

THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

A Week of Continued and Increasing Prosperity at All Centers.

THE RECENT PANIC ALMOST FORGOTTEN.

Prolonged Season of General Prosperity at Hand—Omaha Wholesalers are Moving Cautiously—Trade as Good as Was Expected.

The past week has been one of continued increasing prosperity at most of the great centers of trade. The business of the country is steadily recovering from the shock experienced during the last two months of 1890 and bids fair not only to regain its former position but to surpass it. Wall street, which in this matter may be said to reflect the feeling of the whole country, appears to have forgotten that it has just passed through a panic. The banks have rapidly run up their reserves to over \$100,000,000 surplus; brokers can consequently borrow freely on time; and, being thus enabled to carry stocks more safely and easily, their customers are given free rein for buying, to which the exceptionally low prices are a sufficient inducement. The reinvestment of January interest and dividends has gone practically more freely than usual into the purchase of stocks, and the free influx of "outsiders" shows that the disability to buying arising from the crisis is much less general than has been supposed. The apparently successful formation of the Western Railway association has raised an expectation of improved earnings in a large and important territory, which encouraged buying in a wide range of railroad securities. Old operators are looking for an active "bull" campaign which has already carried stocks several points above the low water mark in the early part of December. The pessimists who, a month or two ago, were predicting general financial disaster, and who, with the return of confidence, nothing seems to stand in the way of a prolonged season of general prosperity.

The money market is easier and the banks are responding more liberally to the demands of customers, and money is plenty. Some complaint is still heard of the difficulty of negotiating commercial loans, which is apparently due to the desire on the part of lenders to keep their surplus where they can get the best interest, and readily in case of need. With the improved conditions prevailing in the business and financial world, this hindrance to trade must gradually wear away.

To examine more in detail some of the most important branches of the wholesale trading business, we will first take up the actual condition of business. The large distributive parts of the grocery trade is reported in quite satisfactory shape. January has thus far shown a very satisfactory month thus far, with a great deal of very acceptable business still under way, and operators in bulk lots are as a rule quite satisfied with the condition of the market.

In woolen goods there was considerable improvement at New York. Many out of town buyers were reported in last week. The demand was good on most lines of woolen stuffs. In cotton goods the conditions were about the same as in woolen goods. Some of the prominent makes of bleached cloth were quoted lower. There was considerable selling, but the market appears to be stronger.

The metal market has not been all that could be desired. The output of pig iron has been small and the market on bar iron was unsettled, and places weaker. As to the trade in Omaha and surrounding territory there is not much to report.

The conditions are very much as was anticipated the first of the month and about the same as detailed last week. Wholesalers are anxious to get a move on to give the retail trade of the state an opportunity to clear up stocks before landing up again. Sections containing general merchandise show improvement is looked for. The inability of farmers to meet their store accounts in many localities, on account of the failure of crops, is causing a great many country merchants to be in a tight place.

But this was to be expected and is creating no surprise among the trade. As a rule jobbers do not look for an immediate recovery in the next few weeks. The banks report money easier, but it is none too plenty for commercial purposes and a still further improvement in this direction could not be desired, but of a great benefit to all classes of business men. Under the existing conditions the trade in Omaha is as good as well be expected.

THE G. H. HAMMOND PASTING COMPANY.

Shipments and receipts.

Stock Receipts.

Estimated Today. Receipts Yesterday.

Highest and Lowest.

The following is a table of prices paid on this market for the grade of stock mentioned:

Table with columns for Stock, Price, and Grade. Includes items like Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep.

Average Cost of Hogs.

Table showing average cost of hogs from Dec 1 to Dec 17.

Comparative Table.

Table comparing prices of various goods from Dec 1 to Dec 17.

Average Price of Hogs.

Table showing average price of hogs from Dec 1 to Dec 17.

Showing the average price paid for loads of hogs on the days indicated in 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1890.

Table showing average price of hogs for various years (1887-1890).

Representative Rates.

Table with columns for No. of Hogs, Price, and Date.

Receipts and Shipments.

Table showing receipts and shipments of cattle, hogs, and sheep.

Disposition of Stock.

Table showing disposition of stock by date.

CATTLE.

Table with columns for No. of Cattle, Price, and Date.

SHIPPING.

Table showing shipping of cattle, hogs, and sheep.

Showing the number of head of stock purchased on this market as reported by the weighmaster of the Stock Yards company for the week ending Saturday, January 11.

Table showing number of head of stock purchased for the week ending Jan 11.

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Better Prices and Considerable Activity in Cereals.

BLANKET FOR THE BARE WHEAT FIELDS.

Bloom's Unloading a Feature of the Market—Corn Goes Down Helplessly—Large Receipts Against Provisions.

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THE MARKET.

The fact that Bloom took a plunge in wheat on the bull side last yesterday did not appear to affect the market much beyond today. There was a firmness in the cereals and the opening was a trifle higher than the close and the price during early trading was put 3/4c over the close yesterday. This represented a net gain of 1/2c for the day.

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Board Notes and Gossip.

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St. Louis—Receipts, wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 5,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.; shipments, wheat, 1,000 bu.; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats, 500 bu.

Miscellaneous.

BRAS—Sacked, per ton, \$2.10; chopped feed, \$1.80.

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REMARKS—Per bushel, \$2.20.

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