IRON TRADE REVIEW.

A Slight Improvement in the General Demand Now Reported.

PRICES ARE WELL MAINTAINED,

Although There is No Indication of a Boom in Any Direction.

SITUATION IN THE SOUTH AND WEST

The features of the iron and steel market are practically the same as they were a week ago. Brokers report a slight improvement in demand and steady markets. At this time a year ago there was a strong upward movement. There are as yet no signs of the upward movement anticipated by furnacemen, but, on the other hand, prices are well maintained and there is a strong undertone of confidence in the future of markets. The spurt in May, when manufacturers loaded up heavily, is no doubt the cause of the present quietness. Bessemer iron is steady at last week's prices. There is an improved demand for muck bar, but no change in prices.

Manufactured iron is active, and prospects are good for an advance. The outlook for a big fall trade was never better. The rail market holds up well. Wire nails are unusually active. All finished products are in exceptionally good demand, and, though raw irons are slow, it is only a question of a short time when they must take an upward turn in view of the strong demand for finished products. The demand for structural iron is fully up to the supply.

At the Edgar Thompson Works steel rails are going out hot. The present capacity of the works is close to 1,300 tons every 24 hours. Some new machinery which is now being introduced will soon increase the daily capacity to 1,500 tons. At the increase there is no danger of an accumulation of stock this year. Latest quotations are:

Structural Iron—Angles, $2.20; tees, 2.85c; beams and channels, 3.10c; sheared bridge plates, steel, 2.65c; universal mill plates, iron, 2.35c; refined bars, 2c card.

Barbed wire fencing, galvanized, $3 10; plain wire fencing, galvanized, $3 80.

Neutral mill	$15 25@15 50—cash
All-ore mill	15 75@16 25—cash
No. 1 foundry, native ore	16 25@16 50—cash
No. 1 foundry, lake ore	17 25@17 50—cash
Bessemer	18 25@18 50—cash
Charcoal foundry iron No. 1	21 00@23 00
Charcoal foundry iron No. 2	20 75@22 75
Charcoal cold blast	25 00@30 00
Spiegel	32 75@33 50
Muck bar	29 50@30 00
Steel blooms	30 50@31 00
Steel slabs	30 50@31 00
Steel billets	30 50@31 00
Steel R. C. ends	24 00@24 50
Steel bloom ends	21 50
Steel rails, new	32 50@33 00
Old rails	25 00@26 00
Bar iron	1 85@ 1 90
Wire rods	45 00
Steel nails, per keg, usual dis	2 00@ 2 15
Wire nails, per keg	2 45@ 2 55
Ferro manganese	75 00@79 00

THE SOUTHERN SITUATION.

That Market Is Now in a Settled and Healthy Condition.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., August 29.—The iron trade of this district is now in a settled, healthy condition, without a boom. Prices have advanced about $1 per ton over spring and early summer figures. No. 1 foundery is now quoted at $13 50 f. o. b. at the furnaces, No. 2, $12 50, and No. 3 $11 50 to $11 75.

The volume of trade is steadily increasing since the first of the month, but orders for immediate delivery are not yet equal to the entire output of the district. Some stock is being placed in the storage warehouses, but most of the furnaces are selling enough iron for cash to meet running expenses. Only the surplus is being stored, and furnace men are more than willing to hold a little stock in reserve in the event of better prices next month. Some good contracts for September delivery have been made, but none large enough to be worthy of special mention. Stocks on hand in the district are larger now than they have been at any time since March or the 1st of April. This is due more to increased output than to any falling off in trade. During the early summer a number of furnaces went out of blast for repairs. They are all in blast now and three new furnaces have recently blown in.

Shipments during the week have been mostly to Western markets, a few hundred tons going to Boston and other Eastern points. Small buyers do not seem to anticipate an early advance of prices and are buying only for immediate needs, with few exceptions. All the furnace men in the district express themselves as well satisfied with the present volume of business and the outlook for the future.

Saturday evening the "Clara" furnace of the Vanderbilt Iron and Steel Company went in blast. It is a 100-ton coke furnace with all modern improvements, and is the first of a large plant to be built by the same company. This is the 25th furnace in the Birmingham district, and is the only one built entirely by outside capital. George O. Vanderbilt, of New Jersey, is President of the company, and the stock is all held by Eastern and foreign capitalists. Work on a second furnace of 100 tons' capacity will begin at once.

A STRONG UNDERTONE.

The Iron Market Continues Steady, Although Buyers Are Not Eager.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, August 29.—The iron market continues generally steady. Buyers are not inclined to follow any advance in price. Inquiries are plentiful and a better market is looked for in the near future. There is generally a strong undertone. Pig iron exhibits no change in feeling. It is a trifle steadier than it was a week or two ago. Good brands are not in good supply. Consumers are acting cautiously, and are only buying small quantities. No. 1 best foundry is quoted at $18 00@18 50 delivered; No. 2, $16 50@17 00; gray forge is $15 00@15 50. The sales of Bessemer pig are a little better. The stock of the manufacturers is generally well sold, $19 being the ruling price. The market for spiegleisen is unsettled, but sellers are firm at $31 50 a ton delivered. Muck bars are restricted in sales owing to high prices. At the mill $30 is charged and $31 delivered. The mills are unusually busy on bar iron. In fact they have more work than they can handle. Under the influence of increased business prices are better. Country mills are charging $1 75 and $1 80 on board cars, and city mills $1 85 @1 90, according to specifications and size of order.

Owing to the crowded condition of the mills there is no urgency to secure new orders of skelp iron. The prices are 1.85@1.90c delivered for grooved, and 2.15@2.20 for sheared skelp. Plates are firm, having in some cases advanced a trifle, selling at the following prices: Ship plates, 2.25@2.30c; tank, 2.30@2.35c; bridge, 2.30@2.40c; shell, 2.45@2.55c; flange, 3.00@3.10c, and fire box, 3.75c. Structural iron is unusually lively. The manufacturers have all the business they can handle. The quotations are: Angles, 2.20@2.30c delivered; sheared plates, 2.40@2.50; tees, 2.7@2.8c; beams and channels, 3.1c.

DEMAND FOR MILL IRON.

The Principal Feature of the Cincinnati Pig Iron Market.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CINCINNATI, August 29.—Rogers, Brown & Co. say: An active demand for and heavy sales of mill iron has formed the prominent feature of the local market for pig iron during the past week. Early sales gave evidence of some anxiety to sell "off" grades, but the larger transactions gave an improved tone to the market and resulted in higher prices being realized in some instances for Southern grades. It is now difficult to duplicate sales of mottled and grey forge made a few days since. There has been a moderate business in foundry grades and a steady movement in car wheel irons of both Northern and Southern production.

Several of the Lake Superior furnaces are well sold ahead on the higher grades, and are refusing orders of moment at fair prices. The output of the new furnaces which have blown in is being readily absorbed at current market prices. Northern stacks are reducing stocks and are indisposed to grant concessions except in rare cases. A more confident feeling prevails at the close and inquiries are numerous. A point of interest is the increased demand for muck bar outside the regular channels reflecting the heavy orders placed for finished iron which is reported selling at higher prices.

HEAVY INQUIRIES.

Higher Prices are Expected by Many in the Near Future.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ST. LOUIS, August 29.—Brown & Meachan say: Most of the Southern furnaces report heavy inquiries for iron, mill grades especially, and large sales at full prices. Agents at the principal distributing centers confirm this and point to the continuous active consumption as indicating higher prices in the near future. Our immediate locality inquiry is only light and orders have been taken during the week by the agents of several Southern furnaces (possessing freight advantages) at substantial concessions from quoted values. This unnecessary cutting does not increase volume of trade but it does demoralize the buyers.

We quote for cash f. o. b. St. Louis:

Hot blast coke and charcoal:	
Southern Coke No. 1	$16 00@16 25
Southern Coke No. 2	15 00@15 25
Southern Coke No. 3	14 50@14 75
Southern Gray Forge	14 00@14 25
Southern Charcoal No. 1	18 00@18 50
Southern Coke No. 2	17 00@17 50
Missouri Charcoal No. 1	17 00@17 50
Missouri Charcoal No. 2	16 25@16 75
Ohio Softeners	18 00@19 50
Car wheel and malleable irons:	
Lake Superior	$22 00@22 50
Southern	19 00@22 50
Connellsville foundry coke:	
East St. Louis	$5 65
St. Louis	5 80

New York Figures.

NEW YORK, August 29.—Pig iron quiet and steady. Copper nominal; lake, $16 75. Lead dull: domestic, $4 72½. Tin lower; straits, $21 80.

AT THE MARKETS.

Improvement in Trade Reported by Dealers—Some Fruits and Vegetables a Little Lower—Advance in Dairy Products—Prices of Staples.

At the Diamond market stalls an improvement was reported over last week. Many of the good customers who, for the past month or two have been consumers at Atlantic ports, have returned, and there is already a perceptible improvement in demand. Prices of fruits and vegetables vary very little from rates of last Saturday. In a jobbing way, melons, potatoes and tomatoes are a shade lower, but the decline is not sufficient to affect the retail markets to any extent. All dairy products are on the advance. The advance in creamery butter has brought oleo to the front once more, and a very large proportion of that which is now sold for butter is the imitation.

"Where ignorance is bliss it were folly to be wise." Certain it is that the masses are spreading their bread with other than genuine butter. A leading dealer said yesterday, We are selling much more oleo than butter, and our customers are entirely satisfied. Choice oleo is much more satisfactory than the common grades of butter. In the line of staple meats there are seldom any changes, no matter what the price of beeves, sheep and swine. Prices in this line are the same as for months past. There is still a great scarcity of western fish. Demand far exceeds supply. Eastern fish are also in light supply. A leading dealer reports that it is utterly impossible to fill orders for western fish. Florists report a quiet week's trade with prices unchanged. Following are the latest retail prices as furnished by leading dealers:

Staple Meats.

The best cuts of tenderloin steak range from 20 to 25c, with last figure for very fancy; sirloin, best cuts, from 15 to 18c; standing rib roast, from 15 to 20c; chuck roast, 10 to 12c; best round steaks, 12½ to 15c; boiling beef, 5 to 8c; sweet breads, 20 to 50c per pair; beef kidneys, 10c apiece; beef liver, 5c a pound; calf livers, 25 to 35c apiece; corned beef from 10 to 12c per pound. Veal for stewing commands 10c; roast, 12½ to 15c; cutlets, 20c per pound; spring lambs, fore quarter, 10 to 12c; hind quarters, 15c. A leg of mutton, hind quarter, of prime quality, brings 12½c; fore quarter, 8c; loin of mutton, 15c; giblets, 5c per pound.

Garden Stuff.

Cabbage, 5 to 10c; potatoes, 20c per half peck; tomatoes, 10c a quarter peck; bananas, 15 to 20c a dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; lemons, 30 to 40c per dozen; oranges, 35 to 50c; cauliflower, 15 to 35c a head; lettuce, 5c per bunch; beets, 5c per bunch, 35c per dozen; cucumbers, 5c apiece, 6 for 25c; beans, 35c a half peck; apples, 20c a quarter peck; blackberries, 15 to 20c a quart; huckleberries, 15c a quart; celery, 5c a bunch; roasting ears, 20 to 25c a doz.; eggplant, 10 to 15c apiece; squash, 5c apiece; pie pumpkins, 10 to 50c; watermelons, 20 to 40c apiece; cantaloups, 10 to 25c apiece; California apricots and peaches, 35 to 50c a dozen; German prunes, 35c a dozen; grapes, 15c a pound, 2 for 25c.

Choice creamery butter, 30c. Good country butter, 15 to 20c. Fancy pound rolls, 30 to 35c. The retail price for fresh country eggs is 25c. The range for dressed chickens is 60c to $1 00 per pair; ducks, 60c to $1 00.

Ocean Products.

Following are the articles in this line on the stalls, with prices: Lake salmon, 10 to 12½c; California salmon, 35c per pound; white fish, 12½c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; Spanish mackerel, 25 to 30c a pound; blue fish, 15c; halibut, 20c; rock bass, 25c; black bass, 15c; lake trout, 12½c; lobsters, 20c; green sea turtle, 20 to 25c. Oysters: N. Y. counts, $1 75 per gallon; clams, $1 25 per gallon; soft shell crabs, $1 25 to $1 50 per dozen; brook trout, 75c a pound.

Flowers.

La France, $1 25 per dozen; Mermets, $1 25 per dozen; Brides, $1 25 per dozen; yellow and white, 75c per dozen; Bennetts, $1 00 per dozen; Beauties, 25c apiece; carnations, 30c per dozen; lilium auratum, 20c apiece; gladiolus, $1 a dozen; hydrangeas, 20c apiece.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The Condition of Business at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, August 29, 1890.

CATTLE—Receipts, 1,743 head; shipments, 1,652 head; market, nothing doing, all through consignments; no cattle shipped to New York to-day.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,500 head; shipments, 3,300 head; market fairly active; selected cornfed, $4 50@4 60; best cornfed Yorkers, $4 40@4 50; grassers, $3 80@4 30; pigs, $3 25@3 75; 9 cars shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,200 head; shipments, 2,600 head; market slow at unchanged prices.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 4,901 head, including 41 cars for sale; market 15c per 100 lbs lower; native steers, $3 50@4 80 per 100 lbs; bulls and cows, $2 00@3 00; dressed beef steady at 6½@7¾c per lb; shipments to-day, 1,260 beeves; to-morrow, 1,667 beeves and 360 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 586 head; market ½c per lb higher; veals, $6 00@8 50 per 100 lbs; Westerns and "fed," $4 50@6 00. Sheep—Receipts, 6,600 head; sheep firmer; lambs easier; sheep, $4 50@5 75 per 100 lbs; $5 75@6 75; dressed mutton firmer at 9@10½c per lb; dressed lambs dull at 10@11½c. Hogs—Receipts, 6,658 head; market firmer at $4 40@5 00 per 100 lb.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle, receipts 9,400 head; shipments, 2,600 head. Market 10c to 15c lower; steers, $3 25@4 75; cows, $1 50@2 40; stockers and feeders, $2 50@3 25; range steers, $2 00@2 90; range cows, $1 50@1 80. Hogs—Receipts, 11,400 head; shipments, 3,400 head; market steady to strong; bulk, $3 90@4 00; all grades, $3 80@4 10. Sheep—Receipts, 2,650 head; shipments, 250 head; market 10c lower; lambs, $4 85@5 15; good to choice muttons, $3 80@4 40; stockers and feeders, $3 25@3 75.

CINCINNATI—Hogs easier; packing and butchers, $4 20@4 50. Cattle in fair demand and steady; common, $1 00@2 25; fair to choice butchers' grades, $2 50@4 25; receipts, 540 head; shipments, 640 head. Sheep in light supply and steady; common to choice, $2 50@4 75; stock wethers and ewes, $4 00@4 70; extra fat wethers and yearlings, $5 00@5 25. Lambs—Spring in fair demand and firm; good to choice shipping, $5 50@6 25; common to choice butchers, $4 00@5 50.

BUFFALO—Cattle—Slow; receipts, 136 loads through, 6 sale. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 8 loads through, 20 sale; sheep slow; lambs steady; sheep, choice to extra, $5 10@5 40; good to choice, $4 75@5 05; lambs, choice to extra, $6 25@6 60; good to choice, $6 00@6 20. Hogs—Slow on common, steady on good; receipts, 5 loads through, 40 sale; mediums and heavy, $4 40@4 55.

CHICAGO—The *Evening Journal's* report says: Cattle—Market lower; steers, $3 25@5 25; Texans, $2 65@3 25; rangers, $3 00@3 85. Hogs—Market steady; $3 90@4 10; best and heavy butcher weights, $4 15@4 30; light, $4 20@4 35. Sheep—Market steady; natives, $4 00@4 75; Westerns, $4 00@4 15; Texans, $4 00@4 20; lambs, $5 00@6 25.

New York Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, August 29.—Business in drygoods continued of a satisfactory character with both agents and jobbers, and a good tone and feeling prevailed. The activity in the jobbing section of the market was at full tide with good prospects, as the yearly trade is yet to be heard from. At first hands demand reflected to a fair degree the condition of the distribution trade all through the country, a good total of orders coming to hand daily for general lines of goods. Specialties are a feature, with ginghams very scarce. White goods, fast blacks, zephyrs, curtains, etc., for next season are receiving good initial attention. The cotton market continues firm. "Hill's Semper Idem" 4-4 bleached shirting was advanced ¼c a yard.

For Opening Wick Street.

The Board of Viewers went to Wick street yesterday and held a meeting on the ground for the assessment to open the street. They heard the claims for damages, and then went to South Twenty-ninth street, where they held another meeting. Wick street is in the Eleventh ward, and runs from Colwell to Reed.

AN OPENING WEDGE.

Promise of Improvement on Long-Neglected Liberty Street.

SOME GOOD WORDS FOR PITTSBURG.

Reported Sale of the Splane Property News to Many of the Brokers.

THE NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE CITY.

The three warehouses on Liberty street, just sold by Henry A. Weaver & Co., are among the oldest buildings on that thoroughfare, having been erected about 60 years ago, and for a long time known as Commercial Block. One of them was built by the late Thomas Scott, at one time President of the M. and M. Bank. The other two belonged to the Sprout and Wiley estate for 50 years or more.

The new owner, it is said, will tear them down at the expiration of the present leases and erect a modern business block in their stead. This should start other improvements on Liberty street, which is one of the most backward in the city.

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Concerning the Splane Property.

It was reported yesterday that the Splane property, corner Smithfield street and Fifth avenue, had been sold to Colonel Thomas for $400,000. Several brokers were visited for a confirmation of the story. While none of them positively denied the truth of the report, they were unanimous in the opinion that there must be a mistake somewhere. Mr. D. P. Black said: "I am pretty well posted in that locality, and think if a transaction were to occur there I would know something about it, but this is news to me. I think it's a mistake."

Baxter, Thompson & Co. remarked: "We were talking with one of the occupants of the property yesterday, and from what he said we are inclined to discredit the report."

Mr. Miller, of Charles Somers & Co., had this to say: "I think the story is a new version of the dicker going on for the block on Fifth avenue. If the sale has been made it is a surprise to almost every broker in the city.

John Kelly, of William A. Herron & Sons, observed: "About eight months ago one of the heirs sold his interest in the corner property, but I have no knowledge of any other deal there."

With the probabilities and improbabilities thus placed before them, those interested in real estate movements must await developments.

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This Hits the Mark.

The *Chicago Journal of Commerce* takes occasion to remark: "Pennsylvania can and will have a ship canal from Pittsburg to Lake Erie; she has one of the best shipping ports on the Atlantic, and outlets to other great marine cities—to the South, to all countries—and abundant resources at home. Really, Pittsburg is a flourishing city."

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The Law of Invention.

The general rule is that when a mechanic, laboring for an employer in the construction of a machine, invents a valuable improvement, the invention is the property of the inventor, and not of the employer. This is the declaration of a decision by the Supreme Court of Illinois in the case of the Joliet Manufacturing Company versus Dice. It may be, the decision continues, that when an employer hires a man of supposed inventive mind to invent for the employer in a given machine, under a special contract, that the employer shall own the invention when made, the invention, if so made, would in equity become the property of the employer.

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Business News and Gossip.

There is a large and inviting field for improvement on Liberty street, and all that is needed to set it in motion is a leader. It is believed he has been found.

The Pittsburg, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway Company, created by the consolidation of the Southwest system of the Pennsylvania road, proposes to expend $33,000,000 in the purchase and construction of additional lines. The matter will be discussed at the meeting here next month.

An Eastern silver-plating firm writes: "The heavy advances in silver, copper and nickel compel us to largely increase the selling price of our products. A further advance is probable."

All the mortgages on file yesterday were for small amounts, the largest being for $4,000. There were 26, of which 5 were for purchase money.

Hollow cast-iron bricks are being manufactured in Germany. Several advantages are claimed for them. What's good there should be good here.

The Bindley building, on Seventh avenue, is being erected on ground leased from Mrs. Schenley for 45 years. It will be one of the finest hardware warehouses in the United States.

Gold coin and bullion in the treasury, $310,433,479; silver dollars, $319,994,852; legal tenders, $20,406,024; gold certificates in circulation, $121,012,129; silver, $302,238,755; currency certificates, $9,210,000.

The American Bankers' Association will meet at Saratoga, N. Y., on Wednesday next. Pittsburg will be pretty well represented.

The total bond purchases Thursday were $3,242,550. Total purchases under the circular August 21, $15,229,000.

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Movements in Real Estate.

C. H. Love sold the property No. 104 Federal street, Allegheny City, lot 20x60, for J. J. East, for $22,000. The purchaser is C. F. Schrader, the well-known merchant tailor.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold for T. M. Jenkins et al to P. Madigan, lots Nos. 51, 52 and 53 in Anna R. Aspinwall's plan, Twenty-third ward, fronting 90 feet on Tecumseh street by 145 feet more or less in depth, for $1,850 cash.

Black & Baird sold to W. L. Morrison for J. H. Willock lot No. 1, in the Willock plan at Hazelwood, fronting on Second avenue by 100 feet in depth, for $1,600.

M. F. Hipple & Co., sold to Charles A. Broughton lot No. 26, 70x155, on Hickory street, in the Bailey & Moon plan, Reflectorville, Castle Shannon Railroad, for $200; also sold to Mrs. Francis Walton lot No. 27 on Hickory street, 70x155 feet, in the same plan, for $200 cash.

Ewing & Byers sold for Huckestein Bros. to George Lehmann, lot No. 40 in Huckestein Bros.' plan, Spring Hill, Allegheny, being in size 22x78.

A. J. Pentecost sold for the estate of Annie Jones, deceased, a lot 20x60 feet on Eighteenth street, Southside, with a two-story frame dwelling, for $3,075; also sold for the Slocum estate on North street, Thirty-first ward, a lot 25x150, with a two-story frame dwelling, for $1,500.

Sloan & Co. sold six lots in the Lemington Square plan at prices ranging from $300 to $900.

The sale of the farm at Walker's Mills of the estate of W. S. Jackson, deceased, was adjourned yesterday to next Thursday afternoon on an offer of $10,845, and the sale of the Idlewood Hotel property and grounds was adjourned until the same day, on the premises at Idlewood, as per advertisement in another column.

James W. Drape & Co. have sold 27 lots in the Thirty-fifth ward at the rate of about $2,000 an acre; also, a lot in Allegheny, near Buena Vista street, for $2,100 cash.

HOME SECURITIES.

Ups and Downs of Luster—The Tractions Receiving More Attention.

Luster sold on Wednesday at 25 and closed with 26¼ bid. Yesterday it was chinned up in a way that was very suggestive of manipulation. There were no sales—bids and offerers seeming to be put forward as feelers. The first bid was 26⅝ and the last 27¾. Ordinarily, a jump of this kind is irresistible to holders, but in this case it failed to draw out any of the stock. There must be an understanding to make things work so well together. It certainly looks that way to people on the outside.

The only actual stocks, or stocks in which there was any trading, were Pleasant Valley, Philadelphia Gas, Citizens' and Central Traction. Philadelphia and Pleasant Valley were a trifle weaker. The Tractions showed some improvement. Electric and Switch and Signal were steady. There was one bid for bank stocks and none for insurance. Sales were 113 shares.

	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A
P. P. S. & M. Ex	420	......	410	......
Commercial National Bk.	105	107	......	......
Exchange Nat. Bank	......	87	......	......
Boatman's Insurance	......	32½	......	......
Chartiers Valley Gas Co.	......	......	......	41
Philadelphia Co.	30	30½	29⅞	30⅛
Hazelwood Oil Co.	......	......	50¼	51½
Central Traction	28½	28½	26⅞	27⅞
Citizens' Traction	......	......	65½	......
Pleasant Valley	......	28	27¾	28
Pittsburg Junction	......	30	......	......
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co.	......	14½	......	14
Pitts. & Western pfd	......	20	18¼	19
N. Y. & Clev. Gas Coal Co.	......	......	31½	......
Luster Mining Co.	26⅝	27¼	27¼	29
Westinghouse Electric	38¼	......	38⅝	39
Union S. & S. Co.	15	......	15	......

Sales at first call were 30 shares Pleasant Valley at 28¼, 33 at 28, and 30 Philadelphia Gas at 30⅛. The second call resulted in sales of 10 shares of Citizens' Traction at 65, and 10 Central Traction at 27.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 111,380 shares, including: Atchison, 3,635; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 7,200; Hocking Valley, 4,850; Louisville and Nashville, 3,500; Richmond and West Point, 4,315; St. Paul, 3,100; Union Pacific, 4,110.

HOME MONEY.

No Change in Rates and No Weak Spots in the Situation.

There was no change in the rates for discounts and loans at the city banks yesterday, showing an easy condition of the money market. The inside figure was 6 per cent. No trouble was experienced in obtaining funds for regular business purposes.

The clearings were down to the lowest point for a long time—$2,075,589 89. But as this is better than at the same period last year, it furnishes no cause for lamentation. The balances were $251,228 94.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from 2 to 6 per cent, last loan 2, closed offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper 5½@7. Sterling exchange dull and heavy at $4 82 for 60-day bills and $4 85½ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg	125⅝	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	70
U. S. 4s, coup	125⅝	Mutual Union 6s	104
U. S. 4½s, reg	104	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	111
U. S. 4½s, coup	106	Northern Pac. 1sts	115¼
Pacific 6s of '95	114	Northern Pac. 2ds	114
Louisiana stamped 4s	89	Northw'n consols	142½
Missouri 6s	100	Northw'n deben's 5s	110
Tenn. new set. 6s	105	Oregon & Trans. 6s	108½
Tenn. new set. 5s	105	St. L & I. M. Gen. 5s	95
Tenn. new set. 3s	73¼	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	109⅝
Canada So. 2ds	99½	St. Paul consols	125
Central Pacific 1sts	109⅝	St. P. Chi & Pc. 1sts	114
Den. & R. G. 1sts	116½	Tx., Pc. L. G. Tr. Rs.	91¾
Den. & R. G. 4s	82⅝	Tx., Pc. R G. Tr. Rs.	40¼
D. & R. G. West 1sts	—	Union Pacific 1sts	110¼
Erie 2ds	102½	West Shore	103¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	83		

NEW YORK—Clearings, $103,226,437; balances, $5,640,836.

BOSTON—Clearings, $12,982,137; balances, $1,272,121. Money, 5@6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $19,150,601; balances, $1,542,470.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $1,682,127; balances, $292,113.

LONDON—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £21,000.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 94f 60c for the account.

DABBLING IN OIL.

More Trading, But Values Fail to Pick Up—Refined Weaker.

There was more interest taken in Buckeye oil yesterday than on the previous day. Still trading was unimportant, probably reaching 8,000 barrels. The close was at the highest point of the day and 1 cent better than the opening. The initial and lowest quotation was 82c; highest and closing 83c. Clearances, 2,000 barrels.

Pennsylvania oil was also more active. It opened up from the previous close, but was sold down by outside exchanges. It recovered a fraction of the loss, but closed rather weak. The opening and highest was 84⅝c, lowest 83½c, closing 83¾c. Clearings, 116,000 barrels. Refined was weaker.

Features of Yesterday's Oil Market.

Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange:

Opened	84⅝	Lowest	83½
Highest	84⅝	Closed	83¾

	Barrels.
Average charters	42,023
Average shipments	82,209
Average runs	69,702

Refined, New York, 7.35c.
Refined, London, 5⅝d.
Refined, Antwerp, 16⅞f.
Refined, Liverpool, 5⅛d.
Refined, Bremen, 6.60m.

A. B. McGrew, No. 115 Fourth avenue, quotes: Puts, 83; calls, 84⅝.

Other Oil Markets.

LIMA—Business in Lima oil at the Exchange was dull to-day. Buckeye oil opened at 33¼c; highest, 33⅜c; lowest, 33¼c; closed, 33⅜c. Sales, 9,000 barrels.

FINDLAY—Ohio oil was fairly active to-day and a better feeling prevailed. Opened, 33⅝c; highest, 33⅝c; lowest, 33⅝c; closed, 33⅝c. Clearances, 12,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, August 30.—Petroleum opened at 84½c; highest, 84½c; lowest, 83c; closed, 83¾c; runs, 85,407 barrels; shipments, 90,523 barrels; charters, 75,119 barrels; sales, 35,000 barrels.

BRADFORD, August 30.—Petroleum opened at 84⅝c; highest, 84⅝c; lowest, 83c; closed, 83⅝c; runs, 86,499 barrels; shipments, 107,312 barrels; charters, 11,994 barrels; clearances, 148,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, August 29.—Petroleum opened steady, but declined sharply after the first sales on light offerings. Then the market reacted and closed steady. Pennsylvania oil opening, 84c; highest, 84c; lowest, 83c; closing, 83½c. September option opening, 84½c; highest, 84½c; lowest, 83c; closing, 83⅝c. Lima oil, opening, 33⅜c; highest, 33½c; lowest, 32⅝c; closing, 33⅜c. Total sales, 272,000 barrels.

DULL AND DROOPING.

Low Stocks in New York—No Scarcity of Money—Urgent Demands Created—Some Strong Points Here and There—Heavy Close.

NEW YORK, August 29.—The stock market became exceedingly dull again to-day and the expected closer working of the money market caused a drooping tendency in prices after the first half hour, and this, with the lower opening, resulted in leaving most stocks a little lower for the day. A few specialties developed marked weakness, but the heaviness in the general list is not to be traced to their influence, and cotton oil and Chicago gas were the only prominent examples being subject to influences which did not touch the remainder of the market. There was no scarcity of money, but the preparations for the quarterly disbursements with the inevitable shifting of loans incident to that operation, together with the usual withdrawal of funds over the holidays, created a demand which was rather urgent for the time being.

The street in general believes that with all the adverse elements out of the way there must come better times both in business and prices during the fall. The dullness to-day was at times most intense, but here and there were spots of strength and activity, and Lackawanna, Hocking Valley and Rock Island led the early rise, while the trusts before mentioned led the succeeding downward movement. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the issue of the debenture bonds, together with the delay in the reorganization, and selling to-day was long stock, while the selling of Chicago has had more the look of a raid at an opportune moment. The strength in Lackawanna and Hocking Valley is directly traceable to the improved outlook of the coal trade. The remainder of the list moved only in response to the general conditions, and dullness and practical stagnation were the principle features of the day. While the money market is now comparatively easy, banks and trust companies are unwilling to make time loans.

The market, after the declines, reacted slightly in the last hour, but the close was rather heavy, generally at small fractions under the opening prices. The only material changes of the day were declines of 2¼ in Cotton Oil (new stock) and 1⅜ in Chicago Gas, and an advance of 1⅛ in Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred.

Railroad bonds were again very dull, the sales reaching only $667,000, and while there was a steady to firm tone.

Government bonds have been dull and steady.

State bonds have been dull and featureless.

The *Post* says: "The crippled condition of the Rock Island was the result of overbuilding in 1887 and and 1888, and the effect of this was shown in the decline in the stock from 126¼ in June, 1887, to 94¼ in December, 1888, and afterwards to 89¾ in March and 88 in August of this year. The decline from 126¼ to 89¼ was unquestionably due to a large outpouring of stock by investors, but the decline in the last three months has been largely due to persistent hammering and the circulation of bearish reports. Chicago Gas is another stock which has been persistently assailed with rumors of all sorts of misfortunes that are going to happen to it. This forenoon the stock was sold down 2 points in half an hour to 52⅝, in connection with the report by telegraph from Chicago that the "Gas trust, its constitution and operations, are to be made the subject of an inquiry by the grand jury in the immediate future, and that the legal proceedings against the old companies composing the trust are being pushed rapidly." Whatever grain of truth there may be in this statement, it shows in its language the desire of the sender to make the most of it against the Gas trust, and is therefore to be taken with a grain of allowance, and especially as there is known to be a considerable short interest outstanding in the stock.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, old Pittsburg members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.
Am. Cotton Oil	20	20	18¾	18¾
Am. Cotton Oil pref	55	....	....	....
Am. Cotton Oil Trust	24¾	24¾	23	23⅝
Atch., Top. & S. F.	42⅝	42⅝	42¼	42⅜
Canadian Pacific	....	....	....	82¾
Canada Southern	54¼	54¼	54¼	54
Central of New Jersey	121⅜	121⅜	121	121
Central Pacific	....	....	....	32
Chesapeake & Ohio	22	22	21⅞	22
Chicago Gas Trust	54½	54½	52⅝	53⅜
C., Bur. & Quincy	102⅜	102⅜	101⅜	101⅜
C., Mil. & St. Paul	71⅜	71⅜	71⅜	71½
C., Mil. & St. P., pf.	118	118	117⅞	117⅞
C., Rock I. & P.	85½	86¼	85¼	85⅜
C., St. L. & Pitts	....	....	....	15
C., St. L. & Pitts., pf	....	....	....	39½
C., St. P., M. & O.	31	31	31	31
C. & Northwestern	109¼	109⅜	109¼	109¼
C., C., C. & I.	70⅞	70⅞	70½	70½
Col. Coal & Iron	50½	50½	50¼	50¼
Col. & Hocking Valley	31⅜	32⅜	31⅜	31⅜
Ches. & Ohio 1st pref	....	....	....	59⅝
Ches. & Ohio 2d pref	....	....	....	40
Del., Lack & West	144	145⅜	144	144⅞
Del. & Hudson	....	....	....	160
Den. & Rio Grand	21¼	21¼	20⅞	21
Den. & Rio Grande, pf	61	61	60⅜	60⅜
E. T., Va. & Ga	9¼	9½	9¼	9¼
Lake Erie & West	17¼	17¼	17¼	17
Lake Erie & West pf	....	....	....	62½
Lake Shore & M. S.	107⅜	108	107⅜	107⅜
Louisville & Nashville	88⅜	88⅞	88⅜	88⅜
Missouri Pacific	71⅜	71⅜	71¼	71¼
National Lead Trust	21⅞	21⅞	21⅝	21⅝
New York Central	....	....	....	106¼
N. Y., C. & St. L	....	....	....	16¼
N. Y., L. E. & W	26¼	....	....	26⅛
N. Y. & N. E.	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	47⅝
N. Y., O. & W	....	....	....	19½
Norfolk & Western	....	....	....	20
Norfolk & Western pf	64	64	64	64
Northern Pacific	33⅜	33⅜	33⅜	33¼
Northern Pacific pf	82⅝	82⅝	82⅝	82¼
Ohio & Mississippi	....	....	....	22½
Oregon Improvement	....	....	....	46
Oregon Transcon	46	....	....	....
Pacific Mail	45¼	45¼	45	45¼
Peo., Dec. & Evans	19½	19½	19⅜	19
Philadel. & Reading	42⅜	43	42⅜	42½
Pullman Palace Car	216	216½	216	215
Richmond & W. P. T.	21	21¼	20⅞	21
Richmond & W. P. T. pf	....	....	....	77
St. Paul & Duluth	....	....	....	33
St. Paul & Duluth pf	....	....	....	92
St. P., Minn. & Man	....	....	....	108¼
St. L. & San Fran	....	....	....	22
St. L. & San Fran pf	....	....	....	58
Sugar Trust	78¾	78¼	77⅜	78¼
Texas Pacific	20⅛	20¼	20	20
Union Pacific	61⅜	61⅜	61	61⅛
Wabash	12	12½	12	11⅞
Wabash preferred	26⅛	26⅛	26	26⅛
Western Union	83⅞	83⅞	83⅜	83⅜
Wheeling & L. E.	37⅞	38⅜	37⅞	37⅞
Wheeling & L. E. pref.	75	78¼	75	75⅞

Boston Stocks.

Atch. & Top	42⅛	Calumet & Hecla	310
Boston & Albany	230	Catalpa	40
Boston & Maine	207½	Franklin	28⅜
C., B. & Q.	101⅜	Huron	8¾
Cin., San. & Clev	29⅞	Kearsarge	20
Eastern R R	172	Osceola	45⅞
Fitchburg R R	89	Pewabic (new)	12½
Flint & Pere M. pre	94	Quincy	128
K. C., St. & C. B. 7s	121	Santa Fe copper	60
L. R. & Ft. S. 7s	99¾	Tamarack	212
Mass. Central	20⅜	Anniston Land Co.	57
Mex. Cen. com	26⅞	Boston Land Co.	6
N. Y. & N. Eng	47⅞	San Diego Land Co.	21
N. Y. & N. Eng. 7s	125½	West End	27
Old Colony	165	Bell Telephone	224¾
Wis. Cen. common	26	Lamson Store S.	32⅞
Allouez Mg. Co	8⅜	Water Power	4⅞
Atlantic	24⅜	Centennial Mining	25¼
Boston & Mont	59½		

Philadelphia Stocks.

Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue. Members New York Stock Exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Railroad	53⅛	53⅜
Reading	21 5-16	21⅜
Buffalo, Pittsburg & Western	9⅜	10⅜
Lehigh Valley	52⅜	52¾
Lehigh Navigation	51½	....
Philadelphia and Erie	....	35⅜
Northern Pacific	33⅜	34
Northern Pacific preferred	82⅜	82¾

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, August 29.—Mining quotations: Alice, 255; Adams Consolidated, 165; Belle Isle, 100; Bodie, 120; Caledonia B. H., 185; Cen. Cala. & Va., 470; Gould and Curry, 225; Hale & Norcross, 250; Homestake, 10 00; Horn Silver, 355; Mexican, 325; Ontario, 41 00; Plymouth, 300; Phœnix, Ariz., 100; Sutter Creek, 130; Union Con., 290.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

ACCIDENTS TO PITTSBURG'S COAL FLEET REPORTED.

One Hundred Thousand Bushels of Coal Lost—Danger to the Matamoras Dikes—Chief River Excursions During the Exposition—News of the River.

Yesterday wound up the shipping of coal for a few days at least. Most of the boats have gone out and the harbor is pretty well cleared up. The only boats remaining behind are those that could not go out because they were out of repair, and a few others belonging to lines that have sent considerable coal to lower river points. It has been reported that several tows of the fleet that left on Wednesday met with serious accidents en route to Cincinnati. Five boats containing about 100,000 bushels of coal and two barges struck obstructions on the second day out and went down. The Seven Sons collided with the Matamoras dikes and sunk two of the barges. This is one of the places that the river pilots and coal operators who met recently to decide what places needed improvement designated to be a menace to navagation. It is hardly probable that the other boats will make the trip without meeting with accidents.

Business was brisk yesterday with packet lines up and down stream. The Monongahela continued to fall during the day. From 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. it fell 2 feet 2 inches, and at that hour the marker read 6 feet stationary—a fall of 8 feet 2 inches in 24 hours.

The first load of freight hauled on the Cincinnati wharf for two months was placed there for the boat to-morrow. In view of the fact that lines centering in Cincinnati have increased passenger and freight rates, during the dull river season, it is expected that the lower river packet business will receive a great boom within the next few days, besides restoring railroad rates to those existing before the river dried up. The line is also counting upon reaping a rich harvest out of the excursion business while the Exposition season is on. Captain Henderson stated yesterday that the company would make special rates for those who wish to come up to witness Pittsburg's exhibit. He expects that larger crowds than last year will avail themselves of the opportunity to get a good, cheap boat ride and witness the big show at the same time. It is very likely that the Monongahela Packet Company will follow the example of making cheap excursion rates. The Wheeling and Parkersburg line will also establish low rates of passage during the Exposition season.

Arrived—James G. Blaine, Germania and Elizabeth from above. H. K. Bedford from Wheeling. Departed—Blaine for Brownsville, Germania for Morgantown, Elizabeth for Elizabethtown; Bedford for Wheeling, leaving to-day 9:30 A. M.; for Brownsville and intermediate landings, Adam Jacobs, 12 M.; for Wheeling, Courier, 3 P. M.; for Brownsville, Germania; for Elizabethtown, Elizabeth, 4 P. M.; for Parkersburg, Mat Allen; for Cincinnati and way points, Keystone State.

Driftwood.

THE pilots and crew of the C. W. Batchellor arrived from Cincinnati yesterday and reported for work.

THE towboat Twilight struck the railroad bridge piers at Wheeling Thursday and sunk five barges of coal.

THE Mayflower took the Fifth U. P. Church, of Allegheny, Sunday school downito Economy yesterday.

THE Ironsides left Louisville for St. Louis yesterday morning with two barges of rails and two flats of manufactured iron.

THE Lizzie Bay will re-enter the Pittsburg and Parkersburg trade next week. She is expected to arrive Monday night, and will go out Tuesday.

THE Joseph B. Williams will be sold at public sale on September 9, at the wharf, a notice to that effect being posted on the bulletin yesterday.

WORK will be commenced in a few days to raise the steamer Joseph Nixon. She remained erect yesterday and it is not likely she will keel again.

CAPTAIN J. A. HENDERSON has again resumed his position at the wharf boat, after an absence of two months, during which he was confined to his bed half the time.

SOME rivermen fear that this rise will not last long and are doing business cautiously. They fear that if their boats go out, that they cannot get get back. Others think that there will be water right along now for navigation.

CAPTAIN MERRILL has advertised for the towing of the dredge boats Ohio and Oswego. Bids will be received up until noon on September 9. Boats drawing 30 inches with 13-inch cylinders and 4 foot stoke will only be allowed to bid.

THE elegant passenger packet Keystone State is on the way from Wheeling to go out in place of the Batchellor, which lies over until her repairs are completed. The Keystone is in command of Thomas S. Calhoun, with Clerk Charles W. Knox in the cabin.

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DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Potatoes and Melons in Full Supply and Prices Weaker.

CREAMERY BUTTER IS MOVING UP.

Light Receipts of Cereals, Owing to Railroad Strikes.

TROPICAL FRUIT IN GOOD DEMAND

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, August 29, 1890.

Country Produce—Jobbing Prices.

Trade in this department is reported quiet and slow. Potatoes and melons are plenty and a shade lower. All choice dairy products are firm at quotations. Elgin creamery is again advanced, as quotations below will disclose. There are rumors of sales as high as 30c per pound, but none that are reliable. The cash buyer who is willing to pay 27c for job lots is not likely to be turned away empty. Makers of Ohio cheese are very firm in their views of values, and are generally withholding stock in expectation of better prices. The general expectation is that 10c will be the rate before many days. Tropical fruits are moving freely. New Jamaica oranges are to the front and find ready sale at $8 50. The new crop of lemons is also on hand. Bananas are in large supply and slow at a shade lower prices than have prevailed of late. California fruits are in excellent demand, and prices are steadily drifting upward.

APPLES—$3 50@5 00 a barrel.

BUTTER—Creamery, Elgin, 27@28c; Ohio do, 25@26c; fresh dairy packed, 18@19c; fancy country rolls, 18@19c; choice, 17@18c.

BERRIES—Huckleberries, $1 25 a pail; blackberries, $1 50 a pail; grapes, 7@8c a pound, $5 00@6 00 a stand; plums, $5 00@6 00 per bushel.

BEANS—Navy hand-picked beans, $2 40@2 45; marrowfat, $2 70@2 75; Lima beans, 6½@6¾c.

BEESWAX—28@30c ⅌ lb for choice; low grade, 22@25c.

CANTALOUPS—$3@5 a barrel; watermelons, $10@20 a hundred.

CIDER—Sand refined, $7 50; common, $4 00@4 50; crab cider, $8@9 ⅌ barrel; cider vinegar, 10@12c ⅌ gallon.

CHEESE—New Ohio cheese, 9½c; New York cheese, 9½c; Limburger, 10@11½c; domestic Sweitzer, 13½@14½c, Wisconsin brick Sweitzer, 13@13½c; imported Sweitzer, 26½c.

EGGS—20c ⅌ dozen for strictly fresh.

FEATHERS—Extra live geese, 50@60c; No. 1 do, 40@45c; mixed lots, 30@35c ⅌ lb.

MAPLE SYRUP—75@85c a can; maple sugar, 9@10c ⅌ lb.

HONEY—15c ⅌ lb.

POULTRY—Spring chickens, 50@60c a pair; old, 75@85c a pair; dressed, 11@12c a pound; ducks, 60@70c; turkeys, 8@9c ⅌ lb.

TALLOW—Country, 3½c; city rendered, 4c.

SEEDS—Recleaned Western clover, $5 00@5 25; country medium clover, $4 25@4 50; timothy, $1 60@1 70; blue grass, $2 85@3 00; orchard grass, $1 50; millet, 70@75c.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, choice, $5 50@7 00; fancy, $7 00@7 50; Rodi oranges, $7 00@7 50; Jamaica oranges, new crop, $8 00@8 50; bananas, $1 50@2 00 firsts, $1 25 good seconds ⅌ bunch; California peaches, $2 00@2 50 ⅌ box; California apricots, $1 75@2 25; California plums, $2 00@2 25 ⅌ box; California pears, $4 00@4 50 ⅌ box.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, $2 75@3 25 ⅌ barrel; Southern sweets, yellow, $4 00@4 50 ⅌ barrel; red, $3 00@3 50; Jerseys, $5 00@5 25; cabbage, $5 00@6 00 ⅌ hundred; onions, $3 75@4 00 a barrel; green onions, $1 25 a bushel; Egyptian onions, $4 50 for 180 lb basket; green beans, home-grown, $1 00@1 15 ⅌ basket; cucumbers, $1 00@1 25 ⅌ crate; home-grown tomatoes, 75c a bushel; celery, 30@35c a dozen bunches.

Groceries.

Sugars are firm at the recent advance. Package coffee fails to rise, to the disappointment of leading jobbers. A 1c advance is necessary to bring the roasted to correspond with prices of green coffee. The powers that be cannot much longer delay the advance. Tea cargoes are gathered in as fast as they arrive in port at 3 to 4c advance on prices touched a few weeks ago. Corn syrups are on the boom. All wholesale grocers report trade uncomfortably brisk, as prices are sure to be higher later on.

GREEN COFFEE—Fancy Rio, 24½@25½c; choice Rio, 22½@23½c; prime Rio, 23c; low grade Rio, 20½@21½c; old Government Java, 29½@30c; Maracaibo, 25½@27½c; Mocha, 30@32c; Santos, 22@26c; Caracas, 25@27c; La Guayra, 26@27c.

ROASTED (in papers)—Standard brands, 25c; high grades, 28@30½c; old Government Java, bulk, 33@34½c; Maracaibo, 28@29c; Santos, 26@30c; peaberry, 30c; choice Rio, 26c; prime Rio, 25c; good Rio, 24c; ordinary, 21½@22½c.

SPICES—(whole)—Cloves, 17@18c; allspice, 10c; cassia, 8c; pepper, 15c; nutmeg, 75@80c.

PETROLEUM (jobbers' prices)—110° test, 7½c; Ohio, 120°, 8½c; headlight, 150°, 8½c; water white, 10c; globe, 14@14½c; elaine, 14½c; carnadine, 11½c; royaline, 14c; red oil, 11@11½c; purity, 14c.

MINERS' OIL—No. 1 winter strained, 43@45c ⅌ gallon; summer, 38@40c; lard oil, 55@58c.

SYRUP—Corn syrup, 32@34c; choice sugar syrup, 37@39c; prime sugar syrup, 32@33c; strictly prime, 35@36c; new maple syrup, 90c.

N. O. MOLASSES—Fancy, new crop, 50@52c; choice, 49c; medium, 38@43c; mixed, 40@42c.

SODA—Bi-carb in kegs, 3½@3½c; bi-carb in ½s, 5½c; bi-carb assorted packages, 5½@6c; sal-soda in kegs, 1½c; do granulated, 2c.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 8½c; stearine, ⅌ set, 8½c; paraffine, 11@12c.

RICE—Head Carolina, 7¼@7½c; choice, 6½@6¾c; prime, 6@6½c; Louisiana, 5½@6c.

STARCH—Pearl, 3½c; corn starch, 5½@7c; gloss starch, 5½@7c.

FOREIGN FRUITS—Layer raisins, $2 65; London layers, $2 75; Muscatels, $2 50; California Muscatels, $2 40; Valencia, 8½c; Ondara Valencia, 10½@11c; sultan, 10½@11c; currants, 5½@6½c; Turkey prunes, 6½@7c; French prunes, 9@12c; Salonica prunes, in 2-lb packages, 9c; cocoanuts ⅌ 100, $6; almonds, Lan., ⅌ lb, 29c; do Ivica, 17c; do shelled, 40c; walnuts, nap., 13@14c; Sicily filberts, 12c; Smyrna figs, 12@13c; new dates, 6@6½c; Brazil nuts, 13c; pecans, 9½@10c; citron, ⅌ lb, 18@19c; lemon peel, 16c ⅌ lb; orange peel, 17c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, per lb, 6c; apples, evaporated, 15@16c; peaches, evaporated, pared, 28@30c; peaches, California, evaporated, unpared, 25@26c; cherries, pitted, 22c; cherries, unpitted, 5@6c; raspberries, evaporated, 33@35c; blackberries, 8@8½c; huckleberries, 10@12c.

SUGARS—Cubes, 6¾c; powdered, 6¾c; granulated, 6½c; confectioners' A, 6¾c; standard A, 6⅜c; soft white, 6@6⅛c; yellow, choice, 5⅞@5⅞c; yellow, good, 5⅝@5¾c; yellow, fair, 5½@5⅝c; yellow, dark, 5¼@5⅜c.

PICKLES—Medium, bbls. (1,200), $9 00; medium, half bbls. (600), $5 00.

SALT—No. 1, ⅌ bbl, 95c; No. 1 ex, ⅌ bbl, $1 00; dairy, ⅌ bbl, $1 20; coarse crystal, ⅌ bbl, $1 20; Higgins' Eureka, 4-bu sacks, $2 80; Higgins' Eureka, 16-14 lb packets, $3 00.

CANNED GOODS—Standard peaches, $2 70@2 80; 2ds, $2 40@2 50; extra peaches, $2 85@3 00; pie peaches, $1 90; finest corn, $1 35@1 50; Hfd Co. corn, 80@85c; red cherries, $1 40@1 50; Lima beans, $1 20; soaked do, 80c; string do 75@90c; marrowfat peas, $1 10@1 25; soaked peas, 70@80c; pineapples, $1 30@1 40; Bahama do, $2 55; damson plums, $1 10; greengages, $1 50; egg plums, $2 15; California apricots, $2 40@2 45; California pears, $2 75; do greengages, $2 15; do egg plums, $2 15; extra white cherries, $2 85; raspberries, $1 35@1 40; strawberries, $1 25@1 35; gooseberries, 85@90c; tomatoes, 95c@$1; salmon, 1 lb, $1 30@1 80; blackberries, $1 15; succotash, 2-lb cans, soaked, 90c; do green, 2-lb, $1 25@1 50; corn beef, 2-lb cans, $2 00; 14-lb cans, $14; baked beans, $1 40@1 50; lobster, 1-lb, $2 00; mackerel, 1-lb cans, broiled, $1 50; sardines, domestic, ¼s, $4 50@4 75; sardines, domestic, ½s, $7 50; sardines, imported, ¼s, $11 50@12 50; sardines, imported, ½s, $18; sardines, mustard, $4 25; sardines, spiced, $4 25.

FISH—Extra No. 1 bloater mackerel, $36 ⅌ bbl; extra No. 1 do, mess, $40; extra No. 1 mackerel, shore, $28; extra No. 1 do, mess, $32; No. 2 shore mackerel, $22. Codfish—Whole pollock, 4½c ⅌ lb; do medium, George's cod, 6c; do large, 7c; boneless hake, in strips, 4½c; do George's cod in blocks, 6½@7½c. Herring—Round shore, $3 50 ⅌ bbl; split, $6 50; lake, $3 25 ⅌ 100-lb bbl. White fish, $6 50 ⅌ 100-lb half bbl. Lake trout, $5 50 ⅌ half bbl. Finnan haddies, 10c ⅌ lb. Iceland halibut, 13c ⅌ lb. Pickerel, half bbl, $3 00; quarter bbl, $1 35; Potomac herring, $3 50 ⅌ bbl; $2 00 ⅌ half bbl.

OATMEAL—$6 00@6 50 ⅌ bbl.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

There were no sales on call at the Grain Exchange. Buyers and sellers appear to be apart in their views of values. This divergence seems to put a quietus on trade, but prices are essentially the same as at last report. Receipts as bulletined were only 15 cars, the lightest for weeks. By Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway, 1 car of wheat, 4 of corn, 2 of oats. By Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago, 3 cars of oats, 1 of feed, 2 of flour. By Pittsburg and Lake Erie, 1 car of maizon, 1 of wheat. Western railroad strikes have, no doubt, interfered with shipments, and receipts will be heavier later on.

Prices are for carload lots on track:

WHEAT—No. 2 red, $1 07@1 08; No. 3, $1 04@1 05; new wheat, No. 2 red, $1 03@1 06.

CORN—No. 2 yellow ear, 62@63c; high mixed ear, 60@61c; No. 2 yellow, shelled, 55½@56c; high mixed shelled corn, 54@55c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 42@42½c; extra, No. 3, 41½@42c.

RYE—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 72@73c; No. 1 Western, 71½@72c.

FLOUR—Jobbing prices—Fancy spring and winter patent flour, $6 25@6 50; fancy spring patent flour, $5 75@6 00; fancy straight winter, $5 50@5 75; fancy straight spring, $5 50@5 75; clear winter, $5 25@5 50; straight XXXX bakers', $5 00@5 25. Rye flour, $4 00@4 25.

MILLFEED—Middlings, fancy fine white, $23 00@24 00 ⅌ ton; brown middlings, $20 00@21 00; winter wheat bran, $17@17 50.

HAY—Baled Timothy, No. 1, $10 00@10 50; No. 2 do, $9 00@9 50; loose, from wagon, $12 00@14 00, according to quality; No. 2 prairie hay, $7 50@8 00; packing do, $7 00@7 50; clover hay, $7 50@8 00.

STRAW—Oat, $6 75@7 00, wheat and rye, $6 00@6 25.

Provisions.

Sugar-cured hams, large, 11½c; sugar-cured hams, medium, 11¾c; sugar hams, small, 12c; sugar-cured breakfast bacon, 8½c; sugar-cured shoulders, 7¾c; sugar-cured boneless shoulders, 8½c; skinned shoulders, 8c; skinned hams, 11½c; sugar-cured California hams, 9c; sugar-cured dried beef flats, 11c; sugar-cured dried beef sets, 12c; sugar-cured dried beef rounds, 14c; bacon, shoulders, 7¼c; bacon, clear sides, 7½c; bacon, clear bellies, 6¾c; dry salt shoulders, 6¾c; dry salt clear sides, 6½c. Mess pork, heavy, $13 50; mess pork, family, $13 50. Lard—Refined, in tierces, 5¾c; half-barrels, 6c; 60-lb tubs, 6⅛c; 20-lb pails, 6¼c; 50-lb tin cans, 6⅜c; 3-lb tin pails, 6½c; 5-lb tin pails, 6c; 10-lb tin pails, 5⅞c. Smoked sausage, long, 5c; large, 5c. Fresh pork, links, 9c. Boneless hams, 10½c. Pigs' feet, half-barrels, $4 00; quarter-barrels, $2 15.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

December Wheat Higher and May Lower—Corn Unsettled, but Closes Steady—Oats About the Same—Pork in Demand at Medium Figures.

CHICAGO—There was good trading in wheat to-day. After a decline good buying started prices up again, and a further rally of 1⅜c followed, then eased off and closed about ⅛c higher for December and ⅛c lower for May than closing figures yesterday.

Corn was fairly active and rather unsettled, the market ruling firm early around the opening and easier later in the session. First trades in the speculative market were at ⅛@⅜c advance, the market ruling firm for a time, then sold off ⅜@¾c, rallied ⅜c, again declined, ruled firm and closed with a ⅛@⅜c gain. A fair inquiry existed for each property, offerings were somewhat larger and prices covered about the same range as yesterday and closed steady.

Oats—The market was fairly active, and a steadier feeling prevailed. Trading was mainly in September and May, and prices fluctuated ⅜c. The opening was ⅛c higher, but prices receded ⅜@⅜c in sympathy with wheat and corn. There was fair buying on the decline, and as offerings were light, a rally to previous outside figures followed, and the market closed steady at about the same to a slight advance over yesterday's close.

Mess Pork—The market was considerably unsettled and trading active. Offerings were free, with a fair demand. Prices declined 18¾@20c early in the day, but rallied again 10@12½c, and closed comparatively steady.

Lard—A fairly active trade was reported, but the feeling was somewhat unsettled. Offerings were moderately free and the demand was fair. Early in the day prices receded 2½@5c, but rallied again slightly and closed steady.

Short Rib Sides—An active business was transacted, especially for January delivery. Offerings were liberal, and the demand was brisk at times. An urgent demand to realize early in the day caused a reduction of 5c in the near and 7@10c in the more deferred deliveries, but a steady feeling prevailed later in the day, and prices rallied 5@7½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2, August, $1 03@1 03⅛@1 01@1 02⅛; September, $1 03⅛@1 03⅛@1 01⅛@1 02⅛; December, $1 06⅛@1 06⅛@1 04⅛@1 05⅛.

CORN—No. 2 August, 47½@47⅛@47@47⅛c; September, 47⅝@47⅝@47@47⅝c; May, 50⅞@51⅛@50⅛@50⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, August, 37@37@36⅝@36⅝c; September, 36⅝@36⅜@35⅞@36⅛c; May, 38⅞@39⅛@38⅝@39c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—September, $10 45@10 45@10 25@10 25; October, $10 50@10 50@10 30@10 35; January, $12 30@12 30@12 10@12 25.

LARD, per 100 lbs.—September, $6 15@6 17½@6 12½@6 17½; October, $6 35@6 35@6 27½@6 32½; January, $6 75@6 75@6 67½@6 72½.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 lbs.—September, $5 25@5 27½@5 20@5 25; October, $5 40@5 40@5 35@5 40; January, $5 82½@5 85@5 72½@5 80.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. No. 2 spring wheat, $1 02½; No. 3 spring wheat, 90@91c; No. 2 red, $1 02½. No. 2 corn, 47⅝c. No. 2 oats, 36⅝c. No. 2 rye, 65½c. No. 2 barley, 70@72c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 41. Prime timothy seed, $1 39. Mess pork per bbl, $10 75. Lard per 100 lbs, $6 17½. Short rib sides, loose, $5 20@5 30; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $5 75@5 87½; short clear sides, boxed, $5 60@5 65. Sugars unchanged. No. 2 white oats, 37½@38c; No. 3 white oats, 36½@37¼c.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady, with good demand for fancy grades. Eggs, 16@16½c.

NEW YORK—Flour dull, heavy and 5@15c lower. Cornmeal steady and quiet. Wheat—Spot unsettled, closing steady and dull. Options opened ⅜@½c up on buying by St. Louis, declined 1⅜@1½c under realizing, recovered 1@1¼c on covering over the holidays, closing steady. Rye quiet and firm; Western, 65@66c. Barley malt quiet; country, 80@85c; city, 85@90c. Corn—Spot moderately active, ½c up and strong; options opened weaker, but closed firm at ¼@⅜c over yesterday through covering over holidays. Oats—Spot higher and quiet; light offerings; options stronger and fairly active. Hay quiet and steady. Hops strong and quiet. Coffee—Options opened steady, April 5 points up, others unchanged to 5 points down, closed steady and unchanged to 10 points down; sales, 18,500 bags, including August 18.05@18.10c; September, 17.75@17.80c; October, 17.20@17.25c; December, 16.65@16.70c; March, 15.50@15.80c; spot Rio firm; quiet; fair cargoes, 20¾c; No. 7 flat bean, 19c. Sugar—Raw higher; fair refining, 5½c; centrifugals, 96° test, 5⅞c; 10,000 bags Bahia, 82° test, 4⅝c; 4,561 bags centrifugals, 4⅝c; refined firm and in moderate demand. Molasses—New Orleans firm and quiet. Rice in good demand and firm. Cottonseed oil quiet. Tallow quiet and steady. Rosin steady and quiet. Turpentine quiet and lower at 40½@41c. Eggs dull and easy. Pork quiet and steady; mess, $11 50. Cutmeats firm. Middles quiet and steady. Lard opened weak and closed firm and dull; Western steam, $6 47½; sales, 1,150 tierces; also 1,000 tierces c. i. f., $6 40; options, sales, 1,650 tierces; November, $6 71; December, $6 79@6 82, closing at $6 84 bid; January, $6 98@7 02, closing at $7 00 bid. Butter firm and fair inquiry: Western dairy, 9@14c; do creamery, 11@24c; do factory, 7½@13c. Cheese stronger and supplies closely sold; part skims, 4½@6½c; Ohio flat, 5½@7½.

MINNEAPOLIS—The break was severe in new wheat to-day, and there was something off in old; but the latter was not very plentiful, and was wanted by local millers as well as by milling buyers to ship. A large amount was bought by elevator carriers, which relieved the tables of much new No. 1 at about $1; a break of some 4c from yesterday. Receipts were 171 cars, and shipments 149 cars. The inspections of new wheat were 6 cars of No. 1 hard; 33 No. 1 Northern; 47 No. 2 Northern; 3 No. 3; 3 rejected and 11 no grade. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard, August, $1 07; September, $1 08½; on track, $1 10@1 12; No. 1 Northern, August, $1 00½; September, 98½c; December, $1 02½; on track, $1 04@1 07; No. 2 Northern, August, 98c; on track, $1 00@1 02.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour dull. Wheat weak and lower; No. 2 red, August, $1 01@1 01½; September, $1 01@1 01½; October, $1 02@1 02½; November, $1 03@1 03½. Corn—Options firm and advanced ¼c; speculation was quiet; carlots in moderate demand; No. 3 mixed, in grain depot, 56c; No. 2 mixed, in do, 56½c, No. 2 mixed, October, 54⅝c; No. 2 mixed, August, 54⅝@54⅞c; September, 54⅝@54⅞c; October, 54⅝@54⅞c; November, 55@55½c. Oats—Carlots dull and lower; No. 1 white, 44c; No. 2 white, 43½c; do on track, 43½c; futures ¼c higher; No. 2 white, August, 42½@42⅝c; September, 41½@41⅝c; October, 41½@41½c; November, 41½@41½c. Eggs scarce and firm; Pennsylvania firsts, 21c.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 2,100 head; shipments, 1,500 head; market steady; good to fancy native steers, $4 50@4 90; fair to good natives, $4 00@4 50; stockers and feeders, $2 40@3 50; Texans and Indians, $2 30@3 70. Hogs—Receipts, 3,100 head; shipments, 2,400 head; market easier; fair to choice heavy, $4 15@4 25; mixed grades, $3 90@4 10. Sheep—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, 1,100 head; market steady; fair to choice, $4 00@5 30.

MILWAUKEE—Flour unchanged. Wheat quiet; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 98c@$1 01; September, 98c; No. 1 Northern, $1 04. Corn quiet; No. 3, on track, 49c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, on track, 37@37½c. Barley easier; No. 2, in store, 63@c. Rye easier; No. 1, in store, 67½@68c. Provisions easier. Pork—September, $10 67½; January, $12 22½. Lard—September, $6 20; January, $6 70.

DULUTH—Wheat broke on weaker markets all around and declined 2c from the opening, rallying a fraction about noon. Closing prices are as follows: August, $1 06; September, $1 05½; December, $1 06½; old No. 1 hard $1 05; new, old No. 1 Northern, $1 01; old No. 2 Northern, 95c.

TOLEDO—Wheat active and lower; cash, $1 00; August, and September, $1 00½; December, $1 05½. Corn dull; cash, 50c; September, 47½c; May, 51½c. Oats quiet; cash, 39c. Cloverseed dull; cash and October, $4 35; December, $4 50.

Price of Bar Silver.

NEW YORK, August 29.—Bar silver—London, 54⅛@54⅝d per ounce; New York, selling price as reported by bullion dealers, $1 19¼; certificates, $1 19⅛@1 19¼.

Wool Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—Wool market quiet; prices unchanged.

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