

STOCKS DOWNWARD PARADE CONTINUES

Shorts Repurchase a few Shares; Specialties are Especially Weak

NEW YORK, April 7.—(AP)—Although shorts did some repurchasing in the early and late trading, today's stock market was unable to find incentive for a real rally, and prices, as measured by the averages, closed lower for the seventh successive session.

Weakness in utilities and a number of specialties chiefly merchandising issues, and a feeble market for many preferred shares, provides familiar aspects of the current decline. A rally in the last half hour reduced most losses of 1 to 4 points and gave a few leaders small net advances. Sales totaled 1,794,227 shares.

American can weakened early, breaking to 5 1/2%, the lowest since 1927 and making only partial recovery for a 2-point net loss. Kroger was another soft spot; with Safeway Stores and Hahn Department Stores. Preferred U. S. Steel went to 2 points off. U. S. Steel went to 21 1/2, a new low but came back to 22 1/2, closing nearly a point higher.

Public Service of New Jersey, Peoples Gas, Columbia Gas, Consolidated Gas of New York and Detroit Edison were down 1 to more than 3 at the lowest. Electric Power & Light 7 per cent preferred broke 6, Columbia Gas Preferred 9, standards 12; prime futures 18; flour 4, American Sugar Preferred 4 and Union Pacific Preferred 7 1/2. Rails moved narrowly, although there was a late one point gain in Canadian Pacific.

TURKEY PLUNGING ADVISED AGAINST

DALLAS, April 7.—Turkeys and calves were about the only two farm commodities that maintained fair prices during the past market session. As a result there are strong indications that a lot of people are going to raise a lot of turkeys this year. If there was more on ground they would perhaps raise more on ground.

U. R. Beck local turkey growers are urged to hold down the size of their flocks this year to approximately what they have had in years gone by. This recommendation is made solely in the hopes that the favorable demand for turkey meat can be maintained.

"Flocks who have not been raising turkeys are particularly urged not to plunge into the business on a big scale," stated Mr. Beck. "The acreage on which onions can be grown in Polk county is comparatively small and it is not expected that local people will contribute very much to the possible surplus of this crop for another season."

SEEDLING FIRS IN BIG SHIPMENT EAST

DALLAS, April 7.—Three thousand Douglas fir trees with a theoretical value of \$21,000 was an interesting shipment made by the Polk operating company at Grand Ronde to Chauncey McCormick of Wheaton, Illinois.

According to Mr. McCormick, small Douglas fir trees are sold by the landscape gardeners of the Chicago district for \$7.50 each. Mr. McCormick and his friends wanted a large number of these trees for landscaping their properties. Mr. McCormick is one of the principal stockholders in the Polk Operating company so he arranged for the shipment to be made from the property in western Polk county.

The trees are young seedlings that have started along the railroad right-of-way in the Grand Ronde district and were inspected for shipment by the county horticultural inspector last week.

Johnston Puts Out Strawberry Acreage

LYONS, April 7.—J. H. Johnston has a crew of men helping plant strawberries this week. Mr. Johnston is putting out about three and a half acres of Marshall and a half acre of Improved Oregon berries. While the latter are not generally considered a heavy yielding variety, they are of a superior quality for home canning.

The unfavorable weather has made field work difficult and much delay in farm work has been necessitated.

Radio Programs

Friday, April 8
 7:00—Good color service, led by Dr. Wm. Scholer.
 7:15—Setting up exercises, directed by Amy T. Gill.
 8:00—The Home Economics Observer.
 8:05—Tomorrow's Man.
 8:10—Food Facts Fascinating.
 8:20—How and Why's of Housekeeping.
 8:30—The Magazine Rack.
 8:35—In the day's news.
 8:40—Market reports, crops and weather forecast.
 8:45—Better Health: "The Endocrine Glands of Personality," U. S. Forest Service.
 8:50—Market reports.
 8:55—Farm Hour.
 9:00—The Home Economics Observer.
 9:05—Market reports and weather forecast.
 9:10—Market reports and weather forecast.
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 12:00—Market reports and weather forecast.

TEXAS WHEAT CROP IS HARD HIT HOGS FRACTIONALLY LOWER HERE

Half Crop is Expected There; Prices Rise Despite Rumor

CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—Despite widespread belief that houses with farm board connections were selling on price bulges in wheat, grain markets went upward today.

Crop reports from the southwest and west proved increasingly bullish, and one authoritative unofficial estimate put the Texas harvest at not more than 50 per cent of last year's total. There were also Winnipeg reports that 10,000,000 acres in Canada showed deficiency of sub-soil moisture.

Wheat closed nervous, 3-8 to 1-5 to 1/2 off to a shade advance, only 1-4 down to 1-8 up.

Today's closing quotations:
 Wheat: May, 56 1/2 to 5-8; July, 59 3-8 to 1/2, new 57; Sept. 61 5-8, new 61 1-8.
 Corn: May, 35 1/2 to 5-8; July, 38 1/2 to 7-8; Sept. 40 3-4 to 7-8.
 Oats: May 24 1-8; July, 24 3-8 to 1/2; Sept. 25.

General Markets

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Produce exchange, net prices: butter, extra 19; standards 18; prime futures 18; flour 4, American Sugar Preferred 4 and Union Pacific Preferred 7 1/2. Rails moved narrowly, although there was a late one point gain in Canadian Pacific.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close
 May 57 1/2 58 57 57 1/2
 July 59 3/4 60 59 59 3/4
 Sept 61 5/8 62 61 61 5/8
 Oats: May 24 1/8 24 24 24 1/8
 Corn: May 35 1/2 36 35 35 1/2
 Flour: No. 1 white \$22.50
 No. 2 white \$22.00
 No. 3 white \$21.50
 No. 4 white \$21.00
 No. 5 white \$20.50
 No. 6 white \$20.00
 No. 7 white \$19.50
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Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Cattle: 1000 lbs. and over, 12-13; 800-900 lbs., 11-12; 600-700 lbs., 10-11; 400-500 lbs., 9-10; 200-300 lbs., 8-9; 100-200 lbs., 7-8; 50-100 lbs., 6-7; 25-50 lbs., 5-6; 10-25 lbs., 4-5; 5-10 lbs., 3-4; 2-5 lbs., 2-3; 1-4 lbs., 1-2; 1/2-1 lb., 1/2-1; 1/4-1/2 lb., 1/4-1/2; 1/8-1/4 lb., 1/8-1/4; 1/16-1/8 lb., 1/16-1/8; 1/32-1/16 lb., 1/32-1/16; 1/64-1/32 lb., 1/64-1/32; 1/128-1/64 lb., 1/128-1/64; 1/256-1/128 lb., 1/256-1/128; 1/512-1/256 lb., 1/512-1/256; 1/1024-1/512 lb., 1/1024-1/512; 1/2048-1/1024 lb., 1/2048-1/1024; 1/4096-1/2048 lb., 1/4096-1/2048; 1/8192-1/4096 lb., 1/8192-1/4096; 1/16384-1/8192 lb., 1/16384-1/8192; 1/32768-1/16384 lb., 1/32768-1/16384; 1/65536-1/32768 lb., 1/65536-1/32768; 1/131072-1/65536 lb., 1/131072-1/65536; 1/262144-1/131072 lb., 1/262144-1/131072; 1/524288-1/262144 lb., 1/524288-1/262144; 1/1048576-1/524288 lb., 1/1048576-1/524288; 1/2097152-1/1048576 lb., 1/2097152-1/1048576; 1/4194304-1/2097152 lb., 1/4194304-1/2097152; 1/8388608-1/4194304 lb., 1/8388608-1/4194304; 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