

whatever. Good sales are being made, and, judging from the indications, are likely to continue. Payments have been fully up to the average, and requests for renewals comparatively few. The trading in millinery has been very large.

Flour and Grain.—A steady and apparently rising market prevails for flour, and 90 per cent. patents are quoted at \$3 to \$3.05, in buyers' bags, middle freights, with choice brands held a little higher. Both bran and shorts hold steady. Oatmeal continues without change. Wheat has gone 1 to 2c. higher, and is in good demand. Oats are 1c. higher, and firm at the advance. Other quotations for grain keep without change. Not very much is coming into market yet.

Fruits and Vegetables.—With the exception of one or two days, when picking was interfered with by the rain, receipts of fruit in this market have been extremely heavy. Prices have had some difficulty in keeping up to profitable figures. Peaches are very plentiful and grapes are becoming so, but plum shipments are now declining, giving values a tendency to advance. Prices may be quoted as follows: Oranges, California late Valencias, \$4 to \$4.50; Messina, \$2 per half-box; Sorrento, \$1.50 per three-quarter box, \$3 per box; lemons, \$2.25 to \$3.50 per box; bananas, Jamaica firsts, \$1.50 to \$1.75; apples, 10 to 18c. per basket, \$1 to \$1.25 per barrel; grapes, Champion, 20 to 25c. per small basket; Moore's, 35c.; pears, 20c. per basket; Bartlett, 25 to 35c.; peaches, Crawford, 30 to 50c.; yellow, 30 to 35c.; white, 20 to 25c.; plums, 15 to 25c.; cabbage, \$1.25 per bbl.; celery, 30 to 40c. per dozen; cukes, 15c. per basket; egg plant, 40c. per basket; green corn, 8 to 9c. per doz.; onions, 20c. per dozen; peppers, green, 30c., red, 60c. per basket; potatoes, 45c. per bush.; tomatoes, 15 to 25c. per basket; sweet potatoes, \$3.50 per barrel; watermelons, 15 to 20c. each; musk-

meions, 25 to 30c. per basket; Rocky Ford canteloupes, \$3.50 per crate.

Groceries.—A rushing trade is being done in general groceries. Sugar remains unchanged. New canned tomatoes are beginning to come in, the usual quotation being around \$1.10. Valencia raisins are quoted at 8½c. The state of the market for currants and other dried fruits is too unsettled as yet to admit of definite quotations. California fruit, too, though opening prices have been made, is hardly settled enough to state definitely what conditions are likely to prevail.

Hides and Leather.—A weak market is to be noted for hides. For lambskins and shearlings the demand is good. Calfskins are steady. In tallow there is no change. Leather shows a more active demand, with a large number of buyers in town. Possible advances shortly are talked of.

Live Stock.—A somewhat firmer tendency was noticeable in the cattle market this week. But few lots of export were offered. Trade in butchers' cattle was brisk, the quality of those offered, which were not very many, being good. Stockers and feeders were in no great supply, but the demand was equally limited. Some fair milch cows were shown, which sold at from \$30 to \$48. Calves remained steady. Sheep were firm, and lambs showed an advancing tendency.

Provisions.—For really good dairy rolls and creamery prints the demand is good. Cheese is firm at 11 to 11½c. Eggs are steady at 15c. There is a good demand for choice, fresh-killed poultry. Chickens are quoted at 8c. per pound, fowls 6 to 7c., ducks 7½ to 8¼c., and turkeys about 10c. Smoked meats are in keen request.

Wool.—No export demand exists for fleece and the market is quiet. For pulled wools the enquiry is fairly good.

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