

THE CONDITIO... OF THE... CONTINENTAL PROPERTY RESTORING... IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

HEALTHY AND SLOW RECOVERY. Snow Banks and Blocked Trains Explain the Slowness of the Local Wholesale Trade—A Bright Outlook for All Lines.

Continental property in the country at large and the general belief that no important monetary legislation is probable for the next year at least is restoring confidence in local financial circles...

Since last November the west has had to rely very largely upon its own resources, the east having recently been unable to do more than take care of itself...

With one or two exceptions a snow bank and with trains blocked, mails delayed and communications between the different sections rendered difficult...

The market was firm during the early part of the week and the decline commencing on Thursday...

White pine finishing lumber is scarce and high. Plain and quarter-sawn oak is also scarce and higher...

In hardware there have been a few changes though none of any very great importance. Paper is quoted weaker with a decline in the price of what is known as firm at present...

The grocery trade, like other branches of the jobbing trade, has suffered during the week from the effects of the recent storm...

Dry goods have not moved very freely during the week from the effects of the recent storm...

but recovered by the close of the week. The improvement in the class of stock is due apparently to the light offerings...

The week opened with hogs selling at \$3.00 per cwt. and with the bulk of the sales at \$3.00 per cwt.

Provisions were weaker on an average on Monday and Tuesday...

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PLEASURES OF A PRESS CLUB.

As Illustrated by a Stag Party Among Chicago Newspaper Men.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—It was beyond the middle of the night when Mr. J. H. Full, standing near the center of the reception room of the Chicago Press club, made a critical observation...

One hand rested carelessly upon the back of a chair, the other was thrust with equal grace into his trousers pocket, and one long limb was thrown across the other in such a manner as to form what, in our rabbit-trap days, we called a "figure 4." He wore a black suit, a low-cut evening coat, a black shirt, a low-cut evening coat, a black shirt, a low-cut evening coat...

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