FOR LEISURE MOMENTS. FINANCE AND COMMERCE

'I am," replied a gentleman who was sit-"And why so, sir; give your reasons."
"Because I am sentenced to be hanged ext month.

Why He Married Her,
"I hear that you have married an Indian
oman," said a State official to black Jake.
"Yes, sah, tuch a Ingun."
"Couldn't you find a coloured woman good
onesh for you?"

enough for you?"

"Oh, yes, sah. De trouble was da was too good. I'se had a mighty heap of trouble wid my black wives, an' I was al'ays in de 'vorce court, so I 'cluded ter try dis 'oman, and 'sides dat, yer know, dar ain't much law agin ki'lin' a lugun, nohow."

What She Proposed For Her Share, What She Proposed For Her Share,
Mr. Gooseberry, who had married for
money and found the property all tied up so
that he could not tourh it without his wife's
permission, was explaining to her about a
brilliant scheme, in which a great amount of
money could be made, and he wanted considerable capital to start with.
"Don't you see, myldear?" he said; "and
then we can divide the net proceeds."

"Oh, yes," she exclaimed enthusiastically,
"you can have the net and I'll take the
proceeds."

rdly Enough Left to Pay for Training.

"How's that?"
"Well, you see, I wanted to crop his tail;
so I held him over a stump while brother
Tom chopped; Tom, you know, is a little
cross-eyed, and he chopped a little too high
up. The tail's all right, but there's hardly
enough of the dog left to pay for training it
as it were."

He Preferred to Cherish Something Else. The widow of a distinguished professor was isited by a rather shabby genteel sort of a entleman, who expressed great admiration or her deacesed husband, and who finally

"I revere the memory of your husband, and would like very much to have some relic to keep and cherish."

"The only relic I can offer you," replied the disconsolate widow, sighing heavily, "is myself. If you will love and cherish me for his sake, you may."

But the relic hunter had silently stolen away before she could finish the sentence.

He couldn't help it. He had been in Wall street twelve years, and when the boys cleaned him out he quietly slid into a Pennsylvania town to recover his wind and count up his small change. He put up at the cheapest hotel over night, and started out in the morning to look for an opening. The first thing he encountered was a toll bridge, and as he payed his way over he asked the woman:

"Is this bridge owned by a company?"

"Yes, sir."
"Has it any stock out?"
"About \$10,000, sir."
"How does it sell?" ell, it's down to about 15 cents, I

believe."

"Good!" chuckled the speculator as he waked on. I'll buy in \$2,000 worth, pull it up to 75 on a report that the next President is from Pennsylvania, and unload before the fall treshet takes the old thing down stream. Egad! I've got the country right by the neck, and somebody's got to squeal!"

"That's just what I was thinking about, Topnoody. I think it would be real nice, and as a cholera widow I'd excite such sympathy that, before I could have a tombstone erected over your mouldering dust, I would have half the marriageable men in this town after me, and by the time I was ready to wear colours again, I could have a mortgage foreclosed on one of them and be on the high road to a very comfortable future. Cholera, indeed? Why, my dear, I'm going to take my chances, and begin praying this very night for it to come."

Topnoody relapsed into silence,

The Man Who Did Not Want a Favour, "Well, how are we ail to-day?" asked a pright-looking, pleasant-faced man, as he branced lightly into the sanctum and slapped he city editor on the back. "Hard at work, see, getting out the greatest paper on the North American Continent."

"Been arrested for being drunk and disponderly and want us to leave out the item?" lemanded the city editor, eyeing him suspiciously.

"Good enough!" roared the chipper man n convulsions of merriment. "That's one f the best things you ever got off."
"Must be worse than getting drunk," nuttered the city editor. "I say, is it a ttle defalcation, and you desire the witholding of public opinion until you can have n opportunity of being heard in the curts?"

"Better yet?" screamed the pleasant man, with a paroxysm of laughter. "Let up old fellow, or you'll kill me?" "Great Scott!" grunted the city editor. "Shouldn't wonder if he's been committing murder and didn't want anything said about it until after the inquest. What do you want us to do?"

"Nothing! I just dropped in to see the men who get out the paper that has afforded me so much pleasure for the last twenty years. I wanted to take them by the hand and tell them how much they are doing for the public and how highly, I for one, appreciate their services."

"Is that all?" murmured the city editor, hanging his head. "I must be losing my grip. I need a wacation. There's something wrong with my head, Look here, I don't want to think I'm going crazy. Can't you wind this business up by asking some little favour, so I won't think I've got softening of the brain?"

"Why, if you feel that way," replied the

"Why, if you feel that way," replied the tranger, sobering down and regarding the ity editor with interest. "If it will relieve our mind, you might state in your next use that I am about to open a new paint thop on Fulton street. Would that—"
"Do you know," said the city editor, as he office boy finished sweeping up the remains of the pleasant man, "Do you know, think I must take a vacation anyway. I ever thought of the puff dodge. It never coursed to me. I supposed he was on the leave out lay, and he had all the symptoms, but I never thought of the puff racket as moment. I'm overworked and I'm long to take a rest." And the city editor cant gloomly to his desk and buried himself in thought. It was the first time he ad ever been left on the object of a taffy all.

Vennor predicts a dry August,

treal sterling exchange is quoted at

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS-WEEKLY REVIEW.

THURSDAY, August 2.

PRODUCE.

The past week has been a quiet period in th

The past week has been a quiet period in the local market. There has been very little of anything offered; but that little seems to have been enough. Prices have been fairly well maiutained, chiefly from the fact that holders have not been inclined to press sales, and next because outside reports have been fairly steady. The weather has been by no means propitious to the growing crops; indeed it may fairly be said to have been decidedly unfavourable to them at the most critical period of their growth. But, strange to say, complaints from the country have been neither numerous nor violent. Another fortnight will show the result somewhat definitely. Stocks in store have shown very little change during the week, and nearly everything is largely in excess of the quantity held last year or in the year preceding; they stood on Monday meening as follows:—Flour, 2.275 bbls.; fall wheat 83,825 bush.; pars. 311 bush.; rye, 321 bush.; barley. 30,728 bush.; peas. 311 bush.; rye, 321 bush.; barley. 30,728 bush.; peas. 311 bush.; rye, 321 bush.; pars. 311 bush.; rye, 321 bush.; pars. 312 bush.; pars. 312 bush.; pars. 313 bush.; art.; 5,522 bush. otto. 78,283 bush.; spring wheat. 34,319 bush.; oats. 2,909 bush.; pars. 4,523 bush.; rye. 5,284 bush. Outside advices show in Fanglish quotations a fall of 2d. on spring wheat. of a penny on all other sorts of wheat, and of 2d. on corn, with a rise of 4d. on peas during the week. Markets have been flat for the last three days, the reason of which it is rather difficult to understand in face of previous advices of unfavourable weather for the growing crops. Imports for last week were on the decline, and amounted to 275,000 to 280,000 quarters of wheat and 160,000 to 165,000 bris. of ficur. The supply for the previous week ending July 21 was equal to from 487,708 to 512,188 qrs. against 470,000 to 37,580 grs. in excess of the weekly consumption. The quantity of wheat and flour in transit has been decreasing and was equal on the 26th ut. to 1,575,000 qrs. or wheat, against 1,641,000 qu

My dear, were you aware that the lera is getting a firm hold in the East, and coming rapidly this way?"
I heard something about it. Is it catch-

in'?" she replied, unmoved.
"Catching? Why my dear it is epidemic and sweeps everything before it like the resistless rush of the cyclone."
"Let it rush, Topnoody."
"But, my dear, are you not fearful of its results if it should reach these shores?"
"Not dangerously fearful, I guess."
"Well, you should not treat the matter so lightly. Don't you know that it may invade, our very household and take one or both of us in its destroying hand? Think, only think, my dear, if you were left a widow!"

"That's just what I was thinking about,

advices stated that the shipments from Cronstadt, which had for some time been so large, showed signs of diminishing, having in the week ending July 8th amounted to 52,527 grs. for all destinations, against 99,611 grs. in the preceding week. From the opening of the navigation on the 28th May, the shipments from Cronstadt summed up to 497,167 grs., and had no doubt contributed materially to the large increase in the stocks ir England and to the depression of prices. From Odessa hardly any exports of wheat were being made, and according to advices from thence of the 7th ult., the fresh transactions on the spot were of the most insignificant character. The weather remained very fine, and according to the same advices it was expected that unless there should be an unfavourable change in this respect, this year's wheat harvest in that part of Russia might be expected to be, if not superior, at least equal to that of last year. From Nicolaieff reports of 11th July state that the weather had remained most favourable for the crops, but business in grain was almost at a standsfill. States markets have been rather unsettled during the week, but the total change in prices since our last has been small. At New York sales for export have been checked by news of improved weather in Europe, accompanied by a reduction of buyers limits. The movement of new winter wheat has been fair at St. Louis and Baltimore, but uninspotant, so far, at any other points. Western crop reports have been of a very variable character, the heavy and protracted rains at the West and at the North-West have delayed the harvest and protracted rains at the weat, and this, followed by damp, close, weather, has caused it in many localities to rust. In instances, as threshing procresses, the yield has proved disappointing, and the estimates for Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin have been reduced. Receipts of wheat at western lake and river ports have been rather on the increase. Those for the week enfance the constant we see the reduced. Receipts of w

rather on the 28th ult. were 933,000 hushels, against 613,000 in the preceding week, and 3,986,000 last year. The receipts of wheat at tidewater for the week ending July 28th, increased from 834,000 bushels in the preceding week to 1,127,000 bushels. The exports from the Atlantic ports for the week ended July 28th amounted to 790,000 bushels, against 834,000 bushels in the preceding week, and 2,886,000 bush last year. The visible supply of grain comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake supply of grain comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and Atlantic ports, and on rail and on the Mississippi river, and afloat on New York canals, destined for tidewater on the dates indicated was as follows:—

1883. 1883. 1882. 1882. 1881.

July 21. July 14. July 22. July 22. Wheat, bu.17,748,509 18,170,321 10,942,268 15,621,645 Corn, bu...1,481,500 11,612,418 6,021,964 15,931,573 Oats, bu... 3,702,536 3,465,529 1,187,231 7,510,563 Barley, bu... 354,032 368,931 100,817 133,738 Rye, bu... 1,725,143 1,742,677 605,107 117,028

Total bu...35,012,082 35,359,876 18,857,350 39,334,545

The following are the Liverpool quotation each day of the past week, the prices of and flour being top figures:— July 28.

July 27.

July 28.

2.30 p.m.

July 39.

5.00 p.m.

BAG FLOUR, (per bag 987bs., bags returnable, if not 8c. more), by car lots, f.o.c. Extra, per bag...... 2 321 Spring wheat, extra, ber bag.....

Fall wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs...
No. 2, ...
No. 3, ... GRAIN, F.O.C. " No. 3,
Red winter
Spring wheat, No. 1.
" No. 2.
" No. 3.
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs.
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs.
" No. 2.
" Extra No. 3.
" No. 3.
Peas, No. 1 per 60 lbs.
" No. 2.
Rye.

Gess. each.

Furkeys, each.

Butter, pound rolls.

do. largerolls.

do. tub dairy.

Eggs, fresh, per doz.

Cotatoes, per bbl.

Dillons, green, per doz.

Jauliflowers, per doz.

Jauliflowers, per doz.

Lelery, per doz.

Jarrots, per doz.

Barrots, per doz.

Parsnips, per bag.

PROVISIONS

FORK—Quiet and unchanged, with small lots selling usually at \$20, and nothing doing in round lots.

BACON—Quiet and tending downwards. Long clear has been obtainable at 10c.; but there is no movement in them reported; small lots have sold only slowly and usually at 10½c. Cumberland is scarce and held more firmly than is long-clear, and sold in small lots at 10 to 10½c, but only to a very smell extent. Rolls are almost finished, but a few might, perhaps, still be had at 13½c., and canvassed belies have sold at 1½c, for small lots.

HAMS—Stocks are running low, and all on hand are held firmly. The only movement has been in small lots at 1½c, for smoked and 1½c, for canvassed; but round lots might be had half-acent lower, though holders are not anxious to sell them. Pickled quiet at 12½c.

LARD—Dull and inactive. Tinnets in round lots might have been bought at 12½c, or lots of 25, and up to 13½c, for small lots.

HOGS—Very few offered, but these few apparently sufficient, with prices rather easier at \$8 to \$8.25.

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DRIED-APPLES—Nothing doing in country
ots, which may be regarded as finished. Dealers
have been selling barrelled at 10 to 10½c, in small

GROCERIES

TRADE—Seems to have improved somewhat during the week.

Tra—Prices have been steady, and sales of lines seem to have been rather on the increase. Greens have sold at 44c. for two lines of fine; at 50c. for one line of fine; at 50c. for one line of first, Young Hyson. New Japans have sold at 55c. and 50c. for choice new Moning; at 38c. for "finest;" at 29c., at 30c., at 31c., at 32c. for good medium; at 25 to 27c. for low medium, and at 30c. for basket-fire. Blacks have changed hands at 15c. for two lines of low grade Congou, at 17c. for another line, and at 40c. for a line of fine new, Sales on English account quiet, but prices steady. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 14 to 20c.; medium to good, 22 to 32c.; fine to choice, 38 to 52c.; extra firsts, 58 to 62c.; Twankays, 15 to 20c.; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 20 to 35c.; fine to extra choice, 46 to 69c. Blacks—Congous, common, 16 to 20c.; medium, 22 to 30c.; good, 32 to 40c.; fine, 42 to 69c.; Souchong, 35 to 50c.; Scented Pekoes, 30 to 45c.; fine, 45 to 62c.

Coffee—Firmer; a lot of Singapore sold at 20c., and Rio is held at an advance. Quotations are as follows, outside figures for retailers lots:—Government Javas, 22 to 22c.; Singapore, 17 to 19c.; Rio. 10 to 10c; Mocha, 30 to 32c.

SUGAR—The market has been firm and fairly active. Raws strong. with sales of lots of dark Porto Rico at 69c., and of medium-bright at 7c. Dark Scotch has sold in round lots at 66c. Medium to bright sellows have sold at 7 to 76c. for lots, but dark could be had lower, and choice was held higher. Granulated quiet and much as before. Quotations are as follows, outside figures being for retailers' lots, ed., to 60c.; Barbadoes, none; Scotch, 10c.; Scotch, 10c.; Granulated standard, 8; to 9c.

Syntps—No movement in round lots; prices of all grades unchanged. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Common, 33 to 55c.; medium, 58 to 62c.; choice, 65 to 75c.; sug

bis., none; half-bbls., \$5.75; No. 1 mess do., \$2.50; sar-'s, 26c.; American do., 's, 10 19c.; No. 1 Lake Huron her-

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

LOCAL CATTLE TRADE.

..... \$6 to \$12 each.

WHOLESALE FRUIT MARKET. At Lumbers' auction sale of fruit at York street wharf to-day, red cherries sold at \$1.20 to \$1.25. It quart basket: red currants, \$1 to \$1.30, 14 quart basket: black currents, \$1.45 to \$1.70, 14 quart basket: black currents, \$1.45 to \$1.70, 14 quart basket: small new Canadian apples, 60 to 65c. basket: Canadian peaches, \$1.05 per 1 peck basket. The first Canadian peaches of this season, grown by W. Armstrong, Niagara, arrived to-day.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MONTREAL

OTTAWA.

August 1.—Flour, No. 1 super., \$5.25 to \$5.50; f wheat, \$5.0° to \$1; spring wheat, \$1.00 to \$1.0 bariey, \$0 to \$5.0°; peas, 75 to \$0.0°; oats, 45 to \$0.00 catle (live weight), \$10 50.; beef, \$6 to \$6.75; m ton, \$ to \$0.0°; dressed hogs, \$8.75 to \$8.50; hides, \$8; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.25; wool, 18 to 20 butter, 16 to 170; eggs, 16 to 180; cheese, 13 150; hay, \$8 to \$9.50 per ton; potatoes, 75 to 8 per bag; corn, \$0 to \$50.

CHICAGO.

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Loose meats—Shoulders, \$6.25; short rib, \$7.05 short clear, \$7.50; long clear, \$7.00; green hams, 10½c. Boxed—Shoulders, \$6.45; short rib, \$7.30 short clear, \$7.80; long clear, \$7.80; sugar pickled hams, 12½c. Receipts—Flour, 9,000 bbls; wheat, 41,000 bush.; corn, 452,000 bush.; oats,49,000 bush.; rye, 10,000 bush.; barley, 3,000 bush.; bork, 150 bbls; lard, 231,836 tcs.; cut meats, 54,687 lbs. Shipments—Flour, 7,600 bbls; wheat, 11,000 bush.; corn, 4,000,000 bush; cats, 49,000 bush.; rye, 40,000 bush.; barley, 1,000 bush.; bork 707 bbls; lard, 688,590 tcs.; cut meats, 2,268,336 lbs. Receipts by cars—Wheat, 36; winter, 76; corn, 474; oats, 70; rye, 16; barley, 2. By canal—Corn, 43,000 bush.

12 m.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.083 for cash tor August; \$1.103 for September; \$1.12 l.13 for October; \$1.144 for November; \$0 ryear; \$1.184 for January, Corn—52c. ash or August; 534c. bid for September. Cull at 334c. for cash.

Aug. 1, 10.15 a.m.—Wheat—No. 1 white. \$1.67 for eash; \$1.06} for bid August; \$1.08} for September; \$1.10 bid for October; \$1.11 bid for November; No. 2 red. \$1.13 asked.

12.30 p.m.—Wheat—No. 1 white, \$1.07 for cash or August; \$1.08\$ for September; \$1.09\$ for October; No. 2 white, \$7\cdot c.\$ receipts, 1,000 bush.; shipments, 6,000 bush.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS. U. S. YARDS, CHICAGO.

Aug. 1, 9.30 a.m.—Hogs—Estimated receipts 18,00; official yesterday, 21.744; shipments, 4.521 left over, about 6.000; light grades, \$5.75 to \$5.30 heavy common, \$5.25 to \$5.55; common to fair \$5.55 to \$5.90; heavy shipping, \$5.50 to \$6.

EAST BUFFALO.

Aug. 1, 10.30 a.m.—Hogs—Receipts, 22 cars; shipments, 18 cars, 11 to New York; Yorkers, \$6.10 to \$6.20; good butchers and heavy, \$6 to \$6.15.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

Aug. 1, 11.30 a.m.—Consols, 99 9-16 for money and account. Bonds—4/s, 115½; 5's, 10½; Eric 35½; Illinois Central, 135. SEPTIMUS A. DENISON. W. STANDISH LOWE. DENISON & LOWE,

(Members of the Toronto Stock Exchange), HAVE REMOVED TO 42 KING STREET EAST. buy or sell Stocks, etc., for cash or on margin.

WESTERN WHEAT TRADE. Messrs. McLaren & Co., of Milwaukee, have he following remarks on the situation and prospects of wheat in the States at the present ime: the following remarks on the Stuation approspects of wheat in the States at the preser ime:

After very severe storms on Sunday and Moday, we have a day or twoof clear, cool weathe succeeded by further heavy rain storms, frequently accompanied by high winds. There storms, as usual, at this season of the year, as more or less local, but taken together have bee widespread in their extent through this State and Minnesota. In this neighbourhood all kind of grain are very badly laid, oats and bark suffering the most. Winter wheat is being or in this State, and if the weather does not in prove soon it will suffer decided damage from rust and growth. Spring wheat has been la more or less, and complaints are heard that also is rusting to some extent. Through to North-West generally, reports are quite conflicing. The wheat crop is undoubtedly suffering from too much rain, but the actual damage do not yet seem to be sufficiently widespread to important, and a change to good harvest weath would probably secure a fuir crop. An immeate improvement in the weather, however, urgently needed, and we hope will be seen tong. There is no material change in the report of yield of winter wheat in the Middle State Michigan is still suffering from too much rain and both the quality and quantity of her created the season of the will be lessened thereby. The movement of will be lessened thereby. The movement of the will be lessened thereby.

unsettled weather here; and parity caused by more firmness in foreign markets. The clear cool weather in the middle of the week, and the increasing receipts in St. Louis, would have weakened prices somewhat, but continued firm ness abroad prevented any decline. During the last day or two cable advices have shown de cidedly quieter markets abroad, and our markets have relapsed into a dull condition, with some decline in values. The lack of any materia movement of stocks at the lake ports is un doubtedly the weak feature in the market, and must continue to be so till a decided reduction has taken place. But there is a strongly confident feeling in the trade here, that when we reach the early fall season, the situation in this respect will show a decided improvement. The whole amount of wheat now in sight and on passage is 34,188,509 bushels, as compared with 32, 014,288 bushels a year ago, and the stocks in Grea Britain are unquestionably very large, giving u a situation, for the moment, far from encouraging. It seems certain, however, that the usua summer movement of new winter wheat will be much smaller than usual this year. The want of France for the coming year will be much larger than for the previous one, and Grea Britain, with her short acreage in wheat, will require at least as much as last year, while thrye crop in Central Europe is a very short one The shortage in our winter wheat crop will soon show in the comparatively small movement a compared with good crop years, and certainly the present prices are not high enough to induo farmers to crowd to market what wheat the have. On the whole, therefore, we think the feeling of confidence in full prices has a reason able foundation in the actual prospects, to sa nothing of the contingencies yet to be met it completing the harvest here and abroad.

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Friends and acquaintances of Mr. Crombie, barrister, will regret to h death, which took place on Sunday at his residence, Toronto. His docasioned by an attack of paresis, come four years ago. He was perhad as solicitor for the Bank of Montreal, which he held for twenty years, was given the enviable position counsel for Ontario.

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