HOPS AT SEVENTEEN

Options at That Price May Be Taken Up Today.

LARGE PART CROP TIED UP

It Will Be a Dealers' Market After the Hops Are in the Bale—Export Flour Trade Shows Improvement.

HOPS—Market practically on 17-cent basis.
FLOUR—Demand from Hongkong.
BUTTER—City prices advance today.
EGGS—Slow and weaker.
POULTRY—Lower prices expected on chickens.
FRUIT—Local stocks small.
SUGAR—Ten-point advance in East.

The hop market is practically on a 17-cent basis. It is not known that any actual contracts have been closed at that figure, but the paying of the price today would not surprise anyone. A number of options at 17 cents have been taken and some at 18 cents, it is said.

The usual number of rumors were abroad yesterday. One in which the trade generally placed credence was that Clem Horst had paid 17 cents at Woodburn, but the particulars of the deal were not learned.

The sale of 65,000 pounds of Ladd & Reed hops at 16½ cents also created much interest. A telephone message from Salem stated that there were many orders there at 16½ cents.

Dealers who have been keeping track of contracts estimate that fully three-fourths of the Oregon crop has already been tied up and that not much over 40,000 bales remain at the disposal of growers. If the activity continues up to picking time, there is not going to be much of a farmers' market after the hops are in the bale.

No cables came through yesterday, as it was a holiday in England. It is promised that there will be something doing today when communication is opened up with London.

The New York Journal of Commerce of August 2 had the following to say of that market:

Advices from the Coast report 16c paid for contracts in Oregon, with growers declining further business. Up state 18c is freely bid, with holders asking 20c. It is understood the brewers have contracted for choice 1906 Oregon hops at 21c. Crop conditions in England are worse, according to cables, and estimates run below 300,000 bales. Conditions are a little better in Germany, but it is too late for any material benefit to result. Stocks on spot are practically exhausted and quotations are nominal.

SALEM GROWERS EXCITED.

Reported Hop Deal at Woodburn Causes Much Comment.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Local hop trade circles were considerably interested today in an apparently reliable report from Woodburn that the S. Clemens-Horst Company had bought 200 bales of hops at that place at 17 cents a pound. This transaction, if the story is true, is important, not only because it marks the highest figure reached on 1906 contracts, but also because it is an acknowledgement by the Clemens-Horst Company that the market is going higher and that firm must buy now to save further loss on its short sales.

It is generally understood that this firm sold short very extensively at prices based on the expectation of buying at 10 to 11 cents. The entrance of the firm into the contract market and at top figures is taken as evidence that all hope of getting the goods at a less price than here quoted has been abandoned.

The name of the grower with whom the contract was made today could not be learned.

WEEKLY WHEAT STATISTICS.

American Visible Supply and Quantities of Breadstuffs Afloat.

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange show the following changes in the American visible supply:

	Bushels.	Increase.
August 6, 1906	29,684,000	1,303,000
August 7, 1905	12,745,000	391,000
August 8, 1904	12,513,000	*780,000
August 3, 1903	13,415,000	465,000
August 4, 1902	21,973,000	382,000
August 5, 1901	30,469,000	1,205,000
August 6, 1900	47,535,000	1,696,000
August 7, 1899	37,042,000	910,000
August 8, 1898	8,254,000	*839,000

*Decrease.

Quantities on passage compare as follows:

For—	Week ending Aug. 4. Bushels.	Week ending July 28. Bushels.	Week end. Aug. 5, '05. Bushels.
U. Kingd'm	21,120,000	21,120,000	20,640,000
Continent	6,800,000	6,880,000	12,720,000
Totals	27,960,000	28,000,000	33,360,000

World's shipments of wheat, flour included, from the principal exporting countries:

From—	Week ending Aug. 4. Bushels.	Week ending July 28. Bushels.	Week end. Aug. 5, '05. Bushels.
U. S. & Can.	2,895,000	1,709,000	1,041,000
Argentine	1,872,000	1,304,000	3,352,000
India	2,064,000	1,224,000	1,136,000
Australia	80,000	.....	600,000
Danubian P.	328,000	328,000	352,000
Russia	960,000	2,000,000	2,204,000
Totals	7,999,000	6,565,000	8,685,000

HONGKONG BUYS FLOUR.

Anti-American Feeling No Longer in Evidence.

Flour exporters find much encouragement in the orders now arriving from Hongkong. They are not of very large volume, but show a good increase over previous business, and what is more important indicate a subsidence of the anti-American feeling. Late communications made no mention whatever of the boycott. That this is a thing of the past would seem to be shown by the fact that the orders no longer call for the Oregon flour to be inclosed in Australian sacks, an expedient that was necessary at the time the feeling against Americans was most bitter.

The Japanese are still backward as purchasers. It was thought they would be in the market heavily to anticipate the advance in the Japanese tariff, which becomes effective October 1, but up to the present time they have shown no disposition to stock up. It is probable they are still fairly well supplied and there is no doubt the prospect of a large harvest in that country also has much to do in keeping them out of the Pacific Coast market. A further influence may have been the recent course of the wheat markets on this side, which rather favored lower flour prices later on.

Whatever may have operated to repress the Japanese demand, the inactivity is not looked upon as an unmixed evil, for past experiences have shown that excessive buying at any time has been followed by a cessation of trading that has proved very unsettling to market conditions.

CITY BUTTER ADVANCES.

Twenty-four-Cent Quotation Will Be Put Out Today.

An advance in city creamery butter is announced to take effect this morning. The new price will be 24 cents, as against 22½ cents heretofore quoted. The sinkage in the output of cream and the increased ease with which the surplus has been cleaned up are the reasons given for the advance. Some of the city creameries will doubtless object to the advance, but commission houses on Front street will have no fault to find, as they figure that these rises in city prices work in their favor. The top price on Front street remains at 22½ cents.

The cheese market is firm at 13½ cents, with large lots quoted ½-cent less.

Eggs were slow and rather weaker yesterday, as receipts showed an increase.

A slump in the chicken market is predicted in the near future. The buying demand is slow and it is becoming more difficult to maintain prices.

Shut Out Pacific Coast Wheat.

Portland wheat shippers stand a good show of being shut out of the markets of South Africa and Australia in the future. The governments of those two British colonies are working on a reciprocal treaty, which will probably be concluded, under which wheat will be admitted at 2d per 100 pounds less than from the Pacific Coast or any other country except a British colony.

Eastern Sugar Advances.

Two of the leading Eastern sugar refineries, the American and the Federal, advanced their quotations 10 cents yesterday. Several of the others went up last Friday and now all are together. No change was made by the Coast refiners. The market is exceedingly strong and an advance here would be warranted if normal conditions prevailed on the Coast, which, however, is not the case.

Fruit Supply Running Low.

The wholesale fruit market is becoming bare of stock, owing to the tunnel trouble, and it is probable there will be a famine in some lines before communications are restored. Only local shipments came to hand yesterday.

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 978,280	$ 66,909
Seattle	1,435,419	283,794
Tacoma	645,876	56,525
Spokane	731,155	24,371

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR — Patents, $4.10 per barrel; straights, $3.45; clears, $3.25@3.40; Valley, $3.50@3.65; Dakota and hard wheat patents, $5.40@5.60; clears, $4.25; graham, $3.50; whole wheat, $3.75; rye flour, local, $5; Eastern, $5.40; cornmeal, per bale, $1.90@2.20.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $17; country, $18 per ton; middlings, $25.50@26; shorts, city, $18; country, $19 per ton; chop, U. S. Mills, $17.50; linseed dairy feed, $18; Acalfa meal, $18 per ton.

WHEAT—Club, 68@69c; bluestem, 70@71c; Valley, 71@72c; red, 65@66c.

OATS—No. 1 white feed, $30; gray, $29 per ton.

BARLEY—Feed, $23.50 per ton; brewing, $23.50; rolled, $24@24.50.

RYE—$1.50 per cwt.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.75; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-pound sacks, $3 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 50-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, $5 per 100-pound sacks; 25-pound boxes, $1.40; pearl barley, $4.25 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

HAY—Valley timothy, No. 1, $11@12.50 per ton; clover, $8.50@9; chet, $8.50@7; grain hay, $7@8; alfalfa, $11.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, common, 50@75c per box; fancy, $1.25@2; apricots, $1.20@1.35; grapes, $1.75@2 per crate; peaches, 15c@$1; pears, $2; plums, fancy, 50@75c per box; common, 50@75c; blackberries, 5@6c per pound.

MELONS—Cantaloupes, $1.50@2.25 per crate; watermelons, 1½@1½c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $5@6.50 per box; oranges, Valencias, $4.50@5; grapefruit, $4@4.50; pineapples, $3@4 per dozen; bananas, 5c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Beans, 5@7c; cabbage, 1½@2c per pound; celery, 85c@$1 per dozen; corn, 15@20c per dozen; cucumbers, hothouse, 25c per dozen; field, 40@60c per box; egg plant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; peas, 4@5c; bell peppers, 12½@15c; radishes, 10@15c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@2½c per pound; spinach, 2@3c per pound; tomatoes, 60@90c per box; hothouse, $2; parsley, 25c; squash, $1@1.25 per crate.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, 90c@$1 per sack; carrots, $1@1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25@1.50 per sack; garlic, 10@12½c per pound.

ONIONS—New, 1¼@1½c per pound.

POTATOES—Old Burbanks, nominal; new potatoes, Oregon, 75@90c; California, $1.25.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 14c per pound; apricots, 15@19½c; peaches, 12½@15c; pears, 11½@16c; Italian prunes, 5¼@6c; California figs, white, in sacks, 5@6½c per pound; black, 4@5c; bricks, 12@14-ounce packages, 75@85c per box; Smyrna, 20c pound; dates, Persian, 6@6½c per pound.

RAISINS—Seeded, 12-ounce packages, 8@8½c; 16-ounce, 9½@10c; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 6½@7c; 3-crown, 6¾@7½c; 4-crown, 7@7½c; unbleached, seedless Sultanas, 6@7c; Thompson's Teneriffe, 6@7c; seedless, 1-crown, 10@11c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $2; 2-crown, $1.75.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 22½@24c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 20@22½c; store butter, 15c.

EGGS—Oregon fancy, 21c per dozen; Eastern, 20c.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 14@14½c.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 13@14c; mixed chickens, 13@13½c; Springs, 15@16c; roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 14@16c; turkeys, live, 15@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 8@9c; ducks, 11@12½c; pigeons, $1@1.50; squabs, $2@3.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Oregon, 1905, nominal, 12@13c; olds nominal, 10c; 1906 contracts, 15@16½c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 20@22c, according to fineness.

MOHAIR—Choice, 28@30c per pound.

HIDES—Dry: No. 1, 16 pounds and up, per pound, 18@20c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 18@21c per pound; dry salted bull and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weather-beaten or grubby, 2c to 3c less per pound. Salted hides: Steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, per pound, 10@11c; steers, sound, 50 to 60 pounds, 10@11c per pound; steers, sound, under 50 pounds, and cows, 9@10c per pound; stags and bulls, sound, 10c per pound; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 10c per pound; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 11c per pound; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 11@12c per pound; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; veals, 1c per pound less. Sheepskins: Shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 25@30c; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 50@60c; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, $1.25@2; murrain pelts, from 10 to 30 per cent less, or 15@10c per pound. Horse hides: Salted, each, according to size, $1@1.50; colts, hides, each, 25@50c. Goatskins: Common, each, 15@25c; Angora, with wool on, each, 30c@$1.50.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Bearskins, as to size, each, $5@20; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; house cat, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, each, 50@70c; red, each, $3@5; cross, each, $5@15; silver and black, each, $100@300; fishers, each, $5@8; lynx, each, $4.50@6; mink, strictly No. 1, each, according to size, $1@3; marten, dark Northern, according to size and color, each, $10@15; pale pine, according to size and color, each, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, each, 12@15c; skunk, each, 40@60c; civet or polecat, each, 5@15c; otter, large, prime skin, each, $6@10; panther with head and claws perfect, each, $2@5; raccoon, prime large, each, 50@75c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, each, $3.50@5; prairie (coyote), 60@$1; wolverine, each, $6@8; beaver, per skin, large, $3@6; medium, $3@7; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 22@25c per pound.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@4½c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c.

CASCARA SAGRADA (chittam bark)—New, 2@2½c per pound; 1904 and 1905, 3c in small lots, 2½@4c in car lots.

GRAIN BAGS—9¾@9c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5½c; Southern Japan, 5.40c; head, 6.75c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 10@22c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $14.75; 50s, $14.75; Arbuckle, $17.25; Lion, $15.25.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.25; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.70.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $5.30; powdered, $5.05; dry granulated, $4.95; extra C, $4.50; golden C, $4.35; fruit sugar, $4.95. Advance sales over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half barrels, 20c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c. Sugar, granulated, $4.85 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½c per pound by sack; ¼c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 16c; pecans, jumbos, 16c; extra large, 17c; almonds, 14½@15c; chestnuts, Italian, 12½@16c; Ohio, 20c; peanuts, raw, 7½c per pound; roasted, 9c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 7½@8c; cocoanuts, 35@90c per dozen.

SALT—California dairy, $11 per ton; imitation Liverpool, $12 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $9; 50s, $9.50; lump Liverpool, $17.50.

BEANS—Small white, 4¼c; large white, 4¼c; pink, 2¾c; bayou, 4½c; Lima, 5¾c; Mexicans, red, 4½c.

Dressed Meats.

VEAL—Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 7½@8c; 125 to 50 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6c; 200 pounds and up, 5½@6c.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 3c per pound; cows, 4½@5½c; country steers, 5@6c.

MUTTON—Dressed fancy, 7@8c per pound; ordinary, 5@6c; lambs, fancy, 8@8½c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 180 pounds, 8@8½c; 150 to 200 pounds, 7½@8c; 200 pounds and up, 7@7½c.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 21c per pound; standard breakfast, 19c; choice, 18c; English, 11 to 14 pounds, 17c; peach, 16c.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 17c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 17c; 18 to 20 pounds, 16c; California (picnic), 13c; cottage, none; shoulders, 12½c; boiled, 25c; boiled picnic, boneless, 20c.

PICKLED GOODS—Pork, barrels, $21; half barrels, $11; beef, barrels, $11; half barrels, $6.

SAUSAGE—Ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 7c; wienerwurst, 10c; liver, 6c; pork, 9@10c; headcheese, 6c; blood, 6c; bologna sausage, link, 4½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 12c; smoked, 13c; clear backs, dry salt, 12c; smoked, 13c; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds, average, dry salt, 14c; smoked, 15c; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds average, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 13½c; Union bellies, 10 to 18 pounds average, none.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle rendered: Tierces 11¾c; tubs, 12c; 50s, 12c; 20s, 12¼c; 10s, 12½c; 5s, 12¾c. Standard Pure: Tierces, 10¾c; tubs, 11c; 50s, 11c; 20s, 11¼c; 10s, 11½c; 5s, 11¾c. Compound: Tierces, 7½c; tubs, 7¾c; 50s, 7¾c; 10s, 8¼c; 5s, 8½c.

Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 81c per gallon.

COAL—Cases, 19c per gallon; tanks, 12½c per gallon.

GASOLINE—Stove, cases, 24½c; 72 test, 27½c; 88 test, 35c; iron tanks, 10c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500-pound lots, 8¼c. (In 25-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin cans, 100 pounds per case, 2½c per pound above keg price.)

LINSEED—Raw, in barrels, 47c; in cases, 53c; boiled, in barrels, 50c; in cases, 55c; 25-gallon lots, 1c less.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

The following livestock prices were quoted in the local markets yesterday:

CATTLE—Best steers, $3.50@3.65; medium, $3@3.25; cows, $2.25@2.50; second-grade cows, $1.50@2; bulls, $1.50@2; calves, $4@4.50.

SHEEP—Best sheared, $4; lambs, $5.

HOGS—Best, $7.25@7.35; light, $6.75@7.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Chicago and Omaha.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Cattle—Receipts 23,000; market strong to 10c higher. Beeves, $3.80@6.40; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.75; cows and heifers, $1.25@5.30; calves, $5.25@7; Texas fed steers, $3.80@4.80; Western steers, $3.60@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts today, 38,000; tomorrow, estimated, 36,000; market weak to 5c lower. Mixed and butchers, $6.10@6.50; good to choice heavy, $6.10@6.47½; rough heavy, $5.85@6; light, $6.30@6.70; pigs, $5.40@6.35; bulk of sales, $6.15@6.40.

Sheep—Receipts 6000; market steady. Sheep, $3.25@5.30; lambs, $4.75@7.85.

SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 6.—Cattle—Receipts 6500; market steady to stronger. Native steers, $4@6; cows and heifers, $2.75@4; Western steers, $3@4.90; Texas steers, $2.75@4.10; cows and heifers, $2@5.50; canners, $1.50@2.50; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4; calves, $3@5.50; bulls, stags, etc., $2.25@4.00.

Hogs—Receipts 2300; market steady, 5c lower. Heavy, $6@6.25; mixed, $6.15@6.25; light, $6.25@6.45; pigs, $5.50@6; bulk of sales, $6.15@6.20.

Sheep—Receipts 14,000, market steady. Yearlings, $5@5.75; wethers, $4.60@5; ewes, $4@4.15; lambs, $6.25@7.30.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 6.—Cattle—Receipts 11,000; market steady to 10c higher. Native steers, $4@6.20; native cows and heifers, $2@5.25; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.40; Western cows, $2.50@4.25; Western steers, $3.75@6; bulls, $2@3.50; calves, $2.50@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts 7000; market weak to shade lower. Bulk of sales, $6.25@6.35; heavy, $6.20@6.27½; packers, $6.25@6.35; light, $6.30@6.40; pigs, $5.25@5.90.

Sheep—Receipts 1000; market strong. Muttons, $4.25@5.50; lambs, $5.50@7.60; range wethers, $4.25@5.75; fed ewes, $4@5.25.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alpha Con	$ .08	Justice	$ .04
Andes	.07	Mexican	.60
Belcher	.21	Occidental Con.	.74
Best & Belcher	.68	Ophir	3.40
Bullion	.20	Overman	.08
Caledonia	.60	Potosi	.11
Challenge Con.	.12	Savage	.78
Chollar	.10	Scorpion	.05
Confidence	.58	Seg. Belcher	.03
Con. Cal. & V.	.80	Silver Hill	.81
Crown Point	.08	Union Con.	.19
Exchequer	.42	Sierra Nevada	.19
Gould & Curry	.06	Utah Con.	.03
Hale & Nor.	.90	Yellow Jacket	.09
Julia	.06		

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con	$ .20	Little Chief	$ .05
Alice	2.30	Ontario	2.60
Breese	.25	Ophir	3.40
Brunswick C.	.50	Phoenix	.02
Comstock Tun.	.14	Potosi	.11
Con. Cal. & V.	8.82	Savage	.85
Horn Silver	1.75	Sierra Nevada	.18
Iron Silver	5.25	Small Hopes	.30
Leadville Con.	.03	Standard	1.50

BOSTON, Aug. 6.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 5.75	Quincy	87.00
Allouez	33.00	Old Dominion	39.00
Amalgamated	103.00	Shannon	9.62½
Atlantic	11.00	Tamarack	95.00
Bingham	32.50	Trinity	8.75
Cal. & Hecla	700.00	United Cop.	63.25
Centennial	22.75	U. S. Mining	56.50
Cop. Range	74.75	U. S. Oil	10.50
Daly West	16.75	Utah	58.00
Franklin	16.50	Victoria	6.00
Granby	11.62½	Wolverine	150.00
Isle Royale	18.50	N. Butte	91.75
Mass. Mining	8.25	Butte Coal	32.87½
Michigan	12.50	Nevada	18.00
Mohawk	61.50	Cal. & Ariz.	100.00
Mont C. & C.	2.25	Tecumseh	10.00
Osceola	105.50	Ariz. Com.	38.00
Parrot	27.00		

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The market for evaporated apples is without change. Prime, 11¼c; choice, 11¼@11¾c; fancy, 12c.

Prunes are said to be firm on the Coast, although buyers are hard to interest at any advance in prices. California prunes are in light supply on spot with 70s to 40s quoted at 7½@8c and Oregon 40s to 20s at 7¾@8½c.

Apricots are practically at a standstill, fancy being quoted at 15¾c.

Peaches are unchanged. Choice, 10¾@11c; extra choice, 11¼@11¾c; fancy, 11¾@12c; extra fancy, 12@12½c.

Raisins are in steady demand. Loose muscatels, 6¾@7c; seeded raisins, 6@7c; London layers, nominal.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The London metal market was closed again today and trading here was quiet in consequence. Tin was strong and somewhat excited, however, with holders asking as high as £1.25c, while buyers' views were lower than that figure, but well above the closing quotations of last week, and the extreme range appeared to be about £0.25@£1.25c.

Copper was firm but without further change. Lake, 18.62½@18.75c; electrolytic, 18.37½@18.50c; casting, 18@18.25c.

Lead was quiet at 5.75c.

Spelter was dull at 6@6.10c.

Iron was firm at recent prices. No. 1 foundry Northern, $19@19.50; No. 2 foundry Northern, $18.50@19; No. 1 foundry Southern, $18.25@18.50; No. 2 foundry Southern, $17.75@18.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Cotton futures closed steady at a net advance of 2@5 points. August, 9.69c; September, 9.74c; October, 9.97c; November, 10.01c; December, 10.05c; January, 10.12c; February, 10.15c; March, 10.24c; April, 10.27c; May, 10.32c.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Aug. 6.—Wheat—Unchanged. New, export, bluestem, 71c; club, 69c; red, 66c.

EAGER FOR STOCKS

Hot Wave Does Not Cause Abatement of Demand.

PRICES LIFTED SHARPLY

New York Market Noticeably Strong in Spite of Languid Trading. Good Gains Shown at the Close.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Operations in stocks started the week with a buoyant uplift in prices before the impelling force of buying which showed every sign of eagerness to secure stocks, even at the time when the advances in the bid made it necessary to bring out offerings.

The early dealings showed no remains of the disposition to realize profits which characterized the closing dealings of last week. Instead of that, the market seemed bare of stocks at the prices prevailing on Saturday and the wide opening advances were achieved without any great volume of stocks changing hands. The advance was continued quite briskly during the course of the first hour. There was an abrupt falling off in the volume of trade at that time and brokers on the floor were almost idle during the middle portion of the day.

There was no appreciable renewal of activity until the last hour of the session. The oppression of the extreme heat of the day was responsible to a large extent for the languor of the market. The tone was noticeably firm in spite of the almost total cessation of the buying, dealing being limited to smallest fractions inevitable in a practically stagnant market. It was this passive resistance of the market that prompted the traders to renew the advance in the last hour. A considerable distribution was affected at the high opening level, which represented profit-taking on the lines taken on during the revived speculation of last week. This evidently had an effect in stirring the speculative spirit outside of Wall street, and commission houses had more orders to execute than at any time since the recent professional movement was initiated. The London stock market was closed in continuation of the holiday which began on Saturday.

Foreign exchange rates here held firm. Rates for call loans were a trifle firmer than the average last week, but did not rise to the maximum of last Thursday. Saturday's bank statement was the subject of continued discussion. The large increase in loans and deposits was believed to be effected by the inclusion for the first time of the account of the State Bank. Expressions of confidence were published, coming from Chicago banking authorities, of the adequacy of resources to meet the coming demand for moving the crops. A reassuring effect was produced by statements from Washington pointing out the favorable situation of treasury resources for rendering assistance to the Fall money market. Rates of interest were strongly held and the supply offering was said to be diminishing.

The failure of a bank in Chicago was without effect on stocks. Railway traffic officials united in declaring that there never was a time when there was so heavy and diversified a demand for all kinds of merchandise. Substantial net gains on the day were shown at the closing.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,405,000. United States bonds were all unchanged.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	245
Amalg. Copper	71,700	103⅝	102½	102⅞
Am. Car & Fdy	1,600	39	38	38⅛
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	100⅞
Am. Cotton Oil	1,100	33	32¼	32½
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	91½
Am. Express	200	235	235	235
Am. Hd. & Lt. pfd.	300	31	30½	30⅝
American Ice	1,300	68	67⅝	67½
Am. Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	20
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	41½
Am. Locomotive	2,600	70	69½	69⅞
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	113
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	18,400	153⅛	151½	153
do. preferred	400	117½	116⅝	117
Am. Sugar Ref.	4,200	138½	137	138½
Am. Tobacco, pfd.	.....	.....	.....	100¼
Anaconda Mng. Co.	12,800	258	253	257½
Atchison	800	95⅝	92⅞	93⅝
do. preferred	200	100⅝	100⅝	100⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	600	144	143½	143½
Baltimore & Ohio	5,000	120½	119⅝	120¼
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
Brooklyn R. T.	21,000	81	79	80⅝
Canadian Pacific	2,300	166½	165½	164⅝
Central of N. J.	.....	.....	.....	228
Central Leather	100	38⅝	38⅝	39½
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	101½
Chesapk. & Ohio	500	69⅞	69¼	69
Chicago Grt. West.	1,700	19	18½	18⅝
Chicago & N. W.	1,200	207	204½	206
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	25,900	188½	187	187⅝
Chi. Term. & Tran.	.....	.....	.....	13
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	28
C., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	94⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron	11,700	54½	52½	54⅛
Colo. & Southern	3,400	38⅝	38	38⅝
do. 1st preferred	300	71⅛	71	71
do. 2d preferred	200	53½	53½	53½
Consolidated Gas	100	137⅝	137⅝	137
Corn Products	300	20	19⅝	19⅝
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	77
Del. & Hudson	.....	.....	.....	220
Del., Lack. & West.	.....	.....	.....	540
Denver & Rio G.	200	44⅝	40½	44⅝
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	85⅝
Dist. Securities	1,700	61	60	60½
Erie	8,600	43½	42⅞	42⅝
do. 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	75⅝
do. 2d preferred	100	70⅝	70⅝	70
General Electric	200	167⅝	167⅝	167
Grt. Northern, pfd.	2,900	297	295	296
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	127
Illinois Central	100	177	177	175½
International Paper	500	19⅝	19	19⅝
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	84
International Pump	200	46½	46½	46½
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
Int. Met. common	1,900	37½	37	37⅛
do. preferred	1,300	77½	77⅛	77
Iowa Central	200	27⅛	26⅝	27
do. preferred	300	51½	51	51½
K. C. Southern	200	27	27	27
do. preferred	1,900	57	55½	55½
Louis. & Nash.	8,400	146½	145⅛	145½
Mexican Central	.....	.....	.....	20⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	400	64½	64½	64
M., St. P. & S.S.M.	.....	.....	.....	152⅛
do. preferred	100	172½	171½	170
Missouri Pacific	1,100	94⅝	94	94
Mo., Kan. & Texas	400	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	68
National Lead	2,300	81	80¼	80
N.Y.B. of Mex. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	68
N. Y. Central	12,600	142½	140½	141⅝
N. Y., Ont. & W.	400	47½	47½	47
Norf. & West.	1,800	91⅛	90½	90⅝
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	89½
Northern Pacific	6,500	206½	205	205½
North American	.....	.....	.....	95
Pacific Mail	200	36	35⅝	36
Pennsylvania	23,300	132⅞	131½	132⅝
People's Gas	100	91⅛	91⅛	91½
Pc., C. C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	70
Pressed Steel Car	1,400	53	52	53
do. preferred	200	99½	99½	99½
Pull. Palace Car	.....	.....	.....	237
Reading	61,700	133⅝	131½	132⅝
do. 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	93
do. 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	86
Republic Steel	100	29	29	29⅛
do. preferred	300	100	99½	99½
Rock Island Co.	500	26⅝	25⅝	26
do. preferred	300	64½	64	64
Schloss Sheffield	900	78	76½	77⅝
St. L. & S.F. 2d pfd.	.....	.....	.....	45⅛
St. Louis S. W.	1,800	23⅝	22⅝	23⅛
do. preferred	2,900	54⅝	52⅝	54⅝
Southern Pacific	76,800	77½	76	76⅝
do. preferred	100	118	118	117⅝
Southern Ry.	7,100	37⅛	37	37⅛
do. preferred	100	99⅛	99⅛	99
Term. Coal & Iron	.....	.....	.....	155
Texas & Pacific	700	33	32½	33
Tol., St. L. & W.	200	28⅝	28⅛	28½
do. preferred	100	48⅝	48	47½
Union Pacific	92,100	158⅝	156½	158
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	94
U. S. Express	100	130	130	125
U. S. Realty	.....	.....	.....	77
U. S. Rubber	100	45	45	44
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	107
U. S. Steel	104,800	41⅛	39½	40½
do. preferred	17,600	108½	107⅛	107⅝
Va. Car. Chemical	3,