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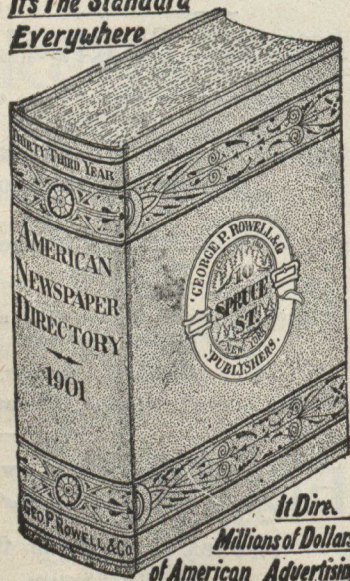
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demand. Wheat here has made no change as to prices, and little business in being done. In Minneapolis, according to a recent dispatch, there was on Monday last a quick advance of $3\frac{1}{2}$ c. which brought the price up to \$1 per bushel, for immediately available wheat, the mills having to close down for lack of it.

Fruits and Vegetables.—The wholesale fruit merchants report a very heavy week's business, with offerings of some sorts of domestic fruits larger than usual. Prices may be quoted as follows: Thimbleberries, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. per box; huckleberries, \$1 to \$1.25 per basket; apples $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 20c. per basket; crab apples 15c.; peaches, white, 20 to 25c. per basket; yellow 25 to 50c.; pears, Bartlett, 30c. to 40c., other kinds 20 to 25c.; plums 20 to 25c.; Canadian canteloupes, 60 to 75c. per basket; tomatoes, 30 to 40c.; bananas, which have advanced owing to the damage by storms in the West Indies, 75c. to \$3 per bunch; cocoanuts, per sack, \$3.70 to \$5; oranges, late Valencias, \$4.50 to \$5; lemons, Sorrentos, \$4 per case; pineapples, \$3.50 to \$4; watermelons, 15c. to 25c. each; canteloupes, 60c. to 75c.; cucumbers, 15c. to 20c. per basket; celery, 35c. to 40c. per dozen; corn, 8c. per dozen; pineapples, small cases, \$1.80 to \$2; large, \$3.50; Rockford melons, \$3.50 to \$4 per case.

Hardware.—The manufacturers of screws have made a new price list, though they have retained the old discounts. Some lines are a little lower, and some a little higher, but taking an average all-round stock, the price will be found to range about 5 per cent. higher. Business in shelf hardware is good, and there is a large demand for agricultural implements. Sporting goods and builders, hardware also are moving out in large quantities, though, so far as the latter is concerned, the season is early as yet, and the probabilities are that business will show up even more heartily later on. Trade in metals is good, and prices continue steady. In Glasgow, Scotland, only a small business recently has been transacted in the pig iron market. Cleveland warrants have dropped.

Hides and Skins.—Sheep and lamb-skins rose about 5 cents during the week, but hides show a rather easier tendency. Calfskins are unchanged. Tallow is dull.

Live Stock.—There was only a light run of animals at the cattle market this week, and trade might be described as dull. Owing to the dull state of the British market, the demand for export cattle was not strong, though a fair number were bought to fill up space. For butchers' cattle, the feeling was a little stronger, and prices for good stock were well maintained. Prices for stockers and feeders were easier, though receipts were few.

Provisions.—While dairy rolls of high quality are scarce, the offerings of other grades of butter are quite heavy. Prices are but little changed from last report. A steady market prevails for cheese at $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. Eggs continue at about

14c. or 15c. per dozen, with liberal receipts. Receipts of spring chickens are a little more heavy, but dealers want more. The price is 11c. to 12c., while turkeys and young ducks are quoted around 10c. Smoked meats continue at firm prices under a steady demand.



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