

THE STATE'S JUTE MILL.

Cause of Failure of an Attempt to Corn Grain Bags.

Inasmuch as a controversy has been created in reference to the recent attempt of a number of brokers in this city to form a corner in jute grain-bags, the workings of the San Quentin jute mill and its relations to the "ring" will be of special interest at this time.

This is how the management of the jute mill figure it out: The number of working days during the season will be, March 9th, April 26th, May 27th, June 23rd, July 26th, August 27th and September 27th, making a total of 167 days.

Dear Sir: In order to give the greatest satisfaction to the people of the State, the plan of selling grain bags direct to the farmers has been adopted, and the bags will be delivered as fast as manufactured.

It will be seen that the farmer is sold at the ruling market quotations, immediately upon the receipt of an application or inquiry, the price list of that day is forwarded to the farmer, and an allowance of time for transmission is made according to distance.

Warden McComb did not refuse to sell suitable amounts to the brokers who applied, but he offered to ship the bags direct to the consumers and send the bills to the brokers.

SAN QUENTIN, March 15, 1888. Gentlemen: Your inquiry about grain bags, dated 7th instant, came duly to hand and I received my careful attention.

The immediate effect of this declaration is that the farmers all over the State are to send in inquiries, and enough stations and terms have been given by me to make it a well-known fact throughout the farming community of the State.

After mature reflection I have arrived at the conclusion that it would not be prudent for me to sell such large quantities to a few individuals.

bags at 8 cents, net cash, delivered at Jackson street wharf, San Francisco, on conditions as follows: Bags to be shipped direct from here to consumers in such lots as may be required, bills for same to be sent to, and paid by you, on receiving notice of shipment; 100,000 bags to be delivered between now and April 1st, and 100,000 between April 1st and 15th.

Trusting the foregoing will serve to explain the delay in answering your inquiry, I am yours, very respectfully,

A similar letter was written to the other broker who desired to secure the \$400,000 bags and it is but fair to presume that they did not have customers waiting for them as was stated in their applications.

Warden McComb states that the hours of running the jute mill at night will be gradually extended as fast as sufficient convicts for additional shifts are obtained.

From present indications it would seem that there is little prospect of the appropriations made by the last Legislature for the establishment of a new jute mill to double the old facilities, being expended for that purpose.

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