

A VERY POOR SEASON

For all Iron Industries Was That Just Coming to a Close.

PRICES THE LOWEST ON RECORD.

Everything Now Points to a Summer of Extreme Dullness.

ORDERS, SHIPMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

The present condition of the local iron and steel industries is undeniably and incomparably dull. The usually quiet condition of these important trades at this season of the year is at present heightened by the appearance and persistence of divers influences tending unfavorably to affect the demand and prices for all grades of iron and steel.

The Reign of Midsummer Dullness.

So, for these reasons alone, the "midsummer dullness," of which we hear so much, can, as a certainty, be looked for to occur annually even under the most favorable circumstances. The probable severity and time of duration of the dull period referred to is always judged according to the immediate past condition of the market and the existing conditions.

A Small Buying Spurt.

This condition has proven to be the history of the trade all through the winter with but one exception, the buying of a few orders for a West Virginia coal, which will be a small buying spurt.

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A SLOW IMPROVEMENT

Noted in the Week's State of Trade by Bradstreet's and Dun.

IRON TRAFFIC GROWING BETTER.

A Steady but Not a Panicky Decline in All Grain and Produce.

FRESH GOLD SHIPMENTS TO EUROPE

IRON MANUFACTURE STILL IMPROVING. In iron manufacture improvement is still seen, with better demand for plates and bars from very active orders for developed later.

THE WEATHER AN IMPORTANT FACTOR.

A severe storm throughout the North-western States has done much damage. It is reported that the weather is higher, and for prospects to be if recent short crop reports from Brazil are confirmed.

THE NEWS FROM ABOARD.

LOUISVILLE—River falling 1/2 inch in canal, 1/2 inch in falls, 2/3 inch in foot of locks. Business good. Weather clear, thermometer 86° at 4 p. m.

THE PROSPECTS IN STOCKS.

Stock speculation at New York is at a standstill, although the renewal of heavy gold exports, amounting to \$5,000,000 for the week, causes further declines in prices and overcomes the favorable influence of the crop prospects.

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SALER & CO. We want to draw a big crowd to-day, and to this end have cut prices right and left. Startling values today that will surprise everybody. THIS MEANS BUSINESS! Black Cheviot Suits. \$15 Blue Serge Suits. FOR CHOICE Mixed Cass. Suits. Sticly Home-Made. Fancy Worsteds Suits. A SUIT. \$2 HAT GOES FREE!

HE LOST HIS VOICE! BUT IT WAS RESTORED BY DR. BYERS' SKILLFUL AND SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT. DR. BYERS' SKILLFUL AND SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT. Mr. Peter Byers, Turtle Creek, Pa.

TAILORING! ARTISTIC TAILORING -AT- POPULAR PRICES. JACKSON'S Clothiers, Tailors, Hatters and Furnishers, 954 AND 956 LIBERTY ST.

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AMUSEMENTS. HARRIS THEATRE—Mrs. P. Harris, R. L. Burton, T. F. Dean, Proprietors and Managers. EPPE'S COCOA. "By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, a careful application of the purest elements of Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which will save us many heavy doctors' bills."

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This Special One-Day Sale To-Day! Saturday! To-Day! Saturday! KAUFMANN'S REGULAR \$14, \$15 AND \$16 MEN'S SUITS FOR A \$10 BILL, You Can Rest Assured of Getting a Most Remarkable Bargain. Fifth Ave. and Smithfield St.

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