

## CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Some Lines of Goods Moving in a Jobbing Way.

## COUNTRY COLLECTIONS CONTINUE SLOW

Value of Merchandise on the Side of Farmer Prices—Sales in Some Lines Show Gains Over Last Year.

While showing no general improvement, there are evidences of a more promising character for the future in some branches of the market. The cheering features develop in various ways, but the most noteworthy are those which embody an increasing confidence in the future of business, owing to the absence of any serious crop damage, and the placing of a larger number of orders for goods than a year ago. It has been found during the week that a great many dealers at points in the interior of the state, who have been extremely indifferent to the market, are now willing to order to induce them to seek information as to the values on merchandise and the variety and style of goods on the market. At the same time a great deal of caution is being manifested both on the part of buyer and seller, and there is little chance of an abatement of this feature of the trade until the corn crop of the state has matured or is ready for harvest, and there is no sign of damage. While the fact that the crop has reached the present stage of its growth without serious mishap is sufficient to encourage merchants, it is not equal to the complete restoration of confidence and no one is inclined to buy any very large stock of grain, except to push sales as hard as they might.

A very encouraging feature of the week is the decided improvement in the general trade conditions, which have been favorable in all directions. The commercial, industrial and agricultural interests of the country appear to be moving toward a more normal prosperity than that before them. The army of the unemployed is becoming daily reduced in number. A bustling activity that has been lacking for so long a time in most all sections of the country and capital and labor are harmonizing their differences at workmen's meetings, a matter of great encouragement to the business men of the section, as it bespeaks prosperity for the future. The active condition, so soon as a recovery from last season's crop failure is effected.

Farmers have had their time fully occupied by the harvesting of small grain and the retail trade in most all sections of the state suffered in consequence in the past weeks. The results of the harvest, however, have not been uniform, and the slow collections that have prevailed for some time past. The marketing of the grain surplus is still slow, but some relief in the matter of collections, but whether the effect will be sufficiently pronounced to be of permanent benefit remains to be seen.

## DULL SEASON IN DRY GOODS.

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COAL—Market dull; No. 3, 42c.

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BUTTER—Market higher; No. 1, 4c.

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## Pork Markets.

PEORIA, Aug. 3.—CORN—Dull and lower; No. 1, 32c; No. 2, 30c; No. 3, 28c.

OATS—Irregular and lower; No. 2, white, 24c; No. 3, 22c; 23c.

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