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Groceries. - Sugar, notwithstanding that it is experiencing a slack demand, has been advanced 5c. per cwt. by the refiners, in sympathy with the advance in New York. Fresh shipments of Mediterranean fruits have come in this week, and the demand is brisk. Tomatoes are almost out of the market, but we hear of one sale at \$1.50. Teas are moving about normally. Altogether, the wholesalers have not much to complain of in the way of general business.

Hides and Leather.—Prices of hides and skins remain as before, and no special feature presents itself. There is a very good demand for leather, and prices are quite firm.

Live Stock.-Offerings at the cattle market this week were heavy, but the demand was slow. Cablegrams from Great Britain continue to be weak, and this affects prices of export cattle very considerably. No change in the situation has come up for butchers' cattle. The demand for good animals was pretty good, but most of those offered were not good quality, and the others dragged. Trade in feeders and stockers was fairly active, but the demand is gradually becoming less keen. A decline of 15c per cwt. was experienced in hogs, and selected of 150 lbs. to 200 lbs. were selling at about \$6.15 per cwt.

Provisions.-Receipts of butter, both dairy and creamery, continue liberal. A good demand exists for choice lots, but much of the stuff offered consists of a made-up article, and this sells as low grade. The cheese market is firm. Stocks of hog products are light and prices firm.

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