

SUGAR AT TOP PRICE

In Idaho 90 cents is being paid for cross-bred and 21¢ extra is offered for high cross-breds in Wyoming and refused. Fine wares are selling at from 23 to 25 cents, depending on the shrinkage. The outlook for good prices is very bright.

Local Market Now \$8.15

Present Quotation Is Dime Above High Mark Reached Just After Outbreak of War in Europe. Further Rise Expected.

The Eastern sugar market was strong and excited yesterday, and as a consequence of the advance there the Pacific Coast market will be 15 cents a hundred higher today.

The new local quotation of \$8.15 will be a record one for this market. The highest price in Portland heretofore was \$8.05, which was reached on August 17, 1914, and was in effect for three days.

Jobbers look for another advance in the near future. The market has been so high that the market will not cause much surprise. The stimulating factor in the Eastern market is the continued demand from the British commission, which seemingly is short of granulated and must purchase weeks ahead to cover future requirements of both the United Kingdom and France.

Below is given a record of the local sugar market quotations since the beginning of the war:

Table with columns for date and price. Includes entries for August 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1914.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Sugar took another jump today, fine granulated selling at 7 1/2 cents, or within 10 points of the high record of 1914. The raw market was also active, with sales of Cuban at 5 1/2 cents, cost and freight, and 5 1/2 cents under the high level established after the outbreak of the European war, while futures, showing the upward, likewise made new high records.

The continued heavy buying of both refined and raw sugar by European interests is largely responsible for the present strong situation.

Raw sugar firm, Centrifugal, 4.30; molasses, 4.00. Refined firm, 13 points higher. Cut loaf, 8.00; white, 8.00; yellow, 7.90; cubes, 7.00; XXXX powdered, 7.20; powdered, 7.00; fine granulated, 7.40; Diamond A, 7.40; confectioners', A, 7.30; No. 4, 7.20.

GRAIN TRADE AWAITS DEVELOPMENTS

With Settlement of German Question Business May Revive. Grain business in the Northwest is in a quiet attitude these days. As elsewhere in the country, the trade is waiting for development of the German question before embarking upon new commitments.

The Canadian visible wheat supply is 2,458,000 bushels, against 2,445,000 bushels last year.

Broomehall says in his international wheat review: "The market here is dominated by the large Canadian acreage in line, and liberal supplies on spot and at float. The Continent is receiving large supplies. The Continent is receiving large supplies. The Continent is receiving large supplies."

Germany—Weather favorable and crop outlook considered satisfactory. Austria—Weather favorable. Argentina—Weather favorable. Brazil—Weather favorable.

Local jobbing quotations: RICE—Siam, 10¢; Java, 10¢; Burma, 10¢. WHEAT—No. 1, 8.15; No. 2, 8.05; No. 3, 7.95; No. 4, 7.85.

Money, Exchange, Etc. NEW YORK, April 25.—Mercantile paper, 3 1/2% bid; 4% offered. Sterling, 90-day bill, 4.7 1/2%; demand, 4.7 1/2%; cable, 4.7 1/2%.

Weekly Bank Clearings. Bank clearings in the United States for the week ending April 25, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank, were \$1,522,719,000, against \$1,522,719,000 in the previous week.

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