WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska: Possibly snow; not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

So to conduct one's life as to realize oneself—this seems to me to be the highest attainment posible to a human being.—Ibsen.

SENATE MAY SUBPOENA BRYAN

Keeney New President of Farm Union

Elected Over C. J. Osborn by 256 to 170 Vote; Salary Reduced From $4,000 to $3,200.

Take Slap at University

H. G. Keeney of Cowles was elected president of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative State Union of Nebraska at its convention in the city Auditorium yesterday afternoon, defeating the incumbent, C. J. Osborn by a vote of 256 to 170. Osborn has been president four years.

An amendment to the by-laws was adopted, reducing the president's salary from $4,000 to $3,200 a year.

Keeney was vice-president and a director from the Third district. George Larson of Bostwick was elected to succeed him as a director in that district. Harry Parmenter of Yutan was elected a director from the Fifth district, succeeding A. L. Ulstrom of Lincoln. H. L. Click of Chadron was re-elected a director. The other directors are Emil Becker of Clarks, Ben T. Skeen of Auburn, F. B. Potter of Pender and Albert Pickler of Stanton.

Osborn Pleased by Vote.

"I am glad of this action," said Osborn after the vote was read. "This will let me go back to my wife and children who have been keeping the home fires burning on the farm out west and from whom I have been separated by reason of my office."

Keeney came forward, grasped Osborn by the hand and declared: "I love and respect Mr. Osborn and I trust when I lay down the gavel I will leave it as unsullied as he has left it." Osborn was visibly affected.

There was a spirited debate over a proposed amendment to the bylaws which was finally adopted by a close vote. This provides that delinquent members of the union may regain good standing by paying the dues of the current year. An amendment to require them to pay a new initiation fee in addition was lost.

Rap Athletics.

The report of the resolutions committee takes a slap at the state university football in these words:

"We deplore the tendency of our institutions of learning to run into sports, converting them into circus arenas where gladiators try their best to maim or cripple their opponents. Our state university costs lots of money. Farmers pay practically two-thirds of the expenses and we feel the interests of agriculture should get fair consideration."

The report to be presented to the convention favors a reduction in the tariff, rigid economy in state and county, reduced taxes, equal taxation for tagible and intangible property, repeal of the Esch-Cummins, act, development of the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes project, removing the party circle, seating senators and congressmen the January following their election, standardization of office and school supplies for the state, one-house legislature, uniform marriage and divorce laws, abolition of the code law.

Hit a Road Program.

It scores large expenditure of money for hard surfaced roads "for the tourist and commercial trucks which roads are too expensive and not the farmers' roads. We oppose use of taxpayers' money for construction of such roads in competition with railroads, supporting of which the people of this state cannot avoid."

Spanking Urged.

"Jealousies and inefficient leadership are responsible for the present condition of the Farmers' union," declared C. F. Gustafson, addressing the convention Wednesday morning. "Some of those who have been making difficulties ought to be taken out in the woodshed and given a good spanking."

Figures show the total paid-up membership of the union in 1919 was 37,266. In 1924 it had droppeed to 17,498. Expenses in excess of income exclusive of outside income were $11,172 in 1924. Outside income was $17,400.

We Have With Us Today

Harold Almert,
Chicago,
President of American Association of Engineers.

This distinguished visitor is a consulting engineer and business economist of nation-wide acquaintance and activity. He is here to attend the midwinter convention of his association. His program here includes a luncheon talk to members of the Concord club, dinner at 6 at the Elks' club, under auspicies of the local chapter of the American Association of Engineers, and an address at 8 at the Chamber of Commerce.

He is a self-made man. After manual training and eight year's study of mechanical and electrical engineering, he taught physics and elements of electricty for two years and then entered public utility service. While engaged in day work, he studied law at night for three years and accounting for two years. He was the 134th man to become a charter member of the American Association of Engineers.

Farmers Furnish Hunters With Ammunition

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Imperial, Neb., Jan. 14.—Imperial is about to become a rabbit hunter's paradise.

Hunters wishing to slaughter rabbits, the more the better, are now being furnished both ammunition for their weapons and meals by farmers in this district.

The move has been necessitated by the damage which the bunnies are doing to the crops. They have become such a menace to the standing crops that the farmers now refuse to even estimate the amount of damage which may be done before the end of the winter.

Mountaineers in Search for Two Frozen to Death

Making Difficult Ascent of Long's Peak to Bring Back Bodies of Girl and Would-Be Rescuer.

Estes Park, Colo., Jan. 14.—Three searching parties, including state rangers, set out at dawn today to scale Longs peak, two of them to hunt for the body of Herbert Sortland, employe of Longs Peak inn, while the third will attempt to relocate and remove to the timber line zone the frozen form of Miss Agnes Vaille, who perished in the arctic altitude Monday.

All hope of finding Sortland, a member of the original rescue party that went in search of Miss Vaille, alive, was surrendered last night when searching parties put in at timber line for the night. They reported that a human being could not live for 24 hours in the sub-zero weather while a strong gale swept clouds of snow and sleet across the jagged peaks, which, silhouetted against a leaden, winter sky, stood out like white-capped sentinels.

The searchers planned today to spread out fan-like in their journey through the snow-packed passages of the peak in their hunt for Sortland. As the stout hearted men set out in the face of a bitter cold and biting blizzard, grizzled pioneers of the mountains shook their heads in doubt. Only failure could meet the enterprise, they say, pointing out that the body of the man probably would be covered with several feet of drifting snow. Not until the warm sun of spring comes, these men of the mountains said, would the body of Sortland be found.

The group assigned to recover the body of Miss Vaille had a task no less difficult. Though they know the trail which leads to the spot where she was frozen to death the peak pallbearers themselves feared that they might not be able to descend to the timber line with the body, if the weather did not moderate.

To descend the precipitous peak, punctured with treacherous footfalls,

Friends of the family today pointed to the queer turn of fate which sent Miss Vaille, who was secretary of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, to death in the frozen fastness, 14,000 feet above sea level, while her father, F. C. Vaille, was vacationing on the sun-swept shores of Honolulu. Mr. Vaille is a retired Denver millionaire.

Records available today showed that Miss Vaille was the fourth to meet tragic death on Long's peak.

MABEL NORMAND'S NAME IS CLEARED

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 14.—Mabel Normand, film actress, stood exonerated today of divorce suit charges brought in a complaint filed by Mrs. Georgia W. Church against Norman W. Church, wealthy manufacturer, when Mrs. Church filed an amended bill, in which the screen star was not named.

Charges in the original suit to the effect that Miss Noromand had visited her husband while he was in a hospital and told him "naughty" stories were not contained in Mrs. Church's amended complaint.

In spite of the filing of the amended complaint of Mrs. Church, attorneys for Miss Normand said her $50,000 libel suit filed against Mrs. Church because of the divorce case charges still stood in court and would be prosecuted.

Free Course for Farmers to Be Given at Gothenburg

Gothenburg, Jan. 14.—Gothenburg Community club will hold an agricultural short course Thursday and Friday this week. It is given by the aid of the International Harvester company and is one of four such courses to be held in Nebraska this year. The Community club has sent out over 6,000 letters to farmers in this vicinity boosting this course, which is to be free of any charge. L. A. Hawkins, a practical farmer and horticulturist, who has superintended the raising of thousands of acres of peaches and apples and spent years in extension work over the United States, will take an active part.

Steamer Aground.

Queenstown, Jan. 14.—The British steamer Cardiff Hall, en route from Buenos Aires, was ashore today at Clonskilly, County Cork, according to wireless messages received here.

Release of Dr. Florenz Demanded

Wisconsin Professor and American Crew Held in Yucatan Prison Upon Filibuster Charge.

Arrested After Wreck

By Universal Service.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The State department moved swiftly today to procure the release from a Yucatan prison of Dr. William Florenz, president of the Wisconsin state board of control, who with members of the crew of a sailing ship was wrecked January 10 on the Mexican coast.

Acting on the urgent representations of Governor John J. Blaine of Wisconsin, a close friend of Lorenz, and advices from diplomatic representatives in Yucatan, the department wired instructions to the American embassy in Mexico City and the American consul at Progreso, Yucatan, to request urgently Lorenz's immediate release "if satisfied that he has been arbitrarily and unjustly arrested."

Similar action will be taken in the case of the crew.

Only Two Rifles Aboard.

According to reports reaching here Lorenz is being held on suspicion that he and the crew of the sailing vessel were attempting a filibuster, though the State department has been informed the craft had on board only two rifles for the shooting of sharks.

The vessel in question, the Ruth, sailed from Pensacola, Fla., and running into a storm near the reefs of the Yucatan coast, went aground. Although reports say the Ruth carried nothing more sinister than a cargo of ice, Lorenz, with the captain and crew, were thrown into jail at Progreso after they had made their way to shore. All were charged with filibustering and locked up on orders of the captain of the port. Vice Consul Vogenitz informed the State department.

Standing Confirmed.

Lorenz, who is professor of mental diseases at the University of Wisconsin, president of the state board of control and formerly a major in the army medical corps, gave as references Governor Blaine, the president of Wisconsin university, and General Hines, director of the veterans' bureau.

The veterans' bureau immediately confirmed the high standing of Lorenz, and Governor Blaine, in a message to the State department, asserted Lorenz was on a voyage for his health under Blaine's direction and that it was "unthinkable even to suggest filibuster or any other charge against him."

American diplomatic agents also have been instructed to seek permission for an American sea tug to proceed at once to the reef off Campeche on which the Ruth lodged, as there is danger of its complete loss.

STRONG NOTE OF PROTEST IS SENT

By WILLIAM P. FYTHE,
Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Mexico City, Jan. 14.—Charge D'Affaires Schoenfeld has presented the Mexican foreign office a strong note of protest against the arrest at Progresso, Yucatan, of Dr. William Lorenz, University of Wisconsin instructor in mental hygiene.

The protest, which was forwarded to Charge Schoenfeld fro mthe State department at Washington, declared that Dr. Lorenz is being illegally and unjustly detained. The embassy has not been advised of the details.

Dr. Lorenz's appeal to the United States consul at Progresso was forwarded directly to the State department at Washington because of the fact that telegraph communication between Progresso and Mexico City is difficult.

The foreign office has promised immediate action and will order the release of Dr. Lorenz if the case is as represented.

Madison County Papers Divide Public Printing

Madison, Jan. 14.—Madison county commissioners awarded the printing contract substantially as last year. All of the county printing, commissioners' proceedings, county treasurer's semi-annual statement, delinquent tax list and legal notices is to be awarded to the seven papers, the county to pay legal rates therefor, on the same basis as it would pay were same awarded to one paper. The seven papers, or as many as participate in printing, will divide the proceeds, share and share alike. The contract with the county was made by F. H. Price, publisher of the Newman Grove Reporter, on behalf of the papers.

Miss Rucker Reappointed Steele City Postmistress

Steele City, Jan. 14.—Miss Elizabeth Rucker has received her commission as postmistress at Steele City. Miss Rucker has acted in that capacity at Steele City for 15 years. Recently the office was raised from fourth to third or presidential class, and it was necessary to make an appointment under the new classification

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NEB STATE HISTOR-ICAL SOC UNIV LIBY BLDG LINCOLN NEB

Dubuque, ... 14.—Broken in body and spirit, after 30 years confinement, Hugh Robbard, 70, convicted of the murder of two Dubuque police officers, has elected to remain in the Fort Madison (Ia.) penitentiary, rather than accept a pardon granted him by Governor Kendall, according to information received here from Fort Madison.

Robbard, who was convicted with Leon Hardy, has no desire to enter the outside world, he said. Hardy was also pardoned. Both men have declared their innocence throughout their 30 years imprisonment.

Charles Gardner, "Ak" Secretary, Resigns From Job

Samson Announces Intention of Joining Insurance Company as Vice President.

Charles Gardner, secretary of the Ak-Sar-Ben, resigned from the organization Monday night at the annual meeting of Ak-Sar-Ben, held at the Omaha club.

The board of governors refused to accept his resignation, re-electing him for another year instead.

Gardner is to become vice president of the Northwestern Life Insurance company of Omaha. The company is located in the Baird building. He is to have the supervision of the agencies of the company.

Secretary Five Years.

Gardner came to Omaha 18 years ago. He has been identified with the work of Ak-Sar-Ben for 14 years. From 1911 to 1920 he was a member of the show held annually at the den. In 1920 he was selected to succeed the late J. D. (Dad) Weaver, as secretary.

Numerous offers have been given to Gardner to leave Omaha and take up various civic projects in other cities. Oakland, Cal.; St. Joseph and Kansas City have made him alluring offers.

He is a member of the Rotary club, an honorary member of both the Lions and Concord clubs, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Omaha Athletic club. He is the only male member in the woman's division of the Chamber of Commerce.

"I am leaving the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben with nothing but keen regrets. I have made a host of friends while with the organization, many of whom have become dear to me," said Gardner.

Gardner lives at 4619 Douglas street and has three children. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and active in the Walter W. Head Bible class.

"Corporation are constantly on the lookout for able and efficient men and the Northwestern Life Insurance company of Omaha is no exception to the rule.

"The officers of the cofpany feel that with Mr. Gardner's help, the Northwestern is going to continue to be one of Nebraska's most aggressive life insurance companies, and we know that Charles Gardner will continue to work for the best interests of Omaha in the future as he has in the past, and at the same time will be of great assistance in continuing the work of building up another great financial institution for this city and state," Clyde G. Smith, president of the Northwestern Life Insurance company, said.

"DIAMOND JACK" PLANS TO RETIRE

Denver, Jan. 14.—Declaring he was "tired of paying lawyer fees" and "of picking up papers to read such headlines as 'Alteria hunted in $50,000 gem robbery,'" Louis (Diamond Jack) Alterie today made known his intention, after a visit to Chicago, of retiring permanently to the farm he purchased last October in the Jarr Canyon country southwest of here.

Alterie appeared in Denver after being released by Sheriff McKissack of Castle Rock, Colo., who sought him at request of Chicago authorities. When he gave himself up Alterie was informed that he was no longer wanted.

Farmers in Boone County Looking for Better Times

Albion, Jan. 14.—Farm sales are numerous in Boone county and personal property is selling at good prices. Farm horses bring from $75 to $150, fresh milk cows $75 to $85, spring pigs $25 each, chickens 75c to $1 each, and farm machinery of all kinds commands prices fully up to its value for use.

Farmers are preparing for extended operations during the coming season. The feeling is prevalent that farming is certain to be more profitable in the immediate future than it has been for several years. This feeling is also entertained by merchants and business men.

Fire Damages Church.

Lincoln, Neb. Jan. 14.—The Evangelical Lutheran church here was damaged by fire yesterday with a loss estimated at 115,000. Part of the roof fell into the edifice from the blaze, which is thought to have been caused by a spark from the chimney.

GET YOUR BRAKES RELINED at Raybestos Brake Service Station. Prompt, courteous service and moderate flat rate charges. Reliable Tire Repair Co., 4712 S. 24th St.—Advertisement.

Banking Bill by McFadden Is Approved

Houses Passes, 172 to 65, Measure to Revise National Banking Laws, Giving Better Competitive Basis.

Hull Amendments Pass

Washington, Jan. 14.—The house late today passed the McFadden bill which would revise the national banking laws.

As sent to the senate the measure carried the Hull amendments dealing with branch banking, all of which were accepted by Chairman McFadden of the banking committee, author of the bill.

The bill was passed by a standing vote of 172 to 65 after the house, by a roll call vote of 235 to 90, had rejected a motion of Representative Black, democrat, Texas, to recommit the measure for addition to it of a series of amendments, sponsored by him and Representative Steagall, another democrat member of the banking committee which previously had been turned down.

Section Struck Out.

One of the amendments adopted today, offered by Representative Wingo of Arkansas, ranking democrat on the committee, struck out a section which made the following acts crimes punishable under federal statues:

Conspiracy to boycott, blacklist or cause withdrawal of deposits from a bank holding membership in the federal reserve system; robbery or burglary of a member bank; making intentional false statements for the purpose of obtaining credit from a member bank, or fraudulently dissipating or selling personal property upon which there is a mortgage to a member bank.

Wingo and supporters of his motion contended that al lthe crimes enumerated were punishable under state laws and that prosecution should be left to the state courts.

Rivers and Harbors Next.

The bill, the banking policy of which has been endorsed by the National Association of Creditmen and the American Bankers' association, is designed to put national banks on a better competitive basis with state institutions, particularly with regard to maintenance of branches. As reported to the house, the measure gove national banks the right to maintain intra-city banrches where state banks are permitted to do a branch banking business, but the amendments put forward by Representative M. D. Hull, republican, Illinois, which the house accepted, placed restrictions on the maintenance of these branches.

Among other things, the Hull amendments provide that in states hereafter legalizing branch banking, national banks must obtain authority from congress before establishing branches to meet state banking competition. In such instances, state banks would be denied privileges of the federal reserve system, until national banks were accorded the right to compete with branches on an equal footing.

Passage of the McFadden bill paved the way for consideration tomorrow by the house of the $29,000,000 rivers and harbors authorization bill.

GOVERNOR HALTS BOOZE POURING

Denver, Colo., Jan. 14.—Governor Morley late today stopped the destruction of 200 gallons of liquor by John R. Smith, ousted chief of the prohibition forces of the state, a few minutes after Smith had attempted to destroy it.

Smith was relieved of his duties December 30 by the state civil service commission, but was allowed to remain in office by the then Governor Sweet.

When word leaked out around the state house this afternoon that Smith was planning to destroy the confiscated liquor, the civil service commission rushed a letter to the governor's office, declaring that the position of chief of the state prohibition forces of the state was vacant.

The governor's office then notified Smith that he had not authority to destroy the liquor until a court order was obtained. Smith was appraised that he was not connected with the prohibition force in any way. It was said at the governor's office that the appointment of his successor would be made tomorrow.

Odd Fellows' Hall Burns on Eve of Lodge Meeting

Bedford, Ia., Jan. 14.—Fire resulting from an overheated stove caused $5,000 damage in the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday right. Installation of officers for the Bedford encampment was to have been held and the first persons arriving discovered the flames. The shoe store and milliner's shop, located under the hall, suffered heavy damage from water and flames.

Missing Yacht Safe.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 14.—The yacht Alga and its crew, consisting of three prominent New Orleans business men and two visitors from Canada, which had been missing since last Wednesday, were reported safe at Bay St. Louis, Miss., today.

Teacher Shot in Campus Tragedy

MISS LAURA PALMER

The engagement of Miss Laura Palmer to Francis Xavier Bernard, who shot her and killed himself in the French dormitory of the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, Wis., has been revealed by letters found in Bernard's room at Hibbing, Mich. Miss Palmer will probably recover. Mystery surrounds Bernard's motive, though it is believed to have been jealousy. Miss Palmer was an instructor in French in the university, while Bernard was a mining chemist.

Farm Commission in Initial Report

Aid for Livestock Industry Recommended to President.

Washington, Jan 14.—Assistance for the livestock industry through existing financial agencies and through a new land policy to permit grazing on unappropriated public domain were recommended today to President Coolidge by his agricultural commission in a preliminary report.

A later report will deal with possible additional relief through revision of transportation charges and a protective tariff. The committee said it wished to emphasize now that "the welfare of agriculture also demands an early and thorough revision of the freight rate structure."

Declaring existing agencies can handle the livestock financing situation, the commission declared the federal intermediate credit banks "should assume the full responsibility by aggressively and sympathetically undertaking to cover the field and thus support and supplement the normal financing of livestock paper."

The only legislation suggested was amendment of the agricultural credits act to eliminate the provision that prohibits rediscounting by federal intermediate credit banks of loans negotiated by federally chartered agricultural credit agencies.

In recommending use of the public domain for cattle grazing, the commission suggested that a uniform policy for grazing on national forests and public land be drawn up by a commission on which the livestock industry would be represented. Meantime the commission declared no increase should be made in grazing charges.

FIRE DRIVES GIRLS FROM DORMITORY

Spearfish, S. D., Jan. 14.—More than 50 co-eds of Black Hills Teacher college were forced to flee, scantily clad, into the frigid early morning air, from Wenona Cork hall dormitory by menacing flames which completely destroyed the main buildings of the college. The loss was estimated at $200,000 not covered by insurance.

Several firemen had narrow escapes from falling timbers and exploding chemicals.

Man Taken in Custody as His Actions Were Strange

Bedford, Ia., Jan. 14.—A man claiming to be James D. Steele of Massachusetts was picked up by Sheriff Nevius near Clearfield, where he had stopped for a night's lodging at a farm house. His strange actions caused the occupants of the dwelling to call officers. He is about 36 years of age, and has but one arm. He state that he left San Francisco some time ago on a horse, but does not know what became of the horse.

Oil Truck Burns.

A truck belonging to the Shaffer Oil and Refining company, 1126 North Eleventh street, caught fire near the warehouse of the company Wednesday noon. Fire extinguishers had the blaze checked before the fire company arrived. Damage was slight.

Underwood Bill Adopted 2d Time

Senate Moves in Circle in Action on Shoals Measures.

Washington, Jan. 14.—For the second time within a week the senate this afternoon adopted the Underwood bill for disposing of the government's huge Muscle Shoals water power project.

The Underwood plan was substituted for the Norris government ownership bill, which the senate adopted late yesterday. It was the second time this substitution was made by the senate. As a result, the senate was running in a perfect legislative circle, having again returned to the spot it occupied a week ago, with final enactment of the bill no nearer.

The vote was 46 to 33, with the Norris group getting only scattered support from the republican side. The Underwood forces combined both administration and democratic support and a minor faction irreconcilably opposed to government ownership. On its previous adoption, the Untedwood plan won by a vote of 47 to 36 with the same lines maintained as in today's ballot.

Senator Jones, republican, of Washington, immediately offered his plan, creating a commission as a substitute for the Underwood bill.

WOMAN GOVERNOR ASKS LIQUOR LAW

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 14.—Declaring her purpose "not to serve special or political interests, not to be the spokesman of any particular class or party, but to labor with unselfish devotion to the great cause of popular government," Governor Nellie Taylor Ross today delivered in person her first message to a joint session of the Wyoming legislature.

Governor Ross' message stressed the necessity of economy in state expenditures, reduction and equalization of tax assessments, financial relief for farmers, particularly in the form of state loans.

She recommended ratification by Wyoming of the federal child labor law; asked enactment of a "conspiracy statute," that would make it as "great a crime to purchase illicit liquor as it is to sell it," and urged revision of the state's banking laws.

Nebraska Couple to Be Married at San Francisco

Ponca, Jan. 14.—Going all the way to San Francisco to consumate a romance beginning here years ago, Miss Agnes Mille, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mille of Ponca, will be met there and united in marriage to Clifford Curry, son of George Curry of Silver Creek township, Dixon county. Both are well known in this locality.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., January 14:

Precipitation, inches and hundredths. Total, 0. Total since January 1, 08, deficiency, .24.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	2	1 p. m.	17
6 a. m.	2	2 p. m.	18
7 a. m.	4	3 p. m.	24
8 a. m.	4	4 p. m.	25
9 a. m.	7	5 p. m.	23
10 a. m.	7	6 p. m.	22
11 a. m.	10	7 p. m.	20
12 noon	15	8 p. m.	19

Coal Netted Thousands, Solons Told

George E. Johnson Also Charges Former Governor Made False Report of Campaign Expenses.

Attack Put in Records

By P. C. POWELL,
Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Jan. 14.—Sensational charges against former Governor Charles W. Bryan, made by George E. Johnson, former state engineer, and read today in the house and senate, occupied the spotlight in legislative circles. There is much speculation under way as to what action the two bodies will take in reply to Johnson's request for a legislative investigation.

In the house, after a vain attempt by the democratic minority to table the communication, the letter was referred to the judiciary committee. A. H. Byrum, chairman of the committee, was unable to state today when action would be taken on the communication.

In the senate, W. B. Banning, a democrat, attempted to have the letter tabled. Banning attacked the communication, asserting it was a personal controversy between the former governor and Johnson, both of whom are private citizens, and had no business in legislative procedure.

Senator Cooper for Inquiry.

"The chair will rule that the state senate is a body, always willing to hear communications from any citizen or group of citizens, and the letter will become a part of the record of today's proceedings," Lieutenant Governor George Williams said.

The letter was not referred to any committee in the senate and is merely a part of the legislative record. Few of the senators had decided on what action to take relative to the charges.

"My idea is to appoint a committee with power to subpoena witnesses and learn once for all what Bryan has to say when he is questioned by Johnson," Senator John W. Cooper of Omaha, commented. "It always has struck me as peculiar that Bryan always dodged appearing before an investigation committee. There is no doubt but that we can force him to appear now that he is a private citizen."

The Johnson charges in brief, are as follows:

That Bryan violated the corrupt practice acts of the state during his campaign in 1922.

That several thousand dollars collected in cash were not represented in his statement to the secretary of state.

That Bryan made a false report of a deficit to the last legislature.

That Bryan insisted that he, Johnson, then state engineer, prepare false figures to prove this deficit and when Johnson refused told him that figures could be revised without acknowledging that a mistake had been made.

That Bryan refused to collect a large amount of federal road money due the state of Nebraska.

That Bryan profited thousands of dollars from his state coal business, in addition to the 25 cents additional per ton he charged for overhead.

Says Coal Misrepresented.

That in many instances he sold to the people of Lincoln and the state as Franklin county (Illinois) coal, when, in reality, it was coal of a much cheaper grade.

That in order to cover up his duplicity, he closed records to the public.

In addition to his charges against Bryan, a portion of the Johnson statement is a reply to Bryan's charge of irregularities in the state road department when Johnson was state en-

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Summary of the Day in Washington

The house passed the McFadden banking bill.

The Underwood Muscle Shoals bill finally passed the senate.

President Coolidge's agricultural commission submitted its recommendations for relief of the livestock industry.

Secretary Mellon endorsed a bill proposing expenditures of $25,000,000 annually for six years for public buildings and grounds.

Reduction in interest charges on railroads for government loans was recommended to the senate interstate commerce committee by Secretary Mellon.

A trade balance of $977,285,000 favorable to the United States was shown in figures of the commerce department covering the calendar year of 1924.

Secretary Hoover told a meeting of business men that the spread of commodity prices from producer to consumer could be reduced by co-operation in industry and commerce.

The State department requested the release from jail at Progreso, Mex., of Dr. W. F. Lorenz of Wisconsin and other Americans charged with filibustering.