

THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

Large Increase in Clearances Over the Corresponding Week Last Year.

JOBBERS BUSY FILLING FALL ORDERS.

Crops in Northwestern Counties
Failure—Farmers Will Need Assistance in Order to Go Through the Winter.

Manager Hughes of the Omaha clearing house imports the total clearings of the associated national banks of this city for the week ending August 30 at \$1,400,661, an increase over the corresponding week last year of 6.5 per cent. Balances were \$861,692,125.

There has been scarcely any perceptible change in the money market during the past week. Rates continue about the same. Good two-name paper is accepted at 8 per cent.

The eastern market continues rigid and there are thus far no indications that the prediction of a slow money market during the entire fall, made two weeks ago, are at all out of the way.

Crop reports from Colorado are very hopeful and it is stated that the section between Denver and Cheyenne has not suffered to an appreciable extent. An excellent crop is assured there and the farmers and merchants in that locality are quite jubilant.

The latest advices received by the local jobbers from their buying men in the northwestern portion of the state indicate the previous reports of damage there by drought. In some of the northwestern counties the crops are a total failure and the people must have outside assistance to get through the winter. Families are already moving away and it is believed that many more will follow. The section's outlook is anything but promising.

Continued cool weather, with prospects of an early fall, will emphasize the slight improvement in the market given to the dry goods and clothing trade and stimulate other branches. The trade in hats and caps and boots and shoes has been fair, though hardly brisk.

Jobbers have made an effort to have all old accounts squared up before sending out heavy fall orders, and the results have been generally successful. The month's closing sales were 70 to 85 per cent of the amounts on the books in the various lines of trade, and this is regarded as a little better than fair, and in the majority of cases is fairly satisfactory.

Light rain has been falling rapidly, or as one dealer expressed it, "up and down," so far up faster than we can mark up our goods. It is constantly on the move, and instead of making 2½ per cent as last, it is now going up 5 per cent a jump.

The present market contains strong and steady. In dry goods the higher grades of butter have taken a decided name.

Creamery is still at 18¢@20¢, and dairy is firm at 14¢@16¢.

The cheaper grades remain practically the same at 6¢@8¢. The supply has been light.

Jobbers have taken a decided move upward, and are now almost at 15¢@16¢. A few were sold early in the week at 16¢, and one or two sales are reported at 16¢. The receipts have been a little more liberal, but the market is constantly growing stronger.

Chances are on an upward tendency.

Pull cream is now at 12¢@13¢, and Young America at 12¢@13¢.

The market has been quiet the past week, but will pick up with cooler weather.

Poultry is stiff at good prices. Good pullets are bringing \$1.75@2.00 per dozen, and \$1.25@1.50 readily received for medium size stock.

Vegetables are in strong demand. Receipts haven't been at all large. Onions are not generally matured, but both fruits and vegetables are doing well.

Fruit is exceptionally strong. Colorado is still at California at 12¢. Car had lots can be bought at truck at 12¢, but the market is by no means weakening.

California fruits are selling stronger on a firm market. The receipts of the week amounted to about 100 car. The peach crop is short, but grapes and peaches are plentiful. The home grape crop is very heavy and is selling at 25¢@30¢ in ten pound baskets. California is bringing \$1.50 per crate. Peaches are firm at 12¢, and pears are quoted at \$2.25@2.50. Apples are ready to sell, and will go up a little. Bonny Bells are being delivered in large quantities, and "Duchess" are beginning to come. Beaufortians will follow to close the supply of late fruit.

The apple crop is light, both eastern and western, and the price has advanced to \$1.00@1.25 per barrel. The market of the eastern crop has been offered here and, and it is not probable that any of it will reach this market, as its worth more east.

The receipts of melons are lighter, and there is a ready market for all of sight. The receipts of melons have amounted to about 100 car. in the market.

Receipts of onions are coming in, and they are selling at \$12 per 100. They sell slow on a cold weather market, and a few warm days are necessary to stiffen the demand.

Nutmegs and cayenne are coming in heavy, and are selling at 10¢@12¢ per 100.

Crab apples are plentiful at 12¢ per barrel. Cranberries are not yet, but dealers expect to offer them at 8¢@10¢ per barrel.

The receipts are gradually dropping off in numbers of fruits, as it is getting late. General market is still the price line have on the whole, been little better than last year. This has prevented heavy business in that branch, although it has been more than made up in general merchandise.

Frums are intended to hold off to all kinds of purchases this week. The receipts of one account for the limited receipts. One dealer gave expression to the following view of the situation: "Some folks are going to be badly foisted by hanging on to their stuff so long. There is no question but that produce is going to be a little higher, but it isn't clear out of sight, none of them seem to think. They won't sell at a really good figure, but will hold for something better. It will finally have to come, and it will all come together."

It will come in full market, and the producers will not be as bad as if they had sold earlier. We will get the market about the time it freezes up. They will then have to sell their potatoes or store them for the winter, and lots of them will be on the market. There is no denying that prices are going to march up, though not so fast, as I said before, folks are getting exaggerated ideas about the matter."

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.
Saturday, August 30.—Estimated receipts of cattle 1,656, as compared with 1,100 last year and 1,725 Saturday of last week. The market opened lower and lower. Steers and heifers lower than Thursday, as about where they were Monday last. Calves, average and lower, ranging from 10¢ to 20¢ lower than Thursday's top. Fevers unchanged.

Hogs.
Estimated receipts of hogs 1,000, compared with 800 systems last Saturday. The market opened active and a shade higher on heavy and mixed hogs and the half-hogs. During the week the heavy hogs have advanced steadily. Light and light mixed have advanced 20 to 25¢.

The market closed with a car of sold. The price of hogs was \$1.00@1.05 light, \$1.25@1.30 raised, \$1.50@1.55 heavy. Hogs sold today higher than those held before Saturday April 21st. The average of the price quoted for hogs was \$1.07@1.10, compared with \$1.05 yesterday and \$1.05 Saturday of last week.

Prevailing Prices.
The following are the prevailing prices paid in this market for the grade of stock named:

Prime steers, 1,000 to 1,050 lbs., \$4.35 @ \$4.55; Good steers, 1,200 to 1,400 lbs., \$4.00 @ \$4.20; Calves, 100 to 200 lbs., \$3.85 @ \$4.15; Calf, 100 to 150 lbs., \$3.50 @ \$3.75; Cow, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$3.25 @ \$3.50; Cow, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$3.50 @ \$3.75; Cow, 1,200 to 1,400 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 1,400 to 1,600 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 1,600 to 1,800 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 1,800 to 2,000 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 2,000 to 2,200 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 2,200 to 2,400 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 2,400 to 2,600 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 2,600 to 2,800 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 2,800 to 3,000 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 3,000 to 3,200 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 3,200 to 3,400 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 3,400 to 3,600 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 3,600 to 3,800 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 3,800 to 4,000 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 4,000 to 4,200 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 4,200 to 4,400 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Cow, 4,400 to 4,600 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; 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