BUSINESS BAROMETER.

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MAY SHOW IMPROVEMENT.

Indications That the Downward Reaction Has Ended—Cotton Seed Oil Weak—Trade Notes.

Office of The Post,
Houston, Thursday, May 21.

There were no further changes in sugar and as the Wall street speculation seems to favor this stock yesterday, it is the general opinion that the raw and refined product will now show more strength. In mentioning Tuesday's decline in sugar, Willett & Gray of New York wired the following interesting information: "We feel confident that the business has reached or nearly marks the end of the downward movement, and that we shall soon see an advancing market again. We have special information relating to the next Cuban crop which we deem of great importance to raw sugar prices. It is well known the Cuban insurgents have demanded payment of a certain amount of taxes to them. We have carefully and reliably informed today of the policy of the insurgents as to the crop. It is well known the Cuban insurgents have demanded payment of a certain amount of taxes to them. We have carefully and reliably informed today of the policy of the insurgents as to the crop. It is totally changed, and that no sugar or molasses will be allowed on the island under any conditions. This puts an entirely new phase on the sugar situation for the coming campaign, and virtually makes scarcely any Cuban crop of sugar in 1897. If this proves true, as we see no reason to doubt, then it is easy for one to see what must be the effect on prices of sugar from this time forward. October, 1897."

COTTON SEED OIL.

The price of lard has had a depressing effect upon cotton seed oil this week. Lard is now so cheap that there is little inducement for buyers to purchase the compound article, and this of course makes practically no market among the oil compounders for either crude or refined oil. A few sales of oil have been made at Texas mills this week, but in every instance the price obtained is a shade below former quotations.

Williams & Flash Co. of New York write their last letter: "Holders of oil, in the South and of late in store here, seem to show considerable inclination to run their holdings and there is consequently a fair demand for prime summer yellow being offered for sale at 25c f. o. b., with sales of 500 barrels at this figure, and at this price there is considerable willingness to sell more at the same figures, but neither for domestic nor foreign consumption are decidedly sanguine."

RECEIPTS OF PEACHES.

Yesterday opened the season for shipping of peaches, and today four more were received. A. G. Redwood received three crates from Jacksonville and Houston Produce and Commission Co. also had one crate from Tyler. Prices are ranged from $2 [illegible] per crate. Arrangements will now begin to increase and prices will decrease in the same direction. Ten or twelve of Houston's leading commission firms will handle this fruit this summer and the season promises to be a very active one.

MINNEAPOLIS FLOUR.

The general dullness of the flour trade has caused the millers of the Northwest to turn their product into every section. One of Houston's wholesale firms recently undertaken to handle the Pillsbury flour, and so far has met with considerable success. H. A. Pillsbury is by all the best known flour and grain men in the American continent, and his flour is also a firm believer in advertising. The Pillsbury agent has recently given exhibitions of bread baking strictly at the store of Browne & Manchester in this city, and now Messrs. Hutchinson Bros. are conducting a similar exhibition.

COTTON PRODUCTS STILL LOWER.

As predicted in this column yesterday the anxiety of thousands of cotton speculators to get rid of their holdings would doubtless cause a further decline in hog products. Today July pork sold down to $7.85 in Chicago, or just 20 cents lower than yesterday; lard is now at $4.27, against $4.52 yesterday, and closed at $4.30@4.31, against $4.52; ribs to Carslake & Richardson's Chicago office it was rumored today that they had taken unfavorable action on prices, this further weakened the market, but it is believed that as soon as the weak holders are relieved of their holdings prices will have an upward tendency.

TRADE NOTES.

Florida cherries are arriving freely now for $2.50@2.75 per 16-lb. crates.

Forty-two crates of eggs were received today, and prices remained firm at 11c.

Florida shippers state that snap beans are selling very poor prices in the St. Louis and Kansas City markets.

Lee & Co. of the Houston Stockyards report a good demand for all classes of stock.

Berries are daily becoming scarcer as the season will soon end. Thirty were received today and prices ranged from $1.40@2.20.

Fragrant creamy blooms of the jasmine flower are now arriving daily, according to the Record, packed in moss and generally in good condition.

More than 550 carloads of oranges have been shipped out of Southern California this season, and the prices realized are nearly as good as last year, if not a little better. Very little of the crop remains.

Tomatoes are being made with paper to provide a substitute for tin cans. It is claimed that they can be made to last as much rough usage in shipping cases and that they will not expand or contract.

HOUSTON PRICE CURRENT.

Quotations are revised daily and

FOR SALE.

Pearl Top Pail Jelly, 1 dozen in case. (Delicious and cheap.)

Corn starch, 40 packages in case. Less water required in making.

Glass Starch, 36 packages in case.

Red Hams. (A delicious article.)

Your next order for groceries try some of the above items and you will be pleased with them.

W. L. TAYLOR & SONS,
WILLIAM STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

their correctness can be relied upon. Prices are those ruling in the Houston wholesale market:

AXLE GREASE—Diamond, $4.75 per gross; Frazier, in tin boxes, $9.00 per gross; Golden, 50@65c per dozen boxes; Castor oil, 60@75c.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $3.00@3.25; blasting powder, $2.25 per keg, agents' price; drop shot, per sack, $1.25@1.40; buck, $1.60@1.65.

BACON—Short clear, boxed, 5½@5¾c; in sacks 1c less; breakfast, 8@9c; dry salt, 5¾c; New York dry salt bellies, 6c; Western salt bellies, 5½c; smoked bellies, 6¼c.

BAGGING AND TIES—From store: Bagging, 1¾-lb, 4½c; 2-lb, 4¾c; 2¼-lb, 5½c; Arrow ties, 80c.

BAKING POWDER—Apex, 1-lb, $2.00; ½-lb, $1.25; ¼-lb, 75c; Victor, 1-lb, per dozen, 90c; ½-lb, 70c; ¼-lb, 45c; Iris One-Spoon, 1-lb, per dozen, $2.40; ½-lb, $1.35; ¼-lb, 80c; K. C., 25-oz cans, $2.00 per dozen.

CANNED FRUIT—Per dozen: Strawberries, 90c@$1.00; pinapples, standard, $1.25@1.65; seconds, 85c@$1.00; pears, standard, 80@95c; Clipper Bartlett pears, 2-lb, $1.60@1.65; 3-lb, $1.60@1.65; peaches, standard, 2-lb, $1.10@1.25; seconds, 2-lb, 90c@$1.00; standard, 3-lb, $1.40@1.50; seconds, $1.10@1.35; 2-lb pie peaches, 75@80c; blackberries, 80@85c; 3-lb standard apples, 90@95c.

CANDY—Plain candy, 6¼@6½c; wrapped, 6½@6¾c; fancy, mixed, in pails, 7¾@8c; rock, 10@11c.

CANNED VEGETABLES—Marrowfat peas, $1.00@1.20; Lima beans, 80@85c; string beans, 70@75c; corn, 90c@$1.25; tomatoes, 2-lb, 55@62½c; seconds, 50@55c; 3-lb, 70@80c; red kidney beans, 2-lb, 80@95c.

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Per dozen for 2½-lb cans: Peaches, $1.35@1.40; egg plums, $1.30@1.35; apricots, $1.60@1.25; pears, $1.60@1.65; green gages, $1.10@1.15; nectarines, $1.35; strawberries, $1.40@1.45; white cherries, $1.30; black cherries, $1.90; blackberries, $1.00@1.75.

CANNED MEATS—Roast beef, 1-lb, $1.20; 2-lb, $2.20@2.25; 1-lb corned beef, 2 dozen, $1.25@1.20; 1-lb lunch tongue, 1 dozen, $3.00@2.75; ½-lb chipped beef, 2 dozen, $1.25@1.30; 1-lb Oxford sausage, 2 dozen, $1.00; Frankfurt sausage, 1-lb, $1.00; ¼-lb potted ham, 4 dozen, 50@60c; ½-lb potted ham, 2 dozen, $1.25; ¼-lb deviled ham, 4 dozen, 50@60c; ½-lb deviled ham, 2 dozen, $1.25.

CANDLES—Granite 6s and 8s 7¾@8c; 16-oz. paraffine, assorted colors, 9¾@10c; Star candles, 8c.

COFFEE—Rio and Cordova: Fair 16½@17c; prime 17½@18c; choice 19½@19¾c; fancy 19¾@20c; peaberry 21@21¾. Roasted coffee—Apex brands, 100-lb cases, $21.75; Arbuckle's in 100-lb cases, $21.85; in 50-lb cases, $22.10; Mocha and Java, fancy blend, 37c.

CRACKERS—Per lb: Soda 5½c; lemon cream 8c; ginger snaps 6c; pearl oyster 5½c; Daisy oyster 6½c; vanilla wafers 11c; crackneels 15½c.

FLOUR—Tidal wave, $4.15; Sea Fairy, second roller patent, $4.00; Sea Nymph, extra roller fancy, $3.80; Sea Foam, $2.60; rye flour, $2.00; pumpernickel, $1.50; Pillsbury's Best, $4.50. Car load lots 10c less per bbl; special rates for shipments to interior points.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Grits, hominy and cream meal, in bbls, $2.50@2.60; pearl meal, in 40-lb sacks, $1.50@1.60 per bbl of 4 sacks; Scotch oats, $2.10@2.15 per case; American vermicelli, 1-lb packages, 6c; loose 7c; per 10-lb boxes, macaroni, American, 1-lb, 4½c; loose 4½c; 1-lb imported macaroni, 9½c; 1-lb imported spaghetti, 9½c.

FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in half bbls, $1.50@1.60; No. 1, half bbls, $8.00; sardines, American quarters, in oil, $2.50@3.00; mallards, $2.60@2.75; salmon, river trout, extra No. 1, 70-lb half bbls, $4.50; 10-lb kits, $1.00; Halibut, oil, 65@75c.

HAMS—Standard, 9½@10½c; picnic hams, 8c.

HONEY—In 60-lb cans, extracted, 8c; in comb, 16c; 12-lb cans, extracted 10c.

LARD—Refined pieces compound, 4½@5c; leaf, 5½c; in 50-lb cans one nickel higher; 3-lb, 7c higher; 5-lb, 10c higher.

MOLASSES—Choice, centrifugal fair, 16@17c, prime 20@22c; choice fancy 27@28c.

RICE—Extra fancy head, new, 5¼@5½c; fancy imported rice, 5¼c; choice, 5¼@5¼c; fair, 5¼@5¼c; prime, 4¾@5c.

ROPE—Lists for 7-16, 9¾@10c; cotton rope, 10c extra.

SALT—Liverpool, coarse 75@80c; fine, 85c. Lessons in dairying, 25c; 3 barrels, $5.00; $2.25 per bbl; $1.25; 100-lb sacks, $2.50; 50-lb sacks, 1.40 $2.40.

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl, in 40-lb boxes, 3½c; Royal Gloss, bulk, 3½c; nickel, 100 packages, per box $2.00@2.25; corn starch, 3½@3½c per lb, 20 and 40 lb boxes.

SUGAR—Standard granulated, 5¾@5¾c; Dominoes, 6½c; German granulated in sacks, 5¾@5¾c; cubes, 5 13-16@6c; powdered, 5 11-16@5¾c; choice yellow clarified, 5c; fancy, 5¼c.

PRODUCE.

BEANS—California small white, 2½@2¾c per lb; Navy, 2½@2¾c; pinks, 2¼@2½c; Lima, 3½c; black-eyed peas, 2½c.

BUTTER—Elgin Star, in tubs, dairy, 15c; in 1-lb, 16c; fancy Elgin creamery, 18@19c; fresh Texas country, 8@9c, if in good condition.

BUTTERINE—Solids, 10c; prints, 12c; Elgin dairy bricks, 18c.

CABBAGE—Texas, $2.00@2.25 per crate, in sacks 50 per lb.

CHEESE—New York full cream, 10c; Wisconsin full cream, 12½c; fancy Hilled cheese, 9@10c; Swiss, 20@25c; imitation Swiss, 17@18c; brick cheese, 15c; Limburger, 15c.

EGGS—Texas, in cases, 8@9½c.

ONIONS—New Texas stock, Bermuda per lb.

PEPPER—Chile, 10@15c per lb.

POTATOES—New York, $3.00 per bushel; Texas new, 75@$1.00; sweet potatoes, 50@60c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per dozen, old hens, $2.50@2.75; spring $1.50@2.00, according to size; turkey hens $[illegible]@7.50; turkey gobblers $8.00@11.00; ducks $3.00@4.00; geese $4.00@5.00.

RHUBARB—Kansas, 60@75c per lb.

FRUITS AND NUTS.

APRICOTS—California and Arizona, $2.00 per 4-basket crates.

BANANAS—Per bunch, $1.00@1.75.

BLACKBERRIES—Per bucket, 40@60c; per 24-quart crate, $6.00@7.00.

COCOANUTS—$3.50@4.00 per 100; $34.00 per 1000.

CHERRIES—California, $2.50@2.75 per 19 lbs.

LEMONS — Messina and Palermos, choice, $3.50@4.00; fancy, $4.50@4.50.

NUTS—Brazil, 10c per lb; Filberts, Sicily, 9c; Norcia, 12c; walnuts, Bordeaux, 12c; peanuts, 5@6c; almonds, Tarragona, 18c; per lb 12c per sack; California almonds, 10c; pecans, 8@9c.

ORANGES—California, navels, $3.75@4.00.

PLUMS—Texas, 40@60c per 4-basket boxes.

PEACHES—Texas, $2.00 per crate.

STRAWBERRIES—Extra fancy, $1.50@2.25; fair to good, $1.00@1.25; common and soft, 50@75c.

DRIED FRUITS

APPLES—Fancy sliced in boxes 6¾@7c; choice evaporated, 6¾@6¾c; fancy evaporated, 7@7½c. apricots, evaporated, 10c; citron, 14c per lb; currants, fancy cleaned, 6½c; figs, evaporated, 8c; Turkish layer, 12c; nectarines, evaporated, 8c; peaches, evaporated, 6½c; pears, evaporated 8½c; plums, pitted, 8c.

RAISINS—California L. L. boxes, 1.25@1.50; 2 crown, $1.90; 3 crown, $2.50; loose Muscatels, 4 crown, 5½c; 3 crown, 5c; M. 50 lb boxes, 4¼@4½c.

PRUNES—Crop 1895: California prunes, 80-100s, 5½c; 60-70s, 6½c; 50-60s, 7c; 40-50s, 7½c; 30-40s, 8c; silver prunes, 7½c; ruby prunes, 7½c.

PAINTS AND OILS.

OIL—Linseed in bbls, raw, 43c; boiled, 46c; petroleum, 150 test, in bbls, 14c, in cases, 21c; brilliant oil, $1.75; in bbls, 12c; stove gasoline, in cases, $1.70; in bbls, 13c; Eupion oil, in bbls, 19c, in cases, $2.30; castor oil, medical pure 90c; turpentine, in bbls, 32c.

WHITE LEAD—Strictly pure, 6¾@7½.

WINDOW GLASS—In boxes, 60 and 20 to 70 per cent discount, new list.

LIQUORS.

BEER—Schlitz, quarts, $10.50 per bbl; pints, $11.00 per bbl; Dixie Pale, quarts, $9.00; pints, $9.50; Lemp's Extra Pale, quarts $10.50; pints, $11.00.

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.

WIRE AND NAILS.

Barb wire quotations are for car load lots.

BARBED WIRE — Glidden, galvanized, $2.47 per 100 lbs; painted wire $2.20; Waukegan, 10c higher than Glidden.

WIRE NAILS—Rate $2.20 per keg; advances, 10 to 60 penny 50c; 8 and 9 penny, 60c; 6 and 7 penny 75c; 4 and 5 penny 90c; 3 penny $1.20; 2 penny $1.60.

CUT NAILS—Rate $2.30 per keg; same advances as on wire nails.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Car load lots, job cars, from mill; dealers charge from store 5@10c more per 100 lbs in bran, 30@35c per bushel on oats and corn.

CORN—Sacked, 34@35c.

BRAN—$[illegible].

OATS—Texas, No. 2 white $1@32; common, 27@30c.

CHOPPED CORN—70c per 100 lbs.

HAY—Alfalfa, $13.00@14.00 per ton; millet $11.00@12.00; timothy $17.00@18.00; North Texas prairie, $8.00; South Texas prairie $6.[illegible].

BUILDING MATERIAL.

CEMENT—Portland cement, per bbl, $2.60; Rosendale cement, per bbl $1.75@2.00; lime $[illegible]; fireclay $3.25@3.40; plaster paris $2.40; fire brick, St. Louis, per M $40; tile paving tile, per foot 7@15c; 3 to 6 inch, [illegible]; felt roofing, per square $1.75; [illegible] cement and Royal cement plaster, per ton, $14.00; plastering hair, per lb, 6c; laths, per M, $2.00.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

CHICAGO.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open	High	Low	Closed
Wheat No. 2— May	61¾	61¾	58¾	59¾
June	61¾	62	60¾	60¾
July	62¾	62¾	60¾	61
September				
Corn No. 2— May	29¾	29	28¾	28¾
June				
July	29½	30	29¾	29¾
September	30¾	31¼	30¾	30¾
Oats No. 2—May				18¾
July	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
September	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
Mess pork—May				7.30
July	7.90	7.97½	7.80	7.85
September	7.92	7.97½	7.82½	7.85
Short ribs—May				3.80
July		3.90	3.85	3.85
September		4.02½	3.90	3.90

CHICAGO.

Chicago, May 21.—The bears hammered the market down [illegible] on reports of harvesting in Kansas. Corn and oats were comparatively steady, losing only ¼c. Provisions were weak, more especially lard.

There was a very fair speculative business in wheat, the trading being chiefly local and the lack of outside interest or support was one of the chief causes of the break which followed the early advance. The feeling at the start was quite strong and higher prices were established, July advancing to 62 3-4c and September to 63 7-8c. The early strength was attributed largely to the renewal of crop damage claims from Michigan and Indiana, the weather map and the bullish crop summary of the Price Current. After a sharp reaction set in, and July sold off to 60 7-8c, September at 63@63 7-8c, final figures showing 1 1-8@1 1-4c loss for the day. Crop advices from Michigan were of the same tenor as the reports of early. English markets quoted 1-4d higher and Berlin 1-2 mark for May, said to be due to the laws recently passed there regarding the speculation on futures. New York wired that corn and oats were being used to fill previous engagements of tonnage in which there was talk of gold shipments, which, with the private cables arriving unchanged, seemed rather puzzling, and prices gave way, owing to the lack of outside support. The selling became quite general as the session advanced, many of the early buyers selling, and further declines took place. Telegrams from Wichita, Kan., and harvesting commenced in that vicinity today, but the quality was fine and the yield fairly bountiful to the acre. The fresh selling and the low prices of the day were touched on this decline. Closing cables were all strong and higher, but the market here closed easy.

Corn trade was light, a feature early being the scarcity of offerings. The feeling manifested stronger prices and slightly higher prices were scored, none the advance being maintained, the close showing 1-4@½c loss, the market selling off with wheat later in the day.

Oats were steady at the start, with fair buying, but weakened later in sympathy with wheat, and on heavy selling by some prominent operators of yesterday. There was a good trade, and considering the decline in the wheat market the market showed a great deal of strength.

Provisions were heavy at the start and most distinctly and aggressively bearish in the end. All hog products closed at the lowest point of the day's range, compared with last night. Pork, lard and ribs closed with respectively 20c, 17 1-2c and 7 1-2c decline in their July futures.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow—Wheat, 8 cars; corn, 225 cars; oats, 240 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull and weak.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 59 3-4; No. 2 red, 61@61 1-4.

Corn—No. 2, 28 5-8.

Oats—No. 2, 19 1-4; No. 2 white, 21@21 3-4.

Rye—No. 2, 36.

Barley—No. 2, nominal. No. 3, f. o. b., 24@27.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.12 1-2.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2.00@2.05.

Mess pork—Per bbl, 7.30@7.40; lard, per 100 lbs, $4.25@4.35; short ribs sides (loose), 3.80@3.90; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4@4 1-2; short clear sides (boxed), 4@4 1-2.

Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.22.

Corn—Yellow, No. 2, 28 3-4@28 1-2.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	4,700	6,000
Wheat, bu	5,000	5,000
Corn, bu	239,000	252,000
Oats, bu	187,000	141,000
Rye, bu	1,000	1,000
Barley, bu	19,000	16,000

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, May 21.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat—Options closed ⅛ under yesterday; spot dull and heavy; No. 2 red, cash 61, nominal elevators, 62@62¼, track, No. 1 hard 65@67, May 59, July 58¾, August 58¾. Corn—Options closed heavy, spots strong. No. 2 mixed, cash 29¾, May 29¾, July 30¼. Oats—Futures easy with more disposition to sell on fine crop prospects; spot dull; No. 2 cash 19¾, May 19¾, July 19½, August 18¾. Rye dull, 33 east track. Barley nominal. Corn meal 1.75@1.80. Bran—Offerings small and saleable at 65 east track. Flax seed quiet, 89. Timothy seed 2.20@2.25. Hay quiet and unchanged. Whisky 1.22. Pork lower; standard mess jobbing 7.85. Lard lower; prime steam 4.12½. Bacon—Boxed shoulders 4.75, longs 4.50, ribs 4.75, shorts 4.77½. Dry salt meats—Boxed shoulders and longs 4.00, ribs 4.12½, shorts 4.25. Receipts—Flour 5,000, wheat 19,000, corn 17,000, oats 44,000. Shipments—Flour 800 wheat 300, corn 2,000, oats 7,000.

NEW YORK.

New York, May 21.—Wheat, receipts, 83,100; exports, 73,300; spot, weak. No. 1 hard, 72@72½; options advanced decidedly in the forenoon on reports of floods in Missouri and bugs in Michigan, but the crowd became overloaded and in the afternoon tried to realize, causing a big break in prices, feeling at the close being demoralized, with values 5@8 below last night. No. 2 red, 68¾; September, 67¾.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., May 21.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 hard, 54 3-4; No. 3, 49@50; No. 2 red, 63; No. 3, 55@58; No. 2 spring, 54 1-2; No. 3, 51@52. Corn—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 27 3-4; No. 2 white, 28@28 1-4. Oats, weak; No. 2 mixed, 18; No. 2 white, 19. Rye, steady, unchanged.

HIDES AND WOOL.

HOUSTON MARKET.

Hides—Prices paid by receivers—

Dry flint, selected	6½@7
Dry salt	5 @5½
Wet salted	3½@[illegible]
Deer skins	18 @[illegible]

Wool—Quotations strictly nominal—

Twelve months, medium	7½@8
Twelve months, fine	7 @[illegible]
Six months 1892c less.	
Tallow—Prime	2¾@[illegible]
Beeswax—Good run	21 @22

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Chicago, May 21.—Butter firm; creamery 11@15; dairy 10@13. Cheese steady, 7@7½. Eggs firm, 8½@9½.

Kansas City, May 21.—Butter firm; creamery 12@14; dairy 8@12. Eggs firm; strictly fresh 7½.

St. Louis, May 21.—Butter unchanged. Eggs firm; fresh 8.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH

be sure and use that old and well tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for

MONEY AND INVESTMENTS.

Doings of a Day With Wall Street Operators.

BEARS SQUEEZED ON A POLITICAL TIP

Professional Operators Made the Deal Expensive to Bears by Boosting Prices Way Up.

New York, May 21.—The operators in stock exchange securities who had been induced to take the bear side on account of the recent dullness were the victims of a political report which was circulated industriously that a leading presidential candidate would declare his position on the currency question today, personally or by proxy. The rumor was unfounded. The bears, however, had taken the matter seriously and did quite a little covering, the professional operators making the operations as expensive as possible by bidding up prices for a while. At the outset the market developed fair activity but the buying movement was soon exhausted and a relapse to the semi-stagnation that has recently characterized the speculation occurred. The strangers, Missouri Pacific, Manhattan, Tennessee Coal and Sugar were the leaders in point of strength, evidences of manipulation in the last named stock being quite clear. The market opened firm, but soon shaded off in sympathy with Sugar and Manhattan, against which pressure was soon made. Both stocks lost nearly a point, but at the low level soon recovered and a rather aggressive upward swing took place on the political rumors before mentioned. Sugar and Manhattan gained 1¾ and Tennessee Coal and Missouri Pacific 1 per cent. The market otherwise was without special feature, aside from a revival of activity in Reading stocks and bonds incidental to the practically complete deposits of the securities under the plan of reorganization. The time for depositing without penalty expired today and simultaneously the call for the second installment of the assessment on the junior securities has been issued. The rates of foreign exchange were slightly higher and gold bills against impending shipments are understood to be offering. It is considered certain that at least $1,000,000 in gold will go out on Saturday, either to Berlin or Paris and most probably to the first mentioned center. The speculation of the late dealings were somewhat irregular with the fluctuations very narrow. The closing, however, was firm at fractional gains generally. Considerable strength was displayed in spots in the market and especially in the Reading group, the incomes advancing sharply on the successful completion of the reorganization. Kansas and Texas seconds were also notably strong. Aggregate transactions, 184,000 shares.

Missouri, Kansas and Eastern firsts advanced 1½. Reading first and second incomes 1½. Kansas and Texas seconds 1½ per cent.

Total sales of stock to day, 184,322 shares, including American Sugar, 3,500; Manhattan, 9000; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 8400.

FINANCIAL.

Galveston, Texas, May 21.—In the local exchange market, sterling sixties, buying 1.8, selling 4.90; New York sight, buying ¼ discount, selling ¼ discount; selling ¼ premium. American silver, buying ¼ discount, selling at par.

Galveston bank clearings, $65,600.

New York, May 21.—Sterling exchange, bankers' sixties, 487¾, commercial sixties, 487½; reichmarks 95¾, francs, bankers' sixties, 5.16¾@5.15¾, commercial sixties, 5.17¾@5.18¾.

New Orleans, La., May 21.—Sterling exchange, commercial sixties, 488¾@489, francs, commercial sixties, 5.17½. New York sight bankers', 1.30 premium; commercial at par.

London, May 21.—Bank rate, 2 per cent; street rate, ¾ per cent; silver, 31 1-64; consols, 112 7-16.

EVENING POST'S CABLEGRAM.

New York, May 21.—The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The market opened firm but soon shaded off in sympathy with Sugar and Manhattan, against which pressure was soon made. Both stocks lost nearly a point, but at the low level soon recovered and a rather aggressive upward swing took place on the political rumors before mentioned. Sugar and Manhattan gained 1¾ and Tennessee Coal and Missouri Pacific 1 per cent. The market otherwise was without special feature, aside from a revival of activity in Reading stocks and bonds incidental to the practically complete deposits of the securities under the plan of reorganization. The time for depositing without penalty expired today and simultaneously the call for the second installment of the assessment on the junior securities has been issued. The rates of foreign exchange were slightly higher and gold bills against impending shipments are understood to be offering. It is considered certain that at least $1,000,000 in gold will go out on Saturday, either to Berlin or Paris and most probably to the first mentioned center. The speculation of the late dealings were somewhat irregular with the fluctuations very narrow. The closing, however, was firm at fractional gains generally. Considerable strength was displayed in spots in the market and especially in the Reading group, the incomes advancing sharply on the successful completion of the reorganization. Kansas and Texas seconds were also notably strong. Aggregate transactions, 184,322 shares.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, May 21.—Money on call easy at 2@2½ per cent; last loan 2; closed 2@2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4 86@4 88 for demand and 4 87@4 88 for sixty days; posted rates, 4 88@4 89 and 4 89@4 91. Commercial bills, 4 87. Bar silver, 67¾. Silver certificates, 63@63¾. Mexican dollars, 53. Government bonds firm and higher; State bonds dull, railroad bonds strong.

LONDON CONSOLS.

London, May 21.—Consols for money, 112 7-16; account, 112 9-16. Bar silver, 31 11-16d per ounce. Money, 1@1½ per cent. Rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 13-16@⅞ per cent.

COMMERCIAL BRIEFS.

New York, May 21.—Clearings 96,392,263; balances 6,091,276.

Cincinnati, May 21.—Whisky steady; sales 579 barrels at 1 22.

New York, May 21.—Hides firm; leather quiet and steady; wool dull.

BONDS.

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

New U.S. 4s, reg.	116½	H. & S. A. Gen'l 6s	105
New U.S. 4s, coup	116½	H. & S. A. 7s	104
U. S. 2s, reg.	97	H. & T. C. Gen'l 5s	106
U. S. 2s, coup.	97	H. & T. C. 5s	102
U. S. 4s, reg.	108¼	M. K. & T. first 4s	85¾
U. S. 4s, coup.	109¼	M. K. & T. seconds 4s	70¾
U. S. 5s, reg.	104	St. L. & M. Gen. 5s	94½
U. S. 5s, coup.	104	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	118¾
Alabama 4s	99¾	Texas Pac. first 5s	90¾
Alabama 2d A	95	Tex. Pac. seconds	2
Cen. Pac. 1st 6s	110	U. P. first 6s	108¾
D. & R. G. 7s	116¾	West Shore 4s	108¾
D. & R. G. 4s	91	Southern 5s	96
Erie seconds	69¾		

STOCKS.

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

A. T. & S. Fe	15¾	Northwestern, pref	148
Central Pacific	34¾	Pacific Mail	26
Chicago & Alton	157	Reading	14¾
C. B. & Q.	79¾	Rio Grande West'n	16½
Am. Cotton Oil	18	Rio Grande, pref.	
D., L. & W.	139	Rock Island	70¾
Del., Lack. & W.	160	St. Paul common	77¾
D. & Hud. pref	142	St. Paul, preferred	127
Illinois Central	93½	Sugar Refined	123¾
Lake Erie & West	18	Tenn. Coal & Iron	29¾
Erie common	19¾	Texas & Pacific	8¾
Illinois Central	93½	Union Pacific	14¾
Kansas & Texas	22¾	Wabash, pref	25¾
Lake Shore	140	Wab. St. L. & P. cor	14¾
Lead S.	20¾	Wab. St. L. & P. pref	37¾
Missouri Pacific	23¾	Wells Fargo Ex.	97
Northern Pacific	5	W. U. Telegr. pa.	85¾
N. P. pref	15	Iron & Rio Grande	7¾
Northwestern, com	104¾	U. S. Leather	5¾

*Bid.

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS.

New Orleans, May 21.—The market for cotton seed products is dull with nothing doing; prime crude oil, in bulk, 17; prime summer yellow, in barrels, 20½; meal 11.00; cake 17.00 per short ton; long ton, for export, 19.25.

New York, May 21.—Cotton seed products quiet, very little doing; quotations nominal; prime crude oil, in bulk, 20@21½; prime summer yellow, in barrels, 25; prime cotton seed meal 21.00@22.50 per ton.

COFFEE.

New York, May 21.—Coffee — Options opened with prices unchanged to 10 points higher, advanced 5 points later on European buying, ruled steady up to 2 p. m., and declined 10 points just before the close under local realizing; closed easy at unchanged prices to 5 points net advance; sales 10,250 bags, including September 11.10, Spot coffee—Rio dull, No. 7 Rio 14; mild quiet; Cordova 16@18; sales 750 bags Maracaibo at private terms, and 250 bags Central American at private terms. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States 6520 bags, including 5972 from New York; New York stock today 177,380; United States stock 203,711; afloat for the United States 148,000; total visible for the United States 351,571 bags, against 545,709 bags last year.

Santos, May 21.—Coffee quiet; good average Santos 13,000 reis; receipts 5000 bags; stock 71,000.

Hamburg, May 21.—Coffee steady and unchanged; sales 13,000 bags.

Havre, May 21.—Coffee steady, ¼f advance to ⅛f decline; sales 12,000 bags.

LIVE STOCK.

HOUSTON.

J. Jacobs & Co., live stock commission merchants of the Houston Stockyards, report as follows:

Beeves—Fed, choice	2½@2¾
Grass, choice	2½
Cows—Choice	2½@2¾
Yearlings—Fed	2½@3
Grass, choice	2½@2¾
Calves—Choice spring	4
Calves—According to size	3 @3½
Mutton—First-class only	3
Common not wanted.	
Hogs—Corn-fed (150 lbs and under)	3¼

Good beeves, cows, yearlings, heifers and calves are strongly in demand. Poor cattle not wanted.

GALVESTON.

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

Beeves—	
Choice, per lb, gross	3 @3¼
Common, per lb, gross	2 @2¼
Cows—	
Choice, per lb, gross	2½@2¾
Common, per lb, gross	2 @2¼
Yearlings—	
Choice, per lb, gross	2½@3
Common, per lb, gross	2 @2¼
Calves—	
Choice, per lb, gross	3 @4
Common, per lb, gross	2½@3
Sheep—	
Choice, per lb, gross	3½@3¾
Common, per head	1 50@2 00
Hogs—	
Corn-fed, per lb, gross	3½@4
Mastiff, per lb, gross	2½@3

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Receipts—	This Day	This Week	This Season	This Season in 1895
Beeves and cows	43	148	7,042	57
Calves and yearlings	72	335	9,008	173
Sheep		400	7,300	417
Hogs		128	4,807	90

Market supplied with cattle and calves; overstocked with sheep.

FORT WORTH.

(Corrected daily for The Post by the Fort Worth Stockyards company.)

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Cattle	30	
Hogs	200	

Cattle Quotations—

Good fat fed beeves	2 75 @3 25
Good fat yearlings	8 00 @10 00

Hog Quotations—

Corn-fed hogs, 200 lbs and over	3 55 @3 75
Mastiff hogs	2 30 @2 50
Mastiff hogs	2 25 @2 30

Sheep Quotations—

Good fat sheep	2 25 @3 00

CHICAGO.

Chicago, May 21.—Sales of cattle were on a basis of 3 40@4 20 for common to fancy steers, with a large part of the transactions at 3 60@4 00, and cattle had to be pushed to sell above 4 00; light fat cattle in the preliminary stockers and feeders sold low and the offerers maintained firm, as offerings were small. New corn-fed steers and prime heifers sold around 4 00; bulls were steady at 2 90@3 25, and calves were strong at the late advance, with numerous sales at 5 00. Texas steers continued to arrive heavy for numbers and the trade in them was dull so the offering consisting chiefly of fed Texas. Trade in hogs was again fairly active, but prices averaged 5 lower, the best hogs selling at 4 10 per 100 lower than a year ago, sales ranged at 3 90@4 20, largely at 3 90@4 00, with a few selected at 4 10@4 20. Common to prime stocks of sheep were wanted at 2 50@4 00. Texas selling freely at 2 70@3 50, lambs were active at 4 00@4 70, a few sales occurring at 5 25@5 75, and Colorado wooled lambs of superior quality were again salable at 5 60@5 80; spring lambs sold at 4 50@5 50 per hundredweight. Receipts—Cattle 9000, hogs 33,000, sheep 19,000.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, May 21.—Cattle, receipts, 200; sh