COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The hot weather of the past week and the resultant emigration to seaside and mountains has had little effect on the volume of the midsummer trade. It still continues unusually good for the season, both in wholesale and retail lines. The grocers and commission men especially are doing a large business. The big wheat crop and salmon pack, together with the excellent prices now in sight for fruits and hops, keep up a feeling of "general prosperity" that insures good trade and a liberal consumptive demand. Changes in price were few and not especially important during the past week. An advance of $2 per ton on all grades of salt was reported yesterday. This heightening of an already outrageous price makes stock salt cost over 1 cent a pound by the time it gets to the cow counties. All corn products are very stiff. Syrups have advanced heavily the past week, and several Eastern factories have given notice that they can only fill one-half their orders, while others will not run.

A remarkable demand is reported for dried apples. Eastern buyers are picking up all they can get and hold at 8c per pound, the hi[illegible] price known here in many years. The California apple crop will be none too abundant, and considerable inquiry may be expected from those parts. The market is thoroughly cleaned up on this staple. Record shipments of green Italians will probably be made to the parched sections as soon as the prune season is well on. This, coupled with the Eastern demand for dried stock, should insure the growers very fair profits.

The peach season will be in full blast by next week. Oregon Crawfords as well as California will then be in full supply. The great heat of the last few days in the peach district has ripened the crop practically all at once, and the fruit will have to be marketed in an unusually short space of time. Some 2000 boxes were received Saturday, and large quantities may be expected right along. This week will probably be the housewife's peach-canning season.

The fruit business, as a whole, is in fine shape, and a larger trade is reported than for years past. Melons and lemons clean up almost at once, and the present high prices do not seem to keep back the demand in the least. A small shipment of late bananas was received Saturday and found ready sale at $3 75 per bunch. Oregon apples are in good quantity, and California grapes of excellent quality are now to be had. Vegetables move more slowly, but still enjoy a very fair trade. Oregon potatoes and onions have about put out the Southern imported article.

Chickens are very scarce indeed, and old hens of good quality are selling as high as $5 50 per dozen. Poultry conditions will be easier when the stress of harvest is over and farmers have more time to look after city demand. Eggs are yet at 16 cents, with a strictly local trade, as the dealers seem unable to get into the outside markets on fair terms. Cheese is firmer, and now quoted at 12 cents. Creamery butter is scarce, as many of the plants are closed down for lack of pasturage. Choice stock sells at 22½c and shows no signs of weakness.

No changes of note are reported in groceries, provisions, wools, hops or hides. Oats and barley are weak in the face of the enormous crop now coming in. Old stock is leaking out at current quotations, but no figures on the new product will be attainable until its size and quality are more definitely known.

WHEAT—The wheat market still drags on the tedious sameness of its accustomed course. The moving business in this staple is now about as near nothing as it ever is. The new crop is being harvested and in immense quantity, latest reports seeming rather to encourage the bear interests. Grain was dull, and closed a trifle lower yesterday in the New York, Liverpool and Chicago markets. California shipping is so closely tied up by the strike that San Francisco has nothing to report. In Portland no sales of any size were transacted in the past week, and former quotations are still good. Some small sample lots were received here, and at Garfield and Pullman a couple of small sales for storage purposes were recorded at prices equivalent to about 59 cents here. These transactions give no line at all on the ruling price for next month.

Freights are up, and show no signs of coming down. Shipowners are now demanding as high as 42s 6d for their vessels, but no takers at that figure have yet appeared. Comparatively few vessels have been built of late years, while the general freight business has increased steadily. Taking into account the large oceanic crop transfers needed this season, some dealers argue that an advance to the 50-shilling figure, some time this Winter, is not at all improbable. Between high freights and 8¼c grain bags it is a little hard to see where the pleasure in raising wheat comes in.

Bank Clearings.

The bank clearings for the principal cities of the Northwest for the week ending Saturday, August 17, were as follows:

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
Monday	$ 443,112	$ 463,114	$ 205,509
Tuesday	389,386	495,816	240,838
Wednesday	394,945	540,168	206,664
Thursday	345,062	453,189	125,489
Friday	346,333	462,375	169,785
Saturday	237,224	417,517	163,343
Totals	$2,156,062	$2,862,179	$1,111,688

The clearings for the corresponding weeks in former years were as follows:

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
1900	$1,859,533	$2,358,424	$1,108,136
1899	1,567,601	2,396,095	932,484
1898	1,485,638	1,075,077	704,317
1897	1,463,062	734,227	551,549

The exchanges and balances yesterday were as follows:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$237,224	50,553
Seattle	417,517	127,133
Tacoma	163,343	40,538
Spokane	182,450	51,890

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat—Walla Walla, nominal 57c per bushel; blue stem, 58@58½c; Valley, nominal.

Flour—Best grades, $2 90@3 40 per barrel; graham, $2 60.

Oats—$1 10@1 15 per cental for old crop.

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

Millstuffs—Bran, $27 per ton; middlings, $21 50; shorts, $20; chop, $16.

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

Meats and Provisions.

Mutton—Lambs, 3¼c; 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, 6½@7c 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, 10⅝c per pound; breakfast bacon, 15½@16½c per pound; bacon, 14c per pound; backs, 11@12c; dry salted sides, 11@12c; dried beef setts, 15c; knuckles, 17c; lard, 5s, 11½c; 10s, 11⅜c; 50s, 11¼c; tierces, 10⅝c; Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 12¾c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic, 10¼c; shoulders, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 14@17c; dry salted sides, 10¾@12c; bacon, sides, 11¾@13c; backs, 12½c per pound; butts, 11½c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 12c; 10c, 11⅞c; dry salted bellies, 11½@12c; bacon bellies, 12½@14c; 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; Arbuckle's, $11 13 list; Lion, $10 63 list.

Rice—Island, 6c; Japan, 5¼c; New Orleans, 4@5c.

Sugar—Cube, $5 65; crushed, $5 65; powdered, $5 50; dry granulated, $5 30; extra C, $4 80; golden C, $4 70 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, $17 75; 100s, $17 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.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 18@22½c; dairy, 14@15½c; store, 11@12c.

Eggs—16@17c per dozen.

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

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 11@11½c; Young America, 12@12½c.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Vegetables—Onions, yellow, $1 25@1 50; cabbage, $1 25@1 50 per cental; potatoes, 90c@$1 10, sweet potatoes 3c per pound; tomatoes, $1@1 25; peas, 2@3c per pound; cucumbers, 75c per box; beans, 2@3c per pound; turnips, 75c@$1; carrots, $1@1 25; beets, $1 50 per sack.

Fruit—Lemons, $5@6; limes, $7@7 50; oranges, $4@5 per box; pineapples, $3@3 50 per dozen; bananas, $3 75 per bunch; watermelons, $2@2 75 per dozen; cantaloupes, $1 10@1 35 per dozen; nutmegs, $2 50@3 25 per crate; Persian dates, 6c per pound; blackberries, $1 30@1 40 per crate; huckleberries, 10c per pound; grapes, $1 25@1 50 per crate; peaches, 50@75c; plums, 40@60c; apples, $1 25@1 75 per box; aBrtlett pears, $1 50@1 60 per box.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 6@7c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 3@4c; pears, 8@9c; prunes, Italian, 5@7c; silver, extra choice, 5@7c; figs, California blacks, 5c; do white, 5@1c; 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, 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, 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, $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@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.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Wheat and barley very quiet.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping No. 1, 97½c; close, 98¼c; milling, $1@1 02½.

Barley—Feed, no sales; brewing, 71¼@75c.

Wheat—No sales.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 55@1 60.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—An advance at Liverpool stimulated buyers at the start and September wheat opened ⅛c higher to unchanged at 72@71⅞. Prices soon gave away, however, and September jumped to 71½c; Northwest receipts were liberal, the weather favorable, a big Spring wheat movement was looked for soon and there was a prospect of enormous figures in the world's shipments statement Monday. There was evidence also that a big September short was endeavoring to lower the price by selling December in order to cover near-by futures. On the other hand, a Paris cable improved on yesterday's, from a bull standpoint, by estimating that France would have to import 100,000,000 bushels. There was a general disposition after the opening activity to "play even" over Sunday and the remainder of the curtailed Saturday session was dull. September rallied to 71⅝c from the decline, but worked back again for lack of support and closed easy, ⅛@⅜c under yesterday at 71¼@71⅜c.

Corn, like wheat, was momentarily firm at the start on higher cables, and although it subsequently regained the loss, the bullish feeling had been weakened and the recovery was not sustained. September closed ⅜c down at 58⅝c.

Oats were dull and featureless, values ranging lower in sympathy with corn. September corn closed ⅜c lower at 36c.

Provisions were dull, but prices were maintained by a demand from packers. January pork closed 5c higher, lard unchanged and ribs 5c up.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
September	$0 71⅝	$0 72	$0 71¼	$0 71⅜
December	74⅛	74½	73⅞	73⅞
May	77⅝	77⅝	77⅛	77⅛
CORN.				
September	59	59⅝	58½	58⅝
December	61⅝	61⅝	60⅝	60⅞
May	63⅝	63⅝	62⅝	63
OATS.				
September	36⅜	36⅜	36	36
December	37⅛	37⅝	37¼	37¼
May	39⅝	40⅛	39⅝	39⅝
MESS PORK.				
September	14 10	14 10	14 07½	14 07½
January	15 40	15 50	15 40	15 50
LARD.				
September	8 77½	8 85	8 77½	8 85
October	8 85	8 92½	8 85	8 92½
January	8 87½	8 87½	8 85	8 87½
SHORT RIBS.				
September	8 10	8 20	8 10	8 20
October	8 20	8 30	8 20	8 30
January	7 95	8 02½	7 95	8 00

Flour—Dull; Winter straight, $3 60@3 70; straight, $3 20@3 30; clears, $2 70@3 10; Spring specials, $4 20@4 30; patent, $3 40@3 70; straight, $3 20@3 80; bakers', $2 40@2 65.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 69½@71½c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 60c.

Oats—No. 2, 36½@37c; No. 2 white, 38⅝@39c; No. 3 white, 38½@39c.

Rye—No. 2, 58⅝@59½c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 59@63½c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 62; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 64.

Timothy—Prime seed, $5 25.

Pork—Mess, per barrel, $14 10@15.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $8 80@8 82½.

Short Ribs—Sides, loose, $8@8 20; dry salted shoulders, boxed, 7¼@7½c; short clear sides, boxed, $8 50@8 60.

Clover—Contract grade, $10 00@10 25.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	21,000	19,000
Wheat, bushels	288,000	83,000
Corn, bushels	191,000	95,000
Oats, bushels	428,000	300,000
Rye, bushels	4,000	......
Barley, bushels	16,000	2,000

On the produce exchange, today, the butter market was easy; creameries 14½@20½c; dairies, 13@17½c; cheese, 9¾@10¾c; eggs, steady, fresh, 14@14½c.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Flour—Receipts, 17,240 barrels; exports, 13,835 barrels; market, dull, and about steady. Winter extras, $2 50@2 80; Winter low grades, $2 30@2 40; Winter patents, $3 60@3 90; Minnesota bakers, $2 85@3 15.

Wheat—Receipts, 134,750 bushels; exports, 65,351 bushels; spot, dull; No. 2 red, 78⅜c f. o. b. afloat; 77¼c elevator.

Options opened firm on cables and heavy foreign buying under gossip about large receipts West, but rallied again with corn. The market buying eased off under realizing and closed dull at ⅜@½c net decline. September, 77@77⅝c, closed 77⅛c; October, 77⅝@77⅛c, closed 77⅝c; December, 78 15-16@79⅝c, closed, 79c.

Hides—Firm; California, 18½c.

Wool—Domestic fleece, 26@27c; dull.

Hops—Pacific Coast, 1900 crop, 13@17½c; steady.

Grain in Europe.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Wheat cargoes on passage had a firmer tendency. English country markets are steady. Indian shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom aggregate 11,000 quarters. American shipments of wheat to the Continent were 20,000 barrels.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 17.—Wheat—Quiet; No. 1 standard California, 6s 6½d. Wheat and flour in Paris, quiet. Weather in England, unsettled.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—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, 9@11c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $19 50@21; bran, $18 50@19 per ton.

Hay—Wheat, $7 50@10; best barley, $5 50@7 50; wheat and oats, $6 50@9; alfalfa, $8 50@10 50; compressed wheat, $8@13 per ton; clover, $5 50@6 50 per ton; straw, 25@42½c per bale.

Onions—Yellow, 90c@$1 05.

Bananas—$1@1 75 per bunch.

Vegetables—Green peas, 1@2½c per pound; string beans, 1@2½c per pound; asparagus, 50c@$2 per box; tomatoes, 75c@$1; cucumbers, 15@30c per box; Chile green peppers, 20@50c; Bay squash, 15@25c.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1 10@1 60; Salinas Burbanks, $1 25@1 45 per sack; Oregon Burbanks, $1 25@1 50; sweet, 1½@2½c per pound.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, $1 25; choice, $4; Mexican limes, $7 50@8.

Pineapples—$1 50@2 50.

Apples—Choice, $1; common, 30c 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; goslings, $1 25@1 50 per dozen; geese, $1 12½@1 25 per pair; old pigeons, $1 25@1 75; yound pigeons, $1 25@1 50 per dozen.

Eggs—Store, 17c; fancy ranch, 23c per dozen; Eastern, 20c.

Cheese—Eastern, 13@15c; Young America, 10½c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 23c; fancy dairy, 16@20c; seconds, 15c per pound.

Receipts—Flour, 27,419 quarter sacks; wheat, 1370 centals; barley, 3225 centals; oats, 3330 centals; beans, 150 sacks; potatoes, 4531 sacks; bran, 1439 sacks; middlings, 90 sacks; hay, 448 tons; wool, 159 bales; hides, 309.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 400, including 300 head Texas. Market nominally steady. Good to prime steers, $5 40@6 40; poor to medium, $3 75@5 25; stockers and feeders, $2 10@4 25; heifers, $2 50@5 25; cows, $2 50@4 35; canners, $1 40@2 50; bulls, $2 25@4 45; calves, $3 25@5 75; Texas steers, $3 40@5 00.

Hogs—Receipts today, 14,000 head. Monday (estimated) 33,000. Left over, 4000. Market closed easier. Mixed and butchers, $5 50@6 17½; good to choice heavy, $5 65@6 20; rough heavy, $5 50@5 80; light, $5 50@6 00; bulk of sales, $5 75@6 05.

Sheep—Receipts, 1500 head. Market sheep and lambs steady. Good to choice wethers, $3 40@4 00; fair to choice mixed, $3@3 50; yearlings, $3 40@4 25; Western sheep, $3 25@4 00; Western lambs, $4@5 25; native lambs, $3@5 40.

OMAHA, Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 500; market steady. Native beef steers, $4 25@5 90; Western steers, $3 70@4 60; Texas steers, $3 50@4 30; cows and heifers, $2 50@4 25; canners, $1@2 40; stockers and feeders, $2 50@3 90; calves, $3@5 25; bulls and stags, $2@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 5500; market closed 5c higher. Heavy, $5 85@6; light, $5 70@5 85; bulk of sales, $5 80@5 85.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 50. Market unchanged.

Hogs—Receipts, 20,000. Market strong to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $5 75@6 10; heavy, $6 10@6 15; packers, $5 80@6 10; mixed, $5 75@6 10; lights, $5 45@5 55; Yorkers, $5 35@5 75; pigs, $4@5 30.

Sheep—Receipts, 50; market unchanged.

TONNAGE EN ROUTE AND IN PORT.

Vessels Chartered or Available for Grain Cargoes From the Northwest.

FOR PORTLAND

Sailed	Name.	Flag and rig.	Master	Tons	From.	Days out	Consignees.
	Co. of Kinross	Br. ship	Collins	1954	Shanghai		
	County Haddington	Br. ship	McDonald	1865	Shanghai		
	Thornliebank	Br. ship	McBride	1969	Sta. Rosalia		
	Nomia	Ger. bark	Rowehl	1921	Japan		
	Falklandbank	Br. ship	Smith	1781	St. Rosalia		
	Nederland	D'ch ship	Weibes	1955	Sta. Rosalia		
July 6	Samoena	Br. ship	Boyce	1869	West Coast	43	
	Schiller	Ger. bark	Steinborner	1227	Sta. Rosalia		
July 5	Rivers'de	Br. ship	McCully	1590	Liverpool	44	
July 24	Mabel Rickmers	Ger. ship	Bandelin	1895	Hiogo		
	Renee Rickmers	Ger. ship	Schultz	1959	Nagasaki		
	Ardnamurchan	Br. ship	Kneally	1619	Japan		
	Sirene	Ger. ship	Scuermilch	1410	Honolulu		
May 21	Bourbaki	Fr. bark	LeNormand	1710	Limerick	89	
July 17	East Indian	Br. bark	Coath	1603	Valparaiso	30	
	Glamorganshire	Br. str.	Davies	2830	Orient		
	Nymphe	Ger. ship	Hilmer	2049	Japan		
	Seestern	Ger. bark	Mink	1446	Hamburg		
	Europe	Fr. bark	Miller	2070	Liverpool		
	Glenogle	Br. bark	German	914			
July 19	Kinfauns	Br. bark	Crighton	981	Valparaiso	43	
Aug. 3	Lord Shaftesbury	Br. bark	Doty	2273	Hamburg	18	M. W. & Co.
July 2	Mayfield	Br. ship	Roberts	2716	Valparaiso	47	
	Nantes	Fr. bark	Ricordel	2029	Nagasaki		Taylor
	Pinmore	Br. bark	Maxwell	2286	Sta. Rosalia		
July 8	Earl Cadogan	Br. bark	Williams	1334	Antwerp	46	Balfour
	Prinsesse Marie	Dan. bark	Winther	1288	Kiao Chou		
	Iverna	Br. bark	Webster	2220	Sta. Rosalia		
June 20	Belen	Fr. bark	Bondrot	1710	St. Nazaire	59	Taylor
July 11	Eugene Fautrel	Fr. bark	LeHuedel	1705	Antwerp	38	
June 22	Lonsdale	Br. ship	Fraser	1685	Talcahuaro	57	
June 20	Falls of Halladale	Br. bark	Fordyce	1997	Valparaiso	59	
June 30	Gen'l Millinet	Fr. bark	Hellio	1491	Hamburg	49	
July 13	Pax	D'ch bark	Reiners	1391	Liverpool	36	M., W. & Co.
July 3	Duguesclin	Fr. bark	Dejole	1235	Hamburg	58	
June 28	Baroda	Br. bark	Marr	1253	Callao	51	Taylor
	Rickmer Rickmers	Ger. ship	Baake	1219	Hiogo		
	Torridon	Br. bark	Mearns	1004	Sydney		
June 17	Louis Pasteur	Fr. bark	Tattevin	1471	Antwerp	62	
July 24	Inchape Rock	Br. ship	Porter	1493	Antwerp	25	Taylor
	G. H. Wappaus	Ger. bark	Mahn	1223	Kiao Chou		
July 15	Favorita	Ger. bark	Thomann	1523	Valparaiso		
June 25	Amiral de Cornulier	Fr. bk		1739	Liverpool	54	
	Werra	Ger. bark	Brunnings	857	Honolulu		
July 2	Lamoriciere	Fr. bark	Sawvignon	1471	Hull	47	
Aug. 4	Grnde Duchess Olga	Fr. bark	Maheo	1657	Nazaire	50	
	Ben Avon	Br. bark	Thom	1424	Pisagua		
	Cleomene	Br. ship	Learmont	1670	Newcastle		
July 22	Tarpenbek	Ger. ship	Hansen	1793	Hamburg	27	
	Nesaia	Ger. ship	Gerkens	1670	Valparaiso		
	Robt. Rickmers	Ger. ship	Rubarth	2174	Nagasaki		
	St. Donatien	Fr. bark	Dejole	1259	Nagasaki		
	Vendee	Fr. bark	LeHegarot	1572	Newcastle		Girvin
	Albania	Nor. ship	Melsom	1106	Panama		
	Bertha	Ger. bark	Alster	1561	Santos		
Aug. 9	Lady Isabella	Br. ship	McKinley	1395	Valpairaiso	9	
	Lita	Ger. ship	Harms	1643	Honolulu		
	Carlo P.	It. bark		1641	Valparaiso		
Aug. 3	Leyland Bros.	Br. ship	Guthrie	2238	Penco	15	

Total tonnage en route and listed 99,380.

GRAIN TONNAGE IN THE RIVER

Arrived	Name.	Flag and rig.	Master.	Tons	From.	Agents or Charterers.	Berth.
June 30	Ecuador	Ger. bark	Diekmann	2264	Tsintau	Kerr	Victoria
July 19	Dumfriesshire	Br. bark	Swinton	2483	Hiogo	Eppinger	Col. 2
July 20	Poltalloch	Br. bark	Young	2193	Esquimalt	Girvin	Elevator
July 20	Galgate	Br. bark	Griffiths	2227	Callao	McNear	Irving
July 22	Hilston	Br. ship	Joslin	1998	Honolulu	Balfour	Grnw'ch 2
Aug. 4	Brabloch	Br. ship	Hawkins	2000	Hongay	Girvin	Grn'wich
Aug. 16	Sussex	Br. bark	Guthrie	1212	Hong Kong	Kerr	Astoria

Total tonnage in the river, 14,323.

GRAIN TONNAGE EN ROUTE TO PUGET SOUND

Sailed	Name.	Flag and rig.	Master.	Tons	From.	Days out	Consignees.
April 6	Norma	Br bark	McDonnell	1999	Antwerp	134	
Feb. 25	Alex Black	Br. bark	McLaughlin	1391	Antwerp	174	
Mar. 23	Crown of India	Br. ship	Williamson	1885	Cardiff	148	
Mar. 15	Fairwohl	Rus. bark	Lindberg	1344	Hamburg	142	
June 4	Garsdale	Br. ship	King	1045	London	75	
	Edenballymore	Br. ship	Guthrie	1642	Valparaiso		
	Lisbeth	Ger. bark	Bock	2299	Sta. Rosalia		
	Alster	Ger. ship	Saelzen	2935	Sta. Rosalia		
June 5	Dumfriesshire	Br. bark	Edwards	1142	Callao	74	
	Greta	Br. ship	Dobbie	2235	Liverpool		Robt. Ward
July 10	Chas. Cotesworth	Br. bark	Harris	1031	Callao	39	
Aug. 3	Alsterkamp	Ger. ship	Jensen	1789	Hamburg	15	
	Jupiter	Dan. ship	Funder	1651	Acapulco		
	Henriette	Ger. bark	Rasch	2919	Yokohama		
	Borneo	Aus. stmr		240[illegible]	Orient		
	Placelia	Ger. ship	Schmidt	2400	Caleta B'na		
July 4	Godiva	Br. ship	Trunks	1852	Valparaiso	45	
	St. Mungo	Br. ship	Stenhous	1912	Callao		
July 14	Alsterufer	Ger. bark	Neif	2597	Hamburg	35	
July 13	Pera	Ger. ship	Techner	1661	Vladivost'k	36	
June 10	Dumbritton	Br. bark	Tucker	1471	Tocopilla	69	
	Matterhorn	Br. ship	Warren	1839	Iquique		
	Glamis	Br. bark	Rowe	1099	Valparaiso		

Total tonnage en route and listed 43,498.

GRAIN TONNAGE ON PUGET SOUND

Arrived	Name.	Flag and rig.	Master	Tons	From.	Agents or Charterers.	Berth.
Aug. 2	Adolph	Ger. ship	Dahm	1651	Antwerp	Kerr	Victoria

Total tonnage in port, 1651.

NEW YORK FINANCES.

Loans Decrease and Bankers Are Very Conservative.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Financier says:

The most striking feature of last week's statement was the slight change in the loan item. There was a reduction of $1,645,300, which was the more notable because it followed more or less important increases in recent weeks. This reduction would seem to indicate not only that there were no negotiations of money to call for large loans, but that the banks, as a rule, have restricted their discounts to current requirements. There was a loss of $2,719,000 in cash divided equally between specie and legal tenders. The cash was influenced last week chiefly by the sub-treasury operations.

Early in the week payments by this office were unusually large for transfers to Manila and London, and also for pensions and for other purposes, but at the same time receipts for duties and internal taxes were heavy, and afterward these receipts were sufficient to counterbalance ordinary disbursements, so that by the end of the bank week the Treasury receipts had exceeded payments, so far as the banks were concerned, by about $118,000. On Friday the Assistant Treasurer was debtor $1,339,683 at the clearing-house, so that the cash return of the banks for the week was made on rising averages.

The interior movement of cash, as shown by the preliminary estimates, indicated some withdrawals of money for the South, and the movement apparently resulted in a net gain of about $1,000,000. The bank statement, however, seemed to show that there was a larger drain of money due to the interior movement than was calculated upon the above noted estimates. The sub-treasury operations during the week were so distinctly traceable that it does not appear probable that the loss of cash resulted to any great extent from such operations. The decrease of only $751,800 in deposits is very much smaller than that which was called for by the total loss in cash and the reductions in loans, which total was $4,364,300.

One feature of the statement was the increase of $1,514,200 in circulation, which reflects the elimination from the statement of National bank circulation, caused by the merger of the Bank of the Republic with the First National. The surplus reserve was reduced $2,531,050, and it now stands at $18,421,900. This may be regarded as a sufficient margin in view of the fact that the banks are now pursuing an extremely conservative course in the matter of loans and that the requirements of stock exchange borrowers are not especially urgent at the moment.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

DESCRIPTION.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing bid.
Atchison	74¾	73⅝	73⅝
do pfd	95½	97	96¾
Baltimore & Ohio	97	97	96¾
do pfd	....	....	90½
Canadian Pacific	110¼	110	110¼
Canada Southern	70	70	69½
Chesapeake & Ohio	46⅝	46¼	46¼
Chicago & Alton	37¾	37	37
do pfd	77¼	77¼	76½
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	37¼	37	36¾
do pfd	70½	70½	70
Chicago & Great Western	22	21¾	21⅝
do A pfd	....	....	82½
do B pfd	....	....	46⅝
Chicago & Northwestern	194¼	193¼	193
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	140⅝	140¼	140¼
Chicago Term. & Trans.	....	....	18
do pfd	....	....	38
C., C., C. & St. Louis	....	....	89
Colorado Southern	....	....	13⅝
do 1st pfd	....	....	53½
do 2d pfd	....	....	22⅛
Delaware & Hudson	161¼	161¼	161¼
Delaware, Lack. & West	....	....	225
Denver & Rio Grande	....	....	41½
do pfd	92	91¾	91½
Erie	38½	37⅝	37⅝
do 1st pfd	66	65¾	65½
do 2d pfd	51⅜	51	50½
Great Northern pfd	181	181	181
Hocking Valley	52¾	52	50
do pfd	....	....	75½
Illinois Central	144⅝	144⅝	144
Iowa Central	40	40	39½
do pfd	74⅞	74⅞	74½
Lake Erie & Western	....	....	63
do pfd	....	....	123
Louisville & Nashville	102⅞	102⅝	102½
Manhattan L	117½	116¼	116½
Metropolitan St. Ry	166	166	166
Mexican Central	25¼	25	24¾
Mexican National	11	11	10⅞
Minneapolis & St. Louis	....	....	108
Missouri Pacific	101¼	100½	100⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	....	....	26½
do pfd	....	....	53½
New Jersey Central	....	....	158
New York Central	154	153¼	153¼
Norfolk & Western	54½	54	54
do pfd	....	....	88
Ontario & Western	33⅝	33⅝	33⅛
Pennsylvania	145¼	144½	144½
Reading	42	41⅝	41⅝
do 1st pfd	77⅝	77½	77½
do 2d pfd	52½	52	52¼
St. Louis & San Francisco	....	....	60½
do 1st pfd	68	68	68
do 2d pfd	....	....	67½
St. Louis Southwestern	....	....	28½
do pfd	....	....	61½
St. Paul	163⅜	162½	162⅝
do pfd	....	....	187
Southern Pacific	55⅜	55¼	55⅜
Southern Railway	31⅛	30⅝	30⅝
do pfd	85½	85½	85⅛
Texas & Pacific	....	....	41
Toledo, St. Louis & West	....	....	10½
do pfd	....	....	32½
Union Pacific	97¾	96⅝	96⅞
do pfd	90	89½	89½
Wabash	21¼	21	20⅞
do pfd	39⅜	38⅜	38⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie	....	....	18¾
do 2d pfd	32½	31½	31½
P., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	70
EXPRESS COMPANIES.			
Adams	....	....	170
American	....	....	191
United States	....	....	87
Wells-Fargo	....	....	150
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amalgamated Copper	115	113½	113½
American Car & Foundry	29⅝	29	29½
do pfd	85⅝	85¼	85⅛
American Linseed Oil	....	....	22
do pfd	....	....	81¼
American Smelting & Refining	52⅝	52	52
do pfd	....	....	101
American Tobacco	136⅝	136¼	135½
Anaconda Mining Co.	45¼	44⅝	44½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	74½	73¼	73½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	....	....	96¾
Consolidated Gas	222	221¼	221½
Continental Tobacco	68	68	67⅞
do pfd	117	117	117
General Electric	265	263	264
Glucose Sugar	55½	55½	54½
Hocking Coal	22	22	19
International Paper	....	....	21½
do pfd	77	76½	76
International Power	92⅝	92⅝	92⅜
Laclede Gas	....	....	85
National Biscuit	43⅝	43½	43⅞
National Lead	....	....	20½
National Salt	....	....	42
do pfd	....	....	75½
North American	100	100	99
Pacific Coast	....	....	64
Pacific Mail	....	....	39½
People's Gas	113	112½	112½
Pressed Steel Car	....	....	49½
do pfd	....	....	82¾
Pullman Palace Car	....	....	207
Republic Steel	21⅝	20½	20⅝
do pfd	76⅝	75½	75½
Sugar	132⅝	132	132¼
Tennessee Coal & Iron	63	62¼	62⅛
Union Bag & Paper Co.	....	....	15
do pfd	....	....	72
United States Leather	13½	13⅛	13⅛
do pfd	81	81	80⅞
United States Rubber	....	....	18½
do pfd	....	....	57
United States Steel	43⅛	42⅝	42⅝
do pfd	92¼	91½	91⅝
Western Union	93	93	92½

Total sales for the day, 142,500 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s ref. reg.	107⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	104⅝
do coup	107⅝	Nor. Pac. 3s	72
do 3s, reg	108¼	do 4s	104⅝
do 3s, coup	108¼	*Or. Nav. 1sts	110
do new 4s, reg	137	*do 4s	102⅝
do new 4s, coup	137	Or. Short Line 6s	125
do old 4s, reg	113	do con. 5s	118⅝
do old 4s, coup	113	R. G. West. 1sts	100½
do 5s, reg	107⅝	*St. Paul consols	184
do 5s, coup	107⅝	*do C. & P. 1sts	115
Dis. of Col. 3.65s	124	do C. & P. 5s	116⅝
Atchison adjt. 4s	97	*Union Pac. 4s	104½
*C. & N. W. c. 7s	135½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	85⅝
*do S. F. db. 5s	122	*West Shore 4s	112½
D. & R. G. 4s	102	South. Pac. 4s	92
Gen. Elec. 5s	200		

*Bid.

Foreign Financial News.

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

The stock market today was stagnant and the floor of the Stock Exchange was half deserted. There was an early attempt to harden American stocks, but force was lacking. As a result the early firmness was not maintained and the close was heavy. Call money rates stiffened somewhat.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances, exclusive of the $150,000,000 reserve in the division of redemption, shows:

Available cash balances $175,996,872

Gold 103,789,120

Stocks in London.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Anaconda, 9⅛; Atchison, 76½; Canadian Pacific, 113¾; D. & R. G., 43½; do preferred, 94; Northern Pacific, 101; Southern Pacific, 57⅝; Union Pacific preferred, 91½.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Coffee options closed dull, with prices net unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales, 5000 bags, including September, $4 85; December, $5 10; May, $5 45; June, $5 50; July, $5 60; spot Rio, dull; No. 7 invoice, 5⅞c; mild, dull; Cordova, 8@11½c.

Sugar—Raw, easy; fair refining, 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4c; refined, quiet; granulated, $5 45; molasses sugar, 3 3-16c.

Hops at London.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Hops—Pacific Coast, dull; £4@£4 15s.

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STOCKS ARE STRONGER

NEW YORK MARKET GAINS TOWARD LAST OF WEEK.

Favorable Underlying Conditions Make for a Higher and Broader Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Expectations of a higher money market caused a weak tone to the stock market today, which was accentuated after the publication of the bank statement. Predictions as to further expansion in loans were not borne out, the statement on the contrary showing a decrease in this item of $1,645,200.

This unexpected showing, however, was more than offset by a loss in cash of $2,718,000, which was quite unexpected, as the estimates yesterday figured on a gain of nearly $750,000. Some uneasiness was also felt at the efforts making to close various steel mills, which have continued in operation since the strike was declared.

Persistent selling of the United States steel stocks, which made extreme declines of ⅞ and 1⅜ respectively for the common and preferred, stimulated bears' selling at other points. Prices yielded steadily from the outset, especially for the grangers, Pacifics, local tractions, Sugar and Amalgamated Copper, which were lowered from 1 to 2 points. The Southern and anthracite bituminous coal roads also relapsed sharply. In the final dealings trading was a shade more active, but the closing was weak.

An incident of the day was the pronounced weakness in the sterling exchange market, offerings of all classes of bills being very large, with scarcely any inquiry. Demand bills were marked down to $4 86¾, but long sterling was well held.

Consideration of the favorable underlying conditions gradually supplanted the earlier dominant influences of the Government crop report and the steel strike, causing a higher and broader market. These consisted of the large volume of general trade, excellent railroad earnings, London buying and increased public interest in the market. Monday's market, when the crop report and the strike figured to their largest extent, showed that these conditions were being rapidly discounted. The low prices of the week were then recorded and the subsequent recovery, though irregular, carried active stocks from 1 to 3 points higher. Grain-carrying roads, especially those tapping the corn belt, were expected to be targets for bear attacks when the week opened. But the moderate losses that followed aroused a belief that the worst was over and the heavy demand for the short account that developed later colored this view.

The failure of the general observance of the strike order and the successful operation of various plants caused predictions of an early collapse of the steel strike. United States steel stocks were considerably strengthened by these assertions and gradually reached a level 3 points above last week. This improvement was maintained until the late announcement was made that the Joliet mills had shut down. This incident, combined with a general disposition to take profits on the week's large advances, gave a shill to the market in the closing days.

Preceding this, the waning effect of the crop report and labor situation caused a more cheerful tone, although the speculation retained much of its recent professional character. Bear operators took frequent advantage of the rising prices to put out short lines, but as their efforts dislodged but little long stock, they covered quickly and awaited a more opportune time. These attacks became less energetic after the early days and the latter extensive demand that arose was credited to their evening up. Commission houses reported an increase in inside orders which, though not large, indicated that public interest has been reawakened by the betterment of conditions and advance in prices. London was a heavy buyer throughout, the improved financial and political conditions abroad causing a revived interest in American rails.

Last month's severe decline in prices was generally attributed to an important Western bear party, and the substantial advances in the grangers and Pacific stocks is largely credited to covering by this interest. St. Paul was the leading feature of the week, talk of a possibility of an increase in the dividend causing active trading and a rapid advance of 10 points. Nothing important developed to support this rumor. Its influence was very strengthening and the preferred stock also made a large rise. General movements were not so pronounced, but there were large transactions in stocks, which have not recently been prominent, especially the trunk lines, coalers and high-priced specialties.

Sugar, however, was hammered vigorously early, on the illness of the president of the company and unfavorable trade conditions. The loss was more than made up later, but it was very feverish. Money rates showed a distinct hardening at the close, call and time rates stiffening. Sterling exchange rates declined sharply, demand bills yielding to below $4 87 on the London buying of stocks. This set-back disposed of any further talk of gold exports this season. The recorded exports of wheat this month, combined with our balance thus far this year of $325,000,000 on international trade, makes the outlook for large gold imports this Winter very reassuring.

Railroad bonds showed less improvement during the week than stocks, but there were more general purchases of high-grade issues.

United States bonds were unchanged on the last call.

STEEL CASTING COMBINE.

Details of Formation of New Company—Capital, $15,000,000.

SHARON, Pa., Aug. 17.—It is now settled that the capitalization of the new steel-casting combine will be $15,000,000. The president will be Daniel Egan, of this city, and the board of directors will include W. D. Sargent, of Chicago; Mayor Rolla Wells, of St. Louis, and Charles Miller, president of the Franklin, Pa., Steel Company.

The principal concerns in the combination are the Seaboard Steel Casting Company, the Solid Steel Casting Company, the Eureka Steel Casting Company, all of Chester, Pa.; American Steel Foundry Company and the Cullin & Gallagher Co., of St. Louis; the Sargent Co., of Chicago; the Franklin, Pa., Steel Casting Company, the Pittsburg Steel Casting Company, and the Otis Steel Company, of Cleveland. The constituent companies will accept stock in payment for their plants.

Smithfield Market Report Denied.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Chicago packers deny that the Smithfield Market, of London, England, is controlled by them, and pronounced the efforts of the signers of the petition presented to Parliament yesterday as the work of people defeated in fair competition. When informed that they were credited with holding a meeting at 2 A. M. every day to fix the price for London for that day, representatives of packing firms seen today laughed heartily and said the report was not worth denying.

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The statement of the associated banks for the week ending today shows:

Loans, $884,810,200; decrease, $1,645,300.

Deposits, $964,529,200; decrease, $751,800.

Circulation, $29,039,000; decrease, $1,514,200.

Legal tenders, $77,868,100; decrease, $1,334,600.

Specie, $181,711,100; decrease, $1,384,400.

Reserves, $259,574,200; decrease, $2,719,000.

Reserve required, $241,157,300; decrease, $187,950.

Surplus, $18,421,900; decrease, $2,531,050.

Specie Exports at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Exports of gold and silver from this port to all countries for this week aggregate $903,133 in silver bars and coin and $1003 gold.

New York Imports.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The imports this week were, in specie, $40,139 gold, $91,834 in silver, and $12,130,062 dry goods and merchandise.

Cotton at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Cotton closed quiet; unchanged.

COURSE OF STUDY.

(Continued from Page 17.)

Algebra—The Essentials of Algebra for Secondary Schools.

Geometry—Plane and Solid Geometry.

Latin—Finish Cornelius Nepos' Twenty Lives; Caesar to Book VI; Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar; Daniell's Latin Composition.

Physical Geography—First Book of Physical Geography; Tarr's Questions for First Book of Physical Geography.

Botany—Botany; an elementary text for schools.

History—European History; an outline of its development; A History of England for High Schools and Academies.

Third Year.

Study of English and American Authors With Composition Work—Notes for Teachers of English Compositon; Stopford Brooks.

Geometry—Plane and Solid Geometry.

Latin—Finish Caesar; Select Orations of Cicero; Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar; Daniell's Latin Prose Composition.

Modern History—European History; an outline of its development; A History of England for High Schools and Academies.

American History—A Student's History of the United States.

Physics—The Elements of Physics.

Botany—Botany; an elementary text for schools.

Geology—Elementary Geology; Suggestions for Laboratory and Field Work in High School Geology and Questions for Use With Tarr's Elementary Geology.

Bookkeeping—The Art of Accounts; an elementary treatise on bookkeeping.

Higher Arithmetic—An Academic Arithmetic for Academies, High, and Commercial Schools.

Political Economy—Introduction to the Study of Economics.

Fourth Year.

Study of English and American Authors With Composition Work—Introduction to American Literature; Notes for Teachers.

American History—A Student's History of the United States; The Government of American People.

Latin—The Greater Poems of Virgil; Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar; Daniell's Latin Prose Composition.

German—A German Grammar for Schools and Colleges, Part 1; A German Reader for Beginners; additional reading (Bernhault's Carmen Sylva's Aus Meinem Romigreich, Heath; Joynes Zschokkes Das Wirtshans zu craussac, Heath.)

Physics—The Elements of Physics.

Geology—Elementary Geology; Suggestions for Laboratory and Field Work in High School Geology and Questions for Use With Tarr's Elementary Geology.

Zoology—Introduction to Zoology.

Astronomy—A New Astronomy.

Political Economy—Introduction to the Study of Economics.

Chemistry—Elements of Chemistry.

Themes and Orations last two years.

Music and drawing are additional to above.

Note—The above courses of study are based upon five recitations per week for the length of time assigned, and each recitation to be at least 40 minutes long.

Supplementary Reading for High Schools.

Shakespeares Julius Caesar, "The Arden Shakespeare."

Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, "The Arden Shakespeare."

Shakespeare's Macbeth, "The Arden Shakespeare."

Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream, "The Arden Shakespeare."

Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, "The Arden Shakespeare."

Webster's First Bunker Hill Oration.

Arnold's Sohrab and Rustum.

Addison's Sir Roger De Coverley Papers.

Burke's Speech on Conciliation.

Carlyle's Essay on Burns and Poems from Burns.

Coleridge's Ancient Mariner; Kubla Khan and Christabel; Cooper's Last of the Mohicans.

Lowell's Sir Launfal, and Other Poems.

Macaulay's Addison.

Macaulay's Milton.

Milton's Lycidas Comus, and Other Poems.

Milton's Paradise Lost, Book I and II.

Scott's Ivanhoe.

Scott's Marmion.

Tennyson's Princess.

Goldsmith's Traveler and Deserted Village.

Shakespeare's As You Like It, "The Arden Shakespeare."

Shakespeare's Hamlet, "The Arden Shakespeare."

Eliot's Silas Mariner.

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