

BUILDING RECORDS SET NEW HIGH MARK

NEW YEAR IS GREETED IN NOISY STYLE

Celebrants, However, Have to Forego Beverages of Olden Days.

DRY SQUADS VIGILANT

Even Mayor of Philadelphia Warns Thirsty Ones as Liberty Bell Rings Out to Nation.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—National prosperity was reflected throughout the east tonight in elaborate celebrations of the arrival of the year 1926. Theaters, supper clubs, cabarets and other places of entertainment were jammed and reservations were exhausted days ago.

In New York, Philadelphia, Boston and many smaller cities, police and prohibition agents determined to make it the driest New Year's Eve on record, mingled with merry makers, many of them in evening clothes occupying costly tables in cabarets. Connecticut alone of the eastern states seemed to be free of the watchful eye of the federal agent. In that state Frank T. Putney, regional assistant director, said: "I believe enough in the people to predict that they will behave themselves."

In New York United States Attorney Buckner today obtained injunctions restraining nine supper clubs from serving liquors as an indication of his intentions to keep the city's bright light district dry.

Prices ranged from \$10 to \$25 for supper, soups and entertainment, at the more expensive places tonight. Speculators reaped a harvest in disposing of seats at the more expensive night clubs.

In Philadelphia the federal agents had the cooperation of the local police. Director of Public Safety George W. Elliott having ordered the police "dry squad" to make the rounds of the cafes and hotels in evening clothes.

Mayor Kendrick notified the hotel and cafe managers that they would be held "personally responsible" for infractions of the law and that if his warning was disregarded they must assume "full responsibility for the consequences."

In Boston the streets were ordered patrolled as never before. Officers from outlying districts were conscripted to augment the forces in the theater and hotel district.

At the offices of the prohibition administrator it was said that little liquor was available in that city. Contraband shipments by land and sea had been cut down to a minimum, it was asserted.

National Capital Noisy. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Washington indulged tonight in a noisy, hilarious New Year's Eve celebration.

Following his usual custom, President Coolidge spent the evening in the seclusion of the White House, under the watchful eye of the up-pur from nearby streets, in company with Mrs. Coolidge and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, their house guests, and went to bed long before midnight.

Shortly after night fall, John Coolidge, who had been spending the holidays with his parents, left for Plymouth, Vt., where his grandfather is ill, for a brief visit before returning to Amherst College.

In contrast with the tranquility that prevailed tonight at the White House the executive mansion tomorrow will hum with activity. President and Mrs. Coolidge, continuing the New Year's reception custom established a century ago, will receive thousands of visitors.

Beginning at 11 o'clock, distinguished guests, headed by cabinet members and the diplomatic corps, will be received. After a brief luncheon rest, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge will resume their places at the head of the receiving line to welcome citizens generally, who will be admitted without invitation or card through the early hours of the afternoon. Last year the number of New Year's guests received by President and Mrs. Coolidge totaled nearly 5,000.

Liberty Bell Rings Again. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The liberty bell at midnight tonight successfully rung for the first time in 90 years. Microphones, radio

"MA" FERGUSON IN ONE YEAR PARDONS OR PAROLES 821

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 31.—Unprecedented generosity toward convicts in Texas penal institutions marked the first year of the administration of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. She has set a record for pardons and paroles for Texas and possibly for the nation.

Since taking office January 20, the woman executive has granted clemency to 1,515 persons, 821 of whom went free on full or conditional pardons and paroles. A compilation by The Associated Press shows 224 full pardons, 501 conditional pardons, 157 restoration of citizenship, 171 furloughs, 96 paroles, 99 extensions of paroles, 7 commutations of death sentences to life imprisonment, four respites, 42 remissions of fines and jail sentences, and 14 proclamations not returned from the penitentiary and unclassified.

LAW SQUADS OF SEATTLE MAKE TWO CLEANUPS

County Prosecutor Directs Raid on Gambling Dens, Arresting 57 Men.

SHERIFF REFUSES AID

Prohibition Forces Break Up Moonshine Plants in Two Localities—One Man Is Wounded.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—Battering down doors with sledge hammers, Ewing D. Colvin, county prosecutor, with a force of deputies raided two alleged gambling dens here this afternoon and arrested 57 men, 40 whites and 17 Chinese, and seized \$400 in silver as well as gambling paraphernalia.

One white man and ten Chinese are held on \$3,000 bail, charged with conducting gambling games, while the rest were to be charged with being in a gambling house.

It took five trips of the police patrol wagon to carry the prisoners to the police station.

Both sheriff's office and police reported after they had been requested by Colvin to raid the places this week that they could find no evidence of gambling. Colvin stated after the raid, during the raid Sheriff Matt Starwick refused to send deputies to aid in making arrests, Colvin continued, saying that the prosecutor's assistants had that power.

Charged with having supplied county jail prisoners with narcotics, Thomas Jefferson Casey, Seattle lawyer for 20 years, was held tonight in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

Dry Squad Makes Haul. SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Making a drive against two centers near Seattle last night, federal prohibition officers, under Administrator Roy C. Lytle, shot and wounded one moonshiner suspect, north of Everett, and arrested 12 men and three women at Bremerton.

George Casper of Everett was wounded resisting arrest when Agents W. A. Thompson and A. F. Sadler raided an abandoned farm near Machias in Snohomish county. Casper and his companion, Alvin Corbett, started a scuffle with the officers. Thompson said he fired to protect himself. A still and a quantity of moonshine were seized.

Water For Alcohol Charged. SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 31.—Three arrests, declared by federal agents to have bearing on a deal in which a Salt Lake City bootlegger attempted, in Denver, to sell nearly 3,500 gallons of water upon representation that it was pure grain alcohol, were made here today.

The arrests are of one woman and two men alleged implicated, but it is declared that the leaders of the gang escaped.

WASHINGTON U. FAVORED TO WIN TODAY'S GAME

Dopesters Admit, However, Victory By Alabamans Wouldn't Surprise.

TEAMS APPEAR EVEN

Huskies Have Scored More Points Than Southern Champions—Weather Sunny and Warm.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—Today's football fracas in the Rose Bowl here, University of Alabama vs. University of Washington, is just as much a guessing game as it was when first announced, with reported odds slightly favoring the Seattle Huskies.

The strenuous northwesterns arrived today primed for their engagement with the suave southerners. After having looked over both squads and their records the football magi hereabouts give the edge to Washington, but admit that it is an "all wet" proposition any way you take it—swim with the Crimson Tide, or float with the Purple Maelstrom.

Dope is plentiful, spread thickly over all discussions on the game, but after a season which saw dope rampant in every football conference in the country, the supposedly wise ones who brood over tabulated sheets have nothing tangible left to talk about but the weather. So far that has run true to form, sunny and warm.

Reverting to the much abused dope, the worried football fan finds that Washington played 12 games this season, won eleven and tied with Nebraska in the other. The Huskies piled up 450 points against their opponents 39. As to Alabama the tables show that the southerners have swept successfully through all their football engagements, a total of nine, with 270 points in their favor and seven scored against them.

The tentative lineups: Washington Position Winslett E. Wilson lt Camp E. Brax jr Buckler Bonamy c Holmes Wright rg Jones Cutting re T. Brown Gutmormsen qb Hubert G. Wilson lb J. Brown Patton rh Gillis E. Tesreau fb Barnes

MOVE BEGUN FOR REORGANIZATION OF INTERIOR DEPT.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A nationwide movement for the reorganization of the department of the interior under the name of the department of public works and domain, has been started by the American Engineering Council, its president, former Governor James H. Barnes of Vermont, said today. A committee of engineers with a total membership of nearly 1,000 are being organized in every state in support of a bill soon to be introduced into congress by Senator W. A. Jones of Washington and Representative Adam M. Wyant of Pennsylvania.

The measure would provide for the transfer of the bureau of public roads, now in the department of agriculture and the office of the supervising architect to the new department. The rivers and harbors improvements, Mississippi river and California debris commissions would also be transferred from the war department.

Although functions scattered through nine separate departments and more than 30 bureaus and services would be consolidated.

ELKS CLUB RAIDED

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Twelve prohibition agents today raided the Elks club here and confiscated a quantity of liquor members had stored away for a New Year's party.

GIRL LOVE PIRATE IS SHOT; PARENTS EXPRESS PLEASURE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ROCK ISLAND, Dec. 31.—Constance Russo, in a hospital here recovering from serious wounds inflicted by a jilted lover, must regain her health without the moral support of her parents. Police said that the girl had been living with her assailant, Cosimo Milano, a former husband of her sister.

Today the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Russo of Centerville, Iowa, sent this message to the girl: "Mother and father glad. You should have been shot long ago."

NEWS RECEIVED OF DEATH OF EDWARD THORNTON THURS.

Local Resident Dies at Casa Grande, Ariz., After Long Period of Ill Health.

Word was received here late yesterday evening of the death of Edward Thornton, a resident of this city, who has been spending the past few months in Arizona for the benefit of his health. Mr. Thornton has been in poor health for several years, his condition necessitating his spending the winters in a warm dry climate. He left Roseburg during the early part of the fall for Casa Grande, Ariz., where his death occurred yesterday.

He was born in Roseburg, December 23, 1886, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Thornton. He attended the Roseburg schools, graduated from the Roseburg high school, and attended the Oregon Agricultural College.

He and Harlan Fancher started one of the first garages and automobile repair businesses in Roseburg, having a business which has now grown into the Motor Shop garage. He later taught school, heading the manual training department and has done considerable work as a carpenter and contractor.

He was married to Miss Greta McLendon, who survives him. Two children were born to the union, but both have passed away. He leaves also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Thornton, three brothers, A. L. Thornton, Lakeview; Lane Thornton, Los Angeles; and Clifford Thornton, Roseburg, also one sister Mrs. John Atterbury of Roseburg.

"The body is expected to arrive in Roseburg on Sunday and the funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon. Arrangements are in charge of the local Masonic lodge, of which the deceased was a member."

NOT A LYNCHING IN TEXAS DURING 1925

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 31.—Tonight closed the first year since the Civil war in which no lynchings took place inside the borders of Texas.

Three years ago this state led the nation in the number of mob slayings.

Mussolini, With Caesarian Pomposity, Would Restore Rome to Age of Augustus

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ROME, Dec. 31.—Within five years the city of Rome must be restored to the grandeur, vastness and power it represented during the reign of Augustus. This definite program was given by Premier Mussolini in the nature of a command to Senator Filippo Cremonesi today during an impressive ceremony in which the premier solemnly invested him as the first governor of the ancient city.

Senator Cremonesi becomes head of the city under the new form of government decided on by the cabinet, which gives the capital a separate administration under the ministry of interior.

"Within five years Rome must appear as a marvel to all the people of the world—vast, ordered and powerful as it was in the time of the first empire of Augustus," said Mussolini. "You will make open squares around the Augustus Amphitheatre, around the ancient Marcellus Theatre, around the capital,

WORLD TURNING TO PEACE PATH, DAWES ASSERTS

Fires of Hate Extinguished By General Desire for Banishment of War.

JINGOISM SQUELCHED

International Progress in Economic Respect Seen by U. S. Chamber of Commerce Head.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The outlook for political and economic peace throughout the world formed the burden of a New Year's statement given to the Associated Press tonight by Vice-President Dawes.

"The advent of 1926," he said, "finds the world turning more eagerly and more definitely towards the paths of real peace than at any time since the end of the World war."

"The conclusion of hostilities in 1918 found the desire for peace widespread but the fires of hate had not died down. I have taken seven years for this desire to assume a position of dominance over all other considerations, and to render impotent the international demagogues and the nationalistic policy which would fan the embers of the past into new conflagrations."

"The great Locarno conference of the year just closing accomplished much. As we enter the New Year we see all about us evidence of this desire for political and economic peace. It is a most hopeful and gratifying sign."

Commerce Head Optimistic. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Confidence in the business prospects for 1926 was expressed in a statement to the Associated Press tonight by John W. O'Leary, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

"American business looks with confidence to the New Year, which gives promise not only of continued economic stability but further development," he declared.

"New records of business achievement were attained during the year just closed, with resultant widespread prosperity, but of even greater consequence has been the progress made toward the stabilization of economic conditions not only in the United States, but in various parts of the world and the fundamental readjustments essential to normal and orderly business expansion."

"The United States is well in advance of other countries in returning to a peace basis. Public economies are having their effect, taxes are being reduced, construction is being stimulated, and the same time there is a renewed disposition to guard against the evils of inflation. Production and consumption are kept at a fair balance."

Felicitations From Geneva. GENEVA, Dec. 31.—Sir Eric (Continued on page two).

EX-RABBI ISSUES CHALLENGE TO WISE WITH \$100,000 BET

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 31.—David Miller, former rabbi of Providence, R. I., today made public a challenge he says he has issued to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, to a public debate on his recent utterances regarding Jesus Christ. Miller offered \$100,000 cash if the judges decided against him and Rabbi Wise to retire to private life if he loses.

Miller is listed in the city directory as a carpenter. He came to California 25 years ago and is said to have amassed a fortune since then. He takes the position that the attitude of Dr. Wise toward Christ is not the attitude of the Jews.

NO TRACE OF SNOW DURING ENTIRE YEAR

Weather Bureau Records Show No Snowflakes During 1925.

NO EXTREME COLD

Thirty-One Degrees Lowest Reached by Thermometer—Record Crops Are Predicted.

The year just past has been unusual in many respects, particularly in the advancement in business and industrial life, but it has not alone set records in a commercial way for from the standpoint of weather it has proved one of the mildest years on record.

During the entire year, from January 1 to December 31, there has not been a flake of snow. A careful check of the records at the U. S. weather bureau station indicates that this is the only year since the records were started in 1852 that there has not been at least a trace of snow. There have been several years when the snow fall was less than an inch in depth and two in which only a trace as recorded, but during 1925 there has not even been the slightest flurry.

Snowfall in Douglas county is always unusual because of its infrequency. It is seldom that snow remains on the ground for more than a few hours at a time, but it is quite usual during the year to have three or four days at various times when there will be light snowfalls. The sum of these snow storms averaged over a long period of years, give a yearly average snowfall of less than 8 inches. The highest yearly snowfall on record occurred in 1888, the total for the year being 25 inches.

From the standpoint of temperature the year also established a new record. The absolute minimum temperature recorded during the entire year was 31 degrees. There were four days during the year, January 15, February 28, March 26 and December 15, when the mercury fell to as low as 31 degrees. It never got below that mark during the entire twelve months. During the latter part of December the temperature in Roseburg was quite frequently above that at Miami and New Orleans.

Such a condition, of course, is not usual, although the temperature is never extremely low. Ordinarily the yearly minimum does not get below 20 degrees. On a few occasions, particularly in the last two years, it has gone down to as low as 11 above zero, the coldest temperature reached in recent years. The coldest on record was in 1888 when the mercury went down to 6 degrees below zero. A surprising thing occurred in that same year, however, for within a week after the extreme cold the weather became as warm as in July and the minimum temperatures for more than a week were higher than the minimums for July.

This year the temperature has been mild in every month. There were no extremely cold days, and during the summer the heat was not oppressive. Although there were two killing frosts reported by the weather bureau, one in March and the other in December, neither

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MORE THAN HALF MILLION DOLLARS SPENT IN 1925 FOR ERECTION NEW STRUCTURES

All Previous Years Surpassed in Amount of Building During Past Twelve Months—Many New Homes Constructed—Business Expansion Shown By New Construction.

Roseburg's building records have steadily forged ahead, year after year, until for 1925 they have surpassed the half-million dollar mark, setting a new record and nearly doubling the building expenditures of any previous year. Together with other cities of the coast Roseburg has enjoyed a remarkable period of building construction, but, whereas many towns and cities appear to be in a boom season, the building in Roseburg indicates a steady expansion, made necessary by increasing industrial activity and the constant increase in population. Roseburg has not had a stupendous or inflated building program. It has had no skyscrapers or buildings constructed as financial investments. Instead, it has enjoyed an unprecedented period of slow, steady growth, witnessing the construction of buildings made necessary by the enlargement of business, industrial and community enterprises.

During the year there have been 166 building permits issued. Naturally, the bulk of these have been for sheds, residential garages, and small structures. There have been permits issued, however, for 48 new dwellings, a state of facts which should indicate above all others the growth of the city.

The building permits, however, do not fully show the actual condition. During the past year many new building sites have been opened up just outside the city limits, where permits are not required and records are not obtainable. Many new homes have been built in Riverside, Edenbowser and particularly West Roseburg. The construction of the new high school building in the western part of the city has stimulated property values to a great extent. In West Roseburg and many new homes have been erected in that section, just beyond the borders of the city, so that while the building permits, from which the records must be taken, show a very satisfactory rate of growth, yet they do not portray the full extent of the building operations which are of benefit to Roseburg.

The construction of 48 new homes within the city during the past year, coupled with the fact that there were 62 dwellings added last year and that there are at present vacant desirable homes standing vacant, indicates a very satisfactory state of affairs.

A few of the residences constructed were quite elaborate and expensive, but the bulk of them were moderate priced dwellings constructed by people who expect to make their home in Roseburg permanently. Altogether the expenditure for dwellings during 1925 was \$122,850 as compared with \$179,925 for 1924.

The fact that more money was spent for dwellings in 1924 than in 1925 calls attention again to a very interesting feature in the study of the building records of the city. Building operations run in cycles. Construction of buildings for business purposes is followed immediately by increased activity in home building, which in turn gives place to greater expenditures for business expansion.

For example, the records show that in 1921 there was a period of residential building, continuing into the early part of 1922. The latter part of 1922 and the first of 1923 were devoted to the erection of structures for business purposes. Then during the last months of 1923 and through the year of 1924 came the city's greatest period of home building to be followed in 1925 with an era of construction of business and public buildings greater than was ever known before. If history repeats itself 1926 should be marked by the building of more new homes than in any previous year.

Expenditures for business structures during 1924 totaled \$220,050, as compared with \$116,750 in 1921. The remodeling of the Douglas National Bank at a cost of \$81,000 contributed largely to this total, while a permit to the Rose Investment company for a \$40,000 addition to their hotel, started as a

three-story structure in 1924 but which was finally made five stories, fire-proof throughout, accounted for another large share of this year's record.

Three permits of \$15,000 each were issued, one to the Green Lumber company for its planing mill and other structures, one to Al Cresson for the fine three-story concrete building which has been erected in North Roseburg, and another to J. V. Casey for the Ford garage building now under construction. A \$10,000 garage building, now occupied by the Chevrolet agency, was built by A. C. Masters, and a \$7,000 building occupied by garage and machine shop was erected by Hugh Harrison.

Other structures for business purposes erected during the year include the L. W. Metzger planing mill sheds, Dean-Gerretsen office building, Highway Service Company oil and accessory station, George Kohlhaugen garage, occupied by the Hudson-Essex agency, A. E. Davidson garage, in which the Chrysler dealers are located, Douglas County Flour Mill, Rice garage and machine shop, August Schloeman's north side store building, Henry Andrie's garage, and the Scofield and Woodruff service station.

Residences during the year were built by Fred Neuter, S. E. Fancher, R. E. Guthridge, F. A. Hayes, C. E. Mansfield, Lucie Ingels, C. E. Rayler, Irvin Grimm, Charles Ferrier, J. W. Lauenberg, Wm. Pemberton, Jr., R. S. Scofield, C. H. Meusch, M. E. Ritter, C. E. Coates, I. B. Riddle, George Cox, J. R. Farrington, H. O. Grimm, B. S. Nichols, Ruby D. Pickenauer, L. L. Mathews, R. L. Cannon, H. S. French, Mrs. M. E. Williams, H. O. Pargeter, N. G. Bridges, O. D. Adams, August Heck, L. R. Chambers, Charles F. Madison, H. C. Dawson, R. F. Chilton, J. V. Casey, D. H. Morcan, Russell McMullen, and O. J. Rand. Some of these persons built several residences for investment and speculation. Mr. Hayes having secured six permits during the year.

Two public buildings are now under course of construction. In (Continued on page 3.)

STREET CAR LINE OF WALLA WALLA CEASES TO EXIST

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 31.—Operation of electric street cars will be a thing of the past in Walla Walla after midnight tonight. Three large automobile buses, owned by the Walla Walla Transit company, will start running over schedules tomorrow morning that will cover a larger portion of the city than was served by the electric cars. All street car tracks in the city, except the important line which runs to Milton, Oregon, will be torn up in the immediate future.

MINE EXPLOSION IN MEXICO KILLS 60

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 31.—Sixty miners were killed in an explosion Tuesday in a coal mine of the Mexican National Railways at Palau, state of Coahuila, according to information reaching here.

The only details received are of the effect that all miners in the mine were asphyxiated by a gas explosion. Miners have been working to recover the bodies, but because of gas fumes the rescue work has been slow.

FIREWORKS BLOW UP; FORTY KILLED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Forty persons have been killed and 50 injured and 200 others are missing at a fireworks factory at Macao, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hongkong. All of the dead, injured and missing are Chinese, most of them women. Macao is a Portuguese dependency, 25 miles west of Hongkong.