THE BUSINESS BAROMETER.

An Index to the Condition of Trade Generally.

OVER A MILLION DOLLARS A DAY.

Houston's Big Bank Clearings for November—Scarcity of Cattle in Mexico—Trade Notes.

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The bank clearings at Houston for the month of November, as reported by Mr. E. Raphael, amounted to $28,332,220, against $27,188,932 the corresponding month last year. This is an increase of $1,142,288; but that is not the most important feature of the figures, flattering as is the comparison. The gratifying part of the exhibit is that this city's bank clearings during November, counting out the four Sundays and one legal holiday, averaged $1,000,000 daily. This is far ahead of other cities of the same size, and compares favorably with some of the largest towns in the United States. These clearings show Houston's commercial importance. Owing to the important part which banks hold in the machinery of modern trade, all business operations of consequence are quickly registered in their transactions. Their dealings contract and expand with almost automatic promptness and precision with the decrease and increase in general trade. They have become the most reliable barometer of business which the great world of finance has. For Houston they prove that her cotton business is equaled by no other city in the South, that her mills and factories are increasing their output, and that, despite complaints on some sides, her mercantile houses are widening their circle of trade and increasing its volume.

Cattle Scarce in Mexico.

A prominent Southwest cattleman, who returned a few days ago from Mexico, is reported by the San Antonio Stockman as saying: "I went there with the idea of buying a bunch of steer cattle, if I could get them right, but good cattle are getting as scarce as hen's teeth in Mexico. In that section of Mexico, for 100 miles along the Rio Grande, taking Eagle Pass as a starting point, and 100 miles back from the river, I will make a wager that it is impossible to round up 5000 head of cattle. Again these Mexican ranchmen are ignorant as to the number of cattle on their ranches. For instance, a friend of mine made a contract with a certain ranchman in that country for 1000 head of steer cattle and after securing his ranch he requested his vaquero to round up about 40 per cent of that number. Owing to the fact that the ranges over there are being rapidly depleted of stock, the Mexican government will certainly take steps to stop the exportation of cattle and I would advise stockmen to interest themselves that that government had levied an export duty of anywhere from $5 to $10 per head."

Not Much Corn Moving.

Local dealers state that corn is arriving rather slowly now, as the farmers of the State seem to be holding tenaciously to their big crops in the expectation of better prices. The bad weather for several days past has also caused a decrease in the movement. The disposition to hold corn seems to be universal. The Kansas City Star says: Kansas and Nebraska, with corn crops approximating 300,000,000 bushels, if government estimates are right, are now sending to Kansas City and about two-thirds as much corn as they were sending at this time last year out of crops estimated to be about 225,000,000 bushels. The explanation of the small receipts is not entirely found in the widespread disposition in the country to hold corn, to store it away to await an advance in price. The "cribbing" demand is absorbing nearly all the corn which farmers are delivering, and farmers are not delivering any more than they are compelled to deliver to meet the demands upon them for ready money. So the big crops fail to come to the central markets. The delay in the movement this year makes a reference to the movement of the corn of six years ago of interest. Kansas City received 30 cars of corn a day in the last week in November, 1889, and the territory supplying corn to this market then was very much smaller than that which is tributary to this city now. St. Louis at that time was getting over 500 cars a day, mainly from the eastern parts of Kansas which are now sending corn here. St. Louis' receipts now are averaging less than 100 cars daily—less even than last year's, just as is the case in Kansas City.

California's Big Bean Crop.

According to the Commercial News of San Francisco, the bean crop in the Southern part of the State has been a large one. The latest reports received from Bakersfield state that 183,953 sacks of beans have been received at the warehouses there since the season commenced, June 1, as against 31,007 sacks at the same time last year. A great many beans are still in the warehouses, growers not being willing to sell at the present prices. The amount remaining in store in the warehouses is given at 106,126 sacks, and last year 24,907. A local expert estimates that there are at present in the hands of growers and in the six warehouses in Ventura county, if the growers could get the railroad companies to lower their rates there is no doubt but they could, with great advantage to themselves, reduce their stocks by shipping large quantities to Boston and other Eastern cities, for the New England Grocer claims that Boston is such a devotee of the bean pot that it has won the enviable distinction of consuming more baked beans than any other city in the world. It estimates that the Hub makes way with 8,067,360 quarts every year.

Weekly Packing House Output.

The Cincinnati Price Current of Thursday says: Western packers have handled 65,000 hogs the past week, compared with 60,000 the preceding week, 575,000 a year ago and 290,000 two years ago. From November 1 the total is 1,620,000, against 1,400,000 last year. Prominent places compare as follows:

	1895.	1894.
Chicago	700,000	675,000
Kansas City	205,000	220,000
Omaha	95,000	110,000
St. Louis	67,000	57,000
Indianapolis	90,000	90,000
Cincinnati	62,000	79,000
Milwaukee	37,000	19,000
Cedar Rapids	30,000	25,000
Ottumwa	41,000	44,000
Sioux City	32,000	41,000

Trade Notes.

The market is well supplied with fancy Red Davis apples, but other varieties are rather scarce.

The supply of chickens has been very large for a week past, and prices have been low for the season, ranging from $2@2.50 per dozen.

A very good supply of game was handled by the commission men today, something out of the ordinary was a quantity of dried antelope shipped here from Colorado County.

J. Jacobs & Co. of the Houston stock yards report a good demand for choice beeves, heifers, yearlings, calves and good corned and mastfed hogs.

Local jobbers are now quoting Glidden barb wire at $2.80 for galvanized and $2.65 for painted. Waukegan is 10c higher per 100 pounds than the Glidden. Prices have dropped about 25c per hundred during the last week.

The supply of oranges in Houston at present is nearly entirely of the Mexican variety, there being only a few Jamaicas on the market. The California crop will soon be ready for shipment.

Maryland and Delaware welch produced last year about 2,000,000 cases of tomatoes. Late not packed over 800,000 the season. The entire pack of tomatoes in all the States for 1893 and 1894 averaged over 5,000,000 cases. This year the pack is estimated by competent authority to fall under 3,000,000.

The Liverpool Corn Trade News estimates the Argentine wheat crop to be 74,000,000 bushels, of which 46½ million bushels will be available for export. The last crop was 69 million bushels and the exports for the year now almost ended amount to 25 million bushels. The big crop preceding that was 88 million bushels and the exports 59,168,000 bushels.

HOUSTON PRICE CURRENT.

Quotations are wholesale from jobbers and are for standard first quality goods.

AXLE GREASE—Diamond $4.75 per gross; Frazier in tin boxes, $3.00 per gross; Golden $3@7½c per dozen boxes; castor oil 65@75c; Boston coach oil, per case, 1 pints, $4.50; per case, quarts, $4.50.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $3.00@3.25; blasting powder, $2.25 per keg, sports' price; drop shot, per sack, $1.35@1.40; buck $1.35@1.60.

BACON—Wholesale grocers' charge: Short clear, boxed 6½@6¾c; in sacks, ¼c less; breakfast 10¼c; dry salt 8@8¼c; New York dry salt bellies 8¼@8½; Western dry salt bellies 7½c; bacon bellies 8¼c.

BAGGING AND TIES—From store. Bagging 1¾ lb 4¾c; 2 lb 5c; 2¼ lb 5½c; Anchor 1¾c extra; 2¼c extra, none in market.

BAKING POWDER—Apex, 1 lb $2.40; ½ lb $1.25; ¼ lb 75c; Victor, 1 lb, per dozen 90c; ½ lb 70c; ¼ lb 45c; Isis One Spoon, 1 lb, per dozen $2.40; ½ lb $1.35; ¼ lb 80c.

CANNED FRUIT—Per dozen: Strawberries, 90c@$1.00; pineapples, standard, $1.27@1.75; extra fine, 50c@$1.60; pears, standard, 90c@$1.00, Clipper Bartlett pears, 2 lb, $1.10@1.20; 3 lb $1.60@1.80; peaches, standard, 2 lb $1.20@1.50; seconds, 2 lb, $1.00@1.10; standard, 3 lb, $1.30@1.55; 3 lb seconds, $1.30@1.40; 2 lb, pie peaches, 80@85c; blackberries, 80@85c; 2 lb standard apples, 80@95c.

CANDY—Plain candy 6@6½c; wrapped 6½@6¾c; fancy mixed, in pails, 7@8½c; 10@11½c.

CANNED VEGETABLES—Marrowfat peas 95c@$1.20; Lima beans 85@90c; string beans, 80@75c; corn, 70@$1.00; tomatoes, 2 lb 60@65c; 3 lb 80@90c; red kidney beans, 2lb, 85@95c.

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Per dozen for 2½ lb cans: peaches $1.30@1.70, cut plums $1.30@1.40; apricots $1.30@1.45; pears $1.65@1.75; green gages $1.30@1.45; nectarines $1.45; grapes $1.30@1.40; white cherries $1.60; black cherries $1.80; blackberries, $1.60@1.75.

CANNED MEATS—Roast beef, 1 lb, $1.40@1.50; 2 lb, $2.30@2.35; 1 lb, corned beef, 2 dozen, $1.20@1.30; 1 lb, lunch tongue, 1 dozen, $2.75@2.80; ½ lb, chipped beef, 2 dozen, $1.20@1.30; 1 lb, Oxford sausage, 2 dozen, $3.00; Frankfurt sausage, 1 lb, $1.80; Lunch potted ham, 4 dozen, 60@55c; ½ lb, potted ham, 2 dozen, $1.35; ¼ lb, deviled ham, 4 dozen, 70@55c; ½ lb, deviled ham, 2 dozen, $1.35.

CANDLES—6s and 8s Granite 8½@9c; 18 oz. paraffine, assorted colors, 9½@10c.

COFFEE—Rio and Cordova, Fair 19c; prime 19¾@20; choice 20@22½c; fancy 24c; Leaberry 22@23c. Roasted coffee: Apex basis, 100 lb, cases, 21¾@21.50c; Arbuckles, in 100 lb, cases, 21.50c; in 50 lb, cases 22.00c; Mocha and Java fancy blend 37.

CRACKERS—A. B. C. soda 5½c; lemon cream 8c; ginger snaps 8c; Pearl oyster 5c; Daisy oyster 6½c; vanilla wafers 14c; cracknells 15c.

FLOUR—Tidal Wave $4.40; Sea Fairy, second roller patent $4.10; Sea Nymph, extra roller fancy $3.60@3.80; $1.00; rye flour $3.60; pumpernikel $3.50. Carload lots 10c less per bbl; one ton at rates for shipments to interior points.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Grits, hominy and cream meal, in carloads, $2.75@2.80; meal in 49 lb sacks, $1.40@1.45 per barrel of four sacks; Scotch oats $2.45@2.50 per case; American vermicelli, 1 lb, packages, 7½c; loose 50c per 10 lb, boxes; macaroni, American, 1 lb, 7½c; loose 50c; 1 lb, imported macaroni 9½c; 1 lb, imported vermicelli 9½c.

FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in 10 lb. kits, $1.25@1.60; No. 1 half bbls, $8.00; sardines, American quarters, in oil $2.85@3.00; mustards $2.50@3.85.

HAMS—Standard 10¼@10½c; picnic hams 8¾@9c.

HONEY—In 60 lb. cans, extracted, 8c; in comb 11c; 12 lb. cans, extracted, 10c.

LARD—Refined tierces, compound 5¼@5½c; leaf 7@7½c; 50 lb cans ¼c higher than tierces; 10 lb pails ½c higher; 5 lb, ¾c higher and 3 lb, 1c higher.

MOLASSES—Centrifugal, fair, 18@20c; prime 20@22c; choice open kettle 28@30c; new crop syrup, 30@35c.

RAISINS—California L. L., boxes $1.50@1.60; Muscatel L. L., boxes, 50 lb boxes, 4¾@4¾c; 2 crown L. M. 50 lb, boxes 4¾@4c.

RICE—Extra fancy head, new 4¾@5c; choice, 3¾@4c; fair, 3½@3¾c; prime, 3¼@3½c.

ROPE—Basis for 7-16, 6¼c; cotton rope 10c.

SALT—Liverpool, coarse none; Louisiana coarse 85c; fine 90c; barrel, 25-10s, $2.25; 50-5s, $2.30; 100-3s, $2.50; 100-2s, $2.75.

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl in 40 lb boxes 3¾c; Royal Gloss, bulk 4@4¼c; pinkies, 40 lb packages, per box $2.00; corn starch 6@6½c per pound in 20 lb. and 40 lb. boxes.

SUGAR—Granulated, 4½@4¾c; cubes, 5@5¼c; powdered, 5@5¼c; choice yellow clarified, 4@4¼c.

PRODUCE.

BEANS—California, small white 3¾@4c per lb; Bayou 2¾@3; pink 2¼@2¾; Lima 4¼@5c; blackeyed peas 3½c.

BUTTER—Excelsior creamery 23c; Blue Star, 20c; dairy, 18c; ladle, 15c; fancy Elgin creamery, 25c; fresh Texas country, 15@16c; in good condition.

BUTTERINE—Solids 12c; prints 12½c; Elgin dairy bricks 12c.

CABBAGE—$2.75@3.00 per crate; sauer kraut, $3.00.

CHEESE—New York full cream, 14c; Wisconsin full cream, 13c; fancy filled cheese, 11c; Swiss, 30c; imitation Swiss, 12@13c; brick cheese, 11c; Limburger, 10c.

EGGS—Texas candled, 20c; Kansas, 20c.

ONIONS—75@85c per bushel; Spanish per crate $1.25.

PEPPERS—Chile 12c per lb.

POTATOES—Wisconsin, 55c; California 60@65c; Colorado 55@60c; sweet potatoes 60@45c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per dozen, old hens $2.50@3.00; spring, $2.25@2.75; turkeys hens $2.50@3.00; gobblers $3.00@3.50; geese $4.00@4.50; ducks $3.00@3.50; guineas $1.00@1.50.

FRUITS AND NUTS.

APPLES—Western, $2.00@3.00.

BANANAS—$1.25@1.60 per bunch.

GRAPES—California $1.25@$1.50 per 25 lb. crates; Malaga, light weight, $3.50; heavy weight, $4.00.

COCOANUTS—$4.00 per 100, $35 per 1000.

LEMONS—Messina, $2.50@4.00.

NUTS—Brazil, 10c per lb; filberts, 8@9½c; Naples, 11c; walnuts, 10c; peanuts, 5@6c; almonds, Tarragona, 18c per lb, 15c per sack; California almonds, 18c; new pecans, 9@10c.

ORANGES—Mexican, $2.50@4.00.

PAINTS AND OILS.

OIL—Linseed, in barrels, raw 45c; boiled 47c; petroleum, 150 test, in bbls, 14c, in cases 21c; brilliant oil, in bbls 12½c; in cases 21c; stove gasoline, in bbls 12c; in cases 22c; castor oil, in bbls 12c; in cases $2.20; cas. kipton oil, in cases $1.60; turpentine, in bbls, 34c.

PAINTS—Strictly pure 1@2c.

WINDOW GLASS—In boxes, 60 and 10 to 60 and 20 per cent discount, new list.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

CEMENT—Portland cement, per bbl, $3.00@3.00; Rosedale cement, per bbl, $1.75@1.90; lime firelay, $3.25@3.40; plaster paris $3.40; firebrick, St. Louis, per M $40; drain paving tile, per foot 7c, 12c, 2 to 6 inches inclusive; felt roofing, per square, $1.75@2.00; Acme and Royal cement plaster, per ton $14.00; plastering hair, goat, per lb, 6c; laths, per M, $2.00.

LIQUORS.

BEER—Schlitz, quarts $10.50 per bbl; pints $11.00 per bbl; A. B. C. Bohemian, quarts $10.50; pints $11.00; Dixie pale, quarts $9.00; pints $9.50; Weiss beer $1.25 per case, two dozen in a case.

HIGH WINES—$1.22 per gallon.

WHISKY—Per gallon: Finished goods on high wine basis $1.22; straight Bourbon and rye, according to age and quality $1.75@3.00; blended $1.75@3.50.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Carload lots, job cars, from mill. Dealers charge from store 5@10c more per 100 lbs. on bran, 2@3c per bushel on oats and corn.

CORN—Sacked 53@54c.

OATS—37@38c; No. 2 white 30@31c; common 27@28c.

CHOPPED CORN—10c per 100 lbs.

HAY—Alfalfa $13.00@14.00 per ton; millet $10.50@12.50; timothy $17.00@18.00; North Texas prairie $8.50; South Texas $6.00.

WIRE AND NAILS.

Quotations are from jobbers; special prices given on large shipments.

BARBED WIRE—Glidden, galvanized, $2.80 per 100 lbs, painted wire $2.65; Waukegan 10c higher than Glidden.

WIRE NAILS—Rate $2.00 per keg; advances, 10 to 60 penny, 30c; 8 and 9 penny, 40c; 6 and 7 penny, 75c; 4 and 5 penny, 90c; 2 penny, $1.35; 3 penny, $1.60.

CUT NAILS—Rate $2.75 per keg; same advances as on wire nails.

DRIED FRUITS.

APPLES—Fancy sliced in boxes 4¾@5c; choice evaporated 6½@6¾; fancy evaporated 8¼@8½c.

APRICOTS—Evaporated 12c.

CITRON—16c per lb.

CURRANTS—Fancy cleaned 5¾c; in cartons 6c.

FIGS—Evaporated 10c; Turkish layer 15c.

NECTARINES—Evaporated 10c.

PEACHES—Evaporated 8c.

PEARS—Evaporated 9c.

PLUMS—Pitted 10c.

PRUNES—Crop of 1895: California prunes, 90-100s, 6c; 80-90s, 6½c; 60-70s, 7c; 50-60s, 7½c; silver and ruby prunes, 10.

MONEY AND INVESTMENTS.

Stock Market Groggy and in Gamblers' Hands.

THE "CRIPPLE CREEK" GOLD BOOM.

New Yorkers Not Free Purchasers. Small Week in the Wool Market. The Leather and Hide Market.

New York, Nov., 30.—(Special)—The stock market was groggy again today and what business there was was by the gamblers. The shorts made a spurt wholly on their covering. The standard shares were lower. The Grangers flopped, to the surprise of many, as it was thought St. Paul's October statement would have a contrary effect. The "Cripple Creek" boom relieves a flat market, but it is the work of boomers, but so far as our folks are concerned we are not "biting" freely. The bank reserves decreased $861,650.

The noteworthy feature of this was the contraction of loans. Foreign exchange quiet. Sixties, .488; demand, .48⅝. Silver, .67¼. Mexicans, .54. Cash coffee quiet; No. 7, 14¾.

Rio Grande Southern October earnings show $8776 increase.

It has been a small sort of week on the local wool market. Stormy weather and impaired telegraphic communication to commence was followed by a general holiday and behind that again was the end of the month, a period when there is always a desire to curtail negotiations and altogether business did not find much to stimulate. Meanwhile supplies of all kinds now here are held with claims of confidence and quite a showing of steadiness and there is no direct effort to realize. Owners of domestic grades consider them worth quite as much money as at the opening of the month. Five thousand pounds of fall Texas sold at 19@11 cents; 5000 pounds year's growth ditto at 10@11; 5000 pounds scoured fall ditto at 35c; 11,000 pounds spring Texas at 30@34; 6000 pounds scoured Texas, 6000 pounds scoured C super ditto also sold.

Furs and skins are on the market and buyers favor Western black bear No. 1 quality, $10@25 ditto, yearlings, $4@5; wolf 100 and 125 prairie wolf, 35@60c; wild cat, 20@35c; black hood cat, 15@25c; skunks black, $50@60; striped, 25@30c; white, 100@125; winter muskrat, 90@1c; turkey feathers, 40@1c a pound.

Cotton seed oil business small. Strong market for crude oil. Prime yellow, 29@29½; off grade, yellow, 28@28½; prime white, steady, 32@33.

No business in dry hides. Galveston, 15 dry salted Texas, selected, 11; wet salted Texas ox and cow, none. Moderate demand for leather; Texas oak sole, 27@28; goat skins dull, Texas 22½.

The movement against scattered shorts is what advanced sugar certificates.

Cotton developed weakness today under free liquidation, by tired holders and continued heavy short selling by the bears and closed easy at a net decline of about 10 points from last night's closing prices. The Liverpool advices were better than the trade expected, inasmuch as our share decline yesterday had no effect upon the markets there for either spots or futures. In addition to the change in the statistical position of cotton during the week made the position stronger and the movement of the crop for the coming week promises to be lighter. All these favorable factors were, however, ignored by the rank and file of operators. They only saw the pressure to sell in the ring and the absence of any outside speculative demand and the faint heartedness of the bulls and they joined the selling movement, which continued up to the close. The market closed steady.

New York Stock Market.

New York, November 30.—The stock market today was fairly active for a half holiday and reflected chiefly professional operations. The opening was very dull, but a sharp covering movement started in the industrials early, led by Sugar. That stock rose 1½. Tobacco nearly 3. Chicago Gas over 2 and Leather preferred and Western Union 1. The railroad list was unfavorably affected by lower London prices and foreign selling in this market. In the last hour the abatement of the covering demand caused recessions and the market closed active and irregular with special pressure against the railroad list. Lake Shore ended 2½ per cent net loser. Rubber preferred gained 1¾ not, and Lake Erie and Western preferred 1. The other changes were fractional declines. The speculation for the week just now been centered in the railroad list, the finish the railroad list still retained part of the midweek gains. Bonds today were only moderately active. Texas and Pacific first lives and Atchison adjustment fours when issued advanced 1½@¾, and Texas and Pacific second fives 1¼. The aggregate sales $3,247,000. Business in governments footed up $106,000. Silver certificates were dealt in for $25,000 at 67 3-8@67½.

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, November 30.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Reserve, decrease	$861,650
Loans, decrease	2,029,800
Specie, decrease	122,100
Legal tenders, decrease	1,341,700
Deposits, decrease	1,422,400
Circulation, increase	6,000

The banks hold $6,912,750 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

New York Money.

New York, November 30.—Money on call easy at 2½@3 per cent, last loan 2½, closed 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3½@5 per cent. Sterling exchange dull, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.86@4.86¼ for demand and 4.87@4.87¼ for sixty days bills; posted rates, 4.88½ and 4.90. Commercial bills, 4.85¾. Bar silver, 67⅝; Mexican dollars, .

New York Specie.

New York, November 30.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week amounted to $3,094,538 in gold and $838,369 in silver. The imports were:

Gold	28,943
Silver	48,931
Dry goods	1,669,268
General merchandise	5,955,175

London Money Market.

London, November 30.—Consols for money 106 7-8; consols for the account 106 7-8. Bar silver 30 13-16d per ounce. Money 2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months bills 1½@1¾ per cent.

Treasury Balance.

Washington, November 30.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows available cash balance $179,231,435; gold reserve, $81,122,128.

Commercial Briefs.

New York, November 30.—State bonds inactive; railroad bonds strong; government bonds steady.

St. Louis, November 30.—Wool quiet; unchanged.

New York, November 30.—Clearings, $115,179,046; balances, $8,251,560.

New York, November 30.—Hides dull. Wool quiet.

New York, November 30.—The total sales of stocks today were 127,100 shares, including American Sugar, 45,000; American Tobacco, 30,100; Chicago Gas, 14,000.

New York, November 30.—Cotton seed oil continues slack; opened steady and closed dull; prime crude 28@28.

FINANCIAL.

Rates on Silver.

	Today.	W'n'sdy.
London	30 11-16	30 11-16
New York	67⅝	67¾

New York Exchange.

Reichmarks, commercial, 60 days	94 13-16
Bankers, 60 days	4.87¾
Commercial, 60 days	4.87¼
Spinners	4.87
Franc, commercial, 60 days	5.18¾

New Orleans Exchange.

Sterling, commercial, 60 days	4.85¾@4.88¾
Francs, commercial, 60 days	5.10¼
New York sight, bank	par
Commercial	1 75 discount

Galveston Exchange.

Sterling, 60 days	4.90
New York sight	¼ prem
New Orleans sight	¼ prem
American silver	par

Stocks.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York Exchange today:

A. T. & S. F.	17⅝	Northwestern, pref	131*
Central Pacific	17	Pacific Mail	30¼
Chicago & Alton	160*	Reading	10¾
C. B. & Q.	84⅝	Rio Grande West'n	17
Amer. Cotton Oil	18	Rio Grande, pref.	
D. L. & W.	152⅝	Rock Island	74⅝
Del. Lack. & W.	167¾	St. Paul, common	75⅝
D. & Rio G. pref	47⅝	St. Paul, preferred	127⅝
E. and T. H. Rds	19⅞	Sugar Refinery	101⅝
Erie common		Tex. C. Coal & Iron	32⅝
Illinois Central	98	Texas & Pacific	9
Kansas & Texas	30⅝	United States Ex.	42
Lake Shore	140⅝	Wab. St. L. & P. com	7¼
L. and N.	73	Wab. St. L. & P. pref	16⅝
Missouri Pacific	29⅝	Wells-Fargo Ex.	160
Northern Pacific	4⅝	W. U. Telegraph	83⅝
N. P. pref	15	Den. & Rio Grande	14
Northwestern, com	106⅝	A. T. C.	2⅝

Bonds.

Closing quotations on bonds at New York today were as follows:

Nos. 1 & 2 ...	100	U. H. A. S. A. 6's	111⅝
Nos. 3 & 4's, comp	126⅝	U. H. A. S. A. 7's	101⅝
U. S. 2's regular	100	H. & T. C. 5's	106
U. S. 4's, coupon	114⅝	H. & T. C. 6's	108
U. S. 4's regular	110⅝	M. K. & T., first 4's	87⅝
U. S. 5's, coupon	112	second 4's	61⅝
U. S. 5's, regular	87	St. L. & I. M. c. 5's	84
Missouri 6's	100	St. L. & S. F. g. 6's	108
Atchison 4's	78⅝	Texas Pac. first	89⅝
Atchison second A	27⅝	second	52⅝
Can. Sou. 2's	104⅝	U. Pac. first 6's	110⅝
D. & R. G. 4's	115	West Shore 4's	107⅝
D. & R. G. 4's	92	Southern	93⅝

* Bid. ** Offered.

LIVE STOCK.

Houston.

J. Jacobs & Co. of the Houston Stock Yards report as follows:

Beeves, first quality	2¼
Beeves, second quality	2 @ 2¼
Cows, first quality	2¼@ 2½
Cows, second quality	2 @ 2¼
Yearlings	2¼@ 2½
Spring calves	3
Sheep, first-class	3
Hogs, corn-fed	4
Hogs, mastfed	3

Good fat cows, heifers, yearlings, calves and beeves of not very heavy weight, are in demand. Also good corn fed and mast fed hogs, 100 pounds and under. Common sheep are not wanted.

Galveston.

Reported for The Post by A. P. Norman, live stock commission merchant:

Choice per lb., gross	2½@ 2¾
Common per lb., gross	2 @ 2½
Cows—	
Choice per lb., gross	2½@ 2¾
Common per lb., gross	2 @ 2½
Yearlings—	
Choice per lb., gross	2½@ 3
Common per lb., gross	2 @ 2¼
Calves—	
Choice per lb., gross	4 @ 5
Common per lb., gross	3 @ 4
Sheep—	
Choice per lb., gross	3 @ 3½
Common per lb., gross	1 50 @ 2 00

	Cattle.	This Week.	Sheep.	Stock.
Beeves and Cows	31	291	2,111	77
Calves & yearlings	134	443	4,114	18
Hogs	11	558	9,024	1,003
Sheep	11	558	1,124	342

Market good for choice cattle, slightly overstocked with calves, sheep and hogs.

New Orleans.

Reported for The Post daily except Thursdays and Sundays by Albert Montgomery & Co. (limited), live stock commission merchants:

Good fat beeves	2½@ 3½
Common to fair beeves	2 @ 2½
Good cows	2½@ 2¾
Common to fair cows, head	8 00 @12 00
Good fat yearlings	11 00 @12 00
Common to good yearlings	7 00 @10 00
Common to good calves	5 50 @ 6 00
Good corned hogs	3¾@ 4
Common to fair hogs	3¼@ 3½
Good fat sheep, per pound	2½@ 3
Common to fair sheep, head	1 00 @ 1 25

	Receipts.	Sales.	On hand.
Cattle	114	124	291
Calves and yearlings	12	16	121
Hogs	44	32	260
Sheep	72		75

Good fat beeves, fat cows and heifers in fair demand; good calves and yearlings firm; hogs quiet.

Chicago.

Chicago, November 30.—Sales were on a basis of $3.00@3.50 for common to good weight steers up to 4.50@4.75 for choice medium and heavy weights, the bulk going in a low range. The week's receipts are large. The Thanksgiving week, and are more than 15,000 over a year ago. The November cattle receipts foot up 230,676 head, against 205,031 the previous month, 279,880 for November 1894 and 238,960 for November 1893. The total receipts for the year to date amount to 2,371,956 cattle, against 2,775,539 for the like period last year and 2,352,456 for the same time three years ago. Good cattle are 1.00@1.50 lower than a year ago, with a poor Eastern and export demand. There was a lively trade in hogs, prices advancing 5@10 and closing about the same as a week ago. Common to prime heavy hogs sold at 3.40@3.65 and light weights at 3.40@3.50, the bulk of the sales at 3.55@3.60. Heavy weights sold the best. Sheep—The trade was fairly active at unchanged prices, common to prime natives being saleable at $1.90@3.00 and lambs at 3.00@4.50. November receipts ran behind last year, but the year's receipts greatly exceeded all former years.

New York.

St. Louis, November 30.—Cattle—Receipts 1500; shipments 1600; very quiet; very small supply, reducing trade to retail lots; shipping steers 4.75@4.75; dressed beef grades 3.00@4.25; others under 1000 lbs 2.50@3.40; stockers and feeders 2.00@3.30; cows and heifers 2.25@3.25; Texas steers 2.50@3.75 for grass fed; cows 1.75@2.75. Hogs—Receipts 3200; shipments 3500; active, heavy 3.60@3.80; mixed 3.55@3.60; light 3.50@3.55. Sheep—Receipts 300; shipments none; retail natives 2.00@3.25; lambs 3.00@4.00; Southern sheep 2.00@3.00.

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS.

Houston Market.

The following quotations were posted today by the cotton seed product department of the Houston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade:

	Per Gallon.
Choice crude oil, for butter	21 @ 22
Strictly prime crude oil	21
Prime crude	21
Prime butter oil in barrels	27 @ 28
Prime summer yellow oil	23½@ 24

Cake and meal f. o. b. mill interior points, according to location.

	Short Ton.
Prime cotton seed cake	$12 50 @14 00
Prime cotton seed meal	12 50 @14 00
Cotton seed hulls	3 00 @ 3 50

Linters, A. Houston delivery and classification, per lb, 4c.

Soap stocks, foots from refined oil, per lb .59 bid, .60 asked.

Remarks—Oil firm; meal and cake easier.

New Orleans Market.

New Orleans, November 30.—(Special to the Houston Cotton Exchange.)—Market firm. Prime crude, bulk, 21½c; yellow, 26½@27 in bbls; meal, $12.50; cake, $12.50 per long ton for immediate delivery.

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COTTON MARKET REVIEW.

The Bulls Appear Badly in Need of a Tonic.

LACK OF LIFE IN THE MARKETS.

Another Decline in American Futures—A Very Good Spot Demand. Big Interior Stocks.

Office of The Post,
Houston, Saturday, November 30.

Though in the midst of the busiest season of the year, and what should be the booming time for cotton, the market for the past few days has shown a tired and sickly feeling that reminds one of midsummer dullness. The bulls need some kind of a tonic. They seem unable to revive their energies. Even the bears appear indifferent to the course of the market just now, seeming to realize that their hammering is not needed to depress prices.

The lack of speculative demand is very noticeable. The trading is of a desultory character, and both buyers and sellers appear alike in their disposition, the former making very few bids and the latter offering little. This dullness in futures does not seem to have caused any great falling off in the spot demand, however, and very few American markets have lowered their spot prices recently.

Liverpool failed to follow the decline on this side yesterday, seeming to consider the interior movement a very bullish point. Futures there closed today practically at yesterday's figures. Many predict that Liverpool will open 5-64@1-64d off next Monday, however, on account of the continued decline in the American markets. The foreigners are never anxious to give the market a bullish look, and when the home markets fail to appreciate bullish facts, it can hardly be expected that the Britishers will show them their error.

The bears point to the immense stock at interior towns, as an offset for the light interior movement. Thirty-one towns now have on hand 494,115 bales, against 471,914 last year and 286,627 in 1893. The bulls say this simply shows that holders realize present prices are entirely too low, and does not indicate that there is any light demand for the staple. To prove that this is not the case they simply mention the fact that the world's visible supply is now 315,983 bales less than last year and 382,070 less than the amount reported at this time in 1893.

New York futures opened quiet and firm, 1 to 3 points up, but soon took a downward turn, and closed steady, 10 points lower than yesterday and 20 points below last Wednesday's close. The opening at New Orleans was steady, 1 to 3 points up, but the market closed 10 to 11 points off.

The spot markets were generally quiet and easy, but unchanged. Through New York closed dull and 1-16c lower. There was a very good demand at Liverpool, for a Saturday session, the total sales amounting to 10,000 bales.

New York, November 30.—Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s cotton letter says: Although the foreign advices were of a better tenor than the trade expected the market declined, closing easy at the lowest of the day, with a feeling of depression for which it is difficult to account. There was a slight increase in receipts, due to the monthly corrections at New Orleans, but the main feature was the absence of support from any source after a slightly better opening, the only influence seemed to be the liquidation of long cotton, which slowly but surely ground the market down, the only buyers being the local short interest covering on the probable light receipts on Monday.

The Chronicle today shows the taking by American spinners to have been 350,000 bales less than last year, a surprising statement in face of the good business doing during the past six months, and this has caused many to think that perhaps the American consumption has been overestimated. The temper of trade is bearish on the prospects of political trouble in Europe.

New York, November 30.—The cotton market had the advantage of better cables than had been looked for and opened at an advance of 2@3 points. These figures were the top notch for the day. There was plenty of talk of light receipts from now to Monday, and the Chronicle's statement to the effect that bad weather had interfered with the movement during the past week caused active selling and the market broke 20@30 points and closed easy at the lowest figures. There was some fear of political difficulties abroad and sellers were numerous. There is some belief that next week will show a large increase.

Cotton Points.

Houston expects 45,000 bales this week, against 51,287 for the first week in December last year.

The future market at New Orleans is 6 points lower than on this day last week, while spots are 2-16c higher.

Liverpool sold 18,000 more bales of cotton last week than during the same time last year. The amount imported from America, however, was only 40,000 last week, against 136,000 the corresponding week in 1894.

New Orleans estimates her receipts Monday at 9000 to 11,000, against 21,231 last year. Houston expects 7000 to 8000, against 13,465 on the same date in 1894.

The Houston brokers were not rushed with business today or yesterday, and had plenty of time to figure upon past losses and future profits.

COTTON.

Houston Daily Statement.

	This Day.	Last Year.
Gross receipts	4,933	14,480
Net receipts	1,401	4,644
Gross shipments	5,668	11,547
Stock	44,157	27,484

Houston Spots.

	Today.	Yest'd'y.
Low ordinary	6 11-16	6 11-16
Ordinary	7 3-16	7 3-16
Good ordinary	7 9-16	7 9-16
Low middling	7 15-16	7 15-16
Middling	8 5-16	8 5-16
Good middling	8 9-16	8 9-16
Middling fair	8 15-16	8 15-16
Sales	350	34

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