

CONDITION OF THE OMAHA TRADE

New Features of Importance Not Very Plenty in Jobbing Circles.

PRODUCE HELD BACK BY THE FARMERS

Money Not Circulating as Freely in the Country—Merchants Commencing to Ask for Extensions—The Week in the Produce Markets.

The week just closed has not been very productive of new features as regards the wholesale trade of Omaha. The volume of business continues very satisfactory and fully up to what was anticipated for this month.

A year ago at this time the jobbers were having a very heavy trade and for that reason the country was not very busy. At the same time the general condition of trade is better than it was a year ago.

As noted a week ago money does not appear to be as plenty in the country as it was earlier in the winter. Some retail dealers are commencing to complain that the farmers do not have any too much money and are not paying their bills as promptly as they used to.

These remarks are, however, not very general. The country merchants from being as prompt as at one time, and some of the local jobbers are noting that they are receiving more applications for an extension of time. Just why the farmers should be short of money at this time is not very easy matter to say. They had a large crop last year and according to all accounts there is still a very large amount of last year's crop remaining in the country and, considering the fact that the farmer has to sell his grain at a low price, it is not surprising that he is short of money.

Corn brings a fair price while hogs are enormously high. Poultry, eggs, butter and in fact about everything in the way of farm produce is bringing more money than usual. If it is true, as claimed, that the farmers are holding a large amount of their crop, it would seem that there should be no great tightness in money in the country.

Commercial Conditions Good.

There is one thing to be taken into consideration, however. Prices of late have been falling and it is well known that the farmers do not sell when the market is on the upgrade. They usually wait until the top has been reached and the downhill comes, then they sell. This is a very common thing and it is not surprising that the farmer has to sell his grain at a low price.

There is not much to offer on the subject of retail trade in Omaha. Merchants are generally not very busy at this time of the season and anticipate a reasonably good trade for the coming spring. A good many merchants are commencing to look for a revival of operations in the spring and plenty of work for laborers. If their predictions are realized, the retail trade of the city must be very busy in the spring.

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In the Produce World.

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except in staples, not a great deal is expected of the month. Some of the important lines are not so active as they were a few weeks ago, but nothing has occurred, however, to make dealers less hopeful. On the contrary, the market is better than it was a month ago to a very active season.

At the banks generally a fair demand only for money is reported. Two of the largest institutions say they have a little more money than they need, and two others report their funds well loaned out. One of the oldest bankers says he would be glad to pick up \$100,000 in gold coin. It is most cases, however, about the same as last week. In one instance a note is noted in and another a considerable reduction in mortgage rates.

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REAL ESTATE NOTES.

What the Sellers of Omaha Diet Are Doing and Talking About.

The transactions of the real estate men are swelling the clearings of Omaha very materially. Council Bluffs is coming in for some of the benefits derived from the operations of the East Omaha Land company. Several transactions have been made in East Omaha and over there during the past week.

About \$100,000 worth of real estate has changed hands as a result of the bridge-building operations and other improvements in East Omaha.

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There is no denying the fact that there is a much better feeling in real estate circles. Confidence in the market is becoming stronger and there is a growing desire among the real estate men to invest their money in property. The real estate men are all very busy, but the buyers are not so active.

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send out of town for shirts that are made, many times, in smaller factories than the one in Omaha, and factories that are not capable of turning out as good work as can be done here. Some of these same business men would like a great cry if any one should send out of the city for something in their line.

The manufacturers must turn over a new leaf and attempt to do better. They must take an interest in the home patronage movement, nor can they expect any new business to give up its place to advertisement patronage, if the manufacturers themselves do not take enough interest in the work to spend an hour once or twice in a month attending a meeting. The general excuse for nonattendance of the meetings is "too busy." That may be a good excuse, but the people excuse their not patronizing home industry on the same ground that they are too busy to call for Nebraska made goods.

The Grand Island Cigar company, which submitted to the Manufacturers' association at the last meeting, is the largest factory in the state. They employ forty-two people and sell goods not only in Omaha but in all the surrounding territory. They take a great interest in the culture of tobacco in Nebraska and believe that it will become a greater thing for the state than the best of the large cities. They are now producing 1892 wrapper, raised at Schuyler, that is pronounced superior in color and quality, with a very fine veined and burn well with a good taste.

DeCatur & Beagle, Grand Island merchants, say that Omaha has become the best place in the west for doing business. They have a large factory and a number of wholesale houses that carry very large stocks and together present the best variety to be found in any market.

Mr. Roser of Roser & Co., Grand Island, has just returned from a trip to Michigan and says that in most of the small towns he visited the merchants were doing very well. The employees of these factories make business good for the retail dealers and it is a surprise to him to see the large stocks of goods in the hands of the retail dealers. He says that the merchants are doing very well and that the business is very good.

Quite a number of different manufacturers have reported that they have sold a large amount of goods during the past week. The merchants are doing very well and the business is very good.

Secretary Holmes of the Manufacturers' association visited Bradshaw, Aurora and Grand Island during the past week and discussed some of the matters of interest to the farmers. He found them generally friendly to the movement advocated by the association. In spite of the fact that home patronage has not been very successful, the farmers are still very much interested in the movement.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Traders Found a New Sink Tied to That Cereal.

CORN AND OATS AVERAGED HIGHER

Provisions Opened Firm and Continued So to the End, Gaining Ten Cents in the Price of Pork Stocks and Bonds.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 21.—A new sinker was tied to wheat today—fear of the consequences of making No. 1 northern spring a regular delivery on contracts. The market was strong at the opening and closed at about mid-day's range, and about 5c lower than on the day before.

Corn and oats averaged higher, but closed without material change except that the January futures in both closed at a nominal advance, and the latter gained 1c for cash and 1c for corn. Provisions opened firm and continued to the end, gaining 10c in the price of pork, 7 1/2c in lard, 5c in tallow.

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