PICK HOPS EARLY

Marion County Grower Thinks There Is Danger of Mold.

WEATHER HAS NOT BEEN GOOD

Producers Believe 1902s Will Command 25 Cents Before the New Crop Is Ready for Market—Local Produce Quotations.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Hopgrowers report that under the influence of the hot weather of the first part of last week the lice on the hop vines became less numerous and it is said that no increase is apparent as a result of the warm, cloudy weather of the last few days. A drenching rain followed by clear hot weather would suit the hopgrowers better than the present unsettled condition. It is quite generally felt that there is a great danger of mold in the hops if the weather should be unfavorable.

"I shall have all my hops picked and in the dryhouse during the first week of September," said a grower of many years' experience yesterday. "I am afraid of mold and shall get my hops picked as early as I can. In fact, I intend to have my crop all harvested before others begin. Picking generally will not begin until September 5 to 8, but I believe that this year it is safer to pick a little green than to take chances on mold. We are likely to have rain any time after the first week of September. I shall begin picking during the last few days of August, if the crop matures as it now promises."

The grower who proposes this plan for harvesting his own crop declined to have his name mentioned because he does not want to pose as advising others to pursue a similar course. He is willing to try early picking on his own crop, but does not want to lead others to do what they might be sorry for. The grower referred to has not sprayed his hops this season and for that reason will pick early in hopes of preventing any injury by the lice which have appeared in his yard in considerable numbers. He says that picking the hops while a little green will impair their quality somewhat, but he thinks that in a year when the price is up to 20 to 25 cents a pound the buyers will not be quite so strict in judging the quality. It is when the price is dropping, according to his experience, that buyers find fault with the quality of hops.

Thus far no offers of above 20 cents a pound for either 1902 or 1903 hops have been reported. No sales of 1902 hops at that price have been made public, if any have taken place, but it is known that some contracts for 1903 crops have been made at that figure. Growers who still have hops of the crop of 1902 believe that the price will yet reach nearly 25 cents before the new crop is ready for market. Some dealers assert, however, that even the 20 cents now offered is not warranted by a demand for consumption.

Feeling assured of from 20 to 25 cents a pound for the new crop, when everything above 8 to 10 cents is clear profit, the growers are not worrying over the market. To get the crop safely harvested is the great concern at present, and growers are getting ready for the great rush of hoppicking. Pickers are being employed and there will evidently be work for all who want it.

RUSSIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

Winter Wheat Generally Favorable—Spring Grain a Partial Failure.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 17.—A statement has been issued showing the official crop prospects for European Russia up to a fortnight ago. Winter wheat is pronounced good in the southwest, comprising all the country up to the Dnelper, a strip from the headwaters of this river to the German frontier, a small part of the central black earth belt and considerable stretches south of the Don and the Kouma, respectively. It is declared satisfactory in all the other wheat districts except comparatively small districts around Kharkouv., Nizhniy, Novgorod and on the other hand on the right bank of the Dwina.

Rye is classed as good in the lower half of the trans-Dnelper southwest between Zhitomir and Grodno, almost all the way between Nizhniy, Novgorod and Zamara, along the lower Kama River, in the Urals, on both sides of the Belaya and south of the Don and Kouma Rivers. It is unsatisfactory in considerable belts around Kharkouv, from Vitebsk to Pskov and Riga, around Old Novgorod, Nizhniy, along the west bank of the Volga below Saratov, all along the Ural River and in a big section of the Upper Kama and Viotka Valleys. It is satisfactory elsewhere, that is, as in the case of wheat throughout nine-tenths of the grain country.

Spring grain is bad or unsatisfactory in about one-third of the grain country, the failure extending, with extensive exceptions, however, from the junction of the Don and Volga Valleys to the extreme north and northeast. There is also almost a total failure along the right bank of the Dwina. To offset this, however, excellent crops are expected from Kovno to Ekaterinoslav and south of the line between these cities and throughout the Northern Caucasus from Rostov to Vladikavkaze. The remaining satisfactory districts comprise three-fifths of the whole agricultural area.

Hungarian Prune Crop.

From the official horticultural journal of Budapest it is learned that the prune crop of Hungary will not be more than a low average crop. While in some localities good crops are promised, the excessive cultivation has materially lessened the general prospects. The reports from Bosnia and Servia are no more promising. Bosnia-Herzegovnia will have, it is thought, only about one-half the crop of 1902. On the whole, the outlook for the prune crop is anything but encouraging. The Bosnia producers and dealers had each from 10 to 20 carloads of prunes left over from 1902. Owing to the unfavorable prospects there is no bargaining yet for the new crop.

Second Spraying.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Hopgrowers in many instances are spraying their yards for the second time, the lice being more numerous than ever before. The crop gives good promise, however, and will go 80 per cent of a bumper yield.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

The week has opened with less excitement in the interior and there is a hope on the part of shippers that wheat will soon get down to an export basis, but there is still some demand from millers, which serves to keep up the views of farmers.

FLOUR—Valley, $3.60@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straights, $3.60@4.00; hard wheat, patents, $4.10@4.50; Dakota hard wheat, $4.10@5.00; graham, $3.35@3.75; whole wheat, $3.35@4.00; rye wheat, $4.00.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 77@78c; bluestem, 80@82c; valley, 80c.

BARLEY—Feed, $19.00@19.50 per ton; brewing, $21.00; rolled, $21.00@21.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.07½; gray, $1.00@1.05 per central.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $23.00 per ton; middlings, $27.00; shorts, $23.00; chop, U. S. mills, $18.00; linseed dairy food, $19.00.

Hay—Timothy, old, $20.00 per ton; new, $14.00@15.00; clover, nominal; grain, $12.00; cheat, nominal.

CEREAL FOODS—Flaked oats, 90-pound sacks, $3.30 per barrel; rolled oats, 90-pound sacks, $4.00@6.00 per barrel; 20 two-pound packages, $2.50 per case; oatmeal, steel-cut, 50-pound sacks, $7.00 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $3.75 per bale; oatmeal, ground, 50-pound sacks, $5.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale; split peas, 50-pound sacks, per cwt., $3.00; 25-pound boxes, per box, $1.25; pearl barley, 60-pound sacks, per cwt., $4.50; 25-pound boxes, per box, $1.25; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, per bale, $2.30.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

The egg market has opened in poor shape. No one asks more than 19 cents, and it is hinted that even this figure has been shaded. The demand is poor and stocks are accumulating. Butter is cleaning up better and in some quarters is quoted quite firm. No poultry was received yesterday.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 20@22½c per pound; dairy, nominal; store, 16@17c.

CHEESE—Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15c; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 11@11½c per pound; Spring, 14@15c; hens, 11½@12c; broilers, $2.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@12c per pound; dressed, 14@15c; ducks, $4.00@4.50 per dozen; geese, $5.00@6.50.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 19c.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Watermelons were not so plentiful on Front street yesterday as they were last week. Bartlett pears were also scarce. Grapes of all kinds were abundant and sold well. Tomatoes were scarce and higher. Half a car of sweet potatoes came in and sold lower.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 65c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets; 90c per sack; cabbage, 1½@1½c; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, per dozen, 25c; cucumbers, 15c per dozen; tomatoes, 75c per box; cauliflower, $1.10 per dozen; beans, 4@5c; green corn, 15@20c per dozen; green peas, 4c per pound; egg plant, 12@8c.

POTATOES—Oregon, 75@80c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2½c.

ONIONS—Silverskins, $1.15@1.25 per sack.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatel, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-crown, 7½c; 2-crown, 6½c; unbleached seedless Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultana, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

HONEY—15c per No. 1 frame.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 5½@6½c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4½@5½c; apricots, 8@10c; peaches, 5@6c; pears, 8@8½c; prunes, Italian, 4@4½c; French, 3@3½c; figs, California blacks, 5c; do white, 7½c; Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 4½@5½c.

DOMESTIC FRUIT—New apples, 75c@$1.50 per box; peaches, Oregon, 75@80c; California Crawfords, 90c; cantaloupes, Fresno, $2.50; Marysville, $2.50; Dallas, $2@2.25 per crate; watermelons, $1.10@1.25 per cwt.; plums, 65@75c per crate; pears, $1.50 per box; prunes, 80@90c per crate; grapes, $1.25@1.50 per crate.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $2.75@4.50 per box; oranges, sweets, $2.25@2.75; Valencia, $3.50; St. Michaels, $2.75@3.25; grape fruit, $2.50 per box; bananas, $2@3.25 per bunch; pineapples, $3.50@4 per dozen.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 16@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c pound; Columbia roast, $16.75; Arbuckle's, $11.13 list; Lion, $11.13.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.65 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; fancy 1-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 75c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $1.60.

SUGAR—Sack basis, per 100 pounds, cube, $5.90; powdered, $5.75; dry granulated, $5.65; extra C, $5.15; golden C, $5.00; less ¼c per pound for spot cash, advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 25c; half-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds; maple, 15@16c per pound; beet sugar, granulated, $5.55 per 100 pounds.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.87½; No. 2, $5.50; Carolina head, $7.75; broken head, $4.00.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6½c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 80@90c per dozen; walnuts, 15½c per pound; pinenuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 17c; almonds, 14@15c; chestnuts, 16c.

SALT—Liverpool, 50s, 42c per sack; half-ground, per ton, 50s, $14.50; 100s, $14.00; Worcester salt, bulk, 32s, $5.00 per barrel; linen sacks, 50s, 86c per sack; bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, $2.10 per bale.

WHEAT SACKS—In lots of 100, 5½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 20c per pound.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2½@3c.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pound and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 16c; dry salted, hide and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@9c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7@8c; under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15 and 20 pounds, 7c; under 15 pounds and veals, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.50@2.00; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, 25c@$1.00.

WOOL—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 25@27½c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Dressed, 6½@7½c per pound.

VEAL—Small, 8c; large, 6½@7c per pound.

MUTTON—Dressed, 5½@6c; lambs, dressed, 7c.

HOGS—Dressed, 7½c.

HAMS—10@14 pounds, 16c per pound; 14@16 pounds, 15½c per pound; 18@20 pounds, none; California (picnic), 10½c; cottage ham, none; Union hams, 4@6 pounds average, none; shoulders, 10½c; boiled ham, 22c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 16c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 20c; standard, breakfast, 15c; choice, 16½c; English breakfast bacon, 11@14 pounds, 15½c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Regular short clears, 11½c, 12½c smoked; clear backs, 11½c; salt, 12½c, smoked; Oregon exports, 20@22 pounds average, 12c dry salt, 13c smoked; Union buns, 10@12 pounds average, 8½c dry salt, 10½c smoked.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 10½c; tubs, 10½c; 50s, 10½c; 20s, 10½c; 10s, 10½c; 5s, 11c. Standard pure—Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 10c; 50s, 10c; 20s, 10½c; 10s, 10½c; 5s, 10½c. Compound—Tierces, 8c; tubs, 8½c.

SAUSAGE—Portland, ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 7c; wienerwurst, 8½c; liver, 6c; pork, 10c; blood, 6c; headcheese, 6c; bologna sausage, link, 7½c.

PICKLED GOODS—Portland pigs' feet, ¼ barrels, $3; ¼ barrels, $2.85; 15-pound kits, $1.20. Tripe, ¼ barrels, $5.50; ¼ barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kits, $1; pigs' tongues, ½ barrel, $6; ¼ barrel, $3; 15-pound kit, $1.25. Lambs' tongues, ½ barrel, $8.25; ¼ barrel, $4.75; 15-pound kit, $2.25.

Oils.

COAL OIL—Pearl or astral oil, cases, 22c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 15½c; wood barrels, 18c; eocene oil, cases, 24c; elaine oil, cases, 27c; extra star, cases, 25c; headlight oil, 175 degrees, cases, 24c; iron barrels, 17½c.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 24½c; iron barrels, 18c; 86 degrees gasoline, cases, 28½c; iron barrels, 22c.

BENZINE—63 degrees, cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15½c.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in barrels, 44c; genuine kettle boiled, in barrels, 46c; pure raw oil, in cases, 49c; genuine kettle boiled, in cases, 51c; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less per gallon.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 76c; wood barrels, 72½c; iron barrels, 70c; 10-case lots, 75c.

LEAD—Collier Atlantic white and red lead in lots of 500 pounds or more, 6c; less than 500 pounds, 6½c.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Andes	$0.19	Hale & Norcross	$0.45
Belcher	25	Mexican	1.15
Best & Belcher	1.75	Ophir	1.65
Caledonia	1.20	Overman	31
Challenge Con	30	Potosi	17
Chollar	17	Savage	16
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.25	Sierra Nevada	65
Con. Imperial	3	Utah Con	24
Crown Point	16	Yellow Jacket	59
Gould & Curry	34		

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0.10	Little Chief	$0.06
Alice	17	Ontario	6.00
Breece	15	Ophir	1.50
Brunswick Con	7	Phoenix	8
Com. Tunnel	13	Potosi	15
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.45	Savage	24
Horn Silver	1.05	Small Hopes	20
Iron Silver	1.70	Standard	1.75
Leadville Con	2		

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 5.75	Old Dominion	$11.00
Allouez	6.00	Osceola	60.50
Amalgamated	50.50	Parrot	22.00
Bingham	23.00	Quincy	95.00
Cal. & Hecla	450.00	Santa Fe Copper	1.37
Centennial	19.75	Tamarack	105.00
Copper Range	61.50	Trimountain	82.12
Daly West	40.00	Trinity	[illegible]
Dominion Coal	85.50	United States	20.12
Franklin	8.37	Utah	27.50

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Tin was higher in London, advancing 10s in that market with spot closing at £128 10s, and futures at £122. Locally, tin was quiet and closed at 28.10@28.25c.

Copper had a sharp advance in London, closing at a gain of £2 5s 10d, with spot at £69 and futures at £68 15s. Locally, copper was higher, and the market strong. Lake, 13.50@13.75c; electrolytic, 13.50c, and casting at 13.25c.

Lead advanced 3s 9d in London to £11 7s 6d, and about 5 points locally at 4.25c.

Spelter was 2s 6d higher in London at £20 7s 6d, and remained firm here at 6c.

Iron closed at 51s 6d in Glasgow and at 46s 9d in Middlesboro. Locally, iron was quiet; No. 1 foundry Northern, $17.50@18; No. 2 do, $16.75@17; No. 1 foundry Southern and do soft, $16.50@17.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Aug. 17.—Prices of butter on Board of Trade this afternoon were unchanged from last week. The official price was fixed at 19c. The week's sales were 700,138 pounds.

MARKET IS HESITATING

OPERATORS BELIEVE THE ADVANCE OVERRAN ITSELF.

There Is a Continuance of Strength, but It Is Irregular—Fear Over the Money Outlook.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—There was a continuance of irregular strength in today's stock market, but it was attended by a degree of hesitation throughout. There was no such urgency or unmixed confidence in the buying as was the case last week. The principal strength of the market was concentrated in a few stocks and the largest proportion of the day's transaction was in these stocks. The professional trade professed doubt whether the recovery from the recent depression had not run too fast last week, inviting renewed reaction. There was doubt also whether the market was ripe for a demonstration of positive strength beyond the normal limits of upward reaction after the acute depression. Except for the fact that most of the necessary liquidation which had depressed the market seemed completed, there was not enough indication of positive change in the conditions which forced the liquidation to make an indefinite upward movement look safe or attractive.

There is some revival of apprehension over the money outlook, and the best grade of commercial demand was 6½ per cent, while commissions in some cases raise the interest rate above this. There does not seem the slightest reason to show any question of mercantile credits involved in these rates. It is simply a pressure upon the available money market supply. Rates for time money show the same firmness, and some lenders refuse to quote rates, pointing out that the terms are a matter of individual adjustment. The tendency of interior exchange foreshadows the coming demand for crop-moving purposes and a stronger tone in foreign countries makes the outlook for imported gold not so sure. The price of gold was raised in the London market, and discounts were inclined to harden abroad.

The situation abroad was affected to some extent by the events in Southeastern Europe. The opening decline here was largely in sympathy with the London market, although there was some profit-taking for domestic account, prompted by the extent of last week's rise. It was feared that some of the stocks bought for support last week would come on the market now, and there was some apprehension that the large banking interests would frown upon any further advance in prices. The latter fear was quieted by the character of the demand in early buying, which was given the appearance of absorption by some of the large banking interests. Professional leadership was evident in the skill with which the effective buying was distributed and shifted from one quarter to another. Erie was in conspicuous demand early, and glowing forecasts were heard of the showing to be made in the forthcoming annual report. Southern Pacific, Rock Island and Amalgamated Copper were successfully brought into prominence. Copper was advanced ⅛c a pound here and 22s in London. The late buoyancy of Amalgamated Copper and of Rock Island, which rose 2% and ⅝ respectively, sustained the later market, which was disposed to go off on profit-taking. The closing was in consequence irregular and below the best all round.

Bonds were irregular, in sympathy with stocks. Total sales, par value, $1,700,000. United States bonds were unchanged on the last call.

STOCKS.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Cl.
Atchison*	58,600	63½	61⅝	62⅞	62⅞
do preferred	3,200	89½	88⅝	89⅞	89⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	19,200	83⅞	82⅝	83½	83½
do preferred	700	88½	87½	88½	88½
Canadian Pacific	500	126	124⅞	125⅞	125⅞
Central of New Jersey					158
Chesapeake & Ohio	3,600	34⅞	32⅞	34½	32⅞
Chicago & Alton	300	23½	22½	23	23
do preferred					63
Chicago Great Western	4,100	18	17	17⅞	17⅞
do B preferred	800	32⅞	31	31	
Chicago & Northwest	700	167⅞	166	167	
Chi. Term. & Transfer	200	12	11	11	
do preferred	900	21	21	20⅞	
Cin., C. & St. Louis	1,000	74⅞	74	74⅞	
Colorado Southern	600	15	14½	14⅞	
do 1st preferred				54	
do 2d preferred	800	24½	24	24½	
Delaware & Hudson	900	166½	164½	165½	
Del., Lack. & Western	200	245½	244	245½	
Denver & Rio Grande	500	27½	25	25½	
do preferred	400	77½	77½	77½	
Erie	94,800	31	28⅞	30⅞	
do 1st preferred	900	68⅞	67½	68½	
do 2d preferred	7,300	52⅞	51½	52⅞	
Great Northern pfd	1,100	172	170	170	
Hocking Valley	700	71½	69	71½	
do preferred	100	81½	81½	82	
Illinois Central	1,500	134½	133½	133⅞	
Iowa Central	2,300	24½	23½	24	
do preferred	2,800	44⅞	44	44½	
Kansas City Southern	300	25⅞	25½	25½	
do preferred	300	58	58	58⅞	
Louisville & Nashville	7,400	108	106½	107	
Manhattan L	28,400	136⅞	134⅞	135½	
Metropolitan St. Ry	4,200	116½	114½	115⅞	
Minn. & St. Louis	200	62	61	60	
Missouri Pacific	2,400	96½	94⅞	95⅞	
Mo., Kan. & Texas	5,900	21	20	20⅞	
do preferred	4,300	43½	42	44½	
Nat. of Mexico pfd	1,300	40⅞	40	40½	
New York Central	5,800	125½	124½	124⅞	
Norfolk & Western	2,800	64	62½	63⅞	
do preferred				90	
Ontario & Western	13,500	24⅞	23⅞	24½	
Pennsylvania	16,900	125⅞	125	125½	
Pitts., C., C. & Louis	1,200	64½	61	63½	
Reading	5,900	56½	56⅞	56½	
do 1st preferred	200	81⅞	81½	81½	
do 2d preferred	100	69⅞	69½	70	
Rock Island Co.	73,200	29½	28	28⅞	
do preferred	4,700	67½	66⅞	67½	
S. L. & S. F. 1st pfd				72	
do 2d preferred*	1,600	51½	50½	51½	
St. Louis Southwest	600	17½	16⅞	17	
do preferred	3,800	35	33	34⅞	
St. Paul	17,900	145	143½	144⅞	
do preferred				170	
Southern Pacific	40,900	47	44½	46½	
Southern Railway	8,300	22⅞	21⅞	22½	
do preferred	300	84	83½	84½	
Texas & Pacific	1,600	27⅞	26⅞	27⅞	
Tol., St. Louis & West.	400	24	23½	23	
do preferred	300	31½	31	31	
Union Pacific	50,200	77½	75½	76⅞	
do preferred	200	85⅞	85⅞	85	
Wabash	3,600	23½	21⅞	23	
do preferred	6,500	38⅞	35½	37⅞	
Wheel. & Lake Erie	300	17½	17½	17⅞	
Wisconsin Central	2,300	20⅞	19	20⅞	
do preferred				40	
Express companies—					
Adams				221	
American				182	
United States				105	
Wells-Fargo				200	
Miscellaneous—					
Amal. Copper	71,700	50⅞	46⅞	50⅞	
Am. Car & Foundry	300	34½	34	34	
do preferred	100	84	84	84	
Am. Linseed Oil	500	10½	10½	10½	
do preferred				33	
Am. Locomotive	2,200	19⅞	18½	19½	
do preferred	100	84½	84½	84½	
Am. Smelt. & Refining	1,500	46½	45⅞	46⅞	
do preferred	200	89½	89½	90	
Am. Sugar Refining	2,100	117⅞	116	116⅞	
Anaconda Mining Co.	1,400	79⅞	78	79⅞	
Brook. Rapid Transit	7,500	49½	45	48	
Colorado Fuel & Iron	1,000	53	51⅞	51½	
Col. & Hock. Coal	500	15⅞	15	15⅞	
Consolidated Gas	1,300	119⅞	118⅞	119⅞	
General Electric	1,900	167	163	165	
International Paper	100	12⅞	12⅞	12½	
do preferred	400	69½	68⅞	69½	
International Pump				34½	
do preferred				74	
National Biscuit	400	38½	37⅞	38	
National Lead	800	16⅞	16½	16½	
North American	3,200	83	79½	78⅞	
Pacific Mail	100	22	22	21	
People's Gas	900	95⅞	94⅞	95	
Pressed Steel Car	600	45⅞	43⅞	44	
do preferred	200	81½	81½	81½	
Pullman Palace Car				214	
Republic Steel	200	12½	12½	12⅞	
do preferred	700	67½	67	66⅞	
Rubber Goods	500	15½	15½	15	
do preferred				66	
Tenn. Coal & Iron	4,200	45½	41½	45⅞	
United States Leather	1,100	8⅞	8	8½	
do preferred	900	82⅞	82	82½	
United States Rubber				11½	
do preferred	200	40	39	39	
United States Steel	19,500	24⅞	23⅞	24½	
do preferred	3,700	72½	71½	72⅞	
Western Union	600	83⅞	83½	83⅞	

*Ex-dividend.
Total sales for the day, 737,000 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. reg. 2s, reg.	106½	Atchison adj. 4s	98
do coupon	106½	C. & N. W. con. 7s	129
U. S. 3s, reg.	108½	D. & R. G. 4s	98
do coupon	109½	North Pacific 3s	70⅞
U. S. new 4s, reg.	134	do 4s	102⅞
do coupon	135	South. Pacific 4s	93½
U. S. old 4s, reg.	109	Union Pacific 4s	99⅞
do coupon	109	West Shore 4s	108
U. S. 5s, reg.	101½	Wis. Central 4s	89
do coupon	107½		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Consols for money, 90½; consols for account, 90 9-16.

Anaconda	4	N. Y. Central	129
Atchison	63⅞	Norfolk & Western	64⅞
do pfd	92⅞	do pfd	89
Balt. & Ohio	95⅞	Ontario & Western	23
Can. Pacific	128⅞	Pennsylvania	64⅞
Ches. & Ohio	40⅞	Reading	28⅞
Chicago G. W.	17⅞	do 1st pfd	41½
Chi., M. & St. P.	148	do 2d pfd	56
D. & R. G.	24⅞	Southern Ry	22⅞
do pfd	79⅞	do pfd	86½
Erie	31	Southern Pacific	46½
do 1st pfd	68⅞	Union Pacific	78
do 2d pfd	52⅞	do pfd	89
De Beers	19½	U. S. Steel	24⅞
Illinois Central	133	do pfd	76
Louis. & Nash.	110	Wabash	23½
Mo., Kan. & Tex.	20⅞	do pfd	38½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Bar silver—Steady, at 25¾d per ounce.

Money, 2@2¼ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅞ per cent; for three months' bills, 2⅞ per cent.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Prime mercantile paper, 6@6½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8570@4.8575 for demand and at $4.8295@4.83 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.83½ and $4.84 and $4.86½. Commercial bills, $4.85½@4.85⅞.

Bar silver—55⅛c.

Mexican dollars—43½c.

Bonds—Governments, steady; railroads, irregular.

Money on call, steady, at 2½@3 per cent; closing, 2½@3 per cent.

Time money, firm; 60 days, 4½ per cent; 90 days, 5 per cent; six months, 5½@6 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85½; sight, $4.86.

Silver bars—55⅝c.

Mexican dollars—45½c.

Drafts—Sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c.

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$673,243	$100,823
Seattle	756,294	157,066
Tacoma	303,110	43,587
Spokane	374,492	43,668

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Today's statement of the Treasury shows:

Available cash balances	$229,831,939
Gold	101,067,725

WHEAT PIT WEAK.

Everything Against the Market at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Extreme weakness prevailed in the wheat pit, and the market sold off sharply. Everything was against the market and lower prices ruled from the start, September being ⅝@¾c lower at 82⅝@82⅞c at the opening. The early bear factors were the lower cables and the excellent harvesting weather in the Northwest, resulting in a big decline at Minneapolis, which in turn affected prices here. There was selling for the short account early and a good many stop loss orders were reported on the decline, which added to the depression, and before the selling had ceased September had sold off to 80½c. The market rallied ⅝c on a moderate support later, but turned weak again toward the close, and final figures were at the bottom, September closing at 82⅛@82⅛c, a net loss of 1¼@1⅜c.

Warmer weather in the corn belt, together with the weakness in wheat, brought out liquidation in corn, and the market opened weak, but on buying by a prominent operator a firmer feeling was manifested, but prices held about steady at the opening decline. September closed ½@⅝c lower at 52@52⅛c.

Oats shared in the general weakness, liquidation being quite general early in the day. September closed at a loss of ⅝c at 34½c.

A big run of hogs, together with lower prices at the yards, caused weakness in provisions at the start, and with the lower grain prices there was a general selling movement which continued throughout the day, and a further decline was experienced. The close was weak, with September pork 22½c lower, September lard was off 12½@15c, and ribs down 20c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Sept (new)	$0.82⅞	$0.82⅞	$0.82⅛	$0.82⅛
Sept (old)	82⅝	82⅝	82⅛	82⅛
Dec. (new)	82	83⅛	82⅛	82⅝
May	82⅝	84⅛	84⅛	84⅛

CORN.

Sept	52	52⅛	51⅞	52⅛
December	52	52½	52	52⅛
May	52⅝	52⅝	52⅝	52⅛

OATS.

Sept	34½	34⅝	34	34½
December	35	35	35	35⅝
May	37⅝	38	35⅝	37⅝

MESS PORK.

Sept	12.95	12.97½	12.45	12.77½
May	13.20	13.20	13.10	13.12½
October	13.00	13.00	12.75	12.80

LARD.

Sept	7.87½	7.90	7.70	7.82½
October	7.60	7.70	7.52½	7.52½

SHORT RIBS.

Sept	7.60	7.60	7.47½	7.50
October	7.70	7.70	7.55	7.55

Cash quotations were as follows:

Wheat—No. 2, Spring, 82@83c; No. 3, 78@82c; No. 2 red, 81⅞@82⅞.

Corn—No. 2, 52c; No. 2 yellow, 54c.

Oats—No. 2, 34c; No. 2 white, 36@36½c; No. 3 white, 33⅞@35½c.

Rye—No. 2, 52c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 46@53c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, 97c; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.00.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.40.

Mess pork—Per bbl, $12.62½@12.70.

Lard—Per cwt., $7.65@7.67½.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $7.25@7.50.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $7.25@7.50.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8.12½.

Clover—Contract grade, $12@12.50.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	19,600	20,100
Wheat, bushels	82,200	120,200
Corn, bushels	154,500	280,100
Oats, bushels	472,700	378,900
Rye, bushels	5,700	.....
Barley, bushels	20,900	.....

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Flour—Receipts, 24,479 barrels; exports, 22,077 barrels. Market, unsettled and lower to sell.

Wheat—Receipts, 51,775 bushels; exports, 65,055. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 86c elevator and 88½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Northern Duluth, 94½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 95⅝c f. o. b. afloat. There was a decided check to the upward course of wheat today. Under heavy realizing, started by the Northwest, prices lost a cent per bushel, the close being ⅛c net lower. May closed 88⅝c; September, 87½c; December,