FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales June 23.

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

10 U S 3s, r	95	52 U S 5s, c, 1925	117⅝
8 U S 4s, r, 1907	109⅝	1 U S 5s, c	113

(CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U S 2s, r	94⅝	—	U S 5s, r, 1904	113	113½
U S 4s, r, 1907	109⅝	109¾	U S 5s, c	113	113½
U S 4s, c	110	110¼	U S 6s, 1897	100¼	—
U S 4s, r, 1925	117⅝	117⅞	U S 6s, 1898	102	—
U S 4s, c	117⅝	117⅞	U S 6s, 1899	105	—

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

1 Atch gnl 4s	79	3 Long Isl 1s	94
1	79¼	5 L N & Ch 1st	114
5	79⅝	5 L N & Ch con	109
8	79	2 Mo & N 1st	110
5 Atch Adj 4s	40¼	10 Nat Pac 1st	114¾
2	40⅝	6 Nor Pac con 5s	45
5 Austin & N W 1st	80¼	15	47⅝
1	80	10 Nor Pac, C T N	91
3 B & O 7th Av con 5s	116	1 N & W R 1st	114
1 Bur, C R & N 5s	100¼	1 N J Cen cv 1909	116
1 B, C R & N 5s	100¼	1 N J Cen mtg 5s	104¾
5 Brook El 1st 5s	100	4 Nash & Chatt	100
3 Brook, W & W 5s	99¾	5 N Y, Ch & St L 4s	104
4 Brook Un Gas 5s	100	1 N W con	140
10	100⅛	1 N W deb 5s	107
6	107	1 N Y, O & W 4s	87¾
1 Chi & O con 6s	107⅝	7	87¾
1	107⅝	1 O R & N 1st	111¼
8	107⅝	1 O R & N con 5s	70¼
3 Chi & O, R & A 2d con 4s	87	83 O R & N C 5s, TR	62¾
15 C & Ind C cv 6s	111¼	2 O R R gnl 5s	88
14 C, B & Q 7s	119¾	2 Ohio & So 1st	87
16	119¾	2 Oregon S L 6s, TR	119¾
2 C, B & Q 4s, 1 div	101¼	10 Ore S Lun con, T R	66
1 Can So 1st	110⅞	15	67¼
11 Ch & N P 1st, T R	49¾	10	67¾
10 C R R & D of Ga 5s	98¼	12 Oregon Imp 1st	87
1 Ch & E Ill gn 5s	100¼	1	86
10 Ch & E I 1st	109¾	10 Ore Imp 5s, TR	18
5 Del & Man 1st, D div, T R	90	10	19¾
1 Ellis, L & S 1st	100	10	19¾
10 Erie prior bds	92	5 Pitts, S & L E 1st	89¾
6 East Tenn 5s	107¾	2 Rock Isl ex 5s	109¾
10	107¾	10	109
10 G H & S A M P 5s	90¾	5 Read gnl 4s, T R	29¾
1 Hock Val 5s	85¾	15	29¾
1 Hock Val cv	77	5 Rio G W 1st	77
1	85¼	5	76⅞
1 Kan Pac con, T R	20¼	1 St P & S C 1st	129½
2	70	5 San A & A P 1st 4s	88
2	71	85 So Ry 5s	93
2	70¼	4	93¼
10	70¾	2	93¾
2 Kan & Tex 2ds	58¾	17	93¾
9	58	50 St Jo & G I 1st, T R	47
1	57¾	10 St Jo & G I 2d, c of P	8
1 Laclede Gas 1st	92¼	2 Tex Pac 1st 5s	86
1	92¾	2 Tex Pac 2d in	21
2	92¾	8	21¾
1 Lex Av & P F 1st	114¾	1 Tol & O C 1st	109¾
2 L & W B con 4s	90¼	8 Tex & N Or con 5s	90¾
5 Lake Shore 1st, r	110½	5	96
2 Lou & Nash 4s	79¾	1 Union P 1st, T R	109¾
1	79¾	1 U S Leath 6s	110¾
3	79	2 Wabash 1st	106⅞
14 Lou & N, N O & M	119	86 Wabash 2d	75
6	119	3 West Union 7s, r	106¾
6 L & N P & A 1st	100	*Ex interest.	

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $664,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.	Name.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. Bid.	Asked.
9145	Am Sug Ref pf	113¾	113¾	113¼	113¼	113¾
489	Am Sug Ref pf	103	103	102¾	102	103
7680	Amer Tob	66¾	67⅛	65¾	65¾	65⅞
56	Amer Tob pf	99¾	100⅛	99¾	99	99
400	Amer Cot Oil	25¾	25¾	24	24	24¾
1875	A, T & S Fe	14¾	14¾	14	14	14⅛
1281	A, T & S Fe pf	21	21¾	20¾	21	20¾
1200	Bay State Gas	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	2¼	2⅛
5	Brook Un Gas	95¾	95¾	95¾	94¾	95¾
400	Ch & O W	7⅛	7⅛	6⅞	6⅞	7
1200	Ches & Ohio	15⅛	15⅛	15	15	15¾
1750	Chicago Gas	67	67⅛	66⅞	66⅞	66¾
100	C, C, C & St L	82¾	82¾	82	82	82¾
1625	Chic & N W	103¾	103¾	102	102	102¾
3160	C, R & Q	77¾	78¾	76¾	76¾	76¾
22870	C, B & Q	77¾	77¾	76⅞	76⅞	76⅞
4940	C, R I & Pac	69⅛	69⅛	68⅞	68⅞	69⅛
200	Col Fuel	26	26	26	26¾	27
100	Consol. & W	50¾	50¾	50¾	50¾	51⅛
100	Col & H C	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	—	—
300	Con Gas	157¾	158	157¾	157	158
100	Del & Hud	125	125	125	125	126
100	Den & R G pf	47¾	47¾	47¾	47¾	47¾
2100	Dist'ing & C F	16	16⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15¾
10	E R R	14¾	14¾	14¾	14	15
282	General Elec	91¾	91¾	91¾	90¾	90¾
105	L E & West	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	19
213	L E & West pf	70⅞	71	70⅞	69⅞	71
200	Long Island	75	75	75	74	77
100	Laclede Gas	23	23	23	22	23⅛
9110	Lou & Nash	50¾	50¾	49⅞	49⅞	49⅞
1600	Manhat Con	103	103⅛	103	103	103¾
210	Mich Cen	96	96	95⅞	95⅞	96
100	M & St L 2d pf	46¾	46¾	46¾	46	48
25	Missouri Pac	23	23¾	22¾	22⅞	23¾
135	Mo, K & T	11¾	11¾	11¾	11	11¾
10	Mo, K & T pf	24¾	24¾	24	23¾	24¾
100	Mobile & O	20½	20½	20¼	19⅞	20⅞
730	Nat L Oil	20	21¾	20	20	21¾
200	N J Central	105¾	106	105¾	104	107
105	N Y Central	96¾	96¾	96¾	96⅞	97
560	Nat Lead	24	24	23¾	23¾	23¾
132	Nat Lead pf	89	89	88	88	89
5	North Amer	5	5	5	4⅞	5¾
200	N Y C & St L 2d	81¾	82	81¾	79	82
100	N Y, S & W pf	24	24	24	24	24½
2500	Nor P 1st, A P	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
125	N P pf 1st, A P	14¾	14¾	14¾	14	14¾
1500	Ontario & W	14	14⅛	14	13¾	14
400	Pacific Mail	24¾	24¾	24¾	24	24¾
250	Peo, Dec & Evn	9	9	9	9	9
8000	Phila & Read	15	15⅛	15	15¾	15
100	Quicksilver	2¾	2¾	2¾	1¾	2¾
100	Quicksilver pf	10	10	9¾	9¾	10⅛
100	St P & Omaha	41	41	41	40¾	41
850	South Pacific	18¾	18⅞	18¾	18½	19
510	South Rwy	9	9	9	9	9¾
240	South Rwy pf	28¾	28¾	27¾	27¾	28
1005	Tenn C & I	23¾	23⅞	23	23	23¾
750	Union Pac	7⅛	7⅛	7¼	7⅛	7⅛
10	US Rubber	18½	18½	18½	17¾	18½
650	U S Leath pf	61¾	61¾	61	60¾	61
40	U S Express	40	40	40	40	42
150	Wabash	6¾	6¾	6¾	6⅛	6¾
800	Wabash pf	17	17	16¾	16¾	17¼
412	West Un Tel	84¾	84¾	84¾	84	84¾
5595	Wheel & L E	9⅛	9⅛	9	9¼	9⅝

Total sales of stocks were 187,158 shares.

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos & Albany	209¾	—	Amer Bell T	207	207½
Bos & Maine	160	—	Erie Tel	59	—
Chi Junc com	98	—	West'gh'se E	—	80
Chi Junc pf	100	101	Gen Elec pf	70	75
Pittsburg pf	—	92½	Bos & Mont	405¾	406¾
Old Colony	177⅛	70	Calumet & H	303	305
West End RCo	69¾	70	Tamarack M	85	88
Dominion C'L	10½	10¾			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Val	53¾	53¾	C Gas Imp Co	70¾	71¾
Leh C & N Co	42½	43	Wilm'n G L Co	45	46¾
Penn R R	53	53¼	Elec S Incom	2½	2¾
Phila Trac	71	71¼	Elec S H pf	30	31
Union Trac	17¼	17¾	PH, L & P com	14¾	14¾
C & P co Car	74¾	74¾	PH, L & P pf	20¾	21½
Met Trac	107	108	Welsb Com	25	27
CTof N J St'k	23¾	24	Welsb Com pf	64	65
CT of N J S 5s	83¾	83¾			

CHICAGO CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alley "L"	5¼	5¾	Mil Brewing	15¾	16
Am Strawb'd	40¾	40¾	Mil Brew pf	41½	42¼
Canal & Dock	65	65	N Y Biscuit	94¾	94¾
Chicago Brew	15¾	16¾	N'h Ch St Ry	240	248
Chi Brew pf	42½	43½	Street's St Car	14	15
Diam'd Mch	223¾	223¾	W'tC St Ry	104¾	105
Lake St "L"	23	23¾			

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison A A P	14¾	Norfolk & W pf	10¾
Canadian Pacific	69	Northern Pac pf	14½
Chesapeake & Ohio	15¾	Ontario & West	14¾
Erie com A & P	14½	Pennsylvania	54¾
Erie 1st pf	35½	Reading 1st A P	7¼
Illinois Central	97	St Paul	70¾
Kansas & Texas	11¾	South Rwy	9¼
Lake Shore	158	South R'y pf	29
Lou & Nash	51¼	Union Pacific	7¾
N Y Central	99	Wabash pf	17¾

TUESDAY, June 23.

The trading in stocks to-day was in fair proportions and declines were common in the more active shares. These losses were made also in spite of a forenoon recovery from yesterday's declines, which in some cases resulted in advances exceeding 1 ⅌ cent. Toward the noon hour heavy liquidation began in Sugar Refining, which continued until the close, and together with a severe decline in General Electric turned the course of the whole market. The opening prices were at material advances and the early dealings were marked by considerable strength. These were due both to moderate buying for foreign account and to the denial of yesterday's sensational and ill-founded rumors regarding the questions growing out of the state of affairs in Cuba and Venezuela. The room traders were, however, the chief buyers of stocks, and discovering they were receiving no support from the dealings of commission houses they quickly reversed their course upon the appearance of the evidences of weakness noted in Sugar Refining and in General Electric.

In view of the extent of the declines in the stocks named the attending explanations were hardly adequate, and the more rational if not altogether satisfactory reason of a preponderance of selling orders in both cases may be given. In the case of Sugar Refining, however, the reported but subsequently denied departure of the President of the company on an extended European trip and the unsatisfactory condition of the trade in the raw product were the alleged explanations. Reports of the cancelation of orders for electric motive power on account of the pending experiments in compressed air motors were offered in explanation of the decline in General Electric. A more accurate reason for the declines in both instances would doubtless be found in the attempts to liquidate holdings upon a narrow and professional market. A feature of the day was the unusually active dealings in silver bullion certificates, in which the transactions exceeded 500,000 ounces, with a resulting advance of ⅝ ⅌ cent. The increased speculation seemed to be unquestionably based upon the political changes of the year.

Practically one-half of the total transactions were in Sugar Refining, and the dealings in the remainder of the market and the resulting net changes were seemingly without great significance or importance. St. Paul was the only other stock in which the transactions exceeded 10,000 shares. The market closed at or near to the lowest figures of the day, but with little activity outside of the instances cited. The influence exerted by the domestic political outlook in the day's market may be said to have been almost as negative as it was prior to the meeting of the St. Louis Convention.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	June 22, Sales.	June 22, Closing.		June 23, Sales.	June 23, Closing.
A, T & S Fe	14	14	Nat Lead pf	89	89
A, T & S Fe pf	20¾	20¾	North Am	5⅛	5
Am Sug Ref	114¾	114¾	Northw com	102¾	102
Am Tobacco	66	65⅞	Nor Pac com	4⅛	4⅛
C, C, C & St L	82¾	82¾	Nor Pac pf	14¾	14¾
C, B & Q	77¾	76⅞	Nor Pac com, 5s	105¾	105¾
Con Gas	157¾	158	Omaha com	42¾	41
Ches & Ohio	15¾	15¾	Ontario & W	13¾	14
Chicago Gas	67	66¾	Pac Mail	24¾	24¾
Del & Hudson	125	125	Rock Island	69	68⅞
Den & R G pf	47¾	47¾	Reading	14¾	15
Gen Elec	91¾	90¾	St Paul com	70¾	70¾
Kan & Tex	11¾	11¾	South R'y	9	9
Kan & Tex pf	23¾	24	South R'y pf	27¾	27¾
Louis & Nash	49¾	49¾	Tenn C I & R	23¾	23
L E & W pf	71	71	Union Pac	7¼	7¼
Laclede Gas	22	23	U S Leath pf	61	61
Man Con	102¾	103¾	W & Pac com	7	6¾
Mich Cen	96	96	Wabash pf	16¾	16¾
Missouri Pac	22¾	22¾	West Un Tel	84¾	84¾
Nat Lead	24¾	23¾	Wh & L E	9¾	9¾

Government bonds weak. The 4s of 1925 closed ¼ ⅌ cent, lower bid. Railway bonds irregular. The features were Kansas Pacific consols, T, R., Kansas and Texas 2ds, Oregon Short Line, Union Pacific consols, T, R., Southern Railway 5s, St. Joseph and Grand Island 1sts, T. R., Wabash 2ds, Atchison, and Oregon Improvement issues. The more important net advances were in Atchison general 4s, ¼ ⅌ cent., to 79, and adj. 4s, ⅝, to 40¼; Oregon Short Line Union consols, T. R., ⅝, to 67; Southern Railway 5s, ⅛, to 79¼, and St. Joseph and Grand Island 1sts, T. R., 1 ⅌ cent., to 47. The noteworthy declines were in Kansas Pacific consols, T. R., 1⅛ ⅌ cent., to 70¾; Kansas and Texas 2ds, ⅝, to 57¾; Oregon Improvement 1sts, C, to 86, and 5s, S. R., ½, to 12½, and Wabash 2ds, ⅝ ⅌ cent., to 75.

In bank stocks 39 shares of American Exchange sold at 170, and 60 shares of Bank of Commerce at 200½@202.

Sales of silver bullion certificates for 530,000 ounces were made on the Stock Exchange at 69⅝@69½c. Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 68⅝c. Bar silver in London closed at 31 7-16d. Exports to Europe to-morrow, 350,000 ounces.

Money on call, 1½@2 ⅌ cent. Time money is quoted at 3 ⅌ cent. for sixty days, 3½ ⅌ cent. for four months, and 4 ⅌ cent. for six months, on good mixed Stock Exchange collateral. In the commercial paper market prime endorsed bills receivable are quoted at 4@4½ ⅌ cent., four months' acceptances and choice single names at 4½@5 ⅌ cent., and good single names at 5½@6 ⅌ cent. and upward.

The market for sterling exchange was weak and lower. The supply of bills was in excess of the rather limited requirements of remitters for to-morrow's mail. Some of the bills that came on the market were against securities placed abroad some time since. Continental exchange was quiet. Posted asking rates for sterling, $4.88 for long bills and $4.89 for demand. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.87⅞@$4.87¾; sight drafts, $4.88¼; and cable transfers, $4.88⅝. Francs are quoted 5.16¼ for long and 5.15⅝@5.15¾ for short; reichsmarks, 95¼@95 5-16 for long and 95 11-16@95⅝ for short; guilders, 40⅛@40 3-16 for long and 40 5-16@40⅜ for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston, 8c10 cents discount. Charleston—Buying, par; selling, ⅛ premium. Savannah—Buying, 1-16 off; selling, par. New Orleans—Bank, 150 premium; commercial, 50 cents premium. San Francisco—Sight, 12½ cents; telegraph, 15 cents premium. St. Louis, 50 cents premium; offered at 30 cents premium. Chicago, 60 cents premium.

The exports of general merchandise from the port of New York for the week ending to-day were valued at $7,580,283, against $8,018,123 last week and $4,972,793 for the corresponding week of last year.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company has declared a quarterly dividend of ⅛ ⅌ cent., payable Aug. 1.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of New York has declared a quarterly dividend of 1½ ⅌ cent., payable Aug. 1.

The Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling Railroad reports gross earnings for April of $120,022, an increase of $24,130 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $49,496, an increase of $14,478. For the ten months ending April 30 the gross earnings were $1,303,052, an increase of $165,121 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $387,897, an increase of $26,343.

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad reports gross earnings for May of $190,943, an increase of $15,595 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $88,512, an increase of $42,187. For the eleven months ending May 31 the gross earnings were $2,038,362, an increase of $99,813 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $587,091, an increase of $216,347.

The receipts of the Government to-day were: Customs, $234,923; internal revenue, $278,348, and miscellaneous, $17,034, a total of $530,325. The disbursements, including $300,000 for pensions, were $943,000, being an excess of expenditures over receipts of $92,675. For the month to date the excess of expenditures over receipts has been $1,095,048, and for the fiscal year to date the excess of expenditures over receipts has been $28,077,823.

The net assets at the Treasury at the close of business to-day, as officially computed, compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	June 22.	June 23.
Gold coin and bullion	$103,106,657	$103,128,792
Silver dollars and bullion	34,603,024	34,757,579
United States notes	88,935,595	88,444,304
Other assets in excess of demand liabilities	38,929,280	38,528,498
Available cash balance, including gold balance	$265,576,556	$264,869,462

Money in London, ½ ⅌ cent. Rate of discount in open market, for both short and three months' bills, 3⅜@3½ ⅌ cent. Paris advices quote 3 ⅌ cents at 101 francs 17½ centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 16⅝ centimes.

Messrs. Speyer & Co. and Vermilye & Co., under an arrangement with the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad Company for the extension of its first mortgage 7 ⅌ cent. bonds, dated July 1, 1898, will pay to the holders who present their bonds on or before July 15, $35 in cash for their July coupons and $37 in cash per bond to represent the difference between 7 ⅌ cent. and 4 ⅌ cent. interest on the bonds to July 1, 1898, under discount at the rate of 4 ⅌ cent. per annum, less $20 per bond deducted as a consideration for the extension. The holder of each bond so extended will therefore receive in all $72 in cash at the time of extension, and his extended bond will bear 4 ⅌ cent. interest in gold from July 1 next, and mature in 50 years from that date. Bonds of holders not availing themselves of the above privilege will be bought by the bankers at $1,002 in cash, with July 1 next coupons and all subsequent coupons attached, provided this offer be accepted and the bonds with coupons attached presented to them on or before July 15 next.

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

Sales.	Name.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
1700	Brunswick	19	19	19	19
200	Con Cal & Va	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25
200	Chollar	3 25	3 25	3 25	3 25
500	Creede & Crip'l'e	15	15	15	15
1000	Comstock	9	9	9	9
100	Gould & Curry	1 60	1 60	1 60	1 60
200	Isabella	65	65	65	65
1000	Mt. Diablo	15	15	15	15
500	Portland	1 75	1 75	1 75	1 75
300	Pharmacist	8	8	8	8
800	Savage	1 75	1 75	1 75	1 75
200	Union con	90	90	90	90

Total sales, 6,250 shares.

Electric Stock Quotations.

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Edison Electric Illuminating	139	140
General Electric	29¾	29¾
General Electric pf	70	75
Lamson Consolidated Store Service	1⅝	1¾
Westinghouse Electric	—	19¾
Westinghouse Electric pf	51¾	53
Fort Wayne Electric	1	2
Thomson-Houston Trust (series D)	3¾	4¾

COMMERCIAL COMPEND.

Wheat Declines and Then Rallies, Owing to a Large Decrease in the World's Stocks—Wet Weather at the West—Rather Too Many Bears—Cotton Lower—Rains in Texas—Decline in Liverpool.

TUESDAY, June 23.—COTTON—Declined 9 to 5 points, recovered considerable of this, and August was at one time 1 point higher than last night, but the close here was 7 to 9 points lower for the whole list, with the tone easy and the sales 109,300 bales. The rainfall included 1.90 at Lafayette, La., .08 of an inch at Vicksburg, Miss., 1.04 at Weldon, N. C., .84 at Bainbridge, Ga., and .70 at Dyersburg, Tenn. No rain was predicted for Texas during the next 36 hours. Spot cotton here was quiet and unchanged at 7⅝c. for middling uplands, with sales of 82 bales for spinning. Port receipts to-day were 8,625 bales, against 1,781 last week and 916 last year. Total thus far this week, 7,181 bales, against 8,483 last week. Liverpool spot market was unchanged and fairly active, with sales of 10,000 bales. Futures in Liverpool opened 1 to 2 points higher, but lost this and closed barely steady at 1 to 2 points decline for the day. In Manchester yarns and cloths were firm. The Southern spot markets were dull and unchanged. New Orleans sold 500 bales. In New Orleans futures declined 7 to 8 points. Anniston, Ala., June 20.—"Acreage in this section 20 ⅌ cent. over last year. Find crop is in good condition; two weeks earlier than last year." Nashville, Tenn., June 20.—"Increase in this immediate section very large. Some localities as much as 150 ⅌ cent., owing to middle Tennessee planting very little cotton last year. In consequence of the low prices of wheat and corn farmers have been induced to consider cotton the best crop to plant." Rome, Ga., June 20.—"Estimate acreage 15 to 20 ⅌ cent. over last year, or about the same as in 1894-5. Considerable territory north and northwest of us which was planted in corn and small grain or not cultivated at all last year has been put into cotton this year. Some sections badly need rain; some complaints of lice on the late planting of cotton. Plants are plentiful on the early planting. On the whole the reports cost me excellent." Columbus, Ga., June 20.—"Increased acreage in this section do not exceed 15 ⅌ cent. Acreage in this section 20 ⅌ cent. Increase in acreage in this section 12½ to 15 ⅌ cent. Crop prospects are fine, but we need warm nights and no rain to kill the vermin which are already doing some damage, and which are multiplying with great rapidity." Macon, Ga.—"Crop in fine condition." Atlanta, Ga.—"General appearance of all crops very good. Cotton vermin incoming more prevalent than we have shown in years." Charlotte, June 20.—"Increase in this section 20 ⅌ cent. over last year. Increase in fertilizers not less than 20 ⅌ cent. The crops in fine condition."

GRAIN—Wheat declined ¼c. to ⅜c., but recovered this and advanced ⅛c. to ¼c. Chicago received 7,500 bush., against none a year ago. Cash wheat here was 3 points higher, with sales of 100,000 bush., against 4,000. Duluth 241,241, against 50,515. Minneapolis 144,160, against 12,700. Milwaukee 47,450, against 24,550. Spot sales 160,000 bush., for export, No. 2 hard spring, 5,000 bush., and 80,000 ungraded spring, on p. t. and 64,000 No. 1 Northern spring at 2c. over July f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 8c. over July f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard spring, 4,000 bush., at 2c. over July f. o. b. afloat. No. 1 Northern spring, New York, 2c. over July f. o. b. afloat; do, Duluth, 3½c. over c. f. Future sales 2,105,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
June	—	—	—	62¾	62¾
July	62 13-16	63	62⅝	63	62⅞
September	63¾	63¾	63⅛	63⅛	63⅛
December	65	65⅛	64⅝	65⅛	65¼

Corn declined ⅛c. Spot quiet. Spot sales 7,000 bush. No export sales. No. 2 mixed quoted at 31¼@31⅜c. in elevator; yellow 34½c. in elevator. Future sales 475,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
June	—	—	—	32⅞	33¼
July	34⅛	34⅛	34	34	34¼
September	35	35 16-16	35	35	35¼

Oats declined ½c. Spot easy. Spot sales 64,000 bush., including 4,000 for export. No. 2 mixed, 20,000 at 22½c. f. o. b. afloat; 15,000 No. 2 white clipped at 26½c. f. o. b. afloat, and 2,000 choice at 27c. f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 mixed, 23½c. in elevator; No. 3 do, 20½c.; No. 2 white, 23½@23¾c.; No. 3 do, 22½@23c.; ungraded white, 21½@27c. Future sales 35,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
July	21¼	21¼	21¼	21¼	21¼
September	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾

TODAY'S FRACTIONS—To time had come for at least a slight rally in wheat, and it came, although only in the day there was a fractional decline owing to large Northwestern receipts, large world shipments, the lack of rain in the cables, dullness of export trade, and more or less liquidation in July. Later on there was a rally, chiefly to a big decrease in the world's stocks, though it was partly attributable to wet weather at the West. The Northwestern receipts were 820 cars, against 644 a week ago and 279 last year. The world's shipments last week were 7,772,000 bushels, half a million in excess of Bradstreet's requirements. Russia shipped 3,584,000. Europe is buying more from that country than from any other. Early in the day there was considerable bid, and Berlin, Antwerp and Paris dropped 1@2 pfennigs on July and 35 to 40 centimes on flour for all deliveries. A report was circulated that most of the large Chicago elevators had decided not to buy July wheat. The Chicago Inter Ocean, as a result of independent inquiries, estimates the Kansas crop at 42,500,000 bush., or nearly double last year's crop, when it was only 22,000,000. The Iowa crop is estimated at 35,000,000 bush. This year's crop in Kansas, it is said, promises to exceed the average of the last five years. Kansas needs 40,000,000 bush. for home consumption, and if she has raised 42,000,000 she will be able to ship 34,000,000 bush. But after the early decline the market turned and advanced slightly. Bradstreet's reported a decrease for the week of 8,000,000 bush., or 10,000,000, including 3,280,000 in Europe and 1,720,000 in this country east of the Rocky Mountains. The weather in the Northwest was considered too rainy. It was so wet at the Northwest as to increase the danger from rust and so rainy in the winter wheat belt as to interfere with harvesting. The seaboard clearances for two days amount to 500,000 bush. St. Louis telegraphed that Missouri will not raise over 10 bush. to the acre, and St. Louis was buying at Chicago. Not only that, but St. Louis showed the courage of its conviction in another way, for the St. Louis market was the strongest of any in this country to-day. Then the cables at the close were rather more encouraging. Liverpool ended ½d. higher, and some months in Berlin were ¼ mark higher. Paris, though reports I weak, was nevertheless 15 centimes higher for June. Many of the little wheat bulls have been weeded out. There are now said to be too many bears; there is a tendency to oversell the market. Mr. Linn was still said to be identified with the bull side, and Messrs. Freeman and Harpster, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, were declared to be buying this afternoon. Schwartz, Dupee & Co. and Baldwin & Tarnum were among the buyers. Finally there was a little better export business. 19 car loads having been taken last night and to-day. If that awful avalanche of wheat at the Northwest would stop promptly, bringing quite a little relief, the total receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were 820 cars against 644 a week ago and 279 last year. What the outcome may be of the bills is the fact that the Northwestern receipts are so much larger than those of a week ago. Still the wet weather and the big decrease in world's stocks favored the bulls for the moment, to say nothing of the overcrowding of short side. Corn was slightly lower for the receipts of Chicago to-morrow are expected to be only 200 cars, whereas to-day they were 555. Oats declined because of the fact that Chicago to-morrow arrivals to-day were 479, they are estimated at, for to-morrow, as only 190. The Chicago regular stock is only 700,000 bush.

NEW ORLEANS, June 23.—Sugars firm at 2⅝@2⅞c.; rosin dull at $1.70 for common to good strained.

PETROLEUM—Crude certificates were quoted at $1.15 here; in Oil City $1.15@$1.15¼, closing $1.14½. Refined quoted at 6.95c. here and 6.90c. in Philadelphia; naphtha, 7.50c.

PROVISIONS—Lard quiet and steadier; July, 4.40c. Pork steady and in fair demand; mess, $8@$9. Dressed hogs, ⅛c. higher. Tallow, 3⅝c. Chicago, June 23.—Provisions have been steady on the light receipts of hogs and the prospect of small Texas receipts. Lard was very narrow. Butter receipts to-day, 15,217 packs; last six days, 64,426; previous six days, 62,551. Creamery, Western, firsts to extras, 11½@15½c.; state and Pennsylvania, fair to extra, 11½@15½c.; dairy, half-firkin tubs, 11@15c. Cheese receipts today, 7,050 packs; last six days, 66,253; previous six days, 64,175. Eggs, state, full cream, large colored, fair to fancy, 8¾@9c.; do, white, 8¾@9c.; small, colored, fancy, 7½@7¾c.; small, white, common to fancy, 5½@7½c. Peas—Receipts to-day, 0,267 cases; last six days, 50,550; previous six days, 58,236. State, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, country marks, 12@12½c.; North-ern, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, fancy, 11¾@12c.; other Western, fair to fancy, 10½@11½c.

SUGAR—Raw dull and easy; 89° test, 3c. 96° test, 3½c. Refined dull and easy; powdered, 4-16c. lower.

Chicago, June 23.—These were to-day's prices:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
Wheat:					
July	56⅝	56¾