

TRADE IS IMPROVED

Distribution Aided by Better Weather Conditions.

CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE

Heavy Snow-Covering Helps Winter Wheat Crop—Prosperity in Iron and Steel Business—Imports of Merchandise.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: Better weather has greatly improved trade in many sections of the country, spring merchandise being distributed freely by jobbers, while retail business and mercantile collections are more normal.

In almost every branch of business there is confidence of active trade with the appearance of settled weather. Prices of commodities are still firm.

Railway earnings for the month of February thus far were 62 per cent smaller than for the same month last year.

Flourish this week numbered 222 in the United States against 240 last year and 29 in Canada compared with 22 a year ago.

HELPS WINTER WHEAT CROP

Beneficial Effect of the Heavy Snow Covering.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: With the exception of a few lake and seaboard ports which show the effect of past bad weather, distributive trade at most leading markets assumed a more favorable aspect. This was due to the spread of milder weather conditions, and to the increase in the number of ordinary buyers.

The general tendency of reports as to the winter wheat crop is that the heavy snow covering has helped the crop. Heavy rainfall on the Pacific Coast has made for good crop prospects, especially in California.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending February 23 numbered 220, against 243 last week and 200 last year.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending February 23 are 523,822 bushels, against 528,840 last week and 2,661,486 the week last year.

Bank Clearances.

The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ending February 24, 1905.

Table with columns for City, 1905, 1904, and % Change. Includes New York, Philadelphia, Boston, etc.

Meats and Poultry.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Receipts of meats and poultry for the week ending February 24, 1905.

WHEAT MARKET.

HOOD RIVER GROWERS Get Good News From the East.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The Hood River Fruit Growers' Union has information that hundreds of acres of strawberries have been plowed up in the fruit districts of Minnesota and Arkansas.

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MARKET MORE SETTLED

RESUMPTION OF STRENGTH IN ENTIRE STOCK LIST.

Fewer Reasons to Fear Corner in Southern Iron Shares—New York Central the Leading Feature.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The stock market was more settled today and there was a resumption of strength. This was largely due to a decrease in the fears of a disastrous outcome to the struggle for control of the Southern iron companies.

The day's receipts included a mixed car of vegetables, one of celery and one of sweet potatoes.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Vegetables, fruit, etc. market today.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

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CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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BULGE IN CORN PRICES

HAS LIFTING TENDENCY IN CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Closing is Firm, Though Opening is Weak on Lower Cables and Heavy Argentine Shipments.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—An active demand from several prominent bulls and good buying by cash buyers started the sharp advance in the price of corn.

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Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Today's statement of the treasury balances shows:

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS ACTIVE.

Crop Prospects for Coming Season More Promising Than Ever.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Right, springlike weather imparted more life to the local markets.

The movement in other Eastern railroad stocks was largely sympathetic. Union Pacific recovered vigorously from its sharp break of late yesterday.

The bond market was active and steady. Stocks were active and steady.

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EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 24.—Cattle—Receipts 2000; market steady.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Cattle—Receipts 3000; market steady.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Flour—Receipts 14,200 barrels.

GRAIN AT SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Wheat and barley market today.

Wheat at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—Wheat—March 7s, 11d; May 6s 11d; July 6s 11d.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Feb. 24.—Wheat unchanged; blue stem, 80c; club, 85c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The London cables reported an easier market for tin, which closed at 100 1/2 for spot and 112 1/2 for futures.

Mining Stocks.

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Money Exchange, Etc.

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