CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Local Retail Business Generally of a Satisfactory Character.

ENOUGH DOING TO KEEP JOBBERS BUSY

Market Firm on Almost Every Line of Merchandise—Prospects for the Future Without Exception Are Most Encouraging.

It is rather monotonous to announce week after week that business in Omaha is flourishing and that merchants in all departments of trade are well satisfied, but that is and has been the truth for some time back, so that it is hardly possible to vary the report and still stick to the truth. As a matter of course, the local retail trade is gradually taking on the midsummer characteristics, but such changes as take place come about so gradually that their influence is not at once noticed. It is to be expected that the good buying demand on the part of consumers, which has been characteristic of this year so far, will gradually give place to the usual midsummer dullness. The hot weather annually drives thousands of people away to the lakes or mountains, and their money is spent in travel or at distant resorts. Retail houses always experience a decided shrinkage in sales when this annual pilgrimage sets in, and business accordingly is always much less active in the midsummer season. Owing to the fact that business in general has been good, people would naturally feel more like spending it in travel, and it is expected that the list of absentees will be larger this year than for several seasons past.

The prospect that the exposition will be a success is a source of encouragement to retailers, who have visions of a large attendance of country people later in the summer, which will mean large sales of fall and winter merchandise to cash customers. Much of the general prosperity that fell to the lot of the retailers last year was the result of the large cash purchases made by the strangers in the city.

Omaha's wholesale trade continues most satisfactory in all departments. As a matter of course, some lines show greater activity than others.

Boots and Shoes.

Fall orders are coming in quite freely and goods are commencing to move out into the country with a little more rapidity than was the case a short time ago. The market is firm and the feeling among the manufacturers appears to be strong. The good demand all over the country and the firm position of the leather market is holding up the shoe market and giving manufacturers plenty to do.

Grocery Trade Active.

Grocery houses all report an active business doing, the demand from the country being large. The general market is firm.

The steady, good demand for all descriptions of canned goods, particularly corn, peas and tomatoes, has cleaned up stocks of nearly everything on the spot, so that new goods for the first time in a number of years are coming on a practically bear market. This being the case, and at the reports from packing centers are to the effect that exceptionally high prices during the fall and winter months. It is certain that the pea pack in the south fell very much short of an average and the string bean output is also expected to be light in the south. From the best information the pack of Maryland and Delaware on peas will be less than 40 per cent of the best few years, while good authorities estimate it will not over 20 per cent. The avidity with which buyers have taken hold of peas at the prices packers were compelled to put upon good quality of goods has been really a surprise to packers themselves.

Scarcity and high prices also prevail upon all other goods being packed. The only articles so far packed in Maryland and Delaware at reasonable prices are red and white cherries. Of the latter there has been a fair pack of extremely fine quality goods, superior to what packers have been able to get for many years.

The pack of nearly all small fruits, both in the south and in New York state, was exceptionally light. The New York state pack of strawberries is said to have been not over 30 per cent of that of last year. The situation in the south was no better, if as good.

Fuller advices recently come to hand indicate that the canners' trust on the Pacific coast has at last become a reality. Under the name of the California Fruit Canning association the combine has been incorporated with a capital stock of $1,500,000, all of which has been subscribed for by people identified with the industry. Out of the forty-one packing concerns in the state of California the combine has absorbed the plants of twelve of the largest, although it is stated that this does not include all of the canneries upon which options were held. Owing to the high prices set upon their plants by some of the packers who gave options they were not accepted by the financial managers of the deal. It is understood that the combine will not attempt to influence prices this year, each of the canners making its own independently, but it is probable that they will act in harmony and that the spirit of competition between them will be practically eliminated.

For a week past there has been a strong upward tendency of the salt mackerel market, based on continued light supplies of all descriptions. The spot market is about bare.

Other Jobbers Busy.

Dry goods people report a fair volume of trade for the first half of July, consequent upon the favorable conditions prevailing in all sections of tributary territory. The market on cotton goods is about steady, but there is a firm feeling in woolens. The wool market maintains the strength which it has exhibited for the last few weeks without signs of decline in any direction. Dealers instead of looking for opportunities to sell wool, are in many cases declining to consider the offers made. Wool men are firm believers in the intrinsic value of the raw stock, and are confident that within the next thirty days additional advances will be recorded. With wool occupying such a firm position it could hardly fail to have a corresponding influence upon the market for the manufactured product.

Hardware men report a good country trade, while local building operations are of great assistance to the retail trade.

No fault is found with the volume of business doing in lumber, considering the season of the year.

Carpet people report that it now looks very much as if the advance on carpets July 1 would be followed by a still further advance of prices in the near future.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Conditions of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, weak at 11c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11½@12c; choice, 13@14c; separator, 18@19c; gathered creamery, 16@17c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 7½@8c; spring chickens, weak, 14@16c; old and stagey roosters, live, 5½@5½c; ducks and geese, live, 6@7c; turkeys, live, 8c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c@$1.00.

VEALS—Choice, 8c.

VEGETABLES.

WATERMELONS — Texas, crated for shipment, 18@20c.

CANTALOUPES—Per crate, $1.50@1.65; basket, 75@85c.

TOMATOES—Per 4-basket crate, 90c@$1.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

POTATOES—New potatoes, 40@50c per bu.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 30@35c.

CELERY—Per doz., 30c.

FRUITS.

BLUEBERRIES—Per 16-qt. case, $1.75@$.50.

APRICOTS—California, per crate, $1.75@2.00.

RED RASPBERRIES—Per 24-pint case, $1.75@2.00.

BLACKBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $2.50@2.75.

BLACK RASPBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $2.75.

PLUMS—California, per crate, $1.50.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Hale's early, $1 per box; freestones, $1.15@1.25 per box.

CHERRIES—Oregon, 10-lb. boxes, $1.15.

TROPICAL FRUIT.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $4.50@5.00.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $4.50@4.75; Messina, fancy, $5.00@5.50.

BANANAS—Choice, crated, large stock per bunch, $1.50@2.75; medium-sized, bunches, $1.00@1.25.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 3½@3½c; yellow and brown grease, 2½@3c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@5c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@5c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, July 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 27,325 bbls.; exports, 5,400 bbls.; quiet and easier; Minnesota patents, $3.85@4.00; Minnesota bakers, $3.60@3.80; winter patents, $3.75@4.00; winter straights, $3.40@3.55; winter extras, $2.45@3.35; winter low grades, $2.40@2.55. Rye flour, inactive; good to fancy, $3.10@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.30@3.50.

CORNMEAL—Easy; yellow western, 79@80c; city, 80c; Brandywine, $2.10@2.20.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 69½@70c f. o. b. afloat.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 48c c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 49@52c delivered in New York.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 72@80c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 219,775 bu.; exports, 15,987 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2 red, 74½c f. o. b. afloat; spot; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 80½c f. o. b. afloat, spot; No. 2 red, 77½c, elevator. Options opened steadier on cables and wet weather in the northwest. They subsequently developed weakness under local and northwest selling. The close was steady on late covering at ⅛c net advance. July, 78@78½c; closed, 76½c; September, 75⅛-13@75⅞-16c; closed, 75½c; December, 80⅛-13@80⅝c; closed, 80½c.

CORN—Receipts, 110,175 bu.; exports, 85,169 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 40½c f. o. b. afloat; 39½c, elevator. Options opened steady, but sold off with wheat; closed, July, 37½c; September, 38½c.

OATS—Receipts, 196,600 bu.; exports, 50,116 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 30c; No. 3, 29c; No. 2 white, 30c; track, white, 31@36c; No. 3 white, 29½c; track mixed western, 29½@31c. Options, dull.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 70@85c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1898 crop, 9@7c; 1897, 11@13c; 1896, 3@8½c; Pacific coast, 1898 crop, 6@7c; 1897, 11@13c; 1896, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16½@17c; Texas dry, 24 to 60 lbs., 15½@15c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 15½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 20½@21½c; acid, 21@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $9.50@10.50; extra mess, $9; beef hams, $25.50@26.00; packet, $9.50@10.00; city extra India mess, $14.00@15.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 5½@7½, pickled shoulders, 5½c; pickled hams, 9½@10c. Lard, easy; western steamed, $5.50; refined, steady; continent, $5.90; S. A., $6.50; compound, 4¾@5c. Pork dull; mess, $8.25@8.75; short clear, $10.00@11.75; family, $10.50@11.00.

BUTTER—Firm for fancy, easy for lower grades; western creamery, 15@18½c; factory, 12@14½c; imitation creamery, 13@16c; state dairy, 12½@17c; state creamery, 15@18½c.

CHEESE—Firm; large white, 8½c; small white, 8½c; large colored, 8½c; small colored, 8½c.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 15½@16c; western fresh, 15@15½c.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4½c; country, 4¼c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@5½c; Japan, 4¾@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 32@36c.

METALS—Exchange closed today. Brokers' price for lead is $4.35 and for copper $18.50. Pig iron warrants unchanged at $12.50 nominal; lake copper unchanged, with $18.25 bid and $18.50 asked; tin unsettled, with $28.75 bid and $29 asked; lead unchanged, with $4.00 bid and $4.05 asked; spelter unchanged, with $4.25 bid and $4.30 asked.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, July 15.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

SEEDS—New prime timothy, $2.50 for August.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $1.85@1.90.

BRAN—Strong; sacked east track, 60@62c.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $9.00@12.50; prairie, $7.00@8.00.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.26.

IRON COTTONTIES—Unchanged.

BAGGING—Unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Dry salt meats, steady; boxed shoulders, $5.12½; extra shorts, $5.37½; clear ribs, $5.50; clear sides, $5.62½. Bacon, strong; boxed shoulders, $5.75; extra shorts, $5.87½; clear ribs, $5.87½; clear sides, $6.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 65,000 bu.; oats, 26,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 14,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, July 15.—WHEAT—September, 66½c; December, 66c; cash, No. 2 hard, 66c; No. 3, 63½@66c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3, 67½@69c; receipts, 58 cars.

CORN—September, 30c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 31½c; No. 2 white, 32@32½c; No. 3, 31@31½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 27c.

RYE—No. 2, 56c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $7.50@8.00; choice prairie, $6.50@6.75.

BUTTER—Creamery, 14½@16½c; dairy, 12c.

EGGS—Market steady, fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 9½c; 10c; cases returned.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 45,800 bu.; corn, 37,700 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 9,500 bu.; corn, 650 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., July 15.—WHEAT—Lower and dull; No. 2 cash, 73½c bid; July, 72½c bid; September, 74c bid.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 36½c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 25c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 cash, 57c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Active and unchanged; prime cash, new, $4.00; October, $4.65.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 15.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, July, 70½c; September, 69½c; December, 70½c. On track: No. 1 hard, 73½c; No. 1 northern, 70½c; No. 2 mixed, 69½c.

FLOUR—Unchanged.

BRAN—Unchanged.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, July 15.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 35½@35¾c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 25@25½c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, July 15.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 74½c; July, 74½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 72c; July, 72c; September, 71⅝c; December, 73½c; No. 2 northern, 67½c; No. 3 spring, 65c.

Cotton Market.

ST. LOUIS, July 15.—COTTON—Easy and unchanged; middling, 5¾c; sales, 10 bales; receipts, 200 bales; shipments, 854 bales; stock, 72,113 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, July 15.—COTTON—Futures, steady; July, 5.36 bid; August, 5.32@5.39; September, 5.33@5.34; October, 5.22@5.24; November, 5.30@5.37; December, 5.40@5.42; January, 5.43@5.44; February, 5.47@5.48; March, 5.52@5.53.

NEW YORK, July 15.—COTTON—Futures opened steady, July, 5.46; August, 5.49; September, 5.32; October, 5.61; November, 5.56; December, 5.70; January, 5.75; February, 5.77; March, 5.80; April, 5.84; May, 5.88. The cotton market was narrow and featureless on the absence of startling news of consequence. Cables were disappointing, both as to spot sales and of futures. News was generally favorable, but bearish crop conditions were thought to have been overdiscounted, and selling for short account was on a very conservative scale. The market opened unchanged to 1 point lower, rallied a point or two weaker and rallied again on covering. August liquidation was a feature of the early trading. The market closed steady at 10@3 points lower.

Oil Market.

LIVERPOOL, July 15.—OILS—Linseed, 28s. Petroleum, 6½d. Cottonseed, Hull refined, July and August, dull, 12s 6d. Turpentine spirits, steady, 25s 9d. Rosin, common, steady, 4s.

BREMEN, July 15.—OILS—Petroleum, 70½m.

HAVRE, July 15.—OILS—Petroleum, 1st 18½c.

TOLEDO, O., July 15.—OILS—Unchanged.

NEW YORK, July 15.—OILS—Cottonseed, steady to firm; prime crude, 23½c; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 17@18c; prime summer yellow, 26½c; off summer yellow, 25@26c; butter grades, 30@32c; prime winter yellow, 30@32c; prime white, 29½c. Petroleum, firm; refined New York, $7.60; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.50. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.30@1.32½. Turpentine, steady, 42½@44c.

OIL CITY, July 15.—OILS—Credit balances, $1.25; certificates opened at $1.24 bid for cash; closed, $1.24½ bid; highest, $1.24½; sales, one bbl. cash, $1.23; two bbls. cash, $1.24½; runs and shipments not reported.

New York Imports.

NEW YORK, July 15.—The imports of dry goods and merchandise at the port of New York this week were valued at $10,018,882.

Exports of gold and silver from this port to all countries for this week aggregated $355,127 in silver bars and coin and $6,788,160 in gold. The imports of specie this week were $190,531 in gold and $80,612 in silver.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, July 15.—DRY GOODS—Market on the spot shows quiet conditions today in the cotton goods division. Fair orders through mails. The American Woolen company made a further advance in raw worsteds of 2½c per yard and advanced full lines of serges and French blanks 2½@5 per cent.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, July 15.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Evaporated apples, steady; common, 5½@6c; prime wire tray, 6½@7c; choice, 7½@8c; fancy, 8½@9c. Prunes, 3½@6c. Apricots, Royal, 14c; Moorpark, 16@18c. Peaches, unpeeled, 10@11c.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Lack of Cash Demand and Heavy Receipts Cause a Decline in Wheat.

RAIN CAUSES AN UPWARD IMPULSE

Corn and Oats Closed Fractionally Lower—Heavy Run of Hogs Caused a Slump in Provisions.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Lack of cash demand and favorable weather, with heavy receipts, caused a decline in wheat today. September closing ⅝c under yesterday at 69½@69⅝c. Corn and oats closed fractionally lower. Provisions lost 10@12½c on heavy hog receipts.

Wheat opened with a show of firmness, ¼@⅝c over yesterday at 70⅝c for September. The upward impulse was due to reports of too much rain in the west and northwest for the prosecution of harvesting. This prop failed early and after selling at 70⅝@70¾c September started on a decline from which there was no rally. Cables were indifferent, receipts heavy and many bears were recruited from yesterday's bull ranks. The wet weather was principally in the winter wheat belt, but receipts were heavy enough to check buying. The cash demand was light. The northwest sold wheat in the local market, talked fine weather and agreed in the general expectation of an increase in the visible supply. Receipts at primary points were 740,000 bushels, against 256,500 last year. Northwestern receipts were 251 cars, as compared with 366 a week ago and 64 a year ago. Local receipts were 54 cars, 8 of contract grade. A prospective large increase in the visible supply helped the short sellers. September declined steadily to 72¾c and closed at 72⅝@72⅞c. There was considerable selling of September corn, which opened a shade over yesterday's close at 34¼@34⅜c. Weakness followed in sympathy with wheat and the general opinion that the rains in the corn belt were favorable to the crop. Receipts here were 494 cars. September sold off to 33⅝@33¾c and closed at 33⅝c.

Oats were firm and ½c higher at the opening but declined with the break in corn and wheat. There was a fair demand for cash and 50,000 bushels were marketed here. The first car of new oats received this year came in today. It classed as no grade. September sold between 29½c and 30¼c, closing a shade under yesterday at 30¼c.

The heavy run of hogs caused a decline in provisions. September pork dropped off 12½c, closing at $8.10@8.12½; lard declined 7½c, closing at $5.45; ribs lost 5c, closing at $5.15.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 550 cars; oats, 180 cars; hogs, 45,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
*Wheat.					
July	72¾	74¾@¾	71¾@⅝	71¾	71¾
Sept.	73⅜	73¾@¾	72⅜	72⅝@⅝	73¼
Dec.	73½@¾	73¾	73¼	73½@¾	74⅜-⅞
*Corn.					
July	34½@¾	34⅝	33⅝-34	34	34⅜
Sept.	34½@¾	34⅝@¾	33⅝-34	33⅝	34⅜
Dec.	33⅜	33⅝	32½@¾	33⅛	33
*Oats.					
July	24⅜	24⅝	24	24⅛	24⅜
Sept.	20½	20½@¾	20⅛	20½	20⅜
May	22⅜	22⅝	22⅛	22½	22⅜
Pork.					
Sept.	9 15	9 20	9 10	9 12½	9 22½
Oct.	9 15	9 20	9 12½	9 12½	9 25
Lard.					
Sept.	5 50	5 50	5 45	5 45	5 57½
Oct.	5 53	5 55	5 50	5 52½	5 57½
Ribs.					
Sept.	5 17½	5 20	5 15	5 15	5 22½
Oct.	5 25	5 28	5 20	5 20	5 25

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; patents, $3.50@3.60; straights, $3.20@3.30; clears, $3.00@3.15; spring wheat specials, $4.35; hard patents, $3.60@3.70; soft patents, $3.30@3.40; Minnesota straights, $3.30@3.50; bakers, $2.30@2.45.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 72½c; No. 3 spring, 71@71½c; No. 2 red, 72½@73½c.

CORN—No. 2, 34½c; No. 2 yellow, 34¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 24¾c; No. 2 white, 28@28½c; No. 3 white, 27½@27½c.

RYE—No. 2, 57c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, 98½c; northwest, $1.02½; prime timothy, $2.45@2.50; clover, contract grade, $8.50@8.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.50@9.05. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.25@5.37½. Short sides (loose), $5.00@5.15. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.12½@5.50; short clear sides (boxed), $5.37½@5.40.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged; granulated, $5.07.

BUTTER—Weak; creameries, 12½@17½c; dairies, 11@15c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 12c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Firm; turkeys, 8c; chickens, 9@9½c.

Following are the receipts and shipments:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	14,000	7,000
Wheat, bu.	85,000	92,000
Corn, bu.	484,000	622,000
Oats, bu.	321,000	294,000
Rye, bu.	6,000	2,000
Barley, bu.	6,900	82,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak; creameries, 13½@17½c; dairies, 11@15c. Cheese, steady, 8½@9c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 12c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, July 15.—1:30 p. m. closing—WHEAT—No. 2 red western winter, no stock; No. 1 red northern, dull, 6s 6½d. No. 1 California, 6s 10@6s 10½d. Futures, quiet; July, 6s 8½d; September, 6s 5½d; December, 6s 4½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm, 3s 5½d; American mixed, old, firm, 3s 6½d. Futures, quiet; July, 3s 5d; September, 3s 5¾d; October, 3s 6¼d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull, 7s 9d.

BUTTER—Good United States, 6s.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 10½d.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm, 29s; Australia in London, steady, 29s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, India mess, steady, 60s; prime mess, steady, 55s. Pork, prime mess, western, firm, 50s. Lard, American refined, in pails, steady, 29s 6d; prime western, in tierces, strong 27s 9d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs., firm, 27s; short ribs, 18 to 20 lbs., firm, 27s 6d; clear middles, light, 30 to 35 lbs., firm, 28s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., firm, 28s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., firm, 28s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., firm, 31s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., firm, 48s 6d; shoulders, square, 12 to 14 lbs., firm, 27s 6d.

CHEESE—American finest, white and colored, firm, 42s.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bears Active in Getting from Under Short Contracts Yesterday.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Today's short market was so narrow and so nearly stagnant that movements of prices were of little significance. There was a periodical tone of firmness, however, which was emphasized after the appearance of the bank statements by the tardy covering of some small bear contracts in the grangers, which had been put out just previous to the appearance of the statement. Probably the greater part of the day's business was given over to getting out of short contracts by the bears. This contingent has been particularly active in Brooklyn Transit during the last week on the persistent talk of a pending strike. Their buying today made that stock the most active on the list and brought a 2 point rise. Their buying to cover today made that stock the most active on the list and moved it up 2 points from the opening decline. Sugar was largely bought and rose at one time 1¼ over last night. People's Gas recovered sharply from yesterday's price. Oregon Navigation preferred advanced 1½ on the exchange of the voting trust and the implied guarantee of preferred dividends to the amount of 10 per cent in yearly instalments. Cotton Oil rose rapidly. Manhattan and southwestern railways were also inclined to strength. In any event the reserve materially strengthened, although it is still much below the standard.

Whether the statements of the next week or two will continue to show cash gains cannot be asserted positively, but it is known that a portion of the majority dividend disbursements, especially those by the government, have not been redeposited in the banks. The treasury, owing to customs collections, has been a gainer of late from the banks. The principal point of interest centers in the crop movement as it marks the season for which is rapidly approaching. If ports from the interior are correct, and the bank exhibits now being published seem to show that they are, it is difficult to see how New York can lose much money in that direction during the fall.

Reserves all over the country are extremely high and a drain on New York heavy enough to advance interest rates would inevitably attract large sums of money to this center. The question of foreign exchange is again a subject of interest, but in the present state of the market it will require a profitable premium indeed to induce an outward flow of gold. Considered from every standpoint the next few weeks give promise of developing some important phases in the monetary world.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were lifeless and devoid of interest today on the Transvaal war preparations, which are proceeding actively. The situation is apparently delicate. A bank rate of 6 per cent is talked of in the event of hostilities and the speculation now is that the rate will be made a per cent next week or next month. American dropped Spanish to were 35⅞, unchanged, 43½. Anaconda, 12⅝.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	19½	St. Paul	72¾
do pfd	40¾	do pfd	120¾
Baltimore & Ohio	9¾	St. P. & O.	31½
Canada Pacific	90¾	do pfd	95½
Canada Southern	50	St. Paul & Omaha	115
Chesa. & Ohio	17¾	do pfd	170
Chi. & Alton	159	Texas & Pacific	12¾
C., B. & Q.	112¾	Union Pacific	42¾
C. & E. Ill.	94	do pfd	76¾
Chi. I. & L.	14¾	Wabash	6¾
do pfd	42	W. & L. E. (new)	11¾
C. & N. W.	99¾	do pfd	31¾
do pfd	168	Adams Express	140
C., C., C. & St. L.	58	Alton Express	110
do pfd	90	United States Ex.	43
Del. & Hudson	112¾	Wells Fargo	125
Del. L. & W.	169	A. Cot. Oil	32½
Den. & Rio G.	21¾	do pfd	91½
do pfd	75	Am. Sports	10¾
Erie (new)	14¾	do pfd	30
do 1st pfd	38	Amer. Tobacco	94
Fort Wayne	164	do pfd	114
Ill. Cen. pfd	118¾	Cons. Gas	169½
Illinois Central	113	Com. Cable Co.	175
Lake Erie & W.	18½	Col. F. & Iron	45
do pfd	73	do pfd	97
Lake Shore	200	Gen. Electric	36½
Louis. & Nash.	72	Hocking Coal Co.	11¾
Manhattan L.	103½	Brooklyn R. T.	61¾
Michigan Cen.	98	Iowa Paper	42
Minn. & St. L.	34½	do pfd	92
do 1st pfd	86	La. Clede Gas	20
do 2d pfd	60	Lead	44
Mo. Pacific	48	do pfd	112
Mobile & Ohio	42½	Nat. Lin. Oil, L. F.	7
N., C. & St. L.	92	Pacific Mail	39
N., K. & T.	12	People's Gas	113¾
do pfd	34	Pullman Palace	198
N. J. Central	116	Silver Certificates	60
N. Y. Central	128¾	Standard R. & T.	75
N. Y., Ch. & St. L.	13½	Sugar	124¾
do 1st pfd	69	do pfd	113½
do 2d pfd	31	T. C. & Iron	45
Nor. & West.	31	U. S. Leather	7½
do pfd	70½	do pfd	67½
No. Amer. Co.	11	U. S. Rubber	21½
No. Pacific	39½	do pfd	67½
do pfd	77¾	West. Union	86¾
Ontario & W.	26	Amer. S. & W.	8¾
Ore. R. & N. pfd.	61	do pfd	83½
Pacific Coast	28	Federal Steel	29½
do 1st pfd	84	do pfd	69¾
do 2d pfd	66	Chic. Southern	9¾
Pittsburg	164	do 1st pfd	32½
Reading	20¾	do 2d pfd	16½
do 1st pfd	46½	Amer. S. & R.	30¾
do 2d pfd	26½	do pfd	80½
Rock Island	117	Anaconda	12⅝
St. L. & S. F.	10½	National Steel	58¾
do 1st pfd	70	do pfd	90½
do 2d pfd	57	Hock Steel pfd.	79
St. L. & S. W.	14½	American Tin	30¼
do pfd	37¾	Con. Tobacco	35½
		Glucose	61½

The total sales of stocks today amounted to 126,150 shares, including: American Sugar, 12,000; Anaconda, 1,300; Atchison preferred, 5,600; Brooklyn Transit, 15,400; Burlington, 5,000; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 1,000; Northern Pacific, 4,000; St. Paul, 5,000; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3,000; Missouri Pacific, 7,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, July 15.—MONEY—On call steady at 4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5½@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand, and at $4.83@4.83½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.86 and $4.88@4.89; commercial bills, $4.82½.

SILVER—Certificates, 60@60½; bar, 60c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—State bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, firm; government bonds easy; 2s, reg., 102½; 2s, reg., 106@106½; coupon, 106; new 4s, reg., 126; coupon, 126; old 4s, reg., 112; coupon, 112½; 5s, reg., 112½; coupon, 113½.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	101½	M., K. & T. 2ds	68¾
U. S. 2s, reg.	101½	M., K. & T. 4s	89¾
U. S. 4s, reg.	127	N. Y. C. 4½s	113½
U. S. 4s, coup.	127	N. J. C. 5s	121
U. S. 5s, reg.	130	N. C. 6s	127
U. S. 5s, coup.	130	N. C. 4s	107
U. S. old 4s, reg.	112	No. Pacific 3s	73
U. S. 5s, coup.	112½	No. Pacific 1st s	118
U. S. new 4s, reg.	137½	No. Pacific 4s	107
U. S. new 4s, coup.	137½	No. Pacific 4s	103¾
U. S. 5s, reg.	112½	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	107¾
U. S. 5s, coup.	112½	N. & W. con. 4s	95¾
District 3.65s	119	N. & W. gen. 6s	134¾
Ala. class A	108	Ore. N. 5s	112
Ala. class B	108	Ore. N. 6s	122
Ala. class C	108	Ore. N. 4s	102½
Ala. Currency	98	O. S. L. 6s 1st	102½
Atchison 4s	102¾	O. S. L. 6s 1 r.	102½
Atchison adj. 4s	86¾	O. R. & N. 5s	118
Can. So. 2ds	111	O. R. & N. 4s	103
C. & O. 4½s	87¾	R. G. W. 1sts	90¾
C. & O. 5s	114¾	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	114¾
C. & N. W. con 7s	142¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	124¾
do sub. deb. 5s	107¾	St. L. & S. F. 6s	117¾
Chi. Term. 4s	100¾	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	122
D. & R. G. 1sts	100¾	St. P. C. & P. 5s	127¾
D. & R. G. 4s	90¾	So. Ry. 5s	106¾
East Tenn. 1sts	100¾	S. A. & A. P. 4s	86
Erie gen. 4s	92¾	Tenn. new set 3s	84¾
F. W. & D. 1sts. tr.	80	T. P. 1sts	118¾
Gen. Elec. 5s	118	T. P. 2ds	50¾
G. H. & S. A. 6s	113	U. P. 4s	104¾
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	107	Wab. 1sts	120¾
H. & T. C. con. 6s	112	Wab. 2ds	106¾
H. & T. C. con. 6s	112	W. Shore 4s	113½
Iowa C. 1sts	113	Wis. Cent. 1sts	70¾
K. C. P. & G. 1sts	69¾	Va. Centuries	86¾
La. New Con. 4s	100	*Va. deferred	5¾
L. & N. Uni. 4s	99	Colorado Southern 4s	80¾

*Offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, July 15.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & St. F.	15½	do pfd	34
do 2ds	61	Wes. Electric	49½
Amer. Sugar	134½	New Eng. 6s	99½
do pfd	118½	Adventure	9½
Bell Telephone	245	Allouez Mining Co.	8
Electric & Albany	125	Atlantic	18
Boston Elevated	94½	Bonanza & Mont.	30
Boston & Maine	196	Butte & Boston	73
C., B. & Q.	136	Calumet & Hecla	500
Ed. Elec. Ill.	290	Centennial	24
Fitchburg pfd	137	Franklin	16
Fort. St. Elec.	118½	Humboldt	32
Federal Steel	38¾	Isle Royale	8
do pfd	85½	Parrot	25
Mexican Central	17	Quincy	107
Mich. Telephone	98	Santa Fe Copper	9¾
Old Colony	200	Tamarack	220
Old Dominion	25	Trinity	15
Rubber	68½	Wolverines	46
Union Pacific	42½	Utah	42½
West End	98		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, July 15.—The following are the closing quotations for mining shares:

Choller	23	Ontario	700
Crown Point	12	Ophir	160
Con. Cal. & Va.	165	Plymouth	16
Deadwood	90