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last week. Very little is doing in any line. The British market is down and that of the United States dropped during the week. Receipts from the country are small.

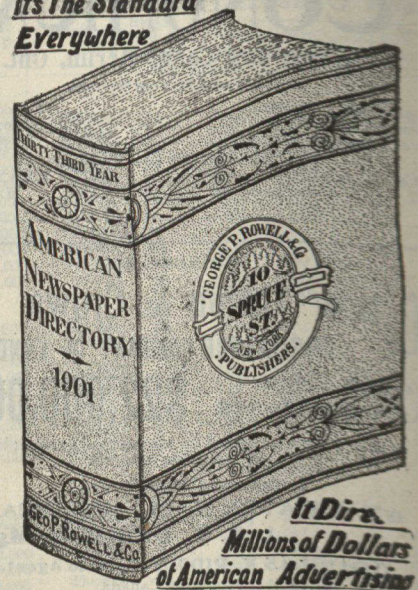
Green Fruit, Etc.—Fair activity characterizes the local fruit trade, and about the usual quantities of oranges, etc., are being received and sold at fair prices. Shipments of apples this past week were larger than for some time, and despatches from Liverpool report an active market at 20s. to 25s. for Nova Scotia Baldwins, and 21s. to 25s. for russets. We quote local prices, as follows: Oranges, ex-fancy, California navels, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box; Florida, \$3.25; Valencia, \$3.50 to \$4.75 per case; Jamaica, \$2.50 per box; lemons, new Messina, \$2.75 to \$3 per box; Malaga, \$3; grapes, Almeria, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per keg; apples, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel; bananas, fancy, \$1.50 to \$1.75; cranberries, \$3.50 per box; \$10 per barrel; onions, Spanish, \$3.50 per case; Canadian, \$1.15 per bag.

Groceries.—Trade continues normal for this time of the year. The movement in sugars continues light. An interesting feature is the scarcity of Sultanas, and several transactions have taken place between wholesalers, and some have had to do without them altogether. In Spain the supply is exhausted. Canned peas are firmer, while in other vegetables though prices are steady, there is nothing new to record. Coffee and teas are in very fair demand.

Hardware.—There has hardly been so much business transacted as usual during the past few days, owing to an idea among retailers that prices were to be altered in some lines. Nails are somewhat lower. Metals are moving quite freely. The British pig iron trade is in about the same position as reported last week. For tin plates the market is extremely dull and prices have receded again. Pig lead is also lower.

Hides and Skins.—The hide market is quiet. For sheep and calf skins the demand is only average. Tallow is steady. In Chicago a quiet market is reported for packer hides, with no new developments of importance. Branded hides are firm, offerings being decidedly limited. Native hides, however, are in full supply and in small demand; prices quoted are 13½ to 13¾c. for native steers, 13½c. for Texas, 12¼c. for butt brands, 12c. for Colorados, 11¾c. for native cows, and 10¼c. for branded ditto. Country hides are dull.

Provisions.—Receipts of butter continue fairly liberal, large rolls fetching 15 to 16c.; very little fine dairy pack is coming forward, the trade being supplied almost entirely with rolls. Cheese continues quiet and steady. The hog product market is steady at unchanged prices. Hogs are easier at \$7.75. In Cincinnati, marketing of hogs has been reduced, and has fallen below corresponding week last year. Total Western packing was 565,000, compared with 620,000 the preceding week, and 440,000 two weeks ago. For corresponding time last year, the total was 600,000, and two years ago was 590,000. From November 1st the total is 6,895,000, against 5,805,000 a year ago—an increase of 1,090,000. No essential change in average condition of stock being marketed, the weights continuing light. Prices are well maintained, and at the close average slightly higher than a week ago, prominent markets indicating an average of \$6.20, compared with \$6.15 a week ago, \$6.25 two weeks ago, \$5.20 a year ago, and \$4.55 two years ago. Eggs here are somewhat scarce; new laid are selling at 23 to 24c.; limed at 18 to 19c., and held fresh at 19 to 20c. Poultry receipts are small, and are mostly confined to frozen stock.

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