SEASON OF DULLNESS.

Very Little of Consequence Now Doing in the Iron Market.

ORDERS ARE COMING IN SLOWLY

On Various Kinds of Iron, With Nothing New on the Boards.

STATE OF THE FOREIGN METAL TRADE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, July 30.—The condition of the iron and steel markets is reported as follows by the *Iron Age*:

Pig Iron—In the local market there has been no radical change. The lower grades of foundry iron are offered a trifle cheaper by some agents, and concessions of about 25 cents on mill grades are also noted; but first-class foundry iron is held steadily, there being no burdensome accumulation of the same. Orders come in slowly, and are chiefly for moderate sized lots. Northern brands are quoted at $16 75@18 00 for No. 1, $16 00@16 50 for No. 2, and $14 00@14 50 for gray forge. Southern lines sell at $16 00@17 00 for No. 1; $15 25@16 00 for No. 2; $15 50@16 00 for No. 1 soft, and $14 00@14 50 for gray forge.

Spiegeleisen and Ferro Manganese—Transactions in foreign spiegel are still on a very moderate scale; in fact, there is not enough doing to fairly determine the market value. About $27 50@28 50 are the nominal prices. Ferro manganese is selling at $63 50@64 00, but in moderate quantities only.

Billets and Rods—There is nothing of importance going on in this line, and the moderate business passing is at about former prices.

Steel Rails—The market is wholly unchanged. Many of the railroad companies still find it very difficult to raise funds for the purchase of more than a small percentage of the rails they really need, and those whose finances are easier still refrain from placing orders. Manufacturers, however, hold their prices at $28 75@31 00 for tidewater delivery.

Rail Fastenings—In this market only small orders have been placed and the demand is moderate. Prices, however, keep remarkably steady. We quote: Spikes, 2.15@2.25c delivered; bolts and nuts, 2.70@2.80c, and fish plates, 1.75@1.80c.

Manufactured Iron and Steel—Apart from the usual business reported to last week, there is nothing really new on the boards, and what business passes goes through at practically former prices. We quote: Angles, 1.95@2.10c; sheared plates, 1.85@2.25c; teos, 2.45@2.75c, and beams and channels, 2.15c delivered. Steel plates are 2@2.15c for tank, 2.35@2.50 for shell, and 2.50@2.7c for flange on dock. Bars are 1.75@1.90c on dock.

Old Material—Transactions here are on a moderate scale, and the demand is without signs of improvement. Iron tee rails are quoted at about $29 50, and steel at $17. No. 1 wrought scrap is nominally $20 at shipping point.

FOREIGN METAL MARKETS.

Speculation Is Spiritless, With No Relief From the Usual Quietude.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, July 30.—The *Iron Age* thus reports the foreign metal markets: The stock of warrants in Connal's stores has undergone but little change. The number of Scotch furnaces in blast has increased to 73, but there are 100 tons less of warrant iron on hand than there was a week ago. The stock of Cleveland warrant iron has increased 4,000 tons, however, although furnace capacity is no larger. In line with this situation speculation has been spiritless, and except at one time, when the bears found it difficult to secure documents, no relief from monotonous quietude was afforded. Stocks of hematite pigs have increased largely this month, and prices for warrants are about 14 lower in consequence. The latest sales of warrants were at 47s 3d for Scotch; 40s 4½d@40s 6d for Cleveland and 50s for hematite. Depression in prices of pig tin, caused by unfavorable financial rumors, was offset early in the week by liberal buying for American account. Prices for copper have ruled irregular, with the tendency lower at most times, owing to unpleasant financial rumors and realizations.

The tin plate market is steady. There has been some quiet buying of all sizes for the United States and Russia, and orders from Canada and Russia continue, but these are insufficient to affect the market. A large number of mills were put in operation, full time, on the 27th inst. In Scotch pig iron prices asked for makers' brands are about the same as those quoted last week, and the demand continues slow.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Pig iron quiet; American, $16 00@18 25. Copper quiet and steady; lake, July, $12 90; do. August, $12 30. Lead nominal; domestic, $4 40. Tin dull and easier; straits, $23 20.

COKE MARKET IMPROVING.

The Demand of Good Proportions and Shipments on the Increase.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SCOTTDALE, July 30.—Healthy symptoms are still displayed in the coke market, which is traveling along at the rate of five and six days per week. The demand is of good proportions and the outlook is favorable. Transportation facilities are in excellent condition and shipments are hurried through. The McClure Company note an increase in orders and will make six days this week, the same time as last. They have 1,342 ovens. Bloomfield 57 ovens idle. The Frick Company blew out 61 ovens at Kyle; 64 at Trotter; 15 at Calumet, and 120 at Sterling—a total of 304. With them orders have been diminishing during the last couple of weeks, but they will make a run of five days this week. Rainey and a number of the Independents will make six days, while a few others will make five days. The list of active ovens will not reach 13,000 by about 200. The aggregate number of idle ovens is about 3,200.

Shipments last week averaged nearly 1,127 cars per day, as against 1,075 cars the previous week. Western shipments increased 238 cars, while Pittsburg shipments forged ahead 109 cars. Eastern shipments were augmented 9 cars. The following was the distribution: To points west of Pittsburg, 3,481 cars; to Pittsburg and river tipples, 2,339 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 923 cars; total, 6,758 cars. The previous week's shipments were distributed thus: To points west of Pittsburg, 3,253 cars; to Pittsburg and river tipples, 2,230 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 921 cars; total, 6,450 cars.

Prices are unchanged, as follows: Furnace coke, $1 90; foundry, $2 50; crushed, $2 65.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat Scores a Net Advance of About 1 Cent—Bear News at Home and Abroad—Corn Also Closes Higher, Carrying Oats With It.

CHICAGO—The net result of to-day's trading in wheat was an advance of about 1 cent in prices. The market opened strong and higher on a run of decidedly bullish news. To begin with, New York reported that yesterday's export clearances reached the phenomenal total of about 2,000,000 bushels; that the market was 1 cent higher and had numerous buying orders here. In addition to this the public London cable quoted cargoes for prompt shipment 10½ pence higher, and a private Paris cable said that the weather in France was bad; that the estimated crop damage was 40 per cent, and that prices were 1 franc higher. Receipts here were also below the estimates.

The result was that December opened ⅝@⅞c higher at 90¼@90⅝c and quickly sold to 90⅝c, which proved to be the high figure for the day. At about this time Logan & Co. got a Paris telegram quoting a decline of 1 franc and commenced selling. New York and St. Louis also turned to the selling side. The scalping element followed suit, and the price quickly began to slide downward. It did not take it long to get to 89¾c, and it hung for a considerable time around 90c.

Private cables then became more hopeful, and there was said to be a resumption of active export buying in New York, and the market turned up a trifle, December selling to 90⅜@90⅝c. Late Continental cables quoted weak harvests, with Paris 30@35 centimes lower. During the last hour wheat was dull and steady, December keeping at 90⅜@90¼c for time, then sold to 90⅝c and closed at 90⅝c.

Corn opened rather firm on the strength in wheat, continued cool weather and the fact that the receipts were about 70 cars below the estimate. There was also a suspicion that a New York clique was disposed to get a higher market to sell on. September started ruged at 57¾@57¾c, and sold to 58¼c. Offerings then became plenty, and wheat weakening, corn quickly broke to 56½c. Then came a prediction of frost in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota tonight, and that, with the Cincinnati *Price Current's* statement that low temperature was keeping back the development of the corn plant, caused a reaction to 57¾c. This was followed by a drop to 57¼c, and that by a rally to 57⅝c, at which it closed firm.

Oats were quiet and easy during most of the session, but turned up with the closing rally in corn.

Hog meats were strong around the opening on the decrease of over 50 per cent in the hog packing of the country for the past week compared with the corresponding week last year, but later weakened with corn and rallied with it near the close, closing at about the highest figures of the day. Pork shows an advance of 12½@15c, and declined 10c. Lard was steady throughout the session, and scored a gain of about 5c.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of Chicago Board of Trade:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT, No. 2.				
July	89	89⅝	88¾	89¼
August	88¼	88⅝	87¾	88⅛
September	87⅞	88⅛	87⅜	88⅛
December	90¼	90⅝	89⅜	90⅛
CORN No. 2.				
July	62⅜	62¾	61¾	62¼
August	60	60	58⅞	57⅜
September	58⅛	58¼	57⅛	57⅝
OATS No. 2.				
July	32½	32¾	31½	31½
August	27¾	28⅛	27¾	28⅛
September	27¼	28⅜	27¼	28⅛
MESS PORK.				
September	11 45	11 55	11 37½	11 52½
October	11 72½	11 80	11 50	11 60
LARD.				
September	6 72½	6 75	6 72½	6 75
October	6 85	6 87½	6 85	6 87½
SHORT RIBS.				
September	6 67½	7 02½	6 02½	6 97½
October	7 07½	7 15	7 05	7 10

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour nominally unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 89@89¼c; No. 3 spring wheat nominal; No. 2 red, 88c. No. 2 corn, 57¾c. No. 2 oats, 31c; No. 2 white, 36@37½c; No. 3 white, 32@35c. No. 2 rye, 72c. No. 2 barley, no sales; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 03¾. Prime timothy seed, $1 23@1 24. Mess pork, per barrel, $11 37½@11 40. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 02½@6 05. Short rib sides (loose), $6 85@6 90. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5 90@6 00; short clear sides (boxed), $6 30@6 40. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 17. Sugars unchanged. On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs, 13½@14½c.

NEW YORK—Flour less active and easier; low extras, $3 65@4 35; fair to fancy, $4 40@5 10; Minnesota clear, $4 35@4 90; do. patents, $4 50@5 50; winter wheat, low grades, $3 65@4 35; patents, $4 50@5 25; straights, $4 50@5 15; rye mixtures, $4 35@4 75. Wheat—Spot market unsettled; lower, less active, closing steadier; No. 2 red 88⅝@89c in store and elevator; 90¼@91 00 afloat; 90¾@91 05¼ f. o. b.; ungraded red, 90¼c@91 08¾c; No. 1 Northern to arrive, 91 09¾@91 10½c; No. 2 Chicago, $1 05@1 05¼. Options moderately active, opening ⅞@1c up on strong cables, wet weather West and higher Western markets; reacted ¾@⅞c on large receipts and weaker cables; rallied ⅝@⅞c on light offerings and reports of frost in the Northwest, closing firm at ⅝c above on July and ¾@1¼c up on other months from yesterday: No. 2 red, July, 98¾c@$1 00, closing at 99¼c; August, 97 9-16@98¼c, closing at 98¼c; September, 97⅛@98¼c, closing at 98¼c; October, 97¾@98¾c, closing at 98¾c; November, 99¾@99¾c, closing at 99¾c; December, $1 00⅛@1 00⅞, closing at $1 00⅞; January, closing at $1 02½; May, $1 04⅞@1 05 11-16, closing at $1 05⅜. Rye quiet and firm; Western, September delivery 78½@81c. Corn—Spot market irregular and dull; closing steadier; No. 2, 70¼@71c in elevator, 71@72c afloat; ungraded mixed, 70@72c; No. 2 white, 80@ 83¼c; options 3@3¼c up with wheat, fell 3¼@4c, large receipts, rallied 3¼@4c; frost reported and closed firm at ¼@⅝c over yesterday; July, 70@70¼c, closing at 70¼c; August, 67@68¾c, closing at 68¾c; September, 65¾@ 66¼c, closing at 66¼c; October, 65¾@66¾c, closing 66¼c; December, 53¼@56¾c, closing at 56c. Oats—Spot market dull, lower and weak; options dull and firmer; July, 37½@38c, closing at 38c; August, 33¼@34c, closing at 34c; September, 32½@32¾c, closing at 32¾c; spot No. 2 white, 45½c; No. 1 40c; white, 55c; mixed Western, 37@40c; white, do. 47 @57c; No. 2 Chicago, 39½@40c. Hay quiet and steady. Hops easy and quiet; State, common to choice, 15@30c; Pacific coast, 18@ 20c. Tallow firm. Eggs quiet and dull, lower; 13½@14c. Pickled pigs' feet quiet and firm. Cut meats quiet and firm. Middles firmer and quiet; short clear, September, 6 97½. Lard quiet and firm; Western steam, $6 87½@6 90; August closed at $6 84; September, $6 97, closing at $6 97@6 98; October closing at $7 07@7 08; December closed at $7 20. Butter in fair demand; Western, 11@14c; do creamery, 11@ 14@18c; do factory, 11@14c; Elgin, 18c. Cheese quiet and weak; part skims, 3@6½c.

PHILADELPHIA — Flour — Steady; demand, moderate. Wheat opened ½c higher, but the rise checked export business, and with free offerings from the West prices subsequently broke materially; improved, but closed weak; steamer No. 2 red, elevator, 93¼c; No. 2 red, elevator, 87½c; do, afloat, 97c; No. 2 red, July, 97c@97½; August, 97½@97⅝; September, 97½@97⅝c; October, 96¾@96⅞c. Corn—Options opened lower and quite stronger, but subsequently lost the early improvement and closed nominal; local car lots quiet, lower; ungraded mixed, track, 72½c; No. 2 yellow, in grain depot, 73c; No. 2 mixed and high mixed in grain depot, 72½c; No. 2 mixed, July, 71@72c; August, 64@66c; September, 66@67c; October, 64@65c. Oats—quiet and lower; futures wholly nominal; old, No. 3, white, 45c; No. 2 white, 47½c; No. 2 white, July, 46@47c; August, 34@35c; September, 32½@33½c; October, 33½@34½c. Butter firmer; fine goods scarce; Pennsylvania creamery, extra, 18@18½c. Eggs firm; Pennsylvania firsts, 16@16½c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour nominal. Wheat—The market opened an advance of 1c, but receded almost directly and ⅞c of it was lost; later the market became firm, and the close was strong and ¼@⅝c above yesterday. No. 2 cash, 83¼c; July, 83c; August, 80¾c; September, 86½c; December, 90c. Corn followed about the same course that wheat took, and closed at 1¼@1⅜c higher than yesterday's final figures. No. 2 cash, 54½c; July, 53¾c; August, 53¼c; September, 54¼c; December, 45¾c. —The market was very dull; No. 2 cash, 29½c bid; July, 29½c, August, 27c bid; September, 27c bid. Rye nothing done. Butter unchanged. Eggs, 11c. Provisions—Market still quiet and the demand is moderate, but the general feeling was rather firmer, particularly at the close. Pork, $11 67½. Lard, $6 25.

BALTIMORE—Wheat unsettled; No. 2 red spot, 97¾@97¾c; July, 97@97¼c; August, 97@ 97¼c; September, 97@97½c, closing at 97½c; December, 98¼@98¾c. Corn easy; spot, 70c; July, 67c; August, 67½c; September, 66c; spot No. 2 white, 75c. Oats steady; No. 2 white western, 48c asked; No. 2 mixed western, 46c asked; No. 2, 78c. Hay steady; good to choice timothy, $13 50@14 50. Provisions unchanged. Eggs firm at 14c.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet. Wheat steady; No. 2 red, 86c. Corn dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 62c. Oats in good demand and firmer at 32@33½c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 70c nominal. Pork quiet at $11 87½. Lard firm at $6 87½. Bulkmeats quiet but firmly held at $6 87½@7 00. Bacon firm at $7 75@7 87½. Butter steady. Eggs, 12½@13c.

MILWAUKEE—Wheat firm; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 92c; September, 84¾c; No. 1 Northern, 98c. Corn easier; No. 3, on track, cash, 61½@62c. Oats quiet. Barley lower; No. 2, in store, 69c. Rye—Firm; No. 1, in store, 72c. Provisions quiet. Pork—September, $11 47½. Lard—September, $6 72½.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat steady to weak; No. 2 hard, cash, 78¾c bid; July, 79c bid; No. 2 red, cash, 80c bid; July, 80½c bid. Corn lower; No. 2 cash, 35@35¼c; July, 33c. Oats lower; No. 2 cash, 27½c bid; July, 28½c bid. Eggs steady at 10c.

DULUTH—Wheat was a little stronger today; receipts, 1 car. Closing prices: July, 87c; September, 88½c; December, 88c; cash wheat closed, for No. 1 hard, 90c; No. 1 Northern, 92c; No. 2 Northern, 94c.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 hard, July, 90c, on track, 97c; September, 88¾c; December, 89¾c; No. 1 Northern, December, 86¾c; No. 2 Northern, July, 93¾c.

TOLEDO—Wheat dull but firm; cash and July, 91½c; August, 91c; December, 94c. Corn steady; No. 2 yellow, 65c. Oats quiet; cash, 31½c.

The Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Coffee options opened steady, unchanged to 10 points down; closed steady, unchanged to 10 up; sales, 18,750 bags, including July, 17.05@17.15c; August, 16.35@ 16.50c; September, 15.30@15.50c; October, 14.25 @14.50c; November, 13.90c; December, 13.30@ 13.55c; January, 13.15@13.25c; March, 13.25c. Spot rio quiet, steady; fair cargoes, 19c; No. 7, 17½c.

BALTIMORE, July 30.—Coffee quiet; rio cargoes fair, 19c; No. 7, 18¾@18¾c.

NEW ORLEANS, July 30.—Coffee unchanged.

The Turpentine Market.

NEW YORK—Rosin dull, weak. Turpentine dull, easier, 35½@36c.

CHARLESTON—Turpentine steady at 32½c. Rosin firm; good strained, $1 27½.

SAVANNAH—Turpentine steady at 33c. Rosin firm at $1 20@1 25.

WILMINGTON—Spirits of turpentine firm at 32c. Rosin firm; strained, $1 20; good strained, $1 25. Tar firm at $1 60. Crude turpentine firm; hard, $1 25; yellow dip, $2 15; virgin, $2 15.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The demand for drygoods continues moderate with improving tendencies in some directions. Agents all along the line, however, were making blind shipments on back orders, though the movement as well as spot demand was checked by heavy rain later in the day. The market was unchanged and prices for cotton as well as woollen goods remained steady.

TROY HILL VISITED.

Inside Facts About a District of Which Little Is Known.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

A Compact Population in a Very Thrifty Quarter of the Northside.

MRS. SCHENLEY'S VAST POSSESSIONS

It is hazarding nothing to say that not one citizen in a thousand has a correct conception of what Troy Hill is. They know it is a place of some kind in the upper part of Allegheny, but their knowledge goes no farther.

Troy Hill proper begins at Vinial street and ends at the ravine through which runs Spring Garden avenue. It comprises the bulk of the Thirteenth ward of Allegheny City. On the opposite side of Spring Garden avenue is Spring Hill, which is largely devoted to the cultivation of the vine, hundreds of acres being covered with vineyards.

The ascent from Vinial street is gradual, the road winding around the base of the water basin. The view from this point is very fine, embracing a considerable part of Pittsburg, the Lawrenceville district and a picturesque portion of Allegheny.

The summit of the Mount is reached almost without knowing it. Suddenly the visitor finds himself on a level plateau, thickly built up, with wide, well paved streets lined with comfortable houses, some of them very handsome, and evidences of prosperity on every hand. This is Troy Hill. It has been built up within 15 years.

Lowry street is the principal thoroughfare. It is well paved and has good sidewalks, but is too narrow for the main business artery. Ground on this street is valued at about $50 a foot front. Among the more important side streets are Hazel, upon which are situated Father Mollinger's chapel and residence; Tinsbury and Hamilton. A fine property near Hazel is in the market at $12,000. The owner has fenced $8 000.

The Reinemans, well known in Pittsburg business circles, are the largest property owners on the Mount. The next largest is Hermann Straub. These gentlemen have been so liberal in their dealings with home-seekers that the majority of the people own the houses they live in.

Among the public buildings on the Mount are the Catholic Convent, a magnificent structure; Catholic Orphan Asylum, a large and imposing edifice; St. Anthony's Chapel, the Catholic school and church, and the Thirteenth ward public school, equal to any in the city.

Fine residences abound, among them being those of Father Mollinger, W. Eberhardt, John Ober, Adam and August Reinemann, Martin Lappe, Hermann Straub and others—all first class and equal in all respects to the best in the East End.

There is considerable vacant ground on the Mount, but not nearly so much as is generally supposed. Building operations have been backward this year, owing to the strike, but the number of improvements going forward will not suffer much by comparison with any other locality in Allegheny. A number of dwellings are under way and many others are talked of for this progressive place. The population, largely German, possesses the true American grit.

It seems pertinent to say in this connection that the approach to Troy Hill is through the vast possessions of Mrs. Schenley. This accounts for the back-ward state of that part of the Northside. There are a few fairly good houses, but the most of them are small and show signs of decay. Under the liberal management of Colonel Herron, Mrs. Schenley's agent, there is ground for believing that this great estate will be made to contribute to the growth and prosperity of Allegheny, instead of remaining, as at present, a menace to the progressive sentiment of the community.

Business News and Gossip.

A visit to Troy Hill would open the eyes of a great many people.

The oil excitement at Oakdale is bringing considerable property in the market.

Judge Ewing's decision was a fruitful topic of conversation among the brokers yesterday, but it had no perceptible effect on the Traction stocks.

One per cent seems to be the difference between assented and non-assented Electric stock.

Some well-posted brokers think the bulge in Philadelphia Gas has about reached high-water mark. This is only an opinion.

New York received no support from London yesterday. Both were weak.

For electric scrip 70 was bid yesterday. It was offered at 72.

Several good deals in real estate will be consummated this week. A Hebrew congregation has purchased a site for a church.

Knoxville is one of the liveliest places on the Southside. It is improving very fast.

Oil was lower yesterday than at any previous time for over three years. Reading and changing the option were given as the causes.

The Building Record.

Permits for the erection of the following buildings were issued yesterday:

Homeopathic Hospital, brick three-story and mansard hospital, 43x76 feet, on Second avenue, Second ward. Cost, $36,000.

Morrison heirs, brick five-story business house, 18x80 feet, 429 Wood street, Third ward. Cost, $9 000.

R. McEldowney, two brick three-story dwellings, 29x40 feet, on Mattock's alley, Fourth ward. Cost, $1,500.

Mrs. Mary Ulmar, brick two-story and mansard dwelling, 20x37 feet, on Sarah street, Twenty-fifth ward. Cost, $3,900.

Movements in Realty.

C. H. Love sold three lots in his Oakdale plan, Panhandle Railroad, to J. M. Jenkins, for $440. The purchaser will erect an oil tank manufactory.

A. J. Pentecost sold the Safe Deposit Company of Pittsburg a lot, 25x82½, on Market street, McKeesport, with a small two-story frame dwelling, for $821.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold to John McKesock lot No. 209, in the Marion place addition, Twenty-third ward. The firm reports quite an active demand for lots in this section since the settlement of the strike.

A. Z. Byers sold to the Ridgeview Land Company to Robert A. Phillips, lot No. 20 in their plan, having a frontage of 25 feet on Fleming avenue and running back a distance of 120 feet to a 20-foot alley, on the line of the California avenue electric road, Eleventh ward, Allegheny City, for $530; also sold for A. Z. Byers, of the above firm, to Robert Hervey, Esq., of the Hervey Oil Company, a lot in his plan, having a frontage of 52 feet on State avenue, and running through to Ridge avenue, a distance of 273 feet, at Coraopolis, for $1,500 cash.

Black & Baird sold to August Witosky, lot No. 83 in the Alta Land Company plan, on Duquesne Heights, for $75 cash.

John K. Ewing & Co. closed a deal for an Arch street residence at a price approximating $12,000.

The following is a report of the Burrell Improvement Company for sale of lots at Kensington on Thursday, July 30, 1891: To John Golembiewski, of Pittsburg, lot 169, block 8, for $243 75 cash; to John Bednarek, of Pittsburg, lot 166, block 8, for $243 75 cash; to Stanislaus Pavoloski, of Pittsburg, lot 167, block 8, for $276 25; to Constantine Golembiewski, of Pittsburg, lot 168, block 8, for $242 75 cash. To D. H. McCarthy, Parnassus, Pa., lot 122, block 3, for $488 75; Christ Buttgereit, Allegheny, lot 128, block 5, for $276 25; Charles Bader, Pittsburg, lot 129, block 8, for $243 75 cash; John Lauler, of Pittsburg, lots 110 and 111 in block 2, for $262 50 cash; John Betielewski, Pittsburg, lot 82, block 2, for $468 75; John Corbett, Pittsburg, lot 77 and 78, block 8, for $650.

HOME SECURITIES.

A NARROW MARKET, BUT EVERYTHING TENACIOUSLY HELD.

Only Three Active Stocks—Philadelphia Gas, Luster and Airbrake, Develop Additional Strength—Other Interests Steady but Neglected—Investments at Wilmerding—Sales and Quotations.

Philadelphia Gas and Luster were the most active stocks on the list yesterday. The former sold at 11¾ against 11¼ the previous day, and held nearly all the improvement. Luster closed ½ better than the opening. There was a good demand for both stocks.

Airbrake went up to 100 bid at the last call, against 99 at second, without bringing any of it out. There is a good deal of the incomprehensible among investors, but some of them, at least, know when they have a good thing.

Electric was bid down to 10, offered at 12. There is not much prospect of activity in this stock until the settlement of all questions regarding the financial direction of the company. There is no reasonable doubt, however, that it will again become an important factor in the market.

The Tractions were steady and dull. Legal involvements deter investors from taking hold.

A strong point in favor of the Westinghouse interests is the fact that the amount of money invested by and through the Airbrake Company at Wilmerding in the past three years foots up $1,800 000. This does not include the cost of machinery in the works. From this expenditure a product of $5,000,000 a year is now turned out and sold all over the United States.

While conditions justify a bullish feeling, bear operators are enabled to hold business down by lack of aggressiveness on the other side. The wreckers are occasionally reminded that they stand on slippery ground when they attempt to fill orders. It is hard to make a seller believe that black is white, unless he be weak or scary.

Sales on call yesterday were:

First call—No sales.

Second call—32 Allegheny Valley Railroad at 37½; 250 Philadelphia Gas at 11¾.

Third call—50 Luster at 13, 10 Philadelphia Gas at 11¾, 50 at 11¾.

Bids and asking prices at each call are appended:

EXCHANGE STOCK.	FIRST CALL		SECOND CALL		THIRD CALL.	
	B	A	B	A	B	A
Allegheny N. B.	....	63	....	....	....	68
Citizens' Nat.	....	....	....	64¾	....	....
Fifth Ave. Bank	....	50	....	50	....	....
F. T. and T. Co.	....	105	....	105	....	....
M. & M. Nat. Bank	....	61	....	61	....	61
Ger. Nat. Alf'y	172	....	....	....	172	....
Birmingham Ins.	....	50	....	....	....	....
German Ins. Co.	....	80	....	....	....	....
Nation. Ins.	60	....	....	....	....	....
Western Ins. Co.	....	50	....	....	....	....
Consolid'd G. L.	45	....	....	....	....	....
Pittsburg G. (Ill)	73½	76	....	....	....	....
Nat'l Gas Co.	....	....	....	27¼	29½	....
P. N. G. & P. Co.	8	....	8¼	9	8¼	....
Philadelphia Co.	11⅜	11⅝	11⅜	11⅝	11⅜	11⅝
Wheel'g Gas Co.	....	....	....	....	....	20
Central Traction	....	17	15½	....	....	17
Citizens Traction	....	65	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Valley	23¾	23	12¾	23½	23¾	....
Allegheny Valley	3¾	4	3¾	4	3¾	4
Pitts. Junc. R.R.	20	25	....	....	....	....
Hidalgo Min. Co.	....	....	2½	3½	....	....
Luster Min. Co.	12¾	13½	12⅞	13⅜	12⅞	13
Silverton M. Co.	....	1¾	....	....	....	1¾
West'house Elc.	10	12	....	....	....	....
Monga. W. Co.	....	....	29	....	....	....
Un. A. & S. Co.	8	....	8	....	....	....
W. Airbrake Co.	....	....	99	....	100	....
West. B. Co. Ilm.	....	71	....	....	....	71
S. U. Cable Co.	63¼	65	....	....	....	....

At New York yesterday the total sales of stocks were 243,027 shares, including: Atchison, 10,335; Chicago Gas, 12,130; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 3,830; Lake Shore, 3,740; Louisville and Nashville, 12,277; Missouri Pacific, 3,450; North American, 3,840; Northern Pacific preferred, 14,815; Reading, 3,000; Richmond and West Point, 6,087; St. Paul, 57,360; Union Pacific, 27,330.

RATHER QUIET.

Bankers Doing a Fair Midsummer Business—No Change in Rates.

There was not a rush of business at the city banks yesterday, but it did very well for the season. Bank clearings, as on the previous day, were below in average, but better than in 1889. The exchanges were $1,933,491 11, and the balances $340,678 85. The regular discount rate was 5@6 per cent.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy, ranging from 1¾ to 2½ per cent, last loan 2 per cent, closed offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@7. Sterling exchange quiet and firm at $4 84½ for 60-day bills and $4 86¾ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s reg.	117	Northern Pac. 1sts.	114
do 4s coup.	117	do 2nds.	113½
do 4½s reg.	109⅜	Northw'rn Consols.	137
do 4½s coup.	109¾	do Debentures 5s.	101
Pacific 6s of '95.	110	Oregon & Trans 6s.	—
Louisiana stamped 4s	93	R. L. & I. Iron M. Gen 5s.	88¾
Missouri 6s.	—	St. L. & San Fran Gen.	91
Tenn. new set. 6s.	101	do 2nds.	102
do do 5s.	100	St. Paul Consols.	122
do do 3s.	67¼	St. Paul, Chi. & Pac. 1sts.	110½
Canada So. 2nds.	90¾	St. Paul, C. & P. Rets.	74
Cen. Pacific 1sts.	109¾	Tex. Pac. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	84
Den. & R. G. 1sts.	113¾	Union Pacific 1sts.	106
do 4s.	78¾	West Shore.	109
D. & R. G. West 1sts	—	Rio Grande 1sts.	74½
Erie 2nds.	98		
M., S. & T. Gen 6s.	75		
do do 5s.	37		
Mutual Union 6s.	101		
N. J. C. Int. Cert.	108		

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $88,280,248; balances, $4,734 838.

BOSTON — Clearings, $12,563,878; balances, $1,487,423. Money, 6 per cent. Exchange on New York, 10c discount to 75c premium.

PHILADELPHIA — Clearings, $7,906,811; balances, $1,240,786. Money, 4 per cent.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $1,063,025; balances, $242,109. Money, 6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $3,050,783; balances, $443,155. New York Exchange par. Money, 6@7 per cent.

MEMPHIS—New York exchange selling at $1 premium. Clearings, $209,358; balances, $39,107.

NEW ORLEANS — Clearings, $1,031,935. New York exchange, 50c per $1000 premium; commercial, 50c discount.

CHICAGO—New York exchange, 50c discount. Money steady and unchanged. Bank clearings, $12,556,000. Sterling exchange steady and unchanged.

MORE ACTIVE AND WEAKER.

THE TONE OF THE STOCK MARKET LEAVES PRICES LOWER.

Foreign Selling of Union Pacific, Owing to the Omaha Bridge Fight, Depresses That Security—Lackawanna and Burlington Are the Strong Points of the Day.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The stock market today was more active, and, as usual of late when active, weak and demoralized, and the result of the day's trading is to leave prices in most cases materially lower than those of last evening. The feeling on the street continues bearish in the main, but marked uncertainty exists and positive opinions are as hard to get as a month ago.

After the concessions in prices seen during the month just past, there has arisen a feeling that some sort of a rally should be due, but no one seems to have the courage to back the opinion, and the traders and professionals, who now have the making of prices, slowly increase their short lines as quotations melt away.

This morning there were some selling orders in the market from both London and the West, and this encouraged the bearish feeling among the professionals, who immediately began to increase their short lines, paying special attention to Chicago Gas, Union Pacific and St. Paul, which continued to be the leading active stocks of the day, followed by Louisville and Nashville and Northern Pacific preferred. The important movements in the two latter stocks in the three stocks mentioned, and while the rest of the list were weak and declining they took their tone from the operators in the West.

The full influence of the late decision in the Omaha bridge case seems to have been felt on the other side of the water, and the foreigners were liberal sellers of Union Pacific, making that stock the feature of the day, and to its special weakness in the afternoon was due the material losses suffered during that portion of the day in the rest of the list. As the day progressed the general market displayed considerable strength in the face of the adverse circumstances, and Lackawanna and Burlington actually showed above the opening figures during the greater portion of the day, but lost the strength toward the close. The declines were aided by the persistent circulation of a rumor of the impending failure of some import house, and the liquidation done was in a large measure due to the discouraging effect of these stories.

In the forenoon, after a weak opening, Chicago Gas and Union Pacific led the downward movement, and these were joined later by St. Paul and Burlington, while many of the less prominent stocks scored a marked loss without heavy transactions. In this class Evansville and Terre Haute, C., C., C. & St. L. and some others were conspicuous. The downward movement was interrupted from time to time by slight rallies, but their continuance was of short duration, and still lower figures were always reached afterward until the last hour. The rally which took place then, however, failed to reach all portions of the list, and the market finally closed fairly active and weak at or near the lowest prices of the day.

The final changes are all losses, but while they are in most cases for fractional amounts Union Pacific declined 2 per cent; C., C., C. & St. L., 1¾; Sugar, 1¾; Lake Shore, 1½; Chicago Gas, 1⅝, and Rock Island, Burlington and Louisville, each 1 per cent.

Railroad bonds were also a little more animated, the sales of all issues reaching $675,000; but while the tone of the market was weak in close sympathy with shares, the only material movement among the active bonds was the decline in the Oregon Improvement 5s, which touched 58 at the close, a loss of 2 per cent.

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

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.
American Cotton Oil	18	18⅛	18	17¾
American Cotton Oil, pfd.	35	36	35⅜	35
Am. Sugar Refining Co.	79¾	79⅞	77⅜	77¾
Am. Refining Co., pfd.	87½	87½	87	86¾
Atch., Top. & S. F.	31⅞	32	31⅜	31¾
Canadian Pacific	....	....	....	80½
Canada Southern	47¾	47¾	47¾	47¾
Central of New Jersey	107½	108½	107⅜	108¾
Central Pacific	....	....	....	30
Chesapeake and Ohio	15	15	14⅜	14¾
C. & O., 1st pfd.	....	....	....	41
C. & O., 2d pfd.	....	....	....	20
Chicago Gas Trust	44½	44½	43⅜	43⅝
C., Bur. & Quincy	80	80	79	79⅝
C., Mil. & St. Paul	61¾	61⅝	60	61
C., Mil. & St. Paul, pref.	109	109	108	108
C., Rock I. & P.	71⅜	71⅜	70½	70½
C., St. P. M. & O.	22½	22