

YEAR MAY SEE LUMBER START TO NORMALCY

Officers of Willamette Valley Association Say Outlook Good

STOCKS ARE NOW LOW

Maglady and Cox Declare Sure Signs Seen of Betterment

The year 1933 is expected to start the lumber industry back on the road to normalcy.

Lumber consumption will be increased and Lane county's \$3 million mill capacity will be nearer to capacity as the year wears on, although it is doubtful if the price for lumber will increase much because of a large reserve capacity. That is the view of S. Maglady, president of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, and H. J. Cox, secretary of the association and secretary-manager of the Eugene branch of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Sure Signs Seen
The lumber industry here, as in all sections of the United States, has hit the depression keenly. Lane county ordinarily sells half a billion feet of lumber annually. Production in 1932, however, has been but 18 per cent of normal. Not a mill in the county is running full time, and many have suspended activity altogether—waiting for times to get better.

But there are sure signs that things are getting better. During the past week eastern railroads have placed orders for lumber with which to rebuild stock and for use in maintenance work. Indications are that building work generally will pick up soon. Retail yards have allowed their stocks to run low, and replenishment will be made to the lumber industry.

Demand Accumulation
"Lumbermen are all aware," said Mr. Maglady in outlining the situation, "of the fact that there is a pent up demand for lumber. We expect a large increase in demand early in the year, and consequently an increase in lumber production. There is too much reserve mill capacity, however, and this will keep the price down for a while."

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Hamilton Indicted For Killing Father

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Claude Hamilton was charged with first degree murder today in a complaint filed by Leland S. Finch, district attorney. The charge grew out of the death of his father, John Hamilton, following a beating inflicted by Claude Christmas Eve after a drinking bout at the Hamilton home here.

Weather News:

Saturday brought a bit colder weather to the city, the maximum amounting only to 47 during the day. Continued rain is in prospect for New Year's day, Sunday. Following is the official forecast:

OREGON: Occasional rains west and generally cloudy with local snows west portion Sunday and Monday; no change in temperature; fresh west winds offshore, becoming southwest and increasing Sunday.

LOCAL STATISTICS: Minimum temperature Saturday, 38 degrees. Maximum Saturday, 47. Precipitation, 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., .10 of an inch. Willamette river, 3.8 feet. Wind from west.

SLEW TIDES: Sunday, high, 4:19 a. m., 3:55 p. m.; low, 10:26 a. m., 10:25 p. m.; Monday, high, 5:01 a. m., 4:55 p. m.; low, 11:18 a. m., 11:26 p. m.; Tuesday, high, 5:46 a. m., 6:05 p. m.; low, 12:27 p. m.

Fruit Growers' Association Has Cash Turnover of Million Dollars in Year

A cash turnover of \$1,000,000 in the year 1932 is reported from the Eugene Fruit Growers' association. Lane county's largest co-operative and one of the west's outstanding growers' organizations.

There was a total of 178,000 cases packed at the plant the past year as against 160,067 for the previous year, an increase of nearly 12,000 cases. Some 20 items of vegetable and fruit produce are listed as handled at the plant the past year. The complete report on business for the year will be given out officially in March. Figures compiled to date on the tonnage for the year and given out from the office of J. O. Holt, manager, this week, are as follows:

Apples, all varieties, total, 1,340,000 pounds.
Pears, Oregon and petite, dried or canned, total, 1,140,000 pounds; total pounds dried, 769,629.
Apples, canned and cider, total, 441,000 pounds.
Berries, total, 1,300,000 pounds.
Blackberries, total, 81,000 pounds.
Carrots, total, 1,180,000 pounds.
Cherries, Black, all varieties, 290,000 pounds; Black Amos and white, 10,000 pounds; red sour, 444,000 pounds.

Chamber Head Sees Improvements For Eugene During 1933

There are three elements which lead me to feel that the coming year, 1933, should show a definite improvement over the past year of 1932, Edward R. Morris, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce, said Saturday.

In the first place, presidential years are always considered poor business years and with the elections over and the general feeling of political unrest past, I believe people will feel more confidence. This brings me to the second point, the loosening up of buying. People who could well afford to buy have held tight to their purse strings during the past year. Now with more confidence generally, the effect will be to do more buying.

Thirdly, here in Lane county, I believe we may look forward to the improvement of agriculture, particularly hop growing which will be materially improved with congressional action on beer. Development of hop growing will bring considerable new money into the county, thereby increasing chances for a brighter outlook here for 1933.

1933 TO SEE LANE START CASH BASIS

County Passes Peak of High Cost Work Program In Past Year

Officials at the Lane county courthouse may look forward to a happy New Year, with the county on a cash basis as 1933's work is begun and all the offices finishing 1932 well under their budget allowances.

The old year has seen some of the greatest programs in the county's history carried on and completed—namely the state highway and relief programs. Inroads have been made on the bonded indebtedness and the county has passed the peak of costly road construction. From now on county officials expect the taxpayer's burden to be a lighter one.

The year 1933 will be one of re-investment. There will be little or no new road construction. The new regime in the county court—elected to office on a platform of drastic economy—has already pared down the county budget in all departments. Salaries of deputies and assistants throughout the courthouse have been reduced from 12 to 20 per cent.

Officials in every department has indicated a willingness to cooperate with the county court in reducing costs and will strive to make further economies in operating under the allowances given them in the 1933 budget.

Lane county's feat in getting through the old year and remaining on a cash basis was accomplished in spite of the fact that the county's delinquency in tax collections during the years of depression has been \$500,000 greater than in more normal years. The county's financial condition is regarded as being one of the healthiest in the state. Many counties are winding up the old year with large warrant indebtedness which their taxpayers will have to pay.

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Poisoner Is Sent To Prison For Life

HILLSBORO, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Henry Labossiere, 70, Tigard, Ore., farmer, pleaded guilty in circuit court here today to a charge of second degree murder in connection with the death by poisoning of neighbor 18 of Peter Milton Boese, a neighbor.

The elderly farmer was charged with first degree murder following his confession Thursday that he had placed poison in a bottle of beer he had given Boese, but this plea of guilty to the lesser charge was accepted by both the district attorney and the judge. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oregon state penitentiary.

Patrolman Killed When Machine Hit

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Ellsworth Cordes, 35, a motorcycle patrolman, was killed today when struck by a street car, as he was driving home to get a few hours sleep before going on extra duty tonight.

His machine was struck while suddenly turning across the tracks in front of the street car. Operator C. W. Rowlands said.

His widow and a two-year-old daughter survive.

College Works On Gasoline Formula

AMES, Iowa, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A plan for the removal of agricultural surpluses from the food market by converting them into alcohols and other chemicals to be blended with gasoline for use as motor fuel is being studied by four Iowa State college departments.

The plan in general is that if 8 per cent ethyl alcohol and two per cent blending agent were blended with 90 per cent regular market gasoline, an industry would be created which might utilize more than 300 million bushels of corn or other cereals yearly, using 1500 figures on gasoline consumption in the United States as a basis.

RADIO TO AID POLICE WORK THROUGH LANE

Swarts Announces Wave to Be In

DEPUTIES LISTED

Partial Payments Plan For Taxes To Be Continued By New Sheriff

The Lane county jail will be equipped with radio to speed work of catching criminals, Sheriff-elect C. A. "Tom" Swarts announced Saturday night.

A short wave receiving set will be installed in the jail soon. It will receive messages from KGPP—the Portland police radio station, and will be in operation 24 hours every day.

Not only will it enable Lane county officers and the state police to track down fugitives immediately after the alarm is spread from Portland, but Eugene and Lane county will be privileged to send in reports by wire or telephone and have them broadcast from the Portland station.

Deputies Named
Sheriff-elect Swarts said that eventually all sheriff's offices in the state and many city police headquarters will be connected with the Portland police radio station. Numbers have already been assigned sheriff's offices all over the state, he said.

The Salem police department decided last week to install a receiving set to get alarms.

The new sheriff appointed his two other deputies Saturday. Neil H. Gillson, Springfield bookkeeper, will be a clerk in the tax department, and Ann Ridwell, also of Springfield, will be bookkeeper in the tax office. She has had experience in the Lane sheriff's office.

Tax Policy Kept
Mark Hathaway of Eugene was appointed chief criminal deputy some time ago. George Canaday will be a clerk in the police office and night jailer; Floyd Hunter of Cottage Grove as cook and day jailer; A. E. Hulegaard will be retained as clerk in charge of the civil department and Roy Potter kept as clerk in charge of the auto license bureau. In the tax department, Lord Howe stays as chief clerk and George Houghton will stay as clerk.

Swarts said that Sheriff H. L. Brown's practice of accepting partial payments on taxes will be continued. Ten dollars or any multiple of 10 will be accepted and receipts given. The final tax receipt will be issued when the tax is all paid.

F. D. STEPS DOWN; TAKES LAST SHOT

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt, retiring today as governor of New York, fired a parting shot at those who adversely criticized his handling of the ouster hearing which preceded the resignation of former Mayor Walker of New York City.

Answering Walker's contention that the state's chief executive could not judge acts of a prior term, Mr. Roosevelt declared the claim "not only wrong in principle, but based upon an assumption too violent to afford it any support."

"It is unthinkable that a community may be compelled to accept the consequences of the re-election of an officer who has been guilty of gross acts of malfeasance in a prior term," he said, "where the electorate did not have full and detailed knowledge of the acts at the time of re-election."

Here's How To Lead Dog's Life

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—"Spikes" has no fancy pedigree to win him a place in canine aristocracy but he has what a lot of pups born to the purple lack—a life income.

Louis Wiggen, 68, cannery worker who died recently, provided in his will for a \$1000 trust fund from which \$10 is to be taken each month for the care and feeding of his old friend "Spikes." And in these days, "ten bones" means a lot of bones in the old kennel.

IT DOES, ALL RIGHT

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 31.—(AP)—It makes a difference to Harry Kreson who steals a horse and why. He reported the theft of his horse and wagon to police but called off the search after finding the animal being used by a boy whose parents are ill. The lad had made \$1 hauling ashes. Kreson refused to prosecute.

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WHEN DISASTER HIT MOWEAQUA MINE!



Christmas was a day of horror and despair in Moweaqua, Ill., as nearly all the people of the little mining town stood about the shaft entrance beneath which 54 men were entombed. An explosion the night before Christmas shut them off from frantic rescue efforts. The above picture shows the body of one of the victims being carried from the shaft of the community-operated mine, while relatives and friends crowded about in a frenzy of anxiety to identify their loved ones.

ALL WORLD GREETES NEW YEAR'S COMING

Hope For Recovery From Economic Distress Is Universal

By The Associated Press
Mother Earth held a progressive party New Year's eve.

As the hour of midnight circled the world, her children in many lands greeted 1933 in a manner to their own liking.

The carnival air was universal. It dispelled for the once the clouds that have darkened a depressed people. Beneath all was the spirit of hopefulness for better days, evidenced in the greetings of kings and presidents, statesmen and business leaders.

In that cradle of communism, Soviet Russia, the observance held a political tinge. For today is the first of the second five-year plan.

In Madrid, the word from Premier Manuel Azana was: "The republic for us must be a democracy directed with humanitarian consideration."

At Sing Sing prison, the convicts were privileged to gather together until midnight and greet the New Year with hand music and song.

Down the South Atlantic coast, the midnight hour touched off the winter carnival season, centering in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires.

But the Argentines heeded economy. The city saved \$22,000 by omitting the traditional lights along Avenida Mayo.

America, from Sauk Centre's Main street to New York's Times Square and Broadway, was a land of watch parties and night clubs.

Italy kept faith with its ancient adage: "Whoever sleeps on New Year's eve sleeps all the year."

Premier Mussolini and his fascist chiefs shared today's festivities with King Victor Emmanuel with their perennial visit to the royal palace.

Bonded Liquors Arrive In City; Sold On Permit

An assortment of bonded liquors stamped at government distilleries has been placed on sale in at least one Eugene drug store.

Repeal of the state's Anderson act in the last election cleared the way for handling of bonded liquor in drug stores. The drug store applies to federal officials for a permit, and the liquor is sold on the prescription of a physician.

Persons may purchase one pint of whiskey or gin in a 10-day period, or a quart of vinous liquor.

Portland Reports Reflect Depression

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Portland's business mirror for 1932 reflected the general economic depression on the basis of indices available today.

Building permits for the year totaled 3,481 and amounted in value to \$4,827,290. In 1931 they totaled 4,821 with a value of \$5,967,625.

Bank clearings amounted to \$835,782,993 as compared with \$1,581,174,311 in 1931.

Foreign exports were valued at \$14,229,024 in 1932 and the total value for 1931 was \$24,367,420.

Machines and Jobs Central Question In Dispute Over Technocracy; Scott's Statements Challenged By Economists

EDITOR'S NOTE—Predictions of a possible collapse of the economic system have started the nation and brought a farthing controversy. This is the first of a series of six daily articles giving a new insight into Technocracy, and presenting other statistics pertaining to the displacement of men by machines, energy consumption, debts and other points involved.

By J. R. BRACKETT
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NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Last August a man named Howard Scott spoke before the American Statistical association. He stood informally at a table, one hand in his pocket, the other resting on the table top, so that his arm became a prop for his tall body.

Quite casually, with many wry smiles, he said this social structure was being seriously, perhaps devastatingly, imperilled by the uncontrolled advance of the machine. It was a small group of statisticians who heard him. They were interested, probably, but not unduly excited.

NEW YEAR IS GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME

Splashed and spluttered, both with rain and predictions, Young Mr. 1933 arrived in Eugene a hair's breadth second past midnight, Saturday, very hopeful of a warm reception.

Hundreds of Eugene folk stayed up for the midnight reception to give as royal a welcome as the economic conditions inherited from feeble Old Man 1932 would allow.

Dances were the popular entertainment for the annual New Year's observances here. Among the larger ones for the evening were those of Assembly and Amusement clubs and the Elks lodge. Several smaller dancing parties as well as a variety of watch-night parties were given in local homes.

No accidents or major crimes were reported from local officials as marking the advent of the holiday, and New Year's first day of existence is forecast to be a regular, routine rainy one.

Anyway, the Little Youngster has one advantage over 1932. Coming on Sunday, his advent is celebrated with two holidays, Monday being the legal New Year's holiday here with all banks, business houses, and city, county, and federal offices closed.

Socialists Will Hold Meet Today

The Socialist organization of Eugene and Lane county is to meet in the Labor hall today at 1:30 o'clock for a New Year's program. A basket lunch is to be served. A variety program of music, singing, and speaking will be given.

A radio has been installed in the hall and at 2 o'clock the group will tune in on station KORE to hear a talk by Rolfe Ready of the University of Oregon on problems of today. All socialists of the community are invited.

"T. B." Clinic Set For January 12

The second tuberculosis clinic sponsored by the county health unit will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at 8 a. m. at the Eugene hospital, health unit officials announced Saturday.

Dr. G. C. Bellinger of the tuberculosis sanitarium near Salem will come to Eugene to inspect reactors being tested for the disease. He will be assisted by local physicians.

Fifteen persons are scheduled to be examined.

Murder Charge To Be Handed Youth

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—First degree murder charges were prepared today by the prosecutor's office to serve on Edwin Evans, 23, of Auburn, whose father died last night of a bullet wound received at the hands of his son a month ago.

There will be filed against the son on Tuesday, Deputy Prosecutor Edmund G. Lemmon said.

"Ol' Man River" On Rampage; All South Fears High Waters

ATLANTA, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Mississippi, goaded to rebellion by its swollen tributaries, entered the south's flood picture today with a threat to overflow and insure Dixie a wet New Year.

The big river already has passed the 20 foot stage at Memphis and observers expected a flood stage next week. That means lowlands along the Mississippi will be inundated, but most valuable lands along the river are protected by levees. Memphis, itself, is in no danger as the city is on a high bluff.

Heavy rains in the watershed of the Tennessee and Ohio rivers gave the Mississippi the impetus needed to make it overflow. Upland rivers had stopped rising and freezing weather was forecast to help put an end to rises near the headwaters.

The Tennessee was more than seven feet above flood stage at Chattanooga and 400 families were forced to leave lowland homes near there.

In eastern Arkansas streams were flooding, but winter overflows are annual affairs in that section.

South Carolina's flood troubles were bunched in an area south of Columbia where the Santee was cutting up. Residents of sparsely settled lowlands were warned to leave their homes and damage was believed confined to occasional loss of livestock.

GRANGERS SUPPORT \$5 AUTO LICENSES

General Sales, Property Tax Opposed; Committees Are Named

A resolution proposing a car license bill to go up before the legislature was passed by the Lane County Pomona grange in session Saturday at Junction City. The proposal is to have a five-dollar license fee, plus a two per cent property tax of the purchasing price, with a 25 per cent reduction on the valuation each year, the tax to be collected with the license fee. The resolution was referred to the Finance committee.

A second resolution passed opposed the application of a general sales tax or a property tax in the state, the resolution proposing instead that the state deficit be met by greater economy in government operation and by the income tax. Central grange referred the second resolution.

Between 150 and 200 persons attended the sessions of the grange, held throughout the day. The group changed its ruling for meetings, voting to meet on the fourth Saturday of February, May, September, and November, instead of in those months having a fifth Saturday. Elmo Chase, master of the grange, announced the following standing committees for the year:

Legislative—Fred E. Chambers, Irving; Clinton Hurd, West Point; George Coburg; Allen Wheeler, Goshen grange.

Home economics—Mrs. Harve Cox, Willamette grange; Mrs. H. R. Emerson, Santa Clara grange; Mrs. Ida Baugh, Mohawk-McKenzie grange.

Business and commerce—E. A. McCormack, Four On Grange; F. B. Harlow, Willamette; H. C. Wheeler, Goshen; Elmo Chase, Willamette. Resolutions—C. A. Schooling, Junction City.

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Woman's Courage Thwarts Hold-Up

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—A woman's courage tonight thwarted the attempt of a holdup man to rob a Portland store.

The lone gunman entered the store and confronting Mrs. Anna Smith, cashier, with a revolver, ordered: "Hand over the money."

Mrs. Smith refused to comply with the demand. Angered, the would-be robber fired a shot in the floor, frightening four customers, then fled.

Signs of Times Point to Renewal of Life Among Lane County Industries

Better times are ahead for Lane county in 1933.

From every section of the county come words of confidence from the business leaders. Some are cautious about expecting too much, but many are certain that Lane county may look forward to a good year.

Part of this feeling of confidence is based, of course, on the realization that business has been at its very lowest during the past year, and that any change must be one for the better. But there are certain signs already manifesting themselves which predict a successful year.

Chief among these signs of better times is the upturn noticed the past week in the lumber industry. Railroads are beginning to buy lumber—and the Chesapeake and Ohio has turned to Lane county for a good share of her lumber requirements, many mills in the county sharing in the order. A Cottage Grove mill has already received a large order for the Hetchy Hetchy project in California.

Leaders of the lumber industry are growing more confident. Activity of the best of kind has given them something on which to base their confidence.

The lumber industry is regarded as

SOLONS HAVE TOUGH TIMES AHEAD OF 'EM

Sales Tax Problem Bothers Legislators As New Year Starts

COUNTIES PLAN DRIVE

Decentralization of Oregon Government An Issue This Year

By TOM POTWIN

Happy New Year? For the lumberman, banker and merchant with their hope of new prosperity—yes. But for the poor state legislator who must this week take up the yoke of the state's financial troubles the greeting is a dubious one. He's on a tough spot, and he knows it.

Sales taxes or income taxes or property taxes? Trains or trucks? More home rule for counties or more central authority for the state? County managers or abolition counties? Lower license fees for certain but where to stop? Let Governor Meier do the leading or take the lead and the relief that may go with it? How to find more money for unemployment relief without increasing taxes.

Something, But What?

Higher education may get caught in the storm again but there is some reason to hope the schools will escape while the legislators are busy with so much else.

Almost anything may happen at Salem. There is some talk of asking for a constitutional convention to reorganize the whole structure of state government. Something "has got" to be done, but what?

In their spare moments the legislators will try to figure out how to make Oregon's prohibition laws conform to the recent repeal of the prohibition enforcement act.

Oh, That Deficit

The first tough problem will be the state's 4 million dollar deficit. The state tax commission has put a three mills property tax back on the rolls in an attempt to balance the budget. Many are hoping that the legislature will enact a sales tax to ease the burden on the owner of real property. Others are leading a movement to make a strong fight against

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POLICE TAKE MAN IN SHOOTING CASE

Frank Smith was brought to Eugene Saturday by state and county officers and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. He is charged with shooting George Marr on Smith's ranch, 9 miles south of Mapleton on Smith river. Slight scalp wounds were inflicted by scattering shot from a shotgun.

Smith told authorities he shot in self defense. He said Marr jumped behind an automobile and reached for his hip. Smith said that as Marr had threatened before to shoot him, he fired in self defense.

The shooting climaxed a quarrel which started when Smith started to evict Marr from his ranch. Officers allowed Marr time to move out. He will appear here later.

H. A. Tromp Gets Dog License No. 1

H. A. Tromp of Eugene has purchased Dog License No. 1, according to the records of the county clerk. The county clerk himself, W. B. Dillard, got No. 13. Dr. P. J. Bartle of Eugene took No. 23.

Forty licenses have been sold.

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