

Legislature Asked to Back Valley Project

New Year Greeted Noisily Here

Celebrations Here Orderly; Four Arrested

No Serious Mishaps Mar Occasion; Few Calls Come to Police

Sheriff Has Battle With Suspected Inebriate, Suffers Scratches

A horn-tooting, shouting throng of joyfully celebrating citizens last night greeted a flourished "30" across Old Man 1936 and his bag of returning prosperity and wildly waved the welcome sign at that young hopeful, Master 1937.

Strike Spreading In Auto Industry

(By the Associated Press) New walkouts in plants serving the automobile industry added yesterday to growing concern that all motor car production, with the exception of the Ford company, might be tied up.

Postal Receipts All-Time Record

Postal receipts for 1936 set a new all-time high, with a possibility that completed figures may send the figure over the \$300,000 mark, Postmaster E. R. Crawford said yesterday.

Extra Copies Available of Today's Paper

This issue of The Statesman consists of four sections, 42 pages, one section for general news and three sections devoted to special features of the New Year's edition.

Rice Winds Up 22-Year Service as Treasurer; Lauds Public Support

Twenty Million Dollars in Cash or Equivalent Is Handled in That Time; Retiring Official Speaks Good Word for Successor

MAN grayed with 22 years in his city's service but still able to smile in the face of an impending unhappy event, Clyde O. Rice yesterday afternoon spoke a good word for his successor and locked the city treasurer's office; Saturday he will be plain John Citizen and Paul H. Hauser will be treasurer.

Chang Sentenced To 10-Year Term

But Early Pardon Hinted; Young Marshal Likely to Leave Country

NANKING, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, who led a revolt in Shansi province and held Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek captive for 13 days, today was sentenced to ten years in prison, but persons close to the government believed he would be pardoned soon.

Lindbergh Money Rumor Is Denied

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Lindbergh kidnaping, crimes of early 1932, tonight greeted still another year with newspaper headlines.

Mt. Angel Creamery Shows Record Volume of Business

MT. ANGEL, Dec. 31.—Nearly 1600 persons gathered at St. Mary's school here today for the greatest annual patron's meeting and banquet in history for the Mt. Angel Cooperative Creamery, and heard E. J. Bernard, president, report a record volume of business for the creamery and record returns to the farmers for 1936, the 24th year of the organization's activity.

Building Tops Past Records, More in Sight

\$1,893,246.34 Is Total for 1936; Salem Top Oregon Community

Capitol, Postoffice and Other Projects Will Make '37 Bigger

Salem broke all existing records in 1936 for building operations; yet 1937's construction program will exceed that of the year which ended last night.

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Ray of Hope For Pontiff Appears

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A small ray of hope pierced the cold mists hanging over Vatican City tonight and revelations that the clogged vein in the pope's left leg had cleared and local circulation had been restored.

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Sponsorship Issue To Be Raised, Plan Of Senator McKay

\$2,430,000 Flood and Erosion Control Program Visioned With Larger Appropriation Asked Later

Santiam, Molalla, Mary's and Other Tributaries Included in Huge Development Plan Here

STATE sponsorship of a \$2,430,000 flood and erosion control program in the Willamette valley will be asked at the coming session of the state legislature, Senator Douglas McKay, chairman of the Greater Willamette Valley project committee, announced yesterday.

Sheriff Has Bond Of Another Firm

Company Seeking Changes in System Left Out in Cold, Result

After informing the county court and Sheriff A. C. Burk that his company would not accept the \$50,000 bond of the sheriff unless individual bonds were placed on deputies handling cash, Gaylord E. Eckles, state manager of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company found himself out in the cold yesterday.

Naval Limitation Hopes Lie Buried

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The 15-year struggle of the sea powers to limit war fleets by treaty died tonight. For its agony there are plans for bigger ships and bigger guns from sea to sea.

Sioux Falls Blast Claimed Gang Job

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 31.—(AP)—A terrific explosion of dynamite and black powder, reported to have been set off by a robber gang to kill one of their members, shook this city and vicinity tonight.

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