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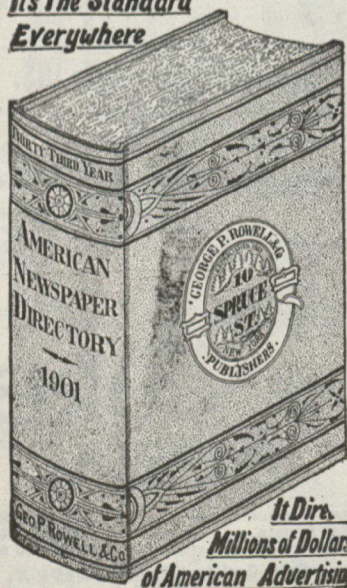
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Groceries.—Nothing very new comes to notice in the grocery trade. Business is dull, as is usual at this time of the year, but this season perhaps it is somewhat more so than on the average, owing to the very bad state of the roads throughout the country. Sugar is on the same basis as last week, and moves slowly still. Tomatoes and salmon are in a strong position, but otherwise canned goods remain as before. Coffees are steady and green Rios are likely to be very firm. Ceylon and Indian black teas sell well, and indeed there is a very fair demand for almost all grades of tea. In the dried fruit market, nothing new has developed. Currants are meeting with a fair demand from retailers, and raisins are still strong.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—The hide market continues steady, but the demand is not heavy. For sheepskins there is a moderate demand. Calfskins are firm. Tallow is steady at old prices. The leather market is in a good condition at steady prices, and prospects are bright. In Chicago, a steady market is reported for packer hides. In a few instances tanners are reported as giving a limited amount of attention to branded hides, but native hides, which are in full supply, sell slow. Packers, however, are not forcing sales and prices are steady, with native steers at 12 to 12½c.; heavy Texas at 13c.; butt brands at 11¾c.; Colorados at 11½c.; heavy native cows at 10½ to 10¾c., and branded cows at 9½c. Country hides are steady at 7¾ to 8c. for No. 1 buffs.

Provisions.—Not much change has taken place in these markets since last issue. Butter is coming in in about sufficient quantities to supply the demand. Prices are unchanged. Cheese continues becoming firmer, and is now quoted around 11c. Eggs, after the very rapid decline before referred to, have become firmer at an advanced price of 14 to 14½c. Hog products are in about the same position. Dressed hogs sell at \$7.50, delivered. According to the Cincinnati Price Current, there has been a further moderate falling off in marketing of hogs. Total Western packing 395,000, compared with 415,000 the preceding week, and 510,000 two weeks ago. For corresponding time last year the number was 385,000, and two years ago, 400,000. From March 1st the total is 610,000, against 580,000 a year ago. Not much change in quality of animals coming forward, which averages fair for this time of year. Prices have further advanced, and at the close the average for prominent markets is \$6.25 per 100 lbs., compared with \$6.15 a week ago, 6 two weeks ago, \$5.60 a year ago, and \$4.85 two years ago.

Wool.—As to local conditions in the wool market, we have nothing to add to the review given last week. There was another London sale on the 18th, at which the offerings numbered 14,755 bales. All fine scoured were in good demand at full prices, and occasionally slightly higher rates were paid. Cross-breds and merinos were very firm. Inferior stock sold less freely and slightly in buyers' favor. Americans purchased fine merinos and good greasy cross-breds at high rates. A fair supply of Punta Arenas in good condition was offered, and the home trade secured practically all of it at firm prices. The present series will close on March 26th. The opening of the third series of sales has been postponed until May 6th. The list will be closed on April 28th with a limit of 400,000 bales.

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