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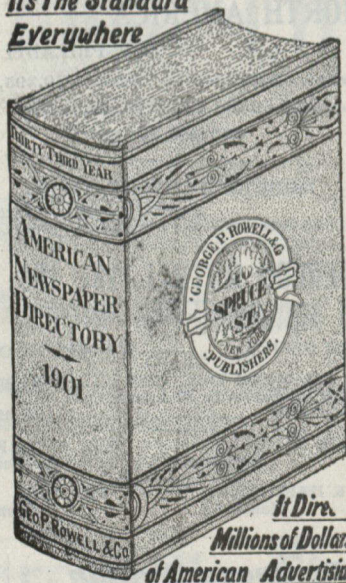
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Groceries.—The demand for canned vegetables is growing larger and prices are strong. Valencia raisins are very scarce. Sugars are moving but slowly. though prices remain as low as they were last week. Syrups and molasses are also quiet. Japan teas, some grades, more especially medium, have advanced a cent or two in price. This is due to an alleged shortage in the crop. The Ceylon Government has decided to increase the tea cess from 20c. to 30c. per 100 lbs., and renewed vigorous attempts will be made to advertise the island's growth in America and Europe.

Hardware.—Business continues very active in both the shelf hardware and metal branches. All seasonable articles are being rushed forward, and in some lines the factories find difficulty in keeping up with orders. The Glasgow pig iron market, according to latest reports, was firm, the continued strong advices from the States being still a ruling factor. Makers' quotations remained unaltered, while a moderate business only was being transacted with local consumers.

Hides and Skins.—The offerings of hides are still small, and prices are strong. Lambskins and sheepskins both remain steady. Tallow remains as before, the demand being fair. In Chicago, business in the market for packer hides is quiet. The principal buyers continue to hold off, preferring to pursue a waiting policy. Receipts of cattle, however, continue limited, and packers hold for unchanged prices. Prices are at 13 to 13¼c. for native steers, 14¾ to 15c. for heavy Texas, 12¼ to 12½c. for butt brands, 12 to 12¼c. for Colorados, 11c. for heavy native cows, and 10½c. for branded do. Country hides are easier; sales made at 8½ to 8¾c. for No. 1 buffs.

Live Stock.—Little change was visible at the cattle market this week. Export cattle were in good request and choice sold for high prices. Butchers' cattle, also, were in demand, though for medium and inferior qualities the tendency was easier. Altogether the offerings were about normal, and everything was sold.

Provisions.—Butter is steady at 14½ to 15c. for rolls, and 15 to 16c. for fine tubs. Cheese has taken a smart drop, selling at the factory for 9¼ to 9½c. The hog product market continues strong at unchanged prices, though live hogs advanced last week. Eggs are very firm at 14c.

Wool.—New fleece is coming forward in moderate quantities. The market is very dull, the export demand being very slight

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