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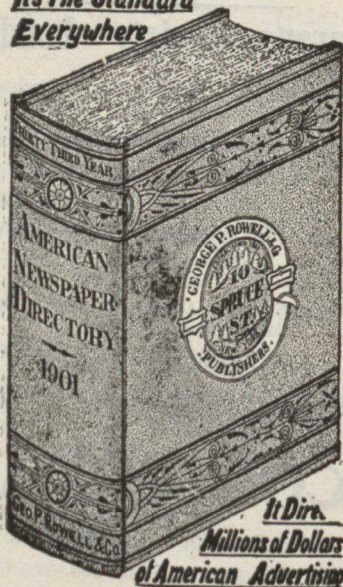
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were, as also is menthol. Otherwise there is nothing worthy of comment in so far as local trade is concerned. A fair normal demand is being experienced.

Flour and Grain.—Steadiness characterizes the flour market. The quotation for 90 per cent. patents is about \$2.80 in buyers' bags, middle freights. Bran is easier, the supply being more than equal to the demand. Shorts is about steady. No change has occurred in oatmeal. Wheat is 1c. lower and somewhat dull at the decline. Oats also are down about a cent. Little or no business is being transacted in grains, the old crop being about cleaned up.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Receipts of fruits this week have been fairly large. Raspberries are the main stand-by just now and sell at 7½ to 9c. per box. A few Canadian peaches are beginning to arrive, but they are hardly ripe as a rule. Prices may be quoted as follows: Peaches, 35 to 60c. per basket; blackberries, 6 to 7½c.; black currants, 75c. to \$1 per basket; cherries, eating, \$1.25 to \$1.35 per basket, and cooking, \$1; huckleberries, \$1 to \$1.25 per basket; gooseberries, basket, 40 to 65c.; currants, red, basket, 40 to 60c.; California plums, case, \$1.25 to \$1.50; peaches, \$1.10 to \$1.25; pears, Bartlett, half box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; watermelons, 30 to 40c. each; apples, 30 to 40c. per basket; bananas, \$1.25 to \$2 per bunch; lemons, Messina, \$3.50 to \$4; potatoes, new, Canadian, 75 to 85c. per bush.; tomatoes, Canadian, basket, \$1 to \$1.25; do., Southern, case, 90c. to \$1; beans, basket, 40c.; cucumbers, dozen, 40 to 50c.

Groceries.—While a very good trade is being transacted, there cannot be said to be any special feature worth noting. Sugars are moving with some degree of freedom at the recent general advance, a large quantity being required for preserving purposes. Teas continue very firm, and a good trade is going on. Canned vegetables are coming into market in larger quantities. Prices remain about as stated before.

Hardware.—Wholesale hardware and metal houses both report a brisk demand. Agricultural implements and all goods likely to be in demand at this season are being ordered in large quantities. In fact, there was probably never a better season's business than this is proving to be. Copper, tin and lead among the metals are fluctuating in price constantly, but not more than is usually the case. Pig iron is fairly firm, though reports from the States and Great Britain are a little bearish in attitude.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—A steady market exists for hides and skins, and the receipts are about normal. Tallow continues firm without change. Dullness prevails in leather just now, but prices are without change.

Provisions.—Prices for butter are easier, the supplies coming forward being more than what is needed to meet the immediate demand. Under the lack of demand from outside, stocks are accumulating somewhat in the market.

Cheese remains about the same as last week. Eggs are in good supply, but of poor quality, and the demand has fallen off. Canadian hops fetch from 18 to 20c. Under the stimulating influence of summer weather, hog products are experiencing a steady demand, and prices are very firm.

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