

Work at Albany Lab Produces Rare Metal

SPOKANE, Dec. 4 (AP)—The rare metal zirconium is being lowered from its exclusive position to the work benches of industry.

S. H. Lorain, chief of a bureau of mines research laboratory at Albany, Ore., told the northwest mining congress Friday that zirconium may be the basis of a new metal industry. Methods of production developed through research at the Albany laboratory have turned out greater quantities of the once rare metal than had been produced throughout the world up to this time.

Zirconium is a highly heat-resistant metal, and when alloyed with other metals increases their strength and removes impurities. If available in quantity it would greatly aid in the production of steel.

Lorain told the mining conference that zirconium is actually the 19th most abundant metal found in the earth's crust, but the high cost of recovery has prevented its use, and kept it a rarity.

"When this metal has been developed to the point of commercial production, a new metal industry will have been created," he said, "and the common mineral zircon will have become a valuable ore mineral."

Turner Residents Have Birthdays

TURNER—Several birthdays have been observed here recently. Don Wipper honored his brother Walt with a birthday dinner. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weishaar and Mrs. Mary Ball. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wipper, were visiting at the home of Albert Englund in Seaside.

Mrs. Louis Peterson was honored on her birthday with a family dinner. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Peterson and family of Jefferson; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Morris and family of Seio; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller and son; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Miller and family; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Buckholtz and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Boehmer of Salem.

Postoffice Adds to Saturday Schedule

Stamp and parcel post windows at Salem postoffice will be open all day the coming two Saturdays, Postmaster Albert C. Gragg announced yesterday. But the third Saturday ahead is Christmas and the windows will be closed tight.

While other windows will shut at the regular time, noon, the two windows most in demand in the Christmas mailing rush will be available until 6 p.m.

Stocks and Bonds

Compiled by the Associated Press

Dec. 4			
Stock Averages	15	18	20
Saturday	82.2	39.4	38.1
Previous day	87.6	39.7	39.0
Week ago	86.8	38.9	38.8
Month ago	89.1	41.2	39.8
Year ago	88.9	32.8	39.3

BOND AVERAGES			
20	10	10	10
Saturday	89.8	101.1	99.7
Previous day	89.8	101.1	99.7
Week ago	89.8	101.2	99.6
Month ago	90.3	100.6	99.3
Year ago	88.1	100.9	99.3

Christmas Parties Held in Lincoln

LINCOLN—Mrs. L. I. Mickey entertained for the Christian service group Wednesday. Mrs. Paul Libby of Albany spoke on the Christmas program.

Mrs. Leonard Jones, president, conducted the business session. Discussion was held on contributions to the Highland boy community house at Bingham, Utah and to the Salem emergency fund.

Others present were Mrs. Elmer Rierson, Mrs. Eva Wood, Mrs. E. Miller, Mrs. Jennie Dawson, Mrs. Glen Wyatt, Mrs. N. E. Shaw, Mrs. Norman Shaw, Mrs. John Simmons, Mrs. Herbert Hike, Mrs. Albert Tachu, Mrs. Addie Barton, Mrs. Fannie Emel.

Salem Market Quotations

BUTTERFAT	.71
Premium	.69
No. 1	.68
No. 2	.67
PRINTS	.72
Wholesale	.71
EGGS (Buying)	.48
Large double A	.48
Medium	.47
Pullets	.50
Cracks	.50
Wholesale	.50
Large double A	.50
Medium	.49
Cracks	.52
POULTRY	.30
No. 1 Leghorn hens	.30
No. 1 colored hens	.30
No. 1 colored fryers (2 to 3 lbs.)	.32
No. 1 colored fryers (3 lbs. up)	.32
No. 1 old cocks	.18
LIVESTOCK by Val Pack	15.00
Feeder lambs	20.00
Wool lambs	20.00
Yearling lambs	10.00 to 12.00
Ewes	2.00 to 7.00
Fat Dairy cows	12.00 to 14.50
Cutter cows	10.00 to 14.00
Bulls	17.00 to 20.00
Veal, 150 to 300 lbs.	24.00 to 27.00
Calves, 300 to 450 lbs.	14.00 to 22.00

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—(AP)—The wholesale market prices retailers pay wholesalers, except where otherwise noted:

Butterfat—Premium quality delivered

in Portland 60-70c; first quality 67-70c; lb.; second quality 65-68c; lb. Valley routes and country points, 3 less than first.

Butter—Whole, f.a.b. bulk cubes to wholesalers: Grade A, 50 score 67c lb.; A, 52 score 66c lb.; B, 50 score 64c lb.; C, 50 score, 62c lb.

Cheese—(Selling price to Portland wholesalers): Oregon singles, 44½-51c; Oregon 5-lb. loaf, 47½-54.

Eggs—(To wholesalers): A grade large 67½-69½c; A grade, medium, 62½-63½c; A grade small, 52½-55½c; B grade, large, 56½-60.

Live chickens—Roasters, 4 lbs. and over, 26-28c; fowl Leghorns, under 4 lbs. 29c; fowl, Leghorns, over 4 lbs. 33-34c lb.; colored, fowl, all weights 33-35c lb.

Turkeys—(Net to the producer on a dressed weight basis): U. S. grade A young toms, 46c; few quoting to 47. Dressed turkeys to retailers: Grade A young hens, 85c lb.; some to 87. New York style dressed: A grade young toms, 53-55.

Rabbits—(Average to retailers for locally dressed animals): 56-62c; fryers, live, white, 32-33c; colored, 30-31c; old or heavy, 15-18.

Potatoes—(Wholesalers to retailers in dollars a hundred): Steers—Good, to 100 lbs. 44-47; commercial, 40-44; utility, 33-35. Cows—Commercial, 34-38; utility, 33-35; canner-cutter, 30-33. Beef cuts—(Good steer): Hind quarters, 52-55; rounds, 48-51; full loins, 48-51; 660-71; triangles, 38-40; square chucks, 42-44; ribs, 39-43; forequarters, 43-44.

Veal and calf—Good and choice, 42-45; commercial, 39-41; utility, 35-38.

Lambs—Good—choice, 30-30 lb. 42-45; commercial, all weights, 40-41.

Mutton—Good, 70 lbs. down, 41-50.

Pork loins—No. 1, 8-12 lbs., 44-47; shoulders, 16 lb. down, 41-45; spareribs, 5 lbs. down, 44-54.

Wool—Coarse, valley and medium grades, 45c lb.

Mohair—25c lb. on 12-month basis.

Hides—(To city dealers): Calf, 30c lb.; kips, 22c; beef, 13-14c; bulls, 8-9c.

Country buyers pay 2c less.

Country killed meats:

Veal—Top quality, 38-40c lb.; other grades according to weight and quality.

Hogs—Light blockers, 31-33c lb.; hogs, light, 27-30.

Lambs—38-40c lb.; mutton 14-18.

Beef—Good cows, 29-32c lb.; canners-cutters, 24-28.

Country killed meats:

Carcasses—No. 1, under 100 lbs. 43-45.

Onions—50-lb. western Ore., yellow, No. 1, med., 1.50-1.75; large, 1.75-2.00; Idaho yellows, med., 1.50-1.65; large, 2.25-2.50; white med., 1.20-1.35.

Potatoes—Oregon russets, cent. dist., No. 1-A, 3.25-4.00; 25 lbs., 90-95c; No. 2, 50 lbs., 1.10-2.00; Klamath Falls russets, No. 1-A, 3.40-5.00; Wash., Yakima russets, No. 1-A, 3.25-4.00; 25 lbs. 85c; Idaho russets, No. 1-A, 3-40-85; white rose 2.75-3.50.

Hay—(Following prices are strictly nominal): U. S. No. 2 green alfalfa or better, carlots, FOB Portland, 37-38; U. S. No. 1 timothy, 37-38; oats and

vetch mixed hay, unsorted clover hay, 24-25 ton, based on Willamette valley farms.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—(USDA)—Salable and total cattle today 48, calves 15; mostly steady; for five days salable 2,850, total 3,550; calves 350 and 385; for week market uneven, mostly steady; medium cows weaker; canners-cutters 50 cents or more higher; medium-good fed steers 26.50-29.00; medium grassers 22.50-25.00; common down to 18.00; cutter-common

heifers 18.00-21.00; medium heifers 15.00-21.00; medium 22.00-23.00; canner-cutter cows largely 12.50-15.50; common-medium cows 16.00-18.50; good cows 18.50-20.00; young cows up to 21.00; good beef bulls 22.00; common-medium sausage bulls 17.00-20.00; good-choice vealers 25.00-28.00; odd head 29.00-30.00; good heavy calves around 24.00.

Salable hogs today 50, total 450; steady; good-choice 178-200 lbs. 24.50; negligible lot choice 200 lbs. 24.50; for week salable 1,935, total 6,150; for week

market 1.00 higher; sows strong to 90 cents up; bulk good-choice 180-220 lbs. 24.50; several midweek sales 14.75; heavier and lighter weights usually 2.00 off; good sows 18.50-19.00; light weights up to 20.00 and above; good-choice feeder pigs 24.50-26.00.

Salable sheep today 25, total 178; market nominal; for five days salable 1,210, total 2,700; for week slaughtered lambs largely 50 cents higher; good-choice 21.00-22; common down to 18.00 and under; medium feeders 19.00-20; good ewes around 8.00.

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