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Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.-A fair business is being carried on in the local drug and chemical trade. Prices continue firm, as a general rule, and there is little worthy of particular note. In New York the views of quinine buyers and sellers are described as divergent and little trade is passing except for immediate requirements. Opium is quiet. For menthol, there is an upward tendency, so far as the ideas of holders are concerned, but buyers are keeping somewhat aloof nevertheless.

Flour and Grain.-The prices of flour have kept pretty steady for some time past, 90 per cent. patents being at about \$2.65, in buyers' bags, middle freights. Choice brands are quoted a few cents higher. Bran and shorts are without change, as also is oatmeal. Wheat is firm at 1c. higher. Barley is in good demand at an advance of from I to 2 cents. Oats also is up about a cent. Receipts of grain in the country are light, owing, during the last few days at any rate, to the blockaded state of the roads.

Fruit.-We need say but little under this heading, as there is nothing to describe out of the normal. The usual trade in oranges, etc., is being successfully transacted. Prices may be quoted as follows: Lemons, extra fancy Messinas, \$3 per box; Californias, \$3.75; oranges, navels, \$2.90 to \$3.85; Mexican, \$2.25; Jamaica, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Valencia, \$5 to \$5.75 per case; marmalade, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; tangerines, Florida, \$4.50; Jamaica cocoanuts, \$3.25 per sack; cranberries, \$11 per barrel; Malaga grapes, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per barrel; bananas, Jamaica, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; celery, California, \$4.50 per crate; grape fruit, Jamaica, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per box; onions, yellow, 75c. per bag; Spanish, 7oc.

Groceries.—Sugar went up 10c. per cwt. in New York on Tuesday, but so far the advance has not been followed here, and the movement continues slow. Teas are in good request, and Japans, especially, are high. By the indications, it looks rather as if they will continue so. Canned goods present no new feature. The general trade may be described as about average for this time of the

Hides, Skins and Leather.-Hides are coming in in fair quantities, but the demand is only moderate. Quality leaves a good deal to be desired. Sheepskins are in good request, owing to the improved outlook for wool. Tallow is dull. Leather merchants report a more active demand with an improved outlook.

Live Stock.—There have been somewhat smaller receipts at the cattle market recently, which, coupled with a brisk demand, has kept up prices well. Indeed, at the last market prices for some choice lots went up several cents, compared with previous quotations. This was more particularly the case with butchers' cattle. Exporters went more

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