

Financial and Commercial

COTTON.

New York, Sept. 8.—The cotton market was higher to-day on covering by near month shorts and talk of steadier Southern markets with the close very steady at a net advance of 14 to 21 points. Sales were estimated at 25,000 bales. The market opened steady at an advance of 8 to 11 points in response to higher cables than expected, but soon fell to 2 points during the first few minutes under selling by some of the local bears who had covered before the holidays and who were influenced by the census report showing 27,624 bales gained to September 1st against 26,027 last year and generally good weather over the holidays. At the decline October shorts started covering and during the afternoon the market sold up quite sharply on high temperatures in the Southwest and talk of steadier interior markets. Just before the close October touched 8.75, or 18 points net higher and 24 points above the low record of last week. Last prices were within a point of the best on the active market.

Receipts at the ports to-day 25,000 bales against 17,500 last week and 17,000 last year. For the week 110,000 bales against 73,250 last week and 92,150 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 1,107 bales against 618 last year, and at Houston 13,135 bales against 9,583 last year.

STOCK MARKET.

New York, Sept. 8.—Undisturbed ease in the money market and aggressive strength in the Harri-man stocks were the sustaining influence in to-day's stock market. The influence was moderate in its effect, an over-optimistic projection of the day's business being in the Harri-man themselves or in stocks in some way affiliated with them. United States Steel was the only addition of first-class importance to that list. Illinois Central was strong without the usual response from his vacation. The Atlantic Coast Line was, in fact, sharply depressed, Louisville & Nashville moving and there were only a few isolated transactions in Norfolk & Western and Southern Railway. The market opened 19 points higher after the Harri-man was the confident and cheerful tone voiced by the head of the system in public outcries on his way home from his vacation. The hardening of foreign money markets, while it pulled up the rate of foreign exchange in this market, was without apparent influence on our money market. The bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$4,410,000. Sugar unchanged on call. Total sales to-day \$6,700 shares, including: Smelting 2,700; Sugar 400; American Tobacco preferred 600; Atlantic Coast Line 600; Norfolk & Western 100; Chesapeake & Ohio 1,000; Reading 2,500; Scribner Pacific 5,800; Southern Railway 5,700; do preferred 1,600; Union Pacific 11,500; United States Steel 13,500; St. Louis 1,000; Tennessee Copper 600; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 700.

Baltimore, Sept. 8.—A. E. common 24 to 25; do pd. —. New York, Sept. 8.—M. & O. ct. 46, 53 bid.

Hubbard Bros. & Co's Cotton Letter. Special to The Observer. New York, Sept. 8.—More demand in Liverpool to-day marks the increased buying by Lancashire spinners which was due after the breakdown in the basis brought about at the close of August; by the compulsory tender of cotton that had been held for spinners use during the summer. They held off until September and are now buying on a much lower basis for daily use. This demand abroad brought about a better feeling here, where the market opened 19 points higher and slowly improved until at the close when an advance of some 15 points was maintained. Reports of deterioration on the thin lands were received, which added to the strength of the foreign advice and brought a demand to cover on the part of many recent sellers. Further improvement is expected in Liverpool tomorrow. The ginners' report was about what had been expected.

Naval Stores. Charleston, S. C., Sept. 8.—Turpentine steady at 25c. Rosin steady. Quote: A B C 2.25; D 2.20; E 2.15 to 2.10; F 2.10 to 2.05; G 2.05 to 2.00; H 2.00 to 1.95; I 1.95 to 1.90; J 1.90 to 1.85; K 1.85 to 1.80; L 1.80 to 1.75; M 1.75 to 1.70; N 1.70 to 1.65; O 1.65 to 1.60; P 1.60 to 1.55; Q 1.55 to 1.50; R 1.50 to 1.45; S 1.45 to 1.40; T 1.40 to 1.35; U 1.35 to 1.30; V 1.30 to 1.25; W 1.25 to 1.20; X 1.20 to 1.15; Y 1.15 to 1.10; Z 1.10 to 1.05.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 8.—Turpentine firm, 25c; sales 1,714; receipts 1,747; shipments 5,467. Rosin firm; sales 2,538; receipts 6,446; shipments 15,658; stock 151,386. Quote: A B C 2.25 to 2.20; D 2.20 to 2.15; E 2.15 to 2.10; F 2.10 to 2.05; G 2.05 to 2.00; H 2.00 to 1.95; I 1.95 to 1.90; J 1.90 to 1.85; K 1.85 to 1.80; L 1.80 to 1.75; M 1.75 to 1.70; N 1.70 to 1.65; O 1.65 to 1.60; P 1.60 to 1.55; Q 1.55 to 1.50; R 1.50 to 1.45; S 1.45 to 1.40; T 1.40 to 1.35; U 1.35 to 1.30; V 1.30 to 1.25; W 1.25 to 1.20; X 1.20 to 1.15; Y 1.15 to 1.10; Z 1.10 to 1.05.

Wilmington, Sept. 8.—Spirits turpentine steady, 24c; receipts 60 casks. Rosin steady, 25c; receipts 250. Turp. firm, 25c; receipts 23. Crude turpentine firm, 1.50, 2 and 2.75; receipts 154.

Baltimore Produce. New York, Sept. 8.—Flour firm, unchanged. Wheat quiet; spot contract 88 to 89c; Southern on grade 85 to 86c. Corn dull; spot mixed —, No. 3 white —; Southern yellow 59c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 51c to 52c. Rye steady; No. 2 Western domestic 75c to 80c. Butter quiet, unchanged. Fancy imitation 20 to 21; do creamery 25; do ladie 25; store packed 14c to 15c. Eggs quiet, unchanged. Cheese quiet, unchanged. 22 to 23; new large 15c; do flats 12c; do small 15c. Sugar firm; coarse granulated 16.20; fine 16.30.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Cattle, receipts estimated at about 1,000; market for cattle steady. Calves, firm. Steers 14.75 to 15.25; cows 13.00 to 14.25; heifers 13.00 to 14.25; bulls 11.00 to 12.50; calves 12.50 to 15.00; stockers and feeders 12.50 to 15.00. Hogs, receipts estimated at about 20,000; market strong to be higher with best at top of price of year. Choice heavy shipping 17 to 17.25; butchers 16.50 to 17.10; light mixed 16.50 to 17.00; choice light 16.75 to 16.85; pigs 12.75 to 14; bulk of sales 12.75 to 14. Sheep, receipts estimated at about 25,000; market steady; sheep 13.00 to 14.00; lambs 14.25 to 16; yearlings 14 to 14.50.

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Charlotte Cotton. These prices represent figures paid to Wholes September 8th: Good middling... 9 1/2; Strict middling... 9; Middling... 8 1/2.

Charlotte Produce. (Corrected by R. H. Field & Co.) Butter... 19 1/2; Chickens—Spring... 17 1/2; Eggs... 20 1/2; Geese—per head... 40 1/2; Hens—per head... 20 1/2; Turkeys—per pound... 12 1/4.

Chicago Grain and Provisions. Chicago, Sept. 8.—The government crop report caused a strong uptick in wheat prices to-day but liberal profit-taking late in the session reduced the gains to only a slight lead at the close, compared with final quotations of the previous session. Corn, oats and provisions closed strong.

WHEAT—High, Low, Close. May... 101 1/2; Sept... 99 1/2; Dec... 98 1/2.

CORN—High, Low, Close. May... 65 1/2; Sept... 64 1/2; Dec... 63 1/2.

OATS—High, Low, Close. May... 37 1/2; Sept... 36 1/2; Dec... 35 1/2.

ESTIMATES. New Orleans... 1,400-1,500; Houston... 7,000-8,000; Galveston... 9,000-10,000.

COMPARATIVE PORT RECEIPTS. Galveston... 15,700; Savannah... 6,150; Total (est.)... 21,850.

Liverpool Cotton. Liverpool, Sept. 8.—Closing cotton: Spot in fair demand; prices 2 to 4 points higher. American middling fair 1.50; good middling 1.55; low middling 1.45; good ordinary 1.48; ordinary 1.40. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7,000 American. Receipts 4,000 bales, including 200 American. Futures opened steady and closed quiet.

New York Cotton. New York, Sept. 8.—Cotton: Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 9.30; middling Gulf 9.50; sales 100 bales. Futures opened steady and closed very steady.

The Money Market. New York, Sept. 8.—Money on call easy 1 to 1 1/4 per cent; ruling rate 1; closing bid 1 offered at 1 1/4. Time loans steady; 60 days 2 per cent; 90 days 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent; 120 days 2 1/2 per cent. Close: Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 for 60-day bills and at 48 1/2 for demand. Commercial bills 88 1/2 to 91. Bar silver 87 1/2; Mexican dollars 47.

Dry Goods Market. New York, Sept. 8.—The feature of to-day's dry goods market was the volume of small orders reported in nearly all houses, after the holiday. In cotton goods the call for drills and sheetings is unchanged. Printed goods for fall are selling steadily. Cotton yarns are being ordered freely but export trade in cotton is still dull.

Cotton Seed Oil. New York, Sept. 8.—Cotton seed oil firm and higher on light crude offerings and strength of lard and cotton. Prime crude 20 to 21; prime summer yellow 20; do summer yellow 20 to 21; do winter yellow 20 to 21; do winter yellow 20 to 21.

NEW YORK BONDS. U. S. refunding 2s registered... 104 1/2; U. S. refunding 2s coupon... 101 1/2; U. S. 3s registered... 101 1/2; U. S. 3s coupon... 101 1/2; U. S. 4s registered... 104 1/2; U. S. 4s coupon... 101 1/2; American Tobacco... 104 1/2; Atchafalpa... 104 1/2; Atchafalpa cv. 4s... 104 1/2; Atchafalpa cv. 5s... 104 1/2; Atlantic Coast Line... 104 1/2; Baltimore & Ohio... 104 1/2; Baltimore & Ohio 4s... 104 1/2; Brooklyn R. T. cv. 4s... 104 1/2; Central of Georgia... 104 1/2; Central of Georgia 1st Inc. bid... 104 1/2; Central of Georgia 2d Inc. bid... 104 1/2; Chesapeake & Ohio... 104 1/2; Chesapeake & Ohio 4s... 104 1/2; Chesapeake & Ohio 5s... 104 1/2; Chicago & Alton... 104 1/2; Chicago & Alton 4s... 104 1/2; Chicago & Alton 5s... 104 1/2; Chicago, R. I. & P. R. cv. 4s... 104 1/2; Chicago, R. I. & P. R. cv. 5s... 104 1/2; Colorado Industrial... 104 1/2.

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