

**Binder Twine.**

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expects to turn out about 3,500,000 pounds of twine for this year, which greatly exceeds the output of any previous year, and is a very demoralizing factor in the northwestern trade; for while the twine is sold only within the boundaries of Minnesota, 150 cars of twine goes a long way in supplying the demands within the state, and would be a very large quantity for any single house to dispose of in a season. The competition is demoralizing, also, because of the price at which the product is sold; with other twine a cent above the prison product, the dealer who is unable to obtain it is at the mercy of the institution which he assists in supporting, until the output from that institution is disposed of, and even then is regarded with disfavor because of his inability to meet the price made by the state. Already about 1,800,000 pounds have been shipped from the prison factory, and the orders are reported by Warden Wolfer to far exceed the possible supply, and this despite the fact that fifty former employees of the Northwestern cordage company, at St. Paul, have been hired by the state authorities to operate the machinery as a night force, while the prisoners work twelve hours a day as a day force. There are a large number of brokers in the market this year, more or less responsible, but not many dealers will take chances or their offerings.

There are this year no aggravating complications in the way of carried over twine, which have in the past disturbed the calculations of manufacturers and jobbers alike. There was a small remnant of the stock of bankers' twine remaining on the market last fall, but that has been bought up by brokers and disposed of through other channels, and is only a minor factor. That the eastern manufacturers look confidently forward to an advance before the season is over, is evident from the fact that twine is to-day selling on a basis of six cents for sisal f. o. b. Philadelphia, while stock purchased earlier in the season is sold now for 5½ cents f. o. b. Minneapolis, in car lots, and was sold earlier in the season for 5½ cents. It would be as easy to obtain six cents in Minneapolis as to obtain 5½, if the jobbers decided to ask it.

There has been some uneasiness over the report that considerable twine would be imported into the United States for this season's harvest, but there seems to be no ground for the report. There may be a couple of million pounds brought in from Canada, but it costs as much to manufacture twine in Montreal or Quebec as in Boston or New York, and with no advantage in freights there would be no object in making the importation, even though there is no duty on the commodity. It is much more probable that twine from the United States will be needed to harvest the crop in Canada, as has been the case in the past, and will be imported by that country, they paying a duty for the privilege.

Harvest is now but six weeks off, and the clamor for twine will be loud within the next three weeks on the part of those who have not already placed their orders. It has been the experience of the past that prices in the northwest are at one extreme or the other at harvest time, and everything this year points toward the upward extreme for late buyers. If the demand in the winter wheat belt equals what at present seems probable, there will be little or nothing for shipment from the southern markets to the northwest, and the usual cause of depression will be removed. If the quantity used in the harvest fields to the south exceeds present expectations, there will be so much more drawn from the allotted supply for the northwest, and the price for what remains will advance proportionately.

What will the harvest be?

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says:—The report that the cannery and the striking fishermen on the Columbia river have come to an understanding, and that work will be resumed at once is confirmed. Said a prominent commission man in commenting on the compromise:—"The cost of raw fish last year was 5c per pound. The reduction now secured by the cannery men brings the difference between cost and selling price on the same parity as that of last year, hence no lower selling prices are to be expected. In fact, the loss in the pack as the result of the strike, estimated at fully 125,000 cases, cannot be made up in the short period remaining before the close of the packing season."

It is said that the recent decline in sugar in Europe is not due to any inherent weakness in the statistical position of the product, but on account of the demoralization of the speculative markets. Sugar is a favorable commodity for speculation in Europe as wheat is in America, and the foreign markets for sugar are as likely to get demoralized sometimes without apparent cause as the domestic wheat markets.

A letter received from Smyrna says in regard to the outlook for Sultana raisins:—"The late frosts have materially damaged this fruit. The extent of the damage, however, has been considerably exaggerated. For the past month we have had exceptionally fine weather, and barring any sudden change, we calculate the crop will amount to 35,000 tons, as against an equal quantity for 1895, 28,000 tons in 1891, 30,000 tons in 1893 and 37,000 tons in 1892."

A New York report says: Santos coffee is firm; offers are 2½c down from the offers of about six week ago, while the decline on Rio offers has been about 2c. It is said that the extreme low prices now quoted from Santos are partly due to an unusually large supply of so-called Bourbon or small bean coffee, the relative value of which it would be difficult to determine before its arrival on spot.

Advices from Barbadoes report an advance of 1c to 1½c first cost on molasses, with supplies small and decreasing.

Advices from Smyrna state that it cannot be said with certainty what the output of figs will be, but that if the weather then prevalent, and which was so propitious to the growth of the fruit, should continue, it is more than likely that the crop will be abundant and the quality good and sound.

Stocks of coffee in the United States on June 22nd, other than Brazil, was 168,860 bags, including 181,165 bags in New York, 2,775 bags in New Orleans and 31,920 bags in San Francisco.

The Amsterdam cable says that the Dutch sale went off at about ¼c below brokers' valuation, with market quiet, and good ordinary Java at 50c.

According to advices from Liverpool, arrivals of Valencia raisins at that port from the beginning of the season to June 1, were 3,989 tons, against 4,614 tons for the corresponding period of last year.

The French peas of Bordeaux packing are said to be of much finer quality than was expected in view of reports of unpropitious weather during the growing season.

The arrivals of Sultana raisins in Liverpool from the commencement of the season to June 1 amounted to 623,371 packages. For the same period last year the arrivals were 639,021 packages.

Advices from California state that there are few last crop raisins left there. An offer of 2½c f. o. b. was rejected for a lot of three cars of two crowns, the holder wanting 2½c there.

W. F. Doll has had another pamphlet published, giving an account of his celebrated law suits with the Toronto Watch Case Co. In it he makes a vigorous attack on the protection policy. The Montreal Herald recently published the pamphlet in full, with illustrations.

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