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FINANCIAL
Annual Elections

OFFICE OF THE UNITED GAS IMPROVEMENT CO.

N. W. corner Broad and Arch Sts.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United Gas Improvement Company will be held at the offices of the company at the northwest corner of Broad and Arch Sts. Phillipsburg, Monday evening, April 29, at 6 o'clock noon, when an election will be held for the election of six directors to serve for three years. All stockholders whose names will be transacted may be brought forward.

The stock transfer books will be closed from 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 1919, to 10 a.m. Monday, May 6, 1919.

G. W. CURRAN, Secretary.

Annual Meetings

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF

the Western H. M. Ministers

of Philadelphia Presbytery is announced

May 1, 1919, in the Central North

Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Broad and Green streets, at 2:30 p.m. An address

Indian Training School, followed by reports in the afternoon. "Open Door" a

program, will be given in the evening.

Dividends

20TH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND

NATIONAL BANK OF GERMANTOWN

Philadelphia, Pa.—Founded 1854.

The directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent, free of tax, payable June 1, 1919, to stockholders of record at the close of business April 30, 1919. The amount of the semi-annual dividend, making that sum \$1,000,000, will be mailed.

JOHN C. KNOP, Cashier.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa.—Founded 1854.

The directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 12 per cent, free of tax, payable on demand. Checks will be mailed.

WM. Y. CONRAD, Cashier.

LACK OF PRESSURE HOLDS COTTON FIRM

Trading Not Particularly Active. Wall Street the Principal Seller

New York, May 1.—The strength of English cables and buying for the account of Liverpool houses promoted a local opening advance in the cotton market today of 9 to 28 points. Trading was not particularly active and prices held strong in the absence of important pressure. Wall Street firms appeared to be the principal sellers.

The opening advance was followed by a reaction of some 20 to 25 points, but the volume of liquidation was much smaller than it was yesterday, and the market turned steadier.

The more encouraging character of this morning's news from Paris probably helped the tone of the market, but the main factors on the recovery were the reports of an improved demand and firm southern spot markets.

Liverpool was a buyer here, and there was a scattering trade demand on the advance, which carried active months some 24 to 32 points above last night's closing figures.

Yesterday's 11 a.m. 3:30 p.m. opening a.m. p.m. Close

May 1... 28.30 28.30 28.30 28.50

June ... 24.00 24.15 24.15 24.20

July ... 23.70 23.80 23.75 23.75

Aug. ... 23.50 23.60 23.50 23.50

Mar. ... 23.50 23.60 23.50 23.50

Financial Briefs

Roy C. Megargel and Warren Jones, of Redmond & Co., New York, have been elected members of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.

New Jersey zinc reports for quarter ended March 31 net income after charges and federal taxes, \$2,170,427, equal to \$20,240 a share on \$25,000,000 capital stock against net income of \$2,313,360, or \$6.61 a share in the December, 1918, quarter, and \$3,603,796 or \$10.23 a share in the March, 1918, quarter.

The New York subtreasury gained \$215,000 from the banks yesterday, making a cash net gain since Friday of \$4,618,000.

The March net operating income of the Gulf States Steel Company was \$67,124, compared with \$80,839 in February and \$37,241 in January, making a total for the first quarter of 1919 of \$206,204.

Local Meat Market

The following report on the western dressed fresh meat in Philadelphia is furnished by the local livestock and meat office of the United States Department of Agriculture.

FRESH BEEF—Receipts light; market steady to firm. Demand quiet.

STEAKS—Receipts light; market steady to \$2.25 to \$2.60, depending on grade.

COWS—Receipts very light; market steady to \$12 to \$22, demand quiet.

PORK—Receipts moderate; market steady to \$1.25 to \$1.50, demand quiet.

LAMB—Receipts moderate; market steady to \$1.25 to \$1.50, demand quiet.

PIGMEAT—Receipts light; market steady to \$2.25 to \$2.50, demand fair.

FINANCIAL NEWS—CLOSING NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA STOCK QUOTATIONS

READJUSTMENT PROGRESS MADE ON NEW YORK 'CHANGE

Market Irregular. Due to Unsettlement From Discontinuance of Extra Steel Dividend, but Many Stocks Advance

High Points in Today's Financial News

The New York stock market recovered from shock caused by the discontinuance of extra dividends on Steel common. Market moved erratically, but leading changes were to higher levels. Oils led Curb trading, and advanced. Corn developed a big upward movement. Cotton was steady, but dull. Franks and fire were lower, and sterling firm in foreign exchange market. Bar silver declined slightly in London.

New York, May 1.—Before the day's trading had made much progress on the stock exchange it became apparent that, as far as the speculative situation is concerned, the reduction of the United States Steel dividend and its market influence as a disturbing factor is already a closed incident.

Equilibrium naturally followed that action both yesterday and this morning, causing United States Steel common to decline today 96¢ to 97¢, but it was generally believed that the liquidation on this movement had wiped out all the speculative accounts that had been hanging over the market, and from now on a stronger tone would be shown in the long-time market leader.

There were irregular movements in many other stocks, black advances in the early trading being followed by sharp declines, but it was not long before accumulation of various issues caused violent advances, with some stocks making gains of 2 to 8 points and a number of issues set at the highest figure recorded in recent times.

The market leaders were bought by strong banking interests, with Atlantic, Gulf and West Asia prominent feature, advancing more than 7 points to 15¢. Mining preferred sold ex the special dividend of 10 per cent, recovering part of that dividend during the day.

The petroleum stocks became extremely strong the last half of the day. Mexican Petrol advanced from 175¢ to above 180 and Texas Company and Sinclair Oil both made substantial gains.

General Cigars was a feature of the specialties, advancing 7½ to 61.

Sugar stocks as a group were in demand at advancing prices.

Railroad stocks demanded attention because of a buying wave in the late trading which carried San Francisco up from 20¢ to 24¢, a new high for this movement. Southern Pacific advanced more than 1 point and Canadian Pacific advanced more than 2 points.

The bond market took on new conditions in today's trading, partly because of the recognition by the managers of the exchange of necessities for arranging for business on a far larger scale by making two different trading departments, one for government bonds and one for general issues.

Liberty Bonds were in good demand all through the day, with the low of 94.12 just a week ago.

41¢ advancing to 94.22, compared with the low of 93.12 just a week ago.

STEEL LOSES PLACE IN OIL ISSUES ADVANCE AS WALL ST. LEADER IN OUTSIDE MARKET

Group Furnishes Only Excep- Houston Again Lifts Its High Record—Trade in Mines Is Large

Stock sales today on the New York exchange totaled 1,359,800 shares.

New York, May 1.—Advances were made in many of the petroleum stocks traded on the Broad street curb, with the greatest gain recorded in Houston Oil, which moved up from 117 to 130, again lifting its high record.

Commonwealth Petroleum advanced 6 points to 49, and Sinclair Gulf advanced more than 2 points to above 55. Interest was attached to the dealings in the new company to be called Caddo Central Oil Refining, incorporated under the laws of the state of New York.

Cram Shipbuilding was steady, selling at 122½. American Steel Foundries was held on in a large scale, moving up from 37 to 40. Endicott-Johnson ranged from 63 to 70, that stock also advanced to a new high record. Libby, McNeil & Libby sold at 32 to 31, and Smith International ranged from 61½ to 62.

Sterling Oil was strong, selling at 50 per cent on the common, it is a question if the stock is worth the price, though scarcely weak, constituted about the only exception. United States Steel was but moderately dealt in and the price fluctuated narrowly between 96½ and 97, a concession of a fraction of a point. This situation seemed to point to the definite abdication of steel as the market leader.

With dividend disbursement restricted to 5 per cent on the common, it is a question if the stock is worth the price, though scarcely weak, constituted about the only exception. United States Steel was but moderately dealt in and the price fluctuated narrowly between 96½ and 97, a concession of a fraction of a point. This situation seemed to point to the definite abdication of steel as the market leader.

The corporation has possibilities which cannot be ignored by the speculator in its stock, and if the hull number continues on its present expansive scale or anything like it for much longer there may be some surprises in store.

At the beginning of next week there will be a triangular conference between the steel manufacturers, the industrial board of the Department of Commerce and the railroad administration again to consider the price schedule for steel products, but there is little expectation that the result will be different from that of the previous conferences.

Mills, meantime, are operating at only 40 to 60 per cent of capacity, business is almost at a standstill as far as new prospects are concerned, and the wage matter is introducing itself more and more insistently. If all this should develop into a real open market, in which prices could adjust themselves in a manner to attract new business even though they should be lower than now, there would be a fairly wide range of selection.

The mining stocks were traded in on a large scale, with many of those issues making substantial gains.

INDUSTRIALS

Yes. Close Bid Asked (Sale) Previous

Austin Industries 100 94 94 94 94 94

Avco Corp. 100 94 94 94 94 94

Brown & Root 100 94 94 94 94 94

Charter Train 100 94 94 94 94 94

Chase & Peeler 100 94 94 94 94 94

Clark Equipment 100 94 94 94 94 94

Concordia 100 94 94 94 94 94

Conoco 100 94 94 94 94 94

Cookson 100