

COMMISSION ON OMAHA TRADE

Business Still Held in the Doldrums of Post-Holiday Dullness. ONLY CHANGE NOTICED IS FOR THE BETTER

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During the month immediately following the holidays the weekly review of business conditions and prospects is largely a repetition. The stagnation which is common to all lines of trade at this season admits of but little comment and is accepted by business men as a dose of medicine which they must take once a year.

While the last week has brought but little change in local business conditions, that little has been on the right side of the ledger, and is accepted as an indication that the situation is not so bad after all.

The last week has practically chronicled the beginning of the business of the year with the jobbing trade. The traveling men have been called in during the holidays, and now they are out again, and are meeting with fair success, though merchants are buying for immediate consumption.

Some of the firms have sent men out to new territory during the week with gratifying results. A local dry goods house received a long list of orders from Colorado and other points in the west, and the firm's salesmen have gone out here and there with fair success.

Business Prospects Not Flattering—Enterprises Being Platted. W. H. Roberson, manager of R. G. Dun & Co.'s mercantile agency, speaking of the trade situation, says:

"There has been almost no life in the jobbing trade during the week, and retail trade is dull. The merchants are waiting for the spring sales to be unusually heavy for the times, as stocks will run very low and require general replenishing."

The fact that the location is the best that could be desired for the business, would probably favor a reasonable business, though these are not good times for asking people to go into debt.

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STOCKS AND BONDS

Story of Operations in Securities Yesterday Briefly Told. New York, Jan. 13.—The story of today's operations on the Stock exchange can be told briefly. The speculation was devoid of animation and the volume of business extremely light even for Saturday.

The weakness continued until about fifteen minutes before noon, when reports of a very strong bank statement, coupled with a desire on the part of the short interest to cover, resulted in a strong buying movement which sent prices up sharply.

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Receipts for the Week Show an Improvement Over the Last. UNRIPE CATTLE ARE COMING TOO FAST

Half Fat and Short, Fed Stuff Forced on the Market Breaks Prices—Hogs Still Keep the Dealers Guessing on Supplies.

Receipts for the past week generally show a good increase over the week previous, but fall considerably short of the second week of January last year. The figures are as follows:

Table with columns: Receipts, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc. Shows weekly and monthly figures.

The cattle market has been just about the reverse of the preceding week, and the advance of that period has been lost and more so. Supplies here have not been too liberal.

There was only an average run here today, but dealers all anticipate liberal supplies next week, and none was in any hurry to buy cattle. The market was very slow.

There was not much doing in the stock market on Saturday. Receipts were light and the country demand nominal.

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