

COMMISSION OF OMAHA HAUS-TRADE

Jobs and Manufacturers Generally Feeling Much Encouraged.

COLLECTIONS AS A RULE ARE VERY FAIR

Business Gradually Recovering from the Depression of the Past Two Months—The Volume of Trade in Some Lines Almost Up to Last Year's Record.

Two weeks ago the assertion that business in a jobbing way was improving in Omaha was met in many quarters with a quiet smile of incredulity or a simple shrug of the shoulders that meant as much or more than words.

It was true, however, that an improvement in the business situation was being felt at that time in some lines and by some houses.

It would have been unusual if every line of business and every house had felt the change for the better all at one time. Changes in business conditions come on gradually as a rule, but when once started they sometimes spread rapidly, and that has been the case in the present revival of business.

While two weeks ago only a few lines of business were showing any material improvement, the change for the better has spread until this week there are very few jobbers who do not report a decided change for the better.

The lumber business, which has been very quiet during the past sixty days, showed some improvement last week. The dealers on the whole are not placing their orders more freely and jobbers are predicting a good trade now on for the balance of the year.

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The clothing business has been a little more in demand for goods since the first of the month.

The grocery business, which has been very fair all the time in spite of the dull times, is picking up materially. The dealers are not placing their orders more freely and jobbers are predicting a good trade now on for the balance of the year.

The bank clearings for the past week go to prove the assertion that business is rapidly improving in Omaha. Very few business houses have failed to pay their bills during the past week.

The following table shows the clearings for each day of the week:

Table with 2 columns: Day and Amount. Monday: \$80,075.03; Tuesday: \$86,125.63; Wednesday: \$89,887.73; Thursday: \$89,887.73; Friday: \$89,887.73; Saturday: \$89,887.73.

According to the reports received from different parts of the country there are indications that manufacturers are being alarmed by the money stringency. Some of them may have used the stringency as an excuse for increasing the price of their goods.

The indications point to the existence of very small stocks of groceries, dry goods and other necessities of life. Consumption has caught up with production occasionally it seems to have ahead of it.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Large Exports, Drought and Light Receipts the Features at Chicago.

WHEAT WAS FEVERISH, BUT CORN STRONG

Lard in Demand Owing to Contarment in Butter Production—Government's Hog Estimate Seented—Stocks and Bonds.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—A squeeze for the shorts was the result today of the dry weather and heavy exports. The demand sprang up all at once. Offerings were light and an advance of 1/16c was easily obtained.

Corn was depressed by liberal offerings from long and lost 3/8c of its former value. Provisions were irregular but averaged higher.

Wheat exhibited a good deal of feverishness. The leading factor was the enormous exports of wheat and flour for the week, which were reported at 5,530,000 bu. against 4,900,000 bu. a week ago.

It was returned from the city in settling in very long on the right side. Men in business look back now and wonder how they pulled through the last ninety days.

Lard was in some demand for the reason, it was said, that the dry weather was curtailing the production of butter and the cheap lard was being used to make up the deficit.

Building is more active than at any time during the summer. The mayor and city council have provided a fund of \$10,000 to be used for the relief of the unemployed.

Theodore Hegeman has accepted a position with Icken & Wolters. Elk, antelope, deer and quail will be in season the first of the month.

Mr. Icken of the firm of Icken & Wolters has been commencing to conduct a successful hunting expedition in Holt county.

E. B. Branch, of the firm of Branch & Co. has returned from a trip to the World's fair and reports having had an enjoyable time.

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STOCKS AND BONDS

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Business is reported good in cotton goods, both bleached and brown, selling well up and out. The market for wool is quiet, with few goods and orders and shipments by fast freight.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Demand for Cattle Leads to a Peculiar Situation in the Matter of Prices.

TRADING ACTIVE IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Finished Cattle Extremely Scarce—Hogs Show Great Activity—Shortage in Supplies Predicted by Dealers—Values Well Maintained—Sheep Quiet.

The marketing of cattle and hogs last week has continued on a very liberal scale, while there has been a falling off in sheep as compared with a year ago.

Receipts this week—18,793, 791, 4,076 head of cattle, 18,793, 791, 4,076 head of hogs, 18,793, 791, 4,076 head of sheep.

Changes in the cattle market last week have been few and not of vital importance. Receipts have been liberal and fully two thirds of the offerings have been direct from the western and southern ranges.

The scarcity of good native beef cattle has strengthened values for these grades, while on account of the liberal supplies of western and southern cattle values have been lower.

The cow market has been dull and lower all week. Receipts have been liberal and fully two thirds of the offerings have been direct from the western and southern ranges.

The sheep market has been quiet. Receipts have been liberal and fully two thirds of the offerings have been direct from the western and southern ranges.

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ishet heavy hogs among the offerings. Many contracts are being made for the purchase of a desire for farmers to market everything available, while prices are comparatively good, and predict a very short time for a falling off in prices.

Receipts today were fair, but not at all heavy. General conditions were much the same as on Friday and prices practically the same on Saturday.

The liberal offerings made the feeding rather weak, but demand was good from all sources and the general market was active, with the close firm at the high point of the week.

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