THE BUSINESS BAROMETER.

An Index to the Condition of Trade Generally.

THE MONEY MARKETS ARE EASIER

Further Imports of Gold Improve the Financial Situation—Demand for Cotton Seed Meal—Notes.

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The condition of money markets last week improved materially, and with it the confidence of financial interests. The fact of first importance was the remarkable decline in sterling exchange to a specie shipping point for the first time in several years, and the beginning of a movement of gold to the United States. With such an influence at work values were held in spite of alarming reports as to the commercial situation and the shrinkage of the cash resources of New York banks by unusually heavy withdrawals by the West and the South. Apprehensive of an unfavorable bank statement Saturday the stock market hesitated late in the week, and some bearish pressure was imparted. Contrary to expectations, however, the statement showed a much smaller loss than in the previous week, the surplus reserve falling only $127,525, against a decrease of $4,617,000 shown in the preceding report.

This week there has been a further decline in the sterling exchange market, the lowest point in the present movement being reached yesterday. This insures further large imports of gold to this country, and is considered a very favorable feature in the financial situation. It has a tendency to cause greater ease in the money markets, the chances for gain by the hoarding of gold having dwindled greatly.

COTTON SEED MEAL.

"There is a good demand for cotton seed meal, and the market is rapidly advancing," said a Houston buyer today. "The demand," he continued, "is mainly from the export trade, and is very urgent. The shippers have been led to believe that the cotton crop this year would be the largest ever known, that cotton seed would be plentiful, and that meal and oil could be obtained at their own figures. Acting on this belief they have rather stocks run down to a low point, and are now beginning to realize that there is a likelihood of a scarcity of these articles, instead of an oversupply. Consequently they are buying up nearly every one offered and have recently paid as high as $18.00 a ton for meal at Houston and Galveston.

"The oil mills are not anxious to sell, even at this figure, as they are finding it more difficult to obtain seed than earlier in the season. None of the Houston mills are running full time, and they generally crush up for a crush of only three or four days at a time. While it is probable that cotton seed meal and cake will bring good prices this year, there does not seem to be any likelihood of an advance in oils, which are now quoted at the lowest figure ever known. As the farmers are demanding higher prices for seed, owing to a small cotton crop, the oil men are placed in an embarrassing position. In fact I hardly see any chance for a profitable business this year, unless there is a material change in the situation within the next six months."

THE PROVISIONS MARKET.

Pork made another below mark today, the leading article selling around $6.50 in the speculative markets. For January delivery the closing quotation was $6.77, against $6.85 yesterday, and $9.75 a year ago. Think pork now selling $2.00 a barrel lower than at this time last year! The decline in lard and ribs has not been so noticeable this week, though lard for January delivery sold at $3.42 per 100 pounds. A year ago the price was $5.00.

The continued decline in pork has proven conclusively that there is no deal in September deliveries, though it is claimed that Western and New England parties have bought 20,000 to 30,000 barrels and will pay it in September. If they do they will be a pretty respectable load to carry. In order to cause any material advance would be compelled to buy about 100 barrels additional that would be sent to Chicago from outside points.

TRADE NOTES.

Kansas eggs have jumped to 15c in the wholesale market.

Chickens are scarce and all consignments are sold readily this week.

Concord grapes of very fine quality were sold on the local market at 40c a basket today.

Peaches sold at 20@30c in peck boxes this morning, the quality being rather poor. Choice freestones brought 40@55c.

Pears have been in small supply this week. Preserving stock brought $1.25 per bushel today, while half-bushel baskets sold at 15c.

Dullness reigns in the markets for sugar and coffee, though the former article is reported in better demand than for some time past.

There are many inquiries for game on the local market, but dealers report the shipments lighter than ever before at this time of the year.

There is a better demand for canned fruit, and the market shows a firmer tone. No advances have been made in prices, but higher prices are anticipated.

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:

ALE GREASE—Diamond, $1.75 per gross; Frazier, in tin boxes, $9.00 per gross; Golden, 50@60c per dozen boxes.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $4.00@5; blasting powder, $2.50 per keg; agents' drop shot, per sack, $1.30@1.35; buck, $1.60@1.65.

BACON—Short clear, boxed, 5½@5¾c; in bulk, 5c less; breakfast, 8½@9c; dry salt, 5½c. New York salt bellies, 6½c; Western salt bellies, 5½@5¾c; smoked bellies, 6½c.

BAGGING AND TIES—Carload lots, f. o. b. Houston or Galveston: Bagging, 2 lb. 6½c; 2¼ lb, 7c. Ties, Arrow, 1 lb, $1.35. In small lots from store, bagging 1c per yard higher; ties 5c per bale higher.

BAKING POWDER—Apex, 1 lb., $2.00; 2 lb., $3.75; ½ lb., 75c; Victor, 1 lb., per doz., $2.40; ½ lb., $1.35; ¼ lb., 45c; Isis One lb., per doz., $2.40; ½ lb., $1.35; K. C., 20-oz. cans, $2.00 per doz.; Prices, 16-oz., $3 per doz.; Royal, 16-oz., $4 per doz.

CANNED FRUIT—Per doz.: Strawberries, $1.00@1.60; pineapples, standard, $1.20@2; grapes, $1.60; seconds, $1.35; pears, standard, 90@$1.60; Clingstone peaches, 2-lb., $1.60@1.65; 3-lb., $1.60@1.65; peaches, standard, 2-lb., $1.15@1.25; seconds, 2-lb., 90c@$1.05; 3-lb, seconds, $1.65@1.85; 2-lb. pie peaches, 75@80c; 3-lb. pie peaches, 97½c; blackberries, 75@85c; 2-lb. standard apples, 85c@$1.00.

CANDY—Plain candy, 5½@6½c; wrapped 6½@8c; fancy mixed, in pails, 7½@9c.

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

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Per dozen for 2½-lb cans: Peaches, $1.45@1.65; egg plums, $1.30@1.35; apricots, $1.30@1.45; pears, $1.35@1.65; green gages, $1.30@1.35; nectarines, $1.45; grapes, $1.30@1.35; white cherries, $1.90@2.10; black cherries, $1.85@2.00; blackberries, $1.60@1.75.

CANNED MEATS—Roast beef, 1-lb $1.10@1.15; 2-lb $2.20@2.25; 1-lb corned beef, 2 dozen $1.10@1.15; 1-lb lunch tongue, 1 dozen, $2.60@2.75; ½-lb chipped beef, 2 dozen $1.15@1.20; 1-lb Oxford sausages, 2 dozen $3.00; Franklin sausages, 1-lb, $1.80; ¼-lb potted ham, 4 dozen 55@60c; ½-lb potted ham, 2 dozen, $1.25; ¼-lb deviled ham, 4 dozen 55@60c; ½-lb deviled ham, 2 dozen, $1.00@1.10.

CANDLES—Granite 6s and 8s, 7@7½c; 16-oz paraffine, assorted colors, 9½@10c; Star candles, 10@9c.

COFFEE—Rio and Cordova: Fair, 16@16½c; prime, 17@17½c; choice, 18½@19c; fancy, 19@19½c; Peaberry, 20@22c. Roasted coffee: Apex bags, 100-lb cases, $20.75, less 2c commission; Arbuckle's, in 100-lb cases, $20.25, less 2c commission; in 50-lb cases, $21.10; Mocha and Java, fancy blend 30½c.

FLOUR—Car load lots: Tidal Wave, $4.10; Sea Fairy, second roller patent, $4.00; Sea Nymph, extra roller fancy, $3.30; Sea Pearl, $2.40; rye flour, $3.40; Pumpernickel, $3.00. Special rates for shipments to interior points; flour in barrels 15c above sacks; in half-barrels, 30c above barrels.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Grits, hominy and cream meal, in bbls., $2.55@2.60; pearl meal in 40-lb sacks, $1.55@1.60 per bbl of 4 sacks; Scotch oats, $2.20@2.25 per case.

FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in 10 lb kits, $1.00 @1.25; No. 1, half bbls, $6.00@7.00; sardines, American quarters, in oil, $3.25; mustards, $2.75@2.85; salmon, river trout, extra No. 1, 70 lb half bbls, $4.00@4.50; 10 lb kits, 90c@$1.00.

HAMS—Standard 10½@10¾c; picnic hams 7@7½c.

HONEY—In 60 lb cans, extracted 5@6c; in comb 8@10c; 12 lb cans, extracted 6@7c.

LARD—Refined tierces, compound 4½@4¾c; leaf 4 7-8@5c; 50 lb cans ⅛c higher than tierces; 10 lb cans ¼c higher; 5 lb 7-8c higher; 3 lb 1c higher.

MOLASSES—Centrifugal, fair 16@17c; prime 20@25c; choice open kettle 27@32c.

RICE—Extra fancy head 4¾@5c; fancy imported rice 5¾c; choice 3½@3¾c; fair 3@3½c; prime 2½@2¾c.

ROPE—Basis for 7-16, sisal 5@5½c; manilla 6@6½c; cotton 10@10½c.

SALT—Liverpool, coarse 75@80c; fine 85c. Louisiana, coarse 75c; fine 85c; barrel, 28-10s $2.25; 50-5s $2.30; 100-3s $2.50; 70-4s $2.45.

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl, in 40 lb boxes, 3½c. Royal gloss, bulk, 3¼c. Nickel, 100 packages, per box $2.65@2.85; corn starch 4½@5c per lb, 20 and 40 lb boxes.

SUGAR—Quotations are for small lots; special prices given on carload orders.) Standard granulated 5@5¼c; planters 4⅞c. German granulated, in sacks, 5¼c; cubes 5⅝@5¾c; powdered 5⅝@5¾c; yellow clarified, fancy 4⅝@4¾c, choice 4⅛@4½c.

PRODUCE.

BEANS—California, small white 2¼@2 3-8c per lb; Bayou 2 3-8@2 5-8c; pink 2¼@2½c. Lima 4@4½; black-eyed peas 2¼c.

BUTTER—Blue Star 17c; dairy 15c; table, 18c; fancy Elgin creamery, 19@20c; fresh Texas country 8@20c if in good condition.

BUTTERINE—Solids 11c; prints 12c; Elgin dairy bricks 18c.

CABBAGE—Missouri $2.00@2.25.

CHEESE—New York full cream 12½c; Wisconsin full cream 11c; Young America 11c; fancy filled cheese 9@10c; Swiss 20@23c; imitation Swiss 17@18c; brick cheese 11@12c; Limburger 10c.

EGGS—Texas, in cases, 50@60c; candled, 8@9c; Kansas, 14@15c.

GAME—Prairie chickens $2.75@3.00 per dozen; venison 50@6c per pound; plover 60@65c per dozen.

KRAUT—New, $2.25 per half bbl.

ONIONS—New Texas stock 80@90c per bushel.

PEPPER—Chile 14@15c per lb.

POTATOES—Northern and Western, 50@60c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per dozen, old hens, $2.00@2.50; spring, $1.50@2.25; broilers, $1.00@1.25, according to size; turkey hens, $4.00@5.00; turkey gobblers, $6.00@8.50; ducks, $2.75@3.50; geese $3.25@3.50.

TOMATOES—St. Louis $1.00 per bushel.

FRUITS AND NUTS.

APPLES—Missouri, $3.00@3.25.

BANANAS—Per bunch 50@$1.50.

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

GRAPES—El Paso 70@75c per 10 lb baskets.

LEMONS—Messina and Palermo, choice $4.00, fancy, $5.50@6.00.

NUTS—Brazil, 11c per lb; filberts, Sicily, 9c; Naples, 12½c; walnuts, 11@13c; peanuts, 5@6c; almonds, Taragona, 14c per lb, 13c per sack; California almonds, 10c; pecans, 9@10c.

ORANGES—Mexican, $4.00 per box.

PEACHES—Per peck boxes, small to medium, 30@35c; choice to fancy, 40@45c; 4-basket crates, 65@80c.

PEARS—Texas, 30@35c per peck in boxes; $1.00@1.50 per bushel.

WATERMELONS—$1.00@2.50 per dozen.

PAINTS AND OILS.

OIL—Linseed, in bbls, raw, 38c; boiled, 40c; petroleum, 150 test, in bbls, 14c; in cases, $1.70; brilliant oil, $1.55, in bbls, 12c; stove gasoline, in cases, $1.80, in bbls, 14c; Eupion oil, in bbls, 19c, in cases, $2.30; castor oil, medical pure, 96c; turpentine, in bbls, 30c.

WHITE LEAD—Strictly pure, 6¾@6¾c; standard white lead, 4½c; painter's, 5c.

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 $3.15 per keg, advances, 10 to 60 penny, 20c; 8 and 9 penny, 40c; 6 and 7 penny, 75c; 4 and 5 penny, 90c; 3 penny, $1.20; 2 penny, $1.60.

CUT NAILS—Rate, $2.40 per keg; same advances as on wire nails.

DRIED FRUIT.

APPLES—Fancy sliced, in boxes, 4½@5c; choice evaporated, 7c; fancy, 7½c; citron, 18c per lb.; currents in bbls., 3¼@4c; 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, 10 lb boxes, 8½c; 3 crown L. M., 5 lb. boxes, 4½@4¾c.

PRUNES—Crop of 1895: California prunes, 90-100s, 5@5½c; 80-90s, 6½c; 70-80s, 6¾@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—$1.10 per gallon.

WHISKY—Per gallon: Finished goods on high wire basis, $1.25; 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@c more per 100 lbs on bran, 20@c per bushel on oats and corn.

BRAN—50@55c.

CHOPPED CORN—70@75c per 100 lbs.

CORN—Sacked, 75@80c.

OATS—Sacked, 38@40c.

HAY—Alfalfa, $11.00@12.00 per ton; millet, $11.50@12.50; timothy, $17.50@18.00; South Texas prairie, $4.00@4.50.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

CEMENT—Portland cement, per bbl., $2.60@3.00; Rosedale cement, per bbl., $1.75@2.50; lime, $1.00; fire clay, $1.25@1.40; plaster paris, $2.40; fire brick, St. Louis, per M, $40; drain paving tile, per foot, 7@15c; 3 to 6 inches inclusive; felt roofing, per square, $1.75@2.50; Acme and Royal cesspaint, per bbl., $4.00; plastering hair, per ton, $14.00; plastering hair, goat, per lb., 6c; laths, per M, $2.00.

A WONDERFUL PHENOMENON.

The man who should pass through life without experiencing a twinge of indigestion, might be fitly regarded as a wonderful phenomenon. We doubt if such a privileged mortal has ever existed. If so, we have never seen him. But thousands who are known to be daily relieved of dyspepsia by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the popular remedy for that truly national complaint, as well as for fever and ague, debility, constipation, rheumatism and kidney troubles.

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MONEY AND INVESTMENTS.

Doings of a Day With Wall Street Operators.

MOVEMENT OF PRICES IRREGULAR

Three Millions More Gold Coming This Way—Exchange Made a New Low Record—Closing Steady.

New York, August 26.—The stock market today reflected chiefly the operations of the room scalpers. The movement of prices was irregular and only three stocks made fair proportions in point of activity. These were Sugar, Western Union and St. Paul, in the order named. The second mentioned stock was partially affected by bear rumors of recent heavy investment selling, which was denied by members of the executive committee after a personal investigation of the transfer books for the past month. Baltimore and Ohio again showed some activity. Influential members of the reorganization committee declared that there was absolutely no change in the situation. The Dilton, Hughes & Co. assignment and the news of further gold imports were almost unnoticed. After the close of business it became known that the situation had rather suddenly improved to a considerable extent and that about $3,000,000 more gold than had been previously figured on was on the way to this country. A reason for the pronounced weakness in exchange also developed late in the day. There is excellent authority for the statement that the recent sharp cuts in transportation rates have made practicable the sales of many million bushels of our grain to Europe. Exchange has begun to go drawn against the shipments and gold imported. A large proportion of the gold will be deposited in the subtreasury in exchange for legal tenders, and the legal tenders deposited in the banks by the gold importers. In this manner it is expected with considerable confidence that the issue of clearing house loan certificates will be avoided. Today exchange made a low record for this month, partly for the above reasons and also on account of the continued stiffening rates for money. Actual rates for long and short bills fell ¾ per cent respectively. Posted rates were also sharply reduced. The market sagged on reports of mercantile suspensions at various points and unfavorable general rumors after fractional gains incidental to the gold import news and the decrease in exchange. The specialties were conspicuously weaker on discouraging trade conditions. The closing was steady at trivial losses.

Bonds were dull and worked lower. The losses were slight, however, except in a few instances; sales $489,000.

Total sales of stocks today were 90,365 shares, including Sugar 26,700, Western Union 16,800, St. Paul 10,500.

FINANCIAL.

Galveston, Texas, August 26.—In the local exchange market, sterling sixties, buying $4.85, selling $4.90; New York sight, buying 3-8c discount, selling at par; New Orleans sight, buying 1-4c discount, selling at par; American silver, buying 1-4c discount, selling at par.

Galveston bank clearings, $819,300.

New York, August 26.—Sterling exchange, bankers' sixties, $4.83 1-4, commercial, $4.82 3-4; telephanks, 91 7-16; francs, bankers' sixties, 5.21 1-4; commercial sixties, 5.21 7-8.

New Orleans, La., August 26.—Sterling exchange, commercial sixties, $4.82 1-2@4.83; francs, bankers' sixties, $5.21 7-8; New York sight, bankers, $1.50 premium; commercial 50c premium.

London, August 26.—Bank rate, 2 per cent; street rate, 1; rate for silver, 30 11-16; consols, 113 1-16.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, August 26.—Money on call firm at 5@6 per cent, last loan 8, closed 8 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 8 per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.89¼ for demand and 4.83¼ for sixty days. Posted rates, 4.84@4.85¼ and 4.85 and 4.87. Commercial bills, 4.83¼. Bar silver, 66 5-8. Silver certificates, 66 7-8@67¼. Mexican dollars, 51½.

EVENING POST'S CABLEGRAM.

New York, August 26.—Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets were quiet and dull today. The gold shipments depressed consols and raised money rates slightly. Contango on Americans were 2½ to 3. Prices closed above the worst, but the tone was still heavy. The Paris bourse was quiet and uncertain in tone. The Berlin market was steady.

LONDON CONSOLS.

London, August 26.—Consols for money 113 1-6; for the account 113¼; bar silver 29 11-16d per ounce; money ½ per cent; rate of discount in the open market for short and three months bills 1 per cent.

COMMERCIAL BRIEFS.

New York, August 26.—Government bonds steady; State bonds dull; railroad bonds weak.

New York, August 26.—Clearings, $70,233,000; balances, $1,983,611.

BONDS.

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

New U.S. 4s, reg	112½	G. H. & S. A. 6s	102
New U.S. 4s, coup	112½	H. & S. A. 7s	96
U.S. 5s, reg., ex int	108⅝	H. & T. C. 5s	106
U.S. 5s, coup	108⅝	H. & T. C. 6s	102
U.S. 4s, reg	109	H. & T. C. first 4s	77
U.S. 4s, coup	109	M. K. & T. second 4s	48
U.S. 2s, reg	94¼	St. L. & M. Gen. 5s	89
Missouri 6s	100	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	99⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	71¾	Texas Pac. first 5s	76
Atchison read. 4s	58⅝	Tex. Pac. second 5s	14¼
Can. Pac. 4s	105	U. P. first 6s, old	96
D. & R. G. 7s	100½	West Shore 4s	102
D. & R. G. 4s	83¼	Southern 5s	79
Erie seconds	54¾		

STOCKS.

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

A., T. & S. Fe	10	Northwestern, pfd	144⅛
Central Pacific	12⅛	Pacific Mail	17⅝
Chicago & Alton	150	Reading	8¼
C., B. & Q.	87⅛	Rock Island	75⅛
Amer. Cotton Oil	8¼	St. Paul	63⅝
Del. Hudson	116	St. Paul, preferred	120¾
Del., Lack. & W.	147	Sugar Refined	104
D. & R. G., pref.	37⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron	16⅝
Erie and Ont. F'rs		Texas & Pacific	5
Erie, common	26	United States Ex.	80
Illinois Central	105¾	Wab. St. L. & P.	4⅞
Lake & Texas	139⅝	Wab. St. L. & P., pf	12
Lakeshore	137⅛	Wells-Fargo Ex.	
Lead A.	15	W. U. Telegraph	75
Missouri Pacific	8⅛	Den. & Rio G.	9¼
N. P., pref.	15¼	Den. & Rio G., pf.	
Northwestern, com	92⅝		

*Bid. †Offered.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

CHICAGO.

The following the leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open	High	Low	Closed
Wheat No. 2—Aug.	56¼	56¼	55⅝	55⅞
September	56⅛	56⅝	55⅝	56⅛
December	60⅝	60⅞	59⅝	59⅝
Corn No. 2—August	21⅛	21⅛	21	21⅛
September	21⅝	21⅝	21	21⅛
May	25⅛	26⅛	25⅛	25⅝
Oats No. 2—August	16	16⅛	15⅝	16
September	19	19⅛	18⅝	19⅛
Mess pork—August	5.50	5.50	5.35	5.42½
September	5.60	5.60	5.40	5.52½
October	5.77½	5.82½	5.75	5.77½
January				
Lard—August	3.62½	3.35	3.30	3.32½
September	3.40	3.40	3.32½	3.40
October	3.70	3.75	3.70	3.72½
January				
Short ribs—August	3.12½	3.12½	3.12½	3.15
September	3.22½	3.25	3.22½	3.22½
October	3.40	3.45	3.40	3.42½
January				

CHICAGO.

Chicago, August 26.—Provisions and corn continued on their record breaking downward course today, except pork sold at one time at the previously unheard of price of 5.35 and closed 15 below yesterday's close. Corn showed a decline of ½, a new low record. Wheat suffered from persistent liquidation and closed ½ lower. Oats showed some degree of sand and closed unchanged.

Wheat had a good deal to depress it at the opening. Opening cables were steady and the money market showed an improvement. December, which closed yesterday at 60¾, opened at 60@60¼ and under the effects of liquidation which started at once, went steadily downward. The decline was accelerated by stop loss orders and selling on exhausted margins and in an hour December declined to 59 3-8. The continued weakness in corn and the decline in provisions also helped to depress prices and for a time there seemed to be no effort to check the downward movement. The excitement, however, underwent a sudden change, and during the good buying which followed, the early loss was quickly recovered. The basis for the improvement was the enormous clearances from the seaboard yesterday, amounting to over 500,000 bushels in wheat and flour. This developed confidence and there was covering by the early sellers and buying for the long account, resulting in nearly all the early decline being recovered, December advancing to 60⅛. The advance had meanwhile brought in heavy realizing and prices advanced again. The closing weakness of cables and low prices for corn kept the market nervously weak to the close; December closing at 59⅞.

Corn was fairly active, but weak. September showed the most depression. There was active liquidation in that month and it made a new record for cheapness. May held comparatively steady.

Oats held very well considering the weakness and the close was steady and unchanged.

Provisions repeated their performance, which has been gone through so often lately, and scored new low records, pork being the only weak thing. The selling of pork was very weak. The live stock market was futless and the apparent slump in corn helped the weakness.

Estimated receipts Thursday: Wheat, 150 cars; corn 500 cars; oats 300 cars; hogs 24,000 head.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

No. 2 spring wheat 53¾, No. 3 spring wheat 52½; No. 2 red 60¾@61.

No. 2 corn 21⅛.

No. 2 oats 16; No. 2 white 19¾@20½; No. 3 white 15¾@18.

No. 2 rye 32.

No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3 29@30; No. 4 26@27.

No. 1 flax seed 66¾.

Prime timothy seed 2.60.

Mess pork—Per bbl 5.40@5.45.

Lard—Per 100 lbs 3.32½.

Short ribs sides—Loose 3.15@3.20.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed 3¾@4.

Short clear sides—Boxed 3¾@3¾.

Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon 1.18.

Cheese—Quiet, 7¼@7¾.

	Receipts	Shipments
Flour, bbls	13,000	7,000
Wheat, bu	34,000	201,000
Corn, bu	419,000	181,000
Oats, bu	476,000	228,000
Rye, bu	9,000	.....
Barley, bu	6,000	4,000

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, August 26.—Wheat lower; No. 2 red cash 62 elevator, No. 2 hard 51@52, August 62, September 59 7-8@60, December 62⅝. Corn lower; cash and August 19¼, October 19 3-8@19⅝, December 20¼@21¼. Oats lower; cash 17 bid, September 16⅝, May 19 5-8 asked. Rye quiet, 28. Barley nominal. Cornmeal 1.30. Bran quiet, 69½. Flaxseed 62@63. Timothy seed 2.65. Whisky steady, 1.18. Hay unchanged. Cotton ties 1.35; bagging 5 7-8@6¼. Pork—Jobbing 6.25. Lard lower; prime 3.20, choice 3.30. Bacon and dry salt meats quiet and unchanged.

Receipts—Flour 2000, wheat 129,000, corn 74,000, oats 48,000. Shipments—Flour 7000, Wheat 40,000, corn 27,000, oats none.

NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, August 26.—Hog products firm; pork, old, 6¾; new 8¾. Lard—Refined tierce 3.62½. Dressed meats dry salt shoulders 4.12½, sides 4.50. Bacon, clear sides 4.37½@4.00. Hams, choice sugar cured 9½@9¾.

Rice quiet; ordinary to good 2¼@4¼. Flour quiet; extra fancy 3.65@3.15, patents 3.90@4.40. Cornmeal quiet, 1.50. Bran dull, 42@43. Hay easy; prime 10@11.50, choice 15.50. Corn quiet and weak; No. 2 sacked mixed and white 28, yellow 29@30. Oats—No. 2 sacked old 25@26, new 24.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, August 26.—Wheat active; No. 2 hard nominally 52; No. 3 47@49; No. 2 red nominally 59; No. 3, 52@55; No. 2 spring nominally 48@; No. 3, 48. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed 20½; No. 2 white 20½. Oats active and unchanged; No. 2 mixed nominally 15; No. 2 white, old nominally 22. Rye, No. 2, 28. Hay firm; timothy, choice 7.50@8.00; prairie, choice 4.50@5.00. Receipts—Wheat 41,300, corn 34,000, oats 16,300. Shipments none.

NEW YORK.

New York, August 26.—Wheat—Receipts 125,700, exports 89,248; spot weak; No. 1 hard 67 7-8; options opened steadier, but promptly sold off under liquidation by Chicago's financial troubles and the big dry goods failure in New York, closed dull at ⅛c net decline; August and September 67 7-8. Hides dull. Leather steady. Wool quiet.

COFFEE.

New York, August 26.—Coffee—Options steady and unchanged to 10 points higher and closed at 15@20 points net advance. Spot coffee—Rio dull; No. 7, 19 5-8, mild quiet; Cordova 15@18½. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 9308, including 898 from New York, New York stock today 214,879; United States stock 225,931; afloat for the United States 177,000; total visible for the United States 502,931, against 549,966 last year.

Santos, August 26.—Firm; good average Santos 11,100 reis per 10 kilos; receipts 20,000; stock 786,000.

Hamburg, August 26.—Steady; ¼pfg advance; sales 1000.

Rio, August 26.—Steady; No. 7 10,700 per 10 kilos; exchange 8 7-8d. Receipts 12,000. Cleared for the United States 7000; Europe 2000; stock 248,000.

Havre, August 26.—Quiet; August ⅛f net decline; other months unchanged; sales 24,000.

New Orleans, August 26.—Coffee—Dull; Rio, ordinary to low fair, 14¼@16¼.

HIDES AND WOOL.

HOUSTON MARKET.

Hides—Prices paid by receivers—

Dry flint, selected	6 @ 6½
Dry salt	5 @ 5½
Wet salted, selected	3 @ 3½
Deer skins	15 @16

Wool—Quotations strictly nominal—

Twelve months, medium	7@9
Twelve months, fine	7 @....
Six months 1895 lees	
Tallow—Prime	2½@
Beeswax—Good run	17 @18

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS.

New Orleans, August 26.—The market for cotton seed products is dull and nominal; prime crude oil, in bulk, 16@16½; prime summer yellow, in barrels, 23; meal, $16.50@17.00 per short ton; cake, long ton, for export, $18.25@18.50.

New York, August 26.—Cotton seed products steady and unchanged; prime crude oil, in barrels, 19@20; prime summer yellow, in barrels, 23@23½; prime cotton seed meal, $18.00@20.00 per ton.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Kansas City, Mo., August 26.—Butter—Firm; creamery 13@14; dairy 10@13. Eggs—Firm; demand fair; quotable 9.

St. Louis, August 26.—Butter—Firm; creamery 12@19; dairy 9@14. Eggs—Quiet, 10.

Chicago, August 26.—Butter—Firm; creamery 9@16; dairy 9@14. Eggs—Firm, 12.

SUGAR.

New York, August 26.—Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady.

New Orleans, August 26.—Sugar—Steady; centrifugal whites 4; yellows 3 11-16@3 15-16; seconds 2½@3½. Molasses—Dull; centrifugal 30@.

CHARGED WITH RAPE.

Paris, Texas, August 26.—Will Shumate, a young married man, was lodged in jail today by Deputy Marshal Yarborough, charged with committing a criminal assault upon Mrs. Henrietta Riesner, near Bennington, I. T., a few days ago. Shumate had formerly worked for Mr. Riesner and during his absence from home Shumate called at his house and she claimed accomplished his purpose by force. He was committed by Commissioner Grubbs without bail.

COTTON MARKET REVIEW.

The Bears Made Another Successful Raid.

SENT PRICES DOWN THIRTY POINTS

The Market Has Lost Seventy-five Points Since Saturday—The Sentiment Is Still Bullish.

Office of The Post,
Houston, Wednesday, August 26.

The bears went at the market with blood in their eyes this morning, and when their raid was finished cotton had been dashed down to the lowest prices that have prevailed in many days. The total loss in the American markets today was 25 to 30 points. December in New York touched bottom at 7.71, against 8.46 for the highest last Saturday. This is a loss of ⅝c a pound, or $3.75 a bale, in the past three days.

After the firmness shown in all markets yesterday the sharp decline today came as a complete surprise to many traders. While Liverpool only put futures down 2½@3 6d, telegrams from New York stated that large selling orders were received from abroad this morning. Liverpool spot sales of only 600 bales at a decline of 1-32d was another very bad feature. Foreign cables state that many offers of spot cotton have been received from the South, and that Liverpool is inclined to be skeptical in regard to crop damage reports. The heavy receipts at United States ports are considered a bearish feature, the total today being 15,000, against 600 on the corresponding date last year.

The local sentiment this afternoon was rather bullish, many believing that there was nothing in the situation to warrant the decline seen today and Monday, and predicting a sharp reaction tomorrow. Very few correspondents report any prospect for a material increase of the yield by recent rains, while many claim that more harm than good will result. Some well posted cotton men believe, however, that with favorable weather from now on the late crop will show a considerable increase in the total production.

At today's session New York futures opened steady at a decline of 2 to 5 points. December sold at 8c early in the day, but soon began a downward movement that seemed to gain impetus every five minutes. By noon 25 points had been knocked off. December selling for 7.75. The lowest figure reached was 7.71, and from this price advanced to 7.80. Just before the close another decline set in and final figures were 7.73@7.74, against 8c yesterday. September sold at 7.90 for the highest and closed at 7.67, as compared with 7.93 the day before.

In New Orleans futures opened barely steady at a decline of 2 to 4 points. December started at 7.79, sold at 7.73 a few minutes thereafter, dropped to 7.45 during the session and closed at 7.47@7.48, as against 7.73@7.74 yesterday. October was quoted at 7.62 on the opening but sold at 7.38 before the close.

The spot markets were all affected by the decline in futures. Houston, Galveston and New Orleans closed ⅛c lower, New York and Memphis lost 3-16c and Savannah ¼c.

New York, August 26.—The cotton market opened steady at 2@4 points decline, advanced slightly but during the balance of the day developed decided weakness on disappointing cables, bearish government, weather and crop bulletins, particularly as to Texas and Arkansas heavy receipts for the day. Financial conditions were very unsatisfactory and increased the selling movement. Liquidation was general. The close was steady at the decline at 26 to 28 points loss.

New York, August 26.—There was more stir and business in the dry goods market today than for many days. The demand was general for all seasonable stuffs, but particularly for brown bleached and colored cotton, printed fabrics, cotton flannels and assortments of a miscellaneous character.

COTTON POINTS.

Middling cotton in Houston is today the same price it was on this date last year.

New York advices to Cargill & Richardson at 9:23 a. m. said: "Sharp decline, caused by stop orders and bear raid."

R. H. Hooper, manager of the firm of Bateson, Hooper & Co., of Liverpool, has returned from his vacation abroad.

The following visitors were registered at the Houston Cotton Exchange today: W. Foster of Bryan, E. T. Smith of New Orleans and C. A. Denny and C. M. Muench of San Antonio.

Hubbard Bros. & Co. wired R. W. Martin at 9:30 a. m.: "Liverpool large seller; shorts covering here, otherwise no outside support. Apparently Liverpool unloading South offers on this market."

COTTON.

HOUSTON DAILY STATEMENT.

	This Day	Yesday	Last Year
Gross receipts	4,647	9,154	670
Net receipts	2,507	4,163	333
Gross shipments	4,454	7,591	297
Stock	20,799	20,606	2,932

HOUSTON SPOTS.

	Today	Yesday	Last Year
Low ordinary	6⅛	6¼	6
Ordinary	6⅝	6⅞	6½
Good ordinary	7	7⅛	6⅞
Low middling	7⅜	7⅝	7¼
Middling	7⅝	7¾	7⅝
Good middling	7⅞	8	7⅞
Middling fair	8¼	8⅜	8¼
Sales		188	24

GALVESTON SPOTS.

	Today	Yesterday
Low ordinary	6⅛	6¼
Ordinary	6⅝	6¾
Good ordinary	7	7⅛
Low middling	7⅜	7⅝
Middling	7⅝	7¾
Good middling	7⅞	8