

NOISY WELCOME TO NEW YEAR

Roseburg People Hold Carnival Over Coming of the Year of 1924.

DANCE IS ENJOYED

Dancing, Watch Parties, and Other Entertainments Enjoyed by Those Waiting for New Year.

Roseburg ushered in the New Year with a great deal of noise and hilarity last night. Promptly at midnight a barrage of noise was set up, lasting until well after the hour of twelve. All of the whistles in the town and auto horns throughout the city added to the din, supported occasionally by the sound of firecrackers, discharged by zealous celebrators.

Many persons were up to greet the advent of the New Year. Watch parties were held in many of the churches, lodge halls and homes throughout the city and very pleasant social times were enjoyed.

Radio listeners were provided with real jazz celebrations. Nearly all of the big stations were broadcasting live from the headquarters of the cities in which the stations were located, and the noise of the revelers could be plainly heard. Jazz bands were exerting themselves to the utmost, but had a hard time to broadcast their music above the uproar which came from the dance floors, where the New Year carnival spirit reigned. At twelve o'clock the din which came in to radio listeners, exceeded the local welcome.

The dance given by the daughters of Isabella afforded much entertainment for local people. The dance was a decided success and many persons were on the floor when the New Year was ushered in.

Many social features are marking the New Year day and tonight will see a continuation of the festivities. A great number of parties are planned in clubs, churches and homes, and altogether the celebration marking the passing of the old year and the advent of the new offers a great deal of enjoyable entertainment and pleasure.

GORTHY WINS IN LEGION DRIVE

The team captained by Clifton Gorthy won the American Legion membership drive, which ended last night. As a result, Rudolph Ritzman's team will banquet the winners on Friday night, and the losers promise that it will be "some feed."

All members of Umpqua post are invited to be present and enjoy the hospitality of "Rudy's gang."

The membership drive has resulted in Umpqua post becoming the largest post, from the standpoint of paid up members for 1924. In the state of Oregon, twelve new names were added yesterday in the sprint for the finish, putting the post 20 members ahead of its total enrollment for 1923. As the membership does not close until June, it is expected that the post's membership will go well over the 350 mark for 1924.

J. W. PERKINS BETTER

J. W. Perkins who has been ill for the past week with a severe attack of neuritis, is again able to be about. Exposure during inclement weather while operations were in progress in the installation of the oil rig east of Roseburg complicated Mr. Perkins' condition, and made him very ill for a number of days. He has taken an active part in the oil development of the county, and has been carefully watching the erection of the drilling outfit. He is vice-president of the Roseburg Oil and Gas company which is operating the prospect.

RESIGNS FROM POST

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Colonel J. R. Proctor, who is for the soldiers' bonus, announced that he had sent in his resignation as a member of Washington Post of the American Legion, because of the stand of that post on the bonus question. Lieutenant Benjamin Morre of New York recently resigned for the same reason.

Miss Nina Needham who has been spending the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents left today for Glendale where she is employed in the schools.

HUGE FREIGHTER RUNS AGROUND

(Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The former New York for Wilhelmshaven, via the American steamer Minnesota, from Azores, is reported ashore at Minsener Island in Jade Bay, off Wilhelmshaven, by a dispatch received by Lloyd's. Tugs have been sent to assist the vessel. The American steamer West Errol, from Havre for Antwerp which went ashore yesterday near Flushing, Holland, floated today without assistance. The Minnesota, the world's largest freighter ship, was sold to the German merchant marine in November. American shipping men said that the great size of the Minnesota prevented them from taking her over.

INSTRUMENT IN FOR LEASED WIRE

Everything in Readiness for New Service to Be Given News-Review Readers.

WIRE CIRCUIT DONE

Telephone Company Workmen String Wire and Install Instruments Necessary for Starting Service.

Everything is in readiness for the placing in operation tomorrow morning of the leased wire service installed by the News-Review. In spite of the fact that arrangements were completed only last Friday for the starting of this service, all preparations have now been completed.

The arrangement of the office has been altered and new telephone room provided for the convenience of the operator, where there will be no confusion or interruption. A special wire circuit has been strung from the telephone exchange to the News-Review office and new telephone instruments installed and tested.

Starting tomorrow morning the Associated Press will furnish the News-Review over this leased wire, the same complete and thorough telegraph service that is provided to Portland afternoon dailies. From the reliable Associated Press sources the cream of the news from all parts of the country will be handled and in addition there will be state news from all of the leading cities of Oregon, so that there will be a most complete service provided to the readers of the Roseburg News-Review.

This wire is owned by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, and is leased by the Associated Press service for the transmission of news matter to newspapers subscribing to the service. Heretofore, because of the lack of facilities, this service has not been obtainable in Roseburg, but owing to recent improvements the leased wire is made possible, and the News-Review is seizing this opportunity to give its many readers the very best possible in the way of interesting and reliable news. Only the largest newspapers in the state are taking this service, those on the circuit being the Portland Telegram, Salem Capital Journal, Pendleton East Oregonian, Medford Mail Tribune and Roseburg News-Review.

The Associated Press operator is due to arrive tomorrow morning, and the news service will be put into immediate effect and following its usual policy the News-Review will endeavor to provide for its readers the most complete report of news events from all parts of the country.

EAST AND WEST CLASSIC TODAY

PASADENA, Jan. 1.—Coach Hazzah's University of Washington eleven outweighed the nay's "finest" ten pounds to the man, when the teams entered the field for the football game today. Fifty thousand tickets had been sold this morning. Early in the morning the clouds cleared away, dispelling the fear of rain and insuring a big attendance for the annual clash between the east and west. Odds quoted previously to the game were ten to seven on Washington, but when there were indications of rain, and it appeared that the field would be wet and muddy, the odds moved nearer an even basis. The annual tournament of roses and parade occurred this morning before hundreds of thousands of spectators.

AGRICULTURE'S FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Secretary Wallace Sees Bright Outlook for The Year of 1924.

CONDITIONS ARE BETTER

Value of Most Crops Greater in 1923 Than in Past Year—Bad Conditions to Be Overcome.

Farming in 1923-1924.
By Henry C. Wallace, Sec. Agriculture
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—The industry, courage and faith evidenced by the farmers of the nation during the past three years are slowly bringing their reward. Improvement in agricultural conditions continues—not as rapidly as desired or needed, nor as rapidly as deserved, but nevertheless it continues. The promise of the year has been fulfilled.

So we come to the end of the third year of post-war depression with a feeling of greater confidence born of better times already realized and with justified hope of still further improvement in 1924.

In general, the crops of 1923 were good. Some sections of the cotton belt and in the wheat belt suffered from the ravages of weather and insect pests, but the aggregate crop production was equal to the average of the five preceding years.

Considering money return we find that the values of most crops are greater than in 1922. The total value of all crops is 12 per cent greater. The values of the wheat, rye, rice, clover seed, cranberry, peach and pear crops are below 1922; in the case of wheat 11 per cent below. The values of all other important crops are greater.

It is difficult to measure the productive value of livestock during the year, dependent as it is upon crops marketed in that form. In general, it has been a prosperous year for sheep growers, fairly good for dairymen, less satisfactory for producers of hogs and discouraging for growers of range cattle. Cattle feeders, however, have done very well on the whole.

There are discouraging conditions still to be overcome. There is the burden of debt. There are heavy taxes to be met. The cost of production and of what the farmers buy remains high. Farmers in the spring wheat territory especially are in sore straits from conditions largely beyond their control.

Experience gained during these years of depression, however, together with progress already made, warrant a hopeful attitude for the coming year. Gradually crop acreage is being better adjusted. The domestic market continues strong. The children keep coming, and that means a steadily increasing number of mouths to be fed. Those who stay by the farm and do good farming can look forward to better times as a reward for their years of toil and hardship. Those whose businesses depend directly upon farm purchases can find depleted encouragement in the growing gross income of the farmer, for he will buy as his income expands.

The year 1924 comes with the promise of continued improvement in the material prosperity of the farmer, and the farmer continues to be the material and spiritual backbone of the nation.

WEATHER REMAINS COLD.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—Oregon's frosty spell continued today, the weather forecast being continued cold. The minimum here this morning was fourteen above. A biting east wind moderated during the night. Pendleton reported three below zero last night and Salem five. The cold is general over the entire north-west with little prospects of snow. Portland's temperature of 14 degrees above was equal to the lowest temperature last year.

ASTORIA HAS SERIOUS FIRE

(By Associated Press.)
ASTORIA, Jan. 1.—Six temporary frame store structures were swept by fire of undetermined origin last night. The loss is said to be covered by insurance, and is estimated at about \$18,000. The Liberty Theatre was threatened and was filled with smoke, the audience being hurriedly dismissed.

E. M. Wood of Albany, special agent of the Southern Pacific company is in Roseburg and will remain here during the absence of Albert Stewart who is spending a few days in Portland on business.

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SOUTHWEST WILL GET SONS IN RACE

Prominent Politicians to Be Candidates for High Offices at Next Election.

FACTIONS ARE BUSY

Many States Divided Over Political Matters and Hard Campaigns Are Expected.

(By W. F. SULLIVAN, International News Service Staff Correspondent.)
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 1.—Political campaigns for 1924 with candidatorial booms for the highest offices in the nation are beginning to take form in the southwest.

The southwest is not making any claims of having any of their residents take up abode in the White House, but at least four names of its prominent politicians will receive more than a whispering mention about the convention hall of the two major parties when the delegates gather for their quadrennial meeting to select candidates to lead their parties in the next election.

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FRAGMENTS OF AIR-SHIP DISCOVERED

(United Press.)
ROME, Jan. 1.—A fragment of silk tangled in the branches of a tree in a garden near Salceva was identified today by French Naval Attache Joubert as one of the stabilization balloons carried by the Dixmunde. Joubert stated that the piece of wire rope brought up by the fisherman's net was a portion of the wireless equipment. Stabilization balloons were carried on both ends of the air cruiser. Charred bits of wreckage and other debris, discovered by fishermen or washed ashore, is being examined in the belief that it is a part of the Dixmunde.

CLAIM NAME WAS USED FOR BAIT

General Wood's Son Played Up Father's Name in Schemes, Is Charged.

PROBE WILL START

Authorities Confer Relative to Action to Be Brought Against Officer Over Financial Actions.

(By United Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A combined federal and state investigation of the financial operations of Leonard Wood, Jr., son of the Governor General of the Philippines, loomed today. A. E. Germer, chief post office inspector at Chicago, named three assistants to aid States Attorney Crowe in the probe. Wood is charged by scores of war veterans with selling alleged wildcat oil stocks.

After a conference Crowe announced that the scope of the investigation would include the postal authorities, in the belief that the deals were conducted through the mails.

Crowe said that many ex-service men had put in his possession letters and circulars of the Acme Oil Producing company at Fort Worth. These circulars, he said, consisted mainly of pleas for more financial backing and some were signed by Wood.

It is charged that Wood used his father's name as "bait" for world war veterans, the charges being based upon a statement contained in the company's circular describing Wood Jr., as "a captain of staff in the 81st division, rendering conspicuous service in France during the war, and according to those who know him well, is a chip off the old block."

TURKS MAY ONLY HAVE ONE WIFE

(Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Turkish parliamentary commission at Ankara, which has been considering new family laws, decided to recommend the prohibition of polygamy, a Constantinople dispatch declares. If the recommendation is approved, nobody will be allowed to take a second wife without "urgent need" and the wife of an erring husband will be entitled to a divorce.

FORD WILL MAKE BIG IMPROVEMENTS

DETROIT, Jan. 1.—Extensive improvement of the waterways, looking to the development of an all water route from Green Island, New York to Detroit; completion of the plant started at St. Paul; an addition to the Kansas City assembly plant, and the extension of business throughout the south and west, were among the items named in a statement by the Ford Motor Company in its expansion program for 1924, announced today.

Officials of the company, close to Henry Ford, are the authority for the assertion that the statement covered improvements which would call for the expenditure of from one hundred and ten to one hundred and fifty million dollars during the year.

LABOR PROGRAM FOR YEAR GIVEN

Gompers Outlines Activities to Be Undertaken by Organized Labor in 1924.

POLITICS IS ISSUE

Labor Will Not Only Carry Its Fight Into Industrial Field, But Will Remain in Politics, He Says.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(A. P.)—Organized labor, while forcing its battles in the industrial field during 1924, expects likewise to stay in politics, participating "not only in the final election but in the selection of candidates in the primary elections everywhere," Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said today in a public New Year's greeting.

"Amending the constitution to eliminate child labor, restriction of 'usurpation of power by judges,' and the 'carry forward of our concept of industrial democracy,' he enumerated as among the items of the year's program for labor union members.

"The year 1924 presents us with tremendous issues," Mr. Gompers continued. "During 1923 we have met great issues, and many of them successfully. As labor sees the outlook, the following is a partial enumeration of the political issues of the coming year:

"The injunction abuse, the child labor amendment to the constitution made necessary by the adverse decisions of the United States supreme court on two child labor laws, the railroad question involving the railroad labor board, the usurpation of power by judges in contempt cases as well as in injunction cases, the question of whether laws may continue to be killed by court decisions, and efforts to enact anti-strike and compulsory arbitration laws.

"In addition to these legislative issues there is in the political field the overshadowing matter of the national election. Labor confronts this great struggle with the determination to carry forward the banner of progress, justice and democracy and to record in broader terms a victory such as won last year. Labor will participate not only in the final election, but in the selection of candidates in the primary elections everywhere.

"On the industrial field there will be great issues. We look back upon 1923 with gratification. We have achieved much for which all wage earners may be thankful; much that means for greater freedom and a better life in the future. But the future is not the past and the future brings its fresh struggles.

"So long as there are men who think and act only in terms of profit, labor must be vigilant. And while there is a wage earner unorganized labor must organize. Rights that have been won must be held. American labor has abundantly justified its organized existence. The wage earners of America enjoy higher standards of living than those of any other country. They have a fuller, better life in every respect. They labor with the mighty machinery of our land and produce more per man and in the aggregate than the toilers of any other land; they come nearer to being masters of the machines with which they work than do the workers in any other land. And, in addition, they do not have their hands at the throat of their government, as is the unhappy case in so many other countries.

"During 1924 we shall seek to perfect our organizations, to increase our solidarity, to improve our standards, to come one step nearer to our ideal. We shall seek to carry forward our great concept of industrial democracy which means freedom of mankind in industry through the exercise of an effective voice in the councils of industry—the building of an indestructible and glorious industrial life that shall make America great beyond dreams. But, in going forward we shall as in the past, keep our feet upon the ground, having before us the facts of life as they present themselves.

"Finally, the labor movement—the American federation of labor—extends to all the sincere greeting of the season; may there be for all Americans a happy New Year, a better 1924, and may it be so for all the world."

Returns To School

Conrad Boyle left today for Corvallis where he is attending the Agricultural college, after spending the past ten days visiting with friends and relatives in Roseburg and Canyonville.

