TEXAS FRUIT IN CHICAGO.

Peaches From This State Are in Demand.

THE PAST WEEK IN TRADE CIRCLES.

Business Shows a Steady Increase, But No Unusual Activity—The Cotton Movement—Notes.

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Houston, Saturday, August 8.

Mr. T. H. Thompson, senior member of the firm of T. H. Thompson & Co., returned yesterday from Chicago, where he has spent several weeks superintending the marketing of Texas fruit shipped by the firm from Tyler. He placed forty-two carloads of peaches on the Chicago market, and says that the returns were much better than expected, considering the dullness and depression in all lines of trade at that time.

The best result obtained by Mr. Thompson's trip was the demonstration that Texas peaches can compete with those from any State in the Union. Speaking of this today, Mr. Thompson said: "Peaches shipped by our representatives from Tyler always found ready sale in Chicago and were in much better demand than any other fruit of that class placed on the market. California peaches ranked as seconds in comparison with the Texas article, and on several occasions I saw our peaches sell for two and three times as much as those from the Golden State. I have always contended that this State could and did raise the best peaches grown in the United States, and was anxious for this opportunity to demonstrate it upon the largest fruit market in the United States.

"We have now made a reputation in Chicago, and if there is a good fruit season next year we expect to ship between 200 and 300 carloads of Texas peaches to that point. Growers around Tyler and other East Texas towns are now cultivating the very finest varieties to be obtained, are learning all the latest methods of packing and handling, and will be prepared for a big business next year. Prior to this season, only one or two carloads of Texas peaches were ever sent to Chicago. Hereafter the fruit dealers in that city will demand large shipments.

"Our peaches ripen earlier than those from any other section, and will retain their place on the market longer. Naturally the rules of supply and demand affect the market there, as well as anywhere else, but taking it all in all the Texas fruit will secure a better price than any other. Some days it seemed that fruit from every part of the country poured into Chicago, and then, of course, prices were very low. We also shipped one or two carloads of peaches to Minneapolis, St. Paul and other Northern points, and received very encouraging letters from the dealers, who stated that the Texas peaches were the best they had ever handled.

"Practically every carload of fruit sent from Tyler arrived in good condition. They were shipped in refrigerator cars, and by fast trains and not placed on transits. If the general condition of trade had been better, prices would, of course, have averaged more, but money is just as scarce in Chicago as it is anywhere else. Of course, the fruit trade felt the effects of this, but our Texas shipments proved not much better than we expected."

THE WEEK'S TRADE.

There is a steady increasing activity in all lines of trade, and the first week of August has recorded the best business seen in this section since the early part of last spring. There is no unusual activity, but the improvement is a gradual and healthy one. Interior merchants are still very cautious in placing large orders, but buy more freely now than for many months past. The cotton marketing of cotton has caused an increase of business at country points, and it is naturally induced more wholesale agents and merchants to make purchases. When cotton moves money is turned in circulation, for this is especially the money crop of the South. It is expected that the movement of cotton this August will be equal to that details seen in September, though it is feared that this means a short season and a short crop. With prices, however, a cent a pound higher than they were two weeks ago there will be some compensation for the short yield. Farmers showed a wise thought by increasing the acreage this year, for unless this had been done it is hardly likely that the crop would have reached even 1,000,000 bales, whereas there is now a probability of 2,500,000.

THE PROVISIONS MARKET.

After an upward rally early in the week everything in the line of hog products here has tumbled again. Prices are now down nearly to the low point reached a few weeks ago. On the Chicago market pork for September delivery, which jumped to $7.[illegible] Wednesday, closed today a dollar lower. September lard closed at $3.[illegible] and ribs $4.[illegible]

Lard has been produced the world over in larger quantities than ever before known, and now hog products are cheaper. It can be made cheaper without adulteration than with, therefore the quality is per excellent. Rise range around the lowest prices known. Both seem to be worth more money. Chicago speculators claim pork can be made around $5.[illegible] to $6.00 per barrel; that October prices for pork on the basis of present prices for corn are better than if in any other product. October pork is now about 50 cents less than September pork, about 1[illegible] cents below January pork. January pork must be packed after October 1. Pork for delivery after September 30, 1896, may be made after October 1, or can be delivered from pork made between October 1, 1895, and March 1, 1896.

TRADE NOTES.

The stock of old raisins is about cleaned up on the California coast.

A car of watermelons from Henrietta will be on the local market next week.

Good young chickens are in demand, and bring anywhere from $1.50 to $2.50, according to size.

The Columbia river pack of salmon is estimated to not exceed 250,000 cases this year.

The market was well supplied with peaches today. T. H. Thompson & Co. received a carload from Tyler, and other dealers having a fair supply.

Texas pears were rather slow sale this morning, and a bushel boxes only brought 50 cents. The fruit so far received has been sold mainly for preserving purposes.

The Brazilian crop of coffee is estimated by some at 8,000,000 bags, and while this may be an overestimate, there is no questi-

BAGGING AND TIES.

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We also have in stock Bagging for Sea Island Cotton.

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tion but that it will be the largest in the history of the country.

The big supply of peaches on the market today caused prices to weaken. Four-basket crates sold for 20@60c and peck boxes for 25@35c. Grapes were in good supply and fair demand.

HOUSTON PRICE CURRENT.

These quotations are revised daily and their correctness can be relied upon. The prices are those ruling in the Houston wholesale markets:

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

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $4.50@4.75; blasting powder, $4.00@4.25 per keg, agents' price; drop shot, per sack, $1.35@1.40; buck, $1.60@1.65.

BACON—Short clear, boxed, 5@5¼c; in sacks ½c less; breakfast, 8½@9c; dry salt, 4 7-8@5c; New York salt bellies, 6½c; Western salt bellies, 5½@6c; smoked bellies, 6½c.

BAGGING AND TIES—From store, in small lots: Bagging, 1¾ lb, 6 1-4c; 2 lb, 6 7-8c; 2¼ lb, 7½c. Ties, Arrow, $1.40 per bundle; Delta, $1.60, special prices on carload lots.

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, 85c; K. C., 30 oz. cans, $2.00 per dozen; Price, 16 oz., $2.00 per dozen; Royal, 16 oz., $2.00.

CANNED FRUIT—Per dozen: Strawberries 95@$1.00; pineapples, standard, $1.25@1.50; eyelens and cureless, $1.45; seconds, 90@95c; pears, standard, 90c@$1.00. Clipper Bartlett pears, 2-lb, $1.60@1.65; 2-lb, $1.40@1.60; peaches, standard, 2-lb, $1.15@1.25; seconds, 2-lb 90c@$1.05; 3, seconds, $1.65@1.80; 2-lb, pie peaches, 70@80c; 3-lb pie peaches, spice; blackberries, 75@85c; 2-lb standard apples, 85c@$1.00.

CANDY—Plain candy 5½@6½c; wrapped 6½@8½c; fancy mixed in pails, 7½@8c.

CANNED VEGETABLES—Marrowfat peas, $1.00@1.20; lima beans, 85c@$1.00; string beans, 70@75c; corn, 85c@$1.25; tomatoes, 2-lb, 90@2 1-2c; seconds, 70@85c; 3-lb, 1c@90c; red kidney beans, 2-lb, 70@90c.

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Per dozen for 2 1-2-lb cans: Peaches, $1.60@1.65; egg plums, $1.30@1.35; apricots, $1.30@1.40; pears, $1.50@1.60; green gages, $1.30@1.35; Bartlett pears, $1.60@1.65; strawberries, $1.60@1.65; raspberries, $1.60@1.65; black cherries, $1.30@1.35; white cherries, $1.30@1.35; black berries, $1.30@1.35; blackberries, $1.60@1.70.

CANNED MEATS — Roast beef, 1-lb, $1.[illegible]; 2-lb, $2.[illegible]; 2-lb corned beef, 2 dozen, $1.[illegible]; 1-lb lunch tongue, 1 dozen, $1.[illegible]; 1-lb chipped beef, 2 dozen, $1.[illegible]; 1-lb Oxford sausages, 2 dozen, $1.00; Frankfort sausages, 1-lb, $1.00; 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, $1.00@1.10.

CANDLES—Granite 6s and 8s, 7@7½c; 16-oz paraffine, assorted colors, 9 3-4@10c; Star candles, 8@8½c.

COFFEE—Rio and Cordova: Fair, 16@18c; prime, 18@19c; choice, 18@19c; fancy, 20@22c. Roasted coffee: Arbuckle's, in 100 lb cases, 23c; Lion, 100 lb cases, 23c; less 2 per cent commission; in 50 lb cases, 25c. Mocha and Java: fancy and choice, 32@35c. Canned goods: Tidal Wave, $4.00; Sea Foam, second roller patent, $3.00; Sea Nymph, extra roller family, $3.40; Sea Foam, $3.00; rye flour, $3.40; Pumpernickel, $3.50; Bloomer's Best, $4.00. Special rates for shipments to interior points, flour in barrels (in above sacks); in half barrels, 30c; also in barrels.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Grits, hominy and cracked meal, in bbls, $2.85@3.00; pearl meal, in 49-lb sacks, $1.50@1.60; per bbl of 4 sacks, Scotch oats, $5.00@5.25; per case, $1.[illegible].

FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in 10-lb kits, $1.00@1.25; No. 1, half bbls, $6.00@6.50; sardines, American, quarters, in oil, $3.25; mustards, $3.50; salmon, river trout, extra, No. 1, 1-lb, half bbls, $4.00@4.50; 10-lb kits, $1.00.

HAMS—Standard, 10½@10½c; picnic hams, 7c.

HONEY—In 60 lb cans, extracted, 5@6c; in comb, sides, 12 lb ans, extracted, 6@7c.

LARD—Refined tierces, compound 4 1-4@4½c; but 4 7-8@5c; in cans ½c higher than tierces. 5-lb cans ½c higher; 5-lb cans ½c higher; 3-lb 1c higher.

MOLASSES—Centennial, fair, 16@17c; prime, 20@25c; golden, per kettle, 27@32c.

SYRUP—Extra fancy head, 4½@5c; fancy imported, 4@4½c; choice, 3½@3¾c; fair, 3@3½c; prime, 2½@2¾c.

TOBACCO—Plug, for 7-15, steel, 5@5½c; ma[illegible] cotton, 19@19½c.

SALT—Liverpool, coarse, 75@80c; fine, $[illegible]. Louisiana, coarse, 75c; fine, 85c; barrel, $2.[illegible]; 60-lb, $2.50; 100 lb, $3.50; 20-lb, $[illegible].

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl, in 40 lb boxes, 3½c. Royal gloss half pound packet, per package, per box, $1.00@1.[illegible]; corn starch 4½@5c per lb, 20 and 40 lb boxes.

SUGAR—Quotations are for small lots. Special prices given on carload orders: Strictly granulated, [illegible]; plantation, [illegible]; German granulated, in sacks, [illegible]; cubes, [illegible]; powdered, [illegible]; yellow clarified, fair, 4 1-4@4½c; choice, 4 1-4@[illegible].

PRODUCE.

BEANS—California, small white, 2½@2¾c per lb; Bayous, 2½@2¾c; pink, 2½@[illegible]; Lima, 4½@5c; black eyed peas, 3½@[illegible].

BUTTER—Blue Star, 15c; dairy, fancy table, 20c; fancy Elgin creamery, 18@19c; fresh Texas country, 8@10c, if in good condition.

BUTTERINE—Solids, 15c; prints, 12c; Elgin dairy bricks, 18c.

CHEESE—California, Missouri, $2.00@2.25.

CHEESE—New York full cream 12½c; Western full cream 11c; Young America 12c; fancy filled cheese per lb, 8c; Swiss 20c; imitation Swiss 12c; limburger, brick cheese 12c; Limburger 15c.

EGGS—Texas in cases, 8@9c; candled, 10c; Kansas, 12@[illegible].

KRAUT—New, $3.50 per half barrel.

ONIONS—New Texas stock, 60@65c per bushel.

PEPPER—Chile, 14@15c per lb.

POTATOES—Arkansas, 60@65c a bushel.

POULTRY—Chickens, per dozen, old hens, $2.00@2.50; spring, $2.00@3.00, according to size; turkey hens, $[illegible]@[illegible]; turkey gobblers $[illegible]; ducks, $2.50@3.00; geese $[illegible].

TOMATOES—[illegible] per peck boxes.

FRUITS AND NUTS

APPLES—Texas, 25@50c per 1-3 bushel box; Missouri $3.25@3.50 per barrel.

BANANAS—Per bunch, $1.00@1.75.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT—Bartlett pears, $2.50@3.00 a 50-lb box; plums, $1.75 in 20-lb crates; prunes, $1.85 in 20-lb crates; peaches, $1.50; apricots, $1.75@2.00.

COCOANUTS—$4.50@5.00 per 100; $34.00 per sack.

GRAPES—Texas, 65@75c per 4-basket crate; small baskets, 25@[illegible].

LEMONS—Messina and Palermos, choice, 300, $3.50@4.00; 360, $4.00; fancy, $4.50@5.25; California, $2.50@2.75 per box.

NUTS—Brazil, 10c per lb; filberts, Sicily, 9c; Naples, 12½c; walnuts, 11@11c, peanuts, $1.[illegible]; almonds, Tarragona, 14c per lb, 10c per sack; California almonds, 10c; pecans, [illegible].

ORANGES—Mexican, $4.00 per box.

PEACHES—Per peck boxes, small to medium, 20@35c; choice to fancy, 30@40c; 4-basket crates, 65@[illegible].

PEARS—Texas, 35c per peck, in boxes.

WATERMELONS—$[illegible]@12.00 per dozen.

PAINTS AND OILS.

OIL—Linseed in bbls, raw 41c; boiled 43c; petroleum, 150 test, in bbls, 14c; in cases, 21c; brilliant oil, $1.55; in bbls, 12c; stove gasoline, in cases, $1.60; in bbls 14c; Eupion oil, in bbls, 13c; in cases, $2.80; castor oil, medical pure, 90c; turpentine, in bbls, 31c.

WHITE LEAD—Strictly pure, 6@8 1-4c.

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

WIRE AND NAILS.

Barb wire quotations are for car load lots, f. o. b., Houston:

BARBED WIRE—Glidden, galvanized, $2.35 per 100 lbs; painted wire, $2.10; Waukegan 10c higher than Glidden.

WIRE NAILS—Rate, $1.20 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, $2.80 per keg; same advances as on wire nails.

DRIED FRUITS.

APPLES—Fancy sliced in boxes, 4½@5c; choice evaporated, 7c; fancy, 7½c; California, 10c per lb; currents, in bbls, 4@4½c; figs, evaporated, 8c; Turkish layer, 12c; nectarines, evaporated, 8c; peaches, evaporated, 6½c; pears, evaporated, 6½c; plums, pitted, 8c.

RAISINS—California L. L. boxes, $1.15@1.20; 2 crown M. M. raisins, 50-lb boxes, $1.; 3-crown L. M., 50-lb boxes, 4½@4½c.

PRUNES—Crop 1895, California prunes, 40-100s, 50@5½c; 60-90s, 6½c; 70-80s, 6½@6½c; 60-70s, 7½c; 50-60s, 8c; silver prunes, 7½c; ruby prunes, 7½c.

LIQUORS.

BEER—Schlitz, quarts, $10.50 per bbl; pints, $11.00 per bbl; Dixie Pale, quarts, $9.00; pints, $9.50; Magnolia Pale, quarts, $9.00; pints, $9.50.

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.

Car load lots, job cars, from mills; dealers' charge from store 50@100c more per 100 lbs on bran, 2@5c per bushel on oats and corn.

BRAN—60c.

CORN—Sacked, 38@40c.

OATS—25@28c; No. 2 white, 30@32c; common, 25@28c.

HAY—Alfalfa, $13.00@14.00 per ton; millet, $11.50@12.50; timothy, $17.50@18.00; North Texas prairie, $9.00; South Texas prairie, $6.50@7.00.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

CEMENT—Portland cement, per bbl, $2.80@3.00; Rosedale cement, per bbl, $1.75@2.00; lime, $1.00; fire clay, $3.25@3.40; plaster paris, $2.40; fire brick, St. Louis, per M, $40; drain paving tile, per foot, 7@15c; 3 to 8 inches inclusive, felt roofing, per square, $1.75@2.50; Acme and Royal cement plaster, per ton, $14.00; plastering hair, goat, 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—Aug.	55¼	56⅝	55⅝	56⅝
September	56⅝	57⅝	56⅝	57
December	59⅝	60	59¼	59⅝
Corn No. 2—August	23¼	23⅝	23⅛	23⅝
September	24⅝	24⅝	24	24⅛
May	....	....	....	....
Oats No. 2—August				
September	17⅛	17⅛	17¼	17¼
May	20⅛	20⅛	19⅞	19⅞
Mess pork—August				
September	6.30	6.35	6.25	6.25
October	....	....	....	6.00
January	....	....	....	....
Lard—August	....	....	....	....
September	3.17½	3.15	3.12½	3.15
October	....	....	....	3.20
January	....	....	....	....
Short ribs—August				
September	3.22½	3.25	3.20	3.25
October	3.30	3.32½	3.27½	3.30
January	....	....	....	....

CHICAGO.

Chicago, August 8.—The wheat market was firm today. It closed at 57, or ⅛c higher than it did yesterday. It became very apparent, from the strength of the wheat market after the New York stock exchange had closed for the day, that if the latter institution would follow the example of the Chicago businesses and take a vacation until this weather cooled, or indefinitely, the price of wheat might have a chance to advance. Wheat is statistically and commercially in a strong position, seeing the bull front it holds in the face of the demoralization in the stock market. Corn and oats were also firm, but close without any change worth noting. Provisions were lower, apparently suffering from the too violent exertions earlier in the week.

Only a moderate speculative business was transacted in wheat, the range for the day being but ¾@⅞c. A fairly steady tone prevailed and final figures showed a gain. The better feeling in stocks, light Argentine shipments, liberal exports for the week and light foreign supplies compared with last year gave the market its early strength. Stocks of breadstuffs in Europe are about are 40 per cent of a year ago. Cables were steady and unchanged. Northwestern receipts were moderate and an active demand for flour was reported from Minneapolis for export today. Storms were reported in Hungary and severe hail storms reported yesterday in parts of North Dakota. The continued poor quality of the spring arrivals was something of a factor, but the market failed to respond to any extent to the foregoing, the absence of outside interest being the main drawback. The weather was good, rains being reported in the Northwest, and cooler conditions are predicted for the Dakotas and Minnesota Sunday.

Corn was moderately active and firmer, due mainly to hot wind reports from the West. The feature was the buying of May by a prominent local trader, with large farm interests in Kansas, which induced other traders to do likewise and it held more firm.

There was an easier market in oats, with a moderate trading, and it closed ⅛c lower for the range.

Provisions opened weak and continued to rule rather heavy and business was light. Pork was almost entirely neglected in the day's trading, lard and ribs almost monopolized what little trade there was. Compared with yesterday's closing the losses for the day in the September delivery were pork 15c, lard 7½c, ribs 5c.

Estimated receipts for Monday—Wheat 75 cars, corn 122 cars, oats 325 cars, hogs 35,000 head.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 56¼; No. 2 red, 59⅞.

Corn—No. 2, 23¾.

Oats—No. 2, 17½.

Rye—No. 2, 29½.

Barley—No. 2, nominal.

Flax seed—No. 1, 70½.

Timothy seed—Prime, 3.00.

Mess pork—Per barrel, 6.20@6.25.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, 3.10@3.12½.

Short ribs sides—Loose, 2.[illegible]@3.[illegible].

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, 3@3¼.

Short clear sides—Boxed, 3.[illegible]@3.[illegible].

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

Sugars—Cut loaf, 5.45; granulated, 4.82; standard A, 4.37.

Cheese—Full, 9¼@9¾.

	Receipts	Shipments
Flour, barrels	5,000	8,800
Wheat, bushels	126,000	230,000
Corn, bushels	422,000	634,000
Oats, bushels	323,000	213,000
Rye, bushels	16,000	.....
Barley, bushels	8,000	750

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, August 8.—Flour unchanged. Wheat—Market advancing; No. 2 red 56 elevator, 58 track, 58@58½c; August 58¼ asked; September 59@59¼c. Corn—Firm; spot stronger; No. 2 cash 24@24¼; August 24@24¼; September 24¼ bid; May 26@26¼. Oats—Firm, spot dull; No. 2 cash 19 bid; August 19@19¼; September 18½ bid; May 20@20¼ bid. Rye 38. Barley nominal. Corn meal 1.35. Bran steady, offerings large; 35c track. Flax seed 69c. Timothy seed 2.[illegible]. Hay dull and unchanged. Whisky 1.22. Cotton ties and bagging unchanged. Pork—Lower, standard mess, cash and September, 6.25. Lard—Lower; prime steam, nominal; choice 3.07½. Bacon—Boxed shoulders and ribs 4 1-2c; longs 3 7-8c; shorts 4 7-8c. Dry salt meats—Boxed shoulders and longs, 3.62½; ribs, 3.75; shorts 4.00. Receipts—Flour 5000 barrels, wheat 66,000 bushels, corn 110,000, oats 16,000. Shipments—Flour 3000 barrels; wheat 9000 bushels; corn 67,000, oats 7000.

NEW YORK.

New York, August 8.—Wheat—Receipts 133,000, exports 1[illegible], spot inactive; No. 2 red 63. No. 1 hard 67½@68½c. Options opened firm and advanced on predictions of a bullish government report, close 1 partly ⅛c higher; No 2 red, August 62, September 62⅞. Hides slow; Galveston 11; Buenos Ayres dry 16, Texas dry 8½. Leather steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres light to heavy weight 21@22, acids 20@22. Wool dull; domestic fleece 16@18, pulled 15@30. Cotton seed oil quiet and nominal; prime crude 19@20, off grades 18@19, prime summer yellow 22@23.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., August 8.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 hard 52; No. 3 [illegible]; No. 2 red 56½; No. 3 [illegible]. Corn—Steady; No. 2 mixed 21@22; No. 2 white 21@22. Oats—Steady and active; No. 2 mixed nominally, 19@19½; No. 2 white 21@22½. Rye—No. 2 nominally, 48. Hay—Weak, prairie, choice 4.00@4.50. Receipts—Wheat 47,000, corn 22,000, oats 26,000. Shipments—Wheat 12,000, corn 2000, oats none.

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS.

New Orleans, August 8.—The market for cotton seed products is dull and nominal; nothing doing; prime crude oil, in bulk, 16½@17; prime summer yellow, in barrels, 22; meal, $16.50@17.00 per short ton; cake, long ton, for export, $19.00.

New York, August 8.—Cotton seed products quiet and nominal; prime crude oil, in barrels, 19@20; prime summer yellow, in barrels, 22@23; prime cotton seed meal, $18.00@20.00 per ton.

HIDES AND WOOL.

HOUSTON MARKET.

Hides—Prices paid by receivers—

Dry flint, selected	6½@ 7
Dry salt	5 @ 5½
Wet salted, selected	4 @ 4½
Deer skins	18 @ ....

Wool—Quotations strictly nominal—

Twelve months medium	7@10 8
Twelve months, fine	7 @....
Six months 1@3c less	
Tallow—Prime	2½@....
Beeswax—Good run	17 @13

MONEY AND INVESTMENTS.

Doings of a Day With Wall Street Operators.

ACTIVE AND IRREGULAR WEAKNESS.

Bank Statement the Only New Development—Selling Pressure Uninterrupted to the Close.

New York, August 8.—The stock market today was active and irregularly weak with a feverish tone prevailing throughout. Covering of shorts was practically the sole element of support. The only new development bearing on prices was the bank statement, showing a decrease of $3,126,025 in surplus reserve and a falling off of $7,819,200 in deposits. This exhibited an unfavorable influence, although in the judgment of conservatives a less formidable showing had been discounted. The opening was weak and fractionally lower, the more noteworthy losses being in Sugar and the internationals. The last mentioned were affected by London quotations and selling for foreign account in this market. There was, as on yesterday, a remarkable lack of open excitement. Extensive purchasing caused a better tone at the start, prices moving to a point substantially above the low level. Sugar gained 2¼, Chicago Gas 1⅛, the grangers fractions, New Jersey Central and Western Union 1¼, Louisville and Nashville 1¼ and Manhattan 1 per cent. Realizations and a renewal of selling by the bears resulted in a reaction, which was accelerated by the unfavorable construction placed upon the bank statement. The net as a rule sagged to the lowest point yet recorded, with Manhattan making an extreme break from the highest, 3½, to 109. Sugar fell off 1⅞, Sugar preferred 2, and among the inactive stocks Lake Shore lost 3 per cent. The selling pressure was uninterrupted to the close, which was weak with general material net losses.

The developments of the week will not be chronicled as the least striking in the history of Wall street. The elevation was marked by a steady melting away in the value of stocks and bonds, including those of sterling investment character. The depression grew largely out of previously prevailing and exciting conditions, rather than to any special new happenings, with the important exception of a gradual increasing stringency in the money and commercial paper markets. While panic prices were recorded, there was not an open sign of embarrassment or of exceptional excitement. Liquidation at times was so heavy that apparently only the interposition of the bear leaders prevented the market from going to pieces. London, with unimportant monetary exceptions, was a depressing factor, selling comparatively large blocks of our international listed securities. The current disbursements in rates, unfavorable cotton and other crop reports, unfavorable railroad returns, the prevailing commercial depression and the failure of Moore Bros. of Chicago all furnished texts for the bears against the general list while some stocks, notably Manhattan, were hammered on specific speculation.

Early in the week the trading was almost entirely professional, for the closing days were marked by an outpouring of longs. The first impetus to the reactionary movement came from the Sloars failure and attending sensational closing of the Chicago stock exchange. The liquidating operations reached an acute stage on an advance in call money rates to an extreme 1 per cent, coupled with frequent disturbances of loans by the banks, especially in cases where industrials and specialties as collateral was considered too great. Large sums of money were shipped to the interior, and especially to Chicago. In some instances Wall street loans were cancelled in order to furnish much needed accommodations to mercantile clients. A specially unfavorable influence upon Manhattan was the termination of negotiations with the company by the rapid transit consolidators. Aggregate sales were 1,187,200 shares.

The bond market for the week displayed to the fullest extent the generally unsatisfactory condition of financial affairs. In many of the gilt-edged securities it was impossible to secure bids and sales were made at important variations from the previous transactions. The constant liquidations of local and foreign investment holdings as well as large speculative losses gave an appearance of activity toward the close which was in marked contrast to the recent lethargy. Sales $4,127,000.

Sales of stocks today 138,600 shares including American Sugar 25,400, St. Paul 17,700, Western Union 10,200.

BONDS.

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

New U. S. 4s, reg	111½	G. H. & S. A. 6s	110[illegible]
New U. S. 4s, coup	111½	G. H. & S. A. 7s	102
U. S. 4s, reg. on at top	109	H. & T. C. 5s	102
U. S. 4s, coup	109	H. & T. C. 6s	110[illegible]
U. S. 5s, reg	103½	M. K. & T. first 4s	76
U. S. 5s, coup	103½	M. K. & T. seconds	61½
Pacific 6s of '95	102	St. L. & M. Gen. 5s	60½
Missouri 6s	100	M. & N. R. R. 5s	90
Atchison gen. 4s	68¼	Texas Pac. lands	1[illegible]
Atchison trust 4s	58¼	Tex. Pac. seconds	14[illegible]
Can. Pac. 1st 5s	98	U. P. Den. 1s	100
D. & R. G. 7s	109	West Shore 4s	109
D. & R. G. 4s old	58	Southern 5s	89
Erie seconds	104		

STOCKS.

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

A. T. & S. F.	8⅝	Northwestern, pre	144
Central Pacific	13	Pacific Mail	16
Chicago & Alton	148	Reading	8¾
C. B. & Q.	74⅛	Rio Grande, pref	15
Amer. Cotton Oil	8⅝	Rio Grande, pref	....
Am. Sugar	113	Rock Island	49⅝
Am. Sugar, pref	130	St. Paul common	60½
Am. Tobacco, pref	90½	St. Paul, preferred	1[illegible]
Am. and Nat. Gas	19¼	Sugar Refined	90¼
Erie, common	....	Tenn. Coal & Iron	19⅝
Illinois Central	82	Texas & Pacific	14⅝
Kansas & Texas	17	United States Ex.	83
Lake Shore	132	Wab. St. L. & P.	4½
Lead	38¼	Wab. St. L. & P. pref	11⅞
Missouri Pacific	15¼	Wells-Fargo Ex.	85
Northern Pacific	5¼	W. U. Telegraph	79⅝
N. P. pref	10	Den. & Rio G.	9
Northwestern, com	87½	U. S. L. & T. C.	....

*Bid. †Offered.

FINANCIAL.

Galveston, Texas, August 8.—In the local exchange market sterling exchange buying $4 [illegible], selling $1.[illegible]; New York sight buying ⅛c discount, selling ⅛c premium; New Orleans sight, buying ⅛c discount, selling ⅛c premium; American silver, buying ⅛c discount, selling at par.

New York, August 8.—Sterling exchange, bankers' sixties, $4.87@4.87¼, commercial, $4.8[illegible]; reichmarks, 95 5-16, francs, bankers' sixties, 5.16 7-8@5.16¼, commercial sixties 5.17½.

New Orleans, La., August 8.—Sterling exchange, commercial sixties, $4.86@4.87, francs, bankers' sixties, 5.18[illegible], New York sight, bankers', nominal premium; commercial, nominal.

London, August 8.—Bank rate 2 per cent; street rate, 3½; rate for silver, 31¼; consols, 112 15-16.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

New York, August 8.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Reserve, decrease	9,123,925
Loans, decrease	1,183,300
Specie, increase	246,100
Legal tenders, decrease	6[illegible]
Deposits, decrease	7,819,200
Circulation, increase	16,200

The banks now hold $13,815,625 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, August 8.—Money on call offered at 4 per cent; no loans. Prime mercantile paper 5@7½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.85¾@4.86 for demand and 4.87¼@4.88 for sixty days. Posted rates 4.86@4.87 and 4.88@4.89. Commercial bills 4.87. Bar silver 68⅝. Mexican dollars 55½.

EVENING POST CABLEGRAM.

New York, August 8.—Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: There is no improvement in the market. Americans opened rather better, but soon gave way, closing at about the lowest. Other markets are now fully feeling the effects, the depression being aggravated by the weakness of the continental bourses.

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

New York, August 8.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week amounted to $26,050 in gold and $1,153,367 in silver. The imports were: Gold $82,960; silver $107,277; dry goods $2,304,044; general merchandise $2,002,319.

LONDON CONSOLS.

London, August 8.—Consols for money 112 5-16; do for the account 112. Bar silver 31¼d per ounce. Money [illegible] per cent. Rate of discount in open market for short and three months' bills ¾ per cent.

COMMERCIAL BRIEFS.

St. Louis, August 8.—Wool—Unchanged.

New York, August 8.—Government bonds steady; State bonds dull; railroad bonds weak.

New York, August 8.—Clearings, $83,959,[illegible]; balances, $4,921,[illegible].

LIVE STOCK.

HOUSTON.

J. Jacobs & Co., live stock commission merchants, report as follows:

Beeves—Choice	2¼@ 2½
Cows—Choice	2¼@
Heifers	2¼@
Yearlings—Choice	2¼@ 2½
Calves—Choice spring	3½@
Calves—According to size	3 @ 3¼
Mutton—First class only	3
Common not wanted	
Hogs—Corn-fed (160 lbs and under)	3½@
Mastfed, must be good	2½@

Choice beeves, cows, heifers and yearlings are in demand. Market full of hogs.

GALVESTON.

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

Beeves—	
Choice, per lb, gross	2¼@ 2½
Common, per lb, gross	2
Cows—	
Choice, per lb, gross	2¼@ 2½
Common, per lb, gross	2
Yearlings—	
Choice, per lb, gross	2½@ 2¾
Common, per lb, gross	2 @ 2¼
Calves—	
Small, per lb, gross	4 @ 4½
Large, per lb, gross	3 @ 3½
Sheep—	
Choice, per lb, gross	3 @ 3½
Common, per head	1 00 @1 50

FORT WORTH.

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

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Cattle	100	...
Hogs	200	...

Cattle Quotations—

Prime steers	2 60 @ 3 10
Good fat yearlings	3 00 @10 00

Hog Quotations—

Corn-fed hogs	2 50 @ 2 65
Medium hogs	2 30 @ 2 45
Mast hogs	2 00 @ 2 25

Sheep Quotations—

Good fat sheep	2 25 @ 3 10

NEW ORLEANS.

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

Good fat fed beeves	3 @ 3¼
Good fat cows	2½@ 2¾
Common to fair	2 @ 2½
Good fat grass beeves	2¾@ 3
Common to fair beeves	2 @ 2½
Good fat yearlings	11 00 @ 1[illegible] 00
Common to fair yearlings	7 00 @ 9 00
Common to good fat calves	6 00 @ 7 00
Good Corn-fed hogs	2½@ 2¾
Common to fair hogs	2 @ 2½
Good fat sheep	3 @ 3½
Common to fair sheep, head	1 00 @ 1 [illegible]

	Receipts.	Sales.	On hand.
Cattle	15	141	116
Calves and yearlings	19	192	1[illegible]
Hogs	117	115	1[illegible]
Sheep	....	....	....

CHICAGO.

Chicago, August 8.—Prices of cattle were steady at the recent advance, with sales on a basis of $3.00@3.75 for poor to common dressed beef native steers, up to $5.[illegible] for prime to extra cattle. Very few native beef steers are now selling as low as $3; and sales are largely at $3@[illegible] for very desirable; range cattle up to $3.[illegible]. Considerable numbers of cattle are coming from other markets and some cattle were sold here this week at 4.[illegible] that came by way of Kansas City.