

# WET WEATHER BAD FOR BUSINESS

It Has Generally Given Local Trade a Set Back This Week.

## BANKERS ARE OPTIMISTIC.

Pleased With the Good Impression Left by President's Decoration Day Speech—General Outlook.

The unseasonable, wet, cold weather has in a large measure given local business something of a setback; but it has in general been very fair all the same. In Banking, the local demand keeps pace with the supply. The situation in the east is considered favorable, and has a steady effect at this point. The rise in wheat is considered by Salt Lake bankers as amply justified, so that the Utah farmers expect to profit by the increased price for their grain. The grain will have a beneficial effect on local business conditions. Reports to the banks about the beet crops are at present satisfactory, the prices being such as to give this important industry a healthy tone. Then the prospective clearing up of the troubles at Rock Springs is giving satisfaction.

**PRESIDENT'S SPEECH DID IT.**  
Banking officials remark that the president's Decoration day speech has left a good impression in money circles. After all, what the railroad companies wish to do is to get their debts paid in money and buy from them securities on reasonable terms. There is little doubt that the investors would fare very well if the president's proposals were incorporated into law and then executed by men of high character without leaning into politics. It is believed that the president's intention is to railroad control should favorably influence the investing public. There is a feeling of security also on account of the good rains that have fallen in Kansas, Nebraska and the northwest, thus relieving the drought. At the same time commercial business has been hampered by the unseasonable cold and rainy weather, complicated by frosts.

**LUMBER TRADE FIRM.**  
In the lumber market, trade is firm, though there is a dull report, as compared with business of the previous week. The car scarcity has become an old story, with every prospect of its becoming worse so that in five weeks, the car shortage will be a record. The local lumbermen are much interested in the session of the interstate commission, June 11, when the commission will hear the petition of the Puget sound lumbermen to compel opening of the Portland gateway and equalizing the rates throughout the northwest territory. The lumbermen of Idaho and Utah have requested Mr. George E. Merrill of this city to represent them before the commission, and he has gone to Washington for that purpose.

**HARDWARE MOVING.**

The hardware trade reports business about all they can take care of, if not more. One large establishment reported this morning they were filling 200 orders a day in the shipping

room, which presented about as lively a scene as it ever did.

"Everything" is going out that the trade has for there seems to be activity all along the line. The harness department complains of the difficulty in securing saddle makers, though there is a plenty of harness makers. But in both saddle and harnesses, demand is very lively. The demand for fruit jars has started up again, but owing to the backwardness of the season, the consumption will not be so great as last year, for the very good reason that there is less fruit.

### DRY GOODS REAWAKENING.

The wholesale dry goods trade reports a reawakening of the summer sales of cotton goods, largely on re-ordering. Prices continue to advance, with sheetings, one quarter goods having gone up 2 cents within the last week. Prints are going well, with retailers expecting an advance, that they are laying in stocks in view of the probable rise. There is considerable being done in chiffons and cottons, which are still attractive. But little is being done in silks, and patterned cottons are also in very good demand, their fine silks finish and pretty patterns making them particularly attractive. Jobbers are getting in their fall stocks of blankets. In silks and velvets there is no change of note. Cotton batting is rising rapidly, from 1 cent per pound, this advance having occurred in three days. Certain grades of spool cottons, darning cotton and silk finish cottons are advancing.

### RETAIL TRADE.

The retail dry goods trade reports a fair, steady business. All reports are of heavy business. There ought to be a heavy business; but the cold, wet, unseasonable weather has kept shoppers at home. However, it is interesting to note that dealers report general trade considerably above that of last year at this time, although last season was more in accordance with the time of year than this one. There are unfavorable reports from the east on dress goods and suitings; but the demand for these specialties is very fair. Illustrations in the East show goods which not so very long ago sold for \$4.95, now command \$7.50, and manufacturers say there is no profit in the latter figure on account of the high price of labor and material. Spools carrying 10,000 yards of thread that formerly sold for 95 cents, now sell for

### CLOTHING DULL.

The clothing market has been dull this week, though business has been fair considering the weather. Dealers are receiving consignments of spring outing pants which are selling well. A second consignment of Panama hats is being also received, as the demand this season is unusually heavy.

### SHOES IN HIGH FEATHER.

The shoe trade is in high feather over the amount of business done. Dealers

report that commencement exercises have occasioned a heavy run on white canvas goods. The consumption of white canvas has been enormous, a great deal heavier than was the case a year ago. The eastern factories made arrangements for the white canvas since this season, but they will not have enough to carry them through the entire season, and a small family is anticipated later in the summer. Leather bindings are soaring in price, so that there is no telling where they will stop.

## BUSINESS NOTES

The approach of the dividend periods and the dullness of the mining market, are again turning investors' minds towards the commercial stocks. Quite a number of inquiries have been made during the week and several deals recorded, especially in the sugar list. The greatest activity has been in Utah preferred, Western Idaho and Utah common, the quotations being noted below. A block of Desert National stock was bought at \$25.

The rains of the past week continue to keep the farmers in an exuberant condition of mind and the crop outlook, especially of the beets, is said to be all that could be desired; thinning has been going on actively in all the fields for some time past.

The feature of the week in banking circles was the declaration of the extra dividend of 4 per cent by the Zion's Savings' Bank and Trust Co., and the increase of its surplus to \$50,000. This stock is very closely held among thousands of dollars to the agricultural community. Gen. Manager Odell's report from all the branches of the big institution north and south, indicate that a good breaking season is ahead and all the branches of the bank are now entered on buying in sufficient supply of agricultural implements to take care of the heavy demand.

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Utah Sugar Co., pfd.....  
Utah State Co., com.....  
Utah County Light & Power Co., com.....  
Utah Ind. Telephone Co., com.....  
Utah Banking Co., com.....  
Utah National bank.....  
Utah Savings & Trust Co., com.....  
Western Idaho Sugar Co., com.....  
Western Loan & Savings Co., com.....  
Zion Savings Bank & Trust Co., com.....

Congo, claims that the officials have violated the principles proclaimed by the Berlin convention, before the system by which negroes pay taxes in labor, declares that it is as humane as the collection of Belgian government taxes, and asserts that they take no more than the natives are able to pay.

"To pay the payment of taxes in money," the report continues, "would create a revolt."

The report protests against the accusation that King Leopold has enriched himself at the price of the blood of the Congo.

The report condemned everything for the Congo and has obtained from the African possessions.

The financial exhibit which parliament particularly desired is lacking from the report, which only says that the finances of the Congo are normal and stable, and contains nothing with a protest against the charge that the state is exporting negroes for commercial purposes, adding:

"The government has nothing to conceal, but wished to remain completely independent."

### THE WORDEN WON.

Norfolk, Va., June 7.—The torpedo boat destroyer Whipple, Truxton, Stuart, Paul Worden and Hopkins, which report from New York to Hampton Roads yesterday, arrived off the Virginia Capes last night and passed the bay. The Worden won the race.

The Hopkins, which had a broken propeller shaft, passed in tow of the Whipple.

## RAINY WEATHER BOOMS IMPLEMENT LINES.

Advices from all over the state, and the nation, indicate that the recent storms are wide spread and that the farmers are more than enthusiastic as to the results on the year's crops.

At the Consolidated Wagon and Machine Co., which keeps in close touch with the eastern agricultural districts, it is reported that the results of the past 10 days are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to the agricultural community. Gen. Manager Odell's report from all the branches of the big institution north and south, indicate that a good breaking season is ahead and all the branches of the bank are now entered on buying in sufficient supply of agricultural implements to take care of the heavy demand.

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## REPORT ON CONGO AFFAIRS IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

Brussels, June 7.—The report of the economic and political situation in the Congo Independent State demanded by the parliamentary commission was made public today. It consists of a volume of 240 pages, but is not satisfactory in important points. It maintains that the "crown domain" is perfectly legal. The most interesting chapter, devoted to a refutation of the charges of misadministration on the part of the government of the

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### Silk Jumper Suits.

\$15.00 FANCY SILK JUMPER SUITS—Colors Brown, Blue, Gray, Green. Alteration sale price, special	\$9.95
WASH JUMPER SUIT—Skin and jumper all sizes.	\$3.75

### Ladies' Coats.

Comes in the all-wool black cloth, long sleeves, fitted back, sizes from 34 to 44. Special alteration sale price	\$4.69
An all wool fancy mixture, collar and cuffs nicely trimmed with plain cloth, semi-fitted back at	\$2.95

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\$2.50 SHIRT WAIST PATTERNS—Mercerized poplin, Japanese embroidery. Special alteration sale	95c
\$3.00 White Lawn Shirt Waist pattern, lace insertion trimming. Special at	.69c

### Kimonas.

Come in the black and blue lawn, with white polka dot, sailor collar and belt. Special at	65c
A beautiful satin-finished, Japanese floral design, broad shoulders and wide sleeves, a regular \$2.99 Kimona. Special alteration sale price	\$1.50

### Three Wash Waist Specials.

\$1.00 WAIST—White, black figured. Alteration sale price	59c
\$1.25 PETER PAN WAIST—White with black polka dots. Alteration sale price	75c
\$1.35 WAIST—White lawn waist, open front or back, long sleeves. Alteration sale price	85c

### Taffeta Jumper Silk Waist.

\$3.00 Jumper silk Waist Special	\$2.25
\$4.00 Jumper Silk Waist Special	\$2.69
\$5.00 Jumper Silk Waist Special	\$3.95

### Shirt Waist Suits.

Dainty two-piece shirt waist suit in the plain white, plain tan. Specialty priced for this sale, also in the plain white, white black polka dot. Specialty priced for this sale at	\$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.45
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\$16.50 Wool Suits to go at \$ 8.25      \$35.00 Wool Suits to go at \$17.50

\$18.00 Wool Suits to go at \$ 9.00      \$40.00 Wool Suits to go at \$20.00

\$20.00 Wool Suits to go at \$ 10.00      \$45.00 Wool Suits to go at \$22.50

\$50.00 Wool Suits to go at \$25.00

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They come in the silk net lace and medallion trimmed, three-quarter length sleeves, open back. Silk lined; all sizes.