Jobbers Very Eusy Getting Out Holiday Orders on Time.

EVERYTHING IS MOVING SATISFACTORILY

Merchants in All Lines Anticipating a Big Demand for All Kinds of Holiday Merchandise

tions they are going to have the best run of trade this year for some time past. Peo ple seem to have money to spend this year and are buying a good class of goods. The colder weather is having a good effect upon trade in general and jobbers are receiving better reports from the country The wholesale markets are in much the same condition they were in a week ago, only a very few changes having taken only a very few changes having taken place. The local retail situation was perhaps never in better condition than at the present time. The leading stores during the last week have been crowded to overflowing with people in search of not only Christmas goods, but all kinds of cold weather goods as well. Retailers say they never saw such a rush for holiday goods so long before Christmas and for that reason are looking for an enormous trade during are looking for an enormous trade during this week.

Predicting Higher Prices.

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Wholesale grocers report trade conditions as remaining about the same, with the exception that the demand for nuts, candles and such lines is much heavier. The markets, at is usually the case at this time of year, are quite stationary, but at the same time there is a firm feeling on practically all lines. Oatmeal is the one exception, the price having weakened 25 cents per barrel. Other kinds of farinaceous goods remain in just about the same position. No change is reported in the sugar market, though the tendency is for firmer prices. Coffee is also tending upward and higher prices are being freely predicted. Jobbers say that the price of coffee has been entirely too low during the last few years and the present big demand is causing the market to advance to the place it should be in in order to give the growers a margin. The rapid advances in the cotton market have caused the price of cotton lines, bags and twine to advance. The canned goods situation is no different from what it was a week are. The market however is in a tion is no different from what it was a week ago. The market, however, is in a very strong position and higher prices may be expected to go into effect after the first of the year.

Country Buying Hardware.

Hardware men say they are enjoying a nice run of trade for this time of year and consequently have no criticism to offer. Reports from the country indicate that retailers are doing a nice business and the fact that they are paying up promptly would go to confirm the reports. There is nothing new to be said about the condition of the market, as prices on staples remain unchanged.

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The cold weather of the last week has The cold weather of the last week has been of considerable help to local dry goods men and if it continues will give them a good lively trade. As it is they are kept busy and say that stocks in the country are being rapidly depleted. Traveling men are landing a nice lot of spring orders and speak in favorable terms of the prospects for spring and summer trade. There and speak in favorable terms of the pros-pects for spring and summer trade. There is nothing new to be said regarding market conditions, as there have been no important changes. Lines of minor importance are constantly firming up and about the same may be said of the staples, but no ad-vances have been heard of.

Colder Weather Helps Out.

Leather goods men are also being ben Leather goods men are also being benefitted by the cold weather. Orders for immediate shipment are beginning to come in freely and now that stocks in the country are getting more or less broken up jobbers figure they should have a good run of trade from now on. Spring orders are also coming in in good shape, and one jobber said that he never had a better lot of advance orders this early in the season than he has at the present time.

Rubber goods are also in better demand than they have been for the last few weeks. The increase in orders is largely due to the recent snow storms in some due to the recent snow storms in some parts of the west, but more especially in lowa. Arctics, felt boots and leggings are the most popular at present and are moving out rapidly. Jobbers are figuring on doing quite a heavy business after the first of the year, as stocks by that time will doubtless be broken up. In ordinary years retailers ran out of rubbers before the end of the year, but the unusually dry weather this season has enabled them to get through without placing very heavy duplicate orders. due to the recent snow storms in some

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CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE 15c: Pacific coast, 1896 crop. 4656c; 1897 crop. COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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Local merchants are now in the midst of their holiday trade. Jobbers that handle Christmas goods find they have about all they can do to keep up with their orders and say that judging from present indications they are going to have the best run.

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

TREES-5-ft., per doz., \$2: 5 to 8-ft., per doz., \$2:50; 7 to 9-ft., per doz., \$3:50; 8 to 11-ft., per doz., \$4:50; extra large sizes, 12 to 24-ft., \$2:00@4.50.

HOLLY BRANCHES-Per case of about P. Dozen and the state of 50 lbs., \$4.50@5.00; per bbl., \$1.50@1.75. MISTLETOE BRANCHES-Per lb., 20c; per 25-lb. box, \$3.75; wreathing, 20 yds., 90c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—WHEAT—Lower: No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 68c; track, 7042@ 71c; December, 68c; May, 715c; No. 2 hard, 67@68c. Receipts, 22,363 bu.
CORN—Firm; No. 2 cash, 30c; track, 3134 @32c; December, 30%c; May, 3134 @3134c.
OATS—Firm; No. 2 cash, 24c; track, 2445c; December, 24c; May, 25c; No. 2 white, 254c. RYE—Firm at 524c.
FLOUR—Quiet, steady; patents, \$3,45@ 3.60; extra fancy, \$3.10@3.20; clear, \$2.75@2.90. SEEDS—Timothy, \$2.00@2.35; flax, nominal, \$1.44.
CORNMEAL—Steady at \$1.70@1.90.
BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 62@63c, HAY—Steady; timothy, \$9.50@11.75; prairie, \$6.50@8.50. LOUIS, Dec. 16.-WHEAT-Lower: R

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The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: There was a panicky feeling at the opening here today on the news of General Buller's repulse. Rand mines opened down 5 points and feil 1 point further on the slump. The excitement was almost confined to African shares, commitments in Americans and elsewhere being small. Afterwards hope was revived and a general rally took place, accompanied by a rumor that General Buller had recovered his guns and that General Clery bad crossed the river. There was no

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec 16.

Its were: Cattle Hogs Sheep, Monday 2.819 2.914 2.155

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Its Dec. 15..... 3 95 3 27 3 24 3 17 * 4 09 5 05 Dec. 16.... 4 10 3 30 3 29 3 17 8 37 * 4 12 CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.

Cattle, Hogs Sheep.

Sales, \$4.1094.20, ingnt, \$4.0094.20; bulk of number—the laims of this company are four in number—the Red Rock, Wealth, Blizzard and Side Issue, containing about 80 acres.

Cattle, Hogs Sheep.

other markets have suffered fully as much or more. The demand has been limited almost entirely to good fat stuff, while the receipts, on the contrary, have consisted almost entirely of short fed or warmed-up cattle. The market on this latter kind has been very slow and prices have gone down steadily. While good cattle are not more than 10%15c lower the short fed cattle are not mere than 10%15c lower than last week, and in extreme cases common cattle have sold 40c lower.

The market on cows and heifers has been about the same as the market on steers, that is, the best cattle have been in demand, though perhaps a dime lower, but the common to medium kinds have sold off in about the same proportion as short fed steers. Chicago reports the market 25%40c

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183 The tendency of the market this week has been upward and the trade as a whole in good shape for the sellers. On most days values have been high as compared with other market points. The week opened with the market points as slight advance and values were again higher on Tuesday and Wednesday, with a stiff further advance the last of the week. The week and close to 25c higher than two weeks ago. Representative sales:

N75 weeks and close to 25c higher than two loves and the loss of the previous stiff week and close to 25c higher than two loves. No. Av. Sh. Pr. No.

Cattle Generally Steady, Hogs Higher and Sheep and Lambs Steady. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.-CATTLE-Generally steady; week's receipts, 62,000 head, largest steady; week's receipts, 62,000 head, largest this year and largest week in December since 1893; fancy Christmas beeves, \$7,097; 8,00; good to choice, \$5,4096,80; poor to medium, \$4,2095,25; mixed stockers, \$3,0093,75; selected feeders, \$4,2564,65; good to choice, \$3,5094,85; heifers, \$3,5095,00; canners, \$2,00,03,00; bulls, \$2,5094,20; calves, \$4,0007,50; feed Texas beeves, \$1,2595,25; grass Texas steers, \$3,2594,00 steers, \$3.2564.00.
HOGS—Active and 10c higher; good clear-ances; mixed and butchers, \$4.0564.25; good to choice heavy, \$4.1064.25; rough and h. avy, \$3.9064.05; light, \$4.0564.20; bulk of

Receipts: Cattle, 300 head; hogs, 20,000 head; sheep, 1,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 630 head; supply was too light to test strength of the market and prices were least no lower.

The cattle market this week has been bad and far from what sellers like. This has not been peculiar to this market alone, but other markets have suffered fully as much or more. The demand has been limited almost entirely to good fat stuff, while the receipts, on the contrary, have consisted receipts, 1,000 prices; 100 prices; advance this week amounts to about 25c; heavy and mixed sold today at \$4.05(24.15; lights, \$4.00 prices; advance this week amounts to about 25c; heavy and mixed sold today at \$4.05(24.15; lights, \$4.00 prices; advance this week amounts to about 25c; heavy and mixed sold today at \$4.05(24.15; lights, \$4.00 prices; advance this week amounts to about 25c; heavy and mixed sold today at \$4.05(24.15; lights, \$4.00 prices; advance this week allowers.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,000 prices; advance this week allowers.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—BEEVES—Receipts, 86 head; 1 car of old cows sold at \$1.75; no other trading; feeling weak. Cables unchanged; exports, 1,308 head cattle, 55 head sheep and 6,909 quarters of beef, CALVES—Receipts, 14 head; steady; common to prime yeals, \$5.00@8.00; city dressed yeals, \$620c per 1b. eals, 8@12c per lb. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,203 SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,235 head; sheep, \$1,5074.50; lambs, \$5,5079.90; Canadian lambs, \$5,8575.90. HOGS—Receipts, 4,982 head; none for sale; nominally higher.

St. Joseph Live Stock. SOUTH ST. JOSEPH. Mo., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Journal quotations:
CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; steady; natives, \$3.75@6.00; choice to fancy, \$6.25@6.75; Texas and westerns, \$3.00075.55; cows and helfers, \$2.0004.75; bulls and stags, \$2.00 @4.65; yearlings and calves, \$3.75@5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.60; yeals, \$4.25 stockers and receives, 4,700 head; market 102 tion.

12½c higher; all grades, \$1.07½204.15; bulk of sales, \$4.1024.15.

SHEEP—Receipts, 500 head; market and before long.
Our machinery

Stock in Sight. Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for December 16:

Cattle, Hogs. Sheep.

South Omaha 722 10.031 20.000 1.000 as the big Copper mines. Now is the time Chicago 300 20.000 1.000 to get in on the ground floor. The secretary Kansas City 630 5.200 1.000 spent nine years in the mountains, from Mexico to Washington.

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HOGS—The market this morning was not only 5c higher, but it was active at the advance, and the most of the hogs changed hands early in the morning. It was apparent that the buyers wanted the hogs a good deal worse than they did a short time ago, when they were cheaper than at present, and they were all out looking for supplies. The popular range for good loads was \$4.0094.02½, at which the bulk of the hogs sold, as against \$3.95 yesterday. Some right good loads sold at \$4.07½, with a top at \$4.10.

The tendency of the market this week 112½.

The following are the closing quotations

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Weekly Bank Statement. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes; Surplus reserves, increase, \$166,300; loans. decrease, \$5.054,000; specie, decrease, \$2.738,-500; legal tender, increase, \$1,768,500; depos-500: legal tender, increase, \$1,768,500; depos-its, decrease, \$4,545,200; circulation, de-crease, \$145,000. The banks now hold \$7,-025,825 in excess of the requirements of the

nank Clearings. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Clearings, \$258,-536,630; balances, \$8,856,160. BORTON, Dec. 16.—Clearings, \$29,919,948; balances, \$3,36,882. balances, \$2,306.882.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Clearings, \$16,327.832; balances, \$2,006.622;

BALITIMORE, Dec. 16.—Clearings, \$3,745.-578; balances, \$33,748.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Clearings, \$4,348,380; balances \$429,556; money, 497 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium bid, 50c premium asked.

Exports and Imports. NEW YORK, Duc. 15.—The exports of gold and silver from this port to all countries for the week aggregated \$730,005 silver bars and coin and \$1,41,000 gold. The imports of specie this week were \$48,992 gold and \$162,358 silver. The imports of dry goods and merchandise at the port of New York for this week were valued at \$10,373,-653.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 16.-WHEAT-Dull steady; No. 2 cash and December, 68%c. tendy; No. 2 cash and December, 68%c; May, 72%c.
CORN-Dull, lower; No. 2 mixed, 32c.
OATS-Dull, steady; No. 3 mixed, 34c.
RYE-Nominal; No. 2 cash, 55c.
SEEDS-Clover, higher, steady; prime cash, old, \$4.95; December, \$5.70 bid; March, \$5.80 bid.

Milwankee Grain Market. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 16.—WHEAT—Market steady: No. 1 northern 6614c; No. 2 northern, 64149765c.
RYE—Steady: No. 1, 656766c. orthern, 641-6765c. RYE-Steady; No. 1, 556756c. BARLEY-Firm; No. 2, 441-c; sample, 37

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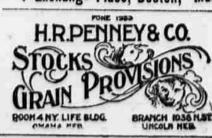
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