

MARKETS and FINANCIAL

Western Pine Shipments Gain

PORTLAND, (AP)—Western pine orders and shipments last week exceeded those of the week before and production was only slightly lower, the Western Pine Association reported today.

Orders and shipments were below the same week last year, but production was up.

Comparative figures in board feet (000 omitted):

	Last Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Orders	33,273	49,559	54,854
Shipments	26,756	49,491	60,086
Production	56,545	56,978	56,278

Grains Climb After Drop

CHICAGO, (AP)—Grains climbed up slowly after a rather abrupt drop at the start of activities on the Board of Trade today. Wheat showed the most recuperative power, even going ahead of the previous close at one time, while corn and oats lagged.

Some buying entered wheat on news Switzerland had bought a cargo of American spring wheat. That wasn't much wheat, but the interesting thing was that it was bought under the international wheat agreement. That meant it cost Switzerland more than wheat sold under the agreement.

Wheat closed 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, March \$2.60-1/4, corn 1/2 to 1 cent lower, March \$1.93-1/2, oats 1/2 to 1 cent lower, March \$0.95-1/2, rice unchanged to 1/2 lower, May \$2.10-1/2, soybeans unchanged to 2 cents lower, January \$2.99-1/2, and lard unchanged to 13 cents a hundred pounds lower, January \$14.55.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar	2.60 1/4	2.61	2.59 1/2	2.60 1/4
May	2.57 1/2	2.58 1/2	2.57 1/2	2.58 1/2
July	2.48 1/2	2.49 1/2	2.48 1/2	2.49 1/2
Sep	2.49 1/2	2.50 1/2	2.49 1/2	2.49 1/2

Market Prices Stay Steady Today

NEW YORK, (AP)—Traders in the stock market today had their minds more on Christmas than on the business at hand, and as a consequence the market jugged along with prices steady.

There were only a few features, and these were not of startling nature.

Prices seldom strayed as far as a point from the previous close, and many of the familiar issues didn't even appear on the tape at all.

The volume of trading came to an estimated 400,000 shares, which is very slow indeed for a two-hour session. Last week the volume amounted to 420,000 shares.

Quotations

Ad Corp	75
Allied Chem	75
Allis Chalmers	75
Am Airlines	75
Amer Power & Light	75
Amer Tel & Tel	75
Amer Tobacco	75
Anacostia	75
Armstrong	75
Beth Steel	75
Boeing Airplane	75
Borg Warner	75
Burr Ad Mach	75
Calif Pacific	75
Can Pac	75
Caterpillar	75
Chrysler	75
Con Edison	75
Coca Cola	75
Crown Zellerbach	75
Curt Wright	75
Douglas Aircraft	75
Dupont	75
Eastman Kodak	75
Gen Foods	75
Gen Motors	75
Goodyear Tire	75
Homestead	75
Int Harvester	75
Int Paper	75
Johns Manville	75
Kennecott	75
Libby Mc N & Lib	75
Lockhead Air	75
Lowell Inc	75
Long Bell	75
Monument Ward	75
Nash Kelvintor	75
N Y Central	75
Northern Pacific	75
Pac Amer Fish	75
Pac Gas & Elec	75
Pac Tel & Tel	75
Packard	75
Penn R R	75
Philco	75
Radio CP	75
Rayonier	75
Rayonier PFD	75
Republic Steel	75
Rey Metals	75
Richfield	75
Safeway	75
Sears Roebuck	75
Sec Vacuum	75
Southern Pacific	75
Standard Oil Co	75
Standard Oil N J	75
Studebaker	75
Swift & Co	75
Transamerica	75
Twentieth Cent Fox	75
Union Oil	75
Union Pacific	75
United Airlines	75
United Aircraft	75
United Corp	75
U S Plywood	75
U S Steel	75
Warner Bros	75
Western Union	75
West Air Brake	75
Western Electric	75
Woodworth	75

Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO, (AP)—Hogs, cattle and sheep were quoted nominally steady on the livestock market today.

Hog receipts dropped to 472,000 this week from 533,000 head in the preceding week at major livestock terminals. Prices ruled strong to 30 cents higher here with some up to 40 cents higher.

In the cattle section slaughter steers and heifers continued to move downward, losing as much as \$1.00, despite smaller receipts around the market. However, good and choice heifers went against the trend to close strong to 10 cents higher. Top 1000 pound steers ended around 50 cents higher.

Sheep and lamb supplies fell to 73,000 head from 104,500 head in the previous week at major terminals. Prices dropped early in the week, but recovered here in the latter part. Woolled lambs ended around 50 cents higher.

Choir Sings For Rotary

The KUHS a cappella choir, in the annual Christmas concert for the Rotary club, presented music director Andy Loney with a round trip ticket to the national convention of the music education association in Philadelphia.

The choir interrupted the program to sing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and present the surprise Christmas present to its director. It was announced that the Kwans, Eiks, Library, Shrine and Rotary clubs and Mrs. Loren Palmer had assisted the group in raising the fund.

Rotarians and Rotarians had gathered Friday noon at the Willard to hear the high school brass sextet, under the direction of Don McKenzie, and the a cappella choir. Rotarian Betty Henderson was chairman of the day.

Coon Invades Santa Shaft

ALBUQUERQUE, (AP)—Pat a racoon who thought he was Santa Claus, had one midnight snack too many.

Just like Adam, the wily coon who had lived the last two weeks in the chimney of the Richard Wager-Smith fireplace was trapped by an apple. And the Wager-Smiths have Pat safely in a chicken wire cage, where he won't obstruct Santa's yearly visit.

The young raccoon was caught in Arkansas four months ago by Bob Wager-Smith, 14, and his father. They kept him in a cage in the back yard.

But the cold wave which swept New Mexico the past week was too much, and Pat escaped from the pen, dived down the chimney. He would creep into the house for food each night, to stay in condition.

Something, decided the Wager-Smiths had to be done—what with Christmas Eve coming up.

Thursday night, they baited a chickenwire trap with an apple. The object was for the coon to go in after the apple, and have the door spring shut.

But Pat was too good a coon for that. He reached inside the cage, broke the apple into pieces, and pulled it through the holes in the chicken wire. After his feast, he scrambled back up the chimney.

Last night, the Wager-Smiths tried another trick. They put cardboard around the apple to make Pat enter the cage. Pat did, and was banished to the back yard.

Santa is expected to have clear sailing.

Truman Holds Probe Info

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A secret report on the empire of a company, target of a war investigation by the Truman investigating committee, is "not available" from the White House, a presidential secretary said last night.

Senator Nixon, (R-Calif.) had asked President Truman to release the report, prepared on orders of the late President Roosevelt by the securities and exchange commission.

Nixon said he wanted the report investigated by the senate, with special attention paid to relations between Democratic national chairman, Frank E. McKinney, and Frank Cohen, head of the defunct munitions firm.

In a letter to the president, Nixon said McKinney made a profit on the common stock in 1947, but said he was a perfect legal deal and that he had lost as much in other investments.

Cohen was head of the tractor firm. It went bankrupt shortly after McKinney made his profit.

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WEST NEW YORK, N.J. (AP)—A deaf man and his blind wife were killed early today as fire swept through the top floor of a four-story brick apartment house.

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Court Has Busy Day, Fines Levied

Kay Pritchett, 52, of 5307 Cottage, pleaded guilty this morning in district court to a petty larceny charge, and was fined \$25 plus \$5 costs.

She had been accused of shoplifting December 13 at Parks variety store, taking two dish cloths, a pair of hose and a soap dish. Pending today's court appearance she had been free on \$100 bail.

Another woman accused of shoplifting at the same store, Mildred Karr, 20, of 2136 Applegate, also appeared in court today and is to enter a plea to the charge January 8.

She is free on \$100 bail. She is accused of taking six pairs of men's socks and a picture from the store yesterday.

Also in district court this morning was Carl William Ward, 34, of 2164 Gary, who was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail for assault and battery, the charge preferred by his wife, Jo Carol Ward. He pleaded guilty.

Ward was arrested by state police Friday afternoon after his wife told an officer at Dist. Atty. D. E. Van actor Ward struck her and tried to run over her with his car. She also said that while they were driving home from town, with her at the wheel, he made her drive through a red light and pass a pickup truck.

Ward said he was drunk and couldn't remember any of that.

Luis Escamilla, 31-year-old Mexican resident of Dexter, Ore., was taken into custody last night by Sheriff Jack Franey on a warrant from Lane county charging bail-jumping.

The Mexican's bail here was set at \$250, then upped to \$500 at request of Lane authorities.

Verd Birkdell, 19, one of four boys held in the county lockup on a charge of entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal therein, was released on \$1000 bail today, and an attempt was being made to raise bail for Sheldon Abercrombie and Johnny J. Hawkins, jointly charged with Birkdell and Kenneth Lowry with attempting to steal from a beer truck.

They were expected to be released later today.

Royalty Plans Big Christmas

LONDON, (AP)—Britain's royal family is assembling at ailing King George's great Sandringham estate for its biggest Christmas get-together since world war two. The king and five members of his family left Friday for Sandringham—his personal estate and favorite residence—which is in the fens of Norfolk county close by the North sea.

Accompanying the monarch, whose recent grave illness still is a cause for concern, were Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother Mary, Princess Elizabeth and her two children Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

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But for the rest, it will be an old-fashioned Christmas party in the best British tradition. Caroling, a Yule log blazing in the fireplace, the exchange of gifts around a brightly-decorated tree—all will contribute to the spirit of the occasion.

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Rotary To Give College Dance

Rotarians are sponsoring their annual student dance Friday, December 28 at the Willard hotel. Dancing starts at 9 p. m. Music by Sync Halaas.

Very informal, the affair is for all college students and their guests from the entire Klamath basin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hillis and their committee will be hosts for the evening.

Winter Begins—Mercury Climbs

Today—December 22—at 8:01 a.m. winter officially began in Klamath Falls and the Far West, and it was the warmest night in three weeks, according to temperature recordings taken in downtown Klamath Falls.

On November 30 thermometers showed a minimum temperature of 20 degrees. Since then Klamath Falls has undergone real winter weather.

Last night, though, a warm "Chinook" wind moved the mercury up to 34 degrees at midnight, and almost 40 degrees late this morning.

Whitney Services Slated Monday

Funeral services for Alfred Guy Whitney, 45, who died Thursday evening at his home, will be held Monday from Ward's chapel at 1:30 p.m., with Rev. E. M. Causey of the First Baptist church officiating.

Whitney is the father of Ed Whitney, former KUHS athlete and now playing professional baseball. Interment is scheduled for Klamath Memorial park.

Funeral

Funeral services for Alfred Guy Whitney, 45, who died here December 20, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath funeral home, 925 High December 24, 1951, 1:30 p.m., with Rev. Lloyd Holloway of the First Methodist church officiating. Commitment service and interment in Klamath Memorial park.

Funeral services for Roy Everett Atkinson, 71, who died in Dorris, Calif., December 21, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath funeral home, 925 High, December 24, 1951, 10 a.m. Rev. Lloyd Holloway of the First Methodist church officiating. Commitment service and interment in Klamath Memorial park.

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Murphy Says No To HST Probe Job

NEW YORK, (AP)—Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy reportedly has decided against heading President Truman's three-man commission to expose wrongdoers in government.

Reports appeared today in both the New York Times and the New York Herald Tribune.

The Times said Murphy, who agreed last week to head the federal commission, "was said to have changed his mind because of protests from colleagues on the federal bench."

Murphy could not be reached here for comment.

In Washington, Presidential Press Secretary Joseph Short had no comment. Although Mr. Truman said last week that an announcement dealing with the scandals might be anticipated, none has been made to date.

The Herald Tribune said Murphy reportedly changed his mind about taking the commission post because:

1. Of his failure to get the men he wanted as his aides.

2. He would lack subpoena or contempt powers as an investigator.

3. He fears that he would become mere "window dressing" in Washington.

The undisciplined, six-foot four-inch Murphy was widespread fame as government prosecutor of Alger Hiss, state department employee convicted of lying about his connections with a pre-war Soviet spy ring. Hiss is now in prison.

But Murphy, failing to get the federal judgeship he wanted, resigned from the attorney's office and took the job of New York City's reform police commissioner. He resigned that post after winning a federal judgeship last June.

Postoffice To Stay Open Late

Postoffice authorities announced today that windows will remain open at the local postoffice tonight until 6 p.m.

The windows will be open only for mailing parcels, purchase of stamps and receipt of parcels for which receivers hold a notice.

Czechs Upset Bosses Again

LONDON, (AP)—A new reshuffle of Czechoslovakia's Communist government today sent Planning Minister Janomir Dolansky into the post of Vice premier.

Dolansky, former chairman of the state planning office, replaced Rudolf Slansky, who was ousted last month as a Trotskyite spy.

Prague radio said Dolansky was sworn in this morning with three others named to new ministries in Czechoslovakia's fast-changing government.

The vice premier's post was used as a political "kick upstairs" in the Slansky case.

Slansky had been given the assignment last September after being ousted from the important post as secretary-general of the Communist party in Czechoslovakia.

Two months later, Prague radio announced that Slansky had been arrested for "activities against the state." He is awaiting trial.

Dolansky has been another of Moscow's trusted administrators, a group made up mainly of the "political secretariat" which used to be led by Slansky.

That group used to include seven men before Slansky was ousted in disgrace. It consisted of Slansky, Dolansky, President Klement Gottwald, Premier Antonin Zapotocky, Foreign Minister Viliam Bielik, Defense Minister Alexey Cepicka and Karel Bielek, a lone behind-the-scenes leader who is minister of state control.

Salem Man Dies In Truck Crash

ASHLAND, (AP)—A Salem man was killed and an unidentified man injured when a produce truck ran out of control near here last night.

State police identified the dead man as Kenneth Jewell Smith, the driver. His brakes apparently failed on a downhill run and the truck crashed into the woods bordering the highway, police said.

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