COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

A prominent feature of yesterday's market was the continued strength in lard. An advance of 1c per pound has been scored in the last two weeks, and a further rise is easily possible. Hogs and corn are both scarce, and the pork raisers of the Middle West are rushing their animals into the market before they have become fat enough to yield much lard, thereby materially stiffening that staple. All hog products are very firm, and advancing prices may be expected for the next month or two. Meats and provisions are otherwise uneventful and with a good trade doing. No changes are noted in groceries, save an advance on pickles. The long-continued dry weather has shriveled many vines, and, unless speedily relieved, will cause a decided shortage of this delicacy. Hops, wool, hides, etc., are as before.

The produce market displays great strength in eggs and poultry. Eggs took a decided jump yesterday and first-class stock is now selling at 20c per dozen, with a differential of 1c for inferior grades. Receipts are scarce, cleaning up closely at the above high price. Country shippers seem to be out of eggs, and dealers are unable to catch up on back shipping orders. The price will probably not come down for several weeks. Poultry is more plentiful, but all sent in is taken almost at once. A steady price of 11c per pound, live weight, is easily maintained.

Peaches were unreasonably scarce yesterday and sold briskly at 70c and 75c. The supply is short just now on account of Eastern shipments. Watermelons are still far too numerous, but sell off slowly, and quotations are maintained as yet. Oregon grapes (Muscatines) are coming in and sell at $1 per crate, quite a bit below the California prices. Plums and prunes are in good supply. Vegetables are steady and unchanged.

Clearing-House Statement.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$323,784	$ 32,232
Seattle	320,174	117,571
Tacoma	179,056	40,528
Spokane	157,385	25,996

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat market is still very weak, with no great effort being made to do business without it can be handled on an export basis. The higher rates paid a few days ago at competitive points in order to attract wheat to the warehouses, have given way to figures more in keeping with the foreign market. For Walla Walla, 55c to 56c is quoted, and about half a cent more could possibly be squeezed out for a round lot. No Valley is selling yet, but the general impression is that it will open at a differential of about 1c per bushel over Walla Walla. Freights are very firm, and there is nothing obtainable in sailers at less than 42s 6d per ton.

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, $27 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, 12½c; 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, 5s, 12c; 10s, 11½c; 50s, 11¼c; tierces, 11¼c; Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 13½c; medium, 13½c; small, 14½c; 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, 5s, 12½c; 10s, 12¼c; dry salted bellies, 11½@12c; bacon bellies, 12½@ 13½c; drief beef, 15½c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@25c; Java, fancy, 20@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 3lbs; Lion, $11 63 list; Cordova, $11 63 list.

Rice—Island, 6c; Imperial Japan No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 5½c; 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, (Merced) 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, 50c; beets, $1 50 per sack.

Fruit—Lemons, $4 50@5; 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@1 50 per crate; peaches, 65@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, 6½@7c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 3@4c; apricots, 10½c, peaches, 8c; pears, 8@9c; prunes, Italian, 5@7c; silver, extra choice, 5@7c; 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, 13@18½c; Eastern Oregon, 5@ 12½c; mohair, 20@21c 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, 5@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), 3c 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—Dearskins, 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, $6@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@50c; 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—19@20c per dozen.

Poultry — Chickens, mixed, $3@3 75; hens, $4@4 75; live weight, 11c per pound; Springs, 25c per pound, $2 50@3 50 per dozen; ducks, $3@3 50 for young; geese, $7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 8@10c per pound.

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

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Speculative Mind Indecisive and Little Business Doing.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The stock market relapsed into trivialities again today. The volume of transactions fell below 500,000 shares and the mixture of net changes at the close is wholly without significance, except as a reflection of the indecision dwelling in the speculative minds. No attention was paid to any news of the day, and, in fact, there were no occurrences having any important bearing on the values of securities.

The bear traders made a feeble tentative raid shortly after the opening, but the offerings of stocks proved so small that they became intimidated and bought back again, covering short lines which were left over from yesterday. The success of yesterday's raid seems to have been due to an encounter with some particularly weak speculative lines, which represented little more than a froth easily blown off the surface of speculation. Today showed stocks tenaciously held again, notwithstanding the extreme listlessness of the demand.

Signs of renewed weakness in the corn market after the opening dealings induced some covering of shorts in stocks from Western sources, but these were not put out again when corn rallied later. The approach of a three-day hiatus in the stock market, with possibilities of favorable or unfavorable developments in the interval, was enough to dissuade either the bulls or the bears from committing themselves for that length of time, and to this deterrent influence may be added the recognized possibility of the marking up of call loans on Friday.

The reopening of the dispute between France and Turkey had some influence upon foreign markets today, which was emphasized by the discouraging view caused by the prolongation of the Boer War. On the other hand a settlement of the steel strike is believed in Wall street to be possible at any time. The market closed dull and heavy.

There was less doing in railroad bonds than yesterday, but prices were about steady. Total sales, par value, $1,500,000.

United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

RAILROADS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing bid.
Atchison	79⅛	77⅝	78⅛
do pfd	98⅝	97	97½
Baltimore & Ohio	104⅝	103½	103⅛
do pfd	94½	94½	94
Canadian Pacific	111¼	111	110⅞
Canada Southern	.....	.....	68
Chesapeake & Ohio	47	46½	46⅞
Chicago & Alton	40	39⅝	39⅝
do pfd	78⅝	78¼	78
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	38⅛	37½	38⅛
do pfd	73	73	72½
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	.....	.....	127
Chicago & Great Western	22⅝	22½	22⅝
do A pfd	85	85	84
do B pfd	.....	.....	47½
Chicago & Northwestern	.....	.....	195
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	144⅝	144	143½
Chicago Term. & Trans.	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
do pfd	41⅝	41¼	41
C., C., C. & St. L.	89⅝	89¼	89¼
Colorado Southern	15⅝	14⅞	15⅝
do 1st pfd	57⅝	56⅝	57⅛
do 2d pfd	26½	26	26¼
Delaware & Hudson	.....	.....	166½
Delaware, Lack. & Western	.....	.....	225
Denver & Rio Grande	45½	45¼	45½
do pfd	.....	.....	92½
Erie	42½	41⅝	42
do 1st pfd	70⅝	69¼	70¼
do 2d pfd	57⅝	56½	57
Great Northern pfd	185⅝	185	185¾
Hocking Valley	53⅝	53⅝	53
do pfd	.....	.....	76
Illinois Central	147	146½	146½
Iowa Central	.....	.....	34⅝
do pfd	.....	.....	74⅝
Lake Erie & Western	65	64⅝	65
do pfd	.....	.....	125
Louisville & Nashville	106⅝	105¼	105⅝
Manhattan L	119⅝	119	119⅛
Metropolitan St. Ry	168	167½	167¼
Mexican Central	25½	25⅛	25¼
Mexican National	11⅝	11¼	11⅛
Minneapolis & St. Louis	108	107¼	107½
Missouri Pacific	106⅝	106	106
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	28¼	28	28⅛
do pfd	57	56½	56½
New Jersey Central	164	164	162
New York Central	154⅞	154¼	154¼
Norfolk & Western	56½	55¼	56
do pfd	.....	.....	89¼
Northern Pacific pfd	.....	.....	98
Ontario & Western	35⅞	35¼	35⅝
Pennsylvania	147½	146⅝	146⅞
Reading	44½	43⅝	44½
do 1st pfd	77⅛	76⅝	77
do 2d pfd	55⅝	55¼	55¼
St. Louis & San Francisco	45	43½	44⅝
do 1st pfd	81	81	81
do 2d pfd	69⅝	69½	69¾
St. Louis Southwestern	32⅝	31	31
do pfd	65¼	65	62
St. Paul	167⅞	166½	166⅝
do pfd	188	188	188
Southern Pacific	60⅛	59¼	59⅞
Southern Railway	33⅝	32⅝	33⅛
do pfd	88⅛	88	88⅛
Texas & Pacific	46⅝	44½	45⅞
Toledo, St. Louis & West	.....	.....	21⅞
do pfd	.....	.....	35
Union Pacific	102⅞	101¾	101⅞
do pfd	91½	91	91
Wabash	22⅝	21⅝	22⅛
do pfd	41½	40½	41⅛
Wheeling & Lake Erie	19	19	19
do 2d pfd	32½	32½	31
Wisconsin Central A	21	21	21
do pfd	.....	.....	42
P., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	70
EXPRESS COMPANIES.			
Adams	.....	.....	175
American	.....	.....	190
United States	93	90¼	93
Wells-Fargo	.....	.....	160
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amalagamated Copper	119⅝	118	118½
American Car & Foundry	31	30½	30½
do pfd	87½	87	87⅝
American Linseed Oil	.....	.....	22
do pfd	.....	.....	61½
American Smelting & Refining	54	51⅝	52
do pfd	100½	100	100
American Tobacco	135	135	135½
Anaconda Mining Co.	47	46⅛	46½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	75½	74	75
Colorado Fuel & Iron	.....	.....	36½
Consolidated Gas	225	224	223
Continental Tobacco	.....	.....	67½
do pfd	118½	117½	119
General Electric	265	265	264
Glucose Sugar	56¼	56	56
Hocking Coal	.....	.....	19
International Paper	24⅛	23½	23⅝
do pfd	79	78⅝	78⅝
International Power	95½	92½	95
Laclede Gas	.....	.....	87
National Biscuit	.....	.....	43⅝
National Salt	.....	.....	42½
do pfd	76⅝	76⅛	76
Pacific Coast	.....	.....	66
Pacific Mail	43	42	41½
People's Gas	112½	112¼	112
Pressed Steel Car	42½	42½	42
do pfd	84	84	83⅝
Pullman Palace Car	.....	.....	208
Republic Steel	19⅝	18½	19
do pfd	73½	72	73¼
Sugar	135⅞	134¼	135
Tennessee Coal & Iron	66⅛	65½	65½
Union Bag & Paper Co.	.....	.....	16½
do pfd	.....	.....	73
United States Leather	14⅝	13½	14
do pfd	83½	82½	83
United States Rubber	19½	19¼	19¼
do pfd	58¼	58¼	58
United States Steel	45½	44½	45
do pfd	94⅝	93⅞	94⅝
Western Union	93⅝	92⅝	93⅝

Total sales for the day, 463,700 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s ref., reg.	107⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	105⅝
do coupon	107⅝	Nor. Pac. 3s	72
do 5s, reg	108⅛	Nor. Pac. 4s	104⅝
do 5s, coup	108¼	Or. Nav. 1sts	110
do new 4s, reg	137¼	do 4s	102
do new 4s, coup	137¼	Or. Short Line 6s	128⅝
do old 4s, reg	113	do con. 5s	117½
do new 4s, coup	113	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	100½
do 5s, reg	107⅝	St. Paul consols	184
do 5s, coup	107⅝	do C. & P. 1sts	115½
Dis. of Col. 3.65s	124	do C. & P. 5s	116⅝
Atchison adj. 4s	97⅝	Union Pac. 4s	105½
C. & N. W. con 7s	137	Wis. Cent. 1sts	88¼
do S. F. deb. 5s	123¼	West Shore 4s	113½
D. & R. G. 4s	101½	South. Pac. 4s	92¼
Gen. Elec. 5s	200		

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The stock market today was very slack but firm. Consols early in the day were heavily sold, supposedly on account of the French-Turkey rupture, but rallied later. In the best-informed quarters the incident is not seriously regarded. American stocks were very slow, but New York selling was good.

After the close there was a sharp rally in the street, the leaders being Atchison, Norfolk & Western, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, all of which advanced on New York buying. Business here was, however, at low ebb. Commission houses sold this morning for an American resident on this side 10,000 shares of Southern Pacific and 5000 shares of other stocks. Trunk line firsts touched par for the first time since 1884.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Flour—Receipts, 29,800 barrels; exports, 5841 barrels. Firmly held at 10c above buyers' views.

Wheat—Receipts, 59,400 bushels; export, easy; No. 2 red 76⅝c f. o. b. afloat; 74¾c elevator.

Options opened easy and advanced on firmer cables, a demand from shorts and large seaboard clearances, but finally yielded to realizing, closing weak, at ¼c net decline. September closed, 75⅝c; October closed, 75½; December, 77¼c.

Hops—Easy.

Hides—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 85¼; do sight, $4 87½.

Drafts—Sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c.

Mexican dollars—47@47½c.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Money on call, steady, 2½@3 per cent; last loans, 2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 86½ demand, and at $4 84¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85@ $4 85½ and $4 87½@4 88; commercial bills, $4 83½@4 84.

Mexican dollars—45½c.

Government bonds—Steady.

State bonds—Strong.

Railroad bonds—Steady.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Money, 1@1¼ per cent; consols, 94 7-16.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Today's statement of the condition of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balances	$176,824,699
Gold	103,530,086

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Anaconda, 9½; Atchison, 80⅝; Canadian Pacific, 114⅝; Denver & Rio Grande, 46⅝; do preferred, 95⅝; Northern Pacific preferred, 101½; Southern Pacific, 61⅝; Union Pacific, 105; do preferred, 93½.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—Wheat, easy; barley, very quiet.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping No. 1, 97½c; choice, 97½c; milling, $1 01½@1 02½.

Barley—Brewing, 78¾@82½c.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Easy; December, $1 01⅛.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 55@1 65.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—Wheat ruled weak at the opening, and prices were a shade lower, the bear feature being the heavy Northwest receipts. Under the influence of the strength in corn, steady cables and reports of a good cash demand both at Duluth and New York, prices advanced a little in sympathy with corn, but on a lack of outside support the market weakened again. Liquidation was the prevailing feature, with but little new buying demand. December opened ⅛c to ¼c lower, at 71⅛c to 72c, and after an early advance to 72⅝@72½c, prices gradually sagged, the low point being reached at 71½c. The close was ½c lower, at 71⅝c.

There was considerable strength exhibited early in corn, brought about by renewed buying, mostly on short account. Local longs were disposed to unload their holdings, influenced by the relatively large primary receipts, reported improvement in crop conditions and slow export demand, and a reaction followed. December closed with a loss of ¾c, at 56⅛@56⅝c.

Oats followed corn all day. December closed ⅝c lower, at 35¼c.

Provisions opened steady, with prices a shade lower. The feature to the trading was the liquidation resulting from the steady advance on both near-by and deferred deliveries during the past week. The close was 5c lower for pork and lard and 7½c lower for ribs.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
September	$0 69⅝	$0 70	$0 69⅛	$0 69¼
December	71⅞	72½	71½	71⅝
May	75⅝	76½	75⅝	75½
CORN.				
September	54½	55¼	53⅞	54
December	57	57⅝	56¼	56⅝
May	59⅝	60⅛	58⅝	58⅝
OATS.				
September	33⅞	34¼	33¼	33⅝
December	35⅝	36	35	35¼
May	37⅞	38	37⅝	37½
MESS PORK.				
September	14 20	14 20	14 12½	14 17½
October	14 27½	14 30	14 25	14 30
January	15 40	15 45	15 27½	15 37½
LARD.				
September	8 87½	8 87½	8 82½	8 82½
October	8 92½	8 95	8 90	8 90
January	8 77½	8 80	8 72½	8 75
SHORT RIBS.				
September	8 37½	8 37½	8 27½	8 27½
October	8 37½	8 42½	8 32½	8 35
January	7 90	7 90	7 85	7 85

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Barely steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 67⅝@69c; No. 2 red, 71½c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 55⅝@55⅞c.

Oats—No. 2, 34⅞@35¼c; No. 2 white, 37¼@ 37½c; No. 3 white, 36⅝@38c.

Rye—No. 2, 55c.

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

Flaxseed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1 52.

Timothy seed—Prime, $5 35.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $14 20@14 25.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $8 85@8 87½.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $8 15@8 35.

Dry-salted shoulders—Boxed, 7¼@7½c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8 85@8 95.

Clover—Contract grade, $9 75@9 80.

Butter—Easier; creameries, 14@19½c; dairies, 13@17c.

Cheese—Steady, 9⅝@10⅝c.

Eggs—Firmer; fresh, 14c.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	80,000	18,000
Wheat, bushels	379,000	318,000
Corn, bushels	447,000	118,000
Oats, bushels	461,000	153,000
Rye, bushels	11,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	75,000	.....

Grain in Europe.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Wheat cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 29s 1½d; cargoes Walla Walla, 28s 6d; English country markets, generally cheaper.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 28.—Wheat, steady; No. 1 standard California, 6s ½d. Wheat and flour in Paris, firm; French country markets, part cheaper. Weather in England, unsettled.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 16,500, including 1000 Texans and 3000 Westerns. Steers generally, 10c to 15c higher; Texans, steady; Westerns, 10c higher; butchers' stock, 10c to 15c higher. Good to prime steers, $5 50 @6 30; poor to medium, $3 75@5 40; stockers and feeders, slow, $2 25@4 25; cows, $2 45@ 4 40; heifers, $2 50@4 85; canners, $1 25@ 2 40; bulls, $2 25@4 40; calves, steady, $3@ 5 35; Texas steers, $4@5; Texas grass steers, $3 50@3 95; Western steers, $3 90@5.

Hogs—Receipts, 27,000; tomorrow, estimated, 28,000; left over, 4000. Active, 5c higher; top, $6 52½. Mixed and butchers', $5 25@6; good to choice, heavy, $5 90@6 52½; rough, heavy, $5 70@5 85; light, $5 70@6 37½; bulk of sales, $6@6 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 17,000. Sheep and good lambs, steady; common lambs, weak. Good to choice wethers, $3 25@4; fair to choice mixed, $3@3 25; Western sheep, $2 75@3 90; yearlings, $3 25@4; native lambs, $2 50@5 25; Western lambs, $3 75@5 10.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,000. Market, steady to 5@10c higher. Texas steers, $2 75@3 90; Texas cows, $2 25 @2 60; native steers, $4 65@5 75; native cows and heifers, $2 50@5; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 25; bulls, $2 25@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000. Market, steady to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $6@6 30; heavy, $6 25 @6 35; packers, $6 10@6 30; mixed, $6@6 25; lights, $5 65@6 15; Yorkers, $5 60@6 10; pigs, $4 50@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000. Market, strong. Lambs, $4@4 90; muttons, $3@3 75.

OMAHA, Aug. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 2600. Market, strong to 10c higher. Native beef steers, $4 25@5 85; Western steers, $3 60@ 4 50; Texas steers, $3 35@4 30; cows and heifers, $2 70@4 20; canners, $1 25@2 50; stockers and feeders, 10c lower, $2 60@4 10; calves, $3@5; bulls and stags, $2@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 1000. Market, steady, strong. Heavy, $6@6 20; mixed, $5 97½@6; light, $5 85@6; bulk of sales, $6.

Sheep—Receipts, 6600. Market, active. Wethers, $3 20@3 50; ewes, $2 25@2 90; common and stock sheep, $2 25@2 90; lambs, $3 75@5.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 10@12c; Eastern Oregon, 10@13c; Valley Oregon, 13@14c. Pelt—Mountain lambs, 7@8c; San Joaquin plains, 6@8c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@12c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $21@22 50; bran, $20 @20 50 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@6 50 per ton; straw, 25@40c per bale.

Onions—Yellow, $1@1 55.

Bananas—$1 25@2 per bunch.

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

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1 10@1 60; River Burbanks, $1 35@1 50; Salinas Burbanks, $1 40 $1 57½; Oregon Burbanks, $1 25@1 50; sweet, (new) 75c@$1 per sack.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, $1 25; choice, $3 50; Mexican limes, $3 50@4.

Pineapples—$1 50@2.

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@3 per dozen; do large, $3 50@4; fryers, $3 50@4 50; hens, $4@5; old ducks, $3@3 50; young ducks, $3 50@5; goslings, $1 50@1 75 per dozen; geese, $1 50@1 75 per pair; old pigeons, $1 25@1 75; young pigeons, $1 25@ 1 50 per dozen.

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

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

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20c; fancy dairy, 18@22c; seconds, 15c; pickled, 16@17c per pound.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 31,008; do Oregon, 1020; wheat, centals, 320; barley, centals, 9780; oats, centals, 10,160; do Oregon, 560; onions, sacks, 885; bran, sacks, 5532; middlings, sacks, 365; hay, tons, 633; wool, bales, 215; hides, 742.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Aug. 28.—The American Cotton & Wool Reporter will say tomorrow:

The wool market continues firm. The demand, however, has been mostly from the smaller mills, the large consumers having satisfied their needs for the time being at any rate, and the volume of sales during the past week has been less than that of the previous week. There have been no sales of large blocks of wool, such as characterized the market a few weeks ago, but from the smaller mills the inquiry has been quite active for certain lines, which has given a firm tone to the market, and made it appear more active than if the same amount of wool was being taken by a very few large consumers.

That there will be more wool needed than a year ago is generally believed, in view of the fact that the public demand for goods has changed from those in which shoddy and cotton are used to the better class of goods, which means that more wool and fewer substitutes will be consumed this year than for some time past. This change in the public demand is reflected also in a decided pressure for the better class of wools and fine wools are especially firm, in good demand and in not overabundant supply. There is a good inquiry for fine territory and fine Australian, with the supply limited in this market.

The receipts of wool at Boston this week amounted to 24,347 bales, against 32,216 bales last week and 15,946 last year. The total receipts since January 1 have been 456,612 bales domestic and 100,881 bales foreign, against 275,690 bales domestic and 118,109 bales of foreign for the corresponding period of 1900. This is an increase of 180,922 bales domestic, and a decrease of 12,288 bales foreign. Shipments of wool for the week ending August 26 aggregate 6,597,639 pounds. This shows a decrease of 624,069 pounds over the shipments of 7,221,707 pounds for the previous week.

Since January 1 the total shipments amount to 167,771,667 pounds.

The sales of the week in Boston amounted to 3,800,000 pounds domestic and 550,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 4,350,000 pounds, against a total of 5,192,000 pounds for the previous week, and a total of 3,229,000 pounds for the corresponding week last year. The sales since January 1 amount to 163,679,700 pounds, against 90,560,500 pounds for the corresponding period of last year.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—In local metal circles tin ruled rather quiet all day, but about steady with the asking rate somewhat higher, while buyers refused to bid any more than $25 50 for spot tin. The close was steady at $25 50@25 97½. An advance of 12s 6d was made in London, the prices on covering recovering to £116 2s 6d for spot, and £112 for futures.

Copper in London declined 3s 9d under a lack of buyers and closed easy in tone at £66 10s for spot, and £66 17s 6d for futures. Here the copper market was featureless and nominally unchanged at 16½c to 17c for lake, and 16⅝@16⅞c for casting.

Lead was dull and unchanged at home and abroad, closing at $4 37½ and £11 15s 9d respectively. Spelter ruled inactive but about steady at $4 37½. London market was unchanged at £17.

Iron continues nominal at $10 for pig iron warrants; No. 1 Northern foundry, $15@15 50; No. 2 foundry Southern, $14 50@14 75; No. 1 foundry Southern, $14 75@15 25; No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $14 75@15 25. Glasgow warrants closed at 53s 6d, and Middlesboro at 45s.

Bar silver—58½c per ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—Bar silver, 58⅝c per ounce.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Bar silver, steady, 27d per ounce.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Coffee—Spot Rio, dull; No. 7 invoice, 5⅝c; mild, dull; Cordova, 8@11½c. Futures closed unchanged to 5 points higher. Total sales, 30,000 bags, including September, $4 75; December, $5 50; March, $5 25@5 30.

Sugar—Raw, quiet and steady; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4c; molasses sugar, 3 5-32c refined, steady.

Cotton at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The cotton market opened firm, with prices 1 point lower to 4 points higher, and immediately following the call displayed strength on room covering, moderate buying and absence of selling pressure. The market finally was steady, net 4 to 6 points lower.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST LOUIS, Aug. 28.—Wool—Steady; Western and territory medium, 14@16c; fine, 11 @15c; coarse, 11@14c.

NEWS FROM NORTH CAPE.

Not as Icebound as Is Generally Supposed.

W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record-Herald.

HAMMERFEST, Norway, July 25.—Persons who want to see the fjords of Norway thoroughly should take the regular mail steamers, which call at all the small ports and take a month instead of a week for the voyage. The boats are small, but clean and comfortable, and only occasionally have bad weather—very seldom in the Summer. They wind in and out of the narrow passages and because of their size can navigate where the larger tourist steamers are not able to go, and therefore the passengers on the latter miss some of the finest scenery.

Voyages to the North Cape by the tourist steamers are limited to a few weeks during the mid-Summer, when the sun is supposed to be visible at midnight in the Arctic regions, but steamers run regularly all the year way around the Cape to Archangel, Vadso and Horningsvaag, the Arctic ports of Russia. The fjords never freeze, so that navigation is always open, and there is more or less travel even in mid-Winter between the civilized portions of the Arctic regions.

This fact was unknown to me, and I assume that other people are equally ignorant. I was under the impression that everything froze up solid, as it does in Alaska, early in the Fall, and remained so until late in the Spring; that everybody who had money enough to go away went to a warmer climate to spend the Winter, and that those who had to stay hibernated like bears. But that