

Stone Wall of Negative Votes Beats Two Bills

Two ordinance bills that have stirred more than usual interest in recent weeks ran up against a stone wall of negative votes at Monday night's council meeting. Defeated were the bill to make the city engineer also building inspector with increase in salary of an assistant, and the bill providing sick leave pay for city employees. Each got only three affirmative votes. The engineer's present salary is \$236.50 a month, the same as other department heads.

Stocks Advance To New Peaks

New York, March 21 (AP)—The stock market did a right-about-face today with rails monopolizing the ticker tape for gains of fractions to 3 points, many at peaks since 1937.

A combination of factors accounted for the rally. Among these were earnings prospects, persistent political optimism, generally encouraging war news and the conclusion that the recent technical slip-up had failed to bring out important investment holdings. Transfers ran to around 1,300,000 shares.

At tops for 1944 or longer were N. Y. Central, Great Northern, Baltimore & Ohio common and preferred, K. C. Southern, M-K-T preferred, Delaware & Hudson, Erie, Western Union "A" and "B," Pure Oil, General Realty, Fajardo Sugar, Goodyear, Goodrich, U. S. Rubber and Standard Gas preferred. Gimbel joined the "new high" division when directors voted a 25-cent dividend against 15 cents paid previously. Ahead were Schenley, National Distillers, American Tobacco, Chrysler and Jones & Laughlin.

Railway bonds came to the fore after early timidity.

Wheat Highest In Two Months

Chicago, March 21 (AP)—Grain futures maintained a firm tone on the board of trade today with May wheat at the highest level in two months.

Wheat finished the day up 1/4 to one cent.

Firmness in May wheat reflected the strong cash markets with future prices at Minneapolis at ceiling levels and at Kansas City near the ceiling.

Cash wheat demand has come from mills despite the stagnation of the flour market, and distilling and feed interests also have been good buyers.

Lamson Bros., and Co., analyst, commented on the government crop report issued today showing intention to plant, by saying "estimating crop bushels of feed grains from acres which have not been planted appears rather far-fetched and subjected to substantial changes. We expect the corn acres and possibly oats to be larger than the estimated."

Weather conditions and shortage in farm labor are also two important factors, he said.

The trade noted that immediate requirements of industries and feed manufacturers have created an extremely tight situation in all feed grains.

Rye rose under short covering and the intentions to plant report. While showing larger acreage, it was considered inadequate in view of the war demand and feeding needs.

Oats futures acted in sympathy with other grains in quiet trade. Oats acreage, while larger, was viewed in relation to the small carry-over and the tremendous needs. May and July futures changed hands at three cents difference.

Number of Ewes In Oregon Decrease

Seattle, March 21 (AP)—Federal agricultural statisticians here reported today that—as of March 1—the numbers of ewes in the three Pacific northwest states are sharply down this year and the production of early lambs will be less than last year.

Summarized reports from sheepmen:

"Oregon—although ewe numbers down sharply, early lamb crop may be little different because of higher percentage saved. Early lambs have developed fairly well. February rains have started new feed but growth retarded by cold nights. Above-normal rainfall needed for good pastures and ranges."

Club Outlines Plans

Aumsville—The newly organized 4H Club and Livestock club met to complete their program for the year. The club is led by Northrop Bates and Fred Klein. There are three girls and 4 boys in the group and it is hoped there will be a few more enrolled.

Market Quotations

Portland Produce Market
A slightly better than normal showing of supplies took place during the day's session at the East Side Farmers' Wholesale market.
A new offering, cabbage greens, was shown for the first time in a long period, with mustard greens at 90 cents to \$1.00 and cabbage at 10 to 15 cents. While there is an entire absence of cauliflower on the market at present, growers report the next crop will appear in about two weeks.
Cabbage was nominally quoted at market price with root vegetables showing a steady movement: carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips, and rutabagas holding steady.
Potatoes continued normal and dry spring onions held at ceiling prices. A bare sprinkling of Yukon golds was noted.

Portland Produce Exchange
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