

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Weather of Last Week Not Well Calculated to Stimulate Trade.

MONEY IS EASY AND COLLECTIONS GOOD

Jobbers Report Satisfactory Business for First Half of January—Retail Trade Good, but Weather Decidedly Unfavorable.

The last week has witnessed a very fair business doing in all departments of trade and still the general situation has been without any especially interesting features that would distinguish it from the general average. As the season advances from the holidays, however, the movement of merchandise in a jobbing way shows distinct improvement and with the arrival of the middle of the month the course of local business may be said to have returned to the normal. For reasons already pointed out no very great activity was anticipated in the demand for merchandise from the country tributary to this market so that it is present very satisfactory movement is in prospect very satisfactory. Representative houses without exception report a very good January demand and the total volume of business for the first half of the month will compare very favorably with any previous year in the history of Omaha.

Money in the country appears to be readily available and consumers are still buying quite freely in spite of the fact that the consumptive market is not very active. It is unusually heavy. The local retail trade of the last week was somewhat spotted, that is there were good days and poor ones, owing to the state of the weather. The general week's receipts did not venture out in any great numbers, but were apparently waiting for more favorable weather. The latter part of the week there was fair trading, though on some days the weather was dark and gloomy. The character calculated to tempt shoppers forth. The fact that the weather is so much improved has stimulated the departments and snappy cold weather is needed to put more life into the demand for articles of winter wear.

Taking the month to date as a whole, however, it must be admitted that the retail trade has been exceptionally good as compared with the portion of previous years. The large increase in helping the retail trade of the city in no small way, while the greater prosperity of the country has been placed a much larger volume of money in general circulation, all of which is to the great benefit of the retailer.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

WHEAT—Common to fair, 190 1/2 to 191 1/2; choice fancy, 191 1/2 to 192 1/2; separator creamery, 2 1/2; whole creamery, 2 1/2.

VEGETABLES

QUINCES—California, per box, \$1.25.

FRUITS

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

MEATS

BEEF—Prime, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; extra prime, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2.

POULTRY

CHICKENS—Large, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; small, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2.

EGGS

EGGS—Large, 15 to 16; small, 14 to 15.

GRAIN

WHEAT—No. 2, 190 1/2; No. 3, 189 1/2.

ST. LOUIS RECEIPTS AT PRINCIPAL MARKETS

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 15.—Receipts today: Wheat, 20,000 bushels.

TOLEDO MARKET

TOLEDO, Jan. 15.—WHEAT—Higher, steady; No. 2, 191 1/2.

DETROIT MARKET

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 15.—WHEAT—No. 1 white and No. 2, 191 1/2.

PEORIA MARKET

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 15.—WHEAT—Firm and higher; No. 2, 191 1/2.

COFFEE MARKETS

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—COFFEE—Options steady; No. 1, 15 1/2.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 15.—SUGAR—Open unchanged; No. 1, 12 1/2.

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