Sept	8 12%	8 50 8 25	8 30 8 10	8 47% 8 47% 8 22%
Aug. Sept		7 70 7 07%	7 40 7 40	7 70 7 70 7 67%

Frour—Dull; buyers and schers apart. Whear—No. 2 spring, 61½c; No. 3 spring, f. o. ., 60c; No. 2 red, 61½c. Cons—No. 2, 39½c; No. 3 yellow closing at

40c.
OATS—No. 2, 24%c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 29% 
80%c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 28% 20c.
KYE—No. 2, 47c.
BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 35@ 
40c; No. 4, no sales.
FLAX SEED—No. 1, \$1.02%.
TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, \$3.25.
PORK—Moss, per bbl., \$12.87% 1013,12%; lard, per 100 lbs., \$8.47% 28.57%; short ribs sides (loose). \$7.7027.75; dry s., lted shoulders (boxed, \$7.00@7.25; short clear sides (boxed), \$7.00@7.20.

VHISKY-Distillers' finished goods, per gal., Sugans-Cut loaf, unchanged; granulated, 5.70; standard "A." 5.82.
The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

AUTICLES.	RECEIPTS:	SHIPMENTS
Flour, bbls Wheat, bu Corn, bu Oats, bu Rye, bu Barley, bu	250,295 4,465	13,55 19,52 10,748 107,48 1,80 8,52

16@20c. Eggs, steady; strictly fresh, 13@13Mc New York Markets.

Youk, Aug. 15.— Flour-Receipts pkgs.; exports, 25 bbls., 12,855 sacks; 5,900 pkgs.; market dull, barely sales, 5,000 personal steady.

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CORN MEAL.—Dull, steady.

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west

closing at 47%c; October, 48%c45%c, closing at 47%c.
OATS—Receipts, 148,000 bu; exports, 10,522 bn; sales, 90,000 bu, futures, 78,000 bn.
spot. Spots, dull, steady. Options, duil, easier;
August, 30%c, closing at 30%c; September, 80%c31%, closing at 30%c; September, 31%c
Bisc, closing at 31%c; No. 2 white, 40%c;
No. 2 Chicago, 31%c32c; No. 3, 30%c; No. 3
white, 30%c; mixed western, 31%33%c.
Hors—Duil, weak; wet salted New Orleans
Selected, 45 to 50 lbs. 465c.
Woot—Duil, irregular; domestic fleeces, 20
628c; pulled, 16%25c; Texas, 12%17c.
Phoytsions—Cut meats, steady, duil; pickled
bellies, 12 lbs., 11%c; pickled shoulders, 6%c; pickled hans, 10%c31%c; middles, nominal.
Lard, firmer, duil; western steam closed at 6c bid; sales none; options none; September closed at 49, nominal; October, \$8.70, nominal; refined, duil, \$8.75; compound, \$7.75;
Pork, quict, firm, now mess, \$14.50g,15.00.
RUTTER—Light receipts, firm; western
dairy, 15%18c; western creamery, 17%24c;
western factory, 14%18c; Ekrins, 22c.
CHEESE—More demand, firmer; part skims, 15%c6; wastern, fresh, 16%17c.
TALLOW—Firmer, quiet; city (\$2 per pkg.).
Acc; case, \$2.50g3, 25.
COTTONSEED OIL—Duil, steady; crude, 35%
37c; yellow, 43c.
Perriotevs—Firm, quiet; refined, \$5.15;
Philadelphia and Baltimore, \$5.10; refined in builk, \$2.00g2, 25c.
Rosin—Duil, steady; strained, common to good, 98c395c.
TUHPENTINE—Quiet; 2646526c.

good, 90635c.
TURPENTINE—Quiet; 25%5526c.
Rice—Fair demand, firm; domestic, fair to extra, 2%555c; Japan, 4%544c.
MOLASSES—Steady, dull; New Orleans, open keitic, good to choice, 306350cc, broak—Raw, dull, steady; refined, quiet, steady. 1 inon-Quiet, steady; American, #12.75@

o., oprga-Barely steady; lake, \$9.65, and—hult; domestic, \$3.82\(\gamma\), s—Barely steady; \$18.20; plates, quiet, SPELTER-Steady; domestic, \$3.75; on 'change,

Cotton Market. New ORLEANS. Aug. 15.—Futures quiet, stendy; sales, 4,500 bales; August, 86,86@6.88; eptember 28,87@8.88; October, 88,87@8.89; Avember, 7.18@7.19;

January, \$7.3327.34; February, \$7.4127.43; March, \$7.4927.51; good middling, 714c; middling, 714c; iow middling, 6.15-16c; good ordinary, 6.4c. Net receipts, 457 bales, including 2 bales new crop; gross, 460 bales; exports to the continent, 0.034 bales; coastwife, 1.297 bales; sales, 300 bales; stock, 48.258 bales; total number bales new cotton received to date, 425 bales.

Omaha Produce Market. THITTER-FRIDEY creamerles, solid packed, 19c. fair to good creamerles, solid packed, 10218c; choice to famry country, 14215c; fair to good country, 12213c; packing stock, fresh, 11c.

fresh, 11c.

EGGS—The market is practically steady and
three is not much life to the trade. The recelpts are not large, but they are sufficient to
unply the trade. The bulk of the sales are supply the trade. The bulk of the sales are reported at 10;2011c.
Live Poultrny—The receipts for this week are larger; choice old hens, 74c; old roosters, 425c; spring chickens, 9211c.
Oxfors—Home grown stock is plenty at 14c per ib. on orders from the country.
Towaroes—Home grown stock, per 4-basket trate, 75280c.

TOMATORS—Home grown stock, per 4-basket crate, 75980c.
HONEY—New white clover, per ib., 18c.
BERRIES—There are still a few blackberries coming and some blueberries. Blackberries per 24-qt case, \$3.0023.25; blueberries, per b-ut case, \$1.
POTATORS—There is very little doing in potatoes and very few find their way into the hands of the commission men at the present time. The local growers do not appear to be bringing in as many as they were, but still there are enough to supply the local retail trade. On orders from the country they are

GRAPES—So far this season there have not been very many grapes in from California. California, per case, \$2; Illinois, per 9-ib, basket, 40%50c. busket, 40%50c.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Early Crawford peaches, per box, \$1.15; 5 to 10-box lots, \$1.05%1.10; clings, \$1.10; 10-box lots, clings, \$1; Bartiett pears, per box, \$2; plums, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2; nectarines, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2; nectarines, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2; nectarines, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2; nectarines, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2; nectarines, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2; nectarines, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2; nectarines, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2; nectarines, per box, \$1.50% 1.75; extra fancy plums, \$2.50% 1.75; extra fancy

box, \$1.50.

MELONS—The supply of watermelons is larger than it was a few days ago. Good watermelons are selling all the way from \$16 to \$20 per 100; small or inferior, \$10.00@15.00 to \$20 per 100; small or Inferior, \$10,00215,00 Jem cantaloupes, basicets, \$1,25; short crates, \$1,25@1.50; long crates, \$1,75@2.00.

APPLISS—No applies to amount to anything are being shipped in, and the supply of home grown stock is moderate. Choice Duchess, per bbl., \$3.50; common varieties, suitable to ship on orders, \$2.75@3.00.

Canhage—The business in shipping cabbage to the country appears to be about over. Occasional orders are received and filled at 114c.

CELERY-Stray shipments are arriving and the quality of the stock is pronounced good for this season of the year. Celery, per doz. bunches. 35c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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LEMONS—The steady warm weather produces a very fair demand for lemons and all houses are doing a good steady business in them. Messinas, extra fancy, \$6.00;56.50; Messinas, per box, choice to fancy, \$5.00;25.50.

OHANGES—There are only a few oranges arriving. Riverside Mediterranean sweets, \$3.75.

BANAXS—Prices remain about steady. Per bunch, large, \$2.25;22.75; per bunch, small to medium, \$2.00;62.25.

HIDES TALLOW, FTC.

Hibes, tallow, etc.

Hibes—No. 1 green hides. 24/c; No. 2 green hides, 2c; No. 1 green saited hides, 24/c; No. 2 green saited hides, 2c; No. 1 green saited hides, 25/lbs, to 40/lbs, 24/c; No. 1 green saited hides, 25/lbs, to 40/lbs, 24/c; No. 2 green saited hides, 25/lbs, to 40/lbs, 2c; No. 1 green saited hides 5c; No. 1 veal calf, 8/lbs, to 15/lbs, 5c; No. 2 veal calf, 8/lbs, to 15/lbs, 5c; No. 1 dry flinthides, 5c; No. 2 dry flinthides, 4c; No. 1 dry saited hides, 5c. Part cured hides 4c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green saited, each 35/c681, 25/green saited shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15/625c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 10/2/lic; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 7/610c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 7/69c; dry shearling weight, per lb, actual weight, 7/69c; dry set and weight, per lb, actual weight, 7/69c; dry streat weight, 10/20. HIDES, TALLOW, ETC. rain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 769c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 567c.

Tallow AND Girasse—Tallow, No. 1, 4c; tallow, No. 2, 3½c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 262½c; eqe swax, prime, 16625c; rough tallow, 2½ ©3c.

St. Louis Markets. Sr. Louis, Aug. 15 .- FLOUR-Steady, un-WHEAT-Market tame, except for brief rally,

WHEAT—Market tame, except for brief rally, closing finally \$\(^2\) below yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 59\(^2\) c; Cons—Boyle; Sugust, 59\(^2\) c; September, 60\(^3\) 60\(^4\) c. December, 68\(^3\) c. Cons—Weak on crop conditions, losing \$\(^4\) c. No. 2 mixed, cash and August, 34\(^2\) september, 35\(^3\) c. December, 34\(^2\) c; year, 33\(^3\) c. Oars—Lower; No. 2 cash, 23\(^3\) c; August, 23\(^3\) c; September, 23\(^3\) c. BUTTER—Firm, unchanged.

EGGS—Firm, unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Firmer, better; pork, new make, \$13.50; lard, \$8.25; dry sait meats, loose shoulders, \$6.87\(^3\); longs and ribs, \$7.80; shorts, \$8.25; boxed, 15\(^6\) more; bacon, packed shoulders, \$8.75; longs and ribs, \$9.12\(^3\); shorts, \$9.50; hams, sugar-cured, \$13.00\(^6\) 14.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 sacks; wheat, 128,-

RECEIPTS-Flour, 3,000 sacks; wheat, 128,000 bu.; corn, 67,000 bu.; oats, 35,000 bu.; rye and barley none.
SHIPMENTS-Flour, 90,000 sacks; wheat, 16,

corn, 53,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.; rye Kansas City Markets. KANSAS CITY, Aug. 15.—WHEAT—1c lower; No. 1 hard, 52½\$53c; No. 2 red, 54\$54½c. CORN—Firm, quiet; No. 2 mixed, 29\$30c; No. 2 white, 29\$30c. OATS—Firm and in good demand; No. 2 mixed, 21\$2c; No. 2 white, nominally 25\$2

EYE-Steady: No. 2, nominally 47c. FLAX SEED-Nominally 85@86c. BRAN-Firm: 51@53c. BRAN—Firm, 114536.
HAY—Firm, unchanged.
BUTTER—Stendy, unchanged; creamery, 16@
19c; dairy, 15@18c.
EGGS—Active, firm; 94c.
RECEIPTS—Wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.;

SHIPMENTS-Wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 4,000

Oil Markets. Oil City, Pa., Aug. 15.—National transit cer-tificates opened at 55%; highest, 58%; lowest, 56%; closed, 58; sales, 21,000 bbls; clearances, 18,000 bbls; shipments, 129,100 bbls; runs, 107,647 bbls. 107,647 bbls.
Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 15.—National transit cortificates opened at 574; closed, 574; highest, 574; lowest, 57; sales, none.
Liverpool, Aug. 15.—Turpentine Spirits—20s 9d per cwt. Weather very warm.
London, Aug. 15.—Linserd Oil.—21s 11d@21s
114d per cwt.
Turpentine Spirits—20s 6d per cwt. 107.647 bbls.

Liverpool Markets, Liveupoot, Aug. 15.—Wheat—Dull, de-mand poor; holders offer freely; red western, spring, 5s 7:-dig 5s 5d per cental; No. 2 red, win-ter, 5s 7:dig 5s 9d; receipts for the past three days, 230,000 centals, including 135,000 cencan corn for the past three days, 61,300 centrals. centals.

BEEF-Extra India mess, 224s 6d per cen-tal; bacon, long clear, 45c lbs., 25s 6d per cwt.

Coffee Market. Coffee Market.

New York. Aug. 15.—Outlons opened quiet, 5 points up to 5 points down closed barely steady, 5 to 29 points down; sales, 14, 250 bags, including: September, \$14,855,15,25; October, \$14,85,615,00; December, \$14,80,215,00; December, \$14,75,214,80, January, \$14,65,214,70; March, \$14,40,214,50; May, \$14,20, Spot Rio, easier, quiet; No. 7, \$15,5; sales 3,100 bags.

Philadelphia Grain Market. PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15.—WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 red, August, 661426664c. Conn—Dull; No. 2 mixed, August, 47446 Oars-Ruled stendy; No. 2 white, 35c. Cincanata Markets.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 15.—WHEAT-Scarce, higher; No. 2 red, 58c. Couns—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 44c. OATS—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 26 kc. WHISKY—Steady; \$1.12.

Minneapolis Wheat Market. Minneapolis, Aug. 15.—Futures dull and lower; cash, stronger. On track: No. 1 hard, 61c; No. 1 northern, 59c; No. 2 northern, 57c; August and September, 564c; December, 634c.

Baltimore Grain Market. BALTIMORE, Aug. 15.-WHEAT-Easy; August. CORN—Dull; spot and August, 47c. OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white western, 34c. Toteds Grain Market.

Tolebo, Aug. 15.—Whit—Active, steady; No. 2 cash, 61 kg.; Corn—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 42c, Oars—Quiet; mixed, cash, 25 kg.

Havana Market Closed. HAVANA, Aug. 15. Holiday; markets STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Were Duli and a Lower Range of Values Prevailed. NEW YORK. Aug. 15 .- The stock market was extremely dull throughout today and a still lower range of prices prevailed. The dealings were confined almost entirely to the professional element, which continues bearish on unsettled state of affairs. The true cause for this situation developed today after 8 o'clock, when it was learned that the syndicate formed to take the collateral trust notes of the Northern Pacific company to liquidate the floating debt had been disrupted and on the application of the trust company receivers had been appointed for the property. This sudden turn of balances \$1,250,057. Money, 7 3-1000 per

affairs explains the steady outpouring of all the Northern Pacific securities. The North American, which company holds a certain amount of Northern Pacific securities, was naturally affected, and sold at 2% per cent, the lowest price ever touched. The Northern Pacific common feil off to 4% per cent and the preferred to 15½. In the remainder of the list, General Electric fell off 2½ per cent to 48½, while other stocks yielded from ¼ to 1½ per cent. During the afternoon cent to 4814, while other stocks yielded from 14 to 114 per cent. During the afternoon there was a rally of 14 to 114 per cent, and the improvement was fairly well maintained at the close. That there was no particular pressure to sell was evidenced by the fact that only 144,016 shares changed hands all day. The market closed steadier at the re-

The Post says: The fact that the London brokers have been buying our stocks, chiefly St. Paul, in the face of this week's Stock exchange settlement, is significant, but not exactly in the sense of which Wall street takes it. The few days preceding London's settlement are always devoted to the squar-ing of speculative accounts, and the accounts of the last fortnight most in need of squaring are clearly the short sales. London is not now buying for the rise. The large cap-italists seem to have taken already a sufficient load, and little speculators are for the time warned off by the high London money rate. Whether this rate is to make further advances depends, no doubt, on the action of the Bank of France.

Paris exchange holds firm even above the rate at which gold can be shipped to London, and it is bound to so long as London's open market discounts rule at 4 per cent, against 214 per cent in Paris. Thus far the French bank has shown unexpected willingness to bank has shown unexpected willingness to release its gold; arguing no doubt that the gold will go to the United States perforce, sooner or later, when France is compelled to make good its fodder crop deficiency in our markets. All this and the ready accommodation of our bankers in the German specie market look strongly unlike the "scramble for gold" by the whole of Europe of which we have lately heard so much. Some of the ignoramuses who let loose last Sunday's cables on a dismayed community pointed with gloomy shakes of the head to the very high premium on gold in Rome and Madrid. It does not seem to have occurred to these philosophers that nations on the verge of bankruptcy and flooded with irredeemable paper money are very likely to be auxious bidders for the little gold their own depre-

The closing quotations on bonds:

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Union Con 35
Yellow Jacket 35
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Boston Stock Quotations.

Boston, Aug. 15.—Call loans, 7 3-10@10 per cent; time loans, 6 per cent and commission Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining

New York Mining Quotations.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

Chicago Financial Situation.

More Gold Imported.

New York, Aug. 15.—The London special to the Evening Post says: The Bank of England sold £52,000 in United States Igold coin today. Forty-five thousand sovereighs came in from Itoland. Bar gold was in good demand. Silver was at 73 id. and weak. The Stock exchange was stagnant today a Catholic holl-day on the European bourse. Americans were inclined to rise here in the absence of Americans sales.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 15.-Clearings, \$802,236.

New York, Aug. 15.—Clearings, \$4,768,-650; belances, \$4,736,395.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 15.—Clearings, \$2,101.116; balances, \$378,088. Money, 6 per cent. Philadeliphia, Aug. 15.—Clearings, \$8,130,-337; balances, \$1,577,813. Money, 6 per cent.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. - The following are th

Atch., Top. & S. F. | 1516 West End pref d. |
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do pref d. | 138 | Gen. Electric 58 |

exchange today

Feeders moved freely considering the ciated currency will buy.

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks on the New York weather and prices paid were fully steady, occasionally firmer, the demand being goo and the supply limited. Good to choice feeders are quotable at \$2.70 to \$3, fair to good at \$2.50 to \$2.70 and common stuff at

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Kan & Texas pt d. 15% Union Pacific 17%	20 882	2 00	31073	2 45
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Lake Shore 113   do pref d 1398	1 990	2.00	261012	2 45
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New York Money Market.

New York, Aug. 15.—Money on Call.—Easy at 3@5 per cent; last loan at 4 per cent, closing offered at 4 per cent.

Prime Mercantile Paper.—8@12 per cent. Sterling Exchange—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.81@4.82 for sixty days and \$4.864@4.87 for demand.

Silver Certificates — No sales reported; closed at 75c asked.

Government Bonds—Stronger. State bonds dul!. 782 WESTERN CATTLE. No. Av. Pr. No. Av. Pr. NEBRASKA 73 steers.1064 3 10 WYOMING The closing quotations on bonds:
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"LouisanaSmpd 4s 95 T. P. L. G. Tr. Retts.
"Missouri 6s. 95 T. P. R. G. Tr. Retts.
"Tenn. new set 6s. 95
Tenn. new set 3s. 97
"Contral Pac. 1sts. 102
"D. & R. G. Ists. 102
"D. & R. G. Ists. 104
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"M. & T. C. 5s. 1
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1 feed'r. 820 6 steers.1180 2 cows. 1005 14 cows. 875 1 cow... 890 f'd'rs. 961 2 60 steers.1404 3 60 scows. 879 1 75 1 cow. 1040 2 00 5 cows. 1010 2 65 5 cows. 1010 2 65 1 cows. 878 1 55 1 feed'r. 820 2 55 2 bulls. 1255 1 35 4 helfers 520 2 05 1 feeder. 520 2 05 3 calves. 340 2 50 8 cows. 900 2 60 2 cows. 1005 1 75 14 cows. 875 2 25 1 cow. 890 2 00 4 cows. 1015 2 65 1 str tlg1170 2 00 29 cows. 818 1 55 22 f'd'rs. 881 2 55 1 cow. 730 1 35 6 cows. 1118 2 65 11 cows. 878 1 55 1 feed'r. 820 2 55 2 bulls. 1255 1 35 4 helfers 520 2 00 1 feeder. 520 2 25 3 calves. 340 2 50 8 cows. 900 2 60 6 f'd'rs. 310 2 25 1 cow... 920 2 75 1 cow 730 1 35 1 str tig 1160 2 00 4 f<sup>d</sup> vs. 590 2 25 1 cow. 1220 2 60 16 steers 1195 2 90 1 cow. 1130 2 75 7 steers 1230 3 35 IDAHO CATTLE. 3 bulls. 1436 1 50 21 cows. 1002 2 60 1 feed'r. 1170 2 00 33 f'd'rs.. 1048 2 70

SOUTH DAKOTA. 21 cows 1080 2 50 3 strs tlg.1486 2 00 Hogs-The yards today had more the ap pearance of a hog market. Receipts were fair, but not heavy, about the same as a week ago. Eastern markets were reported nigher, and shipping buyers had orders for over a third of the offerings. Local buyers also all had good orders, and the trade was lively from the start, with prices anywhere from a dime to a quarter higher than Mor day. The advance was most on the good to choice light and butcher weight hogs that sold from \$5 up to \$5.15. Heavy and mixed packers sold very largely at \$5.85 and \$5.95 Squire of Boston was in the market for th first time in several mouths, and paid as high as \$5 for choice heavies while rough heavies sold as low as \$4.80 The pens were emptied carry in the forenoon the market being active throughout and closing firm at the advance. Trading was largely at \$4.90 to \$5, as against \$4.75 and \$4.80 Monday and \$4.60 to \$4.65 on last Tues-

lay. Representative sales: SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows: 200 237 262 208 249 228 252 189 227 233 244 250 208 222 210 216 St. Louis, Aug. 15.—Mining stocks lifeless, no change in prices. The following are the closing quotations: Granite M \$2.00 Amer. N . \$ .275cc .30 Elizabeth \$ .15 & .20 SHEEP-Receipts consisted of three loads of westerns. There was a limited inquiry for good muttons, but none for common and stock sheep. The feeling was very weak in sympathy with eastern markets and prices Chicago, Aug. 15.—New York exchange was weak today, offered at \$5 discount with \$15 discount bid. It was regarded by local bank officials as a good sign for Chicage, as it enables the banks here to keep on importing gold, paying for cable transfers at New York with New York exchange, Chicago thus importing gold when New York cannot do it. The weakness of exchange was also taken as a proof that Chicago grain and provisions are moving out. by long odds the lowest of the season, Fair to good natives, \$3.00@3.50; fair to good westerns, \$2.50@3.25; com-

mon and stock sheep. \$1.50@2.75; choice 40 to 100-1b, lambs. \$3.00@4.75 Chicago Live Stock Market.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The receipts of cattle were estimated at 3,000 head composed to about equal parts of natives, westerns and Texans. All descriptions made a gain in strength, the average of prices being from 5c to 10c higher than for Monday. There was a good demand from canners and dressed beef shippers, and with eastern buyers and exporters also looking for a few sait e, sellers had the best of the studion. Arrivals since Saturday have been 1,500 head no e than for the same time has vicek, but the recipis for the dist lifteen days of the month show a decrease of more than 30,000 head, as compared with 1892 and there is not the simmest signs of a chance that this loss will be made good inter in the month. Sellers had [matters all their own way today. The only thing that bothered them was to known just how much of an advance to ask. The stoff was taken as fast as offered at advances varying from 10c to 40c per 100 lis. Chicago Live Stock Market.

dium weights of fully 25c, the bulk of them changing hands at from \$5.25 to \$5.40. Light weights showed less change, 15c covering the gain in that class, but it was a highly satisfactory market for sollers. The only complaint they had to make was that they old not have more of them, the fresh receipts amounting to barely 7,000 head. The stuff was all out of sellers hands early in the forenoon, and the close was firm.

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The sheep supply was again large—altogether too large for the needs of the trade. Consequently the market remained weak. It was weak today, even the best grades, while for common to fair lots concessions of from 10c to 15c had to be made. Trade was very slow and many lots were in sellers hands after buyers had secured all the stock they wanted. Buyers did not want to pay more than from \$4 to \$4.25 for anything, and there were few loads at better than \$3.75. Quotations were from \$1.00 to \$3.25 for Texans; from \$1.75 to \$3.40 for westerns, and from \$1.75 to \$3.40 for westerns, and from \$1.55 to \$4.50 for natives. The lamb market was lower, quoted at from \$3 to \$5.65.

Receipts: Cattle, 3.000 head; calves, 1,000 head; hogs, 7,000 head; sheep, 14,000 head.

The Evening Journal reports:

UATTLE-Receipts, 3,100 head; shipments, 1,100 head; market 10c higher; prime, \$4.50; good to choice, \$4.3524.75; medium, \$3.002.4,00; common, \$4.6005.00; westerns, \$2.502.4,10; Texans, \$2.002.3,40; cows, \$1.2523.15.

Hous-Receipts, 7,500 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market higher; common rough, 5.75; Illent, \$5.302.5,45; butchers, \$5.502.5; prime heavy, \$5.302.5,45; butchers, \$5.502.5; prime heavy, \$5.302.5,50; lambs, \$3.502.4,50.

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St. Louis, Ang. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market active on all kinds; prices strong on natives and 10c higher on Texans; fair to good native steers, \$3.75\(\tilde{2}\)4.85; fair to pretty good Texas steers, \$2.30\(\tilde{2}\)3.00; cows, \$2.00\(\tilde{2}\)2.40.

Hogs—Receipts, 3.100 head; shipments, 300 head; market 10c higher; butchers' selections, \$5.75; light, \$5.50\(\tilde{2}\)5.00; mixed, \$5.00\(\tilde{6}\)5.0; heavy, \$4.90\(\tilde{2}\)5.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,100 head; shipments, none; market slow and unchanged.

A few bunches of good 1,200 to 1.300-lb, beeves sold at \$4.05 to \$4.20, but the fair to good 1,050 to 1,150-lb, steers sold at from \$3.75 to \$3.95. Fair to poor light and half fat stuff sold at from \$3.65 down. Very few of the westerns offered were good Ransas City Live Stock Market. Ransas City Live Stock Market.

Kansas City, Aug. 15.—Cattle—Recelpts, 9,000 head: shipments, 2,500 head: good cattle steady: others slow: Texas and shipping steers, \$2,3045,00: Texas and native cows, \$1.4543,00; butchers' stock, \$3,4044,15: stockers and feeders, \$1.7543,50; buils and mixed, \$1,6543,50. enough for beef and prices ruled rather low. A fair clearance was effected. The cow market was active and firm.

Decent butchers' stock sold largely at
from \$2 to \$2.50, with canners down to \$1.

mixed, \$1.65@3.50.
HOGS—Receipts, 5,200 head; shipments, none; market 15@35c higher; bulk of sales, \$4.90\overline{\sigma}5.40; heavies, \$4.80\overline{\sigma}5.20; nackers, \$5.00 \overline{\sigma}5.25; light, \$5.00\overline{\sigma}6.60; yorkers, \$5.50\overline{\sigma}5.60; pigs, \$5.47\overline{\sigma}5.60.
SHEEP—Receipts, 2,100 head; shipments, none; market steady; muttons, \$2.45\overline{\sigma}2.85; lambs, \$4.10\overline{\sigma}4.40. Calves were generally steady at from \$3 to \$3.50 and rough stock dull and weak at from

New York Live Stock Market. NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—BEEVES—No trade; dressed beef firm a. 6150. CALVES—Dull, but steady. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Active; higher for choice lambs; sheep sold at \$3; market slow. Hogs—Market slow at \$5.75.

Receipts and Disposition of Stock. Official receipts and disposition of stock as shown by the books of the Omaha Union Stock Yards company for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock p. m.August 15, 1893:

RECEIPTS. CATTLE. HOGS. SHEEP. HORSES & MLS Cars. | Head Cars. | Head Cars. | Head Cars. | Head. 79 1.893 63 3.995 3 545 3 90 DISPOSITION. CATTLE, | HOGS, ISHEEP Omaha Packing Co.
The G. H. Hammond Co.
Swift & Co.
The Cudahy Packing Co.
John P. Squire & Co.
Lavion 431

Layton Kingan & Co... Cadahy Bros... Wissmoth.

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Sperry & B.
Shippers and feeders. 195 307 Total..... 1,881 4,196 431 Stock in sight. Stock in Signt.

Receipts of live stock at the four principal western markets Tuesday, August 15:

Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.

South Omaha 1,893 3,995 545 545 Chicago 3,100 7,500 13,000 Kansas City 9,000 5,200 2,100 St. Louis 4,000 3,100 2,100 South Omaha..... Chicago..... Kansas City..... St. Louis.... Total...... 17,993 19,795 17,745

Leuvenmark dives tonight, Courtland. THE MAN WITH THE STRAW HAT

Edmund Downey in New York Advertiser. "Mamma, dear, why do you let that horrid man come into our room at night?"

"What man, darling?" I asked, scarcely heeding my child's question. "The man with the straw hat, who stands before your dressing table and

does something to his neck." I put down the book I was reading in my bedroom and went over to my child's

cot. "Go to sleep, Teddie, dear," I murmured, catching his outstretched hand and chating it. "You have been dreaming, my pet."

"Oh, no, mamma, dear," said my boy rising up to a sitting posture in his cot. "I am not dreaming. I have not been to sleep yet. I have been trying to keep my eyes on you, but I could not help looking at the man. He frightens me so much, mamma, dear."

I was quite alarmed now. What could be the matter with my dear child -my only child-my beautiful, sensible sensitive, little Teddie? He was only six years of age, but he seemed almost as wise and as gentle as his father-my darling who had left me forever just six months before.

"On, mamma, dear, why did you let the horrid man come into our room?" pleaded the child, the tears coursing down his bright, chubby cheeks. "He is such a horrid man-so unlike dear papa!

I burst into a flood of tears. But in a lew moments I succeeded in checking the torrent of my grief and turned toward my boy.

There was plenty of light in the small bedroom. A brilliant reading lamp lay on the dressing table. I gazed earnestly into my boy's wistful brown eyes. He was undoubtedly wide awake, and as I passed my hand over his face I found his white brow was quite cool. "What is it. Teddle, dear?" I asked. There is no man in the room, of

"But there was just a few moments ago, mamma." 'Indeed there was not, my pet."

"But I saw him, mamma. He came ast week, too, and I was awake and saw him. You had left the room for a while, and he came in at the door and went over to the dressing table and he did something strange with his neck. Then I shut my eyes, and when I opened them he was gone. You came into the room then, but I was too frightened to tell

I was in a fever of alarm now. What could all my child? "You were dreaming, Teddie. dear," persisted, stooping over him and kissing his lips and his cheeks. "Go to sleep

my pet."
"I am so frightened, mamma, dear.
All the week I was afraid to ask you about the man. Tonight he came again while you were reading, and he stood quite close to you and looked into the looking-glass and did something to his neck. And then I shut my eyes tight. Won't you promise not to leave me tonight, mamma, dear?" "I promise, my pet," kissing him again

and laying his head gently on the pil-

low. "Now, go to sleep, dear, while I read my book." What could all my darling? I wondered, as I stood near his cot patting his shoulders with my hand. He had never been an odd child, never been seriously ill; he had always slept wonderfully well; it was not easy to frighten or startle him. He had never had any nurse but myself, and I never told him stories of ghosts or fairies, nor had

allowed him to hear any such tales.

had always been his companion - he was my one thought, my one idol, always ex-cepting that other idol, my darling dead husband, who had shared his great love with Teddie and me.

The house I was now living in was situated hard by the banks of the Thames. It was a pretty little detached sottage, and I had secured it furnished at a wonderfully cheap rental-an important consideration, as my means were narrow, and all that could be saved or spared should be lavished on my be-

The following morning (Saturday)
Teddie seemed to be quite himself again. He remped with me, walked out with me, talked to me just as usual; and as he made no reference to the strange man of his dreams (for I had no doubt it was a dream which had disturbed him) I thought it best to keep silence on the unpleasant subject. Nor did the child refer to the dream during the next week. At least, up to Friday night. On Friday evening, shortly before 8 o'clock, as I was tucking him up in his

ot, my darling boy said: "Mamma, you will promise to remain

with me tonight?"
"Yes, dear," I. replied, "if you wish Then I kissed him and sat down in the

growing twilight. There was no one living with us in the cottage. A little girl from the neigh-berhood did all the rough housework

for me during the day, and usually went home about 8 o'clock As I did not go down stairs my little maid-of-all-work came up shortly after 8 o'clock to let me know she was going. A sudden impulse urged me, and I said: "Will you tell Dr. Jackson to give me a call this evening? You mas his house on your way home, I think?"

As soon as the little girl was gone got my lam) alight-Teddie was used to the light and it never seemed to disturb his sleep-and sat down near the dressing table. I was in a somewhat tremu lous condition-though I am not ordinarily weak of nerve-and found myself agitated by every sound which reached my ears.

About 9 o'clock I was horribly alarmed to hear a piteous cry from my child. I laid down my book hurriedly and went over to him.

"Mamma! mamma!" he cried. "There he is again! Oh, why do you let him come into our room?" I stared round the little bedroom, but

could see nothing strange. "There he is now, manma, dear-near the lamp on the dressing table!" point-ing with his forelinger. "And now he is going to lift his hand to his neck." I pressed my terrified child to my bosom and soothed him with words of love and clinging pressures. In a few moments he had regained his ordinary manner, and I allowed his head to sink back on the pillow. Just then I heard a loud knock at the

door. My boy started, "Can this be the man again, mamma, dear?" said he, "the horrid man with the large straw hat?" "No, darling," I murmured. "It is the doctor. I have asked him to come and see my little Teddie. You will not mind my leaving you for a moment to let the doctor in!

At first Teddie clung to me, but another knock at the hall door reached our ears, and my dear boy murmured: "I feei all right now, mamma. I know he won't come back again. Don't be long

I hurried down the short flight of stairs and let in Dr. Jackson, a kind, middle-aged gentleman, whose face was familiar to me. I brought the doctor up at once to my child and whispered to him that he was suffering from an attack of nightmare, and that he had a range delusion that he saw a man wit a large straw hat in the room.

The doctor looked curiously at me and then felt the child's pulse. He asked me some general questions about his health and took his temperature. "The child seems all right," said Dr.

Jackson, addressing me in a low voice. "I don't think you need be alarmed But exald I have a word with you out of his hearing?" "The doctor wants to speak with me

down stairs, Teddie." I said. "Do you mind my leaving you alone for a few moments? "No, mamma, dear," he answered.
"Only leave the door of the room open,

won't you?" When we reached the parlor the doetor with a grave face said: "This is certainly a most extraordinary affair-most extraordinary!

child has seen, three Friday nights in succession, a man with a large straw hat standing in front of the dressing table doing something to his neck, as the little man puts it. Do you know anything of this house?" "Nothing whatever, except that it is very pretty, very comfortable and very

cheap," I answered.
"Well, madam," said Dr. Jackson, "my advice to you is to leave the pretty, comfortable, cheap house at once-there is no occasion to get me into trouble with the agents by telling them you are acting on my professional advice. "But why?" What is the matter?" asked.

"I will tell you," said the doctor, "and then you can decide for yourself. And please understand, I am no believer in ghosts, but this is certainly a most puz-

ling case. This house was vacant for a twelvementh before you took it. The ast occupier was a man of somewhat evil reputation-he owned the house, I nderstand-who was very fend of boating. One Friday evening, about 9 o'clock, he returned from the river. wearing a large straw hat; that I recollect well, for I remember seeing it in the room when I was called in. He cut his throat, standing in front of the

iressing table in the bedroom. I left the awful house that night, more dead than alive. My boy is a strong man now, and one whom it would be hard to frighten, but he remembers still, with a feeling of horror, the un-accountable vision—the vision denied to me—of the man with the straw hat standing in front of the dressing table in the little bodroom.

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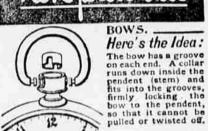
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