

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Too Much Rain to Please the General Retail Trade. MONEY ON GOOD SECURITY RATHER EASY. Jobbers Report an Active Business in Practically All Departments—Conditions in the State at Large Most Promising.

Traveling men who have followed the road for years, and who naturally give close attention to crop prospects as being indicative of the future of trade, say that there never was a better condition at this season of the year. Copious rainfalls and a fair amount of cloudy weather during the last few days of the month, at the same time sufficient moisture has been secured in the ground to insure corn getting a good start. Grass and all forage crops have made rank growth, which cannot fail to be of great advantage to the beef producing and dairy interests of the state.

While the condition of the crops has to do with the future there is much in the present to be thankful for. During the last two weeks hogs, which constitute no insignificant proportion of the total immediate income, have gained rapidly in value. The advance since April amounts to 40¢ per 100 pounds, which carries the market to the highest point touched since 1915, and renders the growing of hogs for market a highly profitable proposition. At the same time cattle are bringing prices that are netting the farmers fair returns for the corn used as feed.

With the prospect bright in the country decidedly favorable and the future prospects unusually bright, trade in general has been steadily active in all departments. All sections of tributary territory are in comparatively easy circumstances financially and are in their respective departments in the way of merchandise. The good business doing at country stores is reflected in an entire absence of any factory city jobbing trade. The jobbers of Omaha, without exception are doing a good business in the usual lines of their trade. The most encouraging terms of the general business situation.

The local trade has been to some extent influenced by the weather conditions. All merchandise has been in demand for wet weather has been in active demand, but warm weather goods have not been quite so popular. Money has become comparatively easy and large bank clearings reflect the prosperity of activity in the country. Prices still trending upward. Wholesale grocers report business as being in a very satisfactory condition. In fact they say they are obliged to work in a very active manner. This exceptionally heavy trade is thought to be due in a large measure to the flourishing activity of the country trade. Merchants the confidence to lay in heavy stocks.

The upward tendency of the market which has been noted for several weeks past still prevails in a great many lines. This is especially true of the heavy trade in commodities as present quotations are higher than they have been any time before this year, and the indications are for a higher market in the near future. Corn and tomatoes advanced last week from 5 to 10 cents in the market. The increased consumption this year over last, and to the heavy orders placed by the government, are being pretty well cleaned up, and they will doubtless be in short supply in the market.

Prices of fruits are still on the up grade as is shown by the fact that evaporated apples advanced 1 cent per pound last week and apricots, peaches, and cherries, all quoted higher than a week ago. This advance is due to several reasons. To begin with, there is a decided shortage of foreign demand, which is coming just when the market is pretty well cleaned up. Then the drought in California has caused a rise in the market. But the advance is probably very largely caused by the fact that the supply of fruit is becoming very strong hands.

This week's quotations on fruits are also showing an advance over those of a week ago of from 50 cents to \$1 per gross. The indications are for a further advance, owing to the very favorable prospect for a large fruit crop, together with the fact that a large amount of fruit is being shipped from Iowa, and that the early part of the week destroying a great quantity of finished stock.

The flour market is about the same as it was a week ago, if anything a trifle easier, owing to the unsettled condition of the wheat market.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce. EGGS—Good stock, 94c. BUTTER—Common to fair, 97 1/2c; separated creamery, 1.00c; fancy, 1.05c. VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 80c; large and course, 60c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 70 1/2c; old roosters, 2 1/2c; young roosters, 60c; spring chickens, 80c. PIGEONS—Live, 11.50c; dead pigeons not wanted. HAY—Upland, \$7.00; midland, \$6.00; lowland, \$5.00; ryegrass, \$4.00. CORN—No. 2, 1.25; No. 3, 1.15; No. 4, 1.05.

VEGETABLES. ONIONS—New southern, per lb., 25c. BEANS—Holland, per lb., 25c. CABBAGE—Mississippi, per crate, \$2.00. POTATOES—No. 1, 1.00; No. 2, 90c; No. 3, 80c. TOMATOES—Per doz., 1.00. CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 1.00. WAX BEANS—1 1/2 bu. box, 75c.

MISCELLANEOUS. ALMONDS—Per lb., large size, 12c. WALNUTS—Per lb., fancy soft shell, 11c. STANDARD PEANUTS, per lb., 10c. EXTRA LARGE, per lb., 11c. PEANUTS, per lb., 10c. CORN SYRUP—Five gal. can, each, \$2.50. SUGAR—No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 10c.

GRAIN. WHEAT—No. 1, 1.25; No. 2, 1.15; No. 3, 1.05. CORN—No. 2, 1.25; No. 3, 1.15; No. 4, 1.05. OATS—No. 1, 1.00; No. 2, 90c; No. 3, 80c. RYE—No. 1, 1.00; No. 2, 90c; No. 3, 80c.

MEATS. BEEF—Prime, 10c; Choice, 9c; Good, 8c; Common, 7c. PORK—Prime, 10c; Choice, 9c; Good, 8c; Common, 7c. LAMB—Prime, 10c; Choice, 9c; Good, 8c; Common, 7c.

Wool. SHEEP—Wool, 1.00; Hides, 1.00; Skins, 1.00. FURS—Beaver, 1.00; Mink, 1.00; Fox, 1.00. BIRDS—Parrots, 1.00; Canaries, 1.00; Goldfinches, 1.00.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Letter is Allowed to Run the Market to Suit Himself. FINAL PRESSURE IN MAY IS APPLIED. All Wheat Options Are Higher, but Corn is Lower, Oats Unchanged, While Each Line in Provisions Advances.

CHICAGO, May 21.—Letter's influence in the wheat market today was apparently exerted to make a strong impression on foreigners who might need cash when it looked as if the final market pressure was applied to the shorts everywhere. July wheat is up 1/2c, September 1 1/2c and May 1/2c. Corn closed 1/2c lower, oats unchanged, pork gained 3/4c, lard 5c and sugar 1/2c.

The wheat speculators today appeared disposed to leave the entire market here to their manipulator, and business was small, except for about thirty minutes after the opening, and not again during the last hour of the session. September absorbed the bulk of the trading. Liverpool worked the improvement here by cabling advances from 1/2 to 3/4c, and it was generally believed that the market would be 1/2c higher at Liverpool. The excessive rains of the last few days had raised some misgivings about the possible effect on the wheat crop, especially in sections where the plant is approaching maturity. A report from Kansas, dated May 19, stated that the crop in that county from rust. Local receipts were 23 cars, of which 19 were contract.

NEW YORK, May 21.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices; showed a slight advance in the afternoon. Sugar advanced 1/2c, lard 1/2c, and other provisions 1/2c. Cotton advanced 1/2c, wool 1/2c, and other commodities 1/2c.

STOCKS AND BONDS. NEW YORK, May 21.—Dealers were not large nor important on the Stock exchange today. Operators almost without exception maintained a steady attitude. The market was quiet, with a few scattered transactions.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS. QUOTATIONS FOR THE DAY ON GENERAL COMMODITIES. NEW YORK, May 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,235 bbls.; exports, 19,133 bbls.; strong and higher with wheat; winter patents, \$5.60; spring patents, \$5.65; winter extras, \$4.75; winter low grades, \$4.50; winter low grades, \$4.50.

NEW YORK MINING QUOTATIONS. SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Official closing quotations on mining stocks today were as follows: Gold, 100; Silver, 100; Copper, 100; Lead, 100; Zinc, 100; Iron, 100; Nickel, 100; Platinum, 100; Uranium, 100; Vanadium, 100; Manganese, 100; Potash, 100; Soda, 100; Sulphur, 100; Phosphorus, 100; Nitrogen, 100; Oxygen, 100; Hydrogen, 100; Helium, 100; Neon, 100; Argon, 100; Krypton, 100; Xenon, 100; Radon, 100.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

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