COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Good Buying Gave the Wheat Market a Steady Tone.

SHORTS BID SEPTEMBER CORN UP

There Was a Good Demand from Elevator Men During the Advance — This Class of Purchasers Was an Important Factor.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Good buying and reports of heavy buying for export gave the wheat market a steady tone today and December closed with a gain of ½c. September corn was bid up by shorts, closing 1⅝c higher. September oats finished ¾c higher and provisions closed with moderate gains.

The wheat market was a shade easier at the opening than it closed yesterday afternoon, but very quickly it turned in the other direction and advanced ⅜c over the lowest price made at the moment of opening. There was a good demand from elevator men for September during the advance, and, in fact, the rise was due principally to that class of buying. Armour & Co.'s brokers were the most conspicuous bidders for September during the advance referred to and they were not at that time selling any December against their purchases. Later, when the rise stopped with a gain so immaterial, Armour & Co. commenced to sell. The northwestern receipts were heavy, numbering 807 cars at Minneapolis and Duluth. The opening price of December was 56⅜c, and, after advancing to 57¼c, it got back again to the opening figures and 56⅜c was the trading price again about 11:30 o'clock. Closing cables indicated some further improvement in the foreign market and there was a good demand reported from abroad for spring wheat. Towards the close prices rose again to a point higher than had previously been reached. December sold up to 57⅝c and closed with sellers at 57¼c.

Corn was strong and September was more urgently wanted than any other delivery, although the day's receipts were 411 cars, as compared with yesterday's estimates of 370. The advices from the interior of this state are to the effect that the week will see the end of the free deliveries of corn. The bulk of the receipts now being received are from Illinois and are sent to fill sales for September delivery. The shorts fought the movement for a short time today, but when it rose to about 53c, from around 52⅝c at the opening, some of the shorts became satisfied that discretion was the better part of valor and began to buy. The market easily rose another ⅜c on that extra demand. September was not so easy to buy and rose from 55⅝c, near the opening, to 56½c about half an hour from the close. Business was brisk in twenty-minute spots and dull for the greater part of the time. The situation, as regards the September shorts, became more distressing as the session neared its close, and 57c was paid for some, with 56⅞c the current price in the end. May closed at its highest point for the day and week, 53⅜c.

Cash oats were wanted, and, as a good supply was to be had, a fair business was transacted. Values on all varieties were up a trifle. The speculative crowd was equally as active, influenced by higher cash prices, the strength in corn and continued good buying orders from the country. September sold from 29⅝c to 30c, where it closed.

Provisions were again firm until near the close, when there was some realizing by September longs in pork and a lessening of the buying pressure from shorts in that article and in September ribs. The January deliveries were wanted to fill orders from outside and they closed strong, but, as a rule, at some reduction from the highest prices of the day. Compared with yesterday's close, prices for September, the following changes are noted: Pork, 7½c lower; lard, 10c, and ribs, 2½c higher. In January deliveries the following changes are noted: Pork, 10c; lard, 12½c; and ribs, 7½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2				
Aug.....	53⅜	53¾	53¼	53¼
Sept.....	53¾	54	53½	53⅝
Dec.....	56⅞	57¼	56⅛	57¼@57⅜
May.....	62	62¾@63⅛	62	62¼
Corn No. 2				
Aug.....	55⅜	57	55⅜	56¾
Sept.....	53½	57	53⅜	56⅜
Oct.....	54⅛	55¾	54⅛	55¾
May.....	52⅝	53⅝@53⅞	52⅝	53⅜
Oats No. 2				
Aug.....	29¾	30	29¾	30
Sept.....	29¾	30	29⅝	30
May.....	35@35⅛	35⅝	35	35¼@35⅜
Pork per bbl				
Sept.....	13 05	13 97½	13 82½	13 85
Jan.....	13 90	14 00	13 87½	13 87½
Lard 100 lbs				
Sept.....	8 35	8 37½	8 35	8 37½
Oct.....	8 30	8 42½	8 30	8 42½
Jan.....	7 82½	7 92½	7 82½	7 92½
Short Ribs—				
Sept.....	7 75	7 80	7 70	7 72½
Oct.....	7 75	7 77½	7 72½	7 75
Jan.....	7 10	7 15	7 10	7 15

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 53½@55c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 53½@53⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 56¾c; No. 3 yellow, 56¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 30c; No. 2 white, 32½@32⅝c; No. 3 white, 31¾@32c.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 56@56½c; No. 3, 53@54c; No. 4, nominal.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.23@1.24½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.15@5.20.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $13.87½@13.90; lard, per 100 lbs., $8.37½@8.37½; short ribs, sides (loose), $7.70@7.75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.75@6.87½; short clear sides (boxed), $8.20@8.35.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.23.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	13,000	11,000
Wheat, bu.....	260,000	18,000
Corn, bu.....	181,000	13,000
Oats, bu.....	387,000	475,000
Rye, bu.....	1,000	4,000
Barley, bu.....	40,000	14,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 14@23½c; dairy, 13@20c. Eggs, firm at 14½@15½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Provisions, Metals, Etc.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,000 bbls.; exports, 9,800 bbls.; sales, 21,500 pkgs.; market steady but quiet; demand for spring bakers about filled, and outside of this only a jobbing trade reported; city mill patents, $4.00@4.25; winter patents, $2.85@3.15; city mill clears, $3.80; winter straights, $2.40@2.80; Minnesota patents, $3.40@3.70; winter extras, $1.90@2.40; Minnesota bakers', $2.10@2.75; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15; spring low grades, $1.65@1.80; spring extras, $1.85@2.30. Southern flour, dull; common to extras, $2.00@2.60; good to choice, $2.60@3.25. Rye flour, firmer, owing to scarcity; sales 500 bbls.; superfine, $2.75@2.80; fancy, $2.90@3.05.

CORN MEAL—Steady; sales, 200 bbls.; yellow western, $2.80@3.10; Brandywine, $2.75@2.80.

RYE—Dull; state, 82@83c; Jersey, 80@81c.

BARLEY MALT—Firmly held; western, 68@78c; two-rowed, state, 75c; six-rowed, 80@82c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 99,000 bu.; exports, none; sales, 852,000 bu. spot, 1,260,000 bu. futures. Spot market firmer; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 58c; f. o. b., 58¾c, canal; No. 1 northern, 65c, delivered; No. 1 hard, 61c, delivered. Options opened easier, but immediately rallied and remained firm, closing weak, and traders believe sentiment bullish and look for higher prices; a good deal of trading done; close 1@1¼c up; May closed at 60¾c; September, 57 9-16@58¾c, closed at 58c; October, 58@59¼c, closed at 59c; December, 60 13-16@61¾c, closed at 61¼c.

CORN—Receipts, none; exports, 18,500 bu.; sales, 270,000 bu. futures and 49,000 bu. spot. Spot market strong; No. 2, 63@63½c; yellow, 62½c, to arrive. Option market opened firm and advanced steadily all day on dry weather west and covering by local shorts, closing 1½@1¾c up; May closed at 56⅝@57c; September, 62⅛@64c, closed at 62¾c; October, 61½@62c, closed at 62c; December, 57¾@58c, closed at 58c.

OATS—Receipts, 126,000 bu.; exports, 190 bu.; sales, 325,000 bu. futures and 42,000 bu. spot. Spot market quiet; No. 2, 32½@34c; No. 2, delivered, 34¾@35c; No. 3, 33½c; No. 2 white, 36½@36¾c; No. 3 white, 36c; track, white western, 36@41c; track, white state, 36@41c. Option market strong all day with wheat and corn and on generally light receipts; close ¼c down. September, 33½@34c, closed at 34c; October, 34¾@29c, closed at 35c; November, 35¾@36c, closed at 36c; December, 36¾@37c, closed at 37c.

HOPS—Dull and heavy; state, common to choice, 68@9c; Pacific coast, 7@10c.

HAY—Weak; shipping, 85@90c; good to choice, 70@85c.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 4½c; Texas, selected, 35 to 50 lbs., 4@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 10½c; Texas, dry, 20 to 30 lbs., 5@5½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 15@18c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 19@24c; pulled, 20@28c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady. Cut meats, firm. Lard, higher; western steam closed at $8.70; city, $8.25; September, closed $8.75; refined, firm; continent, $9; S. A., $9.25; compound, 6¼@6¾c. Pork, firm.

BUTTER—Easy; western dairy, 13½@17c; western creamery, 20@24c; western factory, 15@16c; Elgins, 24c; state dairy, 14@23c; state creamery, 15@24c.

CHEESE—Firm; state, large, 8@10¾c; small, 9¼@10¾c; part skims, 4@8½c; full skims, 2@3½c.

EGGS—Fresh, fair to extra, 14¼@15c; Japan, 40@47½c.

POTATOES—Weak; state and Pennsylvania, 175@210c; ice house, 145@165c; western fresh, 150@175c; sales, 2,900 bbls; receipts, 7,963 pkgs.

PETROLEUM—Steady; United closed at 81c bid; Washington, bdls., 8c; Washington, in bulk, $3.50; refined New York, $5.15; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.10; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $2.65.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.15@1.20.

TURPENTINE—Dull; 29@29½c.

COTTON SEED OIL—Market shows considerable animation. There have been sales of 500 bbls. of prime white at 37c; prime crude, 29@30c; off crude, 26@28c; yellow butter grades, 34@35c; choice summer yellow, 35c; prime yellow, 34c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@36c.

COPPER—Quiet; lake, 9¼c.

TALLOW—Easy; 4⅝@5c for city (2 per pkg.); country (pkgs. free), 5@5¼c, as to quality.

TIN—Firm; straits, $15.75; plates, market steady.

SPELTER—Steady; domestic, $3.35 bid. Sales on change 25 tons tin, November, at $15.60; October, $15.75.

COTTON SEED OIL—Firm; sales included 100 bbls. off summer yellow at 32c.]

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 11c; fair to good country, 14@15c; choice to fancy, 17@18c; gathered creamery, 17@20c; separator creamery, 22c.

EGGS—Per doz., 13c.

LIVE POULTRY—Old hens, 4@4½c; roosters, 2½@3c; spring chickens, 6@7c; ducks, 5c; hen turkeys, 7@8c; gobblers, 5@6c; old geese, full-feathered, 4@5c.

VEAL—Choice fat and small veals are quoted at 5@7½c; coarse and large, 3@5c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin, full cream, new make, 12@12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 14@15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $3.50; midland, $3; lowland, $3.50. Color makes the price on hay. Light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Old birds, per doz., 50c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Round lots of home grown or Kansas stock, 90c per bu.; small lots on orders, 80@85c; California, 85c.

MELONS—Good stock, crated, $20.

CANTALOUPES—Home grown, per doz., 50c@$1.00.

OLD BEANS—Hand-picked navy, $2.25; medium, $2.10@2.15; common white beans, $1.75@1.90.

ONIONS—On orders, 75c per bu.

CABBAGE—Southern, 2c.

CELERY—Per doz., 35@40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per lb., 4c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Good stock, per bbl., $2.50@3.00.
BLACK RASPBERRIES—None.
RED RASPBERRIES—None.
BLACKBERRIES—None.
PEACHES—California, $1.00@1.10.
PLUMS—California, $1.00@1.25.
PRUNES—$1.00@1.25.
FIGS—None.
PEARS—Bartlett's, $2.00; other varieties, $1.50.
APRICOTS—California, none.
CHERRIES—California, none.
GRAPES—Concords, 10-lb baskets, 25@30c; California, $1.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $1.75@2.25 per bunch.
LEMONS—Fancy lemons, 300 size, $6.50; fancy lemons, 360 size, $6.50.
ORANGES—None.
PINEAPPLES—None.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FIGS—Fancy, per lb., 15c.
HONEY—California, 15c; dark honey, 10@12c.
MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon cans, per doz., $12.
NUTS—Almonds, 15@17c; English walnuts, 10@12c; filberts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 10c.
CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $6; half bbl., $3.25.
HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 2 green hides, 1½@2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2½@2¾c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5½@6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4@4½c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 3c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c. Part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 5@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@3c; murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5½c; murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c. Have feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4@4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3½@3¾c; grease, white A, 4@4¼c; grease, white B, 3½@3¾c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@18c; rough tallow, 1½@2c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—FLOUR—Firmer, but not higher.

WHEAT—Went off ⅛c early, then rallied, but closed ⅛c under yesterday. Cash was a fraction better at 50¾c; September, 50½c; December, 53¾c; May, 59¾c.

CORN—Fell ½c early, but turned and closed ⅛@⅛c above yesterday; cash, 53c; September, 53½c; December, 49c; May, 50¼c.

OATS—Weak at opening, but closed ¼@½c higher; cash, 30¾c; September, 30¾c; May, 35¾@35¾c.

RYE—Quiet; 51½c.

HAY—Steady and unchanged.

BRAN—Easier; 64c, east track.

LEAD—Higher; for spot, $3.10@3.12½; September and October, $3.15 asked.

SPELTER—$3.10 asked.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—Lower; 12c.

WHISKY—Firm; $1.22.

PROVISIONS—Higher. Pork, $14.50. Lard, steam, $8.20; choice, $8.30. Loose dry salt shoulders, 46.50; longs and ribs, $7.90; shorts, $8.15; boxed lots, 15c more. Bacon, shoulders, $7.75; longs, $8.62½; ribs, $8.75; shorts, $8.87½@8.80.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu; corn, 4,000 bu.; oats, 41,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 4,000 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

Chicago Fruit Market.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—The Earl Fruit company sold California fruit at auction today: Pears, Bartletts, $1.20@1.45; Hardy, 90c@$1.00; Clairgeau, 90c@$1.25; Seckel, half boxes, 65c; Peaches, Late Crawford, 60c; St. John, 60c; Susquehanna, 50@60c; Mary Choice, 50c; Salway, 55c; Orange Cling, 45@55c. Immense quantities of Michigan peaches on the market. Plums and prunes, Kelsey Japan, 85c; German, $1.10; Hungarian, 65c. Grapes, half crates, Muscat, $1.00@1.25; Tokay, $1.15@1.35; Rose Peru, 55@65c; Sweetwater, 65@70c; Sultana, 70c@$1.15. Nectarines, 60c. All kinds of fruit very plentiful here at present.

At New York: Pears, Bartletts, $1.55@1.90; Buerre Clairgeau, $1.30@1.40; Bellflower, $1.00@1.15; grapes, half crates, Malaga, $1.25@1.45; Muscat, poor, 55@80c; peaches, extra fancy, 75@80c.

Porter Bros. company, Chicago, sold four cars of California fruit today at auction: Bartlett pears, $1.10@1.30; D. Hardy, 75c@$1.20; Fallenburg prunes, $1.10; Gross, 70@95c; German, $1.15.

Porter Bros. company, New York, four cars: Bartlett pears, $1.35@2.15; Congress, $1.75; Bosc, mechanic, peaches, 40@95c; Orange Cling, 50@95c; Kelsey Japan plums, $1.10@2.25; Gross prunes, $1.20@1.30; Hungarians, 45c@$1.40; Half Tokay grapes, $1.50@1.90; Doubles, $3.15; Single Muscats, 65c@$1.30; Doubles, $1.55; Thompson, Seedless, $1.35; Malagas, $1.25.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—COFFEE—Options opened irregular at 10 points advance to 10 points decline, ruled generally weak and closed dull at 5@10 points net decline. Sales, 15,200 bags, including, September, $14.10@14.15; October, $13.35; November, $12.90@12.95; December, $12.70@12.85; March, $12.35; May, $12.25. Spot coffee, nominal; No. 7, 18c. Mild, dull; Cordova, $19.00@23c; sales, none. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 5,091 bags; New York stock today, 153,719 bags; United States stock, 126,920 bags; afloat for the United States, 250,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 406,920 bags; against 315,795 bags last year.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 31.—Steady; No. 7, 15.45; exchange, 9 7-16d; receipts, 10,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 10,000 bags; stock, 257,000 bags.

SANTOS, Aug. 30.—Steady; good average Santos, $15.90; receipts, 13,000 bags; stock, 328,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Aug. 31.—Quiet; prices unchanged to ¼ pfg. higher; sales, 7,000 bags.

HAVRE, Aug. 31.—Opened firm ¾f higher; at 12 m., unchanged; at 3 p. m., barely steady and unchanged to ¼f lower; closed unchanged to ¼f not advance; sales, 45,000 bags; stock in Havre, 270,000 bags, including $1,000 Brazilian.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 31.—There was a little more local business today to buy wheat and the market advanced about ½c above the prices of yesterday, and after some little reaction closed from ⅛c to ¼c higher than the previous day for future months and ¼c higher for cash wheat. Receipts, 807 cars; 197,580 bu.; shipments, 36,500 bu. The demand for cash wheat for mills was good if it was of the old crop, the new crop being too green. The market closed: August, 52½c; September, 53c; December, 54¼c; May, 58½c. Old wheat on track: No. 1 hard, 58c; No. 1 northern, 57c; No. 2 northern, 55½c. New wheat on track: No. 1 hard, 55¾c; No. 1 northern, 54¾c; No. 2 northern, 53¾c. New flour was in sympathy with wheat. Patents, $3.75@3.45; bakers, $2.00@2.20. Production was estimated at 20,000 bbls. for the twenty-four hours; shipments, 40,079 bbls.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—SUGAR—Raw, firmer and active; sales, 170 tons and 1,600 hhds. and 723 bags Muscovado, 89 test, at 3⅝c; 17,000 bags centrifugal, 96 test, at 3¼c. Refined, quiet.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—SUGAR—Dull; centrifugal Java, 12s 4½d; Muscovado, fair refining, 11s 4½d.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—WOOL—Went off slightly on low grades, but other qualities are unchanged.

Financial Notes.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $72,881,396.

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $11,434,457; balances, $1,819,632.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $1,224,397; balances, $729,835.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $72,881,396; balances, $5,182,203.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—4 p. m., closing: Consols, money and account, 102⅝.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $677,557. New York exchange, par; commercial, 50c discount.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—Three per cent rentes, 104f for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 18c for checks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—Drafts, sight, 12½c; telegraphic, 15c. Silver bars, 65¾@65¾c. Mexican dollars, 54@54½c.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $7,410,702; balances, $1,580,453. For the week, clearings, $40,629,946; balances, $6,160,459.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Gold is quoted today at Buenos Ayres, 241; Madrid, 22.25; Lisbon, 98.25; St. Petersburg, 30; Athens, 77; Rome, 10.29; Vienna, 103.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 31.—Money, 4@6 per cent. New York exchange, 40c discount to par. Clearings today, $1,398,850; for the month, $35,141,-850; for August of last year, $32,547,300.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $20,240,000. Money, 4@4½ per cent on call; 5@6 per cent on time. New York exchange, 60c discount. Foreign exchange, weak. Sterling exchange, commercial, $4.84½@4.85½.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $2,377,102; balances, $208,188. Money, quiet at 5@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, par. Clearings for the month, $90,168,560; balances, $15,822,376; clearings in August, 1890, $68,744,079; balances, $7,511,706; increase, $21,424,481, or 31.36 per cent.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Share Speculation Yesterday Was Very Much Unsettled in Tone.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Share speculation today was unsettled in tone, and, as a result of the transactions on the Stock exchange, prices are pretty evenly divided between declines and advances, the preponderance, if any, being toward the weak side of the market. The London buying movement, which was quite pronounced yesterday, was not well sustained and there was even some selling for the foreign account, chiefly in Louisville & Nashville, although American securities were strong on the London Stock exchange. There were no particularly depressed influences at work and no great pressure to sell, except in Sugar, which was offered down on renewed reports that the new sugar schedule was worded so as to permit of the entry of refined sugars at lower rates than the trust anticipated. A notable incident of the day was the decline in Rock Island to a point below the current prices of St. Paul, which has not occurred before for many years and which is to be attributed to President Cable's declaration regarding the uninviting prospects of the company for the coming year. Rock Island touched 65c during the afternoon, a break of 1⅝ per cent from yesterday's closing, while St. Paul did not go below 65¼, fluctuating between that figure and 65⅞, and closing at the lowest of the day, ⅜ per cent below yesterday. Rock Island rallied ¾ per cent at the close, showing a loss of ⅞ per cent on the day. Sugar opened ½ per cent higher, quickly lost the improvement, rallied ⅞ per cent, to 107⅝, and then moved downward steadily 2⅝ per cent, to 104¾, closing at that price and making a loss of 1⅝ per cent on last night's figures. The preferred stock recorded a decline of ⅛ per cent. The trading in the rest of the list was light, the transactions in no case exceeding 9,500 shares in any stock. The speculation was strong for the first half hour, weak during the following thirty minutes, then took an upward turn, which lasted for but a brief period and long before noon the market was again on the downward move. The depression continued until nearly 2 o'clock, when the covering of short contracts caused a rally, and the final dealings were generally firm. In the bond market the trading was fairly active, the sales aggregating $1,612,000. The market was generally fair.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: There was a bullish feeling everywhere today, but actual dealings were chiefly confined to South American securities, which were very strong. American rails showed a further improvement, closing ¼ per cent under the best. The rise in South Americans indicated a very favorable speculative outlook here. Mercantile difficulties in the jute trade reported from Dundee are reported very serious.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison.....	7¼	Northern Pacific.	5⅝
Adams Express...	147	No. Pac. pfd.....	20⅝
Alton, T. H	30	U. P. D. & G	4⅜
do pfd.....	108	Northwestern	106¼
Am. Express.....	111	do pfd.....	141⅝
Baltimore & Ohio.	76⅛	N. Y. Central.....	101⅛
Canada Pacific...	66¾	N. Y. & N. Eng....	76⅝
Canada Southern.	57	Ontario & W.....	17¼
Central Pacific...	14¾	Oregon Imp.....	16¾
Ches. & Ohio.....	12⅞	Oregon Nav.....	90¼
Chicago Alton....	140	O. S. L. & U. N..	4½
C., B. & Q.....	77¼	Pacific Mail.....	15
Chicago Gas.....	74⅜	P. D. & E.....	4⅝
Consolidated Gas.	125⅝	Pittsburg.....	150
C. C. C. & St. L...	39⅜	Pullman Palace..	192
Colo. Coal & Iron	8⅜	Reading	21⅝
Cotton Oil Cert...	33¾	Richmond Term..	18
Del. & Hudson....	130¾	do pfd.....	99¼
Del. Lack. & W...	156⅞	R. G. W.....	30
D. & R. G. pfd....	35⅝	R. G. W. pfd	92
D. & C. F. Co.....	18¾	Rock Island.....	65⅛
East Tenn.....	11	St. Paul	93¾
Erie	17⅝	St. Paul pfd.....	121
do pfd.....	31¾	St. P. & Omaha..	37⅝
Fort Wayne.....	152	do pfd.....	112
G. Northern pfd..	101	Southern Pac.....	21¼
C. & E. Ill. pfd..	143	Sugar Refinery....	104⅜
Hocking Valley..	18¾	Tenn. Coal & Iron	18¾
Ill. Central.....	93⅛	Texas Pacific.....	10¼
St. P. & Duluth....	67	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	70
K. & T. pfd.....	23¼	Union Pacific.....	51⅝
Lake Erie & W....	17¾	U. S. Express.....	82
do pfd.....	70	W. St. L. & P.....	7¾
Lake Shore.....	135	do pfd.....	16
Lead Trust.....	42⅜	Wells Fargo Ex...	115
Louisville & N....	68¼	Western Union....	89¼
Louisville & N. A.	88⅛	W. & L. E.....	12⅜
Manhattan Con...	118¾	do pfd	44
Memphis & C....	5	M. & St. L.....	4⅜
Michigan Cent....	98⅝	Wis. Cent. Co....	12
Mo. Pacific.....	29¼	G. E.....	39¾
Mobile & Ohio....	20⅝	N. L.....	16⅜
Nashville Chat...	85	C. F. & I.....	24
National Cordage.	17	do pfd.....	72
do pfd.....	30	H. & T. C.....	29¼
N. J. Central.....	113⅜	T. A. A. & N. M....	6
N. & W. pfd.....	20¼	T. St. L. & K. C....	1
North Am. Co.....	4¼	do pfd.....	5

The total sales of stocks today were 172,988 shares, including: Atchison, 4,104; Sugar, 80,815; Canadian Pacific, 1,300; Chicago Gas, 1,600; Lake Shore, 4,900; Distillers, 5,559; General Electric, 2,750; Louisville & Nashville, 8,500; Northern Pacific preferred, 3,060; P. C., C. & St. L., 3,320; Reading, 2,900; R. G. W. pfd., 5,210; Rock Island, 4,521; St. Paul, 9,325; Cordage, 2,935.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1 per cent; last loan, 1 per cent; closed at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull and easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½@4.86¾ for demand and $4.85¼@4.85¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.86@4.87 and $4.87@4.88; commercial bills, $4.84½@4.84¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—64c bid.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s reg.....	113⅝	D. & R. G. 7s.....	114
U. S. 5s coup.....	113⅝	D. & R. G. 4s.....	79¾
U. S. 4s reg.....	113¾	Erie 2nds.....	107¾
U. S. 4s coup.....	114⅜	G. H. & S. A. 6s....	95
U. S. 2s reg.....	96	do 7s.....	92
Pacific 6s of '95...	101	H. & T. C. 5s.....	104
Ala. Class A.....	104	do 6s.....	99
Ala. Class B.....	102	M. K. & T. 1st 4s...	80
Ala. Class C.....	92	do 2d 4s.....	43¾
Currencies.....	92	Mutual Unionds..	110
La. New Con. 4s..	94⅜	N. J. Cent. Gen. 5s.	116¾
Missouri 6s.....	100	No. Pac. 1sts.....	113
N. C. 6s	124	Nc Pac. 2nds.....	86
do 4s.....	97	N. W. Consols....	140¾
S. C. nonfund....	1¾	do S. F. Deb. 5s.	111
Tenn. new set 6..	78	G. W. 1sts.....	67
Tenn new set 5 ..	105	St. P. Consols 7s..	127
Tenn. old 6s.....	80	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s.	100¾
Va. Centuries....	58¾	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s.	79
do Deferred....	7	T. & P. Gen. 6....	95
Atchison 4s.....	73	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	87¼
Atchison 2s A....	25	do 2s.....	27¾
Canada So. 2nds..	106¾	U. P. 1sts of 9s..	115
Cen. Pac. 1sts 9s.	102	West Shore 4s....	103¾

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—Call loans, 1½@2 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	7¼	W. End pfd.....	79
Am. Sugar.....	104⅜	Westingh. Electric	34
Am. Sugar pfd.....	97	W. Elec. pfd.....	82½
Bay State Gas.....	10⅛	Bell Cantral.....	93
Bell Telephone....	200	Atchison 2ds.....	24⅜
Boston & Albany..	207	Atchison 4s.....	73
Boston & Maine....	147½	Gen. Electric 5s..	92
C., B. & Q.....	77⅜	Wis. Cent. 1sts....	58⅝
Fitchburg pfd.....	136¾	Mining Stocks.	
Gen. Electric	39¾	Atlantic.....	9
Illinois Steel.....	40	Boston & Montana	20¾
Mexican Central..	8⅜	Butte & Boston....	19¾
N. E.	29⅜	Calumet & Hecla..	290
Old Colony.....	169½	Centennial.....	15
Oregon Short Line	6	Franklin.....	30¼
Rubber.....	42¾	Kearsarge.....	5¼
San Diego.....	6	Osceola.....	22¾
Union Pacific.....	13⅜	Quincy.....	96
West End.....	54	Tamarack.....	142

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Choice.....	15	Plymouth.....	10
Crown Point.....	65	Sierra Nevada.....	140
Con. Cal. & Va.....	400	Standard.....	110
Deadwood.....	50	Union Con.....	65
Gould & Curry.....	55	Yellow Jacket.....	40
Hale & Norcross...	60	Iron Silver.....	10
Homestake.....	1350	Quicksilver.....	150
Mexican	110	do preferred.....	1400
Ontario.....	650	Bulwer.....	5
Ophir.....	200		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Belle Isle	51	Hale & Norcross...	60
Belcher.....	80	Mexican.....	110
Best & Belcher....	105	Mono.....	32
Bodie Con.....	155	Ophir.....	2 10
Bulwer.....	16	Potosi.....	30
Challar.....	23	Savage.....	60
Con. Cal. & Va....	390	Sierra Nevada.....	38
Con. Imperial.....	21	Union Con.....	267
Eureka Con.....	25	Utah Con.....	7
Gould & Curry....	60	Yellow Jacket.....	38

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Aug. 31—4 p. m. closing:

Canadian Pacific..	69	St. Paul com.....	67⅜
Erie.....	16⅜	N. Y. Central.....	104⅜
Erie 2ds.....	79	Pennsylvania.....	53⅜
Ills. Central.....	97	Reading.....	11⅜
Mexican ordinary.	19⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s.	60⅜

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Cattle Receipts Show a Good Increase Over Last Week's Figures.

ONLY A FEW BEEF STEERS OFFERED

Cornfeds Scarce and Buyers Paying Liberally for What Can Be Found—Hogs Go Five to Ten Cents Further Up the Scale.

FRIDAY, Aug. 31.

The receipts today were 4,700 cattle and 7,000 hogs, against 4,850 cattle, 6,460 hogs and 675 sheep yesterday, and 1,676 cattle, 6,442 hogs and 90 sheep on Friday of last week. For the week thus far the receipts amount to 19,257 cattle, 32,394 hogs and 1,280 sheep, as against 10,130 cattle, 35,212 hogs and 3,123 sheep for the same days of last week. From this it will be noted that there has been a heavy gain during the week in cattle, but a slight falling off in the hog receipts.

CATTLE—The receipts of cattle today were about the same in number as yesterday, but almost three times as large as the run on Friday of last week. Out of the number received fifteen loads were consigned direct to the packers from Kansas City. There were no very good corn-fed cattle, the market being as bare in that respect as has been the rule during the past few days. There