FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Aug. 23.

UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (IN $1,000s).

$ U. S. 4s, c.....111⅝

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2s, r.....	95	—	U. S. 6s, 1896.....	104	—
U. S. 4s, r.....	111¼	112¼	U. S. 6s, 1897.....	112	—
U. S. 4s, c.....	111⅝	112⅝	U. S. 6s, 1898.....	109	—
U. S. 6s, 1895.....	102	—	U. S. 6s, 1899.....	111	—

RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS (IN $1,000s).

8 Atchison 4s.....	69	18 Nor. Pac. cn. 5s..	27
60	69¼	12	26⅞
2 Atchison 2d, A.....	36	20	26¾
2 Atl. & Pac. 1st, 6s	5	30	26¾
8 Am. Dk. & Imp. 5s	102	178	26
5 Am. C. O. 6s.....	102⅝	241	25⅝
10 Austin & N. W. 1st.	84	21	25¼
6 Cbs. & O. cn. 5s..	91⅛	318	25
5 C., B. & Q. cny. 5s.	96⅛	5	24¾
8 C., B. & Q. 4s, Neb. ex.....	81⅛	41	24⅝
12 C., B. & Q. 7s.....	118	5	24⅝
5 Cent. Pac. 1st.....	98	68	24⅝
1 Ch., D. & I. 1st 5s.	90⅝	3	24⅝
9 can. So. 1st.....	100	7	25⅛
11 Chi. & Nor. P. 1st.	137⅝	5	26⅝
27	137	106	26⅝
25	36⅞	2 Nash. & Chat. 1st.	119
85	36⅝	1 N. W. s. f. 5s.....	100
104	36⅝	3 N. W. con. 7s.....	137
89	36⅝	5 N.Y., O. & W. cn. 5s.	102
90	36⅝	1 Or. R. & N. 1st.....	101
81	36	1 Or. S. L. un. cn. 6s	52
2 Cen. Pac. '95 g.....	101⅛	5 Oregon Imp. 5s....	82
8 Ch., P. & St. L. 5s.	93½	1	85
2	93¾	40 Peo. & East. 1st...	90
2 Del. & H., '94 r.....	102¼	1 Peo. & Eastern in.	12¾
1 Den. & R. G. cn....	78	5 Rh. & W. P. T. 5s.	17⅛
2 Del., L. & W. 1st. 5s.	136	5 Ro., W. & O. ex. 5s.	104⅛
5 Ete. cn. 7s.....	65	4	104⅝
2 Edison E. I. 1st....	97	10 Rock Isl. 6s.....	99¾
1 Ft. Worth 1st.....	67	11	89
7 Ft. W. & R. G. M. P. 5s.....	93	1 St. P. & Min'ps cn.	110
1 Gen. Elec. deb. 5s.	64⅛	4 St. L., Jack. & C.	101⅝
3 Harlem 1st.....	114	2 St. L. & S. F. 2d, Cl. C.....	100
2 Iron Mt. 2d.....	95	6 St. P. 1st 8s.....	109
4 Kan. & Tex. 4s.....	70	1 St. P. 1st. I. & M.	109
1	69¾	1 St. P. term.	98⅞
10	70	10 St. P. U. & P. 1st, W div.....	104
1 Kan. & Tex. 2ds..	33	5 St. P. Ist W. & M. Ds.....	100
1 Laclede Gas 1st..	71	7 St. L. & S. W. 1st.	52
4 Leh. & N. cn.....	107	1 Seattle L. S. & E.	45
5 Leh. & N. N. O. & M. div 2d.....	100	1 Tex. Pac. 1st 5s...	90
5 Met. St. 1st.....	111⅛	10 Third Av. 5s.....	105⅛
4 Mob. & O. gnl.....	45	8 Tex & N. O. cn. 5s.	90
3 Mil. & N. 1st, 1910.	103	7 Tol., St. L. & K. C. 1st.....	100
9 Mil. & L. S. ex. 5s.	100	1 Union Pac., '96s..	101⅛
18 Nor. Pac. 1st. c...	100⅛	1 U. P., D. & G. 1st..	30⅛
5	100	1	40
17	100⅛	6 Wabash 1st.....	95⅝
5 Nor. Pac. 1st, r...	97	1	95¾
1 Nor. P. 3d c. s. 20.	58	2 West Shore 4s.....	119
2 N. J. C. gnl. 5s...	105⅛	1 W. Shore 4s, reg....	92⅝
4 N. Y. C. 6s.....	110	2 Wh. & L. E. Imp..	95
5 N. Y., Ch. & St. L. 4s.	91	3 W., L. E. & P. col. 5s.	71⅝

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,987,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
100	Alton & T. H.....	20	20	20	20
10	Amer. Cable.....	72	72	72	71
103	Amer. Tel.....	102⅝	102⅝	102	102
1450	Am. Cot. Oil.....	29	29	28⅛	28⅛
130	Am. Cot. Oil pf.	58⅛	58⅛	58⅛	58⅛
2645	Atch., T. & S. Fe.	15⅛	15⅝	14⅞	15⅛
500	Atlantic & Pac.	1⅜	1⅜	1⅜	1⅜
20	Balt. & Ohio.....	66	66	66	66
340	Canada So.....	43	43	41	42
150	Can. Pacific.....	71	71	71	70⅞
150	Cent. Pac.....	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
655	Ches. & Ohio.....	14⅛	14⅛	14	14⅛
3672	Chicago Gas.....	50⅝	50⅞	48	48⅛
54	Chic. & Alton.....	126½	126½	125	130
15	C., C., C. & St. L.	83⅛	83⅛	83⅛	83
13	C., C., C. & St. L. pf.	76	76	76	—
2246	Chic. & N. W.....	94	94⅛	93¾	94
9015	C., B. & Q.....	76	76⅝	74⅞	75⅛
26565	C., M. & St. P.....	53⅛	53⅝	51⅞	52⅞
265	C., M. & St. P. pf.	110	110	109	110
5084	C., R. I. & Pac....	58⅛	58⅝	57⅛	57⅛
600	C., H. V. & Tol.	14⅝	14⅝	14	14⅛
420	Consol. Gas.....	119	119	119	120
680	Del. & Hudson....	110⅝	110⅝	110⅛	111
410	D., L. & W.....	134⅛	134⅛	134	134⅛
50	Den. & R. G.....	10	10⅛	10	10
300	Den. & R. G. pf.	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛	28
12770	Dist'g & C. F....	21	21⅛	20	20⅝
200	Edison E. I.....	85	85	85	—
8	Evans. & T. H....	93	93	93	93
13223	Gen. Elec.....	89	89⅝	87⅝	88⅝
202	Illinois Central..	89⅛	89⅝	89⅛	90
100	L. E. & Western.	13⅛	13⅛	13	13⅛
20	L. E. & W. pf....	59	59	59	57⅝
480	Lake Shore.....	113⅛	113⅛	113⅛	113⅛
100	Long Island.....	94	94	93	94
575	Louis. & Nash....	54⅛	55⅛	53⅝	55⅛
100	Louis., N. A. & C.	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	10⅝
482	Man. Con.....	111⅝	111⅝	110⅝	111⅝
100	Minn. & St. L....	8⅝	8⅝	8	8
300	Minn. & St. L. p.	20	20	19⅞	20
190	Mo. Pacific.....	21⅝	21⅝	20⅝	20⅝
70	Mo., Kan. & T....	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝
310	Mo., K. & T. pf.	15⅝	15⅝	14⅝	14⅝
40	Morris & Essex..	136	136	136	—
100	Nat. L. Oil.....	16	16	16	16
850	N. J. Central....	93⅛	93⅝	93	93⅛
640	N. Y. Central....	98	98	97⅝	97⅝
305	N. Y. C. & N. pf.	9⅝	9⅝	9	8⅝
480	Nat. Cordage.....	8	8	7⅝	7⅝
100	Nat. Cord. pf....	22	22	22	—
200	North Amer.....	3⅝	3⅝	3⅝	4
950	N. Y. & N. Eng..	19⅛	19⅛	18⅝	19
250	N. Y., C. & St. L.	11⅛	11⅛	11	12
690	N. Y., L. E. & W.	11⅝	11⅝	11⅛	11⅝
65	Nor. R. & West. pf	21⅛	21⅛	20⅝	21⅛
6300	Northern Pac....	4	4	3⅝	4
1405	North. Pac. pf....	18⅛	19	18⅛	19
400	Ontario & West.	13⅛	13⅛	12⅞	13
200	Pacific Mail.....	31	31	30⅝	31
150	Peo., Dec. & Ev.	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝
400	Phila. & Read....	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛
258	Pull. Pal. Car....	144	144	142⅛	144
100	P., C., C. & St. L.	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	10
50	Rens. & Sar.....	160	160	155	165
110	St. L. & S. W. pf.	7	7	6	7
200	St. P. & Omaha..	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
175	St. P. & Om. pf.	94	94	94	95
25	St. P. M. & M....	99	99	99	100
300	Southern Pac....	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
200	Tol., A. A. & N. M.	7⅛	7⅛	7	7⅛
2340	Union Pacific....	18⅛	18⅛	17⅝	18⅛
55	U. S. Rubber.....	20	20	19⅛	20
500	Wabash pf.....	13⅛	13⅝	13⅛	13⅝
10	W., Fargo Ex.....	125	125	125	130
6522	West. Un. Tel....	77⅛	77⅛	76⅛	76⅛
170	W. & L. Erie.....	12⅛	12⅝	12⅛	11⅛
610	Wh. & L. E. pf....	39⅛	41	39⅛	41⅛
250	Wis. Central.....	4⅝	4⅞	4⅝	5⅝

Total sales of stocks were 107,338 shares

UNLISTED DEPARTMENT TRANSACTIONS.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
10578	Amer. Sugar Ref.	73⅝	74⅝	73⅛	73⅝
116	Amer. Sugar Ref. pf.	76⅛	76⅛	75⅛	75⅛
40	American Tobacco...	59⅛	59⅛	59	59
95	National Lead.....	25⅛	25⅝	24	24
580	National Lead pf.....	62⅞	63	62⅝	62⅝

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos. & Albany.	199	200	West End Land	11	11⅝
Bos. & Maine..	147	148	Butte & Bos....	5⅛	5⅝
Mex. Cent 4s..	40	41	Calumet & H..	255	260
Old Colony.....	—	166	A., T. & S. F. 4s.	68⅛	69
Amer. Bell Tel.	176½	178			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Valley..	29⅝	30	Penna. R. R...	48⅝	48⅞
L. C. & Nav. Co.	—	46⅝	Nat. Traction..	79	—

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison.....	15⅝	Norfolk & Western pf.	20⅝
Canadian Pacific.....	73⅝	Northern Pacific pf...	19⅝
Erie Common.....	12⅛	Ontario & Western...	13⅝
Erie 2d consols.....	99⅝	Pennsylvania.....	56⅝
Illinois Central.....	92⅛	Reading.....	8⅝
Kansas & Texas.....	10⅝	St. Paul.....	53⅝
Lake Shore.....	113⅝	Union Pacific.....	18⅝
Louis. & Nashville....	55⅝	Wabash pf.....	14⅝
N. Y. Central.....	101⅝		

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 23.

Fears that the machinery of the Stock Exchange might be deranged by the suspension of one or more firms doing business on the Exchange repressed dealings in stocks to-day. The indications are that all the liquidation that is likely to take place in the usually active shares at the present level of prices is over; hence any misfortune that may occur now will undoubtedly be due to the possession of too large a proportion of unmarketable collateral. Lenders of money are reluctant to make advances upon that class of securities, which at the moment is larger than usual, because they are almost certain to be tied up with the loan. The inability of lenders to realize upon inactive securities and the narrowing of the stock market is responsible for the higher rates for money on call the last two days.

The market for securities was also unfavorably affected by extensive liquidation in Northern Pacific junior bonds, notably the consolidated mortgage 5s and Chicago and Northern Pacific 1sts, and by the news from Washington. Senator Voorhees's speech on the monetary problem was a great disappointment to the financial community, while Senator Peffer's attack upon the national banks of this city and other leading commercial centres was generally regarded as most unfortunate. The facts about the New York banks are that they have done everything in their power to conserve the business interests of the country. Practically every one of them has encroached upon its reserve in order to accommodate their depositors, both local and correspondent. They have justified this policy to themselves on the ground that the reserve was established, as required, for the purpose of meeting just such an emergency as has this.

The Comptroller of the Currency has a thorough knowledge of the acts of the Clearing House banks of this city, and so far as can be learned has not expressed his disapproval of any one of them. As to the rates of interest charged by them, which it has been alleged at Washington have been excessive, the answer can be found in the National Banking act, which provides that the rates of interest charged by the banks shall be governed by State laws. The charge that the banks of this city have refused to pay currency is equally misleading. No bank has absolutely refused to do so, but each has treated its depositors as it has seen fit, with a view of conserving its resources in a time of panic. They have aimed chiefly to prevent withdrawals of cash for the purposes of speculation in the currency market and for hoarding. In doing this they have simply asked their customers to cooperate with them in efforts to mitigate a senseless panic. None of them, so far as can be learned, has charged local depositors a premium for currency, but in some cases, where they have supplied out-of-town correspondents with larger amounts of currency than the several accounts are entitled to, have charged the cost price of the currency.

In a word, the banks of this city have nothing to fear from any such ill-timed movement as Senator Peffer would set on foot; at the same time his proposed inquiry has had the effect of increasing the strained relations between the banks and the public. The latter will in consequence be the sufferer. The premium on currency to-day was easier until toward the close of business, when the rates which had been 1@2 ⅝ cent. advanced ½ of 1 ⅝ cent. The imports of specie were about $1,000,000. No new engagements of gold for shipment were reported. The movement has unquestionably halted, pending the action of the Bank of England to-morrow relative to its rate of discount. If that rate is not advanced the chances are that shipments will be resumed in the near future on an extensive scale. Cable advices show that at the present rate the Bank is regaining a part of the gold it has lost. As bearing upon the foreign exchange market it is to be noted that for the first time foreign dealers and investors began yesterday to pay some attention to high-class bonds.

The liquidation in Northern Pacific bonds was evidently to close out loans, but whether for account of the company or the North American Company could not be learned. Consol 5s to the amount of $578,000 and 2,040 shares of St. Paul and Northern Pacific common were advertised to be sold by auction to-day to close out a loan made to the Northern Pacific Company by Messrs. Speyer & Co. The stock is not listed on the Stock Exchange, and it is understood that the bonds are not a "good delivery." The securities were withdrawn because the receivers have arranged to liquidate the obligation as soon as they can issue and dispose of some receivers' certificates. Applications will probably be made to the court to-morrow for permission to issue $4,800,000 receivers' certificates. The first purpose of the issue it is understood will be to pay off the remainder of the floating debt, and thus release a large amount of collateral that is required for deposit as security for the collateral trust bonds.

The only noteworthy dealings in stocks were in Chicago Gas at a net decline of 2⅛ ⅝ cent., General Electric at a decline of 1 ⅝ cent., Distilling and Cattle Feeding, which closed ⅞ ⅝ cent. lower than yesterday, and St. Paul, which closed a little higher. The remainder of the list was neglected, and as a rule, closed lower. In the Boston market a decline of 26 points in the prices of General Electric preferred from the last sale on Saturday aroused a good deal of interest here. Clearing House loan certificates to the amount of about $300,000 were issued, but as an equal amount was retired the amount outstanding remains unchanged. The stock market closed heavy at about the lowest prices.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Aug. 22.	Aug. 23.		Aug. 22.	Aug. 23.
A., T. & S. Fe...	15	15	North Am. Co.	4	3⅝
Amer. C. O.....	29	28⅛	Northw. com..	94	94⅛
Canada South..	42⅝	43	North. P. com	4	4
L. R. & Nash....	55⅝	54⅝	North. Pac. pf.	18⅝	18⅞
Ches. & Ohio....	14⅛	14	N. Y. Central..	98⅝	97⅝
Chicago Gas....	50⅝	48⅝	N. J. & N. Y....	18⅝	18⅝
Dist., L. & West.	13⅝	13	N. J. Central...	93⅝	93⅛
Del. & Hud.....	110	110⅝	Omaha com....	28⅝	29⅝
Den. & R. G. pf.	28⅝	27⅞	Ontario & W...	13⅛	12⅞
Dist. & C. F. Co.	21	20⅝	Pacific Mail....	9⅝	11
Erie.....	13⅝	13⅝	Pull. Pal. Car.	142	144
Gen. Electric...	89	88	Rock Island....	58⅝	57⅛
Rocking Val...	14⅛	14⅛	Reading.....	13⅛	13⅛
Kan. & Tex....	11⅝	11⅝	St. Paul com...	52⅝	52⅝
Louis. & Nash.	54⅝	53⅝	St. Paul pf....	110⅝	109
Lake Shore.....	113⅝	113⅛	Union Pacific..	18⅛	17⅝
Manhat. Con...	111⅝	111⅝	Wabash pf....	13⅝	13⅝
Missouri Pac...	21⅝	20⅝	W. Union Tel..	77	76⅝
N. C. 1st. A. P.	8	7⅝			

Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds dull, with the exception of Northern Pacific consol 5s and Chicago and North Pacific 1sts, which were weak on total transactions of $1,987,000, of which $1,155,000 were Northern Pacific consol 5s, and $382,000 Chicago and North Pacific 1sts. Other features were Atchison 4s, Kansas and Texas 4s, and Peoria and Eastern 1sts. The more important net declines were in Chicago and North Pacific 1sts, 2 ⅝ cent. to 36; Northern Pacific consol 5s, 1⅛ to 25⅛, and Peoria and Eastern 1sts, 1 ⅝ cent., to 60. The noteworthy advances were in Atchison 4s, ⅜ ⅝ cent., to 69⅝, and Kansas and Texas 4s, ⅛ ⅝ cent., to 70.

In Bank stocks 30 shares of Western National sold at 107, and 25 shares of Fourth at 198.

Bar silver in London 34⅞. Exports to Europe to-morrow 150,000 ounces. Offers to the Government 636,000 ounces, all of which were declined, and 75¼ cents per ounce tendered. The London price of silver to-day was $0.7990 per ounce, but the Treasury Department explained that the London price is for immediate delivery and that, as Government checks command a premium, the fair price for silver to-day is the figure tendered.

Money on call 7@3 ⅝ cent., averaging about 6 ⅝ cent. Time money is 6 ⅝ cent. and a slight commission for all periods on first-class mercantile paper. Securities listed on the Stock Exchange; but there is very little demand. The market for commercial paper is at a standstill, and, as rates are entirely nominal, it is useless to quote them.

There was a further sharp drop in sterling exchange early in the day, due to a falling off in the demand for currency, especially for gold to arrive. Bankers' long bills sold as low as $4.81, demand at $4.86, and cable transfers at $4.87. Late in the afternoon, however, the premium on gold stiffened a little, and this was immediately reflected in a better demand for bills and a rally from the lowest rates. The market closed firm. Continental exchange followed the course of sterling. Posted asking rates for sterling, $4.82½@$4.83 for long bills and $4.87½@$4.88 for demand. Actual rates at the close were: Long bills, $4.81½@$4.82⅛; sight drafts, $4.86½@$4.87, and cable transfers, $4.87½@$4.88. Francs are quoted at 5.23⅛@5.22½ for long and 5.21⅛@5.20⅛ for sight; reichsmarks, 94@94⅛ for long and 95@95⅛ for short; guilders, 39⅞@39 11-16 for long and 39⅛@39 5-16 for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—$1@$1.50 premium for cash; checks, 15 cents discount to par. Charleston—Buying, ⅛@⅜ discount; selling, par. Savannah—Buying, ⅜ off; selling at par from 100 to 300, ⅛ discount from 500 to 1,000, and ¼ for 1,000 and over. New Orleans—Bank, nominal; commercial, $1.50 discount. San Francisco—Sight, 10; telegraphic, 20. St. Louis—No trading. Chicago—$5 discount.

These securities among others were sold by auction to-day at the Real Estate Exchange:

5 shares Chemical National Bank.....3,500
65 shares Mechanics' National Bank.....160
70 shares Nineteenth Ward Bank.....145
40 shares Franklin National Bank.....80
25 shares First National Bank of Hoboken, N. J. 425
10 shares United States Trust Co.....801
50 shares United States Mortgage Co.....131
100 shares Brooklyn Traction, pref'd.....69
455 shares Third Avenue Railroad.....135@151
100 shares St. Louis, Alton and Terre Haute R. R. 20
100 shares Quicksilver Mining, pref'd.....15⅝

Treasury balances compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Aug. 22.	Aug. 23.
Gold coin and bullion.....	$98,310,246	$97,897,923
Silver bullion.....	1,743,980	1,727,889
Legal tenders, including Treasury notes.....	14,837,803	14,654,049
Totals.....	$114,891,529	$114,279,561

Deposits in national banks, $12,633,636, against $12,489,611 yesterday. In addition to the foregoing the Treasury reports silver bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, $143,485,884, and Treasury notes issued against the same, $150,271,280, of which $14,594,860 are outstanding.

Money in London, 2@3 ⅝ cent. Rate of discount in the open market, for both short and three months' bills, 4⅜ ⅝ cent. Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day, £210,000. Paris advices quote 3 ⅝ cents at 99 francs 17½ centimes, and exchange on London at 25 francs 35½ centimes.

The Chairmen of the General Mortgage and Income Bondholders' Committees of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company announce that holders of many millions of the securities have already responded to their first circular, and that immediately after the issuance of that circular the lease of the Lehigh Valley road to the Reading Company was abrogated. It is now important that immediate steps be taken to prevent the settlement of claims under that lease, and secure a representation in the management of the property. To that end the holders of general mortgage and of the income bonds and the stock are requested to apply for the committees' second circular and send in their assents to the Mercantile Trust Company of this city, or to J. E. Simmons, President of the Fourth National Bank, and William Mertens, 50 Wall street, Chairmen of the committees.

The sales of mining stocks at the New York Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange to-day were as follows:

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
100	Con. Cal. & Va.....	1 40	1 40	1 40	1 40

Electric Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Aug. 23.—The closing quotations of electric stocks to-day were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Boston Electric Light.....	—	105
Edison Electric Illuminating.....	—	125
General Electric.....	87⅝	88⅛
General Electric pf.....	50	80
Westinghouse Electric.....	16⅝	17⅛
Westinghouse Electric pf.....	57	—

New York Markets.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 23.—Flour showed some weakness, in sympathy with a decline in wheat, and there was only a moderate trade at the best, with most grades dull. Exports, 14,406 bbls., &c. Receipts, 26,958 bbls., &c. The sales were 11,100 bbls.

GRAIN—Wheat declined ½@¾c. to 1c., owing to lower cables, favorable crop reports, rumors of less favorable financial conditions on the Continent, dulness of trade, and long liquidation. Spot sales 56,000 bush., including 8 loads for export. No. 2 red afloat at 1c. under september; do. f. o. b. afloat at ⅜c. under; No. 2 hard quoted at 84½c. under December, and sample red at 86@87c. These were the receipts: Chicago, 73,550 bush.; Milwaukee, 29,250; Minneapolis, 74,800; Duluth, 30,321; St. Louis, 74,000; Toledo, 75,657; Detroit, 35,100; Kansas City, 32,967; New York, 260,825; Baltimore, 70,885; Philadelphia, 24,532; Boston, 20,826. Grand total, 802,039 bush.; total yesterday, 1,211,082; total last year, 1,752,470. Future sales 2,710,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.
September.....	68⅞	68⅛	69 1-16	68⅛
October.....	71⅛	70⅛	71 7-16	70⅛
December.....	76⅛	75⅛	76 3-16	75⅝
May.....	82⅛	81⅝	82⅛	81⅞

Corn was dull and lower to ⅜c. lower. Crop advices rather more favorable and receipts larger. Spot sales 55,000 bush., none for export; No. 2 at 45⅛@46c. in elevator and 46@47⅛c. afloat; ungraded, part warm, at 43⅝@45c. Future sales 805,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.
August.....	47⅝	45⅛	45⅝	45⅛
September.....	46⅛	45⅛	46⅛	45⅛
October.....	47	46⅛	47	46⅛
May.....	.....	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛

Oats lower, especially for white on the spot. Spot sales 130,000 bush. No. 2 white at 33@34½c.; September do. at 33c.; October do. at 33⅛@33½c.; No. 3 do. at 32@33c.; No. 2 mixed at 30@30½c.; No. 3 mixed at 29½c.; rejected at 28½c.; ungraded at 33@40c. for white and 30@32c. for mixed. Future sales 320,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.
August.....	.....	.....	30	30
September.....	30⅛	30⅛	30 5-16	30⅛
October.....	.....	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
November.....	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛

These were the Chicago prices:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
Wheat.					
September.	61⅛	61⅞	61	61⅛	61⅝
December..	69⅛	69⅝	68	68⅛	69⅛
Corn.					
September.	38⅛	38⅛	37⅝	37⅞	38⅛
October....	39	39⅛	38⅛	38⅛	39⅛
December..	38⅛	38⅛	38	38	39⅛
May.....	40⅞	41	40⅛	40⅛	41⅛
Oats.					
September.	23⅝	23⅞	23⅛	23⅝	23⅞
May.....	29⅝	29⅞	29⅝	29⅝	29⅞
Pork.					
September.	12.70	13.05	12.70	13.05	12.80
Lard.					
September.	8.15	8.15	8.05	8.12½	8.25
October....	7.87½	7.92½	7.87½	7.92½	8.00
Ribs.					
September.	7.85	8.00	7.82½	7.97½	7.92½
October....	7.65	7.70	7.55	7.70	7.75

GROCERIES—Coffee futures were decidedly higher, owing to stronger European markets, bullish advices from Rio, increasing warehouse deliveries, and the covering of shorts. The receipts at Brazilian markets are still large, and Santos declined 100 reis. The close here was firm, with sales of 21,250 bags, as follows:

Months.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
January.....	500	14.85	14.85	14.80@14.90
March.....	1,000	14.95	14.90	14.70@14.75
September.....	7,750	15.00	14.75	14.90@14.95
October.....	2,500	15.05	14.95	15.00@14.95
November.....	1,500	14.95	14.80	14.90@14.95
December.....	7,000	14.95	14.70	14.90@14.95

Rio on the spot was quiet but firm at 15¾c. for No. 7, sales of 250 bags of Maracaibo. Raw sugar was quiet, firm, and unchanged. Refined sold fairly at firm quotations. At the auction sale of tea 3,010 packages were sold at steady prices for the best grades of green, Japan, Congou, and Oolong, but at easier prices for the lower grades.

PROVISIONS—Chicago was generally depressed by very large receipts of live hogs, but pork was higher there. Lard here was lower. Spot sales 50 tcs. city at 8.25@8.50c.; 250 tcs. Western at 8.82½c.; compound at 7⅛@7⅜c. Futures closed steady. August, 8.85c.; September, 8.80c.; October, 8.45c. Dressed hogs steady at 7½@8c. and pigs at 8½@8⅝c. Mess pork quiet at $14.50@$15. Tallow steady at 4⅞c. Beef, butter, 21@25c.; best cheese, 9½@9⅝c. Eggs, 17@17½c.

Naval stores—Rosin dull and easy at 90@95c. for common to good strained. Spirits turpentine firm but quiet at 30½@32c.

PETROLEUM—No sales of certificates here. National offered at 59½c. Oil City, 59½c. Refined unchanged.

COTTON—A rise in Liverpool on estimate by the Galveston News that the Texas crop is 20 per cent. smaller than that of last year, and buying for local, Southern and Liverpool account caused another sharp advance. The cron advices from Louisiana, Alabama and North-western Texas were not very favorable. Shorts showed a disposition to cover. Prices advanced 12 to 16 points, closing firm with sales of 126,100 bales. Liverpool advanced 11-16d on the spot and 3@4 points for futures, closing quiet and steady with spot sales of 10,000 bales. In New Orleans futures advanced 13 points. In Manchester yarns were quiet but steady and cloths quiet. Spot cotton here was quiet and steady at 7.75 for middling uplands, with sales of 400 bales for export and 13 for consumption. There was a rise of 1-16c. to ⅛c. at three of the Southern markets. Trade at the South quiet, however. The receipts at the ports were 3,803 bales, against 3,506 the day last week and 1,419 last year. Exports 6,0 bales to Great Britain. The following are to-day's transactions:

	Closing.	Highest.	Lowest.	Sales.
August.....	7.21@7.23	7.19	7.18	500
September.....	7.25@7.28	7.25	7.17	4,500
October.....	7.37@7.38	7.38	7.28	17,900
November.....	7.47@7.48	7.48	7.38	10,400
December.....	7.56@7.57	7.57	7.47	20,900
January.....	7.66@7.67	7.66	7.56	51,700
February.....	7.75@7.76	7.73	7.65	1,900
March.....	7.84@7.85	7.85	7.75	4,000
May.....	@	7.93	7.95	200

Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Aug. 23.—Receipts of beeves were 2,175 head, including 26 cars for export. 71 cars of the market and 2 cars direct for slaughterers. Trade dull and slow, and 10c. ⅝ 100 lbs. lower. Poorest to best native steers sold at $3.40@$4.02½ ⅝ 100 lbs., Texans and Colorado steers at $3.25@$3.80, bulls and dry cows at $2.05@$2.50. Dressed beef steady at 7@8½c. ⅝ lb. for native sides. Latest cable from London quotes American steers firm at 10@10½c. ⅝ lb. dressed weight, and American refrigerated beef higher at scant 8c. ⅝ lb. Shipments to-day, 1,400 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 500 beeves and 1,400 quarters.

Receipts of calves were 1,924 head. Market active, 25c. ⅝ lb. higher. Veals sold at $5@$7.25 ⅝ 100 lbs.; grassers and buttermilk calves at $2.05@$2.50.

Receipts of sheep and lambs, including 12 cars direct, were 10,500 head. Sheep slow, but steady; lambs 25c. ⅝ lb. higher. Sheep sold at $2.50@$4 ⅝ 100 lbs.; lamb