

Conditions Better, Say Farmers

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Wobbly Market Feared

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Central City, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Prices of some farm products have increased as much as one-third in a few weeks' time.

Things 'Whipping Up.' In the last 10 days things have whipped up a lot, but before that they were darned punk.

Unstable Market. 'If they'd quit bobbing the markets around, farming would be a lot better.'

Movie Actress Dies From Effects of Gas

New York, Feb. 5.—Florence Deshon, 28, motion picture actress, died last night at a hospital after being removed from her gas-filled apartment in the Greenwich village section.

Coast Points Designated as Markets for Barley

Washington, Feb. 5.—Secretary Wallace announced the designation of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce as a contract market for barley, and the designation of the Los Angeles grain exchange as a contract market for barley, sorghums and corn.

Hospital Project Will Be Discussed at Superior

Superior, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been completed for a big mass meeting February 7.

Cost of Living Drops

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 5.—In its first complete statistical summary of trade and commerce for the northwest in 1921, the Minneapolis Federal Reserve bank declared today that the cost of living has declined 12 per cent in the Ninth federal reserve district between January 1, 1921, and January 1, 1922.

Four Women Stand Out in Probe of Taylor Murder

Camera of Police Investigation Into Death of Film Director Shows 'Close Up' of Famous-Film Stars—Hollywood World Real Stage With All People Movie Actors.

Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—In the picture-life in Hollywood, as shown by the camera of the police investigation into the murder of William Desmond Taylor, there is the closeup of four young women.

Here you may see men and women, actors painted even as the Ploetes and the Sioux, riding in gay-colored motor cars, walking in gaudy, blatant, blaring sports clothes, lugging funny looking dogs, carrying strange pets, carrying on in weird ways.

And out of the press of these, step the four women in the Taylor murder. Mabel Normand, Mary Miles Minter, Edna Purviance and Claire Windsor.

Lad of 10 Crushed Under Motor Car Dies Hour Later

G. H. Gibson, 3021 Meredith avenue, was driving his car south on Twenty-second street, and told police the lad was riding his coaster wagon north. Just before they met, he said, the lad steered the wagon directly under the car.

Boy Mortally Injured While Riding Coaster Wagon Still Nameless and Unclaimed Last Night

Crushed beneath the wheels of an automobile at Twenty-second and Clark streets at 2 yesterday afternoon, when the coaster wagon on which he was riding slid beneath the moving car, a lad whose identity still eluded the police at a late hour last night lay unclaimed at the Healey undertaking parlor.

Military Funerals Held for Victims of Movie Crash

Washington, Feb. 5.—Two military funerals were held in Arlington national cemetery for Knickerbocker theater disaster victims. They were those of Edward H. Shaughnessy of Chicago, second assistant postmaster general and former colonel with the American expeditionary forces, and Captain and Mrs. William E. Warner.

Rail Company Gives Bond of \$20,000 for Pullman Car in Court

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 5.—United States District Attorney E. G. Davis yesterday filed the case of the United States against "one standard pullman sleeper," which was seized by the state and federal agents under provisions of the Volstead law.

File Petition in Kearney to Restore Councilman Plan

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—There was filed with City Clerk Wheelock yesterday a petition bearing 700 names, the signers of which ask that a special election be called for the purpose of voting on a change in conducting affairs of the city.

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Victory Notes Now Accepted for Taxes

Washington, Feb. 5.—Secretary Mellon has issued instructions to internal collectors, it was announced today, to accept Victory notes in payment of income and profit taxes due March 15.

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The English Bull Dog to the French Poodle: 'Sometimes I Wonder Who Won the War!'



Morris Company Sustain Big Loss

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Morris & Co., packers, sustained a net loss for the year ending October 29, 1921, of \$3,863,506, while this loss and operating expenditures reduced the surplus account from \$13,271,796.20 to \$1,299,255.43, a decrease of over \$11,900,000, according to the financial report made public today.

Smoke Forces Hotel Guests to Street in Nightwear

Men and women in the Dodge hotel were smoked out Sunday morning by a small fire in the basement of the hotel building and ran to the street in their nightwear. The fire started in a pile of rubbish in the basement of the Dodge fur store. Aside from smoke, it did no damage.

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Decrease Shown in Unemployment

Department of Labor Reports Improvement in 40 Out of 65 Cities During January

Washington, Feb. 5.—Unemployment decreased sharply in the United States in January, the Department of Labor reported today, and 40 out of 65 cities and industrial centers had 4.2 per cent more workers on pay rolls January 31 than December 31.

Owner Thinks Defect Caused Movie Wreck

Washington, Feb. 5.—Belief that some flaw in the structure of the Knickerbocker moving picture theater caused its collapse under the weight of snow last Saturday night, with more than 90 fatalities, was expressed by Harry Crandall, proprietor of the chain of theaters which included the Knickerbocker.

College Student Under \$10,000 Bond for Assault

Spokane, Feb. 5.—Maurice P. Godol, Northwestern university medical student and Barrett medal man at Gonzaga university of this city, where he was prominent in athletics, was released on \$10,000 bonds on a charge of first degree assault.

Crew of Steamer Rescued Shortly Before Ship Sinks

New York, Feb. 5.—The story of three days of prayer in a raging sea and of prayers answered in the nick of time, was told by two women and six men of the crew of the Nova Scotia steamer Donald L. Cook, who arrived on tankers from Mexico, where they had been landlocked by the British steamer San Eduardo.

Insane Man Begs Police Surgeon to End His Life

Peter Perceplick, 33, living and working at the Millard hotel, begged the police surgeon to kill him, when police were called to Perceplick's room by his wife Saturday afternoon. According to the wife, Perceplick had not eaten for two days and became insane. Police found him lying undressed on a bed in his room. He was taken to the county hospital.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska: Generally fair Monday. Hourly Temperatures.

Officials Baffled in Film Case

Tangle of Tips and Clues Tends to Deepen Mystery Surrounding Slaying of Movie Director.

Search All But Hopeless

By EDWARD DOHERTY. Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—The murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director of national reputation, may never be solved.

City Near Crisis. The murder mystery has brought the city virtually to a crisis.

There are hundreds of substantial citizens who are in the front land of the moving picture giant, holding down the curtain that the police and newspapers would lift.

They believe the movie interests would spend millions of dollars not to catch the murderer, but to prevent the truth from coming out, to prevent the exposure of the murderer to squelch, before it is born, the scandal of the century.

Taylor, who seems to have deserted his wife and baby some 14 years ago, who lived under an alias, who surrounded himself with people of doubtful character—men who sew, croquet, and embroider, women of queer reputation—and who lived the typical life of the movie director as pictured in all the gossip of the studios was the Saint of Hollywood, according to his friends.

Movie World Prefers Silence. Men and women who knew him say he was a charming gentleman, above reproach.

It is quite true that the movie world is terrified to have the case handled in silence, even ignored.

Associates regret the death of Taylor sincerely, but they feel the least said about it the better.

They fear the world may come to know all about the little parties that help to relieve the tedium of studio life, the unconventional companionship between extra girls and assistant movie directors.

They fear that the movie patrons may learn how 'Tillie Hoopstet' who played the sweet country girl in 'The Girl on the Train' and her friends by dressing them all in silk kimonos, irrespective of their gender, and squats them down in a circle to drink orange juice, gin, beer and either or some other mixture with a kick.

Orange juice and gin is the favorite tipple of many a dear, lovely child of the screen. Ether and beer are considered the portion of a healthy man.

Hollywood is content with itself, its morals, its views of life. It wants no change. It wants no chastisement. It wants to go on.