

COFFEES ARE FIRM

Market Develops an Upward Tendency.

RAW SUGAR SITUATION

First Car of Lodi Watermelons Is Received—Scarcity of Oregon and California Peaches.

Poultry Cleans Up.

COFFEE—Strong market in all sections for low grades.

SUGAR—Eastern situation as regards raws.

FRUIT—First car of Lodi melons received.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, corn and cucumbers in oversupply.

POULTRY—Receipts clean up at week end prices.

EGGS—Complaint is heard of quality of country arrivals.

BUTTER—In full supply on front street.

A firm coffee market is reported from the East, especially for the low grades. Package coffees advanced in the past week, and further advances are looked for by the local trade. Rio and Santos receipts are Atlantic ports for two-thirds of this month are 600,000 bags, so the total for July may be around 1,000,000 bags. If the improved weather continues, it is expected the movement will be freer, as quite a quantity of July clearances must be made on forward sales at low prices along the shippers covering themselves at a loss. Europe is buying in Rio as well as Santos, and it is reported that this competition is keeping Brazil cost and freight prices above the parity in this country. The shipping demand is urgent and request for immediate shipment of purchases confirms it. European advice are emphatic, showing the exporters are owing merchandise on a large scale to the interior; the large operators are short of coffee to meet exchange deliveries and are trying to buy in Brazil against the shipping demand. In a season when consumption is far ahead of production and eventualities of the current and next crop can at any moment give rise to serious apprehensions, it is prudent, to say the least, to regard present prices as favorable.

The main points of strength of the position are important to remember. The consuming world wants coffee, and the immediate necessities are such as to encourage Brazil in retarding lower prices. Meanwhile, the requirements of the trade are growing and must come or later bring out a general demand under which it will be impossible for all to satisfy their wants as they wish. So if receipts increase as they naturally should with better markets, there is every likelihood of general buying.

Close investigation shows that the interior of this country is holding much less coffee than last year or two years ago. The shipping demand is urgent and request for immediate shipment of purchases confirms it. European advice are emphatic, showing the exporters are owing merchandise on a large scale to the interior; the large operators are short of coffee to meet exchange deliveries and are trying to buy in Brazil against the shipping demand. In a season when consumption is far ahead of production and eventualities of the current and next crop can at any moment give rise to serious apprehensions, it is prudent, to say the least, to regard present prices as favorable.

SUGAR MARKETS STRONG.

Eastern Situation as Regards the Raw Product—Bee-Crop Outlook.

The sugar market in the East continues strong, both for raws and refined, but that does not argue for any change in prices in the immediate future. The latest circular received from a leading New York firm says of the situation as regards raw sugars:

"The chances are now more favorable than a greater number of June Java steamers will find their way to the United States. The advance in old-crop Java, due to speculative manipulations, has increased the difference between quotations of the two crops, but such conditions can only exist temporarily, as once the August liquidations are over values of old and new crops will naturally approach the same level. Quotations will then be governed by weather conditions and European stocks, which may show a moderate reduction in present figures. There is no fresh news regarding the growing beet crop, excepting that it is somewhat better than report that the water in the River Elbe is not overabundant. Last year it was until the end of June that the beet crop was in such a state of uncertainty, and until August no perceptible advance in prices was caused by reason of the effect of unfavorable weather. Our market has not been disturbed by such conditions, and the principal buyer being our largest refiner."

LODI MELONS ARRIVE.

First Car Unloaded Late in the Afternoon—Scarcity of Peaches.

Among yesterday's receipts in the fruit line was the first car of watermelons of the season from Lodi. They reached the tracks in the early afternoon and were unloaded before business closed.

Oregon and California peaches were scarce and easily brought good prices. About 100 boxes of cherries were received from Cove, and although small, sold readily at 90 cents to \$1 a box, the top price for Bing's. Grapes are becoming more numerous and are now quoted at \$1.75. There were no changes in other fruits.

Tomatoes, cucumbers and green peas continue very plentiful, and are weak. Other vegetables are steady at former prices.

Poultry Cleans Up.

Poultry receipts were again heavy yesterday, but dealers succeeded in cleaning up at generally steady rates.

Eggs moved moderately well, there being no trouble in disposing of fresh ranch stock, but much complaint was heard of the abundance of stale eggs received from the country. Butter continues in good supply on front street, and though dealers quote the market up to 25¢ a pound, they consider it barely steady.

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patent \$4.30; extra, \$4.20; barrel: straight, \$4.40; clear, \$4.30; Valley, \$4.30; \$4.25; Dakota, clear wheat, \$6.50; \$7.50; Graham, \$3.50; \$4.00; white wheat, \$4.50; \$5.00; \$5.50; \$6.00; \$6.50; \$7.00; \$7.50; \$8.00; \$8.50; \$9.00; \$9.50; \$10.00; \$10.50; \$11.00; \$11.50; \$12.00; \$12.50; \$13.00; \$13.50; \$14.00; \$14.50; \$15.00; \$15.50; \$16.00; \$16.50; \$17.00; \$17.50; \$18.00; \$18.50; \$19.00; \$19.50; \$20.00; \$20.50; \$21.00; \$21.50; \$22.00; \$22.50; \$23.00; \$23.50; \$24.00; \$24.50; \$25.00; \$25.50; \$26.00; \$26.50; \$27.00; \$27.50; \$28.00; \$28.50; \$29.00; \$29.50; \$30.00; \$30.50; \$31.00; \$31.50; \$32.00; \$32.50; \$33.00; \$33.50; \$34.00; \$34.50; \$35.00; \$35.50; \$36.00; \$36.50; \$37.00; \$37.50; \$38.00; \$38.50; \$39.00; \$39.50; \$40.00; \$40.50; \$41.00; \$41.50; \$42.00; \$42.50; \$43.00; \$43.50; \$44.00; \$44.50; \$45.00; \$45.50; \$46.00; \$46.50; \$47.00; \$47.50; \$48.00; \$48.50; \$49.00; \$49.50; \$50.00; \$50.50; 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