ANYWHERE IN BRYANT PARK.

THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY NEED NOT BE PLACED ON THE SITE OF THE RESERVOIR.

There is a general impression among the people of New-York that the new Public Library building is to be erected on the site of the Forty-second-st. reservoir when that relic of a former era in the life of the city is done away. This was the fixed impression in the mind of a city official supposed to be familiar with the law in general and with the statutes relating to New-York in particular.

"Why don't they call green black, and be done with it?" he asked yesterday, when the suggestion was made to him that according to the law passed at the recent session the library might be placed in any part of Bryant Park. To clear up the point, however, a copy of the act as passed was procured. It gave the official information that was new to him.

"My thought in the matter," said he, "was that the library was to be placed where the reservoir stands, but I supposed that it would not occupy the entire area, and that we should have a considerable gain in park space by the change; and in my opinion that is what people generally think. But it seems that we were wrong."

The statute specifically provides that "the land now occupied by the reservoir upon Fifth-ave., between Fortieth and Forty-second sts., in the city of New-York, having been made, pursuant to lawful authority, a portion of a public park, known as Bryant Park, the Department of Public Parks in the city of New-York is hereby authorized to remove the reservoir, now occupying a portion of such Bryant Park, and to erect, construct, maintain, equip and furnish in said Bryant Park, or in or upon any portion thereof, a suitable and appropriate fire-proof building, in accordance with the plans made and prepared by the trustees of the New-York Public Library, and to be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment," etc.

Three sets of officials, accordingly, must co-operate in erecting the library building. One suggestion regarding the site, which has been informally put forward, is that it would be wise to place the structure well back toward Sixth-ave. and have the park in front of it on the Fifth-ave. side. The library trustees are now considering the question of what sort of building will best answer the purposes they have in view, and what is the best method of selecting the architect. Seemingly a good deal will depend on the site selected for the building—a matter over which the Park Commissioners have control.

When his attention was called to this subject yesterday, a well-informed man connected with the park system had this to say: "This is something that the present Park Commissioners need not waste any time over. The reservoir is not yet removed, and nobody knows when it will be taken away. But before the question you raise comes up for action the present Commission will go out of existence, and it will be a question for the Park Department of Greater New-York to pass on. There is no doubt as to the right of the park authorities, whoever they are, to locate the library in Bryant Park, and, in my judgment, there would be decided advantages in putting it well back from Fifth-ave. and having the park in front of it. Of course I haven't given the matter much attention, but it is easy to see what a fine effect would be produced by an avenue of trees leading from the avenue to the main entrance of the building.

"I think it would be a mistake to have the building close to Fifth-ave., especially as there is an elevated road on the other side of the park. There would be another advantage in placing the library well back from Sixth-ave., for then it would be more accessible on account of its nearness to the elevated station at Forty-second-st.

"I should suppose that the first thing to be done would be the selection of the site, for the architectural treatment of the building will depend to a large extent on where it is to be placed and what it is to be surrounded with. It is possible, under the law, for the whole park to be taken up by the library building. I hope, however, that we shall have the park area increased when the reservoir goes and the library is built. There seems to be no need for spreading the building over a lot of ground, since elevators are cheap and rapid, and, by such a system as is employed in the new Congressional Library at Washington, it is easy to carry the book stacks up several stories high. I do not see how the library people can consider any plans for their building, except in the most general way, before they know where it is going to be situated."

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Baltimore, May 15.—Flour quiet, but firm, unchanged; sales, 250 bbls. Wheat easier; spot and month, 80¼@80⅝; July, 75¼@75⅝c; August, 74c asked; stock, 245,704 bush. Corn sales, 6,000; Southern wheat by sample, 87@88c. Corn easier; spot, 30⅝@30½c; month, 30¼@30⅝c; June, 29⅝@29¾c; July, 29⅝@29¾c; steamer mixed, 27⅝@27½c; stock, 1,155,432 bush; sales, 40,000. Southern white corn, 33½c; do yellow, 31½c. Oats strong; No 2 white, 27@28c; No 2 mixed, 24½@25c; stock, 68,246 bush. Rye slightly easier; No 2 nearby, 41@41½c; No 2 Western, 41½@41¾c; stock, 35,254 bush. Hay steady; choice timothy, $14@$14 50. Grain freights very quiet, and demand light, unchanged. Sugar strong, unchanged. Butter weak, unchanged. Eggs and cheese steady, unchanged. Whiskey unchanged.

Boston, May 15.—Flour quiet; spring patents, $4 50@$5 10; clear and straights, $3 70@$4 35; winter patents, $4 85@$5 50; clear and straights, $4 50@$5 10. Cornmeal firm, 67@68c per bag, $1 50@$1 55 per bbl. Oats quiet; fancy clipped, 29½@30c; No 2 clipped, 28½@29c; No 3 clipped, 28@28½c. Corn firm; steamer yellow, 35c; No 3 and steamer, 34@34½c. Millfeed firm; spring bran, ship, lake and rail, $14 75; winter bran, $14 25@$14 50; middlings, $14 75@$15 50; red dog flour, $14 50. Fresh beef firm; steers, 7½@8c; hindquarters, 10½@11c; fores, 5@6½c. Lambs firm; mutton and yearlings, 7½@8c; veal, 8½@9c. Butter weak; Northern creamery, 15@16c; Western, 14@15½c; imitation, 11@12½c; ladles, 10@11c. Cheese steady; Northern, 10@11c; Western, 11c. Eggs quiet, 11c. Pork steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8 40@$9. Lard lower; prime steam, $3 70; choice, $3 75. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, $5 40; extra short clear, $5 30; ribs, $5 40; shorts, $5 55. Dry salt meats—Boxed shoulders and extra short clear, $4 90; ribs, $5 05; shorts, $5 15.

SOUTHERN COTTON MARKETS.

Galveston, May 15.—Cotton steady; middling, 7½c; low middling, 7½c; good ordinary, 6¾c; receipts, 511 bales; sales, 767 bales; stock, 44,067 bales.

Norfolk, May 15.—Cotton quiet; middling, 7¾c; low middling, 7¼c; good ordinary, 6 9-16c; net receipts, 1,132 bales; gross, 1,332 bales; exports coastwise, 132 bales; stock, 14,280 bales.

New-Orleans, May 15.—Cotton steady; good middling, 7 13-16c; middling, 7½c; low middling, 7 1-16c; good ordinary, 6 11-16c; receipts, 789 bales; exports to the Continent, 8,968 bales; sales, 1,450 bales; stock, 104,725 bales.

Savannah, May 15.—Cotton dull and nominal; middling, 7 7-16c; low middling, 7 1-16c; receipts, 197 bales; sales, 1 bale; stock, 12,843 bales.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, May 15.—At the wool auction sales to-day 9,802 bales were offered, of which 500 were withdrawn. The home trade competed briskly for crossbreds, and the Continent sought merinos and medium scoured. Inferiors were in good demand and lambs were better. Prices had a hardening tendency. The date for the closing of the present series has again been changed and is now fixed for Saturday, May 22. The following are the sales and prices obtained:

New South Wales—2,689 bales; scoured, 8d@1s 1½d; greasy, 5½d.

Queensland—745 bales; scoured, 10½d@1s 3d; greasy, 5¾@8d.

Victoria—682 bales; scoured, 7d@1s 2½d; greasy, 4¾@9½d.

West Australia—39 bales; greasy, 5¾@7½d.

Tasmania—24 bales; greasy, 5¾@7½d.

New-Zealand—5,613 bales; scoured, 8d@1s 1d; greasy, 4¾@9½d.

The approximate offerings next week are: New South Wales, 29,050 bales; Queensland, 5,100; Victoria, 12,850; South Australia, 5,900; Tasmania, 1,200; Swan River, 2,400; New-Zealand, 28,900, and Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 7,550, making a total of 92,950 bales. The arrivals to-day for the fourth series are as follows: New South Wales, 1,559 bales; Queensland, 2,510; Victoria, 1,974; West Australia, 1,574; New-Zealand, 11,383; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 3,570; total, 33,070 bales, including 4,000 forwarded direct. Following are the week's imports: New South Wales, 11,965 bales; Melbourne, 376; New-Zealand, 18,480; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 294; France, 806; Germany, 291; China, 325; Morocco, 598; Tasmania, 630, and sundries, 220, making a total of 30,892 bales.

THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, May 15, 1897.

Ashes, pkgs	5	Hops, bales	122
Beeswax, pkgs	2	Lead, pigs	1,230
Beans, bbls	75	Rosin, bbls	100
Broom corn, bales	44	Spts turp, bbls	14
Flour, pkgs	28,807	Oil cake, pkgs	944
Buckwheat, bush	775	Oleo stock, pkgs	800
B W flour, pkgs	1,200	Peanuts, bags	87
Cornmeal, bbls	775	Cutmeats, pkgs	1,108
Wheat, bush	61,050	Dressed hogs, No	14
Corn, bush	37,050	Lard, pkgs	70
Oats, bush	139,200	Lard, kegs	425
Rye, bush	33,150	Tallow, pkgs	132
Peas, bush	1,100	Grease, pkgs	193
Barley, bush	58,500	Cheese, pkgs	664
Malt, bush	9,000	Eggs, bbls	6,184
Copper, bbls	85	Eggs, cases	7,591
Hay, tons	1,183	Tea, pkgs	150
Straw, tons	30	Tobacco, hhds	319
Flaxseed, tons	22,950	Tobacco, pkgs	414
Grass seed, bags	200	Whiskey, bbls	273
Hides, No.	18	Wool, bales	100

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Corn, bush	94,039	Tar, bbls	—
Oats, bush	67,891	Refined pet, gals	1,828,490
Barley, bush	39,936	Naphtha, gals	2,000
Flaxseed, bush	8,280	Cottonseed oil, gals	10,120
Peas, bush	168	Benzine, gals	3,500
Beans, bush	4,464	Lub. oil, gals	259,240
Flour, bbls	1,122	Beef, bbls	429
Flour, sacks	9,671	Beef, hfs	15
Rye flour, bbls	15	Beef, tcs	50
Cornmeal, bbls	361	Bacon, lb	812,400
Oatmeal, pkgs	250	Hams, lb	63,500
Bran, lb	12,900	Lard, lb	935,500
Grass seed, bags	167	Tallow, lb	4,000
Hay, bales	8	Grease, lb	15,200
Oilcake, lb	641,400	Butter, lb	43,150
Spirits turp, gals	650	Cheese, lb	231,350
Rosin, bbls	606		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor No 1 fdy	$11 75	Flour, Minn. patents	$4 85
do So No 2 soft	9 75	Lard, prime	4 15
Lead	3 27½	Molasses, O K, prime	25
Copper, lake ingot	11 00	Hogs, dressed, 160-lb	5¾
Steel rails	19 00	Tallow, prime	3
Wheat, No. 1 North	84¾	Pork, mess	9 00
Corn, No. 2 mixed	30¼	Beef, family	10 00
Oats, No. 2 mixed	23¼	Beef hams	22 00
Cotton, middling	7¾	Sugar, granulated	4 9-16

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, May 15, 1897.

COTTON—The total business in cotton to-day reached only 38,000 bales, representing one of the smallest markets of recent times. Variations were narrow, and the market throughout ruled tame and exceptionally uninteresting. The opening call showed a loss of 1@3 points, cables being disappointing and private weather and crop news showing a bearish average. After fluctuations in a sluggish way within a range of 4 points or less, the market closed steady, with prices finally showing a net gain of 1 point in a net loss of 1 point, the old crop positions being relatively firmer, following the continued strength shown by the spot department. A further advance of 1-16c was made on the spot quotations, bringing middling upland to 7¾c and middling gulf 8¼. Spot sales confined to 487 bales spinning by the firmness of holders. There was some further support in the Fall River accounts, which indicated that after sales for the week of 137,000 pieces, against a production of 230,000 pieces, the market closed steady on the basis of 2 7-16c for extras. "The Chronicle's" telegraphic weather advices indicate that during the last week rains have been general; in some places rather heavy. As a rule, however, the moisture was needed. The Texas crop is reported as in fair condition. Cool weather and bad stands are complained of in Mississippi and Arkansas. Planting in the uplands is completed as a rule. Seed is now being put in on some recently overflowed land. The Mississippi River is steadily falling at Memphis and Helena. Under these reports local sentiment, in the absence of speculative support, has a bearish average. According to "The Chronicle's" figures, the visible supply of cotton compared with the supply of last week shows a decrease of 62,782 bales, and compared with the supply of last year shows a decrease of 108,432 bales. The American-grown visible supply is smaller than last week's supply by 78,782 bales, and smaller than last year's supply by 14,532 bales.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton dull; sales, 6,000 bales; speculation and export, 300; American, 5,000; receipts, 16,000; American, 16,000; middling uplands, 4 5-32d. Futures easy and sellers at last night's prices. Closed steady at ¼ point higher to 1 point net decline. January-February, 247½b; February-March, 248s; May, 406b; May-June, 405½s; June-July, 404@405; July-August, 403½b; August-September, 363½s; September-October, 356b; October-November, 351b; November-December, 349s; December-January, 347½b.

The range of contract prices follows:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Yesterday.
January	6.90	6.93	6.90	6.92@6.93	6.91
February	—	—	—	6.96@6.98	6.95
March	6.99	7.00	6.99	7.00@7.02	6.99
April	7.42	7.43	7.42	7.42@7.44	7.43
May	7.45	7.45	7.43	7.43@7.44	7.44
June	7.45	7.48	7.44	7.46@7.47	7.46
July	7.35	7.39	7.35	7.38@7.39	7.38
August	7.03	7.06	7.03	7.04@7.05	7.04
September	6.86	6.87	6.86	6.86@6.87	6.86
October	6.85	6.86	6.85	6.85@6.86	6.85
November	6.85	6.88	6.85	6.88@6.89	6.87
December	—	—	—	—	—

Futures opened steady; sales, 3,500 bales.

January	6.90@—	September	7.02@7.03
February	6.94@6.96	October	6.82@6.83
June	7.41@7.45	November	6.82@6.84
July	7.45@—	December	6.85@—
August	7.35@—		

Sales, 36,000 bales.

January	6.92@6.93	August	7.38@7.39
February	6.96@6.98	September	7.04@7.05
March	7.00@7.02	October	6.86@6.87
May	7.42@7.44	November	6.85@6.86
June	7.43@7.44	December	6.88@6.89
July	7.46@7.47		

COTTON—Spot closed quiet and firm, 1-16c advance; middling gulf, 8¼c; middling uplands, 7¾c; sales, 487 bales.

COFFEE—Transactions in coffee futures were restricted to an exceedingly small amount to-day, even for a Saturday half-holiday. On the call the market was steady, with prices unchanged to 5 points higher. A further advance of 3 points later in the session followed light local buying, and at the close a total gain of 5@10 points was noted, with the market quiet. Sales of 3,000 bags included 1,000 bags on the call. Moderate receipts at Rio and Santos were about balanced by larger deliveries from warehouses in this country. News from foreign markets was regarded as favorable in view of the bearish crop news and continued free movement at Brazilian ports. The Street market was also dull, with invoice lots nominally held on the basis of 8c for No 7 Rio and 8½c for No 7 Santos. Business was restricted to a small jobbing trade. The market for mild coffee was quiet but steady. Sales included 400 bags Bucaramanga and 200 bags Central American on private terms. Quotations of mild coffee follow: Maracaibo—Common to good, 10½@11½c; good to fine, 11½@12c. Mexican—Córdova, 11½@13½c; Oaxaca, 10½@14½c; fair to good, 15@18½c; prime to choice, 19@21c. East Indian—Interior, 24½@25½c; fancy, 27@32c; Javas, 21½@25c. Angostura, 12@13c. Mocha, 20@20½c.

The range of prices follow:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Yesterday.
January	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.75@7.80	7.75
February	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.80@7.90	7.80
March	7.55	7.55	7.55	7.55@7.60	7.50
April	7.55	7.55	7.55	7.50@7.55	7.45
May	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.55@7.60	7.50
June	—	—	—	7.55@7.65	7.50
July	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.65@7.70	7.60
August	—	—	—	7.65@7.75	7.60
September	—	—	—	7.70@7.75	7.60
October	—	—	—	7.70@7.80	7.70
November	—	—	—	—	—
December	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.70@7.80	7.70

Foreign markets—Santos—Coffee market quiet—Good average Santos, 9800; receipts, two days, 7,000 bags; stock, 366,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market unchanged; sales, 11,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened steady, ¼ franc advance; at 12 m. ¼ franc advance; sales, 6,000 bags.

January	51.25	July	50.00
February	51.50	August	50.25
March	51.50	September	50.50
April	51.75	October	50.75
May	49.50	November	50.75
June	49.75	December	51.00

Rio—Coffee market steady; No 7 Rio, 9@5c; exchange, 7 25-32d; receipts, 7,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 14,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 4,000 bags; stock, 214,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	10,639	5,979	5,842
Baltimore deliveries	693	374	3,392
New-Orleans deliveries	979	804	854
Total deliveries	12,311	6,975	10,088
New-York stock	368,957	379,596	329,093
Baltimore stock	21,033	21,726	24,845
New-Orleans stock	19,038	20,017	24,099
Other ports stock	8,274	8,274	8,274
Stock at all ports	417,302	429,613	386,281
Afloat	298,000	298,000	298,500
Visible supply	715,302	727,613	684,781
Same time 1896	351,487	356,167	331,671
Same time 1895	479,504	488,320	492,232

FLOUR AND MEAL—The flour market was extremely dull to-day, and lower to sell all around, with spring patents chiefly affected by the weakness in wheat. Sales included only about 2,500 bbls spring patents, $4 25@$4 50; and 750 bbls spring clears, $3 50@$3 75.....RYE FLOUR—Dull; sales quoted at $2 25@$2 75.....CORNMEAL—Quiet. Quoted: Kiln-dried, $1 70@$1 85, as to brand.....BAG MEAL—Steady. Quoted: Fine white, 75c; fine yellow, 72@75c; coarse, 61@62c.....FEED—Steady. Quoted: 40, 50 and 80 lb, winter in bulk, 60@65c; spring, 55@62½c; 100 lb, 60@65c; sharps, 72½@75c; rye feed, 50@52½c; city bran, 60@65c; off meal, $19 50@$20; hominy chop, 50@52½c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The wheat market gave a momentary exhibition of steadiness at the opening to-day, but subsequently collapsed under a rain of selling orders and bearish news, closing ½@¾c net lower than last night. Liverpool cables were chiefly responsible for the early advance which carried July to 79¾c. They closed unchanged from last night—after having opened a little higher. This was a surprising display of firmness considering yesterday's weakness on this side and appeared to some very much like manipulation. Foreign houses had fewer orders than usual and were not prominent enough to exert much influence on either side of the market. At the top point of the morning the market hesitated long enough to show that its firmness was largely on the surface and the bears promptly developed an active opposition to further advance, causing a set-back which subsequently merged into decided weakness aided by depressing influences from various sources. The chief of these was a report that rain had fallen in California, breaking the drought. Crop advices from all parts of the Northwest were by no means inspiring as yesterday, and Northwestern receipts moreover were large enough to be oppressive. Weekly exports of wheat and flour from both coasts met expectation by footing up 2,183,000 bush, against 1,799,300 bush the week before. They were offset, however, by indications that world's exports on Monday would be heavier than usual. The absence of any export interest was another drag on the market. Only 56,000 bush of cash wheat were reported taken here or elsewhere. On the curb July wheat sold from 78⅝c to 78 11-16c, closing at 78½c. Quotations on cash wheat to arrive, f o b afloat, were as follows: No 1 hard Duluth, 85½c; No 1 Northern Duluth, 85c; do New-York, 84¾c; No 2 Northern Duluth, 83c; No 2 hard New-York, 81½c spot; No 3 hard New-York, 80c spot.....CORN—The corn market was firm and higher at the opening, advancing on stronger Liverpool cables with some help derived also from reports of a new insect said to be destroying large areas of corn in Kansas and Missouri. Later, however, the market turned weak, with the decline in wheat, lost all its early advantage and closed ¼c net lower than last night. The export business consisted of 120,000 bush No 2 corn, private terms; No 2 corn quoted 31¼c delivered.....OATS—The market in a speculative way was entirely neglected, although fairly steady in spite of the declines in other markets. Recent export activity in the cash market has contributed some confidence to the bull side and limited short selling. To-day, however, the cash trade was dull, no sales being reported. No 2 quoted 23¼c elevator; No 3 oats, 22½c; No 2 white, 27c, nominal; No 3 white, 25c; track white, 26@31½c; track mixed, 23@25c.....RYE—Market fairly steady; Western quoted 37½c, c i f Buffalo.....BARLEY—Market dull and easy; feeding, 28@28½c, c i f Buffalo.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Yesterday.
Wheat:					
May	82½	82½	81½	81½	82¾
July	79¼	79⅝	78½	78½	79
September	74¾	74¾	74¼	74¼	74¾
Corn:					
May	—	—	—	30	30¼
July	31¼	31¼	30½	30½	30⅝
September	32	32¼	31¾	31¾	32
Oats:					
May	—	—	—	22⅞	22⅞
July	—	—	—	22¼	22¼
Lard:					
May	—	—	—	$4 10	$4 20

Receipts of breadstuffs at interior points in thousands, last three ciphers (000) omitted, flour bbls, grain bush, as follows:

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	7	6	112	215	2	10
Milwaukee	3	12	2	22	1	18
Minneapolis	—	128	1	—	—	—
Duluth	—	91	—	62	3	20
St. Louis	4	13	75	57	—	—
Kansas City	—	6	29	20	—	—
Toledo	—	6	10	—	—	—
Detroit	2	8	4	1	—	—
Peoria	—	2	31	28	—	—
Totals	16	274	264	435	6	57

Shipments from these points:

Chicago	4	140	352	548	85	1
Milwaukee	16	—	—	1	108	10
Minneapolis	49	22	1	102	—	—
Duluth	—	105	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	8	22	60	17	—	—
Kansas City	—	8	45	9	—	—
Toledo	—	24	155	—	—	—
Detroit	—	2	—	—	—	—
Peoria	—	1	4	38	—	—
Totals	72	319	617	475	143	11

Receipts at Atlantic ports:

New-York	19	61	87	139	83	59
Boston	8	30	9	84	—	—
Baltimore	8	6	51	11	2	—
Newport News	56	—	97	—	—	—
New-Orleans	—	—	7	7	—	—
Totals	81	96	201	241	85	59

Exports from Atlantic ports:

New-York	8	—	94	68	—	40
Boston	1	—	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	6	40	185	—	—	—
Newport News	56	—	97	—	—	—
New-Orleans	1	—	23	—	—	—
Totals	72	40	399	68	—	40

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—A quiet market was noted to-day for both molasses and syrups, although the few sales made were at good prices. Thus the market closed steady in tone. Glucose was dull and nominal at 90@92½c for 41 degrees. We quote: New-Orleans centrifugal, common, 9@10c; fair, 11@12c; good, 14@16c; prime, 17@18c; New-Orleans, open kettle, common, 18@19c; fair, 20@21c; good, 22@23c; prime, 24@26c; Porto Rico, 26@33c; syrups, common, 8@10c; fair, 11@12c; good, 14@15c; prime, 16@18c; fancy, 19@21c.

NAVAL STORES—Stocks were as follows: Rosin, 24,694 bbls; spirits turpentine, 1,917 bbls; tar, 2,753 bbls. A moderate trade was reported, but tone was steady on everything and prices unchanged. We quote: Tar regular, $1 60@$1 65; oil, bbls, $3@$3 12½; pitch, $1 80@$1 85; spirits, regulars and machines, 28½c; rosin, common strained, $1 65; good strained, $1 65; E, $1 70; F, $1 80; G, $1 85; H, $1 90; I, $1 95; K, $2 05@$2 10; M, $2 15; N, $2 30; W G, $2 40; W W, $2 65.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—The market for berth freights was dull but steady, with some business reported on private terms. Quotations follow: Liverpool, 1½d; London, 2½@2¾d; Glasgow, 2½d; Bristol, 3½d; Leith, 3½d; Hull, 3½; Newcastle, 3d; Antwerp, 3d; Hamburg, 50 pfgs; Rotterdam and Amsterdam, 7c; Cork, for orders, 2s 1½@2s 3d; cotton to Liverpool, 16c per 100 lb.....FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS—A fair amount of business was completed in sail tonnage, considering the limited wants of shippers. Rates are firm as a rule, however, the moisture was needed. The Texas crop is reported as in fair condition. Cool weather and bad stands are complained of in Mississippi and Arkansas. Planting in the uplands is completed as a rule. Seed is now being put in on some recently overflowed land. The Mississippi River is steadily falling at Memphis and Helena. Under these reports local sentiment, in the absence of speculative support, has a bearish average. According to "The Chronicle's" figures, the visible supply of cotton compared with the supply of last week shows a decrease of 62,782 bales, and compared with the supply of last year shows a decrease of 108,432 bales. The American-grown visible supply is smaller than last week's supply by 78,782 bales, and smaller than last year's supply by 14,532 bales. Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton dull; sales, 6,000 bales; speculation and export, 300; American, 5,000; receipts, 16,000; American, 16,000; middling uplands, 4 5-32d. Futures easy and sellers at last night's prices. Closed steady at ¼ point higher to 1 point net decline. January-February, 247½b; February-March, 248s; May, 406b; May-June, 405½s; June-July, 404@405; July-August, 403½b; August-September, 363½s; September-October, 356b; October-November, 351b; November-December, 349s; December-January, 347½b. The range of contract prices follows: Opening, High-est, Low-est, Closing, Yesterday. January 6.90 6.93 6.90 6.92@6.93 6.91 February — — — 6.96@6.98 6.95 March 6.99 7.00 6.99 7.00@7.02 6.99 April 7.42 7.43 7.42 7.42@7.44 7.43 May 7.45 7.45 7.43 7.43@7.44 7.44 June 7.45 7.48 7.44 7.46@7.47 7.46 July 7.35 7.39 7.35 7.38@7.39 7.38 August 7.03 7.06 7.03 7.04@7.05 7.04 September 6.86 6.87 6.86 6.86@6.87 6.86 October 6.85 6.86 6.85 6.85@6.86 6.85 November 6.85 6.88 6.85 6.88@6.89 6.87 December — — — — — — Futures opened steady; sales, 3,500 bales. January 6.90@— September 7.02@7.03 February 6.94@6.96 October 6.82@6.83 June 7.41@7.45 November 6.82@6.84 July 7.45@— December 6.85@— August 7.35@— Sales, 36,000 bales. January 6.92@6.93 August 7.38@7.39 February 6.96@6.98 September 7.04@7.05 March 7.00@7.02 October 6.86@6.87 May 7.42@7.44 November 6.85@6.86 June 7.43@7.44 December 6.88@6.89 July 7.46@7.47 COTTON—Spot closed quiet and firm, 1-16c advance; middling gulf, 8¼c; middling uplands, 7¾c; sales, 487 bales. COFFEE—Transactions in coffee futures were restricted to an exceedingly small amount to-day, even for a Saturday half-holiday. On the call the market was steady, with prices unchanged to 5 points higher. A further advance of 3 points later in the session followed light local buying, and at the close a total gain of 5@10 points was noted, with the market quiet. Sales of 3,000 bags included 1,000 bags on the call. Moderate receipts at Rio and Santos were about balanced by larger deliveries from warehouses in this country. News from foreign markets was regarded as favorable in view of the bearish crop news and continued free movement at Brazilian ports. The Street market was also dull, with invoice lots nominally held on the basis of 8c for No 7 Rio and 8½c for No 7 Santos. Business was restricted to a small jobbing trade. The market for mild coffee was quiet but steady. Sales included 400 bags Bucaramanga and 200 bags Central American on private terms. Quotations of mild coffee follow: Maracaibo—Common to good, 10½@11½c; good to fine, 11½@12c. Savanilla—Bucaramanga, 14@16½c; Bogota, 16¼@19c. Mexican—Córdova, 11½@13½c; Oaxaca, 10½@14½c; fair to good, 15@18½c; prime to choice, 19@21c. East Indian—Interior, 24½@25½c; fancy, 27@32c; Javas, 21½@25c. Angostura, 12@13c. Mocha, 20@20½c. The range of prices follow: Opening, High-est, Low-est, Closing, Yesterday. January 7.85 7.85 7.85 7.75@7.80 7.75 February 7.85 7.85 7.85 7.80@7.90 7.80 March 7.55 7.55 7.55 7.55@7.60 7.50 April 7.55 7.55 7.55 7.50@7.55 7.45 May 7.60 7.60 7.60 7.55@7.60 7.50 July — — — 7.55@7.65 7.50 August 7.65 7.65 7.65 7.65@7.70 7.60 September — — — 7.65@7.75 7.60 October — — — 7.70@7.75 7.60 November — — — 7.70@7.80 7.70 December 7.75 7.75 7.75 7.70@7.80 7.70 Foreign markets—Santos—Coffee market quiet—Good average Santos, 9800; receipts, two days, 7,000 bags; stock, 366,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market unchanged; sales, 11,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened steady, ¼ franc advance; at 12 m. ¼ franc advance; sales, 6,000 bags. January 51.25 July 50.00 February 51.50 August 50.25 March 51.50 September 50.50 April 51.75 October 50.75 May 49.50 November 50.75 June 49.75 December 51.00 Rio—Coffee market steady; No 7 Rio, 9@5c; exchange, 7 25-32d; receipts, 7,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 14,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 4,000 bags; stock, 214,000 bags. The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows: To-day. Yesterday. Last week. New-York deliveries 10,639 5,979 5,842 Baltimore deliveries 693 374 3,392 New-Orleans deliveries 979 804 854 Total deliveries 12,311 6,975 10,088 New-York stock 368,957 379,596 329,093 Baltimore stock 21,033 21,726 24,845 New-Orleans stock 19,038 20,017 24,099 Other ports stock 8,274 8,274 8,274 Stock at all ports 417,302 429,613 386,281 Afloat 298,000 298,000 298,500 Visible supply 715,302 727,613 684,781 Same time 1896 351,487 356,167 331,671 Same time 1895 479,504 488,320 492,232 FLOUR AND MEAL—The flour market was extremely dull to-day, and lower to sell all around, with spring patents chiefly affected by the weakness in wheat. Sales included only about 2,500 bbls spring patents, $4 25@$4 50; and 750 bbls spring clears, $3 50@$3 75.....RYE FLOUR—Dull; sales quoted at $2 25@$2 75.....CORNMEAL—Quiet. Quoted: Kiln-dried, $1 70@$1 85, as to brand.....BAG MEAL—Steady. Quoted: Fine white, 75c; fine yellow, 72@75c; coarse, 61@62c.....FEED—Steady. Quoted: 40, 50 and 80 lb, winter in bulk, 60@65c; spring, 55@62½c; 100 lb, 60@65c; sharps, 72½@75c; rye feed, 50@52½c; city bran, 60@65c; off meal, $19 50@$20; hominy chop, 50@52½c. GRAIN—WHEAT—The wheat market gave a momentary exhibition of steadiness at the opening to-day, but subsequently collapsed under a rain of selling orders and bearish news, closing ½@¾c net lower than last night. Liverpool cables were chiefly responsible for the early advance which carried July to 79¾c. They closed unchanged from last night—after having opened a little higher. This was a surprising display of firmness considering yesterday's weakness on this side and appeared to some very much like manipulation. Foreign houses had fewer orders than usual and were not prominent enough to exert much influence on either side of the market. At the top point of the morning the market hesitated long enough to show that its firmness was largely on the surface and the bears promptly developed an active opposition to further advance, causing a set-back which subsequently merged into decided weakness aided by depressing influences from various sources. The chief of these was a report that rain had fallen in California, breaking the drought. Crop advices from all parts of the Northwest were by no means inspiring as yesterday, and Northwestern receipts moreover were large enough to be oppressive. Weekly exports of wheat and flour from both coasts met expectation by footing up 2,183,000 bush, against 1,799,300 bush the week before. They were offset, however, by indications that world's exports on Monday would be heavier than usual. The absence of any export interest was another drag on the market. Only 56,000 bush of cash wheat were reported taken here or elsewhere. On the curb July wheat sold from 78⅝c to 78 11-16c, closing at 78½c. Quotations on cash wheat to arrive, f o b afloat, were as follows: No 1 hard Duluth, 85½c; No 1 Northern Duluth, 85c; do New-York, 84¾c; No 2 Northern Duluth, 83c; No 2 hard New-York, 81½c spot; No 3 hard New-York, 80c spot.....CORN—The corn market was firm and higher at the opening, advancing on stronger Liverpool cables with some help derived also from reports of a new insect said to be destroying large areas of corn in Kansas and Missouri. Later, however, the market turned weak, with the decline in wheat, lost all its early advantage and closed ¼c net lower than last night. The export business consisted of 120,000 bush No 2 corn, private terms; No 2 corn quoted 31¼c delivered.....OATS—The market in a speculative way was entirely neglected, although fairly steady in spite of the declines in other markets. Recent export activity in the cash market has contributed some confidence to the bull side and limited short selling. To-day, however, the cash trade was dull, no sales being reported. No 2 quoted 23¼c elevator; No 3 oats, 22½c; No 2 white, 27c, nominal; No 3 white, 25c; track white, 26@31½c; track mixed, 23@25c.....RYE—Market fairly steady; Western quoted 37½c, c i f Buffalo.....BARLEY—Market dull and easy; feeding, 28@28½c, c i f Buffalo.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Yesterday.
Wheat:					
May	82½	82½	81½	81½	82¾
July	79¼	79⅝	78½	78½	79

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

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