COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The expessive heat yesterday did not help reduced to fractions, except in a few of the matters any from a business standpoint, but there was a heavy trade with the interior, coun.

The movement was almost entirely profestry orders being numerous and of liberal proportions. Fruit receipts were again heavy, and sold well, melous cleaning up rapidly. Eggs are a shade higher for best candled stock, the light receipts causing a firmer feeling. Butter is also firm at the recent advance, the warm weather causing a falling off in receipts. Foultry sold fairly well, considering the tem-

Bank Clearings. Exchanges.\$301,795\$77,804

PORTLAND MARKETS. Grain, Flour, Etc.

There is a very dull feeling in the local wheat market, and there is not enough offering or asked for to make quotations of much value. There has been some stiff bidding at a few pelfits in the interior, for the purpose of attracting shipments to warehouses, but prices peld in such cases can hardly be taken as in-dicative of the state of the market. Yesterday most of the exporters were quoting Walls. Walls and Valley nominal at 55-95%, and bluestem 58-95%. Preights are inactive, but owners will not make concessions.

Wheat—Walla Walls, nominal, 55c; Valley, 55c; bluester, 55%.

Plour - Best grades, \$2 80 @ 3 20; graham,

Oxis-White, Maglide: gray, 12025c per bushel. Barley-Feed, \$14015; brewing, \$16 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$12 50 per ton; middlings, \$19; shorts, \$13; chop, \$14. Hay-Timothy, \$10011; clover, \$767 50; Ore-god wild hay, \$567 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc. Butter-Fancy creamery, 40@45c; store, 25@

Eggs-17013c per dozen.
Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$383.50 per doz-en; hens, \$465; Springs, \$2.3004; ducks, \$3. \$4; geese, \$485 per dozen; turkeys, 16817c per ese-Full cream, twins, 1214@18c; Toung America, 14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc. Vegetables—Parsnips, \$1: carrots, 75cg\$1; turnips, 75c per mack; ontons, \$1.25 for red. \$1.50 for silverskins; cabbage, \$1.50 per cental; potatoes, 40g50c per mack for old, 50g00c for new; pens. 304c; brans. 897c; asparagus, 48

Sc; cucumbers, 60@75c per box. Fruit-Lemons, \$1 75@4; oranges, \$4@4 25 per box for late Valencian; pineapples, \$4 50@0 per dosen; bananas, \$2 50@3 per bunch; Per-Prult-Lemons,
box for late Talencias; pineappus,
per dosen; baranas, \$2 5593 per bunch; Persian dates, Tig8sc per pound; peaches, 40975c;
appricots, 50 © 65c; apples, 51 © 1 25 per box;
rampherries, 5c; blackberries, 394c per pound;
watermelous, \$2 2592 26; cantaloupes, \$222 25
per dozen.

Dried fruit — Apples, evaporated, 768c per
pound; sun-dried, anchs or boxes, 496c; pears,
pound; sun-dried, anchs or boxes, 496c; pears,
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chôice, 5 @ 6c; figs. Smyrna, 221/c; California

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

offee Mocha, 23@25c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java. good. 20224c: Java. ordinary. 1822c: Costa Rica, fancy. 1892c: do good. 1992k: do Zrdinary. 10912c per pound; Columbia. reast, \$13.63; Arbuckie's, \$15.13; Lion, \$13.63 per

Sugar - Cube, \$6 BD; crushed, \$6 30; pow-dered, \$6 30; dry granulated, \$5 50; extra C, \$5 30; golden C, \$5 20 ner; half barrels, \$6 more than barrels; maple sugar, 156 BC per pound. Beans-Small white, Dic; bayou, 4c; Lima,

er pound. Imon—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, \$1 25 30: 2-pound talls, \$292 50; fancy, 1-pound 5t. Paul Alaska, I-pound talls, \$1 20@1 30; 2-pound talls,

Grain bagn-Calcutta, \$0.37% per 100 for spot, Nuts-Pennuts, 05607c per pound for raw, 9c or rosated; coccanuts, 80c per dozen; walnuts, 16 @ He per pound; pine nuts. 15c; hickory nuts. 7c; chestnuts. 15c; Brazil, 11c; fiberts. 15c; fancy pecans. 12@14c; almonds. 15@175/c oll-Cases, 21%c per gallon; barrels, 17%c;

Ribe-Island, 64c; Japan, 54c; New Orleans, 64654c; fancy head, \$797 50 per suck.

Ment and Provisions.

Mutton - Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, sheared, \$3 50@3 75; dressed, I@TMc per dressed, b@6%c per pound. Veni-Large, 76756 per pound; small, 8656

Beef-Gross, top steers, \$404.50; cows, \$3.50

64; dressed beef, 61/67% per pound.

Provisions - Pertland pack (Shield brand);
Hams, snoked, are quoted at 13s per pound;
pionic hams, 9% per pound; breakfast bacon,
15% per becom, 0%; backs, 9%; dry salt sides.

Foreign Sign: dried beef, 175c per pound; lard, 3-pound palls, 10c; 10-pound palls, Sign; 50s, Sign; theress, Sign per pound, Eastern pack (Ham-mond's); Hams, large, 125c; medium, 18c; small, 1316c; picule hama, 916c; shoulders, 916c; breakfast bacon, 125c; dry salt sides, 856 86c; bacon sides, 94610c; backs, 95c; butts, 9c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 1016c, 10c, 10c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops-298c per pound. Wool--Valley, 12913c for coarse, 15616c for best; Eastern Oregon, 15@16c; mohair, 25c per pskins-Shearlings, 15@20c; short-wool, 25 \$55c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long-wool, 60c@\$1

Pelts - Beurskins, each, as to size, \$5015; each, \$195; badger, each, 50c; wildest, ic; housecat, 5925c; fox, common gray, il; do red, \$1 7563 50; do cross, \$2 5068; lynk, \$294 Sc; mink, 40e9\$1 75; marten, dark Northern, \$5916; do pale, pine, \$294; musk-rat, \$6 12c; skunk, 50980c; other (land), \$4 \$6; panther, with head and claws perfect, \$163; raccoon, 20680c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, \$3 50 g 5; wolverine, \$2 50 g 5; Call board sales: Call board sales: Wheat—Inactive; December, \$1 13% per centar atom \$405; do small, per skin, \$162; do kits, and \$100 kits. Tailow-565%c; No. 2 and grease 35694e per

pound.

Hides-Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up-ward, 14915c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 1,000,000; dry saited, one-third less than dry

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Greater Show of Animation and Strength Than for a Long Time. NEW YORK, July 20.—The stock market made a greater show of animation and strength than for some time post, and the advance in prices from the low point to the highest was in many cases fairly impressive. During the period of the advance the market looked strong and varied, but a close analysis of the day's trading shows that the strength or animation was apparent rather than real. This is due to the fact that the advance began from the vantage ground of an early decline, in sympathy with the depression in London and the ex-pectation that there would be announcement I gail exports by New York. It was at this stage of the speculation that there came the sudden and unexpected news that United States Minister Conger had been heard from by the State Department. The bears hastily covered their short contracts when this became known. But the publication of the text of the mes sage which quickly followed caused a chill to speculative sentiment, as it did to warmer sentiments of humanity throughout the world. The market did not relapse to the low level again, and was held by the notable buoyancy in different portions of the industrial list. Sugar was the central feature of the market all day, the dealings in the stock far outnumbering those in any other in the list. The ground for the advance was the very large business reported in the sugar industry. This was supplemented by all sorts of rumors circulated by the buils of prospective extra dividends. Their efforts were directed against a margificiate and long stradigs. perfilient and long standing short interest, which was forced to cover largely at the advance. The whole market turned downwards In the late dealings, when profit-taking became evident in Sugar. That stock jost shout 2 points, and reactions in some other stocks extended from 1 to 2 points. The closing was

thereby made beavy, and the net changes were

sional throughout, and the late deel wholly due to profit-taking, with the exception of some seiling by foreign arbitrage houses in anticipation of lower prices in foreign markets tomorrow. The foreign exchange market was firmer, and moved up Ic, but the foreign ex-change houses report that Paris is still the greatest point of attraction for gold, and that the next shipments will probably be made there, instead of London. If tomorrow's steam-

ers do not touch at French ports, no engage-ments for exports were made.

The bond market continued bregular and very guist. Total sales, par value, \$1,050,000. New 4s, registered, declined 5, per cent in the

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do pref. 30 St. Louis & S. Fr. 9% Pullman Pal. Car.

do 124 pref. 33 Sugar.

St. Louis & S. W. 9% do pref.

Money, Exchange, Etc. SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.-Sterling on Lonon-60 days, \$4 85%; do sight, \$4 88. Mexican dellars—4854040c. Drafts—Sight, 1246; do telegraphic, 15c.

NEW YORK, July 20.-Money on call, 1940 Prime mercantile paper-464% per cent

Ment and Provisions.

Mutton - Gross, best sheep, wethers and wes, sheared, \$3 5093 75; dressed, 767%; per clud; Spring lambs, 265%; per pound gross.

Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5; light, \$4 50; \$4 85\\698 \$31\ Mexican dollars-48%c.

Blonds-Government, weak; state, inactive; can limes, \$596; common California lemons. LONDON, July 20.-Consols-97 9-16.

Money-24/33 per cent.

Foreign Financial News NEW YORK, July 20.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial culbregram says: The markets were still depressed today, but hardened toward the close on the report that Minister Conger had been heard from on July 18. American securities were the chief benefi-ciaries of the buoyant feeling engendered by the news. Bills were steady and quieter than vesterday. The bank hought £38,000 in gold

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20 .- Wheat and burey, inactive on call and quiet and unchanged in the spot market. Oats, firm. Spot quotations were: Wheat-No. 1 shipping, \$1 05; choice, \$1 05;

officer \$1 09601 10. Barley-Feed, 70g/114c; brewing, 80g/824c. Outs-Poor to fair, \$1 074g1 124; good to choice, \$1 15g1 25; fancy feed, \$1 274g1 20; gray, \$1 0714@1 10; milling, \$1 10@1 15; red,

Corn-Large yellow, \$1 15@1 17%.

Chicago Grain and Produce. CHICAGO, July 20.—The experience of yesterday, a weak opening and a strong finish, was repeated in the Board of Trade today in fint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 7630; de 50 to 60 pounds, 7½c; do under yesterday, at 76%c, scalpers selling on pounds, 7½c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7½c; do under yesterday, at 76%c, scalpers selling on pounds, 7½c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7½c; dearth foreign news. Liverpool showed poor do calf, under 10 pounds, 7½c; green (unsalted), le per jound less; culls (bulls, stags, motherates, hadly cut, scored heir slipped, weatherbeaten or grubby), one-third h.m. America. Argentine shipments were also inrgs. Following the opening dip, however, reaction set in. The Chronicis, estimating the California yield, reduced the prospect from 1,000,000 to 550,000 tons, or 18,480,000 bushels, compared with 33,000,000 bushels a year ago. The estimate was rather startling. The talent had been paying more attention to other points.

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Later in the day very gloomy reports from North Dakoth came as a bull influence, and helped along the sedwance. The market during the forenoon climbed to

The market during the foremose elimbed to 78c, dropped on profit-taking to TTM-STTM-and then recovered to 784,678%, and closed atrong at \$50% cover yesterday, at TTM-STTM-A very targent shipping demand, reports of damage to Kansas and Nebrasha corn that rains could not repair and the wheat strength caused the corn market to rule strong. September closed 4,8% over restrictay, at 284c.

Outs were strong, in sympathy with wheat and corn, but trade was quiet. September closed 4,8% over at 234c.23%.

losed MOMe up, at 23%(123%).
Provisions were strong, partly on the grain strength, partly on a good cash demand and partly on light hog receipts in the West. Pork closed 224c over yesterday, lard closed 10c up, and ribe 15c better. The leading futures ranged as follows:

Opening Highest Lowest Close, \$0 75% \$0 70% \$0 15% \$0 76% 15% 76% 15% 76% 17% 17% 78% 76% 17% August 75% September ... 20% CORN. OATS. LARD. SHORT RIBS. July ... 6 75 6 87% 6 77% 6 85 October ... 6 72% 6 85 6 70 6 85

ulting, 40@46c. mailing, 40948c.
Pinxsecd—No. 1, \$1 70; No. 1 N. W., \$1 75.
Timothy seed—Prime, \$3 25.
Mess pork—\$10 80@11 80 per bbl.
Lard—\$6 80@6 15 per cwt.
Short ribs—Sides, 1008e, \$0 75@7.
Shoulders—Dry salted, boxed, \$6 75@7.
Short clear sides—Boxed, \$6 35@6 45. -Contract grade, \$8. Butter-Firm; creamery, 15@19c; dairy, 14@

Eggs-Firm: fresh, 11@114c.

New York Grain, Flour, Etc. NEW YORK, July 20.-Flour-Receipts, 13, 000 barrels; exports, 6479. Market very quiet. Wheat - Receipts, 25,675 bushels; one. Spot. firm; No. 2 red, 85%; f. o. elevator. Options opened easy, and turned strong on bearish foreign nows, had North-west crop news and war runnors. Closed for-at \$4c net advance. July closed at \$254c; September, 824c; December, 834c.

European Grain Market. LONDON, July 20 .- Wheat and flour in Paris, steady; French country markets, weak. Spot wheat, dull; No. 1 Northern Spring, ds 3d; No. 1 California, 6s 2940gr6s 34d. Futurea, quiet; July, nominal; September, ds 1945; December, On 1%d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

BAN FRANCISCO, July 20.-Wool-Spring-Nevada, 13931c; Eastern Oregon, 10931c; Valley, Oregon, 15920c. Fall-Northern mountain, 10932c; mountain, lambs, 8930c; San Josquin plains, 8930c; Humboldt and Mendocinu, 129

Hops-1999 crop, 11@13c per pound. Millstuffs-Middlings, \$11@20; bran, \$12 50@ Hay-Wheat, \$5@12; wheat and out, \$8 g11 00; best bariey, 48 50; alfalfa, \$697 50; stock, \$595 50; compressed wheat, \$5912 per tun; straw, 259317/pc per bale. Potatoes-River Burbanks, 35 @ 65c; Early

Rose, SOUTS: per cental. Vegetables-Onione, 85c@\$1 00 per cental: garlic, 25635; green peas, 263c per pound; string beans, 1563c; dried okra, 125c per pound; asparagus. The@\$2.50 per box; egg-plant, 8@10c per pound; cacumbers, 20@30c per

\$1 75; choice, \$292 50 per box. Bananas-\$1 5082 50 per bunch. Butter-Fancy creatmery, 190; do seconds, 186718'46; fancy dairy, 17c; do seconds, 15

Citrus fruit - Oranges, navels, \$2 50; Mexi-

Cheese American, new, 960% per pound; Young America, 95,610c; Eastern, 164,617c, Eggs-Store, 14615%; fancy ranch, 20c; Positive Turkeys, gobblers, D@10c; do hens, 10g11c per pound; old ruceters, \$3 50g4 per dozen; young roosters, \$4 50g6; small brotlers, \$1 156g 25; large do, \$48g 30; fryers, \$3 50g4 50; hens, \$4g4 50 per dozen; gees, \$1g1

per pair. Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 14,785; wheat, centals, 81,500; barley, centals, 8500; cats, centals, 3350; corn, centals, 200; potntoes, sacks, \$100; hay, tons, 1300; hides, 250.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, July 20.-Cattle-Receipts, 1500. natives, best on sale today, one carload at \$5.35; good to prime steers, \$565 05; poor to medium. \$4.4005; celected feeders, \$4.400 4.75; mixed stockers, \$3.25@2.90; cows, \$30 4 50; heifers, \$365; canners, \$262 85; bulls, \$3 @4 65; calves, \$4 5066 25. Texans—Receipts, 500; Texas steers, 10620c higher, at \$4 1065; grass steers, \$5 2564 15; bulls, steady, \$2 50

Hogs-Receipts, 11,000; estimated tomorrow 10,000; left over, 4500. Average prices a shade higher; top, \$5 27%; mixed and butchers, \$50 \$ 25; good to chesice heavy, \$4032 25; rough heavy, \$4 9065; light, \$5 0565 27%; bulk of cales, \$5 1505 20.

sales, \$5 1000 20.

Sheep, Recoipts, 6000, Sheep, steady to strong for best, lambe 25c lower; good to choice wethers, \$4694 20; fair to choice mixed, \$5004 25; Western, \$3594 25; Texas sheep, \$3594; native lambs, \$460 70; Western lambs, \$250 50.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Business was quiet in the metal market today. New York pig-iron warrants were quoted nominally on the basis of \$13. Tin was a little steadler in the local of \$12. The was a little steader in the local market on account of an advance of £1 in London, closing at \$35 for spot. Copper closed dull for Lake at \$16.50, while electrolitic and castings were advanced—\$18.12\hg to \$18.27\hg to \$18.27\h

BAN FRANCISCO, July 20.-Bar silver, 61c. LONDON, July 20.-Bar silver, 28%4.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Coffee—Options closed steady, with prices 15620 points net lower; sales, 53,250 bags, including July at \$8.55; August, \$8 40; September, \$3 4098 45; October, \$5 4598 15. Spot, Nio, quiet; No. 7, invoice, 555c. Mild, quiet.
Sugar—Raw, strong; fair refining, 4%c; contrifugal, 96 test, 4%o; reflord, firm.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, July 20.-There was a large atndance present at the last day of the of the wool auctions today. The number of bales offered were 11.432. There was a good selection, the home trade buying cross-breds freely. During the sale 75,000 bales of wool were sold to the home trade, 450,000 to the Continent and 2000 to America. One huidred and fifty-eight thousand bales were sold over.

A Proof of Expansion. Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The country weekly fills a want common to every state in the Union. It is one of our American "Institutions." How many newspapers, think you, the single young State of Washington supports? Just 221, and a big campaign crop in harvest, and all but 15 or 20 of these are weeklies. Oregon has 192: Montana, 92, and Idaho, 70. What a story these figures tell of the country's expansion and

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burg Celebration Committee

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colonial days when Ben Franklin's pru- firm similar stories from Nome that have dent father refused to help him start a weekly paper, because "there were already two newspapers in America, and a third was not wanted."

been printed and reprinted time and again, and which are now very familiar to all who are interested in the Alaskan gold fields.

WOMAN'S VIEW OF NOME. Her Estimate of Social Conditions

and Experiences. WASHINGTON, July 16.—The great The Mainzer Zeitung publishes the fol-zulk of the letters from Cape Nome deal lowing letter received by the committee almost entirely with the gold region as a source of wealth and of the commer-cial and progressive conditions of the Corn-Spot, new, quiet; old, steady; American mixed, & 10%d; do old, & 11d. Furures, quiet; September, & 11d; November, & 11%d.

a source of wealth and or use a source of wealth and or use tal and progressive conditions of the country, but so far little has been said, or even thought of, the social side of ilfe in that country. A South Carolina girl, now in Nome, in writing to her triends at home, under date of June 12, after relating the usual stories of the high price of provisions and other combigh in the control of the co after relating the usual stories of the high price of provisions and other commodities, goes on to tell something of Nome society. Inasmuch as the letter comes from a woman wao is a prospector, it is decidedly novel and interesting. In her letter the writer, Miss Eilen Court-

"There are some half-dozen rich mining districts along this coast, and there is no doubt that the hear year will see five the beavens, and made it the welcome or six thriving towns spring up within a file heavens, and made it the welcome radius of 300 miles. Indications are that Nome will be the metropolis of Behring year by year, it made its inventor, who Sea. Other towns will be built as soon as cargoes of lumber arrive. There is plenty of room for spreading, fortunately for bile strivele at New Action 1 and plenty of room for spreading, fortunate is for his arrivals at Nome. In this there is a great advantage over the Klondlike, where everything is concentrated at Dawson.

"Ophir Creek, 199 miles up Fish Riyer, is declared to be the most marvelous more satisfactory results. It has brought freedom to some peoples and thrown others.

more satisfactory results. It has brought freedom to some peoples and thrown oth-ers into slavery. It is the founder and protector of human liberty and yet it has fostered despotism where formerly it was creek ever heard of, the extent and richness of the pay streaks being greater than anything previously known in the history of mining. Much excitement also exists over new strikes on the beach of Topkuk, about 60 miles down the coast. bad, it has become through Gutenberg's invention, which is at the bottom of it. Owing to the frozen ground, but little work has been done in the sand. The Koog Rox district, adjacent to Port Clarwhat he said in his dream to the angel ence, is another marvelously rich dis-

of wrath has been fulfilled, and the evil caused by his grand discovery, has been remains open to the miners, and that the a thousandfold balanced by the good with grafters falled to gobble this part of the which it has public domain. No one needs to come truly yours, here and suffer starvation, or fail to realize enough to take him back home while the beach remains open to the public. It has been a godsend to many unfortunates. There have been some rich strikes on the tundra also.
"Existing conditions here the last Win-Polk County, was seen circulating streets Monday afternoon. No

ter made it impossible for women to stake claims in person, so those owned by women, as well as many owned by men. have been staked by agents. There were no real houses and no real wood, so it was difficult for even the strongest men to brave the awful tempests that were of frequent occurrence.
"There has been absolutely no sort of

social life or recreation of a refined na-ture here all Winter. We attempted whist parties in a small way, but were so often prevented from going out by the snow storms that we abandoned this.

We do all kinds of honest work here without shame or sham. It is a sort of badge of honor for a woman to work, though she does not realize the fortune therefor that might be imagined. The other class is the favored one. These other class is the favored one. These people are given advantageous information as to 'strikes,' and it is they who usually make the fortunes you read about. It is possible, however, for a good woman to succeed here, but she has a pretty hard time of it, and struggles pretty much unaided. There are a few happy exceptions among the men, and in these instances they thoroughly reverence and appreciate a good true woman. ence and appreciate a good, true woman. Still, conditions are hard, and it is a desolate sort of existence at best, though a woman is not subjected to imperti-nences from even the worst class of men. "It is a sad fact that the conditions of this country seem to call forth or develop all that is bad in both men and women. The avarice, dishonor, utter dis-rogard of truth and lack of all the 'milk of human kindness,' make one's very neart sick. You dare not extend common courtesy to the newcomers who are with out means, to the extent of allowing them to camp on your premises, for in such cases they claim such ground as they camped upon, for which you have in most instances paid a high price."

Miss Courtney says the woman at Nome with a husband consider beauty and the woman at Nome with a husband consider beauty above. with a husband considers herself above her fellow-creatures, and never tires of showing him off at any and all times. "But." she continues, "husbands,' pro-vided one is not over-fastidious, are much more resultly 'struck' than gold, even on this gold coast." Her account of the difficulties with lotjumpers, prevailing fabulous prices for land and the steps that have been taken

to suppress riots and outbreaks but con

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