

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Cool Weather Does Not Help the Movement of Goods.

THE LOCAL JOBBING TRADE IS ONLY FAIR

Business During the Week Not Productive of Any Essentially Important Features—Bank Clearings Indicate a Healthy Trade.

There is only about one word required to express the real condition of the local jobbing trade of Omaha, and that is "fair." Some jobbers talk about a large business and speak as if they were being rushed with orders, while others claim that it is really dull. The truth would appear to be midway between the two extremes, and about the best that can be said of the condition of the jobbing trade without fear of contradiction is that it is fair. By this it is meant to convey the idea that there is considerable business done, but not great rush, nor, on the other hand, any great dullness. The Omaha jobbers are doing a good, comfortable business.

The lack of rain in some sections of the state is working against business to a much greater extent than might be imagined by those not familiar with the feeling among the retail merchants of the state. Ever since the short crop in the western part of the state in 1932 the retail merchants have been very conservative in buying. A good many of them were caught that season with large stocks of goods in stock and no business. Many of them, as the saying is, only pulled through to the skin of their teeth. The jobbers had to carry a good many of them, and while it was a hard experience for the retailers. Since that time they have been very cautious about laying in stocks of goods until they were pretty certain that there would be a demand for the goods. Hence a few weeks without rain makes a decided difference in the volume of business in those sections of the state. A feeling of this kind is sending in his orders the other day remarked that if it would rain he could go right back over the same ground and double the orders sent in.

Bank Clearings.

The clearings of the Omaha national banks for the past week show an increase of 38.1 per cent. This is the largest increase recorded by any city in the northwest since the largest of any in the United States, outside of Texas and California. St. Paul shows a decrease and Minneapolis a gain of only 4.4 per cent. St. Joseph barely keeps even with last year.

Table showing bank clearings for various cities including Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Joseph, and St. Louis. Columns include city name, amount, and percentage change.

Through Dun's Eyes.

Conditions fairly satisfactory, but not at all phenomenal. "This week has been decidedly wanting in features of special interest," remarked Mr. W. H. Robertson when asked for his usual weekly report of trade from the standpoint of R. G. Dun & Co.'s wholesale agency.

"Business in wholesale circles has been good in general, but nothing phenomenal," reported the hardware men, who are enthusiastic the grocers, and the dry goods men comfortable only, the implement men delighted, the boot and shoe men between seasons and indifferent, the liquor men rather gloomy, the drug men contented, but not especially so.

Production Features.

Tecken & Wackerle put out a new man to solicit the city trade. Nearly 1,000,000 barrels of sweet potatoes are annually shipped from Accomac county, Virginia.

Vegetables.

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Notes About the Men Who Make the Wheels Go Round.

The only thing talked about in manufacturing circles during the past week has been the coming exposition to be held in this city from May 22 to June 8. The success of the exposition last year has given the manufacturers the courage to plan the coming exposition on a much larger scale, and they are showing rather than a genuine surprise to the people of the state.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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The Daily Lumber company, which has been in operation at the Coliseum building, has been closed for the last year. The Getchey Lumber company is arranging to make an exhibit that will completely wipe out the lumber market, that they made at the last exposition.

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