

DUN'S REVIEW OF THE WEEK

Business Still Continues Good Despite Bad Weather Conditions.

HOLIDAY TRADE BRISK AT ALL POINTS

Little Activity in Speculative Markets—Trade in the South Good and Growing Better—Reports From Cities—The Business Failures.

New York, Dec. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Business shows no decrease, except that slackening in new transactions, which is customary at the holiday days...

At Boston cotton goods are in active demand with higher prices and the output of the mills the largest for a long time; a large part of the product of the print cloths has been contracted up to March and some mills up to September next.

At Pittsburgh some dullness is seen with weaker Bessemer iron and reduced orders for finished product.

The clothing trade at Cincinnati is satisfactory, though sales in the south decrease in that trade and furniture.

Cleveland reports a good trade in dry goods and groceries and fair in hardware, with slight improvement in the demand for rolled products.

At Detroit business is fully equal to last year's, though retail trade is retarded by the weather.

Trade at Chicago holds well, though in winter lines the mild weather retards. Further shipments of money to the south-west are noted, but rates are easier.

Receipts generally fall below those of last year, but the most important products, such as wheat, increase in sales in real estate sales and in cattle.

Trade in St. Louis is unusually strong with dealings beyond all record, and special activity in shoes, dry goods, tobacco and saddlery.

At Milwaukee money is in strong demand for the grain and live stock trade.

At St. Paul and Minneapolis colder weather is wanted for the coal trade, but trade is satisfactory and in wheat very large.

Business at Omaha. At Omaha storms retard business in groceries and hardware, but dealers cannot keep up with orders in dry goods and shoes.

Business is good at Kansas City and fair at Denver, but unsatisfactory in Arkansas, dull at Memphis and fair at Nashville.

At New Orleans trade is good, but not up to expectations and money is only fair in demand. Cotton is strong and sugar in good demand with liberal receipts.

Speculative markets are comparatively quiet except for cotton. Futures are dull, over 2,000,000 bales in a week are again reported, and after a decline of three-eighths of a cent there has been an equal recovery.

Receipts at ports this week are in line with a similar time a year ago, and for the season 25 per cent lower.

Wheat receipts continue very large, 3,800,000 bushels in three days at the principal western ports, while exports are comparatively small. The iron trade is extremely dull, with visible weakness in finished products.

Business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days number 297, as compared with totals 299 for last week.

CLEARING HOUSE REPORT.

Business of Last Week as Shown by the Banks of the Country. New York, Dec. 9.—Following is a statement of the business done through the various clearing houses of the country as compiled by Bradstreet's:

Table with columns: CITY, CLEARINGS, DEPOSITORS. Lists clearing house data for various cities including New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

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Eastern centers present few changes. Cotton has scored a fair and steady market within a week, due to the growth of a belief in a short crop and delayed action on the anti-options bill. Throughout the province of Ontario trade has been almost featureless. Cottons have advanced, due to higher priced cotton, and metals are more active. Unfavorable weather has checked trade in the province of Quebec. Collections are slow. The movement of cereals is only local in character.

The great value of Hood's Sarsaparilla as a remedy for catarrh is vouched for by thousands of people whom it has cured.

A Staten Island boy. Probably no train in the world has had so much said and written about it as the New York Central's great flyer, the "Empire State Express." The English papers have illustrated its time and again; in darkest Africa its merits are discussed around the camp fires of Emin Pasha; in farther India the British army officers wonder if it is possible that old England has been again outdone by Yankee genius; from China and Japan come admiring letters of commendation for this latest achievement of western enterprise; at the recent graduating exercises of an eastern seminary the prize essay was by a young lad from New England, on "Speed as an Incentive to Travel," (a ride on the Empire State Express having suggested this theme). The newest endorsement of this wonderful train is from a youthful Staten Island poet; the following letter and poem, received a short time ago by General Passenger Agent Daniels, explain themselves, and clearly prove that the children of the present generation are in full accord with the spirit of improvement and enterprise which marks the closing decade of the nineteenth century.

STAPLETON, STATEN ISLAND, October 3, 1892. Dear Sir:—Inclosed, please find a poem about your great train, the "Empire State Express." I am a boy about twelve years old and wrote this without any help whatever. I send it, hoping it may be of use to you as an advertisement, and remain Yours, respectfully, B. S. Jacobs.

"To you who like to travel fast, I'd like to see you on this express, That the fastest train in the wide, wide world Is the 'Empire State Express.' 'Tis our 'greatest railroad's' greatest train, And it's never a moment late As it speeds on its way from end to end Of this grand old Empire State." This poem was published in Judge of October 29, 1892.

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Unusual Activity in Holiday Goods—The Prosperous South. New York, Dec. 9.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The features of the week in the business world include a moderate reduction in distribution of staples, as is customary at this season, an unusual activity in holiday goods, relatively greater strength in pig iron west than east, news of the financial recuperation