

MARKETS AND FINANCE

STOCKS

WALL STREET
NEW YORK — Oils were a strong feature in the late afternoon Wednesday in a fairly steady stock market.
Price changes either way were moderate with the exception of a few outstanding wide moving issues.
Trading was at an estimated 2,500,000 shares. That compares with 2,650,000 shares traded Tuesday when the market was lower.

Copco Plans Power Tests

Tests will be made Monday at California Oregon Power Company's transmission substation, following the installation of restorer and improvement of oil switches, according to Sam Ritchey, district manager of Copco.
The tests will be carried on for about 48 hours during which time the big substation will be put in service, carrying a full load. Supervisors will take readings at intervals and check operation of equipment after the test period. The substation will be shut down and the readings analyzed. It is expected that the plant will then be ready to switch over at any time.

A crew of eight men are working today near Wocus, replacing broken insulators which have been damaged by rifle fire during the hunting season. The 90-plus-mile stretch from the substation to Diamond Junction is inspected each year before the hunting season and then at the end of the season. According to Ritchey, every year some line goes out and homes in that area are left without electric power because insulators are shot out during this period, despite constant vigilance of repair crews, state police and Indian service officers.
No damage to dead end towers or insulators has been reported from the Klamath Indian Reservation this winter, Ritchey stated, adding that Copco was very appreciative of the cooperation of W. W. Palmer, new reservation superintendent, and his staff of officers.

T-H Revisions Held Unlikely

WASHINGTON — The Eisenhower administration was reported ready Wednesday to renew its efforts to revise the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Law, but key Democratic and Republican legislators said they saw virtually no chance of congressional action on this score next year.
An administration recommendation last January that the Taft-Hartley Law be changed in 14 respects went unheeded by Congress. The Senate sent a revision bill back to its Labor Committee last May. The House Labor Committee never turned out its own bill for House consideration.
But two Republicans—one a high government official and the other a senator—said the Eisenhower administration was prepared to ask the new Congress for Taft-Hartley revision in a form closely paralleling its recommendations nearly a year ago. Both of these Republicans attended a White House conference on domestic legislative plans, held Monday.
Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.), a Senate Labor Committee member, said he sees "no more chance to change the law next year than early this year." He and Sen. Goldwater (D-Ariz.), another Labor Committee member, agreed that Taft-Hartley is "really not an issue," these days.
Goldwater said, however, that if President Eisenhower were to restrict his recommendations to two involving the non-Communist affidavit and economic strikes, he might get Congress to go along with him.

POTATOES
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Potato markets as reported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Portland:
Sixteen Cities: Arrivals 246, track 856, shipments totaled 484, Northern Calif. 17, Central Calif. 7, Southern Calif. 3, Idaho 200, Ore. 21, Washington 9.
IDAHO FALLS — Market about steady; Russets, No. 1s 20-20 per cent 10 oz. and larger 2.60-2.85, 20-25 per cent 10 oz. and larger 2.90-3.05.
SAN FRANCISCO — 27 cars on track, Calif. 4, Ore. 7 arrived; market about steady; Klamath Russets No. 1A 2 in 4.00-4.10, Deschutes 3.75-3.90, Idaho 4.00-4.10.
CHICAGO — Potatoes: Arrivals 63 on track 539; total U.S. shipments 487; market firm for best stock. Carlot track sales: Idaho Russets \$4.15-4.20, unwashed \$3.95; Colorado red McChures, washed and waxed \$2.85; Minnesota North Dakota Pontiacs \$2.80-2.85, unwashed \$1.80; Minnesota North Dakota Cobblers unwashed \$1.80-1.85.
BRUISES
FLORENCE, Italy — 89-year-old Bernard Berenson, 89-year-old American expatriate expert on Renaissance art, was recovering Wednesday from face bruises and a slight shock he suffered in a fall two days ago.

Livestock

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND (U.S.D.A.)—Cattle salable 400; market less active but mostly steady except some fed steers weaker; trucked lot choice 985 lb steers 24.00; few lots commercial and good steers 19.50-21.50; utility steers 12.00-17.00; utility and some commercial heifers 11.00-17.00; few good heifers 18.00; canner and cutter cows mostly 7.00-8.00; few 8.50; utility cows 9.50-11.00; commercial grades 12.00 to 12.50; one lot around 800 lb stock cows 9.00; utility and commercial bulls 12.00-14.00; cutter bulls down to 9.00.
Calves salable 50; market active, steady; few good and low choice vealers 18.00-21.00; few good around 430 lb calves 17.00; medium and good stock calves 15.00-17.00. Steers: few good and low choice vealers 18.00-21.00; few good around 430 lb calves 17.00; medium and good stock calves 15.00-17.00.
Hogs salable 750; market slow; 25-50 lower than Monday; choice 190-235 lb butchers 19.75-20.50; few 230-300 lb 18.00-18.75; choice 200-550 lb sows 15.00-17.00.
Sheep salable 500; market fairly active, mostly steady with extreme top 25 higher on improved quality; one lot choice and prime 102 lb fed woolled lambs 18.75; numerous lots good and choice No. 1 pelt to full woolled lambs 17.00-18.00; good and choice feeders 14.00-15.00; good and choice ewes salable 4.50-5.50.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK
CHICAGO (U.S.D.A.)—Hogs sold steady to 25 cents higher Wednesday.
Butchers weighing less than 220 pounds scored the full advance, buyers paying \$17.50 to \$18.85 for 190 to 220 pounders. Several decks sold at \$19.00. Most 230 to 260 pound butchers moved at \$16.50 to \$17.75. Sows sold at \$13.75 to \$16.00.
Prime steers sold as high as \$32.50 equalling the year's high set April 5. High choice and prime steers sold steady to 50 cents higher, average choice kinds were steady and lower grades weak. Good to choice steers brought \$20.00 to \$28.00.
Most good and choice heifers were taken at \$18.50 to \$26.50.
Lambs were mostly steady although a few choice and prime native lambs sold strong to 25 cents higher. Good to prime woolled types brought \$17.00 to \$19.75.
Salable receipts were estimated at 12,000 hogs, 16,000 cattle, 300 calves and 1,500 sheep.

Grains

CHICAGO GRAIN
CHICAGO — Grains backed and filled erratically in routine dealings on the board of trade Wednesday.
The market enjoyed one price run up around midway in the morning, in which all cereals except corn participated. But the gains could not be entirely held through to the close.
Rye developed definite weakness late in the session on a renewal of liquidation. Best performance was turned in by wheat, ahead most of the day on buying associated with export business and dry weather.
Wheat closed 1/4 higher, Dec. 2.24 1/2-2.24, corn 1/4 lower, Dec. 1.52 1/2-1.52, oats unchanged to 1/4 lower, Dec. 80 3/4-80, rye 1 1/2-2 1/4 lower, Dec. 1.11 1/2, soybeans 1 cent lower to 2 1/2, higher, Jan 2.81 1/2-2.82, and lard unchanged to 5 cents a hundred pounds higher, Dec. 13.25.

| | Open | High | Low | Close |
|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Dec | 2.23 1/2 | 2.24 3/4 | 2.23 1/2 | 2.24 1/2 |
| May | 2.24 1/2 | 2.25 3/4 | 2.24 3/4 | 2.25 1/2 |
| July | 2.08 1/2 | 2.09 1/2 | 2.08 1/2 | 2.09 1/2 |
| Sept | 2.10 3/4 | 2.11 1/2 | 2.10 1/2 | 2.11 |

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Weather

Western Oregon — Clearing Wednesday night. Partly cloudy Thursday with increasing cloudiness in the northwest. Colder Wednesday night with lows 25-35. Highs 40-50. Winds along coast diminishing Wednesday night, becoming southerly Thursday.
Eastern Oregon — Rain or snow showers, diminishing Wednesday night. Fair Thursday. Highs 32-42. Lows Wednesday night 10-25.
Granby Pass and Vicinity — Clearing Wednesday night; mostly sunny Thursday except morning fog patches. High Thursday 44, low Wednesday night 27.
Northern California — Considerable cloudiness Wednesday night; clearing Thursday. Slightly cooler Wednesday night. Variable winds 10-18 miles an hour on coast Wednesday night, becoming northerly to northwesterly Thursday.
Baker and Vicinity — Clearing Wednesday night and sunny Thursday. Low Wednesday night 15-20; high Thursday 30-35.

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24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Wednesday
Max. Min. Precip.

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| Faker | 35 | 31 | |
| Bend | 45 | 37 | T |
| Eugene | 54 | 41 | |
| Klamath Falls | 32 | 17 | |
| Lakeview | 35 | 20 | |
| Medford | 40 | 37 | T |
| Newport | 52 | 44 | |
| North Bend | 36 | 45 | 34 |
| Ontario | 38 | 25 | |
| Pendleton | 31 | 37 | 32 |
| Portland Airport | 53 | 49 | 19 |
| Roseburg | 56 | 40 | |
| Salem | 53 | 40 | 28 |
| Boise | 43 | 33 | |
| Chicago | 36 | 29 | T |
| Denver | 45 | — | |
| Eureka | 33 | 41 | |
| Los Angeles | 73 | 59 | |
| New York | 48 | 43 | 1.07 |
| Red Bluff | 32 | 36 | |
| San Francisco | 55 | 45 | |
| Seattle | 52 | 38 | 38 |
| Spokane | 40 | 34 | 33 |

Woman Choked By Automobile

THE DALLES — Mrs. Bertha Steinert was strangled to death by her automobile here Tuesday.
She parked her car on a steep, muddy, street, set the handbrake and put the transmission in parking. She got out of the car which apparently then skidded in the mud and knocked her down. The left front wheel of the car rolled up against her throat.
Mrs. Steinert, 54, was dead when help arrived.

On The Record

BIRTHS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parsons, a girl weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.
JURY DUTY — Capt. Herbert A. Durham of the Air National Guard, answering a call for jury service, streaked home in a jet from Panama City, Fla., where he had gone on a training flight. He made it here in time — only to be thrown off the jury panel on a challenge and sent off to await another call.

AAA Advises Chains On 66

The local office of Oregon State Motor Association reported this morning that the only place chains were required in the immediate area is between Weyerhaeuser Camp Four and Klamath Junction on Highway 66 to Medford.
Packed snow and ice is reported on highways 39, 139 and 395 to Reno but no chains were required this morning.
To the north on highways 97 and 58 it was clear and dry as far as Modoc Point. Rain was reported from Odell Lake to the tunnel and it was raining hard between Eugene and Portland.
Highway 97 south to Weed is well sanded and no chains required.
By had a temperature of 20 degrees at 8 a.m. and Lakeview 28 degrees.

Klamath GOP Meeting Held

Members of the executive board of the Klamath County Republican Central Committee which met last night at the home of Mrs. H. O. Juckeland, vice chairman, expressed gratification at the results of the vote in Klamath County at the November election, which gave five of the seven Republican candidates majority votes.
This was the first meeting of the committee since election day.
Members of the committee believe the strong support given candidates in spite of a majority Democratic registration in the county was due to unified party work.
It was decided to sponsor a combined Lincoln Day and appreciation dinner which will honor precinct workers and others who gave time to the campaign.
Present for the meeting were Elmer Lennier, Merrill, chairman of the central committee; Mrs. Juckeland, vice chairman; Floyd Wynne, alternate chairman; Mrs. Josephine Kittredge, alternate vice chairman; T. W. Walters, treasurer; Josephine Regimato, secretary; Alice Venz, George Proctor; Bill Lorenz, Chloquin and Fred Rueck, Bonanza.

Sheppard Case

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sound logical? The points were:
1. The fact that Sheppard, who says he was dazed and in a state of shock, was able to remember the mayor's telephone number and so dial it accurately.
2. The fact that although one of his brothers "lives only minutes away" Sheppard telephoned the mayor and no member of his family.
3. The fact that Sheppard refused a drink of whisky offered by Mrs. Esther Houk before the police arrived. "I wonder why," the attorney shouted. "Does he feel that when the police come, as they soon will, they may think he was under the influence of whisky when this crime was committed?"
4. An exchange—when Dr. Richard Sheppard denied took place—between the brothers that morning. Parrino quoted Dr. Richard as asking his younger brother: "Sam, did you do this?" or "Did you have anything to do with this?" The attorney said Dr. Sam's reply was "Hell no."
Parrino paused and then said with slow emphasis: "What would prompt a brother to make a statement such as that?"
But he put his greatest emphasis on the time element. He asked the jury whether it seemed logical that Sheppard was unconscious during the two hours the state claims elapsed between the estimated time of the murder and Sheppard's telephone call to the Bay village mayor.
TESTIMONY ENDED
One hour after the morning session of the trial began, both sides ended their testimony and rested their case.
The trial started Oct. 18, but more than two weeks were consumed in selecting a jury and testimony by the first witness was on Nov. 4.
If the jury returns a verdict of "guilty" without recommendation, the death sentence is mandatory. The judge may instruct the jury that it can return any one of six verdicts—ranging from first degree murder, through conviction on less serious charges, to outright acquittal.
Under Ohio law, the judge may not disturb the verdict unless he feels the evidence has not been sufficient to sustain it.
DEFENSE WITNESS
Testimony of the final defense witness caused Dr. Sheppard to weep openly. The witness was Mrs. Mary Brown, an aunt of the murdered Marilyn, and she read a letter Marilyn wrote to her on June 30, four days before the slaying.
The letter was a homey recital of events regarding Sam Sheppard and his family. It described meals, plans for social events and referred to Marilyn's club activities.

Traffic Case Battle Looms

A legal battle loomed Wednesday over legality of criminal proceedings against John Mitchell, charged with manslaughter in the traffic death of Mrs. Robert M. Evanson, 26, of Modesto, California.
Mrs. Evanson died after an automobile driven by her husband, was involved in a collision with a pickup operated by Mitchell. The accident occurred at Wocus on Oct. 5 or 30.
Mitchell was charged with manslaughter and operating a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the highway.
Defense Attorney Joseph C. O'Neill filed a demurrer to the traffic charge. When his client was arraigned before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg on the manslaughter charge, the court indefinitely postponed the proceedings. O'Neill claimed the traffic violation charge, based on the same set of facts as the manslaughter count, was a bar to prosecution in circuit court.
District Judge D. E. Van Vactor said Wednesday that District Attorney Frank Alderson had filed a new motion to dismiss the traffic charge. It was reported that O'Neill is planning to fight the dismissal, claiming that Alderson has not stated a valid reason.
O'Neill takes the position that in order to remain a bar to prosecution of the manslaughter case, the traffic case must be dismissed for a reason held valid by state law. Judge Van Vactor refused to uphold a previous motion to dismiss the charge because the district attorney's office did not give a satisfactory reason.
Judge Van Vactor said a hearing on the new dismissal motion will be held.

Joint School Board Hears Report On Plant Planning

Members of school boards of Klamath Union High School and the city elementary schools met Monday night on routine business and to hear a report of the conference on school plant planning made by Scott Warren member of the KUHSS board and Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of city schools. The three-day conference was held December 2-4 at the University of Oregon, Eugene.
Highlight of the sessions was the informative talk by Lawrence B. Perkins, Perkins and Will, architects, Chicago, who talked on the definite trend toward flexibility in classrooms in schools that are being built. No school district can afford to build cheaply in this era of rapidly expanding population, he said. Emphasis is being placed on smaller classes which makes transition from home to school an easier adjustment for the student.
The school officials visited new school buildings at Salem and Albany during the conference.
During the joint session, it was agreed, following a talk by Joe La Clair, Klamath County director of civil defense, to make all buses operated by the city school district available in event of a major emergency. LaClair said that at the present time there are 2,000 persons working locally on civil defense committees.
Howard Perrin, Klamath Falls architect, is making a study for future work on ventilating systems at Mills and Conger schools. Funds for the improvement program, planned to get under way next summer, are available from the serial levy approved in school halting last spring.
Betty Jean Bellmore was elected to the staff of Conger School to succeed Mrs. Louise Starosiek, teacher of the first and second grade, who resigned.
Doris Hines will serve as special education instructor at Conger and Ella Dickinson will fill a similar position at Riverside. Both assignments will run until March 11, 1955.
The KUHSS board approved the purchase of \$4,000 worth of new books for the new school library. Roy Tidwell, head librarian and Marjorie O'Connor, assistant librarian will confer with faculty members on needed volumes.

Longtime KF Resident Dies

Mrs. Blanche Estella Esgate, wife of Chester Arthur Esgate, resident of Klamath Falls for 25 years died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Britton of Marysville, California, Tuesday, December 14.
Mr. and Mrs. Esgate were visiting in Marysville where the family had planned to gather for a family reunion during the Christmas holidays.
The family came to Klamath Falls from Medford and made their home at 3949 Shasta Way for many years. She was a member of the First Christian Church.
The body is being brought to Ward's Klamath Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.
Surviving are the widower Chester Arthur Esgate, this city; daughters, Mrs. Ann Moats and Mrs. Betty E. Atkins of Santa Clara, California, Mrs. Ruth Britton of Marysville, California, Mrs. Catherine Owen of Oroville, California, Mrs. Bertha Gleim of Walla Walla, Washington, Mrs. Opal Sauters of Tygh Valley, Oregon, Mrs. Evelyn Rogers and Mrs. Vera Bertrand of this city; sons, Everett of North Hollywood, California, Arthur of Springfield, Oregon, Harold of Bly, Vermont, Wallace and Woodrow of this city; three sisters, Mrs. Ora Christman, Kansas City, Missouri, Mrs. Maude Ogles, Evanston, Illinois and Mrs. Bertha Spencer, Couer D'Alene, Idaho; 29 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

OBITUARY

ESGATE
Blanche Estella Esgate, 72, native of Rosetta, Colorado, resident of Klamath Falls for 25 years, died December 14, in Marysville, California. Survivors include the widower, Chester Arthur Esgate, this city; daughters, Mrs. Ann Moats and Mrs. Betty E. Atkins of Santa Clara, California, Mrs. Ruth Britton of Marysville, California, Mrs. Catherine Owen of Oroville, California, Mrs. Bertha Gleim of Walla Walla, Washington, Oregon, Mrs. Evelyn Rogers and Mrs. Vera Bertrand of this city; sons, Everett of North Hollywood, California, Arthur of Springfield, Oregon, Harold of Bly, Vermont, Wallace and Woodrow of this city; three sisters, Mrs. Ora Christman, Kansas City, Missouri, Mrs. Maude Ogles, Evanston, Illinois and Mrs. Bertha Spencer, Couer D'Alene, Idaho; 29 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Rosetta Betty Crawford, driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$400 bond.
Lloyd Vernon Howard, violation of basic rule, \$6.50 paid.
Overt E. Johnson, assault and battery, asked for trial without jury time set for December 17, 1954 at 10 a.m.
William Thomas McGaughey, violation of basic rule, \$1.50 paid.
William Elmer Lowelty, fail stop at stop sign, \$5 paid.
John Simon Shaffer, violation of basic rule, \$6.50 paid.
William Spolke, no registration card, \$5 bail forfeited.
Walter Lee Chambers, violation of basic rule, \$11.50 paid.

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