

weekly review of trade says: Reports of the condition of trade are decidedly more satisfactory in most lines, especially in woolens, though trade in iron and steel is noticeably weaker. The holiday trade throughout the North seems unusually large, especially at Chicago, St. Louis and Cleveland, and it is lively at some Southern points, such as Knoxville, but only fair

appears generally larger than usual for the season, particularly in drygoods, shoes and furniture of the better grade. On the other hand, many markets are showing more signs of pressure, and at Chicago money is strong, with 6 per cent the minimum at Cincinnati, Cleveland and Minneapolis; close at Detroit and Milwaukee; strong at 7 per cent and active at St. Paul, while usual rates prevail at Kansas City, and at New Orleans there is a good supply at a very moderate demand.

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demand for woolen and cotton goods. All cotton machinery is employed to full capacity, but is behind the demand, and the prices are exceedingly firm, with a tendency to advance. The result has been a decided i. crease in sales of wool, which recently declined, and are larger than a year ago. In boots and shoes there also appears a very

weaker and holders of pig make concessions of 25 cents, the pressure to sell being mainly Northern. For nearly all finished products the demand is slack, and lower prices are made wherever much business is ione. A sale of 10,000 foreign rails to the Pucific coast is reported, and the meeting of makers is supposed to have arranged for some reduction in price. Pig iron is in less demand at Pittsburg, and orders for finished

Trade in copper drags at 12.3c. Tin is weaker at 18.4c, but lead is much stronger

for the week-132,000 head, against 104,000 last year and 92,000 the year before.

being held for a rise, so that settlements of bankers' Southern loans are backward. Business failures last week numbered 301. as compared wish 304 previous week. For

spicuous, as well as for live eattle and hogs. Tobacco, rubber, leather, lumber, print cloths, wool and cotton have ruled steady. The New England boot and shoe trade is