DRIFT OF COMMERCE.

A Better Feeling in Mercantile Circles, but a Light Trade.

STAPLES GENERALLY ADVANCED.

Current Gossip About the Crops and Items of Interest to Grocers.

NO FURTHER CHANGE IN PROVISIONS

SATURDAY, Aug. 13.

An improved tone developed in local mercantile circles during the past week, but the volume of business was rather small. Accepting the Clearing House figures as a barometer the trade movement was more than 6 per cent smaller than that of the previous week, though 19.5 per cent larger than that of the corresponding week of 1891. Some of the wholesalers continued to mourn the absence of a number of their cash customers of Homestead and Braddock, and intimated that they were limiting credits so far as those particular sections were concerned, but they acknowledged that things looked brighter, and expressed the belief that trade on all accounts would gradually begin to broaden from the middle of August until the autumn movement was at its height. So far as prices were concerned their course favored sellers. Breadstuffs ranged higher; coffee advanced ½c per lb; sugar advanced ⅛c; hog products were firm and active, with clear and dry salt sides ⅛c higher; choice creamery butter was elevated 3c per lb, with pro-spects of a further advance, and Ohio cheese was ⅛c higher at the close. With respect to the advance in coffee it is intimated by good authorities that it is not likely to be permanent. The visible supply of coffee is nearly twice as large as a year ago this time, which influence must soon assert itself. The firmness was caused by a scarcity of spot coffee, which is now in a boxing to arrive, however, and when it reaches the market a change in the temper of the market from strength to weakness is almost certain to be witnessed. At least, so says one of the oracles.

Gossip 'bout the Crops.

The past week has marked an absence of rains in nearly all regions of the West, says the Cincinnati *Price Current*. Some local showers have given partial relief, but this has occurred only in a limited degree. The result is that it has been more severely prejudicial to the growing corn than any previous week since the crop got under headway. It is true that much the larger proportion of the area has not yet suffered to a great extent, but the needful advancement in development has had more or less of a check, and in some portions of the Missouri Valley region the injury has become positive and permanent, while in many other localities the situation is bordering on conditions of impairment which can only be averted by very prompt relief by rainfall. The general average condition of corn is not so high as previously. In the Northwest the latest information concerning wheat is somewhat less favorable than previously as a whole. Severe hailstorms have occurred during the week over quite an extent of country. Returns relative to oats indicate disappointment more frequently than otherwise, and the outlook for light weight of this grain.

The *Daily Trade Bulletin*, of Chicago, has compiled its monthly report of the available stocks of breadstuff, including stocks as reported by the Liverpool *Corn Trade News* and domestic crop authorities. This report says: The aggregate supplies in the United States and Canada, in Europe and on passage August 1, was about 122,968,000 bushels against 132,058,000 bushels one month ago—a decrease of 9,090,000 bushels. The aggregate supply on hand August 1, 1891, was 130,274,000 bushels, against 101,030,000 bushels on July 1. The supplies on hand on August 1 were 12,084,000 bushels larger than one year ago.

The figures on South Dakota's prospective yield, given out by competent men, are startling, ranging from 50,000,000 bushels to 60,000,000 bushels of wheat, besides immense quantities of other grains. The elevator expert places the yield at 60,000,000, while the Milwaukee and St. Paul and Chicago and Northwestern Railway experts place it at 55,000,000 and 50,000,000 bushels respectively.

A London special estimate places the Russian wheat crop of 1892 at 190,000,000 bushels, against 178,000,000 bushels last year. The yield of 1890 was placed at 206,000,000 bushels and that of 1889 at 304,000,000 bushels.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The edge is off the canned tomato "boom." Full standard Jersey and Delaware goods were sold at 60c in New York Friday, and more offered at the same price. About a week ago 92½c was realized.

Samples have been received in the East of new packed Maryland canned corn. The goods were thin and hard, and therefore would not pass. Some lots might be had at 90c for prompt delivery.

Latest reports from the East state that the catch of fish suitable for packing American quarter oil sardines has been very poor thus far. Fish run mostly to large sizes and are not abundant.

Standard canned corn is a shade weaker. Spot goods similar to what realized $1 05 in Baltimore a short time ago was picked up at $1 00, delivered in New York. Evidently the market needs more Western demand.

Primal markets have been pretty well cleaned of canned lobster in flat tins, and export demand is said to be good for both 1-pound and ½-pound tins. The former are realizing $2 2 @2 30 laid down in New York.

One of the periodical sweeps of syrups has been made, including 8,000 barrels for export and 2,000 for home use, about the entire supply of New York and Philadelphia, and balance of month, and there is an effort being made to get the Boston supply. This strengthens the position again, assisted by an advance in glucose to 2.05c per pound.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

The only transaction on call at the Grain and Flour Exchange to-day was in No. 2 yellow car corn, one car, ten days' delivery, selling at 69c. The bids and offers were rather spirited and reflected firmness in grain and feed and weakness in hay. Receipts during the week were moderate. Those bulletined to-day were as follows: Via the P. & L. E.—1 car hay, 1 car wheat; via the B. & O.—1 car hay; via the P., C. & St. L.—1 car corn, 1 car oats; via the P., Ft. W. & C.—2 cars hay, 5 cars oats, 3 cars wheat, 2 cars corn, 1 car bran, 1 car straw, 1 car malt, 2 cars flour, 1 car middlings. Total, 23 cars.

RANGE OF THE MARKET.

[The following quotations for grain, feed, hay and straw are for carlots on track. Dealers charge a small advance from stores:]

	Bid.	Asked.
WHEAT—No. 2 red	85	86
No. 3 red	79	80
CORN—No. 2 yellow car	69½	69
No. 2 yellow ear	69½	70
No. 2 mixed car	57	58
No. 2 yellow shelled	57½	58
No. 2 mixed shelled	56½	57
OATS—No. 1 white	38	38
No. 2 white	39½	40
Extra No. 2 white	38½	39
Mixed	37	38
RYE—No. 1 Ohio and Penn., new	72	73
No. 2 Western, new	71	72
FLOUR (jobbers' prices)—Fancy brands, $5 00@5 25; standard winter patents, $4 85@5 00; spring patents, $4 85@5 00; straight winter, $4 50@4 75; clear winter, $3 25@4 50; XXX bakers, $4 00@4 25; rye, $4 00@4 25.

MILLFEED—No. 1 white middlings, $18 00@19 00; No. 2 white middlings, $16 00@17 00; winter wheat bran, $16 50@17 00; brown middlings, $15 00@16 00; chop, $18 00@22 00.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, $14 00@14 50; No. 2 timothy, $12 00@12 50; mixed clover and timothy, $12 50@13 00; packing, $8 50@9 00; No. 1, prairie, $9 00@9 50; wagon hay, $15 00@17 00.

STRAW—Wheat, $6 00@6 50; oat, $7 50@7 75.

Groceries.

SUGARS—Patent cut-loaf, 6½c; cubes, 5½c; powdered, 5c; granulated (standard), 4¾c; confectioners A, 4¾c; soft A, 4⅛@4⅜c; fancy yellow, 4c; fair yellow, 3⅞@3¾c; common yellow, 3½@3⅝c. TEA—Boasted, in packages—Standard brands, 19 12-20c; second grades, 18½@19½c; fancy grades, 22½@23c. Loose—Java, 30@35c; Mocha, 34½@35c; Imperial, 36c; Maracaibo, 27c; Peaberry, 25½@26c; Caracas, 28c; Rio, 22½@23c.

COFFEE—GREEN—O. G. Java, 30@31c; Paddang Java, 28½@29c; Mocha, 26@27c; Peaberry, 24½@25c; Santos, 22½@23c; Maracaibo, 24½@25c; Caracas, 24½@25c; golden Santos, 21½@22½c; Rio, 19@20c.

ROSTED—Carbon, 16c*, 6c; headlight, 6½c; water white, 7½c; Elaine, 12c; Ohio legal test, 6½c; miners' winter white, 22½@26c; summer, 18@22c.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, fancy new crop, 40@42c; choice, 36@38c; centrifugal, 20c.

SYRUP—Corn syrup, 28@30c; sugar syrup, 28@29c; fancy flavors, 30@35c.

FRUITS—Imperial layer raisins, $2 50; California London layers, $1 90@2 00; California muscatels, loose, 85@90c; boxed, $1 15@1 25; new Valencia, 5¼ @5½c; newIndura Valencia, 7½@7¾c; California muscatels, 5½@6c; currants, 3½c; California prunes, 4½@12c; French prunes, 7½@10½c; California seedless raisins, 1-lb cartons, $3 75; citron, 19½@20c per pound; peel, 19½@12c.

RICE—Fancy head Carolina, 5½@6½c; prime to choice, 5@5½c; Louisiana, 4½@5c; Java, 5½@5½c; Japan, 5½@6c.

SALT—Ground—Standard peaches, $1 90@2 05; extra peaches, $2 35@2 50; seconds, $1 80@1 90; pie peaches, $1 25@1 35; Sweet corn, $1 40@1 50; Harford county corn, $1 3@1 35; lima beans, $1 2@1 25; soaked, 90@95c; Boston baked beans, $1 15@1 25; marrowfat peas, $1 05@1 15; soaked, 70@75c; French peas, $1 30@2 00*; 100 cans or 8 lbs, $7 00@7 50 per doz.; Pineapples, $1 10@2 25; extra do, $2 40; Bahama do, $1; damson plums, eastern, $1 25; California pears, $2 12½@2 25; do green gages, $1 50; do egg plums, $1 70; do apricots, $1 85@2 00; do extra white cherries, $2 12½@2 25; do white cherries, 2-lb cans, $1 70; raspberries, $1 25@1 50; strawberries, $1 15@1 25; gooseberries, $1 10@1 25; tomatoes, $1 00@1 10; salmon, 1-lb, $1 25@1 95; blackberries, 70@80c; succotash, 2-lb cans, soaked, 80c; do standard, 2-lb, $1 25@1 60; corned beef, 2-lb cans, $1 75@1 80; do 14-lb, $13 00; roast beef, 2-lb, $1 75; chipped beef, 1-lb cans, $1 9@2 00; baked beans, $1 25@1 50; lobsters, 1-lb, $2 35; mackerel, fresh, 1-lb, 30c; broiled, $1 50; sardines, domestic, ¼s, $4 00; ½s, $6 25; ⅝s, mustard, $3 25; imported, ¼s, $10 50@12 00; imported, ½s, $18 00@21 00; canned apples, 2-lb, 70@75c; gallons, $2 70@2 75.

Dairy Products.

BUTTER—Choice Elgin creamery, 28@29c; other brands, 22@25c; choice to fancy country roll, 17@18c; low grades, 12@15c; cooking, 9@10c.

CHEESE—Ohio, new, 10@10½c; New York, 10½@10¾c; fine fall make, fancy new Wisconsin Swiss blocks, 14½@15c; do, bricks, 10½@11c; Wisconsin sweitzer, in tubs, 13@13½c for new, 15@16c for old; limberger, 10@11c; Ohio Swiss, 12½@13c, as to quality.

Eggs and Poultry.

The market closed with eggs dull and weak, and with chickens steady, though a large number of coops were left to be carried over.

EGGS—Strictly fresh Pennsylvania and Ohio, 15@16c; cold storage stock, 14@14½c.

POULTRY—Spring chickens, 40@50c per pair for small, and 55@60c for large; old chickens, 75c@$1 00; ducks, 70@75c; geese, 75c@$1 00.

Provisions.

Contrary to expectations, no changes were made by the dealers to-day. The market, however, was quoted firm as follows:

Large hams	12½
Medium	12½
Small	14
Trimmed	14½
California	9½
Shoulders, sugar-cured	9
Dry salt	7½
Bellies	10½
Breakfast bacon	11½
Extra do	12½
Clear sides	10
Dry salt sides	9½
Clear bellies, smoked	9½
Clear bellies, dry salt	9
Pork, heavy	14 00
Light	16 50
Dried beef, knuckles	14½
Rounds	14½
Sets	11½
Flats	10½
Lard, pure, tierces	8¼
Tubs	8½
Two 50-lb cases	8½
Lard, refined, tierces	6¾
Half barrels	7
Tubs	6¾
Pails	6¾
Two 50-lb cases	6¾
Three-lb cases	7½
Five-lb cases	7
Ten-lb cases	6¾

Berries, Fruits and Vegetables.

Blackberries were quoted at 9@10c per quart and 75@85c per pail and huckleberries at 90c@$1 00 per basket and $1 00 per pail, with a willingness on the part of dealers to make concessions to move large lots, which was the case on all other perishable stuff.

Apples ranged from $2 00 to $5 00 per barrel, peaches from $2 00 to $2 75 per bushel crate, plums from $2 00 to $3 00 per bushel, lemons from $5 00 to $6 00 per box, bananas from 75c to $2 00 per bunch, Bartlett pears from $3 00 to $3 50 per box and grapes from 40c to 50c for 10-pound basket Ives and Concords and 12½@15c for small basket Niagras.

Watermelons closed easier at $20 00@35 00 per 100 and canteloupes at $2 00@4 00 per barrel.

Vegetables closed dull and nominal. Potatoes were easier at $2 25 for Jersey rose and 65@70c per bushel for nearby stock.

Miscellaneous.

BEANS—New crop New York and Michigan pea bean, $1 95@2 00 per bushel; hand-picked medium, $1 8@1 90 per bushel; Lima, new, 3½@3¾c; Pennsylvania and Ohio beans, $1 70@1 75 per bushel.

BEESWAX—Choice yellow, 28@30c; dark, 26@28c.

HONEY—New crop white clover, 17@18c per pound; buckwheat, 12@15c.

TALLOW—Country, 3½@4c per pound; city, 4@4½c.

FEATHERS—Extra live geese, 55@60c per pound; No. 1 do, 48@50c; mixed, 30@35c.

PEANUTS—Green, 4@5c per pound; do roasted, $1 2@1 30 per bushel.

CIDER—Sand refined, $6 50@8 75 per barrel; Pennsylvania champagne cider, $6 00@8 25.

HIDES—Following is the scale adopted by the local tanners: Green steer hides trimmed, 75 lbs and up, 6c; green steer hides, trimmed, 60 to 75 lbs, 5½c; green steer hides, trimmed, under 60 lbs, 5½; green cow hides, trimmed, all weights, 3½; green bull hides, trimmed, all weights, 4c; green calf skins, No. 1, 5; green calf skins, No. 2, 3; green steer hides, trimmed, side branded, 4; green cow hides, trimmed, side branded, 3; green bull steers, No. 1, 60 lb and up, 3½; green sail steers, No. 1, 60 lb and less, 4½@5; green salt cows, No. 1, all weights, 4@4½; green salt bulls, No. 1, all weights, 4½; green salt calf, No. 1, 8@15 lb, 5½@6; green salt kip, No. 1, 16@25 lb, 4@5; runner kip, No. 1, 16@25 lb, 3@4; No. 2 hides, ½c off; No. 2 calf, 2c off.

LOCAL SECURITIES.

Sales and Changes of the Week and Closing Bids and Offers.

Transactions on 'Change for the week ending to-day aggregated 3,015 shares and $29,000 bonds, and a good volume of business was completed off 'Change. The general temper of the market was strong to buoyant throughout, the most conspicuous for strength and activity being the Gas shares, the Industrials and some of the tractions. Some of the shares that have had the most rapid advance failed to close at the best prices, but the reactions were mostly regarded as natural and healthy. The closing prices this week, as compared with that of last Saturday, show the following changes in the more active shares:

Advances—Philadelphia Company, ½; People's Pipeage, ¾; Wheeling Gas, ¾; Union Switch and Signal, 1½; Airbrake, 1¼; Westinghouse Electric, second preferred, 99½; Pleasant Valley Railway, ¾; Duquesne traction, ⅞; Underground Cable, ½; Pittsburg traction, ¾; Monongahela National Bank, ½; Liberty National Bank, ½.

Declines—P. & B. traction, ⅞; Luster Mining Company, ¼; Tradesmen's National Bank, 2.

Philadelphia Company, Union Switch and Signal and People's Pipeage were traded in on 'Change at the last call, with the tendency of prices downward. P. & B. Traction was inclined to weakness, and Duquesne Traction was barely steady, but the remainder of the list closed fairly strong. Sales:

10 shares Philadelphia Company 20½
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10 shares Union switch and Signal 18¼
5 shares Union Switch and Signal 18
25 shares People's Pipeage 15
10 shares People's Pipeage 15

Total sales, 289 shares. Closing bids and offers:

BANK STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Citizens' National Bank	65½	66½
Exchange National Bank	84½	
First City National Bank	85	
Liberty National Bank	108½	
Monongahela National Bank	139	
Second National Bank	265	

INSURANCE STOCKS.

Citizens	33	
Western Insurance Co.	40	

NATURAL GAS STOCKS.

Chartiers Valley Gas Co.	12¾	
People's Natural Gas and P. Co.	14¾	15¼
Philadelphia Co.	20½	20¾
Wheeling Gas Co.	18¾	19½

PASSENGER RAILWAY STOCKS.

Central Traction	20½	
Citizens' Traction	61¾	62
Pittsburg Traction	28½	29
Pleasant Valley	25¾	

RAILROAD STOCKS.

Pittsburg, Youngst'n and Ashtabula	44	
Pitts., Wheeling & Ky.	51½	

COAL STOCKS.

N. Y. & C. Gas Coal Co.	51	52

ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.

East End		50
Westinghouse	17¾	18¼

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

Union Storage Co.		60
Union Switch and Signal Co. pref.	23	40
Standard Underground Cable Co.	74¾	75¼
U. S. Glass Company, pref.		71½

MONETARY.

Bankers reported neither a no change of conditions during the past week. The demand for money was only fair, the supply largely in excess of the demand and the quoted range of rates 5@6 per cent. Eastern exchange and currency traded even.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Money on call easy, with all loans at 2 per cent; closing offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper, 3½@5½. Sterling exchange quiet and steady at 4 86¾ for 60-day bills and $4 88¼ for demand.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 13.—Call loans, 4½@6; loans, 4½@4¾.

New York Bank Statement.

Reserves, decrease	$ 3,023,975
Loans, increase	994,600
Specie, decrease	2,862,600
Legal tenders, decrease	969,100
Deposits, decrease	3,290,000
Circulation, increase	10,800
Amount above legal requirements	15,774,450

Clearing House Figures.

Pittsburg—

Exchanges to-day	$2,431,474 68
Balances to-day	726,003 89
Same day last week:	
Exchanges	$2,183,946 29
Balances	460,114 84

The clearings of the past two weeks compare as follows:

Exchanges this week	$12,882,491 49
Balances this week	3,845,287 10
Exchanges last week	14,824,927 53
Balances last week	3,844,393 63

For the week of 1891 correspondingly with this week the exchanges were $11,282,695 55. Total exchanges to the date, 1892, $471,173,834 44; same time last year, $421,086,591 31; gain this year, $50,107,245 13.

The exchanges of the week, compared with last week, show a decrease of a little more than 6 per cent, but, as compared with the like week of 1891, an increase of 19.5 per cent is shown.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Bank clearings to-day, $97,456,387; balance, $5,602,070.

BOSTON, Aug. 13.—Bank clearings to-day, $16,122,619; balances, $2,115,995. Rate for money 4@4½ per cent. Exchange on New York 20c discount. For the week—Clearings, $86,828,483; balances, $10,094,298. For the corresponding week last year—Clearings, $77,033,337; balances, $8,391,060.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 13.—Bank clearings to-day, $3,216,190; balances, $325,659. Money 6 per cent.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Money unchanged. New York exchange, par. Sterling exchange dull and unchanged. Clearings to-day, $16,384,099; balances, $1,331,668. For the week—Clearings, $94,327,881; balances, $8,048,047. For the corresponding week last year—Clearings, $79,733,032; balances, $6,541,564.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Aug. 13.—Clearings, $942,735.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Aug. 13.—New York exchange selling at $1 50. Clearings, $209,983; balances, $93,995.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 13.—Bank clearings, $3,645,861; balances, $521,556; clearings this week, $24,383,682; balances, $2,781,919; clearings last week, $25,679,919; balances, $3,148,889; clearings corresponding week last year, $23,019,981; balances, $2,088,080. Money quiet at 5@6 per cent. Exchange on New York, 60@75c discount.

Bar Silver.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Bar silver in London 37¾d per ounce. New York dealers' price for silver, 89¾c per ounce.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England to-day is £30,000.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—Three per cent rentes, 95f 55c for the account.

LONDON, Aug. 13, 2 P. M.—Close—Consols, money, 96 15-16; do account, 96 15-16; New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio 1sts, 33¾; Canadian Pacific, 90¾; Erie, 28¾; do 2ds, 107¾; Illinois Central, 101¼; Mexican ordinary, 24½; St. Paul common, 84½; New York Central, 116; Pennsylvania, 53¾; Reading, 30½; Mexican Central, new 4s, 76¾. Bar silver, 37⅞. Money, ½ per cent. Rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 1 per cent.

WESTERN UNION STRONG,

But Everything Else on the List Rules Weak Under the Lead of the Grangers—The Trading of the Usual Half Holiday Character—Bonds Lifeless.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The stock market to-day was of the usual half holiday character, little disposition to trade being apparent, and that which was transacted being of the purely professional variety. No commission business of importance was done, and with all the larger operators even of local fame away from the street the operations were necessarily of the hand-to-mouth order and the fluctuations of a corresponding width. The traders attacked the Grangers in the absence of any demand, while there was considerable liquidation in Northern Pacific preferred, though the pressure was not on all long stocks. Western Union was the one exception to the weakness in the general list, but its advance was only a fraction. With the withdrawal of early pressure to sell the usual intense dullness overspread the market, which closed only a shade better than the lowest figures.

Bonds were equally lifeless, not sharing even in the weakness, although Reading firsts retained its position to 77¾. The sales of bonds reached only $412,000.

Government bonds were dull and steady. Close of the list:

U. S. 4s reg	115½	Mutual Union 6s	110
U. S. 4s coup	117½	N. J. C. Int. Cert	111¼
U. S. 2s, reg	97	Northern Pac. 1st	106¾
Pacific 6s of '95	107	Northern Pac. 2d s	114
Louis'na stamped 4s	91½	Northw'n Consols	137½
Tenn. new set 3s	100½	No'ther'n Deben. 5s	108
Tenn. new set 5s	107	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	85¾
Tenn. new set 3s	77½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M	106
Canada So. 2ds	103¾	St. Paul Consols	135
Cen. Pacific 1sts	116	St. P., C. & P. 1sts	118
Den. & R. G. 1sts	117½	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts.	80
Den. & R. G. 4s	84	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	28
Erie 2ds	104¾	Union Pac. 1sts	108½
M. K. & T. Gen. 4s	69¾	Wabash 2ds	102½
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	48¾	Rio Grande & W.	80

Mining shares closed as follows:

Cholor	50	Mexican	125
Crown Point	50	North Star	650
Con. Cal. & Va.	240	Yellow Jacket	40
Deadwood	200	Iron Silver	50
Gould & Curry	80	Quicksilver	250
Hale & Norcross	75	Quicksilver, pfd	1725
Homestake	1400	Bulwer	50

The total sales of stocks to-day were 65,410 shares, including: Atchison, 7,555; Erie, 2,130; Northern Pacific preferred, 8,700; Reading, 5,600; Union Pacific, 1,600; St. Paul, 6,200; Western Union, 5,560.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, corrected daily for THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, oldest Pittsburg members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Open ing.	High est.	Low est.	Clos ing bid.	Close Aug 12.
Am. Cotton Oil	47	47	46¾	46¾	47½
Am. Cotton Oil pfd.	83	83¾	83	83¼	82¾
Am. Sugar R. Co.	107½	107½	107	107½	108
Am. Sugar R. Co. pfd				101½	101¾
Atch. Top. & S. F.	38⅝	38⅝	37⅞	37⅞	38¼
Canadian Pacific				88¼	88¼
Canada Southern	58⅞	58⅞	58¾	58¾	58¾
Central of N. Jersey	135	135	134½	134½	134½
Central Pacific				29½	29½
Chesapeake & Ohio				24½	24½
C. & O. 1st pfd				63	66
Colorado Gas Trust	81⅝	81⅝	81½	81½	81½
C. Bur. & Quincy	101⅝	101⅝	101⅝	101⅝	101⅝
C., Mil. & St. Paul	82⅝	82⅝	81⅝	82	82⅝
C., Rock I. & P.	80½	80½	80	80	80¼
C., St. P. M. & O.	53¼	53¼	52	52¾	53
C., St. P., M. & O., pf				121	121½
C. & Northwestern	117¼	117¼	117¼	117¼	117
C. & N., pref				142½	
Co., C., C. & I.				66	66⅛
Col. Coal & Iron	33	33	33	33¾	33
Col. & Hocking Val.				34½	34¾
Del., Lack. & West.				156½	156¾
Del. & Hudson	136⅞	136⅞	136½	136¾	137
Den. & Rio Grande				16	16¼
D. & R. G., pref.	48½	48½	48	48	48¼
D. & C. F. Trust	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞
Illinois Central	99¾	99¾	99¾	99¾	99
Lake Erie & West				25¾	25¼
Lake Erie & W., pfd.	76½	76½	76	76	76½
Lake Shore & M. S.	135	135	134¾	134¾	135
Louisville and Nash.	69¾	69⅞	69¼	69½	69⅞
Michigan Central				107	108
Missouri Pacific	59½	59½	58¾	58¾	59½
National Cordage Co	126⅞	127¼	126⅞	127	126½
Nat. Lead Co., pfd.	117	117¼	116½		116½
National Lead Co.	29⅞	30	29¾	29¾	29⅞
Nat. Lead Co., pfd.				95	95¼
New York Central				113	113
N. Y., C. & St. L.				17½	17½
N. Y., C. & St. L., 1st p				72	72
N. Y., C. & St. L., 2d p				37½	38½
N. Y., L. E. & W.	27⅞	27⅞	27¾	27¾	28¼
N. Y., L. E. & W., pfd	67	67	66¾	66¾	67
N. Y. & N. E.	36⅞	36⅞	36½	36¾	35¾
N. Y., O. & W.	19⅞	19⅞	19½	19⅞	19¾
Norfolk & Western				11⅞	11½
Norfolk & West., pfd				43	43¼
North American Co.	13⅞	13⅞	13¾	13¾	13¾
Northern Pacific				20	20⅝
Northern Pa'c'c, pfd	55⅞	55⅞	55	55	56½
Ohio & Mississippi	21½	21½	21½	21	20¾
Oregon Impr'ement	23½	23½	23½	23	24⅛
Pacific Mail				33½	33¾
Peo., Dec. & Evans.				18	18
Phila. & Reading	59¾	59⅞	59½	59½	59¾
P., C., C. & St. L.				21	21
P., C., C. & St. L., pfd				63	62
Pullman Palace Car				196	
Richmond & W. P. T.	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝
Rich. & W. P. T., pfd				40½	40½
St. Paul & Duluth				42	40
St. P. & Duluth, pfd				104	104
St. P., Minn. & Man.				115	115
Texas Pacific	9¼	9¼	9¼	9¼	9
Union Pacific	38¼	38¼	37⅞	37⅞	38⅛
Wabash	11¼				10½
Western Union	98⅞	99¼	98⅞	99¼	98⅞
Wheeling & L. E.	30⅞	30½	29¾	29¾	29¾
Wheeling & L. E., pfd	72½	72½	72	72	72
Baltimore & Ohio	97⅞	97⅞	97¼	97¼	97⅞
W. E. & M. C., 1st pfd				94	

Boston Stocks—Closing Prices.

Atch. & Top	38	Calumet & Hecla	285
Boston & Maine	180	Franklin	12½
C., Bur. & Quincy	101¾	Kearsarge	11
Eastern R. R., 6s	122½	Osceola	32½
Fitchburg R. R.	89	Santa Fe Copper	10
K. C., St. J. & C. B. 7s	113	Tamarack	160
Mass. Central	16	West End Land Co.	16⅝
Mex. Cen. com	15⅝	Bell Telephone	203½
N. Y. & N. E.	36⅝	Lamson Store S.	18
Wis. Central, com.	17	Cent. Mining	7¼
Allouez M. Co., new	90	N. E. Tel. & Tel.	85½
Boston & Mont.	37½	Butte & B. Copper	9¼

Cotton.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Hubbard, Price & Co. say: There is no diminution in the excess of the visible supply, and it seems certain that we shall go over into the new season with the heaviest stocks ever known by over 1,000,000 bales. An analysis and an acceptance of these figures has led to considerable selling on the part of those who were long of the market and the result is a decline of about 13 points. Large selling orders from New Orleans have assisted in depressing our market. There, as well as in the other southern markets, spot values are rapidly declining in anticipation of the early arrival of new cotton, of which 118 bales were received to-day in Galveston.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 13.—Cotton remains quiet; middling, 7 1-16; sales none; receipts, 100 bales; shipments, 300 bales; stock, 49,900 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 13.—Cotton dull and prices generally in buyers' favor; American middling, 3 1-16d; sales, 6,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,600 American; futures closed quiet but steady.

EVERYTHING CLOSES STRONG.

News Generally Bullish and Grain and Provisions Advance.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—The weakness which had been the conspicuous feature of the market was lacking at the opening to-day, and the result of the day's trading is that everything dealt in on the Board of Trade is higher than at the close yesterday. This fact is due in part to a natural reaction from the recent declines and in part to the news of the day. The trading, however, was generally light.

Wheat exhibited a conspicuous undertone of strength, considering the volume of trading, which was small. This undertone was supported by the improvement manifested in the cables, liberal exports from both coasts, the bullish purport of Bradstreet's estimate of the world's wheat crop, the receipts here being under the estimates and reported heavy cold rains in certain sections of the Northwest. The opening sales exhibited an improvement of ¼c over yesterday's closing prices, and the fluctuations during the whole of the session were confined to ½c range, the market closing with a gain of ½c. There were some sales at the opening at 77¾c for September, but at the same time there were buyers at 78c, and a good deal changed hands at the latter and very little at the former price at the time referred to. The price held for a matter of half an hour at 78c or better, and then took a dip to 77¾c, after which it remained for a long time at 77¾c, with very little offered for sale and just as little wanted, closing firm at 78c.

The corn market was very firm at the opening, September touching 53c in the first rush to fill the early orders. There were some sales at the same time at 52¾c, but 52½c and 53c were more generally current. The latter price was also the closing quotation, but it was being offered at that. The recovery was due to some uneasiness regarding the approach of colder and perhaps freezing weather in some of the more northern counties where corn is grown and to the good demand which was reported from the cash crowd. The latter, more than the possibility of frost in the corn country in August, was the more probable explanation of the change in sentiment which caused the market to wind up at about its highest point. The stock of corn in Chicago is said to be chiefly owned by J. Bryant and he is no bear on the article. He looks for 65c for the couple million bushels or so of September corn which he is said to have laid by.

Oats fluctuated within narrow limits and closed with a gain of ¼c.

Provisions opened active and strong with an advance of 5c in pork, 2½@12½c in lard and 5@10c in ribs. Armour's brokers were taking everything that was offered at the improved prices, and that caused a complete change in the feeling of the crowd, which, until the support given by Armour, was inclined to be somewhat panicky. The small receipts of hogs as reported from the yards, 30,000 head—was a contributory circumstance in toning up trade at the start. Estimates of 90,000 hogs for all of next week also had its influence in restoring confidence. There was some realizing at the advance, which brought a reaction from the extreme reached on the first bulge, but in the end prices remained higher than at the corresponding time yesterday by 12½@15c in pork, 5@20c in lard and 7½c in ribs.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 78c; No. 3 spring wheat, 69@73c; No. 2 red, 77¾@78c; No. 2 corn, 53¾c; No. 2 oats, 33½@33¾c; No. 2 white, 37c; No. 3 white, 33½@34c; No. 2 rye, 65c; No. 2 barley, 63c; No. 3, nominal; No. 4, c. o. b., 40c; No. 1 flax seed, $1 03¾@1 04; prime timothy seed, $3 85; mess pork, per bbl, $12 20@12 25; lard, per 100 lbs, $7 90@7 95; short ribs sides (loose), $8 00@8 10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7 20@7 30; short clear sides (boxed), $8 10@8 15; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1 15; sugars, cut loaf, unchanged; granulated, unchanged; standard "A," unchanged.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	15,000	11,000
Wheat, bu	311,000	108,000
Corn, bu	182,000	409,000
Oats, bu	237,000	422,000
Rye, bu	9,000	1,000
Barley, bu	3,000	None.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was firm: creamery, 18@24½c; dairy, 16@20c. Eggs, 16½c.

Range of the leading futures, furnished by John M. Oakley & Co., bankers and brokers, No. 45 Sixth street.

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