

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS TRADE

Jobs Generally Report a Fair Trade for the Past Week.

COUNTRY COLLECTIONS ARE VERY SLOW

Mild Weather Continues to Be a Disturbing Element in Trade Circles—Values on Most Lines of Merchandise Show Little Change.

The various local houses engaged in the jobbing trade have had another fairly active week, and as a rule a gain is reported in the volume and sales as compared with the corresponding week last year. There has been no rush of orders, but just a steady call from dependent trade. The demand comes from all quarters of the territory tributary to the market, and is especially good in some of the western states and in the Black Hills country.

Because of the more quiet manner in which business is conducted a good many are inclined to underestimate the real volume of business done. Trade in certain localities is very light, but at the same time it is active in other seasons, and the two qualify each other in a great measure, rendering a very fair average.

Collections, especially in this state, are very backward, and requests for an extension are coming in with increasing frequency. It would appear that the very mild weather is being taken advantage of by the farmers, who are working in the corn field and the retailers in consequence are taking in less than usual.

MEAT MARKET. The movement of staple lines of groceries has been fairly large, though not so many as in the corresponding week. The market on most lines has remained about steady and new arrivals are not numerous, but not very plentiful.

Sugar is a little higher, prices having advanced in the latter part of the week. Some lines of dried fruits are a little firmer, especially raspberries and apples, which are 12c higher than a week ago. California apricots are also higher and demand is more or less limited. Prunes and raisins are a little easier. It is reported that the consistent reduction of condensed lots are cleaned up the market will improve, as present prices do not much exceed the cost of production.

WANT COLDER WEATHER. The cool weather of the past week has been very welcome, and has been the only cause for regret being that there was not more of it. A good storm followed by freezing weather, which will bring increased demand for flannel wear and winter goods, and a more or less active trade in the country have been adequate to the filling of all requirements of consumers.

Manufacturers are generally marking up prices on a variety of goods, but in some instances they claim it costs more to manufacture the goods, they are fairly entitled to name higher prices. Some manufacturers are beginning to operate their mills at a loss, and some are hard to secure, and manufacturers are sold ahead.

The past week has not witnessed the development of any very important feature in the boot and shoe line, but several local jobbers report a fair movement of goods, but the weather over the greater portion of the week was not so favorable as for the development of a very active business. There has been a tendency to cause a little revival of trade in the localities visited. Several shoe stores wanted to attract the attention of the public to the subject of foot wear.

It is claimed that present values on goods in the boot and shoe line will be maintained, and that it is not likely to be strong position. So far as can be learned there are no large stocks of leather or hides anywhere. Stocks of raw hides are very light at the commencement of the year, and in consequence of this there is a great shortage in the number of cattle has kept down the supply of hides available for the leather trade.

General Business Quiet. Even on occasions the weather is not so favorable as for the development of a very active business. The weather is the controlling factor in almost every line of business at the present time. The trade in summer specialties has been the same as in the past, and now the retailer has to wait for cold weather to start up the demand for winter goods. When times are especially good and money very plentiful it is not unusual for consumers to attribute the increase in the like of winter goods so soon as the fall season is in hand.

AMONG THE RETAIL TRADE. The department stores appear to be doing fairly well, and they are presenting a rather quiet appearance at times. Upon the whole the retail trade of the city has been a satisfactory one. The scarcity of money, the decreased purchasing power of the dollar, and the increased cost of goods combined to reduce the local consumption of merchandise.

HUNTED ON SEA AND LAND. Skins of Wild Animals and Reptiles Popular with Shoemakers. For some time it has been the fashion to wear shoes made of wild animal skins, and some, says an eastern exchange, they were very much in style a few years ago and it was considered chic to wear shoes made of the skins of snakes and alligators. The rapid disappearance of these reptiles, however, has caused a sensible rise in the price of the leather made from them.

It will be the same with the skins of the kangaroo and seal, which are still plenty, but the incessant hunt for these animals is such that it will not be long before they will only be found in the museum.

It is unfortunate that so many seals are killed in Bering's straits; they are killed with clubs, and the method of killing is such that the seal is not killed in the most humane manner. The seal is a valuable animal, and its skin is used for many purposes. The seal is a valuable animal, and its skin is used for many purposes.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Enormous Deliveries of Wheat in the Northwest Again the Feature.

NO OTHER NEWS FACTOR IN THE MARKET

Corn Was Quiet and Weak, the Nearby Futures Showing the Most Decline—Stocks

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—The enormous deliveries of wheat in the northwest again acted as a drag anchor to that market today, and as a reflection of this condition of affairs the market ruled dull and weak throughout the session, fluctuating within very narrow limits.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

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