

'Wonder Drug' Tablets Cheaper Under Competitive Bids, Senate Investigators Say

Stock List Higher On Active Trading

New York—(UPI)—Stocks advanced today on moderately active trading. A reversal of the recent decline in drugs and electronics issues featured the gainers. Most of the rails showed small gains. Chemicals ruled strong. Autos were active and strong with Ford up more than \$1 a share. Aircrafts, metals and special issues ruled strong. Oils were mixed. Gains in the general market ranged to more than \$4 a share. American Motors was up more than \$1. Gains in the steel section ranged to \$2 in Jones & Laughlin and Youngstown Sheet & Tube. U.S. Steel rose nearly \$1 a share.

Johns Manville	50 1/2
Katy	18
Kennecott Copper	93 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	32 1/2
Montana Power Co.	25 1/2
Montgomery Ward	50 1/2
New York Central	29 1/2
Pac Gas & Elec	61 1/2
Penney J. C.	119
Penn. RR	16
Radio Corporation	70 1/2
Richfield Oil	78 1/2
Safeway	36 1/2
Sears	48 1/2
Shell Oil	76 1/2
Scotty Mobil Oil	40 1/2
South Co.	40
Southern Pacific	22 1/2
Standard California	47 1/2
Standard Indiana	42 1/2
Standard, N. J.	49 1/2
Sun. Mines	61 1/2
Texas Co.	83 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	18 1/2
Tex. Pac. Land Trust	19 1/2
Transamerica	29 1/2
Trans World Air	19
Tru-Continental (xd)	19 1/2
Union Carbide	146
Union Pacific	31
United Aircraft	42 1/2
United Air Lines	36 1/2
U. S. Rubber	66 1/2
U. S. Steel	100 1/2
Youngstown S & T	135

DOW - JONES AVERAGES
New York - (UPI) - Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 672.74, up 1.48; 20 railroads 154.40, up 0.02; 15 utilities 87.22, up 0.12, and 65 stocks 218.03, up 0.36. Sales today were about 3,170,000 shares compared with 3,430,000 shares Wednesday.

Today's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	122 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	101 3/4
American Can	42 1/2
American Motors	78 1/2
AT&T	78 1/2
Anacostia Copper	33 1/2
Armco Steel	75 1/2
Bendix Aviation	74 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	53 1/2
Boeing Air	32 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	33
Chrysler Corp.	36 1/2
Continental Can	47
Crown Zellerbach	56 1/2
Curtis Wright	32
Dow Chemical (xd)	97 1/2
Du Pont	262
Eastman Kodak	108 1/2
Firestone	131
General Electric	94 1/2
General Foods	103 1/2
General Motors	52 1/2
Georgia Pacific	49 1/2
Graham Paige	21 1/2
Greyhound	30 1/2
Gulf Oil	108 1/2
Homestead Mining	42 1/2
Idaho Power	46 1/2
I.B.M.	439
Int. Paper	139 1/2

Atlantic Storm Sinks More Ships

London—(UPI)—One of the worst Atlantic storms in memory sank two more vessels today and left scores of fishing boats in distress from Gibraltar to the Arctic. The storm was in its fifth tempestuous day. It left European seas almost deserted of smaller vessels while officials counted up to 130 lives lost on land and sea.

But for the first time since Sunday, reports from coastal areas indicated an abatement in the fierceness of the storm. It was only on the seas that gale winds and squalls continued without let-up.

Bloodmobile to Visit Medford Wednesday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Medford between 1 and 5 p.m. next Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Jacksonville county chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave., Red Cross officials said today. Quota for the visit is 290 pints, for which 350 donors are needed. Appointments may be made at the bloodmobile office in the chapter house here.

Southern Oregon Due More Box Cars

Salem—(UPI)—Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill today announced that Southern Pacific company has promised extra box cars to relieve a spot car shortage in southern Oregon. He said the railroad advised him that an "unseasonal upsurge" in carloadings over its lines had contributed to the situation.

The commissioner in a letter Tuesday told the SP that certain Oregon shippers "found themselves teetering on the brink of a car shortage."

Some 1,800 cars are en route to Oregon now, according to Hill's information.

Stiffer Livestock Requirements Told

Salem—(UPI)—Stiffer requirements for entry into Oregon of livestock from other states have been announced by the State Agricultural department. The department said today that from now on, all out-of-state animals entering Oregon stockyards for other than slaughter purposes must be health-tested in the first yard unless they have met full health requirements prior to entry.

Oregon will not accept swine which have been vaccinated with virulent live hog cholera virus, the department added.

Cuba Recaptures American Escapee

Havana—(UPI)—Austin Young, 38, Miami, Fla., American soldier of fortune who broke out of military jail in Pinar del Rio Wednesday, was recaptured today in a Havana hotel.

India Protests Air Space Violations

New Delhi, India—(UPI)—India has lodged a protest with Peiping over violations of Indian air space by Chinese Communist planes, officials announced today.

Kefauver Wants Break for Public On Drug Costs

Washington—(UPI)—Senate investigators charged today that the Veterans Administration paid \$136,000 for some "wonder drug" tablets which could have been bought under competitive bidding for about \$38,000. The Senate anti-trust subcommittee said the VA negotiated the purchase in February, 1958, from Merck and Co., a big pharmaceutical company, at the rate of \$136 for 1,000-tablet bottles.

According to the subcommittee, the VA, a month later, bought the same amount on a low bid basis for \$38.50 a bottle. As a bidder, Merck dropped its price from \$136 to \$95 but still was too high, the subcommittee said. It later came down to \$65.

At this time, investigators said, Merck was selling the drug prednisone, used in arthritis treatment, to druggists for \$170. The price to consumers was \$283.

John T. Connor, president of the company, was asked how Merck could offer the drug to the VA for \$65 and still defend its \$170 price to druggists as reasonable.

Connor replied that competitive conditions for government business were a good deal different from those in the retail pharmacy trade. For instance, he said, the government buys in large quantities and has its own testing facilities.

Liquor Control Figure Resigns

Portland—(UPI)—Karl Greve, Portland, Wednesday announced his retirement from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission effective Jan. 1, 1960.

Greve said he had enjoyed his two years on the Commission but added that further service would require more time than he would be able to give.

The announcement brought expression of regret and appreciation from chairman Hugh Kirkpatrick and Commissioner Martin Buchana. Gov. Mark Hatfield also expressed his appreciation for Greve's services in a letter read by OLCC Administrator George Van Bergen.

Greve, a Republican, was appointed in December, 1957 by ex-Gov. Robert Holmes to fill the unexpired term of Barney Lucas, who resigned.

Kirkpatrick said the next public meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters Jan. 14 to discuss a proposed regulation to establish a minimum percentage of food sales in relation to liquor sales for liquor by the drink licenses.

No Progress in Newspaper Strike

Portland—(UPI)—Federal Mediator Elmer Williams said today another joint bargaining session between striking Stereotypers and the Oregonian and Oregon Journal would be held Friday.

Williams met with both sides Wednesday afternoon and said afterwards, "I am unable to report any progress."

The union has been on strike against the two daily newspapers since Nov. 10. They have continued to publish joint editions in the Oregonian plant.

James H. Sampson, international president of the Stereotypers, did not attend Wednesday's meeting due to commitments in Chicago. He attended a session last week and may be here Friday.

Members of the Portland Newspaper Guild met Wednesday night and voted 117 to 23 to continue to observe picket lines.

Johnson Offers To Aid Seashore Park

Portland—(UPI)—Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (D-Texas) has offered to work with Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) in establishment of national seashore parks in Oregon and Texas, Neuberger said today.

The Senate Interior Committee plans to hold hearings on the proposed Padre Island National Park this month in Corpus Christi, Tex. The park is included in the administration's bill for creation of three national seashores.

man Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said that in his opinion this "Why can't you give the public a little break?" he asked. He said Connor's arguments were "not very persuasive." Later, the subcommittee men - the drug industry's version of the traveling salesmen - influenced drug sales. planned to inquire into the extent that the use of "detail



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