COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Opens Firm, but is Weak for Most of the Day.

CLOSES A ONE-FOURTH CENT LOWER

Big Crop Prospects the Main Cause of the Continued Weakness—Corn is Unchanged—Oats Slightly Higher.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Wheat, after a moment or two of firmness at the beginning of the session, turned weak and so continued nearly all through the session. It closed, however, at only a ¼c decline. Weak cash markets and prospects for a big crop were mainly responsible for the weakness. Corn was heavy, but closed unchanged. Oats managed to advance ⅛c and provisions closed 2½@5c higher.

In wheat the Liverpool market was inclined to firmness at first notwithstanding the previous day's weakness here. The rise of July on that account was higher at the opening, first sales of that option being from 69¼c to 69⅛c, yesterday's closing price being 69¼c. It was generally remarked that if for no other reason than the fact of four consecutive days' decline there should be some improvement. While an advance frequently happens under such circumstances this morning's conditions did not favor the rule. As against the opening firmness at Liverpool was the absence of anything unfavorable to the growing crop, and although the signal service officials came out with a prediction that frost was probable tonight in six of the wheat raising states the confidence in a big crop was undisturbed. In a little more than an hour from the opening July had sold down to 68¾@68⅞c. Bulls got very little comfort out of the northwest receipts. Minneapolis and Duluth reported a total of 427 cars, against 478 cars a year ago and 377 cars the corresponding day of the year before. Chicago received seven carloads and inspected out 68,000 bushels. Liverpool, which in the course of the day showed ¼d advance over yesterday's closing price, stood at ½d decline at the close today. Paris was from 15 centimes higher for nearby delivery to 10 centimes higher for September and December. In anticipation of early deliveries of new wheat all winter wheat markets where that grade was still bringing extravagant premiums over spring wheat reduced those premiums considerably, so much so that it had a marked effect on speculation in futures. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 360,000 bushels. The market gave no indications of mending until about an hour from the close, when covering by shorts became quite liberal. July sold as low as 68¼@68⅜c before the reaction commenced which put it back to 69c about fifteen minutes from the close. The latest trading was at 68⅞c.

Corn was quiet and weak most of the time, influenced most by the large receipts, 965 cars, and even larger estimates for tomorrow. Elevator selling was not so heavy as yesterday's. Shorts covered quite freely throughout and the slight decline was ultimately recovered. July opened a shade higher at 23⅞@23⅞c, declined to 23½@23⅝c and recovered to 23⅞c, where it closed.

Trading in oats was slow. At the opening there was some weakness caused by the large receipts, 460 cars. Shorts covered, this being about all the business doing. Country orders were not so large. July opened a shade lower at 17⅜@17½c and advanced to 17⅝c. That was the closing price.

Provisions showed surprising steadiness in view of the heavy hog receipts and the weakness of wheat. These factors had a slight effect at the opening, but there was a general inclination to cover and by the close a slight advance had been scored all around. July pork closed 2½c higher at $8.02½; July lard and ribs, 2½@5c higher at $3.62½@3.65 and $4.37½, respectively.

Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, 18 cars; corn, 1,060 cars; oats, 142 cars; hogs, 320,000 head.

Leading futures range as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'dy.
*Wheat—					
May....	70⅛	70⅜	69	69¾	70¼
July....	69⅛@¼	69⅛	68⅛@¾	68⅞	69⅛
Sept....	65⅛@¾	65¾	64⅞	65⅛	65⅜@¾
*Corn—					
May....	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜
July....	23⅞@⅜	23⅞	23⅝@⅞	23⅞	23⅞
Sept....	24⅞-25	25	24⅝@⅞	24⅞	24⅞-25
*Oats—					
May....	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜	17⅜@⅛
July....	17⅜@⅛	17⅜	17⅜@⅛	17⅜	17⅛
Sept....	17⅛@¾	17¾	17½	17⅝@¾	17⅝@¾
Pork—					
May....	8 02½	8 02½	8 00	8 00	7 97½
July....	8 00	8 07½	8 00	8 02½	8 00
Sept....	8 02½	8 10	8 00	8 05	8 02½
Lard—					
May....	3 52½	3 57½	3 52½	3 57½	3 55
July....	3 57½	3 65	3 57½	3 65	3 60
Sept....	3 70	3 72½	3 70	3 72½	3 70
Sh't Ribs—					
May....				4 37½	4 35
July....	4 32½	4 37½	4 32½	4 37½	4 35
Sept....	4 35	4 40	4 35	4 40	4 35

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy; winter patents, $4.60@4.70; bakers, $2.90@3.15; straights, $4.30@4.60; spring specials, $4.50@4.60; spring patents, $4.15@4.20; straights, $3.60@3.75.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 69⅝@70⅝c; No. 3 spring, 65@71c; No. 2 red, 81½@82c.

CORN—No. 2, 23⅛c.

OATS—No. 2, f. o. b., 17⅛c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 20@21½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 19@21c.

RYE—No. 2, 33⅛c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 27@32c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 76⅛@77c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.00@8.05; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.57½@3.60; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.30@4.50; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.00@5.25; short clear sides (boxed), $4.62½@4.75.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.24; granulated, $4.71.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	7,000	3,000
Wheat, bu	3,000	25,000
Corn, bu	591,000	713,000
Oats, bu	536,000	682,000
Rye, bu	6,000	......
Barley, bu	26,000	5,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 11@15c; dairy, 7@12c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 9c. Cheese, weak; 7¼c. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 7@8c; chickens, 7@7½c; ducks, 7@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,018 bbls.; exports, 19,034 bbls.; market again weak and lower with light business; winter straights, $4.20@4.30; winter extras, $3.40@3.70; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.25; Minnesota bakers, $3.45@3.70. Rye flour, quiet; superfine, $2.25@2.45; fancy, $2.50@2.60.

CORN MEAL—Steady.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 36½c.

BARLEY—Quiet at 28⅛c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 359,800 bu.; exports, 83,221 bu.; spot weak; No. 2 red, steady. Options opened firmer on better French cables, weakened and ruled dull and heavy until near the close, when prices rallied on late months, closing ⅛@⅝c net higher. Near months were depressed by weakness in outside cash markets, liquidation and fine crop prospects, closing ½@1½c net lower. No. 2 red, May, 76⅝@79⅛c, closed at 78c; September, 70⅛@71⅛c, closed at 71c.

CORN—Receipts, 1,580 bu.; exports, 156,500 bu.; spot active and about steady; No. 2, 28⅛c. Options opened steady, eased off with wheat, but rallied finally on large export demand and closed unchanged; May, 29c; September, 30@30⅛c, closed at 30⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 102,000 bu.; exports, 79,359 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 21⅛c. Options were dull and barely steady, closing unchanged; May, closed at 21⅛c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 50c; good to choice, 65@75c.

HOPS—Unchanged; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@5c; 1896 crop, 5@7c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@5c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 14c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 13½@15c; Texas dry, 10½c; California, 16c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19@20c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; beef hams, $24. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.00@5.50; pickled shoulders, $5.25@5.50; pickled hams, $9.00@9.50. Lard, steadier; western steam, $3.90. Refined, steady. Pork, quiet; mess, $8.50@9.00. Tallow, quiet.

OILS—Petroleum, easy; United closed at 87c bid; Pennsylvania, crude, steady at 85c bid. Turpentine 27@27½c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¼@6c; Japan, 4⅛@4½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,524 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 11@15½c; Elgins, 15½c; factory, 7½@10½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,159 pkgs.; easy; state large, 8¼@8⅝c; state small, 8@8½c; part skims, 5@7½c; full skims, 2½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 16 389 pkgs.; dull; state and Pennsylvania, 11c; western, 10c; southern, $2.55 per dozen cases.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 23@28c.

METALS—Pig iron, easy; southern, $9.50@12.50; northern, $10.50@12.00. Tin, steady; straits, $13.55@13.65. Plates, quiet. Copper, steady; brokers, $11.12½; exchange, $10.80@11.25. Spelter, firmer, $4.20@4.30. Lead, steadier; exchange, $3.25@3.30; brokers, $3.12½.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, May 28.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged; patents, $4.50@4.65; extra fancy, $4.25@4.35; fancy, $3.50@3.75; choice, $3.10@3.20.

WHEAT—Futures opened higher, but weakened and declined 1c. After fluctuating all day the market closed irregular compared with yesterday. Spot, lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 81c bid; track, 83@84c; July, 70⅛c asked; August, 6⅝c asked; September, 68⅛c.

CORN—Futures, dull and weak, in sympathy with wheat, closing lower than yesterday. Spot, easier; No. 2 cash, 21⅛c bid; July, 21⅛c bid; September, 23⅛c.

OATS—Dull, quiet and lower for cash and futures; No. 2 cash, 19c bid; July, 18⅛c bid.

RYE—Nominal, 34c.

BARLEY—Nominal.

CORN MEAL—$1.60@1.65.

BRAN—Dull and weak; sacked, east track, worth nominally 42@44c; 40c for east side country points.

FLAXSEED—Unchanged, 74⅛c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50@2.60.

HAY—Quiet, unchanged; prairie, $4.00@8.50.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 11@16c; dairy, 6@12c.

EGGS—Steady, 7⅛c.

POULTRY—Chickens, old hens, steady, 6c; springs, easier, 12@15c; ducks, springs, $1.50@3.50 per dozen.

WHISKY—$1.19.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—5⅛@6c.

METALS—Lead, nominal, $3.07½@3.12½. Spelter, firm, $4.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $7.75@7.85. Lard, firmer; prime steam, $3.45; choice, $2.52½. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $5.37½; extra short clear, $5.25; ribs, $5.40; shorts, $5.50. Dry salted meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.75; extra short clear, $4.40; ribs, $4.90; shorts, $5.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 7,000 bu.; corn, 85,000 bu.; oats, 27,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 63,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Bulk of sales, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 6@8c; choice to fancy, 10@12c; separator creamery, 15c; gathered creamery, 13c.

GAME—Everything out of season.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6c; cocks, 3@5c; spring chickens, per lb., 20c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.00; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best, only top grades bring top prices.

BROOMCORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2@2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

GREEN PEAS—Per ¼-bu. box, 50@60c.

PIE PLANT—Per lb., ½c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 40@50c; Texas, ¼-bu. box, $1.00@1.10.

TOMATOES—Per 4-basket crate, $2.25.

RADISHES—Per doz., 15c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 25@30c.

WAX BEANS—Per ⅓-bu. box, $1.00; per bu., $2.25.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., 75c.

STRING BEANS—Per ⅓-bu. box, $1.00.

NEW ONIONS—Per doz., 10@15c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25@30c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $3.50; southern, 65-lb. sack, $1.75@2.00; new California, white, large and fancy, per lb., 3c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.10@1.20.

CABBAGE—California, 2½c per lb.; southern, per 150 to 160-lb. crate, $3.25.

POTATOES—New, per bbl., $3.75@4.00; per lb., California, 2½c; old native stock, per bu., 25c; early Ohio seed potatoes, Red river valley, 40c; Minnesota, Burbanks, 40c.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA CHERRIES—Per 10-lb. box, $1.25@1.50.

STRAWBERRIES—Fancy, $2.00.

APPLES—Fancy, large, $3.00@3.50.

SOUTHERN PLUMS—Per 24-qt. case, $1.75@2.00.

GOOSEBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Seedlings, $3.25; Mediterranean sweets, fancy, $3.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.25; choice California, $2.75.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice, 13@15c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.25; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5½c; No. 2 green hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 6½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 5½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 1 2to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; 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, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2⅝c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1⅝c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarterblood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 5@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed, medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

BONES—In carlots, weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 7c; good forequarters, steers, 5½c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 6c; fair cows, 5½c; common cows, 5c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 10c; strip loins, 8c; rolls, 9c; sirloin butts, 9c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4½c; cow chucks, 3⅝c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 2½c; steer plates, 3⅝c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 12c; loins, No. 3, 9c; No. 1 short loins, 16c; No. 2 short loins, 14c; No. 3 short loins, 12c; sirloin ends, 8@10c; ribs, No. 1, 12c; ribs, No. 2, 10c; ribs, No. 3, 7c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 7c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 11c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 2c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 1½c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 10½c; loins, 5⅝c; spare ribs, 3⅝c; ham sausage, butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 2c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 2½c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 30c; livers, each, 3c.

Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, May 28.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7⅝c. Futures quiet; sales, 51,100 bales; January, $6.85; February, $6.78; March, $6.82; June, $7.13; July, $7.14; August, $7.11; September, $6.85; October, $6.70; November, $6.69; December, $6.71. The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all points since September, 1896: Galveston, 1,334,794 bales; New Orleans, 2,055,775 bales; Mobile, 301,396 bales; Savannah, 836,958 bales; Charleston, 398,285 bales; Wilmington, 234,267 bales; Norfolk, 702,083 bales; Baltimore, 587,103 bales; New York, 108,083 bales; Boston, 156,443 bales; Newport News, 9,707 bales; Philadelphia, 42,717 bales; West Point, Va., 50 bales; Brunswick, 120,971 bales; Texas City, 51,137 bales; Pensacola, 67,861 bales; Port Royal, 71,131 bales; total, 6,549,463 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, May 28.—COTTON—Quiet and steady; sales, 1,100 bales; ordinary, 6¼c; good ordinary, 6½c; low middling, 6 15-16c; middling, 7⅜c; good middling, 7 11-16c; middling, fair, 8¼c. Futures dull; sales, 11,300 bales; May, $7.13 bid; June, $7.10 bid; July, $7.12@7.14; August, $6.87@6.88; September, $6.85@6.88; October, $6.44@6.46; November, $6.46@6.47; December, $6.48@6.49; January, $6.51@6.53; February, $6.56@6.57.

ST. LOUIS, May 28.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 38 bales; middling, 7⅝c. Receipts, 929 bales; shipments, 569 bales; stock, 25,962 bales.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—COTTON—Spot, quiet; American middling, 4¼d; sales, 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,000 bales American. Receipts, 1,000 bales, all American. Futures opened quiet, with a poor demand; closed quiet at the decline; American middling, L. M. C., 4 34-64d buyers; June and July, 4@4 6-64d buyers; July and August, 3 63-64d buyers; September and October, 3 52-64d sellers; October and November, 3 47-64d sellers; November and December, 3 44-64@3 45-64d buyers; December and January, 3 43-64@3 44-64d sellers; January and February, 3 43-64@3 44-64d buyers; February and March, 3 44-64d sellers.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, May 28.—WHEAT—Again lower; offerings more liberal; No. 2 hard, 71@73c; one car fancy yellow berry, 75c; No. 3, 64@68c; No. 4, 60c; No. 2 spring, 72c; No. 3, 65@68c; No. 2 red, 85c; No. 3, 80@83c.

CORN—¼c lower; fairly active; No. 2 mixed, 19@19⅛c.

OATS—About ¼c lower; rather quiet; No. 2 white, 20@21c.

RYE—Higher; No. 2, 30⅛c.

HAY—Weak; choice timothy, $10.00; prairie, $7.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 10⅛@12c; dairy, 8@10c.

EGGS—Firm; receipts continue light; fresh, 7⅛c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 28.—The dry goods market preserves its monotonously dull tone. In staple cottons the market is still quiet in both bleached and brown goods, store trading being still of very small proportions. Sellers are paying more attention to laying plans for future sales than to actual spot business. In coarse cottons for the week there has been a very slack tone. Print cloths show no change. Prints are dull in all grades and even staples are in quiet request. Fall fancies are still the subject of inquiry on the part of the southern buyers.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—WHEAT—Firm; December, $1.35¾.

BUSINESS GAINS GRADUALLY

Tradesmen Are Actually Doing More Than They Realize.

PRICES ARE LOW AND PROFITS SMALL

Quantity of Business Nearly as Great as During Years of Prosperity—More Done Than in Month of April.

NEW YORK, May 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

People are actually doing more business than they realize. They reckon by values, but these are much lower than in any previous year of prosperity, and leave little margin for profits. In quantity there is almost as much business being done as in the years of greatest prosperity, and though the increase in population would call for a material expansion the comparison is not discouraging. The recovery is slow, hesitating and gradual, but more has been done on the whole in May than in April, while the returns of April showed the volume of business only 10 per cent smaller than that of the best year heretofore. Yet, hesitation is doing its work every week, and multitudes are waiting because of possibilities at Washington, who ought to be filling the demand for labor and the products of labor.

Events have proved that the crop of wheat going out is much larger than any of the markets expected and western receipts for the week were 30 per cent larger than last year, while Atlantic exports have been for four weeks 6,315,329 bushels, flour included, against 4,988,777 last year. At this season actual receipts count rather than predictions, and the truth is that the country has exported an extraordinary quantity of wheat and flour, and yet has so much to spare that the May option has declined nearly a cent for the week. Besides, the outgo of corn, largely taking the place of wheat in foreign consumption, is far beyond precedent or expectation and for four weeks has been 9,390,691 bushels against 6,001,985 bushels last year. With liberal interior supplies, the price has declined a fraction. Cotton is unchanged, although at this season exports are insignificant.

Manufacturers have especial causes of delay, owing to the possible competition with foreign goods largely imported, but there has been no setback in prices. Although cotton goods are dull without large demand, and print cloths are at the bottom price, it is evident that production far beyond the consuming demand has forced the industry into a waiting attitude. Distribution of all dry goods is at present retarded by cooler weather than is usual at this season.

The woolen mills are producing more than they have done for years, though much less than they could or would like to produce, and manufacturers are doing almost nothing in the wool market, although speculation has kept the sales large—in four weeks of May 28,805,500 pounds against 20,159,350 pounds in the corresponding weeks of 1892. There is some weakness observable with western holders, and eastern prices begin to feel the weight of enormous imports, although holders still calculate on a rise as soon as the new duties take effect.

The iron manufacture gains in spite of the closing of some of the furnaces. The production of pig exceeds the consumption and is somewhat decreasing, while the consumption has gradually gained this week, in part because of several structural contracts, including 7,000 tons for this city alone, and in part because of the agricultural implement makers' increased demands, and also because of larger leasing of nearly all the rod mills in the country, which has caused some buying. Pig iron shows no change in price, but it is noteworthy that 25 cents advance in the British price of American pig is considered a relief. Tin and copper are stronger, but tin plate makers have agreed upon an advance, and yet the best grade sells as before at $3.30 against $3.80 for the foreign.

Failures for the week have been 214 in the United States, the smallest in any week since September, 1895, against 293 last year, and 22 Canadian against 20 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transactions of the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, May 28.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$505,129,682	0.5	
Chicago	83,055,111	0.2	
Boston	87,183,505	1.0	
Philadelphia	57,606,886		10.7
St. Louis	23,225,352	26.7	
San Francisco	10,005,282		19.1
Baltimore	12,989,328		5.8
Pittsburg	14,895,425		12.4
Cincinnati	11,934,600	4.3	
Kansas City	10,953,012	16.6	
New Orleans	6,118,224		14.9
Buffalo	3,811,556		8.1
Milwaukee	4,255,312	5.1	
Detroit	5,011,647		1.5
Louisville	5,257,195	14.1	
Minneapolis	7,115,252	10.7	
OMAHA	4,787,961	12.5	
Providence	4,836,500	9.2	
Cleveland	5,287,282		3.6
Houston	4,189,165	33.1	
St. Paul	3,516,823		21.6
Denver	2,216,146		7.5
Indianapolis	4,292,787	5.2	
Columbus, O.	3,456,000		11.0
Hartford	2,074,174	11.2	
Richmond	2,104,607		8.6
Washington	1,812,015		3.2
Rockford	219,916	12.2	
Davenport	480,571		9.2
St. Joseph	1,218,208		
Peoria	1,350,844		23.7
Memphis	1,262,489		4.5
Portland, Ore.	959,927	11.9	
Rochester	1,431,702	12.9	
New Haven	1,218,122		7.6
Savannah	1,603,807		8.5
Springfield, Mass.	4,129,668		9.6
Worcester	1,237,992		2.3
Portland, Me.	1,262,649	8.1	
Atlanta	1,040,524	6.6	
Fort Worth	1,364,743	44.7	
Waco	743,162		12.8
Syracuse	869,278		9.5
Des Moines	823,515		1.8
Grand Rapids	671,897		2.7
Seattle	581,637		2.3
Lowell	584,080		2.6
Wilmington, Del	631,712	3.9	
Norfolk	869,953	1.9	
Sioux City	614,777	34.3	
Los Angeles	1,032,5 0	3.0	
Tacoma	400,623		19.7
Salt Lake City	995,962		26.2
Spokane	614,582	43.4	
Jacksonville	191,850		1.7
Lincoln	281,154	19.6	
New Bedford	414,247		13.5
Wichita	413,137	1.6	
Birmingham	382,333		2.6
Topeka	303,555		5.6
Lexington, Ky.	221,878		17.2
Binghampton	316,500	14.4	
Toledo	1,132,443		9.6
Bay City, Mich.	201,599		14.1
Fall River	707,469		
Akron, O.	255,300	23.1	
Springfield, O.	110,145		27.6
Canton, O.	174,900		5.9
Sioux Falls	26,968		51.3
Fremont, Neb.	66,218	15.7	
Hastings, Neb.	63,450	8.6	
Chattanooga	223,408	11.5	
Fargo	121,955		18.7
Nashville	1,039,897	11.3	
Galveston	3,658,500	17.7	
Scranton	881,931	13.7	
Augusta	569,497	42.9	
Knoxville	515,602		13.1
Kalamazoo	277,522	11.2	
Totals United States	$917,628,059		0.4
Exclusive of New York	412,468,375		1.4

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Montreal	$8,726,313		1.4
Toronto	5,738,282	15.0	
Halifax	864,457	2.0	
Hamilton	504,474	6.3	
Winnipeg	970,420	14.1	
St. John	477,423		
Totals	$16,801,946	5.0	

REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET.

Prices on Stock Show a Tendency to Improve.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Bradstreet's financial review tomorrow will say:

Speculation in securities was not only somewhat more active this week, but the market has been broader and prices have exhibited an improving tendency. The improvements of the week have apparently induced a large proportion of them to change from the bull to the bear side, while there are evidences that large financial interests are inclined to give renewed support to the market. Europe has not displayed any very marked increase in its absorption of our stock, but the American demand on the London Stock exchange is a little more active, prices improving in sympathy with the better tone of the general market and on favorable comments in the financial press regarding the better class of transatlantic railroads. Commission houses in Wall street show improvement. The expectation of a general increase in business, which is reflected by the more bullish tendency in speculation, is found in the developments of the week at Washington. Favorable crop reports from the west have tended to create a better tone in the grangers and there has been evidence of bullish manipulation in some of them, as well as in other parts of the list.

BRADSTREET'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Omaha Reports Activity in General Demand for Goods.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Results of the spring trade in staples, which is now over, are disappointing. The volume of seasonable merchandise distributed is less than expected, without taking into account an improvement in business compared with a year ago. Nearly all central western and southern trade centers report business very quiet. Dry goods continue depressed, cotton products selling with difficulty, some varieties only on concessions. The announcement of reduced or passed cotton mill dividends, and that several large establishments will shut down to enable consumption to overtake production, which, coupled with comparative indifference of consumers to the lowest prices on record for iron and steel, would appear to sufficiently characterize the actual condition of general trade.

The more favorable features are relative activity among woolen goods manufacturers, who are working on old orders; improved demand for shoes and leather; a continuance of the comparative activity of the general demand at Savannah, Memphis, St. Louis, Omaha, Sioux Falls, Minneapolis and St. Paul, the better demand for lumber at the west, and in the trade outlook in Louisiana and Arkansas. Increased exports are reported from Pacific coast ports, but there is comparatively little gain in domestic trade here, except in cattle, wool and hardware at Portland.

Among twenty or more important staple products only two—hides and wheat—have advanced, while one-half the number—cotton, lumber, coal, Bessemer pig iron, steel billets, steel rails, print cloths, sugar, pork and coffee—are unchanged, although there is a nominal advance in prices of Bessemer pig iron and steel billets. Now that the wool manufacturers have stocked up, wool is off, as are cotton goods, when sold in quantity, and among cereals, flour, Indian corn and oats are lower, as well as lard and petroleum.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and Montreal this week amount to 2,081,326 bu., compared with 2,625,000 bu. last week, 2,061,000 bu. in the week a year ago, 2,426,000 bu. in the week two years ago, 2,101,000 bu. three years ago, and as compared with 3,253,000 bu. in the like week of 1893. Exports of Indian corn also show a falling off, amounting to 2,085,523 bu. this week, against 3,119,000 bu. last week, 3,193,000 bu. in the week a year ago, 812,000 bu. three years ago, and as contrasted with 1,190,000 bu. in the like period of 1893.

There are 257 business failures showing throughout the United States this week, a moderate increase compared with total corresponding periods in preceding years. The aggregate last week was 245, compared with 227 in the fourth week of May a year ago, 183 in the like week of 1895, a similar total in 1894, and 211 in the corresponding period of 1893.

There are 20 business failures reported from the Canadian dominion this week, against 25 last week, 25 in the week a year ago and 36 two years ago.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market is Dull, but Prices Are Firmly Held Throughout.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Today's market was distinguished by intense dullness throughout almost the whole of the session, during all of which prices were very firmly held, so that the lively demand in a few stocks to cover just at the close carried them substantially above last night's close. Doubtless a part of the buying was in anticipation of the covering movement which may develop at tomorrow's short session, in view of Monday being a holiday, thus leaving an interval of two days before trading shall be resumed. The dullness of the trading is an indication of underlying strength, as there were some unfavorable factors to hamper a rise and the holders preferred to hold with confidence. The principal factor in the dullness was the unfavorable effect on the whole tone of the speculation of the official announcement of the Baltimore & Ohio receivers that there would be a default on the interest payments on some of the bonds coming due on June 1. This action has been anticipated for several days, and the company's securities have sold down accordingly. But the effect today was none the less marked both here and on the London market for Americans, which were entirely neglected. Some of the selling here for London account was due to the same cause. The sales of all stocks footed up a total of only 118,518 shares. There was no positive weakness in the market, but the weight of semi-stagnation prevented values from benefiting from several favorable influences. One of these was the continued weakness of the exchange market, which, though somewhat firmer than yesterday, failed to recover sufficiently to induce the expected further shipments of gold by tomorrow's steamer. But the imports of dry goods at this port for the week show an increase over last week's value of over $200,000, indicating that the import movement is again expanding with an influence, necessarily on exchange. Chicago Gas, the leader of the market in the volume of transactions, was quite strong on renewed hope of benefits from the Illinois legislature and rose 1⅜ above last night's close in the final dealings. There was a marked disposition to cover in the anthracite coal stocks, thus eliminating what has been a persistent element of weakness in receipt markets. The strength manifested by the grangers, a rise in Sugar and the firmness of the Gould shares were other influences that helped to carry prices very generally above last night's level at the close and to leave substantial net gains in a few stocks. National Lead showed strength on the approval of the lead schedule by the senate. Baltimore & Ohio rallied slightly from yesterday's depression, more than recovering an early decline.

Railway bonds were relatively more active than share values and a more decided tendency was evident toward a higher plane. Fractional gains were noted in the speculative issues, except for Texas & Pacific 2ds, which, exceptionally, gained a point. American Spirits 6s were marked by a decline of 2½ per cent, with a subsequent recovery of 2 per cent. Severe losses were also recorded in a few other inactive li— The sales were $1,195,000. Governments showed an improved tendency, with the old 4s gaining slightly. The sales were $5,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were irregular today, but closed firm, except for Americans. The settlement in consols is to begin tomorrow. Kaffirs, after a period of dullness, closed strong on rumors that the South African commission will recommend a reduction in the dynamite and railway charges. Americans opened dull on the disappointing prices from New York, and the tone was weakened further on the belief that the Baltimore & Ohio would default on the June coupon of two of its bond issues. Prices closed at the lowest, but Lake Shore was exceptionally good. Money rates are harder because of special requirements today, allotments of payments having to be made on the new India loan. A South Australian loan of £1,000,000 was largely applied for. It is a 3 per cent loan and it went at about 2⅝ per cent premium on a minimum issue price of 95. The Japan loan is expected tomorrow. The Paris and Berlin markets were steady."

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

Atchison	10¼	N. Y. & N. Eng.	37
Adams Ex.	149	Ontario & W.	13⅝
Alton, T. H.	60	Oregon Nav.	12¼
Am. Express	113	O. S. L. & U. N.	15¼
Baltimore & Ohio	10	Pacific Mail	27
Canada Pacific	57	Peoria, Dec. & E.	⅝
Canada Southern	47⅜	Pittsburg	162
Central Pacific	8⅝	Pullman Palace	158⅝
Ches. & Ohio	16⅜	Reading	18⅞
Chicago & Alton	151	Rich. Ter. pfd.	12¼
C. B. & Q.	76	R. G. W.	30
Chicago Gas	82⅝	do pfd.	65⅝
Consolidated Gas	160⅛	Rock Island	75⅜
C., C., C. & St. L.	27⅛	St. Paul	13
Colo. Coal & Iron	⅜	do pfd.	53¼
Cotton Oil Cert.	9⅛	St. Paul & Omaha	140
Delaware & Hud.	12⅛	St. P. & O. pfd.	14
Del., Lack. & W.	30⅛	Sugar Refinery	116⅜
Dr & R. G. pfd.	16	Tenn. Coal & Iron	18⅝
Erie	14	Texas Pacific	9¼
Erie pfd	27⅛	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	40
Fort Wayne	162	Union Pacific	6⅜
G. Northern pfd.	120	U. S. Express	38
C. & E. I. pfd.	95	W. St. L. & Pac.	5
Illinois Central	93	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	13⅜
K. & T. pfd.	28⅛	Wells Fargo Ex.	103
Lake Erie & West.	13	Western Union	79⅛
do pfd.	59⅛	Wheeling & L. E.	⅝
Lake Shore	166	W. & L. E. pfd.	2⅝
Lead Trust	25⅛	Minn. & St. Louis	17⅛
Louisville & N.	45⅛	Den. & R. G.	9⅛
L. & N. A.	¼	Gen. Electric	30⅝
Manhattan Con.	84⅛	Nat'l Linseed	10⅛
Memphis & C.	15	Colo. Fuel & Iron	16
Michigan Central	97⅛	do pfd.	87
Mo. Pacific	14⅜	Tol. St. L. & K. C.	5⅛
Mobile & Ohio	16	do pfd.	18⅜
Nashville Chat.	66	Southern	8⅝
N. J. Central	74⅛	Southern pfd.	26⅛
N. & W. pfd.	27⅛	Tobacco	70
North Am. Co.	4	Tobacco pfd.	102
Northern Pacific	13⅛	*Am. T. & C. Co.	87½
N. Pacific pfd.	38	C. C. Co.	162
U. P., D. & G.	1⅛	A. S. R. pfd.	103
Northwestern	106⅜	Rubber pfd.	60⅜
do pfd.	151	Leather pfd.	55⅜
N. Y. Central	100		

* offered.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 28.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1¼@1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1¼@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87 for demand and $4.85¾@4.86 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86½@4.87 and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.85@4.85¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60⅛@60⅝c.

BAR SILVER—60⅛c per oz.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47⅛c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firmer.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg.	123	D. & R. G. 7s	110
U. S. new coup.	123	do 4s	87¾
U. S. 5s, reg.	113½	Erie 2ds	62⅜
U. S. 5s, coup.	113¾	G. H. & S. A. 6s	107
U. S. 4s, reg.	111	do 7s	100
U. S. 4s, coup.	112½	H. & T. C. 5s	110
U. S. 2s, reg.	96	do 6s	101
Pacific 6s of '95	101½	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	84¾
Ala., class A	107	do 2d 4s	58⅝
Ala., class B	106½	Mutual Union 6s	107
Ala., class C	100	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	108
Ala. Currency	100	No. Pacific 1sts	117¾
La. New Con. 4s	98	No. Pacific 2nds	54¾
Missouri 6s	100	N. W. Consols	144⅜
N. C. 6s	124	do S. F. Deb. 5s	151
N. C. 4s	104	R. G. West. 1sts	73¼
S. C. nonfund	¼	St. P. Consols 7s	131½
Tenn. new set 6s	81	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	116⅛
Tenn. new set 5s	105	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	70
Tenn. old 6s	60	Texas Pac. 1sts	89¼
Va. Centuries	64	Texas Pac. 2ds	21¼
do deferred	4	U. P. 1sts of '96	103
Atchison 4s	81½	West Shore 4s	103
do 2ds	47⅜	O. R. & N. 1sts	112¾
Canada So. 2nds	106⅛	O. R. & N. 4s	85
C. P. 1sts of '95	102⅛		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 28.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Cholar	105	Ontario	8 50
Con. Cal. & Va.	165	Ophir	85
Deadwood	105	Plymouth	18
Gould & Curry	18	Quicksilver	100
Hale & Norcross	70	Sierra Nevada	48
Homestake	2900	Standard	140
Iron Silver	33	Union Con.	30
Mexican	30	Yellow Jacket	25

Statement of the Bank of France.

PARIS, May 28.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France, issued today, shows the following changes as compared with the previous account: Notes in circulation, increase, 11,466,000f; treasury account current, increase, 25,550,000f; gold on hand, increase, 9,625,000f; bills discounted, increase, 41,175,000f; silver on hand, decrease, 325,000f.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 28.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10⅜	W. Elec. pfd.	50
American Sugar	116⅜	Ed. Elec. Ill.	148
Am. Sugar pfd	104	Gen. Elec. pfd.	68
Bay State Gas	4 5-16	Atchison pfd	21⅜
Bell Telephone	220	Atchison 4s	81
Boston & Albany	210	New England 6s	113¼
Boston & Maine	157½	Gen. Elec. 5s	95
C. B. & Q.	75⅜	Wis. Cent 1s	28⅜
Fitchburg	93	Allouez Mining Co	1
General Electric	31	Atlantic	19⅜
Illinois Steel	32	Boston & Montana	123⅜
Mexican Central	21⅜	Butte & Boston	17⅜
N. Y. & N. E. pfd	57	Calumet & Hecla	270
Old Colony	176	Centennial	6
O. S. L.	15⅜	Franklin	13⅜
Rubber	12	Kearsarge	16⅜
San Diego	9	Osceola	30
Union Pacific	6⅜	Quincy	108
West End	77	Tamarack	120
West End pfd	93	Wolverine	9⅜

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	2	Gould & Currie	19
Alpha Con	6	Hale & Norcross	88
Andes	20	Julia	4
Belcher	20	Kentucky Con	4
Best & Belcher	53	Mexican	30
Bullion	1	Occidental Con	12
Caledonia	9	Ophir	97
Challenge Con	28	Overman	14
Chollar	120	Potosi	68
Confidence	120	Savage	34
Con. Cal. & Va	185	Sierra Nevada	42
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	34
Crown Point	21	Utah Con	2
Exchequer	1	Yellow Jacket	31

Silver bars, 60c; Mexican dollars, 49¼@50c; drafts, sight, 17½c; drafts, telegraph, 20c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 28.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	113⅜	St. Paul common	76⅜
Consols, acc't	113 7-16	N. Y. Central	102⅜
Can. Pacific	58⅜	Pennsylvania	56⅜
Erie	12⅜	Reading	9⅜
Erie 1st pfd	31⅜	Mex. Cen. new 4s	70⅜
Ill. Central	95⅜	L. & N.	46⅜
Mexican ordinary	18⅜	Atchison	10⅜

BAR SILVER—27⅝d per oz.

MONEY—½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1 per cent; for three months' bills, 1 per cent.

Gold is quoted today at Rome at 105; holiday at Buenos Ayres and Lisbon.

Greek and Turkish Bonds.

LONDON, May 28.—Foreign securities are quoted as follows: Greece, 1884, unchanged at 24; Turkey, new defense, unchanged at 105¼, group A, ½ higher at 6½; group 2 (B), unchanged at 37⅛; group 3 (C), ⅛ lower at 31¼; group D, ⅝ lower at 20⅜.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, May 28.—The market for American securities varied but little all day, with no special influences, closing quiet with the demand generally light.

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, May 28.—Three per cent rentes, 103f 45c.

LONDON, May 28.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £251,000.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, May 28.—Clearings, $14,596,384; balances, $2,095,964.

BALTIMORE, May 28.—Clearings, $2,487,705; balances, $387,172.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Clearings, $79,874,460; balances, $4,382,958.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—Clearings, $8,946,490; balances, $1,261,724.

ST. LOUIS, May 28.—Clearings, $4,603,262; balances, $739,158. Money, 4@7 per cent. New York exchange, 70c premium bid, 90c premium asked.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Clearings, $13,793,676. New York exchange, 60c premium. Foreign exchange, steady; demand, $4.87¼; sixty days, $4.86⅛.

CONDITION OF THE WOOL MARKET.

Fair Sales of South American Crossbreds—Others Quiet.

BOSTON, May 28.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: The market has ruled very dull. Beyond some fair sales of South American crossbreds, nothing has been done. New clip Wyoming fine medium is offered and neglected at 36c clean. The market is fairly firm, very firm on fine fleeces which are contendedly held. The sales of the week are 402,000 pounds domestic and 2,965,000 pounds foreign, against 1,549,000 pounds domestic and 2,704,000 pounds foreign last week and 1,638,000 pounds domestic and 593,000 pounds foreign for the same week last year. The sales to date show an increase of 39,205,500 pounds domestic and 53,254,700 pounds foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896. The receipts to date show an increase of 15,723 bales domestic and 252,760 bales foreign.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 red northern spring, dull, 5s 11½d.

CORN—May, dull, 2s 7¼d. American mixed spot, old, steady, 2s 8¼d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull, 3s 2d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 28s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 26s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 25s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 25s. Beef, extra India mess, 5s 6d; prime mess, 47s 6d. Pork, prime mess, 40s 6d. Hams, 42s 6d. Shoulders, square, 28s. Lard, spot, 19s 3d.

CHEESE—Finest American white, 55s; colored, 53s; ordinary, new, 47s.

TALLOW—Prime city, 17s 3d.

OILS—Cottonseed, Liverpool refined, 15s 3d. Turpentine, spirits, 20s 9d. Rosin, common, 4s 9d.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, May 28.—COFFEE—Options opened quiet and unchanged to 5 points higher, ruled dull and featureless during the morning, following unsatisfactory cable news; steadier in the afternoon and became firm on that buying. Increase in warehouse deliveries had a favorable influence; closed steady at 5@10 points higher; sales, 12,750 bags, including September, $7.30. Spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, $7.62½, invoice; $8.50, jobbing. Mild, steady; Cordova, $11.50@13.75; sales, 500 bags Rio, No. 7, afloat, $7.62½, on steamer Galileo; 600 bags Maracaibo, p. t.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, May 28.—CORN—Easy and lower; new No. 2, 22⅛c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 white, 18¾@29½.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.19 for high wines.

Receipts: Corn, 133,800 bu.; oats, 80,350 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; whisky, 150 bbls.; wheat, none. Shipments: Corn, 44,800 bu.; oats, 57,200 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 600 bbls.; wheat, none.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, May 28.—WHEAT—No. 2, cash and May, 78⅛c; July, 71⅛c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 2tc.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 19c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 cash, 25⅛c.

CLOVER SEED—Dull but easy; prime cash, $4.20.

OIL—Lower; North Lima, 50c; South Lima and Indiana, 45c.

London Sales of Sheepskins.

LONDON, May 28.—The sheepskin sales were continued today with offerings of 300,326 Cape of Good Hope and Natal skins. The withdrawals numbered 50,000. There was no American demand and consequently Washington and eastern skins were ⅛c to ¼c lower and other skins sold without change. The next sales will be held July 15 and 16.

Wool Markets.

ST. LOUIS, May 28.—WOOL—Dull and unchanged; straight combing, 15½c; light fine, 9@12½c; heavy fine, 7@10c; medium, 12½@15c; tub washed, 17½@23c.

NEW YORK, May 28.—WOOL—Firm; fleece, 18@20c; pulled, 18@20c.

Sugar Markets.

NEW YORK, May 28.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅛c. Refined, firm; crushed, 5⅛c; powdered, 4⅝c; granulated, 4½c.

LONDON, May 28.—SUGAR—Centrifugal, 10s 4½d.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 28.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Firm for evaporated apples; other dried fruits, steady; evaporated apples, prime wire tray, 4⅛@4½c per lb.; wood dried, 4½c per lb.; choice, 4½@4⅝c; fancy, 4⅝@5c.

Chicago Stock Exchange.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Stocks today closed as follows: Chicago Gas, 82⅝; City Railway, 217; West Chicago, 96⅛; North Chicago, 214; New York Biscuit, 47⅛; Lake Street Elevated, 12⅝.

Oil City Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., May 28.—Certificates, 87c; credit balances, 87c; shipments, 84,549 bbls.; runs, 19,737 bbls.

Manchester Textile Trade.

MANCHESTER, May 28.—Cloths and yarns, quiet, with a limited inquiry.

Summer Excursions
VIA WABASH RY.

Half Rates South Tuesday, May 18.

Reduced Rates to Nashville, Tenn., every Tuesday.

Reduced Rates to Chattanooga, Tenn., in July.

Reduced Rates to Toronto, Ont., in July.

Reduced Rates to Buffalo, N. Y., in August.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Receipts of Cattle the Smallest for the Week, but Enough.

NO CHANGE SEEN IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS

Offerings Range from Common to Decent and Fetch Steady Prices—Hogs Active at Thursday's Decline.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 28.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
May 28	1,336	8,218	1,642	....
May 27	1,469	9,547	1,192	....
May 26	3,635	10,572	5,548	....
May 25	4,312	13,163	2,883	....
May 24	1,534	3,254	3,541	1
May 22	1,903	8,652	1,747	....
May 21	1,854	8,377	3,543	....
May 20	1,716	7,501	3,531	15
May 19	3,131	6,621	8,156	43
May 18	3,069	9,670	3,293	....
May 17	2,070	1,418	3,271	....
May 15	1,176	4,235	1,715	....

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	1	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	..	2	..
Mo. Pacific Ry.	..	3	..
Union Pacific System	17	27	7
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	16	39	..
S. C. & P. Ry.	8	4	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	..	2	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	14	33	..
C., B. & Q. Ry.	1	1	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	1	2	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west	..	5	..
Total receipts	57	119	7

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	....	1,964	....
G. H. Hammond Co.	256	983	....
Swift and Company	547	1,633	....
Cudahy Packing Co.	205	3,436	887
R. Becker and Degan	94	....	....
Vansant & Co.	2	....	....
J. L. Carey	39	....	....
Huston & Co.	12	....	....
Krebbs & Co.	18	....	....
G. H. Hammond, K. C.	....	191	....
Other buyers	81	....	....
Left over	75	....	....
Totals	1,329	8,207	887

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle were fair for this time of the week, but at the same time they were the smallest of the week to date, only fifty-eight loads being reported in. The market as a whole was without notable change of any kind.

The beef cattle were largely on the commonish order, though there were a few pretty decent cattle among the offerings. The demand was of liberal proportions and the cattle were mostly sold in good season and at prices that were fully steady, or even strong in some cases.

Cows and heifers also sold at just about steady prices.

Only a few stockers or feeders were on sale, while the demand was good, in fact there were more buyers than cattle. Values did not show any material change. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	1290	$3 95	3	1023	$4 15	65	1411	$4 25
1	1300	3 95	22	1061	4 15	16	1181	4 25
18	946	4 00	64	1003	4 15	43	1208	4 25
20	967	4 00	23	1030	4 15	12	1191	4 30
3	873	4 00	10	1056	4 15	18	1215	4 30
84	1014	4 05	5	916	4 20	21	1236	4 35
49	1272	4 10	6	1065	4 20	22	1258	4 40
22	927	4 10	5	1086	4 20	20	1250	4 45
13	1088	4 10	3	1093	4 20	29	1432	4 65
23	1049	4 10	20	996	4 20			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	900	1 65	10	979	2 90	2	1205	3 30
1	785	2 00	1	850	2 90	11	1106	3 30
4	977	2 40	1	1109	3 00	4	852	3 30
2	920	2 40	1	1130	3 00	4	982	3 30
1	1080	2 50	1	1050	3 00	1	1220	3 35
1	950	2 60	2	1175	3 00	3	1193	3 35
1	1020	2 75	1	900	3 00	18	1060	3 35
1	870	2 75	2	1015	3 10	1	1150	3 40
3	1130	2 80	49	101	3 15	1	1230	3 40
2	880	2 80	1	1160	3 15	1	1210	3 40
1	960	2 80	1	1220	3 20	5	1194	3 50
1	1060	2 80	15	1116	3 20	1	1100	3 50
2	1205	2 80	1	1220	3 25	1	1240	3 50
1	1150	2 80	8	1121	3 25	4	1045	3 55
1	1040	2 80	1	860	3 25	13	1248	3 60
1	870	2 80	1	1250	3 25	15	849	3 65
2	11 0	2 85	1	1140	3 30	2	960	3 70

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	775	2 50	1	740	3 40	2	663	3 75
3	623	2 70	2	750	3 50	19	830	3 75
1	620	3 00	8	702	3 60	23	750	3 75
1	450	3 00	5	882	3 60	3	773	3 75
1	830	3 05	20	727	3 60	1	620	3 80
2	700	3 25	23	677	3 70	10	856	3 90
3	566	3 35	2	1000	3 75	3	1243	4 00
17	827	3 35	1	850	3 75	3	903	4 05
2	485	3 35						

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1600	2 40	1	1150	3 00	1	1100	3 25
2	1270	2 70	1	1140	3 00	1	1260	3 30
3	1250	2 95	2	1200	3 20	2	1080	3 40

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	375	3 45	1	90	5 50	1	240	5 75
2	315	4 50	1	130	5 75	2	205	5 75
2	265	5 00	2	140	5 75			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	720	3 60	1	770	4 00	1	950	4 20
7	622	3 30	2	690	4 00	1	770	4 35
3	736	3 35	27	906	4 05	2	860	4 40
2	515	3 50	1	1210	4 15	1	450	4 40
1	290	3 50	17	1119	4 15	12	635	4 45
1	650	3 50	20	938	4 15	23	690	4 45
31	823	3 80	6	821	4 25	1	540	4 55
1	850	3 90	26	864	4 27½	2	520	4 60
7	980	4 00	1	520	4 30			

HOGS—The receipts of hogs were liberal again today in spite of the lower markets of the past few days, 118 loads being reported in the yards, as against 141 yesterday.

As was the case with cattle, the market did not show any material change, values being just about steady. The market at times may have been a little firmer or a little easier than yesterday, but as a whole it was not quotably changed. The hogs sold principally at $3.32½ and $3.35, with the latter the prevailing price, the same as yesterday.

The trade was fairly active, the demand good and the pens were soon cleared. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
30	356	...	$3 30	55	292	160	$3 35
60	333	...	3 30	160	239	...	3 35
30	316	...	3 32½	82	215	...	3 35
15	276	...	3 32½	131	257	80	3 35
70	290	80	3 32½	63	252	160	3 35
68	265	...	3 32½	60	281	...	3 35
73	282	160	3 32½	55	268	...	3 35
63	318	80	3 32½	75	230	80	3 35
30	356	...	3 30	68	281	...	3 35
69	273	320	3 32½	59	229	...	3 35
28	297	80	3 32½	70	254	80	3 35
82	327	160	3 32½	78	258	160	3 35
61	268	80	3 32½	67	241	...	3 35
53	322	80	3 32½	71	219	...	3 35
55	328	...	3 32½	65	262	80	3 35
104	281	280	3 32½	67	290	...	3 35
56	275	...	3 32½	52	299	...	3 35
55	318	...	3 32½	80	263	80	3 35
56	316	120	3 32½	75	295	...	3 35
59	250	80	3 32½	38	224	...	3 35
71	253	80	3 32½	84	255	...	3 35
61	317	40	3 32½	76	203	...	3 35
53	292	80	3 32½	65	279	40	3 35
47	300	...	3 32½	53	316	...	3 35
53	281	80	3 32½	61	272	...	3 35
56	320	...	3 32½	32	286	80	3 35
53	319	...	3 32½	70	285	160	3 35
57	300	...	3 32½	66	245	40	3 35
74	250	...	3 32½	70	256	...	3 35
57	308	160	3 32½	58	302	...	3 35
53	314	80	3 32½	51	300	...	3 35
74	320	80	3 32½	55	280	80	3 35
71	245	80	3 32½	116	216	80	3 35
59	246	...	3 32½	62	304	160	3 35
57	249	160	3 35	59	251	...	3 35
51	271	80	3 35	90	223	80	3 35
64	252	...	3 35	58	263	80	3 35
72	286	...	3 35	67	249	80	3 35
55	250	...	3 35	68	254	80	3 35
55	245	80	3 35	57	285	...	3 35
66	289	80	3 35	70	264	...	3 35
71	250	...	3 35	64	277	80	3 35
73	317	160	3 35	48	285	...	3 35
65	263	...	3 35	55	283	...	3 35
54	246	...	3 35	65	237	80	3 35
79	237	40	3 35	59	291	40	3 35
65	265	80	3 35	14	173	...	3 35
44	271	...	3 35	75	235	...	3 35
59	249	...	3 35	66	291	120	3 35
54	245	...	3 35	71	262	80	3 35
30	183	...	3 35	68	270	...	3 35
70	261	80	3 35	59	290	80	3 35
71	257	40	3 35	71	239	80	3 37½
68	248	...	3 35	68	226	...	3 37½
77	247	80	3 35	79	188	40	3 37½
54	292	...	3 35	91	212	...	3 37½
81	236	...	3 35	54	182	...	3 37½
56	275	80	3 35	64	240	80	3 37½
58	293	...	3 35	83	268	...	3 40
59	284	160	3 35	62	199	...	3 40
73	215	...	3 35	39	172	...	3 40
13	256	80	3 35				

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	510	...	2 25	5	230	...	3 30
2	415	...	2 50	3	263	120	3 30
1	460	...	2 50	5	304	...	3 30
1	480	...	3 00	3	126	...	3 30
2	545	80	3 00	4	280	...	3 32½
1	310	...	3 00	4	222	...	3 32½
3	596	80	3 00	4	287	...	3 32½
1	550	...	3 30	3	196	...	3 32½
3	379	...	3 30	3	242	...	3 32½
1	310	...	3 30	6	262	80	3 32½
1	520	...	3 30	2	299	...	3 35
2	545	...	2 50	1	160	...	3 35
9	261	...	3 30	1	186	...	3 35
1	257	...	3 30	5	230	...	3 35
1	360	...	3 30	4	150	...	3 35
1	300	...	3 30	1	180	...	3 35
1	340	...	3 30	3	156	...	3 35

SHEEP—Receipts of sheep were fair, but the market was slow on account of owners being backward about offering their holdings for sale. Buyers wanted the sheep and were ready to pay fully steady prices.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, May 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000 head; market steady to strong; shipping steers, $4.40@5.25; light steers, $3.40@4.20; stockers and feeders, $2.20@4.70; Texas and Indian steers, $2.85@4.55; cows and heifers, $2.00@2.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head; market 5c lower; light, $3.40@3.50; mixed, $3.25@3.50; heavy, $3.20@3.55.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5,000 head; market steady; native muttons, $3.25@4.50; Texas sheep, $3.10@4.25; spring lambs, $5.00@6.00.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle and Sheep Steady—Hogs Firmer—Lambs Lower.

CHICAGO, May 28.—There was a small supply of cattle today. Prices ruled steady in most instances. Common to choice native beef steers sold at from $3.90 to $5, with scattering sales of prime cattle at from $5.10 to $5.30. Stockers and feeders were less active. Sales were largely at from $4.30 to $4.60. Calves sold freely at from $6 to $6.50 for country feeders, but weakened later. Texas cattle averaged 10c lower.

There was a large supply of hogs again, but there was a good demand at firmer prices. Common to best hogs sold at from $3.25 to $3.60, the bulk of the sales being at from $3.50 to $3.55.

Sheep sold at steady prices, the offerings being rather moderate, but lambs sold considerably lower and were slow of sale. A few inferior lambs sold at from $3.25 to $3.50, but the usual prices for shorn flocks were from $4 to $5. Wooled Colorado sold at from $4.50 to $5. Spring lambs brought from $4 to $5.50. Sheep sold freely at from $2.05 to $5 for the poorest to the best. The sheep dipping tank at the stock yards is now in operation and all sheep that are shipped from here must be dipped according to the instructions from Washington. The vat is the largest in the world and the charge is 3 cents for each sheep dipped. Yesterday 800 head, bought for export, were dipped and 400 were dipped today. Dipping is supposed to eradicate ticks, scabs and other skin afflictions.

Receipts—Cattle, 5,500 head; hogs, 31,000 head; sheep, 5,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, May 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,500 head; market steady; Texas steers, $3.25@4.55; Texas cows, $2.30@3.50; native steers, $2.60@5.00; native cows and heifers, $2.00@5.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.80; bulls, $2.75@2.60.

HOGS—Receipts, 15,000 head; market 5c lower; bulk of sales, $3.30@3.32½; heavies, $3.25@3.32½; packers, $3.20@3.30; mixed, $3.25@3.35; lights, $3.30@3.35; Yorkers, $3.32½@3.35; pigs, $3.10@3.27½.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000 head; market steady; lambs, $3.50@5.60; muttons, $2.50@4.25.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, May 28.—BEEVES—Receipts, 2,650 head; quiet and steady; native steers, $4.40@5.15; stags and oxen, $3.00@4.40; bulls, $3.00@3.60; dry cows, $2.00@3.70. European cables quote American steers at 11½@12c, dressed weight; sheep, 11@13½c; refrigerator beef, 9@11½c.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,386 head; sheep, $3.50@3.60; yearlings, $5.65@5.70.

HOGS—Receipts, 45,025 head; lower at $4.00@4.20.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for May 28:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	1,733	8,218	1,642
Chicago	5,500	31,000	5,000
Kansas City	4,500	15,000	2,000
St. Louis	1,000	6,000	5,000
Totals	12,336	60,218	13,642

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FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer in Nebraska, with South Winds.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Forecast for Saturday:

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer; south winds.

For Kansas—Showers, followed by clearing weather in the afternoon; cooler; north winds.

For Iowa—Fair; warmer; south winds.

For Missouri—Fair; warmer; variable winds, becoming southerly.

For South Dakota—Fair; warmer in northern portions; south winds.

For Wyoming—Fair; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 28.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature, compared with the corresponding day of the past three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	69	73	97	73
Minimum temperature	52	50	72	47
Average temperature	60	62	84	62
Rainfall	.00	.00	.00	T

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1897:

Normal for the day ... 66
Deficiency for the day ... 6
Accumulated deficiency since March 1 ... 57
Normal rainfall for the day ... .16 inch
Deficiency for the day ... .16 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 ... 9.23 inches
Excess since March 1, 1897 ... .71 inch
Excess for cor. period, 1896 ... 3.87 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895 ... 3.10 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Seventy-fifth Meridian Time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature for day	Precipitation
Omaha, clear	66	70	.00
North Platte, clear	72	74	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	80	80	.00
Cheyenne, clear	66	68	.00
Rapid City, partly cloudy	78	78	.00
Huron, partly cloudy	68	72	.00
Chicago, clear	50	56	.00
St. Louis, cloudy	60	68	.00
St. Paul, clear	66	68	.00
Davenport, cloudy	66	68	.00
Helena, clear	64	68	.00
Kansas City, clear	66	70	.00
Havre, clear	80	82	.00
Bismarck, clear	74	78	.00
Galveston, partly cloudy	80	82	T
Williston, clear	80	80	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

United States Department of Agriculture weather bureau corn and wheat region bulletin for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m., seventy-fifth meridian time, May 28, 1897:

Stations of District.	Temperature. Max*	Min**	Rainfall. Inches and hundredths	State of weather
Ashland, Neb	79	49	.07	Clear
Columbus, Neb	78	44	T	Clear
Fairbury, Neb	80	51	.00	Cloudy
Fairmont, Neb	76	44	.05	Clear
Lincoln, Neb	78	50	.07	Clear
Hartington, Neb	77	43	.00	Clear
Oakdale, Neb	75	43	T	Pt Cldy
Omaha, Neb	77	52	.41	Clear
O'Neill, Neb	75	42	.00	Clear
Tecumseh, Neb	76	55	.24	Pt Cldy
Tekamah, Neb	79	48	T	Cloudy
Carroll, Ia	79	46	.09	Clear
Clarinda, Ia	73	56	.10	Clear
Sibley, Ia	75	44	.00	Clear

District Averages.

Central Station.	Number of stations reporting.	Temperature. Max.*	Min.**	Rainfall Inches & hundredths
Chicago, Ill	26	68	52	.06
Columbus, O	10	70	46	.01
Des Moines, Ia	14	74	52	.12
Indianapolis	11	72	54	.12
Kansas City	15	76	58	.24
Louisville, Ky	18	74	54	.08
Minneapolis	19	72	40	T
Omaha, Neb	14	77	48	.07
St. Louis	14	78	60	.28

Rain fell in all sections of the corn and wheat region, being heaviest in Missouri. The weather is much cooler in the western, and slightly warmer in the eastern portion.

T indicates inappreciable rainfall. * Maximum for yesterday. ** Minimum for twenty-four hours, ending 8 a. m., seventy-fifth meridian time.

Note—The average maximum and minimum temperatures and the average rainfall are made up at each center from the actual number of reports received. The "state of weather" is that prevailing at time of observation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Friday, May 28, 1897:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

Rees Place Syndicate to Madalena Liver, n 40 feet of s 48 feet lot 41, Rees Place ... $4,000

J. S. Clay to J. G. Armstrong, lot 3, block 1, sub of part block 73, Benson ... 300

E. S. Shields and husband to J. H. Cooper, lots 18 and 19, block 2, Everett Place; lot 2, block 17, Shull's add ... 3,000

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.

August Kountze and wife to Adaline Ruth, s ½ of n ½ lot 4, block 205, Omaha ... 2

Adelie Kalish and husband to Cathne Beard, lot 4 and s 10 feet lot 3, block 1, Hawthorne add ... 25

DEEDS.

Sheriff to A. H. Briggs, sub lot 5 in tax lot 5 in 9-15-13 ... 441

Same to Peterborough Savings bank, lots 1, 2, 3, 18, 19, 20, block 108, Florence ... 5,500

Same to S. U. Johnson et al, lot 18, block 2, Clarendon add ... 2,375

Master in chancery to W. F. H. Armstrong, trustee, lots 3 and 4, block 29, West Omaha ... 4,225

Total amount of transfers ... $19,468

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