

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Retail Business Shows Effects of Holiday Most Plainly.

JULY OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY FOR ALL

Volume of Merchandise Moving in a Wholesale Way Very Large for the Midsummer Period—No Change of Importance in Values.

The intervention of a holiday always tends to interfere with the regular routine of merchandising, and even when there is a sufficient demand for holiday goods to make for the falling off in other directions it forces trade out of the ordinary channels and to a certain extent is a demoralizing agency. During last week this fact was brought out most plainly. The demand, especially in a wholesale way, for fireworks and all kinds of Fourth of July goods was large, but practically all of that trade was disposed of by the close of the previous week. As business was pretty generally suspended all the time on the part of the trade, any slight increase was completely lost. But it is a noticeable fact that it usually requires at least one day to recover from the effects so that last week contained about four good business days and for that reason the volume of business actually accomplished was small as compared with previous weeks.

There was a great improvement, however, in the amount of business done. The bank clearings showed up \$1,000,000 a day average, in spite of the holiday, which was 45 per cent increase.

Groceries Fluctuate Little.

Considering that it is now mid-summer and the time of year when people live almost entirely on fresh fruits and vegetables, the trade in wholesale groceries for last week was very satisfactory. The market too, has settled down to the quiet condition of the previous week.

Quotations on cheese are lower than a week ago and in farmaceous goods there was a general decline, but meat moved well and food staples were steady. However, any future and present quotations show an advance over those of a week ago from 50¢ per bushel.

In other lines the market is the same as reported a week ago.

Hardware More Plentiful.

Hardware dealers say the shortage in someable goods reported a week ago, is in full abeyance. Some articles, however, were received last week, which help out considerably and local dealers are now prepared to fill any and all orders they may receive. The market is still in a slow and even the Fourth had but a slight effect upon the customary run of business.

The market is firm and steady, especially there is greater activity now than usually the case at this season of the year.

Seasonable goods are as good demand as ever and the market is at all branches of the trade are flourishing.

Boot and shoe men report considerable failing off during the Fourth, but still coming in for immediate orders. Orders for fall stocks, however, are still coming in a very satisfactory manner and it is thought to be but a question of time that reasonable goods will be in as good request as ever.

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July Starts Out Well.

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Fruit and Produce.

Commodities men report a very heavy demand for fruit, especially lemons, just before the Fourth, but since then there has been a decided slackening. The market through the Fourth of July stock will be exhausted and then trade will resume its usual activity.

Vegetables are now becoming popular and are selling at from 25¢ to 30¢ crated. Cantaloupes are also on the market and are doing well. Fresh fruits and vegetables are coming in quite freely for this time of year and are fairly good quality, though they are still trimmings. The Fourth of July is a great day for the market, and Kansas and Nebraska as being especially prosperous.

Milkmen have been expressing as to the immediate effect upon the market if it farmed out to them in the hope that there will be an advance in price later on in the year. Local dealers, however, are of the opinion that the market will not suffer even if that is done, for bankers are only too anxious to make advances for building purposes, and they are as good as ever, as well as to back them up.

Then it makes but little difference to number them which prefer the farmers purchase, and even dealers think the jokers are going to enjoy a good trade.

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OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staples and Fancy Groceries.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 90¢/lb.; separator, 95¢; gathered creamery, 13¢/lb.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 80¢/lb.; large and coarse, 6¢/lb.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7¢; old roosters, 12¢; spring chickens, 14¢/lb.; ducks, 6¢/lb.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60¢/doz.

VEGETABLES—Onions—New southern, per lb., 1¢/lb.; hand-picked navy, per bu., 12¢.

POTATOES—New, per bu., 65¢/bu.

CARROTS—Per crate per cu. ft., 70¢.

TOPEKA MARKETS—Home grown, per doz., 40¢/doz.

WAX BEANS—13 bu. box, 40¢/bu.

TROPICAL FRUITS—ORANGES—Seedlings, \$2.50/ft.25; Mediterranean sweets, \$2.50/ft.25; California, \$3.00; fancy Mes-

quite, \$2.00; large and coarse, 6¢/lb.

CHERRIES—Per 24-lb. case, \$1.00/2.00.

GOOSBERRIES—Per 24-lb. case, \$1.00/2.00.

LEMONS—California, \$3.00; fancy Mes-

quite, \$2.00; large and coarse, 6¢/lb.

CURRENTS—Per 24-lb. case, \$1.00/2.00.

WATERMELONS—Crated, 50¢/doz.

CANTALOUPES—Per basket, \$1.00/1.15.

PEACHES—Southern, 1¢ bu. box, per 4-

basket crate, \$1.00; per 6-basket crate, \$1.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12¢.

Walnuts—In shell, fair, per lb., 10¢/lb.

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peanuts, polished, medium, 6¢/lb.; extra large, 8¢/lb.; large, 6¢/lb.; No. 1, 80¢/lb.

No. 2, 70¢/lb.; No. 3, 60¢/lb.; No. 4, 50¢/lb.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, 12.50; gal. cans, pure per doz., 92¢; half-gal. cans, 65¢; quart cans, 35¢.

HONEY—Choice white, 14¢/lb.

EGGS—Fresh, per doz. boxes, 5¢/doz.

EGGS—Imported, fancy, 3¢/doz.; 14-lb. box, 16¢; 5¢; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 18¢; 21-lb. box, 22¢; 26-lb. box per doz.; California, 16¢/lb. box.

CIDER—Per half bbl., \$2.25/5.50.

HIDES TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 75¢/lb.

No. 2 green hides, 65¢/lb.; salted, 65¢/lb.; No. 3, 55¢/lb.; No. 4, 45¢/lb.; salted, 45¢/lb.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, 14-lb. box, 16¢; 5¢; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 18¢; 21-lb. box, 22¢; 26-lb. box per doz.; California, 16¢/lb. box.

CHEESE—Dried, raw, eggs, 6¢/lb.; roasted, 12¢/lb.

CHICAGO, July 9.—The heating sun that hurried up the season, the new crop met prices in the wheat market. July 10, unseasonably unchanged and September last 5¢c. Corn declined 3¢c and oats left off unchanged. In provisions pork rested 75¢c more, lamb, 25¢/lb. and ribs closed unchanged. Fine weather for harvesting and threshing started wheat weak. The Michigan state crop report gave the prospective crop as 1,000,000 bushels, which was raised by the state last year. The government weekly crop bulletin for South Dakota said a decided improvement in the condition of wheat had occurred since the preceding report and the harvest promised to be ten days to two weeks earlier than usual. Threshing was reported to be quite general throughout the winter wheat and the product was for a much more general movement of the grain market within the next ten days. This, together with the slackness of speculation, made a quiet market. The price paid for the good wheat that was paid for the cash article. Chicago receipts were 12 cars of wheat, 100¢/bu.; flour, 125¢/bu.; flour, 125¢/bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 9¢/lb.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, 25¢/lb.; prime, 28¢/lb.

WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 2, 16¢/lb.; No. 3, 14¢/lb.; No. 4, 12¢/lb.

BARLEY—Dull; yellow western, 70¢/lb.

BEANS—Spot, steady; No. 2, 10¢/lb.

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