HOG TRADE LARGE

Big Receipts and Strong Active Demand.

TOPS SOAR TO $4.22 1-2

Quality of Hogs Not Extra --Cattle Steady.

The live stock markets yesterday everywhere were higher and the ton strong. The local market not only received this influence complete, but responded to it even better. The western markets generally gave out early reports of a 5 to 10-cent raise in the market quotation on hogs. This market, however, beat this record by a better strength, and the fair quotation for the Wichita market was strong, and 10 to 15 cents higher. The day opened with a rush and closed that way. The market all day was very active and the close was strong, in fact the closing prices, the grade considered, were among the best of the day. It was a very satisfactory day all around, the receipts being heavy and the demand beyond even the larger volume. There were fifteen cars of stock in and fourteen of these were hogs, and all of them sold about as soon as penned. There was a very good demand for fat butcher hogs and the local call as well as the foreign order buyers, all were on the ground for hogs. There was nothing fancy in yesterday at all, but the hogs yarded were quickly sold, and more of the same grade would have sold equally as readily. The wagon trade was slim. There was little received from this branch of the trade, and what did come in was quickly absorbed, and at the best prices. The quality was common for this branch, too. All the fourteen cars were sold in the ten-cent bulk range save the top car, which went at a 2½-cent point higher than the bulk. Stiff prices ruled all day and the shippers everyone made money yesterday on their consignments. This market more than held its own, as it has always done in times of advancing prices. When the market shoots skyward, along with the provision situation, all the several receiving markets at once report a higher tone, and it is a matter of unquestioned history that the Wichita market at such times always takes the lead, just as it did yesterday. For instance, Chicago yesterday gave out for the day report, this quotation: "Market fully 10 cents higher." St. Louis, by the same Associated Press dispatch, this way: "Market 5 to 10 cents higher." Kansas City: "Best hogs 5 to 10 cents higher." This market showed in comparison all day from the early wagon sales to the last car sale a very strong and active tone, with the fairest quotation, 10 to 15 cents higher. All hogs received were promptly bid for and everything in sight was sold on the spot, with the close as strong as at any time in the day. There was no extra quality in, either. In fact, the best top hogs were only ordinary in grade and but for the lively competition would not have brought the prices they did.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Dock.	Av. Wt.	Price.
73	...	244	$4 22½
83	...	241	4 20
69	...	243	4 17½
85	40	197	4 15
91	...	240	4 15
84	80	200	4 12½
77	40	236	4 12½
49	...	219	4 10
91	40	188	4 10
81	...	247	4 10
76	80	228	4 10
62	160	235	4 10
62	...	235	4 10
63	40	206	4 10
10	...	269	4 10
8	...	233	4 05
7	...	278	4 05
6	...	203	4 05
5	...	230	4 05
2	...	185	4 00
6	...	235	4 00
9	...	280	3 95
4	40	220	3 95
4	...	177	3 90
3	...	193	3 90
1	80	340	3 50

CATTLE.

The cattle market yesterday was stedy, with a very fair line of mixed stuff in. There was nothing fancy yarded and the scattering small lots of stock were taken at once. Dold bought all the stuff in which were in good slaughter condition, and the feeder and speculative buyers took the rest. Besides the list below, Dan Winn of Udall had in a car of cattle which were forwarded on to eastern destination.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Av. Wt.	Price
1 steers	691	$4.30
1 cow	1030	3 60
1 calf	280	3 50
1 heifer	350	3 30
1 heifer	460	3 50
1 bull	1040	3 35
1 cows	1055	3 10
1 bulls	1170	2 65
2 canners	975	1 80
1 cow	910	3 00

SHIPPERS AND NOTES.

Mr. Wheeler, of the old-time firm of Knott & Wheeler of Belle Plaine, was on the market in person with a car load of heavy hogs in fair grade. There were some very prime fancy hogs in the consignment and others of just medium grade, but the whole lot showed up about the best of the day's receipts, and they easily took the top of the day, the $4.22½ mark. There were several bids on this load and though among the latest to cross the scales they exhibited the strength of the local market by carrying off the best top price of the day and also demonstrated that all hogs coming to this market will at all times be cared for to the best advantage of the shipper, no matter when they come in, the last as well as the earliest. This load sold without dockage.

Andy Horner of Kingman county was a shipper of heavy hogs which sold without dock at the top of the bulk range. They were very fair hogs and sold readily.

Roy Scott of Make was a shipper of heavy hogs and they sold without dock at a toppy figure.

Frankie & Shepherd of Pond Creek, one of the large mercantile and stock concerns of the territory, were on the market, Mr. Frankie in charge, with a car of light weight hogs which sold at a strong bulk figure.

Dan Winn, the big, good-natured stock man from Udall, had in two cars of stock, one each of hogs and cattle. The hogs were fair mediums, and sold at the popular bulk price. The cattle were forwarded to their contract order.

Burchfield & Connell of Anthony were shippers of light mixed hogs, the big end of the bunch selling at the best bulk figure.

O. P. Hawkins of Nashville was the last to weigh up a car load of medium lights, which sold well within the bulk. One heifer also in the load was sold at once at a good price.

Fred Williams of Mt. Hope was a late arrival with a car of medum lights which sold without dock at bulk prices.

Henry Steinkirchner of Newton was early on the market with a car of heavies, which sold without dockage at good bulk prices.

Ed Weidline of Augusta was among the early arrivals on the market with two cars of hogs, both mediums in weight and selling at a good bulk price.

F. B. Stanley of Rose Hill was a shipper of a mixed car of cattle and hogs, both selling well on the open market. The hogs were mediums and sold at bulk prices.

J. R. Hawthorn of Benton was a shipper of light weight hogs, which sold at bulk figures.

W. S. Thomas of Ponca City was in with a car of light hogs which sold in the bulk range.

Yesterday was recorded still another proof that this is the very best hog market for southern shippers to be found anywhere. There were fourteen cars of hogs yarded and sold and all of them went at prices way beyond the comparative tone of other points. The demand was strong and the quotation firm and all offerings were taken in spite of an unfavorable quality. More hogs and better ones would have easily sold at the same and better prices. As it was, the shippers in all received a good profit on the consignment.

The roads contributing to the day's receipts yesterday were as follows: Santa Fe, 9; Missouri Pacific, 4; and 1 each from the Rock Island and the Frisco.

Provisions opened active and higher, with an advance of 10 to 15 cents at the yards. Cash lard closed up 7½ cents, at $5.47½. Cash ribs closed up also 7½ cents, at $5.30.

The Dold business was again heavy. The jobbing and express trade was large and the straight contract car lots also above the average, with several big orders received for immediate delivery. The trade this season is far surpassing that of any season in the history of the local plant and the stocks of meats are going down very fast. However, the early precaution taken to keep all reserves up places the house in the best condition to supply promptly all orders. The facilities also for getting out the meats are better now than ever, and the added smoke-house service and improvements in other departments make it an easy thing to fill all orders at once, and this care to the interests of the customer is one of the factors of the almost unprecedented stide forward in the volume of business done by this house.

The last two days' comparative business is as follows: Westerday, tops, $4.22½; bulk, $4.10@4.20; average weight, 230; receipts, 1,136. For Monday, tops, $4.10; bulk, $4.00@4.10; average weight, 214; receipts, 953.

Mr. A. B. Moore of the Union Live Stock Commission company, is out of the city on business. In his absence the affairs of the concern are ably looked after by the affable and always accommodating cashier of the company, Mr. Elmer Reiff.

Considering the large day in the hog division, the dockage was very light. Just half the cars sold had no dokable hogs at all, and the other seven were light, mostly 40 and 80 pounds, the heaviest being 160 pounds, and only one car at that figure. The wagon and local trade was entirely without dock.

The many friends of Frank Robbins, the well-known cattle buyer at the yards, extend their warmest sympathy in his continued ill health. Mr. Robbins will leave tomorrow for a prolonged trip for his health, and all the yards interests hope for him a complete recovery.

Arthur Libby, founder of the big Chicago packing firm of Libby, McNeal & Libby, died at Pasadena, Cal., yesterday, after a prolonged illness.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, July 18.—Cattle—Receipts were small today and prices ruled about unchanged. Good to fancy steers brought $5.25@6.85; commoner grades, $4.65@5.20; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.80; bulls, cows and heifers, $2.20@5.10; Texas steers $3.50@5.25; calves, $4.50@6.20.

Hogs—The supply of hogs was not equal to the demand and prices advanced 10 to 15c. Heavy hogs brought $4.25@4.60; mixslolts $4.35@4.52½; light hogs, $4.30@4.52½; pigs, $3.80@4.45, and culls and rough lots $2.00@4.25.

Lambs sold 25 to 35 cents higher western range sheep 10c lower and native wethers unchanged. Sheep rulsd $2.25@3.25 for culls to $5.00@5.25 for prime wethers. Texas sheep brought $3.00@4.25 and western range sheep $4.40@4.60. Yearlings sold for $4.50@5.50, and the better class of lambs at $6.75@7.00, with cull lambs at $3.25@4.50. Ordinary flocks brought $4.45@6.50.

Receipts—Cattle 2,000; hogs 16,000; sheep 11,000.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., July 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,800 natives, 700 Texans; market steady to strong; native steers, $4.50@5.50; Texas steers, $3.10@4.75; Texas cows $2.50@3.40; native cows and heifers, $2.00@4.50; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.75; bulk of sales, $2.50@3.65.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; market 5 to 10c higher for best; bulk of sales, $4.20@4.30; heavy, $4.25@4.37½; packers, $4.20@4.30; mixed, $4.15@4.30; light, $4.10@4.25; yorkers, $4.20@4.25; pigs, $3.95@4.17.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; market strong; lambs, $3.25@5.25; muttons, $3.00@4.40.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, July 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500, including 1,700 Texans; market steady; native shipping steers, $4.75@5.50, with fancy worth $5.75; light and butcher steers, $3.40@5.55; storkers and feeders, $2.20@5.00; cows and heifers, $2.25@5.00; Texas and Indian steers, $3.10@4.90; cows and heifers, $2.25@3.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,500; market 5 to 10c higher; pigs and lights, $4.25@4.45; packers, $4.25@4.50; butchers, $4.40@4.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; market steady; native muttons, $4.00@4.25; lambs, $4.75@6.25.

COTTON.

New Orleans, La., July 18.—Cotton—Firm; middling, 5 11-16c.

New York, July 18.—Cotton seed oil—Firmer; prime crude, 21½@22c; prime yellow, 26½@27c.

COFFEE AND SUGAR MARKETS

New York, July 18.—Coffee—Options unchanged to 5 points lower at opening and followed an eventful course throughout the session, with room traders in control. European and Brazilian cables were about as expected, the statistical situation was not materially changed, investment business failed to materialize, spot demand was slack and the market in general quite destitute of redeeming features. Closed quiet, but unchanged to 5 points lower; sales, 5,000 bags, including August, $4.50; September, $4.55; October, $4.65@4.70; November, $4.70; December, $5.05; May, $5.25. Spot coffee—Rio dull and easy; mild, quiet and about steady.

Sugar—Quiet but steady; refined, steady; moderate trade only.

METAL MARKET.

New York, July 18.—Metals—The feature of the day in metals was easily a sharp reaction in tin, primarily due to change in the tenor of news from western markets. With the unfavorable reports came a relapse in demand from consumers. Spelter also took an easier turn. Copper, on the other hand, held strong at full rates. At the close the metal exchange called pig iron warrants nominal at $13.75; lake copper firm at $18.50; tin unsettled, with $28.50 bid and $29.00 asked; lead unchanged, with $4.60 bid, and $4.65 asked; spelter easier, at $6.25. The brokers' price for lead is $4.35 and for copper, $18.50.

MUNYON'S

I will guarantee that my Rheumatism Cure will relieve lumbago, sciatica and all rheumatic pains in two or three hours, and cure in a few days.

MUNYON.

At all druggists, 25c. a vial. Guide to Health and medical advice free. 1505 Arch st., Phila.

RHEUMATISM

GRAIN MARKETS DULL

Interest Centers Chiefly in the Provision Pit.

WHEAT 1-8 CENT LOWER

Perfect Weather Reported Throughout the Corn Belt.

Chicago, July 18.—Little speculative interest was displayed in the board of trade market today outside of the provision pit. Wheat advanced 1-8c; corn 1-4c; oats lost a shade. Provisions advanced 10@15c, the latter in pork.

Wheat opened weak, at 71@71 1-8c for September, which was 3-8@1-2c under yesterday's close. Fine weather everywhere, lower cables, and the receipts of 802 cars for Minneapolis and Duluth, compared with 657 cars last week and 58 a year ago, were the chief influences at work in the market. With such enormous receipts, and the sluggish demand for cash property, the bulls could see no encouragement for a rally in the immediate future, and long wheat was thrown on the market in great quantity. September touched 70 7-8c immediately after the opening. This was put price, and buying against these privileges absorbed the bulk of offerings. Shorts covered freely on the decline, and the market gradually rallied to 71 3-8c. On the bulge, the demand slackened again, and September reacted to 71c. The nthe holders of puts made a second turn and this time it held up until the close, which was at 71 1-4@71 3-8c, a net loss of only 1-8c. Primary receipts today were 1,129,000 bushels, compared with 427,000 bushels the corresponding day of last year. Local receipts were 14 2cars, 23 of contract grade.

Corn ruled weak on heavy liquidation. Leading local professionals who have supported the market steadily for the past three months, gave up in despair and threw their lines overboard. Local receipts of 828 cars ,to gether with extremely glowing accounts of the new crop which was reported to be favored with perfect weather throughout the corn belt, combined to bring the downfall of the bulls. September opened 1-8@1-4c lower, at 32 3-4@32 7-8c, sold during the greater part of the session at 32 5-8@32 3-4c, and closed at 32 3-4c, a net loss of 1-4c.

Oats ruled dull, but remarkably steady. September sold at the opening at 20@20 1-8c, but good supporting orders were apparent at the even figure, and the market rallied to 20 1-8@20 1-4c at the close, a net loss of only 1-16c. There was little or no routine news outside of moderate cash demand.

Provisions showed remarkable strength throughout, in spite of a weakness in the grain markets. Continued cash demand for both domestic and export purposes stimulated outside speculative buying. Added to this was an advance of 10@15c for hogs at the yards. There was a slight recession on profit-taking, but packers bought freely on the decline, and caused a rally which was still in progress at the close. September pork closed at $9.30, a net gain of 15c ;September ribs and September lard gained 10 cents each, closing at $5.27 1-2 and $5.57 1-2 respectively.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 85; corn, 450 ;oats, 165; hogs, 35,000 head.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CROP.

Washington, July 18.—The agricultural department's foreign crop report for July states that the commercial authorities estimate the shortage in the Russian crop of wheat at from 85,000,000 to 120,000,000 bushels as compared with last year. The deficiency is most serious in the regions most favorably situated for export. In the north unseasonably cold weather has unfavorably affected all the crops of hay and potatoes and all grains except oats. The rye crop, an important one, is very short. The Prussian official report on what is a little above "fair," 2.3 being the technical designation. The Austrian outlook for wheat and rye is good in all but one province, that of Bukowina. Austria, Roumania and Bulgaria slightly below the average in wheat, rye and maize. A French estimate of the wheat crops of Spain and Italy puts it at 34,000,000 bushels below last year, the shortage being somewhat the heavier in Spain. The wheat crop in France is represented as satisfactory, but the optimistic estimates made earlier in the season have been scaled down by later crop damage, the estimate now being 352,000,000 bushels. In Great Britain cable reports of a severe general storm presage considerable damage to a grain crop that otherwise would have ranked as fair. Hay is very much below the average. The report from India shows better conditions in Bengal and the northern provinces than for several years previous, but this improvement does not extend to the Punjab.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, July 18.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
July	70¼	70⅝	70¼	70⅝
Sept	71@71⅛	71⅝	70⅞	71⅛@⅜
Dec	72⅝@⅞	73⅛	72⅝@⅞	73⅛
Corn—				
July	33	33	32⅝	32⅞
Sept	32⅝@⅞	32⅞	32⅛@¼	32⅜
Dec	31⅝@⅞	31⅞	31⅝	31⅞
Oats—				
July	20¼	20½	20¼	20½
Sept	20@20⅛	20⅛	20	20⅛@¼
May	22	22⅛@¼	22	22⅛@¼
Pork—				
Sept	9 27½	9 30	9 25	9 30
Oct	9 35	9 35	9 27½	9 32½
Lard—				
Sept	5 55	5 57½	5 55	5 57½
Oct	5 62½	5 60	5 60	5 60
Ribs—				
Sept	5 27½	5 30	5 25	5 27½
Oct	5 32½	5 32½	5 30	5 32½

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Quiet.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, —; No. 3 spring, 69@71½c; No. 2 red, 72½@72¾.

Corn—No. 2, 33⅝@33¾c; No. 2 yellow, 33⅝c.

Oats—No. 2, 20¼@20⅜c; No. 3 white, 20⅝@27½c; No. 3 white, 24½@27½c.

Rye—No. 2, 54c.

Mess pork—Per bbl., $8.5086.30.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $5.3505.47½.

Short ribs sides (loose) $5.1005.22; dry salted shoulders, (boxed) 5¼@5½; short clear sides (boxed) $5.4005.50.

Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

Sugar—Unchanged.

Clover—Contract grade, $6.50.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	18,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.	129,000	7,000
Corn, bu.	466,000	559,000
Oats, bu.	546,000	371,000
Rye, bu.	4,000	25,000
Barley, bu.	26,000	1,000

On the Produce Exchange, today, the market closed as follows:

Butter—Weak; creamery, 13½@17½c; dairy, 11@15½c.

Cheese—Steady; 8½@9c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 11½c.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, July 18.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 72@72½c; No. 3, red, 71@72c; No. 2 hard winter, 70c; No. 3, 69@70c; No. 1 northern spring, 71@71½c; No. 2, northern spring, 70@71c; No. 3 spring, 67@71c.

Corn—No. 2, 33½c; No. 3, 33c.

Oats—No. 2, 24½@24⅝c; No. 3, 24½c.

Flax—Cash northwest, $1.08½; cash southwest, $1.00; July, $1.00½; September, 96½c; October, 95½c.

Butter—Weak; creameries, 13½@17½c; dairy, 11@15½c.

Dressed poultry—Firm; turkeys, 7½@7c; chickens, 9@9½c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 11½c.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, July 18.—Wheat—September, 64½c; December, 66⅝c. Cash, No. 2 hard, 65c; No. 3, 62½@64½c; No. 2 red, 69c; No. 3, 64@67c; No. 2 spring, 64½@65c; No. 3, 61@64c.

Corn—September, 28⅝c; December, 27⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 30½c; No. 2 white, 31½@32c; No. 3, 31c.

Oats—No. 2 white, cash, 25c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $7.50@8.00; choice prairie, $6.50@6.75.

Butter—Creamery, 14½@16½c; dairy, 14c.

Eggs—Fresh, 9½c.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, July 18.—Wheat—Closed lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 71½c; track, 73@72½c; July, 70⅞c; September, 72c; December, 74⅝@74⅞c; No. 2 hard, 69c.

Corn—Firm; No. 2 cash, 33c; track, 34c; July, 33½c; September, 32c; December, 29⅝c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 cash, 25c; track, 25½c; July, 20½c; September, 20¼@20⅜c; No. 2 white, 26½@29c.

Rye—Nominally lower.

Flour—Dull and lower; patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.15@3.25; clear, $2.75@2.90.

Dry salt meats—Steady; boxed shoulders $5.12½; extra shorts, $5.37½; clear ribs, $5.50; clear sides, $5.62½.

Bacon—Strong; boxed shoulders, $5.75; extra shorts, $5.80; clear ribs, $5.87½; clear sides, $6.00.

Receipts—Flour, 2,000; wheat, 12,000; corn, 76,000; oats, 25,000.

Shipments—Flour, 7,000; wheat, 6,000; corn, 89,000; oats, 18,000.

NEW YORK.

New York, July 18.—Flour—Receipts, 25,121; exports, 25,027. Fairly active and about steady.

Rye flour—Dull; good to fair, $3.00@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.25@3.50.

Corn meal—Easier.

Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, 63c, f. o. b., afloat.

Barley—Easy; feeding, 40@41c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

Wheat—Receipts, 403,325; exports, 258,488. Spot firm; No. 2 red, 77¾c f. o. b., afloat spot. No. 1 northern Duluth, 78¾c f. o. b. afloat spot. No. 1 hard Duluth, 82¾c f. o. b., afloat to arrive; No. 2 red, 75⅝c, elevator; options weak because of lower cables and fine weather and crop news. Rallying on a short demand, they were thereafter firm, stimulated by export developments and fair clearances. Closed firm at unchanged prices; July, 76@76½c, closed 75¾c.

Corn—Receipts, 349,050; exports, 146,670; spot weak; No. 2, 39¼c, f. o. b., afloat prompt shipment; 38c elevator. Options opened easy with wheat and worked into positive weakness under persistent liquidation. Receipts and crop news were important bear considerations. The close was weak and ¼ to ⅛c net lower; July closed at 38c; September, 38⅛@38 5-16c, closed 38⅛c; December, 37⅝@37¾c, closed 37⅝c.

Oats—Receipts, 103,600; exports, 11,723. Spot, quiet. Options dull and nominally easy.

Lard—Firmer; western steamed, $5.70@5.75.

Butter—Receipts, 16,207 packages; weak; western creamery, 15@18½c; factory, 12@14½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 12,429 packages; steady; western, 14½@15c.

Cheese—Steady; large white, 8½; small white, 8½@8⅝c; large colored, 8⅝c; small colored, 8½@8⅝c.

WITH HIS VOCAL ORGANS

Mr. Civil Service Commissioner Brewer Is Talking Lots.

Washington, July 18.—Civil Service Commissioner Brewer, who presided over the civil service investigation at Concord last week, has returned. Mr. Brewer stated: "I have no knowledge of the filing of the charges against me by Senator Chandler, and I care nothing about it. If Mr. Chandler has any personal grievance towards myself in regard to my conduct of the investigation, he, of course, is at perfect liberty to present the same to the president or any one else whom he may see fit. The commission had been led to presume that there would be no difficulty in supplying persons who had no knowledge of the charges which took the commission to Concord. So far as I know, none of the persons asked by Governor Busiel appeared, and while quite a number of persons appeared they were mostly those that had received a circular letter which the commission on its arrival sent out to those living in the immediate vicinity. So far as I recollect now, no one who appeared claimed to have knowledge of Senator Gallinger's connection with the sending out of campaign circulars. Senator Chandler in a letter he sent to the commission, dated June 1, made the positive statement and specific charge that Senator Gallinger had prepared the matter for those circular litters, had coused them to be printed, and had sent them out to federal officeholders, and that Senator Gallinger had prepared a list of federal office-holders to whom they were to be sent. This was not from hearsay, but was a positive statement, and of course we assumed he had personal knowledge. In his statement on the hearing, however, he very frankly haid that he did not see the circulars, nor did he know personally of the facts. Special Agent Wells is still on the case and will hear some other persons whose names were presented to the commission as supposed to have some knowledge of the question involved. On his return, all the evidence will be taken up and passed upon. So far, however, the case has not been disposed of, though the lack of evidence to support the charges from those that were heard is significant."

THE WEATHER

Wichita, Kan., July 18, 1899.

Local forecast for Wichita and vicinity: Fair and a little warmer until Thursday.

During the past 24 hours the highest temperature has been 85, the lowest 63, and the mean 74, with clear weather in the morning but gradually clouding over in the afternoon, with light northeast wind all day.

The temperature each hour was as follows: At 6 a. m., 65; at 7, 63; at 8, 72; at 9, 76; at 10, 80; at 11, 83; at 12, 84; at 1 p. m., 84; at 2, 85; at 3, 84; at 4, 83; at 5, 82; at 6, 81; at 7, 79.

On this date last year the highest temperature was 84, the lowest 69, and the mean 82.

FRED L. JOHNSON, Observer.

Washington, July 18.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday:

Kansas—Threatening Wednesday and Thursday, with showers in extreme western portion; variable winds.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Showers Wednesday and probably Thursday; variable winds.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, July 18.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $278,474,944; gold reserve, $244,256,087.

Cincinnati, O., July 18.—The casting plant at the Addyston pipe and steel foundry was gutted by fire last midnight near North Bend and everything except the standing cranes and the walls of the buildings destroyed. The loss is estimated at $100,000, well insured.

Mansfield, O., July 17.—From John Sherman's closest friend and former law partner, Henry C. Hedges, it is learned that the venerable statesman is improving slowly from his recent illness and hopes to be about soon again.

DULL AND NEGLECTED

Stock Prices Drift Aimlessly, Net Changes Small.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE

Are Stocks With Some Individual Pull or Other.

New York, July 18.—The stock market continued dull and neglected almost to the point of stagnation today. Prices drifted quite aimlessly up and down except in a few stocks which were influenced by individual causes, and net changes for the most part were very small. The opening showed some slight animation and higher prices in sympathy with London, which had advanced Americans before the opening here and which seemed to take a more cheerful view of the general outlook. The money market there was reported rather easier in tone, but th Bank of England continued to do practically all of the money lending at a rate above its official minimum rate of discount, and sterling exchange at continental centers showed additional sharp advances. In New York money was rather easier in tone but the rate still continued above those at some other domestic centers, so that the sterling exchange market, though hard, was not quotably higher. It is intimated that money rates may be held up in New York to prevent an outflow of gold, and the additional suggestion is heard that Chicago may supply London with some gold on direct movement. There are increasing offerings of Chicago funds in New York. Statements of railroad earnings continue to break previous records, St. Paul leading today's returns with its second-week-of-July increase of $231,533 over last year. Today's recovery in Brooklyn Transit amounted to 2 points and in Metropolitan Street railway to 1 3-4. Notwithstanding the favorable incidents, the local stock market showed no disposition to follow London's early lead, and the opening gains were soon lost. The only movements of any importance were in isolated stocks, mostly industrials. Sugar and Manhattan showed early depression, which was not entirely overcome in the case of the latter, though the former shows a small net gain. American Smelting rose at one time 2 3-4c and General Electric 1 3-4c, but both reacted a point. New York Air Brake rose 6 points and then dropped 11. The Tobacco stocks came into late demand and gained from 1 1-2 to 2 3-8c, the latter Continental Tobacco common. Rubber preferred, leather preferred, Tennessee Coal, Tin Plate, Federal Steel, People's Gas and a few other stocks had periods of strength. New York Central more than recovered yesterday's decline and some firmness was manifest amongst the Grangers, Pacifics and Trunk Lines, but the Coalers, Southwesterns and Southern stocks showed a slightly yielding disposition. The whole day's business footed up only a little over a quarter million shares, and Brooklyn Transit, Sugar and Manhattan absorbed a large proportion of this.

The total sales of stocks today were 262,424 shares, including American Smelting, 4,300; American Steel, 19,000; American Sugar, 17,600; Atchison preferred, 12,500; Brooklyn Transit, 46,500; Burlington, 8,000; Continental Tobacco, 16,500; Federal Steel, 2,800; Manhattan, 31,500; Northern Pacific, 5,100; Reading second preferred, 3,600; Rock Island, 3,600; St. Paul, 15,100; Union Pacific, 3,000; American Tobacco, 6,700; Missouri Pacific, 5,000; New York Central, 7,300; Pennsylvania, 8,100.

The leading stocks closed as follows

Atchison	18¾	do 1st pfd	69½
do pfd	69¾	do 2d pfd	37
Balt. & Ohio	17	St. L. & S. W.	14⅝
Can. Pac	96⅝	do pfd	35¼
Can. South	54¼	St. Paul	130⅞
Cent. Pac	31⅛	do pfd	173
Ches. & Ohio	23⅝	St. P. & O	36½
Chi. & Alton	159	do pfd	172
Chi., B. & Q.	125¾	So. Pac	31½
Chi. & E. Ill	72½	So. Railway	11⅝
do pfd	122	do pfd	51
Chi. G. W	14⅛	Texas & Pac	22
Chi., Ind. & L.	10	Union Pac	42⅝
do pfd	49	do pfd	76⅝
Chi. & N. W.	139½	Wabash	7⅝
do pfd	180	do pfd	22⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	97¾	W. & L. E. new	8⅛
do pfd	96½	do 2d pfd	24¼
Del. & Hudson	121½	Adams Ex	112
Del., L. & W.	167	Amer. Ex	137
Del. & Rio G.	21⅝	U. S. Ex	48
do pfd	75⅝	Wells Fargo	125
Erie (new)	13	A. Cot. Oil	41½
do 1st pfd	36	do pfd	92⅛
Ft. Wayne	184	Amer. Spirits	5⅝
Gt. Nor. pfd	167	do pfd	25
Illinois Cent	115¼	Am. Tobacco	97¼
Lake E. & W.	18	do pfd	143
do pfd	75⅝	Cons. Gas	180
Lake Shore	200	Com. Cable Co.	179
Louis. & Nash.	71⅝	Col. F. & Iron	45½
Manhattan L	117⅝	do pfd	106
Met. St. Ry	229⅝	Gen. Elec	119
Mich. Cent	111	Haw. Com'l Co.	120
Minn & St. L	54½	Brook. Trans	113⅝
do 2d pfd	99	Int'l Paper	41
Mo. Pac	47½	do pfd	78
Mobile & Ohio	44	La Clede Gas	54
Mo., K. & T.	12	Lead	29
do pfd	34	do pfd	112
N. J. Central	115	Nat. Lin. Oil	2
N. Y. Central	136⅝	Pac. Mail	47¼
N. Y., C. & St. L.	12⅝	People's Gas	117
do 1st pfd	68	Pullman Pal	159
do 2d pfd	32⅝	Silver Cert	69
Nor. West	299⅝	Sugar	137
No. Amer. Co	10⅝	Tenn. R. & T.	7⅝
No. Pac	57¼	do pfd	18
do pfd	77	T. C. & I.	49¼
Ont. & W	26	U. S. Leather	7⅝
Or. R. & N. pfd	40	do pfd	71⅝
Pac. Cst. lt. pfd.	82	U. S. Rubber	49⅝
do 2d pfd	54	do pfd	116
Pittsburg	181	West. Union	90
Reading	29⅝	Am. Steel & W.	25⅝
do 1st pfd	69	do pfd	97
do 2d pfd	34	Fed. Steel	56⅝
R. G. W	32	do pfd	94⅝
do pfd	79	Col. South	4⅝
Rock Island	114⅝	do 1st pfd	27½
St. L. & S. F.	19⅝	do 2d pfd	16⅝

The bond market was also dull and price changes were small and mixed, as in stocks. United States 3s coupon declined 1-8 and the old 4s registered 1-4, while the old 4s coupon advanced 1-4 in the bid price.

Foreign Stocks and Money.

New York, July 18.—The Commercial-Advertiser's London financial cablegram: "The feeling regarding the Transvaal trouble being more hopeful today, the tone of the market was brighter, but there was no increase of business. Americans were steady but dull till New York began buying. Later they eased, closing below the opening. Changes in balance were fractional and irregular. Money was easier, and some balances were unemployed. The bank did a similar discount business and only a trifling amount of loans were repaid. The bank bought 104,444 pounds of gold bars and received 50,000 pounds from Holland. Silver closed weak on American selling."

London, July 18.—Closing consols for money 100 5-16; for the account, 100 1-2; Canadian Pacific, 90 1-4; Erie, 13 5-8; Erie first preferred, 37 1-4; Illinois Central, 119; Northern Pacific preferred, 75 3-4; St. Paul common, 134 1-2; New York Central preferred, 141 1-4; Pennsylvania, 60; Reading, 19 3-4; Union Pacific preferred, 75; Atchison, 20 1-8; Louisville and Nashville, 73 5-8. Bar silver dull, 27 11-16d per ounce. rand GTrunk, 7 3-4. Money 2 per cent; Anaconda, 11 3-8. Rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3 5-8@3 3-4 per cent; for three months bills, 3 3-4 per cent.

Paris, July 18.—Prices opened better on the bourse today, chiefly due to encouragement in regard to affairs at Pretoria. Despite the inactivity, the firmness of the market was accentuated, and quotations closed at the best figures of today. Spanish fours and Rio Tintos sharply recovered, and Kaffirs advanced considerably.

Berlin, July 18.—Business opened hesitatingly on the boerse today in view of money tightening. Prices fluctuated, coal shares being particularly depressed. Later, however, prices generally became steadier, owing to favorable London reports. Transvaal railroads were in good demand on favorable Pretoria news.

New York Loan Market.

New York, July 18.—Money on call 3 1-2@4 per cent; last loan, 3 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3 1-2@4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87 1-2@4.87 3-4 for demand and at $4.84@4.84 1-4 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.86 and $4.88@4.88 1-2; commercial bills, $4.83 1-2. Silver certificates, 60@61c; bar silver, 60 1-4 Mexican dollars, 48c. Government bonds irregular; state bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

BASEBALL

Clubs.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Perc.
Brooklyn	78	53	25	.676
Philadelphia	75	47	28	.627
Boston	77	48	29	.623
Chicago	74	44	30	.594
Baltimore	75	42	33	.560
St. Louis	77	45	32	.584
Cincinnati	75	37	38	.493
Pittsburg	76	35	40	.474
New York	76	34	42	.447
Louisville	75	31	44	.413
Washington	77	26	52	.338
Cleveland	77	14	63	.182

WASHINGTON, 4-11; CLEVELAND, 5-4.

Washington, July 18.—Washington and Cleveland split even today. In the first game, the Senators gained a lead, but the Wanderers won out by a batting rally in the seventh inning. The second game went to Washington mainly because of Cleveland's errors. Attendance, 3,500. Score:

First game—	R	H	E
Washington	2 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0—	4	6 2
Cleveland	0 0 0 0 0 1 4 0 *—	5	11 2

Batteries—Washington, Dineen and Kittredge; Cleveland, Kn