COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

A good day's trade was reported yesterday with no changes in the larger staples, save a slight advance in lard. Groceries, both wholesale and retail, are in demand at steady prices. Meats are a trifle firmer, veal being especially strong at current quotations. Poultry is also in request and brings rather high prices. Dealers report only fair receipts and could dispose of larger lots if obtainable. Ducks are not wanted, but some good geese were marketed at $7 per dozen. Eggs have risen to 18c, and still possess an upward tendency. Receipts are light and clean up briskly. Some dealers expect further advances within the next month. Butter and cheese are unchanged.

Potatoes are rather firm at rates slightly lower than those quoted in the recent flurry. Prices range from $1 to $1 10 per hundred, with the latter figure favored. Some shipments are being made to Kansas and Oklahoma, the demand from these sections being expected to keep the price here up to at least 1c per pound. New stock is coming on ripe and firm, in good condition to ship and of fair size. A carload of large Merced Sweets come in yesterday, and sold well at 2½c per pound.

The features of the fruit market are the scarcity of peaches and the overabundance of watermelons. The latter article is here in force, about 17 carloads of it, and selling out slowly on account of the cool weather. Stocks, however, are in good condition and dealers do not yet feel pushed to cut prices materially. Apples are somewhat cheaper, as large lots of local stuff are now coming in and going at $1 per box for commoner grades. Fancy California Gravensteins bring the top price, $1 50 to $1 65. Oranges are in good stock and sell well; lemons are weaker, but no decline in price is yet experienced.

Clearing-House Statement.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$288,146	$ 28,115
Seattle	486,487	129,379
Tacoma	151,885	35,408
Spokane	143,967	43,204

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat market, save for a few belated contests at the "fighting points," is now hanging in the balance between the completion of the warehouse purchasing season and the opening of the regular export trade. All those who had to have wheat at once have secured their stocks at rates a trifle above what the average exporter is willing to pay and sellers are now waiting for the opening of the larger seasonal demand. Eastern markets yesterday were inharmonious. New York gained ¼c on December, while California and Chicago both shaded off slightly, cargoes in Liverpool lost 3d and futures also fell a trifle. Dealers here incline to think that New York's gain was a professional matter, and that the real course of the market is better indicated by the downward tendency of the Liverpool prices. In their adherence to this view they are supported by the continued firmness of the freight situation and the large excess of receipts over shipments at Eastern ports. In spite of reported European shortages there seems to be some reasonable argument for further slight declines in wheat values.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55½@56c per bushel; bluestem, 56½@57c; Valley, 55½@56c.

Flour—Best grades, $2 65@3 50 per barrel; graham, $2 60.

Oats—$1 10@1 15 per central for old crop; new, nominal, at 90c@$1.

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

Millstuffs—Bran, $21 per ton; middlings, $21 50; shorts, $20; chop, $16; all nominal.

Hay—Timothy, $11@13; clover, $7@9 50; Oregon wild hay, $5@6 per ton.

Meats and Provisions.

Mutton—Lambs, 3½c; gross; dressed, 6@7c per pound, sheep, $3 25, gross; dressed, 6@6½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, $5 75@6; light, $4 75@5; dressed, 7@7½c per pound.

Veal—Small, 8@9c; large, 7@7½c per pound.

Beef—Gross, 3½@4c; dressed, 6½@7½c.

Provisions—Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, 13½c; picnic, 10½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 15½@16½c per pound; bacon, 14c per pound; backs, 11½@12½c; dry salted sides, 11@12c; dried beef sets, 15c; knuckles, 17c; lard, 8c, 12c; 10s, 11½c; 50s, 11¼c; tierces, 11¼c; Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 12½c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic, 10½c, shoulders, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 14@17c; dry salted sides, 10½@12c; bacon, sides, 11½@13c; backs, 12½c per pound; butts, 11½c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, ⅛, 12c; 10c, 11½c; dry salted bellies, 11½@12c; bacon bellies, 12½@13½c; dried beef, 15½c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, $11 50; Arbuckle's, $11 63 list; Lion, $11 63 list; Cordova, $11 63 list.

Rice—Island, 6c; Imperial Japan No. 1, 5¼c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, 4@5c.

Sugar—Cube, $5 55; crushed, $5 55; powdered, $5 40; dry granulated, $5 20; extra C, $4 70; golden C, $4 60 net, half barrels, ¼c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@16c per pound.

Salmon—Columbia River, one-pound talls, $1 50@2; two-pound talls, $2 25@2 50; fancy one-pound flats, $2@2 25; one-half-pound fancy flats, $1 10@1 30; Alaska talls, $1@1 25; two-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $8 25 per 100 for spot.

Coal oil—Cases, 19½c per gallon; barrels, 15½c; tanks, 13½c.

Stock salt—50s, $18 75; 100s, $18 25; granulated 50s, $25 20; Liverpool, 50s, $26 25; 100s, $25 75; 200s, $25 25.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 9c for roasted; cocoanuts, 9c per dozen; walnuts, 12@13c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 12½c; filberts, 15c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15@17½c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Vegetables—Onions, yellow, $1 25@1 35; cabbage, $1 25@1 50; potatoes, $1@1 10 per central; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound; tomatoes, 40@50c; peas, 2@3c per pound; cucumbers, 10c per dozen; green corn, 15c per dozen; beans, 2@3c per pound turnips, 60c; carrots, 60c; beets, $1 50 per sack.

Fruit—Lemons, $5@5 50; limes, $7@7 50; oranges, $4 50@5 per box; pineapples, $3@3 50 per dozen; watermelons, $1 75@2 50 per dozen; cantaloupes, $1@1 50 per dozen; nutmegs, $1 50@2 per crate; Persian dates, 6c per pound; grapes, $1 25@1 50 per crate; peaches, 60@75c; plums, 50@60c; Italian prunes, 40c per crate; apples, $1@1 50 per box; crabapples, 2@2½c per pound; Bartlett pears, $1 50 per box; nectarines, $1 per crate.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 6¼@7c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 3@4c; apricots, 10½c, peaches, 8c; pears, 8@9c; prunes, Italian, 5@7c; silver, extra choice, 9@9½c; French, 3½@4½c; figs, California blacks, 5c; do white, 5@7c; plums, pitless, white, 7@8c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—12@14c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 11@13½c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12½c; mohair, 25@31c per pound.

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

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

Tallow—2@4c, No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c per pound.

Pelts—Bearskins, each, as to size, $5@20; cubs, each, $2@5; badger, each, 10@40c; wildcat, 25@75c; house cat, 5@20c; fox, common gray, 30@50c; do red, $1 50@2; do cross, $5@15; lynx, $2@3; mink, 50c@$1 25; marten, dark Northern, $5@12; do pale pine, $1 50@2; muskrat, 5@10c; skunk, 25@35c; otter (land), $5@7; panther, with head and claws perfect, $2@5; raccoon, 30@35c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; prairie wolf or coyote, 60@75c; wolverine, $4@7; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; do medium, per skin, $3@7; do small, per skin, $1@2; do kits, per skins, 50@75c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 12½c.

Eggs—17@17½c per dozen.

Poultry — Chickens, mixed, $3@3 75; hens, $4 50@5 50; live weight, 11c per pound; Springs, 15c per pound, $2 50@3 50 per dozen; ducks, $3@3 50 for young; geese, $5@6 per dozen; turkeys, live, 8@10c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 11@11½c; Young America, 12½c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Prices of stocks were toppled oved today and the recently prevailing bull movement apparently came to an end. The hesitating tone which developed yesterday continued this morning. After the first recession in prices strenuous efforts were made to check the reaction which met with a good deal of success. The character of the buying in St. Paul was a large influence in the temporary upturn of the market. Very large amounts of this stock were taken by brokers supposed to act for the group of financiers which has been foremost in forwarding products for the community-of-interest in railroad ownership.

Operations towards supporting the market elsewhere were attributed to a conspicuous operator and the apparent confidence with which they were conducted served to intimidate the professional operators of a small class, who were inclined to take a bearish view of the market. But when this latter class detected the domination of the outside buying through commission houses and some evidence of profit-taking by the longs they offered prices down boldly and by uncovering stop-loss orders dislodged very heavy lines under which the market broke badly. With the downward tendency established, the traders gave a pessimistic twist to the current news, as is their wont. This was, however, little news to account for the course of the market.

The inference was closely justified that the buying and bidding up of stocks for two weeks past represented an experiment by stock market operators who hoped to attract a sufficient outside interest by this means to make an active bull speculation. Yesterday's extremely moderate demand from outside sources chilled the expectations of the bulls and what long lines had not been sold to realize profits were forced to sell more urgently today with the still further diminution in the outside demand.

Naturally the stocks which have been recently bulled the most of the week were the weakest on the reaction, the Pacifics, Atchison, Amalgamated Copper, Norfolk & Western, and the coalers suffering the widest declines. Yesterday's story of a settlement of the steel strike was clearly shown this morning to have been put out to hold the market, and the steel stocks dropped with the rest, and are ¼ lower for the day. The rally in the corn market was also an influence, and there was renewed selling from Western sources which have been covering in stocks during the period of reaction in corn.

The most potent influence in checking the speculation for the advance was the growing conviction that requirements to move the crops must be met to a large extent by the New York money market with the prospect of a continued drain at the same time on account of United States Treasury operations. There was no striking development today to emphasize this conviction, but the factors recently at work continued in force to the end. The market had a substantial rally from its break caused by short covering, but the recoveries were not well held and the closing was feverish with a heavy undertone.

The railroad bond market continued quite active, but turned weak in sympathy with stocks. Central Georgia issues were strong on the declaration of full interest on the income bonds. Total sales, $1,715,000.

United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

RAILROADS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing bid.
Atchison	80⅝	77⅝	78
do pfd	99⅝	97½	98
Baltimore & Ohio	105¼	103½	103½
do pfd	94½	94½	94
Canadian Pacific	112	110⅞	110⅞
Canada Southern	70	70	68
Chesapeake & Ohio	48	46¼	46⅝
Chicago & Alton	41	39½	39½
do pfd	78⅝	78½	78⅝
Chicago, Ind. & Louis	39	38	38⅝
Chicago & Eastern Illinois			125
Chicago & Great Western	23	22½	22⅝
do A pfd	85	84	83
do B pfd			47½
Chicago & Northwestern			195
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	146	144	144¼
Chicago Term. & Trans	22	20½	21¼
do pfd	42½	41½	41½
C., C., C. & St. Louis	90	90	89½
Colorado Southern	15⅞	15½	15¼
do 1st pfd	58	57½	57
do 2d pfd	26½	25⅞	25⅞
Delaware & Hudson	169½	167	168⅝
Delaware, Lack. & West			225
Denver & Rio Grande	45⅝	45¼	45⅝
do pfd	93½	93	92⅞
Erie	45⅝	41½	41⅝
do 1st pfd	71½	69⅝	70
do 2d pfd	58	55⅝	56½
Great Northern pfd	187⅝	185	184½
Hocking Valley	53½	52⅝	52½
do pfd			76
Illinois Central	148	146½	146½
Iowa Central	39	39	38½
do pfd	75	75	74⅝
Lake Erie & Western	65⅝	64⅝	64
do pfd			125
Louisville & Nashville	106⅝	104⅝	105¼
Manhattan L	121¼	119¼	119⅝
Metropolitan St. Ry.	167¼	167¼	167¼
Mexican Central	22½	21½	22
Mexican National	12¼	11⅝	11⅝
Minneapolis & St. Louis	108	107⅝	107¼
Missouri Pacific	106⅝	105	105⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	29¼	28⅝	28¼
do pfd	57⅝	56	56
New Jersey Central	165	165	162
New York Central	156¼	154½	154½
Norfolk & Western	57⅛	54⅝	55⅞
do pfd			89¼
Northern Pacific pfd	98	98	98
Ontario & Western	36⅝	35¼	35
Pennsylvania	140¼	140	140⅝
Reading	45⅝	43⅝	43⅝
do 1st pfd	77⅝	76⅝	76⅝
do 2d pfd	56½	55	55
St. Louis & San Francisco	44⅝	43½	43⅝
do 1st pfd	81	81	81
do 2d pfd	69¼	68⅝	68⅝
St. Louis Southwestern	63½	66	63
do pfd			61¼
St. Paul	166⅝	160⅝	160⅝
do pfd	191	190	189
Southern Pacific	62⅝	59¼	59⅝
Southern Railway	34⅝	33	32⅞
do pfd	88⅝	87⅝	87⅝
Texas & Pacific	45¼	44⅝	44⅝
Toledo, St. Louis & West	21⅝	21⅝	21
do pfd	36	35½	35
Union Pacific	104½	101⅝	101⅝
do pfd	92½	91½	91
Wabash	23⅝	21⅝	22¼
do pfd	42	40⅝	40⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie	19⅝	19	19⅝
do 2d pfd	32½	32½	32½
Wisconsin Central	21⅞	21⅝	21
do pfd	43½	43	42
P., C., C. & St. L.			74
EXPRESS COMPANIES.			
Adams			175
American			191
United States			88
Wells-Fargo			160
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amalgamated Copper	121¼	118¼	118½
American Car & Foundry	31⅞	31	31
do pfd	87½	87½	87
American Linseed Oil			21½
do pfd			61½
American Smelting & Refining	55	54⅝	53½
do pfd	101½	101	100⅝
American Tobacco			135
Anaconda Mining Co.	47⅝	47	47
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	76⅝	75¼	75⅛
Colorado Fuel & Iron	98	97½	97½
Consolidated Gas	226½	223½	223½
Continental Tobacco			67
do pfd			118
General Electric	266	265½	265
Glucose Sugar	56	55½	55½
Hocking Coal	20	20	19
International Paper	25	24	24
do pfd	79	78⅝	78¼
International Power	92¼	92¼	92¼
National Biscuit	44⅝	44¼	44
National Lead	21	21	20¼
National Salt			42½
do pfd			76
North American	103	101¼	101
Pacific Coast			66
Pacific Mail	43	42	41⅝
People's Gas	113¼	112	112¼
Pressed Steel Car	42⅝	42⅝	42
do pfd	83	83	81½
Pullman Palace Car			206
Republic Steel	21¼	19½	19⅝
do pfd	75⅝	73½	73½
Sugar	137¼	135¼	135½
Tennessee Coal & Iron	69⅝	65	65
Union Bag & Paper Co.	16⅝	16⅝	16¼
do pfd	73	73	73
United States Leather	14⅛	13⅝	13½
do pfd	83	82⅝	82¼
United States Rubber	20	20	19½
do pfd	59⅝	58¼	58
United States Steel	45⅛	44¼	44⅝
do pfd	95¼	94	94
Western Union	93⅝	92¼	92¼

Total sales for the day, 731,400 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	107¼	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	105¼
do coupon	107¼	North. Pac. 3s	72
do 3s, reg	108¼	do 4s	104¼
do 3s, coupon	108¼	Or. Nav. 1sts	110
do new 4s, reg.	137⅞	do 4s	103
do new 4s, coup.	137¼	Or. Short Line 6s	128⅝
do old 4s, reg.	113	do con. 5s	117¼
do old 4s, coup.	113	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	100
do 5s, reg	107⅝	St. Paul consols	184
do 5s, coupon	107⅝	do C. & P. 1sts	115
Dis. of Col. 3.65s	124	do C. & P. 5s	116
*Atchison adj. 4s	97¼	Union Pac. 4s	105¼
C. & N. W. con 7s	137	Wis. Cent. 1sts	86¼
do S. F. deb. 5s	123¼	West Shore 4s	112¼
*D. & R. G. 4s	101½	South. Pac. 4s	92¼
Gen. Electric 5s	200		

* Bid.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Aug 27.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The settlement was easy but absorbed attention. The tone of the stock market was good, although there is some uneasiness over the renewed talk of a fresh war loan. The American stocks remained hard, but without public support until the New York opening, when on profit-taking, St. Paul developed strength, spurting upward ½. The general list, however, was not responsive. After the market's close there was an attempt to rally stocks on the curb, but they relapsed, closing near the bottom. Copper stocks were heavy on the absence of a confirmation of the great combination which is scouted here, the Rothschilds denying any knowledge of it.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 85¾; do sight, $4 87½.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Money on call, steady, at 2½@3 per cent; last loans, 2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange, easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 86¾ demand, and at $4 84½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4 85½ and $4 88; commercial bills, $4 83@4 84½.

Mexican dollars—45½c.

Government bonds—Steady.

State bonds—Inactive.

Railroad bonds—Weak.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Money, 1½ per cent; consols, 94½.

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Anaconda, 9⅝; Atchison, 81¾; Canadian Pacific, 115; Denver & Rio Grande, 47¼; do preferred, 96½; Northern Pacific preferred, 101½; Union Pacific preferred, 94; Southern Pacific, 62⅝.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balances	$178,118,609
Gold	104,728,922

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Wheat and barley very quiet.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping No. 1, 97½c; choice, 97½c; milling, $1@1 02½.

Barley—Brewing, 78⅝@82½c.

Call board sales:

Wheat—No sales.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 55@1 65.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Lower cables, combined with bearish reports of an enormous crop, caused a weak opening in wheat. A rush of selling orders during the first few minutes of trading carried prices below yesterday's closing figures, but the sharp advance in corn helped to bring about a rally. The market was dull after the opening pressure to sell was over, which fact was partly responsible for the advance. December opened unchanged to ⅛c lower, at 71¼@71⅜c, and under the heavy selling prices dropped to 71⅜c but quickly rallied, the high point being reached at 72⅜c. The close was strong and ½c higher, at 72⅜c.

Corn opened somewhat easier, but the market advanced sharply under heavy local buying. Hot weather in the Southwest, outside buying and a scare of shorts were the bull factors. December closed at 57¼@57⅜c, a gain of 1⅜@1⅜c.

Oats opened quiet and steady. Buying by outsiders and the advance in corn caused a rally and prices advanced. December closed 1⅜c higher, at 35⅝c.

Provisions were moderately active, but easier on fair liquidation. The opening was steady, but large receipts of hogs at Western points created a weak tendency which would have been greater but for the strength in corn. January pork closed 7½c lower, lard a shade lower and ribs unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
September	$0 69¼	$0 69⅞	$0 69⅞	$0 69⅝
December	71¼	72¼	71⅛	72¼
May	75⅝	76⅛	75¼	76⅛
CORN.				
September	53½	54⅞	53½	54⅞
December	55¼	57⅝	55¼	57⅝
May	57⅝	59⅝	57⅝	59¾
OATS.				
September	33	34⅝	33	34
December	34¼	35⅝	34⅛	35⅝
May	36¾	38	36¾	37⅞
MESS PORK.				
September	14 25	14 25	14 22½	14 25
October	14 32½	14 35	14 32½	14 35
January	15 45	15 47½	15 40	15 42½
LARD.				
September	8 90	8 95	8 87½	8 90
October	8 95	9 00	8 92½	8 97½
January	8 82½	8 82½	8 77½	8 80
SHORT RIBS.				
September	8 42½	8 45	8 37½	8 37½
October	8 52½	8 55	8 45	8 47½
January	7 92½	7 95	7 90	7 92½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Barely steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 68@69½c; No. 2 red, 71c.

Corn—No. 2, 55½c.

Oats—No. 2, 35½@35¾c; No. 2 white, 37@37½c; No. 3 white, 36½@37½c.

Rye—No. 2, 54@54¾c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 58@62c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 48; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 52.

Timothy seed—Prime, $5 50.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $14 25@14 30.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $8 87½@8 90.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $8 25@8 45.

Dry-salted shoulders—Boxed, 7¼@7½c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8 80@8 90.

Clover—Contract grade, $9 75@10.

Butter—Steady; creameries, 14@20c; dairy, 13@17c.

Cheese—0⅝@10⅝c.

Eggs—Steady, 13½@14c.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	20,000	29,000
Wheat, bushels	298,000	342,000
Corn, bushels	335,000	300,000
Oats, bushels	372,000	239,000
Rye, bushels	6,000	1,000
Barley, bushels	73,000	1,000

Changes in Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Special cable and telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies from last accounts:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decreased, 669,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, increased 1,800,000 bushels; total supply, increased 1,131,000 bushels.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decreased 774,000 bushels.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increased 527,000 bushels.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Flour—Receipts, 28,370 barrels; exports, 12,275 barrels. Market, quiet.

Wheat—Receipts, 157,550 bushels; exports, 126,036 bushels. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 77c f. o. b. afloat; 75⅝c elevator.

Options opened steady and developed a later sharp advance and closed firm ⅛@½c net advance. September closed 75⅝c; October, 75⅝c; December, 77½c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Quiet.

Grain in Europe.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Wheat cargoes on passage, heavy and depressed; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 29s; cargoes Walla Walla, 28s 3d. English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 27.—Wheat, quiet; No. 1 standard California, 6s ¼d; wheat and flour in Paris, weak; French country markets, quiet and steady. Weather in England, unsettled.

Summary of Crop Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

The weather conditions of the week ending August 26 have been generally favorable, except in the Middle and South Atlantic and East Gulf States and Tennessee, where heavy rains have damaged crops and interfered with work, and in some districts washed lands and caused inundations.

Drouth conditions still prevail in portions of Iowa, Oklahoma and Texas. In the last-named state it has become serious in localities, and rain is also needed in Michigan, Nebraska, the North Pacific Coast States, and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The temperature conditions have been favorable for best results, except in portions of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Montana and Washington.

Continued improvement in the condition of the late corn is generally reported from the principal corn-growing states. The Spring wheat harvest is practically finished in all sections, although retarded some by rain in South Dakota and Minnesota. Threshing is general and the yields are as a rule satisfactory except in North Dakota, where they continue below expectations.

While adverse statements concerning apples continue from the greater number of the principal apple-growing states, reports from Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Nebraska indicate fairly good prospects for this fruit in portions of those states.

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WHEAT AND STOCK BROKERS

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SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 10@12c; Eastern Oregon, 10@13c; Valley Oregon, 13@14c. Fall—Mountain lambs, 7@8c; San Joaquin plains, 6@8c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 6@8c.

Millstuffs—Middlings $21@22; bran, $20@20 per ton.

Hay—Wheat, $7 50@10 50; wheat and oat, $6 50@9 50; best barley, $5 50@7 50; alfalfa, $8@10; compressed wheat, $8@13 per ton; clover, $5 50@8 50 per ton; straw, 25@40c per bale.

Onions—Yellow, 90c@$1 10.

Bananas—75c@$1.75 per bunch.

Vegetables—Green peas, 1@2½c per pound; string beans, 1@2½c per pound; asparagus, 50c@$2 per box; tomatoes, 40@90c; cucumbers, 20@40c per box; Chile green peppers, 20@50c; Bay squash, 20@30c; egg plant, 25@50c per box.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1 10@1 60; River Burbanks, $1 35@1 50; Salinas Burbanks, $1 40@1 55 per sack; Oregon Burbanks, $1 25@1 50; sweet, 1¼@2½c per pound.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, $1 50; choice, $3 50; Mexican limes, $4@4 50.

Pineapples, $1 50@2 50.

Apples—Choice, $1 15; common, 40c per box.

Bartlett pears, 25c@$1 25.

Isabella grapes, 75@85c per box.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 8@9c; do hens, 8@9c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young roosters, $4 50@6 50; small broilers, $2@2 50 per dozen; do large, $3@3 50; fryers, $3 50@4; hens, $3 50@4; old ducks, $2 50@3; young ducks, $3@4 50; goslings, $1 25@1 50 per dozen; geese, $1 25@1 50 per pair; old pigeons, $1 25@1 75; young pigeons, $1 25@1 50 per dozen.

Eggs—Store, 17c; fancy ranch, 20c per dozen; Eastern, 21c.

Cheese—Eastern, 13@15c; Young American, 11c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 26c; fancy dairy, 18@22c; seconds, 15c; pickled, 16@17c per pound.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 89,328; wheat, centals, 1375; barley, centals, 500; oats, centals, 7010; beans, sacks, 287; corn, centals, 150; potatoes, sacks, 4253; onions, sacks, 595; bran, sacks, 3310; middlings, sacks, 1339; hay, tons, 159; wool, bales, 201; hides, 1207.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 5500. Natives and Texans generally steady; Westerns slow. Good to prime steers, $5 30@6 30; poor to medium, $3 60@5 20; stockers and feeders, $2 25@4 25; cows, three cars extras at $4 65 $2 35@4 25; heifers, $2 40@4 75; canners, $1 25@2 30; bulls, $2 25@4 40; calves, $3@5 35; Texas steers, $4@5; do grass steers, $3 40@3 75; Western steers, $3 75@4 90.

Hogs—Receipts, 21,000; tomorrow, estimated, 23,000; left over, 3500. Choice nearly steady, others weak; top, $6 45. Mixed and butchers', $5 70@6 45; good to choice heavy, $5 85@6 45; rough heavy, $5 65@5 80; light, $5 65@6 20.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000. Sheep and lambs, good to choice, steady; common weak. Good to choice, $3 25@4; fair to choice mixed, $3@3 40; Western yearlings, $3 25@4; native lambs, $2 50@5 35; Western lambs, $3 80@5 10.

OMAHA, Aug. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 3800. Market, best steady, others slow, lower. Native beef steers, $4@5 85; Western steers, $3 50@4 60; Texas steers, $3 25@4 30; cows and heifers, $2 60@4 20; canners, $1@2 50; stockers and feeders, $2 60@4 25; calves, $2 50@5; bulls and stags, $2 25@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 6600. Market 5c higher, heavy, $6 02½@6 20; mixed, $6@6 02½; light, $5 85@6; bulk of sales, $6@6 05.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Market, active, stronger. Wethers, $3 25@3 50; ewes, $2 25@3; common and stock sheep, $2 25@2 90; lambs, $3 75@4 90.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000. Market, steady to lower. Texas steers, $2 75@3 90; Texas cows, $2 25@2 75; native steers, $2 60@5 70; native cows and heifers, $2 40@4 90; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4; bulls, $2 25@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market, steady to strong. Bulk of sales, $6@6 25; heavy, $6 20@6 30; packers, $6@6 25; mixed, $6@6 25; lights, $5 60@6 15; Yorkers, $5 60@6 10; pigs, $4 50@5 50.

Sheep—Receipts, 2500. Market, steady. Lambs, $4@4 90; muttons, $3@3 75.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Buyers were rather scarce in the tin market and values eased off about 12½ points, closing easy in tone with sellers for spot at $25 75. The London market also declined £1, spot closing at £115 10s, and futures at £111 2s 6d, with sales of 50 tons spot and 50 tons futures reported executed. Copper in the local market was dull and more or less nominal at 16¼@17c for lake and 16⅝@16¾c for casting. In London copper eased off 3s 9d, but the undertone was quite steady, with spot quoted at the close at £66 13s 9d, and futures at £67 1s 3d. Lead was quiet and unchanged here, while in London values advanced 1s 3d to £11 13s 9d. The close here was at $4 37½ Spelter was quiet and unchanged at home and abroad, closing at $4 and £17 respectively.

Iron was dull and featureless. Pig iron warrants, $9@10; No. 1 foundry Northern, $15@15 50; No. 2 foundry Southern, $14@14 50; No. 1 foundry Southern, $14 75@15 25; No. 2 foundry Southern soft, $14 75@15 25.

Glasgow warrants closed at 58s 5d, and Middlesboro closed at 45s 1½d.

Bar silver, 58½c per ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Bar silver, 58⅝c per ounce.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Bar silver, steady, 27d per ounce.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—Prices are being fully maintained in the wool market and the buying continues steady. Although manufacturers are purchasing large lots, yet it is only for immediate use and the continued absence of speculation is noticeable. The bulk of the wool selling continues in the territory grades. The range of sales is yet about the scoured basis of 44@45c for strictly fine lots, with fine medium at 40@43c, and choice staple lines, 46@48c. Australian wools are quiet.

Quotations—Territory, scoured basis, Montana, fine, 14@17c; scoured, 44@46; fine medium, 14@16c; scoured, 42@43c; staple, 19@17c; scoured, 40@48c; Utah, Wyoming and Idaho fine, 13½@15c; scoured, 44@46c; fine medium, 13@14c; scoured, 40@43c; staple, 16@17c; scoured, 40@47c. Australian, scoured basis, spot prices coming superfine, 74@75c; super, 71@72c; good, 68@70c; average, 65@67c.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Coffee options closed 5@10 points lower; sales, 32,500 bags, including September, $4 80; December, $5 05; March, $5 30; Spot Rio, quiet; No. 7 invoice, 5⅝c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 8@11½c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4c; refined, quiet.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 27.—Wool, steady. Territory and Western medium, 14@18c; fine, 11@15c; coarse, 11@14c.

Cotton at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Cotton closed unsteady, 10@12 points lower.

California Lemons in the East.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The lemon trade this season has been unsatisfactory. Notwithstanding the fact that receipts of Sicily lemons have been smaller this year, the range of