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Grain.—Wheat is up about 1c. all round, in sympathy with the advance in Chicago, and improved cablegrams from Liverpool. Barley is dull and nominal. In oats there is some excitement owing to the keen demand for export, and the rise in price of 1c. to 2c. Peas, rye, and corn remain unchanged. Receipts here continue somewhat light.

Groceries.—Since last quotations, when Arcadia sugars were reported declined 10c., a general reduction has been made in other makes as well, and another one is not unlikely before long, owing to the sluggish movement. Apart from this, general business is good, without any noteworthy feature. Dried fruits are mostly steady, as are also canned fruits and vegetables.

Hardware.—The only changes in prices have taken place in rope. Quotations for this article are made in New York, where it is claimed that good hemp is scarce, and it is not to be denied that the average quality for some time past has been on the poor side. Prices in other lines remain fairly steady. Business is active, with its volume fully up to normal. About the same classes of goods are selling as were reported a week or two back. There is considerable activity in metals and firm prices prevail. Glasgow reports say that more business has been done latterly in the pig iron market, and prices have advanced slightly. Middlesbro' warrants have also been moving somewhat freely.

Hides and Skins.—Fair supplies of hides are coming forward, and the demand is brisk. Calfskins are easy, but for sheepskins there are plenty of enquiries. Tallow is steady. In Chicago, the market for packer hides holds firm, but business transacted is reported as moderate. Offerings continue small, packers being sold ahead, particularly on native steers. Quoted prices are unchanged at 14c. for native steers, 14c. for Texas, 12½c. for butt brands, 12¼c. for Colorado, and 12c. for heavy native cows. Country hides are firm at 9½ to 9¼c. for No. 1 buffs.

Live Stock.—As a result of the better quality characterizing many of the offerings, a better demand was made manifest at the stock market this week. Export cattle, too, for which the demand for some time past has been slack, showed indications of improvement both in price and demand. Butchers' cattle also were much firmer. Nearly all the milch cows were choice, and prices were good. Sheep of fine quality were in request. Feeding cattle of heavy weight are eagerly enquired for.

Provisions.—Butter remains without much change. Receipts are mainly large rolls, which are selling at 15 to 16c. Choice tubs are worth 16c. There is no movement in common or inferior qualities. Cheese is quiet and easy. In hog products there is a fair movement, though there is a downward tendency in price. Lard is worth 11½ to 11¾c. Long clear is bringing 11c. Other prices continue the same as last week. Eggs, new laid, are quoted at 18c., held at 16c. Beans are \$1.60 per bushel.

Wool.—In spite of the improved demand across the line, wool conditions here are as bad as ever. Practically none is being offered, which perhaps is the best policy, as prices are merely nominal. The wools for which there is a demand are not the coarse brands produced in this country.

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