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Corn, 15c.	Hay \$4 per ton.
Oats, 15c.	Butter 6c per lb.
Rye, 15c.	Cheese 6c per lb.
Wheat, 25c.	Milk 5c per gal.
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Cabbages, 3c.	Apples 25c per bu.
Live poultry 3c lb.	Dried poultry 5c lb.
Hogs, \$1.50 head.	Sheep, \$1.50 head.
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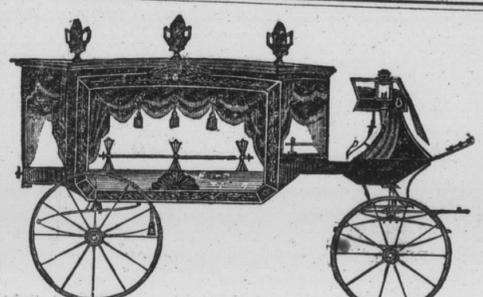
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