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The Weather Portland, (AP) — Snow tonight. Fair and colder Wednesday.

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OUTLOOK BRIGHT, SAYS ROGER W. BABSON, U. S. LEADING STATISTICIAN

Holds That the New Year Will Bring Rewards to the Foresighted PROSPERITY CAN BE HAD BY ALERT

Review of Past Year's Business and Probable Trend in 1924 Given. Withouley Hills, Mass. (Special) — Roger W. Babson, nationally known statistician, reviewed development during the past year and outlined the probable trends for 1924 in a special statement issued today.

Summary is given of readings of R. Babson barometer. BULLISH New Building Permits — Are running 22 per cent above last year. This activity spells business for the building industry.

Money Rates — Ample gold reserve point to a continued easing of money rates. The level of interest charges should work downward and bond prices profit thereby.

Three Kinds of Business. "It seems to me that the things to watch are in an entirely different direction. Business activity may be divided into three zones or belts.

Commercial Club Gives Watch Party at Union Hotel; Delightful Evening Spent. UNION, (Special) — The new year was ushered in with feasting and other forms of enjoyment at the Union Hotel.

Fair Damsels Will Attack "A. O. of C. B."

Bachelors' Organization to Be Warred on by Members of Fair Sex. LORAIN, O. (By NEA Service) — This little Lake Erie city in the scene of a spirited fight between the sexes.

Birthrate Foe Held To Be The French Gowns

PARIS (INS) — As long as Paris dressmakers insist on making "doll" out of French women by fabricating "spitless, sexless gowns" France's birthrate will be low.

DEATH COMES QUICKLY TO I. W. FAULK

Prominent Pioneer Passes After Dinner Yesterday in His La Grande Home. No doubt if I. W. Faulk, veteran Grand Army man and an officer of the law here for many years

GIRL TRIES TO END OWN LIFE

PORTLAND (AP) — Annie Kosnick, 17, shot herself in the breast and is in serious condition. Her father, a Greenburg farmer, reported her on receiving a report that she had been drinking.

ASTORIA AGAIN VISITED BY BIG DAMAGING FIRE

ASTORIA (AP).—Six temporary frame structures were swept by fire of undetermined origin last night. The loss, said to be covered by insurance, is estimated at \$18,000.

Late News Flashes

WASHINGTON (AP).—This is how the president of the United States started the New Year. He arose about 6:30, used his usual hour to walk around the White House grounds, had breakfast, went to office and found no mail.

TWO ROBBERS GET SENTENCE

Tom Murray and Eddie Walker Sentenced to 20 Years in Pen for Robbing the Florence Bank. EUGENE (By the Associated Press) — Tom Murray and Eddie Walker pleaded guilty to robbing the Florence bank here late yesterday and were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment.

SUSPECT IN BAKER IS NOT HOLDUP MAN

Returning from Baker where they investigated very thoroughly the man held as a probable suspect of being the holdup man who operated at the Hill Department store in this city a week ago last Monday, Chief of Police Harned and H. E. Watkins stated positively today that the man held in Baker was not the party.

MEDFORD WAR SAILOR DEAD

MEDFORD (AP) — Louis Goodell Pillsbury, who was a sailor on the United States battleship Minnesota which grounded the night before the historic battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack during the civil war, is dead at his home here.

BRADSTREET REVIEW OF YEAR GIVEN

Held to Be a Record-Breaker Along Many Industrial Lines FAVORABLE 1924 IS HELD LIKELY Industrial Output Is Increased over 1921 and 1922; Year Was "Irregular" One.

LONDON — Former American steamer, Minnesota, from New York to Wainman via Azores, is reported ashore on Minster Island in Jade Bay off Wilhelmshaven, says Lloyd's dispatch.

FIRE TODAY DOES DAMAGE TO DWELLING

A fire occurred this morning at 8:05 o'clock at 1909 Third street caused by an over heated stove. The property which is owned by Mrs. Lee Bouvy is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arland Lewis.

1923 FALLS SHORT IN NEW FINANCING

Review of 1923 Investment Market Compiled by Expert Statisticians. NEW YORK (AP) — While accurate compilations will not be available for some time yet, figures in the hands of bankers show that the 1923 total of new financing will fall somewhat below that of 1922.

FRUIT PACKING GREAT IN YEAR

Northwestern Canneries Packed 4,500,000 Cases of Fruit During 1923, Is Report. SALEM (By the Associated Press) — Four million five hundred thousand cases of fruit were packed by canneries in the northwest during 1923, according to figures compiled by local canneries Monday.

Weighs 620 Pounds-- Welcomes Leap Year!

(By Steve Hamagan) NEW YORK. (By NEA Service) — "Thank goodness, leap year is coming." So sighed Jolly Irene, who weighs 620 pounds, hasiceps three times as large as Jack Dempsey and who would be a total loss in a modeling contest.