A BUSINESS BAROMETER

New Plantation Sugars Are Now Arriving on the Local Market.

NEW FEATURE IN PACKAGE SUGAR ADOPTED

Trust Putting Up Granulated Grades in Cotton Sacks—The Canned Salmon Situation.

Office of The Post,
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Houston, Monday, November 14.

Business is extremely quiet, and the chief feature of interest was an advance of ⅛c in granulated sugars. The new Doscher refineries started up last Wednesday, and immediately the Howell refineries reduced prices ⅛c, bringing them to the same basis as other refiners. This decline was only temporary, and had no effect, as it was made to equalize and not to cut prices, which are now too low for profit to refiners.

The Trust has placed on the market sugar in packages. They have posted the following notice:

"To meet any demands that may be made for package sugar, we are preparing to furnish the trade a five-pound cotton package superior to anything yet offered. We also put empty paper packages in the barrels, which will hold up to five pounds, and which may be filled by the retail trade at their convenience."

The bags are similar in style to a bag of salt, except that the cloth is much more closely woven. The sugar company is expected to charge for these bags, though the matter has not yet been definitely decided.

The paper bags will be given away free. Each bag is stamped in this manner: "Five pounds superior quality extra fine granulated sugar, refined by Havemeyer & Elder, New York, weight and purity guaranteed." It is estimated that the free distribution of paper packages will be equivalent to a concession of about 1-16c per pound in the price of sugar.

The Boston jobbers have refused to handle package sugars, and the consequence is that the Trust and Arbuckle have placed agents in that territory who sell direct to retailers. They announce, however, that as soon as the jobbers are willing to handle their goods the refiners will dispose of their package goods through them, as they are averse to dealing with retailers.

Canned Salmon Situation.

Concerning the condition of the canned salmon market on the coast, the San Francisco Grocer and Country Merchant says in its issue of November 4: "The market is very firm, but the demand is moderate except for such of the cheaper descriptions as are still procurable, that is, say, Puget Sound Chums, which are going at 65c, pink Alaska at 67½c to 72½c, and Oregon silversides, outside rivers, at 80c to 85c. Medium red Alaska is also in good demand at 85c to 90c. Packing on the outside Oregon rivers ends by law on the 20th inst., but will close sooner for lack of fish. The Chinook pack there, as already said, was a failure, and only one-third of the orders will be filled. That of silversides, or red fish, on the other hand, was exceptionally good, and some of these are still on sale. All sorts of Columbia river fish, both spring and fall, are completely cleaned up. Puget Sound sockeyes are also out of the market, but cohoes are procurable at 85c. The Pacific Steam Whaling company expect their final arrival of 30,000 cases of Alaska salmon on the 15th of this month. The very latest returns place the pack of the coast at 900,000 cases less than last year, or practically the same as in 1896."

The Louisiana Cane Crop.

The Louisiana Planter says: The reports from our correspondents this week indicate several dissatisfaction with the yield being obtained in the sugar houses. Under the influence of the cool weather which has prevailed the canes have exhibited some improvements, but the results are still meagre and disappointing.

The weather has been favorable for the work of harvesting the crop, and on this score there is no complaint. The reports from the upper sections of the sugar belt are to the effect that the late freeze in that locality formerly does not seem to have injured the cane at all, and it has been found that such wandering as has been done was unnecessary. Practically every sugar house in the State is now actively at work harvesting the cane crop, notwithstanding the unusually light yield of sugar from the cane thus far.

Trade Notes.

The grain market is very firm, with prices higher.

Turkey receipts were light, while demand is good. Chickens are slow sale.

Canned mackerel is reported to be in exceptionally good demand, owing, it is said, to the advancing prices for canned salmon and the high cost of salt barreled mackerel.

Produce dealers find business unusually stagnant. Texas eggs are almost unobtainable, and holders in the interior are demanding prices which are out of all reason, being higher than Kansas City, St. Louis or Chicago.

It was reported in the New York market Friday that the American Sugar Refining company had placed an order for 3,000,000 bags. This represents from 750,000 to 1,000,000 yards of cotton fabrics, and it is said that Fall River gets the benefit of the order.

An Eastern manufacturer of fine cotton goods states that despite the abundant cotton crop good grade cotton is scarce, and that seldom in his experience has there been such a disparity between the prices of fine qualities in the raws and the prices of the ordinary run of cotton.

Concerning the situation in canned goods on the Pacific coast, the San Francisco Trade Journal says: "The market continues to hold exceptionally strong, with packers' stocks badly broken. The very light crop of apples at the East and in Europe will have an important bearing on canned fruits, and it should not cause surprise if second hands carrying an over-supply will be cleaned out before next season, and at a better average than obtains now."

HOUSTON WHOLESALE PRICES.

Quotations for Round Lots of Staple Commodities.

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

HEAVY STAPLES.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $4.00@4.35; blasting powder, $1.65 per keg; drop shot, per sack, $1.85; buck, $1.60.

BACON—Extra short clear, in sacks, 6¼@6¾c; regulars, 6¾@7c; boxed ¼c higher; smoked bellies, 7¾@8c; New York salt bellies, 7¾c; breakfast bacon, 8½@9½c.

BAGGING AND TIES—Less than car lots, from Houston: Bagging, 2-lb, 7¾c; 2¼-lb, 8½c. Ties, Arrow, 45-lb, 80c.

CANDY—Stick, wrapped, basis 24, 7@7½c per lb; special sizes, ½c higher.

COFFEE—Rio and Cordova, 10½@10¾c; fair, 11c; prime, 11@11¼c; choice, 12c; fancy, 11¾@11¾c; peaberry, 11@11¼c. Roasted coffees: Arbuckle's Arioso, basis 100-lb cases, 14c delivered; 36-lb cases, 11.20c delivered; 100-lb cases, 10.50c; in 36-lb cases, [illegible]

FLOUR—Empire Mills, Houston: Davidson's best patent, new wheat, $4.15; second patent, $3.85; Texas Star Mills quote: Patent, $4.15; Star, $3.85; Star Fancy, $3.55; Sun Beam, $3.45; low grade, $2.50; Ken Pearl, $3.45; Ken Pearl, $2.50; graham, $3.70; graham, $2.60; rye, $3.70; pumpernickel, $2.60.

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[illegible] Kemper House Delicacies.

[illegible] Flour.

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Special rates for shipments to interior points: Sour in barrels 15c above sacks; in half barrels 30c above barrels. Old wheat Tidal Wave is quoted at $4.45.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Grits, hominy and cream meal, in barrels, $2.65; pearl meal in 40-lb sacks, $1.40@1.45 per bbl of four sacks; Scotch oats, $2.45; Friends oats, $2.35; Columbia oats, $2.00.

HAMS—Standard, 7¾@8¼c; picnic hams, 6½c.

HONEY—In 60-lb cans, extracted, 5½@6c; in comb, 8@10c, in 12-lb cans, extracted, 5½@6½c.

LARD—Refined tierces, compound, 4½c; leaf 6c; 50-lb cans ⅛c higher than tierces; 10-lb cans, ¾c higher; 5-lb cans, ⅞c higher; 3-lb cans, 1c higher.

MOLASSES—Rebolled, fair, 16@18c; prime 20@21c; choice, 25@26c; fancy new crop syrup, 32@33c.

RICE—Extra fancy head, 6@6¼c; choice, 5@5½c; fair, 4½@5c; fancy imported 6½@6¾c.

ROPE—Basis for 7-16: Sisal, 9¼c; manila, 11½c.

SALT—Liverpool coarse, 70@75c; fine, 80@85c; Louisiana, coarse, 90c; fine, 90c; carrots, 5-10s, $2.25; 60-5s, $2.30; 100-3s, $2.50; 70-4s, $2.45.

SALT FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in 10-lb kits, $1.00@1.10; half barrels, $6.50@7.00.

SARDINES—American quarters, $2.50@2.85; mustard, three-quarters, $2.65; imported Gillette grade, quarters, $11.50; fancy sprats, quarters, $6.50.

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl, in 40-lb boxes, 3¼c; Royal Gloss, bulk, 3½c; Nickel, 100 packages, per box, $2.50; corn starch, 5½c per lb, 20 and 40-lb boxes.

SUGAR—Quotations are for small lots; special prices given on car load orders. Standard New York granulated, 5½c; cubes and powdered, 5¾; Louisiana yellow clarified, fancy, 5¼@5¾c; choice, 4¾@5c; Arbuckle's in 2-lb and 5-lb packages, 5½c.

PRODUCE.

BEANS—Navy, 2¼@2¾c; Bayou, 3¼c; English dried, 2¾c; pinks, 3½c; Limas, 4½c; black eyes, 4½c.

BEANS—Snap beans $1.00@1.50 per bushel.

BUTTER—Blue Star, 22c; dairy, 15@16c; Elgin creamery, 25@26c; Elgin dairy bricks, 16½c; oleomargarine, solids, 10c; prints, 11c; special Blue Star, 16c.

CABBAGE—$2.25@2.50 per crate.

CELERY—50c@65c per bunch.

CHEESE—New York full cream, 13c; Wisconsin full cream, 12½@13c; Young America 13½@14c; Western skim, 10c; fancy rolls full cream, 13½@14c.

EGGS—Texas, 19@20c; Kansas, 20c per dozen.

ONIONS—California, 80@85c per bushel.

PEPPER—Chile, 17@20c per lb.

POTATOES—Colorado and California, 80@85c per bushel; sweet potatoes, 20@45c.

POULTRY—Hens, $2.50@2.75; fryers, $2.25@2.75; broilers, $1.75@2.25. Turkeys, hens, $4.75@5.75; gobblers, $6.00@10.00 per dozen. Ducks, $2.50@3.00. Geese, $4.00@5.00.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

APPLES—Fancy evaporated, 50-lb boxes, 9c; 1-lb cartons, 9½c; choice evaporated, in bulk, 50-lb, 8½c; fancy sliced, in 50-lb boxes, 5½.

APRICOTS—11c per lb loose; 11½c in 1-lb cartons.

CITRON—In 10-lb boxes, 13c.

CURRANTS—In bbls, 6c; 25-lb boxes, cleaned, bulk, 8c; 1-lb cartons, 8½c.

PEACHES—Evaporated, unpeeled, 10@11c.

RAISINS—California 3-crown L. L. boxes, $1.60; ¾ box L. L. raisins, 60@65c; 2-crown L. M. raisins, 50-lb boxes, 5c; 2-crown L. M. raisins, 50-lb boxes, 6c.

PRUNES—California 50-60s, 9c; 60-70s, 7c; 70-80s, 6½c; 80-90s, 6c; 90-100s, 4¾@5½c.

NUTS—Brazil, 10c per lb; filberts, Sicily, 11c; Naples, 12½c; walnuts 11@12c; peanuts, 5@6c; almonds, California, 12@14c per lb in sacks; pecans, 3½@8c; Italian chestnuts, 10c per lb.

CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

CANNED FRUITS—Apples, 3-lb, 80@85c; pineapples, 2-lb, eyelets and coreless, $1.50@1.60; 2-lb extra grated, $1.80@1.85; 2-lb standard sliced, $1.20; pears, 2-lb, standard, 90c; blackberries, 2-lb standard, 65c; pie fruit, 3-lb, assorted, 70c; peaches, 2-lb, full weight, $1.15; 2-lb, light weight, $1.00; pie peaches, 2-lb, 85c.

CANNED VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, 3-lb, full weight, 85@90c; 2-lb, full weight, 65@70c; okra and tomatoes, 2-lb, 90c; lima beans, 2-lb, full weight, 90c; string beans, 2-lb, full weight, 65c; A No. 1 stringless beans, 2-lb, full weight, $1.50; red kidney beans, 2-lb, full weight, 90c; marrowfat peas, 2-lb, full weight, 85c; early June peas, fancy, 2-lb, full weight, $1.40; American petit pois peas, 2-lb, full weight, $1.65@1.75; asparagus, California, 2½-lb, $2.00; corn, Auburn Cream, 2-lb, full weight, $1.10@1.15; A No. 1, 2-lb, full weight, $1.05@1.10; Blue Ridge, 2-lb, 85@95c.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT—Extra standard 2½-lb peaches, lemon cling, $2.10@2.20; yellow Crawford, $1.65@1.25; black cherries, $1.85; apricots, $1.65@1.70; Bartlett pears, $1.65@1.70; assorted, $1.15@1.50. Standard 2½-lb peaches, yellow Crawford, $1.50@1.55; apricots, $1.40@1.45; Bartlett pears, $1.45@1.55.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Per barrel, $3.75@4.00; California, $1.60 per box; fancy Oregons, $1.75 per box.

BANANAS—Per bunch, $1.50@2.00, packed; loose, $1.25@1.50.

COCOANUTS—Per hundred, $4.00.

LEMONS—Choice, $4.00@4.50; fancy, $5.00@5.50.

ORANGES—California late Valencias, $3.75@4.00; Louisiana, $4.00.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT—Grapes, black varieties, $1.50 per crate; Tokay, $1.60; pears, $2.25@2.50 per box

WIRE AND NAILS.

Quotations are for less than carload lots. Special rates on carloads.

BARBED WIRE—Glidden, gal., $2.40 per 100 lbs; Waukegan, $2.45.

WIRE NAILS—Rate, $1.90 per keg; advances, 10d, 12d and 16d, 5c; 8d and 9d, 10c; 6d and 7d, 20c; 4d and 5d, 30c; 3d, 45c; 2d, 75c.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Carload lots, job cars, from millers; dealers charge from store 5@10c more per 100 lbs on bran, 2@3c per bushel on oats and corn, and 10@15c per 100 lbs on hay.

BRAN—65c; corn bran, 60c per 100 lbs.

CHOPPED CORN—72c per 100 lbs.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, 38@39c per bu.

OATS—Texas, 29@32c per bushel.

WHEAT SHORTS—70c per 100 lbs.

WHEAT SCREENINGS—65@70c per bushel.

HAY—Alfalfa, $12.00@13.00 per ton; timothy, $13.00@14.00; South Texas prairie hay, $4.50@6.00; North Texas, $9.00@10.00.

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS—Meal and cake, $16.50@18.50 per ton; hulls, $4.50@5.50 per ton.

SORGHUM SEED—$1.15@1.20 per bushel.

COFFEE.

New Orleans, November 14.—Coffee—Firmer; Rio, ordinary to fair, 6⅝@8⅝.

New York, November 14.—Coffee—Options steady at net unchanged prices; sales 9000 bags; spot coffee, Rio, quiet but steady; mild steady; sales moderate; jobbing business and some sales in store lots on private terms.

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS.

Prime crude oil	13	@ 14
Prime refined summer yellow	16	@ 17
Cotton seed meal	$12 50	@12 00
Cotton seed cake	12 00	@12 50
Linters, A	1¾	@ 2

Quotations are f. o. b. interior:

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Hearne, Robertson County, Texas, November 14.—Last night again it rained almost incessantly and today it looks as if we will have more. No cotton can be picked until the weather clears up.

McKinney, Collin County, Texas, November 13.—The temperature is falling fast here this evening. Farmers say that wheat is suffering seriously for rain. If rain does not come soon the damage will be great to the wheat crop.

Wharton, Wharton County, Texas, November 14.—The continued cold weather with the heavy winds about winds up the short cotton crop in this county. Cane planting has commenced in earnest and will be carried swiftly forward. Judge Wiley Croom is today receiving a car load of ribbon cane, which will be planted at once. The cane planters' association of Wharton county means business.

Warrenton, Fayette County, Texas, November 13.—It has been raining since last Tuesday night, and it is still raining. There is now an abundance of water for all purposes, and it is a long time since the roads were so muddy. Much plowing will be done as soon as the weather will permit. With the first suitable norther many hogs will be killed. Our people will have plenty of meat and bread, and have reason to be thankful that if owing to the low price of cotton they are cut off from many comforts and luxuries, they will still have enough to keep them from starving.

F. P. Schmidt, Houston, Texas, is sole agent for Singer & Amend's Prescriptions. One bottle, which is a cure for Rheumatism, One bottle will prove it.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

December Wheat Advanced Half a Cent Over the May Contract Price.

THE SEABOARD IS CLAIMED TO BE OVERSOLD

As a Result Shorts Feared a Squeeze. Corn and Oats a Shade Higher. Provisions Heavy and Lower.

Chicago, November 14.—The feature of today's trading on 'change was the strength and activity of December wheat, that option closing at an advance of ⅝@⅞c and ½c over the May price. Talk of an over-sold December market, mostly from the seaboard, heavy export sales here and some contract stocks caused a scramble among the shorts. May closed ⅛c higher. Corn and oats showed a shade advance. Provisions declined 5@7½c.

Opening trade in wheat showed an advance of about ½c for both December and May, December, which closed Saturday at 65⅞c, started today at 66⅝@66½c, while the May option opened at 66½@66⅝c. These prices prevailed for some time.

Nearly 200,000 bushels of wheat was taken here for export last Saturday, and an additional 60,000 bushels was reported sold here today for the same purpose. The fact that contract stocks here were less than 700,000 bushels made local shorts, and especially in December, rather anxious, and trading, which for some time had been exceedingly dull, became very active in consequence. To add to the uneasiness, there was a continued talk to the effect that the December market had been considerably oversold at the seaboard, with rumors of a possible squeeze. Liverpool was strong, and up 7¼@1¼d, and this had some effect on trading, but not so much as it would have had had it not been that Liverpool was almost alone in the foreign strength.

Northwest receipts were heavy, Minneapolis and Duluth reporting 1836 cars. Chicago got 479 cars. The visible increase was 2,184,000 bushels, and this was a factor in the reaction that took place after the first hour's trading. A good deal of realizing on wheat, showing good profits, took place, and holders of calls sold against them. This relieved the pressure, May easing off to 66⅛c and December to the same price. The latter month was too much in demand for any permanent downward movement, however, and renewed buying by anxious shorts soon started the price toward a higher level, and for a time December sold at ⅞@⅞c premium over May. The market became very strong toward the close. All classes of buyers came in, putting the price of December up to 67c and May to 66⅞c before the holders let go enough to satisfy their demands. December closed strong at 66⅞@66⅞c, and May at 66⅝c.

Corn was slow with a narrow range of prices and closed with but little change. The market was barely steady, considering the higher cables, the strength of wheat and a good export demand. Weather was favorable for movement of corn. Receipts, 468 cars.

Oats were firm at a little over Saturday's figures

Provisions were dull and heavy.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 460 cars; corn, 490 cars; oats, 275 cars; hogs, 33,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closs.
Wheat, No. 2—				
November	.....	.....	.....	66½
December	66½	67	66¼	66⅞
May	66⅝	66⅝	66⅛	66⅝
Corn, No. 2—				
November	31⅞	32	31¾	31⅞
December	32⅛	32¼	31⅞	32
May	33⅞	33⅞	33¾	33¾
Oats, No. 2—				
December	23¾	24	23¾	24
May	24⅞	24⅞	24¾	24¾
Mess pork, bbl—				
December	7.82½	7.87½	7.75	7.77½
January	8.92½	8.97½	8.85	8.87½
Lard, per 100 lbs—				
December	4.85	4.87½	4.80	4.80
January	4.92½	4.95	4.87½	4.87½
Short ribs, 100 lbs—				
December	4.45	4.45	4.42½	4.45
January	4.55	4.57½	4.50	4.52½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Firm.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, f. o. b., 62@67½; No. 2 red, f. o. b., 66⅝@67.

Corn—No. 2, 32¼@32¾; No. 2 yellow, 32¼@32⅝.

Oats—No. 2, f. o. b., 37@49.

Flaxseed—No. 1, 97.

Timothy seed—Prime, 2.25.

Mess pork—Per barrel, 7.75@7.80.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, 4.87½@4.90.

Short ribs sides—Loose, 4.75@4.90.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, 4⅝@4¾.

Short clear sides—Boxed, 4.80@4.85.

Whisky—Per gallon, 1.25.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	19,000	27,000
Wheat, bushels	161,000	176,000
Corn, bushels	383,000	647,000
Oats, bushels	310,000	165,000
Rye, bushels	11,000	5,000
Barley, bushels	96,000	189,000

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

St. Louis, November 14.—Flour—Dull and unchanged. Wheat—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 69@70¼c; track, 69¼@70½c; December, 70⅛c asked; May, 69½c; No. 2, hard, cash, 64½@66c. Corn—Nominally unchanged; No. 2, cash, 31½c; December, 30c; May, 28c bid. Oats—Dull, lower; No. 2, cash, 26c; track, 26½c; December, 26c bid; May, 25½c; No. 2, white, 28c. Rye—Firm; 52c. Flaxseed—Higher; 95½c. Whiskey—Steady; $1.25. Prime timothy seed, nominal. Corn meal—Steady; $1.55@1.60. Bran—Firm; in demand; sacked, east track, 52@55c. Hay—Steady; timothy, $7@8.25; prime, $8.00@8.50.

Cotton ties and bagging unchanged. Lard—Lower; prime steam, $4.77½; choice, $4.82½. Dry salt meats—Box 1 shoulders, $4.37½; extra shorts, $5.12½; ribs, $5.25; shorts, $5.50. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.00; extra shorts, $5.50; ribs, $5.75; shorts, $6.50. Receipts—Flour, 9000 barrels; wheat, 31,000 bushels; corn, 108,000 bushels; oats, 7000 bushels.

Grain and Provisions Elsewhere.

New Orleans, November 14.—Hog products very quiet. Pork—Standard mess, $8.75@9.00. Lard—Refined tierces, $5.75; pure, $5.37½. Boxed meats—Dry salt shoulders, $4.87½; sides, $5.37½@5.50. Bacon—Clear rib sides, $5.37½@5.50. Hams—Choice, sugar cured, $8.75@9.50. Rice—Ordinary to good, 4@5c. Flour, grain and feed stuffs quiet. Flour, extra fancy, $3.25@3.30; patents, $3.75@3.80. Corn meal, $1.75@1.80. Bran, 65c. Hay, prime, $10.00@11.00; choice, $12.00@12.50. Corn, No. 2, sacked, mixed and yellow, 42@43c; whites, 42c. Oats, No. 2, sacked, 31@32c.

New York, November 14.—Wheat—Receipts, 438,000 bushels; exports, 165,000 bushels; spot, firmer; No. 2, red, 77½c f. o. b. afloat. Options closed strong; No. 2, red, May, 71 5-16c. Wool—Steady. Pig iron—Quiet. Copper—Firm. Tin—Dull; $17.80 bid; $18.00 asked. Lead—Dull. Spelter—Quiet. Cotton seed oil—Quiet to shade easier; prime crude, 18; f. o. b. mills, 14c; prime summer, yellow, 22c spot; off summer yellow, 20½@21c; butter grades, 25@27c; prime winter, yellow, 27@28c.

Kansas City, November 14.—Wheat—Higher; No. 1, hard, 62½c; No. 2, 60½@63½c; No. 2, red, 66½c; No. 3, spring, 60@62c. Corn—Firm; No. 2, mixed, 29½@29½c. Oats—Steady; No. 2, white, 28@28½c. Rye—Steady; No. 2, 45c. Hay—Steady; choice timothy, $7.00; choice prairie, $7.00. Receipts—Wheat 22,000, corn 24,000, oats 12,000 bushels. Shipments—Wheat 127,000, corn 19,500, oats 18,000 bushels.

Puts and Calls on Grain.

Chicago advices to B. W. Hunter & Co. have puts on December wheat, 66⅝c, and calls 67⅝c.

SUGAR.

New York, November 14.—Sugar—Raw, strong and held higher; fair refining, 3 13-16; 3⅞; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅜; molasses sugar, 3 9-16@3⅝; refined firmer; mold A, 5⅝; standard A, 5; confectioners A, 5; cut loaf, 5⅝; crushed, 5⅝; granulated, 5⅛; powdered and cubes, 5¼.

New Orleans, November 14.—Sugar—Firm; open kettle, 2 11-16@3⅛; open kettle, centrifugal, 3⅛@3 15-16; centrifugal, granulated, 4⅝@4⅞; whites, 4 5-16@4½; yellows, 3 15-16@4 5-16; seconds, 2 13-16@3⅝. Molasses—Steady; open kettle, 22@27; centrifugal, 16@19. Syrup—20@25.

HIDES, WOOL AND BEESWAX.

Prices paid by Houston dealers:

	Per pound.
Dry flint hides, selected	11 @
Dry salted hides	10
Wet salted, selected	7 @ 7½
Butchers' green	7
Deer skins	15
Tallow	2½@ 3
Beeswax, prime	20
Wool	11 @12

BUTTER AND EGGS.

St. Louis, November 14.—Butter—Weak; creamery, 19@23c; dairy, 15@20c. Eggs—Steady; 18c.

Kansas City, November 14.—Butter—Weak; separator, 20c; dairy, 16c. Eggs—Steady; fresh candled stock, 16c, cases returned.

Chicago, November 14.—Butter—Market steady; creamery, 14@21½c; dairy, 12½@18c. Cheese—Quiet; 8@9½c. Eggs—Firm; fresh, 19½@20c.

A GENERAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

ERRATIC FLUCTUATIONS OF SUGAR AFFECTED OTHER SHARES.

Atchison Shares Recovered and Closed at an Advance—Manhattan and Other Industrials Gained.

New York, November 14.—The stock market has recently emancipated itself in a large degree from the influence of Sugar, Tobacco and like uncertain quantities, but the violent gyrations of Sugar in today's market could not but have rather an unsettling effect. Quotations were almost lost at the Sugar post at the opening and were recorded all the way from 125 down to 124. Before noon the price was quoted at 119 and again before the close it went back to 124. The early decline was based on the fall in the loaning rate, which was taken to indicate the conclusion of the squeeze of the shorts and the subsequent recovery came with the announcement of the advance in the price of the product by the companies alleged to be engaged in a trade war of extermination. The enormous volume of the transactions in this specialty gave it necessarily some sympathetic influence in the general list. The opening quotation for Atchison preferred also ran all the way from 41 to 42, with the simultaneous sales of 8500 shares. The high price proved too much to sustain, and it ran off in the first hour, carrying the whole railway list with it. Atchison preferred more than recovered later in the day and closed at 42¾. The adjustment bonds were also in heavy demand and rose at one time 1⅝. But the railroad list generally showed a tendency to drag and recent leaders were sustained at a level above Saturday's prices with difficulty, in spite of the additional advantage of some very striking gains in usually active stocks. Finding the difficulty of moving the recent leaders, speculation showed a tendency to turn in the lower priced stocks. The Southern railways were most conspicuous, probably in sympathy to some extent with Atchison, Missouri Pacific, Texas and Pacific, St. Louis and San Francisco seconds preferred, St. Louis and Southwestern preferred and Kansas and Texas advanced from a fraction to 1¼ points.

In the industrial list conspicuous gains were achieved by Manhattan and a few other stocks.

The grangers and the Pacifics showed increasing heaviness as the day progressed, and some fell below Saturday's close, while none showed gains of more than a fraction.

The money market was active and rather firmer today.

Atchison adjustments continued to lead the bond market. But some of the high grade issues which have recently been conspicuous for strength, including the Atchison, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Erie, Reading and Norfolk and Western, were disposed to reaction. Total sales $7,685,000.

The following were the closing quotations on stocks:

United States 2s	105½
United States 4s, new, reg	126⅞@127
United States 4s, new, coupon	127⅞@128⅝
United States 4s, old, reg	111⅝@112
United States 4s, coupon	112⅛@112½
United States 2s	98½
United States 5s, reg	111⅝@112½
United States 5s, coupon	112⅝@113
Atchison 4s	98⅛
Atchison adj. 4s	74¼@ 74½
G., H. and S. A. 6s	100
G., H. and S. A. seconds	104
H. and T. C. 5s	111⅝
H. and T. C. con 6s	110½
Missouri 6s	100
M., K. and T. seconds	66¼
M., K. and T. 4s	91¾
Pacific 6s of 1895	102½
Reading 4s	86
St. L. and I. M. con. 5s	85¾
St. L. and S. F. gen. 6s	121
Southern Railway 5s	102¼
Texas and Pacific L. G. firsts	110½
Texas and Pacific reg. seconds	48
U. P., D. and G. firsts	80⅞
Wabash first 5s	112
Wabash seconds	91⅞
West Shore 4s	111½

Private wire to Cargill & Richardson:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos'd
American Sugar	125	125	118⅞	123⅞
American Tobacco	139⅞	139⅞	136⅞	138⅞
Atchison	.....	.....	.....	15⅞
Atchison pf	.....	.....	.....	42½
C., B. and Q	119¼	119¼	118⅛	119⅞
*People's Gas	106⅛	106⅛	105⅝	105⅞
General Electric	82⅞	83⅛	82	82
Jersey Central	.....	.....	.....	91
L. and N	69⅞	61½	69⅞	61⅛
Manhattan	94	97⅞	94	95⅛
M., K. and T. pf	35	.....	.....	34⅞
Missouri Pacific	38	38⅛	37⅞	38½
Northern Pacific pf	76½	76⅞	76⅞	76⅞
Northwestern	135	.....	.....	134½
Omaha	.....	.....	.....	88½
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	37
Reading	.....	.....	.....	16⅞
Rock Island	107½	108⅛	107⅛	107⅞
St. Paul	113⅛	113⅞	112⅞	113⅞
Tenn. Coal and Iron	31⅞	31⅞	31⅞	31⅞
U. S. Leather pf	.....	.....	.....	68½
Union Pacific pf	69	69⅛	68⅞	68⅞
Western Union	93⅞	93⅞	93½	93⅞
Metropolitan	169	169	168½	168½
Rubber	.....	.....	.....	43
Brooklyn Rapid Tran	68⅞	69	68½	68½
New York Central	117⅛	117⅞	117	117
Pullman	.....	.....	.....	139
Federal Steel	33⅞	33⅞	32⅞	32⅞
Baltimore and Ohio	.....	.....	.....	49
Chesapeake and Ohio	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛
American Cotton Oil	.....	.....	.....	25⅞
Bay State Gas	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
Southern Railway pf	38⅛	38½	38⅛	38¼

* Ex-div. 1½ per cent.

MONEY AND BANKING.

Exchange is quoted as follows: New York, buying, $2.00@2.50 discount; selling, New York, St. Louis and Kansas City, par to $1.00 discount; New Orleans, buying $3.00 discount; selling, par.

HOUSTON BANK CLEARINGS.

The following are the clearances of the Houston banks for the week thus far and for the corresponding time last year, together with the increase or decrease:

	This year.	Last year.	Increase
Saturday	$1,187,215	$1,009,960	$428,155
Monday	1,759,862	1,387,614	372,248

NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

	Today.	Saturday.
Reichmarks, commercial, 60 days	94	94
Bankers	4.82¼	4.82¼-½
Commercial, 60 days	4.81¼-¾	4.81¾-82
Sterling, 60 days	4.81¼	4.81¼-½
Francs, commercial, 60 days	*5.25	5.25

* Less 1-16.

New York Money.

New York, November 14.—Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent; last loan 2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.86@4.86¼ for demand and at 4.82@4.82¼ for sixty days; posted rates, 4.82 and 4.86@4.86½. Commercial bills, 4.81@4.81⅝. Silver certificates, 60½@61½. Bar silver, 60⅝. Mexican dollars, 47⅝. Government and railroad bonds irregular; State bonds heavy.

Post's Cablegram.

New York, November 14.—The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets here were generally good today, except foreigners and mines, which were dull, in sympathy with Paris. The speculative interest in Americans undoubtedly increases, reports from the United States as to favorable outlook having influence here. There was also further buying orders for Americans from Germany.

COMMERCIAL BRIEFS.

New York, November 14.—Clearings, $106,220,144; balances, $6,495,849.

Paris, November 14.—Three per cent rentes, 101f. 62½c for the account; exchange on London, 25f. 35c for checks.

New York, November 14.—Total sales stocks today 667,400 shares, including Atchison preferred, 85,700; Rock Island, 19,900; St. Paul, 63,900; Sugar, 131,100.

London, November 14.—Consols for money, 110¼; for the account, 110 7-16. Bar silver, uncertain, 27 15-16d. Money, 2¼@3 per cent. Rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 2⅝ per cent.

IN THE COTTON MARKETS

Statistical Information from the Leading Exchanges of the World.

ALL CIRCUMSTANCES FAVORED THE BULLS

Bad Weather Over the Cotton Belt and Good Spot Demand in Liverpool Helped to Advance Prices.

Office of The Post,
Houston, Monday, November 14.

The cotton market broadened out a little today and the bulls had decidedly the better of the battle.

It has been a weather market and with a cold wave covering the entire belt and in many sections heavy rains prices naturally should have advanced a trifle. Liverpool was much better. Futures there were up 1-64d and spot sales were 15,000 bales. This was a factor in favor of the bulls. On this side spots are in better condition than for some time back, though how long this will continue is a problem. The railroads and docks are all blocked with cotton and there is a scarcity of cars, which accounts for the apparent diminution of receipts.

New York and New Orleans advanced spots 1-16, and Houston and Galveston closed firm and unchanged, with good sales.

New Orleans futures closed 3 to 6 points up. New York was 9 points up in November and 6 to 7 on other months.

Houston expects tomorrow 29,500 to 30,000, against 22,245 last year and 19,718 in 1894.

New Orleans expects 21,000 to 24,000, against 35,399 last year and 16,697 in 1894.

In speaking of the low price of cotton the New York Commercial says: Although the price of cotton has probably reached its lowest level for the present crop, no permanent advance need be looked for immediately. Take the present price of spot cotton, for instance. Who shall say it is not far below its real value, either for future consumption, or for an investment, say until the next crop is placed upon the market? While any immediate rise in price would doubtless bring out enough "long cotton" to again force the value down to the low water mark, it must not be forgotten that a curtailment of production is likely to come next year without any urging on the part of statisticians or economists. There will be less planted, simply because the farmer has found out that he can not produce it at a profit at the figure it has been selling for the past three months. And even though there be but a modicum of curtailment in the area of ground planted, there can be no assurances of a crop until it be ready for the harvest. No crop planted is so much affected by the weather and insects as is cotton. Rain blights it, drouth withers it, Port kills it and insects destroy it. Meantime, the world's consumption goes merrily on at the rate of nearly three-quarters of a million bales a month, no matter whether the crop be great or small.

Hunter & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

B. W. Hunter & Co. say of today's cotton market: Liverpool's spot sales of 15,000 and advance in futures caused our markets to open 3 points up and they further advanced 4 points, closing 7 points higher than Saturday. The market is influenced by bad weather and better inquiry for spots. The market is healthier than any time this season.

Dull Day in Cotton.

Cargill & Richardson say of cotton:

They are getting to be quite fashionable, these bull days in cotton. We need a good many of them to put the staple where it belongs. Sentiment has undergone a radical change the past few days, especially in New York and New Orleans, where the short interest has been greatest, and these are the people who bought the market today. There was noth