STOCK LEADERS DECLINE WHILE OTHERS HIGHER

New York, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Leading industrial issues declined in a quiet stock market today while special issues and non-ferrous metal shares registered gains.

Railroad issues, soft spots Saturday, steadied on short covering in the early trading, and then resumed their decline. Losses were small in the rail stocks but large in railroad bonds.

Leading steel issues declined but special issues in the group made gains and held them. Utilities were mixed, mercantile shares lower, and motors weak. Chemicals had wide declines.

Initial steadiness was considered normal in view of the probable oversale Saturday of the carrier shares. Much of that selling was professional and was covered today. Some of the individual holders of the issues unloaded later and there was some switching into roads which would be little affected by elimination of the emergency freight surcharges which expire by Interstate Commerce commission order on December 31.

Selling of automobile issues was based on the outlook for a complete shutdown in the industry of strikes if accessory plants—especially glass—continue. Higher prices for copper abroad and for lead here helped the non-ferrous metal shares.

Dow Jones preliminary closing averages showed: Industrial 175.85, off 1.76; railroad 51.96, off 0.74; utility 33.83, off 0.61. Transactions approximated 1,760,000 shares compared with 1,910,000 Friday. Curb transactions approximated 459,000 shares compared with 544,000 Friday.

ORDERS EXCEED LUMBER OUTPUT

Washington, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—New business booked by the lumber industry in the week ended December 12 was more than 50 per cent in excess of production and shipments, both of which were curtailed by the maritime strike, the National Lumber manufacturers association reported today.

It was the fifth consecutive week in which new orders exceeded both production and shipments, and increased over the preceding week.

The 587 mills reporting, 2 per cent less than the 601 in the preceding week, had output of 199,787,000 feet of hardwoods and softwoods combined, a decline of 3 per cent from the total of 205,039,000 feet a week earlier.

Shipments aggregated 198,511,000 feet, 1 per cent below production and 4 per cent below the preceding week's figure of 207,843,000 feet.

New orders totaled 304,597,000 feet, 52 per cent in excess of production and 5 per cent above the preceding week's total of 291,102,000 feet.

LEASE STATE LANDS FOR STOCK PASTURE

Lewis Griffith, clerk of the state land board, will leave for the national capital shortly after the first of the year to confer with federal officials on the grazing land consolidation program to permit leasing state lands for pasture.

Griffith stated Oregon owned about 700,000 acres of land, but the school lands are scattered, sections 16 and 36 in each township being set aside for school purposes. A consolidation of lands by exchanges has been made possible under the Taylor Grazing act and the state government will attempt to take advantage of the program.

The land board authorized Griffith to make the trip at its session here today.

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers, for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised Daily).

Wheat, per bushel, No 1 white $1.05, red sacked $1.04.

Feed oats $27 ton; milling $27.50. Feed barley $35 ton, malting $40.

Clover hay $10 ton. Oats and vetch $10. Valley alfalfa $12 ton.

Vetch seed—No 1 $2.95 bd Clover seed, No. 1 23c lb.

Hogs—Midget Market: Top grades 140-160 lbs. $9.60; 160-200 lbs. $9.85; 200-225 lbs. $9.60; 225-250 lbs. $9.35.

Veal—11½c lb. dressed.

Poultry—Heavy colored hens 14c lb., med. 13c. Leghorn No. 1 10c lb., old roosters 5c, colored frys 13c. Leghorn frys 12c lb.

Eggs—Buying prices: Med extras 21c, ex. large whites 23c, browns 23c, pullets 14c, standards, large 22c dozen.

Butter—Prints, A grade 34½c lb. B grade 33½c. Butterfat, A grade 34½c lb., B grade 33c lb. delivered.

WOOL, MOHAIR

Wool—Coarse and fine 27c, medium 30c. Mohair 40c. Lamb's wool 27c lb.

Markets Briefed

(By United Press)

Stocks irregularly lower; motors weak. Bonds irregularly lower.

Curb stocks irregular.

Foreign exchange easy; Holland guilder strong. Cotton easy.

Grains: Chicago wheat ¼-⅝ lower. Corn (new) ¼-⅝ higher, (old) unchanged to ⅛ higher. Oats unchanged to ⅛ higher. Rye ⅝ higher to ¼ lower.

Rubber easy.

Silver at New York unchanged at 45¼ cents.

The most famous fish chowder is the bouillabaisse of Marseilles.

NEW YORK STOCKS

Closing Quotations by Associated Press

Alaska Juneau	14½	Montgomery Ward	57⅜
Allied Chemical & Dye	222	Nash Motors	18⅝
American Can	112¼	National Biscuit	163½
American Commercial Alcohol	26⅝	National Dairy Products	23⅛
American & Foreign Power	7	National Distillers	28⅛
American Power & Light	11⅛	Pacific Gas & Electric	36⅛
American Smelting & Ref	91¼	Packard	10¼
American T & T	180	J C Penney	100¼
American Tobacco B	96½	Penn R R	38⅛
Anaconda	31⅝	Phillips Petroleum	46⅛
Atchison	67½	Public Service N J	47
Atlantic Ref	29½	Pullman	61½
Bendix Aviation	26	Sears Roebuck	92½
Bethlehem Steel	71⅝	Shell Union	26⅛
Boeing Air	31⅝	Southern Pacific	39⅞
Burroughs Adding Machine	29¾	Sperry Corporation	21
California Pack	44½	Standard Brands	15⅛
J I Case	142½	Standard Oil of California	39
Caterpillar Tractor	87¾	Standard Oil of New Jersey	63⅝
Chrysler	115⅝	Stewart Warner	17½
Commercial Solvent	17⅝	Studebaker	13¼
Commonwealth Sou	3¼	Trans-America	16⅝
Continental Can	63⅛	Union Carbide	100
Corn Products	67⅜	Union Pacific	133½
Curtiss Wright	6⅜	United Air Lines	18
Du Pont	172⅞	United Aircraft	27½
Eastman	172	United Corporation	6½
General Electric	51	U S Industrial Alcohol	32¾
General Foods	40	U S Rubber	43⅝
General Motors	64⅛	U S Steel	75¼
International Harvester	98	Western Union	75¼
International Nickel	62⅝	Westinghouse Electric	142¼
International T & T	12	White Motors	24⅛
Johns Manville	141½	Woolworth	63¼
Kennecott	39⅝		
Libbey-O-Ford	70⅞	CLOSING CURB QUOTATIONS	
Liggett & Myers B	105¼	Cities Service	3⅜
Liquid Carbonic	43½	Electric Bond & Share	21¼

MARKET QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND EASTSIDE MARKET

Portland, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—It looked like mid-season during the Monday trading on the eastside market. Offerings were not only of greater volume but the quality as a rule was better. It looked like everyone had saved the best for the approaching holiday.

There was some very fancy spinach out of Bingen that sold 75-80c orange box with the best local at the same price. Demand was good.

Carrots sold mostly 20c doz. bunches with some 17½c. Beets 40c lug and around 25c doz. bunches.

Spring-type radishes 35-40c dozen.

Green onions 25-30c doz. bunches for best.

Cabbage slow, chiefly 80-85c crate with few 90c. Curley 30c crate. Red chiefly 50c pony crate. Sprouts 55-60c box. Green broccoli 35c doz. bunches.

Celery hearts mostly 80c doz., few higher. Chinese lettuce 90c-$1 crate. Bingen lettuce $1.25 for 3s and 85c crate of 4s. Cauliflower of top quality moved to $1.10 crate; others 40-50c.

General prices ruled:

Turnips—No. 1 30-4c doz. bunches.

Carrots—Local No. 1, 17½-20c dozen bunches, lugs 50c, sacks 60-65c.

Beets—No. 1 20-25c doz. bunches.

Rutabagas—Local 35-40c box.

Potatoes—Local No. 1 $1.25-40 an orange box, No. 1 in sacks $2 cental.

Cabbage—Round type 75-90c crate. Spinach—No. 1 65-80c orange box.

Lettuce—Local 75c crate. Bingen 85c to $1.25 crate.

Cauliflower—No. 1 $1-$1.10, No. 2 45-60c crate.

Celery—Field grown $1.25; hearts 65-80c dozen bunches.

Apples—Local jumble pack 50c-$1 box. Face-fill 60-90c.

Greens—Mustard 20c. Parsley 30c dozen bunches.

Sprouts—Local No. 1 50-60c box.

Tomatoes—Hothouse $1.50-50 10 lbs.

PORTLAND SUGAR, FLOUR

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Sugar: Berry or fruit 100s $5.15, bales $5.25. Beet $5.05 cental.

Domestic flour: Selling prices city delivery, 5 to 25-bbl. lots—Family, patent 98s $6.10-$7.85; bakers' hard wheat $5.95-$6.10, blustem $6-$6.65; Blended hard $6.10-$7.65; graham $6.55. Whole wheat $6.60 bbl.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

Portland, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The following prices were named effective today:

Butter—Cube extras 32½c, standard 32c, prime firsts 31½c, firsts 31½c lb.

Cheese—Oregon triplets 18c lb., loaf 18½c. Brokers pay ½c lb. less.

Eggs—Produce exchange quotations between dealers: Extras—Large 29c, med. 26c. Standards—Large 28c, med. 25c doz. Jobbing prices 2c higher.

PORTLAND WHOLESALE

Portland, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—These are the prices retailers pay wholesalers, except where otherwise stated:

Butter—Prints, A grade 34½c lb. in parchment wrappers; 35½c in cartons, B grade parchment 33½, cartons 34½.

Butterfat—Portland delivery, general prices A grade delivered at least twice weekly, 36-37c, country 34-35c. B grade 34-35c lb. C grade at market.

Cream—B grade for market, buying prices butterfat basis 33½c lb.

Cheese—Selling prices to Portland retailers: Tillamook triplets 23c lb., loaf 24c lb. Tillamook selling prices to wholesalers: Triplets 21c, loaf 22c lb. f.o.b.

Eggs—Buying prices by wholesalers: Extras 26c dozen, standards 23c, extra medium 21c, med. firsts 18c, undergrade 15c, pullets 15-18c.

LIVE POULTRY

Portland delivery, buying prices—Colored hens over 4½ lbs. 14-15c lb., under 4½ lbs. 13-14c. Leghorn hens 10-12c lb., broilers 1½ lbs. 14-15c. Leghorn springs 12c lb. Roosters 8-9c lb.

Selling prices by wholesalers: Light hens 10-12c lb., med. 12c, colored 13c. Springs, colored 11-13c lb. Pekin ducks, young 12-14c lb., corlored 10-12. Rabbits—Fancy dressed 17-18c lb.

Turkeys—Dressed. Selling prices to retailers: Toms 15-19c, hens 17-21c lb.

FRESH FRUIT

Apples—Delicious, ex. fcy. $2.25, fcy. $2, face-fill 85c. Spitzenberg, extra fcy. $1.85, face-fill 75c. Northern Spy, Kings, Jonathans, face-fill 75c box.

Bananas—Bunches 6c, hands 6½c.

Oranges—Calif. navels $2.50-75 case, choice $2.25-50.

Grapefruit—Florida $3.50-75 case. Arizona, fancy, $1.85-$2.20 case.

Lemons—Calif. fancy $3.50-75 per case, choice $2.50-$3.75.

Cranberries—Northwest McFarlane $4.75-85 per ½-bbl. box.

Tangerines—Florida $2.25 ½ case. Calif. $1.65-75 lug. Jap $1.50-60 bun.

FRESH VEGETABLES

Celery—Oregon hearts 90c-$1 doz. Stock, crates $1.25.

Garlic—8-10c lb.

Spinach—75c orange box.

Lettuce—Local $1.75-85 case, Calif. $1.25-$2.65 crate.

Sweet Potatoes—Cal. $1.60-75. Yams $2.50-60 50-lb. crate.

Potatoes—Deschutes $1.40; Klamath No. 1 $2.40; Yakima No. 1 $2.25-$2.35 cental.

Onions—Oregon 90c-$1.10 cental a cental; Yakima 85c.

Cabbage—No. 1 local 1-1¼c lb. Red 75c crate. Savoy 40c crate.

Cauliflower—No. 1 local 75c-$1.25 a crate; Calif. $1.25.

NUTS

Almonds—80-lb. bag 31c lb., 25-lb. bag 31½c lb.

Brazils—Large washed 16c lb.

Chestnuts—Japanese, 55-lb. box $5.50.

Filberts—Barcelona 11-13c lb.

Peanuts—Fancy, raw 9c lb., less than sack 11c lb.

Pecans—Large, blend 22c lb.

Walnuts—Ore. Mayette 15c, Franquette 16c lb.

MEATS AND PROVISIONS

Country Meats—Selling prices to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butchers, under 180 lbs. 12-13c lb., vealers 13½-14c lb., light and thin 8-11c, heavy 8-9c lb. Cutter cows 7-7½c lb. canners 6½-7c. Bulls 8½-9c lb. Lambs 13-14c, ewes 4-7c lb.

HOPS AND WOOL

Hops—Nominal, 1936, 38-40c lb.

Wool—1936 nominal: Willamette valley, med. 30c lb., coarse-braid 28c, eastern Oregon 23-24c, crossbred 27-28c lb. 1937 contracts 40-42c lb.

PORTLAND GRAIN

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—While wheat options, without trading, were lower for the December but unchanged for the May, cash grain was unchanged throughout the list. Wheat:

	open	high	low	close
May ...	1.15¼	1.15½	1.15	1.15¼
Dec. ...	1.13½	1.13½	1.13	1.13¼

Cash: B.B.B. H.W. 12% $1.12. Dark hard winter 13% $1.34, 12% $1.28, 11% $1.22. Soft white and western white $1.14, hard winter $1.16, west red $1.15.

Oats: No. 2 white $32.50, gray $31.50.

Barley: No. 2 45-lb. B.W. $37.

Car receipts: Wheat 16, flour 12, barley 1, corn 1, oats 1, hay 1.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)— (U. S. D. A.) Hogs 400; through and direct 1968. Market active, mostly steady, good to choice 185-215 lb. drive-ins mostly $10.25; load lots $10.35; 230-280 lb. wts. $9.50-85; light lights mostly $9.50-85; packing sows $7.50-75; few choice local feeder pigs $8.50.

Cattle 1850; through and direct 80. Calves 125, through 4. Market slow, generally steady but bulk steers unsold; few opening sales she stock strong to 25c higher. Bulls strong to 25c higher. Vealers closing steady, few loads short fed steers $7-$7.50; best grain fed held around $8.25; common steers down to $5.25; several loads heifers $5.60-$6.50; top $6.75. Common heifers $4.25-$5.50; low cutter and cutter cows $2.75-$3.25, com.-med. $3.50-$4.25; good beef cows $4.50-$5.25; odd head to $5.50. Bulls mostly $5-$5.50; good-choice vealers $7.50-$8.50; few early to $9.

Sheep 600; direct 200. Market uneven, fat lambs 25c and more higher on light supply. Ewes about steady. Bulk good trucked-in lambs $7.50-85; common down to $6; good trucked-in ewes $3-$3.25.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, Dec. 21 (AP)— (U. S. D. A.) Hogs 28,000; fairly active to shippers and small local killers; mostly 10-15c higher; top $10.25; bulk well-finished 190-280 lbs. $10.20; bulk good sows $9.50-85.

Cattle 14,000, calves 2000. Fed steers and yearlings steady to strong. Trade rather slow. Stockers and feeders comprise warmed-up and shortfeds mostly, selling at $7.50 down. Eastern shippers paying $11 upward for fat cattle; taking yearlings to $12.50, and 1400 lb. averages to $12.25; dressed market still under adverse influence of poultry; Live steer market sharply higher than week ago today, however, mainly 50c-$1 over that low spot. She stock steady to strong. Bulls strong to 10c higher and vealers mainly steady at $10.50 down mostly; few shipper vealers $11.

Sheep 9000, direct 800. Fat lambs moderately active, early sales fully steady to stronger. Aged sheep steady. Good-choice native and fed western lambs $8.75-$9; handy wts. held to $9.25 and above. Slaughter ewes $3.50-$4.50 mostly, feeding lambs scarce.

BOSTON WOOL

Boston, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Fine territory wools in original bags were quoted higher as a result of increased buying late last week, the U.S.A.D. reported today. Bulk short French combing fine territory in original bags realized $1-$1.02, scoured basis. Average to good French combing fine territory sold at $1.03-05 scoured basis in original bags.

TURKEY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dressed turkeys loose: Under 17 lbs. 17-18c lb., over 17 lbs. 17c. Young hens 19-20c.

DRIED FRUIT

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Evaporated apples steady, choice 11¼c lb.

Prunes steady. California (30-40's) 6¾-7c lb., Oregon 7½c.

Apricots steady. Choice 13½c, extra choice 14¾c, fancy 15½c lb.

Peaches steady, choice 9½-9¾c, extra choice 9¾-10c lb.

SAN FRANCISCO DAIRY

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Butter, 92 score 33½c, 91 score 33c, 90 score 32½c, 89 score 31½c lb.

Cheese—Flats 18c, triplets 17½c lb. Jobbing prices flats 20-21c.

Eggs—Large 32½c, med. 29½c, small 24½c dozen.

NEW YORK HOPS

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Hops steady Pacific coast 1936's 50-52c, 1935's 36-41c lb.

Overtime for Police Disliked by Labor

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP) —A letter from the central labor council to the Portland police bureau condemned alleged payment of patrolmen for overtime at private concerns.

Gust Anderson, executive secretary, said 22 regular officers were in the employ of Blumauer-Frank Drug company, McKesson & Robbins Drug company and the Alert Transfer & Storage company. Each company has had labor difficulties.

The letter said the men could only be paid overtime by the city and held private employment illegal.

PRIZE SPRING TURKEY

Port Townsend, Dec. 21 (AP)—L. L. Gordon, Nordland turkey rancher, boasted today that one of the 1,200 birds he dressed this year tipped the scales at 38½ pounds although the gobbler was born only last April.

ALFALFA HAY BAN STUDIED AT STATE CAPITOL

Governor Martin, the state department of agriculture and a delegation from Baker county studied the alfalfa weevil quarantine in eastern Oregon here today to seek a solution of the surplus hay crops tied up because of the ban on shipments.

Headed by Frank C. McColloch of Baker, state utilities commissioner, the delegation including Flavius Perkins, William Buchanan, A. Perkins and Cecil Sturgill, Baker county hay growers, requested the government to take steps to lift the quarantine in Baker and Union counties, contending much of the hay grown was in weevil free areas.

Solon T. White, director, and Frank McKennon, of the agriculture department, declared the state of Oregon did not place the quarantine, but it was placed on entire counties by other states based upon federal reports that weevil existed in portions of the counties. He stated railroads would not ship hay to a state which has the quarantine on Oregon.

"The quarantine on Oregon hay is insane," White said, "but we are powerless to do anything about it. We can certify hay from weevil free areas, but we must comply with federal findings on infested areas."

The delegation stated that most of the crop was wild hay and free from weevil, but that it could not be shipped. They stated about $300,000 worth of hay was tied up without a market because of the quarantine at a time when it could be sold.

The governor urged further study with a view of educating states which have quarantine against the Oregon crops. It was pointed out that the state of Oregon does not place the quarantine and if certain counties were lifted against federal reports the entire state would be placed under quarantine.

GRAIN PRICES HOLD STEADY

Chicago, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Grain futures settled back into a dull preholiday rut on the Chicago board of trade today with prices holding around the previous close. A "squeeze" of shorts in December corn around mid-day provided the only color to the day's trading.

At the close wheat was ⅛ to ⅜ cent lower, December $1.38½, new corn was ⅛ to ½ cent higher, December $1.09⅜, old corn was ⅛ to ⅜ cent higher, May $1.03⅜, and oats were unchanged to ⅛ cent higher, December 51¾ cents.

Wheat led the market downward at the start under scattered liquidation induced by weakness in foreign markets. Buying by eastern houses uncovered on the dip caused a rally and part of the losses were erased.

The entire market was lifted above previous closing levels, however, when shorts in December corn scrambled to cover around mid-day. All deliveries except July made new highs for the season before new selling appeared to force a slight reaction. The fact that open interest in December corn at the close Saturday was 6,985,000 bushels with only six days left to close out these commitments caused the rush of buying.

Selling of the nearby contract by cash houses took some of the weight from the fears of squeeze and prices lost some of the early firmness.

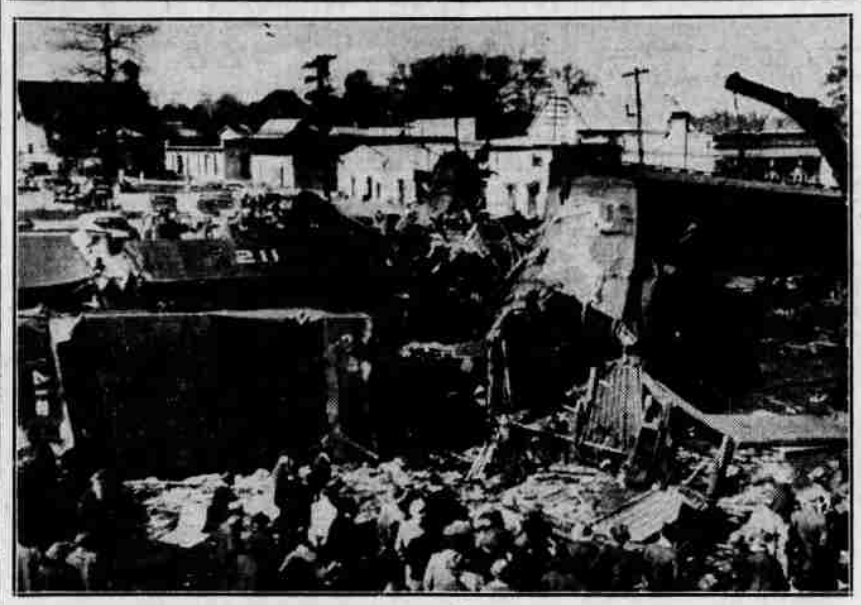
DR. JOHNSON RESIGNS

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Dr. A. N. Johnson, Lane county health officer who came here from Medford eight months ago, resigned to enter general practice in Crescent City Calif. The resignation will become effective January 7.

REAL SENATORIAL COOPERATION

Senator Homer T. Bone, Democrat of Washington, is all for cooperation between members of the upper house, and here he proves it. When he heard that Senator James J. Davis, Pennsylvania Republican, offered to eat his hat if Pittsburgh failed to defeat Washington in the Rose Bowl game, Bone immediately rushed forward to supply the hat—in fact two hats, one a ten-gallon sombrero and for good measure a "50-gallon" Panama. (Associated Press Photo)

TRAIN COLLISION CLAIMS THREE LIVES



Here is the tangled wreckage that resulted when north and southbound Louisville and Nashville trains collided at Castleberry, Ala. Three trainmen were killed, but the scores of sleeping passengers were unhurt. (Associated Press Photo)

CORPORATIONS GIVE EMPLOYES XMAS BONUSES

New York, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Christmas bonus payments totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars were being made this week as various companies shared 1936 profits with employes.

In addition, many companies paid the extra and increased dividend disbursements declared in the last few weeks, swelling the turnover to millions of dollars.

Among the companies announcing bonus payments today were:

Frank G. Shattuck Co., operators of Schrafft's, $125,000 to all employes who have been on the payroll since Jan. 1. The bonus will amount to one week's average pay and will go to 6,000 employes in six cities.

Frederick Loeser and Co., Brooklyn department store, $10 to each employe with the company a year or more, $5 to those employed prior to July and $2.50 to others.

G. C. Murphy Co., bonus approximating $150,000.

Lit Brothers department store in Philadelphia, bonus ranging from one day's pay to those hired since Nov. 1 to a week's pay for those on the payroll since Jan. 1. Plan for employes, with the stores closed on Saturday to give the employes a long week-end.

North American Aviation, Inc., bonus to 1100 employes earning less than $3,600 a year, amounting to $35 to $50—depending on salary—of those employed a year or more and one half of those amounts going to employes with more than 6 months service.

Christmas Bonus Paid Dam Employes

Bonneville, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Sealed envelopes accompanying pay checks for 300 men employed by Bonneville dam contractors brought momentary apprehension while the workers thought of slips saying "your services are no longer required."

But frowns turned to smiles when the envelopes yielded expressions of appreciation and Christmas bonus checks ranging from two weeks' pay upward.

Two Prizes Won on Matt Small's Bird

Silverton—Matt Small, prominent in the Future Farmer work and an agricultural pupil in the Smith-Hughes department of the local high school, was awarded two first prizes on a young tom turkey at the Oakland show during last week. He also took other prizes on dressed turkeys in the open classes.

Small specialized in the White Holland breed of turkeys as his school project.

GOOD MARKET FOR TURKEYS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—There is a very good market for turkeys, at the price. The latter is in spots, a trifle better for selected stuff, or so-called "hand-painted" birds. Buyers are offering 16c generally for toms and 18c for No. 1 hens but hens are quoted as high as 19c in some instances. The selling price remains generally 19-20c for toms and 20-21c for hens with selections of the latter nominally to 22.

The only change ins the price on cube butter during the late session of the produce exchange was a loss of ½c in prime firsts which put third and fourth grade butter at the same price and left a spread of only 1c from top to bottom.

Market for eggs was aided somewhat by the holiday trade which is of increased volume. Extras advanced 2c with standard mediums up 1c.

There is a rather good movement of dressed ducks and geese and prices on these are as high if not higher than turkeys.

Market for cranberries continues to suggest a rather steady to firm tone locally. There was no further price change for the week's opening with sales generaly $4.75-5 per quarter bbl.

Veal market appears firm, hogs are easy to weak in spots while lambs are steady and beef in good call for country killed.

Potatoes are held steady with demand just fair.

Apple market shows holiday tone for half boxes of extra fancy delicious and Spitz.

Lemons are firmer and about two bits a case higher.

Oranges are showing a wide spread of prices locally with another spectacular fight among jobbers for control.

Another carload of Florida grapefruit reported with market steady.

All California vegetables are firmly priced.

BENTON COUNTY TO IMPORT WHEAT

Corvallis—It is the opinion of Benton county millers that wheat will be shipped into Benton county within another week. Local wheat prices have advanced to a new high—from 91 scents a bushel to $1.03 for valley red and white. This is the first local dollar wheat since 1930.

Local wholesalers are holding the quotation down until definite reasons for the advancement are known. It has been indicated, however, that the true local price, in comparison with other markets, should be about $1.03 per bushel. Prices in the larger cities are higher.

Speakers Lined up For Press Meeting

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Eric W. Allen, dean of the University of Oregon Journalism school, said today three persons had accepted invitations to speak at the annual conference of Oregon newspaper men here January 21 to 23. On the program are Paul C. Smith, executive editor of the San Francisco Chronicle; Charles Sprague, editor of the Oregon Statesman at Salem, and Herb Gray, advertising manager of the Medford Mail-Tribune.

COLLISION SERIOUS

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—A street car-fire truck collision sent two firemen to the hospital here and brought injuries to three others. Those hospitalized, but not seriously hurt, were Art Pullen and W. J. O'Brien.

WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE TO BE RECORD BREAKER

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP) — Indicated production of winter wheat in 1937 was placed by the department of agriculture today at "slightly over 600,000,000 bushels."

The department said acreage sown this fall, estimated to be 57,187,000 acres, was "by far the largest of record."

The previous mark was 51,391,000 acres sown in the fall of 1918.

Winter wheat sown this fall for next year's harvest was reported to aggregate 57,187,000 acres, compared with 49,688,000 acres sown a year ago from which 519,013,000 bushels were harvested this year. The 1928-32 average production was 622,252,000 bushels.

Abandonment of 1935 seedings was reported as 24.3 per cent of the acreage sown, compared with 29.0 per cent abandonment of the 1934 seedings, and 12.6 per cent, the average 1922-31 abandonment.

The condition of the crop on December 1 was 75.8 per cent of normal, compared with 78.2 a year ago, and 82.4 the December 1 average for the ten years 1923-32.

Rye acreage was reported as 7,673,000 acres, compared with 6,547,000 a year ago; and the condition of the crop 71.0 per cent of a normal, compared with 69.1 a year ago, and 84.9, the 10-year average. Last year's crop was 25,554,000 bushels and the 1928-32 average 38,212,000 bushels.

The acreage and condition of winter wheat in important producing states were:

Pennsylvania, acreage 1,073,000 and condition 89 per cent of a normal; Ohio 2,538,000 and 84, Indiana 2,300,000 and 82, Illinois 2,782,000 and 85, Michigan 1,040,000 and 83, Missouri 3,387,000 and 80, Nebraska 4,447,000 and 58, Kansas 16,523,000 and 80, Oklahoma 5,426,000 and 68, Texas 5,315,000 and 72, Montana 968,000 and 64, Idaho 791,000 and 64, Colorado 1,377,000 and 82, Washington 1,226,000 and 44, Oregon 660,000 and 54, California 877,000 and 80.

WEED CONTROL HEAVY PROBLEM

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Eighteen Oregon counties decided the weed control problem was too big for individual action and called for legislative aid to check a menace costing the state a million and a half dollars annually.

E. R. Jackman, crop specialist, said noxious perennial weeds covered 70,000 acres.

The conference, called by Ray Gill, state grange master, will recommend the legislature prepare laws to exclude contaminated seeds from other states and improve seed qualities in Oregon.

County delegates stressed need of wider research in controlling weeds and favored solicitation of WPA funds to assist local campaigns.

They selected Morton Tompkins, Dayton, chairman of the state grange agricultural committee, as chairman of the weed control movement. G. R. Hyslop, head of the plant industry division at Oregon State college, became secretary.

Assignments to contact various public groups were:

Cal Young, Eugene, county court; Alec Cellars, McMinnville, state seed council; George Potts, Jefferson, state Farmers' Union; H. G. Avery, La Grande, Oregon State college extension service; O. L. Babcock, Pendleton, eastern Oregon wheat league; Frank McKennon, Salem, state department of agriculture; E. N. Kavanaugh, Portland, U. S. forest service; R. H. Baldock, or appointee, state highway commission; Frank Hettwer, Mt. Angel, cooperatives; Mac Hoke, Pendleton, Oregon Wool Growers' association; J. W. Ferguson, state forester.

Calcutta, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The death toll in the recent Paidim coal mine disaster reached 208 today. An explosion wrecked the mines, located at Asansol, about 100 miles northwest of her last Friday.

WHEAT SPURTS TO TOP PRICE PAST 6 YEARS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP) — Wheat, advancing 10 to 12 cents a bushel on active demand, reached its highest price since 1929 the past week, the U. S. bureau of agriculture economics said today.

Rye also shot upward, corn moved ahead moderately with gains of 2 to 3 cents a bushel, oats remained firm, malting type barley held steady, feeding type barley increased with other feeds, and flax strengthened materially.

Wheat trading increased at Portland. Receipts here and at Puget Sound totalled 331 cars. Labor difficulties limited trading. Price advanced about 9 cents, with No. 1 hard (Baart) quited Dec. 18 at $1.24 a bushel for 12 per cent protein, 12 per cent dark hard winter at $1.31, soft white and western white at $1.17, hard winter at $1.19 and western red at $1.18, all basis No. 1 sacked.

Bright western No. 2 barley was quoted here Dec. 17 at $1.95 for 100 pounds, sacked basis.

Trade advices indicated Argentine corn from Vancouver, B. C., could be made available in moderate quantites in Portland at $2.20 for 100 pounds delivered by rail.

Pacific coast oats markets reflected a good demand. No. 2 white oats were quited at Portland at $1.62½ for 100 pounds, and No. 2 gray oats at $1.57½, sacked basis.

NEW FARMERS CALLED

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Farmers who arrived in Lane county during the past two years will receive information pertinent to Oregon growing condition at a one-day school of instruction here January 13, County Agent O. S. Fletcher said.

OBITUARY

J. P. JOHNSON

Albany—Funeral services are to be held in Albany Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Fisher-Braden chapel for J. P. Johnson, 61, who died in Klamath Falls Friday night. Burial will be made in the Pine Grove cemetery. Johnson formerly lived in Albany and is a graduate of Albany college. Besides his widow, who is teaching in Los Angeles, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Albany, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Knighten of Albany.

DAVID DUGAN

Rickreall— David Dugan, 41, who was instantly killed near the Oak Knoll golf course while on his way home from Salem at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night, had been a resident of this community for more than a year, living in the R. W. Hogg house at Orr's corner. Dugan is survived by his widow; two sons, David and Roy, and two daughters, Beatrice and Mary. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Henkle and Bollman of Dallas.

A. J. CONE

Pratum—Funeral services were held Saturday forenoon at the Butteville cemetery for A. J. Cone who was found dead in his bed by neighbors Sunday morning. Cone had no known relatives. He had been a hop grower for many years in this community.

BIRTHS, DEATHS MARRIAGES

BIRTHS

Johnson—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Johnson, 630 Electric, a daughter, Sharon Joan, Dec. 10.

DEATHS

Crouser—At the residence, 1345 Fir street, Dec. 19, Ida Bell Crouser. Survived by widower, John W. Crouser; children: Sebourn of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Lerevia Sharp, Mephias Crouser and Neomia Crouser, all of Salem. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 23, at 1:30 p.m. from the W. T. Rigdon Co. chapel, Rev. Guy L. Drill officiating. Interment I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Taylor—At the residence on route 2, Dec. 19, Cora Taylor. Survived by widower, W. D. Taylor; children, William H. of South Dakota, Mrs. Ernestine Guin of Lewiston, Mont.; brother Bert Brown of California; sister, Mrs. Alice Johnson of Spaton, Nebr. Funeral services Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 10:30 a.m. from W. T. Rigdon mortuary. Interment at Hayesville cemetery.

Thompson—Memorial services will be held for Isaac Newton Thompson from the W. T. Rigdon mortuary Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 1:30 p.m., Dr. W. C. Kantner officiating. Interment will be in Stayton Masonic cemetery. Survived by widow, Allie Thompson of Long Beach, Calif.; brothers, Albert H. of Salem and Russell of Redding, Calif.; sister, Mrs. W. P. Emery of Salem.

Marquardt—Walter E. Marquardt, at the residence, 1025 Wilbur street, December 19, at the age of 56 years. Survived by widow, Mabel of North Dakota; children: W. Marquardt of Salem, Alonzo, Walter, Jr., and Royal Marquardt, Mrs. Hazel Kocker and Esther Marquardt, all of North Dakota. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 22, at 10 a.m. from the Clough-Barrick chapel with Rev. Guy L. Drill officiating. Interment City View cemetery.

Wilson—In this city Sunday, December 20, Albert C. Wilson, aged 67 years. Remains forwarded to Roseburg for services and interment by the Salem Mortuary.

Thorp—In this city Monday, December 21, John P. Thorpe, 74 years. Survived by widow, Susie; brother, Ryley Thorpe of Bliss, Idaho; niece, Mrs. Gurnee Flesher of Salem. Funeral announcements will be made later from the Salem Mortuary.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Brewer Mills, 25, embalmer, Cottage Grove, and Lola Dale Pickens, 23, clerk, Salem.

Vance H. Cook, 23, hotel clerk, 297 N. Summer, Salem, and Viola Rickard, 18, housekeeper, Eugene.

Gilbert James Hoevet, 25, state highway department, route 7, Salem, and Mildred Evelyn Reiff, 21, housekeeper, Blue Springs, Neb.

Dallas—John Paul Doughty, legal, school teacher, and Lilli Irene Smith, legal, school teacher, both of Monmouth.

Verne Arstill, 21, machine operator, and Elsie Pletl, 19, housewife both of Dallas.