COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Grain and Provision Markets Open Weak but Improve Later.

FOREIGN CROP REPORTS HELP WHEAT

Closing Prices Are Slightly Higher All Around Except on July Wheat, Which Loses a Half Cent.

CHICAGO, July 1.—The grain and provision markets opened today with a weak tone at a shade under yesterday's closing prices, but improved as the session progressed and wound up firm for grain and strong for provisions. The near approach of the holidays made trading very dull. Foreign crop reports helped wheat. Wheat closed ½@⅝c higher for September and ½c lower for July. Corn closed a shade higher. Oats were ⅛c higher and provisions ½c higher.

Except that this was the first delivery day for July contracts wheat opened under a similar combination of bearish influences to those of the previous day. The July deliveries made previous to the opening of the session were quite insignificant, a careful estimate making the quantity of wheat only 20,000 bu. That, for awhile, prevented the price from yielding to the other and bearish influences. The latter, however, could not be for long ignored and began to exercise their legitimate effect about ten minutes after opening. July, which closed yesterday at 62¾c, opened today at from 62¾c to 62¼c, and half an hour afterwards it could be bought for 62¼c. September started a shade lower, sold at 63⅛c and then down to 62¾c. Liverpool opened ¼d lower and reported stocks of wheat 312,000 bu. larger than June 1. The latter item of statistical information was rather a surprise, considering the weekly statements of the great deficiency of imports compared with the estimated requirements. Chicago received ten carloads of wheat, Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 320 carloads, compared with 473 cars the corresponding day of the year before. The Atlantic port clearances were liberal at equal to 360,000 bu. in wheat and flour together. The greater part of that was shipped from New York. The closing cables made the day's decline in futures. Business in the wheat pit was not heavy to begin with and soon simmered down to a midsummer business among the moderate number who braved the steamy heat of the pit for the off chance of picking up 1-16c on 5,000 bu. or 10,000 bu. The tone of the market improved, however, notwithstanding the smallness of the trade. The improvement became more marked when New York reported the Danubian crop to be 40 per cent under the average. Good seaboard acceptances of last night's cabled offers were also reported. The light trading was almost entirely confined to September, the weakness of July being due principally to receipts. It improved, however, late in the session and at the close was bringing 63⅝c. September after selling down to 62¼c gradually recovered and closed at 63⅜c bid.

Corn was irregular, opening steady, becoming quite weak and then becoming decidedly strong later. The weakness was the result of favorable weather and the ensuing strength was caused by covering by shorts. Trading was light and consisted mostly of changing July to September. Local receipts were 320 cars. September opened unchanged at 25⅜@25⅝c, declined to 25⅛@25⅜c and rallied to 25⅝@25¾c, closing at 25⅝c.

Liquidation in July oats caused a weak feeling to prevail in the market for a while, but through sympathy with wheat and corn a reaction occurred later. Business was fairly heavy, though largely in the way of exchanging. The weakness in the cash article was again a feature. Local receipts were 244 cars. September opened ¼c lower at 17½c, sold up to 17¾c, and closed at that price.

Provisions were ruled by the condition of the hog market, and opened weak. The market advanced on good demand, then went back again under liberal selling. Late in the session general buying set in, which continued to the close, good advances being made. Compared with the close September pork was 12½c higher at $7.80; September lard, 5c higher at $4.24, and September ribs about 5c higher at $4.57½.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat 11 cars; corn, 500 bu.; oats, 245 bu.; hogs, 28,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Opening.	High.	Low.	Closing.	Yes'day.
*Wheat—					
July...	60¾	60¾	62¾	62¾	63⅛
Sept...	61⅝	63⅜	61¾	63⅜	63⅝@63¾
Dec....	66¾	66⅞	66	66⅜	64¾@65⅜
*Corn—					
July...	24⅝@24¾	24¾@25	24⅜	24¾	24¾
Sept...	25⅜	25⅜@25⅝	25⅛	25⅝	25⅜
Dec....	26¾	27	26⅜	26⅞	25⅝@25¾
*Oats—					
July...	17¼@17⅜	17½	17¼	17⅜	17⅜
Sept...	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜	17⅜
Pork—					
July...	7 50	7 67½	7 50	7 67½	7 52½
Sept...	7 65	7 82½	7 65	7 80	7 67½
Lard—					
July...	4 00	4 10	3 97½	4 10	4 05
Sept...	4 12½	4 22½	4 10	4 20	4 15
Ribs—					
July...	4 37½	4 47½	4 37½	4 47½	4 42½
Sept...	4 50	4 60	4 50	4 57½	4 55

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $4.20@4.40; straights, $4.00@4.10; spring specials, $4.00@4.50; spring patents, $3.70@4.00; bakers, $2.80@3.00.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 58½@58¾c; No. 3 spring, 63@65c; No. 2 red, 58¾@59c.

CORN—No. 2, 24¾@25c.

OATS—No. 2, 17½c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 20½@21½c; No. 3 white, 19½@21c.

RYE—No. 2, 34c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 4, f. o. b., 20c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 77@78c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.65@7.70. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.10@4.12½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.30. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.75@4.87½.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.59; granulated, $4.97.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	9,000
Wheat, bu	6,000	12,000
Corn, bu	370,000	379,000
Oats, bu	332,000	172,000
Rye, bu	4,000	16,000
Barley, bu	16,000	1,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 12@14½c; dairy, 9@12½c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 8½c. Cheese, quiet; 7¾@8c. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 6@7c; chickens, 7c; spring, 10@15c; ducks, 7@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, July 1.—FLOUR—Receipts, 10,293 bbls.; exports, 11,808 bbls.; dull but steady; Minnesota bakers, $3.35@3.60. Rye flour, quiet.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, 57c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 36½c.

BARLEY—Dull at 28½c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 42@54c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 112,975 bu.; exports, 208,782 bu.; spot firmer. Options opened firmer on covering, weakened under liquidation of July and splendid crop prospects, but finally rallied on export demand, covering and sympathy with corn, closing ¼c net higher. July, 72¾@74¾c, closed at 74⅝c; September, 70¾@70¾c, closed at 70⅝c.

COLN—Receipts, 148,800 bu.; exports, 58,529 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 28¾c. Options opened weak on good crop news and weak cables, but later rallied sharply on July covering and closed ⅜@¾c net higher; July, 28¼@28⅝c, closed at 28¾c; September, 30⅝@30⅞c, closed at 30⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 226,400 bu.; exports, 282,399 bu.; spot quiet; No. 2, 21½c; options quiet and easier at first, later rallying slightly, but closed ¼@¾c net lower; July, 21¼@21½c, closed at 21¾c; September, 21⅜@22c, closed at 22c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 80c; good to choice, 90@95c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@11c.

HIDES—Irregular; Galveston, 14c; Buenos Ayres, 18½@19c; Texas, 15c; California, 16c.

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

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; packet, $8.00@8.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.50@6.75; pickled shoulders, $5.25@5.75; pickled hams, $8.75@9.25. Lard, firmer; western steam, $4.30; refined, firm. Pork, quiet; mess $8.25@8.75; short clear, $9.00@10.50; family, $9.25@10.00. Tallow, steady; city, 2 1-16@2¼c; country, 2 1-16@2¼c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,668 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 11@15c; Elgins, 15c; factory, 7½@10½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 12,105 pkgs.; market steady; state, large, 6@7½c; small, 6½@7½c; part skims, 2½@5c; full skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,204 pkgs.; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11@11½c; western, 10c.

OILS—Cottonseed, firm; prime crude, 26c; prime yellow, 27½c. Petroleum, dull; United closed at 85c; Pennsylvania crude steady; August, 85c bid. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.72½@1.75. Turpentine, quiet at 26@27c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 4⅛@6c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

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

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $9.75@10.25; northern, $10.00@12.00. Copper, firm; brokers, $11.25; exchange, $11.12½@11.25. Tin, quiet; straits, $14.00@14.10; plates, quiet. Spelter, dull at $4.25@4.35. Lead, closed firm; brokers, $3.25; exchange, $3.42½@3.47½; choice exchange, $3.82½@3.87½.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, July 1.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; patents, $4.40@4.50; extra fancy, $4.10@4.20; fancy, $3.50@3.60; choice, $3.10@3.20.

WHEAT—The speculative market opened firm and higher, but weakened because there was little support. Later the market advanced, the premium on cash wheat acting bullishly, and the market closed higher than yesterday; spot neglected but higher; No. 2 red, cash, in elevator, 70c bid; on track, 75c; old, 73@75c; new, July, 67c bid; August, 67¾c bid; September, 63¾c asked.

CORN—Futures dull and steady to lower; spot easier; No. 2 cash, 21¾@21¾c; July, 21¾c; September, 23¾@23½c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 cash, 17½c bid; July, 17½c; September, 17½c bid.

RYE—Firm; 25c, on track.

BARLEY—Nominal.

CORN MEAL—$1.6@1.55.

BRAN—Dull and weak; sacked, east track, worth nominally 55c; east side country points, 53@54½c.

FLAXSEED—74c bid.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50@2.75, spot.

HAY—Dull, steady and unchanged.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 10½@15c; dairy, 8@11½c.

EGGS—Steady at 7½c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—5¾@6¼c.

METALS—Lead, higher at $3.50 bid. Spelter, strong at $4 bid.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; standard mess, jobbing, $7.50@8.00. Lard, higher; prime steam, $3.90; choice, 4¼@4½. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $5.75; extra short clear and ribs, $5.60; shorts, $5.75@6. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.85; extra short clear, $5; ribs, $5.10; shorts, $5.25@5.50.

POULTRY—Chickens, old hens, steady at 6c; springs, lower at 10c; ducks, springs, 6c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 3,000 bu.; corn, 15,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 3,000 bu.; corn, 2,000 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Bulk of sales, 7½c. Hot weather is causing heavy losses, in some cases as high as five to eight dozen per case.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7½c; choice to fancy, 10@12c; separator creamery, 15c; gathered creamery, 12c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 5@6c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5c; cocks, 3½c; spring chickens, per lb., 12@14c; ducks, 6c.

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.

VEGETABLES.

GREEN PEAS—Per ½-bu. basket, 50@60c.

PIE PLANT—Per lb., ½c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@40c.

TOMATOES—Per 4-basket crate, 80c@$1.00.

RADISHES—Per doz., 10@15c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 10@20c.

WAX BEANS—Per ½-bu. box, 75c.

STRING BEANS—Per ½-bu. box, 50c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 20@25c.

ONIONS—Per lb., 2c.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb., 20c.

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

CABBAGE—Good stock, 2c.

POTATOES—New, per bu., 90c.

FRUITS.

APRICOTS—Per case, $1.15@1.25.

CALIFORNIA CHERRIES—Per 10-lb. box, $1.00@1.10.

BLACK RASPBERRIES—Per 24-pint case, $1.00@1.10; quart cases, $1.25@1.75.

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APPLES—No shipping stock.

GOOSEBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $1.50.

SOUTHERN PEACHES—Per ½-bu., 75c@$1.00.

RED RASPBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $1.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $3.50; St. Michaels, $4.00.

LEMONS—Messinas, $5.00@5.50; choice California, $4.25@4.50.

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, $1.75; large, polished, 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.

CIDER—Bottled juice, per half bbl., $2.35; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $7.25; quart cans, $4.75.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½c; good forequarters, steers, 5½c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6¼c; fancy heifers, 6¼c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters, heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 7c; good cows, 5½c; good forequarters, cows, 5c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 15c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 8c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 6c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 5c; cow chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 2½c; steer plates, 3c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 12c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; No. 1 short loins, 15c; No. 2 short loins, 12c; No. 3 short loins, 10½c; sirloin cuts, No. 1, 12c; No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 7½c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 5c; trimmings, 3½c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; veal sweetbreads, 20c; veal fries, 10c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 2c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 1½c; tongues, per lb., 10c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 2½c; loins, 5½c; spare ribs, 3½c; ham sausage, butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 4½c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 2c; check meats, 3c; pigs' feet, per 100 lbs., $3.00.

MUTTON—Dressed sheep, fall, 5c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 2c; 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.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; 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 to 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, 7c; calf hides, less than fully cured, 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4½c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3½c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4½c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3½c; fcet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1¾c; old butter, 2½@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; unmerchantable, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@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, 15@16c.

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.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Inclines to React Early, but Grows Strong Later.

NEW YORK, July 1.—Today's market was somewhat erratic, the earlier hours of the day inclining to reaction, but a stronger tone developed after noon which carried prices all through the list above last night's closing level.

There was no news in the general situation to account for the early decline, and it must be attributed to a general apprehension among the professional traders that the advance in prices has outstripped conditions. The latest strength did not develop until after a period of feverish uncertainty and a hesitating and somewhat ominous effort on the part of the bears to hold control of the market. There was a decided falling off in activity and in the outside interest in the market all day. Northwestern general selling to realize was apparent. The decline gave every appearance of being purely manipulative in character, the bulls seeming to assent to it as promising benefit to the tone of the market. It was not of a character to invite aggressive short sales and in fact the sales that were made for short account were covered before the end of the session and were largely responsible for the rally. A feature of the market all day was the ease with which prices moved both up and down on small transactions. The rise was also accomplished without any very heavy buying, reflecting the disposition on the part of heavy operators to nurse the reaction for the purpose of recuperating the market and preventing an too rapid advance. London already reflected an increased confidence in the stability of values here and bought quite freely during the day. General news as to the outlook for business continued favorable. The transfer of $20,000,000 currency from the subtreasury to New Orleans is considered an indication of increasing business activity in that section. An order from Europe for $300,000 in gold went begging in Wall street, there being no adequate profit in the transaction at the ruling rate of exchange. The government's good showing for the fiscal year with a deficit of less than $19,000,000, against an estimate a year ago of over $64,000,000, is looked upon as a favorable factor. The Louisville & Nashville's good showing for May of an increase of $82,021 in gross earnings and of $64,245 in net helped that road to maintain its price above yesterday's close or near the level all the day. This was true of the industrials as a group with one or two exceptions. Manhattan was also strong all day on rumors that surface railway interests were about to acquire an interest in the property. With these exceptions the whole list declined below yesterday's closing figures, over a point in Chicago Gas and Northwestern. The recovery was complete in all prominent stocks but Bay State Gas, and net gains attained a point or over in Manhattan (2%), Atlantic Express, Cotton Oil, Brooklyn Rapid Transit, St. Paul, Illinois Steel and Louisville & Nashville. Leather preferred, Rubber preferred and Ice preferred, Bay State Gas slumped 2½ on rumors of a receivership and rallied 1¾. Chicago and Eastern Illinois preferred also lost 1¾.

The bond market displayed a good tone on moderate transactions, which were largely restricted to the leading mortgages. Fluctuations were quite narrow, but were fairly uniform in gains. The market showed some irregularity at times, but ended with the principal lists showing advantages. The aggregate sales were $1,322,000. Governments were dull, but hardened fractionally. The transactions were $2,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cable-gram says: "The stock markets were quiet and irregular today. Home rails were chiefly in favor. In the other markets the feature was the sharp rise in Grand Trunks on good buying and an excellent working statement. Canadian Pacifics also were largely bought. The settlement will be finished tomorrow. Americans were neglected pending more definite indications of the New York market. Prices were mostly above the parity all day, and despite the drop in New York and the pessimistic cable of the Pall Mall Gazette's correspondent, hinting at war between the United States and Japan and Spain, the disposition here is to hold to Americans in the belief that the decline is past. Kaffirs were better and with an upward tendency. Details of the gold movement for the week show that £62,000 came from Australia and £17,000 from the Cape, while £15,000 went to the continent. The Berlin market was steady. The Paris bourse was firm after a period of dullness."

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

Atchison	12⅝	Ontario & W	15¾
Adams Ex	150	Oregon Nav	70
Alton & T. H	59	O. S. L. & U. N	19¾
Am. Express	113	Pacific Mail	29⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	19¾	Peoria, Dec. & E	18
Canada Pacific	93¾	Pittsburg	165
Canada Southern	49¾	Pullman Palace	168¾
Central Pacific	9¼	Reading	22¾
Ches. & Ohio	17⅜	R. G. W	19⅜
Chicago & Alton	148	do pfd	45
C. B. & Q	74	Rock Island	74⅜
Chicago Gas	94⅜	St. Paul	84⅛
Consolidated Gas	97	do pfd	130⅝
C. C. C. & St. L	24⅜	St. Paul & Omaha	64⅛
Colo. Coal & I	1	St. P. & O. pfd	118
Cotton Oil Cert	13¾	Southern Pacific	15¼
Delaware & Hud	110⅜	Sugar Refinery	127⅝
Del. Lack. & W	150	Tenn. Coal & Iron	24⅝
D. & R. G. pfd	39	Texas Pacific	10⅜
East Tenn	14⅜	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	40
Erie	14	Union Pacific	6¼
Erie pfd	18⅝	U. S. Express	41
Fort Wayne	167	W. St. L. & Pac	18⅝
G. Northern pfd	120	W. St. L. & P. pfd	14⅝
C. & E. I. pfd	98¾	Western Union	84⅛
Hocking Valley	23	Wheeling & L. E	3¾
Illinois Central	97¾	W. & L. E. pfd	8
St. P. & Duluth	22	Wisc. & St. Louis	20¾
K. & T. pfd	31	Den. & R. G	10⅜
Lake Erie & West	14	Gen. Electric	33⅝
do pfd	66	Nat'l Linseed	21⅛
Lake Shore	161½	Cons. Fuel & Iron	14⅞
Lead Trust	30½	do pfd	80
Louisville & N	51¼	Tol. St. L. & K. C	5⅝
L. & N. A	91⅝	do pfd	18⅝
Manhattan Con	94	Sugar Certificates	97⅛
Memphis & C	15	Southern pfd	29¾
Michigan Central	98	Tobacco	77¾
Mo. Pacific	19¾	Tobacco pfd	100
Mobile & Ohio	29¾	Wells, Fargo & Co	99
Nashville Chat	66	C. C. Co	148
N. J. Central	84¼	Am. Sugar pfd	107¾
N. & W. pfd	29	Rubber	12⅝
North Am. Co	4	Rubber pfd	47⅞
Northern Pacific	14⅜	Leather pfd	59¾
N. Pacific pfd	40¾	O. R. N. pfd	54
U. P. D. & G	9	Am. Spirits	11¾
Northwestern	105⅝	do pfd	47⅞
do pfd	169	P. C. C. & St. L. pfd	87½
N. Y. Central	101⅛	Cotton Oil pfd	63

The total sales of stocks today were 276,441 shares, including: American Tobacco, 7,700; American Sugar, 34,700; Burlington, 27,600; Chicago Gas, 20,700; Louisville & Nashville, 8,500; Manhattan, 7,900; Missouri Pacific, 7,400; Northwestern, 4,800; Omaha, 5,300; Reading, 7,300; Rock Island, 10,100; St. Paul, 41,800; Union Pacific, 3,700; Western Union, 41,100; New Jersey Central, 3,200.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, July 1.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1¼@2 per cent; last loan 2 per cent, closed at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull and heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and $4.83¾@4.84 for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.86½@4.87½ and $4.88@4.88½. Commercial bills, $4.85.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60¼@60½c.

BAR SILVER—59¾c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s reg	125½	do 4s	87½
U. S. new 4s coup	125¾	Erie 2ds	65¾
U. S. 5s reg	113¾	G. R. & S. A. 6s	107½
U. S. 5s coup	114⅝	do 7s	97½
U. S. 4s reg	111⅜	H. & T. C. 5s	105
U. S. 4s coup	112⅜	do 6s	109½
U. S. 2s reg	96¾	K. C., F. S. & M. 6s	74
Pacific 6s of 95	101⅜	do 2 1-8s	42½
Ala., class A	105	Mutual Union 6s	107
Ala., class B	105	N. J. C. Jon. 6s	114½
Ala., class C	98	N. Y. C. rent 6s	110½
Ala. Currency	98	No. Pac. 3-4s	56
La. New Con. 4s	93	N. W. Consols	145½
Missouris	100	do S. F. 6s 5s	117
N. Carolina	120	R. G. W. 4s	87
N. C. 4s	102	St. P. C. & P. 1st	135
S. Carolina	½	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	112½
Tenn. new set 6s	101	St. L. & I. M. 5s	80
Tenn. new set 5s	101	St. L. & S. F. G. 4s	113
Tenn. old 6s	100	Tex. & P. 1st 5s	93¾
Va. Centuries	64	Texas Pac. 2-1s	27⅝
do 6s fund	3	U. P. 1st s of '96	103½
Atchison 4s	84¾	West Shore 4s	108½
do 2 1-2s	61¾	D. & R. G. 1st s	111
Canada So. 2nds	108⅛	Southern 5s	90⅝
Cent. Pac. 1sts	101¾	O. R. & N. 1st s	111
D. & R. G. 7s	110	N. P. 4s	85

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, July 1.—Call loans, 1¾@2½ per cent; time loans, 2½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and miscellaneous:

A. T. & S. F	12⅝	W. Elec	21½
American Sugar	127¼	W. Elec. pfd	59
Am. Sugar pfd	107⅜	Wis. Cent	14⅝
Bay State Gas	3 1-16	Bos. Elec	77
Bell Telephone	227	Gen. Elec. pfd	7
Boston & Albany	214	Atchison pfd	25
Boston & Maine	153	Atchison 4s	84
Boston & M. pfd	154	Gen. Elec. 5s	90
C. B. & Q	84	Wis. Cent 4s	59
Fitchburg	93	Allouez Mining Co	75
General Electric	34	Atlantic	21
Illinois Steel	34⅜	Boston & Montana	133
Mexican Central	9	Butte & Boston	21¾
N. Y. & N. E	65	Calumet & Hecla	385
Old Colony	177½	Centennial	7¾
O. S. L	19⅜	Franklin	15
Rubber	47⅜	Huancayo	3
San Diego	9	Osceola	32¾
Union Pacific	6¼	Quincy	116
West End	84½	Tamarack	124½
West End pfd	94⅛	Wolverine	108

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, July 1.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	80	Ontario	550
Crown Point	22	Ophir	70
Con. Cal. & Va	1 30	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	55	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	32	Quicksilver pfd	700
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	90
Homestake	2900	Standard	145
Iron Silver	145	Union Con	40
Mexican	30	Yellow Jacket	48

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, July 1.—1 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	112⅜	St. Paul con. m'non	84¼
Consols, acc't	112⅜	N. Y. Central	101
Can. Pacific	93	Pennsylvania	55
Erie	15	Reading	11⅝
Erie 1sts pfd	34⅜	Mex. Cen. new 4s	72⅜
Ill. Central	96½	Atchison	14⅝
Mexican ordinary	21⅛	L. & N	51⅞

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27 9-16d per oz.

MONEY—½@¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 7-8@1 per cent; for three months' bills, ¾@1 per cent.

Gold is quoted today at Buenos Ayres at 136.00; at Lisbon, 46¾; at Rome, 104.55.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, July 1.—The market for American securities varied but little all day. The tone was quiet and the demand moderate. Bears tested the market early in sales, but desisted, finding little long stock dislodged.

Weekly Statement of Bank of France.

PARIS, July 1.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes as compared with the previous account: Notes in circulation, increase, 76,755,000f; treasury accounts current, increase, 21,955,000f; gold in hand, decrease, 1,325,000f; bills discounted, increase, 156,450,000f; silver in hand, decrease, 600,000f.

Bank of England Weekly Statement.

LONDON, July 1.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England, issued today, shows the following changes as compared with the previous account: Total reserve, decrease, £705,000; circulation, increase, £894,000; bullion, increase, £256,494; other securities, increase, £6,666,000; other deposits, increase, £4,347,000; public deposits, decrease, £370,000; notes reserve, decrease, £750,000; government securities, unchanged.

The Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 50.88 per cent, is now 44.59 per cent.

The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 2 per cent.

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, July 1.—Clearings, $1,171,188.

BOSTON, July 1.—Clearings, $19,943,402; balances, $2,310,573.

BALTIMORE, July 1.—Clearings, $3,372,273; balances, $771,804.

NEW YORK, July 1.—Clearings, $137,921,837; balances, $10,114,933.

PHILADELPHIA, July 1.—Clearings, $15,001,265; balances, $2,366,580.

CINCINNATI, July 1.—New York exchange, par. Clearings, $2,438,150. Money, 2½@6 per cent.

MEMPHIS, July 1.—New York exchange, selling at $1.50 premium. Clearings, $259,568; balances, $49,062.

ST. LOUIS, July 1.—Clearings, $4,054,694; balances, $378,072. Money, 4@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium bid; 40c premium asked.

CHICAGO, July 1.—Clearings, $17,278,341. New York exchange, 40c premium. Foreign exchange, barely steady; demand, $4.87¼; sixty days, $4.86¾. Stocks, West Chicago active; Lake Street advanced sharply. Closing prices: Diamond Match, 142½; Metropolitan, 77; Lake Street, 13; West Chicago, 105½; North Chicago, 99½; New York Biscuit, 91; Strawboard, 28¾.

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, July 1.—Three per cent rentes, 101f 10c.

BOMBAY, July 1.—The Bank of Bengal has reduced its rate of discount from 8 to 7 per cent.

BERLIN, July 1.—Exchange on London, 20 marks 37 pfg.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, July 1.—With the approach of the Independence day holiday, the dry goods market assumes a duller tone than has been the case hitherto. The buying in the market is of a casual character and mail orders have been light in nearly all grades. The month just closed is pronounced to have been a fair one, both in first hands and jobbing markets. Sales were really heavier than was expected and the totals for the month, it is believed, in most quarters will compare favorably with the business of June, 1896. In staple cottons the market is still unsatisfactory. Bleached goods are still sold slowly at nearly prices. Brown cottons are in slow request, with export goods only fairly active. Wide sheetings show no change. Coarse colored cottons are steady without change. Denims are fairly active and business in stripes, checks, chevions, tickings, etc., is still quiet, though prices are fairly well sustained. Prices are without feature, the demand for staples being somewhat limited. Print cloth quoted at 2½c.

COTTON MARKETS.

Broadening Business Prospects Cause an Improvement.

NEW YORK, July 1.—The cotton market opened steady and unchanged to 2 points higher, following the call there was an advance of from 4 to 5 points on shorts buying and an increased demand for investment account. The basis of the improvement was a growing conviction that broadening activity in business circles at large was likely to follow the holiday and supplement the exceptional strength of cotton statistics. The market later eased off partially on realizing, strengthened again on favorable accounts from Fall River and improving reports from the dry goods district. Shorts were fairly active buyers in the afternoon. The close was firm at a net advance of from 10 to 12 points. Futures firm; sales, 18,100 bales; January, $7.15; February, $7.19; March, $7.22; July, $7.45; August, $7.43; September, $7.27; October, $7.11; November, $7.08; December, $7.11. Spot closed steady; middling uplands, 7¾c; middling gulf, 8¼c; middling, 7¾c; net receipts, none; gross receipts, 775 bales; exports to the continent, 1,000 bales; sales, 15,355 bales; spinners, 716 bales; stock, 160,730 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 285 bales; exports to Great Britain, 745 bales; to France, 248 bales; to the continent, 2,188 bales; stock, 185,188 bales. Cons