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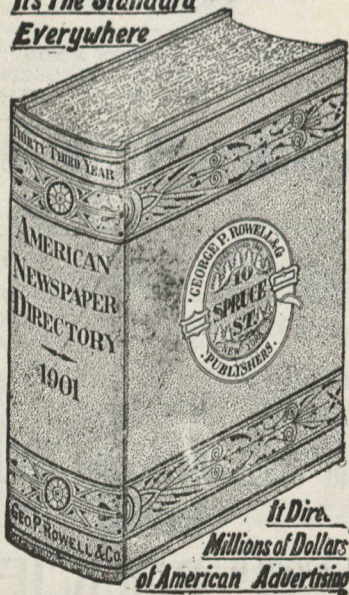
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Groceries.—The principal feature in the grocery trade just now is the strength of several lines of canned fruits and vegetables. Tomatoes now are quoted at \$1.10 for a minimum; corn is 85c. to \$1.25; blue berries are \$1; apples, \$2.75 to \$3 for gallon cans. In Mediterranean fruits there is not much change, but Valencias are now quoted at not less than 8½c., owing to dearth in the market. There is no change in the price of sugars, but the market is depressed. On the whole, trade has been fairly brisk the last week or two in general groceries, though the continued unsettled weather has prevented the usual large shipments to summer resorts, which ordinarily take place at this time of the year.

Hides and Skins.—The market for hides is pretty firm, receipts being light. There is not much change in prices. Tallow is firm.

Live Stock.—Sheep have eased off in price somewhat, but cattle kept up their values pretty well at the market this week. Poor animals, however, dragged somewhat. For good ones for export, the demand was brisk and in a few cases prices advanced 10 per cent.

Leather.—The leather trade is quite active, and it is not unlikely that there will be some sort of an advance in some lines shortly.

Provisions.—In spite of the fine conditions throughout the country for butter making, offerings of rolls are still small, owing to the difficulty of handling them in a hot spell. Good dairy butter is in brisk demand. Cheese is dull and easy. Eggs are coming in in large quantities, but the demand is slow. There is an active demand for smoked meats and hog products generally. Prices are generally strong, in sympathy with those for fresh meats. The Cincinnati Prices Current of last week said: "There is a continued decided deficiency in numbers of hogs being marketed in comparison with last year. Total Western packing, 405,000, compared with 390,000 the preceding week and 455,000 two weeks ago. For corresponding time last year the number was 480,000, and two years ago 440,000. From March 1st, the total is 6,825,000, against 8,015,000 a year ago, a decrease of 1,190,000. The quality is irregular, being fair to good in most instances. Prices have been further advanced, passing the \$8 point yesterday at Chicago, the average at the close for prominent markets indicating \$7.55 per 100 pounds, compared with \$7.45 a week ago, \$7.15 two weeks ago, \$5.90 a year ago, and \$5.15 two years ago. The speculative provision market attracted considerable attention early in the week, but toward the close the interest was diverted by the sensational action of the corn markets. Prices made another advance. The continued gain in values for hogs, the advance in corn and the strength in the distant futures for provisions were the main features of strength. Foreign markets were slightly higher.—Cincinnati Price Current.

Wool.—The demand for the new clip continues slow, though it is arriving somewhat more freely. Canadian mills are taking but small quantities, but perhaps this is due to the fact that they are obtaining what they need near home. The fourth series of the London, 1902, wool auction sales opened on the 8th, with a good attendance. Competition was spirited and merinos and fine crossbreds were in demand. The offerings numbered 12,693 bales, chiefly crossbreds. The home trade is said to have secured a good supply of crossbreds. Tasmanian greasy merinos sold freely. Scoureds were firm. Cape of Good Hope and Natal was unchanged to 5 per cent. higher, owing to small supply. Coarse grades, however, in some cases showed actual decline.

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