

Stock Market Is Optimistic

Better War Picture Aids Trading With Many Issues up

NEW YORK, Feb. 27-(AP)—A slightly more optimistic war picture aided selected stocks to relieve a modest portion of recently lost ground in Friday's market.

The direction was upward at the start in somewhat more active dealings. Gains ran to a point or more for favorites in the forenoon but the pace slowed later and top marks were reduced in most cases at the close.

The Associated Press average of 90 stocks was up 2.6 of a point at 16.9. Transfers of 362,840 shares compared with 353,200 Thursday.

Santa Fe edged into new high territory for the past year or so but other rails wavered after initial firmness.

Holding advances of a point or more were Standard Oil (NJ), Standard Oil of Indiana, Douglas Aircraft and Eastman Kodak.

U. S. Steel was a shade in arrears, as were International Harvester, Western Union, N. Y. Central, Great Northern and Southern Pacific.

Grain Market Slumps Late

CHICAGO, Feb. 27-(AP)—Weakness that developed late in the session, particularly in corn, rye and soybeans, determined the course of the entire grain market Friday as early price gains were erased and substituted with small losses in most cases.

Wheat, which had advanced as much as 1/4 cent at one time, closed unchanged to 1/4 higher compared with Thursday, May \$1.29 1/4, July \$1.36 1/4, but other grains were loser.

Silverton Farm School Opens

SILVERTON—Farmers will begin going to school at Silverton if they wish. A farmers' night school on machinery repair and operation will begin Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Green shop on North Water street.

This will continue for three weeks and will include four hours Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Forge work, soldering, arc and acetylene welding, care and operation of farm machinery will be included in the study sponsored by the Silverton school district and the state department of vocational education.

Instructors will be Leonard Hudson, Smith-Hughes teacher, and Amos Green, manager of the shop.

Produce Mart Prices

PORTLAND, Feb. 27-(AP)—Supplies of spinach increased on the Farmers' Wholesale market Friday but the demand was far from being satisfied.

Available offerings from the mid-Columbia region and local growers sold at \$1.25 orange box in active trading.

Brussels sprouts also were active, selling up to 90 cents a box although some went at 85 cents. Cabbage continued scarce, the best local selling at \$1.00.

Potatoes were steady and prices were unchanged, the best selling from \$2.25 to \$2.35 for 100-pound bags.

A small supply of banana squash held to 3 cents pound. Marblehead and Hubbard were 2 1/2 cents. Dandelion greens sold at 40 cents.

Demand overshadowed the fair volume of carrots offered and there was a quick cleanup from 50 to 65 cents sack.

Other root vegetables moved at prices from 40 to 50 cents bag. Onions were weaker with most sales of around \$2.00 for 50s.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, Feb. 27-(AP)—(USDA) Demand for spot greasy shorn domestic wools was very limited in the Boston market. Small quantities of graded French combed length fine territory wools were sold at \$1.12-1.15, secured basic, 4 to 7.5 cent, combed length one-half blood territory wool brought \$1.07-1.10, secured basic. Medium grades of territory wool were generally very quiet.

Strictly Private By Quinn Hall



DEAR MOM: I WAS ALL SET LAST NIGHT TO HAVE A SWELL TIME WITH A SWELL DANCER I MET. I TOLD HER I WAS GONNA DANCE EVERY DANCE WITH HER... BUT RIGHT AFTER THAT SHE DISAPPEARED YOUR SON

Closing Quotations

Table of closing quotations for various commodities and stocks, including Air Reduction, Alaska Juneau, and various grain products.

Quotations at Portland

Table of produce exchange and Portland grain quotations, including Butter prints, Flour, and various types of wheat and corn.

Portland Livestock

Table of livestock quotations, including Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep, with prices for various grades and weights.

Lebanon Man Buried Friday

LEBANON—Joshua Edwin Bowers, born in Medford, Wis., 84 years old, died at his home Tuesday night and was buried from the Low Mortuary Friday afternoon.

Stocks and Bonds

Table of stock and bond averages, including Net change, Previous day, and various bond types.

Oregon Hop Mart Firm

Small Quantities in Hands of Growers; Dealers Interested

Oregon hop markets maintained the firm tone of the previous week. Although largely nominal because of the extremely small quantities remaining in growers' hands, prices on 1941 crop hops were generally considered about unchanged at the seasonal high points.

Interest in contracting of 1942 crop hops remained active but actual commitments were restricted by lack of offerings from growers. Bids to producers for regular seeded 1942 crop hops were firm at around 37 cents per pound net.

For seedless hops from the 1942 crop, around 43 per pound was being offered growers, on a sliding scale with discounts according to seed content.

With an estimated more than half of the 1942 Oregon hop crop already under contract, growers were not offering freely, with some uncertainty regarding production costs and availability of supplies needed to produce the crop important considerations.

A firm tone prevailed in Washington markets during the week. Spot stocks of 1941 hops in the Yakima valley area in strictly growers' hands were reported at less than 100 bales, mostly of low quality.

Contract options at 45 cents per pound for 1942 seedless hops were reported taken in the Yakima valley during the week although no actual transactions were completed.

California hop markets remained firm with light offerings from growers meeting fairly active demand. Recent price advances were well maintained both in the spot and contract markets.

Trading in 1941 hops was restricted by the small supplies in first hands but

Salem Market Quotations

Table of Salem market quotations for various commodities including Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, and various types of flour and oil.

EGGS AND POULTRY

Table of egg and poultry prices, including Butterfat, Butter prints, Eggs, and various types of poultry.

SONOMA COUNTY GROWERS REPORTED SALES OF 142 BALES AT 37-37 1/2 CENTS PER POUND.

The New York hop market maintained a firm tone with prices steady. Trading was slow on spot hops due to short 1941 stocks and growers holding tendency.

Contracting was reported on 1942 hops at 36-37 cents for regulars and 42-43 cents for seedless, but growers were reported as not selling freely.

On February 25, regular 1941 crop Pacific coast hops were quoted to the trade at New York at 47-49 cents; seedless at 57-59 cents per pound, with other stocks nominal.

Increase in Cattle Noted

Sheep Number Down For year; Turkey Record Reached

Cattle numbers in Oregon increased sharply during the past two years. As of January 1, 1942, it is estimated that there were 1,043,000 head of cattle on Oregon farms, an increase of 6 per cent over the January 1, 1941, number of 984,000.

The number of horses in Oregon has shown a steady decrease for 25 years. The number on farms January 1 was 132,000, a decrease of 5000 during 1941 and 15 per cent below the average of 156,000.

Milk animals are increasing moderately. The number of dairy cows is placed at 273,000 or three per cent more than a year earlier. The average farm value per head of all cattle is up sharply compared with a year ago and the average. The value per head on January 1 this year is \$54.90 or 29 per cent above the average value of \$42.50, last January. The (1931-1940) average value is \$31.27.

Oregon sheep population continues to decline slightly. The number on farms January 1 is estimated to be 1,637,000 head including 60,000 on feed which leaves 1,577,000 stock sheep. This is a decline of three per cent as compared with a year earlier. The 10-year average stock sheep number on farms is 2,155,000.

The average farm value per head on January 1, 1942, was \$9.50, an increase of \$2 compared with last year and about 80 per cent above the average.

The swine population estimate is 288,000 head compared with 277,000 a year ago and the average of 233,000. The increase as

compared with last year is due chiefly to a larger fall pig crop and a consequent increase in the number less than six months old on hand on January 1, but there is also a sharp increase in the number of sows and gilts on hand.

The average farm value per head is almost double what it was on January 1 a year ago. Currently the value per head is \$15 compared with \$7.90 on January 1, 1941, and the average of \$8.62.

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The number of turkeys in Oregon farms on January 1 is estimated to be 500,000, the largest January 1 inventory on record in this state. This is an increase of 47 per cent over the 340,000 on hand last January, and 105 per cent above the average of 244,000. The farm value per bird is placed at \$3.65 compared with \$2.55 last January and the average of \$2.50.

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