

National Outlook Is Bright

Government Officials Make Predictions for New Year Economic Records Are Cited for Past 12 Months' Period

By CLINTON COFFIN Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Economic records of 1929 completed tonight revealed a year in which the national government through manifold agencies was drawn to more intimate association with and participation in the nation's industrial, commercial, and agricultural life activity than has ever before effected any peace-time era.

Higher officials who responded to the customary call for New Year's statements on outlook for American prosperity in 1930 spoke in the light of 12 months of unusually close and persistent experience with developments of the business world, and found reason for basic optimism.

Pessimism Not Justified Declares Secretary Mellon Secretary Mellon, practicing his statement with a mention of the inevitable hazards of economic prophecy, declared that he could "see nothing in the present situation that is either menacing or warrants pessimism." Some seasonal slackness in winter months might be possible in trade and commerce, he said, but hardly more than ordinary.

"I have every confidence that there will be a revival of activity in the spring and that during the coming year the country will make steady progress," he continued. "In the credit situation the trend of money rates is downward. There is plenty of credit available and we have reason to expect that the rates for new capital in building construction and expansion will be such as to facilitate the promotion and accomplishment of new undertakings.

The government's finances are in sound condition which warrants the cut in taxes and the government, itself, is in a position to do its part in helping the country to meet and solve problems which are ahead."

Continuance of Prosperity Predicted by Lamont Secretary Lamont said the "nature of the economic development of the United States is such that one may confidently predict, for the long run, a continuance of prosperity and progress."

"American business in 1929 reached higher levels than ever before, notwithstanding recessions in some lines in later months," he added. "Measurably by quantities, the output of our manufacturing industries broke all previous records. A new high level was established in mineral production. Employment in manufacturing industry and wage payments were both considerably greater in 1929 than in the preceding year. Exports of American manufactured goods reached the huge total of \$1,750,000,000."

Money Given State The state land department turned over to the state treasury department during the month of December \$127,057.96, according to a report prepared here Tuesday by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

Suicide Try Falls PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Schedule of liabilities and assets of William Goldblatt, doing business as the Diamond Shop in this city, who filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in federal district court December 4, were filed today and listed total liabilities as \$61,023.65 and assets as \$30,016. The bankruptcy petition was filed shortly after Goldblatt was found suffering from assumed self-inflicted wounds in a room at a local club.

Dryness Sets Record PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Edward L. Wells, government meteorologist here, declared tonight that the coldest, driest, and rainless fall before him, rainfall should fall before midnight, this city will have experienced the driest year in the history of the local weather bureau.

Meet. J. N. "Sam" Chambers Who In 1930 Is to Be Chamber Head



"Playing host successfully to 11 conventions was the biggest accomplishment in 1929," said Chambers Tuesday. "The coming year should be marked by special effort to get more farmers on land about Salem. I believe it is possible to double some of our crops with intelligent summer irrigation."

Rousing Welcome Greets New Year

Noisemakers Merry as 1929 Gives Place to Young 1930

"I'm makin' whoopee— Are you makin' whoopee? You gotta make whoopee 'Cause it's New Year's now!"

Bells, auto horns, mill whistles, train whistles, sirens, bagpipes, drums, patent noise makers and vocal cords conspired to make the instant of midnight the noisiest that Salem has experienced in several years, as Baby 1930 was ushered into the world.

At 11:59 Tuesday night all was quiet and the streets seemed practically deserted; one minute later—or a few minutes sooner for not all watches are synchronized—pandemonium broke loose, as if by magic the streets became crowded with raucous automobiles, and Salem devoted itself to the single task of drowning out the death gasps of good old 1929 and letting the new year know he was here.

Eugene Thugs Get \$3 From Victim; Portland Passes Driest Year on Record; Still Burns up Causing Embarrassment

2 Robbers Obtain \$3 EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Falling in their efforts to elicit from Maurice Thomson, furnace tender in a local rooming house, information as to the hiding place of a sum of money a roomer was reputed to have hidden in one of the rooms, two unidentified robbers today bound, gagged and robbed him of \$3.

Still Starts Fire PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—A still, which became too hot, started a fire today in an east side residence. The fire was extinguished after considerable damage but no arrests were made. Deputy sheriffs said the occupants of the residence fled when the fire broke out.

Orangemen Win CHICO, Cal., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Oregon State's basketballers swamped the Chico State Teachers college quintet, 42-24, in a practice game here tonight.

Carl Nelson Elected UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Homer Angel, prominent Portland attorney, representative in the state legislature, has been elected president for 1930 of the University of Oregon Alumni association. It was announced tonight by Miss Jeannette Calkins, alumni secretary.

Vice presidents elected are Mae B. Kinsey, Eugene, a teacher in Eugene high school; and Carl Nelson, a Salem business man.

ADMISSION FEE IS ELIMINATED AT EXPOSITION

Remainder of Programs Will Be Presented Free to General Public

First List of Prize Winners Announced by Judges in Y. M. C. A. Event

Attendance at the Boys' Achievement exposition Tuesday was much heavier than on Monday, and in the natural course of events it would be still heavier today.

But it became apparent Tuesday that even though the admission price was small, it would keep some folk from seeing the exposition; and therefore arrangements were made by the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs to underwrite any remaining deficit on the expenses of the exposition, and so—

This afternoon and tonight, from 1 to 9 p. m., the exposition will be open to the public, without charge, and all Salem is invited by the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs to attend and see the remarkable work which has been done by local boys in pursuit of their hobbies.

No Charge Made For Program Tonight It is also announced that there will be no charge for the program at 7:30 tonight. It will feature numbers by the school band and by Dr. H. C. Epley's juvenile chorus, violin solos by pupils of Miss Elizabeth Levy, a Boy Scout exhibition and a Y. M. C. A. gymnasium exhibition. The program Tuesday night was well attended.

Not all of the various classes of exhibits had been judged up to a late hour Tuesday night, and the men in charge of the exposition were able to announce only an incomplete list of prize winners.

Some of the divisions which had been judged resulted as follows: Section I.—Woodwork. Emil Otjen, one first, two third places; Rennie Otjen, one first, two seconds; Paul Slike, two firsts; Ned Hale, one first; Lore Benjamin, one second; Tom Earl, one first; Bob Wiens, one third; Oscar Beckman, one first, one third; R. Turgess, one first; Harold L. Duke, one second; Billy Schon, one third; Charles Alley, one second; Fred Blatchford, one second.

Section II.—Natural history collections. Class A, juniors—David Thompson first, Harry Mosher second, Robert Ross third. Class B, seniors—Earl Griepentrog first, Don Duncan second, Frank Childs third.

Section IV.—Miscellaneous. Class A.—First, exhibit unidentified; Douglas McKay, Jr., second. Milner Sanford third. Class B. George Causey first, Kenneth Klein second, Irvin Ulmer third.

Section V.—Curios and relics. Collections of relics—Waldo Mills (Concluded on Page 3, Column 8.)

Health Leader Ends Job Here



Dr. Estella Ford Warner who, with the close of the year 1929, ends her career as director of the Marion county child health demonstration.

SPEIGHT WILL FACE CHARGE OF KILLING

Prosecution Expected to Be Pushed Against Former Salem Resident

Prosecution of a charge of manslaughter will be pushed against Edward "Scotty" Speight, who was indicted by the Marion county grand jury on that charge last summer, in predicted inasmuch as Speight has been apprehended by county officials after sending a warrant for his arrest to Roseburg where it was learned that Speight was in hiding. District Attorney John Carson has intimated that the state will not waste any time in prosecuting Speight now that he has been caught.

Speight was indicted by the (Concluded on Page 3, Column 6.)

Judge Refuses To Give Pardon To Check Artist

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Waiving grand jury investigation, Frank C. Hillgrove entered a plea of guilty in circuit court today to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. A strong plea for a parole was made by Hillgrove's attorney, but Judge Skpworth denied it. Sentence will be pronounced Thursday.

Hillgrove, who had been employed at the Southern Pacific shops here as car inspector from May 123 to last October, became addicted to gambling, he told the court today. He cashed worthless checks to pay his debts. Hillgrove's attorney, in urging a parole, declared American Legion members here had made up \$200 in Hillgrove's outstanding checks.

5-YEAR HEALTH PROGRAM ENDS IN THIS COUNTY

Official of Commonwealth Fund Turns Clinic Over To Local Staff

Dr. Vernon A. Douglas Will Take Charge of Unit This Morning

The county child health demonstration ended its official existence Tuesday, marking the close of the five-year program in behalf of Marion county children established and largely supported by the Commonwealth Fund of New York City.

With the end of the demonstration, Dr. Estella Ford Warner who has directed the activities since the summer of 1928 and who is one of the original staff members, terminates her official service. She will remain on until June 1 to make the five-year report of demonstration findings and accomplishments to the Commonwealth Fund.

The "finis" written yesterday to the health demonstration but users in with the first day of 1930 the Marion county health unit, the name under which public work in Marion county will henceforth be conducted and known. At the head of the county health unit will be the county health officer, Dr. Vernon A. Douglas.

Dr. Douglas has been a member of the health demonstration staff since early in its existence and has been county health officer ever since that office was included in the demonstration tie-up to make for a more efficient health program in the county.

Save for a \$12,000 subsidy from the Commonwealth Fund, the county, the city of Salem and the Salem schools will bear the brunt of the expense of maintaining and enlarging the public health program in this and future years.

Policy of the health unit will be determined by the county health unit executive board, members of which will be the same as those who directed the demonstration activities, with the exception of Dr. Warner, who steps out with the end of the demonstration. A member of the medical profession will be named by the executive committee to fill the vacancy and keep a five-member board. The executive committee includes: County Judge J. C. Slegmund; Ellis Purvine, member of the city council; Frank Neer, representing the Salem school board; T. M. Hicks, of the Marion county public health association; Dr. Douglas as county health officer also sits with the group.

Weather Unsettled today and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Max. temperature, Tuesday 48; min. 22. Rain .18; river 3; wind south.

Joins Hunt For Missing Flyers



S. Shetsakov, pilot of the Russian plane "Land of the Soviets" in the recent flight from Moscow to New York, will be a member of the Russian expedition to aid in the search for Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland, missing for six weeks near North Cape, Alaska. The American flyers went to the aid of a disabled far steamer and haven't been heard from since.

72 GIRLS AND BOYS ARE KILLED IN PANIC

Disaster Held Worst of Its Kind in Great Britain Since Year 1883

PAISLEY, Scotland, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Seventy two small girls and boys died in the blind panic that followed outbreak of a small fire in the Glen moving picture theatre last today.

The flareup in the projection room changed the New Year celebration of this Scottish mill town to mourning, in which the nation joined. Eighty others in the audience were injured but more than half of them had recovered sufficiently tonight to go to their homes.

The operator and manager prevented a holocaust by carrying the single blazing roll of film out of the building at the cost of seriousness to themselves. This kept down the fire damage to a negligible amount but the fumes from the burning film dropped the struggling children in great numbers while others piled up in jams in doorways and at the foot of stairways.

It was the most serious disaster of its kind in Great Britain since 1883. The children, mostly from working class families, had crowded into the 750 seat theatre singing and dancing in excitement over the prospect of thus spending their "hogma-nay," the traditional Scottish New Year's treat, which outshines Christmas north of the Tweed.

Bearcat Frosh And West Linn Hoopers Clash

The Willamette university freshman basketball team and the West Linn high school quintet played a practice game on the Willamette floor Tuesday afternoon. Each coach was short a couple of regular players and several who were not eligible, so no score was kept officially, although it was reported that the first year men scored a few more points than the visitors.

520 Couples Marry Here In Year; Separations 200

With the addition of 10 marriage licenses issued yesterday, the total number of marriage licenses granted by the county clerk here during the year 1929 reached a total of 520. This figure showed an increase of 42 over the previous year, 1928, when 478 couples were given wedding permits.

Divorce suits filed in 1929 numbered 200 and this item also showed an increase over 1928 when only 175 divorce actions were started.

The months of June and August lead in the monthly compilation of marriage licenses, a check made at the county clerk's office revealed Tuesday. During June 78 were issued while August followed next with 66. November clinched third with 53 while July was fourth with an even 50.

Divorces were checked by quarter the months of January, February and March showing that 46 divorce actions were started in the courts here, April, May and June found 54 separation actions listed but the largest total was found to have been filed during July, August and September when 59 suits were listed. The last three months of the year, including the month just past, showed 41 cases.

Following are the couples who obtained marriage licenses at the local house Tuesday: John C. Broady, Jr., Silverton and Laura M. White, Inspector, Earl C. Bushnell, with the addition of the postoffice annex, which he did not include. He did add in the cost of penitentiary and other state construction for which no permits were issued.

Oregon's Progress Is Great

Substantial Advance Made by This State in Past Year

Outlook for Coming 12 Months Is Declared Encouraging

(By the Associated Press) While the close of the year 1929 may have found the eastern part of the United States holding its head in "morning after" fashion as a result of the collapse of the artificial Wall street boom, it found Oregon with a record of distinct accomplishments for the year—and looking forward to even greater things for 1930.

In general business, in shipping, in public works, in land settlement and agriculture and in most lines of endeavor—even in sports—the state found, in looking back upon the 12-month period, that its record was good. Railway Companies Show Expansion

Railroads made many great advances during 1929 in this section. New extensions were completed and others announced or ordered.

Bank clearing generally showed great gains over the previous year.

Postal receipts in most cities, and particularly in Portland, were greater for 1929.

Industry saw progress in increased volume of products, in number of plants in extension and expansion.

Public utilities spent millions of dollars in augmenting their facilities to care for a rapidly growing population, and announced that millions more would be spent in the state during the new year. Sporting Titles Are Brought to Oregon

Oregon men excelled in sports. A Portland man won the Pacific northwest amateur title, another won the western amateur crown and a third came within one bracket of capturing the national amateur title vacated by Bobby (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

BUILDING RECORDS BUT \$4000 SHORT

Building construction records for Salem in 1929 fell only about \$4000 short of the 1928 mark. It was disclosed when the final figures were in Tuesday night. The December total was \$22,302, which brought the figure for the year up to \$1,618,449 as compared to \$1,605,643 for 1928. In the total given for the year just ended, however, all building construction inside the city limits is included, and not merely the building permits.

The figures used are those announced from month to month by the building inspector, Earl C. Bushnell, with the addition of the postoffice annex, which he did not include. He did add in the cost of penitentiary and other state construction for which no permits were issued.

There was more building in 1929 than in 1928, but it does not show in the figures given because under the new building code, the cost of electrical and plumbing installation is not included in the estimates. Separate permits are issued for these items, and estimates of cost are not required.

Extra Cent Added To Gasoline Levy For Car Operator

Oregon's new additional 1-cent per gallon tax on gasoline became effective at midnight last night, and will make a total of 4 cents a gallon that is paid in taxes on gasoline by Oregon motorists. It is estimated that this will yield \$7,000,000 a year. The new 1-cent tax alone is calculated to yield \$1,750,000.

NINE SEPARATIONS GRANTED IN COURT

Coincident with the issuance of 10 marriage licenses at the county clerk's office yesterday, the last day of the old year, Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan signed divorce decrees separating nine couples. In addition to the nine newly made divorce decrees there were two divorce complaints filed, Mae Blevins asking separation from Lee F. Blevins and Eva J. Payne a divorce from Roy K. Payne.

Following are the couples granted divorces through the circuit court mill here Tuesday: Maude I. Broyles from Bert Oliver Broyles; Fred Ulmer from Hilda B. Ulmer; Eshelva Kelt from William H. Kelt; Charles F. Ellison from Lucille V. Ellison; Francis Herbert Bentley from Olive Alexandrine Bentley; James A. Brown from Cora L. Brown; Pearl Free from James Leo Free; Elsie Campbell from Byron A. Campbell; and Henry W. Lewis from Almira Lewis.

Infidelity, cruelty, non-support and desertion were causes for most of the actions.

National Meet Of Students to Get Under Way

PALO ALTO, Cal., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Delegates from universities and colleges throughout the United States tomorrow will open the fifth annual congress of the National Student Federation of the United States of America at Stanford university. The congress will continue through January 4.

Problems to come before the congress include athletics and national eligibility rules, fraternities, sororities, relationships of students to the city in which the college is located and other phases of student activities.

A Happy New Year



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