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livery, as spring doors, harvesting tools, rubber hose, sporting goods, etc., are coming in with some degree of freedom, and a good spring business is anticipated Metals are selling well.

Live Stock.—Light receipts came to hand at the cattle market this week, and the bidding was quite brisk, especially for export cattle. Export cattle sold from \$4.40 to \$5.37½ for choice, and \$3.50 to \$4.50 for medium. Offerings of butchers' cattle were light, with a good demand at \$4.40 to \$4.60 for extra choice. Sheep and lambs were steady, though the offerings were so scanty that this possibly affords but a poor criterion of real value on an open market.

Hides and Skins.—On Saturday last the expected decline in hides took place, and since then cured and inspected have dropped ¼c. Sheepskins have proved fairly steady, owing to being of better quality. Tallow is firm. In Chicago business in the market for packer hides is quiet. Offerings of native hides continue fairly free and prices lack tone. Branded hides are fairly well sold up and steady. Quotations are 12½c. for native steers, 13½c. for heavy Texas, 12¼c. for butt brands, 12c. for Colorados, 11¼c. for native cows, and 10 to 10¼c. for branded do. Country hides are steady at 8c. for No. 1 buffs.

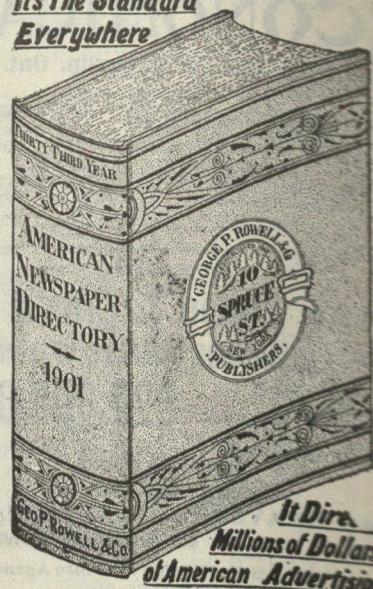
Leather.—No further changes in price have taken place in leather, business in which commodity keeps fairly good.

Seeds.—Business in the seed trade remains in about the same state as last reported. We are in receipt of a report from London which says that a fair, all-round business is now doing. English red clover seed, of which there is a good supply realizes the same prices, but fine white, owing to its scarcity, is dearer. There is no alteration in either alsike or trefoil. Perennial rye grasses meantime still tend against buyers, whilst full rates are demanded for French-Italian. Tares, both spring and winter, continue dear. The enquiry just now for mustard, rape and linseed is unimportant, whilst the sale of bird seeds is likewise meagre. In blue peas and haricot beans transactions are few and small.

Provisions.—The strong feature in the provision trade is eggs, for which, new-laid, almost any price is asked; held are fetching 20c.; limed are somewhat scarce. Butter is coming in in sufficient supply to meet the demand, mostly large rolls. Very little fine dairy is offered. The hog product trade is quiet. The season for smoked meats has hardly opened yet. Carload lots of dressed hogs fetch \$7.60. The cheese market is quiet. Fresh killed choice stock poultry is in good demand. Chickens are quoted at 70c. to 80c.; turkeys at 11 to 12c. per lb.

Wool.—The woolen situation remains unchanged with nothing doing. The offerings at the wool auction sales in London, on the 1st inst., numbered 12,400 bales. Scoured sold well, principally for foreign account. Greasy merinos were in active demand, and sold at full rates. Crossbreds, including some New Zealand new clip, brought out spirited competition, America taking a fair proportion of light bright parcels. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales—3,000 bales; scoured, 7¼d. to 1s. 9½d.; greasy, 3¼ to 11d. Queensland—2,300 bales; scoured, 1s. 1½d.; greasy, 5d. to 10½d. Victoria—1,300 bales; scoured, 1s. 2d.; greasy, 3½d. to 10d. South Australia—600 bales; scoured, 9d. to 1s. 1½d.; greasy, 3¼d. to 9d. New Zealand—3,400 bales; scoured, 4¾d. to 1s. 4d.; greasy, 3d. to 8½d. West Australia—300 bales; scoured, 8½d.; greasy, 5¼d. to 8d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal—800 bales; scoured, 8½d. to 1s. 2½d.; greasy, 4½d. to 7¾d.

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