

OREGON'S YEAR IS PROGRESSIVE

Substantial Advance is Made By This State During Past 12 Months

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Jones. Even the lowly Portland baseball team took heart and staged a last minute rally that took it to the top of the Pacific coast league standings and held it near there until the end of the season. The University of Oregon finished in a tie for the Pacific coast conference football championship.

Farmers, however, were not unduly prosperous during the year just ended, because of several things.

Year's Crop to Gross Total of \$180,000,000

But Oregon farmers will realize \$180,000,000 for their products of 1929. This is \$5,000,000 more than the combined value of the state's agricultural products in 1928. Wheat was above the average at \$25,000,000. Crop. Pear growers got almost 100 per cent more than the previous year, being exceptionally favored. Prune growers were similarly fixed, their increased return being considerably more. Hay growers had a good year, the apple men, the truck gardeners and livestock men fared not so well, however, but the general average was better.

The State Chamber of Commerce alone located 800 new families in Oregon, families that bought 50,000 acres and invested more than \$3,000,000 cash.

Outside Markets for Lumbermen Open Up

Lumbermen saw better market outlooks looming as 1929 drew to a close and making preparations to meet it. In transportation spectacular strides were taken. The Southern Pacific company opened its new Alturas cut-off, built at a cost of \$6,000,000. The Great Northern announced plans for an extension from Klamath Falls to California to provide a north and south route for that area east of the Cascades. The Union Pacific system was directed to the Interstate Commerce commission to build a road from Crescent Lake to Crane. Passenger train schedules on railroads to the east, west and south were reduced. A new, direct air mail route to the east was established at Portland.

All in all, Oregon fared extremely well and indications are that she will fare better during the new year.

ROUSING WELCOME GREET'S NEW YEAR

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Yet the demonstration was orderly. Not a single arrest for drunkenness, or any misdemeanor more serious than speeding, had been made up to the "zero hour," and the noisy crowds were manly despite their excess of jubilation.

It seemed that everyone was out tooling a horn or helping hold down a whistle cord, but that was hardly the case. Within the walls of the Fox Elsinore, Bilgh's Capitol and Hollywood theatres, capacity crowds attending "midnight matinees" were, if anything, surpassing the outdoor noisemakers with "whoopie" of their own, there were large crowds at public and private dances doing the same, and hundreds were in attendance at watch parties whose demonstrations were but little less vociferous.

Radio Listeners Hear Four Celebrations

Then there were those citizens who stayed at home—but a majority of them celebrated the opening of the new year by listening to the radio demonstrations. In fact they had a distinct advantage over the other celebrants, for they heard the new year ushered in four times.

First at 9 o'clock they heard New York City break loose in its own matchless style; at 10 o'clock Chicago followed suit with equal enthusiasm if not quite equal volume; at 11 it was Denver or Salt Lake City, and at midnight, the Pacific coast stations.

The downtown celebration here was so extensive that for the first time since the American Legion convention, there were traffic jams on the principal street corners shortly after midnight, when theatre parties and dances broke up and mingled with the general "whoopie" makers who were still careening noisily about the streets in automobiles.

DETAILS OF SUGAR LOBBY ARE BARED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Information that American sugar interests in Cuba had run short of funds to carry on their opposition in Washington to a higher sugar tariff and had sought assistance from Cuban mills in paying for the employment of Enoch H. Crowder, former American ambassador to the island republic, was disclosed in letters made public today by the senate lobby committee.

Writing on last June 8 to Aurelio Portuendo, of the Cuban Trading company, of Havana, H. C. Lakin, president of the Cuba company, said Crowder had been of much help to the Cuba interests in Washington since January 15 and had an "approach to senators which is not excelled by that of anybody."

426 SAVED AS SEA LINERS COLLIDE



Scenes at the pier as the rescue tugs brought back to port passengers of the ill-fated S. S. Fort Victoria, which was rammed by the S. S. Algonquin off Sandy Hook during a dense fog.

DAMAGE SUIT MAY FACE CITY, REPORT

Loss Resulting From North Winter Street Bridge Irks Residents

Notice has been served on the city officials of Salem that the city will be held responsible for damage caused by the flooding of an area along North Mill Creek above North Winter street bridge between December 15 and December 22.

The notice, filed with the city recorder Tuesday, is signed by P. A. Eiker, 789 North Summer street; F. W. Poorman, 798 North Summer; H. C. Epley, 798 North Summer; H. Ethel Laue, 794 North Summer, and N. C. Kaffoury, 750 North Summer.

At the time that the flooding was first reported, residents in that part of the city declared the design of the bridge was at fault, as it did not allow sufficient clearance for the water. They mentioned that the false work used in its construction had not been removed, but did not consider this an important factor in the flooding.

At present, with the false work practically all removed, the water level is about 18 inches below the concrete span at the east side of the bridge, and the flow is not as great as it was while the flood was under way. Some doubt has been expressed as to the adequacy of the space beneath the bridge in time of high water. The Cottage street bridge, one block below, barely took care of the flow of two weeks ago.

However, the contractor on the Winter street bridge, F. L. Frazier, is possibly liable for damage, under his contract, as he did not have the bridge completed and the forms removed by December 1, the time specified. The matter will probably be discussed at the council meeting Monday night.

GUARDSMEN PLACED IN JAIL FOR THEFTS

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 31.—(AP)—With the investigation into the theft of liquor by coast guardsmen from the seized rum runner Flor Del Mar completed, preparations were being made tonight for the disposition of the four rum running boats captured by the coast guard since Saturday night.

In announcing the completion of the investigation into the liquor thefts, Captain L. T. Chalkey, chief of staff of the destroyer force, today said that five men have been confined to brig for courtmartial. Several other guardsmen who were said to have been intoxicated at the base are on report.

Captain Chalkey denied reports that \$75,000 worth of liquor had disappeared from the storehouse. Not more than six cases of liquor, he said, were stolen Sunday and nearly all of it has been recovered.

Under the supervision of Captain Chalkey the liquor seized on the Flor Del Mar was being transferred tonight from the storehouse pier to two patrolboats. The liquor will be taken to New York, probably Thursday. The two patrolboats also will tow the Roamer with 600 cases of liquor and the fishing boat Leona M. Sproul with 600 cases and four prisoners to New York.

CANADIANS BATTLE FOR LIQUOR CARGO

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 31.—(AP)—J. E. Smith of the Inland Revenue department and J. McLeod, his assistant, were beaten by a mob and their automobile was rammed by an automobile truck here today after rum runners and preventive forces had changed shots in a battle earlier.

LIQUOR REBELLION GETS DEATH BLOW

Substantial Sentences Are Meted Out to Officials Of Idaho Town

COEUR D'ALENE, Ida., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The "Mullan whiskey rebellion" received its death blow today, as 24 men and women were given prison sentences and assessed fines for conspiring against the national prohibition act.

The mayor and trustees of Mullan, charged by the government with licensing liquor and vice for the benefit of the village treasury, and the sheriff of Shoshone county, together with bartenders and women operators of disorderly houses, stood up to be sentenced by Federal Judge J. Stanley Webster after a trial unique in the United States.

The chief characters in the conspiracy and their sentences follow: Sheriff R. E. Weniger of Shoshone county, two years in federal prison and \$1,000 fine; Deputy Sheriff Charles Bloom 15 months; Chief of Police F. E. Welch, 15 months; H. Norphy, policeman, a year and a day; Mayor Arthur Harwood, 18 months and \$1,000 fine.

George Houston, trustee, 15 months; Henry Foss, trustee, ten months; Charles Ristau, trustee, ten months; John Wheatley, trustee, 15 months.

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JUDGE'S WIDOW IS MARRIED SUDDENLY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Mina Maker Gatens, widow of the late Judge William N. Gatens, former circuit judge, who died in 1927 as the result of a heart attack, tonight surprised friends when she became the bride of Curtis Edison Van Bergen, who is connected with a local bond house, in a private ceremony at the home of the Rev. Oswald Taylor, pastor of the Grace Memorial Episcopal church.

No talking of the ceremony had reached friends and the marriage was revealed only through the routine filing of applications for a marriage license. No one was reported to have attended the ceremony except the necessary two witnesses.

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EIELSON'S SISTER SURE HE'S ALIVE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Confidence that her brother, Carl Ben Eielson, American aviator who has been lost for more than seven weeks in the Arctic region, will be found was expressed here tonight by Miss Adeline Eielson, teacher of Wenatchee, Wash., who is spending the holidays with Mrs. G. H. Royer of this city.

"Ben told us before he left that we mustn't worry if we didn't hear from him for months," she said. "So I am not worrying. I am sure he will be found or will show up. Naturally, I feel anxious about him and I watch the papers closely for any word, but I am confident he will be home soon to tell us of his experience."

Eielson was accompanied by Earl Borland, mechanic.

LEGAL ACTIONS ARE NUMEROUS PAST 12 MONTHS

A compilation of cases filed and tried in the circuit court of Marion county during the year 1929 was being prepared by clerks at the county clerk's office Tuesday. The report, while not officially complete, is listed as follows: law actions filed, 414; equity suits filed, 190; divorce suits filed, 200; criminal actions, 62.

Cases tried before court or jury were as follows: civil cases tried by jury, 56; criminal cases tried by jury, 4; equity suits tried by jury none; law actions tried by court 8; equity suits tried by court 10; contested divorces, 9; default divorces, 150. It was estimated that the cost of jury trials of criminal cases was \$650.

ITALIANS ARRESTED FOR BOMBING PLOT

PARIS, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Three Italians were arrested tonight on suspicion of plotting against Fascists and in the home of one of them police found a quantity of high explosives, a number of detonators, and other materials for making bombs.

The arrests and raid were made by agents of the Brete Grande, the French Scotland Yard, which lends its efforts particularly toward the protection of the state and of prominent personages.

The police alleged that the arrested had maintained relations with Camillo Berneri who was arrested about a week ago in Brussels, Belgium, and who confessed to a dual plot against the lives of the Belgian royal family as they journey to Italy for the wedding of Princess Marie Jose, on January 8.

The Havas News Agency described the prisoners as Italian newspaper men. Their names were given as Alberto Cianca, Giuseppe Sarbelli and Alberto Parchiani. It was at the home of Cianca that the explosives were found. The Havas Agency indicated that the three were perhaps plotting against the Italian naval delegation which will pass through France enroute to the London conference next month. The exact nature of the plot has not been disclosed.

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NATIONAL YEAR WILL BE BRIGHT

Optimistic View is Taken by Government Officials At Washington

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approximately \$3,250,000,000. Broadly speaking, the business history of 1929 recorded the continuation of a movement which has been substantially unbroken for an exceptionally long period.

Food Surpluses Found Lacking This Year
As to the farm future the agriculture department head said the new year was beginning "with 10 depressing surpluses of food products to be worked off," although the 1929 crops had been worth \$85,000,000 more than those of 1928, the livestock sales in the same period \$90,000,000 better than those of 1928.

The advance of the government toward association with vital economic national progress was most marked in 1929 in the agricultural field, for the year and finds a federal board, armed with \$500,000,000 of federal funds, overseeing the whole of national farm product marketing.

Aside from the direct grappling with farm problems, the government's contact with business undertaken in 1929 included also the partial shaping of a new tariff policy, still incomplete and in bitter controversy as 1930 begins. Secretary Mellon's mention of tax reduction and credit matters referred indirectly, also, to the long and action filled period of the old year when the federal reserve system faced the increasing credit strain arising from ever mounting security speculation that culminated in October and November with stock exchange depression.

After the bursting of the speculative bubble came the significant step of the government into what was historically an unprecedented role. President Hoover, in the last months of 1929, summoned the leaders of finance, transportation, commerce, agriculture and labor from all parts of the country to Washington, and with their cooperation, laid down a program of expanding capital expenditure, of instituting construction activity, and of taking a series of considered steps with the announced purpose of averting economic depression. The year closed with this demonstration of governmental participation in national economic life still in progress.

SPEIGHT WILL FACE CHARGE OF KILLING

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grand jury here in connection with the death of Little Lawrence Walker of Mt. Angel who was killed in an automobile accident when Speight's car overturned.

"Scotty" was adjudged insane and committed to the state asylum last August and less than a month later he was discharged from that institution on condition that he return to his former home in Canada and remain there.

But Speight decided not to remain in Canada and returned here to frequent his former business location, a market located on South 12th street. The man continually defied the authorities to come and get him and finally the bench warrant on the manslaughter charge was gotten out and turned over to the sheriff for service.

Information from Roseburg to the effect that Speight was seen in that district, caused Sheriff Bower to send the warrant south. He was arrested near Roseburg Monday night and Tuesday Deputy Sam Burkhardt left to return Speight to this city where he was locked up in the county jail.

SLAYING CHARGES MAY BE PREFERRED

NAPA, Cal., Dec. 31.—(AP)—District Attorney W. G. Rutherford of Napa county said today he would withhold charges of assault with a deadly weapon and assault with intent to commit murder against Mr. and Mrs. John South pending the outcome of bullet wounds received by Federal Prohibition Agent Robert D. Freeman in a liquor raid Sunday on the South home near here.

Freeman was shot twice, one bullet shattering bones in his right wrist and the other striking him in the shoulder and ranging downward to lodge near his lung. Bones in the wrist were set today. X-rays determined the other bullet had not injured the lung and it was considered possible an operation would not be performed to remove the slug. At the Victory hospital here, where Freeman was taken following the shooting, it was said he would recover barring complications.

BLAST HURTS WOMAN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—(AP)—An aged woman was slightly hurt tonight when an explosion ripped up the front section of a street car in the upper section of the city. The explosion was similar to many that have marked the street car strike here.

ADMISSION FEE IS ELIMINATED

Remainder of Programs Will Be Presented Free to General Public

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first, Jack Horsford second, Max Hauser third. Flint collections—Clayborn Dyer first, Reid Hanson second, Howard Sehon third. Curio collections—David Thompson first, Sidney Wiederhorn second, Sam Summers third. Single exhibit, relics—Norman Weaver first, William Mosher second, Single exhibit, curios—Byron Randall first, Dick Pierce second.

Section VIII.—Mechanical and technical. Class A.—Phil Brownell first, Allen Stewart second, Lloyd Street third. Class B.—George Jackson first, Joe Vogt second, Menalks Selander third.

Section X.—Cooking. Cake—Jack Ostlund first, Max Hauser second, Lee Koch third, Arthur Eaton fourth. Cookies—Wilbur Curry. Hot dish—Allen McCallister. Biscuits—Don Chambers first, David Hoss second.

Section XI.—School work. Class A.—Max Hauser first, Norman Weaver second, Alvin McCarthy third. Class B.—Irving Haile first, Menalks Selander second.

Section XII.—Airplanes. Class A. Flying models. Stanley Netz first, Waldo Mills second, Dan Clark third. Scale models, Orville Varty first, Harry Wesdy second, Harvey Larsen third. Class B.—Flying models, Oscar Gingrich first, Robert Huist second. Scale models, Paul Franklin first, Harold Eyerly second, Oscar Gingrich third. Harold Eyerly won the grand prize for the best collection.

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