

BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS OPTIMISTIC

Substantial Gain in Volume of Trade Is Expected During 1926

MORE PEOPLE HAVE MONEY TO SPEND

Higher Standards of Living Are Being Adopted in La Grande as Conditions Improve.

Business closed his books last night with a sigh of satisfaction for the improved conditions of 1925, and opened a brand new set this morning with a broad grin as he contemplated the prospects of what one merchant prophesies will be "the greatest year the town has ever had."

There have been no sweeping successes. Probably not a single business man in La Grande will regard the year as one that made him rich. For some of the times, he has barely held his own, and here and there a merchant has taken a slight loss.

1926 Promises Much. But taking it bulk for bulk, the business of 1925 has recorded a substantial gain over that of the preceding year. And more encouraging still, conditions point to steady improvement that will place 1926 even higher up the scale of prosperity.

A potent element in this promise of better times is the return of business from the agricultural sections. The farmers from all indications, are in much better shape financially than they were a few years ago. Crops have been good for the last two seasons, and with the outlook for better markets, both retail and whole-

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TOWLER GIVEN HIGH POSITION

E. D. Towler was named with the presidency of the Teachers' association of the Oregon State Teachers' association when officers were elected at the concluding sessions of the annual convention held in Portland this week.

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Baptist Church Enters New Year Free of Debt

The Baptist parish found its institution free from debt, its membership showing a slight increase over 1924 and all of its departments in a healthy, growing condition, last night when inventory was taken at the annual business meeting of the church.

1926 A Big Business Year. Everything indicates improved conditions for the New Year and the most favorable business volume throughout the country since the World War.

Woman's Garb Is Gaining In Beauty, Grace

Seasonal Styles Turning Toward the More Elaborate—Feminine Effect Pronounced.

(By M. M. M.) During the holiday season—the time of many parties, dances and other social affairs—the attention of the feminine population of the city is turned toward pretty, appropriate dresses for the many occasions. Only a few years ago—the years following the world war—women did not pay so much attention to the little details necessary to be beautifully and fashionably dressed.

This year the dresses are more elaborate and prettier than ever before. The materials are fine and the colors beautiful. Metal cloth and lace for evening wear is extremely popular. Pumps and hose in silver and gold are worn to match gowns, which are made along many pleasing patterns.

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1926 LICENSE IS NECESSARY FOR OPERATING CAR

According to orders from Sam Koser, secretary of state, received here by traffic officers and peace officials, no automobile owners will be permitted to operate a car without a 1926 license plate unless he can show proof that he applied for license before today.

2 La Grander Placed On U. of O. Honor Roll

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—The official scholarship honor roll, compiled at the end of each term by the school of journalism from the grades of all university students published by the registrar, shows that 88 students out of a total enrollment of approximately 2,800 received averages of B or better.

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Included in the honor roll members are: Ingvor B. Anson, sophomore, pre-law, La Grande; Benson J. Andrew, senior, English, La Grande; Margaret A. Dobbin, senior, zoology, Enterprise.

Protests



As a protest against the conviction of Colonel William Mitchell by court-martial, three world war flyers of San Jose, Calif., resigned their commissions in the Army Air Reserve force.

LEGION PLANS MUSICAL PLAY

"The White of the Town"—a farcical musical comedy as yet unproduced across the country, being produced by the American Legion for its first annual theatrical benefit, to be given at the Arcade theatre the evenings of Jan. 24 and 25.

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New Year's Eve Quiet; Not An Arrest Is Made

"We started out the new year right," declared Police Chief Olin Barnes this morning. "Not an arrest was made last night, due to one of the quietest New Year's eves in the city's history."

Noisemakers Greet 1926 At Midnight

Except for Outburst of Whistles and Bells, Occasion Marked Here with Great Calm.

After a surge of racket that shook the town on its foundations and threatened to frighten the new year back into eternity before he was fairly born into the world, La Grande settled down this morning to the calmest brand holiday celebrations.

Whistles, bells and noisemakers shrieked and clanged with a single ear-splitting purpose. Every locomotive engine in the yards seemed to have been storing steam for a decade. Automobiles with their horns and sirens screaming made a carnival of Adams avenue.

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NO FIRES HERE DURING MONTH

No fire during December. That is the record for La Grande and is probably the first of its kind made at this time of the year in the city's history.

Memories of 1925

- January. 1—Prof. J. Bergonie, developer of roentgenology, dies in Bordeaux, a victim of the X-ray. 2—Supply of anti-toxin leaves Nenana, Alaska, for Nome by dog-sled. Leonard Sepala, famous dog-sledder, starts from Nome to meet team to relay anti-toxin to town stricken with diphtheria epidemic. February. 15—Floyd Collins, imprisoned in cave near Cave City, Ky., found dead after 17 days. 25—Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois dies. 28—President Frederick Ebert of Germany dies. March. 4—Calvin Coolidge inaugurated thirtieth president. 15—Twenty thousand homeless when fire destroys 2000 Tokio buildings—Tornado sweeps Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky. Over 500 killed, 2749 injured. Property loss is \$18,000,000.—Breakers and Palm Beach hotels, Palm Beach, Fla., destroyed by fire. Loss is over \$5,000,000. April. 4—Gerald Chapman, notorious inmate, convicted of murder of E. J. Connelley at Hartford, Conn., sentenced to hang. May. 15—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles dies. 16—Senator Selden Palmer Spencer, Missouri, dies. 27—Fifty-nine miners killed in explosion in mine near Coal Glen, N. C. June. 15—Senator Robert La Follette, Wisconsin, dies. 22—Senator Edwin F. Ladd, North Dakota, dies. 29—Earthquake destroys part of

OLD WORLD AND NEW TO BROADCAST

Ambitious International Radio Program Is Announced for Tonight

MCCORMACK, BORI WILL LEND VOICES

New York Will Exchange Music of Carillon for Chimes of Big Ben in London.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The old world and the new will exchange voices across the sea tonight in the most elaborate radio program yet attempted.

New York will exchange music of the Park Avenue Baptist church carillon for chimes of the Big Ben in London, and a musical program will be broadcast in an effort to reach every end of the earth.

A. E. HENDRICKSON NEW CASHIER FOR LUMBER COMPANY

C. M. Rosmond has resigned as cashier of the Bowman-Hick Lumber company here, effective with the close of business yesterday.

Mr. Rosmond intends to sell his property in La Grande and expects to locate in Ohio where he will engage in the retail lumber trade.

Bank Records Broken; Clearings at New Peak

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—All yearly records for bank clearings in New York were broken in 1925, exchanges at the New York clearing house aggregating \$283,817,635.

Memories of 1925

- July. 21—John T. Scopes found guilty of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law and fined \$100. 26—William Jennings Bryan dies. August. 4—Shipping board accepts Henry Ford's offer of \$1,750,000 for 200 scrap metal ships. 15—Steamer Mackinac boiler exploded near Newport, R. I. Thirty passengers killed. September. 2—Irishgate Shenandoah destroyed and 14 of crew killed in storm at Cambridge, Ohio. 25—All but three of crew of 24 die when submarine K-51 is rammed and sunk. October. 6—United States shipping board ousted Rear Admiral Leigh C. Palmer (retired) as president of the Fleet Corporation. Capt. Elmer E. Crossley, Boston and New York, takes his place. 10—Dead body of Charles Aron, U. S. federal pilot, Cleveland, O., who disappeared 10 days before, is found in wrecked plane in mountains near Bellefonte, Pa. November. 10—House ways and means committee completes work on tax reduction and sets final reduction total as \$286,355,702. 12—Court martial trial of William T. Mitchell starts. December. 1—Governor Miriam "Ma" Ferguson refuses to "throw herself to the wolves" by calling special session of Texas legislature. 3—White Plains, N. Y., jury returns verdict in favor of Alvin J. Karpis in annulment suit of Leonard Kip Rhineland.

Legion's Mascot Is Dead



Here is Sarah, "The Old Gray Mare," mascot of the Brownwood, (Tex.) American Legion, who died just as the Texas and Oklahoma legions were starting a membership contest to see which state should take her to the next national convention.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The Hongkong hotel burned last night, causing an estimated loss of three million dollars. Many of the guests lost personal belongings.

WOMAN ADMITS MURDER PLOT

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—In the 44 years of their married life her 65-year-old husband's one kind act was to buy her ice cream once, while John Walton Winn, a former convict, loved her and waited 15 years for him to die.

This was the defense of Mrs. Eliza Nushbaum, 55-year-old grandmother, in a confession, police say she made, of plotting with Winn and three others to kill her husband, Albert, whose battered body was found Wednesday on a south-side prairie.

Winn, at a pistol point compelled Edward Goff to kill Nushbaum with an axe, Goff said in a confession. With two pairs of ice tongs, Winn and Goff hauled the body into the attic of the home of Mrs. Delilah Martin, held as an accessory. After supper, they re-dressed the body, loaded it into Nushbaum's sedan and carried it across the prairie abandoning plans to burn the house or bury the body in the back yard.

Winn, 37, was arrested in Crown Point, Ind., and brought to Chicago early Thursday. Held also were Goff, Mrs. Martin and Marion Strinham, whose clothes were used to garb the body. Son Accuses Mother. First accusation against the grandmother came from her oldest son, Roscoe, father of eight children. His son, Lloyd, 29 was then under arrest after the police found a part of the grandfather's skull and blood stains in an apartment.

Anthracite Strike Is Still in Deadlock

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The anthracite strike entered the new year with contending forces still far apart.

Miners and operators after struggling for three days and nights exhausted their arguments last night in an endeavor to persuade each other to concede something and send the workers back to the mines.

Fire Razes Packing Plants; Loss \$200,000

Associated Press—WASTONVILLE, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Fire, starting in the fruit packing plant of L. M. Russo early today, completely destroyed the plant and continued through the plant of Zar brothers, totally destroying it also.

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GAY NATION WELCOMES NEW YEAR

Evidence of Prosperity Radiated in America as 1926 Arrives

SHOOTING MARS CELEBRATIONS

Noticeable Restraint in Revelry Attributed to Work of 150 Prohibition Officers.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The year of 1926 rolled into being today to the sound of revelry from one end of the land to the other.

In contrast with the noise of the merry makers was the greeting to the New Year in the booming of the liberty bell at Philadelphia, the first time it has given voice in 90 years, and the playing of the Rockefeller memorial carillon bells in the Park Avenue church in New York. Both were broadcast through the nation.

Prohibition Officers. Although good cheer and evidence of prosperity was radiated everywhere, there was a notable restraint in celebrations.

Everywhere throughout the nation prohibition officers were out in force, but there seemed to have been considerable use of flasks.

New York, prosperous and gay, the merry makers with 150 dry agents watching a score of night clubs, Broadway famous for its New Year celebrations, was jammed with noisy merry-makers, and

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JIMMY WALKER TAKES OFFICE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Tammany Hall today presented to America's largest city a new type of man to wear its mayoralty robes—James J. Walker, product of Greenwich Village, pianist, composer of popular songs and legislator.

In the past, the city's mayors have come from many walks of life, but this is the first time "Tin Pan Alley" has seen one of its sons in the office. The new mayor boasts a versatile career.

In colonial times up to 1774, the mayor was selected by the governor of the province, and he was always a man of high standing. Until 1820, the appointing board of the state, headed by the governor, named the mayor, and from 1821 to 1829, when the charter was amended, the common council chose him.

After that the city made its selections by popular vote, but it was

Turn Over New Health Leaf Urges Dr. Stricker

(By Dr. Frederick Stricker) Oregon State Board of Health. The efficiency of the business of living is largely dependent upon accurate knowledge of conditions in the body of the modern business man. It is the ideal to be set up for the management of the business of living.