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FINANCE AND TRADE. OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, May 24, 1898. The gold market is strong and advancing again, opening at 141 1/2, advancing to 142 1/2, and closing at 142 1/2.

CRUDE. Compared with Saturday, is fully a quarter lower, and as will be seen, one sale was made at a reduction of three eighths. We can report 2,000 cask, June at 13 1/2, 1,000 cask delivery option and 500 bbls on cars this month.

REFINED. In quiet and without quotable change. Sale 600 July at 32, 1,000 June at 31 1/2, 1,000 and 500 May at 31 1/2, and 100 September at 31 1/2. There was no lines reported, and the market continues weak, and somewhat neglected.

DRY GOODS MARKET. New York, May 21.—The inquiry for all textile fabrics continues limited, and the indications are that for the present the prices of most wares have found their level, as many of the mills are curtailing the production.

TOLEDO, May 22.—Flour quiet. Wheat lower, market 31 1/2 @ 32, 30 cask and \$1.40 buyer June; No. 2 red \$1.27; with Michigan \$1.42; Corn better with no spot transactions. In No. 1; seller 15 days 70c No. 2 60c. Cuts steady. No. 2 and Michigan \$8.50; No. 2 60c. Rye quiet and unchanged at \$1.15. Barley nominal. Receipts—3,700 bush; flour, 10,700 bush; wheat, 12,200 bush; corn, 3,400 bush; oats, 3,700 bush; rye, 3,700 bush; barley, 400 bush.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS. OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, May 24, 1898. The general markets present nothing that is really new or important. The demand for all of the leading articles is fair, although restricted mainly to supplying immediate wants, and there is a fair volume of business in the aggregate.

APPLES—Almost out of season, and prices are nominal at \$5.07 per bush. BUTTER—Is in good supply and well but unchanged; sales of prime to choice at 22@23.

WHEAT—In fair demand and limited supply; sales of Peaches at 14 for quarters and 18 for halves, and Apples at 18@15, as to quality.

PEANUTS—Hold at 12c. PROVISIONS—Steady with regular jobbing sales at 1 3/4 for Shoulders; 1 1/4 for Ribbed, and 1 1/4 for Clear Sides; Plain Ham, 17c; Canned Sugar Cured Ham 10 1/2 @ 11. Lard, 19 in tierces and 19 1/2 @ 20 in half bush kegs, and plain dry beef 20 1/4. Canned salmon 21 @ 21 1/2. New Pork 22 @ 23 1/2.

SEEDS—Sales of Clover Seed at 3 1/2; no Timothy or Flaxseed in this market worth speaking of. SALT—May be quoted at \$1.83 @ 1.85 by the car load, and \$1.95 @ 2 for small lots in store.

TALLOW—Is quoted at 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4, for rendered, and dull. PETROLEUM MARKET. OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, May 24, 1898. The oil market was moderately active to-day there having been a fair volume of business in the aggregate, while compared with Saturday prices are a shade lower, particularly for Crude. As noted in our last report, buyers generally, especially refiners, seem to hold off with great tenacity, feeling very sanguine that the bottom has not yet been touched, and we are cognizant of some operators who were anxious about buying a few days since, but who now refuse to buy even at the decline. There is no scarcity of buyers, but with the events of the past few days in view, they are not disposed to buy at present prices, and whenever it has been ascertained that the bottom has been about reached there will be a brisk demand and a large amount sold, and then, as is nearly always the case, there will be a reaction, followed, possibly, by an advance.

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