

THE CONDITION OF TRADE

Business in a Jobbing Way Continues Very Satisfactory.

A COMPARISON OF THE BANK CLEARINGS

A Review of the Most Important Changes of Prices in the Fruit and Produce Markets—Results of the Storm.

From all sources the reports of the condition of Omaha's jobbing trade continue most favorable. All seasonable goods are moving in very fair volume and no expressions of complaint are heard.

It is to be doubted if any city in the country can show such a rapid increase in its foreign trade as that exhibited by Omaha. The growth has not been confined to any one class of houses or to any one line of business, but both large and small houses in every line of business have experienced an unprecedented increase in their sales.

Ordinarily a jobbing house feels satisfied if it can each year make some little gain over the previous year. But when it comes to landings from 50 to 60 per cent in one year it is not to be wondered at that the jobbers feel that Omaha is the best point in the west for that kind of business.

In addition to the largely increased sales of goods there has been a great improvement in collections; and where a year ago retail dealers were forced to ask for a retention of time they are now getting their obligations promptly.

The credit of Nebraska merchants was probably never better than it is at present. Not only is the present very gratifying in a business way but the outlook is equally pleasing. There are still large quantities of grain in production and the market later in the spring and thus keep up the supply of money in the country. If on top of this the weather continues to be so favorable the jobbing houses of Omaha would not be large enough to handle the business that would come from them.

The prosperity of Nebraska, and the whole west for that matter, is being commented upon very generally by eastern commercial men and financiers. In fact, the business men and capitalists is being called to this section of the country to a greater extent than ever before.

The Bank Clearings.

The grand total of bank clearings as reported by Chicago cities for February, \$1,192,348,985, is probably the largest February aggregate of clearings ever reported. The increase for February compared with the same month for 1891 is 31.6 per cent, with 1890 it is 16.1 per cent and as contrasted with February 1889 the gain is 22.7 per cent. The largest gain in any city showing total clearings for two months of January and February three, Portland, Providence and New Bedford, show decreases as compared with the same months of 1891, while Springfield shows a gain of nearly 30 per cent and Boston of 2 per cent.

Among other cities having two months' totals for two years Rochester shows only a nominal gain, Buffalo 10 per cent increase, Syracuse about 10 per cent, Chicago 12 per cent, Philadelphia 17.6 per cent, and New York City 25.9 per cent. Cincinnati 18.3 per cent, St. Paul 14.5 per cent, Washington 11.5 per cent, Dallas 5 per cent, Omaha 4.0 per cent, Minneapolis nearly 3 per cent, St. Paul 14 per cent, St. Louis 11.5 per cent, Kansas City 12.3 per cent, Baltimore 12.8 per cent, Richmond 7 per cent, Houston 5.3 per cent, Washington 4.4 per cent, Denver 2.1 per cent, Portland, Ore., 10.6 per cent. The decreases of moment in total clearings for two months of 1892 as contrasted with 1891 are: St. Paul, 13.1 per cent, Galveston 14 per cent, Waco 7 per cent, Chattanooga 18 per cent, Birmingham, Ala., 15 per cent, New Orleans 14.5 per cent.

The Produce Markets.

During the past week the changes in the market on country produce have not been very marked. In the way of poultry, turkeys, ducks, geese, chickens, and light supply. While the demand for dressed poultry of this kind has not been very heavy, owing to the lateness of the season, there has been so far no marked change in prices. Dressed chickens have sold quite readily at 10c, which has been the price for good stock for some time back.

Butter has been coming in a little more freely during the past few days, but choice country roll cream is still in demand at high prices. It is only the tops, however, that sell direct to the retail trade, the great bulk going to the makers, by whom it is reworked and placed on the market in the form of cream.

The egg market has ranged mostly between 10c and 11c, but at the close of the week there appears to be a little more demand, and the latter price is the most prevalent.

The game market has been pretty well supplied with ducks, wild geese, mostly in small lots, have arrived. A great deal of very poor hay has been offered on the market, but the quality of the poorest going as high as 10c, while the best quality has been scarce and has gone as high as 10c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

California oranges have been on the up-grade for some time, and the advance of 20c to 50c per box has been secured in California. From what we have learned the crop is not likely to be a very large one. One large grower has already announced that they have packed their last car of Riverside, the explanation being that they could not get any more fruit to justify shipments. In some markets there is still remaining some of the old stock of fronted fruit.

The prospect is that onions will continue to sell at moderate prices this month and perhaps into April. The stock now arriving has excellent quality, and the price this is the month for laying in large stocks for future trade.

The storm in the southern states during the past week is said to have done much damage to the strawberry crop. Dealers here are rather loath for light receipts for the balance of the month on this account. Advice from St. Louis says that the few berries expected from the southern states. The Missouri and southern Illinois berries are thought to have been damaged.

There are no eastern apples on the market to speak of, but there are a good many small lots of western apples scattered around the country.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Stronger and in Better Demand—Hogs Active but Lower.

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Cattle values are fully as strong as a week ago, and are stronger. After declining fully 10c the half head of beef under the influence of too liberal receipts and very unfavorable receipts and more liberal receipts, the market took an upward turn Thursday and from that on to the close of the week with moderate receipts and more liberal receipts, the market has been more than regained. There has been a good shipping and export demand all week, and dealers generally are looking for any material change in prices for the next few days. The supply here has been practically steady all week, the supply being rather steady, and the market has been a fair active trade all week and prices have advanced fully 10c in the last two or three days. Corn is abundant and very cheap. For this reason the country stock market has been very active, and the prevailing low prices for beef cattle, have increased about 10c this week. Light receipts have increased about 10c this week, and the market has been very active, and the prevailing low prices for beef cattle, have increased about 10c this week.

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