# CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Remilers Report Best Trade in the MARKETS ARE IN HOLIDAY FORM. History of the City-Everyone Very Busy-More Expensive Class of Goods Sold Freely.

The principal feature of tast week's trade was of course the demand for holiday goods of all varieties. It is doubtless true that local retailers have never enjoyed as good a holiday trade as they have experienced this year. Practically every store in the city has been crowded from morning until night and many times dealers found it impossible to handle their trade properly. copie seem to have plenty of money this year to spend on Christmus presents, as is shown by the quality of the goods in de-trand, as well as by the volume of business. Reports received from surrounding points show just about the same conditions-that is, holiday goods are in big demand, but steady for spirits turpentine, firm for rosin staples and nearly all kinds of cold weather and dull for tar at unchanged prices. goods are more or less neglected. For that reason the local jobbing trade last week

vas not especially active. Retailers out through the country are too Relatiers out through the country are too busy selling goods to spend time to order more supplies and many lobbers are of the opinion that they will not need more stock until more seasonable weather puts in an appearance. The general condition of the markets is much the same as it was a week ago. There is a general feeling of firmness all along the line, but still very few advances of importance have been heard of.

Look for Higher Prices.

Molecule grocers are doing just about their usual amount of business in staples and more than the usual amount in such lines as candies, nuts and raisins. A falling off in collections has been noted during the last week on account of the rather light trade general stores are having. They seem to be selling plenty of groceries, but dry goods, bosts and shoes are moving clowly and for that reason much of the money that the grocers should receive is going to make up the deliciency in other lines.

One jobber remarked that a good blizzard would increase his collections anywhere from \$1\$ to \$5.000 per day. There is very One jobber remarked that a good bilzzard would increase his collections anywhere from \$1 to \$5,000 per day. There is very little to be said about the condition of the market. Nearly all lines are in a good, strong position and higher prices are being prophesied for the first of the year on account of the big demand and also because of the advanced freight rates to go into effect January I. The sugar market is in about the same position as it was a week ago, although prices are stronger in the east. In farinaceous goods, beans were again advanced last week, while oatmeal took another drop. The coffee market is still very strong, but prices are the same as at last report. Starch, however, was advanced \$4c on all grades and candles are also being quoted a little higher on account of the advance in tailow.

Big Hardware Movement. Hardware tolbers say they are doing a remarkable business for this time of year. Last year at this time they had what they Last year at this time they had what they called an immense trade, but that was accounted for by the fact that everyone was loaking for higher prices after the first of the year. This season, however, these conditions do not exist and there seems to be no reason for retailers buying more stock at this time unless they need it for immediate use. When these conditions are taken into consideration jobbers figure that trade in the country must be in pretty good. trade in the country must be in pretty good shape. In making comparison with last year a local jobber found that for the first lifteen days of this month trade ex-eeded last year's business for the cor-responding period by 25 per cent, which was contrary to all predictions, as a decrease rather than an increase was expected. There is nothing new to be said about the condition of the market as prices remain just about where they have been for sev-eral weeks past. What few changes there are reported are all in the way of advances,

No. 2 salted hides, 9c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 bs. 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 bs., 8c. TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 4c; No. 2 34c; rough, 2c; white grease, 25,934c; yellow and brown grease, 25,934c.

Staple Lines Rather Slow as Usual at This Season of the Year.

| CHRISTMAS GREENS, TREES-5-ft., per doz., \$2.5 to 8-ft., per doz., \$2.50 ft. 5-ft., per doz., \$2.50 ft. 5-ft., per doz., \$3.50 ft. 5-ft., per doz.

Business in Commercial Commodities Practically Suspended All Day. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Produce ex-change, Cotion exchange, Coffee exchange, Metal exchange and other trade centers ommercial communities was practically

CORNMEAL-\$1.70@1.75.
BRAN-Quiet but steady; sacked, east rack, 62c. HAY-Quiet; timothy, \$11.00@12.25; prairie,

\$7.5078.50. WHISKY-Steady at \$1.23\\(\frac{1}{2}\). COTTONTIES-\$1.65, BAGGING-54@64c. BAGGING-54464c. HEMP TWINE-9c.

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METALS-Lead: Dull at \$4.60. Spelter:
Dull at \$4.50.
POULTRY-Steady; chickens, 4½@5c; turkeys, 6½c; ducks, 6c; geesc, 5c.
PROVISIONS-Dry sait boxed meats,
extra shorts, \$5.37½; clear ribs and sides,
\$5.50. Bacon, extra shorts, \$5.87½; clear
ribs and sides, \$6.00. Pork, firm; jobbing,
old, \$2.50; new, \$11.00. Lard, easier; prime
steam, \$5,25; choice, \$5.30.
RECEIPTS-Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 35,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.
SHIPMENTS-Flour, 6,000 bu.; wheat, 47,000 bu.; corn, 42,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

EGGS States and the state of th

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 23\(\alpha\)25\(\text{c}\) dairy, 19\(\alpha\)25\(\text{c}\) EGGS—Steady at 17c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—BUTTER—Steady; creamerles, 16\(\alpha\)25c; dairles, 16\(\alpha\)25c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 20c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—BUTTER—Receipts, 2.741 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 23\(\alpha\)27\(\text{c}\)21\(\text{c}\)220c; June creamery, 23\(\alpha\)25\(\text{c}\)21\(\text{c}\)220c; June creamery, 23\(\alpha\)25\(\text{c}\)22\(\text{c}\)21\(\text{c}\)22\(\text{c}\)21\(\text{d}\)23c; late made, large, 12\(\text{d}\)13c; late made, small, 12\(\text{d}\)13c; late made small, 12\(\text{d}\)13c; late made small, 12\(\text{d}\)13c; late made, large, 14\(\text{d}\)13c; late made, small, 12\(\text{d}\)13c; late made, small, small market weak; western, ungraded, at mark, 15\(\alpha\)21\(\text{d}\)21\(\text{d}\)2c; western, ungraded, at mark, 15\(\text{d}\)21\(\text{d}\)2c; western, ungraded, at mark at mark,

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

were closed and the markets in general was upon the market today. May wheat more or less in holiday form. Business in closed 4sc under yesterday; May corn 4sc

Estimated receipts Monday: Wheat, 95 cars; corn, 300 cars; oats, 180 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
*Wheat Dec. May July	6574 6914-9754 6974-9770	66 695 <sub>6</sub>	6514		661
*Corn- Dec, Jan, May	30% 30% 32%(103	30% 30% 33	30%	20%	304 203 33
Pork—	23 23 3 3 1 8 1 24	23 237 <sub>6</sub> (124	22 2374	22 217 <sub>8</sub>	22(7)(101 24
Jan. May Lard-	10 07% 10 40	10 0734 10 421 <sub>2</sub>			10 05 10 40
Jan. May Ribs—	5 45 5 72½	5 4719 5 75	5 45 5 65	5 45 5 70	5 521 5 75
Jan. May	5 3216 5 5212			5 25 5 45	5 30 5 50

HILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—BUTTER—
Firm; fancy western creamery, 27\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\f

Articles. Receipts
Flour, bbls. 25,000
Wheat, bu 41,900
Corn, bu. 255,000
Oats, bu. 271,000
Rye, bu 6,000
Barley, bu 57,000
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commercial communities was practically suppended, leaving values more or less nominal at the closing figures of Friday. In the open market for spot cofree business was inactive, with a weak undertoned to the control of the wheat market here to the control of the wheat market here to the control of the wheat market here to have an adjusted to the control of the wheat market here to have the control of the was a trifling ommercial history. With outside exchanges closed and more thanked and steady, without change in price.

Sugar was also unchanged in price, with riw dull and refined only moderately active.

Naval stores were slow of sale, closing stendy for spirits turpentine, firm for rosin and dull for tar at unchanged prices.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

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imosities and competitions of powerful money forces and even social emitties have played a large part in the innumerable currents coursing beneath the surface. Thus some of the most powerful money interests in the country are in conflict over the control of the public utilities in New York City, the gas war being an incident. Their maneuvers and counter-moves have stirred up the market like the grapple of Leviathans in a pool of water.

Again, the encroachments of the trust companies in the banking fields in the last few months have aroused criticisms and opposition from conflicting interests. There is reason to believe that there will be a willingness to utilize the week's interests to exercise some suasion upon the trust companies to keep more strictly within their own field. It is realized that the liquidation which has been effected within the week has become essential and that the financial fabric is on a much more substantial basis by reason of it. The conviction is practically universal that preparations for the annual settlements will mar the presence of the criefs. Sentiment is not tions for the annual settlements will mar the passing of the crisis. Sentiment is not

so unanimous as to whether such prepara-tion is yet completed.

Bonds have suffered in sympathy with stocks, but declines have not been so violent nor selling so large.
United States old 4s advanced a point,

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 61@64½c; No. 2 red, 67½gesc.
CORN—No. 2, 30%@31c; No. 2 yellow, 31@
31¼c.
OATS—No. 2, 22½@23c; No. 2 white, 25@
25½c; No. 3 white, 3½@23c.
BARLEY—No. 2, 52c.
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SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, \$1.4½; prime timothy, \$2.53; clover, contract grade, \$5.00%25.0.
PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$8.70g
10.00 Lard, per 100 lbs. 55.10@55.3½. Short clear sides (boxed), \$5.45%5.55.
WHISKY—Distillers finished goods, on basis high wines, per gal., \$1.23½.
SUGARS—Cut loaf, \$5.70; granulated, \$5.15.
Following are the receipts and shipments for today:
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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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LITTLE INCENTIVE TO TRADE IN WHEAT

Outside Exchanges Closed and Xo Liverpool Cables—Provisions Easy, But quiet, Closing Five to Seven Cents Lower.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The boilday dullness was upon the market bedry where shaded on the consequent depressing effect. The Bank gold from all of these centers to meet the gold from all of these center

LONDON, Dec. 22-4 p. m - Closing; Consols, money.

do account 25.5 Pennsylvania
Can. Pacific. 20% Reading
Erie 10% No. Pacific ptd.
do 1st ptd. 31% Atchison
Hilnois Central III Louisville
U. P. ptd. 73 Grand Trunk
St. Paul com. 118 Anaconda New York Mining Stocks. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares: Chollar ... 10 Ontario ... Crown Point 10 Ophir ... Ophi

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Clearings, \$23,560,-827; bulances, \$10,682,954, BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Clearings, \$22,983,681; balances, \$1,589,480. balances, \$1.589,480.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Clearings, \$4,688,567; balances, \$65,026. Money, 4697 per cent. New York exchange, 40c discount bid, 25c discount asked.
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Clearings, \$20,691,685; balances \$1,570,366. Posted exchange, \$4,81½; \$64,88½. New York exchange, 45c premium. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Clearings, \$20,210,220; balances, \$2,443,616.

## SUPREME COURT SYLLABI.

Palmer against First Bank of Ulysses. Error from Butler county. Affirmed. Hara rison, C. J.

1. Error in regard to giving or refusing to give instructions must be separately as-signed in the motion for a new trial and petition in error. Graham against Frazier,

49 Neb., 99.

2. An assignment of error that the verdict is contrary to an instruction if not presented by the motion for a new trial is not available on error to this district.

3. A motion which cannot be sustained substantially as made must be overruled.

4. Alleged errors in the admission of testimony cannot prevail if during the trial there was no objection made to the introduction of said testimony.

5. An assignment of error of the action of the trial court in refusing to strike out

10,503 54,948 16,028 47,228 46,515 46,033 15,826 47,924 Average pilee paid for hogs for the last several days with comparisons: | 1889, 1898, 1896, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, | CHICAGO, Dec. 22. CATTLE.—Good to choice fat cattle have advanced about 25e during the week, closing steady to strong for all classes; good to choice, \$5.606.75; | 5. | 3.50 | 3.27 | 3.03 | 3.29 | 4.27 | 5.14 | 5.15 | 5. | 3.50 | 3.27 | 3.03 | 3.29 | 4.27 | 5.14 | 5.15 | 5. | 3.50 | 3.27 | 3.03 | 3.29 | 4.27 | 5.14 | 5.15 | 5. | 3.50 | 3.27 | 3.03 | 3.29 | 4.27 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.1 [1899. [1898. ]1897. [1896. [1895. ]1894. [1893.

\*Indicates Sunday. The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was: C., M. & St. P. Ry. 1

Mo. Pac Ry. 1

Union Pacific System ...
C. & N. W. Ry. 1

F. E. & M. V. R. R. 1

S. C. & P. Ry. ...
C. St. M. & O. Ry. ...
B. & M. R. R. R. ...
C. B. & Q. Ry. ... 2

K. C. & St. J. ...
C. R. L. & P. Ry. ... Cattle, Hogs, Horses,

Total receipts..... 4 The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers. Cattle Hogs.
Omaha Packing Co. 836
G. H. Hammond Company 55 1,465
Swift and Company 24 1,372
Cudahy Packing Company 1 1,978 Armour & Company 1

Cudahy Packing Co., from K. C. 6

G. H. Hammond Co., from K. C. Armour & Company 1

Other buyers 19 1,834 Total ..... 99 9,711

CATTLE—There were po cattle here to make a market—that is nothing of any consequence. It was duller than usual, even for a Saturday. No one expected any demand for stuff and shippers were evidently afraid to ship in anything.

The cattle market this week has been in the condition usual just previous to the holidays. Packers' wants have been small and for the most part limited to such grades as would make Christmas beef. As a result the market has been slow and dull on everything but just the few cattle that buyers happened to want. As a usually the case under such conditions the market has been very uneven—one bunch of cattle for which some buyer had use would sell well will enother bunch that did not seem to find favor in the eyes of buyers would sell it, way down. The cow market especially was down the next, way down the series.

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2,497 CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Advance in Good to Choice Fat

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—CATTLE-Good to

KANSAS CITY Dec. 23 - CATTLE-Re-cepts, 80 head; little or no trade today; im-proved demand this week; best grades up 304050c, while inferior grades are strong to 30050c, while inferior grades are strong to 30c higher; heavy native steers, \$5.2506.15; lightweights, \$4.5604.90; stockers and feed-ers, \$3.4006.25; butchers cows and helfers, \$3.1006.50; canners, \$2.4045.00; fed westerns, \$4.0005.50; western feeders, \$3.0004.65; Tex-ans, \$3.4006.00. HOGS-Receipts, 5.150 head; market ac-tive, strong to 2½c higher; heavy and mixed, \$4.0004.12½; light, \$3.7004.10; pigs, \$3.5593.65.

\$1.5973.05.
SHEEP-No market today; receipts for week, 14,000 head; break in prices early in week was fully recovered and market closed at highest prices reached; lambs, \$5.0075.50; muttons, \$3.7574.50; stockers and feeders,

St. Louis Live Stock.

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ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 200; market better. Native shipping and export steers, \$4.5067.00; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$4.5067.00; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$4.95.50; steers under 1,009 pounds, \$3.1094.85; stockers and feeders, \$2.2544.35; cows and helfers, \$2.50674.00; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.4064.95; well-fed, \$5.85496.50; cows and helfers, \$2.0044.00.

HOGS — Receipts, 3.000 head; market 6.50; cows and heifers, \$2.00@4.00.

HOGS — Receipts, 3.000 head; market strong on good hogs; shade lower on common pigs; pigs and lights, \$3.95@4.05; packers, \$3.55@4.10; butchers and best heavy, \$4.05@4.15.

SHEEP — Receipts, 400 head; market steady; native muttons \$3.25@4.15; lambs, \$4.25@5.25; stockers, \$1.25@3.00; culls and bucks, \$2.50@0.50.

New York Live Stock. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—BEEVISS-Re-celpts, 43 hoad; half a car sold at \$2.00; no other trading; feeling firm, Cables slow; exports, 551 head cattle and 6,243 quarters

of beef, CALVES-Receipts, 18 head; 68 head on sale; market almost nominal and feeling weak; 60 calves unsold. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 198 head; 3 cars on sale; trade very limited; sheep not wanted and later cars unsold; lambs steady; prime state lambs sold at \$6.75; no Canadian jumbs.

ambs. HOGS—Receipts, 2,506 head; none for sale alive; nominally firm. St. Joseph Live Stock.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 23.—(Special.)

The Journal quotes as follows:
CATTLE—Receipts, 200 head; market
steady at yesterday's advance; 25@35c
higher than last week.
HOGS—Receipts, 4,700 head; market 2½@
5c bleber all grades \$4.000 higher bulk of higher; all grades, \$4.00@4.12%; bulk of

sales \$4.07\204.10. SHEEP - Receipts, 100 head; market strong and demand good. Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for December 23: Totals ..... 797 37,900 2,400

Indianapolis Election Contest. Indianapolis Election Contest.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—For a week Charles Elliott, republican candidate for city clerk, has been contesting the city election on the charge of fraud. Mayor Taggari was elected by 347 and John Grekler, city clerk, by 131. An examination of the disputed ballots gave Elliott only enough to leave Grekler's majority 78 and the court said the result had established in his mind tae fact that there was no fraud. The republicans have practically given up the fight.

Contractors' Cases Postponed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The examination of Contractors Benjamin D. Greene, Colonel John F. Gaynor, Edward H. Gaynor and William T. Gaynor, jointly indicted with Michael A. Connaily and former Capitain Oberlin M. Carter, United States engineer corps, in connection with the Savannah river and Cumberland sound frauds, which was set for today before United States Commissioner Shields, has been adjourned until December 20.

Protest on Treasury Ruling. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The tea importers of San Francisco have sent a protest to the secretary of the treasury against a recent order requiring all samples of tea admitted into the United States to be forwarded to the tea examiner at the port of New York, the idea being to secure uniformity. It is claimed that the effect of this order will be to divert the tea importing business of this port to New York.

Three Killed at Grade Crossing. Three Killed at Grade Crossing.

PALMYRA, Mo., Dec. 22.—Peter Nichol, a well-to-do colored farmer, was returning home in a wagon when a train struck and demolished the vehicle at a railroad crossing, killing the old man, one of his daughters and a grandchild, Another daughter was badly injured and a second grandchild has since died from its injuries.

SAN FRANCISCO. Dec. 23.—The Examiner says that it is the intention of the Crocker Estate company to erect a modern freproof family hotel to cost about \$1,000,000, on the corner of Van Ness avenue and Sutter street, in this city.

Riders Home from Europe. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Tod Sloan, the American lockey, and E. T. Bald, the professional bleycle rider, arrived today on board the Cunard liner Campania from



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