

THE COLLECTOR IN THE OFFICE RAIDE

The Local Retail Trade is Gradually Growing Better. COLLECTIONS ALSO SHOW IMPROVEMENT

The Jobbers Report a Very Satisfactory Outlook in Nearly All Lines—General Prospects in the West Improving.

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A Wall Street authority in commenting on the general business conditions, has given us some indications of greater activity than for a number of years past, due doubtless to the great increase of value in that section arising from the remarkable production of cereal and corn.

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It is also trading on its improved credit, and hence, while it is making up for the waste which until now it could not repair, the evidence of its recovery is shown in the enlarged bank accounts of the eastern merchants.

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CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 6.—Wheat was extremely nervous today, and though it averaged higher—much higher at times—it closed at a shade under yesterday's last figures.

The news was of a bullish character, and some of the items of intelligence are alleged to affect values, both for and against, higher prices were declared to be inaccurate or untrue, and there were suspicions that the news manufacturers were in operation.

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