THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

The Week's Trading Shows That High-Priced Wheat is a Thing of the Past.

The Market Decidedly Weak, Showing a Decline of More Than Five Cents For the Week.

Corn Holding About Steady, But Oats and Provisions Show a Slight Falling Off.

A Good Day in Wall Street, the Market Closing Strong and Very Bullish.

Chicago.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—High-priced wheat seems to be a thing of the past. The week ending to-day has witnessed the substantial decline of 5c in cash wheat and about 5½c in nearly all future deliveries. These prices, as has been argued in this column for months past, brings the article down to a point much nearer its actual value than it has been heretofore, and yet from 5c to 8c per bushel must be taken from it before it can be used in any other than a purely speculative way. There being no very large line of shorts out and therefore nothing to support the market, there is everything to ease the market off still further and very few features to support. After months of waiting wheat has at last got down to a shipping basis, but it does not appear to be shipped much more readily than when quoted up in the 90s. Owners are ready to withdraw it from elevators and let it go east or abroad, but it must be acknowledged that no one wants it. There has been long waiting and eager expectation for this era of things, but so far no particular advantage has been taken of it, by reason of an entire withdrawal of foreign orders. In this particular direction, however,

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is predicted, and bottom shall have been touched. A feature of the week was a renewal of the exploded and well-nigh worn-out "hot-wheat" scare. It doubtless originated at New York, where on Thursday the calling of margins on August contracts was very general. This shows that more or less business existed there, though it is not known that any wheat was actually posted. To several traders on 'change it occurred Thursday that the mysterious break of Wednesday, when prices dropped down ½@¾c, was also caused by the discovery of "out-of-condition" wheat. In their mind's eye, because some "sharks" told them so, they saw vessels begin loading at elevators and later stop, refusing to carry the grain because it was heating. In speaking of these conditions, Mr. A. M. Wright, than whom a better posted man would be hard to find, said:

"This talk of hot wheat in Chicago elevators is the sheerest nonsense. In New York there may be some, but not here. The conditions are totally different. We had a whole crop of strictly first-class wheat. Our inspection is rigid, and the elevators were filled with perfect No. 2 spring wheat. The wheat averaged so good that an inspection of No. 3 was the exception instead of the rule. The wheat passed through a winter of unusual severity, one not calculated to admit of the formation of the slightest principle that would afterward develop heat or moisture. I should dislike to believe that we had an elevator here so dishonoroble that he could be bought up and thus further the designs of any clique attempting to start a lie of this kind for the purpose of breaking down the market. I am perfectly satisfied it could not be done in any other way."

SUBSTANTIALLY THESE STATEMENTS

were also expressed by Messrs. Wheeler, Baker, Kershaw, Irwin, Greene & Co., and other receivers, shippers and elevator men. It may be incidentally explained that the difference between New York and Chicago wheat is quite marked. They have an inspector equally as high and as rigid as ours, but there is no comparison in keeping qualities of the two wheats. In grain on passage to the continent there has been, since last week, a large increase in wheat and a decrease in corn. To the United Kindom there has been a decrease in wheat, corn and flour. Wheat in Liverpool has also advanced 6d. These would ordinarily have been strengthening influences, but the depression caused by rumors stated overcome them entirely. The largest of the week entered the market yesterday, when wheat declined 1¾c from the highest point touched.

The tone of the market being decidedly weak, the interest in corn, and, in fact, all grain has been subordinated to that manifested in wheat, though on Friday at 1 o'clock it closed 1½c lower for both cash and futures than the week previous. In the afternoon trading a decided change entered the market, frost being expected in the corn belt, and sending the market up ⅝@¾c quite sharply.

The provision trade continues lethargic—in fact, little better than lifeless. In sympathy with everything else pork and lard have both declined, the former 32½c and the latter 17½@15c.

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to-day there was nothing to support the grain list and everything to pull it down. The whole course of wheat was in the latter direction. The decline being 2½c. In the way of news to affect the market there was nothing strengthening. The whole list was heavily pounded. Wheat had a sorry time of it from opening to close. The foreign cables, both public and private, were weak and lower, and September opened at 86¼c, or about ½c under the closing yesterday. It was immediately set upon by the bears, who hammered it most unmercifully, and the selling began in earnest. By 11:30 the effect of such general and heavy unloading had shown itself by a market depreciation of 2¼c for September. The bulls vainly endeavored to support the market, and Lindblom bought 100,000 bushels October wheat at 87⅜c, but the price dropped off almost immediately afterward to 87¼@87⅜c, latter selling as low as 86¾c. The early market was much depressed by the Philadelphia cholera scare, by fine weather and the continued accumulation of stocks for which there is no demand. There was a noticeable absence of bull news, more than the presence of anything positively bearish, and this of itself was depressing. No. 2 spring sold at 84¾c early, but closed nominally lower. The close was active, very weak and heavy at the decline, latest quotations being 83c for August, 84⅛c for September, 86½c for October, 88c for November, 90¾c for December, 98½c for May and 93c for January. It is indeed a sad, distressing time for longs, but they have really brought

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upon themselves by their eagerness to put up prices before time. Many traders are continually comparing the present year with some past time, forgetting that old times and former times in the wheat trade have passed away so far as prices are concerned. We are in a new era of wheat raising, and from this time forward, unless some widespread calamity occurs which affects both continents, no one need look for high-priced wheat. The frost boom in corn, which occurred late yesterday afternoon, disappeared to-day about as suddenly as it came. September opened ⅜c lower and October ¼c, and then both futures declined until the low price of yesterday was required when the market halted. Receipts to-day were good, and promise to be much larger in future than they have been. The holders of old corn begin to realize that now is the time to secure prices for their stuff, as later on prices must surely be lower, if no accident happens to the ripening crop. Liverpool was depressed on corn, as well as wheat, and quotations were ½ penny per cental lower. The whole future of the corn market, however, is wrapped up in the probability of continued good weather. The close was steady at 47⅝c for August and September, 44½c for October, 40⅝c for November, 38¾c for May. The biggest break in corn was in October, which closed ⅛c below opening and ⅜c below yesterday. September closed ⅝c below yesterday, and November at a loss of ½c.

Oats were quiet and weak and prices fell ¼c, the inside figures of the day being the closing quotation. Large receipts and an offer to sell oats grown at Paducah, Ky., created weakness and made buyers purchase cautiously. August sold at 25½c and afterward at 25¼c, at which the market closed. September closed at 24¼c, May closed at 28¼c.

Provisions continue depressed and little better than lifeless, with only a small attendance of operators. The course of values, as in other pits, was downward, with the tone of the market quotably weak. Latest figures for September and October product were: Pork, $9.17½@9.22½; lard, $6.20@6.27½; short ribs, $5.42½@5.47½.

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The Fluctuations in Detail.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 15.—The following quotations, giving the range of the markets during the day, were received by M. Doran, Commission Merchant:

WHEAT, CORN AND PORK—CHICAGO.

Time.	Wheat. Sep	Wheat. Oct.	Corn. Sep	Corn. Oct.	Pork. Sept.	Pork. Oct.
Yes. close.	86⅜	88¾	46½	45¼	$9 20	$9 25
Opening.	86¾	88¾	46⅛	45	9 17½	9 22½
9:40 "	85¾	88⅛	45¾	44¾	9 15	9 20
9:50 "	85¾	88⅛	45½	44½	9 15	9 20
10:00 "	85⅜	87⅞	45½	44½	9 12½	9 17½
10:10 "	85½	87¾	45⅝	44⅝	9 10	9 15
10:20 "	85½	87⅞	45⅝	44⅝	9 12½	9 17½
10:30 "	85½	87⅞	45¾	44⅝	9 15	9 20
10:40 "	85⅝	88	45⅞	44⅝	9 15	9 20
10:50 "	85½	87⅞	45¾	44½	9 15	9 20
11:00 "	85⅝	88	45¾	44½	9 17½	9 22½
11:10 "	85½	87⅞	45⅞	44⅝	9 15	9 20
11:20 "	85½	87⅞	45¾	44½	9 17½	9 22½
11:30 "	85⅜	87¾	45⅞	44⅝	9 15	9 20
11:40 "	84¾	87½	45¾	44½	9 17½	9 22½
11:50 "	85	87¼	45⅝	44½	9 15	9 20
12:00 M.	84¾	87	45½	44½	9 12½	9 17½
12:10 P. M.	84½	86⅞	45¾	44½	9 10	9 15
12:20 "	84¾	87	46	44⅝	9 15	9 20
12:30 "	84⅞	87⅛	45⅞	44⅜	9 20	9 25
12:40 "	84½	86⅞	46	44⅝	9 17½	9 22½
12:50 "	84¼	86½	45⅞	44⅝	9 15	9 20
1:00 "	84¼	86½	45⅞	44½	9 17½	9 22½

Duluth.

DULUTH, Aug. 15.—Wheat demoralized, opened at 91½c for October and declined rapidly without any buyers, closing extremely dull and sick at 88¾c for September, 90½c for October, 92½c for December. The country are free sellers of the October option, which shows they intend marketing the wheat as soon as threshed. Receipts, 3,000 bushels; shipments, 75,000 bushels.

Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 15.—Flour quiet but firm. Wheat lower; Milwaukee No. 2, 85¾c; September, 84¾c; October, 87¼c; Corn quiet; No. 2, 45⅞c. Oats heavy; No. 2, 25¼c. Rye dull; No. 1, 57c. Barley unchanged. Provisions dull: Mess pork—Cash or September, $9.15; October, $9.20. Prime steam lard—Cash or September, $6.22½; October, $6.27½. Butter unchanged; dairy, 13@14. Cheese steady; 7@7½c. Eggs unchanged; 11@11½c. Receipts—Flour, 4,555 bbls: wheat, 6,640 bu; barley, 575 bu. Shipments—Flour, 10,807 bbls; wheat 2,395 bu.

The Quotations.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat weak and active for the speculative list. August 82⅞@84⅞c, closing at 82⅞@83c; September 84½@86¼c, closing 84 bid; October, 86½@88¾c, closing 86½c bid; No 2 spring 83@84½c, closing at 83c; No 3 spring 75½@76; No 2 red, 90@90½c; No 3 red 86@86½c; closing at inside prices. Corn compared to wheat was tolerably steady after the first hour; August, 45¾@46c, closing 45⅞c bid; September 45¾@46⅛, closing 45⅞c; October, 44⅝@45, closing at 44½c bid. Oats were weak on account of large receipts; August, 25¼@25⅜c; closing 25¼c; September, 24¼@24½c; closing at 24¼c; October 24⅜@24⅝c; closing at 24⅜c seller. Rye was easy and ½c lower; No. 2, 57c. Pork—Mess pork was dull and steady at $9.15@9.27½; September, $9.12½@9.17½, closing at $9.17½; October, $9.17½@9.27, closing at $9.22½@9.25. Lard dull and unchanged; cash, $6.20@6.22½; September, $6.20@6.22½, closing steady; October, $6.27½@6.30, closing steady. Boxed meats quiet and steady; dry salted shoulders, $4.15@4.30; short ribs sides, $5.42½@5.47½; short clear sides, $5.90@5.95. Sugar steady; granulated, 6⅝@6¾c; standard A, 6¾c. Butter unchanged. Eggs steady at 10½@11c. Receipts—Flour, 6,625 bbls; wheat, 28,978 bu; corn, 270,772 bu; oats, 104,892 bu; rye, 17,520 bu; barley, 20,083 bu. Shipments—Flour, 10,530 bbls; wheat, 113,531 bu; corn, 258,356 bu; oats, 91,303 bu.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Flour—Receipts, 6,260 bbls; exports, 1,030 bbls; market dull and heavy; sales, 10,800 bbls; common to good extra Western state, $3.60@4; common to good extra Ohio, $3.60@5.25; common to choice extra St. Louis, $3.60@5.50; patent Minnesota extra good to prime, $5@5.25; choice to double extra, $5.30@5.50. Wheat receipts, 95,500 bu; exports, 63,217 bu; spot declined 2@2¼c, and options 2@2¾c; speculation very brisk; sales, 6,624,000 bu future, 208,000 bu spot and to arrive; No. 2 Chicago, 90¾c afloat; No. 1 hard, 95c; No. 1 Northern, 92@93½c f. o. b.; do c. i. f. Buffalo, 89½@90c; ungraded red, 86c@97½c; No. 3 red, 94@94½c; No. 2 red, 96@96¼c; elevator No. 1 white, 96c; No. 2 red, August, 95½@97c, closing at 96½c; September, 96½@98¾c, closing at 96¾c; October, 98½@$1.00¾, closing at 98¾c; November, $1.00½@1.02¾, closing at $1.00⅝; December, $1.02@1.04¼, closing at $1.02½; February, $1.07; March, $1.08¾; April, $1.09⅞c. Corn—Spot about steady and quiet; options opened a shade better, but later declined, closing heavy; receipts, 4,500 bu; exports, 2,550 bu; sales, 752,000 bu future, 118,000 bu spot; ungraded, 53@54½c; No. 2, 54c elevator, 53½@53¾c afloat; No. 2 white, 54½c; yellow, 56c; No. 2, August, 53¼; September, 52⅝@53c, closing at 52⅝c; October, 52½@52¾c, closing at 52½c; November, 51⅝@51¾c, closing at 51½c. Oats a shade better; receipts, 9,670 bu; exports, 1,310 bu; mixed Western, 33@35c; white Western, 37@42. Hops quiet and weak. Coffee—Options a shade better and less active; Rio, spot, $6.90; sales, 15,200 bags; August, $6.85; September, $6.80; October, $6.85; November, $6.80@6.85; December, $6.90; January, $6.95; February, $7.10. Sugar firm and trade quiet; refined, quiet and steady; powered A, 6¼c; granulated, 6 9-16@6⅝c. Molasses quiet and steady. Petroleum firm, closed at 98¾c. Eggs firm with fair inquiry; Western, 13½@14c. Wool steady and moderately active. Pork quiet; mess, spot, $11@11.25. Beef steady; tierce beef dull, city extra; India mess, $1.70@1.90. Cut meats steady and quiet; middling, dull; long clear, 5⅞c. Lard quiet; contract grade spot, $6.60; September, $6.50@6.51; October, $6.60@6.61; December, $6.50@6.51; city steam, $6.50. Butter quiet but firm. Cheese steady and demand light. Lead steady; common, 4½@4⅝c. Other articles unchanged.

Foreign Produce.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 15.—Cotton flat; quotations of American cotton have declined 5s 6d; middlings, 5½d; do New Orleans, 1 9-16d; sales, 5,000 bales, including 500 for speculation and export, and 4,400 bales American. Wheat quiet; California No. 2, 6s 9d@6s 11d per cental. Corn dull and unchanged. Turpentine—Spirits, 26s 6d per cwt. Refined petroleum, 7¼d per gallon.

FINANCIAL.

New York.

Special to the Globe.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—At the stock exchange the market opened ⅛@⅝ higher. The activity and strength, however, was manifested principally in Erie 2ds, Minneapolis & St. Louis and the feather-weights. Even no account stock on the list was booming, while solid properties were either dull and heavy or lower. This gave a very suspicious look to the market, and revealed the true character of the present advance. Thus Northwestern, one of the best stocks in the lot, lost a point during the morning, while Minneapolis & St. Louis, a little branch connection of the Rock Island's Albert Lea route to St. Paul opened at 34½ and never stopped jumping until it had struck 40¾. The Grangers and Vanderbilts were both heavy and lower, although latter properties are openly and boldly sustained against all sellery by the Vanderbilt-Morgan clique. With freight rates being cut again in all direction and open rivalry between leading lines becoming daily more pronounced. It would indeed be hard work to keep up this ficticious and purely

ARTIFICIAL BOOM,

if it were not that the bulls are in complete control of things and seem to be able to do just what thep please. The Pacifies, Lackawanna, Western Union and other good stocks slowly declined, while all the wildcats were cavorting around in high feather. The St. Paul crowd are losing heart rapidly and all of the leading lights of that excursion party huve sold a large share of their holdings. The boom party was killed by a steady decrease of weekly earnings. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy earnings for July and August have also fallen off some, while Union Pacific is trying to sell $4,000,000 more of bonds to pay off its net boating debt. Thus the outlook is far from promising. All sorts of stories are sent out about the future of the Kansas & Texas and great efforts are being made to induce outsiders to buy, but the upward progress of the stock is slow and difficult. The Blair party were reported as marketing considerable Northwestern. This checked the advance in the stock and St. Paul did not get above 80. There was quite a trade in many of the light-weights, and the day closed upon the most buoyant and bullish-looking market of the week.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Government bonds have been dull and prices steady. State bonds have received some attention, and quotations for some of the Southern issues are a little higher, while in other cases they are steady. The railway bond market has again been usually active, the day's business being one of the largest in months past. The transactions amounted to $4,245,800; Erie 2d consols contributed $1,888,000; Atlantic and Pacific incomes, $391,000; West Shore 1sts, $294,000; Nickel Plate 1sts, $258,000; East Tennessee & Virginia income, $200,000, and the 1sts $144,000, leaving $1,000,000 to be divided among the rest of the list. Erie 2ds were particularly strong all day, and closed with a gain of 3½ per cent. Other gains were Chesapeake and Ohio currency 6s, 1¾; Houston & Texas 2ds, 12¼; Indiana, Bloomington & Western 2ds, 3; Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield, 1½; Louisville & Nashville 6s, 2; Texas Pacific & Rio Grande 6s, 5, and the terminals 5; Texas Central 1sts of 1911, 3½; Wabash, Chicago division, 5s, 4½; Kansas City & Northern real estate 7s, 3½; Green Bay incomes, 1½; Mobile & Ohio 2d debentures, 8; St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute dividend bonds, 8⅞, and New York & Susquehanna 1st coupon of 7½. Ohio Central incomes are down 1 and 2. There are no other.

IMPORTANT DECLINES.

The stock market has again been active and strong, especially for the Vanderbilts, the coal stocks, Louisville & Nashville and some of the low-priced securities. The Grangers were, however, barely steady, and the Northern Pacifics, Oregon Transcontinental & Chicago, Burlington & Quincy heavy. The advance in the Vanderbilts was due to the announcement that the Central Traffic association had elected a commissioner, had agreed to the formation of a pool on a money basis and had adopted a resolution to restore rates east-bound next Monday. The strength in Lake Shore was further stimulated by a report in the afternoon that a settlement had been effected with the Nickle Plate's bondholders on the basis of 3 per cent. interest on their bonds. The chairman of the bondholders committee denied the rumor, but his denial came late and had no effect upon the price of the stock. Lake Shore was strong from the opening to the close of the board, but its most rapid advance was made in the last hour, when it rose 1½ per cent. and closed ¼ below the best price of the day, with a net gain of 2¾ per cent. In the afternoon New York Central touched par for the first time this year, yielded later to 99⅝, rallied again to par and closed nominally at that price, a gain of 1¾ per cent. Michigan Central is also 2½ higher, Lackawanna rose to 101 add closed ¼ below that price, with

A NET MARGIN

of ⅞ per cent. Delaware & Hudson is up 1¾, New York Central ½, Louisville & Nashville 1, Texas Pacific and Missouri, Kansas & Texas 1¼. Northwestern opened and almost immediately sold at 102, but it was heavy during the remainder of the day and closed with a loss of ½, while St. Paul, with fluctuations of only ⅝, is higher and the Northern Pacific and Oregon Transcontinental are down each ¼. Comparing prices this evening with those of a week ago, nearly everything is higher, Western Union being the only prominent exception with a loss of 2⅝ per cent. Louisville & Nashville is up 6½, Lake Shore 3⅞, Texas Pacific 3, Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2⅞, New Jersey Central 2½, Delaware & Hudson 2½ and Northwestern 2. The total sales for the week were 1,894,918 shares, against 1,013,989 shares for the business days of last week. The total sales of stocks to-day were 334,484 shares, including Lackawanna 26,230, Erie 6,367, Kansas & Texas 210,650, Lake Shore 48,500, Louisville & Nashville 15,474, Northwestern 8,000, New Jersey Central 3,400; New York Central 18,710, Pacific Mail, 3,025, St. Paul 19,060, Texas & Pacific 15,290, Union Pacific 9,120, Wabash 3,100, Western Union 26,175. Northern Pacific preferred 8,484, Oregon Transcontinental 19,103.

	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
United States 3s	102⅞	102⅞	102⅞	102⅞
United States 4½s	112⅞	113	113	112¾
United States 4s	122¾	122⅞	122¾	122¾
Pacific 6s of '95	126¼	125¼	125	126
C. P. Bonds, 1sts	113	112¾	113¾	113½
Erie seconds	63¼	63¾	65½	68¾
Lehigh & Wilkesb'e	97½	97½	97½	97½
Louisiana consols	78	78	79	80
Missouri 6s	101½	101½	101½	111½
St. Joe	118¾	118¾	118¾	118¾
St. P. & S. C. 1sts	122	123	122	121¾
Tennessee 6s, old	47½	48	47¾	48
do new	47½	47¾	47¾	48
Texas Pacific grant	40	40½	42⅝	43
do Rio Grand div	60	60	60	65
Union Pacific 1sts	114½	115¼	115¼	115¼
U. P. land grant	107⅜	107⅜	107¼	107½
U. P. sinking fund	121¼	121¼	121¼	121
Virginia 6s	40	40	40	40
Va. consols	47	47	48	47
do deferred	6	6¼	6½	6
Adams Express	141	141	141	140
Alton & Ter'e Ha'te	26½	27	28	27½
do preferred	80	80	80	75
American Express	95	96	96	97
B., C. R. & N.	65	65	65	68
Canadian Pacific	44¼	45	45¼	45⅜
Canada Southern	55¼	55½	55¾	56¾
Central Pacific	34½	35½	36½	37¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	7	7	7¼	7¼
do preferred 1sts	13	13⅞	14	14
do 2ds	8½	8⅝	8½	8
Chicago & Alton	136½	136½	136½	136½
do preferred	150	150	150	150
C., B. & Q.	130½	129½	130¼	129½
C., St. L. & Pittsb'g	10¼	10	10¼	10
do preferred	23½	20	22	23
C., S. & C.	18	19	20	20
C., C. C. & I.	38	38	38	39
Delaware & Huds'n	81⅞	82⅛	82¾	84¼
Del., Lac. & West'n	99½	98¾	99½	100¾
Den. & Rio Grande	12½	11⅞	11½	12½
Erie	16¼	16¼	16⅝	17½
do preferred	33½	34½	34	35¼
East Tennessee	4¾	5	5	5⅞
do preferred	7⅝	8	7¾	9½
Ft. Wayne	136	136	136	136
Harlem	196	195	195	197
Houston & Texas	20	20	20	26
Illinois Central	129¼	129½	129¾	132¾
Ind., B. & W.	12	12¼	12½	14
Kansas & Texas	23¾	22½	24½	25¼
Lake Erie & West	5½	6¼	7½	8⅞
Lake Shore	71½	70¾	71⅝	74¼
Louisville & Nashv	43¼	44⅝	46¼	48⅞
Louisville & N. A.	24	24	24	31
Memphis & Charles	37¼	38	38	38
Michigan Central	63½	63½	64¼	67½
Min. & St. Louis	15	15	15	17⅞
do preferred	32¾	32⅞	34⅛	39½
Missouri Pacific	95⅞	93½	93½	96¾
Mobile & Ohio	13	12⅝	12½	12¼
Morris & Essex	125	125	125	125
Nashville & Chat	44¾	44½	46	47
New Jersey Central	50	50½	50⅞	51⅜
Norfolk & W. pre	24¼	22½	23¾	24½
Northern Pacific	22⅞	23	23¾	25⅞
do preferred	48⅝	48¾	49⅝	49¾
Chicago & Northw	102¾	102	102⅝	102½
do preferred	138	138¾	138½	139
New York Central	97⅝	97¼	98¼	99⅞
Ohio Central	⅝	1⅛	1½	1½
Ohio & Mississippi	18¾	18¾	20	21¼
do preferred	76	76	76	76
Ontario & Western	13½	13¼	13⅝	15⅛
Oregon Navigation	79½	78½	79	80¼
Oregon Transc'l	19⅞	19⅝	20	19⅝
do Improvement	25	25	25	26
Pacific Mail	49½	48½	49	49
Panama	98	98	98	98
Peoria, D. & E.	13⅜	13½	14	14½
Pittsburg	141	141	141	141
Pullm'n Palace Car	124	126	126	126
Reading	20⅜	20⅞	21	21¾
Rock Island	119½	119½	119½	121
St. L. & San Fran.	19	19	19	19¾
do preferred	33	33½	33¼	33¼
do 1sts preferred	82	82½	82½	82½
C., M. & St. Paul	80¾	78⅞	79½	79⅞
do preferred	113½	113	112¼	112
St. Paul, M. & M.	105½	105½	105¾	105⅞
St. Paul & Omaha	27½	27	27½	28½
do preferred	84¾	83½	84	84¾
Texas Pacific	15½	15⅜	16½	17⅛
Union Pacific stock	48⅝	48	48⅝	49⅞
U. S. Express	53	52	52	52
Wab., St. L. & P.	6¼	5¼	9⅛	9
do preferred	13	13⅜	14	15⅛
Wells & Fargo Exp	114	114	114	114
W. U. Telegraph	69½	68½	69⅛	69¼
Colorado Coal	14	13⅛	13¾	14

Chicago.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—There was the regular Saturday increase of business activity to-day at the banks and among stores, but the underlying conditions of trade remain unchanged. That condition may be described as one of slow and gradual improvement, without anything that looks like an upward rush from fair to good, perhaps, would be the mercantile term to express the situation. Money remains plentiful, but a little more of the idle surplus in the banks is finding its way into active channels of trade. Rates of interest are steady and firm although still quoted at 3@5 per cent. for call loans and 5@7 per cent. for time money. New York exchange sold at 25 cents premium, with a pretty good outside demand. Currency shipments and receipts continue light. Sterling exchange was lower, $4.86@5.88, Bank clearings were $6,357,962, against $6,212,000 yesterdoy, and for the week, $43,008,832 against $39,402,669 for same week in 1884.

Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The weekly statement issued to-day shows the following changes:

Loans, increase	$2,087,400
Specie, decrease	474,900
Legal tenders, decrease	1,254,900
Deposits, increase	1,411,200
Circulation, decrease	19,800
Reserve, decrease	2,082,600

The bank now holds $59,555,873 in excess of the 25 per cent. rule.

Boston Mining and Railroad Stocks.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug 15.—Following were the closing prices at the stock exchange to-day:

Calumet & H.	220	A.T. & S. F.R.R.	69
Mex. Cent. com.	8	Boston & Maine	178¼
do bond scrip	72¼	C., B. & Q.	130⅞
do 1st mor. com	41½	Eastern R. R.	52⅝
A. & T., 1st 7s	124⅞	N.Y. & N.E.	21¾

San Francisco Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—Mining stocks closed here to-day as follows:

Best & Belcher	225	Navajo	75
Bodie Consol'd	175	Ophir	137½
Chollar	137½	Potosi	85
Con. Cala. & Va.	200	Savage	312½
Crown Point	42½	Sierra Nevada	162½
Gould & Curry	150	Union Consol'd	90
Hale & Norcross	650	Utah	100
Mexican	95	Y. J.	162½

New York Mining Shares.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Mining shares continued to show remarkable strength, considering the light business done in them.

Plymouth	18	Homestake	16¼
Navago	80	Iron silver	120
Savage	325	Ontario	24
Best & Belcher	240	Quicksilver	4
Hale & Norcross	6¼	do preferred	20
Horn silver	120	Sutre	436

New York Money.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Money on call easy at 1½ per cent; prime mercantile paper 4@5. Foreign exchange dull at $4,85 for 60 days and $4.86¼ for demand.

Foreign.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Consols, 100 3-16 for both money and account.

U. S. bonds, 4½s	*114¼	Illinois Central	134
A. & G. W. 1sts	32½	Mex. ordinary	24¼
do 2ds	9½	St. Paul com	82⅜
Can. Pacific	46⅞	N. Y. Central	101¾
Erie	17⅜	Pennsylvania	55⅞
do 2ds	67¾	Reading	11

*Ex. coup.

Sperm oil, 53@54s per ton. Turpentine qflict at 27s.

LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 15.—Wheat in following the Eastern markets dropped ½c this morning, and was weak and dull at that. Corn was stronger, and is quoted 1c higher. The quotations in oats are not changed, though they were firmer and stronger, notwithstanding the fact that six cars were received in the morning before the board met, and that it was known that others are pointing this way. Two cars, sample, sold at 33c. There is no cash barley in market, and consequently bids on futures are all that are made. The best that could bo obtained this morning was 55c for August and 58c September. Rye is just the same: No. 2 August, 47c bid; September, 46c. Ground feed was a shade weaker, while corn meal was strong and a little higher. Bran unchanged. Hay was steady and 1 car was sold for $7.75 and another at $8.00. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 88½c bid; August, 88½c bid; September, 88½c bid; No. 2 hard, 84c bid; No. 2, 73c bid.

Corn—No. 2 44c bid; August, 43c bid.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 31c bid, 32½c asked; August, 29c bid; No. 2 white, 32c bid, 33½c asked; No. 3 31c bid.

Barley—No. 2, August, 55c bid; September, 58c bid.

Rye—No. 2 August, 47c bid; September, 46c bid.

Ground Feed—$16 bid, $17 asked.

Corn Meal—$16.50 bid, $17 asked.

Bran—in bulk $9 bid; in sack $11 asked.

Baled Hay—$7.50@8.

Timothy Hay—$9.50@10.

Potatoes—35c bid.

Eggs—12c bid, 12½c asked.

Sales—2 cars oats, sample, 33c; 1 car hay, $7.75; 1 car hay, $8.

CARS RECEIVED—353.

Agricult'al impl'mts.	1	Construe 'n material.	7	Oil	1
Bran	6	Flour	8	Piles	7
Beef	2	Feed	3	Pig iron	2
Beer	1	Fruit	5	Posts	1
Bar'l stock.	4	Fish	1	R. R. iron & rails	2
Brick	13	Hay	1	Stone	7
Corn	2	Hams	2	Sugar	8
Cattle	2	Lumber	68	Salt	1
Can'd goods	1	Lime	7	Sundries	15
Coal	38	Merch'dise.	91	Wheat	8
Cement	3	Machinery.	9	Wood	21
		Oats	6		

CARS SHIPPED—257.

Agricult'al impl'mts.	3	Horses and mules	2	R. R. iron & rails	10
Butter	1	Lumber	38	R. R. ties	1
Beef	2	Lime	2	Salt	1
Corn	2	Merch'dise.	134	Scrap iron	1
Construe 'n material.	5	Machinery.	4	Sundries	12
Flour	13	Piles	1	Wheat	19
		Pig iron	2	Wood	3

Produce Exchange.

The market was a little stronger this morning; wheat, though, was weak. Eggs still continue to advance under a good demand and a light supply. Butter still continues in about the same condition. Pork has declined, and is now held at $10.75. Apples are coming in more freely and run from $2.50@3 per barrel. Grapes are more plentiful, and Concords sell for 75c for ten-pound baskets. The call;

	1 to 5 Boxes	5 Boxes and over.
Oranges—		
Messina, 200 and 220, choice	$7 00	$6 00
Lemons—Messina, 360 choice	9 00	9 50

Bananas—Yellow, choice, $1@4 per bunch.

Cheese—Fancy, 7@9c; fine, 6@8c; fine, partly skimmed, 4@5c; Young America, 11c asked.

Potatoes—New, 35@46c per bu.

Live Chickens—35@45c per pair.

Blueberries—$2.50@2.75 per bushel.

California Fruit—Fancy Bartlett pears, $3.75@4.25; Buerre bardy pears, $3.50@3.75; Buerre Clairgean, $3.50@3.75; peaches, $2@2.50; Gros prunes, $1.75@2.25; California grapes, muscatel, per crate, 40 lbs., $6@7.

Peaches—In baskets, $1@1.25.

Apples—Choice bbls, $2.50@3.

Vegetables—Onions, per bbl, $3@3.25 onions, bunch, 10@15; lettuce, 8@10c; asparagus per doz, 40@50c; parsley 35@40c; cabbage, per crate, $1@1.50; parsnips, per bu, 50c; horse radish, per lb, 4@6c; spinach, per bu, 25c; radishes, per doz, 10c; cucumbers, 10@12c; pie plant, per lb, 1c; tomato, per box, 40@50c; green peas, per bu 70c; string beans, per box, $1.25; water cress, per bu, $2.50; green corn, 3@5c per doz.

Grapes—Concords, 10 lb baskets, 75c.

Blackberries—Per 16-quart crates, $2.75@3.25.

Watermelons—$20 to $