

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Local Jobbing Situation Remains Practically Unchanged. Country Collections Continue Slow.

Merchants Anxious for Rain to Give Fresh Start to Spring Trade—Live Stock Remaining More Scarce Every Day—Manufacturers Doing.

There is without doubt a better feeling among the jobbers of this city, but whether it is due to the fact that the season is better or whether there is really an improved condition in trade it is rather difficult to say.

As a rule the leading jobbers report that they have not been receiving material increase in the volume of business during the past week, but at the same time they talk more encouragingly.

From some sections of the state, where there has been a considerable amount of business done, it is reported that the ground is moist, as in the southwestern portion, the retail merchants are feeling much better.

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There has probably never been a time when so much depended upon the weather and every indication of coming moisture was more warmly welcomed by country merchants.

A local jobber likens the present situation to a man who has been sitting on the river bank for a long time and every day has been taking his bait, but without success.

After a time he becomes very tired at the obstinacy of the fish, but as the water rises and the fish rise to the surface of the water and he feels that there is a prospect that there are fish there, and that they may be taken.

So it is with the jobbers, who think that they are waiting for the fish to rise to the surface that would point to an increased business before long.

It is, however, a surprise to many that business is really as good as it is, when all the unfavorable conditions are taken into consideration.

If trade can hold up as it is doing at the present time with everything against it, the jobbers reasonably expect that a better and improved outlook for crops there ought to be a decided improvement in the volume of business.

A jobber remarked the other day that he has not heard of any of the farmers of this city who have ever sold their crops for a good price.

"Why," said he, "the farmer who does not sell his crops for a good price is the one who does not take the doors into a new country. The farmer who does not sell his crops for a good price is the one who does not take the doors into a new country.

The produce market during the past week has been very quiet, and the prices have not been very high.

The coming of mild and springlike weather has given some impetus to the vegetable and fruit trade, and the farmers are looking around for sources from which to draw their supplies.

The vegetable season is late in opening this year and the leading markets in all the growing sections are still in the winter appearance.

The usual severe weather that has prevailed during the winter months is still in evidence.

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HELPED BY DRY WEATHER AND LIBERAL EXPORTS WHEAT SCORED AN ADVANCE.

CORN MARKET MOVED UP A LITTLE. Advance was Forced in Sympathy with Wheat Throughout the Day—Oats Were Quiet with Prices Higher Generally.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Helped by dry weather and the week's liberal exports, wheat scored an advance today. May closed as high as 55c and closed with buyers at 54 1/2c, as compared with 54c yesterday.

Corn rose with apparent reluctance and under compulsion from wheat. Its closing price was 46 1/2c, compared with 46c yesterday. It is claimed that it would not have advanced had it not been for the fact that the market was so quiet.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Large Proportion of Cattle Consisted of Hay Fed Westerns.

IN HOGS PRICES WERE FIVE CENTS HIGHER. Other Markets Were Reported as Advancing and the Receipts Being Lighter—Every One Wanted Hogs—Pens Emptied Early.

SATURDAY, March 23. Today's receipts of stock were 1,433 cattle, 3,489 hogs and 373 sheep, as against 1,313 cattle, 1,206 hogs and no sheep on Saturday of last week.

Receipts from January 1 to March 23 were 112,501 cattle, 357,229 hogs, 38,777 sheep, 10,987 mules and mules, showing a loss of 45,872 cattle, a gain of 28,944 hogs, a loss of 2,674 sheep and a loss of 919 horses and mules as compared with 1894.

There were about five loads of cows and calves and about the same number of calves at about steady prices. As high as \$1.10 was paid for some native cows and \$1.50 for a pair of calves.

Stocks and feeders were slow sale and there was not much doing in that division of the yards.

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