COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Dull markets ruled yesterday. Supplies were plentiful and outward movement slow. Fruit did not work off as quickly as it might. Probably the week's heavy advance in sugar has caused change in the average housewife's plans for preserving for Winter use and slackened the demand for fruit. Butter is firm and poultry dull. Eggs are steady at 17 cents, with a tendency to go a shade higher for choice lots. Alaska has drawn heavily on Portland for eggs the past month. The oat market is especially strong. At San Francisco the Government is doing active buying and the arrival of the German transports is expected to cause a decided boom. Wheat continues nominal in the local market. At Athena, Saturday, 34,000 bushels sold at 48 cents, which was forcing the market. The situation at Liverpool, New York and Chicago is still unfavorable. All are on the down grade. Liverpool dropped yesterday to 5s 11½d, compared with Thursday's close of 6s. Chicago opened nearly at Thursday's closing price, which was 72⅞c, and closed at 72⅛@73c. New York opened at 78⅝c, was highest at 78⅞c, lowest at 78⅛c, and closed at 78⅜c, compared with 78⅛c for Thursday.

Bank Clearances.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$340,104	$ 47,469
Tacoma	186,905	43,160
Seattle	302,637	123,859
Spokane	125,652	15,674

Note.—Spokane's clearings Thursday were $162,350; balances, $40,780.

SHIPMENTS OF LUMBER.

Ocean Cargoes Since January 1 Aggregate 70,778,358 Feet.

The Columbia River and Oregon Timberman reports shipments of lumber from Oregon since January 1 as follows:

	Feet.		Feet.
Columbia	22,317,900	Umpqua	5,053,000
Coos Bay	12,517,000	Tillamook	4,435,000
Coquille	9,104,567		
Siuslaw	6,050,000	Total	70,778,358

In detail these shipments were:

COLUMBIA RIVER CARGOES.

Month—1899.	Feet.	Month—1900.	Feet.
January	2,350,017	January	4,159,512
February	1,437,177	February	3,690,200
March	4,852,500	March	5,291,655
April	2,955,126	April	3,618,000
May	3,089,659	May	2,028,560
June	4,649,655	June	7,351,117
July	3,680,962	July	7,031,126
August	5,146,000		
September	3,822,075	Total	32,317,900
October	3,218,692		
November	5,391,452		
December	6,074,420		
Total	46,094,475		

COOS BAY.

January	1,759,000	May	1,747,891
February	2,261,000	June	1,825,000
March	2,400,000		
April	2,325,000	Total	12,517,891

SIUSLAW RIVER.

January	747,000	May	1,200,000
February	725,000	June	650,000
March	550,000	July	1,150,000
April	1,000,000		
Total			6,050,000

COQUILLE RIVER.

January	1,704,000	May	2,104,067
February	1,225,000	June	827,500
March	1,474,000	July	770,000
April	1,150,000		
Total			9,104,567

TILLAMOOK BAY.

January	540,000	May	620,000
February	460,000	June	550,000
March	615,000	July	850,000
April	600,000		
Total			4,435,000

UMPQUA RIVER.

January	886,000	May	216,000
February	837,000	June	815,000
March	954,000	July	904,000
April	891,000		
Total			5,053,000

In addition to the foregoing, rail shipments from Portland, between January 1 and July 31 were 6277 carloads of lumber and 384 carloads of shingles.

SALMON SHORTAGE.

San Francisco Estimate Puts It at 680,000 to 730,000 Cases.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Although the salmon catch this year is short, the Japanese Government is placing heavy orders in the local market for salmon to feed its army. Men acquainted with the salmon-packing industry place the shortage at from 680,000 to 730,000 cases as compared with last year, and as there are 48 cans in a case, this means that there will be from 32,640,000 to 35,040,000 less cans of salmon on the market this year than last.

According to L. B. Levy, president of the California Product Company, compared with the pack of 1899, Columbia River shows a shortage of 40,000 cases. Puget Sound shows a shortage of 200,000 cases. Fraser River shows a shortage of 300,000 cases. Outside of British Columbia rivers, the packs about equal last year's. The total pack outside of Alaska is 772,900 cases. The Alaska pack will exceed 1,000,000 cases.

Whisky Production in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 17.—The statistical report of the whisky made in Kentucky for the fiscal year ending June 30, just issued, shows the production to have been 21,733,722 gallons, against 19,788,788 gallons for the previous year. The statistics further show that 20,213,739 gallons were withdrawn during the fiscal year just ended, against 17,997,638 for the last fiscal year. On June 30 there was in bond in Kentucky 32,604,906 gallons of whisky.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat—Walla Walla, nominal, 55c; Valley, 56@58c; bluestem, 58c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 75@3 10 per barrel; graham, $2 50@3.

Oats—White, 36@37c; gray, 34@35c per bushel.

Barley—Feed, $15@15 50; brewing, $16 50@17 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $13 per ton; middlings, $20; shorts, $13; chop, $15.

Hay—Timothy, $11@12; clover, $7@7 50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 65@50c; store, 25@27½c per roll.

Eggs—17c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3@4 per dozen; hens, $4@5; Springs, $2@3 50; ducks, $3@4; geese, $4@5 per dozen; turkeys, live, 14@16c per pound; dressed, 18@17c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12@12½c; Young America, 14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, $1; turnips, $1; turnips, 75c per sack; onions, $1 25@1 50 for California Yellow Danvers, $1@1 25 for Oregon Yellow Danvers; cabbage, $1 75@2 per central; potatoes, 40@50c per sack; peas, 3@4c; beans, 6@7c per pound; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; tomatoes, 65c per box; green corn, 10@12½c per dozen.

Fruit—Lemons, $4 50@5; oranges, $3 50@4 per box for late Valencias; pineapples, $4 50@5 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 7c per pound; peaches, 50@60c; pears, 50@$1 per box; apples, 50c@$1 per box; watermelons, $1 75@2 25; cantaloupes, $1@1 25 per dozen for California; Oregon nutmegs, $1 25@1 50 per crate; plums and prunes, 40@50c per crate; grapes, seedless, 75c per box; Tokay, Muscat and Rose Peru, $1@1 25 per crate.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 6@7c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4@5c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pitless, 4@5½c; prunes, Italian, 2½@3½c; silver, extra choice, 5@6c; figs, Smyrna, 12½c; California black, 3@5c; do white, 10c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 25@28c; 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, $12 60; Arbuckle's, $14 60; Lion, $13 65 per case.

Sugar—Cube, $6 70; crushed, $6 70; powdered, $6 40; dry granulated, $6 20; extra C, $5 70; golden C, $5 60 net; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c 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.

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

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6@6 12½ per 100 for spot.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 9c 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, 18@17½c per pound.

Coal oil—Cases, 20c per gallon; barrels, 16c; tanks, 14c.

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, $5 50; dressed, 6½@7c per pound. Spring lambs, 4c per pound gross; dressed, 8c.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5 60@5 75; light, $5; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7½@8c per pound; small, 8½@9½c.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $3 50@4; cows, $3@3 50; dressed beef, 6@7c per pound.

Provisions—Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 12½c per pound; picnic hams, 9½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 12½c; bacon, 10c; backs, 9½@10c; dried beef, 17½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 10c; 10-pound pails, 9⅞c; 50s, 9⅝c; tierces, 9⅛c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 12½c; medium, 12⅝c; small, 12½c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 11c; dry salt sides, 9@9½c; bacon sides, 9⅝@10½c; backs, 10½c; butts, 9½c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 10⅝c; 10s, 10½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—29@30c per pound for 1899 crop, 9@10c for new crop.

Wool—Valley, 12@13c for coarse, 15@16c for best; Eastern Oregon, 10@13c; mohair, 25c per pound.

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

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

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

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, 15@16c; 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.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Wheat and barley weak, both on and off call. Oats strong. Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping No. 1, $1 02½; choice $1 02½; milling, $1 06¼@1 07½.

Barley—Feed, 75@77½c; brewing, 85@90c.

Oats—Good to choice, white, $1 17½; gray, good to choice, $1 10@1 20; red, good to choice, $1 12½@1 27½.

Wheat—Weak; December, $1 07⅝; cash, $1 02⅝.

Barley—Weak; December, 75c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 17½@1 20.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Wheat opened weak, unchanged to ¼c lower for September, at 73⅝ to 72½c. A tray of bullishness was extracted from lighter Argentine shipments and the fact that Liverpool showed less decline than there was here yesterday. September followed the opening with an advance to 73⅝c, but failed to hold it. The habit of liquidation had a hold on local traders as well as on some outside people. Western receipts were smaller, but the selling continued in a dreary way. The cash demand was slack, the pit only half filled and September gradually declined to 72⅝c, and closed ⅝@⅞c under yesterday at 72⅝@73c.

Corn was quiet but firm. Kansas still had hot weather which the experts used as a basis for damage claims. September closed ¼c higher at 28⅝c.

Oats were quiet and dull. September closed ⅛c lower at 21⅝@21⅞c.

Provisions were dull, with unexpected weakness developing in lard during the session. Ribs, on the other hand, were rather steady. Local selling of January products was the feature of the market. September pork closed 30c lower; lard 5@7½c lower, and ribs unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT.				
August	$0 73	$0 73½	$0 72⅝	$0 72⅝
September	73½	73⅝	72⅝	73
October	74⅝	74⅝	73⅝	73⅞
CORN.				
August	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝
September	39	39½	39	39½
October	37½	37⅝	37⅜	37½
OATS.				
August	21½	21⅝	21⅝	21½
September	21⅝	22	21⅝	21⅞
October	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
MESS PORK.				
September	11 40	11 40	11 00	11 00
October	11 45	11 45	11 00	11 05
January	11 07½	11 07½	10 95	10 95
LARD.				
September	6 07½	6 07½	6 57½	6 60
October	6 70	6 72½	6 60	6 62½
January	6 42½	6 42½	6 30	6 35
SHORT RIBS.				
September	6 55	6 55	6 80	6 85
October	6 80	6 80	6 77½	6 80
January	5 75	5 77½	5 70	5 70

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, steady; No. 3 Spring wheat, 72½@73c; No. 2 red, 75@76⅝c; No. 2 corn, 29½c; No. 2 yellow, 29⅝c; No. 2 oats, 23½@23¾c; No. 2 white, 24½@24¾c; No. 3 white, 24½c; No. 2 rye, 57½; good feeding barley, 36½c; fair to choice malting, 44@46c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 40; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 41; mess pork, per barrel, $11@11 05; lard, per 100 pounds, $6 60@6 62½; short ribs sides (loose), $6 75@7 10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 6⅝@6¾c; short clear sides (boxed), $7 35@7 55.

On the produce exchange today, the butter market was firm; creamery, 16@20½c; dairy, 14½c; close, steady, 16@18c. Eggs, firm, fresh, 15½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	12,000	7,000
Wheat, bushels	331,000	281,000
Corn, bushels	102,000	386,000
Oats, bushels	372,000	334,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	.....
Barley, bushels	14,000	4,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Flour receipts, 43,638 barrels; exports, 5028; market quiet; weak and a shade lower on Spring patents.

Wheat—Receipts, 107,925 bushels; spot, weak; No. 2 red, 79¾c, f. o. b.; No. 2 red, 77¼c, elevator; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, 83½c f. o. b., afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 84½c, f. o. b., afloat to arrive. Options reflected continued bearishness of sentiment with liquidation again the feature, inspired by more liberal country offerings of new wheat, very small seaboard clearances, weakness abroad and scant export inquiry. Closed weak, at ½@⅞c net decline. Sebtember, 78⅛@78⅞c; closed, 78¼c; December, 80 3-16@80⅝c; closed, 80¼c.

Hops—Quiet.

Hides—Firm.

Wool—Dull.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, easier and neglected; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 3ls; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 6d; English country markets dull.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 17.—Wheat quiet; No. 1 standard California, 6s 4d; wheat in Paris quiet; flour in Paris dull; weather in England splendid.

Tacoma Wheat.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 17.—Wheat dull and unchanged. Bluestem, 59c; Club, 56c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Bears Controlled and Prices Generally Sagged Off.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—If any expectation had been entertained that the rescue of the foreign Ministers in China would arouse speculative enthusiasm, Wall street's reception of the news was disappointing. In fact the speculation was more sluggish than at any time this week and the tendency until the last hour reactionary. This tendency that the event had been fully discounted. There was a conflict at the opening to determine the market's tendency, in which the bears soon obtained the upper hand. In consequence there was a general sagging off in prices, but in no case did the fall reach a point in the railroad list. The most effective selling was in the steel stocks, the group being affected by reports of trade conflicts and expected cuts in products. The important movements of the day centered in Brooklyn Transit and Consolidated Gas. Both stocks after momentary weakness started upwards and ended with good gains. No definite news accounted for the weakness in the railroad list, but the opinion prevailed that profit taking was primarily responsible. In the late dealings an evening-up of contracts was effective in wiping out much of the day's losses.

The bond market showed a reactionary tendency today, which is most pronounced in issues known as semi-speculative. Total sales, par value, $670,000. United States 5s declined ½ and the old 4s ¼ per cent in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	104	Gen. Electric 5s	115¼
do coupon	104	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	108½
do 2s, reg.	100	Northern Pac. 3s	65½
do 3s, reg.	109	do 4s	103⅝
do coupon	109	Oregon Nav. 1sts	109
do new 4s, reg.	132½	do 4s	102¼
do coupon	132½	Oregon S. L. 6s	126
do old 4s, reg.	115	do con. 5s	112
do coupon	115⅝	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	98
do 5s, reg.	112½	St. Paul consols	167
do coupon	112½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118
Dist. Col. 3-65s	122	do 5s	119
Atchison adj. 4s	85¾	Union Pacific 4s	105⅝
C. & N.W. con. 7s	139	Wis. Cent. 1sts	89
do S. F. deb. 5s	120½	Southern Pacific 4s	78½
D. & R. G. 1sts	102	West Shore 4s	111½
do 4s	97⅝		

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 147,000 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	27⅝	Union Pac. pref	76
do pref	70⅛	Wabash	7
Balt. & Ohio	71½	do pref	18½
Can. Pacific	89½	Wheel. & L. E.	8⅝
Can. Southern	49¾	do 2d pref	23¾
Ches. & Ohio	27⅛	Wis. Central	14⅝
Chi. Gr. Western	11	P. C. C. & St. L.	54⅛
Chi., B. & Q.	127¼	Third Avenue	110
Chi., Ind. & L.	21	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	53	Adams	124
Chi. & East. Ill.	96¼	American	154
Chicago & N. W.	162½	United States	45
Chi., R. I. & P.	107⅛	Wells-Fargo	124
C., C., C. & St. L.	59½	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	6¼	Amer. Cotton Oil	33
do 1st pref	42	do pref	88¼
do 2d pref	16	Amer. Malting	1½
Del. & Hudson	112	do pref	25½
Del., Lack. & W.	177	Amer. Smelt. & R.	37½
Denver & Rio Gr.	18⅝	do pref	89
do pref	67	Amer. Spirits	1⅛
Erie	10⅝	do pref	17
do 1st pref	38½	Amer. Steel Hoop.	34½
Great North. pref.	152½	do pref	67
Hocking Coal	15½	Amer. Steel & W.	34⅝
Hocking Valley	34⅝	do pref	74½
Illinois Central	117	Amer. Tin Plate	26
Iowa Central	15½	do pref	78
do pref	42	Amer. Tobacco	93⅝
Kan. C., P. & G.	15⅝	do pref	128
Lake Erie & W.	28	Anaconda Min. Co.	45⅝
do pref	92	Brooklyn R. T.	58⅝
Lake Shore	209	Colo. Fuel & Iron.	35⅝
Louis. & Nash.	74¼	Cont. Tobacco	25⅝
Manhattan El	91⅛	do pref	78
Met. St. Ry.	155	Federal Steel	34⅝
Mex. Central	11⅝	do pref	67
Minn. & St. Louis	55	Gen. Electric	130
do pref	93	Glucose Sugar*	51½
Missouri Pacific	51⅝	do pref*	97⅝
Mobile & Ohio	37½	Int. Paper	23
M., K. & T.	9⅝	do pref	66
do pref	31	La Clede Gas	74½
New Jersey Cent.	134½	National Biscuit	31
New York Cent.	130⅝	do pref	82
Norfolk & West.	34⅝	National Lead	17½
do pref	74⅝	do pref	90
Northern Pacific	51½	National Steel	26½
do pref	71½	do pref	84⅝
Ontario & West.	21⅝	N. Y. Air Brake	134
O. R. & N.	42	North American	15
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	55
Pennsylvania	129¼	do 1st pref	86
Reading	17	do 2d pref	64
do 1st pref	59⅝	Pacific Mail	31⅝
do 2d pref	28⅝	People's Gas	98⅝
Rio Gr. Western	55½	Pressed Steel Car	40
do pref	90	do pref	72
St. Louis & S. Fr.	9⅝	Pullman Pal. Car	187
do 1st pref	86	Stand. Rope & T.	5⅛
do 2d pref	34⅝	Sugar	124⅝
St. Louis S. W.	11⅛	do pref	116
do pref	28	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	70⅝
St. Paul	114¼	U. S. Leather	10⅝
do pref	171	do pref	68¼
St. Paul & O.	114	U. S. Rubber	30⅝
Southern Pacific	33	do pref	94
Southern Ry	11⅛	Western Union	80½
do pref	52⅝	Republic Iron & S.	11¼
Texas & Pacific	14½	do pref	53
Union Pacific	59½		

*Ex dividend.

SLACK BUSINESS IN LONDON.

Tone of the Market Unsettled on Account of the News From Abroad.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Commercial Advertiser's London cablegram says:

Business was very slack here today. This was partly in anticipation of the holiday tomorrow, but the tone was unsettled also by the news from South Africa, that De Wet had escaped Kitchener, the apprehension of trouble to grow; the Shanghai trouble, and the lack of any official confirmation of the relief of Pekin. London bought American shares moderately until New York began to sell, then the market here relapsed also. Copper stocks continue weak and demoralized on account of the last fortnightly statistics. The bank bought £132,000 in bar gold, and is sending out to the Cape £25,000.

Heavy Gold Shipments.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Herald prints the following:

Wall street is very much interested at the present time in the future of the money market. Heavy gold exportations of the present and last week, amounting to upwards of $17,000,000, are expected to figure unfavorably in the weekly bank statement of Saturday.

The shipments, however, have been offset in part by checks paid against Alaskan gold and pension disbursements. Despite this, a heavy loss in cash is looked for.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 85; sight, $4 89; Mexican dollars, 49@49½c Drafts—Sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Money on call, easy, 1¼@1½ per cent; last loan, 1¼; prime mercantile paper, 4@5 per cent; sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87½ demand, and at $4 84 for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85@4 85½, and $4 88½@4 89; commercial bills, $4 83¼@4 83¾; silver certificates, 61½@62½c; bar silver, 61c; Mexican dollars, 48½c. Bonds—State, weak; Government, weak; railroad, weak.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Consols, 98⅞.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Wool—Spring, Nevada, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 10@14c; Valley, Oregon, 16@18c. Fall—Northern Mountain, 9@10c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@12c.

Hops—1899 crop, 11@13c.

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

Hay—Wheat, $8@12; wheat and oat, $8@11; best barley, $8 50; alfalfa, $6@7 50; compressed wheat, $8@12 per ton; straw, 25@37½c per bale.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 30@60c; sweet, new, 1¾@2¼c per pound; Salinas Burbanks, 70@95c.

Vegetables—Green peas, 2@3c per pound; string beans, 2@3c; tomatoes, 20@50c; asparagus, 75c@$2 50; cucumbers, 20@30c per box.

Green fruit—Apples, choice, $1 15; common, 35c per box.

Citrus fruit—Mexican limes, $6@7; common California lemons, $1 50@2 75; choice, $3@3 25 per box; pineapples, $2 50@3.

Bananas—$1 50@2 50 per bunch.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 24@25c; do seconds, 22@23c; fancy dairy, 21@22c; do seconds, 17@20c.

Cheese—California flats, 9½@10c per pound; Young America, 10c; Eastern, 13½@14c.

Eggs—Store, 15@19c; fancy ranch, 25c; Eastern, 16@19c.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 9@10c; do hens, 11@13c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young roosters, $3 50@5; small broilers, $2@2 25; large do, $2 50@3; fryers, $3@3 50; hens, $3 50@4 50 per dozen; old ducks, $3@4 50; young ducks, $2; geese, $1 25@1 50 per pair.

Receipts—Flour, 9542 quarter sacks; wheat, 13,862 centals; barley, 128,722 centals; oats, 3770 centals; beans, 183 sacks; potatoes, 3179 sacks; bran, 6160 sacks; middlings, 449 sacks; hay, 1148 tons; wool, 85 bales; hides, 649.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2500. Steers, generally 10@15c lower; butchers stock, slow, unchanged; natives, good to prime steers, $5 40@5 60; poor to medium, $4 65@5 35; selected feeders, steady, $4@4 75; mixed stockers, $3 25@3 80; cows, $2 90@4 35; heifers, $3@4 75; canners, $2 20@2 75; bulls, $2 70@4 50; calves, $4 50@6 75; Texas fed steers, $4 25@5; grassers, $3 25@4 10; bulls, $2 50@3 25.

Hogs—Receipts, today, 18,000; tomorrow, 13,000; left over, 2790; market strong to 5c higher; top, $5 40; mixed and butchers, $4 65@5 32½; good to choice, $5 05@5 30; rough heavy, $4 85@5 30; light, $5 05@5 40; bulk of sales, $5 10@5 30.

Sheep—Receipts, 7000; dull; lambs, 10@15c lower; good to choice wethers, $4 10@4 30; fair to choice mixed, $3 60@4 10; Western sheep, $4@4 30; Texas sheep, $3@4; native lambs, $4 25@5 90; Western lambs, $4 75@5 75.

OMAHA, Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 1600 head. Market, active, shade stronger; native beef steers, $4 60@5 80; Western steers, $4 20@4 85; Texas steers, $3 70@4 40; cows and heifers, $3 10@4 50; canners, $1 75@3 30; stockers and feeders, $3 60@4 75; calves, $3@5 50; bulls and stags, $2 40@4 35.

Hogs—Receipts, 5500 head. Market closed weak; heavy, $4 90@5 05; mixed, $4 95@5; light $4 95@5 15; bulk of sales, $4 97@5 05.

Sheep—Receipts, 1800. Market slow, but steady; fair yearlings, $4@4 45; fair wethers, $3 70@4 20; common and choice sheep, $3 25@3 75; lambs, $4 50@5 50.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2500; market, steady to strong; Texas steers, $2@5 15; Texas cows, $1 25@3 25; native steers, $4@5 75; native cows and heifers, $1 50@4 75; stockers and feeders, $2@4 40; bulls, $2 50@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 5000; market, strong; bulk of sales, $5 10@5 15; heavy, $5@5 15; packers, $5 10@5 20; mixed, $5 05@5 15; lights, $4 95@5 20; yorkers, $5 15@5 25; pigs, $4 55@5 15.

Sheep—Receipts, 1000; market, strong; lambs, $4@5 40; muttons, $3@4 25.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Coffee—Spot, Rio barely steady; No. 7 invoice, 8⅞c; mild, quiet; Cordova, nominal. Futures closed steady at net unchanged prices to 5 points advance. Total sales, 27,750 bags, including November, $7 65@7 70; December, $7 75@7 80; January, $7 80; February, $7 85.

Sugar—Raw, firm; refined, firm.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Tin was again 5s lower in London and closed weak at the decline. This caused a similar loss in the local market, with no buyers at any price. The close here was very weak at $31 30 for spot. Copper was quiet and unchanged locally, but was 5s lower abroad on the large visible supply figures, closing at £73 10s for spot and £74 for futures. Lead was very dull and unchanged at $4 25. Spelter ruled weak and partly 5 points lower at $4 12½@4 17½. The iron and steel markets were dull, weak and unsettled and nominally unchanged. The brokers' price for lead was $4, and for copper $16 75.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Silver bars, 61¼c.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Bar silver, 28 1-16d.

Bingham Is Drafting a Primary Law

Columbia County News.

E. W. Bingham, author of the new registration law, informs us that he is preparing for enactment a primary election law which will do away with much of the fraud in conventions and will be the first step toward electing United States Senators by direct vote of the people. He will also introduce an amendment to the registration law, to do away with that part which provides for an affidavit on election days. Should this latter provision become a law, then only those who have registered can vote. Purity of the ballot is what the American people must have in order to maintain a free Republic.

MAHOGANY IN MEXICO.

Difficult Work of Getting It to Market From the Tropical Forests.

City of Mexico Herald.

An Englishman who has arrived in the city from the peninsular portion of Mexico, gave a Herald reporter an interesting conversation regarding many matters connected with that prolific part of the republic. Among other topics of conversation the mahogany supply came up, and he was asked his opinion as to how long it would be before the trees of Mexico would all have been utilized commercially, and whether any caution was being taken toward preserving a supply for the future. His reply was that there was an unwritten law against the cutting down of young trees, and many parts of Tabasco, Chiapas, Yucatan, and Campeachy had not as yet been exploited in that line.

The mahogany-hunter, he said, is the most important and best-paid laborer in the service. The trees do not grow in clusters, but are scattered promiscuously through the forest and hidden in a dense growth of underbrush, vines and creepers, and it often requires a skillful and experienced woodsman to find them. No progress can be made in tropical forests without the aid of a machete, for the way must be cut step by step.

The mahogany is one of the largest and tallest of trees, and the hunter, seeking the highest ground, climbs to the top of the tallest tree and surveys the surrounding country. His practiced eye soon detects the mahogany by its peculiar foliage, and he counts the trees within the scope of his vision, notes the direction and distances, and then, descending, cuts a narrow trail to each tree, which he carefully blazes and marks, especially if there is a rival hunter in the vicinity.

To fell a large mahogany tree is one day's task for two men. On account of the wide spurs which project from the trunk at the base, scaffolds are often erected and the tree cut above the spurs, which leaves a stump from 10 to 15 feet in height, a sheer waste of the very best part of the tree, and one which modern ingenuity should certainly devise some means to prevent.

Great difficulty is sometimes had in getting the trunks to a point of transportation, and crude trucks are generally used, made by sawing off one end of a tree trunk and fitting the wheel thus acquired with a kind of axle, which at the best is a clumsy and antiquated affair. These trucks are hauled by oxen, and all the trucking done in the dry season, the logs being placed on the bank of a river to await the time of the floods.

No little judgment is required to determine at what exact stage of the flood to turn the logs adrift. Should the water be too high, the logs would be apt to be left high and dry on some of the low-lying grounds adjacent to the river, and probably covered up by sand and rubbish.

Mahogany trees give from 2 to 5 logs each, measuring from 10 to 18 feet in length and from 20 to 44 inches in diameter after being hewed.

The manufacturing process consists in sawing off the ends that have been bruised and splintered in transit down the river and in relining and rehewing the logs by skillful workmen, who give them a smooth and even surface. The logs are then measured, rolled back into the water at the mouth of the river, and then made into rafts, to be taken to the vessels anchored outside the bar.

Where the Oregon Learned to Shoot

Weston Leader.

"Port Angeles, the county seat of Clallam County, Washington, has one of the best harbors in the world," says Professor F. J. Van Winkle. "A sand spit or natural breakwater extends for three and a half miles out into the straits. The United States battle-ships come here for target practice. Here the Oregon learned to shoot. The Iowa and Philadelphia were practicing while I was there. A target was erected on the sand and the guns are fired at long and short range while the vessels are under full speed, the path of the ship being an ellipse. For many miles the balls glance along the surface of the water."

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