KANSAS AND PARSON JIM.

A FRONTIER SKETCH.

Rather more than twenty years ago there was, about midway between Denver and Colorado Springs, a point of the road where the broad valley narrowed into a deep and wide gorge known as the George Washington Gulch. If one had about that time quietly investigated among the strange characters who formed the curiously cosmopolitan population of that Colorado valley with a view to learning who among their number was held in the highest esteem he would have found that "the parson" was the man.

Parson Jim's record and capabilities were hardly such as would recommend him as a candidate for church in communities laying claim to advanced civilization. He could not read the Pentateuch in the original Hebrew, or discuss the Thirty-nine Articles; but he was a dead shot with a revolver, and could ride the back of a bucking broncho. The Westminster Catechism was a sealed book to Parson Jim, but he could set a broken limb, raise a tent, or build a shanty with the next man. And because he was as cool as ice when fiery blood coursed through the veins of other men—because he was as brave as a lion—because he was as gentle as a woman with sick men—because he had a big heart—because he spoke kindly words—and because nothing,

CAME AMISS

to Parson Jim, the rough specimens of humanity in George Washington Gulch loved him.

Parson Jim made his appearance in the gulch during the winter immediately following the summer when the Hon. Samuel Green made his important discovery of the existence of silver in the valley. He arrived on a handsome roan mare, without bag or baggage, and made his quarters at the rude hotel connected with the Rocky Mountain sample rooms. During the evening there was a scuffle in the large bar-room and the newcomer looked in through one of the doors to see what was the trouble. A young and slender lad was struggling with a brutal-looking, muscular giant of twice his age. Just as the new arrival appeared on the scene, the younger combatant got in a blow which evidently hurt. Quick as lightning the big fellow drew his knife, and raised it preparatory to plunging it into the lad.

"Hands off, you bully!" shouted the stranger in the doorway. The burly fighter glanced rapidly in the direction from whence these words came.

"Drop that knife!" thundered the stranger, at the same time laying his hand upon his pistol pocket. The

BULLY NOTICED

the last-named action, and letting go the boy, drew a heavy revolver, which he leveled at the interfering stranger.

"Throw up your hands, quick!" shouted the latter. But the fellow did not hear the warning. Click! went the hammers of the pistols. Bang! went one of the revolvers—the stranger's—and the big man fell—dead.

Then there was a momentary silence, followed by some queer ejaculations: "Dead as a Injin!" "Sarved him right!" "Stranger's a plucky 'un!" "Be-ewtiful shot!" "Who air you, stranger, anyhow?"

"Boys," said the new arrival, when at last he had a chance to speak, "this is a sort of business that I am not fond of. Sometimes it is necessary, though, as it has been to-night. I am sorry; but let's say no more about it. You want to know who I am? Well, I'm a preacher; and there'll be preaching in this room, with the landlord's permission, next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock."

It was a strange introduction for a preacher, but it was perhaps the best one he could have had in that wild place.

In those old coach days there was one serious drawback to traveling between Denver and George Washington gulch—the road was infested by a small but hitherto invincible band of desperadoes under the leadership of a regular dare-devil known as "Kansas." This man "Kansas" had attacked and robbed the coaches fifteen or eighteen times within six months, and though he had never been known to be accompanied by more than three confederates, his band was the terror of the stage drivers.

Late in the evening of a summer day when, with the exception of a party

OF GAMBLERS

at the sample rooms, all the citizens of the Gulch were soundly sleeping, a solitary horseman rode up to the unpretentious shanty which did duty for a parsonage. It was nothing but a two-roomed hut, rudely constructed and roughly furnished. On this occasion the "parsonage" was in sole charge of Ah Wing, a "heathen Chinee"—Parson Jim's cook and chambermaid. The parson was off, as he frequently was, on a trip down the valley. The Celestial was surprised and frightened, when he was summoned by a violent hammering at the barred door. He cautiously drew back the wooden bolt and peered out. Close to the door he beheld a stalwart man, with long, black hair and heavy mustache, holding in one hand the bridle of a large horse, on his stalwart left arm he carried a girl, evidently dead or in a fainting condition.

"Where is the parson?" asked the stranger.

"Parson Jim he go way muchee; he no come home till Slunday," replied the surprised Chinaman.

"Well, hold my horse. This young woman is very sick, and I'm going to lay her on the parson's bed."

He entered the room and

TENDERLY LAID

his burden on the camp cot which Parson Jim used for a bed. Then he tore a fly-leaf from an old book which he saw lying around, and wrote hastily and somewhat clumsily a few words.

"See here," he said to the Chinaman, as he stepped to the door, "give this piece of paper to the parson as soon as he returns. This young lady has fainted. Pretty soon she will come around. When she does see that you take good care of her. My name is Kansas."

The Chinaman perceptibly trembled as he heard the dreaded name, but said nothing, and the handsome stranger sprang to his horse and rode away.

Ah Wing quietly surveyed his new charge, and saw that she was a yellow-haired, fair-complexioned girl of perhaps fifteen or sixteen years, slender, and evidently unused to work of any kind. The Chinaman kept watch all night, and noticed that the girl passed from her faint into an easy slumber.

It was 6 o'clock in the morning, and the girl was still sleeping, when Parson Jim returned. Ah Wing handed the note to his master. It was written in a rough, unknown hand, but this is what he managed to decipher.

Parson: You are understood to be a pretty good fellow. This girl's father was accidentally shot this evening in a scuffle with the coach people. She must be cared for, and I select you for the job. I know your record, and you are the only man in Colorado I would trust with an unprotected girl. I will see that you are supplied from time to time with money for her keep. Be true to this trust, or look out for KANSAS.

The parson twirled the paper in his fingers,

SHOVED IT

into his pocket, and then questionod Ah Wing.

"What kind of a fellow brought the girl here?"

"Muchee fine Melican man," replied the Chinaman.

"Would you know him again if you saw him?"

"Yes, siree. Ah Wing no fool."

Half an hour later the fair young stranger opened her eyes, and the parson, in his homely but pleasant way, proposed to make her feel at home.

"I am afraid, miss, that you have just passed through serious trouble, but try and feel that you are at least safe and among friends. You are welcome to all this poor house affords, and anything that we can do for you."

But the girl burst into a flood of tears, and could speak no words but "Poor father—poor father!"

Later on, Parson Jim learned that she and her father were the only passengers on the preceding day to Denver, and that they were passing through to Colorado Springs on their way to New Orleans. The coach was attacked by highwaymen, and as the girl's father, Mr. Winship, rather unwisely resisted them, he was shot dead. Then the girl had fainted, and remembered nothing until she had found herself in Parson Jim's best room. Her name, she said, was Ethel Winship.

Putting the girl's story and the contents of the note together, it looked as though the

DESPERADO KANSAS

had killed the girl's father, and prompted by some feeling of remorse had undertaken to help the bereaved daughter.

A day or two later, when Ethel was somewhat rested, Parson Jim had another talk with her.

"What would you like to do?" he said.

"Oh, sir, there is nothing for me to do. Get me work of some kind here in this place. We had no friends. Father and I had lived and traveled together since my mother died, many years ago. We were getting poor, too, I know, and my father had some plans of his own, but what they were I do not know."

"My poor child," said Parson Jim, in his kindly voice, "I am truly sorry for you. If you can be content in my rough home for a while, stay here until we can manage something better for you. I have no one for whom I care, or who cares for me—only the boys in camp."

So she stayed, and found that Parson Jim's words were true. She could not have been treated more as a lady had she been an earl's daughter and the guest of a dowager duchess. As the weeks passed, Parson Jim managed to add a couple of cute little rooms to the parsonage, one of which was "my lady's chamber," and the other the "parlor." Then, too, pretty carpets and furniture came from Denver, and the boys began to think

THE PARSON

was putting on "lugs." But they excused a good deal in the parson, and really vied with one another in paying homage in their rough way to the parson's ward.

Of course, they soon knew the story, and Parson Jim had shown Hon. Samuel Green and one or two others the note that Kansas had left with Ethel Winship.

Three years slipped quickly away at George Washington Gulch. The robber had evidently not forgotten his promise to provide for the girl, for at odd times a packet of money had been found on the parson's window sill marked "From Kansas." It had always been placed there over night in a mysterious manner, for no one was ever seen to do it. Parson Jim himself still preached every Sunday in the sample rooms and was still a prime favorite with the miners.

Ethel Winship had grown into a beautiful woman, and was as good as she was pretty. Parson Jim perceived this. Parson Jim was in love with his ward.

One evening in the spring time he told Ethel his love, and asked her to be his wife.

"I annot answer that question, dear Jim," said the girl. "Myself is the

ONLY REWARD

which I can offer to any man, because I have naught else. So I have long ago made up my mind to keep myself to to offer. if needs be, as a reward to the man who shall kill or capture Kansas. If it were not for that firm resolve I would say 'yes' at once—for, Jim, you deserve my love and all I can give you."

Parson Jim heard these words sadly enough, but he thought too much of Ethel and her resolves to seek hastily to turn her from her purpose, even for his own purpose.

Early in the following summer, toward sunset, Ethel sat on the porch of the parsonage quite alone. The parson was away, and might not return until the following evening. One of men from the gulch approached and doffed his hat.

"Parson in, miss?"

"No, Zeke; he's away to-day."

"Well, I wuz jest a goin' to tell him that we've got news that Kansas is likely ter be up ter mischief 'way about ten miles along ther valley ter night. It's the first time we ever got a pointer as ter Kansas's tricks, and some uv us thought as like enuff we might make up a little crowd to down his nobs. Parson's mostly game fer business that's right an' squar, so I came up to tell him."

Ethel's eyes flashed and the warm blood coursed quickly through her veins as a

WILD THOUGHT

occurred to her. She could ride like an Indian, and she was a dead shot; Parson Jim had taken special delight in making her a good horse-woman and clever with a pistol.

"I will go," she said. "I'm not going to ask if I may go; I am going, Zeke."

"All right, miss; only it's risky work an' not fit for ladies. Mebbe ther parson wouldn't like fer yer ter go?"

"Yes, he would, Zeke—yes, he would."

So Ethel joined the party of fifteen or twenty armed men who rode out that night for the purpose of capturing, if possible, Kansas and his desperadoes. They rode in as wide a line as the valley would permit, so that no company of horsemen might pass them unnoticed. About 10 o'clock at night they espied four horsemen, evidently awaiting the coach, and closed in upon them. There was a sharp, quick interchange of pistol shots. Three of the robbers and three of their pursuers fell from their saddles. The fourth desperado put spurs to his horse and dashed right through the crowd of miners, who, in their surprise at his action, allowed him to pass. The desperate man emptied all the charges of

HIS REVOLVER

behind him as he galloped, threw his pistol down and drew another from his belt. He rode in the direction of Ethel and Zeke, and they could see that he was a magnificent man, with long black hair and a black mustache.

"Kansas!" muttered Zeke.

Ethel no sooner heard the detested name than she leveled a revolver at the man riding rapidly past. Click—bang—and a bullet lodged in the brain of the highwayman. A dozen men rode up and lifted the man. He was dead.

They laid him back on the ground, and one of the men, more curious than the rest, proceeded to examine the wound in his temple. To do so he brushed back the long hair and found it was false. Then he looked closely at the heavy mustache: that also was false. So he pulled both mustache and moustache from the dead man. As he did so a long and piercing scream rent the air and Ethel Winship threw herself upon the corpse of the highwayman.

"Oh, my God! my poor Jim!—my poor Jim! I have murdered you!" and she fainted.

"Parson Jim!" almost whispered a dozen men.

One of the slightly wounded ruffians, who stood near between two of his captors, nodded his head.

"Yes, Parson Jim. We called him Kansas."

When they lifted the girl from the dead body of Parson Jim, or Kansas, Ethel Winship's lover and the slayer of her father, she, too, was dead.

Grape Growers' Maxims.

Prepare the ground in fall; plant in spring.

Give the vine plenty of manure, old and well decomposed, for fresh manure excites the growth, but does not manure it.

Luxuriant growth does not insure fruit.

Dig deep and plant shallow.

Young vines produce beautiful fruit, but old vines produce the richest.

Prune in autumn to insure growth, but in spring to insure fruitfulness.

Plant your vines before you put up trellises,

Vines, like old soldiers, should have good arms.

Prune spurs to one developed bud, for the nearer the old wood the higher flavored the fruit.

THE COMMERCIAL RECORD.

All Cereals Except Oats, Together With Hog Products, Take an Upward Turn.

Continental Advices, Partly on Weather, Favorable to Better Prices.

Financial Operations in the Money Centers---The General Quotations.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, July 19.—The Liverpool cable posted this morning, reports spot grain quiet with prices for native and American wheat tending down. On the curb it stood 79⅜c., and the market opened at that figure. The trading was not large. About noon, however, the foreign cables brought additional news of wet weather on the continent and the buying orders from Liverpool and Antwerp made their appearance. The market readily rose to meet the demand, aided by a sympathetic feeling from the corn pit. The market came up rapidly under a firm bull movement directen by Mitchell, Lindblom and others. The small shorts covered early in the day, and there was a great deal done in scalping during the entire session. The market would undoubtedly have gone a great neal higher had it not been for the fact that Cudahy began selling vigorously at 80⅛c, thereby putting a damper on the movement. The corn market wobbled considerably during the first hour, the trades being scattering and the trading without decisive tone. One moment everything would be bearish and the next all would be bullish. It stiffened up after that, however, under steady and heavy buying by Warren and other bulls. Provisions have not been so active for several weeks. Prices started in higher all around and continued so. Pork closed 12@15c higher, lard 5@7½c higher and ribs 7½@10c higher. Beasley's heavy purchases were supposed to be for Hutchinson. Wells & Geddes bought heavily in lard, and the Chicago Packing company bought ribs in large quantities. The trading was generally in September. There was an excellent cash demand for goods, and liberal foreign shipments. Armour was a seller of ribs.

THE ROUTINE REPORT.

CHICAGO, July 19.—Continental and Liverpool news this morning made the bulls winners in a mild way in the forenoon and still better before the close. British cables, public and private, were weak, while the continental advices, partly on weather, were favorable to better prices. With good clearances and even a slight decrease in receipts, there would have been covering enough here to have sent wheat up with corn. Such was not the case. Receipts here were 67 cars, with quite a proportion of new No. 2 in the line. Export clearances were a little under 50,000 bu at New York and nothing to speak of elsewhere. Prices opened ¼@½c under last night, and for a few moments promised a further decline, but instead there was a reaction, which not only recovered the loss at the opening, but put August wheat above 80c before the close. August sold at 79⅞c, lowered a trifle to 79¼@79⅜c, sold up to 79⅞c, off again to 79⅜@79½c, and then after 12 firmed up to 80⅛@80¼c, but quickly dropped back to 80c, closing at 80⅛c. There was a good demand for cash corn again to-day and a good speculative demand, which resulted in a further advance of ¾c for early futures and ½c for October. Local receipts were 193 cars, and 200 cars were estimated for Friday. Of the cars received, 95 graded No. 2, the out inspection amounted to 283,000 bu. There was buying in big lots by local houses early and the houses took freely and helped prices upward. A careful broker summarized this way: "For a few days the shorts have taken the corn just as the shorts desired to sell. To-day they became a little anxious and wished it faster than the sellers gave it to them, and they bid up for it." July sold at 46⅞@48¼c, closing at 48⅛c; August, 46¾@48c, closing at 47¾c. Oats acted precisely as on Wednesday, showing no special activity and no change of price at the close. July, 30¼@30⅜c; August, 25⅝@25⅞c, closing at outside prices. The market for provisions was stronger and prices on all speculative articles averaged higher, closing sales being an advance of 15c on perk, 5c on lard and 7½c on lard. The advance was attributed to the continued light run and advancing prices for hogs, the light offerings of current product and the disposition on the part of shorts who have recently sold too freely to cover their trades. In their efforts to do so they succeeded to bid prices up. August pork advanced 22½c, but receded 10c and closed at $13.60. August lard advanced 12½c, but weakened 7½c and closed at $7.40. Short ribs appreciated 12½c, but receded 10c and closed at $7.82½.

THE QUOTATIONS.

Wheat—No. 2 July opened at 81½c, closed at 82⅜c; August, 79⅝@79⅞c, closed at 80⅛c; September, 79⅜c, closed at 79⅝c; October, 79¾c, closed at 80⅜c. Corn—No. 2 July opened at 46⅞c, closed at 48⅛c; August, 46¾c, closed at 48⅜c; September, 46⅝c, closed at 47½c; October, 46c, closed at 46⅞c. Oats—No. 2 July opened at 30¾c, closed at 31c; August, 25⅝c, closed at 25⅝c; September, 24⅝c, closed at 24½c; October, 24⅞c, closed at 24¾c. Mess Pork, Per Bbl—August opened at $13.47½, closed at $13.60; September, $13.57½, closed at $13.67½; October, closed at $13.50; January, opened at $12.82½. Lard, Per 100 Lbs—August opened at $8.35, closed at $8.40; September, $8.45, closed at $8.47½; October, $8.42½, closed at $8.45; January, $7.55. Short Ribs, Per 100 Lbs—August opened at $7.80, closed at $7.82½; September, $7.87½, closed at $7.92½; October, $7.92¼, closed at $7.92½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Quiet and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 82¼@82¾c; No. 3, spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 81c. Corn—No. 2, 47⅝@48c. Oats—No. 2, 30¾@31c. Rye—No. 2, 52c. Barley—No. 2, 62@63c. Flax Seed—No. 1, $1.10. Timothy Seed, prime, $2.40. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $13.60@13.62½. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $8.30@8.35. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $7.85; dry salted shoulders, (boxed), $6.65@6.75; short clear sides, (boxed), $8.25@8.30. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.20. Receipts—Flour, 22,000 bbls; wheat, 26,000 bu; corn, 162,000 bu; oats 112,000 bu; barley, 4,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 10,000 bbls; wheat, 19,000 bu; corn, 279,000 bu; oats, 103,000 bu; barley, 1,000 bu. On the produce exchange to-day, the butter market was firm for fancy grades, owing to scarcity; other grades slow; creamery, 15¼@15c; dairy, 13@17c. Eggs in good demand for fresh; inferior, plenty; recandled, 14@15c.

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Duluth Grain.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Minn., July 19.—The market was off ½c for August and September and ⅛@⅜c for other futures, but ruled generally strong. August opened at 81¼c, weakened to 81⅛c, strengthened up to 81½c, where considerable was sold. It firmed still more to 81¾c and closed at 82c bid. September opened at 79⅝c, firmed up to 80c, fell back ⅛c, went back to 80c and closed at 80½c bid. October sold at 79⅞c and 80c and closed nominal at 80⅛c. December sold at 81¼c but closed firm at 82.

THE DULUTH UNION NATIONAL BANK,
DULUTH, MINN.
U. S. Government Depository.
CAPITAL $600,000
L. MENDENHALL, Pres. H. A. WARE, Cashier.

Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 19.—Flour steady. Wheat steady; cash, 78c; August, 76⅝c; September, 77⅞c. Corn higher; No. 3, 47c. Oats higher; No. 2 white, 35c. Rye quiet; No. 1, 56c. Barley quiet; No. 2, 60c. Provisions strong. Pork—Cash and July, $13.62½. Lard—July, $8.40; August, $8.47½. Butter steady; dairy, 13@14c. Eggs fair; fresh, 14@14½c. Cheese quiet; cheddars, 8@11½c. Receipts—Flour, 4,000 bbls; wheat, 19,000 bu; barley, 1,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 9,000 bbls; wheat, 6,000 bu.

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St. Louis Produce.

ST. LOUIS, July 19.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—Cash quiet and unchanged; options opened with a heavy pressure to sell early, but later there was a reaction, and the market closed about as yesterday; cash, 79¾c; July, 78¾@79c, closing at 79⅛c bid; August, 78¼@78⅞c, closing at 78⅞c; September, 79⅜@80c, closing at 79⅞c bid; December, 83¼@83¾c, closing at 83¾c. Corn—Strong; cash, 45½@45¾c; August, 44½@45c, closing at 44⅞c; September, 44@44¾c, closing at 44⅝c nominal; October, 43½@44c, closing gt 43½c; year, 34½c, closing at 34¼c. Oats—Quiet but firm; cash 30c bid; July, 27⅝c; August, 23⅛c bid; September, 23⅜c; year, 23⅛c bid. Rye—No demand.

SEVEN CORNERS BANK
Paid Up Capital, $100,000.
R. M. Newport, President. W. B. Evans, Cashier
Michael Defiel, Vice President. C. A. Hawks, Asst. Cashier

Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, July 19.—Wheat steady; No. 2 red cash, 67⅞c bid, 68c asked; August, 68½c asked; September, 68c bid, 68½c asked. No. 2 soft cash, 68¾c bid, 69c asked; August, 69c asked. Corn steady; No. 2 cash, 41c bid, 41⅛c asked; August, no bids nor offerings; September, 39c bid, 41c asked; year, 29½c bid, 30½c asked; May, 29c bid. Oats—No. 2, August, 20½c bid, 21c asked; September, 20¾c bid, 21c asked. Others unchanged.

GERMANIA BANK,
(STATE BANK.)
PAID UP CAPITAL, - $400,000.
Surplus and undivided profits, $55,000.
ALEX. RAMSEY, President. WILLIAM BICKEL, Cashier.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, O., July 19.—Wheat steady and unchanged; cash, 88c old; July, 84c; August, 83⅜c; September, 83½c; December, 86⅝c. Corn dull and steady; cash, 47c; September, 48c. Oats, no sales. Clover seed nominal. Receipts—Wheat, 6,000 bu; corn, 3,000 bu; oats, 1,000 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 3,000 bu.

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FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, July 19.—Wheat dull and lower; holders offer freely; California No. 1, 6s 9d@6½s per cental; red Western, winter, 6s 7d@6s 8d. Corn steady; demand fair.

BANK OF MINNESOTA,
Paid Up Capital $600,000;
Surplus $100,000.
Wm. Dawson, Pres. Robt. A. Smith, V. Pres. Wm. Dawson, Jr., Cashier.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Flour—Receipts, 13,828 pkgs; exports, 5,955 bbls, 4,071 sacks; steady and unchanged; sales, 27,000 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, none; exports, 49,053 bu; sales, 3,520,000 bu futures, 401,000 bu spot; cash grades ⅛@¾c higher, closing firm; milling demand more active; export inquiry quite moderate; options ruled weak and unsettled, opening ⅛@¼c lower, later declined ⅛@¼c more, then advanced ¼@⅜c, closing steady; No. 2 spring, nominal at 87¾c; No. 1 hard, 90c elevator, 90⅛@91c delivered; No. 2 Milwaukee, c. f. and i., 93c; ungraded red, 82¾@92¼c; No. 2 red, 89⅝@89¾c elevator, 90¼c f. o. b., 90⅜@91¼c delivered; No. 2 red, August, 88⅛@89¼c, closing at 89⅛c; September, 88⅞c@89¼c, closing at 89⅛c; October, 89⅝@89¾c, closing at 89⅞c; December, 91⅞@92 3-16c, closing at 92c; May, 96⅝@96⅞c, closing at 96⅝c. Corn—Receipts, none exports, 2,250 bu; sales, 2,168,000 bu futures, 96,000 bu spot; cash advanced ½c with less doing; options opened steady; later rose ¼@⅜c, then declined ⅛@¼c, closing heavy; ungraded, 56@56½c; No. 2, 55⅛@57c; No. 2 August, 54⅛@54¾c, closing at 54⅞c; September, 54⅝@55⅜c, closing at 55⅛c; October, 54¾@55⅝c, closing at 55½c; November, 54⅞@54¾c, closing 54⅝c; December, 50⅞@51c, closing at 51c. Oats—Receipts, 17,000 bu; exports, 744 bu; sales, 145,000 bu futures, 183,000 bu spot; ¼@½c higher and active; mixed Western, 36@39c; white Western, 44@50c. Hay firm; shipping, 65@70c. Hops have a light demand. Coffee—Spot, fair Rio nominal at 14½c; options unsettled, closing weaker; sales, 33,750 bags; July, 11.05@11.25c; August, 10.40@10.45c; September, 9.90@9.95c; October, 9.65@9.75c; November, 9.65@9.75c; December, 9.75@9.80c; February, 9.85c; April, 10c. Sugar strong; Manilla, 4⅛c; refined active and strong; "C," 6¾@6⅞c; extra "C," 6⅜@6.81c; white extra "C," 6¾@6⅞c; yellow, 6½c; off "A," 6⅞@7c; confectioners' "A," 7⅛@7.69c; powdered, 8c; granulated, 7⅝@7⅞c; cubes, 8c. Molasses dull; nominal. Rice steady. Petroleum firm; United closed steady at 82⅞c. Cotton seed oil unchanged; quiet. Tallow firm. Rosin dull at $1.05@1.10. Turpentine dull. Eggs dull and lower; receipts, 6,827 pkgs. Pork quiet but steadily held. Cut meats quiet, firm and unchanged. Lard opened firm and advanced 10@15 points, later dropped 5@7 points, closing steady; Western steam spot, quoted at $8.60; August, $8.58; September, $8.58@8.65; October, $8.57@8.60; November, $7.97; city steam, $8.10. Butter unchanged and dull. Cheese dull and heavy; Ohio flat, 7@5¾c. Copper steady; lake quoted 19.75. Lead weaker; domestic, $3.87½. Tin firm; straits, $19. Other articles unchanged.

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FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Clearings, $99,978,248; balances, $4,556,609. Money on call easy at 1 to 1½ per cent; closed offered at 1½. Prime mercantile paper, 4@6½. Sterling exchange dull but steady and unchanged. The stock market to-day was quiet to dull and hesitating, but the general drift of prices was downward, though the losses sustained were insignificant in most of the list. There was less demand for stocks than during the preceeding days, and the traders hammered the list throughout the entire day, while there was free realizations by the short-waisted bulls, and though the commission houses report some discretionary orders to buy, the aggregate was very small and was entirely insufficient to stem the tide of stocks thrown on the market. The number of stocks dealt in during the day shows a marked falling off from those of the preceding days of this week. St. Paul was the special feature of the day, and the publication the story early in the day that Mr. Armour had sold out all his speculative holdings of the stock, made it quite weak in the forenoon, and the rest of the list sympathized quickly. Reading was more active than of late, but the pressure upon it was not so severe as upon most of the other active stocks and it was comparatively well held. The only other really active stock was New England, and it was exceptionally strong, though its final changes were for an insignificant fraction only. There was a fairly active business at the opening, but prices were unsettled and irregular, though most of the important changes from last evening's figures were in the direction of higher prices, New England being up ⅝ and Erie ½. The pressure upon the list developed a weak tone immediately, however, and everything on the list, with Reading, St. Paul and New England in the van, yielded materially during the first hour. The special feature of the trading at that time was the drop of 1⅛ per cent in Rock Island. The market soon fell into a dull and listless state, with very small transactions and fluctuations, which lasted, with very little interruption, until near 2 p. m., a downward movement in Lackawanna and New England being the only break in the monotony. There was some slight recovery, but the list remained dull, and the market finally closed dull and barely steady at near the lowest prices of the day. Everything is lower this evening, and Rock Island is down 1⅛, Richmond & West Point preferred 1¾, common 1 per cent, St. Paul 1½, Northwestern, Lake Shore and Omaha, 1 per cent each and others fractional amounts. The railroad bond market was fairly active to-day, the sales of all issues aggregating $1,532,000, out of which $220,000 were in Erie seconds and $175,000 in Texas Pacific seconds, while the rest of the business was very evenly distributed. There was in the snare list some irregularity, but the market was strong and a majority of the changes to-night are in the direction of higher figures. The principal gains comprise St. Paul & Sioux City firsts, 2¼ to 125¾; Louisville & Nashville, New York, Susquehanna & Western seconds, 3¼ to 77¼; Norfolk and Western adjustments, 2 to 112. Government bonds were dull and steady. State bonds were dull and steady. The total sales of stocks to-day were 183,040 shares, including:

Del., L. & W.	13,925	Rich. & W. P.	8,820
Erie	11,080	St. Paul	25,605
Lake Shore	4,300	Texas Pacific	4,780
L. & N.	4,610	Union Pacific	9,530
N. P. pfd	6,814	West'n Union	9,175
Reading	30,350		

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U. S. 4s reg	127¼	Houston & Tex.	13¼
do 4s coup	127¼	Illinois Central	118½
do 4½s reg	107⅜	Ind., B. & W.	15¼
do 4½s coup	107¾	Kansas & Texas	13
Pacific 6s of '95	119¼	Lake Erie & W.	15
La. stamped 4s	88⅝	do pfd	46
Missouri 6s	100	Lake Shore	92¼
Ten. new set 6s	103	Louisville & N.	58⅜
do do 5s	96	Louis. & N. A.	34
do do 3s	70⅛	Mem. & Chas.	52
Can. So. 2ds	94	Michigan Cen.	81⅛
Cen. Pacific 1sts	114¼	Mil., L. S. & W.	96
D. & R. G. 1sts	119⅛	do pfd	93
do do 4s	75¾	Mpls. & St. L.	4¼
D. & R. G. W. 1sts	79½	do pfd	10
Erie 2ds	98¼	Missouri Pacific	77⅜
M. K. & T. G. 6s	65	Mobile & Ohio	9
do do 5s	60	Nash. & Chatt.	79
Mut. Union 6s	97	N. J. Central	83⅛
N. J. C. int. cert.	105¼	N. & W. pfd	49⅝
N. Pacific 1sts	117¼	Northern Pacific	25½
do do 2sts	116½	do pfd	56¼
N. W. consols	143	Northwestern	109½
do deb. 5s	110⅜	do pfd	140
Or. & Trans. 6s	99¾	N. Y. Central	106¼
St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	85	N. Y., C. & St. L.	15¼
St. L. & S. F. G. M.	115½	do pfd	68
St. Paul consols	124½	Ohio & Miss.	20½
St. P. C. & P. 1sts	120	do pfd	80
T. P. L. G. T. R.	94⅞	Ontario & W.	15⅛
T. P. R. G. T. R.	43¼	Oregon Imp.	66
Union Pac. 1sts	114¼	Oregon Nav.	94½
West Shore	102⅜	Oregon Transc'l	25⅞
Adams Express	145	Pacific Mail	35
Alton & T. H.	42	Peoria, D. & E.	20⅞
do pfd	80	Pittsburg	158
American Ex.	108	Pullman P. Car.	161½
B., C. R. & N.	20	Reading	61⅝
Can. Pacific	57	Rock Island	105½
Can. Southern	50	St. Louis & S. F.	30⅜
Cen. Pacific	33½	do pfd	67¾
Chi. & Alton	136	do 1st pfd	116
C., B. & Q.	144½	St. Paul	69½
C., St. L. & P.	11½	do pfd	107⅝
do pfd	31½	St. P., M. & M.	104½
C., S. & C.	63	St. P. & Omaha	37⅝
Cleve. & Col.	49	do pfd	105½
Del. & Hudson	113	Tenn. C. & I.	78
Del., Lack. & W.	133	Texas Pacific	23⅜
Denver & R. G.	17	T. & O. C. pfd	35
East Tennessee	10⅜	Union Pacific	56½
do 1sts pfd	68½	U. S. Express	74½
do 2ds pfd	25⅜	W., St. L. & P.	13½
Erie	26½	do pfd	24⅜
do pfd	61	Wells-Fargo Ex.	138
Fort Wayne	152	Western Union	78⅞
Fort W. & D.	19	Am. Cotton Oil	36½
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Con. Cal. & Va.	9 87½	Utah	1 30
Crown Point	4 40	Yellow Jacket	4 25
Gould & Curry	2 85	Commonw'lth	5 12½
Hale & Nor.	5 87	Grand Prize	2 40
Mexican	3 65	Belle Isle	60
Mono	1 35	No. Belle Isle	3 65
Nuvajo	1 35	Nevada Queen	6 75

LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

No. 1 hard was a good deal firmer, and advanced ½c, at which it was held firm. Buyers, however, could not be induced to pay that figure. Corn was more steady than on the day previous. Oats unchanged. Ground feed and corn meal were quiet. Hay was dull and with no demand at all. Eggs firm. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 82½c bid; No. 1 Northern, 81c bid; No. 2 Northern, 78c bid.

Corn—No. 2, 42c bid; sample, 40c asked.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 32c asked; July, 32c asked; No. 2, white, 33c asked; No. 3, 31½c asked.

Ground Feed—$17 asked.

Corn Meal—Unbolted, $17 asked.

Bran—Bulk, $9 bid.

Hay—No. 1, $5 asked; No. 1 upland prairie, $7.50 asked; timothy, $12 asked.

Flax Seed—$1.05 bid.

Potatoes—80c asked; $2.25 per bbl asked.

Eggs—14c bid, 15c asked.

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There is no change to note in butter, though there seems to be a better feeling. The market is pretty well cleaned up, while prices are unchanged. Illinois apples are coming in in fair qualities. Blueberries are improving in quality, and are higher and better than they were at first. Cheese quiet. Melons are more plenty, but prices stand firm. Poultry quiet.

Butter—Extra creamery, 15@17c; extra dairy, 12@14c; good to choice dairy, 10@12c; fresh packing stock, 9