

STOCK PRICES ARE ERRATIC

FLUCTUATION ON WALL STREET HARD TO EXPLAIN

Speculative Operations Prove Somewhat Bewildering and Market Has a Decidedly Professional Tone

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Prices were put through a remarkable series of fluctuations today at the stock exchange without any perceptible changes in the current of news and events.

The feverish whirling up of the market and the excessive irregularity of the fluctuations were characterized by the publication of the speculative operations going on and to facilitate the accomplishment of the ends sought by giving the market the appearance of great breadth and animation.

The latter quietness suggested large selling orders realized with large buying orders to cover shorts during the period of activity, resulting in a material reduction of the speculative position in the public hands.

There was a general agreement among the banking authorities that the improvement in the banking position had not yet been established.

London continued to sell stocks in this market to decline in the open market.

New York Stocks

Table of New York Stock prices including various stocks like Adams Express, Amalgamated Copper, etc.

MINING QUOTATIONS

Following are the quotations of yesterday as furnished by the Los Angeles-Nevada Mining Stock Exchange:

Table of mining stock prices including California, Colorado, and other regional stocks.

New York Bonds

Table of New York bond prices including various government and corporate bonds.

Boston Stocks and Bonds

Table of Boston stock and bond prices including various regional securities.

Financial Record

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Prime mercantile paper, 7/8 cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.81 1/2.

Treasury Balances

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Today's statement of treasury balances shows: Available cash balance, \$23,809,289; gold coin and bullion, \$23,251,551; gold certificates, \$75,405,600.

Dried Fruit Prices

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Today's market for evaporated apples is easier, with prices quoted at 12c; choice, 10c; prime, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Market Raisins

Wheat—Dec. 4 1/4; May, 3 1/4; July, 2 3/4. Corn—Dec. 47 1/2; May, 50 1/2; July, 52 1/2.

Pacific Coast Trade

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Flour, family extra, \$4.00; bakers', \$3.75; shipping, \$3.50.

Chicago Live Stock

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Cattle—Receipts about 5500. Market steady. Beef, \$11.50; calves, \$10.00; hogs, \$11.00.

FRUITS CONTINUE IN STRONG DEMAND

WHOLESALE GROCERS CUTTING BEAN PRICES

Egg Quotations Are in an Unsettled State and a Disposition is Manifested to Advance Butter Prices

Business was only moderate on market yesterday. Not much improvement is expected until the end of the current week or the first of next week.

This is especially true of fruits. The supply is ample and the demand is strong and constant. The heavy receipts of potatoes has not affected prices, as was thought probable.

The butter and egg market is in an unsettled condition. The warmer weather has had a beneficial effect on the supply of the former.

Produce Receipts

Eggs, cases, 15,241; Butter, pounds, 15,241; Sweet potatoes, sacks, 4,904.

Produce Prices

Following are wholesale jobbing prices: ORANGES (per box)—New crop, \$20.00 to \$21.00.

Metal Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The London tin market was higher, spot closing at \$133 1/2 and futures at \$134 1/2.

San Francisco Mining Stocks

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Following were the closing quotations today: Amalgamated, 4 1/2; Atlantic, 3 1/2.

CHICAGO GRAIN

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The wheat market was inclined to be weak all day, although the pronounced strength of coarse grain tended to steady prices late in the session.

FRUIT MARKET

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Fancy apples, 80c; common, 60c; raspberries, \$1.00 per bushel; strawberries, \$1.00 per bushel.

CARLOAD SHIPMENTS OF CITRUS FRUITS

Shipments of oranges and lemons from Los Angeles Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1, reported by the California Fruit Growers' exchange, were as follows:

Total to date there were shipped 926 carloads, of which 390 were lemons.

FINANCIAL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Bank clearings were \$1,301,210.30, against \$1,430,691.10 for the corresponding date last year, a decrease of \$129,480.80.

Bonds

Associated Oil Co. Bid. Asked. 74 80. California Railway Bid. Asked. 93 93.

Bank Stocks

American National Bid. Asked. 125.00. Bank of Los Angeles Bid. Asked. 125.00.

Miscellaneous Stocks

Edison Electric Bid. Asked. 82.00. Home Telephone Bid. Asked. 11.00.

Oil Stocks

Amalgamated Oil Bid. Asked. 100.00. California Petroleum Bid. Asked. 100.00.

Listed Stocks

Greenwater district Bid. Asked. 1.00. Butte & Greenwater Bid. Asked. 1.00.

Unlisted Stocks

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San Pedro Shipping

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Building Permits Issued

Following are the permits issued from the office of the chief inspector of buildings yesterday and classified according to wards:

Sugar and Coffee

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Heavy Apple Shipment

The Julian district reports the apple crop about all gathered. The crop for this year is in the neighborhood of 50,000 boxes.

SAVINGS BANKS

4% INTEREST PAID ON TERM SAVINGS DEPOSITS. 3% INTEREST PAID ON 'ORDINARY' SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

And 3% ON SPECIAL ORDINARY ACCOUNTS

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25 South Spring street, Corner Main and First sts. (branch).

Security Savings Bank

N. E. cor. Fourth and Spring streets, Herman W. Hellman building.

Southern California Savings Bank

southern corner Fourth and Spring, Union Trust building.

Savings Deposits in Savings Banks Are Exempt from Taxation to the Depositor

Clearing House Banks

UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK, THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK.

Equitable Savings Bank

You are offered, subject to prior sale, part of \$200,000 in Pacific Reduction company first mortgage stock, part also \$100,000 in Gold Bonds interest payable annually in October.

INTEREST CONSOLIDATED BANK

PAID ON SAVINGS \$124 SOUTH BROADWAY. NO TROUBLE TO DEPOSITORS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLDG. ANSWER QUESTIONS

PEATLAND BEAN CROP REPORTED PROFITABLE

Four Hundred Acres Will Approximate \$65 Per Acre, Which is Considered Excellent for First Crop

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VETERAN RETALIATES ON YOUNG TORMENTORS; FINED

Taking into consideration the strained conditions in the vicinity of Eighteenth and Sacramento and the propensities of a man to lose his temper and strike back when attacked, Police Justice Frederickson yesterday imposed a minimum fine of \$5 on J. W. Halbert, a one-armed veteran, who makes his living carrying papers.

POLICE BOARD SAYS NO IN THREE LICENSE CASES

The police board yesterday refused a license over which some controversy has arisen and two others were withdrawn when the commissioners announced beforehand that they would not vote to grant the permit.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

The International Ore & Treating Machinery company has incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing, buying and selling mechanical appliances for use in mines, mills and smelters.

DRIED FRUIT SHIPPERS WILL TRY PAPER BOXES

The Pacific Coast Seed Raisin company is inaugurating a series of experiments with paper boxes, in an attempt to find some substitute for wooden boxes.

High Price of Lumber Makes It Necessary to Find Some Cheaper Substitute for Wooden Boxes

The merits of the paper box are obvious. It saves expense in freight, as it is very much lighter than the wooden case, and its item counts up when it comes to shipping thousands of the packed fruit in a season.

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