COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver and Exchange rather firmer.
Wheat strong and slightly higher.
Barley dull and easy, with ample offerings.
Oats, Corn and Rye as previously quoted.
Bran and Middlings firm. Hay weak and dull.
Beans and Seeds neglected at former prices.
Potatoes are weak, while Onions are firm.
A slight improvement noted in Poultry.
Butter, Cheese and Eggs continue to advance.
Fruit market again brisk and advancing.
No further news in Dried Fruits and Raisins.
Provisions quiet at unchanged quotations.
Outsiders shading the price of Grain Bags.
Meat market stands the same as before.
Increased shipments of Lumber this year.
Larger exports of Salmon from this port.

Charters.

The Gallee loads merchandise for Tahiti and Marquesas.

The Carrier Dove loads lumber at Port Blakeley for Haiphong, 62s 6d.

The Metha Nelson loads lumber at Tacoma for Honolulu.

Exports of Salmon.

Exports of salmon from this port during the first seven months of the year were 128,658 cases and 5847 packages, valued at $550,628, against 100,770 cases and 4773 packages at $368,500 during the same time last year.

Exports of Lumber.

Exports of lumber from this port during the first seven months of the year were 13,348,000 feet, valued at $395,400, against 9,669,000 feet at $173,300 during the same time last year.

Weather Report.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)
SAN FRANCISCO, August 23, 5 p. m.

The following maximum temperatures were reported from stations in California to-day:

Eureka	60	San Diego	70
Fresno	96	Sacramento	94
Los Angeles	88	Independence	80
Red Bluff	98	Yuma	104
San Luis Obispo	102		

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 74; minimum, 58; mean, 66.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The weather is clear and pleasant over the Pacific slope, except in Washington, where cloudy weather with light showers prevails.

The pressure has fallen slightly over the northern portion of the Pacific slope and risen over the southern.

The temperature has risen in all districts except Southern Arizona and along the central coast of California. The temperature in the interior has ranged over 90 degrees to-day and is above the normal.

Conditions are favorable for fair and continued pleasant weather throughout the interior of the State Thursday.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, August 24, 1899:

Northern California—Fair Thursday; fresh northwest wind.

Southern California—Fair Thursday; fresh west wind.

Nevada—Fair, warmer Thursday.

Utah—Fair, warmer Thursday.

Arizona—Fair Thursday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Thursday, except cloudy or foggy Thursday evening; fresh west wind.

G. H. WILLSON,
Local Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Affairs in the stock market took on a cheerful appearance from the opening to-day and there was no material setback in the advance in prices from start to finish, though the dealings were decidedly irregular at times during the day. It became manifest at the opening that the inside interests in Brooklyn Transit were prepared to offer a very determined resistance to any further decline in that stock, which they have not been doing for some time past. To-day the price was never more than ¾ above last night's level and was extremely feverish all day within a range of about two points. But pressure against the stock was realized when the determined nature of the support became evident. There was some disposition to cover short contracts in other stocks, which have shown sympathetic weakness with Brooklyn Transit. The cessation of the bear campaign left the way open for an unopposed advance and there was a large element inclined to buy stocks. The advance in American Tobacco was the most conspicuous movement of the day. A deluge of offerings was encountered at every point up, which caused a temporary halt, but after the absorption of these the upward movement was resumed. The extreme rise was over seven points; Continental Tobacco stocks rose three and over two points, respectively in sympathy. Sugar showed momentary weakness at the opening, but was increasingly strong as the day progressed and is up 2¾ on the day. There were heavy takings of the leather stocks, which gained 5½ and 2¾, respectively. In the railroad list business was exceedingly well distributed and a large number of stocks showed gains between one and two points. The most notable feature of the trading in this department was the tendency to turn to the middle and low priced stocks, while the high priced and established dividend paying stocks were almost universally left acquiescent. In fact, not a few of this grade showed small net losses. The low return at present dividend rates made the high grade railroad stocks and with prospects of coming dividends or increased dividends in lower grade issues, owing to the continued increase in railroad earnings, were the motives of this development in speculation. Common stocks of reorganized companies having preferred stocks ahead of them, whose dividend claims are provided for with an accumulating surplus of earnings beyond, were the favorites. Some of the Southern and Southwestern stocks which have had recent large advances were held back by realizing. With the exceptions noted strength was well distributed through the different railroad groups. Net gains of two points or upward are shown by Baltimore and Ohio, Erie first preferred, Hocking Valley, Northern Pacific, Fort Worth and Rio Grande, Chicago and Eastern Illinois and St. Paul and Duluth rose an extreme four points. A much more cheerful sentiment was reflected from foreign stock markets to-day and London was a buyer in this market.

The bond market was active and strong and dealings were fairly well distributed among the speculative bonds. Total sales, par value, $3,007,050. United States 3s declined ¼ in the bid price.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Shares Sold.	Stocks—	Closing Bid.
17,750	Atchison	23½
39,777	Atchison pref	67¾
4,700	Baltimore & Ohio	56⅝
100	Canadian Pacific	97
.....	Canada Southern	53½
2,600	Central Pacific	59¾
5,925	Chesapeake & Ohio	28¾
4,600	Chicago Great Western	15⅝
4,010	Chicago Burlington & Quincy	136½
700	Chicago Ind & St Louis	10½
.....	Chicago Ind & St Louis pref	40
1,000	Chicago & Eastern Illinois	80½
300	Chicago & Northwestern	162¾
8,550	Chicago Rock Island & Pacific	120
400	C C C & St Louis	56
1,400	Colorado Southern	5½
100	Colorado Southern first pref	46
.....	Colorado Southern second pref	17
400	Delaware & Hudson	123
2,110	Delaware Lackawanna & Western	175½
13,859	Denver & Rio Grande	24¾
2,015	Denver & Rio Grande pref	78¼
200	Erie	14⅝
6,050	Erie first preferred	39⅞
535	Erie second preferred	167
.....	Hocking Coal	17¾
1,050	Hocking Valley	28¼
9,151	Illinois Central	116⅜
470	Iowa Central	14½
3,950	Iowa Central pref	58½
300	Kansas City Pittsburg & Gulf	11
300	Lake Erie & Western	21
600	Lake Erie & Western pref	79½
.....	Lake Shore	201½
7,235	Louisville & Nashville	82⅞
7,070	Manhattan Elevated	113
4,920	Metropolitan Street Railway	201½
4,200	Mexican Central	15⅝
150	Minneapolis & St Louis	75
200	Minneapolis & St Louis pref	97
38,680	Missouri Pacific	50⅜
.....	Mobile & Ohio	45
5,400	Missouri Kansas & Texas	13½
7,650	Missouri Kansas & Texas pref	41
1,040	New Jersey Central	119¼
1,200	New York Central	133¾
27,380	Norfolk & Western	27¾
7,550	Norfolk & Western pref	73
50,270	Northern Pacific	56¼
7,000	Northern Pacific pref	78
2,982	Ontario & Western	27
200	Oregon Railway & Navigation	44¾
120	Oregon Ry & Navigation pref	74½
4,500	Pennsylvania	135¾
5,000	Reading	22½
21,030	Reading first pref	62¾
4,130	Reading second pref	34¼
.....	Rio Grande Western	20
.....	Rio Grande Western pref	78
1,400	St Louis & San Francisco	11½
.....	St Louis & San Fran first pref	71¾
800	St Louis & San Fran second pref	37⅞
1,000	St Louis & Southwestern	17¼
2,700	St Louis & Southwestern pref	39
13,310	St Paul	133
.....	St Paul pref	174½
300	St Paul & Omaha	111½
34,715	Southern Pacific	39¾
2,910	Southern Railway	12⅝
11,320	Southern Railway pref	54⅛
8,000	Texas & Pacific	22⅛
27,650	Union Pacific	46⅝
6,020	Union Pacific pref	78⅝
100	Wabash	7⅞
9,010	Wabash pref	23¾
600	Wheeling & Lake Erie	10¾
1,400	Wheeling & L E second pref	27
9,065	Wisconsin Central	17¾
.....	Pittsburg C C & St Louis	77½
	Express Companies—	
.....	Adams	113
.....	American	140
.....	United States	50
400	Wells Fargo	128½
	Miscellaneous—	
6,230	American Cotton Oil	44⅝
.....	American Cotton Oil pref	94
.....	American Malting	16
.....	American Malting pref	66½
400	American Smelting and Refining	47⅞
900	Am Smelting & Refining pref	91½
.....	American Spirits	6
.....	American Spirits pref	28
1,600	American Steel Hoop	38
300	American Steel Hoop pref	83½
5,365	American Steel & Wire	57
610	American Steel & Wire pref	98
1,000	American Tin Plate	42¼
.....	American Tin Plate pref	90
113,430	American Tobacco	129¾
200	American Tobacco pref	145½
2,050	Anaconda Mining Co	57⅞
60,050	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	103¼
4,900	Colorado Fuel & Iron	52¾
13,520	Continental Tobacco	49⅞
6,650	Continental Tobacco pref	99½
3,495	Federal Steel	58½
800	Federal Steel pref	81¼
.....	General Electric	123¼
400	Glucose Sugar	64¼
.....	Glucose Sugar pref	106
2,925	International Paper	38
.....	International Paper pref	76
400	Laclede Gas	57¾
220	National Biscuit	47½
.....	National Biscuit pref	98½
325	National Lead	32¾
.....	National Lead pref	112
600	National Steel	55¼
110	National Steel pref	97¼
310	New York Air Brake	182
2,920	North American	12¾
200	Pacific Coast	47
.....	Pacific Coast first pref	85
.....	Pacific Coast second pref	64
700	Pacific Mail	47
5,060	People's Gas	119⅞
400	Pressed Steel Car	59½
330	Pressed Steel Car pref	89
200	Pullman Palace Car	158
.....	Standard Rope & Twine	8½
20,260	Sugar	156¼
.....	Sugar pref	119½
6,075	Tennessee Coal & Iron	97
26,015	United States Leather	10¾
12,840	United States Leather pref	76⅞
.....	United States Rubber	43
.....	United States Rubber pref	115⅜
200	Western Union	89

756,000 Shares sold.

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 2s reg	100½	Do 4s	94¼
Do 3s reg	108½	N Y C 1sts	111¾
Do 3s coup	108½	N J C gen 5s	120½
Do new 4s reg	130⅜	N Carolina 6s	128
Do new 4s coup	130⅜	Do 4s	104
Do old 4s reg	112½	N Pac 1sts	113
Do old 4s coup	113	Do 3s	67
Do 5s reg	111⅝	Do 4s	103½
Dist of Col 3.65s	117	N Y C & St L 4s	107½
Ala class A	109	N & W con 4s	96
Do class B	109	Do gen 6s	135
Do class C	103	Or Nav 1sts	113½
Do Currency	100	Do 4s	102½
Atch gen 4s	102¾	Or Short Line 6s	129
Do adj 4s	87⅝	Do con	113½
Can So 2ds	111½	Reading Gen 4s	88⅛
Ches & Ohio 4½s	97½	R G W 1sts	98⅛
Do 5s	119	St L & I M C 5s	114
Chi & N con 7s	144	St L & S F G 6s	124
Do S F deb 5s	122	St Paul cons	170½
Chi Term 4s	99	St P C & P 1sts	121¾
D & R G 1sts	105¼	Do 5s	122
Do 4s	101½	So Railway 5s	110¼
E T V & G 1sts	102½	Stand R & T 6s	83
Erie gen 4s	73¼	Tenn new set 3s	97
F W & D 1sts	75	Tex & Pac 1sts	115½
Gen Elec 5s	118½	Do 2ds	56½
G H & S A 6s	108	U Pac 4s	105⅛
Do 2ds	108	Wabash 1sts	116½
H & T C 5s	110	Do 2ds	101
Do con 6s	112	West Shore 4s	114¼
Iowa Cen 1sts	115¾	Wis Central 1sts	77½
La new con 4s	106	Va Centuries	85
L & N uni 4s	100	Do deferred	5
M K & T 2ds	69½	C & S 4s	86½

MINING STOCKS.

Cholar	24	Ontario	7 50
Crown Point	29	Ophir	1 00
Con Cal & Va	1 75	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	60	Quicksilver	1 90
Gould & Curry	33	Do preferred	8 00
Hale & Norcross	28	Sierra Nevada	65
Homestake	65 00	Standard	2 45
Iron Silver	50	Union Con	25
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	25

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Westinghs Elec	59¼
Call loans	3@4	Do prefrd	68
Time loans	4@5	Wis Central	17½
Stocks—		Bonds—	
Atch T & St Fe	23¼	Atchison 4s	100
Do prefrd	67⅝	Mining Shares—	
Amer Sugar	156	Adventure	8¾
Do prefrd	120	Allouez Min Co	6¼
Bell Tele	344	Atlantic	27
Boston & Albany	257	Boston & Mont	350
Boston Ele	129	Butte & Boston	75
Boston & Maine	200	Calumet & Hecla	530
Chi B & Q	136½	Centennial	35¼
Fitchburg prefrd	118	Franklin	20
Mexican Cen	15½	Humboldt	3
Mich Tele	98	Osceola	89
Old Colony	206	Parrot	52
Old Dominion	35	St Fe Copper	14⅞
Union Pacific	46¾	Tamarack	228
Union Land	7⅞	Winona	11¾
West End	95	Wolverines	46½
Do prefrd	112	Utah	43½

London Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here were cheerful to-day in the absence of political developments. Consols rose ⅜ on bear coverings. Americans opened dull but with fair buying, largely Continental, and the closing was firm at the best. Features were Baltimore and Ohio, Norfolk and Western, Erie, Denver and Rio Grande and Northern Pacific. Portuguese securities were again strong on rumors that Delagoa Bay is really British, intelligence of the purchase having been delayed for diplomatic reasons.

CLOSING.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Canadian Pacific, 99⅝; Northern Pacific preferred, 118⅝; Union Pacific preferred, 71¾; Atchison, 23⅝; Grand Trunk, 8½; Anaconda, 11⅝; Bar Silver, 27 9-16d. Money, 2 per cent.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 35,057 barrels; exports, 26,262 barrels; sales, 5400 barrels. Steadier tone and a fair inquiry for spring patents at old asking prices. Winter straits, $3 35@3 45; winter extras, $2 45@2 80; Minnesota patents, $3 85@4 05; Minnesota, bakers, $3 05@3 25.

WHEAT—Receipts, 43,475 bushels; exports, 89,292 bushels; sales, 1,900,000 bushels futures and 128,000 bushels spot. Spot—Easy; No. 2 red, 78⅝c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 80⅞c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 76⅝@76⅝c elevator; No. 1 hard Duluth, 84⅝c. Options opened stronger at ½c advance on higher cables, wet weather in the Northwest and local covering. Prices were sustained later by light offerings and nervousness among short interests, but finally eased off and closed unsettled at ½c net advance. May closed 82⅞c; September, 76¾@77 3-16c, closed 76⅞c; December, 79⅝@80¼c, closed 79⅞c.

HOPS—Quiet.

HIDES—Firm.

WOOL—Quiet and steady.

METALS—Pronounced weakness was developed in tin and spelter under extensive offerings and disappointing points from Europe and the West. Buyers were scarce and in nearly all instances refused to take hold vigorously. Iron was strong in active demand. At the close the Metal Exchange called:

PIGIRON—Warrants, firm, with $15 50 bid and $16 asked.

LAKE COPPER—Quiet and unchanged, at $18 50.

TIN—Weak and lower, with $31 bid and $31 25 asked.

LEAD—Quiet, with $4 60 bid and $4 62½ asked.

SPELTER—Steady, weak, at $5 50 nominal. The brokers' price for lead is $4 35 and for copper $18 50.

COFFEE—Options closed steady, five points higher to five points lower. Sales, 12,250 bags, including: August, $4 25; September, $4 30; November, $4 45; December, $4 75; March, $5; April and May, $5 10. Spot—Rio, dull and nominal; mild, small local market.

SUGAR—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 4c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4½c; molasses sugar, 3⅞c; refined, steady.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2603 packages; steady. Western creamery, 17@21c; factory, 13@17½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8779 packages; firm. Western ungraded at mark, 12@15c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—California dried fruits, quiet but steady.

EVAPORATED APPLES—Common, 7½c; prime wire tray, 8¼@8½c; choice, 8¾@9c; fancy, 9@9½c.

PRUNES—3¼@8c.

APRICOTS—Royal, 14c; Moorpark, 14@16c.

PEACHES—Unpeeled, 8@11½c.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, August 23.—Wheat opened strong at substantial advances in both December and September, the latter starting ¼@⅜c higher at 74⅛@74¼c, and September ⅜c higher at 71⅞c. Bull news came in from all directions. Liverpool showed an advance of ½d. The weather in the Northwest was again wet, with prospects of a continuance of the rains and receipts, compared with those of last season, were conspicuously small. The wet weather caused a good deal of buying last week and it had the same effect to-day, as there was much apprehension of serious damage resulting. The opening advance was stubbornly fought for a time, especially in December, in which option a slight decline took place soon after the opening, the prices easing off to 74@74¼c. But the news was too much against the bear side of the market, and before 11 o'clock prices had scored a substantial advance, September advancing to 72¼c and December to 74½c. These prices were above calls and selling against those privileges and a natural desire to realize profits caused several soft spots in the market, but no reaction of note occurred until afternoon. September in the mantime advanced to 72½c and December to 74¾c. At those prices the demand let up to some extent and under a moderately heavy pressure to realize a slow decline took place, September reacting to 72⅛@72¼c and December to 74¼@74⅜c. The close was steady at these prices.

Corn did not display much activity, but was firm throughout. September closed ¼@⅜c higher.

Little was done in oats. The market followed the late break in wheat and closed barely steady, with September a shade higher and December a shade lower.

Provisions were extremely dull. Hog prices were lower, but there was a fair outside demand for pork and ribs, which resulted in advances in those products. Most of the business was in the way of changing. At the close September Pork was 7½@10c higher, lard unchanged and ribs 5c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
September	72	72½	71¾	72¼
December	74¼	74¾	74	74⅜
May	77⅜	77⅜	77¼	77⅜
Corn No. 2—				
September	31⅛	31½	31	31⅜
December	28⅝	28¾	28⅝	28¾
May	29⅝	29½	29¼	29⅝
Oats No. 2—				
September	19⅞	20⅛	19⅞	20
December	19¾	19⅞	19⅝	19¾
May	21½	21⅝	21⅜	21½
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
September	8 22½	8 32½	8 20	8 32½
October	8 32½	8 40	8 30	8 40
January	9 55	9 62½	9 55	9 62½
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
September	5 17½	5 22½	5 17½	5 20
October	5 20	5 30	5 25	5 27½
January	5 42½	5 47½	5 42½	5 45
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
September	5 07½	5 15	5 07½	5 12½
October	5 12½	5 17½	5 12½	5 17½
January	4 97½	5 00	4 97½	5 00

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 3 Spring Wheat, 67@72½c; No. 2 Red, 72½@74½c; No. 2 Corn, 32c; No. 2 Oats, 21¼@21¾c; No. 2 White, 22¾@23½c; No. 3 White, 22½@23¼c; No. 2 Rye, 54c; No. 2 Barley, 34½@39c; No. 1 Flaxseed, $1 10; Prime Timothy Seed, $2 42½; Mess Pork, per barrel, $7 50@8 35; Lard, per 100 pounds, $5 07½@5 20; Short Rib Sides (loose), $4 95@5 25; Dry Salted Shoulders (boxed), 5⅝@5¾c; Short Clear Sides (boxed), $5 55@5 60; Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 26.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	20,000	11,000
Wheat, bushels	102,000	42,000
Corn, bushels	423,000	474,000
Oats, bushels	924,000	365,000
Rye, bushels	10,000	.....
Barley, bushels	42,000	2,000

On the Produce Exchange the Butter market was steady; creamery, 16@20c; dairy, 13@17c. Cheese, firm; 9½@10c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12½c.

Foreign Futures.

LIVERPOOL.

Wheat—	Sept.	Dec.	Mar.
Opening	5 10¾	6 ¾	.....
Closing	5 10¾	6 ⅞	.....

PARIS.

Wheat—	Aug.	Nov.-Feb.
Opening	19 65	20 70
Closing	19 75	20 80
Flour—		
Opening	42 60	27 80
Closing	42 60	27 85

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Aug. 23.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say to-morrow:

Although the tone of the wool market is somewhat quieter there has been a fair business in progress during the past week, with indications at this writing of an improved demand in the immediate future. A few houses report large sales and those who do not state that there has been considerable looking around, the result of which has been the taking of quite a number of sample bags, which will very likely materialize into considerable business in the course of the next week or two. Stocks of foreign goods have been pretty well worked up, and with a practical cessation of importations manufacturers have got the market to themselves better than at any time since 1892, and at no time since then has the outlook seemed better. Prices continue steady. The sales of the week in Boston amounted to 4,455,000 pounds domestic and 445,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 4,900,000 pounds, against a total of 5,946,000 for the previous week and a total of 2,624,600 for the corresponding week of last year.

Sales since January 1, 1899, amount to 180,763,000 pounds, against 77,018,010 pounds last year at this time.

California Fruit Sales.

Porter Brothers' Company sales of California fruit:

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Grapes—Tokay, 60c@$1 15 crate; Muscat, 60@75c. Pears—Bartlett, $1 15@2 per box and 70c half box; Beurre Hardy, $1 55@1 65 box; Duchess, 80c@$1 25; Doyenne, half boxes, 50@60c. Prunes—Gros, 80@95c crate; German, $1 20@1 40; French, 95c; Italian, $1 10; Hungarian, 70c; Silver, 95c. Plums—Kelsey, 85@95c per crate; Yellow Egg, 80@95c; Jefferson, 85c. Peaches—Late Crawford, 55@85c per box; Day, 65@70c; Crawford Cling, 60@65c; Orange, 40@50c; Albright, 40@70c; Lemon, 50c; McDevitt, 40@75c; Freestone, 80c@$1 20; Mitchell, 45c; Strawberry Free, 85c; Cling, 60c.

Earl Fruit Company's sales:

Grapes—Malaga, 90@97c, average 95c per single crate. Peaches—Foster, 66c; Susquehanna, 49@65c, average 58c; Yellow Cling, 56c; Late Crawford, 75c. Pears—Bartlett, $1 39@1 90, average $1 70. Plums—Kelsey, average 91c; Golden Drop, average 74c; Robe de Sargent, average 80c. Prunes—Gros, average 90c; German, average $1 29. Fifteen cars sold.

Earl Fruit Company's sales of California fruit:

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Grapes—Malaga, 75c @$1 25, average 93c single crate; Tokay, 55c@$1 35, average $1 07. Peaches—Late Crawford, 50@90c, average 75c box; Susquehanna, 40@75c, average 65c; Orange Cling, 50@90c, average 70c; McDevitt Cling, 80c@$1 15, average 87c; Brandywine, 75@85c, average 72c. Plums—Kelsey, 45c@$1, average 62c single crate. Prunes—Gros, 80c @$1 30, average $1 10. Pears—Bartlett, $1 25@2 15, average $1 71 box. Twenty-three cars sold.

Eastern Livestock Market.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—There was a big supply of cattle to-day, but mostly of inferior grades, the result being a widening of prices. Choice lots, steady, while others were weak and 10@15c lower. Good to choice cattle, $5 60@6 60; commoner grades, $4 10@5 55; stockers and feeders, $3 35@5; bulls, cows and heifers, $2@5 25; Texas, steers, $3 50@4 90; and calves, $4@7 25.

There was a fairly active demand for hogs, with good droves about 5c lower, others without much change. Heavy hogs, $4 10@4 80; mixed, $4 35@4 80; lights, $4 50@4 85; pigs, $3 40@3 70; culls, $2 50@4.

The demand for both sheep and lambs was good and prices were steady. Sheep, $2 50@4 50 for inferior to prime natives, Western sheep bringing, $3 45@4 10; lambs, $3 25@6 25, choice Westerns going at $5 60@5 80; common lambs, slow of sale and largely 10@15c lower.

Receipts—Cattle, 22,000; hogs, 25,000; sheep, 15,000.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—Clearings, $281,862; balances, $61,081.

Northern Wheat Market.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—WHEAT—Walla Walla, 57½@58c; valley, 59@59½c; bluestem, 60@61c.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Aug. 23.—Wheat shows an advancing tendency. Local prices to-day were 57½@58c for club, 60½@61c for bluestem.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Consols, 106¼; silver, 27 9-16d; French rentes, 99f 97½c; wheat cargoes off coast, buyers indifferent operators; cargoes on passage, steady; English country markets, generally 6d dearer.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 23.—Wheat, firm; No. 1 standard California, 6s 1½d@6s 1d; wheat in Paris, firm; flour in Paris, firm; French country markets, quiet.

COTTON—Uplands, 3½d.

CLOSING.

WHEAT—Spot—No. 1 California, 6s 1½d@6s 1d. Futures—Steady; September, 5s 10¾d; December, 6s ⅞d.

CORN—Futures—September, steady, 3s 4d; October, quiet, 3s 4¾d; November, quiet, 3s 5d.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 83¾
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 87¾
Sterling Cables	—	4 88¾
New York Exchange, sight	—	10
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	12½
Mexican Dollars	49½	50
Fine Silver, per ounce	59⅞	60

Wheat and Other Grains.

WHEAT—The situation seems to be improving. Chicago advanced under better foreign advices, but the crowd was bearish and short. Showery weather in the Northwest was reported. The enhanced views of elevator men restricted business. Export houses were all bullish, and ½c over September was bid for export. The Illinois official report figured that the State raised 7,000,000 bushels under requirements. It is expected that the September liquidation will cause a dragging market for a week, but it will be only temporary.

The local market was firm, with an advance in milling.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, $1 06¼@1 08¾; milling, $1 10@1 13¾.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—May 2000 ctls, $1 18⅛.

Second Session—December—2000 ctls, $1 13¾; 4000, $1 13⅝. May—2000, $1 18½.

Regular Morning Session—December—10,000 ctls, $1 13⅛.

Afternoon Session—December—14,000 ctls, $1 13; 2000, $1 12⅞.

BARLEY—The Kenilworth takes for Cork 77,923 ctls, valued at $77,500.

The market continued extremely dull, with no changes worthy of note until the afternoon, when there was some activity on call.

Feed, 80@83¾c; Brewing, 87½@92½c; Chevalier, $1 10@1 22½ per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—No sales.

Second Session—No sales.

Regular Morning Session—December—2000 ctls, 83½c; 2000, 83c.

Afternoon Session—December—4000 ctls, 83⅛c; 6000, 83c; 6000, 82⅞c; 14,000, 82¾c; 2000, 82½c. Seller, '99, new—2000, 81½c; 8000, 81⅛c; 4000, 81¼c; 16,000, 81c; 4000, 80⅞c.

OATS—Reds are in active demand and firm, with decreased offerings, but white and black are dull and weak. White, $1 20@1 30; Red, $1 05@1 12½ per ctl; Black, 90c@$1.

CORN—There is nothing new to report, trade being dull. Eastern large Yellow, $1 07½; White, $1 07½; mixed, $1 05@1 07½ per ctl.

RYE—90@92½c per ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal.

Flour and Millstuffs.

FLOUR—California family extras, $3 60@3 75, usual terms; bakers' extras, $3 40@3 50; Oregon and Washington, $3 40@3 50 per bbl for extra, $3 25@3 40 for bakers' and $2 25@3 for superfine.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 25 per 100 lbs; Rye Flour, $2 75; Rye Meal, $2 50; Rice Flour, $7; Cornmeal, $2 50; extra Cream Cornmeal, $3 25; Oatmeal, $4 50@4 75; Oat Groats, $4 75; Hominy, $3 25@3 50; Buckwheat Flour, $4@4 25; Cracked Wheat, $3 75; Farina, $4 50; Whole Wheat Flour, $3 50; Rolled Oats (barrels), $6 55@6 95; in sacks, $6 35@6 75; Pearl Barley, $5; Split Peas, $4 50; Green Peas, $5 per 100 lbs.

Hay and Feedstuffs.

Bran and Middlings are firm.

The circular of Somers & Co. says of Hay: "The tracks in the railroad yard are crowded with cars loaded with Hay and other produce, and every available schooner on the bay is busily engaged in transporting crops to market, and it can now be stated that we are well into our regular fall rush of shipments.

"Hay is selling at low figures, and yet we have seen a much lower range than the present one. If a greater proportion of poor Hay was shipped on the market prices, generally speaking, would be lower, but as it is the Hay crop throughout the country seems to be of general good quality. Therefore prices are maintained nearer a living rate than otherwise might be expected.

"Alfalfa is coming in very freely, twenty-one schooner loads—something over 1000 tons—having arrived during the past six days, and prices are somewhat weak, $7 per ton being the top of the market. It is a noticeable fact that this year very little Red or Black Tame Oat Hay is being shipped to market. Last year a goodly proportion of the crop was of this particular variety, being shipped more particularly from Sonoma and Napa counties. This year the bulk of the arrivals seem to be Wheat Hay, and as many purchased the tame Oat Hay last year and were well pleased with same, they are inquiring for it this year, and because of its comparative scarcity it is in quite good demand just now and is selling for good prices."

BRAN—$15 50@17 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$17 50@19 50 per ton.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $18 50 per ton; Oil Cake Meal at the mill, $27@28; jobbing, $28 50@29; Cocoanut Cake, $20@21; Cornmeal, $23 50@24 50; Cracked Corn, $24@25; Mixed Feed, $16@16 50; Cottonseed Meal, $28 per ton.

HAY—Wheat, $6 50@8 50 for common to good and $9 for choice; Wheat and Oat, $7@9; Oat, $6@8; Barley, $5@7; Island Barley, $4 50@5 50; Alfalfa, $5@7 per ton; Compressed Wheat, $9@10.

STRAW—20@35c per bale.

Beans and Seeds.

Beans are reported very dull at unchanged quotations.

BEANS—Bayos, $1 70@1 80; Small White, $2 05@2 15; Large White, $1 60@1 65; Pinks, $2 15@2 25; Reds, nominal; Blackeye, $4 15@4 25; Butters, nominal; Limas, $4 10@4 15; Pea, $2 15@2 35; Red Kidneys, $2@2 25 per ctl.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, 2¼@3c; Yellow Mustard, nominal; Flax, $1 90@2 10; Canary Seed, 2¾@3c per lb for California and 3½c for Eastern; Alfalfa, 8½@9½c; Rape, 3c; Hemp, 4@4½c; Timothy, nominal.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $1 25@1 50; Green, $1 50@2 per ctl.

Potatoes, Onions and Vegetables.

Potatoes rule weak, while Onions are firm. The packers will start on Tomatoes next week.

POTATOES—Garnet Chiles, 90c@$1; Early Rose, 65@90c; Burbanks, 65@90c per ctl; Salinas Burbanks, $1 25@1 40; Sweet Potatoes, 2@2¼c per lb.

ONIONS—90c@$1 10 per ctl for Silverskins; Pickle Onions, 50@75c per ctl.

VEGETABLES—Green Peas, 1¼@2c per lb; String Beans, 1@2c; Lima Beans, 2@2½c; Cabbage, 50@60c; River Tomatoes, 40@60c; Alameda Tomatoes, 65c@$1; Egg Plant, 35@40c; Green Okra, 40@60c per box; Garlic, 2@3c; Green Peppers, 40@50c for Chili and 40@50c per box for Bell; Carrots, 30@40c per sack; Bay Cucumbers, 20@25c; Pickles, $1 50@1 75 per ctl for No. 1 and 75c for No. 2; Summer Squash, 20@25c; Marrowfat Squash, $15 per ton; Green Corn, 25@75c per sack, 75c@$1 per crate for Alameda and 40@50c for Berkeley.

Poultry and Game.

The market is well supplied at about previous prices, though Turkeys are higher.

POULTRY—Live Turkeys, 12@14c for Gobblers and 12@14c for Hens; Young Turkeys, 16@18c; Geese, per pair, $1 25@1 50; Go