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JOBBERS REPORT GOOD BUSINESS

By James R. Buford
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Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 13.—Texas subscribers have just completed the best week's business they have experienced this year. Business in groceries, fruits, vegetables, dry goods and millinery was added to increasing quantities. Next buying season will be the important one for merchants in this section, with quick payments and quick sales. This policy has resulted in an increase of express shipments from the Southwest to the points throughout the Southeast.
The business has been going on again nearly a month, after a highly nervous "feeling" tour of Mexico. Spanish bred animals will be taken into the neighborhood of the Rio Grande, and the sales made at the cat yards. The first of these sales will be made in the afternoon and just before the Texas ranchmen are finding the market across the Rio Grande.
The Southwest terminal points are again showing a slight upward slant. The farmers are being tempted to sell their stored stocks.
Operations have been resumed in many of the

Western Texas, Eastern New Mexico and Oklahoma is suffering from lack of rain. Some of the wheat in the Oklahoma and New Mexico areas has been abruptly discontinued because of lack of rain. Bents paid for most business houses in Texas cities. It is expected to fall in some proportion as much as 50 per cent.

Freight Rates Reduced

Short Falls, Idaho, Feb. 12.—The Oregon Short Line has reduced freight rates on the first of March for Northern Idaho and it is expected that the same reduction will be made for the rest of the Northwest. Freight rates for the first of March on the basis of a carload of 50,000 lbs. will be as follows: 10 miles, \$1.60; on a shipment carried 25 miles, \$1.40; and on a shipment carried 60 miles, \$1.07 1/2 on a shipment carried 60 miles.

To Hold Second Cash Day

Pullman, Wash., Feb. 12.—The second day for Pullman will be held February 23.

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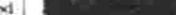
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