

Was Talk Here's Some Influence Upon Week's Transactions. MARKETS RENDERED RATHER UNCERTAIN. Local Retail Merchants Report a Satisfactory Week in All Departments. Bank Clearings Indicate Great Improvement.

While there is a marked improvement to be noted in commercial and financial conditions over a year ago, there is no denying that the uncertainties attending the outcome of the Cuban question have checked to some extent the progress of enterprise. In this regard the west has been more fortunate than the large eastern money and manufacturing centers.

Essentially, however, the business of the country is in a sound condition, and aside from the uncertainties referred to, the outlook is better than it has been at any time since the panic of 1933. There is a large volume of general business being transacted. This is shown conclusively by heavy increases in bank clearings over a year ago, this increase being 40 per cent in Omaha last week, and 30 per cent for the whole country.

Local retail trade is good owing to the fact that labor is generally employed and the consumer's power of the people greatly increased. HARDWARE TRADE SATISFACTORY. The trade in hardware for the week was very satisfactory. Mail orders continue to come in large numbers which give a very good indication of the state of the market.

WAR AFFECTS GROCERIES. The volume of business transacted by the wholesale grocers is steadily increasing. The close of the week finds the demand improved and the capacity of the houses is in many cases being fully utilized.

NOTHING NEW IN SHOES. No new developments have been noted by the boot and shoe jobbers during the last week. The market is quiet and the number of merchants coming to the city has taken place, as special rates are no longer offered. Orders, however, are coming in rapidly and all things considered the jobbers feel very well satisfied.

COUNTRY PRODUCE AND FRUIT. Late changes in the price of produce market last week. Prices remain stationary and the demand is good from both country and city. The market has advanced about 1 cent per pound and apples have a slight upward movement.

BANK CLEARINGS AND TRADE. Bank clearings for the week were very satisfactory and the methods of doing business differ so widely in different sections of the country that it is difficult to base upon which to build up comparisons between different cities.

With these few general facts in mind a study of the clearing-house reports and Omaha's business situation is not light on the business situation. Take the total clearings for last month as compared with the record for the corresponding month of previous years as follows:

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Calls for farm lands for one season have been made. This class of land is being properly cared for very little from spring to spring. This week having afforded no exception.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS. Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce. BUTTER—Common to fair, 39 1/2; separated creamery, 40 1/2; fancy, 41 1/2.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL. Traders Await the Developments Next Monday at Washington. GOOD CASH SALES HELP WHEAT. That Option Advances a Cent, While July and September Are Unchanged, Corn and Oats Lower, and Provisions Higher.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Wheat today closed at practically unchanged figures for July and September, but was higher for May. The latter was helped by good cash sales.

With the exception of a little activity about the opening, trading in wheat was dull and uneventful. There was a general inclination among traders to await Monday's developments at Washington before committing themselves very much.

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NEW YORK MONEY MARKET. NEW YORK, April 9.—MONEY ON CALL—Money steady at 1 1/2 per cent; bank bills, 1 1/2 per cent.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET. Close of the Week Sees the Trade in Good Condition. STRENGTH IN CATTLE CONTINUES. Local Demand Soon Exhausts the Limited Offerings at Steady Prices. Hogs Go Up a Nickel. Sheep Steady.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 9.—Receipts for the day indicated were: Cattle, 1,000; Hogs, 2,000; Sheep, 1,000.

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