

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Business Situation Not Much Changed Since a Week Ago.

COLLECTIONS NOT ANY TOO PROMPT

Local Jobbers, Almost Without Exception, Report a Good, Active Business, with a Decidedly Bright Demand for Goods in Some Lines.

The past week has contributed little to vary the monotony of the situation in local jobbing circles. Business generally has moved along in well-worn grooves with no very perceptible change in pace.

Outside of one or two lines business is actually volume-wise a year ago at this time, but it is fully up to what might reasonably be expected under the circumstances.

Collections are not overly good, in fact there has been a tendency during the month so far to drag, and in some lines especially there is a good deal of complaint regarding the lack of promptness in the part of the dealers in meeting their obligations.

Hardware jobbers report a very fair trade in Nebraska, Iowa and the Black Hills, with a tendency to drag in the latter two sections.

In the dry goods market there is unusual activity and local jobbers are rushed to keep up with their orders. Merchants are quick to buy until the last minute are rushing in their orders and the jobbers are working nights to get the orders out on time.

The grocery trade is holding right up to the record made during the past few weeks and is showing a decided improvement in volume.

The clearings of the Omaha national banks show a slight increase as compared with the week ending October 7, 1923.

While there has been a heavy decrease in the clearings at Omaha during the last few months, the decrease has not been large enough to wipe out the gain made during the first half of the year.

The following table shows the clearings for each day of the past week, together with the total for the previous week:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Clearings. Rows include Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Total for week ending October 7, and Total for week ending October 14.

Local Trade Conditions Decidedly Better Bankers' Views.

Mr. W. H. Robinson, Omaha manager of the R. C. Dun & Co., reviewing trade for the week, says:

The week has been wholly without features of special interest locally, except the appointment of receivers for the Union Pacific.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Cattle Receipts for the Week Show a Very Satisfactory Increase.

PRICES IMPROVING SOME ON ALL GRADES

Hogs Coming in Better Quality—Trade Brisk at Lower Values—Sheep Finding Ready Sale—Situation at Other Points.

Official receipts the past week with comparison: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

The supply of beef steers was exceedingly limited only one or two herds of crossed cattle on sale and but few of the grassers suitable for killers.

The outside inquiry for stock cattle was moderate, but owing to light receipts speculators were not active.

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STOCKS AND FEEDERS: CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP.

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Mitchell sent the money, and received by return mail 135 sewing needles, worth in all about 25 cents.

Even the consignee had to acknowledge that each one of the 135 needles was a "useful household article," but to let him be bewitched and made the matter public.

This scheme, which apparently does not come directly under the law governing the obtaining of money under false pretenses, recalls several others of a similar nature.

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