

IRON HAS IMPROVED,

And Pittsburgh is One of the Few Cities Where it Can Be Seen That

GENERAL BUSINESS AS BETTER.

Bradstreet's Does Not Find a Very Encouraging Situation, But

LOOKS FORWARD TO DAWNING SPRING.

Dun's Review of Trade Says That Large Stocks Will Be Carried Over.

Bradstreet's reports on the condition of general business are not, as a whole, encouraging. Iron, however, is regarded as being considerably firmer, with a slight advance in some lines. There is also a large increase in the wheat exports, and dry-goods are reasonably active at some centers.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's report, on the whole, a somewhat less encouraging condition of general trade. The only encouraging advice which reported an improvement in distribution or general merchandise, are those from Chicago, Kansas City, Pittsburg and St. Paul. The gains appear to have been made in dry-goods, groceries, boots and shoes and agricultural implements.

At most of the larger centers, notably Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, general trade is steady, with little or no gain noted. At Philadelphia trade thus far in 1889 has not equaled expectations, and there is no real activity. Merchants, however, are hopeful of the spring trade. At Baltimore dry-goods, notions and groceries are most active and merchants are hopeful.

WEATHER TO BLAME.

Rains and heavy roads in Louisiana and Texas have checked business at the interior and hindered farmers. Farmers in Missouri, Iowa and Kansas are holding back their grain and stock. Mercantile collections are quite uniformly reported slower. Louisville telegraphs that last tobacco offerings were unusually large, and that the demand is active, with prices well supported. The manufactured tobacco trade is somewhat affected by the uncertainty of Congressional action on the proposed repeal of the tobacco tax.

General trade in New York is quiet. Manufacturing goods are a full recovery from the winter slump. Groceries, fruits, jewelry, hardware and building material are quiet to dull. Prices show no change. Lumber for export is slightly more active. Philadelphia and St. Paul are underlining New York. Inactivity, due partly to inauguration ceremonies, but principally to continued bearishness on the part of the market, prevailed in stock speculation in New York. This was modified by rising tendencies in the Oregon and other special stocks.

Increased activity and recovered strength marked the last days of the week. Bonds are strong but less active. Money at New York has been subject to some manipulation of rates. The market for coal is 2 1/2% per cent. Foreign exchange is dull and the dollar is easier in tone. Demand sterling 4 1/2% (64 89).

SOME THINGS INCREASED.

Gross earnings of railroads for the third week of February were \$3,131,237, against \$2,979,319 last year, an increase of 5.1 per cent. Bank clearings from 38 cities, telegraphed to Bradstreet's, aggregated \$8,891,604,969 for two months of 1888, against \$7,962,446,941 in 1888, an increase of 16 per cent.

The Anasconda Copper Mine continues to produce heavily, notwithstanding the syndicate's expectation to close it. The syndicate is still selling copper at 16 1/2 cents for which it pays 13 cents. Coal iron Western pig iron markets have a stronger tone. Makers are not forcing stocks. Buyers are asking for March options. Sheet metal has been short of orders. Southern crude iron makers have placed a large quantity of iron in Northern markets.

Anthracite coal production has been greatly curtailed, owing to decreased sales, increased stocks and fears of enforced price reduction. It is reported that 30,000 miners are idle. The Pennsylvania report to Bradstreet's for February shows 35 strikers and 3,165 strikers compared with 51 strikers, involving 14,986 employees in February, 1888, and 84 strikers involving 26,068 employees in February, 1887.

Retail dry-goods buyers are active at New York and Boston, and leading styles of spring and summer goods are in active movement. Several large drives of dress gingham at New York this week indicated a large movement. Commission men report an improvement in the re-order demand for cotton dress goods, and also in woolen and worsted fabrics. Prices are unchanged for all desirable grades of cottons. Brown and bleached goods are well in the control of order. Print cloths are firmer with quotations ranging at 3 1/2% (63 15-16c).

WOOL PROSPECTS.

Raw wool is in light demand, but with

manufacturers evincing more inclination to do business. Prices are rather in buyer's favor. Since January 1 the decline in some descriptions ranges from 1/4 to 1 cent. Raw cotton is 1-10 cent higher on good demand and a slightly smaller crop movement.

Primary raw sugar markets have been harder and restricted offerings and more urgent purchasing orders. M. Licht estimates a total beet crop of 2,753,000, against 2,433,007 tons (actual) last year. Cuban crop estimates have declined and English holders are firm. Prices here were about 1-16 cent higher. Refined has been steady. Refined at San Francisco is 1/4 cent lower; at New Orleans is 1 cent higher and firm on low stocks.

Wheat has been irregular and lower, with speculative influences paramount, influenced in part by reports of unexpectedly larger supplies of reserve wheat in Michigan. Exports from both coasts this week aggregate (including flour as wheat) 1,383,284 bushels, against 1,107,277 bushels last week and 247,251 bushels in the like week of 1888. Speculative dealings in Brazilian coffee here and abroad have increased, tending to close up the price, though European cables late this week have had a counter influence. Attention is attracted to short Brazilian crop rumors, owing to bad weather and other causes.

Business failures reported to Bradstreet's number 243 in the United States this week, against 262 last week and 205 this week last year. Canada had 87 this week, against 67 last week. The total number of failures in the United States from January 1 to date is 2,727, against 2,317 in 1888.

IRON IS BECOMING FIRMER,

But Other Features Are Generally Dull.

With Large Stocks on Hand.

NEW YORK, March 1.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "Traders here have been waiting for a belated season for the expected winter trade that it does not come, and spring has arrived. Hence there are on hand large stocks of unworked iron, but a slow market, with tardy collections for drugs and chemicals. As to collections, Omaha alone reports improvement. The money markets are everywhere amply supplied for legitimate business. The manufacturers are buying more freely of leather, and for hemlock, prices are half a cent improvement.

Pittsburg observes an advance of 25 cents in some kinds of pig iron, and a better strength in manufactured many forms. Greater strength is also observed at Cleveland. Philadelphia notes most cautious dealing in dry-goods, a firm market for leather, and a slow market, with tardy collections for drugs and chemicals. As to collections, Omaha alone reports improvement. The money markets are everywhere amply supplied for legitimate business. The manufacturers are buying more freely of leather, and for hemlock, prices are half a cent improvement.

Rubber is firm at 6 1/2% for paraffine. The anthracite coal trade is stagnant. The output for the year has been 1,028,312 tons, against 1,430,002 last year. The accumulation of coal at Port Richmond is represented as greater than any other time in the year. The syndicate has a severe attack on the copper syndicate at New York. The iron market is firm. The tin is a little stronger at 2 1/2%, with lead firm at 47 cents per pound. It is thought at Philadelphia that the iron market is very unsatisfactory and scanty. The market for bar iron is very unsatisfactory and scanty. The market for bar iron is very unsatisfactory and scanty.

For three years I was almost crippled with an awful sore leg from my knee down to my ankle. The skin was entirely gone, and the flesh was a mass of disease. Some physicians pronounced it incurable. It had diminished about one-third the size of the other, and I was in a hopeless condition. After trying all kinds of remedies and spending hundreds of dollars, from which I got no relief whatever, I was persuaded to try your CUTICURA REMEDY, and the result was as follows: After three days I noticed a decided change for the better, and after two months it was completely cured. My flesh was purified, and the bone which had been exposed for over a year got sound. The flesh began to grow over it, and for nearly two years past my leg is as well as ever it was, sound in every respect, and not a sign of the disease to be seen.

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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday accepted \$12,000 registered 4 1/2 per cent bonds at 108.

John Carrola contractor, of St. Catherine, Ontario, has failed. His liabilities are \$55,000. The amount of his assets is not yet known.

Henry Angles, the fireman who was injured in the railroad disaster, near St. George, Ontario, on Wednesday night, died at his home at London, Ontario, yesterday morning.

Count Bombelles, chief of the late Crown Prince Rudolf's household, has retired from the service. The Emperor has bestowed upon him the Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold.

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt is seeking to obtain the lease of the house now leased by the Duke of Sutherland. The property belongs to the royal family. The lease has 15 years yet to run.

A bill has been introduced in the Bundesrat providing that a loan shall be raised to the amount of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of non-recurring expenditures on account of the army.

The bill making train robbery a capital crime, which was introduced in the Arizona Legislature by Louis Martin, of Pima, has passed both Houses and been signed by the Governor, making it a capital crime in Arizona.

The filing of the additional indictments against Ives and Stayer seems to have been a severe blow to the financiers. The keepers are authority for a statement that the prisoners passed a very restless night.

At the two coming receptions to be held at St. James' Palace on March 15 and April 2, the Duke of Devonshire will, by royal command, represent the Queen and presentations to the heir to the throne will be considered of the same honor as those presented to the Queen.

The statement that Sir Julian Pauncefote has been appointed British Minister to the United States, but is not yet officially confirmed. It is stated that Lord Salisbury selected Sir Julian for the post on account of the latter's knowledge of the fishery question.

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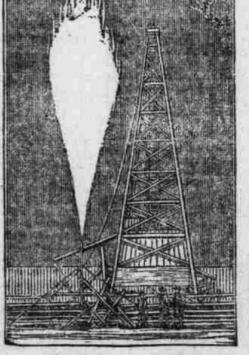
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