

low but the local demand has increased considerably latterly. The export trade is making a better showing, but still nothing can be brought forward for export that will go above 4½c. per pound, but if better qualities came along they would be caught up eagerly. Inferior butcher cattle are in no request here. Lambs have been too plentiful lately and prices have weakened. Sheep rather scarce and steady. Cattle of good quality are wanted, and also hogs of all descriptions, but not more than \$5.25 to 5.50 per cwt. as an outside price will be obtained.

POTATOES.—New have begun to offer in car lots and have stood about 50 to 55c. per bag on track; but reports of actual transactions are not very definite.

PROVISIONS.—Choice qualities of butter have continued to sell well; but receipts of medium and common have been in excess of the demand, and stocks of them have begun to accumulate. Dealers have been selling the pick of consignments at 15 to 16c., but have been offering common at 12c. without finding buyers. They have themselves been buying a few trade-lots of fair yellows with white thrown out at 13½ to 14c. Box-lots of rolls offered very slowly, but a few really choice have brought 15c. Cheese is quiet and steady at 9½ to 10c. for choice in small lots; but no low grade moving. Prices of eggs have risen about a cent and closed with trade-lots worth 13c., with dealers generally selling cases at 14c., and all offered wanted. Pork is very quiet; but a few small lots sold at \$14. Long clear bacon in good demand; a lot of 250 sides sold last week at 8½c., and at close tons and cases were selling fairly well at 8½ to 8¾c.; Cumberland moving only to the extent of a few sides, usually at 9c.; rolls in fair demand at 10½c. for smoked and 11c. for canvassed; backs and bellies very scarce and held firmly at 12½c.

Stocks of hams running low and held at 13c. for smoked and 13½c. for canvassed. Lard is very dull, imported ranging from 9 to 9½c. and local make very scarce at 10 to 10½c. Hogs have advanced considerably, street receipts closing at \$7.00 to 7.75 for the few offered, but an early increase of offerings expected. Dried apples are scarce and firm; trade lots would have found buyers at 4½c., and dealers have been selling at 5½ to 5¾c.; evaporated held at 6½ to 7c. for small lots with stocks running rather low. Trade lots of white beans are probably worth \$1.50, and dealers selling hand-picked at \$1.75 to 1.80. Salt has generally been quiet; Liverpool on the spot has been

offered for bids but no sales reported; Canadian has sold quietly but at steady prices; one car of coarse changed hands at 65c. on track; barrelled has sold in small lots at \$1.40 and dairy at 45c. for quarter sacks. Tallow dull and unchanged at 2c. for rough and 5 to 5½c. for rendered, with trade-lots held at 5½c., but no movement in them reported.

WOOL.—Offerings have been small; fleece has been moving in lots of about 2,000 to 4,000 lbs. at 20 to 20½c., with rejected taken at 16½c. and unwashed at 11c. Southdown very scarce and in active demand at 23 to 24c. Pulled of all sorts inactive and prices nominally unchanged.

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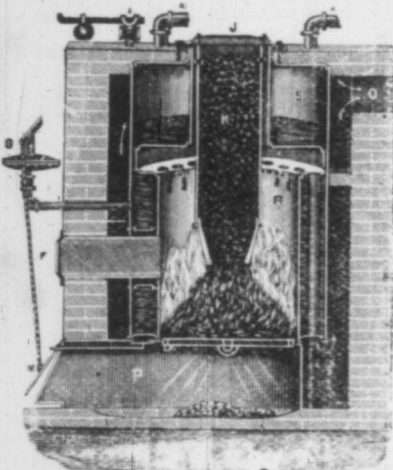
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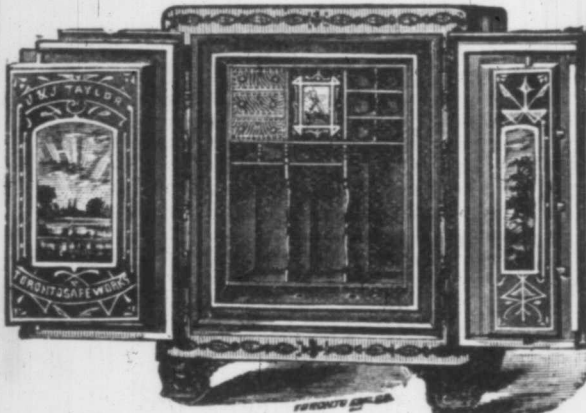
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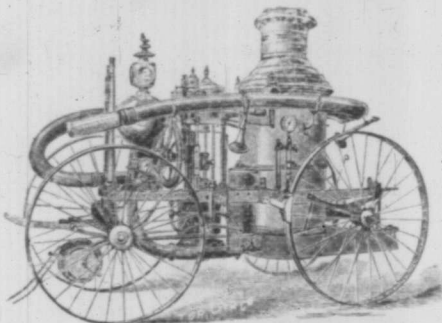
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