

WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska: Slowly rising temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When the state is most corrupt, then laws are most multiplied.—Tacitus.

THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

Rabbit Cars Stormed by Hungry Mob

50,000 Disappear in Two Hours; Police Reserves Called to Restrain Crowds. 3,000 Rush to Rail Yards

Never before was such a sight seen in Omaha. Never before was Br'er Rabbit so popular. Three thousand persons stormed the box cars at Seventh and Jackson streets. Other thousands at the half dozen distributing stations throughout the city carried away the rabbits as fast as the big truckloads arrived.

And in less than two hours The Omaha Bee's 50,000 rabbits were gone. Train Arrives on Time. The rush for these fat, frozen "jacks" and bunnies, one-third of a kilo of 150,000 rabbits made in a drive by 10,000 hunters in northeastern Colorado, was a surprise even to The Omaha Bee, which had arranged to place part of the shipment in cold storage if the demand didn't take the enormous supply.

When the fast freight arrived there on time, after a 26-hour run from Denver, a switch engine immediately pulled out the three rabbit cars and hurried them to Seventh and Jackson streets, where the trucks were already waiting with a large force of men. Crowd Waiting at 7. At the city market, Eleventh and Jackson streets, a crowd of 50 was waiting at 7 o'clock. At 7 o'clock the crowd there numbered about 300.

Bruno Kaline drove the first truck away from the box cars with instructions to take it to the market place. He left at 5:05. In just 15 minutes he was back. "I never saw a truck unloaded so quickly as this one," he reported. "There's a mob up there, yelling for more." Another truck left, in charge of J. Welch, for Sixteenth and Fort streets. Suddenly there was a commotion of yelling and the workers looked up Jackson street toward the west. They saw a crowd of several hundred men, women and children, carrying shopping bags, gunnysacks, buckets, baskets, drawing little wagons, wheeling wheelbarrows and baby carriages, pulling sleds and boxes over the snow, running pell mell, as if for the gold fields.

Send for Some Cops. The crowd numbered the three five-ton trucks being headed, and yelled for rabbits. J. Dudley, fireman, and his men tried to drive them back. The trucks, finally loaded, could scarcely get out of the pushing mass in front and at the sides. They finally got away and then Dudley directed that the rabbits be given out direct from the cars. "We'll get rid of this bunch before we pull up those other trucks," he said. But he reckoned without the crowd. For it grew bigger instead of smaller. The word had spread and a continuous stream of people came down Jackson street, many running at top speed.

Police Squad Arrives. Send for some cops," exclaimed Dudley. "We can't handle this mob." Frank Curran, Burlington railroad yardmaster, ran to the freight house and sent in a hurry call. Ten minutes later six big policemen with Captain Haze arrived. A big truck was slowly eased in front of the door, leaving only about a foot between it and the car, and the crowd was started through this space, single file, handled by a policeman at either end.

Aged, Blind "Newbie" Given Four Great Big "Bunnies" for Dinner

Walter Martin, aged gray-bearded and blind newspaper vendor of the downtown streets, somehow found his way to the box cars at Seventh and Jackson streets. He stood shivering in the cold till someone helped him. "I would like four if you can spare them," he said, "I have a friend who is 101 years old and I want to take two to him." Four of the biggest were placed in his newspaper bag and he was sent uptown on a truck.

Two Booms for Speaker Under Way

Omaha Representative and Burke of Cuming Appear to Lead in Race for House Leadership. Road Program Opposed. By WILL M. MAUPIN, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Jan. 2.—The lawmakers are flocking in now, and whispered consultations follow the first greetings. Along with the legislators come the job hunters, the men who want to be sergeant-at-arms, postmasters, assistants, committee clerks and so forth.

Each incoming legislator denies that he has any special legislation he wants to have enacted, but some of his constituents are interested in a thing or two and he may introduce a few measures. Already the conferring and whispering about speaker and the house and committee in the senate is under way. The two prominent speaker-booms are those of James A. Rodman of Omaha and A. G. Burke of Cuming. Rodman was in the house from Kimball four years ago. A. M. Byrum of Franklin is in a receptive mood, but denies that he is any more than receptive. He will wait until later and see which way the cat hops.

Fight on Road Commission. "Of course Omaha has candidates for all the places," remarked one outside member. John W. Robbins of Omaha and John Witte of Falls City are declared candidates for president of the senate. The above remark was pulled forth by the fact that an Omaha man is also a candidate for speaker. It seems a cinch that one of them will fall. Which one is the popular question.

Bryan Lauds Road Work. Governor Bryan this morning made the startling statement that more road work had been done during 1924 than ever before in a single year, and more graveling done than in all the former years of the state's history. The governor's indication that Governor Bryan's retiring message will be devoted largely to the road problem and a glorification of his record in that particular. He refuses to comment on the gasoline tax proposition, but he dwells long on "taking the burden of taxation off the shoulders of the people."

Wisconsin Journalist Dies From Pneumonia. Appleton, Wis., Jan. 2.—Thomas B. Reid, 81, dean of Wisconsin journalists, editor of the Appleton Post for more than half a century, and a leader in Wisconsin republican politics for a generation, died last night of pneumonia at Phoenix, Ariz. He was United States consul to Portugal from 1877 to 1881.

Highwayman's Attack May Be Fatal to Driver. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Jan. 2.—J. F. Powell, 56, taxi driver, is near death from injuries received a week ago when a passenger in his machine proved to be a highwayman, who knocked Powell over the head on a dark Lincoln street. Fair Secretary Resigns. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Jan. 2.—E. R. Danielson, secretary of the state fair board, has tendered his resignation, effective January 20, when the board holds its annual meeting. Danielson has held the position for eight years. The salary attached is \$4,200. Danielson will devote his entire time in management of an amusement company which has recently moved its headquarters from Sioux City to Lincoln.

Fifty Thousand Rabbits Given Away by The Omaha Bee



Chemists Declare McClintock Died of Typhoid Fever

Shepherd Asserts His Name Will Be Virtually Cleared—Will File Slander Suits Soon. By A. J. LORENZ, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Chicago, Jan. 2.—Another chapter in the strange book of the McClintock millions was written today. It was as though its author, fate, had inverted the order of writing mystery stories and given the climax at the beginning and closed it with an anticlimax. "Nothing abnormal was found in the vital organs of William Nelson McClintock," the closing words of Coroner Oscar Wolff read.

Great Changes Seen in Northern Nebraska by Dean of Newspaper Fraternity. Laurel, Jan. 2.—C. E. Nevin, editor of the Laurel Advocate, who is said to be the dean of newspaper fraternity in length of service in northern Nebraska, completed and celebrated 25 years of service as editor and publisher of the Advocate January 1.

Witneses to Be Questioned. The witnesses will be questioned by the investigators in the office of State Attorney Crow were William P. Snow and Paul, former employees of the research laboratories with Dr. Breidigan; Mrs. Johanna Lundberg, a friend of Mrs. McClintock, mother of "Billy" and Mrs. Oscar Olson, widow of Dr. Olson, a brother of the chief justice, who treated both Shepherd and Mrs. McClintock.

Box Butte Pioneer Doctor Dies Suddenly While Visiting. Gering, Jan. 2.—Dr. W. K. Miller of Alliance, pioneer physician of Box Butte county, was found dead in bed at the home of Joseph Pattison, south of Gering, where he had been visiting. Dr. Miller apparently was in his usual health when he retired. His son, True Miller, of Alliance, removed the body to Alliance for burial. Dr. Miller came to Box Butte county in the early 80s.

Contents of 100 Large Containers Are Dumped in Sewer at Columbus. Kearney, Jan. 2.—Computing values on the basis of fines assessed against purveyors and manufacturers of hooch in some instances, Chief of Police Trindle destroyed about 1,000,000 worth of intoxicating liquor. Quart after quart was poured into the sewer, each bottle representing a fine of \$100 and costs paid. The supply was the accumulation of a year's enforcement of the Volstead act. The containers of more than 100 booze containers were dumped out, representing as many varieties, from genuine bottled-in-bond to extracts. Only a few samples were retained as evidence. In prohibition cases still pending.

Sergeant Stands Pat in Court Row; Refuses to Sing Out 'Hear Ye, Hear Ye'

It's a big question, whether or not the Omaha police court is an "honorable court." The question has been extensively debated for years, but it developed into an open controversy Friday when Sergeant John Holden, court officer, declared that he "wasn't going to make an ass of himself" by announcing the fact that the court is an "honorable" one.

Expansion Seen by Chicago Man. United States Entering New Industrial Era, Marshal Field Head Says. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Chicago, Jan. 2.—The United States is entering a new era of industrial expansion which promises prosperity for years to come, James Simpson, president of Marshall Field & Co., declared in an interview today.

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Germany to Have 'Super Party Rule,' Declares Ebert

President Asserts Government Will Be Composed of Men Who Are Capable of Lifting Politics. By KARL H. VON WIEGAND, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Berlin, Jan. 2.—"Super party government" for Germany—a cabinet composed of men who are supposed to be, or are able to lift themselves above politics and parties—as forecast in my dispatch of December 28, has practically been decided upon by President Ebert.

France Appoints New Member in League Circle. Geneva, Jan. 2.—The league of nations was notified by Paris that Paul Boncour, socialist deputy and former cabinet member, has been appointed French member of the league's new committee on coordination which eventually will prepare for the international conference on the reduction of armaments to be held when the Geneva peace protocol is ratified by the great powers.

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W. J. Bryan Joins Association of Scientists

Washington, Jan. 2.—William J. Bryan, whose dissent from the theory of the evolution of man came in for discussion in a paper read at the current meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, became a member of the association today. Mr. Bryan's check for the \$5 membership fee was received by mail. There was no indication that the new member expected to attend the present sessions.

Senate Committee Reports Sharp Revision in Bill as Recommended by P. O. Department. Early Action Is Sought

Washington, Jan. 2.—Sharp revision of the administration bill providing increases in postal rates to meet the cost of the proposed advances in salaries of postal employees was made today by the senate postoffice committee. At the instance of the committee, Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, formally reported the amended bill to the senate.

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Judge Also Target for Explosion

Two Blasts Occur in City Building at Macomb, but None Is Killed or Injured as Result. Bootleggers Are Blamed. Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 2.—While a Ku Klux Klan meeting, attended by 140 men, was being held in the city building at Macomb, McDonough county seat, last night, two unknown men, who escaped in an automobile, placed a bomb under the rear stairs on the first floor of the building, and officials here stated this afternoon. The explosion wrecked the stairs, broke glass and caused plaster to fall all over the building. The chief of police, a police officer, two prisoners in the city jail and three families of 14 persons living on the second floor, who were in the building besides the klansmen, were unhurt.

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We Have With Us Today

George Evert Condra, Lincoln, Neb., Professor, Nebraska university. There is no one whose activities and accomplishments require more space to cover in 'Who's Who' than Professor Condra of the geography and conservation department of the University of Nebraska. He has written many books on geology and soil conservation, including "Geography of Nebraska," which is a text book in all Nebraska schools.

The Weather. For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. January 2, 1925. Precipitation, inches and hundredths.

Summary of the Day in Washington

A new postal rate bill was reported by a senate committee. President Coolidge disposed of several judgeship appointments. The treasury took the first step toward financing the soldiers' bonus. Walter D. Vanipier was removed as assistant United States attorney for New Jersey.