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up 1c. Wheat remains dull and unchanged. Barley is a little weaker. Peas are steady. Corn and rye are unchanged. Very little is moving in the trade.

Green Fruits.—Oranges are coming in in average quantities, realizing good prices. Apples are good stock, when put up in good condition. Exports are very light. Quotations are as follows: Oranges, California, Washington navels, \$3 to \$3.50 per box; Florida, \$3.50; Mexican, \$2.25; Valencia, \$4 per case; Jamaica, \$2.25 to \$2.75; lemons, new Messina, \$2.75 to \$3; Malaga, \$2.75 to \$3; grapes, Almeria, \$5.50 to \$6 per keg; apples, 3¢.50 to \$4.50 per barrel; bananas, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bunch; cranberries, \$9 per barrel; onions, Spanish, \$3.50 per case; Canadian, \$1.10 per bag.

Groceries.—Business is about normal for this time of the year. Sugars continue unchanged, but there is not much doing in that line. Dried fruits are selling, but of course to no such extent as was the case two or three weeks ago.

Hides and Skins.—As a consequence of the increased supplies and somewhat reduced demand, green hides have fallen a little this week. Cured hides are unchanged. For sheepskins, the demand is slow. Calf skins are in fairly brisk demand locally. Tallow remains steady. In Chicago, fair sales of branded hides are reported, cleaning the market up fairly close, and prices are quoted unchanged and firm. The sales include butt brands at 12½c., and Colorados at 12¼c. Native steers are quoted at 13¾ to 14c. Texas at 13¾c., native cows at 11¾ to 12c., and branded cows at 10¾c. Country hides are quiet, with No. 1 buffs at 9¾c.

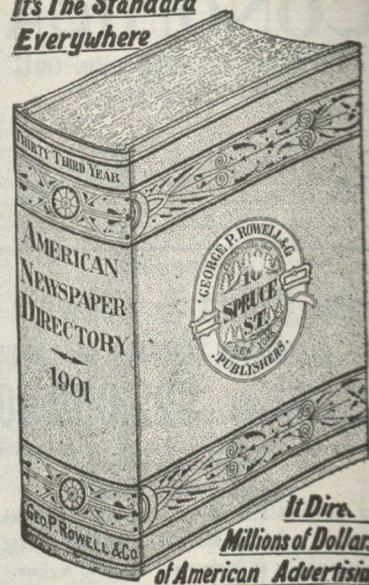
Live Stock.—Trade at the cattle market was brisk this week. The receipts were more than usually heavy, but a demand sprang up in good shape, and cleaned up deliveries. Choice export cattle were eagerly enquired for, and brought \$5 or a little more in some cases. Selected lots of butchers' cattle went up as high as \$4.50 per cwt. Sheep for export were in good demand, as also were lambs.

Provisions.—Offerings of dairy butter have been large, but the bulk of it has been of inferior quality. Choice one lb. rolls are in request at 18c., but little of this is offering. The cheese market is quiet at unchanged quotations. Prices for eggs are steady, but few new laid are in the market. Poultry is in easier demand, as is usually experienced just after the holiday season. Hog products are firm and live hogs have advanced. From Cincinnati comes word that there is a decided decrease in offerings of hogs, although still exceeding the current supply a year ago. Total western packing, 440,000, compared with 665,000 the preceding week and 725,000 two weeks ago. For corresponding time last year the number was 380,000 and two years ago 425,000. The indications as to quality suggest little or no change. Prices are decidedly higher, averaging at the close for prominent markets \$6.25 per 100 lbs., compared with \$6.05 the preceding week, \$5 a year ago, and \$4.35 two years ago.

Seeds.—Business is about normal for this time of the year. According to last reports from Great Britain, transactions were being postponed till after the New Year. Cloverseeds of all descriptions were keeping very firm, holders looking for a healthy consumptive demand in the spring. Perennial rye grasses have made still further large advances. Linseed was a little cheaper.

Wool.—The slight demand which sprang up in the States for Ontario wool, a few weeks ago, does not seem to have been the starting point of continuous shipments as was hoped in some quarters, the past week having shown practically no renewal of the same. The market is as dull as it can be.

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