

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Business in a Jobbing Way Continues Very Fair in Omaha.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS VERY HOPEFUL

Disturbances in Railroad Freight Rates Have a Tendency to Curtail Business Conditions—Omaha Continues to Lead Most Other Cities in Bank Clearings.

Business circles are not a little disturbed by the reduction in freight rates of the past week and very little else has been thought about, or talked about, by the heavy receivers and shippers of goods. A war in freight rates is one of the most unpleasant things that a business man is called upon to face, and nothing can be more demoralizing to trade.

This is not the only trouble experienced by the business men here. The reduction of rates brings about a radical change in the trade territory that can be reached from Omaha.

It is in certain lines of business the cut in rates will be of great importance. It will enable buyers here to lay in stocks from the east at a less cost.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Was Very Weak Yesterday and Closed Lower.

FINE WEATHER BROUGHT CORN DOWN

Provisions Weakened in Sympathy with Wheat, the Market Declining with Few Exceptions—Oats Followed Other Grains Down the Scale.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Wheat was very weak today, and after breaking 57 1/2 cents, it closed at 57 1/2 cents.

Wheat was active and very weak owing to continued liquidation and a desire of traders to even up.

Corn was weak on the fine weather and in sympathy with wheat.

Provisions were weak in sympathy with wheat, the market declining with few exceptions.

AS DUN SEEN IT. Trade for the Last Week Fairly Satisfactory—The General Outlook.

Mr. W. H. Robertson, manager of R. G. Dun & Co., mercantile agency, speaking of local trade for the week said:

"Omaha's jobbing trade continues good in nearly every staple line.

"The outlook in the country is very encouraging, but it is not as bright as it was well and there is an abundance of moisture.

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NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Provisions, Metals, Etc.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Receipts: 31,000 bushels of wheat.

WHEAT—No. 2, 57 1/2; No. 2 white, 57 1/2; No. 2 red, 57 1/2.

CORN—No. 2, 37 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 37 1/2; No. 2 white, 37 1/2.

PROVISIONS—Beef, 15 1/2; Pork, 15 1/2; Lard, 15 1/2.

MEATS—Beef, 15 1/2; Pork, 15 1/2; Lard, 15 1/2.

GRAIN—Wheat, 57 1/2; Corn, 37 1/2; Oats, 27 1/2.

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LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

BUTTER—The amount of country butter arriving is not large.

Eggs—The market for eggs is active.

Poultry—The market for poultry is active.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Week Ends with an Average Run of All Sorts of Offerings.

CATTLE PRICES STEADY AT THE CLOSE

Short Supply and Good Demand Give Sellers the Best of the Trading—Hogs Still Follow the Fluctuations in Provisions.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES: Cattle, 100 head; Hogs, 100 head.

RECEIPTS: Cattle, 100 head; Hogs, 100 head.

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