CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Jobbers and Manufacturers Have Only Good Reports to Make.

COUNTRY COLLECTIONS ARE SATISFACTORY

Country Buyers Anticipated for First Week in September—Local Retail Trade Still Quiet, But Prospects for Fall Encouraging.

The past week, like its more recent predecessors, has been distinguished by great business activity in the jobbing and manufacturing districts of the city. The country demand for merchandise of all kinds continues to be of large proportions and the buying on the part of country merchants becomes more active as the season advances, with the splendid crop prospects unimpaired. Stocks of merchandise in the country are low, and, as the consuming demand begins to improve, merchants suddenly find themselves out of almost everything, and it is almost like buying an opening stock to get the shelves filled once more with the proper assortment of merchandise. It is safe to say that practically every jobbing house in the city has about all the business that it can attend to with present force of employes.

It is the general expectation, however, that business will be still better a little later, when country buyers begin to arrive in the city in larger numbers, as they are sure to do with the coming of September. Great preparations are now being made by the jobbers to take care of the crowd of buyers who are expected to arrive the first week of next month in response to invitations now being sent out.

The State fair comes rather late this season for some buyers, and then, too, it was felt that there would then be such a rush that it would be impossible to give each visiting buyer the personal attention that the members of the trade in this city would like. For that reason it was thought best to try and induce as many merchants as possible to visit the city earlier in the month. In furtherance of that plan the following is being sent out into the country:

INVITING COUNTRY TRADE.

M. E. Smith & Co., wholesale dry goods.

Morse-Coe Shoe company, wholesale boots and shoes.

American Hand Sewed Shoe company, wholesale boots, shoes and rubbers.

Williams-Hayward Shoe company, wholesale boots, shoes and rubbers.

P. Kirkendall & Co., wholesale boots, shoes and rubbers.

Z. T. Lindsey, wholesale rubbers.

S. H. Sprague, wholesale rubbers and mackintoshes.

Katz-Nevens company, wholesale clothing.

King & Smead, wholesale clothing and merchandise.

A. Hospe, wholesale pianos, picture frames, etc.

Carpenter Paper company, wholesale paper.

Ribbell Paper and Woolenware company.

Crane-Churchill company, wholesale steam and water supplies.

Baum Iron company, wholesale, heavy hardware and blacksmiths' supplies.

Lee-Clarke-Andreesen Hardware company, wholesale hardware.

Rector & Wilhelmy company, wholesale hardware.

Gate City Hat company, wholesale hats and caps.

J. H. Haney & Co., wholesale saddlery.

Mark Bros. Saddlery company, wholesale saddlery.

Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet company, wholesale carpets, shades and matting.

Dewey & Stone Furniture company, wholesale furniture and draperies.

Murphy, Wasey & Co., wholesale chairs and woven wire mattresses.

Omaha Casket company, undertakers' supplies.

E. E. Bruce & Co., wholesale drugs.

Richardson Drug company, wholesale drugs.

The Aloe-Penfold company, drugs, instruments, physicians' supplies.

The Sharples company, creamery machinery and supplies.

H. Hardy & Co., wholesale toys and fancy goods.

Every effort will be made to entertain visiting merchants and give them a good time in addition to showing them an complete stocks of merchandise in the various lines represented as are to be found in the west. The Omaha jobbing houses present a very attractive as well as busy appearance, being piled from floor to ceiling with new goods. No buyer need go away with the feeling that he has not had a full assortment of merchandise from which to make selections. The jobbers of the city have kept in very close touch with the situation, and the present large demand for goods has been anticipated for some time and they have accordingly laid in heavier stocks than ever before.

LOCAL RETAIL SITUATION.

The local retail trade is not as active as it might be, or what the members of the trade would like to see, but it is without doubt as good as could be expected this early in the season. The improvement in the general business situation started in the country as a result of large crops and good prices, and while the jobbers felt the change at once, it was not to be expected that the city would immediately experience the same change. From the nature of things any improvement that is to come to the retail trade can only result from a gradual spreading of the improved conditions from one department of trade to another. The work upon the exposition and upon public improvements, as well as all other enterprises that give employment to labor, are bound to help along the improvement, but they cannot immediately revive business activity to the retail trade of the city. Without exception the retail merchants of the city are feeling most hopeful, recognizing as they do that their time is sure to come a little later on in the season.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Reactionary Tendency Continues Up to the End of the Week.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The dominant tendency of today's stock market was still distinctly reactionary, notwithstanding the fact that the day's trading resulted in a fractionally higher average of prices. There was a large falling off in the volume of trade, and the rally which brought prices up at the close was on comparatively light purchases by the short interest to cover over Sunday. There was no evidence of any reawakening of the large speculative interest which has carried the market for so many weeks. For the first time in considerably over a month no one stock was sold to a total amount as great 20,000 shares, St. Paul leading the list with sales of 17,000 shares. Burlington, Leather preferred and Reading were the only other stocks the sales of which reached 10,000 shares. The total sales for the day were considerably less than half the total of Saturday a week ago. These conditions left the market to a large extent in the hands of professional traders, whose main object was to manipulate prices to their own ends. The crop prospect was the principal weapon of the bears, as it has been all week and on the condition presented of the withdrawal of the bulls for the time being from the market, they were able to easily achieve sharp declines in a number of active stocks, the grangers and the internationals being prominent examples. In none of these, except New Jersey Central and Rubber, did the fall reach a point, and the subsequent rally on covering more than wiped out the declines. Only in two or three instances did the net gain reach as high as a point, Susquehanna & Western preferred, Leather preferred (2½) and Colorado Fuel showing the exceptional gains. Leather preferred was conspicuous all day, all sales of Sugar was active and declined 1¼ per cent over the low price. The rally extended to 2¼ per cent in Burlington, 1¾ per cent in St. Paul, Louisville & Nashville and Reading first preferred, 1 per cent in Toledo and 1 per cent in Central.

The reaction in the stock market, which set in late on Monday, has continued practically without abatement all the week. Monday morning buying looked like a continuation of the heavy buying and continued rise of prices which had been the characteristic of the market during the previous week. But it was only the working off of the orders which had accumulated in the hands of the commission houses over Sunday. When these had been disposed of the market began to fall, and each succeeding day, with one exception, saw an average net decline in the level of prices. The nominal motive for the decline was the alleged damage to the corn crop and the disappointing yield developed by the threshing of the spring wheat crop in the northwest. There are other conditions in the market which account for the decline. Some of the largest interests in the market have realized enormous profits on the long-sustained advance, and sold out on the belief that a reaction was occasionally due in any event, even with all conditions remaining favorable to value. This element was willing to see a reaction, in order to enable them to purchase stocks at a profit. The professional bears were ready to aid them with short selling. There was a feeling prevalent in all circles that speculation was taking a reckless tone that boded no good for the future. It was felt that stocks were getting into weak hands and that such a state of affairs afforded an unstable basis to values, and the bull interest retired for the time being, perfectly willing to see a reaction sufficient to shake out weakly margined holdings and which would improve the tone of the market and put it on a more substantial basis. This state of mind in Wall street must be taken account of in properly estimating the importance of the week's reaction as a barometer of business conditions in general. At the same time there is known to be an enormous speculative interest in wheat on the bull side of the market. For many weeks past the stock market has moved in sympathy with the grain markets. Reduced crop yields are a bull factor in the grain market and a bear factor in the stock market. The fact that the dominant element for the time is the bear element in the stock market, and in grain it is the bull element, should be considered in connection with the ready credence given the reports of reduced crop yields. Another feature that has aided the recuperants in the stock market was a hardening of the rates of exchange, which seemed last week to be fast falling to the gold import point. Last Saturday predictions were frequent that there would be engagements of gold for import within a week. The check to the fall in exchange seems to be due to manipulative efforts on the part of the Bank of England and of French and German financial institutions. The continued low rates for money in New York tend to make easier the efforts of Europe to defer the flow of gold to New York. As stocks have been bought on the belief that gold imports were imminent it was natural that a change in the prospect in this regard, should be an aid to the reactionary tendency. The general conditions otherwise continued to favor an increase of values of securities. All reports agree that business, both mercantile and manufacturing, is greatly improved. Reports of railroad earnings show increases for the second week of August. St. Paul, Missouri Pacific, Southern Railway, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago Great Western and Louisville & Nashville being notable examples. Most of the prominent stocks show an extreme range from two points to the lowest of the season 2 and 3 points. This is exceeded only by Burlington, 4¾ per cent; Tobacco, 4 per cent; New Jersey Central, 2½ per cent; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 2¾ per cent; Consolidated Gas, 3 per cent; Louisville & Nashville, 3¾ per cent, and the rubber stocks about 4 points each. The firmness of the resistance to the decline and its limited proportion gives strength to the belief in its artificial character. The nervousness shown in the crowd is due to the same belief. Net gains on the week are shown in St. Joseph & Grand Island first preferred, 4 per cent; Sugar, Adams Express, Brooklyn Transit, Brooklyn Union Gas, Chicago Gas, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, 3½ per cent; Flint & Pere Marquette, Illinois Steel, Laclede Gas preferred, Metropolitan Traction, Mobile & Ohio, St. Paul & Duluth preferred, 6 per cent, and Oregon Navigation preferred.

There was a marked decrease in the volume of bond trading during the week and values show a general tendency to sag on realising. The losses, however, were not especially severe, except in remote cases, and some liens resisting the reactionary movement strongly, closing with gains ranging up to 3 per cent in Oregon Improvement consol 5s and 2 per cent in Mobile & Ohio 4s. The aggregate sales were $9,523,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were practically in view of the settlement to commence on Tuesday next. Chilian bonds were flat on unfavorable cables about that country's finances. Brazils were better on improved exchange. Americans were weak, the effect of the wise in wheat being neutralized by reported shortage in crops. Large shipments of stock have been made by this week's steamers. It is still believed, however, that New York will initiate a further rise."

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

Atchison	11¾	do pfd	18
do pfd	33¾	St. Paul	92¾
Baltimore & Ohio	13¾	do pfd	142¾
Canada Pacific	85¾	St. P. & Om	63¾
Central Pacific	12	do pfd	143¾
Ches. & Ohio	22¾	St. P. M. & M	122
Chicago & Alton	160	So. Railway	10¾
do pfd	94¾	do pfd	34
C. & E. I.	49¾	Texas & Pacific	13½
C. C. C. & St. L.	31¾	Union Pacific	11¾
do pfd	80	do pfd & D.	39
Del. & Hudson	117¾	Wabash	7¾
Del., L. & W.	160¾	do pfd	17¾
Den. & Rio G.	12	Wheel. & L. E.	3¾
do pfd	47	do pfd	18
Erie new	16¾	Adams Ex.	2158
do 1st pfd	40¾	American Ex.	1155
Ft. Wayne	170	United States Ex.	45
Great Northern pfd.	170	Wells Fargo Ex.	108
Hocking Valley	17¾	A. Cot. Oil	18¾
Illinois Cent'l. No. 2	104¾	do pfd	69¾
Lake Erie & W.	16¾	Am's Spirits	11⅜
do pfd	70	do pfd	32¾
Lake Shore	174	Am. Tobacco	93¾
Louisville & Nash.	69¾	do pfd	112¾
Manhattan L.	104¾	Chicago Gas	103¾
Met. Traction	120¾	Cons. Gas	183¾
Michigan Central	105	Com. Cable Co	177
Minn. & St. L.	4¾	Col. F. & Iron	19¾
do pfd	86¾	do pfd	80
Mo. Pacific	31	Gen. Electric	38¾
Mobile & Ohio	31	Illinois Steel	41
Mo. K. & T.	13¾	La Clede Gas	75½
do pfd	34¾	Lead	35
New Alb. & Chi.	12¾	do pfd	104¾
do pfd.	33¾	Nat. Lin. Oil	22
N. J. Central	94	Pacific Mail	23⅜
N. Y. Central	116¾	Pullman Palace	174½
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	14¾	Silver Certificates	52
do 1st pfd	75	Stand. Rope & T.	7¾
do 2d pfd	38	Sugar	148¾
Norfolk & Western	11¾	do pfd	115¾
No. Am. Co.	5¾	T. C. & Iron	27
No. Pacific	17¾	U. S. Leather	9¾
do pfd	48¾	do pfd	69¾
Ontario & W.	16¾	U. S. Rubber	16
Ore. R. & Nav.	25	do pfd	65¾
Ore. Short Line	21¾	Western Union	91¾
Pittsburg	168	Northwestern	118¾
Reading	20⅜	do pfd	164
Rock Island	84¾	Chi. Gt. Western	17¾
St. Louis & S. F.	6		

Total sales of stocks today, 157,625 shares, including Atchison preferred, 4,078; Burlington, 16,410; Louisville & Nashville, 4,612; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,580; Reading, 11,190; Rock Island, 4,763; St. Paul, 19,710; Union Pacific, 6,117. Bay State Gas, 4,620; Sugar, 4,781; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 2,520; United States Leather, 5,380; United States Leather preferred, 12,360; Chicago Great Western, 9,275.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally, 1½@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾@4.85¾ for demand, and $4.83½@4.83¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.86, and $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.82.

BAR SILVER—57½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—46c.

BONDS—Government bonds, dull; railroad bonds, firm; government bonds, firm; new 4s, reg. and coupon, 125; 5s, reg. and coupon, 113¾; 4s, reg., 111¾; coupon, 112; 2s, reg., 97½; Pacific 6s of '98, 102.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 2s, reg.	97½		Erie 2ds		70¼
U. S. 4s, reg.	111¾		G. H. & S. A. 6s		106
U. S. 4s, coup.	112		G. H. & S. A. 7s		110¼
U. S. 5s, reg.	113¾		H. & T. Cent. 5s		109¾
U. S. new 4s coup.	125		H. & T. Cent. 6s		106
U. S. 5s, reg.	113¾		L. & N. Uni. 4s		82¼
U. S. 5s, coup.	113¾		M. K. T. first 4s		85¾
Pacific 6s of '95	102		M. K. T. second 4s		61¾
Ala., class A	107		Mutual Union 6s		110
Ala., class B	104		N. J. C. Gen. 5s		113½
Ala., class C	98		No. Pacific 1sts		118¾
Ala. Currency	98		No. Pacific 2ds		87¾
La. New Con. 4s	96		No. Pacific 4s		99¾
Missouri 6s	100		N. W. Consols		142¾
N. C. 6s	126		N. W. S. F. Deb. 5s		117¾
N. C. 4s	103		Ore. Nav. 1sts		112¾
S. C. nonfund	112		Ore. Nav. 4s		94
Tenn. new set 3s	74¾		R. G. West 1sts		119¾
Tenn. new set 5s	105		St. P. Consols 7s		138½
Tenn. old set 6s	60		St. P. C. & P. W. 5s		114¾
Va. Centuries	69¾		St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5		88¼
Va. deferred	6		St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6		115
Atchison 4s	88½		Southern Ry. 5s		94
Atchison Second A.	50¾		Tex. Pacific 1sts		95¾
Canada So. 2nds	109		Tex. Pacific 2nds		30¾
C. P. 1sts of '93	101¾		U. P. 1sts of '96		101
D. & R. G. 4s	89		West Shore 4s		108¾
D. & R. G. 5s	110				

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Aug. 21.—Call loans, 2@3¼ per cent; time loans, 3¼@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	14¾	W. Elec. pfd.	55
American Sugar	148¾	Wis. Cent.	54
Am. Sugar pfd.	115¾	Ed. Elec. Ill. pfd.	153
Bay State Gas	6¼	Gen. Elec. pfd.	80¾
Bell Telephone	237	Atchison pfd.	79
Boston & Albany	253¼	Atchison 4s	85¾
Boston & Maine	162¾	Gen. Elec. 5s	99¾
C. B. & Q.	94¾	Wis. Cent 1s	36
Fitchburg	92	Allouez Mining Co	1
General Electric	36	Atlantic	24
Illinois Steel	41¾	Boston & Montana	144
Mexican Central	5¼	Butte & Boston	27¾
N. Y. & N. E.	70	Calumet & Hecla	410
Old Colony	176	Centennial	21¾
O. S. L.	21¾	Franklin	17
Rubber	16	Kearsarge	21
Union Pacific	11¾	Osceola	38¾
West End	94	Quincy	118
West End pfd.	104	Tamarack	136
W. Elec.	25	Wolverine	135

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	5	Justice	4
Alpha Con.	15	Kentucky Con.	4
Andes	15	Mexican	22
Belcher	32	Occidental Con.	29
Best & Belcher	70	Ophir	62
Bullion	5	Overman	11
Caledonia	31	Potosi	31
Challenge Con.	35	Savage	27
Chollar	72	Sierra Nevada	14
Confidence	90	Silver Hill	1
Con. Cal. & Va.	120	Union Con.	40
Gould & Curry	1	Utah Con.	17
Crown Point	29	Yellow Jacket	35
Gould & Currie	44	Standard	185
Hale & Norcross	90		

Silver bars, 52½c. Mexican dollars, 41½@41¾c. Drafts, sight, 5c; drafts, telegraph, 7½c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, m'y	112 1-16	St. Paul common	94¼
Consols, acc't	112⅝	Pennsylvania	56¾
Can. Pacific	72½	Reading	13⅜
Erie	17¾	Anchison	15⅜
Erie 1st pfd.	40¾	A. & S.	60¾
Ill. Central	107	Mex. Cen. new 4s	66¾
Mexican ordinary	19		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 242 per ounce.

MONEY—½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 2⅝@1¾ per cent.

Gold is quoted today at Buenos Ayres at 136.50, at Lisbon, 47½; Rome, 103.25.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	60	Ontario	300
Crown Point	15	Quicksilver	50
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 05	Quicksilver pf.	1 00
Deadwood	95	Sierra Nevada	50
Gould & Curry	43	Standard	1 50
Hale & Norcross	85	Union Con.	32
Homestake	2900	Yellow Jacket	45
Iron Silver	30		
Mexican	20		

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Quiet; evaporated apples, prime wire tray, 5½c per pound; wood dried, prime, 4½c; choice, 5c; fancy, 6c. Prunes, 2½@7½c per pound, as to size and quality. Apricots, royal, 7@7½c; Moor park, 8@9c. Peaches, unpeeled, 4@ 5c peeled, 11@14c per pound.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Touches Dollar Point at Chicago and Closes a Half Cent Lower.

EXCITEMENT IN THE PIT IS INTENSE

Other Grain Markets Are Also Strong. Corn Making a Net Advance for the Day of Two Cents—Provisions Higher.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Dollar wheat was reached in Chicago today. The September option reached that figure a few minutes before the close and wound up an excited day's session at 99½c, an advance of 6½c since yesterday. December closed at an equal gain. For the first time since the recent phenomenal advance began, leaders of the bull clique let go of large blocks of their holdings, which in a measure relieved the strain. The excitement in wheat was shared by all the other markets, trading in corn especially being tremendous. Corn closed at 2c advance, and oats wound up 1⅜c higher. Provisions after an early spurt sank back and closed unchanged to 7½c higher.

September wheat, which closed Friday at 92c, opened today anywhere from 97c to 98c and kept plunging around wildly for an hour between those figures and 96½c. December was equally erratic, opening at 97@97½c, an advance of about 4½c, and fluctuated between that price and 96½c. Enormous quantities were sold at those figures by people who had previously bought it, the sales of one of the best known speculators, W. K. Linn, aggregating millions of bushels. It was current opinion that had he not come into the market the long-looked for dollar wheat would have been reached in a very few minutes after the opening. It was not difficult to account for the remarkable opening advance. Liverpool quoted spot American red winter wheat at a 4½c advance, while California wheat was 7¼c per bushel higher. Crop reports from the northwest were even worse than have heretofore been received, some predictions placing the crop there at not to exceed seven or eight bushels per acre. The week's export of wheat and flour from both coasts amounted to 5,218,000 bu, compared with 4,460,000 bu. the week previous and 2,961,000 for the corresponding week of the year before. Clearances from Atlantic ports alone for the last twenty-four hours were equal in wheat and flour to 4,700,000 bu. Chicago received 219 cars, only fifteen of which were of the contract grade. The shipments hence were 212,000 bu. Minneapolis and Duluth received 243 cars against 424 a year ago. Argentina has only 8,000,000 wheat for Europe this week. By 11 o'clock the market had assimilated all the earlier offerings and hungered for more to such extent that it rose again with more than its original voracity and leaped like a trout at a fly to secure the September wheat offered at 98c, but at the same time bringing it $1. The continental markets were thought as excited as the English markets and this fact had much to do with the spurt from 97c. The Paris advance was equal to 4½@5c per bushel and Antwerp 6¼c per bushel. About ten minutes before the close $1 was bid and accepted for a block of September, amid much excitement, which was heard only for a moment, however, plenty of wheat coming on the market about this time and at the close was bringing 99½c, while 99¼c was bid for December.

Business in the corn pit was on an immense scale, millions of bushels changing hands during the session. The pit was crowded all day with excited speculators and price fluctuations were rapid and violent. Shorts made a mad rush to cover at the opening and forced prices up 2¼c over yesterday's closing. Holders of long corn let go there, the selling being prompted by the splendid weather which prevails in the corn belt. Elevator people also sold heavily on the advance and a 1c reaction ensued. The market was influenced greatly by wheat, however, and prices again advanced. Local receipts were heavy—1,003 cars. Crop reports were very poor. September opened about 1½c higher at 32c and sold between 30¾c and 32c. The close was firm at 31¾@31½c.

The buying craze was also manifest in the oats market and an extremely big business was transacted. Shorts covered large lines, and months were taken freely. Sympathy with wheat and corn was of course the chief influence. Local receipts were 646 cars. September opened ½c higher at 19c, which was the lowest price of the day. It sold up to 20¼c and closed at 19¾c. Provisions were in great request and sharp advances all around were scored at the opening. Armour's brokers bought heavily of October ribs. Heavy selling by Cudahy and outsiders brought about a reaction later. Cables were higher and the hog market firm. At the close September pork was unchanged at $8.67½. September lard 7½c higher at $4.65, and September ribs 7½@10c higher at $5.30@5.32½.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 400 cars; corn, 1,520 cars; oats, 815 cars; hogs, 32,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
Sept...	97@98	1 00	96¼	99¼	93
Dec...	97¾	99¾	95¾	99¼	92¾
May...	98-99¼	1 00¼	97	1 00¼	94¾
*Corn—					
Aug...	30@31¾	31¾	30¾	31¾@31¾	29¾@29¾
Sept...	31¾-31	32	30¾	31¾@31¾	29¾@29¾
Dec...	32¾ 33¼	34	32¾	33¾	31¾
May...	35@35	36¾	35¾	35¾	33¾
*Oats—					
Sept...	19	20¼	19	19¾	18¾
Dec...	19¼-1¼	21¾	19¼	21¼	19¾
May...	22¾ 23¼	24¾	22¾	23¾	22¾
Pork—					
Sept...	8 85	8 85	8 65	8 67½	8 67½
Oct...	8 85	8 70	8 75	8 67½	8 70
Dec...	8 97½	8 80	8 82½	8 82½	8 80
Lard—					
Sept...	4 65	4 70	4 65	4 65	4 57½
Oct...	4 72½	4 75	4 67½	4 70	4 65
Dec...	4 80	4 82½	4 77½	4 80	4 72½
Sh'tRibs					
Sept...	5 30	5 37½	5 30	5 32½	5 22½
Oct...	5 35	5 40	5 30	5 30	5 25

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Active; winter patents, $4.80@5.00; straights, $4.60@4.80; spring specials, $5.75; spring patents, $4.60@5.00; bakers, $3.50@4.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, $1.02½@1.04; No. 3 red, $1.01¼@1.02½; No. 2 hard, cash, 95¾c; track, $1.01¼@1.02½; September, $1.02¾; December, $1.02¾; May, $1.03¼.

CORN—Advanced with wheat. At one time 2½c advance was bid for May, but September had more sellers, and after selling 1½c higher, it declined ¾c; May also dropping 1¼c. Later there was a general recovery, and the close about 1¾c above yesterday. Spot, dull, but higher with trade offering; No. 2 cash, 27c bid; September, 28¾c; May, 32¼c.

OATS—While futures were strong and higher there was no trading, as no one would offer to sell. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, elevator, 19¼c bid; track, 20@20½c; No. 2 white, 22@24c; September, 19¼c; May, 23¼c bid.

RYE—Higher; 51½@52c, track.

CORN MEAL—Higher at $1.60@1.65.

BRAN—Firm; east track, 44c; east track, to arrive, 43@44c.

HAY—Quiet and easier; new timothy, 40@46c.

BUTTER—Market firmer; creamery, 13@18c; dairy, 11@14c.

EGGS—Scarce at 12c.

POULTRY—Chickens steady; old hens, 6¼c; springs, 8½c; ducks, springs, 6c; geese, springs, 5½c; turkeys, springs, 12@12½c.

WHISKY—$1.26.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged.

BAGGING—Unchanged.

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

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; standard mess, jobbing, $9, new; $8.50, old. Lard, higher; prime steam, $4.47½; choice, $4.52½. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear, 4½ per lb, $4.25; shorts, $4.75; family, 5 meats (boxed) shoulders, $5; short clear, $5; ribs, $5.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 122,000 bu.; corn, 82,000 bu.; oats, 44,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 52,000 bu.; corn, 126,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices to 5 points decline; showed a weak undertone following continued heavy receipts of Rio and Santos and weakness in spot departments. Trading local and European advices disappointing; closed dull, net unchanged to 5 points decline; sales, 7,000 bags, including: September, $4.40@4.50; December, $4.60@4.70. Mild, quiet and easy; Cordova, 11@16.50. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States 14,950 bags, including 14,600 bags from New York; New York stock today, 402,860 bags. United States stock, 478,842 bags; afloat for the United States, 234,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 712,053 bags, against 473,305 bags last year.

SANTOS, Aug. 21.—COFFEE—Flat; good average Santos, 8,500 reis; receipts, 42,000 bags; stock, 648,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Aug. 21.—COFFEE—Opened ¼ pfg lower; closed at yesterday's final price; sales, 14,000 bags.

HAVRE, Aug. 21.—COFFEE—Opened steady and unchanged; closed the same; sales, 7,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 21.—COFFEE—Dull; exchange, 7¾d; cleared for the United States, 11,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 11,000 bags; stock, 875,000 bags.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 21.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 11,875 bbls.; exports, 2,719 bbls.

WHEAT—Strong and higher; spot and month, $1.00¾@1.00¾; September, $1.01¾@1.02¼; steamer No. 2 red, $1.02¾@1.02¾; receipts, 223,615 bu.; exports, 295,000 bu.; southern wheat, on grade, $1.04@1.07.

CORN—Strong; spot and month, 35½@35½c; September, 35½@36c; steamer, mixed, 35@35½c; receipts, 196,073 bu.; receipts, 196,073 bu.; exports, 42,957 bu.; southern white corn, 35c; southern yellow, 35@36c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 22½@24c; No. 2 mixed, new, 20@22c; receipts, 36,685 bu.

RYE—Strong and higher; No. 2 western, 53c; receipts, 9,231 bu.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $13.00@13.50.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Rather quiet; steam, to Liverpool, per bu., 2½d asked for September; cork for orders, per quarter, 3d, September.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 17@18c; fancy imitation, 13@16c; fancy ladle, 11c; good ladle, 9@10c; store packed, 8@10c.

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

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

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 21.—WHEAT—Hard sold at from 82½@96c, closing at the top price or 1c higher than yesterday; soft sold at $1.00 and $1.01, or 3c above yesterday's highest price; receipts today were 228,800 bushels, against 52,400 the same day last year; No. 2 hard, 97½@96c; No. 3, 96@96c; No. 2 red, 97½@$1.01; No. 3, 96@96c; No. 4, 96c; No. 2 spring, 94c; No. 3, 86@91c.

CORN—5c higher, following Chicago advance; receipts, light; demand, fair; September, 29½c; No. 2 mixed, sample on track, 29@29c; No. 2 white, 30½c.

OATS—Market about ½c higher; demand light; No. 2 white, nominally 20@21c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally 50c; No. 3, 45c.

HAY—Market fairly active, about steady; choice prairie, 25c lower, $8.50; choice timothy, $8.00.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery ½c higher and active; creamery, 12@13½c; dairy, 9@12c.

EGGS—Market steady; Missouri and Kansas, 11c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 21.—FLOUR—Firmer; fancy, $4.25@4.65; family, $3.60@3.75.

WHEAT—Stronger and higher; No. 2 red, $1.00@1.01.

CORN—Firmer and higher; No. 2 mixed, 30½@31c.

OATS—Active; No. 2 mixed, 19@19½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 48c bid.

BULK MEATS—Steady at $4.45. Bacon, firm at $5.00. Lard, steady at $4.50.

WHISKY—Active at $1.26.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy Elgin creamery, 18½c; Ohio, 14@15c; dairy, 9c.

SUGAR—Steady; hard refined, $4.05@5.85.

EGGS—Strong and higher at 11c.

CHEESE—Firm; good to prime Ohio flat, 7½@8c.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 21.—WHEAT—September opened at 93½c, which was the highest, and advanced to 97¾c and closed there; December opened at 94¾c and closed at 96c.

FLOUR—Trade is fairly active in patents. Local millers report nearly all offers to domestic buyers are small and weak yesterday afternoon accepted. Foreigners are not generally buying patents, but are taking large quantities of clears; first patents, $4.65@4.75; second patents, $4.50@4.55; clears, $2.60@2.75.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Aug. 21.—CORN—Market firm and higher; No. 2, 29½c.

OATS—Market active and higher; No. 2 white, 21@21½c.

WHISKY—Market firm; on the basis of $1.25 for finished goods.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 4,500 bu.; oats, 6,500 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 75 bbls.; wheat, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 31,200 bu.; oats, 42,000 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 1,400 bbls.; wheat, 600 bu.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, Aug. 21.—WHEAT—Higher and firm; No. 2 cash and August, $1.02¾; September, $1.

CORN—Firm and higher; cash, 31c.

OATS—Sold a bit lower; cash, 19c.

RYE—Active and higher; No. 2 cash, 48c.

CLOVERSEED—Higher and firm; prime October $4.37, December, $4.42½.

OIL—Unchanged.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Aug. 21.—Credit balances, 71c; certificates, no bids; shipments, 52,240 bbls.; runs, 55,466 bbls.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Calcutta linseed, spot, 15s, 6d; at hand delivery, 15s.

Price of Pepper.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—PEPPER—Fair, Singapore, 5½d.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Week Winds Up With a Nice Average Saturday Run.

BUYERS BID LOWER FOR FAT CATTLE

Not Anxious for the Stock Even at the Decline—Under Grades Steady and Firm—Hogs Active and a Nickel Higher.

SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 21.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
August 21	1,905	4,992	1,402	125
August 20	2,712	4,270	350	2
August 19	2,370	4,964	....	....
August 18	3,672	5,772	2,392	210
August 17	3,313	7,847	1,051	....
August 16	4,697	2,895	3,477	1
August 14	1,511	5,115	14	....
August 13	2,584	3,196	296	....
August 12	2,071	5,724	3,111	....
August 11	2,982	5,971	1,456	....
August 10	2,472	4,628	1,321	56
August 9	2,429	2,202	....	2
August 7	1,186	4,961	....	2

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
This week	19,950	20,273	11,212
Last week	13,429	21,854	6,258
Same week '96	16,802	21,067	4,220
Same week '95	20,191