

PROVISIONS.—Butter keeps firm at 15 to 16c. per lb. for choice; rolls in refrigerator boxes sell at 16c. Cheese is steady and is jobbing here at 9½ to 10c.; the cable reports 45/6. In hog products the feeling is barely steady, except for smoked meats, for which there is an improved demand: Hams, 12 to 12½c.; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c.; long clear, 8½ to 8¾c.; lard, 9½ to 10½c. Eggs are rather firmer at 13c. per dozen for candled stock. While there is an improved tone noticeable in dried and evaporated apples but few are changing hands.

WOOL.—Fleece comes forward very slowly, holders apparently being indifferent about selling at the prevailing low prices. Pulled wool is also dull and inactive and stocks are light. Quotations continue unchanged throughout our list. Speaking of the situation in the States the Philadelphia *Textile Record* says: "There can be no doubt, we think, that the marked advance of the prices of wool is almost wholly attributable to the overwhelming irruption of woollen and worsted fabrics of foreign make. The incoming of these goods seriously depressed the market for domestic wools, and the immediate result was a decline of the number of American sheep. What the diminution of the domestic clip has been we cannot with positive certainty state, but it has been large, and advancing prices have been the result."

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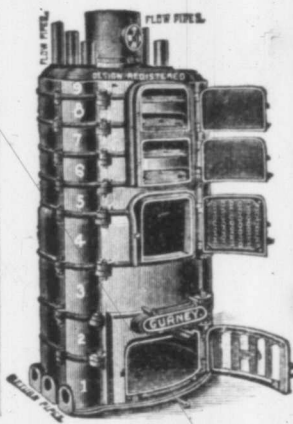
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