

Stock Market Is Irregular

Turnover Lowest in Many Months; Modest Gains Shown by Few

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP)—Uninspired farm news and the imminence of a longer than usual weekend restrained most buyers in Friday's stock market and brought out enough selling to make for considerable irregularity.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was off .1 of a point at 36.5. Dealings were negligible throughout. Transfers of 326,405 shares compared with 345,080 Thursday and again were among the smallest since last June.

Western Union and American rose a point each in reflection of better than looked for 1941 preliminary earnings compilations. Allied Chemical dropped 3 points to a new low for the move.

Do Pont hit a new bottom but eventually halved an early loss of a point. In the retreating division were Bethlehem Steel, Youngstown Sheet & American Telephone, Westinghouse, General Electric, Eastman Kodak, US Rubber, Standard Oil (NJ), Texas Co., Anaconda, United Aircraft and International Harvester.

Finishing with modest gains were Chrysler, General Motors, Southern Pacific, Pennsylvania, Great Northern, North American, Sears Roebuck, Dow Chemical, Goodyear and Union Carbide.

Attend Sewing Club

KEIZER—Twenty two women were in attendance at the meeting of the Ladies Sewing club Thursday at the home of Mrs. Elmer Idean. Red Cross work and quilting was done following the cooperative dinner.

Stocks and Bonds

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Hop Prices Hold Firm Around Season's High; Demand Good

The hop market situation on the west coast remained firm during the week ending February 18, the department of agriculture reports. While trading in spot hops was restricted by the very small supplies remaining in growers hands, prices were holding firm around the seasonal high points.

Demand was considered as fairly active from domestic dealers and industries and light offerings were being readily taken at firm prices. As in other recent weeks, principal interest in the markets was for 1942 crop supplies, with bids to growers ranging from firm to higher.

Oregon markets were somewhat firmer compared with the previous week. There were no sales of 1941 crop hops reported made by Oregon growers this week, but trade reports indicated that a sale of 1941 hops was made by local dealers at 40 cents per pound net, for regular seeded quality. Seedless qualities from the 1941 crop were nominal since practically none of this type remained in Oregon growers hands.

Continued good interest was reported in the contracting of 1942 hops in this state. Several deals were reported completed during the period at 37 cents per pound for regular seeded hops from the

1942 crop and this price was being freely offered as the period ended. This price was an advance of 1 cent per pound over last previously reported deals.

For 1942 crop seedless Oregon hops, an advance of 1 cent per pound also was recorded this week, with transactions completed at 43 cents per pound to growers, for this quality, with discounts according to seed content at time of delivery. Further transactions in 1942 contracts were being restricted by lack of offerings from growers. A strong undertone prevailed in the general hop market situation here as the week closed.

California hop markets remained very firm with continued light offerings and fairly active inquiry. Recent price advances were well maintained. Trading in spot hops however, remained slow because of limited supplies. Coastal county reported bids of around 36 cents to 37 cents per pound for regular 1941 clusters but generally were asking around 40 cents and no trading resulted.

Continued good interest was shown in 1942 hops for future delivery. Contracts covering 350 bales of regular seeded clusters were reported in the Sacramento valley at 35 cents per pound net growers, while in Mendocino county, 200 bales were contracted at 37 cents per pound. At the close of the week, California growers were being bid around 36 cents for regular seeded and about 42 cents to 42 1/2 cents per pound for 1942 seedless hops to contain not more than 2 per cent seeds and 4 per cent stems and leaves.

Growers however, were mostly asking higher prices. With around 26,000 bales of the prospective 1942 crop already under contract, exclusive of about 10,000 to 11,000 bales of dealer-grower production, most producers were unwilling to make further commitments pending more certain production. Some interest also was shown in 1943 seedless hops at around 40 cents to 40 1/2 cents per pound but no contracts were reported.

Apparently 1942 California hop acreage will not show as large an increase as anticipated earlier since growers were experiencing considerable difficulty in arranging for necessary wire and other supplies. The New York hop market continued firm at unchanged prices. Spot sales were few because of small grower holdings. On February 18, regular west coast 1941 hops were quoted to the trade at New York at 47 cents to 48 cents; seedless at 57 cents to 59 cents per pound, with other growths nominal.

The 1942 crop in New Zealand, where harvesting starts in February, is estimated at 3,500 bales of 900 pounds each, or about the same as last season. If this production is realized, around 700 bales will be available for export, since domestic needs are about 2,800 bales. Last year, exports went principally to Australia and South Africa. The price for the 1942 crop has been fixed at the equivalent of 30 cents per pound.

Mouse Damage Is Considered

Spring Grain, Corn Threatened; Poison Formula Available

Mouse damage to spring seeded grain and corn may be a problem in some areas, reports W. G. Nibler, assistant county agent.

Although this problem may be local to a certain extent, many fields in Marion county, particularly clover sod and grass, have been noticed to have a large population of mice. These mice may not be noticed by casual observation but closer examination will reveal the many burrows, holes and runs of the mice.

The poison barley which is used on gray squirrels is not a satisfactory poison for mice since the poison is removed by hulling when the barley is eaten. For this reason, poisoned rolled oats is the material used in fighting field mice. The formula for the preparation of this poison is available through the county agent's office and it is suggested that where mice appear numerous, poisoning be done.

If there is sufficient interest in the control of these rodents, it is possible that the poison could be cooperatively mixed in larger amounts at a saving and convenience to those which do poisoning.

Wool in Boston

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Quotations at Portland

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP) Butter prints: A grade 40 1/2c in parchment wrappers, B grade 39 1/2c in parchment wrappers, 40 1/2c in carton.

Butterfat—First quality, maximum A of 1 per cent acidity, delivered Portland, 40-40 1/2c lb.; premium quality maximum 40 1/2c lb. per cent acidity, 41-41 1/2c lb. valley rosters and country points 2c less or 3c; second quality points under first.

Eggs—Prices to producers: A large 27c; B large 26c; A medium 26c; B medium 25c. Retailers 4c higher for cases; cartons 5c higher.

Cheese—Selling price to Portland retailers: Cheddar triplets 29 1/2c lb.; loaf 29 1/2c lb. Triplets to wholesalers 26 1/2c lb.; loaf 27 1/2c lb. L. o. b. Tillamook.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP) Country meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butchers, 129-149, 19 1/2-17c lb.; light thin, 13-16c; vealers, fancy 21-21 1/2c; heavy, 13-16c; lb.; lambs 19 1/2-20c; swes 1c to 10c; good cutter cows, 13-14c; canner cows, 13-14c; lambs, 16-17c lb. Lambs, 19-20c lb.; cows, 5-10c lb.

Dressed turkeys—Selling price: Hens 28-29c; toms, 28-29c lb. Buying prices: Toms, 27-27 1/2c lb.; hens, 27-27 1/2c lb. Live poultry—Buying prices: No. 1 grade Leghorn broilers, under 1 1/2 lbs., 18c; over 1 1/2 lbs., 18c; fryers 2 1/2-4 lbs., 18c; over 4 lbs., 20c; colored hens, 20c; Leghorns, under 2 1/2 lbs., 18c; over 2 1/2 lbs., 18c; old roosters, 12c lb.

Rabbits—Average country killed, 25c; city killed, 28-30c. Unions—Oregon 2.65-2.75 per 50-lb. sack, Yakima 2.25-2.35; sets 12-13c lb. Potatoes—Old white locals, 2.50-3.00; Deschutes Gem, 2.80-3.00; central Klamath Falls, 3.00-3.15; Yakima No. 1 Gems, 2.80-3.00 per 50 lb. bag; Idaho Gem, 2.70-3.15; New Calif white, 1.50 per 28-lb. bag, Florida red, 2.60-2.75 per 50-lb. bag, Texas 2.60-2.75.

Hay—Selling price on tracks: Alfalfa No. 1 21.00; oat-vetch, \$14 ton; Willamette valley clover, \$12 ton; timothy, eastern Gem, \$12.50 ton; Mohair—1941, 12-month, 45c lb. Nuts—Price to wholesalers: Filberts: Barcelona, jumbo, large, 18 1/2c; fancy 17 1/2c; baby 16 1/2c; Duchinsky, jumbo 20c; large 18c; fancy 18c lb. Walnuts—Price to wholesalers: First grade Franquette, jumbo, 22c; large medium 18c; baby, 15 1/2c; second grade Franquette, large 18c; medium 17c; baby 15c lb.; shell, large 17c; medium 16c; baby 14c lb. Oregon ranch 17c.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP) (USDA)—Hogs: Salable 50, total 400. Barrows and gilts—Gd-ch, 140-160 lbs., 11.50@12.25; gd-ch, 160-180 lbs., 12.25@12.75; gd-ch, 180-200 lbs., 12.50@12.75; gd-ch, 200-220 lbs., 12.50@12.50; gd-ch, 220-240 lbs., 12.00@12.00; do 240-270 lbs., 11.75@12.25; do 270-300 lbs., 11.50@12.00. Feeder pigs, gd-ch, 70-120, 11.50@12.50. Slaughter cattle steers gd—11.75@12.50; do med, 750-110 lbs., 10.25@11.75; do com, 750-1100 lbs., 8.00@10.25. Heifers—do med, 800-900 lbs., 9.50@11.00; do com, 800-900 lbs., 7.50@9.50; do canners, all wts., 8.75@9.25; do med, all wts., 7.75@8.75; do cut-com, all wts., 6.00@7.75; do canners, all wts., 5.00@6.00. Bulls (yearlings excluded)—beef, good all wts., 9.75@10.25; do sausage, good, all wts., 9.50@10.00; do saus, med, all wts., 8.25@9.50; do cut-com, all wts., 6.50@8.25. Vealers, gd-ch, all wts., 13.50@15.00; do com, all wts., 11.50@13.50; do cul, all wts., 7.50@9.50. Calves, gd-ch, 400 lbs. dn, 11.00@12.50; do 400-450 lbs., 10.00@11.00; do cul 40 lbs. dn., 6.50@8.00. Sheep: Salable 0, total 25. (Ewehorn) gd-ch, 5.50@6.00; do com, med, 3.50@5.50. Lambs—11.25@12.25; do med-gd, 10.50@11.25; do common, 8.50@10.25.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP) Wheat Open High Low Close May 1.04 1/2 1.04 1/2 1.04 1/2. Cash grain: Oats and corn unquoted. Barley No. 2, 45-lb. BW, 31 1/2. No. 1, 32 1/2. Cash wheat (bid): soft white, 1.03 1/2; hard red winter: Ordinary, 1.03; 10 per cent, 1.05 1/2; 11 per cent, 1.12 1/2; 12 per cent, 1.18. Hard white Baart: 10 per cent, 1.18; 11 per cent, 1.24; 12 per cent, 1.27. Today's car receipts: Wheat, 8; barley, 1; flour, 2; corn, 1; malted feed, 2.

Inspections Start Soon

Certification of Vetch Fields Due; Outlook Good

Willamette vetch fields in Marion county will soon be inspected for certification according to W. G. Nibler, assistant county agent, who asks all farmers who have not submitted applications for certification to do so immediately.

Letters were mailed to all growers whose names were available. Any growers who did not receive a letter notifying them of this certification should apply at the county agent's office.

The present condition of Willamette vetch fields is good and no damage has been suffered due to the freeze. Most fields are advanced enough in growth so that the large population of slugs which is expected in the spring will not be a serious problem. Any fields which were planted late and in which the vetch is small should, however, be watched with the coming of warm weather this spring.

Produce Mart Prices

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP)—Limited offerings of spinach had quick sale at the farmers' wholesale market Friday with a supply from Maryhill going generally at \$1.20 orange box while local sold before the market opened at around \$1.

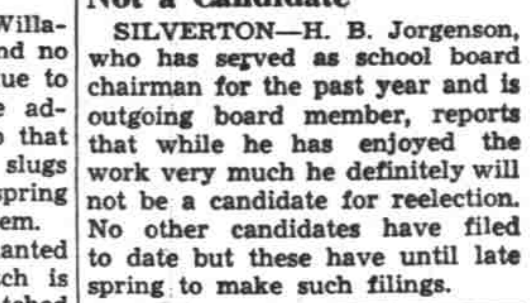
The root vegetable market was steady. Carrots moved generally at 45-50 cents lug with some up to 60 cents for sacks. Parsnips

were mostly 45-50 cents but some went down to 40. Turnips were around 45-50 cents. Best grades of local cabbage sold from 90 cents to \$1 while the red variety was priced at 90 cents crate. Cauliflower was \$1.10 crate for 1 1/2 and 80-90 for 2 1/2. Local broccoli was \$1.40 for 1 1/2 and 85 cents for 2 1/2. Potatoes held at unchanged prices.

The farmers' market had a big increase in Brussels sprout supplies, but demand was good and most sales were made at 80-82 cents box with some going up to 90. Dry onions were in fair supply and 1 1/2 sold mostly from \$2.15-\$2.25. Prices for 2 1/2 were unchanged. Green onions remained 30 cents dozen bunches.

Not a Candidate

SILVERTON—H. B. Jorgenson, who has served as school board chairman for the past year and is outgoing board member, reports that while he has enjoyed the work very much he definitely will not be a candidate for reelection. No other candidates have filed to date but these have until late spring to make such filings.



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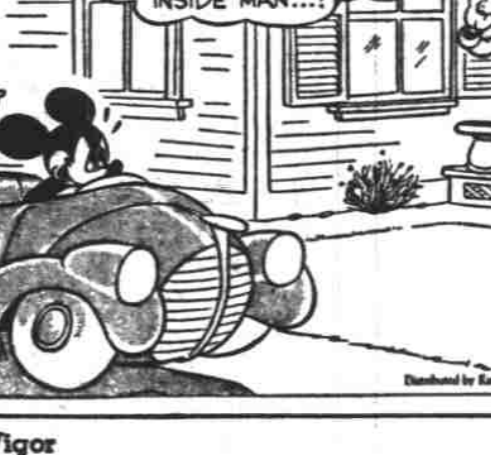
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