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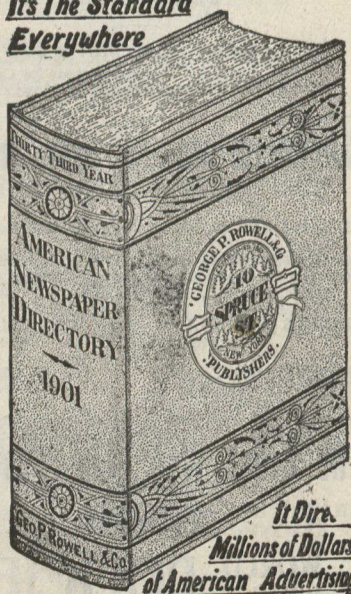
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been coming in quite freely after the slight lull caused by the wet weather. All the domestic fruits are meeting with a ready sale. A fair supply of lemons exists in the market, but oranges are very few. Prices are quoted as follows: Bananas, per bunch, \$1.50 to \$2; oranges, Sorrento, \$4 to \$4.25 per box; lemons, Messina, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Florida pineapples, 30's to 42's, \$3.25 to \$3.75 per case; loose, according to size, 5c. to 14c.; tomatoes, 4-basket carrier, 90c. to \$1; strawberries, per quart, 7c.; cherries, per basket, 90c. to \$1.25; California apricots, \$1.50 per case; California peaches, \$1.50 per case; California plums, per case, \$1.75; California pears, per case, \$4.45 to \$5; watermelons, 25c. to 30c.; gooseberries, 40c. to 60c. per basket; red currants, per basket, 30c. to 45c.; black currants, per basket, 80c. to \$1; red raspberries, per box, 7c. to 10c.; black, 7c. to 8c.; muskmelons, per crate, \$2.50 to \$3; huckleberries, per basket, 80c. to \$1; harvest apples, per basket, 40c.

Hardware.—No changes in price have taken place since last issue. A fair volume of business for this time of the year is passing. The harvest tool season has opened in earnest. In heavy metals, a large trade is being done. Prices keep very firm, in sympathy with conditions in the United States, and to a certain extent, with those in Great Britain.

Hides and Leather.—The market for hides, though prices have not receded, is dull, Calfskins are steady. Tallow remains the same. The leather trade, though quiet for the moment, presents bright prospects. In Chicago a fairly full volume of business is reported transacted last week and prices advanced slightly for some grades. Native steers sold up to 13½c. and heavy Texas to 14½c. Prices quoted are 13¼ to 13½c. for native steers, 14½c. for heavy Texas, 12¼ to 12½c. for butt brands, 12 to 12¼c. for Colorados, 10½c. for heavy native cows and 10¼c. for branded ditto. Country hides are firm at 8¾c. for No. 1 buffs. On the 17th there was a sale in London, Eng., of sheepskins, numbering 3,119 bales. Competition was slow and prices were irregular. Merino combing and clothing were firm and unchanged. Fine crossbreds were unchanged to ¼d. lower and medium and low grades showed a decline ranging from ¾d. to ½d.

Groceries.—The general grocery trade has been fairly active the last few days. Sugars remain in about the same comparatively quiescent state, though a keener demand is beginning to spring up for preserving purposes. Molasses is very weak. A somewhat easier feeling prevails in coffee, owing to large crop reports in Brazil. In dried fruits, currants are weaker, having declined a fraction of a cent. Other fruits of this class remain about the same. It is difficult to procure supplies in any quantity of canned tomatoes, and they are correspondingly strong in price. New pack salmon is in fair request.

Wool.—The offerings of fleece are quite liberal, but local dealers are buying but little, there being no export demand. This week there was another wool sale in London, at which the offerings numbered 11,433 bales. The attendance was large. A good supply of scoureds was in active request, the home trade trading fine New Zealand grades, while French and German buyers secured fair quantities of combing. All other grades of merinos sold quickly at full rates, Americans securing some fine lots. Crossbreds were in brisk demand, chiefly for the home trade. Prices for crossbreds were firm. A few lots of good medium greasy were sold to Americans. A good selection of Tasmanian caused active bidding, and sales were made at extreme rates.

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