

CLOSER GRADING OF GRADES REQUIRED

Buyers Are Taking Only Best Stock This Season.

SHIPPING TRADE LIMITED

Markets Have an Easy Tendency in All Sections—California Storages Are Filled.

There is a moderate demand for potatoes and a few cars are being taken for shipment to the southern markets...

Jobbing trade has been fairly good this week with the demand mainly for fancy stock...

At San Francisco, potato business is also dragging. Oregon Burbanks are quoted...

Local Prices Reflect Strength in Eastern Markets.

Wheat was firmer yesterday because of the better outlook in eastern markets...

Argentine cables reported fine weather. Harvesting has proceeded uninterrupted...

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STORAGE EGG HOLDINGS ARE LIGHT

Withdrawals in the Past Month Are an Liberal Scale.

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STOCK MARKET FIRM AT CLOSE

Bulk of Sales Are Made at 55 Cents to 55 Cents; Receipts Clean Up.

Turkey receipts were liberal, but cleaned up quickly and the market closed firm.

The egg market was steady with the larger buyers offering 30 cents net Portland...

Bank Clearings.

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Wheat—Dec. Jan. Feb. 1.55 1.55 1.55

STOCK GAINS ARE GENERAL

ADVANCES OF 1 TO 6 POINTS THROUGHOUT LIST.

Strongest Issues Are Those That Recently Suffered Most; Liberty Bonds Are Higher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A pronounced change for the better came over the stock market today, supporting orders of a substantial character and enforced short covering resulting in extreme gains of one to six and a half points throughout the general list.

Altogether, the movement was the most consecutive of any in several weeks. The improvement was the more noteworthy because of its almost uninterrupted progress.

Individual instances of strength included Mexican and Pan-American petroleum, United Fruit, Atlantic Gulf, Bethlehem, Creighton, Yandatum and United States steel, American Gas, American and Best steels, Sears-Roebuck, Virginia-Carolina Chemical and Famous Players.

The only element of heaviness was shown by copper and rubber, the former reflecting the passing of dividends on the American and Great Britain rubber.

Stocks of foreign exchange were strong to exert any influence, the only feature in the international credit situation being the record of liability reserves reported by the Bank of England.

Most foreign bonds scored moderate gains, also most Liberty issues, but the list was otherwise irregular. Total sales, par value, \$48,700,000. Old United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Am Beat Sug 990 37 1/2 37 1/2

Am Car & Ply 490 11 1/2 11 1/2

Am H & L 300 38 3/4 38 3/4

Am Int'l 400 32 1/2 32 1/2

Am Oil 1,000 105 1/2 105 1/2

Am Ship 3,000 24 1/2 24 1/2

Am Steel 1,000 34 1/2 34 1/2

Am Text 1,000 18 1/2 18 1/2

Am Tobacco 1,000 12 1/2 12 1/2

Am T & P 1,000 11 1/2 11 1/2

Am Wire 1,000 10 1/2 10 1/2

Am Zinc 1,000 11 1/2 11 1/2

Am Copper 1,000 24 1/2 24 1/2

Am Lead 1,000 12 1/2 12 1/2

Am Tin 1,000 11 1/2 11 1/2

Am Iron 1,000 10 1/2 10 1/2

ALL LINES ARE STEADY

QUOTATIONS AT LOCAL STOCK YARDS.

Hogs Hold at Former Top Price of \$10.25, but Bulk of Sales Are Made at \$10.

The livestock market was quiet yesterday, but prices were on a steady basis.

Receipts were 130 hogs and 12 sheep.

The following prices are current at the local yards:

25 steers, 1062 1/2 6 hogs, 183 7/8

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\$12,000 City of Soda Springs, Idaho, local imp. 7% bonds

\$7,000 Vancouver, Wash., local imp. dist. 151, 8% bonds

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Taylor Gains Support

KING COUNTY SENATOR LEADS FOR PRESIDENT PROM.

Conferences in Tacoma Reported Successful and Giving Assurance of Election in Senate.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—With more than two-thirds of the house twice and during the 1919 session, when Senator P. H. Carlson succeeded Governor Hart as president of the body, he was made president pro-tem.

With Senator Taylor president pro-tem of the senate, Representative E. M. Rogers of the house and Lieutenant-Governor-elect C. C. Young of the senate, King county politicians are claiming a rather remarkable victory.

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