COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Markets on Board of Trade Are Quiet and Narrow.

WHEAT OPENS FIRM AND CLOSES STEADY

Oats Are Dull and Easy—Not Much of Provision Market and the Range is Narrow—Hogs Close Weak.

CHICAGO, May 25.—There was a narrow quiet collection of markets on the Board of Trade today and little change in influential news. Wheat closed ¼c lower, corn a shade down and oats ½@¾c depressed; provisions closed practically unchanged.

The cool, sequestered vale of life which the wheat market placidly trudged along today was only ⅝c in width, if the expression may be used. The northwest was still without rain of the sort needed, although Winnipeg, Grand Forks and Fargo got a little moisture, which was sufficient to depress prices here a bit. Before the news of these showers reached here the market was firm on the Liverpool steadiness, the dryness heretofore referred to and damage claims from Kansas and Illinois. The close was steady. The northwest reports do not agree. Some sources inform the local traders that the northwest can go without rain for some time without suffering materially, while others declare the situation already is very serious. In consequence the majority of traders are inclined to await something definite, although it is generally believed here that rain in the Dakotas and elsewhere in that section would at least be of some benefit. Trade was light, both for cash and in the speculative article. July opened ¼c over yesterday at 67¼@67⅜c and sold up to 67¾@67⅝c, then it declined to 66⅝c, where it steadied and shortly afterward wound up the session ¼c lower at 67⅜@67½c. New York reported thirteen loads taken for export. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 228,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 439,000 bushels, compared with 588,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 390 cars, against 250 last week and 389 a year ago. Local receipts were forty-one cars, none of contract grade. Save for a little spurt of activity early, corn was dull and generally under the influence of wheat. The opening was firm with wheat and a little advance followed under the same guidance. The market also reacted with wheat but rallied under buying by an influential bull market and closed steady. The weather was favorable for short account strained and with small clearings, a light export trade and heaviness in corn made the afternoon market particularly weak; it finally rallied a trifle on covering and closed steady at ¼@¼c net decline. May, 31 5-16@31 9-16c, closed at 31⅜c; July, 32⅜@32 11-16c, closed at 32⅝c; September, 32¾@33c, closed at 33¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 97,500 bu.; exports, 200,603 bu.; spot, easy; No. 2, 42⅜c f. o. b. afloat and 41¾c elevator. Options opened firm, but, having no important support, was attacked by bear traders and forced into heaviness. A late rally on covering left the close steady, ½@¾c net decline; May, 41⅝@41¾c, closed at 41⅞c; July, 42¼@42⅝c, closed at 42⅜c; September, 42½@42¾c, closed at 42⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 113,400 bu.; exports, 15,790 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 27c; No. 3, 26¾c; No. 2 white, 28¾@28¾c; No. 3 white, 28c; track, mixed western, 27@28½c; track white, 28@34½c. Options dull and easier.

HAY—Steady; shipping, $7.50@7.75; good to choice, $8@9 25.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 3@5c; 1899 crop, 10@13c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 3@5c; 1899 crop, 10@13c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 15c.

LEATHER — Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweight, 24@25½c; acid, 20@20½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $12 @12.50; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $23.50 @21.00; packet, $11.00@12.00; city, extra India mess, $17.00@19.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 7¼@8¼c; pickled shoulders, 6¾c; pickled hams, 10¼@10¾c. Lard, easy; western steamed, $7.25; May closed at $7.26. South America, $8.00; compound, $6.50 @6.75. Pork, quiet; family, $14.00@14.50; short clear, $14.00@15.00; mess, $12.00@12.75.

TALLOW—Nominal; city, 4¾@4⅝c; country, 4¾@4¾c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½ @6¼c; Japan, 4¾@4⅝c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 44@55c.

FREIGHTS—Quiet; cotton by steam, 27c; grain by steam, 3½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,068 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 18½@20½c; factory, 14@ 16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,891 pkgs.; irregular; fancy large white, 9½@9¾c; fancy large colored, 9½@9¾c; fancy small white, 9¾@ 9¾c; fancy small colored, 9¾@9¾c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,099 pkgs.; firm; western, loss off, 13½@14c; southern, at mark, 10½@12c.

METALS—Advices from abroad were rather unsatisfactory and, in sympathy with this factor, together with the continued large receipts of tin, caused a drop of some 250@375 points, closing in a demoralized condition at $28.62½@29.00; lake copper, while lower in London, was quiet here, but prices fully sustained at $16.75; pig iron warrants were very weak; northern, No. 1 foundry, ruled steady, weak and unsettled at $20.00@22.00; lead continues dull and unchanged at 4.02½@4.03½; spelter was a shade firmer on a good export inquiry and closed firm at $4.50@4.57½. The brokers' price for lead was $4.80 and for copper $16.50 @16.62½.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts liberal; second, 9½@10c; good stock, 10@11c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7½@8c; roosters, according to age and size, 4@5c; broilers, 17 @18c; ducks, 6@6½c; geese, 5@5½c; turkeys, 8c.

FRESH DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, 8c; roosters, 6@7c; ducks and geese, 10@11c; broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs., per doz., $3; turkeys, 12@12½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 12@14c; choice, 15@17c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17@18c.

FISH—Trout, 8c; blue fish, 10c; pickerel, 8c; catfish, 12c; dressed buffalo, 6c; roe shad, each, 25c; whitefish, 11c; herring, 5c; black bass, 15c; salmon, 14c; white bass, 9c; crappie, 7c; pike, 10c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 90c@$1.00.

VEALS—Choice, 7@8c.

HAY—Per carload lots: Upland, choice, $7.50; midland, choice, $7.50; lowland, choice, $5.50; rye straw, choice, $5; No. 3 corn 3½c; No. 2 white oats, 2½c; cracked corn, per ton, $14; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $14.50; bran, per ton, $12; shorts, per ton, $12.50.

VEGETABLES.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.00@1.25.

ASPARAGUS—Home grown, per doz., 25 @35c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

SPINACH—Per box, 40@60c.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 30@35c.

RADISHES—Home grown, per doz., 15@ 20c.

PEAS—Per ½-bu. basket, 50c.

WAX BEANS—Per ½-bu. box, $1.

SWEET POTATOES — Per bbl., $2.00@2.25; Kansas, eating, $3.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 25@40c.

NEW POTATOES—Per lb., 2½@3c.

CABBAGE—California, per lb., 2½@3c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

TOMATOES — Florida, per six-basket crate, $4.50.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

RHUBARB—Per lb., 1½@2c.

ONIONS—New Bermuda, per 50-lb. crate, $2.50; new southern, per 75-lb. sack, $2.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES — Arkansas and Missouri shipping stock, per 24-qt. case, $2.00@ 2.25.

GOOSEBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $2.

CHERRIES — California, per 10-lb. box, $1.50.

CRANBERRIES—None on the market.

APPLES—About out of market.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $2.00@2.50.

ORANGES—California, navels, per box, $3.75@4.00; Mediterranean sweets, per box, $3.25@3.50; budded seedlings, $2.50@2.60.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75; choice, $2.25@2.50.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.25.

HIDES.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6½c; No. 2 green hides, 5½c; No. 1 salted hides, 7½c; No. 2 salted hides, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Hickory, large, per bu., $1.25; shellbarks, $1.35; English walnuts, per lb., 12@13c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, per lb., 14@16c; peanuts, raw, per lb., 5½@6c.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.50@3.75.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 70½c; track, 71@ 71½c; May, 71c; July, 67¾c; September, 68½c; No. 2 hard, 64@65c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 cash, 36¾c; track, 37¼c; May, 36¾c; July, 36½c; September, 37¼c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 23½c; track, 24c; May, 25c; July, 21¾c; September, 21¼c; No. 2 white, 27c.

RYE—Firm; 56@56½c.

FLOUR—Quiet, steady and unchanged.

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.00@2.20; flaxseed, nominal at $1.57.

CORNMEAL—Steady, at $1.95@2.00.

BRAN—Dull, lower; sacked, east track, 67c.

HAY—Timothy, easier, at $8.00@12.50; prairie, steady, at $6.00@8.75.

WHISKY—Lower, at $1.23½.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.30.

BAGGING—Steady, at 7½@8¾c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, $12.00. Lard, lower; prime steam, $6.77½; choice, $6.92½. Dry salt meats (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $6.87½; clear ribs, $7.00; clear sides, $7.12½. Bacon (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $7.37½; clear ribs, $7.50; clear sides, $7.62½.

METALS—Lead, firm; $3.95. Spelter, nominal at $4.40@4.45.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 7c; springs, 16@17c; turkeys, 5c; ducks, 5c; springs, 12c; geese, 3c.

EGGS—Steady; 10c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 17@20c; dairy, 14@17c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 22,000 bu.; corn, 36,000 bu.; oats, 50,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 75,000 bu.; oats, 64,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 25.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 1 California, 6s 1½d; No. 1 northern spring, 5s 9½d. Futures, quiet; July, September, 5s 8d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 4s 5d. Futures, quiet; May, nominal; July, 3s 9⅞d; September, 3s 10¼d.

PROVISIONS—Prime mess pork, western, dull, at 67s 6d. Bacon, long clear middles, light, steady, at 41s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, steady, at 41s.

CHEESE—American finest white, easy, at 52s 6d; American finest colored, easy, at 52s 6d.

TALLOW—Australian in London, dull, at 27s.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 130,000 centals, including 98,000 American.

Receipts of American corn during the last three days, 300,000 centals.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 25.—WHEAT—July, 61¾@61⅞c; September, 62¾@62½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 62c; No. 3, 59@61½c; No. 2 red, 66@ 67c; No. 3, 63@65½c.

CORN—July, 34¾c; September, 34¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 36¼@37c; No. 2 white, 37@ 37½c; No. 3, 36½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24@25c.

RYE—No. 2, 55c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.50@11.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 15@17c; dairy, fancy, 15c.

EGGS—Market weak, 1c lower; receipts heavy; poor outside demand; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 9½c, loss off, cases returned; southern, 7½c, new whitewood cases included 1c more.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 40,200 bu.; corn, 24,000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 28,400 bu.; corn, 71,500 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—BUTTER—Firm, good demand; fancy western creamery, 20½c; fancy western creamery, prints, 21c.

EGGS—Firm; good demand; fresh, nearby, 14c; fresh, western, 14c; fresh, southwestern 13½c; fresh, southern, 12½@13c.

CHEESE—Dull; steady; New York, full cream, small, 9½@9½c; full cream, good to choice, 8¾@9c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, May 25.—WHEAT—Dull, lower; spot, 71¼c; May, 71¾c.

CORN—Dull, lower; No. 2 cash, 35¼c.

OATS—Dull, unchanged; No. 2 cash, 24c.

RYE—Dull, unchanged; No. 2 cash, 58c.

CLOVERSEED—Active, lower; cash, prime old, $4.70; prime new, $5.00; October, $5.15; No. 2, $4.80.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 25.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, cash, 65¼c; July, 65¾c; September, 65¾c. On track: No. 1 hard, 67¼c; No. 1 northern, 65¾c; No. 2 northern, 64¾c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.55; second patents, $3.35; first clears, $2.65; second clears, $2.10.

Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, May 25.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 69c; May, 69¼c; July, 69¼c; September, 68¾c; No. 1 northern, cash, 67¾c; September, 67¾c; No. 2 northern, 65½c; No. 3 spring, 62¾c.

OATS—22½@23c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, May 25.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 northern, 67¼@68c; No. 2, 65@66c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 56¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 42@43c; sample, 37½@42½c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 25.—COFFEE—Spot, Rio, firm; No. 7 invoice, 7¾c. Mild, market quiet; Cordova, 9¼@13c. Futures opened steady at 5 points advance on local demand; lost the improvement in the absence of public support and following unsatisfactory Havre closing; but again turned firmer, making a net advance of 10 points on further cables reporting new cases of bubonic plague in Brazil. The improved feeling in the market assisted the firmer ruling of futures. Later the market reacted under realizing and closed steady at net advance of 5 points. Total sales, 16,500 bags, including May at $4.70; June, $6.75; August, $6.80@6.85; September, $6.85@6.90; December, $7.15; March, $7.30@ 7.35.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

No Outside Demand and Market is Intensely Dull.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The stock market continued intensely dull today. There was no appreciable outside demand and professional traders preferred to hold aloof pending more definite developments regarding the affairs of Price, McCormick & Co., whose failure was announced yesterday. There were not many transactions under the rule on the exchange today for the firm's account, but there were indications of large transactions in accordance with private settlements. Thus in the early dealings there was a sale of a 2000-share block of Atchison preferred, the same house being both the buyer and seller. There was also a report current that large repurchases were made for Chicago account of blocks of stocks sold yesterday for the failed firm. The Atchison transaction was explained as being a mere transfer of an account. These operations doubtless represented the progress of a settlement of the firm's affairs. The prices at which they were made indicated that the buying of the stocks was intended to be at about last night's closing prices. The fact that such settlement could be secured helped to sustain the market and prices ruled for the greater part of the day at or above last night's level, in spite of the almost stagnant condition of the market. Later in the day the sustaining influence was less effective and prices generally declined below last night's figures.

At the same time rumors were disseminated that other houses were in financial difficulty, but nothing developed before the close to warrant these rumors. The undertone of the market was rather depressed in spite of the support. The extent of the failure affected sentiment adversely and the collapse of the corner in cotton was looked to as materially altering the prospects of the cotton section owing to the decreased price of the article. It was pointed out that the invariable result of such efforts to establish artificial prices was to cause a relapse to abnormally low prices. The disposition manifested in Liverpool to extend the bear movement in cotton instead of turning to the buying side at the decline, disappointed some expectations. The prospect of large increase in the cash reserves of the banks in tomorrow's bank statement seemed to increase rather than relieve depression.

Preliminary estimates of the currency movements with the interior indicate that the banks will receive from that source over $3,000,000 or about twice as much as last week. The indication thus afforded of a further decline in trade activity made for depression, especially as money in New York is becoming a drug in the market. The call loan rate today fell to 1½ per cent and choice grades of mercantile paper commanded as low as 3 per cent late in the day. The reduction in the official discount rate of the Bank of France following that on the Bank of England yesterday reduces the attraction for the loaning of American capital in foreign markets. In spite of the easier money rates abroad there was no disposition to buy American stocks for that account.

The bond market continues dull and the changes in prices small and mixed. Total sales, par value, $1,310,000. United States registering 2s, when issued, advanced ½, the registered and 3s ½, and old 4s ⅛ in the bid price.

Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram: The markets here were quietly steady for awhile, but weakened finally, in sympathy with the continued recession in Westralians. American dealings were microscopic. There was some Liverpool buying in the morning, but the close was dull, in sympathy with New York. Copper shares were heavy, on the fall in metal. The Rhodesian group sold in Africa for cash bars and received £5,000 from Malta. The Bank of France reduced its discount rate from 3½ to 3 per cent. The Berlin bank is expected to follow suit.

Following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange today:

Atchison	27¼	Union Pacific	53¾
do pfd	69¾	do pfd	79¾
Baltimore & Ohio	76	Wabash	8
Canadian Pacific	94	do pfd	20¾
Canada So	52	Wheel. & L. E	9¼
Ches. & Ohio	27¾	do 2d pfd	20¾
Chi. gas. & W	17¾	Wis. Central	13¾
C. B. & Q	125¾	Third Avenue	113½
Chicago, Ind. & L	23	Adams Express	114
do pfd	52	Amer. Express	149
Chicago & E. I	102	U. S. Ex	44
Chicago & N. W	152½	Wells-Fargo Ex	129
C. C. C. & I	67	Amer. Tel. & Cable	94
C. C. C. St. L	59	do pfd	90
Colorado So	6	Amer. Malting	3¾
do 1st pfd	42	do pfd	21½
do 2d pfd	16½	Amer. S. & R	37¾
Del. & Hudson	113¾	do pfd	88¾
Del. L. & W	177	Amer. Spirits	2¾
Denver & R. G	18½	do pfd	9¾
do pfd	67¾	Amer. Steel Hoop	39½
Erie	11½	do pfd	69¾
do 1st pfd	35½	Amer. S. & W	33¾
Gt. Nor. pfd	155½	do pfd	73¾
Hocking Coal	15	Amer. Tin Plate	12¾
Hocking Valley	37½	do pfd	74
Illinois Central	112	Amer. Tobacco	97
Iowa Central	17½	do pfd	139
do pfd	48	Anaconda M. Co	41¾
K. C. F. & G	17	Brk. Rap. Tr	11
L. E. & W	36¾	Colo. F. & I	36¾
do pfd	90	Colo. Tobacco	27
Lake Shore	212	do pfd	77½
Louis & Nash	79¾	Federal Steel	34½
Manhattan L	104¾	do pfd	86½
Met. St. Ry	152¾	General Electric	133¾
Mexican Central	12¾	Glucose Sugar	43¾
Minn. & St. L	67¾	do pfd	109½
do pfd	94	Inter Paper	22
Mo. Pacific	56	do pfd	64
Mobile & Ohio	39	Laclede Gas	68
M., K. & T	10½	National Biscuit	39
do pfd	32½	do pfd	99
N. Y. Central	136½	National Lead	19
N. Y. Central	131¾	** do pfd	94
Norfolk & West	35	National Steel	28¾
do pfd	78	do pfd	84
No. Pacific	69	N. Y. Air Brake	123
do pfd	74½	No. American	14¾
Ontario & W	19¾	Pacific C. Co	47½
Oregon Ry. & Nav	42	do 1st pfd	87
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	57
Pennsylvania	129¾	Pacific Mail	38
Reading	16¾	People's Gas	99½
do 1st pfd	37¾	Pressed Steel Car	43½
do 2d pfd	28¾	do pfd	82
Rio G. W	17	Pullman P. Car	180
do pfd	47½	Standard R. & T	5¾
St. L. & S. F	9¾	Sugar	113
do 1st pfd	68	do pfd	111
do 2d pfd	32¾	Tenn. C. & I	72¾
St. L. Southw	11	U. S. Leather	10¼
do pfd	26½	do pfd	69¾
St. Paul	115½	U. S. Rubber	28¾
do pfd	173¾	do pfd	91
St. P. & Omaha	112	Western Union	93¾
So. Pacific	33¾	Republic I. & S	14
So. Railway	12¾	do pfd	69
do pfd	44¾	P. C. C. & St. L	99
Texas & Pacific	16¾		

*Offered. **Ex-dividend.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 25.—MONEY—On call, easy at 1¼@1¾ per cent; last loan at 1¾ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent; sterling exchange, heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87½@4.87⅝ for demand and at $4.84⅝@4.84¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84@4.84¼.

SILVER—Certificates, 60@61c; bar, 60¾c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—Governments, strong; state, inactive; railroad, irregular.

The closing prices on bonds today are as follows.

*U. S. 2s, reg	104	N. Y. C. 1s	111
do 2s, reg	99½	N. Y. C. g. 5s	121
do 3s, reg	109½	No. Carolina 6s	128
do coupon	109½	do 4s	106
do new 4s, reg	134½	No. Pacific 3s	67¾
do coupon	134½	do 4s	104¾
do old 4s, reg	113¾	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	106
do coupon	113¾	N. & W. con. 4s	96¾
do 5s, reg	113¾	do gen 6s	135
do coupon	113¾	Oregon Nav. 1s	111
D. of C. 3s, 65s	121	Oregon Nav. 4s	104½
Atch. gen. 4s	101¾	Oregon S. L. 6s	123
do adj. 4s	84	do con. 5s	113½
Canada So. 2s	106½	Reading gen. 4s	88
C. & O. 4½s	98¾	R. G. W. 4s	75½
**do 5s	117	St. L. & I. M. 5s	116½
**C. & N. W. c. 7s	141½	St. L. & S. F. g. 6s	124½
do S. F. deb. 5s	119	St. P., C. & P. 1s	120
Chicago Ter. 4s	87	St. P., C. & P. 5s	120
Denver & R. G. 1st	114½	do 5s	121½
do 4s	99¾	Sav. & Memphis 5s	112¾
E. T. V. & G. 1s	103	S. H. & T. 6s	77
**Erie gen. 4s	121½	Teno. n. s. 5s	96½
F. W. & D. C. 1s	72¾	Tex. & Pacific 1s	114¾
**Gen. Electric 5s	130	do 2s	67
G. H. & S. A. 6s	111	Union Pacific 4s	105¾
do 2d int	108	Wabash 1s	102¾
H. & T. C. 5s	110	do 2s	102
do con. 6s	113¾	West Shore 4s	112
Iowa Central 1s	75½	Wis. Central 1s	70½
K. C., P. & G. 1s	71	Va. Centuries	93
La. n. c. 4s	103¾	do deferred	5
L. & N. uni. 4s	99½	Colo. 3s 4s	85½
M., K. & T. 2s	68	So. Pacific 4s	83
do 4s	93		

*When issued. **Offered.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, May 25.—Business was hesitating on the bourse today, owing to yesterday's failure in New York, and prices were easier, the lowering of the 15-eighth bank ratio not having any effect on the market, as a similar movement is not expected here. Toward the close prices became harder on covering purchases. Exchange on London, 20m 45pfgs for checks. Discount rates for short bills, 3¼ per cent; for three months' bills, 4⅝ per cent.

LONDON, May 25.—The market for American securities, after a dull opening, was firmer, with business limited to professional traders. The final tone was steady. Spanish is closed at 72¾. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £15,000. Premiums are quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres, 127.40; Madrid, 24.20; Lisbon, 42.50; Rome, 6.47½.

PARIS, May 25.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, decrease, 47,750,000; treasury accounts, current, increase, 26,250,000; gold in hand, increase, 9,000,000; bills discounted, decrease, 58,175,000; silver in hand, increase, 1,750,000. The lowering of bank rates produced a favorable opening on the bourse today, but prices subsequently declined on realizations, influenced by the persistent weakness of copper, and at the close they were feeble. Kaffirs released on London advices. Three per cent rentes, 101f for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 16½c for checks. Spanish 4s closed at 72 22%. The rate of discount of the Bank of France has been reduced from 3½ to 3 per cent.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, May 25.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Official closing:

A., T. & S. F	27½	West End	91
do pfd	79¼	N. E. G. & C. 5s	87
Amer. Sugar	113	Adventure	4
do pfd	111½	Allouez Min. Co	1¼
Bell Telephone	238½	Amal. Copper	86¼
Boston & Albany	247	Atlantic	23
Boston & Maine	194	Bonanza & Mont	252
Boston & Me	196	Butte & Boston	64
C., B. & Q	125¾	Calumet & Hecla	407
Dom. Coal	17½	Centennial	16½
do pfd	116	Humboldt	70
Federal steel	43½	Osceola	65
do pfd	90½	Parrott	49½
Fitchburg pfd	142½	Quincy	135
Mexican Central	12¾	Santa Fe Copper	4¾
N. E. G. & C	18	Tamarack	188
Old Colony	206	Utah Mining	26
Old Dominion	20	Vinona	3
Rubber	2	Wolverines	37½
Union Pacific	53½		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The following are closing quotations for mining shares today:

Chollar	17	Ontario	725
Crown Point	7	Ophir	54
Con. Cal. & Va	135	Plymouth	13
Deadwood	55	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Currie	12	do pfd	750
Hale & Norcross	18	Sierra Nevada	58
Homestake	5,000	Standard	500
Iron Silver	67	Union Con	17
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	14

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 25,—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	101⅝	Erie	12¾
do account	101⅝	do 1st pfd	37
Atchison	26	Pennsylvania	66¼
Canadian Pacific	96½	Reading	8¾
St. Paul	118¾	No. Pacific pfd	76¾
Illinois Central	115½	Grand Trunk	7½
Louisville	81¼	Anaconda	6⅝
Union Pacific pfd	79⅛	Rand Mines	38⅝
N. Y. Central	134½		

BAR SILVER—27⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—1½@2.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2 15-16@3 per cent; three months' bills, 3 per cent.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Clearings, $21,662,698; balances, $2,420,594; posted exchange, $4.85@4.88½; New York exchange, 10c premium.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Clearings, $15,926,327; balances, $2,111,733.

BALTIMORE, May 25.—Clearings, $3,156,-979; balances, $441,499.

BOSTON, May 25.—Clearings, $17,382,806; balances, $1,469,148.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Clearings, $207,883,-102; balances, $13,190,195.

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Clearings, $5,070,016; balances, $563,834; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, 50c premium bid, 60c premium asked.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Today's statement of the treasury balances, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balances, $143,871,246; gold, $69,-467,857.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 25.—COTTON—Nominal; sales, 350; ordinary, 7 7-16c; good ordinary, 7 15-16c; low middling, 8¾c; middling, 8 13-16c; good middling, 9c; middling, fair, 9⅛c. Receipts, 306; stock, 113,455. Cotton futures, quiet; May, $8.59 bid; June, $8.49@8.51; July, $8.49@8.50; August, $8.17@ 8.18; September, $7.74@7.75; October, $7.48@ 7.49; November, $7.37@7.39; December, $7.37@ 7.38; January, $7.36@7.39; February, $7.39@ 7.40. March, $7.41@7.43.

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—COTTON—Quiet; no sales reported; middling, 8 15-16c. Receipts, 722 bales; shipments, 734 bales; stock, 43,061 bales.

NEW YORK, May 25.—COTTON—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 9 5-16c; middling gulf 9 9-16c; sales, 222 bales. Futures closed quiet; May $8.70 June, $8.66; July, $8.81; August, $8.45; September, $7.99; October, $7.78; November, $7.64; December, $7.62; January, $7.65; February, $7.66; March, $7.69.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The great excitement that prevailed in cotton circles yesterday subsided somewhat today, yet fluctuations in prices were frequent and at times violent. The market opened with irregularity. On the first call prices for the present crop made a gain of from 7 to 20 points, while the advance on the new crop position was confined to 2@5 points. Up to noon trading continued upon an enormous scale, with the room traders illustrating their own positions and making every effort to even up their interests, following the late enormous liquidation of long accounts. The southern element continued to sell on the same ground that has dominated their action for a long time, viz: The fine character of the crop outlook and the general favorable weather forecasts. The bear situation had the further advantage of unsatisfactory private cables from Liverpool, Manchester and Lancashire in developing conservatism on the part of the consumers, due to fine crop reports cabled from this side. Reports from spinners and cotton goods markets in this country were also of a bearish average. The demand on 'change today was very active, largely from shorts to secure profits, but some of it was buying for a reaction on the belief that the decline of the last few weeks had placed the market in an oversold predicament. Liverpool parties sold on both sides of the account, but bought more than they sold. Yesterday's sensational failure was not a factor in today's market. The trade here considers the market to be in a more wholesome condition than at any time for months past and fundamental features of a financial and crop kind are no longer looked for. Advices from the south, as well as from the English cotton market, also pointed to a more reassured feeling. At the best point of the day May showed an advance of 32 points, while the rest of the list showed a gain of 66@21 points. The market was finally quiet at a net gain of 18@22 points on near months and 39@7 points on August and later positions.

Wool Market.

LONDON, May 25.—The third series of the 1900 wool auction sales closed today with offers of 8,285 bales. The selection was fair and met with a good demand at firm prices. The bulk of the offerings were taken by Yorkshire. The third series of sales opened with an average depreciation of 10 per cent, being most pronounced in inferior and faulty stock. Merchants, considering the statistical situation favorable, would not accept the reduction and withdrawals were heavy. Upon the announcement of prices competition became more animated and widespread. Medium cross-breeds throughout were in better demand. This grade opened 7½ per cent cheaper and later, upon the resumption of American purchasings hardened and closed firm, 5 per cent below the March average. Fine crossbreeds followed merinos, Cape of Good Hope and Natal started 7½ per cent cheaper. Inferior greasy was hard to sell until reduced 5 per cent. The home trade secured 7,000 bales and the continent 25,000. American 3,-000 and 157,000 bales were held over. The following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 800 bales; scoured, 180@1s 7½d; greasy, 5d@1s 5d. Queensland, 400 bales; greasy, 5½d@1s. Victoria, 800 bales; scoured, 7½d@1s 1½d; greasy, 5½d@1s 1½d. South Australia, 50 bales; scoured, 1s 2½d@1s 6d. New Zealand, 49 bales; scoured, 6¾d@1s 1d; greasy, 4½d@1s 1d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,100 bales; scoured, 11d@1s 1d; greasy, 5½d@1s 1d. The arrivals for the fourth series of wool auctions sales closed today. They are as follows: New South Wales, 24,650; Queensland, 12,600; Victoria, 32,200; South Australia, 1,150; West Australia, 150; Tasmania, 3,250; New Zealand, 12,950; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 7,150. Of the arrivals 35,500 Australian and 2,500 Cape of Good Hope and Natal were forwarded direct to spinners. The amount available for the fourth series is 283,545 bales, including 167,000 held over from the sales just closed.

Oil Market.

OIL CITY, May 25.—Credit balances, $1.31; certificates, no bid; shipments, 105,038; average, 86,121 runs, 126,555; average, 88,380.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Oil.—Cottonseed oil dull; prime crude, 34@34½c; prime, yellow, 37c. Petroleum weak; refined, New York, $8.45; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $8.30; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $8.45. Rosin, steady. Turpentine, steady.

LONDON, May 25.—Calcutta linseed, spot, 58s. Sperm oil, £33 10s.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 25.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Quiet and featureless; the market for evaporated apples was rather quiet but steady at unchanged prices; common, 4½@5c; prime, 5¾@6c; choice, 6½@7c; fancy, 7½@8c. Prunes, 3¼@7c per lb., as to size and quality. Apricots, Royal, 12½@14c; Moor Park, 13@15c. Peaches, peeled, 16@20c; unpeeled, 7@9c.

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 25.—SUGAR—Open kettle, 3⅝@4 15-16c; open kettle, centrifugal, 4¼@4½c; centrifugal, yellow, 4⅜@4 15-16c; seconds, 3¼@4¼c.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cornfed Steers Generally Sold Some Lower Than Yesterday.

OTHER KINDS OF KILLERS ABOUT STEADY

Hogs Sell About Same as Best Time Yesterday—Sheep and Lambs Slow and Dull—Very Few Good Muttons Coming.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 25.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	2,421	4,781	2,527
Official Tuesday	3,428	10,412	8,112
Official Wednesday	4,301	14,195	2,080
Official Thursday	3,498	13,187	2,145
Official Friday	2,981	11,178	1,419
Five days this week