# FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

## Grain and Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—Scantiness of offerings brought about an advance in corn prices today, nothwithstanding that for a while the market showed weakness owing to favorable weather and to prospects of a larger movement of the crop. The close was firm, ⅛@⅞ net higher, with January $1.25⅛ and May $1.23⅛@$1.23⅞. Ooats finished ⅛@1⅛ up, and provisions at gains of 12 to 25 cents.

| | Open. | Close. |
|---|---|---|
| CORN. | | |
| January | 1 24⅛ | 1 25⅛ |
| May | 1 22⅝ | 1 23½ |
| OATS. | | |
| December | 76⅛ | 76⅞ |
| May | 73 | 74⅛ |
| PORK. | | |
| January | 45 45 | 46 45 |
| May | | 46 00 |

## New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—There was a pre-holiday spirit on the New York Stock Exchange at the brief session on Saturday. Sales foot up only 78,600 shares and in only a few instances were the price changes important. General Motors was one of the strongest issues and closed 2⅝ higher. Steel common on sales of 55,700 shares ranged between 83⅞ and 83, closing at 83½. Granby Copper, an inactive stock, closed 3½ higher at 70. The rails were quiet, and the list as a whole sold off fractionally in the final dealings. The bond market was active, $2,658,000 par value changing hands in the two hours. Anglo-French 5s were a strong feature, showing a net gain of 7 per cent. from the low price of the week.

## Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—The local stock market held fairly well last week, considering the extreme weakness which prevailed in outside investment circles during the first half of the week. Dealings here were light, and there was no sign of urgent liquidation, such as appeared in New York. Brewing securities and Pittsburgh Coal common registered new low marks, but in the better class of stocks losses were comparatively small, and in a few instances there were net gains. Nine regularly listed securities closed lower than a week ago, 5 unlisted also closed lower, 7 closed unchanged and 5 were higher than a week ago.

At the short session of the exchange on Saturday Manufacturers Light and Heat advanced to 52 and Westinghouse Electric to 36¼. Other changes were unimportant. There were no transactions in any of the glass stocks all week. Saturday's sales were as follows:

Summary for Saturday.

| Shares— | | High. | Low. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 100 | Ind Brewing | 1⅜ | 1⅜ |
| 210 | Mfrs L & H | 52 | 52 |
| 25 | Ohio Fuel Supply | 41½ | 41½ |
| 100 | Pgh-Jerome | .41 | .41 |
| 150 | Pgh O & G | 5 | 5 |
| 140 | West Electric | 36¼ | 36 |
| 725 | | | |

## Oil and Gas.

Light wells are the ofering in the West Virginia fields. In Grant district, Ritchie county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has completed No. 3 on the Hannah M. Hammett farm. It is showing for a four or five-barrel pumper in the Big Injun sand. In Murphy district the same company has completed No. 4 on the C. F. Beall farm. It has been shot in the Berea grit and showing for a five or 10-barrel pumper.

On the Little Kanawha River, Sherman district, Calhoun county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has drilled No. 5 on the Tracy J. Brake farm through the Big Injun sand. It is located 1,000 feet southwest of No. 4 on the same farm and showing for a five or 10-barel pumper. On Little Creek, Spencer district, Roane county, the Carter Oil Company's No. 3 on the T. L. Bartlet farm is a five-barel pumper in the Big Injun sand.

In the Burning Springs district, Wirt county, the South Penn Oil Company has completed No. 11 on the E. M. Wilson farm. It is not good for more than three barrels a day. Across the line in Ritchie county, the same company has completed No. 14 on the Sarah J. Lemon farm and got the same kind of pumper in the salt sand.

On Elk River, Big Sandy district, Kanawha county, the Summit Oil and Gas company has a five-barrel pumper at its test on the Vandine-Robinson farm. In Court House districtc, Lewis county, the Philadelphia Company has completed a test on the N. J. Woofter farm. It is a gasser in the Big Injun sand. In the same district the same company's test on the J. L. Coberly farm is a gasser in the same formation. The last named well is located across the line in Salt Lick district, Braxton county.

On Billys Run, Washington district, Jackson county, the United Fuel Company has completed a test on the Sarah Archer farm. It is a fair gasser in the salt sand. In McElry district, Tyler county, the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Gas Company's test on the Jacob McCullough farm is a gasser in the Big Injun sand. The Hope Natural Gas Company got one of the same kind at a test on a part of the same farm. The Hope company has the rig completed for a test on the M. H. Kyser farm.

In McKim district, Pleasants county, Bole & Co.'s No. 7 on the R. Reynolds farm is a duster in the Keener sand. The Everson Oil Company's No. 18 an the F. N. Cook farm in a very light pumper in the Cow Run sand. In the same district, L. C. White & Co. have started to drill a test on the Riggs Brothers farm in Union district, Wood county, E. S. Briggs & Co. have a duster at No. 4 on the A. Dunbar farm. In the same locality J. H. McBribe had the same kind of luck at his test on the Hearley farm.

On Pikenpaugh Run, Grant district Wetzel county, the Blackshere Oil and Gas company is down 1,000 feet at a test on the M. D. Snodgrass farm. On the same stream and in the same district, Snyder & Pentz are drilling No. 4 on the J. L. Stephens farm. On fallen Timber Run, New Milton district, Doddridge county, the Carnegie Natural Gas Company is rigging up at a second test on the William Smith farm. In Salt Lick district, Braxton county, the Philidelphia Company is hauling rig timbers to a location on the J. H. McCauley farm. In the same district the Hope natural Gas Company is building a rig on the C. Kuhl farm. The same company is hauling in the tools at a rig on the M. E. Shouldice farm.

In Freemans Creek district, Lewis county, the Reserve Gas Company has the rig completed for a test on the Calvin Flesher farm. The same company has rig material on the ground for a test on the L. W. Davis farm. On Painter Fork, Eagle district, Harrison county, the Carnegie Natural Gas Company is building a rig on the M. E. Copenhaven farm. In Salt Lick district, Braxton county, the Clayton Oil and Gas Company is down 2,200 feet at its test on the Jeffre heirs farm.

### WEST VIRGINIA PATENTS.

As reported by H. E. Dunlap, patent lawyer of Wheeling, W. Va., the Patent Office records show the recent issue of the following patents to West Virginia inventors: J. L. Maguire, assignor of 1-4 to S. B. Haffner, Elkins, sectional demountable rim; M. D. Morton, Gauley Mills, circuit-closer for combination-locks and burglar-alarms; N. P. Perkins, assignor of 1-2 to W. A. Cantrell, Charleston, scroll-forming machine; O. K. Tillman, Horner, reel for barbed wire.

Mr. Dunlap also reports the recent issue of the following trade-mark registrations: Harry D. Comerford, Gratton, spring-water; The Standard Uutramarine Co., Huntington, laundry blues

## HOULT

The Monongahela Powder at Rita has begun the sinking of the shaft for their coal mine. They have hired and are hiring a lot of muckers and drillers and common laborers and are pushing the work. John Ambrose is in charge of the work. The frame of the tipple is finished ready for putting in the hoisting buckets and they are planning to put in an air compressor and use air for drilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson were given a delightful surprise by a few of their friends Wednesday night in honor of their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary. Those present were the misses Nellie McElfresh Laura Snider, Edith McElfresh and Bertha and Hazel Boman, Mrs. T. L. Barnes Messrs, R. A. Prickett Jesse and Ray Bowman Mr. and Mrs. Harney McElfresh, Fred, Alma and Sylvester Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. All report a good time, and unite in wishing them many returns of he day.

The friends of Mr. R. O. Watkins are expecting him home from Camp Lee to spend the Christmas holidays at his home here.

### Doctor Never Went to Bed.

A doctor who never went to bed died in London from heart failure. At the inquest evidence was given that he had become suddenly faint in the street, and that giddiness caused him to fall. A week later he died. The wife of a stevedore with whom he had lodged for three years, said that the doctor never went to bed or lay down. One day she said she heard the sound of a fall, and, entering his room found him lying on the floor. He was of sober habits.


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