

THE STATE OF TRADE.

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THE OUTLOOK NOT ENCOURAGING.

Crop Prospects Are Considered Excellent, but the Great

IRON INTERESTS ARE LANGUISHING.

R. G. DUN & Co. Anticipate That the Output Will be Greatly Reduced.

Reports to Bradstreet's show a gain in trade at some points, but it is by no means general. On the whole the situation is not encouraging.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, May 10.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's from leading trade centers indicate an improvement in general trade at Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City.

At no other point reporting has there been any widespread gain in the movement of staples. Advances from Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore might easily be construed as disappointing, while at New York general trade is more active in liquor (jobbing), naval stores, fruits, coal and seed.

The Centennial week was disappointing to hotel and restaurant keepers, dry goods, fruit and other wholesale dealers. Country produce and naval stores prices tend lower. Hides is much needed in Louisiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

Recent rains, followed by warm weather, in Minnesota and California have improved crop prospects. Kentucky leaf tobacco is stronger from the effects of drought. Stock speculating at New York is more active. The reconstruction of the Aitchison management fails to counteract the unfavorable effect of the annual report and poor showings of current earnings. Good crop prospects aid in keeping up an underlying bullish sentiment notwithstanding drought in Central Western States. Bonds are strong with a heavy investment demand. Money at New York is easy. Cable loans 2 1/2% per cent. Foreign exchange is firm and quiet. Demand sterling \$1 80 3/4 80 1/2.

PRICE OF PIG IRON.

The cost of \$1.50 for No. 1 and 2 Lehigh pig iron brings prices down to \$16.50 and \$15.50 respectively, the lowest since 1884. This is the second effort to check Southern competition in the East by reducing prices, the same company having dropped quotations from \$20 to \$18 in December, 1884, for a like reason. The outlook is for a reduced output of anthracite iron and better trade. Bar iron has only a moderate demand. Steel rails are still generally \$35, or less, having been reported accepted this week. This, if true, makes the lowest price on record for steel rails in this country.

Anthracite coal is said to have improved since the last week's demand. The reduced rates is undoubtedly a little more active with greatly reduced output during May.

There has been a reaction in the bread-stuff, and prices have advanced 2 cents on wheat; 3 and 10 cents per barrel on flour; 2 cents for Indiana corn, and 1 and 1 1/2 cents for oats. There has been an increase in activity in wheat among the millers and shippers. The dry and hot weather West, promoting crop failure, has increased demand, and a more active export movement combining to affect wheat prices.

There is a freer home and foreign demand for corn, and oats are active and higher in the West. The export of wheat and flour, both costs, this week equal 1,273,000 bushels of wheat, against 833,000 bushels last week and 1,000,000 bushels the second week of May, 1888.

DRYGOODS QUOTATIONS.

New York drygoods jobbers report a quiet trade. The volume of Centennial trade proved disappointing, all leading lines. At Boston there is only a moderate activity. Prices are generally firm and unchanged. Leading makes of staples and cottons tend higher. Wholesale trade is generally quiet. Manufacturers of cassimeres and worsteds are well supplied with orders. Wool is unchanged. Wool growers and dealers are wide apart for the new clip, as better prices are demanded than were obtained last year. The London sales' prices have advanced 1/2 penny to 1 penny a pound all round. Raw cotton is 2-16 cents lower on weaker foreign advices. Raw sugar has been very dull, owing to lack of demand by refiners, though holders have generally been reserved. The result was a decline of a cent in a cent. The market for wool continues of confident temper. Re-lined being limited sale was reduced in price an eighth to a quarter of a cent. Brazilian an advance in demand is expected. At New Orleans and San Francisco sugar prices have receded in sympathy with New York and London.

Accumulated European stocks of coffee induced dealers in that article here, and prices reacted 4 cents. Brazilian an advance of free export sales and a weakening tendency by holders there aided this movement. Other varieties of coffee have been firmer at New York, with a good demand.

Business failures reported to Bradstreet's number 174 in the United States this week, against 151 last week and 177 this week, against 29 last week. The total of failures in the United States, January 1 to date, is 4,370, against 4,009 in 1888.

IRON ON THE DECLINE.

R. G. DUN & Co. Do Not See a Very Encouraging Prospect Ahead.

NEW YORK, May 10.—R. G. DUN & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

It is the most prominent characteristic of the present situation throughout the country that the usual consistency of commercial action is lacking; transactions and results for some branches of business are highly satisfactory, and for others much the reverse. Many iron works are closing, for example, but many are doing remarkably well; many wool mills are idle, but others are at work full time with fair profits. The approaching transition from one crop year to another, the recent change in administration, the change in the inter-State law and the rapid development of manufactures at the South are producing effects which cannot yet be fully measured.

SECURUS JUDICAT.

ORBIS TERRARUM.

Apollinaris

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"The casual consumption of this famous beverage, which, it is stated, now exceeds twelve million bottles, affords a striking proof of the widespread demand which exists for table water of absolute purity, and is satisfactory to know that wherever one travels, in either hemisphere, it is to be met with; it is ubiquitous, and should now be known as the composition table water—Quint of medicinal grape-wine."—BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, Aug. 25, 1888.

Of all Grapes, Dried, and Mineral BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

REMARKABLE CARPET BARGAINS.

In the Basement Bargain Annex—Entrance just inside our Fifth avenue doors.

The enormous sale of Carpets by us since April 1 has left many broken lines and single pieces of Carpets in all grades, which, although desirable in pattern and good in quality, we will not duplicate again.

We have just put them into our Basement Annex at large reductions from our regular prices, to-wit:

- Cotton Ingrains, 18 to 20c. Heavy Cot. Ingrains, 25 to 35c. Extra Super Unions, 40 to 50c. Extra Super Best, 55 to 65c. Tap. Brus., lowest, 45c. Body Brussels, - 85c. China Matting, from \$3 50 per roll (40 yds.) up.

N. B.—We have to-day placed on sale at a discount of 30 per cent from recent prices a large line of English Ingrain Art Squares of our own importation.

O. McCLINTOCK & CO., 33 FIFTH AVENUE 33

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Wm. Semple's, MAY 7, 1889. Insurance Co. of North America. WESTERN INSURANCE CO. OF PITTSBURG.

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Your Opportunity to Save Money.

CARPETS AND CURTAINS.—We have special bargains in these goods, which we wish you to see, knowing it will save you dollars if you do so. Our stocks are complete with some very marked bargains, running through Body Brussels Carpets, 75c, 85c, \$1 and \$1 25. These are perfect models of beauty.

SILKS AND DRESS GOODS.—Special offering of Black Dress Silks, from 50c up. Good Gros Grains, 65c, 75c and 87 1/2c. 24-inch, \$1, \$1 1/2 and \$1 25. Pure Silk and will not set, very superior qualities, \$1 50 to \$2 50 a yard.

HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS.—Table Linens, 25c and 35c up; Cream and Bleached, 35c and 37 1/2c up. Our 50c Damasks are really sold at 65c. Full 7-4 wide, 75c and up, with Napkins to match at equally low figures.

WILLIAM SEMPLE'S, 165, 167 and 169 FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY, PA.

FLEISHMAN & CO'S MILLINERY. No Charge for Trimming When Materials Are Purchased at Our Stores.

We want it distinctly understood that with us "No charge for trimming" does not mean inferior work or careless trimming. On the contrary, the same care will be given to all orders alike, and the Superintendent of our Millinery Department has instructions that no order, however small, shall be neglected, and that no imperfect work shall leave our workroom.

FIRST—We employ only first-class milliners; no cheap help admitted into this department.

SECOND—No charge for trimming, and, what is more important, we do not make up for this by adding to the price of materials.

THIRD—Satisfaction guaranteed and work delivered promptly when promised.

FOURTH—Ladies who wish to wait while their Hats or Bonnets are being trimmed will find pleasant waiting rooms, liberally supplied with writing materials, all the leading magazines and city newspapers, toilet accommodations, etc. Waiting made a pleasure instead of a bore.

FIFTH—Last, but not least, all our goods are brand new; not a single dollar's worth of old goods or old styles in our establishment.

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McMUNN'S ELIXIR OF OPIUM. A preparation of the Drug by which its in-jurious effects are removed, while the valuable medicinal properties are retained. It possesses all the sedative, narcotic and anæsthetic powers of Opium, but produces no sickness or nausea, no vomiting, no constipation, no headache, no drowsiness, no disorder of the bowels, and is recommended by the best Physicians.

LIEBIG COMPANY'S EXTRACT OF MEAT. USE IT FOR SOUPS, Beef Tea, Sauces and Made Dishes. Bogg's & Buhl, 115, 117, 119, 121 Federal Street, Allegheny.

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Being the Best Clothier; of selling clothes all Ready-Made that look like Made-to-Order without being more than half as costly, of fitting almost as perfect as the swiftest tailor made. We mean that somebody to be

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Our point with you in asking you to see the beautiful and superb stock of goods now being offered by us at our

Great May Sale of Men's Suits

Is that the workmanship is up to the material in every way. Would you be satisfied with poor cooking if the steak were a tenderloin? Is quality anything but an irritation if the workmanship be indifferent? We're fastidious. But we're just as fastidious about the inside as about the outside and you can pin your faith to every suit that leaves our store.

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Table with 3 columns: Price, Item, Price. Includes Sack Suits, Cutaways, Frocks, Full Dress Suits, etc.

We are not only the fountain head for all the latest styles in Men's Spring Clothing, but we surpass any house in this city when it comes to variety, quality and low prices.

We Guarantee to Save You from \$2 to \$10 on Every Suit.

There is nothing short of "par excellence" in the make-up and style of our fine spring suits; they're made out of the very best materials—both foreign and domestic goods, which fashionably inclined men look for.

Boys' and Children's Clothing.

Boys are hard on clothes and it's policy to get them suits that'll stand tough service; but even these they wear out so get them cheap as well as good. We've got them as well as finer ones. Please read the following:

Table with 3 columns: Price, Item, Price. Includes Child's Sailor Suits, Boys' Short Pant Suits, etc.

Parents it'll refresh your eyes and gladden your hearts to gaze on our lovely styles and patterns. We can fit your boy as well as save you both trouble and money.

A PEERLESS STOCK OF SPRING HATS

For Men, for Boys, for Children.

UNCOMPETEABLY LOW PRICES. FURNISHING GOODS and FOOTWEAR.

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