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Market is Heavy and Listless Under Burden of Large Receipts.

WHEAT CLOSES AT THE BOTTOM WEAK

Corn Tamely Follows Lead of Wheat Market—Little Business in Oats and Provisions Go Down Several Notches.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Listless and heavy under a burden of large and increasing receipts the wheat market moved sluggishly within ¼c range today and closed at the bottom, ¾c under yesterday's last price. Corn, oats and provisions followed the greater market, corn losing ¼c, oats ¼c and provisions 2½@7½c.

December wheat started ¼c below yesterday's price at 73¼c. The predicted freer movement of wheat toward primary western markets, more especially in the northwest, was being realized to some extent. While today's receipts were still much smaller than those of last year they showed a steady increase. Chicago got 157 cars, compared with 193 the year before, and Minneapolis and Duluth reported 550 cars. A bearish telegram came from Winnipeg, declaring that Manitoba and other British northwestern provinces would show a crop of 50,000,000 bu. of fine wheat. There was no export business here and longs showed a tendency to let go of their holdings in the absence of encouraging news. The speculative business was small and traders generally inclined to await the result of tomorrow's deliveries on September contracts. December sold from 76¼c down to 73¾c with infrequent rallies and closed at the bottom.

Corn tamely followed the lead of the wheat market, despite encouraging news regarding the shipping demands. Local receipts were 621 cars and the aggregate of primary western market receipts was 626,000 bu. December opened unchanged at 28¾c, sold down to the half and finished at 28⅝c. September opened ¼c lower at 30¾c and closed at 30⅞c.

There was little business in the oats market exclusive of exchanging. Trade was light in volume and although September at times showed some strength it was largely because of the nearness of that month. The December option was easy in sympathy with its starter. December opened unchanged at 19¾c, sold between 19⅝c and 19⅝c and closed at the opening figure. September finished with ¼c loss.

The provision market followed in tendency the market for live hogs. Hog prices at the yards were 10c to 20c lower and hog receipts for the day were 23,000. This, with the weakness in grain, put provisions 2½@5c lower for October and 7½c for January. Lard lost 2½c for October and January and ribs, though more steady than the other, lost 1¼c per 100 pounds.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 160 cars; corn, 610 cars; oats, 450 cars; hogs, 15,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'd'y
*Wheat.					
Sept...	70¼@¾	70¼	69⅝	69⅜	70⅝
Dec....	73⅝	73¾	73⅛	71⅜@⅝	72½
May ...	75¼@⅝	75⅝@⅞	74⅜	74⅛	75⅝
*Corn.					
Sept...	30⅝@⅞	30⅞	30⅝	30⅞	31
Dec....	28¾	28¾	28⅛@⅜	28⅜	28¾@⅝
May ...	29⅝	29⅝	29¼	29½	29¾@¾
*Oats.					
Sept...	19⅛-20	20⅛	19⅜@⅝	19⅜-20	20@⅛
Dec....	19⅜	19⅝	19⅜@⅝	19⅜	19¾@⅝
May...	21½	21½	21⅜@¾	21⅜	21⅝
Pork.					
Sept ..	8 15	8 17½	8 10	8 12½	8 20
Oct....	8 25	8 27½	8 22½	8 25	8 30
Jan....	9 57½	9 57½	9 50	9 52½	9 60
Lard.					
Sept...	5 17½	5 20	5 15	5 20	5 20
Oct....	5 25	5 27½	5 25	5 25	5 27½
Jan....	5 40	5 42½	5 40	5 42½	5 45
Ribs.					
Sept...	5 15	5 17½	5 12½	5 15	5 17½
Oct	5 22½	5 25	5 20	5 22½	5 25
Jan....	4 97½	5 00	4 97½	4 97½	5 00

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $3.50@3.60; straight, $3.20@3.30; spring specials, $4.20; spring patents, $3.40@3.70; straights, $2.80@3.20; bakers, $1.90@2.60.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 67@70½c; No. 2 red, 72¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 31¾c; No. 2 yellow, 31⅝@32c.

OATS—No. 2, 21¼c; No. 2 white, 23¼c; No. 3 white, 22@23c.

RYE—No. 2, 55¼@56c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1, $1.18; northwest, $1.13@1.20; prime timothy, $2.10@2.35.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.40@8.20; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.07½@5.22½; short ribs sides (loose), $4.90@5.25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.50@5.62½; short clear sides (boxed), $5.50@5.60.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

Following are the receipts and shipments:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, 5bls.	19,000	12,000
Wheat, bu.	99,000	11,000
Corn, bu.	373,000	179,000
Oats, bu.	486,000	297,000
Rye, bu.	11,000	3,000
Barley, bu.	24,000	182,000

On the Produce Exchange today, the butter market, steady. Creameries, 16@20c; dairies, 13½@17c. Cheese, firm, 9½@10¼c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 13½@13¾c. Dressed poultry, steady; turkeys, 9c; chickens, 9@10¼c; ducks, 7½@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,534 bbls.; exports, 21,503 bbls. Weaker on spring brands and barely steady on the winter grades. Minnesota patents, $3.80@4.00; Minnesota bakers', $2.95@3.10; winter straights, $3.35@3.45.

RYE FLOUR—Quiet.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2 western, 61¾@62c f. o. b. afloat spot.

CORNMEAL—Dull.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 39½@41c c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 223,150 bu.; exports, 92,425 bu. Spot weak; No. 2, red, 74¾c f. o. b. afloat spot; No. 1 northern Duluth, 80c f. o. b. afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Duluth, 82c, to arrive; No. 2 red, 73c, elevator. Options opened weak at ⅝c decline, under heavy northwest receipts and disappointing cables. Further declines during the day were influenced by liquidation, favorable spring wheat news, light clearances, southwestern selling and more favorable Russian crop reports. Closed weak at ½@⅝c net decline. May, 80⅝@80¾c; closed, 80c; September, 73¼@73⅜c; closed, 73½c; December, 76 11-16@77 3-16c; closed, 76¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 234,975 bu.; exports, 281,114 bu. Spot weak; No. 2, 38¾c f. o. b. afloat; 73¾c elevator. Options opened steady on frost news, but later followed the decline in wheat and disappointing export trade. Closed easy at unchanged prices. May closed, 35¼c; September closed, 37c; December, 35@35⅜c; closed, 35½c.

OATS—Receipts, 277,600 bu.; exports, 207,257 bu. Spot quiet and steady; track white, 26½@33c. Options quiet.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, nominal; 1898 crop, 10@15c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1898 crop, 16@16½c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 50@65c; good to choice, 75@87½c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18½c.

LEATHER—Quiet and steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 21½@23½c; acid, 22@23½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $9.50@11.00; mess, $9.00; beef hams, $27.00@28.50; packet, $9.25@10.00; city, extra India mess, $14.00@15.50. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $6.00@7.25; pickled shoulders, $6.00@6.12½; pickled hams, $10.00@10.50. Lard, nominal; western steamed closed at $5.55; city, steady at $5.15; refined, steady; continent, $5.80; South American, $6.25; compound, $5.00. Pork, dull; mess, $8.75@9.50; short clear, $10.25@11.75; family, $10.00@11.00.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,029 pkgs.; quiet and steady; western creamery, 17@21c; factory, 12½@15c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 6,410 pkgs.; firmer; large, white, 10¾@11c; small, white, 11c; large, colored, 11c; small, colored, 11¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,190 pkgs.; firm; western, ungraded, at mark, 12½@15½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 7,814 pkgs.; strong; large, white, 10¾@10¾c; small, white, 10¾c; large, colored, 10¾c; small, colored, 11c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,316 pkgs.; firm; western, ungraded, at 12@15½c.

POTATOES—Quiet; fair to prime, $1.00@1.25; fancy white, $1.50@1.65; southern sweets, $1.00@1.25.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 4⅝@4¾c; spot, 4¾c.

RICE—Dull; domestic, fair to extra, 4⅜@7¼c; Japanese, 4⅛@5¾c.

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

FREIGHTS—Dull; cotton, by steam, 30c; grain, by steam, 2⅜@3d.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31.—BUTTER—Dull and weak; fancy western creamery, 20½c; fancy western prints, 21c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby and western, 16½c; fresh nearby and southwestern, 15c; fresh near by and southern, 12@13c.

CHEESE—Firm; New York full cream, fancy small, 11c; New York fair to choice, 10¼@10¾c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock at 13c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 12½c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 18@19c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 7½@8c; spring chickens, 10c; old and stagy roosters, live, 3½@4c; ducks and geese, live, 5@6c; turkeys, live, 8c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

VEGETABLES.

WATERMELONS—Good stock, crated for shipments, 15@17c.

CANTALOUPE—Per doz., crated, 35@50c.

TOMATOES—Per basket crate, 25@30c.

POTATOES—New, 25@30c per bu.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 10@15c.

CELERY—Per doz., 20@25c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.00@2.25.

FRUITS.

BLUEBERRIES—Per 16-qt. case, $1.60@1.75.

PLUMS—California, per crate, $1.35@1.50.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES — Freestone, $1.00.

APPLES—Per bbl., $2.00.

GRAPES—Natives, 25@30c per basket; California, $1.40@1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California fancy, $4.25@4.50; choice California, $3.75@4.00; Messina, fancy, $5.00@5.25.

BANANAS—Choice, crated, large stock, per bunch, $2.50@2.75; medium-sized bunches, $2.00@2.25.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 9c; No. 2 salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2¼c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—WHEAT—No. 2 red cash, elevator, 69¼c; track, 70@71c; No. 3, 68@68¼c; December, 71¾@71¾c; May, 75½c; No. 2 hard, 67¼@68c; receipts, 81,073.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 30c; track, 31½c; September, 29¾c; December, 27½c; May, 28c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 21c; track, 21¾@22c; September, 21¾c; May, 22c; No. 2 white, 26@27c.

RYE—Lower at 53c.

FLOUR—Unchanged; patents, $3.40@3.55; straights, $3.10@3.20; clear, $2.75@3.00.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady, $2.45 for prime, $2.35 for ordinary. Flaxseed, nominal.

CORNMEAL—Steady.

BRAN—Firmer and strong; sacked lots, east track, 60c.

BAGGING—Steady, 6@6¼c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $7.00@9.00; prairie, $5.00@7.00.

WHISKY—Lower, $1.22.

IRON COTTONTIES—Steady, $1.15.

TWINE—Hemp, steady, 9c.

BAGGING—Steady, 6@6¼c.

PROVISIONS—Pork: Firm at $9. Lard: Lower; prime steam, $5.07½; choice, $5.12½. Dry salt meats, steady; boxed shoulders, $5.25; extra shorts, $5.37½; clear ribs, $5.50; clear sides, $5.62½. Bacon, steady; boxed shoulders, $5.50; extra short clear, $5.87½; clear ribs, $6; clear sides, $6.25.

METALS—Lead; Stronger at $4.52½. Spelter; Steady at $5.40@5.50.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, old, 7c; young, 8@8½c; turkeys, 9@10c; ducks, 5½@6c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 17@21c; dairy, 13@17c.

EGGS—Weak at 12c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 81,000 bu.; corn, 70,000 bu.; oats, 37,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 113,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 31.—WHEAT—September, 63c; December, 65¾c; cash No. 2 hard, 64½@65c; No. 3, 62@64c; No. 2 red, 69½c; No. 3, 64@68c; receipts, 163 cars.

CORN—September, 27¾c; December, 24⅝c; cash No. 2 mixed, 29½c; No. 2 white, 29½c; No. 3, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 21@23c.

RYE—No. 2, 53@54c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $7.25@7.50; prairie, $5.50@5.75.

BUTTER—Creamery, 17@19c; dairy, 15c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 11½c per doz., cases returned.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 97,800 bu.; corn, 4,500 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 47,400 bu.; corn, 11,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 31.—PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, 47s. Bacon, long clear middles, light, steady at 32s; long clear middles, heavy, steady at 31s; clear backs, firm at 29s. Shoulders, square, steady at 28s.

CHEESE—American finest white, strong at 52s; American finest colored, strong at 53s.

BUTTER—United States finest, 96s; good, 74s.

WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, steady at 5s 10d; No. 1 northern, spring, steady at 6s 1d. Futures, quiet; September, 5s 9¾d; December, 5s 11½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, steady at 3s 4½d; American mixed, old, steady at 3s 4½d. Futures, steady; September, 3s 4⅜d.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 31.—Close: WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, August, 68c; September, 66½c; December, 68⅝c; May, 71¾c; new August, 67c. On track, No. 1 hard, old, 69⅝c; new, 68⅝c; No. 1 old, 68⅝c; new, 67⅝c; No. 2 northern, old, 67⅜c; new, 65⅞c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.65@3.75; second patents, $3.45@3.55; first clear, $2.50@2.60.

BRAN—Unchanged.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Aug. 31.—WHEAT—Lower and weak; No. 2 cash, 69¾c; December, 73⅝c.

CORN—Dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 33c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 20¾c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 cash, 56½c bid.

SEEDS—Clover, active and higher; prime cash, $4.20; October, $4.70 bid.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 31.—WHEAT—Lower. No. 1 northern, 71½@72c; No. 2 northern, new, 69¼c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 56¼c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, ⅔; sample, 36½@41c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Aug. 31.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 70⅝c; September, 70⅝c; December, 71c; No. 1 northern, cash, 68⅝c; September, 68¼c; December, 69c; May, 72¼c; No. 2 northern, 66⅝c; No. 3 spring, 62¾c.

MOVEMENT OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Many Items in the Day's News Which Favored Advance in Prices.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—There were many items in the day's news which favored an advance in the prices of securities. They were effective early in the day, but proved powerless to sustain prices. The higher level and gains, except in a few cases, were pretty generally wiped out before the close. The improvement in the tone of speculative markets abroad gave an upward impulse to prices at the opening. London bought quite freely of favorites among the internationals. The buying from this source is attributed to the operations of a prominent New York operator making a holiday sojourn in New York. After the orders for London account had been executed in this market the railroad stocks fell somewhat into the background and the industrials were brought forward.

The leaders of the group, especially the Tobaccos, were under rather severe pressure and showed sharp declines. Later there was some improvement on the strength of the strong showing made by several railroads in July earnings. Burlington was the leader, with an increase in surplus after charges of over $50,000. The Central of Georgia railway formed a marked exception with a decline in net earnings of nearly $25,000 compared with July of last year. Lackawanna was marked up on the settlement of the dispute with the engineers and there was some sympathetic strength in the other coalers. Meantime the short interest in Consolidated Gas showed signs of distress and marked up the stock 8½ ex-dividend. The bears were inclined to cover sympathetically in the other industrials, but realizing in Continental Tobacco preferred on the declaration of the first dividend caused them to decline again.

There was continued strength in the Republic Steel stocks, but the promising movement in Federal Steel late yesterday was promptly met by realizing today, and the stocks of that company were heavy all day. Steel & Wire failed to show an response to the admission of the stocks to the listed department of the exchange. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois stocks showed individual strength and the common gained 6½ and the preferred 4½. Colorado Midland preferred and Rio Grande Western common and preferred were strong.

The persistent heaviness of the market and the marking up of call loans prompted a general selling movement in the last hour which carried off prices to the low point. There was a slight hardening in railroads, but the industrials were attacked again in the final dealings. There was no apparent resumption of operations by the organized pools recently active. The scarcity of money was attributed to preparations for the regular monthly settlements. But the New York banks continue to lose cash to the subtreasury on account of customs and internal revenue payments, and there is a balance of shipments to the interior over receipts, New York exchange at the principal interior points continues at a discount.

Exchange both on London and Paris receded a fraction. The bond market was rather quiet and changes were small and irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,305,000. United States government bonds were unchanged on bid quotations.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram: The markets here were better in tone today on Mr. Chamberlain's Transvaal proposals. Business, however, was slack. Americans were good all day. There was considerable German and provincial demand for Erie issues, but New York was inclined to supply some, causing a final slight easing. Southern preferred was also wanted. Soo shares were introduced to the market today at 23¾ for the common and 71 for the preferred. Paris holsted Spanish 4s to 60. Tintos were 45⅝. Anacondas 11⅝. The bank bought £39,000 gold in bars. There was continental inquiry for gold, but no purchases. Money was strong on settlement demand. India bought silver and the market followed suit, the closing being 27 3-16. It looks as if it were going higher.

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

Atchison	23¾	Southern Ry. pfd.	55¾
do pfd.	65¾	Texas & Pacific	21
Baltimore & Ohio.	55	Union Pacific	46¾
Canadian Pacific	91¾	do pfd.	72¾
Canada Southern	53¾	Wabash	9¾
Central Pacific	35¾	do pfd.	22¾
Ches. & Ohio	26¾	Wheel. & L. E.	12¾
Chicago G. W.	16¾	do 2d pfd.	20¾
C., B. & Q.	135¾	Wis. Central	18¾
Chi., Ind. & L.	9	Adams Express	154
do pfd.	41	Amer. Express	153
Chi. & E. Ill.	98	United States	50
Chi. & Northw.	165¾	Wells Fargo	133
C., R. I. & P.	118¾	Amer. Cotton oil	43¾
C., C., C. & St. L.	57¾	do pfd.	94
Colorado Southern.	5¾	Amer. Malting	14¾
do 1st pfd.	47	do pfd.	65½
do 2d pfd.	17	Amer. S. & R.	42¾
Del. & Hudson	122½	do pfd.	90¾
Del. L. & W.	178½	Amer. Spirits	5¾
Denver & R. G.	23	do pfd.	21
do pfd.	77	Amer. Steel H.	33¼
Erie	14½	do pfd.	84¾
do 1st pfd.	39	Amer. S. & W.	17¾
Gt. Nor. pfd.	166½	do pfd.	69¾
Hocking Coal	9	Amer. Tin Plate	9¾
Hocking Valley	35	do pfd.	99¾
Illinois Central	115¾	Amer. Tobacco	127
Iowa Central	14¾	do pfd.	145
do pfd.	59	Anaconda Min. Co.	56
K. C., Ft. S. & M.	16¾	Brooklyn R. T.	66¾
Lake Erie & W.	21¾	Col. Fuel & Iron	41¾
do pfd.	80¼	Con. Tobacco	47¾
Lake Shore	201½	do pfd.	99¾
Louisville & Nash.	83¾	Federal Steel	60¾
Manhattan L.	104¾	do pfd.	82¾
Met. St. Ry.	206½	Gen. Electric	124
Mexican Central	14¾	Glucose Sugar	64¼
Minn. & St. L.	77	do pfd.	105
do pfd.	98	Inter. Paper	33
Missouri Pacific	49¼	do pfd.	77½
Mobile & Ohio	40¾	Laclede Gas	77½
Missouri, K. & T.	14	Nat. Biscuit	47½
do pfd.	44¼	do pfd.	93¾
N. J. Central	119¼	National Lead	31½
N. Y. Central	138½	do pfd.	110
Norfolk & W.	26¾	National Steel	55¼
do pfd.	66¾	do pfd.	93¾
Nor. Pacific	56¾	N. Y. Air Brake	172
do pfd.	77¼	North American	12¼
Ontario & W.	26¾	Pacific Coast	46½
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	46	do 1st pfd.	85
do pfd.	75	do 2d pfd.	64
Pennsylvania	135¾	Pacific Mail	46¾
Reading	22¾	People's Gas	119¾
do 1st pfd.	61¾	Pressed Steel Car.	59¼
do 2d pfd.	52½	do pfd.	85½
Rio G. Western	20¼	Pullman Pal. Car.	158½
do pfd.	52½	Standard R. & T.	18½
St. L. & S. F.	11¾	Sugar	156¾
do 1st pfd.	71¾	do pfd.	119
do 2d pfd.	37	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	95¾
St. L. Southw.	15¾	U. S. Leather	10¾
do pfd.	38	do pfd.	75½
St. Paul	133¾	U. S. Rubber	40
do pfd.	175	do pfd.	115¼
St. S. & Omaha	116¼	Western Union	88¾
Southern Pacific	37¾	P. C. C. & St L.	77¾
Southern Railway	12¾		

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—MONEY—On call, steady at 3@3½ per cent; last loan, 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4¼@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86¼ for demand and at $4.83@4.83¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.87½; commercial bills, $4.82.

SILVER — Certificates, 58¾@60c; bar, 58 11-16c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47½c.

BONDS—Government bonds, steady; state bonds, strong; railroad bonds, irregular.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	100½	M. K. & T. 2ds.	73
U. S. 3s, reg.	108¼	M. K. & T. 4s	95
U. S. 3s, coup.	108¼	N. Y. C. 1sts.	112
U. S. new 4s, reg.	130¼	N. J. C. 5s	121
U. S. do coup.	130½	N. C. 6s	130
U. S. old 4s, reg.	111¼	N. C. 4s	104
U.S. coupon.	113	No. Pacific 1sts	113
U. S. 5s, reg.	111¼	No. Pacific 3s	67
U. S. 5s, coup.	111¼	No. Pacific 4s	103¾
District 3.65s	123	N. O. & St. L. 4s.	108
Ala., class A	109½	N. & W. con. 4s	96
Ala., class B	109	N. & W. gen 6s	135
Ala., class C	103	Ore. N. 1sts	112¾
Ala., currency	102¾	Ore. S. L. 5s	103¾
Atchison 4s	102¾	O. S. L. 6s	129¾
Do. adj. 4s	88½	O. S. L. 5s	116
Canada So. 2ds	111¾	Reading 4s	87¾
C. & O. 4½s	97¾	R. G. W. 1sts	98¼
C. & O. 5s	116	St. L. & S. M. con 5s	114
C. & N. W. con 7s	145	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	124
do S. F. deb. 5s	110¼	St. P. Consols	170
Chi. Terms. 4s	99	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	121½
C., B. & Q. 4½s	110¾	St. P. C. & P. 5s	122
D. & R. G. 4s	100¾	*So. Ry. 5s	109¼
East Tenn. 1sts	103	S. R. & T. 6s	84
Erie Gen. 4s	73	Tenn. new set 3s.	95
F. W. & D. C. 1sts.	80	T. P. 1sts	115¼
Gen. Elec. 5s	111	Va. Cen. 6s	109½
G. H. & S. A. 6s	108	*Wab. 2ds	101
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	108	W. Shore 4s	123¼
H. & T. Cent 5s	119	Wis. Cent. 1sts	79¼
H. & T. Cent. ds.	91	Va. Centuries	80¾
Iowa C. 1sts	115½	Va. deferred	5
K. C. P. & G. 1sts	72	Colorado South'n 4s.	80¾
La. New Con. 4s	106		
L. & N. Uni. 4s	100¼		

*Offered. **Ex-dividend.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	105 11-16	N. Y. Central	142½
Consols, acct.	105	Pennsylvania	69¾
Canadian Pacific	99¾	Reading	11¾
Erie	14¾	Illinois Pacific pfd.	81¾
do 1st pfd.	41¾	Atchison	23¾
Illinois Central	110	Louisville	84¾
Nor. Pacific pfd.	70¾	Grand Trunk	8¼
St. Paul common	137¾	Anaconda	11⅝

BAR SILVER—28⅞d per ounce.

MONEY—2¼@2¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3⅛ per cent; for three months' bills, 3⅛ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The following are the closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	34	Ontario	750
Crown Point	29	Ophir	110
Con. Cal. & Va.	180	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	65	Quicksilver	200
Gould & Currie	35	do pfd.	750
Hale & Norcross	28	Sierra Nevada	71
Homestake	4500	Standard	270
Iron Silver	59	Union Con.	20
Mexican	50	Yellow Jacket	27

Foreign Financial.

FRANKFORT, Aug. 31.—The general political situation being more satisfactory there was an all-round recovery on the bourse today. Spanish 4s were the feature of the transactions. American securities were in good demand.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—Prices on the bourse today were firm and animated on encouraging London advices. Spanish 4s were strong on rumors that future gold coupons would pay 3½ per cent. Rio tintos advanced on bear covering. Kaffirs were harder. Three per cent rentes, 100f 75c for the account. Spanish 4s closed at 60.90.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Private discount on the bourse was ⅛ easier and firm. In consequence of the ca.mer tons of western bourses and especially owing to the better aspect of the Transvaal situation, Spanish 4s were animated on the rumor that it has been decided to reduce the interest on the external debt only a half per cent, which would be applied to a sinking fund. American securities and Canadian Pacific were firm.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 31.—The gold quotation today was 135.

Bank Clearings.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $4,360,577; balances, $422,510. Money, quiet at 4@7 per cent; mostly at 5@6. New York exchange, 7c discount bid, 50c discount asked.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $169,065,070; balances, $9,328,571.

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $34,065,832; balances, $1,556,073.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $2,597,583; balances, $377,602.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $15,370,658; balances, $2,461,670.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Clearings, $17,562,496; balances, $2,216,683. Sterling exchange, $4.84 @4.87½. New York exchange, 55c discount.

Statement of Bank of France.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, increased 163,075,000 francs; treasury accounts current, increased 7,725,000 francs; gold in hand, decreased 3,890,000 francs; bills discounted, increased 2,925,000 francs; silver in hand, decreased 3,175,000 francs.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The market for American securities opened firm and moved steadily upward until the close, which was steady. The demand was fair. Spanish 4s closed at 60¾. Amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today, £29,000.

Bank of England Statement.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve increased £342,000; circulation, increased £153,000; bullion, increased £694,142; other securities, decreased £785,000; other deposits, increased £135,000; public deposits, decreased £321,000; notes, reserve increased £596,000; government securities unchanged. Proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 56.28 per cent; last week it was 48.96 per cent. The rate of discount unchanged at 3½ per cent.

Dividend on Tobacco.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The directors of the Continental Tobacco company have declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $281,924,505; gold reserve, $247,880,601.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 31.—COTTON—Futures, quiet; September, $5.51 bid; October, $5.53@5.54; November, $5.58@5.59; December, $5.62@5.64; January, $5.67@5.68; February, $5.71@5.73; March, $5.76@5.77; April, $5.80@5.81; May, $5.84@5.86. Quiet; sales, 900 bales; ordinary, 4c; good ordinary, 4⅛c; low middling, 5 3-16c; middling, 5 15-16c; good middling, 6 3-16c; middling fair, 6¾c; receipts, 3,497 bales; stock, 131,391 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—COTTON—One-sixteenth cent lower; middling, 5 15-16c; sales, none; receipts, 11,923 bales; shipments, 12,444 bales; stock, 64,806 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 31.—COTTON—Spot fair demand and prices 1-16d lower; American middling fair, 4 13-32d; good middling, 4 23-32d; low middling, 4 9-32d; good ordinary, 3 3-32d; ordinary, 2 29-32d. Sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,600 bales American. Receipts, 1,000 bales, American. Futures opened easy and closed barely steady at the decline. American middling, l. m. c., September, 3 24-64d, buyers; September and October, 3 22-64d, sellers; October and November, 3 20-64@3 21-64d, sellers; November and December, 3 19-64@3 20-64d, sellers; December and January, 3 19-64d, buyers; January and February, 3 19-64@3 20-64d, sellers; February and March, 3 20-64d, sellers; March and April, 3 20-64@3 21-64d, sellers; April and May, 3 21-64d, sellers; May and June, 3 21-64@3 22-64d, buyers; June and July, 3 22-64@3 23-64d, sellers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—COTTON—Speculative movement in cotton futures was, taking the day as a whole, less active and the falling off of public interest was very marked. Liquidation of outside long accounts was the feature of today's market and the general tenor of prices reflected the general feeling. The rally in prices today brought an avalanche of selling. The market opened at the lowest point of the day; steady at a decline of 6@12 points. This break in prices was ascribed to a break in the Texas drouth, although this was subsequently regarded as a doubtful factor, nine places reporting a rainfall of only a trace to 1.44 inches. As an actual benefit to the growing cotton this could not be said to amount to much, but as a forecast of possible copious rains it received marked attention and caused a good deal of selling apart from the question of the receipts, which were heavy, forecasts for the week pointing to a total movement of 75,000 to 80,000 bales against 32,000 for the corresponding week last year, while the movement for today reached the heavy total of 13,302 bales, against 4,738 bales for the corresponding date a year ago.

Oil Market.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 31.—OIL—Cottonseed, Hull refined, September and October, steady, 15s 9d.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—OILS—Calcutta linseed, spot, 39s 7½d; linseed, 21s 6d; turpentine spirits, 33s 10½d.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—OILS—Cottonseed, steady. Petroleum, strong; refined New York, $8.10 Rosin, steady. Turpentine, steady.

BREMEN, Aug. 31.—OILS—Petroleum, 7 marks 15 pfgs.

TOLEDO, Aug. 31.—OILS—North Lima, 98c; South Lima and Indiana, 93c.

OIL CITY, Aug. 31.—OILS—Credit balances, $1.35; certificates closed $1.35½ for cash; no sales; shipments, 74,387 bbls.; average, 83,371 bbls.; runs, 108,455 bbls.; average, 87,399 bbls.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—METALS—Business in metals was generally rather quiet. The exception was in tin, which ruled active and higher, chiefly on cables and small shipments for the latter half of August; the market closed firm on the basis of $31.50@31.75.

Pig iron warrants ruled quiet, but steady, closing on the basis of $16.00 for No. 2. There was a moderate market for Lake copper, closing quiet on the basis of $18.50; lead was quiet with the official quotations $4.57½@4.62½; spelter also quiet, closing at $5.20@5.40, as officially quoted. Brokers' figures for lead, $4.35, and for copper, $18.50.

Coffee