

CONDIION OF OHIO TRADE

Upward Tendency Distinctly Noticeable in Jobbing District.

COUNTRY CONDITIONS CONTINUE GOOD

General Stocks of Merchandise Very Low - Wholesale Business for East Less Than in Former Season - South Omaha Active.

The six days past have witnessed still further progress in the upward movement noted the other week. The business situation of the city and tributary country continues to improve. The gain is not especially rapid, but it is constant, and every indication would seem to point to a continuance of the present upward movement. Improvement is to be found in jobbing and manufacturing circles, due to the fact that the country was first to experience an easing up in money, due to the selling of wheat and live stock. The improvement, however, is extending to all departments of business and is commencing to be felt by the local retail trade, which would, under the conditions prevailing in this city, be the last to experience any marked revival.

The country is still very much disposed to buy cheap goods, and the demand for higher priced merchandise is not so very light in all cases where it is possible to make a cheaper and inferior article answer the purpose. It is very certain, however, that the craze for cheap goods will gradually wear itself out as the country becomes easier and more liberal in the matter of expenditures. By reason of the great quantity of cheap goods that are going into consumption the volume of sales is higher when compared with previous seasons, making a very poor showing. It may also be added that the higher priced goods at present constitutes the most frequent cause of complaint on the part of many of the retailers in this city. They are selling goods enough, but the only trouble is that they are unable to sell the kind of goods that they are desiring to sell.

OUTLOOK FOR JOBBING BUSINESS.

The outlook for the jobbing business in this city is certainly very bright, and it would be a difficult matter to imagine a condition of affairs more promising than that now at hand. During the past years eastern jobbers were reared out of this territory, and western jobbers were reared out of the country. The only ones who had any real confidence in the ability of the country to put out merchandise on the market were those who had seen that the Omaha jobbers increased the number of accounts on their books and that they were willing to sell at a height of the dull times, when no one was buying more than was absolutely necessary, and when the price of goods appeared to be trying to see how little it was necessary to have in order to sustain the jobbers. It is certainly interesting that the number of accounts on their books. Merchants who had been in the habit of going east for goods suddenly found it in their interest to buy nearer home. They were then, as a result of the demand by those who are in a position to know that retail stocks over the whole country are extremely low, and that the western line have been doing business in a hand-to-mouth manner. It would follow then that the increase in the number of accounts on their books and the increase in the volume of business in a flood of buying orders would all be well swapped the jobbing houses. This is what a good many of the jobbers in this city and some are already making preparations to meet it.

During the past few years Omaha jobbers have penetrated into new territories that they did not think it possible to handle from this point before, and have gone further to the number of buyers who seek the market.

At Chicago business is very dull. No one in Chicago attempts to dispute the fact that the city west of the Mississippi river now remains to be seen. The city by the lakes will ever be able to regain its former position as a market for the Omaha jobbers who stayed by the trade during the seary times will be able to hold their own.

Business at South Omaha continues in a liberal and the market favorable. An already pointed out in previous reports the prices for many commodities are setting the producer very hard. On the other hand, there is a general satisfaction in all branches of the trade. The stock business, or more especially the cattle market, appears to be in a period of great activity and as well as of high prices. The supply of cattle has been unusually low until all the summer stockmen have come to realize that the time has come when they should sell all their stock. If anyone had predicted a few years ago, at the time of the cattle market when the price of cattle was low, that the price of cattle would be as high as it is now, it would have been regarded as a candidate for a lunatic.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT SEASON.

The season for fresh fruit shipments from California is now in full swing. It is coming now too soon, as the fruit is not so long to be had and oranges are becoming scarce. The season for California fruit is long until there would be nothing but berries on the market. It is safe to say that the California fruit season is the longest of all that come to this market, and it is when there is a general feeling of activity in the market.

Cherries have already commenced to go forward, but it is very early in the season. The first cherries of the season sold in Chicago at \$5 per ton, plus box.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 15.—WHEAT—No. 2 western winter, no stock; No. 1 red, northern spring, 45 1/2; No. 2, 45 1/2; No. 3, 45 1/2; No. 4, 45 1/2; No. 5, 45 1/2; No. 6, 45 1/2; No. 7, 45 1/2; No. 8, 45 1/2; No. 9, 45 1/2; No. 10, 45 1/2; No. 11, 45 1/2; No. 12, 45 1/2; No. 13, 45 1/2; No. 14, 45 1/2; No. 15, 45 1/2; No. 16, 45 1/2; No. 17, 45 1/2; No. 18, 45 1/2; No. 19, 45 1/2; No. 20, 45 1/2; No. 21, 45 1/2; No. 22, 45 1/2; No. 23, 45 1/2; No. 24, 45 1/2; No. 25, 45 1/2; No. 26, 45 1/2; No. 27, 45 1/2; No. 28, 45 1/2; No. 29, 45 1/2; No. 30, 45 1/2; No. 31, 45 1/2; No. 32, 45 1/2; No. 33, 45 1/2; No. 34, 45 1/2; No. 35, 45 1/2; No. 36, 45 1/2; No. 37, 45 1/2; No. 38, 45 1/2; No. 39, 45 1/2; No. 40, 45 1/2; No. 41, 45 1/2; No. 42, 45 1/2; No. 43, 45 1/2; No. 44, 45 1/2; No. 45, 45 1/2; No. 46, 45 1/2; No. 47, 45 1/2; No. 48, 45 1/2; No. 49, 45 1/2; No. 50, 45 1/2; No. 51, 45 1/2; No. 52, 45 1/2; No. 53, 45 1/2; No. 54, 45 1/2; No. 55, 45 1/2; No. 56, 45 1/2; No. 57, 45 1/2; No. 58, 45 1/2; No. 59, 45 1/2; 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