

GROCERIES.—August is generally a very quiet month, but seems to be more so this season than usual. Sugars are steady and without any change in price. New season teas, early-picking blacks, are coming in, and considering the time of year, meet with a ready sale. Coffees are very quiet and unchanged. Little or nothing doing in fruits. Tobaccos continue firm at the late advance. Payments are very fair.

GRAIN; WHEAT.—This market, like flour, is exceedingly dull and the quantities changing hands insignificant. No 2 fall would hardly bring 95c. to \$1.00 and No. 3 not more than 95c. No. 1 spring is probably worth about \$1.02 to \$1.03 and No. 2 95c. to \$1.00. Nothing to report in barleys nor will there be, until the beginning of next month. Good sound oats are a little firmer and command 40c. to 41c. There are no peas in the market. Rye is flat and no transactions recorded.

STOCKS IN STORE.			
	Aug. 4, 1884.	July, 28, 1884.	Aug. 13, 1883.
Fall wheat, bush....	54,790	54,781	67,926
Spring wheat, bush..	67,381	71,428	49,919
Oats " " " " " "	6,569	9,774
Barley " " " " " "	2,073	2,247	25,576
Peas " " " " " "	1,213	1,213	1,083
Rye " " " " " "	442	442
Corn " " " " " "	1,000	1,000	341
Total, bush	133,468	140,885	144,845

HOPS.—The demand is mainly for store lots, there are no bales moving. Some few choice have sold as high as 35c., and a lower grade at 32c. New York advices say that the good prospects in July of American crop, and the blue look out for English, which caused the advance to 40 cents for choice 1883 lots, has all been "knocked on the head" by poor weather here and better weather in England. Where growers looked fondly forward to 50 cents per lb., and would not take 40c., they are now (August 9th) likely to take 30c., which price dealers are not eager to give. Hop growing in this rich Upper Susquehanna Valley has developed into a mania. The counties of Otsego, Schoharie, Madison and Oneida have become the heart of this industry in America. They produce over 50 per cent. of the entire hop crop of the United States. These hops enter so largely into the manufacture of European ales and beers that more than \$3,000,000 worth of them was exported last year.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is no alteration to note in prices this week and the market is featureless. We repeat quotations: 60 to 90 lb. steers 83.; cows 7c.; cured and inspected 8½c. to 9½c.; green calfskins 11c. to 13c.; cured ditto. 13c. to 15c.; sheepskins 35c. to 63c.; tallow in the rough 3½c.; ditto, rendered 6½c. to 7c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—A good demand exists for builders' supplies and general sorting up orders. The trade expects to be busy in a few days filling orders for September delivery. The outlook is fairly hopeful; payments at the moment are beyond the average. There have been three or four assignments in the country lately, the liabilities in which are larger than the volume of business seemed to warrant, still the estates are good ones and are likely to pay from 60 to 75c. Canada Plates have been pretty well booked for coming season, at prices, which are regarded as not very remunerative, but had they to be placed in the English market at present, higher price would have to be paid. Charcoals in England are somewhat sluggish, but coals remain very firm, which can be accounted for in the fact that there is a large demand for export, consequent upon brisk canning requirements.

PETROLEUM.—Old rates are firm but an advance of 1½c. to 2c. is not unlikely to take place within a few days. We make no change, as yet, in prices.

PROVISIONS.—Trade continues to be of a very dull character. Butter is in better enquiry, but no advance in price is yet announced; the city demand is still being filled at 14 to 15c. Cheese is higher, say 11 to 11½c. Hog products do not improve; the holders of bacon are stiffer in their views owing to the rapid advance in Chicago. Lard is dull and nominal. Eggs still rule at our quotations and all receipts are readily taken.

WOOL.—Another quiet week has passed with values quite unchanged. Ordinary fleece combing still rules at 15½ to 19c.; Southdown ditto 20 to 22c.; Palled Combing is worth from 17 to 18c.; and super ditto 20 to 21c.; Extra remains at 27 to 29c.

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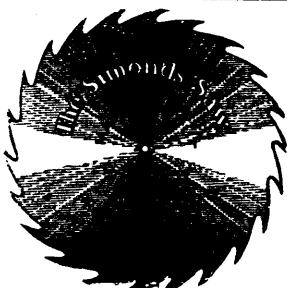
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