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...NSOLIDATED 4½s 1960
GENERAL 4½s 1965

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RAILROAD
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Lehigh Valley Gen. Consolidated 4½s, May 2003	4.95
Pitts., Cin., Chic. & St. Louis Consolidated 4½s, April 1942	5.00
Pennsylvania Company First 4½s, July 1921	5.35
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Equipment 4½s, May 1929	5.35
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The National City Company
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NEWS OF THE FINANCIAL WORLD—NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA STOCK PRICES

SPECULATIVE TONE BETTER IN N. Y., WITH BUYING LARGE

Room Traders Become Extremely Bullish and Buy and Bid for Standard Issues. Reading Demand Continues

High Points in Today's Financial News

Good advances were recorded by many leading stocks on New York exchange. Reading continued in demand and special 20 per cent dividend on Lackawanna Coal resulted in coal stocks showing improvement. Oil shares claimed most attention on the Curb. Oats prices declined. Cotton trading was small. Italian exchange was stronger. Dodge Manufacturing declared an extra dividend of ¼ per cent on the common stock. Cotton consumption increased during November. The price of bar silver advanced in New York and London.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

There was a pronounced improvement in the speculative tone of the New York exchange today, with the room traders generally becoming extremely bullish and buying and bidding for fairly large amounts of all the standard issues. This speculative element had a good foundation to work on because of the fact that nearly seventy stocks sold ex dividend. At the opening of the market prices ex dividend were so low as to contrast sharply with their quotations, with the dividend on, at the close yesterday. Marine preferred sold ex the special dividend of 10 per cent, with transactions early at 74¾, followed by an advance to 77½.

Bethlehem Steel issues all sold ex dividend, the "B" class 2½ per cent off, ranging from 66½ to 68¾, almost entirely recovering its dividend. Utah Copper sold ex 3½ with sales at 71⅞ to 73¼. Most importance in many minds was attached to the trading in Reading, which has been persistently bought, while other stocks were weak for some days past.

Today buying became aggressive, carrying the price up from 65⅞ to 68. Coal stocks were also active and strong, with the dividend of 20 per cent on Lackawanna coal sales stock payable in Government bonds exercising important influence on the market for these issues. United States Steel common reflected recent absorption, being in scant supply with a material increase in demand and advanced from 80¾ to 83¾.

Part of the buying was induced by vague reports that some favorable news is coming from Washington, but there was nothing definite in advices from administrative circles to indicate any occurrence out of the usual line.

Liberty 3½s sold at 98.50 to 98.54, and the 4s were traded in at 97.44 to 97.32. Foreign Government bonds continued heavy, with Anglo-French 5s selling at the new low record of 87¾.

Cause of American Beet Sugar Break

In connection with the sharp break in the price of American Beet Sugar common, the news that western producers are operating at a disadvantage has been the primary cause of the selling. It is pointed out that the fixed price of 7.35 cents a pound for beet sugar applies to the seaboard, and that western interests must include in this figure transportation cost. It may be mentioned that before the Government took hold prices had been as high as 9 and 10 cents.

The great investment opportunities that are being offered in the railroad list have been repeatedly dwelt upon, but today the attraction is even greater. When such stocks as Great Northern, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Pacific and Atchison common shows an average return at present prices of about 8 per cent, it is time that the judicious investor became active. An investment can be made in a...y one of these rails without jeopardizing the principal involved, for the railway situation has developed into a state where Government protection of railroad credit is inevitable.

MONEY-LENDING RATES

NEW YORK—Money on call opened at 6 per cent; high, 6; low and last, 6; closed, 6; ruling rate, 6 per cent.

Rates on good mixed collateral had no relation to actual business, but were quoted at 5½@6 per cent. The firmness of money has restricted all of the other financial markets.

Prime mercantile paper rules very slow at 5¾@6 per cent, and an occasional transaction at 5½ per cent.

The high money rates are also directly responsible for narrowing down operations in prime bank acceptances. This last class is quoted at 4@3⅝ on eligibles.

PHILADELPHIA—Call, 5 per cent; time 5@5¾ per cent. Commercial paper, three to four months, 5¼@5½ per cent; six months, 5½@5¾ per cent.

LONDON—Money at 4 per cent unchanged. Discount rate for short bills 4⅝ per cent and for three months 4⅝ per cent unchanged. De Beers closed at 12⅞ and Rand Mines at 3.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The foreign exchange market was dull, as heretofore, in the early dealings today, but was featured by strength in Italian and Swiss exchanges.

Quotations were:

Demand sterling 4.75 3-16, cables 4.76 7-16, sixty-day bills, nominally, 4.71¼@4.71½, ninety-day bills 4.69¼@4.69½.

Lire cables 8.18, checks 8.20.
Swiss cables 4.30½, checks 4.33.
Guilder cables 44, checks 43½.
Pesetas cables 24.12, checks 24.05.
Ruble cables 13½, checks 13¼.
Stockholm cables 26, checks 25½.
Christiania cables 23⅜, checks 23¼.
Copenhagen cables 23½, checks 23½.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings today compared with corresponding day last two years:

	1917	1916	1915
Phila.	$55,637,099	$55,169,139	$39,167,389
Boston	44,030,852	45,131,751	32,479,452
N. Y.	559,091,597	744,173,780	445,491,188
St. Louis	25,845,067	19,834,905	15,738,578

DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway Company, usual semiannual of 1¾ per cent on common and 2 per cent on preferred stocks, payable December 29 to stock of record December 19.

New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, regular annual of 5 per cent on first preferred, payable 2½ per cent January 2 to stock of record December 21, and 2½ per cent July 1, to stock of record June 3. The regular semiannual of 2½ per cent on second preferred was also declared, payable January 2 to stock of record December 21.

Peoples' Bank, New York, usual semiannual of 5 per cent, payable January 2 to stock of record December 20.

Mutual Bank, New York, usual semiannual of 7 per cent, payable January 2 to stock of record December 27.

United Traction Electric Company, usual quarterly of 1¼ per cent, payable January 2. Books closed December 18, reopen December 24.

Kaufman Department Stores, Inc., regular quarterly of $1.75 on preferred, payable January 2 to stock of record December 20.

Morris Plan Company, dividend of 3 per cent, payable December 31 to stock of record December 21.

Central Aguierre Sugar Company, regular quarterly of $2.50, payable January 2 to stock of record December 20.

Baltimore Tube Company, regular quarterly of 1¾ per cent on preferred and 1¾ per cent on common, both payable January 2 to stock of record December 20.

Wilson & Co., Inc., regular quarterly of 1¾ per cent on preferred, payable January 2 to stock of record December 24.

Boston Wharf Company, regular semiannual of 2½ per cent, payable December 31 to stockholders of record December 19.

Anglo-American Oil Company, an interim of 3 shillings a share free of income tax, payable January 15.

Northern Securities Company, annual 3½ per cent, payable January 10 to stock of record December 29.

Columbus Railway, Power and Light Company, regular quarterly of 1½ per cent on preferred stock series A, payable January 2 to stockholders of record December 15.

Pilgrim Cotton Mills Pay Extra

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 14.—The Pilgrim Cotton Mills Corporation has declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1½ per cent on the preferred stock and 1½ per cent on the common stock, both payable January 2 to stock of record December 22. Also an extra dividend of 2 per cent on the common stock, payable December 20 to stock of record December 15.

BIG SPECIAL DIVIDEND TO BE PAID IN BONDS

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company Announces Unusual Kind of Distribution

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company declared the following special dividend, payable December 28 to stock of record December 12: Three dollars and seventy-five cents in bonds at par of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland 5½s due 1919, $3.75 bonds at par of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland 5½s due 1921, $14.80 in bonds of the United States Liberty Loan 4s at par due 1942. On each share of the stock of the company, with a provision that fractional amounts of $1000 of the first and second classes of the bonds of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the $50 of the United States Liberty shall be settled by the company in cash at 95 per cent, 91 per cent and 98 per cent, respectively.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company does a very large commercial business, earnings showing about 6½ per cent on its sales.

This special dividend has no reference to the regular quarterly disbursement of the company which will be made on December 26.

INACTIVE NEW YORK STOCKS

Following are quotations for inactive New York stocks and in which there were no transactions today. The price given is the last previous sale:

Adams Express	115	Max Mtr 2d pf	19½
Advance Rumely	10¾	May R Str pf	101
Advance Rum.	10	Mex Pet pref.	90
Ajax Rubber	50	Mich Central	119
Am Agr Chem	70¾	N Sc Steel 8s M	85
Am Ag Chem pf	104	Mont Power pf	101
Am Car & F pf	105	Morris & Essex	80
Amer Express	80	Morris & E pf	71½
Am Ice pref	48	Nat Biscuit pf	116
Am Ice Sec	10	Nat Cit & S pf	100½
Am Linseed pf	66¾	Nat En & Stp pf	100
Am Smelt B	80	Nat Lead pf	99¼
Am Smelt pref	100	N O Tex & Mex	17
Am Sumatra pf	85	N R R M 1st pf	40
Am Tob pf new	90¾	N Y Air Brake	100
Am T & T 3d pf	92½	N Y C & St L	14¾
Am T & Cable	75	N Y Dock	11½
Am Woolen pf	80	N Y O & W	17½
Am Zinc & L pf	42	Nor Am Cem pf	70
Asso Dry G 1st pf	52	Norf & South	21¾
Asso Oil	61¼	Norf & West pf	78¾
A G & W I pf	58¾	North American	45¾
Atl Coast Line	85½	Ohio Cities Gas	42
Atl Flrm & Alb	44½	Ohio Gas rts	63
Bald Locomo pref	94¾	Owens Bottle	52
Barrett Co. pf	106	Pacific Mail	24¾
Babcock& Wilcox	105	Pan-Am Pet pf	90
Brklyn Un Gas	105	Pan-Am P prior pf ctf	68
Brown Shoe	65	Peoria & East	4½
Butterick	104	Pere Marq pref.	48
Cal Packing Co	35	Pierce-Arrow	30¾
Cal Petroleum	11	Pierce-Arrow pf	92
Col & So 1st pf	50	Pitts Coal pref.	74¾
Cent Fdy Co	30	Pitts & West pf	57½
Cent Leath pf	100	Pond Creek Coal	84
Cent S Am T	110¼	Portl Gas & Coke	50
Chi & Alton pf	23½	Press Stl Car pf	84
Chi A N W pf	130¾	Pub Serv N J	106
Chi & Gt West	9¾	Quicksilver	5
Chi Ill Sdy pf	110	Reading 1st pref	85½
Comw Tob	52	Ry Stl Spring	29¾
Col & So 1st pf	47¾	Savage Arms	80
Col & So 2d pf	42¾	St L & S F	13¾
Col & South	29½	St L & S F pref	23
Con G E L & P	108	Seaboard A L	7
Cont Int Cal M	17¾	Seaboard A L pref	18¼
Cont Can pref	97	Sears-Roe pref.	120
Continental Ins	51¼	Sloss-Sheff	88
Crucible Stl pref	88	Smelting Mining	25¼
Cuba Am Sug pf	96	Stand Milling pf	85
Cuba Am Sug	14½	Stutz Motor	39
Dierre & Co pref	95	Sun Steel	84
D L & W	170	Sup Rest 1st pf	95¾
Den & Rio Gr	6	So P R Sugar	145
Detroit Edison	125	Texas Co rts	10¾
Erie 2d pref	17¾	Third Ave	15
Erie Per Bat	18½	Tidewater Oil	205
Gen Chem	162	Tobacco Prod pf	91
General Cigar	86¾	T St L & W	7½
Gen Cigar pf	94¾	T St L & W ctfs	6½
Granby Min	67	T St L & W pf	30
Gulf States Stl	88	T St L & W pf ctfs	18
Gulf St St 1st pf	105	Trans-Wms	37
Hartman Corp	62	Underwd T pf	113¾
Havana Elec	101	Un Bg & P new	59¾
Homestake Min	93	Unit Cig Str pf	102
Int Agricul	18	Utah Con	12
Int Harv N J pf	118	United Alloy Stl	85½
Int Nickel pf	108	United Drug	89
Iowa Cent	24	do 1st pref	90
Iowa Cent pf	101	do 2d pref	75
Jewel Tea	88¾	Unit Pan Bd	15¾
Kelly-Spring	58½	Unit Ry Inv pf	12
Kest & D	44	U S Ind Alco pf	104
Laclede Gas	80	U S C I P & F	10¾
Liq & M T	151	U S Cl P & F pf	48
Liq & Myers	172	U S Express	18
Lake Erie & W	3¼	U S Realty Imp	15¼
Lk Erie & W pf	28	do 1st pref	50
Lee Rub & Tire	25¾	Va-Car Chm pf	98¾
Long Isl Co pf	40	Wells-Fargo	78
Lorillard	150	West Cas & Coke	40
Lorillard pf	90	do 2d pref	28
M K & T pref	7¼	West Pac R R	17¾
M K & T	3	Wheel & L E pf	10
May Dept Strs	48¾	Wilson Co pf	96
Mackay Co	75¾	Wis Central	23
Manhattan Bch	7	Woolworth	160
Manhat El	97	Worth P & M	85

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New York Stock Sales

	High	Low	Close	Net chg.
Alaska Gld M.	2⅝	2	2¼	+ ⅛
Alaska Juneau.	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	— ⅛
Allis Chal Co..	16	15⅞	15⅞	+ ⅛
Am Beet Sugar	68¼	66	68	+1
Amer Can	32⅝	31½	32⅝	+1⅝
do pref	88⅞	88⅞	88⅞	+ ⅛
Am C & F Co	63¼	62¼	63¼	+1½
Am Int Corp	56	49½	55	+4⅞
Am Cotton Oil	23½	22	23½	+1½
Am H & L	11⅞	11⅝	11⅞	— ⅛
do pref	47	45	47	+1⅝
Am Linseed	24¼	23⅝	24¼	+ ⅛
Am Loco	50⅝	48	50¼	+2½
do pref	94	94	94	—3
Am Malt	9½	8⅝	9½	..
do pref	51½	51	51	— ½
Am Smelting	71	68	71	+1⅝
Am-Sum Tob	55½	53⅝	55½	+2
Am Stl Fdy	53⅛	52½	52½	+2¼
Am Sugar	92⅛	92⅛	92½	— ¼
do pref	106	106	106	..
Am Tel & T	103	101¼	102½	+ ⅜
Am Tobacco	136	136	136	+1
Am Wool	39¼	39¼	39¼	+ ¼
Am Writ P pf	21	21	21	+1
Am Zinc & Ld	12	12	12	+ ⅛
Anaconda	56	54	56	+1⅝
Atchison	81	79¾	80⅝	+1⅛
do pref	79½	78⅝	79½	+1
At G & W I	94	90½	94	+3½
Bald Loco Co.	53	50¾	53	+1½
Balt & Ohio	47	46	47	+ ⅝
do pref	53	53	53	..
Barrett Co	87	86½	87	..
Beth Steel	69¾	67¼	69⅝	+3½
do B	70⅝	66⅝	70⅝	+3⅝
do pref t c	94¾	94	94¾	—2¼
Brooklyn R T	38	36½	38	+1
Burns Bros	109	107½	109	+1½
Butte & Sup C	15	14⅞	15	..
Cal Pet pref	33	32	32	— ¾
Canadian Pac	131	127¼	130½	+3⅝
Central Leather	60½	58⅝	60½	+2¼
Cerro de Pasco	27¼	27¼	27¼	+ ⅛
Chandler Mot.	61½	61¼	61½	+1½
Chesa & Ohio	44⅞	43	44⅞	+1⅝
Chic & Alton	7	7	7	—1
Chi Gt West pf	18½	18½	18½	+ ½
Chi M & St P	39½	36⅞	39½	+2⅝
do pref	69¾	69	69¾	+2¾
Chic & North	87½	86	87½	+ ¾
C R I & Pac t c	18	17	18	+ ¾
do 6 p cpf t c	38	37½	38	+1
do 7 pc pf t c	47¼	47	47	+ ½
Chile Copper	13⅝	13⅛	13½	+ ⅜
Chino Con Cop	39½	37¾	39½	+1⅞
Col F & Iron	31½	31	31½	+ ½
Col Gas & Elec	28⅞	28	28⅞	+1
Consol Gas	80½	78⅝	80	..
Cont Can	80	80	80	..
Corn Prod	29½	28¼	29½	+1
do pref	89⅝	89½	89⅝	— ⅛
Crucible Steel	49¼	46½	49¼	+1⅝
Cuba Cane Sug	27½	26¼	27	+ ¾
do pref	75½	74⅜	75½	+ ⅝
Del & Hud	95½	93¾	95	+2
Dome Mines	6⅞	6⅝	6⅞	..
Distillers Secur	29¾	28	29¾	+1⅝
Erie	14½	13⅝	14½	+ ⅝
do 1st pref	20½	20	20½	+ ½
Gaston-Will	31	31	31	—1
Gen Elec Co	121⅜	118⅛	121¾	+2½
General Mot	87	85	86¾	+1⅝
do pref	74	74	74	..
Goodrich B F	34½	33⅜	34½	+ ½
Gt Nor pref	85	83¾	85	+2
Gt Nor Or subs	24⅜	23⅝	24⅛	+1½
Greene Con Cop	37	37	37	..
Haskell & Bark	29½	29	29	..
Illinois Cent	88¼	88⅛	88¼	+ ½
Int Agricul pf	32½	31	31	—1
Inspiration Con	40	39⅝	40	+1
Interb-Cons Cor	6¼	6⅛	6¼	..
do pref	41¾	41	41¾	+ ¼
Int Harv N J	105½	104½	104½	—2½
Int Mer Marine	19½	17⅝	19¼	+1⅝
do pref	78½	74⅝	78½	+2
do cash	85⅜	85⅜	85⅜	..
Int Nickel	25¾	24⅝	25⅞	+1⅛
Intern Paper	22⅞	22⅜	22⅞	+ ⅝
Kan City S	16	15½	16	+ ⅛
do pref	47½	46¼	46½	+ ¼
Kennecott Cop	30¼	29	30¼	+1
Lack Steel	72¼	70	72¾	+1¼
Lehigh Val	52	51⅜	52	+ ⅝
L & M T Co pf	100	100	100	— ½
Louisv & Nash	107½	106½	107¾	+ ⅝
Max Motor	23	22½	22½	+1½
do 1st pref	52	51⅜	51⅝	+1⅜
do 2d pref	20	18½	20	+2
Mex Petrol	70	66¾	70	+2
Miami Con Cop	26	25¼	26	+ ⅝
M S P S S M	114	109¾	111½	+ ⅛
M & St L new	7¾	7½	7¾	— ⅛
Miss Pacific	23½	21½	23½	+1⅝
do ctfs	38½	38	38½	+ ½
Mont Power	58¾	58¾	58¾	— ⅛
Nat Acme	26¾	26⅜	26⅝	+ ¾
Nat Con & Cab	22⅝	21¾	22⅝	+ ⅝
Nat Cloak & Su	60	60	60	..
Nat Ena & Stp	33½	32⅝	33	+ ½
National Lead	40¼	40	40¼	— ⅛
Nev Con Copper	16⅞	16⅝	16⅞	+1⅛
N Y Central	68¼	66	68¼	+1¾
N Y N H & H	28⅜	27¾	28⅜	+ ⅛
Norf & West	98	97½	98	..
Northern Pac	81	78¾	81	+1¾
Nova Scotia Stl	61	61	61	+1
Ohio Gas	35	33	34⅞	+2½
Ontario Silver	4½	4½	4½	..
Penna R R	44	43	43⅝	+ ⅝
Peo Gas & C	36¼	36	36⅛	+ ⅛
Pere Marq w i	13½	13	13½	..
Philadelphia Co	25½	25	25½	+1
Pitts & West	20¾	19¼	20¾	— ½
Pitts Coal	41½	40	41½	+ ½
Pressd St Car	50	49	50	..
Pullman Pal C	109	107¼	109	+1¼
Ray Con Cop.	20¾	20¼	20⅝	+ ⅛
Reading	69	65⅞	69	+2⅝
Rep Ir & St	72¼	69½	72⅝	+2
Royal Dutch	66⅝	66⅛	66⅝	+ ⅝
St L S F	13¾	13	13⅜	+ ⅛
Sears Roebuck	128½	127	128½	+1½
Shattuck Ariz	17	17	17	..
Sinclair Oil	28⅞	25⅞	28⅛	+1⅝
Southern Pac	80	78⅛	80	+1¼
Southern R R	23⅝	22	23⅜	+1¼
do pref	57	55	57	—3⅝
Studebaker	43¼	41¼	42⅝	+ ⅞
Sup Steel	33½	33½	33½	+ ½
Ten Cop & C	12¼	12	12	+ ⅛
Tex & Pac	16	15	15	— ⅛
Texas Co	128	121½	128	+3½
Tobacco Prod	46¼	43⅝	46¼	+2⅝
Underwood T	83½	83	83½	—1
Union Pacific	108	105½	108	+1⅝
do pref	70	70	70	..
Un Cigar Stors	85	82⅝	85	—2¾
Un Drug 1st pf	49	49	49	—2
do 2d pf	75	75	75	..
United Fruit	112	112	112	— ⅜
Un Rwy Invest	5⅛	5	5⅛	+ ⅛
U S Ind Alco	107½	103¼	107½	+1⅝
U S Rubber	49	46¼	49	+2¾
do 1st pref	93	93	93	..
U S Smel & Re	42	42	42	..
U S Steel	84½	80¾	84	+3⅝
do pref	104½	103⅞	104½	+ ⅝
Utah Copper	73¼	72	72⅞	+ ⅝
Va Car Chem	31⅛	31⅜	31⅛	+ ⅜
Wabash	9	9	9	+1⅛
do pref A	38¼	36¼	38¼	+ ⅝
do pref B	19½	19	19⅛	+ ⅝
West Md	13⅝	12½	13⅝	..
West Un Tel	81	81	81	—1
Westinghouse M	36	34⅞	36	+ ⅝
Wheel & L E	9¼	8⅞	9¼	+ ⅜
Wilson Co	44	43	44	+ ½
White Motors	34½	34¼	34½	— ⅛
Willys-Overland	18⅜	17	18⅛	— ¾

Total sales, 552,700 shares, compared with 787,800 shares yesterday; thus far this week, 2,827,400 shares; same period last week, 2,116,000 shares.

Ex. dividend—Inter Mer Mar pref, 10; Lack Steel, 1¾; Mex Petrol, 1¼; Ray Cons Cop, 1; Utah Cop, 2½; Cigar Stores pref, 1¾; Am Linseed pref, 1¾; Amer Smelt pref A, 1¾; do pref B, 1¾; Steel Fdy, 1¾; Amer Beet pref new, 1½; Beth Steel, 2½; Beth Steel B, 2½; do pref, 2; Chandler Motors, 3; Chino Cop, 2; Gulf States Steel, 2½; do 1st pref, 1¾; Nev Cons Cop, 1; Ohio Cities Gas pref, 1¾; Rwy Steel Spgs, 1¾; Ray Cons Cop, 1; Rep Iron & Stl pref, 1¾; Sears Roebuck pref, 1; Montana Power, 1¾; Amer Int Corp, 90c; Cuba Cane pref, 1¾; Underwood Typewriter, 6¾; Manhattan El, 1¾.

Advance Local Call Money Rate

A number of the larger national banks in this city will send out notices tonight advancing the rates on all loans from 5 per cent to 6 per cent, effective next Monday. The last change in the local call was a reduction from 6 per cent to 5 per cent July 10. That maximum rate was in effect only from June 26 to July 10. The present advance here follows the higher market in New York, where 6 per cent has been maintained for some time.

OIL STOCKS CLAIM ATTENTION OF CURB

Issues, Pressed at Declining Prices for Long Time, Are in Better Demand

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

After a little irregularity at the opening when a few issues sold at moderate declines, the Curb market developed a strong tone with the oil stocks demanding most attention.

Those issues which had been pressed on the market at steadily declining prices for a long time past were in better demand than at any preceding day during the week, with Midwest Refining advancing from 91 to 95 and Merritt, after selling at 16⅝, moving up to 17⅞. Oklahoma was traded in at 5⅝ to 6.

Among other sales were Sinclair Gulf at 12½, Cosden at 5⅞ to 6 and Elk Basin at 5¾ and 6.

There were sharp advances in Standard Oil issue with some stocks moving up 15 points on bid prices. Ohio Oil sold at 285 to 278 and Standard Oil of New Jersey sold at 493.

A moderate amount of Aetna Explosives was traded in at 7¼ to 7⅝. Submarine was weak in the early trading, declining from 11¾ to 11¼. There was a fair amount of business in General Electric Rights, which advanced from 1¾ to 1¾.

Triangle Film was again in good demand at 1. Wright-Martin sold at 6½ to 6⅝, United States Steamship at 4⅝ to 4¾, and North American at 2½.

INDUSTRIALS

	Bid	Ask	Yest. close (sale)
Aetna Explosives	7⅝	8	7¼
Am Brit Mfg	5	6	..
Am Marconi	2¾	3	..
Am Writing Paper	2	3	..
Air Reduction	60	70	60
Canadian Car Co	10	16	15
Can Car & Fdy pref	44	50	..
Charcoal Iron	7	7½	..
Chevrolet Motors	61	63	62
Cramp	70	75	..
Curtiss Aeroplane	25	27	25½
Carwen Tool	8	9	9
Carbon Steel	70	76	..
Emerson Phono	5	5½	..
Federal Dye	15	..	..
Hendee Mfg	10	20	..
Inter-Lube	2⅛	2½	2⅜
Kathodion Br pref	1	..	..
Lake Torp Boat	3¼	3½	3½
Lehigh Coal Sales	68	73	..
Lima Loco	40	44	..
Maxim Munitions	¾	⅞	⅞
Marlin Arms	86	90	..
N Y Shipbuilding	30	33	..
Nor Am Paper Pulp	2½	3	2¾
Otis Elevator	40	46	..
Peerless Motor	10	12	..
Poole Eng	50	70	..
Redden Truck	15	..	..
Scripps-Booth	3	10	..
S S Kresge w i	60	70	65
Standard Motors	7½	8	7⅝
Steel Alloys	7	..	..
Submarine	11⅜	12¼	11¾
St Joseph Lead	15	15¾	..
Todd Shipbuilding	68	74	..
Triangle Film	⅞	1	1
United Profit Shar	¼	⅝	..
U S Steamship	4⅝	4⅞	4⅝
United Motors	15⅛	15½	14¼
United Sugar	30	35	..
World Film	⅝	¾	..
Wright-Martin Air	6⅛	7	6¼
Zinc Concent	1	2	..

STANDARD OIL STOCKS

Illinois	113	185	..
Ohio	278	283	..
Prairie Pipe	223	236	..
S O California	208	213	..
S O New Jersey	488	495	490
S O New York	235	240	235

INDEPENDENT OIL STOCKS

Barnett Oil & Gas	14⅜	..	1
Cosden & Co	6⅛	6¼	..
Elk Basin	6	6½	5¾
Federal Oil	2¼	2½	2⅜
Inter Petrol	11	11¾	11½
Houston Oil	22½	23¾	21
Merritt Oil	16	18½	17
Midwest Oil	95	97	92
Met Petrol	½	⅝	½
Ohio Fuel	14	17	..
Oklahoma Ref	6	6¼	5¾
Rice Oil	3-32	⅛	⅛
Sapulpa Ref	8	8¾	8¼
Sequoyah	⅝	¾	⅝
Sinclair	11	13	..
United West Oil	¼	9-32	¼

MINING STOCKS

Alaska Standard	5	15
Atlanta	8	10
Big Ledge	1½	1⅝
Bisbee Cop (a pros)	⅛	⅜
Butte Cop & Zinc	6½	6¾
Butte New York	½	1
Cal & Jerome	½	1
Con Ariz	1½	1⅝
Denbigh Silver	2½	2⅝
Emma Consolidated	⅜	½
First National	3	5
Goldfield Merger	⅜	½
Goldfield Cons	⅜	½
Goldfield Florence	10	15
Goldfield Kewanas	4½	5½
Green Monster	⅞	⅝
Hecla Mining	4⅝	4¾
Howe Sound	3½	3⅝
Independence Lead	4	6
Jerome Verde	⅞	⅝
Jim Butler	70	75
Jumbo Extension	12	14
McKinley Darragh	58	61
Magma Copper	40	41
Mother Lode	28	29
Mines Co of Am	1¼	1½
Nevada Hills	8	15
Nevada Wonder	1¾	1⅞
Nipissing	8⅛	8⅜
Ohio Copper	¾	⅞
Ray Hercules	3	3¼
San Toy	9	11
Stewart	7-32	¼
Tonopah Extension	⅞	⅞
United Verde	33	35
West End Con	65	70
White Oaks	3	..
White Caps	½	⅝
Yerington	10	12

BONDS

Bethlehem 5s	96¾	97	97
Cosden Oil 6s	71	73	..
Cosden & Co 6s	72	73½	..
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