COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Makes a Heavy Advance, But is Nervous and Closes Lower.

NET LOSS NEARLY A CENT AND A HALF

Corn is Also Erratic, but the Final Price Shows Only a Slight Loss—Provisions Are Independently Firm.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—September wheat today came within a very small fraction of touching the 90-cent mark, but slumped ingloriously and closed at 87⅞c, a drop of 1⅝c since yesterday. The market was an extremely nervous one, with fluctuations correspondingly violent. Some bearish crop reports, foreign seaboard selling and letting go of considerable holdings by the bull clique were features in the decline. Corn and oats were but slightly affected, corn declining ⅛c and oats about the same. Provisions showed independent firmness, closing unchanged to 7½c higher.

When the wheat market opened the pit was jammed with anxious and excited brokers and traders, and the course of prices after the first plunge gave grounds for belief that yesterday's sensational advance might be repeated. A more pronounced bearish feeling, however, ultimately asserted itself. September wheat, which closed yesterday at 88⅝c, started today at from 88c to 88⅛c and soon dropped to 87⅝c, and after bobbing between that figure and 88c for a few minutes it rose in ⅛c leaps to 89⅝c, helped along by a flood of buying orders from those who had previously held aloof. They climbed into the band wagon too late, however. From 89⅝c the market slid like a well planned runaway until it was brought up with a splash into the figures between 87½c and 87c. Although 87½c was virtually the bottom of the decline, a 150,000 bu lot was sold at the culmination of the descent at 87c. Business slacked after that and the price had again recovered to 88⅝c by 11:30 without the buying of any great quantity. Liverpool began the day's sensation by a 1⅞d 2½d advance and slightly increased this later in the day. The news from New York, however, was somewhat discouraging, being to the effect that foreign orders received today were generally to sell out wheat previously bought. Crop reports too, were not unanimous as to the damage to spring wheat, the Price Current in particular being rather bearish in tone. Paris cables showed advances ranging from 1½c to 2½c. Chicago received 311 cars, against 134 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth got 148 carloads, against 243 last year. Atlantic port clearances were equal in wheat and flour to 425,000 bu. Those who did not get thrown out on the plunge to 87c and 87½c about 11:30 o'clock had another chance to get 88⅝c—that price being again obtainable about the middle of the next hour. It went down to 88c and up to 89⅝c, and in fact did not seem to know where it was at during that time. The trade was not heavy or general, the majority of the local scalpers preferring to look on. It was current rumor in the pits near the close that wheat was settling up with Allen-Grier, which indicates that they have parted with a considerable portion of the wheat they were holding for the party known as the bull syndicate. Acting on that belief the crowd jumped onto the market and in a very few minutes hammered it down from around 88c to 87c until it closed at 87½c.

Corn was fairly steady, showing a degree of nervousness at times on account of the erratic action of wheat. There was a greatly improved trade, especially from the outside. The bull crowd changed, selling September and buying December to the extent of about 1,000,000 bu, the feature of the market. Crop reports were less favorable and shipping demand was better. Local receipts were 851 cars. The market slid off toward the end with wheat. September opened irregular, a shade lower to ⅛c higher at from 28⅝c to 29⅛c. It ranged between 29⅛@29¼c and 28⅝c, closing at 28⅝@28¾c.

Oats was rather quiet within a narrow range, with the tendency toward slightly lower prices. As in corn the feature was changing from September to December. There was some increase in outside trade. Local receipts were 633 cars. September opened unchanged at 18c, and ranged between 18@18⅛c and 17¾@17⅞c. It closed at 17⅞@18c.

In provisions the Cudahys were heavy sellers of September lard, probably liquidation of a long time, which was taken by shippers. Pork after an early decline advanced sharply on outside buying, lard and ribs being carried along. Most of the advance was lost later during the last decline in wheat. Hog receipts show a falling off. At the close September pork was 7½c higher at $8.57, September lard 2½c higher at $4.52½ and September ribs unchanged at $5.07½.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 310 cars; corn, 1,015 cars; oats, 600 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesd'y.
*Wheat-					
Sept...	87⅞@88	89⅝@89⅝	87	87⅞	88⅝
Dec....	87⅞@88	88⅝	87	87⅞	88⅝
May...	89¼@⅝	91¼	89	89⅝	.....
*Corn-					
Aug....	28⅝@⅞	28⅞	28¼	28¼@⅜	28⅝@⅞
Sept...	28¾@⅞	29¼	28⅝	28⅝@⅞	28⅝@⅞
Dec....	30¼@⅜	30⅜@⅝	30¼	30¼	30¼
May...	33	33⅜	32⅞@33	33	32⅞
*Oats-					
Sept...	18⅝@⅞	18⅞	17¾@⅞	17⅞@18	18
Dec....	19⅛	19⅛	18⅝@19	18⅝@⅞	19⅛@⅛
May...	21⅝@⅞	21¾	21⅝@⅞	21⅝@⅞	21⅝
Pork-					
Sept...	8 55	8 65	8 40	8 57½	8 50
Oct...	8 47½	8 62½	8 47½	8 60	8 50
Dec....	8 65	8 75	8 55	8 70	8 60
Lard-					
Sept...	4 55	4 57½	4 50	4 52½	4 50
Oct....	4 60	4 62½	4 57½	4 57½	4 55
Dec....	4 65	4 67½	4 62½	4 62½	4 60
Sh'ts Ribs					
Sept...	5 10	5 15	5 07½	5 07½	5 00
Oct....	5 15	5 17½	5 10	5 12½	5 12½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firmer; prices advanced 25c.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 87¾@89c; No. 3 spring, $4@87c; No. 2 red, 89c.

CORN—No. 2, 28½@28¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 18c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 21@21½c; No. 3 white, 19½@21½c.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

BARLEY—Nominal; No. 3, 30@38c; No. 4, 28½@34c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.09½@1.11½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.75.

PROVISIONS—Pork, nominal, per bbl., $8.55@8.60. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.52½. Bacon, short ribs sides (loose), $4.25@5.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.00@5.25; short clear sides (boxed), $5.00@5.75.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.20.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, $5.84; granulated, $5.21; standard "A," $5.09.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	6,000	8,000
Wheat, bu.....	159,000	156,000
Corn, bu.....	514,000	374,000
Oats, bu.....	324,000	574,000
Rye, bu.....	15,000	1,000
Barley, bu.....	10,000	600

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 11@16½c; dairies, 10@14c.

CHEESE—7¼@9c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 12½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Market steady; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 7½c; springs, 10c; ducks, 8@9c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,345 bbls.; exports, 9,756 bbls.; quiet and firmer, closing irregular; winter patents, $4.35@5.40; winter straights, $4.00@4.35; Minnesota patents, $5.10@5.20; winter extras, $2.25@3.15. Rye flour, firm; superfine, $2.75@3.00.

CORN MEAL—Firm; yellow western, 64c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 48c.

BARLEY—Dull; western, 29½c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; 45@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 182,850 bu.; exports, 324,745 bu. Spot, irregular; No. 2 red, 98c. Options opened lower under foreign selling and disappointing cables, recovered and advanced to the highest point of the year on nervous covering, but collapsed in the late afternoon under heavy unloading and light export demand, closed ¼@1½c net lower, latter on December; No. 2 red, August, closed at 90c; September, 93¼@93⅝c, closed at 91c.

CORN—Receipts, 62,400 bu.; exports, 45,778 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 33½c. Options opened firmer on less favorable crop news and the jump in wheat, but sold off later under realizing and closed ¼c net lower; August closed at 33⅝c; September, 33⅝@33¾c, closed at 33⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 38,400 bu.; exports, 34,968 bu. Spot, higher on mixed; No. 2, 22½c. Options were firm at first, but reacted with the other markets and closed unchanged to ⅛c net lower; August closed at 20c; September, 22¼@22⅜c, closed at 22¼c.

HAY—Weak; shipping, 45@55c.

HOPS—Quiet; 1896 crop, 2@6c; 1896 crop, 6@8c state; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 2@4c; 1896 crop, 6@9c. London, 5½@8cl.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 14½@15½c; Buffalo, dry, 18c; Texas dry, 12@12½c; California, 17c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 26@28c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; beef hams, $28.00@28.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 6¼@7½c; pickled shoulders, 5@5¼c; pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, firmer; western steam, $4.85@4.90; refined, firm. Pork, firm; old mess, $8.75@9.25; new mess, $9.75@10.25; short clear, $9.50@12.00; family, $9.50@10.50. Tallow, quiet.

BUTTER—Receipts, 1,741 pkgs.; very firm; western creamery, 11@16c; Elgins, 17c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 11,654 pkgs.; quiet; large, white, 8¼@8½c; small, white, 8¼@8½c; large, colored, 8¼@8½c; small, colored, 8@8¼c; part skims, 2¼@6½c; full skims, 2¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,411 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 14@16c; western, 15c.

OILS—Cottonseed, quiet; prime yellow, 26@26½c. Petroleum, dull. Rosin, easier; strained, common to good, $1.47½@1.50. Turpentine, quiet at 29½@29c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@35c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 4¼@6¼c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $9.50@16.75; northern, $10.50@12.25. Copper firm; brokers, $11.25; exchange, $11.10@11.25. Lead, strong; brokers, $3.80; exchange, $3.85@3.90. Tin, easier; straights, $13.85@13.90; spelter, steady at $4.25@4.35.

By a close vote the Produce exchange today decided to continue the branding and grading of flour. A proposition was recently made to discontinue the practice.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—FLOUR—Higher and advancing in sympathy with the rise in wheat yesterday; patents, $4.30@4.50; straights, $4.00@4.20; clears, $4.00@4.10; medium, $3.25@3.75.

WHEAT—The speculative market opened steady and following the pace set by Chicago fluctuated wildly during the first few moments. December opened ⅛c lower, went off ⅛c more, advanced 1⅛c, declined that much, went up 1⅜c and then declined 2⅞c, closing with sellers at the bottom. For the day September was off 1⅝c, December ⅝c, August 1⅛c and May ⅝c. Spot, dull and higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 86½c bid, track, 93½@95c; No. 3 hard, cash, 99@89⅝c, track; August, 93¼c; September, 92c asked; December, 92⅛c asked.

CORN—The market declined in sympathy with wheat, closing fractions lower than yesterday. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 28⅝c bid; September, 28⅝@28⅝c; May, 30¼@30⅜c.

OATS—Futures were strong and higher; sellers were scarce; spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 18½c bid; track, 18½@18c; No. 2 white, 22½@23c; September, 16½c bid; May, 21⅝@21⅝c.

RYE—Higher; 47c, track.

CORNMEAL—Firm at $1.50.

BRAN—Advancing; sacked, at country points, 45c; east track, 46c bid; on track, this side, 46c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at $1.07½@1.09.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.70.

HAY—About steady; prairie, new, $4.00@6.50; timothy, new, $6.00@10.00.

POULTRY—Chickens, firm; old hens, 6½c; springs, 8½c; ducks, springs, 6c; geese, springs, 6c; turkeys, springs, 12@12½c.

BUTTER—Firm, creamery, 12@15c; dairy, 9@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 12c.

WHISKY—Higher at $1.20.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged.

BAGGING—Unchanged.

METALS—Lead, higher at $3.70 bid. Spelter, dull at $4.12½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; standard mess, jobbing, new, $9.00; old, $8.25. Lard, better; prime steam, $4.32½; choice, $4.40. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear, $5.87½; ribs, $6.00; shorts, $6.12½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $5.00@5.12½; extra short clear, $5.37½; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 62,000 bu.; corn, 48,000 bu.; oats, 37,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 3,000 bu.; corn, 22,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Bulk of sales, 11c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 6@6½c; choice to fancy, 10@12c; separator creamery, 15c; gathered creamery, 12c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6c; cocks, 3½c; spring chickens, per lb., 9c; ducks, 6c; turkeys, 6@7c.

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

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; 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 sales new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2@2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

CANTALOUPES—Per doz., 50@60c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 15@20c.

TOMATOES—Per half bu. basket, 75@90c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 55c@$1.00.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

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

CABBAGE—Home grown, 1½c.

POTATOES—Per bu., new, 70c.

WATERMELONS—Crated, per doz., $1.75@2.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Per bbl., $1.65@1.85.

NATIVE PLUMS—Per basket, 25@40c.

GRAPES—California, $1.25@1.50.

SOUTHERN PEACHES—Per lb., 50@60c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Per case, Crawfords, $5@$1.00.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Bartlett, per case, $2.00. Bierre Hardy.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per case, $1.25@1.50.

HOME GROWN GRAPES—Per basket, 20@25c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $3.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $5.00; choice California, $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, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu., cocoanuts, $4.50 per sack.

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., $2.35; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25, gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½c; good forequarters, steers, 5½c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6c; fancy heifers, 6¾c; 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, 18c; boneless strips, 8½c; strip loins, 6c; rolls, 8c; sirloin butts, 8c; shoulder clods, 5c; rump butts, 4½c; steer chucks, 4½c; cow caucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow plates, 2½c; steer plates, 3c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 8c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 9c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 5½c; cow rounds, shank off, 7½c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 8c; trimmings, 3½c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 2c; livers, per lb., 2c; hearts, per lb., 1½c; tongues, per lb., 10c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 8c; sheep, 7c; market racks (long), 9c; hotel racks (short), 12c; saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 8½c; hams, 8c; bacon, 8c; ribs, 5c; ham sausage, butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 3½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 2c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; locks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 5c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 2c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2, green hides, 5½c; No. 1 salted hides, 8@8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 10@12c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@10c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 9@10c; 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.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Heavy Foreign Selling of Wheat Puts a Damper on the Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The stock market today continued to show itself sensible to unfavorable influences to a marked degree. At no time during the day did the course of prices indicate any aggressive strength. The liquidation at times was quite heavy, especially in the internationals and the grangers. The principal factor in the situation was the heavy selling for foreign account of wheat, sales for that account being estimated at between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 bushels for the day. So much stress has been laid for several weeks past on the foreign need for our grain crops as giving the best assurance for prosperity to the farming population and better times for all that it was but natural that a depression should follow the decision of the foreigners to sell back to us the wheat they have purchased. This development in the situation gave the greatest aid to the predatory bears, who have been working so persistently for a reaction in the price of stocks. They were also assisted by the reactionary tendency in the London stock market, which embraced all securities, including those of American railways and which was due to the hostilities which have taken place on the Indian frontier. London also sold quite heavily in this market of all the internationals. Another depressing influence was the reports which are industriously kept in circulation of continued cold weather in the west, causing danger of a lessened spring wheat crop and a delay in the maturity of the corn crop. In the course of the day a change caused disappointment to those who have been looking forward to early imports of gold as an additional bull factor in the stock market. The actual rates for long and short sterling rose about ⅛c in spite of the fact that the open market discount in London showed an easier tone, and that the Bank of England refrained from advancing its minimum rate of discount today. The foreign selling of grain and the continued selling of American securities for foreign account helped to stiffen exchange rates. The failure of the Bank of England to advance its rate of discount is regarded as evidence that no fears are felt of an immediate drain of gold from London. These influences caused a marked reaction in the prices of stocks generally and this was accelerated by the recovery of stop loss orders. But the movement seemed to lose its force in short time and the market turned into extreme dullness. Supporting orders were found to be forthcoming at the low point and those who had sold out apparently wanted to buy stocks again and hold for a rise. Sugar was quite a prominent feature and touched a new high record at 150, aiding materially in rallying the market. It sold again to near the lowest. A buying demand for the coalers late in the day was also of material assistance in raising prices from the low point, as was also a sharp rise in the prices of local gas stocks. The bears raided the market again just at the close, causing prices to ease off after the rally. Nevertheless net losses, though general, are for the most part small. Good traffic returns for the second week of August from the Southern railway, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago Great Western and Louisville & Nashville gave a firmer tone to those stocks and helped to steady the market. Losses of a point occurred in Erie first preferred, Illinois Central, Lake Erie & Western, Minnesota Iron, Rubber and Lake Shore, and 2½ in Rubber preferred. Consolidated Gas gained 3¾, Brooklyn Union Gas, Chicago & Eastern Illinois and Lackawanna, 2 or over, and Brooklyn Transit and St. Joseph & Grand Island over a point.

The bond market yielded on moderate realizations in the speculative liens. The weakness in the general market was not pronounced and in the late dealings a better tone developed. The aggregate sales were $1,930,000. Government bonds were easier at the outset, but subsequently firmed up and closed steady.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were stagnant today. They opened flat on the political situation, but recovered on better prices from the foreign bourses at midday, a rise in the Bank of England's rate having been apparently feared by Paris and Berlin. Americans lagged on the halt in New York buying and closed weak in the street. There was a rise in Indian exchange, indicating the possibility even of gold going to India. India council drafts have been sold today as high as 1 13-16d per rupee, against 1s 1 9-16d yesterday. The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows that coin and bullion have increased £429,000, of which £55,000 was gold imported on balance, £5,000 having been sent to India and £50,000 to Egypt, while £17,000 came from South America, £61,000 from the Cape and £77,000 from Australia. The bank return's unusually interesting feature is a further decrease of nearly £1,000,000 in other securities. The proportion of reserve to liabilities, which last week was 51.22 per cent, is now 52.44 per cent.

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

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $854,465.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $2,426,000; balances, $318,494.

BOSTON, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $15,914,169; balances, $1,851,911.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $110,936,116; balances, $6,780,818.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $9,849,467; balances, $1,335,242.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 19.—Money, 2½@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25c discount. Clearings, $1,617,850.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $151,710; balances, $59,727. New York exchange, selling at $1.50 premium.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $4,149,245; balances, $769,820; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, 75c discount bid, 50c asked.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $14,221,182; New York exchange, 25c discount; sterling exchange, posted rates, $4.84½@4.86½; local stocks were dull and some decline on realizing. Closing: Strawboard, 30¾; Streets, 19; City Railway, 242; Diamond Match, 146½; Metropolitan L. 79½; West Chicago, 110¾; North Chicago, 243; Lake Street, 17¼; New York Biscuit, 49½.

COTTON MARKETS.

Outside Influences Are Contradictory and Prices Are Irregular.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 2@3 points, further advanced 10@3 points, then broke 56@3 points and closed easy at a net loss of 2@3 points. There was some encouragement for a time in the early morning session, based on more favorable cables than had been expected. At the same time crop accounts were somewhat conflicting. Late cables were less favorable and the crop news was regarded as favorable. In the inaction of outside speculative support the market weakened and declined 5@13 points from the highest, the principal selling, with the loss chiefly on August contracts, following active liquidation. During the afternoon selling was quite active, alike by longs and shorts, and the market rallied to about the lowest point. Futures closed easy: January, $6.75; February, $6.78; March, $6.82; April, $6.85; May, $6.88; August, $7.46; September, $6.34; October, $6.80; November, $6.69; December, $6.71. Spot, steady; middling, 6c; middling, uplands, 5c; middling, gulf, 5¾c; net receipts, none; gross, 19 bales; forwarded, 19 bales; sales, 932 bales; spinners, 432 bales; stock, 42,876 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 2,526 bales; stock, 74,622 bales. Consolidated: Net receipts, 14,666 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,621 bales; to France, 1,216 bales; to the continent, 4,586 bales. Total since September, 1: Net receipts, 6,641,604 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,006,318 bales; to France, 360,972 bales; to the continent, 2,149,248 bales; to the channel, 5,481 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Fair demand; prices higher; American middling, fair, 4 17-32d; good middling, 4 9-32d; American middling, 4¼d; low middling, 4d; good ordinary, 3⅞d; ordinary, 3 11-16d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 9,350 bales American. Receipts, none. Futures opened steady, with a fair demand, and closed barely steady at the advance. American middling, L. M. C., August, 4 17-64d, buyers; August and September, 3 63-64@4 61-64d, buyers; September and October, 3 53-64@3 54-64d, buyers; October and November, 3 48-64d, sellers; November and December, 3 47-64d, buyers; December and January, 3 46-64d, buyers; January and February, 3 44-64d, sellers; February and March, 3 46-64@3 45-64d, buyers; March and April, 3 45-64@3 46-64d, sellers; April and May, 3 46-64@3 47-64d, sellers; May and June, 3 47-64@3 50-64d, sellers; September, 3 63-64@3 61-64d.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Quiet, sales, 300 bales; ordinary, 6 1-16c; good ordinary, 6½c; strict low middling, 7¾c; middling, 7¾c; good middling, 7 7-16c; middling, fair, 7 15-16c; receipts, none; stock, 22,500 bales; August, $6, nominal; September, $6.55@6.56; October, $6 42@6.43; November, $6.40@6.41; December, $6.44@6.45; January, $6.47@6.48; February, $6.50@6.52; March, $6.52@6.54; April, $6.54@6.55.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Easy; middling, 7⅜c; receipts, 5 bales; shipments, none; stock, 4,529 bales; sales, none.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Steady; no sales reported; middling, 7 3-16c; receipts, none; shipments, 7 bales; stock, 9,166 bales.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 19.—FLOUR—Strong and higher; western, superfine, $2.85@3.00; western extra, $3.00@3.25; western family, $4.00@4.25; winter wheat, patents, $5.00@5.25; spring, $5.25@5.50; spring wheat, straights, $4.50@4.65; receipts, 11,435 bbls; exports, 55 bbls; sales, 1,350 bbls.

WHEAT—Strong and higher; spot and month, 97¾@97⅞c; September, 96¾@96⅞c; December, 99c; 2 red, 94¾@94⅞c; receipts, 213,940 bu.; exports, 96,000 bu.; stock, 1,373,773 bu. sales, 129,000 bu.; southern wheat by sample, 92@98½c; southern, on grade, 95@98c.

CORN—Firm; spot, 33¾@33⅞c; month, 33¼@33½c; September, 32⅞@33c; steamer, mixed, 30⅝@31c; receipts, 124,236 bu.; exports, 150,722 bu. stock, 199,536 bu.; sales, 77,000 bu.; southern white corn, 35c asked; southern yellow, 35@35½c.

OATS—Barely steady; No. 2 white, new, 24@24½c; old, 26@27c; No. 2 mixed, new, 21@22c old, 22@23c; receipts, 42,505 bu.; exports, none; stock, 113,131 bu.

RYE—Strong; No. 2 nearby, 50@50½c; No. 2 western, 51c; sales; none receipts, 4,801 bu.; exports, none; stock, 36,803 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.50@14.00, old.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very dull and lower; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 3½d asked September; Cork for orders, per quarter, 3d September.

SUGAR—Firm and unchanged.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 17@18c; fancy imitation, 13@14c; fancy ladle, 11c; good ladle, 8@10c; store packed, 8@10c.

EGGS—Firm and unchanged; fresh, 12½@13c.

CHEESE—Firm and unchanged; fancy New York, 9@9½c.

WHISKY—Unchanged.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices; ruled generally inactive, with a weak undertone, following heavy Brazilian movement, dullness in spot coffee, disappointing warehouse deliveries and continued absence of speculative interest, closed barely steady at net declines of 15@20 points, including: September, $6.45@6.50; October, $6.50. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; Rio, No. 7, invoice, 6¾; jobbing, $7.50. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $10.50@16.50. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 9,87 bags, including 3,733 bags to arrive from New York; New York stock today, 374,851 bags; United States stock, 439,815 bags; afloat for the United States, 305,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 744,815 bags, against 499,499 bags last year and 520,910 bags in 1895.

SANTOS, Aug. 19.—COFFEE—Quiet; good average Santos, 8,900 reis; receipts, 46,000 bags; stock, 691,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Aug. 19.—COFFEE—Opened ¼ pfg higher; closed unchanged to 2½ pfg net advance; sales, 19,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 19.—COFFEE—Quiet; No. 7 fdo, 8,500 reis; exchange, 7½d; receipts, 22,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 9,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 4,000 bags; stock, 358,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 19.—WHEAT—Some sales were 1c above last prices yesterday; receipts continue large and there was an active demand; No. 2, 82@83½c; No. 4, 79@81½c; No. 2, soft, 90@92½c; No. 3, 88c; No. 2 spring, 82c; No. 3, nominally, 78@79c.

CORN—Higher but demand continues light; No. 2 mixed, 23½@23¾c.

OATS—Fairly active and steady; No. 2 white, 16@18½c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally, 46c.

HAY—Active; choice prairie, new, $6.00; new choice timothy, $8.00.

BUTTER—Firm; cellars well cleared and movement of all grades active; creamery, 12@15c; dairy, 9@12c.

EGGS—Firm; receipts moderate, demand strong; Missouri and Kansas, 11c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 185,400 bu.; corn, 18,200 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 216,600 bu.; corn, 37,700 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 19.—FLOUR—Firmer and higher; fancy, $4.10@4.25; family, $3.60@3.65.

WHEAT—Strong and higher; No. 2 red, 92c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 28½@29c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 17½@18c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 47c.

BULK MEATS—Active and firm at $5.35@5.40.

Bacon, firm at $6.10. Lard, firm at $4.37½.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.19.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy Elgin creamery, 18½c; choice, 16@17c; dairy, 9c.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined $4.05@5.85.

EGGS—Firm and active at 10c.

CHEESE—In fair demand; good to prime Ohio flat, 7½@8c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Aug. 19.—CORN—Market higher; No. 2, 27½c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 white, 20@21c.

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

RECEIPTS—Corn, 28,100 bu.; oats, 63,500 bu.; whisky and wheat, none.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 26,200 bu.; oats, 31,750 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 190 bbls.; wheat, none.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, O., Aug. 19.—WHEAT—Active and weak; No. 2 cash and August, 91¾c; September, 91½c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 29c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 17½c.

RYE—Higher; No. 2 cash, 48½c.

CLOVERSEED—Steady; prime, October, $4.25.

OIL—Unchanged.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 19.—LARD—Prime western, firm at 23s 9d.

CORN—American mixed, spot, old, firm at 3s 11½d; August, quiet at 3s 8½d; September, quiet at 3s 11½d; October, quiet at 3s 1½d.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, western winter, firm at 7s 5d; No. 1 red, northern spring, firm at 7s 6d.

Philadelphia Produce Markets.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—BUTTER—Firm and ½c higher; fancy western creamery, 17@17½c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, nearby, 15c; fresh western, 14½c.

CHEESE—Firm and ¼c higher.

San Francisco Wheat and Barley.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—WHEAT—Strong; December, $1.08½; May, $1.05½.

BARLEY—Unchanged.

Total reserve, increase, £256,000; circulation, decrease, £115,000; bullion, increase, £429,178; other securities, decrease, £282,000; other deposits, decrease, £1,707,000; public deposits, increase, £753,000; notes reserve, increase, £530,000; government securities, decrease, £962,000.

The proportion of the bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 51.22 per cent, is now 52.44 per cent.

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

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Receipts for the Day Just About Equal the Demand.

FIVE DOLLARS REACHED BY BEEF STEERS

Active and Strong Fits the Cattle Trade as a Whole—Hogs Open Strong, but Close Easier.

SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 19.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
August 19	2,370	4,984	.....	....
August 18	3,612	5,772	2,892	110
August 17	3,318	7,247	1,011	....
August 16	4,697	2,805	5,477	1
August 14	1,511	5,115	14	....
August 13	2,094	3,195	296	....
August 12	2,071	3,724	3,111	....
August 11	2,912	5,603	1,466	....
August 10	2,374	7,626	1,321	....
August 9	2,429	2,202	.....	26
August 7	1,186	4,981	.....	3
August 6	1,025	6,445	2,415	46
August 5	1,450	12,675	2,903	1

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.
C., M.