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Hardware.-Shortages still exist in some articles, such as poultry netting, cut shingle nails, and some lines of hinges and bolts. Business is still very active and prices very firm, for all lines of seasonable goods. Metals are in good demand and the easiness of pig iron of two or three weeks ago seems to have passed away.

Hides and Skins.—The supply and demand for hides in this market are both about normal. Lambskins and calfskins keep fairly steady in price. Tallow is a little easier owing to accumulation of stocks. A fairly good movement is going on in leather.

Live Stock.—The run of cattle at the market this week was light, and as the demand for the most part was good, they were disposed of easily and quickly. Prices were well maintained, and in some cases inclined higher. Especially was this the case in export cattle. Extra choice fetched \$5 to \$5.20 per cwt., ordinary, \$4.60 to \$4.90. For butchers' cattle, too, the feeling was firmer, at any rate for the really good specimens. For others the demand was only middling, as usual. Not many stockers and feeders were wanted. The milch cows, of which there were not many offering, brought about \$30 to \$50 each. Receipts of sheep and lambs were moderately large, but trade was brisk. Prices were steady with a firmer feeling. The price of hogs went up sharply by about 45c. per cwt.

Provisions.—Stocks of butter are accumulating somewhat owing to heavy deliveries and the comparative absence of

demand for export. Prices are easy, no great change in them has taken place. A dull market exists for cheese. quantity of eggs coming in is considerable, but the quality of a large proportion is poor. A better tone prevails in the hog market. Hams and other smoked meats are in very good demand, owing to the warm weather. Prices are very

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