MONEY, STOCKS AND GRAIN

Saturday One of the Dullest Days of the Year on the New York Exchange.

Reserve in Gotham's Banks Now Over Five Millions Below the Legal Requirements—Local Trade Dull—Grain Active.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Railway and Miscellaneous Securities Dull—Bank Reserves Low.

At New York, Saturday, money on call nominally was 4 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 6@8 per cent.

Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83¾@4.83 for sixty days, and $4.84½@4.84¾ for demand.

The silver market opened weak and closed steadier; certificates sold at 71¾@72⅛c, closing at 72⅛@72¼c.

The total sales of stocks at New York, Saturday, were 136,200 shares. The market for railway and miscellaneous securities was a dull one, less than thirty-seven thousand shares having changed hands during the two hours of business. At the start prices ran off ⅛ to ¾ per cent., Missouri Pacific and General Electric leading. The market began to improve soon after the opening, and Cordage common developed considerable strength, rising 2½ to 11, on the statement that the time for paying assessments had been extended for a fortnight; General Electric rose ⅞, to 71¾; Burlington & Quincy, ¾, to 75; Northwest, ½, to 103; Illinois Central, 2, to 92½; New England, ¾, to 23, and Western Union, ⅝, to 81¾. The loss in the bank reserves led to a decline of 1 per cent. in Lake Shore and New Jersey Central. The general list, however, receded only fractionally and closed steady in tone. The banks are now $5,082,025 below the 25 per cent. legal requirement. This is the first time they have been deficient since December 6, 1890, when they were $2,429,650 below the legal limit. It is proper to add that the banks are in a better position than the statement indicates, the July interest and dividend disbursements being only partially reflected in the exhibit. In other words, according to bank officials, the statement was made upon rising averages for specie and legal-tenders.

Railway bonds were dull and irregular. The sales were $320,000. Government bonds were firm. State bonds were dull. Closing quotations were:

Four per cent. reg.	110½	Lous. & Nash.	63⅞
Four per ct. coup.	110	L. & New Albany	15½
Pacific 6's of '95	103	Missouri Pacific	31¾
Atchison	21½	N. J. Central	102⅛
Adams Express	145	Northern Pacific	12¼
Alton & T. H.	23	N. Pacific pref.	32⅛
Alton & T. H. pref.	145	Northwestern	102½
American Expr'ss	109	Northwest'rn pr'f.	135
Ches. & Ohio	16¾	N. Y. Central	100½
C., B. & Q.	84¼	Peoria, D. & E.	9
C., C., C. & St. L.	40½	Pullman Palace	161½
Del., Lack. & W.	144⅝	Rock Island	69
Fort Wayne	145	U. S. Express	50
Lake Erie & W.	16½	W., St. L. & P.	7⅞
L. E. & W. pref.	69¼	W., St. L. & P. pref	16
Lake Shore	119¾	Wells-Fargo Ex.	130
Lead Trust	30½	Western Union	81⅛

The New York bank statement shows the following changes:

Reserve, decrease	$333,750
Loans, increase	5,035,500
Specie, decrease	1,284,600
Legal tenders, decrease	4,874,100
Deposits, increase	700,200
Circulation, increase	100,500

The banks are now $5,082,025 below the requirements of the twenty-five-per-cent. rule.

At New York Saturday bar silver closed at 70½c per ounce; Mexican dollars at 58c. Silver sales were 60,000 ounces. At London bar silver closed at 33d.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

A Holiday and Extreme Heat Interfered with Trade Last Week.

In all departments the trade of the week closing Saturday was disappointing, it extending to commission row the latter part of the week. Fruits are in light supply and prices ruling firm at the unusually high quotations for July. In the vegetable line receipts are heavier and prices tending lower. Poultry and eggs are firm at quotations. The week closed with sugars and coffees in stronger position than in the early part of the week, the soft grades of sugar being ⅛c higher. Canned goods bid fair to come under the luxury list next fall and winter, so light are crops of the small fruits. The hide market is dull, with prices easy. The leather market is fairly active at unchanged prices. Druggists report trade slow, and prices steady.

The local grain market is fairly active. But for the money troubles business would be largely in excess of the volume of the corresponding period last year. On Saturday, Indianapolis elevators contained 66,872 bushels of wheat, against 18,150 last year, on the corresponding date; 17,500 bushels of corn, against 10,600 last year, and 21,000 bushels of oats, against 17,300 last year. Track bids, on Saturday, ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 58½c; No. 3 red, 54@56c; No. 4 red, 50c; rejected, 45@50c; unmerchantable, 35@40c; wagon wheat, 60c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 39½c; No. 2 white, 39½c; No. 3 white, 38½c; No. 4 white, 30@35c; No. 2 white mixed, 38c; No. 3 white mixed, 37c; No. 4 white mixed, 30@35c; No. 2 yellow, 37½c; No. 3 yellow, 37c; No. 4 yellow, 30@35c; No. 2 mixed, 37½c; No. 3 mixed, 37c; No. 4 mixed, 30@35c; sound ear, 39@41c for yellow.

Oats—No. 2 white, 34c; No. 3 white, 32@33c; No. 2 mixed, 29½c; No. 3 mixed, 29c; rejected, 25@30c.

Rye—No. 2, 47c for car lots; 45c for wagon rye.

Hay—Choice timothy, $12.50; No. 1, $12; No. 2, $9; No. 1 prairie, $7; mixed, $8; clover, $9.

Bran, $11.

POULTRY AND OTHER PRODUCE.

(Prices Paid by Dealers.)

Poultry—Hens, 8½c ℔ lb; young chickens, 10@13c ℔ lb; turkeys, toms, 8c ℔ lb; hens, 9c ℔ lb; ducks, 6c ℔ lb; geese, $4@4.80 for choice.

Butter—Grass butter, 10@12c; mixed, 6@8c.

Eggs—Shippers paying 12c.

Honey—18@20c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 40c ℔ lb; mixed duck, 20c ℔ lb.

Beeswax—30c for yellow; 15c for dark.

Wool—Unwashed fine merino, 12@16c; medium unwashed, 17c; coarse or braid wool, 14@16c; tub-washed, 20@25c.

Hides, Tallow, Etc.

Hides—No. 1 G. S. hides, 4c; No. 2 G. S. hides, 3c; No. 1 calf hides, 6c; No. 2 calf hides, 4½c; horse hides, $2.

Tallow—No. 1 tallow, 4c; No. 2 tallow, 3½c.

Grease—White, 5c; yellow, 3½c; brown, 3c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 ℔ ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the selling prices of wholesale dealers.)

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches—Standard, 3-pound, $2.50@2.75; 3-pound seconds, $1.85@2; California standard, $2.50@2.75; California seconds, $2@2.25. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 85@95c; raspberries, 2-pound, $1.20@1.25; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, $1.25@1.35; choice, $2@2.25; cove oysters, 1-pound, full weight, $1@1.10; light, 70@75c; 2-pound full, $2@2.10; light, $1.20@1.30; string beans, 85@95c; Lima beans, $1.10@1.30; peas, marrowfat, $1.10@1.20; early June, $1.25@1.50; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, $1.20@1.25; strawberries, $1.20@1.30; salmon (lbs), $1.45@2.20; 3-pound tomatoes, $1.20@1.25.

CANDIES AND NUTS.

Candies—Stick, 7c ℔ lb; common mixed, 7c; G. A. R. mixed, 8c; Banner mixed, 10c; cream mixed, 10½c; old-time mixed, 8c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 20c; English walnuts, 16c; Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed nuts, 15c.

COAL AND COKE.

Coke—Connellsville, $3.75 ℔ load; c. ished, $3.25 ℔ load; lump, $3 ℔ load.

Anthracite coal, all sizes, $7.50 ℔ ton; Pittsburg and Raymond City, $4.25 ℔ ton; Jackson, $4.25; block, $3.25; Island City, $3; Blossburg and English Cannel, $5. All nut coals 50c below above quotations.

DRUGS.

Alcohol, $2.14@2.40; asafetida, 34c; alum, 4@5c; camphor, 55@60c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 60@65c; coperas, brls, $1@1.10; cream tartar, pure, 28@30c; indigo, 80@81c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@45c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, $2.45; madder, 14@16c; oil, castor, per gal, $1.30@1.35; oil, bergamot, per lb, $3; opium, $3.10; quinine, P. & W., per oz, 29@34c; balsam copaiba, 60@65c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb, 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@20c; turpentine, 36@40c; glycerine, 16@20c; iodide potassium, $3@3.10; bromide potassium, 38@40c; chlorate potash, 25c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonidia, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 25@30c.

Oils—Linseed oil, 49@52c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners, 45c. Lard oils—Winter strained, in barrels, 90c per gal; in half barrels, 3c per gal extra.

DRY GOODS.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6½c; Berkeley, No. 60, 9c; Cabot, 7c; Capital, 6c; Cumberland, 7½c; Dwight Anchor, 8¾c; Fruit of Loom, 9c; Farwell, 8c; Fitchville, 6½c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge, 6½c; Gilded Age, 7½c; Hill, 8c; Hope, 7½c; Linwood, 8c; Lonsdale, 8½c; Lonsdale Cambric, 10½c; Masonville, 8½c; Peabody, 6c; Pride of the West, 11½c; Quinebaugh, 6½c; Star of the Nation, 6c; Ten Strike, 6½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 20c; Pepperell, 10-4, 22c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20½c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6¾c; Argyle, 6c; Boott C, 5c; Buck's Head, 6½c; Clifton CCC, 6c; Constitution, 40-inch, 8c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7c; Dwight Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 6½c; Great Falls J, 5½c; Hill Fine, 7c; Indian Head, 6¾c; Lawrence LL, 5c; Lockwood B, 6½c; A, 5½c; Princess, 5¾c; Saranac R, 6½c; Trion Sea Island, 5¼c; Pepperell E, 6¾c; Pepperell R, 6c; Pepperell 9-4, 18c; Pepperell 10-4, 20c; Androscoggin 9-4, 16½c; Androscoggin 10-4, 18½c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag Staples, 6½c; Amoskeag Persian Dress, 8c; Bates Warwick Dress, 7½c; Johnson BF Fancies, 8½c; Lancaster, 6½c; Lancaster Normandies, 7½c; Carrolton, 4¾c; Renfrew Dress, 8½c; Whittenton Heather, 8c; Calcutta Dress Styles, 6¼c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 6c; Allen's staples, 5½c; Allen TR, 6c; Allen robes, 6c; American indigo, 6½c; American robes, 6c; American shirtings, 4½c; Arnold merino, 6½c; Arnold LLC, 8c; Arnold LCB, 9c; Arnold Gold Seal, 10c; Cocheco fancy, 6c; Cocheco madders, 5½c; Hamilton fancy, 6½c; Manchester fancy, 6½c; Merrimac fancy, 6½c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 6½c; Pacific fancy, 6½c, Pacific robes, 7c; Pacific mourning, 6c; Simpson Eddystone, 6½c; Simpson Berlin solids, 6c; Simpson's oil finish, 6½c; Simpson's grays, 6½c; Simpson's mournings, 6½c.

Prime Cambrics—Manville, 4¾c; S. S. & Son's, 4½c; Masonville, 4¾c; Garner, 4¾c.

Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 12½c; Conestoga, BF, 14½c; Cordis, 140, 13½c; Cordis, FT, 13½c; Cordis, ACE, 12½c; Hamilton awning, 10½c; Kimono Fancy, 17c; Lenox Fancy, 18c; Methuen AA, 12c; Oakland, 200, 7½c; Oakland, 250, 7½c; Oakland, AF, 7c; Portsmouth, 12½c; Susquehanna, 14½c; Shetucket SW, 7½c; Shetucket F, 8c; Swift River, 5½c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $16.50; American, $16.50; Franklinville, $18; Harmony, $16; Stark, $19.50.

GROCERIES.

Sugar—Hard sugars, 6¼@6⅞c; confectioners' A, 5¾@6⅛c; off A, 5⅞@6c; A, 5⅜@6c; extra C, 5⅜@5¾c; yellow C, 4⅞@5⅛c; dark yellow, 4⅜@4⅝c.

Coffee—Good, 20@21c; prime, 22@23c; strictly prime, 24@25c; fancy green and yellows, 26@27c; ordinary Java, 29@30c; old government Java, 31@33c; roasted 1-lb packages, 23¼c.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@40c; choice, 40@45c; syrups, 30@36c.

Rice—Louisiana, 3¾@5c; Carolina, 4½@6½c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $2.30@2.35 ℔ bu; medium hand-picked, $2.25@2.30; limas, California, 5c ℔ lb.

Honey—New York stock, 1-lb sections, 16@18c ℔ lb.

Spices—Pepper, 16@18c; allspice, 12@15c; cloves, 20@25c; cassia, 10@12c; nutmegs, 80@85c ℔ lb.

Salt—In car lots, 80@85c; small lots, 90@95c.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $7@7.25; No. 2 tubs, $6@6.25; No. 3 tubs, $5@5.25; 3-hoop pails, $1.70@1.75; 2-hoop pails, $1.40@1.45; double wash-boards, $2.25@2.75; common wash-boards, $1.50@1.85; clothes-pins, 50@85c lb box.

Twine—Hemp, 12@18c ℔ lb; wool, 8@10c; flax, 20@30c; paper, 15c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 16@25c.

Shot—$1.50@1.55 ℔ bag for drop.

Lead—7@7½c for pressed bars.

Wooden dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2.20; No. 2, $2.50; No. 3, $2.80; No. 5, $3.50.

Flour sacks (paper)—Plain, 1/32 brl, ℔ 1,000, $3.50; 1/16 brl, $5; ⅛ brl, $8; ¼ brl, $16; No. 2, drab, plain, 1/32 brl, ℔ 1,000, $4.25; 1/16, $6.50; ⅛, $10; ¼, $20; No. 1, cream, plain, 1/32, ℔ 1,000, $7; 1/16, $8.75; ⅛, $14.50; ¼, $28.50. Extra charge for printing.

IRON AND STEEL.

Bar iron, 1.80@1.90c; horseshoe bar, 2¾@3c; nail rod, 6c; plow slabs, 3c; American cast steel, 9c; tire steel, 2¾@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

LEATHER.

Leather—Oak sole, 28@38c; hemlock sole, 22@28c; harness, 26@33c; skirting, 31@33c; single strap, 41c; black bridle, ℔ doz, $60@95; fair bridle, $60@78 ℔ doz; city kip, 55@75c; French Kip, 85c@$1.10; city calfskins, 85c@1; French calfskins, $1@1.80.

NAILS AND HORSESHOES.

Steel cut nails, $1.60; wire nails, $1.80 rates; horseshoes, ℔ keg, $4.25; mule-shoes, ℔ keg, $5.25; horse nails, $4@5.

OIL CAKE.

Oil cake, $24 ℔ ton; oil meal, $24.

PRODUCE, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples—Peck boxes, 45@50c; $4@4.25 ℔ barrel.

New Tomatoes—4 baskets in crate, $1; ½ bu box, 40@50c.

Currants—$5 ℔ stand; $3 per 24-quart crate.

Gooseberries—$6@7 ℔ stand.

Green Beans—50c@75 ℔ bushel box.

Onions—$3.50@4 ℔ brl; Bermuda onions, $1.75 ℔ bu crate.

Black Raspberries—$2.50@3 ℔ 24-qt. crate.

Watermelons—$18@20 ℔ 100.

Cabbage—Early York, $1.25 ℔ brl; Louisville, $2 ℔ crate.

New Green Peas—50@75c ℔ bushel.

Blackberries—$2.25@2.50 ℔ case of 24 quarts.

Bananas—$2@3 ℔ bunch, according to size and quality.

Cherries—$7@8 ℔ stand.

Lemons—Choice, $4.75 ℔ box; fancy, $6.

Oranges—Navels, $3.75; seedlings, $3.25. Messina blood orange, $2.50 ℔ half box.

Potatoes—$2@2.25 ℔ brl.

Cucumbers—25@30c ℔ doz.

Green Corn—$1.75@2 ℔ barrel.

Peaches—⅛ bu box, 65@75c.

Pineapples—$1.50@2 ℔ dozen.

Cheese—New York full cream, 12@13c; skims, 5@7c ℔ lb.

Apples—Sun-dried, 7@8c ℔ lb; evaporated, 12@14c; 3-lb canned apples, $1.10@1.20.

Red Raspberries—$1.25@1.50 per twenty-four-pint crate.

Red Plums—$1@1.50 ℔ 24-quart crate.

PROVISIONS.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear, English-cured, 15½c; sugar cured, 7 to 9 lbs average, 13½c; 10 to 12 lbs average, 13c; breakfast rolls, boneless, 12½c.

Hams—Sugar cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 13c; 15 lbs average, 13c; 13 lbs average, 13¾c; 10 lbs average, 13¾c; block hams, 14¼c.

Bacon—Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 11¾c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 12¼c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 12½c; clear bellies, 18 to 22 lbs average, 12c; 12 to 15 lbs average, 12¾c; clear backs, heavy, 20 to 30 lbs average, 11½c; medium, 10 to 15 lbs average, 12c; light, 8 lbs average, 12¼c; French backs, 12 lbs average, 10¾c.

Lard—Kettle rendered, in tierces, 11c; Indiana, 10⅝c.

Shoulders—English-cured, 12 lbs average, 10¾c; 16 lbs average, 10½c.

Boneless Ham—Sugar-cured, 13½c.

California Hams—Sugar-cured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 10½c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, ℔ brl, 200 lbs, $21; family pork, $18; rump pork, $17.50 ℔ brl.

SEEDS.

Clover—Choice recleaned 60-lb bu, $6@6.25; prime, $5.50@6; English, choice, $6.25@6.50; white, choice, $12@14; Alsike, choice, $6@6.25; Alfalfa, choice, $5.75@6.25. Timothy—45-lb bu, choice, $2.15@2.30; strictly prime, $2.10@2.15. Bluegrass—Fancy, 14-lb bu, $1.10@1.15; extra clean, 80@85c. Orchard grass—Extra, $1.35@1.50. Red Top—Choice, 50@60c; extra clean, 38@40c. English bluegrass—24-lb bu, $1.60@1.75.

CHICAGO WHEAT ADVANCED

Pushed Up 1c on Expectations of a Bullish Government Crop Report.

Corn Shoved Down a Trifle on the Belief that the Yield Will Be Heavy—Lard and Ribs Slightly Improved in Price.

TRADING AT CHICAGO.

Speculators Boost Up Wheat 1c and Hammer Down Corn a Fraction.

CHICAGO, July 8.—Wheat speculators are looking for a bullish government crop report on Monday afternoon, and they advanced wheat 1c per bushel to-day on the faith of what they expect. Corn, on similar grounds of an inverse kind, declined a trifle. The government report is expected to indicate a prospective heavy crop of corn. Provision men did some business in lard and ribs at slightly improved prices.

Wheat was moderately active. The market at the opening was ¼@⅜c higher than yesterday's closing for September, then advanced ¾c more, eased off slightly, ruled firmer again, and the closing was about ⅞c higher than yesterday. July closed about 1c higher and December 1c higher. The advance was partially attributed to the Kansas State crop report, which makes a yield of 23,000,000 bu, and is a smaller quantity than many operators had expected. But why that should put up the price of wheat it is difficult to say, for this report made the yield about 2,000,000 bu more than the government report made about a month ago. The London Times's July crop report estimates a falling off in percentage of condition as compared with last year of 7 per cent., and says the crop is suffering severely and going off rapidly. Belgium reports to-day say an unbroken drought of ninety days continues. In addition to these advices were the home reports which say harvesting is progressing, but the yield not flattering. Crop reports from the Northwest were not encouraging. Offerings were not heavy, and it is estimated that the visible supply will show a good decrease—a considerably larger reduction than last week being expected.

Corn averaged strong, but there were many changes and quick fluctuations over a moderate range, ending with the lowest prices ruling toward the close, which was ⅛c under yesterday. Some of the recently most extensive buyers were the heaviest sellers to-day. They appear to think that they may be able to get a lower hold after the government report comes out.

Oats were quiet and steady, prices having a ¼c range, and closing without important change from yesterday.

Hog products were firm on a good demand and better prices for live hogs. Pork was neglected, but lard and ribs sold higher. Compared with last night lard is up .10c for september and .17½c for October. Ribs advanced .10c.

Freights were steady at 1c for wheat and corn to Buffalo, and 2½c for corn to Kingston. Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 46 cars; corn, 380 cars; oats, 160 cars; hogs, 28,000 head. The leading futures ranged as follows:

Options.	Op'ning	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—July	65⅜	66	65⅜	66⅜
Sept	70¼	70¾	70	70¾
Dec	75⅜	76¼	75¼	76¼
Corn—July	41¼	41½	41⅛	41⅛
Aug	41¾	42	41½	41½
Sept	42⅜	42⅝	42¼	42¼
Oats—July	29	29⅛	29	29
Sept	26⅜	26½	26¼	26⅜
Pork—July	----	----	----	$19.30
Sept	$20.10	$20.10	$20.10	20.10
Lard—July	10.02½	10.02½	10.02½	10.02½
Sept	10.40	10.60	10.40	10.60
Oct	10.00	10.20	10.00	10.17½
S'ribs—July	----	----	----	9.17½
Sept	9.42½	9.52½	9.37½	9.52½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour weak and considerably lower than one week back; spring patents, in sacks, sold to-day at $3.35. No. 2 spring wheat, 66c; No. 3 spring wheat, f. o. b., 62@63c; No. 2 red, 66c; No. 2 corn, 41⅛c; No. 3 corn, 40⅜c; No. 2 oats, 29c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 33½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 31@33c; No. 2 rye, 50c; No. 2 barley, nominal; No. 3, no sales; No. 4, f. o. b., 35c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.11; prime timothy seed, $4; mess pork, per brl., $19.30@19.32½; lard, per lb, 10.05@10.07½c; short-rib sides (loose), 9.22½@9.27½c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 8.75@9c; short-clear sides (boxed), 9.50@9.75c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.12; sugars, cut loaf, 6¼c, granulated, 5.76c; standard A, 5.64c.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady; creamery, 16@19½c; dairy, 14@17½c. Eggs firm and steady; fresh, 13½@14½c.

Receipts—Flour, 11,545 brls; wheat, 38,800 bu; corn, 221,600 bu; oats, 164,113 bu; rye, 1,300 bu; barley, 3,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 6,200 brls; wheat, 12,000 bu; corn, 329,800 bu; oats, 137,920 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis.

NEW YORK, July 8.—Flour—Receipts, 28,000 packages; exports, 2,500 brls and 31,000 sacks; sales, 5,500 packages. The market was dull and easy; winter wheat, low grades, $1.95@2.45; winter wheat, fair to fancy, $2.45@3.45; winter wheat patents, $3.40@4; Minnesota clear, $2.50@3; Minnesota straights, $3.30@4; Minnesota patents, $4@4.45. Corn meal dull and steady; yellow Western, $2.60@2.70. Rye dull and unchanged; Western, 55@57c. Barley malt steady and quiet; Western, 65@90c.

Wheat—Receipts, 159,000 bu; exports, 170,000 bu; sales, 410,000 bu futures and no spot. The spot market was dull but firmer with options; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 72¾@73c; afloat, 72¾@74¼c; f. o. b., 72½@75c; ungraded red, 68@71¾c; No. 1 Northern, 73½c; No. 1 hard, 78¾c; No. 2 Northern, 72¼c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 72½c. Options were very dull and closed firm at ⅛@⅞c advance on firmer cables, foreign buying, better Western markets, local covering and a report that the Kansas State board shows a crop of 2,000,000 bu below last month; No. 2 red, July, 72¾c; August, 74@74⅛c, closing at 74⅛c; September, 76@76½c, closing at 76⅝c; December, 81¾@82½c, closing at 82c.

Corn—Receipts, 17,000 bu; exports, 1,300 bu; sales, 150,000 bu futures and 115,000 bu spot. Spots were firmer and fairly active; No. 2, 48⅜@48⅞c in elevator, 49½@49⅞c afloat; ungraded mixed, 48½@49½c. Options were very dull and ⅜c higher as following the West, closing firm; August, 49¼@49¾c, closing at 49¾c; September, 50¼@50⅜c, closing at 50⅜c.

Oats—Receipts, 58,000 bu; exports, 45,000 bu; sales, 5,000 bu futures, 40,000 bu spot. Spots were moderately active and firmer on mixed. Options were very dull and unchanged to ½c up; July, 36c; August, 35¾c; September, 32¼c; spot No. 2 white, 37@38½c; No. 2 Chicago, 37c; No 3, 34½@35c; No. 3 white, 37@37½c; mixed Western, 36½@37½c; white Western, 37c.

Hay fairly active and steady; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, 80@95c. Hops steady and quiet; State, common to choice, 19@22c; Pacific coast, 19@21½c.

Hides steady and in fair demand; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45 to 60 lbs, 4½@6c; Texas selected, 50 to 60 lbs, 5@7c; Buenos Ayres, 21 to 24 lbs, 12½c; Texas dry, 21 to 27 lbs, 8@10½c.

Cut meats in light demand and steady; pickled bellies, 12 lbs, 13c; pickled shoulders, 7¾@8c; pickled hams, 12@12½c. Middles quiet; short clear, 9¾c. Lard quiet and firm; Western steam closed at 10.30c, nominal; July closed at 10.30c; September closed at 10.65c. Pork quiet and steady; new mess, $19@19.50.

Butter quiet and easy; Western dairy, 15@18c; Western creamery, 17@22c; Western factory, 15@17c; Elgins, 21½@22c. Cheese quiet and firm; part skims, 1@5c.

Eggs quiet; receipts, 6,000 packages; Western fresh, 15¾@16¼c; Western, per case, $2.50@3.50.

Tallow dull and firm; city, ($2 for packages), 4⅜c bid. Cotton-seed oil quiet and unsettled; crude, 36c; yellow, prime, 42c. Rosin quiet and steady; strained, common to good, $1.17½@1.20.

Rice fairly active and steady; domestic, fancy to extra, 2¾@5c; Japan, 4⅜@4¾c. Molasses—New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, quiet and steady at 30@38c. Coffee—Options opened steady at 5@10 points advance, and closed firm at 15@20 points up; sales, 12,500 bags, including: July, 16.10@16.20c; August, 16.05@16.10c; September, 15.95@16.05c; December, 15.65@15.80c; spot Rio firm but dull; No. 7, 17c. Sugar—Raw quiet and firm; fair refining, 3¾c; centrifugals, 96 test, 4⅜c; refined more active and firm; off A, 4 15/16@5 5/16c; mold A, 5 9/16@5¾c; standard A, 5⅜@5 9/16c; confectioners' A, 5¼@5 7/16c; cut-loaf, 5 13/16@6c; crushed, 5 13/16@6c; powdered, 5⅜@5 13/16c; granulated, 5⅜@5 11/16c; cubes, 5⅜@5 13/16c.

BALTIMORE, July 8.—Wheat firmer; No. 2 red, spot and July, 69c; August, 70¼c; September, 72⅜c. Corn quiet and firmer; mixed, spot and July, 48c bid; August, 49@49¼c. Oats firm; No. 2 white Western, 38c. Rye slow; No. 2, 59c. Hay in good demand. Grain freights steady and unchanged. Provisions quiet; mess pork, $19.50. Butter dull; creamery, fancy, 21½c. Eggs weak at 15c. Coffee firm; Rio No. 7, 17¼c.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle Scarce and Steady—Hogs Active and Higher—Sheep Dull.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 150; shipments, 200. There were but few fresh arrivals, and the market was dull and lower on butchers' grades; others steady.

Export grades	$4.85@5.25
Good to choice shippers	4.40@4.75
Fair to medium shippers	3.75@4.25
Common shippers	3.00@3.50
Good to choice feeders	3.75@4.25
Stockers, 500 to 800 lbs	2.75@3.50
Good to choice heifers	3.75@4.25
Fair to medium heifers	3.25@3.60
Common thin heifers	2.50@3.00
Good to choice cows	3.50@4.00
Fair to medium cows	2.50@3.25
Common old cows	1.50@2.25
Veals, common to choice	3.50@6.00
Bulls, common to medium	2.25@2.75
Bulls, good to choice	3.00@3.75
Milkers, good to choice	30.00@40.00
Milkers, common to medium	18.00@25.00

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000; shipments, 3,000. The quality was fair. The market opened active and a shade higher; packers and shippers buying, and closed steady, with all sold.

Light	$6.15@6.35
Mixed and heavy	6.05@6.30
Heavy roughs and pigs	4.50@5.60

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 250; shipments, 400. The market was dull on all grades at barely steady prices.

Good to choice sheep	$3.75@4.25
Fair to medium sheep	3.25@3.60
Stockers, common to good	2.50@3.00
Spring lambs	3.00@4.75
Bucks, per head	2.00@4.00

Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, July 8.—The Evening Journal reports: Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; shipments, 870. The market was dull. Texans lower; no choice natives on market. Natives, $3.50@5.25; Texans, $2.70@3.15; stockers, $2.25@3.25; cows, $1.75@3.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; shipments, 5,000. Market active, steady to 5c higher; mixed and packers, $6@6.30; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $6.30@6.40; light, $6.15@6.40.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,500; shipments, 450. Market dull and weak. Natives, $4@5; Westerns, $4@4.25; Texans, $3.75@4.10; lambs, $3@6.10.

BUFFALO, July 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 168 carloads through and 5 carloads for sale. The market was a shade stronger, with all sold. Sales of 1,500 lb steers, $4.90; Texas steers, $3.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 42 carloads through and 5 carloads for sale. The market was 5@10c stronger with good demand. Sales good Yorkers, $6.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 41 carloads through and 11 carloads for sale. The market was steady for good sheep and slow and weak for lambs; good wethers, $4.75; 1 carload heavy exports, $5.25; fair mixed sheep, $3.75; good lambs, $6.50.

KANSAS CITY, July 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,100; shipments, 1,300. Best cattle were steady; steers weak at $3.20@4.20; Texas cows, $2@2.75; shipping steers, $5.25@5.40; native cows, $1@4; butchers' stock, $3.60@4.40; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.10; bulls and mixed, $2.20@3.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,200; shipments, 4,300. Light hogs were strong and 5c higher; bulk, $5.80@5.95; heavy hogs, $5.75@5.90; packers, $5.80@5.95; mixed, $5.70@5.90; light, $5.85@6.05; Yorkers, $5.95@6.05; pigs, $5.25@6.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,400. The market was dull and steady.

ST. LOUIS, July 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,100; shipments, 2,300. The market was steady; fair to good native steers, $3@4.50; grass Texas, $2.70@3.70.

Hogs strong; top prices, $6.17½; bulk of sales, $5.90@6.10.

Sheep—Receipts, none; shipments, 100. No market for lack of receipts.

CINCINNATI, July 8.—Hogs in moderate demand and steady at $4.50@6.25. Receipts, 1,800; shipments, 1,800.

Cattle steady at $2.25@4.75. Receipts, 154; shipments, 92.

Sheep in fair demand and steady at $2.75@5. Receipts, 4,600; shipments, 8,900. Lambs strong at $3@6.15.

EAST LIBERTY, July 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,200; shipments, 1,000. All through consignments.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,500; shipments, 800. Medium and light, $6.25@6.45; heavy, $6@6.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,200; shipments, 1,200. The market was slow and unchanged.

A BLUNDERING FATHER.

But He Won't Try to Make Himself Useful Again Without Inquiring.

Yankee Blade.

The neighbors are telling a good joke of a certain husband near Battersea Park and, whether true or not, it is good enough to publish. He is a bold, bad traveling man by profession and is off on the road many months in the year, so that he gets little chance to be in the bosom of his family. Being a loving husband and the father of five very interesting children, it is only natural that she should long for a chance to have a frolic with them.

Now, as the story goes, he happened to strike town very unexpectedly on a recent afternoon, and immediately started for home to give his family a surprise. Much to his disappointment he found his wife and children were out. This was very discouraging, and in order to keep up his spirits he got out his old brier and stood at the front door for a smoke.

Imagine then his pleasure upon beholding his two youngest children playing in front of the house next door. He called the little ones to him, and was wondering what he could do to amuse them, when it occurred to him that his wife was in the habit of giving them a bath about this time every evening and putting them to bed.

It also occurred to him that it would be a good plan for him to take time by the forelock and give the children their bath, thus relieving his wife and giving her a chance to visit with him on her return. A short time later he had the babies up in the nursery, and, in spite of their protestations, removed their garments and gave them as good a washing as a child ever had. He was giving them the third coat of lather and having a high old time with the struggling darlings, when his wife came into the room and nearly had a fit.

"Why, Charlie," she exclaimed, delightedly, "when did you come?"

"This afternoon," he replied as he released her from his grasp, and gazed proudly upon his work.

"But what does this mean?" she asked, pointing to the shivering youngsters.

"Why," he replied, "you always give them a bath in the evenings, and—I—thought I would relieve you of the bother for once, that's all."

During the next few moments she could not speak for laughing, but when she finally came round, she turned to her bewildered husband with the startling announcement:

"These are not our children, Charley; they belong to the people next door!"

It is safe to say that when Charley again tackles washing the babies he will get some one to identify them.

French Girlhood.

Marquise De San Carlos in North American Review.

It is almost impossible to give foreigners an idea of the moral swaddling bands that constrain French youth and warp its spontaneous growth. A mother's one ambition is to launch her child suddenly into the wild vortex of life utterly ignorant of its dangers; the more ignorant she is found, the more perfect is considered her education. Her mamma's anxious vigilance has followed her day by day, from the hour of her birth, until she has triumphantly placed her darling as innocent as a new-born babe, on her marriage day in the arms of a man the child scarcely knows by sight and who is often a Paris libertine in its high-bred phase. It is surprising that such a bride should experience cruel disappointment and often end by seeking consolation in those forbidden attachments where heart-breaking remorse follows new and deeper disenchantments that end by shattering belief in all love, and leave the young mother powerless in her turn to lead her child through the untrodden paths of nature's own simple laws of love! Neither can a young man attempt to reform present customs and seek a wife of his own choice, for a gentleman is in honor bound never to court a girl without having previously asked her parents' permission, and, as the slightest attention to a girl assumes immediately in France a serious character, he must either ask this permission before knowing his bride, or he