

RAPID TRANSIT EARNINGS GOOD IN FEBRUARY SURPLUS OF LOCAL BANKS IS SMALLER

STOCKS STRONG IN DULL TRADING

Inspiration, Copper a Feature. Foreign Exchange Firmer. Business Small.

NEW YORK, March 15.—While there was very little interest in the stock market at the opening today, and trading was therefore being dull, prices as a rule were unusually active, showing a disposition to advance by larger interests. After a few minutes the market resumed its usual dullness, although trading was not so active as in the morning.

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New York Stock Sales

Table with columns: Last Close, High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like Amal Gold Mines, Amal Copper, etc.

New York Bond Sales

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, High, Low, Close. Lists various bonds like 4 1/2% U.S. 1917, etc.

BANK LOANS EXPAND

Local Institutions Report Loss in Deposits and Surplus. An increase of more than \$3,000,000 in loans and a drop of over \$2,000,000 in deposits were reported by the local clearing banks in their weekly statement today.

Table with columns: Bank, Deposits, Loans, etc. Lists various banks and their financial data.

RATES FOR MONEY

Table with columns: Bank, Rate, etc. Lists various banks and their interest rates.

Local Bid and Asked

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Lists various local market items and their prices.

RAPID TRANSIT UNDER PRESSURE

General Local Market Steady. Bond Dealers Complaining of Small Profits.

Except for a decline in Rapid Transit the Philadelphia market ruled steady throughout most of the day. An offer of 100 shares of Rapid Transit by a buyer in sight until the price had been cut from 10% to 10, when the sale was effected.

The February report of the Rapid Transit Company created a favorable impression. The deficit was cut from \$120,113 a year ago to \$100,200. For the eight months there was a surplus of \$14,380, against \$18,017 loss the previous year.

Bond dealers were complaining today of the slackness in their business. Profits are said to be smaller than in years despite a fair volume of sales.

Sales in Philadelphia

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, High, Low, Close. Lists various sales in Philadelphia.

Local Half-hourly Sales

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, High, Low, Close. Lists various local half-hourly sales.

10 to 10:30 A. M.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, High, Low, Close. Lists various sales from 10 to 10:30 A.M.

10:30 to 11 A. M.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, High, Low, Close. Lists various sales from 10:30 to 11 A.M.

11 to 11:30 A. M.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, High, Low, Close. Lists various sales from 11 to 11:30 A.M.

11:30 A. M. to 12 M.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, High, Low, Close. Lists various sales from 11:30 A.M. to 12 M.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT.—Receipts, 27,857 bush. The market ruled steady, higher under a good export demand and bullish speculation in all grades.

COAL.—Receipts, 28,033 bush. The market ruled steady, higher under a good export demand and bullish speculation in all grades.

IRON.—Receipts, 28,033 bush. The market ruled steady, higher under a good export demand and bullish speculation in all grades.

PROVISIONS

There was little trading, but values were firm. Pork, 100 lbs., 12.00; lard, 100 lbs., 12.00.

REFINED SUGAR

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DAIRY PRODUCTS

BUTTER.—The market was quiet. Prices ruled steady in the noon and week on medium grades.

POULTRY

LIVE.—The market steady under moderate activity, but trade quiet. Quotations: Poultry, 100 lbs., 12.00.

FRESH FRUITS

Supplies and demand both moderate. Prices showed little change. Quotations: Apples, 100 lbs., 12.00.

VEGETABLES

The market quiet with fairly liberal supplies. Quotations: Potatoes, 100 lbs., 12.00.

U. S. NEVER IN BETTER CONDITION BASICALLY, SAYS THEODORE VAIL

President of American Telephone and Telegraph Company Asserts Incultation of Sound Ideas Will Remove Obstacles.

Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in his annual report to the stockholders of the company issued today, says that in his opinion the United States has never been in better condition basically and only combined effort to incultate sound ideas and true understanding is necessary for the prompt removal of obstacles which now bar the way to general and permanent business improvement.

He points out that industrial conditions cannot be balanced and business cannot be restored to normal conditions if there is a restoration of conditions which would make for confidence. Normal conditions of employment and business soon will be restored, he holds, if confidence were inspired sufficiently to bring about the expenditure of even a part of the \$1,000,000,000 capital needed to put industry in a position to meet the demands of the country.

REGULATION, BUT RIGHT SORT Mr. Vail says further: "There is a lack of consistency in the underlying respecting enterprise and initiative, and the relations between capital and labor, the employer and the employee."

There are many ideas and beautiful theories which in time we hope may be realized. But commerce and industry are dependent upon the purchaser and consumer, and as long as the human factor of enterprise is not controlled by the public, it will be taken into consideration by commerce and industry in their relations with both producer and the worker.

Control and regulation can become destructive instead of constructive; they can delay paralyze commerce; they can through decrease of inexperienced officials impose unnecessary burdens and unnecessary expenditures upon corporations; they can require too many regulations and theories of operation and too many undeveloped experiments in plant and equipment; they can very easily ruin the operation of a business.

TYPE OF COURT NEEDED "To reap the greatest benefit from both courts and judges," he says, "they should be of sufficient number to avoid all delay and give an opportunity for prompt hearing and decision. The judges should have a sufficient tenure of office to enable them to become familiar with the questions upon which they have to pass, and with the precedents and economic conditions which control them. And above all, if there are to be courts of commerce or commissions, then the settlement of all matters which have been referred to such courts by the Legislature should be left to them."

STATISTICS IN REPORT The principal figures in the annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for the year ending December 31, 1914, compared with the previous year, are as follows:

Table with columns: 1914, 1913. Lists various statistics like Dividends received, Interest and other revenue, etc.

Values

Every investment is regarded as having two values—Actual value and Market value. The first is real, the second is artificial.

Financial Briefs

The minimum in Sears-Roebuck ex-dividend was reduced to 112.

A new co-partnership has been formed to be known as Aspell & Co., by Walter H. Aspell and Raymond W. Ziegler, both of whom until recently were associated with DeWitt, Tremble & Co. of Chicago and Philadelphia.

The annual report of the Diamond Match Company showed net earnings equal to 8 1/2 per cent. on the stock, against 8.03 per cent. the previous year. The surplus was \$15,950, compared with \$20,478 in 1913.

The firm of Blake, Reeve & Co. dissolved today by mutual consent.

The following local stocks were quoted ex-dividend except for cash: Tonopah Belmont, Cambria Iron, Girard Trust and West Jersey and Beahar.

The annual meeting of the Philadelphia Electric Company will be held at 419 Market street, Camden, N. J., on April 14, at 11 o'clock a. m. Proxies are asked for in the names of Joseph B. McCall, W. H. Johnson and A. V. Coe.

There has been placed on the regular list of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange \$2,029,100 additional capital stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Emergency currency outstanding has been reduced to \$2,500,000.

The first sale of Electrolytic Copper at 15 cents on domestic basis for April delivery was made today.

The Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company is taking steps to change its corporate title to the "Philadelphia Trust Company," and a special meeting of its stockholders, to be held on May 1, 1915, has been called to take action on the matter, as required by law.

BUYING SENT WHEAT HIGHER AT CHICAGO

May Closed 2 3/4 Cents Higher, and July Showed Gain of 3 1/4 Cents.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Aggressive buying sent wheat prices up this morning at the opening of the grain pit. May started at \$1.87 1/2, up 1 1/2 cents, and later went to \$1.88 1/2, while July began with an advance of 3/4 of a cent at \$1.21 1/2, afterward going to \$1.22 1/2. Prices of other grains were also higher.

Cash sales here were 205,000 bushels wheat, of which 90,000 bushels were taken by exporters, 70,000 bushels corn and 25,000 bushels oats, 80,000 bushels of the latter being taken by exporters. Winnipeg reported a big cash demand there, with Liverpool and New York buying. Minneapolis claimed sales of 600,000 bushels wheat to go east.

Harry Freeman of a well known packing firm, has returned from a three-week trip in New York and he says that while the demand for manufactured hog products is only moderate at the present time foreign countries are watching conditions closely and they are not expected within a fortnight, three of the latter holding consignments for Switzerland.

China and Japan are in the field for wheat exports, but no more has been taken by grain exporters.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc. Lists various grain prices and their changes.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

Table with columns: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc. Lists various live stock prices.

NEW YORK BUTTER AND EGGS

NEW YORK, March 15.—Butter market steady; receipts 4018 packages; State dairy, 27,247; foreign, 10,000; market steady, 15 1/2 higher; eggs, 100 lbs., 12.00; chickens, 10 lbs., 1.00.

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET

NEW YORK, March 15.—The coffee market opened firm at 12.00 for Rio, 12.00 for Santos, 12.00 for Mocha, 12.00 for Java, 12.00 for Sumatra, 12.00 for Ceylon, 12.00 for Java, 12.00 for Sumatra, 12.00 for Ceylon.

Trade Commission Meets

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Members of the Federal Trade Commission gathered in formal session this afternoon. Present were Joseph Davies, who has been named as the permanent chairman, and commissioners Ruben Harris, Parry and Hurley. The board will meet formally Tuesday and organize.

50 FREE TRAPS to the California Expositions. 50 persons are going to the Panama-Pacific and San Diego Expositions as guests of the Public Ledger-Evening Ledger. Not one of them need spend a cent. They will see everything, travel first-class and stop at the best hotels. If you would like to be included in the party, send for particulars.

CONTESTANTS' ENTRY BLANK. Public Ledger Evening Ledger Independence Square, Philadelphia. Please enter my name as a contestant for the Panama-Pacific Exposition Tour.