

Stocks Turn Irregular

Little Bearish Movement Shown During Session

By BERNARD S. O'HARA
NEW YORK, Dec. 31—(AP)—The stock market turned a bit irregular today, as it closed the books on 1943, but there was little real bearishness in evidence as statistics added up the 12 months' results and found they were the best in five years.

Approach of the holiday—major exchanges will recess tomorrow—inspired lightening of accounts here and there and a revival of doubts regarding settlement of the railway wage dispute dimmed sentiment to a considerable extent. Reinvestment demand, however, continued as a bolstering factor.

The Associated Press 60-stock average was off .1 of a point at 49.6, was unchanged on the week, but for the entire year showed a net gain of 8 points. The composite stood at 41.6 at the close of December 31, 1942. It touched its highest mark for the current year at 53.3 on July 14 and a low of 41.7 on January 1. Over the 12 months' stretch the industrial average was up 9.5 points, the rails 4.9 and the utilities 8.3. Volume for the day amounted to 989,590 shares against 1,143,150 yesterday.

Silverton P-T Plans For Thursday Meeting

SILVERTON — The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held Thursday at 3:30 in the Eugene Field school, according to Mrs. William Woodard, president. A report from the high school lunch room is expected to be made. A Red Cross home nursing class also will be discussed.

The executive meeting is to be held Monday at Mrs. Woodard's.

Marshfield Family Visits in Woodburn

WOODBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Covey of Marshfield, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Covey of Woodburn, and Dr. and Mrs. A. F. de Lespinasse of Hubbard. Mr. Covey has charge of all the band instruction in the Marshfield schools.

Idaho Student Home For Holiday Visit

AMITY—Miss Ruth Abraham, student at the University of Idaho, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Abraham.

Pays Justice Court Fine

SILVERTON — V. Scott paid a \$5 fine in justice court Wednesday on a charge of having no operator's license and operating a car. The arrest was made by State Officer Carl Murphy.

Visits in Portland

FAIRVIEW — Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Marley and son Donald were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Appleman and family at Portland. Mrs. Marley remained to be with her mother, who has been ill.

Stocks and Bonds

STOCK AVERAGES				
	30	15	10	50
Friday	70.0	70.1	70.2	70.3
Previous day	70.1	70.2	70.3	70.4
Week ago	70.1	70.2	70.3	70.4
Month ago	67.6	67.7	67.8	67.9
Year ago	60.5	60.6	60.7	60.8
1943 high	76.9	77.0	77.1	77.2
1943 low	60.2	60.3	60.4	60.5

BOND AVERAGES				
	10	10	10	10
Friday	79.7	79.8	79.9	80.0
Previous day	79.5	79.6	79.7	79.8
Week ago	78.6	78.7	78.8	78.9
Month ago	84.4	84.5	84.6	84.7
Year ago	79.7	79.8	79.9	80.0
1943 high	84.6	84.7	84.8	84.9
1943 low	60.2	60.3	60.4	60.5

—New 1943 high.

"Strictly Private" By Quinn Hall



Quotations at Portland

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31—(AP)—Butter—AA grade prints 46c, cartons 48c; A grade prints 45c; cartons 47c; B grade prints 44c; cartons 45c.

Butterfat—First quality, maximum of 8 1/2 per cent acidity, delivered at Portland 52-52 1/2c lb.; premium quality, maximum of 35 of 1 per cent acidity 53-53 1/2c lb.; valley routes and country points 2c less than first or 50-50 1/2c; second quality at Portland 2c under first or 50-50 1/2c lb.

Cheese—Selling price to Portland retailers: Oregon triplets 29c lb.; loaf 29 1/2c lb.; triplets to wholesalers 27c lb.; loaf 27 1/2c FOB.

Eggs—Prices to producers: A large 42-48c; A medium 42-44c; A small 37-38c; B large 37-38c doz.

Eggs—Prices to retailers in cases: A grade large 48 1/2c; A medium 45-47 1/2c; A small 41 1/2-43c doz.

Live Poultry—Selling prices: No. 1 grade 2 1/2c; broilers up to 2 1/2 lbs. 30c; colored fryers under 2 1/2 lbs. 28c; colored roasters over 4 lbs. 30c; Leghorn hens under 2 1/2 lbs. 25c; over 2 1/2 lbs. 25 1/2c; old roosters 21 1/2c; turkeys 1 1/2c lb.

Rabbits—Government ceiling: Average country killed to retailers 44c lb.; to producers 24c lb.

Turkeys—Dressed hens No. 1, 39 1/2-42c lb.

—Alive: Government ceiling: live buying price: Hens 42c; toms 36 1/2c lb.; dressed basis.

—Green 90-95c doz. bunches; Yakima, Oregon 2 1/2 50-lb. bag.

Potatoes—Yakima No. 1, 3 1/2 cents; 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s, 18s, 19s, 20s, 21s, 22s, 23s, 24s, 25s, 26s, 27s, 28s, 29s, 30s, 31s, 32s, 33s, 34s, 35s, 36s, 37s, 38s, 39s, 40s, 41s, 42s, 43s, 44s, 45s, 46s, 47s, 48s, 49s, 50s, 51s, 52s, 53s, 54s, 55s, 56s, 57s, 58s, 59s, 60s, 61s, 62s, 63s, 64s, 65s, 66s, 67s, 68s, 69s, 70s, 71s, 72s, 73s, 74s, 75s, 76s, 77s, 78s, 79s, 80s, 81s, 82s, 83s, 84s, 85s, 86s, 87s, 88s, 89s, 90s, 91s, 92s, 93s, 94s, 95s, 96s, 97s, 98s, 99s, 100s.

Country meats—Rollback prices to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butchers, 120-140 lbs. 17-18c; vealers AA 22 1/2c; A 21 1/2c; B 19-19 1/2c; C 15-17 1/2c; cuts: ham-cutter cows 10-14c; bulls, canner-cutters 14 1/2c; lambs AA 26c; A 24 1/2c; B 22 1/2c; C 19-20c; ewes 13-14c; medium-cutter cows 18-19 1/2c; beef AA 21 1/2c; A 20 1/2c; B 18 1/2c; C 14c; cutter—common cows 10-12c; cutter-common bulls 14 1/2c lb.

Wool—Government control.

Casaca bark—Dry 17c lb.

Mohair—1942, 12-month 45c lb. Hops—Nominal seed stock, 1942 crop 1.40 lb.; seedless 1.50-1.60 lb.; contract seedless 70c; seed 65c lb.

Hay—Wholesale prices nominal: Alfalfa No. 2 or better 34.00-36.00; oat-witch 26.00; timothy, valley points: timothy (eastern Oregon) 35.00-36.00 ton; clover 25.00 ton; Montana grass hay No. 1, 35.50 ton.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31—(AP)—(WFA)—Cattle: salable 10, total 25; calves, salable none, total 10; market mostly nominal; week's supply medium-good short fed steers 12.00-13.00; few loads good-choice heavy steers 16.00-25; best heifers 14.00; good beef cows up to 12.25; canner-cutter cows largely 4.50-7.00; medium-good bulls 8.25-10.25; good-choice vealers 13.50-14.50, few 15.00.

Hogs: Salable 25, total 50; market steady; few good-choice 22 1/2 lbs. weights 14.25; choice lightweight quotable to 14.50; 260-285 lbs. 14.00; 315 lbs. 12.50; good sows 9.50-7.5; good-choice feeder pigs quotable 10.50-11.00.

Sheep: Salable 25, total 50; market nominal; good-choice lambs salable up to 4.00 or above; good ewes quotable to 4.50 and over.

Kaiser Gals Set 'All-Feminine' Launching

PORTLAND, Dec. 31—(AP)—Tae tin-hatted gals at Henry J. Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard are putting up a "men keep away" sign for the launching of the tanker Nehalem next Wednesday.

It's an all-feminine job. The girls will provide the music, grease the ways, and burn the steel plates which let the tanker skid into the Willamette.

Not even E. B. Oberg, mayor of the Oregon coastal town for which the tanker is named, can set foot on the ways. He had to delegate his wife to deliver the launching address.

Hoyt Disclaims Candidacy Hints

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31—(AP)—Palmer Hoyt, retiring domestic director of the office of war information and publisher of the Oregonian, was quoted by the Oregonian today as refusing to seek the republican nomination to the US senate.

The newspaper said Hoyt, mentioned as a possible candidate by Wayne L. Morse, public member of the war labor board, declared in a telephone call from Washington, DC, that "I am not in politics and have no intention of seeking any political office."

Home Is Remodeled

GERVAIS — G. Beringer is building an addition to his home and modernizing it.

Wheat Stages Broad Gains

Oats, Rye, Barley End Year Showing Slight Advances

By WILLIAM FERRIS
CHICAGO, Dec. 31—(AP)—Grain celebrated the ringing out of the old year today by staging a broad advance. Wheat paced the upturn, all contracts moving to new seasonal peaks on heavy buying attributed to mills.

At one time September wheat was up more than 3 cents, but late profit-taking shaved extreme gains. Final prices on wheat were ahead 1 1/2-2 1/2c, May \$1.69 1/2-3/4; oats were up 3/4-1 1/2c, May 78 1/2; rye was ahead 1/4-1 1/2c, May \$1.27 1/2-3/4, and barley was up 1 cent, May \$1.22 1/2.

At the peaks, May and July were the highest for those contracts since 1928, while September reached the best level for that delivery since 1917, when trading in all contracts was suspended during the first world war. However, the best price paid during the session—\$1.70 1/2 for May—was not equal to the high of \$1.72 1/2 made by the now defunct December delivery earlier this month.

Coast Gas Cut Coming

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—(AP)—Officials in the petroleum administration see little chance that a cut in gasoline rations on the west coast can be avoided, informed sources said today.

The huge new Pacific offensive planned for 1944 and the resultant need for great amounts of gasoline was given as the reason for the expected cut.

With requisitions of gasoline for the military already high and due to increase, Deputy Petroleum Administrator Ralph K. Davies, now in Los Angeles, is making a first-hand check of the Pacific states' supply situation.

An indication the next 30 days may bring a reduction came in a statement by Price Administrator Chester Bowles that OPA hopes to maintain current coupon values in January—"at least in most parts of the country."

Bowles did not elaborate, but the supply situation is now most acute on the west coast.

Two Silverton Sales Of Farms Reported

SILVERTON — The Homeseekers' Agency reports two sales this week, one an acreage sold at Salem for Clarence Kleen to Fred Lannigan, and the other the Alfred Olsen farm on the Silverton-Marquam road to John DeHart.

Salem Market Quotations

The prices below supplied by a local grocer are indicative of the daily market prices paid to growers by Salem buyers but are not guaranteed by The Statesman:

Lettuce, doz.	2.25 and 2.25
Chilliflowers, crate	1.00
Crook neck & Italian squash, lb.	0.03
Turnips, doz. bun.	1.00
Cabbages, crate	0.05
Endive, doz. bun.	0.70
Radishes, doz. bun.	0.80
Carrots, crate	4.00
Carrots, doz. bun.	0.80
Celery, doz. bun.	1.50
Onions, crate	0.60
Peppers, green, lb.	0.05
Beets, doz. bunches	0.70
Pumpkin, lb.	0.05
Parsnips, lb.	0.05

BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY	
Address a Buying Price (Subject to change without notice)	
BUTTERFAT	44
Premium	45
No. 1	46
No. 2	47
BUTTER PRINTS	46 1/2
A	46 1/2
B	45 1/2
Carters	47
EGGS	31
Extra large	36
Medium	31
Pullet, lb.	34
POULTRY	35
Colored hens, No. 1	34
No. 2	33
Fryers, under 2 1/2 lbs.	39
2 1/2 lbs. and over	38
Old roosters	15
Marion Creamery's Buying Price (Subject to change without notice)	34
POULTRY	35
All hens	34
All springs	35
Roosters or stags	15

Above prices for prime stock, under grades according to value.

—STOCKS—
Buying prices for No. 1 stock, based on conditions and sizes reported.
Spring lambs—11.00 to 11.50
Yearlings—5.00 to 6.00
Hens—2.50 to 3.00
Hogs, good to choice grade, 170-270 lbs.—14.00
Sows—9.00 to 10.00
Top veal—12.00
Dairy type cows—2.50 to 3.00
Beef type cows—2.00 to 2.50
Bulls—2.00 to 2.50
Heifers—2.00 to 2.50
Dressed veal—21

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Signed?



Alice Ealand (above), blonde model from Springfield, Mass., announced she would star in a new Charlie Chaplin picture. Studio called the announcement "premature."

Baldwin Rites Are Monday

STAYTON — Funeral services for Clarence H. Baldwin will be held at the Weddie chapel at 3 o'clock Monday, January 3, Rev. Edwin B. Hart of Corvallis officiating.

In failing health for nearly two years from a brain tumor and in a Salem hospital since August, Mr. Baldwin died Wednesday, December 29. He was born in Canon City, Colo., November 5, 1884, attended the Colorado school and moved to Florida where he lived for a number of years. Later he moved to Medford and became a partner in a men's furnishing and dry goods business there and in Grants Pass. In 1908 he was married to Zoma Wilkinson. In 1917 Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin came to Stayton and farmed for eight years on what is now the Weldon place. They returned to Grants Pass until 1937 when they returned to Stayton, entering in the dry goods and men's furnishing business, which is still being carried on by Mrs. Baldwin.

Radio Programs

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9:30—I Was There.
9:30—We Work for Wisco.
10:00—Five Star Final.
10:15—Wartime Women.
10:30—Ted Powell Orchestra.
10:30—Music.
11:00—Henry Busch Orchestra.
11:30—Phil Harris Orchestra.
11:45—Air-710 of the Air.
11:55—News.
12:00-6:00 a.m. Music and News.

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Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Zoma Baldwin; three daughters, Mrs. George Adams of Richmond, Calif., Mrs. George Lee of Stayton, and Mrs. Tod Slayton, also of Stayton; two sons, S/Sgt. Howard Baldwin, Camp Callan, Calif., and S/Sgt. Clarence, Jr., now in New Guinea. Burial will be in Lone Oak cemetery.

Esquire Denied Mail's Second Class Rating

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—(AP)—Esquire magazine, whose Varga girl drawings and other material offended the post office department's sense of modesty, was ordered deprived of its second-class mailing privileges Thursday.

Without ruling directly on the question whether the magazine is obscene, a question much debated during lengthy hearings, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker ordered the mailing privileges revoked effective February 28.

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POOR SCORCH! THAT DAME SURE HIT HIM HARD! I COULDN'T MAKE SENSE OF IT; FIRST SHE LOVES HIM, THEN SHE DON'T!

YOU'RE LT. BUNYAN, AREN'T YOU? YOU WERE WITH SCORCHY LAST NIGHT, WHERE IS HE? I'VE GOT TO SEE HIM, RIGHT AWAY!

MISS, NOTHING WOULD GIVE ME MORE PLEASURE THAN TO TAKE YOU TO HIM, BUT HE LEFT US HALF AN HOUR AGO, AND DIDN'T SAY WHERE HE WAS GON'.

SIR, I... I DON'T WANT ANY MORE REST! I WANT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO COMBAT DUTY! NOW!

SCORCHY SMITH

THAT'S REAL THOUGHTFUL OF YOU, YARD BIRD, TO WANT TO SHOW THE PYRAMIDS AND MUSEUMS TO YOUR FRIEND, GOOGLE. YES, UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS YOU CAN HAVE THE DOWN OFF.

HERE WE BE!! WE PUT ONE OVER ON TH' OL' FOSSIL HISSER!! NO NO HA HA

WAIT TILL TH' ADMIRAL HEARS ABOUT THIS OUTRAGE!!

SUCH PULLETS! SUCH OORIFEROUS OOR-COLONEY-SNE-SNE!! IT WUZ WITH IT!!

BARNEY GOOGLE

...AND SO I'VE BECOME VERY INTERESTED IN YOUR ELECTRO-BOX, MR. MOUSE!

THANK YOU, DOCTOR... BY THE WAY... WHAT KIND OF A DOCTOR DID YOU SAY YOU WERE?

I AM A DOCTOR OF HUMANITY! I LIVE ONLY TO BRING MERCY AND JOY TO MY FELLOW MEN!

WELL, I'M VERY FLATTERED DR. GRUT THAT YOU... PLUTO!

HE'S JUST A DUMB PUP! DOESN'T HAVE ANY SENSE AT ALL SOMETIMES!

MICKY MOUSE

NOW ALL I HAFTA DO, IS PASS ME FIZZICAL EXAMINATION!

HOPE THE MEDICAL OFFICER IS OKAY

HE ABSOLUTELY MUST PASS ME (IT'S IMPORTANT)

AHOY, SIR, ARE YA READY FOR ME?

THAT'S STRANGE, I CAN'T FIND YOUR HEART—HM?

THIMBLE THEATRE

HEY, ZERO, WAIT FOR ME!

THE TIME IS RIGHT, BUT THE DAY IS WRONG. THERE'S NO SCHOOL ON SATURDAY—

GOOD MORNING, ZERO. I CAN SEE YOU ARE A PERFECT PUPIL. NO WONDER ANNIE LOVES YOU—

GLORYOSKY! RAISIN COOKIES! PLEASE KIN ZERO HAVE ONE? HE JUST LOVES COOKIES!

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

I HADN'T LOST MY GUN, YOU'D NEVER HAVE GOTTEN ME! AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T NOW!

WHAT DOES THIS LEVER DO?

THAT CLOSSES THE DOOR TO THE TUNNEL, AND THEN WATER POURS IN! YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW TO OPEN THE DOOR!

THE RAILROAD MEN ARE DONE FOR, AND THE RAILROAD WILL NEVER BE FINISHED ON TIME! IT MEANS HARDING WILL LOSE THE CONTRACT! AT LAST I'VE GOTTEN SQUARE WITH HARDING!

DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH ME! I'VE LICKED HARDING! HEH, HEH!

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