COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

With the exception of a lively movement in fruit, the Front-street markets were not overrun with business yesterday, and price changes were of small importance. Eggs were marked up a fraction, and sales were made as high as 18@18½c per dozen. The grain markets were quiet, with no new transactions of any importance reported. There is a little better demand for oats, the Government being a pretty good buyer at the present time. Oregon cantaloupes and muskmelons are becoming more plentiful, but California is still supplying the stocks of watermelons, three carloads coming in yesterday.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$ 401,010	$ 79,438
Tacoma	193,687	42,448
Seattle	1,064,424	317,994
Spokane	374,870	81,634

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

An increase of about 2,000,000 bushels in the world's shipments gave wheat a bad start in most of the markets, and the Portland market was about as tame and uninteresting as it has been at any time this season. There was a trifling amount of buying for the purpose of attracting grain to the warehouses, and in such cases the prices paid are not governed by the actual value of the cereal. Exporters are quoting Walla Walla and Valley nominal at 53@55c, but there is not much disposition to do business on the part of either the buyers or the sellers.

Wheat—Walla Walla, nominal, 55c; Valley, 55c; bluestem, 58@59c per bushel.

Flour — Best grades, $2 85 @ 3 20; graham, $2 60 per barrel.

Oats—White, 34@35c; gray, 32@33c per bushel.

Barley—Feed, $14@15; brewing, $16 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $12 50 per ton; middlings, $19; shorts, $13; chop, $14.

Hay—Timothy, $10@11; clover, $7@7 50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 40@45c; store, 25@27½c per roll.

Eggs—18@18½c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3@3 50 per dozen; hens, $4@5; Springs, $2 50@4; ducks, $3 @4; geese, $4@5 per dozen; turkeys, 10@11c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12½@13c; Young America, 14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, $1; carrots, 75c@$1; turnips, 75c per sack; onions, $1 25 for red, $1 50 for silverskins; cabbage, $1 50 per central; potatoes, 40@50c per sack for old, 50@60c for new; peas, 3@4c; beans, 6@7c; asparagus, 4@5c; cucumbers, 60@75c per box.

Fruit—Lemons, $4 75@4; oranges, $4@4 25 per box for late Valencias; pineapples, $4 50@6 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 7½@8c per pound; peaches, 40@75c; apricots, 50 @ 65c; apples, $1 @ 1 25 per box; raspberries, 8c; blackberries, 3@4c per pound; watermelons, $2 25@2 50; cantaloupes, $2@2 25 per dozen.

Dried fruit — Apples, evaporated, 7@8c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4@6c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pitless, 4@5½c; prunes, Italian, 3½@5½c; silver, extra choice, 5 @ 6c; figs, Smyrna, 22½c; California black, 3@6c; do white, 10c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 29@36c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; do good, 16@18c; do ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia, roast, $13 63; Arbuckle's, $15 13; Lion, $13 63 per case.

Sugar — Cube, $6 30; crushed, $6 30; powdered, $6 30; dry granulated, $5 80; extra C, $5 30; golden C, $5 20 net; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 3½c; bayou, 4c; Lima, 6c per pound.

Salmon—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1 25 @1 60; 2-pound talls, $2@2 50; fancy, 1-pound flats, $1 65@1 75; ½-pound fancy flats, 85@90c; Alaska, 1-pound talls, $1 20@1 30; 2-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6 87½ per 100 for spot.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 8c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 10 @ 11c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 11c; filberts, 15c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15@17½c per pound.

Coal oil—Cases, 21½c per gallon; barrels, 17½c; tanks, 15½c.

Rice—Island, 6½c; Japan, 5½c; New Orleans, 4½@5½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton — Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, sheared, $3 50@3 75; dressed, 7@7½c per pound; Spring lambs, 5@5½c per pound gross.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5; light, $4 50; dressed, 5@6½c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@7½c per pound; small, 8@9c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $3 50@4; cows, $3@3 50; dressed beef, 6@6½c per pound.

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 13c per pound; picnic hams, 9½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 13½c; bacon, 9½c; backs, 9½c; dry salt sides, 8½c; dried beef, 17½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 10c; 10-pound pails, 9½c; 50s, 9¾c; tierces, 9½c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 12½c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides, 8½@9½c; bacon sides, 9½@10c; backs, 9½c; butts, 9c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5c, 10½c, 10s, 10½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—2@8c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12@13c for coarse, 15@16c for best; Eastern Oregon, 15@16c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearlings, 15@20c; short-wool, 25 @35c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long-wool, 60c@$1 each.

Pelts — Bearskins, each, as to size, $5@15; cubs, each, $1@5; badger, each, 50c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, 25@35c; fox, common gray, 40@$1; do red, $1 75@3 50; do cross, $2 50@6; lynx, $2@4 50; mink, 40c@$1 75; martin, dark Northern, $5@10; do pale, pine, $2@4; muskrat, 8 @ 12c; skunk, 50@80c; otter (land), $4 @5; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@80c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50 @ 5; wolverine, $2 50@4; beaver, per skin, large, $6@7; do medium, per skin, $4@5; do small, per skin, $1@2; do kits, per skin $1@5.

Tallow—5@5½c; No. 2 and grease 3½@4c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 14@15c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 20@40c; dry salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 7@8c; do 50 to 60 pounds, 7½c; do under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; kip, 15 to 30 pounds, 7½@8c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7½c; do calf, under 10 pounds, 7½c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather-beaten or grubby), one-third less.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Prices in Some Lines Moved Up Quite Briskly.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The influential interests which have gradually taken the leadership in the stock market continued their efforts today to make a rising market, with the object of inviting public buying. They were not discouraged by the failure of outside interest to develop on account of last week's advance, and they resumed their bullish manipulation from the opening this morning. There was not much difficulty apparent in advancing prices, or if any obstruction appeared in the shape of offerings in larger volume than could be absorbed, the leaders turned their attention to stocks whose upward course was easy. As the long interest has not yet attained large proportions, and as there was a considerable short interest whose position grows daily more precarious, the technical conditions favored the advance.

There was some accession of outside buying as well. The appearance of this buying encouraged the professional bulls to redouble their efforts, and the day's market as a result gave an appearance of greater activity and more strength than on any day last week. This was particularly true after Sugar had been checked in its first reactionary tendency and was found to move upward easily on moderate buying. This stock continued to have a marked influence on the whole market, and its late reaction precipitated a movement to take profits elsewhere, so that the closing was easy at considerable recessions from the best.

The distinguishing feature of the market was its unevenness, as might be expected from its professionally manipulated character. A few stocks were active and strong, a larger number showed sharp advances, after laying dormant for some time, so that very meager transactions were sufficient to move them. But the majority of the list was only moderately active, and continued very sluggish, small net changes being the rule, in sympathy with the strength in special stocks. There was a disposition to pick some leading stock from each group of securities in which the interests or conditions were allied and advance the leaders for effect on their particular group, thus permeating pretty much the whole market with a show of strength. Early advances in Leather, People's Gas and Southern Pacific proved abortive, and these stocks were relegated to the background.

Such favorites as Baltimore & Ohio and Union Pacific were notably neglected, and were inclined to be heavy. The hopefulness of the bulls was predicted on the more encouraging feeling regarding China, which was reflected abroad on the confidence that the money market was assured of a considerable period of ease. The absence of any engagements of gold for export today also helped the market; also the favorable crop news.

The bond market continued dull, and prices moved irregularly. Total sales, par value, were $1,285,000. United States old 4s, coupon, and new 4s advanced ⅛ per cent in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	*104	Gen. Electric 5s	117
do coupon	104	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	108
do 2s, reg	100	North. Pac. 3s	66
do 3s, reg	109½	do 4s	104¼
do coupon	110¼	Oregon Nav. 1sts	108
do new 4s, reg	132¾	do 4s	102¾
do coupon	133¾	Oregon S. L. 6s	128¼
do old 4s, reg	110½	do con. 5s	112
do coupon	110¾	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	98½
do 5s, reg	113¾	St. Paul consols	190¾
do coupon	114¼	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	116¼
Dist. Col. 3-65s	123	do 5s	118¾
Atchison adj. 4s	83¾	Union Pacific 4s	105¼
C. & N.W. con. 7s	†141	Wis. Cent. 1sts	88
do S. F. deb. 5s	120	Southern Pacific 4s	79
D. & R. G. 1sts	102	West Shore 4s	113
do 4s	91¾		

*When issued. †Bid.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 435,000 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	26⅝	Union Pacific	58¼
do pref	76¼	Union Pac. pref	76⅞
Balt. & Ohio	79½	Wabash	7⅛
Can. Pacific	88⅝	do pref	19
Can. Southern	49½	Wheel. & L. E.	8⅝
Ches. & Ohio	27⅝	do 2d pref	20½
Chi. Gr. West	11⅝	Wis. Central	14⅝
Chi., B. & Q.	121⅞	P. C., C. & St. L.	58
Chi., Ind. & L.	23	Third Avenue	110
do pref	51	EXPRESS CO'S.	
Chi. & East. Ill.	96	Adams	122
Chicago & N. W.	100⅝	American	155
Chi. R. I. & P.	107⅛	United States	48
C., C., C. & St. L.	60	Wells-Fargo	123
Colo. Southern	6¼	MISCELLANEOUS	
do 1st pref	41½	Amer. Cotton Oil	24⅝
do 2d pref	19⅞	do pref	89
Del. & Hudson	112	Amer. Malting	9⅝
Del., Lack. & W.	177	do pref	20
Denver & Rio Gr.	17½	Amer. Smelt. & R.	37⅝
do pref	66½	do pref	88½
Erie	11	Amer. Spirits	1½
do 1st pref	33	do pref	17
Great North. pref	135	Amer. Steel Hoop	32⅝
Hocking Coal	14½	do pref	89⅝
Hocking Valley	35½	Amer. Steel & W.	35½
Illinois Central	120	do pref	74½
Iowa Central	20	Amer. Tin Plate	23⅝
do pref	49	do pref	76
Kan. C., P. G.	16	Amer. Tobacco	94
Lake Erie & W.	26	do pref	123
do pref	90	Anaconda Min. Co.	43¼
Lake Shore	210	Brooklyn R. T.	58⅞
Louis. & Nash.	74	Colo. Fuel & Iron	36⅝
Manhattan El	91½	Cont. Tobacco	25⅞
Met. St. Ry.	196	do pref	79⅞
Mex. Central	13½	Federal Steel	35¼
Minn. & St. Louis	56½	Gen. Electric	130
do pref	93	Glucose Sugar	62½
Missouri Pacific	51¼	do pref	100
Mobile & Ohio	39	Int. Paper	22½
M., K. & T.	9½	do pref	55⅞
do pref	32	Lac Clede Gas	75⅞
New Jersey Cent.	129⅝	National Biscuit	35½
New York Cent.	130¾	do pref	85
Norfolk & West.	33⅞	National Lead	20¼
do pref	77½	do pref	95⅞
Northern Pacific	51⅝	National Steel	26⅝
do pref	72	do pref	84
Ontario & West.	20⅝	N. Y. Air Brake	158
O. R. & N.	42	North American	15⅝
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	53¼
Pennsylvania	129	do 1st pref	83
Reading	17½	do 2d pref	63
do 1st pref	60¼	Pacific Mail	32¼
do 2d pref	29	People's Gas	100
Rio Gr. Western	59½	Pressed Steel Car	43
do pref	90	do pref	73
St. Louis & S. F.	9½	Pullman Pal. Car	181
do 1st pref	66½	Stand. Rope & T.	5
do 2d pref	33⅝	Sugar	127¼
St. Louis & S. W.	9⅝	do pref	116½
do pref	26½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	74⅝
St. Paul	112⅝	U. S. Leather	11⅝
do pref	171	do pref	88⅝
St. Paul & O.	131½	U. S. Rubber	24
Southern Pacific	34⅝	do pref	93
Southern Ry	11⅝	Western Union	79⅝
do pref	52⅝	Republic Iron & S.	12⅝
Texas & Pacific	13⅝	do pref	54¼

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Sterling on London—60 days, $4 85; do sight, $4 88¼.

Mexican dollars—49@49½c.

Drafts—Sight, 12½c; do telegraphic, 15c.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Money on call, 1¼@1½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper—4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87½ for demand and at $4 83¼@4 84 for 60 days; posted rates, $4 84½@4 85; commercial bills, $4 84¼@4 84½.

Silver certificates—61½@62½c.

Mexican dollars—48¾c.

Bonds—Government, strong; state, inactive; railroad, irregular.

LONDON, July 23.—Money—2½@3 per cent. Consols—96.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, July 23.—Atchison, 26⅝; Canadian Pacific, 91¼; Union Pacific preferred, 78; Northern Pacific preferred, 73¼; Grand Trunk, 6½; Anaconda, 8⅝; Rand Mines, 3⅝.

ENGLAND'S FINANCES.

China War Scare Has Advanced the Bank Rate.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The Times' London financial correspondent cables:

The China war scare has driven the bank rate up to 4 per cent, not the actual position of the market. Therefore, for reasons already explained—mainly expenditures and borrowed money by the government—floating balances have been cheap, and they remain cheap. But the bank has lost £2,000,000 in gold since the end of May, when it lowered the rate from 4 to 3½ per cent, and the prospect is that a good deal will be lost between now and November. There is the rub.

Perhaps, by taking steps thus early, it may be hoped that the strain put upon us in the end of last year will not be repeated. At least this seems to be certain, that 4 per cent will, in due course, be followed by 5 per cent. With that £2,000,000 of treasury bills to be offered this week, and the £500,000 borrowed from the bank, the government floating debt will be up to about £18,000,000, and to fund this debt and pay the expenses of the war at date, at least another £50,000 of "khaki" stock must be created; but we have no information about what the government requirements may be thus far, and there is an inclination to postpone telling the truth as long as possible. So much floating debt is not good for the market, and increases its embarrassments.

For the moment, discount has risen close to 4 per cent, but the supply of mercantile bills is quite moderate, and short credits remain cheap. Money for the week can still be had at 3 per cent. Unless, therefore, the Bank of England pulls in with one hand what it is obliged to pay out with the other, the 4 per cent rate cannot be kept effective, and, even if it were, it will not. The utmost we can hope for is that it may prevent the stock of the bank from being further trenched upon. The gold you are sending does not come here, and experts think it would not come to any extent, even were discount 5 per cent.

Obviously there can be no large stock exchange business in present circumstances. The prevailing heat would curtail operations, however enthusiastic the public may be to gamble or invest; but, apart altogether from that, there is no disposition to buy, nor is the public willing to subscribe for new issues.

These are being poured out with a geyser-like velocity, generated by long abstention. Huge combinations, like the £8,000,000 cement corporation, considerable loans like the government's local loans issue, and Swedish and Queensland loans, are none of them being taken. The local loans issue has fallen to discount, and was barely covered. The underwriters had to take 90 per cent of the Queensland loan, and at least 70 per cent of the Swedish.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Wheat, firm on call and steady in spot market. Spot barley, steady. Oats, strong.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—No. 1 shipping, $1 05; choice, $1 06¼; milling, $1 08¾@1 10.

Barley—Feed, 70@72½c; brewing, 80@82½c.

Oats—Poor to fair, $1 07½@1 12½; good to choice, $1 15@1 25; gray, Oregon, $1 07½@1 10; milling, $1 10@1 15; red, $1 05@1 17½.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Firm; December, $1 14; cash, $1 06¼ per cental.

Barley—Easy; December, 70⅝c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 15@1 17½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, July 23.—Wheat was a very tame market today. Liverpool showed practically no response to the advance here Saturday, and world's shipments were large, showing good increases from Russia and the Danubian country. September opened ¼@½c under Saturday. There was some covering by shorts for profits, a little buying by traders following this, and September rallied to 78⅝c. The rally, which traders were playing for, failed to materialize because of outside apathy, and a reaction followed. Heavy receipts and a very slack cash business during the rest of the session held the market true to the downward course, and the wind-up was lifeless and weak. September dropped to 76⅝c and closed 1½c lower, at 76¾@76⅞c.

Corn was quiet, but steady, holding firmly against the weakness in wheat, after it had made a small concession to the attitude assumed by the more important cereal. September closer ¼@⅜c up, at 58¼@58⅜c.

Oats were dull. September closed ⅜c under Saturday, at 25⅝.

Provisions opened firm on light hog receipts and an advance at the yards. Trade was dull, however, hogs turned easier, there was no export demand, and the wheat weakness was depressing, all of which cost the hog product market its early gain and more, too. September pork closed 22½c under Saturday; lard 5c down, and ribs 5c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
July	$0 76⅝	$0 76⅝	$0 75¼	$0 75⅝
August	76⅝	77⅛	75⅛	75⅞
September	77¼	78⅛	76⅝	76⅞

CORN.

July	39¼	39⅝	39¼	39⅝
August	39¼	39⅝	39¼	39⅝
September	39¼	39⅝	39¼	39⅝

OATS.

July	23	23	22⅝	22⅞
August	23¼	23⅝	23	23⅛
September	23½	23⅝	23¼	23⅝

MESS PORK.

July	.....	.....	.....	11 80
September	12 15	12 20	11 90	11 92½

LARD.

July	.....	.....	.....	6 80
September	6 90	6 92½	6 80	6 82½
October	6 92½	6 95	6 85	6 85

SHORT RIBS.

July	.....	.....	.....	6 05
September	7 05	7 07½	6 97½	6 97½
October	7 00	7 02½	6 95	6 95

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Easy.

Wheat—No. 3, 73c; No. 2 red, 78@78½c.

Corn—No. 2, 39⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 39¾@40c.

Oats—No. 2, 24¼@24½c; No. 2 white, 26@27½c; No. 3 white, 25¼@27½c.

Rye—No. 2, 54@54½c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 46@48c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 70; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 74@1 75.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $11 40@11 85.

Lard—Per cwt., $6 70@6 82½.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $7@7 25.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, 6⅝@7c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7 45@7 50.

Butter—Firm; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 14@17c.

Cheese—Fresh, 9¼@10¼c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 11½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	17,000	23,000
Wheat, bushels	78,000	58,000
Corn, bushels	275,000	1,146,000
Oats, bushels	15,000	183,000
Rye, bushels	5,000	4,000
Barley, bushels	10,000	6,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Flour—Receipts, 18,373 barrels; exports, 5884 barrels; sales, 6950 packages. Market inactive and barely steady with wheat.

Wheat—Receipts, 39,775 bushels; exports, 7436 bushels; sales, 2,230,000 bushels. Futures, 80,000 bushels export. Spot, weak; No. 2 red, 84c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 81½c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 86c f. o. b. afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Duluth, 88c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened steady on a little covering, but eased off and were rather weak during the day under large Winter wheat receipts, liquidation, easier cables and foreign selling. Closed weak, 1½c net decline. July closed at 82c; September, 81 3-16@82c; closed 81¼c; December, 82⅝@82 11-16; closed 82⅝c.

Hops—Quiet.

Hides—Steady.

Wool—Firm.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, July 23.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, firm, but not active; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 3d; cargoes Oregon, 30s 7½d; No. 1 standard California, 30s 9d; English country markets, steady. Imports of wheat into United Kingdom, 188,000 quarters; imports flour into United Kingdom, 235,000 barrels; wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 2,368,000; on passage to Continent, 1,350,000.

LIVERPOOL, July 23.—Wheat in Paris, steady; flour in Paris, firm; French country markets, steady; wheat, firm; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3½d; No. 1 California, 6s 2d@6s 3d. Futures, quiet; July, nominal; September, 6s 1½d; December, 6s 2¼d.

Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, 3s 11½d; do old, 3s 11½d. Futures, steady; September, 3s 1¾d; November, 3s ¾d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 13@15c; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; Valley, Oregon, 15@20c. Fall—Northern mountain, 10@12c; mountain, lambs', 8@10c; San Joaquin plains, 8@10c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 13@14c per pound.

Hops—1899 crop, 11@13c per pound.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17@20; bran, $12 50@13 50 per ton.

Hay—Wheat, $8@12; wheat and oat, $8 @11 50; best barley, $8 50; alfalfa, $8@7 50; stock, $5@5 50; compressed wheat, $8@12 per ton; straw, 25@37½c per bale.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 35 @ 65c; Early Rose, 30@75c per central.

Vegetables—Onions, 85c@$1 00 per central; garlic, 2½@3½c; green peas, 2@3c per pound; string beans, 1½@3c; dried okra, 32½c per pound; asparagus, 75c@$2 50 per box; egg plant, 8@10c per pound; cucumbers, 20@30c per box.

Citrus fruit — Oranges, navels, $2 50; Mexican limes, $5@6; common California lemons, $1@1 75; choice, $2@2 50 per box.

Bananas—$1 50@2 50 per bunch.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20c; do seconds, 18@19c; fancy dairy, 17c; do seconds, 15@16½c.

Cheese—American, new, 9@9½c per pound; Young America, 9½@10c; Eastern, 16½@17c.

Eggs—Store, 14@16c; fancy ranch, 20c; Eastern, 15@16c.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 9@10c; do hens, 10@11c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young roosters, $4 50@5; small broilers, $1 75@2 25; large do, $3@3 50; fryers, $3 50 @4 50; hens, $4@4 50 per dozen; geese, $1@1 25 per pair.

Receipts — Flour, quarter sacks, 14,362; do Washington, 5900; wheat, centals, 10,360; barley, centals, 13,530; oats, centals, 5700; beans, sacks, 1700; corn, centals, 973; potatoes, sacks, 4000; bran, sacks, 800; do Washington, 800; middlings, sacks, 400; hay, tons, 1300; hides, 2800.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, July 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 2400, including 400 Texans and 1400 Westerns. Market active, 10@20c higher, but choice stock strong and active; best on sale today, 11 carloads at $5 75; good to prime steers, $5 15@5 80; poor to medium, $4 60@5 10; selected feeders, steady, $4 40@4 75; mixed stockers, $3 25@3 85; cows, $3@4 60; heifers, $3@5 15; canners, $2@2 85; bulls, $3@4 60; calves, $4 50 @6 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; tomorrow, 17,000; left over, 4100. Market mostly 10c higher, closing weak; top, $5 45; mixed and butchers, $5 15@5 45; good to choice heavy, $5 20@5 45; rough heavy, $5@5 15; light, $5 15@5 42½; bulk of sales, $5 30@5 40.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000. Sheep 10@15c higher, lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $4 10 @4 40; fair to choice mixed, $3@4; Western sheep, $3 10@4 40; Texas sheep, $3@4; native lambs, $4@5 75; Eastern lambs, $5@6.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Metals—The market for metals today ruled rather quiet, and prices were not materially changed, except for spelter, which was a shade higher and firm at $4 25@4 30. Tin was quiet at unchanged prices here, the nominal quotation being $35. Copper continues to rule dull at $16 50. Lead, $3 97½ @4 02½. The brokers' price for lead was $3 95, and for copper $16 50. Bar silver, 61½c.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Bar silver, 61½c per ounce.

LONDON, July 23.—Bar silver, 28 1-16d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Coffee—Spot, Rio, easy; No. 7, invoice, 9½c. Mild coffee, quiet; Cordova, 9½@13½c. Futures closed steady, with prices net 10@20 points lower; total sales, 41,250 bags, including July at $8 10; August, $8@8 05; September, $8 05@8 10; October, $8 10@8 25; November, $8 25; December, $8 35@8 45; January, $8 45; March, $8 55@8 60, and May, $8 65@8 70.

Sugar—Raw, strong; fair refining, 4⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅞c; molasses sugar, 4⅜c; refined sugar, firm.

Arizona Orange Crop.

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 23.—Reports today resulting from an investigation of the damage by the recent drouth state that the orange crop has not been damaged so seriously as at first reported, and that there will be a three-fourths crop. The first picking will be marketed early in November.

The Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Today's cotton market opened higher, in response to strong early cables from Liverpool. Soon after the opening perfect crop accounts from the South made their presence felt. The close was quiet, with prices net 10½@13 points lower.

MANILA WOMEN LAPIDARIES

They Are Skillful in the Making of Pretty Things.

Scientific American.

The lapidaries of our new Oriental possessions are the dark-skinned women of the Tagal tribe, who have acquired their skill and ingenuity in gem-setting from the artificers of Spain and Morocco. In delicacy of design and execution their work far surpasses that of their masters. Much has been written about the coral jewelry of Manila (pink coral necklaces, white coral pendants and red coral rosaries like drops of blood), but the impression should not be gained that the lapidary art of the Manila women jewelers is confined to coral products. Pretty and characteristic as these objects of adornment are, they do not compare in value and beauty with the chains of woven gold, filigrees of silver and pendants of pearls and garnets made by these women. Diamonds, amethysts and similar stones are not so often met with in the native jewelry of Manila, but their rarity is not known, even though they are almost entirely lacking in the trinkets of the natives and foreigners in Manila.

Only native gems and minerals, such as garnets, black, yellow and white pearls, coral, mother-of-pearl and gold and silver are utilized by the women jewelers. All of these island gems are found in the small shops of the native jewelers, and the manner in which they are worked up into ornaments of striking beauty and value attracts the attention of an American. A recent importation of many of these most popular Manila ornaments gives promise of their wide introduction into the United States. The specimens brought to this country, all the work of women artificers, show that the native lapidaries combine the ability of the Moorish gem worker with the patience of the Chinese and Japanese craftsman. Among these specimens are beautiful and exquisite earrings, necklaces, bracelets, chains, buttons, pins and brooches of every conceivable design. The chains are made of the most delicate strands of almost pure native gold, braided and woven like a piece of Manila hemp rope, with even the tiny threads imitated to perfection. So delicate and dainty is such a chain that one can hardly believe it possible that the women lapidaries beat out the rough gold and draw the gold wire without any of the modern implements used by Western gold-beaters.

Hatpins of pure gold are made in the form of miniature Malay creeses with water lily leaves for handles. Breastpins and stickpins are often thickly studded with stones. Silver and gold filigree work, lacelike in appearance, is made with rare skill; other products of the women jewelers are necklaces and pendants of dainty gold ferns, flexible and yet strong, with every stem and vine veined exactly as in the original plant. Knives, brooches and pocketbooks are cut out of mother-of-pearl, and thickly studded with green and red garnets. Black and white pearls are set in gold buttons and earrings. Like most of the Oriental craftsmen, the Manila lapidaries are expert in enameling, an art which they combine with their other work with excellent taste. The necklace may be of gold, enameled blue, and set with gray pearls, or with black enamel studded with red and green garnets. Few of these jewels are imitations. Nearly every woman lapidary strives to give an individuality to her work, and her products are proof of her success. The treasures of one shop can rarely be duplicated in those of another. Sometimes the conception may be a little crude and lacking in taste; but where there is one such example there will be a dozen that are perfect in every particular. The harmonizing of colors and combining of stones and metals show an instinctive taste among these illiterate Manila lapidaries which is difficult to explain. From the standpoint of the American jeweler, there is much in the way of originality and perfection of design and execution that can be learned from these women of the Orient. In all the art they display, something of the dark, sinister Moorish is always suggestion, something that is felt in the abundance of Malay creeses, green and golden alligators, dragons and knives of every design and color.

What We Owe Society.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Let no one congratulate himself that he is free from the responsibility of the corruption and deception which he sees and laments, merely because his own dealings are fair and square. His duty to honor is not finished when his own transactions are honorable. Let him consider his tempted brethren and remove every stumbling block from their way. Let him manifest no respect for the wealth that has been gained by trickery or that is upheld by injustice; no reverence for the sordid miser, though he count his millions, for the fraudulent speculator, though he scatter his riches broadcast; for the unjust oppressor, though he dress in broadcloth and fare sumptuously every day; for the man who, through bribery or corruption or force, has climbed from one seat of power to another. But let him give unstinted admiration to that success in every noble purpose which has been gained by sterling qualities and honorable methods.

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