

THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

The Holiday Season Charms the Course of Business.

JOBBERS CAN TAKE A BREATHING SPELL.

The Usual Holiday Business Prevails in the Grain Markets and Not Much Business Anticipated Before the New Year.

The holiday season always brings about more or less change in business. A different class of goods are sought after and business activity is transferred from the dealers in staples to the places where special holiday goods are to be had.

The holidays always interfere with the jobbing trade, as retailers are supposed to have full stocks to begin with, and they are more interested in selling the goods in hand than in ordering more.

The produce market have shown the usual activity before the holiday and the usual dullness after. Poultry, especially turkeys, was in great demand, but chickens were in most too fast and the market broke. Butter continues to be very weak, while eggs are about steady.

The grain market were a holiday barb the greater part of the week and business was rather dull. Operators appeared to be more anxious to straighten out their business and settle up old deals than they were to negotiate any new obligations.

The car blockade continues to cut an important figure in the grain trade. Ocean traffic has also been retarded to some extent to accommodate the heavy exports of grain and breadstuffs.

Revels today were light. The week's receipts against 7,000 cattle, 37,100 hogs and 2,500 sheep, against 6,000 cattle, 30,000 hogs and 2,000 sheep for the corresponding six days last week.

The holiday season is never a good time to market any long, but the local markets are generally quiet with poultry and game in demand.

There was no material change in butcher stock values compared with yesterday. But good cows sold at 10 to 12 higher than Thursday.

The stock and feeder market was almost blank. This branch of the holiday business is particularly dull just at present.

AMERICAN TOOLS. The fundamental principles that underlie the theory of construction in the Chinese tools have been studied by the American engineers.

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