

have sold in round lots at 11c., and spices of all kinds are firm. Butter has weakened and there are signs of a glut; gilt-edged is scarcer than other qualities, good brings 12½c and fine 13½ to 14c. Cheese is lower, here as well as elsewhere. The cable shows 44/- and Utica advices show a drop; slow sales are made here at 8½ and 9c. Dried and evaporated apples are dull, 3½ to 4c. and 6 to 7c. probably covers the range. Hops are virtually nominal at 7 to 8c., only single bales selling.

Wool.—A small lot of new fleece has offered within the week, the price being 17 to 18c. Very little is yet to hand. The mills are buying steadily of pulled wools at 18 to 20c. for combed, 22 to 24c. for super and 26 to 27c. for extra.

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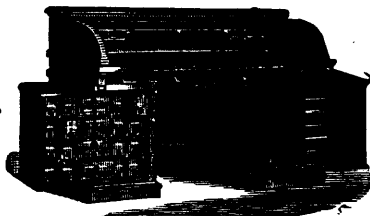
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