

WORLD OF BUSINESS

STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Aug. 17.—The feature of the stock market today was the weakness of the market and the firmness of the general list. Manhattan was heavy throughout and dropped from 114 to 112 1/2. The falling off in the earnings of the company is given as the reason for the weakness of this stock. Outside of this stock the tendency of prices was upward. A more confident feeling prevails as to the future. The gains in the general list ranged from 1/4 to 1 1/2. Chicago Gas, the Grangers and Lake Shore showing the largest gains. Speculation closed strong, except for Manhattan. Not change as a rule show gains of 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent. Total sales, \$1,500,000.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. de B. Dimmock, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce Street, Scranton.

Table with columns for stock names (e.g., Am. Tobacco Co., Am. Sugar Ref. Co.), bid prices, and ask prices. Includes sections for 'STOCKS' and 'BONDS'.

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

Table of exchange quotations for various commodities like wheat, corn, and flour, listing bid and ask prices.

NEWS OF OUR INDUSTRIES.

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The Philadelphia Stockholder piques curiosity by saying: "It is pretty safe to say that this will be the last month of August for many a long year to come when coal will be selling in New York harbor on a basis of \$2.75 per ton for stock, and even lower. People will do well not to wait too long to get in their winter supplies of coal. It does not seem possible that even under a continuance of existing conditions coal will go any lower. It is also safe to say that people may make up their minds that the anthracite stocks will not much longer be useful gambling counters on the street." The great demand upon the iron mills, furnaces, foundries and steel works of the country for their products still continues. An authority on the iron trade says that the demand is now larger than ever before known in the history of the country. The same authority attributes the starting up of so many idle plants to the big boom in electric railroad construction, which has been so pronounced since the opening of spring. It also says that the corn crop is full of encouragement to manufacturers of iron and steel, the corn crop being most bounteous.

The coal trade war still continues between Chicago and Omaha, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road is credited with carrying anthracite coal to the Missouri river for \$1.50 per ton. The interests involved, however, are slight, as the entire shipments of hard coal in a year's time between the two cities are said to be only about 10,000 tons, so a cut of \$1 per ton would only cut into the revenue \$10,000.

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