USINESS BAROMETER.

to the Condition of Trade Generally.

SNAP TO THE MARKETS.

Sellers Acting Conservatively. w Orleans Fruit Dissolved cker Hides Reviewed.

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n absence of snap to the mar- ulators are holding aloof until election is decided, when they ivest some of their spare board- speculative products. Merchants ably conservative in purchasing are cautious in extension of of which combine to make the ther inactive. In fact, in some is hardly sufficient doing to s. The demolition of the New k combine has left a surplus hand there, but so far no de- ect to prices is visible.

ing is from the Chicago Shoe r Review of October 22:

of packer hides have not been prices are trend strongly up- ited to a limited ed. The receipts of cattle have a decrease from last year, while of sheep cattle in last week s excess to which mutton is limited for long.

ance movement in hides began ks ago, and in view of the gen- ly of business seemed illog cal granted. Many persons refused that hides could sustain rapid at such a time as this, and they predicted a relapse. The hide however, steadily adhered to ed rather loath to follow ul in the upward march. Now l corn and other staples are ex- a boom, some of the more con- members of the trade and some beginning to realize that there perent strength in the hide and kets. Our latest advices from ford, Manchester and Glasgow the English hide markets are ance. The speculators in the ies are determined by auction hence are not merely asking

t to leather prices we have parts to learn the exact con- fairs abroad, and our investi- ed consequently in the fact that is limited supply, especially in h markets. Some of the most f conservative men in the lead- er trade have stated that the for a sustained rise in leather better than they were in 1895, excitement prevailed on both he Atlantic and fortunes were lost in leather.

ns have great confidence in of hides. They are absolutely to sell ahead and will trade s shipment. They say prices will next month and are almost in- bout selling now even for prices y.

dalaux Sorbal says:

e law of 1789, the first tariff law, on sugar was 1 cent per pound; laws of 1795, 1797 and 1798, 1½ pound; the law of 1797 fixed it per pound; the laws of 1799 and cents; the laws of 1812 at 5 laws of 1816, 1819, 1824 and 1829 of 1832 at 2½ cents; of 1842 at this being the first ad valorem on sugar, the law of 1842 re- 2½ cents per pound, while the fixed it at 30 per cent and va- that of 1857 at 24 per cent.

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nnecticut Agricultural experiments onstrated that the nitrogen in ed meat and linseed meal is valuable as that in dried blood s so than in tankage. Nitrogen ectior and meat will give the combination at wholesale $3.4 or gen at retail. The more in- farmers seem to understand this, ing to the fact that a good meal ed in connection with linseed ed yellow meal should always be extending the use of cash ay way, it has been found that s by far the cheapest source, in lots falling below 1 cents a price.

STON PRICE CURRENT.

otations are revised daily and ectness can be relied upon. The e those ruling in the Houston markets:

GREASE—Inaxwood, $1.75 per ner, in tin boxes, $2.00 per gross, $[illegible] per dozen boxes; castor

ITION—Powder, per keg, $1.60 ng powder, $[illegible] per keg; sports shot, per sack, $1.25@1.30; buck-

Short clear, boxed, [illegible]; in less breakfast, [illegible]; dry salt, w York salt bellies, [illegible]; alt bellies, [illegible]; smoked bel-

G AND TIES—Carload lots, f. ston or Galveston: Hugging, 2- lb, [illegible]; Tiger, Arrow, 8, 8.55. In small lots from store, per yard higher; less 5c per her.

POWDER—Axes, 1-lb, $2.00; lb, 75c; Vigor Gun, per dozen [illegible]; ½-lb, [illegible]; 1-lb, $[illegible]; 2-lb, $[illegible]; 5-lb, $[illegible]; 10-lb, $[illegible]; cans $[illegible] per dozen; Peters's per dozen; Hoyt, 10 oz, $[illegible]; FRUIT—Per dozen: Strawber- ple, pineapples standard $1.00; ies and cherries $1.60; seconds, $1 ers, standard, $[illegible]; Cherries, $[illegible]; $1.60@1.80; 2-lb, $1.90@ standard, $1.50@1.75; seconds, $1.40@1.50; 2-lb, standard, $1.60@1.80; peaches, 2-lb, pie peaches, $[illegible]; 2-lb, pie blackberries, 75@80c; 2-lb, Kentucky Sorghum

Pan candy, 5@6½c; grapes, 1 lb, $[illegible]; 2-lb, $[illegible]; VEGETABLES—Marrowfat 2-lb, Lima beans, [illegible]; stringless beans, $[illegible]; corn, $1.25; toma- toes, $[illegible]; 2-lb, $[illegible]; sweet potatoes, 3-lb, [illegible]; MEATS—Roast beef, 1-lb, $[illegible]; 2-lb, $[illegible]; corned beef, 1-lb, $[illegible]; 2-lb, $[illegible]; Frankfort sausage, 2-lb, $[illegible]; ham, 1-lb, $[illegible]; 2-lb, $[illegible]; tongue, 1-lb, $[illegible]; 2-lb, $[illegible]; deviled ham, $[illegible]; deviled tongue, $[illegible]; Grande Ca and ac Sardines, assorted colors, 3¼, 1lb [illegible]; Rio and Cordova Fair, 10½ [illegible]; choice, 11½; fancy, 12½; Apex basis, [illegible]; on commission: Arbuckles in 100 lots, $[illegible]; Mocha and Java, fancy

Carload lots: Total Wave, $[illegible]; second roller patent, $4.40; Sea extra roller fancy, $4.25; Sea Foam, $4.25; Pomeroy, $4.25; rates for shipments to interior ar in barrels 15c; sleve sacks, 10 ARTON'S GOODS—Grits, Bombay ks, $1.65; per bbl $2.75; pearl meal, $1.65 per bbl or 4 sacks; ks, $1.60 per case.

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FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in 10-lb kits, 90c @$1.25; No. 1, half bbls, $6.00@6.50; sardines, American quarters, in oil, $2.90@3.00.

HAMS—Standard, 10¾@11c; picnic hams, 7@7½c.

HONEY—In 60-lb cans, extracted, 5@6c; in comb, 8@9c; 12-lb cans, extracted, 6@7c.

LARD—Refined, tierces, compound, 4¾@5c; leaf, 5¾@5¾c; 50-lb cans, ⅛c higher than tierces; 10-lb cans ⅛c higher; 5-lb ⅛c higher; 3-lb ¼c higher.

MOLASSES—Centrifugal, fair, 16@17c; prime, 20@25c; choice open kettle, 27@30c.

RICE—Extra fancy head, 5@5½c; fancy imported rice, 5¼c; choice, 4¾@5c; fair, 3 @3½c.

ROPE—Basis for 7-16: Sisal, 5¾@6c; manilla, 8@9c; cotton, 10@10½c.

SALT—Liverpool, coarse, 75@80c; fine, 85c; Louisiana, coarse, 75c; fine, 85c; barrel 5-lbs, $2.25; 10-lbs, $2.20; 100-lbs, $2.50; 70-lbs, $2.45.

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl, in 40 lb boxes, 3½c; Royal Gloss, bulk, 3½c; Nickel, 100 packages, per box, $2.75; corn starch, 6@7c per lb, 20 and 40-lb boxes.

SUGAR—Quotations are for small lots; special prices given on carload orders.) Standard granulated 4¾@5c; plantation, 4¼@4¾c; German granulated in sacks, 4¾c; cubes, 4¾@5c; powdered, 4¼@5c; yellow clarified, fancy, 4¼@4½c; choice, 4c.

PRODUCE.

BEANS—California small white, 2¾@2⅞c per lb; Bayou, 2¾@2⅞c; pink, 2¼@2½c; Lima, 3½@4c; Kiln-dried peas 3c.

BUTTER—Blue Star, 18c; dairy, 15c; table, 12c; fancy Elgin creamery, 22c; fresh Texas country, 8@9c, if in good condition.

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

CABBAGE—Missouri $2.25@2.50; fancy Colorado, $[illegible].

CHEESE—New York full cream, 13c; Wisconsin full cream, 12½@[illegible]; Young America, 13c; Swiss, 20@22c; imitation Swiss, 17@18c; brick cheese, 12@12c; limberger, 12c.

EGGS—Texas, in cases, candled, 18c; Kansas, 18c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, $2.75@2.00 per dozen; venison, fair per pound; dover, 60 cts per dozen; quail, $1.50@1.00 per dozen; squirrels, 90@75c per dozen.

KRAUT—New, $2.25@2.00 per half barrel.

ONIONS—Texas, Stocks per bushel.

PEPPER—Chili, 20c per pound.

POTATOES—Northern and Western, 60 @65c; choice Colorado, 70@75c; sweet potatoes, 50@60c per bushel.

POULTRY—Chickens, per dozen, old hens, $2.00@2.25; large fryers, $1.75@2.25; broilers, $1.25@1.50 according to size; turkey hens $4.00@5.00; turkey gobblers, $6.00 @8.00; ducks, $2.25@2.75; geese, $1.00@1.00.

WIRE AND NAILS.

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

BARBED WIRE—Glidden, galvanized, $2.30 per 100 lbs, painted wire, $2.05; Washburn, 25c higher than Glidden.

WIRE NAILS—Base, $2.15 per keg, advances, 10 to 60 penny, 20c; 8 and 9 penny, 10c; 6 and 7 penny, 75c; 4 and 5 penny, 90c; 3 penny, $1.50; 2 penny, $1.60.

CUT NAILS—Base, $2.00 per keg; same advances as on wire nails.

FRUITS AND NUTS.

APPLES—Missouri and Arkansas, $2.25@2.75; fancy New State Kings $2.75@3.00.

BANANAS—Per bunch, $1.00@1.50.

COCOANUTS—$4.00@4.50 per 100; $34.00 per bbl.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Tokay, $1.75 per 20 lb crates; Black Prince, Rose Peru, Muscatel, Malaga grapes, $1.50.

LEMONS—Messina and Palermo, choice $[illegible]; fancy, $1.00@1.25.

NUTS—Pecans, 10c per lb; filberts, Sicily, 10c; Naples, 12c; walnuts, 10@12c; peanuts, [illegible]; almonds, Tarragona, 10c per lb, 75c per sack; California almonds, 10c; pecans, 6@7c.

ORANGES—Mexican, $3.75 per box.

PAINTS AND OILS.

OIL—Linseed, in bbls, raw, 37c; boiled, 38c; petroleum, 150 test in bbls, 10c, in cases, $1.70; brilliant oil, $1.35; in bbls, 12c; stove gasoline, in cases, $1.80; in bbls, 14c; Eugene oil, in bbls, 18c; in cases, $2.30; castor oil, medical pure, 90c; turpentine, in bbls, 35c.

WHITE LEAD—Strictly pure, 6¾@7c; standard white lead 6½c; painters, 5½.

WINDOW GLASS—5 boxes, 60 and 20 to 7 per cent discount, new list.

LIQUORS.

BEER—Schlitz, quarts, $10.50 per bbl; pints, $11.00 per bbl, Dixie Pale, quarts, $[illegible] pints, $[illegible]; Magnolia Pale, quarts, $[illegible] pints, $[illegible].

HIGH WINES—$1.[illegible] per gallon.

WHISKY—Per gallon: Finished goods on hand, wine leaves, $1.[illegible]; straight Bourbon and rye, according to age and quality, $1.75@2.00; blended, $1.75@2.00.

DRIED FRUITS.

APPLES—Fancy sliced, in boxes, 4½@ 5c, choice evaporated, 6@7c; fancy, 7c; c-tron, 15c per lb; currants, in bbls, 4¾@5c; per, evaporated, 8c; Turkish layer, 10c; cleaned currants, in boxes, 6c; in 1-lb cartons, 6½c; nectarines, evaporated, 8c; peaches, evaporated, 6½c; pears, evaporated, 6@7c; plums, pitted, 8c; apricots, 10c.

RAISINS—California L. L., boxes, new, $1.00; 2 crown L. M. raisins, 50lb boxes, $2.25; 3 crown L. M., 50lb boxes, $[illegible].

PRUNES—Crop of 1895, California prunes 40-50s, 5½c; 50-60s, 4½c; 60-70s, 4c; 70-80s, 3½c; 80-90s, 3c; silver prunes, 7@8c; ruby prunes, 7@8c.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Carload lots, 50b sacks, from mills, dealers charge from store 5@10c more per 100 lbs on bran, 2@3c per bushel on oats and corn.

BRAN—75c.

CHOPPED CORN—90c per 100 lbs.

CORN—Sacked, 40c.

OATS—Sacks, No. 2 Nebraska, 28@30c.

HAY—Alfalfa, $11.00@12.00 per ton; mixed, $10.50@11.50; timothy, $10.00@12.00; South Texas prairie, $8.00@10.00.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

CHICAGO.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	Ch.	Low.	Closed.
Wheat No. 2—				
December	69	69	68¾	69¾
May	72⅞	73¼	70⅞	73⅞
Corn No. 2—Oct.	23⅞	23⅞	23⅞	23¾
December	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞
May	27¼	28⅞	27¼	28¼
Oats No. 2—Oct.	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
December	18¼	18⅞	18¼	18¼
May	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞
Mess pork—Oct.	6.90	6.90	6.80	6.80
December	7.05	7.05	7.00	7.00
January	7.15	7.20	7.10	7.10
Lard—Oct.				
December	4.25	4.30	4.20	4.30
January	4.35	4.30	4.27½	4.30
Short ribs—Oct.				3.92½
December	3.95	3.97½	3.90	3.97½
January				4.00

Chicago, October 28.—Wheat today acted as if it started on a renewal of a temporarily suspended bull campaign. Advances of 1@1½c for December and closed at 70⅞c, or nearly 4c higher than it did yesterday. Better Liverpool cables, a strong northwest market and the announcement for Australian shipments, all contributed to better tone. Corn and oats participated in the bull feeling, advancing ¼c and ⅛c respectively. Provisions closed at practically unchanged figures.

Wheat—The Liverpool market was once again a surprise to the traders here, who looked for its being quoted very weak in sympathy with the emphatic slump that on yesterday's cable. Instead, there showed a decided contrary, prices from there showed a 1-32 advance by the time the speculation opened. That resulted in 1@1½c advance in December. Transactions in December options were made at from 69 to 69¾, and toward close of half an hour the price had risen to 69 5-8@70.

The Northwestern receipts were again so heavy that they weighed at times on the minds of the traders like Banquo's ghost at the banquet on the imagination of Macbeth. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 1258 carloads received, compared with 955 a week ago, and with 1528 on the corresponding day of the year before. A decrease in the situation in Minneapolis which was much commented upon was that the premium over cash wheat in that market, which a few days ago was 6c, was down at 1c at one time today.

A little before noon a steady advance set in, December climbing to 70 5-8. This was caused principally by sudden development of buying orders. The Northwest was also bullish, prices there advancing sharply, making nearly 2c advance and there was good buying for Northwest account. During the last fifteen minutes telegrams from San Francisco confirming the sales of three cargoes to Australia started buying anew, December advanced to 71¼, but reacted somewhat before the close, final figures being 70@70 7-8@7½.

Corn was quiet but firm, being helped a good deal by the stronger feeling in wheat. The advance in freights from the West is expected to diminish the receipts temporarily at least, and that perhaps made shorts all the more ready to cover.

Oats were quiet. A firm feeling existed and prices were higher, influenced by the action of wheat and corn. Very little interest centered in the market.

Provisions were heavy. The heavy receipts of hogs and large estimates for tomorrow caused a weak opening and under pretty general selling a further decline took place. January pork closed 2½ lower; January lard and ribs unchanged.

Estimated receipts Thursday—Wheat 116 cars; corn 500 cars; oats 45 cars, hogs 37,000 head.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 68½; No. 3 spring, 62@64½; No. 2 red, 71 7-8@72½.

Corn—No. 2, 23½@23¾.

Oats—No. 2 white, f.o.b. 19½@21¾, o. 3 white, f.o.b. 17@19½.

Rye—No. 2, 35.

Barley—No. 2, nominal; No. 3 f.o.b. 25@31; No. 4, f.o.b. 23½@28.

Flaxseed—No. 1, 80@80½.

Timothy seed—$3.[illegible].

Mess pork—Per bbl, 6.80@7.00.

Lard—Per 100 lbs, 4.30@4.35.

Short ribs, sides (loose), 3.75@3.87½.

Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4@4¼.

Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., 1.18.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	26,000	18,000
Wheat, bushels	22,000	27,000
Corn, bushels	571,000	617,000
Oats, bushels	430,000	194,000
Rye, bushels	5,000	.....
Barley, bushels	21,000	222,000

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, October 28.—Flour dull and easy. Wheat—Futures higher, close strong. No. 2 red, cash, elevator 69c; track 69@70c; No. 4 hard, cash 66; December 70¼@¾; May 73 asked. Corn—Futures higher, spot dull and easy. No. 2 cash 23½@¾c; December 23½@¾; May 26¼. Oats—Futures opened easy but rallied and advanced along with other grain; spot dull and easy. No. 2 cash 16¾ bid; May 21c. Rye 35c. Lard—Harley nominal. Corn meal 1.40. Bran dull and lower, sacked 70@75c. Hay steady. Whisky 1.18. Cotton ties and bagging unchanged. Pork lower, standard mess jobbing 7.12½@7.20. Lard higher, prime steam 4.32. Dry salt meats—Boxed shoulders, extra short clear and ribs 4.62½; shorts 4.75. Dry salt meats—Boxed shoulders, extra short clear and ribs 4.12½; shorts 4.25. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, extra short clear and ribs 4.62½; shorts 4.75. Receipts—Flour 800, wheat 24,000, corn 118,000, oats 31,000. Shipments—Flour 7000, wheat 31,000, corn 128,000, oats 15,000.

NEW YORK.

New York, October 28.—Wheat—Receipts 21,000; exports none; spot strong. No. 2 red f.o.b. 81c afloat, opened firm on cables and rules quiet until afternoon when prices slowly fell sharply on reported continuation of the Indian drouth, purchase of several California cargoes for Australia, strong cash market at Minneapolis and local covering, closed 1@1½c higher. No. 2 red, May 81; December 77½. Wool quiet. Cotton seed oil quiet.

NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., October 28.—Hog products firm. Pork, mess [illegible]. Lard refined 4 tierces, 4¾. Boxed meats dry salt, shoulders 4½; sides 4½. Bacon, clear rib sides 4½; choice sugar cured, 5¾@6.

Coffee—L. I. [illegible]. Flour quiet, extra fancy $2.90@3.00; patents, $3.90@4.00. Bran firm, 70. Hay steady, prime $[illegible]; choice $[illegible]. Corn quiet. No. 2 sacked, white and mixed, 31; yellow, 31. Oats. No. 2 sacked, 21. Rice, ordinary to good 3@4½.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, October 28.—Wheat opened unchanged, closed 1@2c higher. No. 1 hard cf. No. 2 red 72@74. No. 3 67@71. Corn 1@½c higher. No. 2 spring, 30. No. 3, 26. Corn active and unchanged. No. 2 mixed 26@26½c; No. 2 white 27. Oats steady, fairly active. No. 2 mixed nominally 16@17c. No. 2 white, old 20½; new nominally 16@18. Rye steady. No. 2 nominally 28@30. Hay steady. Receipts—Wheat 75,000, corn 49,000, oats 31,000. Shipments none.

LIVE STOCK.

HOUSTON.

F. B. Hall, live stock commission merchant, reports as follows:

Houston live stock market quotations by F. B. Hall, commission merchant:

Beeves—First class	2¼
Beeves—Common	2
Cows	1½@2
Calves	2½@3
Yearlings	2 @2½
Sheep—First class	3
Corn-fed hogs	3½@3¾

All classes of first class stock are ready at quotations. Market bare of hogs, overstocked with calves and sheep.

GALVESTON.

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

Beeves—	
Choice, per lb, gross	2 @2¼
Common, per lb, gross	1½@1¾
Cows—	
Choice, per lb, gross	2 @2¼
Common, per head	$10.00@12.00
Yearlings—	
Choice, per lb, gross	2½@2¾
Common, per lb, gross	1½@2
Calves—	
Choice, per lb, gross	3 @3½
Common, per lb, gross	2½@2¾
Sheep—	
Choice, per lb, gross	3 @3½
Common, per head	$1.00@1.50
Hogs—	
Corn-fed	3½@4
Mastled	2½@3

Receipts—	Today.	Yesterday.	Same day last year.
Beeves and cows	119	1,020	96
Calves and yearlings	300	1,114	90
Sheep	231	2,010	380
Hogs	10	115	200

Choice cattle and calves in demand. Market supplied with sheep and hogs.

NEW ORLEANS.

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

Good fat beeves	3 @3½
Good fat cows	2½@2¾
Common to fair	1½@2
Good fat yearlings	$3.50@3.00
Common to fair yearlings	6.50@8.50
Common to fair calves	5.50@6.50
Common to good fat calves	5.50@6.00
Good corn-fed hogs	3¼@3½
Common to fair hogs	3 @3¼
Good fat sheep	2½@3
Common to fair sheep, good lambs	2 @2½

	Receipts.	Sales.	On hand.
Cattle	1,000	.....	2,000
Calves and yearlings	55	175	267
Hogs	.....	50	54
Sheep	.....	.....	.....

Cattle market quiet; hogs weak; sheep in demand.

FORT WORTH.

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

Cattle quotations—

Prime steers	2.25@2.40
Good fat yearlings	1.90@1.90

Hog quotations—

Corn-fed hogs	2.60@2.75
Medium hogs	2.40@2.50
Mast hogs	1.75@2.10

Sheep quotations—

Good fat sheep	2.25@2.50

Chicago, October 28.—The general run of cattle moved off at stronger prices and most lots were quite higher. Common to prime native beef steers were quite higher. Common to prime native beef steers were in demand at 2.30@3.00, with sales largely between 2.80@4.00. There was the usual demand for stockers and feeders, with sales at 2.25@3.30. Cows and heifers sold largely at 2.00@3.00, choice heifers scarce and firm at 3.50@3.85; bulls 2.00@ 2.75; calves inactive at ruling quotations. Texas cattle were 10 higher and choice steers were wanted at 2.60@3.25. Western steers were wanted and higher, sales of cows range active and higher, sales of cows and steers largely at 2.20@3.50. Trade in and steers largely at 2.20@3.50. Trade in and steers largely at 2.20@3.50. Trade in hogs was not very animated and prices suffered a further reduction of 5@10. Common to prime 3.00@3.45; heavy, 3.30@3.50. The local packers' syndicate offered 3.40 for light weights, but later refused to pay over 3.35 and the market closed 10 lower. There was the usual moderate demand for sheep at the ruling low prices. Common to good fat 1.50@3.00, good feeders 2.50, choice native scarce at 3.00@3.25. Lambs in fairly good demand at 3.75@ 4.75, a few prime lots being wanted at 4.10@4.50. Receipts—Cattle, 10,500; hogs 38,000; sheep, 15,000.

Kansas City, October 28.—Cattle—Receipts 19,000, shipments 2000; steady to strong and active. Texas steers 2.60@3.85, Texas cows 1.50@2.60, native steers 2.50@4.80, native cows and heifers 1.30@3.00, stockers and feeders 2.00@3.70, bulls 1.75@3.00. Hogs—Receipts 10,000, shipments none; weak, 5c lower; bulk of sales 3.20@3.30, heavy packers 3.15@3.25, mixed 3.20@3.30, light 3.20@3.35. Sheep—Receipts 3000, shipments 2000; lambs 2.25@4.25, muttons 1.25@3.00.

COTTON MARKET REVIEW.

Quotations From the Leading Centers of the World.

ENTIRE ABSENCE OF SPECULATION.

All the Spot Markets Unchanged—New York Futures Slightly Lower—How Houston Counts Cotton.

Office of The Post,
Houston, Wednesday, October 28.

There was no change in the American spot markets today. Houston, New Orleans and Savannah closed steady, New York quiet and Galveston and Memphis firm. Liverpool spots were revised, being 1-16d higher.

Liverpool futures opened up 3-64d higher and closed at an advance over yesterday of 3-64@1-64d.

New Orleans futures opened at advances of 2 to 4 points and closed steady practically unchanged.

New York futures opened firm 2 to 4 points up, but reacted and closed quiet and steady at a decline from yesterday of 1 to 3 points.

The attention of the commercial reporter was called to a communication in the Galveston News from an astute personage, signing himself with a long middle name, C. Rosewall Bynum, with a corporate notice of Houston's methods of counting cotton. If he were better informed he would have gone to the records of the Galveston exchange and found Houston's methods the same as in Galveston, and that the compression of one year with another is pretty even for some ten or fifteen years past as they are now and will continue to be respected, and are recognized as authority by every respectable cotton dealer in all the exchanges.

New York, October 28—Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s auction letter says: It is evident that foreign markets have to advance to even near the disparity between their market and ours, as we can not be expected to absorb the entire crop as it passes on its way to market. The financial situation is against an improvement, though the receipts and weather in the Southwest are all against the large crop ideas current in Europe. The market closed quiet a shade lower than last evening.

New York, October 28.—Considerable new business was effected through many spot solicitors of brown bleached and colored cotton, flannelettes, cotton dress goods, Wool dress stuffs and miscellaneous fabrics. The demand, however, was very much better, and resulted repeat buyers of out of town houses and a good number of visiting buyers were active in their inquiries for staple cottons, and offerings for regular blocks were turned down. Printing cloths in active demand, with sales of 50 pieces spots at 2 3-8 and contracting for 80,000 pieces at 2¾. Large orders in at 2 5-8 bid and declined for spots.

COTTON.

HOUSTON DAILY STATEMENT.

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last year.
Gross receipts	5,458	21,111	4,993
Net receipts	1,000	5,197	2,177
Gross shipments	10,204	2,777	3,808
Stock	63,166	69,942	49,399

HOUSTON SPOTS.

	Today	Yesterday	Last Year
Low ordinary	5 13-16	5 12-16	6 11-16
Ordinary	6 5-16	6 3-16	7 3-16
Good ordinary	6 11-16	6 13-16	7 9-16
Low middling	7 3-16	7 1-16	7 13-16
Middling	7 5-16	7 3-16	8 1-16
Good middling	.....	7⅞	8 9-16
Middling fair	7⅞	7⅞	8 15-16
Sales	500	1,004	84

GALVESTON SPOTS.

	Today	Yesterday
Low ordinary	5⅞	5⅞
Ordinary	6⅞	6⅞
Good ordinary	6¾	6¾
Low middling	7⅞	7⅞
Middling	7⅞	7⅞
Good middling	7 9-16	7 9-16
Middling fair	7 15-16	7 15-16
Sales	1,508	1,005

NEW ORLEANS SPOTS.

	Today	Yesterday
Low ordinary	5 11-16	5 11-16
Ordinary	6 3-16	6 3-16
Good ordinary	6¾	6¾
Low middling	7	7
Middling	7 3-16	7 3-16
Good middling	7⅜	7⅜
Middling fair	7 15-16	7 15-16
Sales	6,500	6,850

NEW YORK SPOTS.

	Today	Yesterday
Good Ordinary	6 15-16	6 15-16
Low middling	7 9-16	7 9-16
Middling	7 15-16	7 15-16
Good middling	8¼	8¼
Middling fair	8 9-16	8 9-16
Sales	604	600

LIVERPOOL SPOTS.

	Today	Yesterday
Ordinary	4⅜	4 7-16
Low ordinary	4 9-16	4¼
Low Middling	4 5-16	4⅛
Middling upland	4 17-32	4 15-32
Middling Orleans	4 19-32	4 9-16
Sales	12,000	10,000
American	10,100	9,900
Speculation and export	1,500	500
Imports	25,000	20,000
American	24,000	23,400

STOCKS AT LEADING MARKETS.

	Today	Yesterday
New York	139,459	135,276
New Orleans	339,459	356,834
Galveston	191,924	205,008
Houston	63,166	69,942
Memphis	102,007	101,002
Savannah	122,000	125,981

UNITED STATES EXPORTS.

	This Week.	Last Year.
Exports Great Britain	105,071	52,695
Exports to France	25,001	28,856
Exports to continent	32,017	45,035
Total 4 ports	162,589	126,581

STOCKS AT UNITED STATES PORTS.

Stock this day	1,020,161
Stock this day last week	1,014,726
Stock this day last year	902,723
Exports since sept. 1	30,458

NEW YORK FUTURES.

Opened firm, 12@8 quiet; closed quiet and steady, sales, 10,100.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closed.	Yesterday.
January	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
November	7.12@7.14	7.19@7.19	7.08@7.09	7.10@7.11	
December	7.16@7.16	7.23@7.23	7.13@7.14	7.16@7.17	
January	7.20@7.20	7.30@7.30	7.20@7.21	7.24@7.25	
February	7.30@7.30	7.40@7.40	7.30@7.31	7.34@7.35	
March	7.40@7.40	7.50@7.50	7.40@7.41	7.45@7.46	
April	7.45@7.47	7.57@7.57	7.45@7.46	7.53@7.54	
May	7.52@7.54	7.64@7.65	7.52@7.53	7.60@7.61	
June	7.60@7.61	7.71@7.72	7.60@7.61	7.67@7.68	

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES.

Opened steady; 1267, barely steady; closed steady; sales, 2,300.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closed.	Yesterday.
January	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
November	7.12@7.13	7.20@7.21	7.08@7.09	7.20@7.21	
December	7.16@7.17	7.23@7.24	7.13@7.14	7.20@7.21	
January	7.20@7.21	7.30@7.31	7.20@7.21	7.30@7.31	
February	7.30@7.31	7.40@7.41	7.30@7.31	7.40@7.41	
March	7.40@7.41	7.50@7.51	7.40@7.41	7.50@7.51	
April	7.45@7.46	7.57@7.58	7.45@7.46	7.56@7.57	
May	7.50@7.51	7.64@7.65	7.50@7.51	7.63@7.64	
June	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

HAVRE MARKET.

Havre, October 28.—Spots quiet; futures steady.

	Open.	Close.	Yesterday.
Ordinaire	55½	56½	56
Bas ordinaire	54½	54½	54
Bas	52½	52½	52
October	50	50½	50½
November	49½	49½	49½
December	49¼	49¼	49¼
January	49	49	48¾
February	49	49	48¾
March	49	49	48¾
April	49½	49½	48¾

SEMI-WEEKLY MOVEMENT.

New Orleans, October 28.—Secretary Hester's report on the movement of cotton at thirteen leading interior towns for the half week ending yesterday, compared with the corresponding period in previous seasons, is:

	1896.	1895.	1894.
Receipts	36,289	38,782	167,036
Shipments	36,782	67,358	127,818
Stock	344,792	269,485	234,292

Half week ending October 21:

	1896.	1895.	1894.
Receipts	112,413	116,356	148,559
Shipments	90,394	82,668	119,511
Stock	333,859	228,039	195,423

Half week ending October 14:

	1896.	1895.	1894.
Receipts	115,048	115,150	143,292
Shipments	96,858	69,820	111,064
Stock	297,360	184,772	194,427

Half week ending October 7:

	1896.	1895.	1894.
Receipts	118,139	103,792	118,598

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.

Opened steady, demand fair; 2 p. m. steady; closed steady.

	Open.	10 a.m.	2 p.m.	Closed	Yesterday Closing.
October	4 22-23	4 23-30	4 23		4 21-22
Oct-November	4 19-20	4 20-21	4 20-21		4 18
Nov-Dec	4 15-17	4 16-17	4 16-17		4 12-13
Dec-Jan	4 14-15	4 15-16	4 15b		4 11-12
Jan-Feb	4 13-15	4 14-15	4 14b		4 11a
Feb-March	4 14	4 14-15	4 14b		4 11a
March-April	4 15	4 15-16	4 14b		4 11a
April-May	4 15-17	4 16	4 15		4 12-13
May-June	4 15-16	4 16-17	4 15-16		4 12-13
June-July	4 16	4 17b	4 16b		4 13a
July-August			4 17a		4 13-14

1 Value, 1 B.d. a Sellers.

COMPARATIVE SPOT MARKET.

The following are the closing quotations for cotton on the spot today at the leading markets, together with closing of middling yesterday, with today's sales:

Cent.	Cent.	Sales.	Yesterday.	Sales.
Liverpool	Harden'g 4	7-32	4 [illegible]	12,000
Galveston	Firm	7⅞	7⅞	1,508
New Orleans	Steady	7 9-16	7 9-16	6,500
Mobile	Quiet	7 1-16	7 1-16	400
Savannah	Steady	7	7	1,300
Charleston	Nominal	7	7	.....
Wilmington	Firm	7¼	7¼	.....
Norfolk	Steady	7¼	7¼	1,275
Baltimore	Dull	7⅞	7⅞	.....
New York	Quiet	7 15-16	7 15-16	604
Boston	Quiet	7 15-16	7 15-16	.....
Philadelphia	Quiet	8 1-16	8 1-16	.....
Augusta	Steady	7 9-16	7 9-16	2,345
Memphis	Steady	7¼	7