WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The sublime and the ridiculous are often so nearly related that it is difficult to class them separately.—Thomas Paine.

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Cap Key to Slaying of Switchman

Police Believe Missing Headgear May Solve Mysterious Death of U. P. Trainman.

Five Witnesses Held

Upon the finding of a cap depends the solution of the murder mystery which has baffled police since early yesterday morning.

The torn and mangled body of Edward Hareld, Union Pacific switchman, was found lying under a lumber shed at Fifteenth and Marcy streets at 7:30 Monday morning.

That, in itself, seemed easily explained. The police found the actions of the victim easily traced throughout the evening. Then they hit a blank wall.

In all, five witnesses were questioned. None knew how Hareld had met his death, and all had different versions of the evening's entertainment to tell. The hour of Hareld's departure from a house at 705 South Sixteenth street could not be definitely established. Neither could the hour of his death.

No Trace of Cap.

Dr. Earl Connolly, at an autopsy Monday afternoon, declared that the man must have met his death prior to 11 last night. The clothing was rain-soaked and the rain had stopped by 11.

Death had been caused by a terrific blow at the base of the skull and another behind the right ear. The skull had been fractured by both blows.

When Hareld's body was found there was no headgear in the vicinity. The only thing that the witnesses could establish was the fact that the dead man had worn a cap. Just what the material was from which the cap had been made, just what color it was or what might have happened to it the witness could not say.

Police now believe that, should the cap be found near the place where the body was lying a theory of suicide, committed during a fit of drunken folly, may be supported. Should the cap be found too far from the lumber shed to warrant such a belief the search for the woman in the case, a mysterious "Myrtle" will continue.

Arrest Fifth Man.

"Myrtle" entered the case early in the day when a woman's foot prints were found leading from the house in which Hareld had been drinking prior to his death. Witness testified that Hareld had come to the house in company with a woman who mhe called Myrtle. The woman's last name was unknown to everyone present and she could not be found yesterday.

Late yesterday the police arrested the fifth witness in the case, Edward V. Wales, a watchman employed by the Chicago, Quincy & Burlington railroad. Wales is said to have been with Hareld during the evening. He was unable to answer the questions of the police last night and was held for further investigation.

After the autopsy it was declared by Dan Gross, deputy county attorney, that Hareld was unquestionably murdered and that his body had been dragged from the place where the slaying occurred to the place where it was found.

The autopsy, performed by Dr. Earl Connolly, at Korisko's mortuary, re-

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WORLD FLYER GETS NEW JOB

Miami, Fla., Feb. 23.—Lieut. Eric Nelson, one of the pilots in the army round-the-world flight, received a telegram today from the War department at Washington, offering him the supervision of the new airplane assembling plant at Santa Monica, Cal., recently founded by the government. Lieutenant Nelson, here on leave, will accept the offer, he said.

Bloomfield Legion Post to Celebrate the Fourth

Bloomfield, Feb. 23.—The local American Legion post will sponsor a Fourth of July celebration in Bloomfield this year and already is making preliminary arrangements for big doings. Ten years have passed since a celebration was staged here.

Kiwanians to Debate Iowa Income Tax Law

Missouri Valley, Ia., Feb. 23.—The local Kiwanis club has procured a copy of the Iowa income tax law and will debate it at the regular meeting Tuesday night.

We Have With Us Today

John W. Clegg,
Philadelphia,
President of National Association of Life Underwriters.

Mr. Clegg was born in the Quaker City on October 24, 1873, and has been identified with the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company for 34 years, serving now in the capacity of home office agent. He is known nationally as an insurance writer.

The Pennsylvania is here to address the sales congress of Omaha Life Underwriters' association at Rome hotel this afternoon and evening. He is a member of the Union league, of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, American Academy of Political and Social Science, and is manager of the American Baptist Publication society.

LETTER CARRIERS CLOSE BIG MEET

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 23.—The state convention of letter carriers and postal clerks closed this evening. Grand Island being selected as the next meeting place by the carriers. These officers were elected: President, L. E. Zook of Lexington; vice president, George Harris of Grand Island; secretary, W. D. Shear of Lincoln; treasurer, George Cummings of Lincoln; delegate to the national convention at Detroit, W. C. Bouk of Omaha.

The postal clerks also selected Grand Island as the 1926 meeting place. The following officers were elected: President, W. W. Harvey of Omaha; vice president, Miss Inez Stocking of Wahoo; secretary, L. R. Fitch of Lincoln; treasurer, Harry Bartick of Beatrice; delegates to national convention at Kansas City, L. R. Fitch of Lincoln and H. H. Bartick of Beatrice.

One Killed and Seven Wounded in Church Fight

Factions of Catholics in Mexico City Use Guns in Battle Over Seizure of Soledad Edifice.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Feb. 23.—One person was killed and seven were injured in a clash at noon today between followers of the recently proclaimed Mexican Catholic Apostolic church and orthodox Catholics, when women worshipers attacked a so-called separatist priest, Luis Monje, when he attempted to celebarte mass in the Soledad church, a short distance from the national palace.

Police were summoned to suppress the disorder and fired in the air. The worshipers protested that they were the victims of armed separatists who had been guarding the church since it was seized Saturday night.

Despite the police the women refused to leave the edifice and remained inside with the purpose of preventing Monje from conducting mass.

Leave Armed Guard.

After the announcement last Wednesday of the formation of a national Mexican church and the publication of a manifesto in which Joaquin Perez, calling himself a former priest, proclaimed himself patriarch, about 100 armed men, led by the so-called "Father Monje," on Saturday night drove Father Alejandro Silva from the Soledad church. When the police arrived to preserve order and clear the nearby streets, the secessionists consented to leave the church but only on condition that Monje should not be disturbed and that they be permitted to maintain five armed men to watch the place of worship.

Although it was announced that Monje would celebrate mass yesterday, the service did not take place, and when an attempt was made at noon today to conduct mass the women worshipers vociferously protested when they learned that the separatist leader was on the altar.

Claim Labor Support.

Owing to the opposition of the middle classes of the populace it is not believed the separatists will attempt to carry out their announced intention to occupy the cathedral and other large churches in the capital, as well as the Guadalupe shrine, which is the home of Mexico's patron saint.

The separatists have declared that their movement is being supported by Mexican labor organizations, but Eduardo Moneda, general secretary of the Mexican regional federation of labor, the largest organization of its kind in Mexico, is quoted as saying that the rules of the federation prohibit it from participating in religious matters.

TRAIN HITS AUTO; 4 PERSONS DEAD

Kenosha, Wis., Feb. 23.—Only two out of a party of six escaped death here today when their automobile was struck by a northbound North Shore Electric limited train three miles north of Kenosha.

The four dead, all of Kenosha, are Mrs. Anthony Zolleski and her two children, John, 11, and Sophia, 9, and Theodore Marchulius, 41.

Opens Purse in Wind; $300 in Bills Fly Away

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—A mischevious wind cost William Wilson, of San Francisco, just $300. William was taking out his wallet to buy a paper when the breeze caught three $100 bills and carried them down the street.

William leaped to catch his flying money, but the gust carried it around a corner, and, although he was aided by a crowd of searchers, he was unable to recover the money.

O. P. Oakley Dies of Cancer.

Ong, Feb. 23.—O. P. Oakley, 78, retired farmer, resident of Ong and vicinity for the last 30 years, died at his home Saturday of cancer. He leaves a widow and four children, Mrs. Henry Vauck of Sutton, Roy Oakley, county clerk at Clay Center; Albert, farmer near Ong, and Mrs. J. O. Hay of McGrew, Neb.

Youth Dies of Influenza.

Scottsbluff, Feb. 23.—William Henry Wimer, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wimer of Scottsbluff, is the first victim of influenza in this section, although there have been many cases reported. He died after only a week's illness that developed pneumonia.

Dog's Flight Causes Fine.

Corydon, Eng., Feb. 23.—Because he brought a dog by airplane from Paris without having an import license, V. H. Grey was heavily fined.

Committee Cuts Budget by $100,

Lops $75,000 Off Proposed Expenditure for Penitentiary; Total Stands at $26,148,796.

Marriage Bill Passed

Lincoln, Feb. 23.—The house appropriations committee reported the McMullen budget bill out today. The bill was approximately $100,000 less than expenditures recommended by Governor McMullen. The total was $26,148,796.

One reduction was for $30,000 taken from the support item of the National guard. The other reduction was $75,000 from the $100,000 recommended for a new power plant at the penitentiary. Since the recommendation was made it was learned that the $100,000 is only a "starter" and that before the power plant contemplated is completed approximately $250,000 must be spent. The power plant item now stands at $25,000, merely calling for repairs to the present plant which lights the state house, governor's mansion, asylum, reformatory and penitentiary.

Gas Tax Bill Out Today.

R. E. Harrington, chairman of the house committee on revenue and taxation, denied reports published that the committee had voted officially 6 to 4 as favoring a 50-50 split of gasoline tax fees between the counties and state. Harrington announced that Tuesday the gas tax bill would be reported out and it was his belief the committee would recommend using the entire proceeds in meeting federal appropriations for a state highway system.

The house committee on roads and bridges reported the auto license bill out today. It provides for a $2 reduction in auto licenses, a $3 reduction on ton trucks and a reduction of $5.50 on trucks weighing more than 2,500 pounds. There is much opposition to the truck reduction expressed by house members who believe trucks do more than any other vehicle in tearing up the roads and an increase rather than a decrease should be made in truck licenses.

Pass Supreme Court Bill.

Tomorrow the intangible tax bills, one calling for repeal and the other increasing the present 25 per cent to 75 per cent of the tax on tangibles is to be considered jointly in the house. Under an agreement reached by house members a decision will be reached, after debate is concluded as to which bill shall be considered and voted upon first.

The house today passed the marriage bill and the supreme court commission bill on third reading. The senate refused to concur on a house motion to adjourn Friday until March 4. Joint committees from the two branches will be appointed to settle on week-end adjournment.

BLUFFS MAN HELD ON GRAVE CHARGE

R. J. Kewin, 57, a jeweler, was arrested by Council Bluffs police yesterday on charges brought by three girls.

The girls range in age from 11 to 13 years and accuse Kewin of familiarity.

Kewin is said to have admitted the truth of the charges. He was taken to police court where he waived right to preliminary examination and was held to the grand jury under $2,000 bond.

The county attorney declared that Kewin had agreed to enter a plea of guilty to the indictment which will be brought against him. By pleading guilty he will limit his sentence to three years in the penitentiary while if he stood trial and was convicted he would have to serve three years on each count in the indictment.

Over 100 Ex-Service Men Attend Legion Banquet

Cambridge, Neb., Feb. 23.—Over 100 men of Cambridge and surrounding towns attended the banquet given for ex-service men, given by the local post of the American Legion. State Commander Courtney was the principal speaker. Charles Chadwick acted as toastmaster. Gilbert's orchestra enlivened the meeting with jazz music.

Commander Courtney also addressed a large hearing at the noon luncheon of the Community club, speaking especially of the work of the national endowment fund. He will leave in a short time to assist the national committee in this work.

Alliance Fireman Injured.

Alliance, Neb., Feb. 23.—W. R. Harper is suffering with a broken ankle and a crushed foot and possible internal injuries as the result of being run over by a five-ton truck at Alliance, when a ladder on the truck he was attempting to climb onto as it dashed to a fire, broke and let him fall to the pavement under the wheels of the truck. He jumped up and tried to follow the truck, but collapsed after taking two steps.

Mayor Farlow Better.

Beatrice, Feb. 23.—Mayor C. C. Farlow, who recently submitted to two severe operations at a hospital here, is able to be at his office, although he has not fully regained his health. Police Judge Ellis, who has been ill at his home, also is able to be out once more.

YOUR FAMILY—Are you protecting them? Better have the brakes relined at Raybestos Service Station. Auto Electric and Radio Corp., 2813 Hamey St.—Advertisement.

HUGE OIL BLAZE NEAR EVANSTON

By Universal Service.

Evanston, Ill., Feb. 23.—Fifty thousand gallons of crude oil have been burning for 20 hours in a battle waged by men tonight defying the flames from tanks containing 90,000 gallons and flames tonight measured 50 feet square and rose to spectacular heights.

The oil pits, property of the Lynch-Clarisey company, are located in an isolated district and no danger is felt of the flames spreading to the city proper.

Farmer Killed as Plane Plunges to Earth in Flames

Pilot Who Took Diller (Neb.) Man for "Joy Ride" May Die; Cause of Accident Unknown.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Diller, Neb., Feb. 23.—Dan Camp, farmer, living north of here, near Ellis, is dead, burned to a crisp, and an airplane flyer, Carel Sherwood of Lincoln is so badly burned that his recovery is doubtful, due to the destruction of the airplane belonging to Sherwood, while flying over Ellis with Camp as a passenger.

Sherwood is said to have left Lincoln Sunday and became lost in the mist and fog over Ellis and made a landing on the farm of camp, two and one-half miles west of Ellis about noon today.

After replenishing the gas supply the machine was started, to give Camp a ride. For some unknown reason the plane burst into flames and a landing was made near the residence of Frank Seimmerman in Ellis.

Camp's body has been taken from the wreckage.

Sherwood was badly injured. The machine, a small Canadian plane, a few minutes before the fatal crash had taken a party of school children for a ride. Camp was about 50, and leaves a family.

Seimmerman, who witnessed the accident, stated that the paine took a nose dive at an altitude of about 125 feet and after it crashed to the earth it burst into flames. Camp was caught under the wreckage, but Sherwood struggled from the burning mass, his clothing aflame.

Seimmerman rushed to him with several pails of water, extinguished the flames which enveloped him and also the smouldering ruins of the plane. Sherwood was hurried to a hospital here. He is 22 years of age and a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Sherwood of Lincoln. He has a wife and two children.

Camp was a pioneer of the Ellis neighborhood and owned a fine farm a mile west of town. He was 46 years of age and leaves his wife and six children. Two of them are attending high school here.

COURT MOVED TO CARE FOR CROWD

Justice of the Peace Hansen of Weston, Ia., near Council Bluffs, had to move his court to the railroad station Saturday to accommodate the crowds which wanted to hear how Raymond Scott's horse broke its leg.

Scott filed suit against his nephew, Henry Scott, who is the county road dragger, and against the county, asking $95 for his horse. He said that his nephew had left a hole in the road and a pool of water collected. The horse fell in and broke his leg. Scott had to shoot him.

The case was heard by a jury, which found for the defendants.

HOUGHTON GETS KELLOGG'S POST

Washington, Feb. 23.—Alanson B. Houghton, the United States ambassador to Germany, was formally nominated today by President Coolidge to be ambassador to Great Britain, succeeding Frank B. Kellogg, who is returning to the United States to become secretary of state.

Woodmen Pictures Shown at Public Meeting in York

York, Feb. 23.—York lodge of Modern Woodmen held an open meeting, at which Thomas Duffey, a national lecturer for the organization, gave a lecture, and motion pictures of the Woodmen sanatorium at Colorado Springs were shown.

Columbus Complimented on Its Armory for Guard

Columbus, Feb. 23.—The Columbus National Guard company has one of the best armories in the state, according to Maj. J. W. Presnell, U. S. A., who came from Lincoln for an informal inspection of the company at its weekly drill.

Bloomfield Tax Lowest.

Bloomfield, Feb. 23.—Bloomfield has the lowest city tax in this part of the state. Costs in the following towns on each $100 valuation are: Crofton, $4.40; Randolph, $4.35; Verdel, $4.25; Niobrara, $4.31; Laurel, $3.68; Verdigre, $3.48; Pierce, $3.28; Plainview, $3.34; Hartington, $3.18; Creighton, $3.17; Wausa, $2.95; Coleridge, $2.74; Bloomfield, $2.56.

Wesleyan Wins Debate.

York, Feb. 23.—In the York-Wesleyan debate at York college Friday night the question, "Resolved, That Congress by a Two-Thirds Vote May Annul a Decision of the Supreme Court Declaring an Act of Congress Unconstitutional," was decided in favor of the affirmative, upheld by Wesleyan.

Kansas City to Clean Up Its Jungle

Swampy Morass, Refuge of Moonshiners and Thugs, Will Be Cleared in Police Campaign.

Spots Are Inaccessible

By Universal Service.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 23.—Kansas City's "jungle" no longer will offer a refuge for bootleggers and thugs or a shambles for murder victims. This vast, swampy morass, in which the mutilated and burned bodies of two Kansas City policemen were found, is to be cleaned up immediately.

The police department, which is investigating a mass of baffling clews in connection with the murder of Patrolman Burt G. Lovejoy and George Peters, former police chauffeur, partners in illicit liquor transactions, is determined on a gigantic bonfire to rid the city of the marshy menace.

Lovejoy and Peters, who were conducting a huge liquor business, acting as middlemen for the booze manufacturers of the "jungles," are believed to have been murdered by bootleggers, whom they had attempted to "hijack" by threatening with arrest. The bodies of the two men were found in one of the tarpaper shacks which dot the "jungles," and which are used as booze caches.

Near Heart of City.

That such a vast bad man's land as the "Jungles" could exist within a stone throw of the heart of the city is a source of surprise to citizens.

Pirates nor mountain brigands never had a place more inaccessible, more fraught with creepy terrors, than this boggy swamp lying behind the Missouri river. Honey combed with moonshine stills, interwoven with secret paths, dotted with tarpaper shacks and clumps of willows, and from these outposts the law violators, like spies in a castle's turrets, have watched the approach of their enemies and have trained their guns alike on hapless strangers as well as police officers.

The bodies of eight murdered men have been found in this district in the last few years.

The murders never were solved. Two of the victims were prominent citizens.

Region Inaccessible.

During the search for Lovejoy and Peters, corps of mounted police were unable to make their way through many of the fastnesses of the swamp.

Investigation into the murdered men's lives has revealed a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde existence on the part of Lovejoy, known as a model policeman and one of the most trusted men on the force. He was conducting an extensive illicit liquor business, making thousands of dollars, it is said. While he was known as a kind husband and father to his wife and three children, he was maintaining several apartments in the city, with Mrs. Ruth Phillips, an affinity. His mother, Mrs. Clara B. Lovejoy, Santa Cruz, Cal., will be here Wednesday to help make funeral arrangements.

ACTOR'S DEATH DUE TO POISON

Chester, Pa., Feb. 23.—The death of Milton Nobles, jr., an actor and son of the late Milton Nobles, playwright and character actor, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who died in a hospital here yesterday, was due to poison, it became known today.

Nobles was taken to the hospital from a train. He was on his way from Baltimore to New York.

After drinking the poison it was said he asked another passenger for a fountain pen and wrote his name and address on a piece of paper. He was 40 years old.

Officers on Lookout for Delinquent Auto Owners

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 23.—Sheriff Sailing and Deputy Sheriff Ashenfelter are on the trail of auto owners in the city and county who have failed to take out 1925 licenses. Within the last week several arrests have been made, and others will follow, the sheriff says, unless laggard car owners walk into the county treasurer's office and square up.

Mrs. John Griggs Dies at Her California Home

Beatrice, Feb. 23.—Mrs. John Griggs, formerly a resident of Liberty, died at her home in California after a lingering illness. She was the mother of Joseph Griggs of Liberty. The body was brought to that place and interred in Mission Creek cemetery.

Dr. Woods Quits Barneston.

Beatrice, Feb. 23.—Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Woods, for nearly 30 years residents of Barneston, are preparing to move to Lincoln, the doctor having traded his farm and his home property at Barneston for a filling station at the capital city. He goes there to take charge of the business.

Brock Estate $100,000.

Columbus, Feb. 23.—Henry Brock, Sherman tqownship farmer who died last week, left an estate valued in excess of $100,000, according to application for appointment of an executor, filed in probate court. His estate includes 800 acres of Platte county farm land.

Boy, Skating, Breaks Leg.

Beatrice, Feb. 23.—Edward Ruth, little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ruth 406 North Eighth street, slipped and fell while roller skating, breaking his left leg.

Songs She Sings Questioned by Authorities of Her Church

The question of whether the songs she has been singing in a Paris show are sacrilegious has caused Raquel Meller, noted Spanish stage star, to be the subject of a discussion by authorities of the Catholic church, of which she is a member. Pending their decision, she has abandoned the songs.

Clerk Crushed by Elevator

Body of Former Bayard Man Found in Basement of Store.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Feb. 23.—The crushed body of George Davidson, 26, drug clerk, was found in the basement of the Conklin Drug store, where he was employed late this afternoon.

The clerk had been crushed to death between the elevator and the wall.

No one saw the accident or heard any scream.

Davidson had gone into the basement of the store with a friend, W. B. Frazier, to get a motorcycle. Frazier took the machine out and Davidson said that he would ride up on the elevator.

When his friend failed to appear Frazier went to investigate and found the body.

From marks on the wall it is believed that Davidson was caught behind the elevator in some manner and dragged a full floor. The body was then loosed and fell to the basement, where it was found.

Davidson came here recently from Bayard, Neb. He leaves a wife.

BRITISH RULER CONVALESCENT

London, Feb. 23.—King George passed a comfortable night and his condition today was so favorable that his physicians decided that an official bulletin would not be necessary. It may be 10 days before the king will be able to leave for the south of France.

The bulletin Sunday recommended that as soon as his condition permitted the king leave for south France to avoid the remainder of the severe English winter. The royal yacht, Victoria and Albert, will be made ready for the cruise to the duke of Connaught's villa in the south of France, where the king will seek complete recovery from the influenza condition from which he has suffered since February 14.

Hamilton Association's 1924 Business $105,354

Aurora, Feb. 23.—At the annual meeting of the Hamilton County Shipping association it was shown that the total value of live stock shipped by this organization amounted to $98,838.97. The value of cream, poultry, eggs and other produce handled was $6,515.46, making the total business for the year $105,354.43. W. D. Potter is president and D. M. Walker manager of the association.

Man Crushed to Death.

Holdrege, Feb. 23.—James Burgeson was instantly killed in a runaway accident. He was loading tree limbs and other rubbish onto his heavy lumber wagon when the team became frightened and made a lunge. Burgeson in trying to catch hold of the lines slipped and fell under the wagon. Both wheels passed over his head and crushed it.

Farmers Working on Roads.

Beatrice, Feb. 23.—Farmers are dragging the roads in nearly every direction from Beatrice and with favorable weather expect to have them in good condition within the next few days. The Cornhusker highway between Beatrice and Lincoln and the Gideonrod between Beatrice and Fairbury are said to be in fine shape.

Washington Gets Homage in Senate

Capital Quiet in Observance of 193d Anniversary of Birth.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Quietly and with dignity, as befitting the character of the man, the national capital today celebrated the 193d anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

All the departments and bureaus of the government were closed, and only in congress were there signs of the usual activity. In the senate there was the time honored formality of reading Wahington's farewell address, an honor eagerly sought by senators, and falling this year to Senator Ashurst, democrat, of Arizona.

The principal commemorative event of the day was staged in the new auditorium under the national committee that is planning a world-wide observance of the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth in 1932.

John Barton Payne, ex-secretary of the interior, and George W. Wickersham, attorney general under Taft, delivered the principal addresses at this meeting. Wickersham recalled that Washington in his farewell address spoke of two great matters that are as current today as they were at the time the address was delivered—he warned against involvement in European affairs, and he warned against making too hasty changes in the consititution by amendments.

Washington's birthday was celebrated throughout the capital Sunday in the churches.

President Coolidge sent a wreath to be laid on the tomb at Mount Vernon.

VESSEL WASHES ASHORE IN STORM

Rye, England, Feb. 23.—The vessel sighted off shore during the storm today was washed on the beach later today. It was a wooden ship, believed to have been in tow of another vessel, and to have broken loose. Its crew had deserted the ship before it came ashore.

First Hamilton Grand Jury for 15 Years Now in Session

Aurora, Feb. 23.—Beginning Thursday, the first grand jury in Hamilton county for 16 years was in continuous session for two days, many witnesses from the vicinity of Stockham and Giltner being examined. George E. Funke is foreman. H. R. H. Williams is assistant to County Attorney M. F. Stanley.

Skating on Beatrice Streets Is Prohibited

Beatrice, Feb. 23.—Chief of Police Acton has issued an edict prohibiting boys from skating on the streets in the paved sections of the city because of minor accidents which have occurred the last few days. One lad was struck by an auto and hurt and another received a broken ankle in a fall.

The Weather

For 24 hours, ending 7 p. m., February 23.

Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, .24; total since January 1, 1.81; excess, 0.11.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	22	1 p. m.	33
6 a. m.	21	2 p. m.	34
7 a. m.	21	3 p. m.	25
8 a. m.	21	4 p. m.	20
9 a. m.	20	5 p. m.	18
10 a. m.	20	6 p. m.	16
11 a. m.	21	7 p. m.	17
12 noon	19		

Committee May Resume Air Probe

Executive Session Called for Tuesday to Consider Additional Evidence on Aircraft Affairs.

Reid Urges More Inquiry

Washington, Feb. 23.—The house aircraft committee today unexpectedly took up a proposal for reopening its investigation which it decided Saturday to end, but after two hours of discussion behind closed doors, the question went over until tomorrow, when another executive session is called.

The first indication that the inquiry might be resumed was an announcement today by Representative Perkins, republican, New Jersey, the committee examiner, that an executive meeting had been called. Later it was learned that Representative Reid, republican, Illinois, had written Chairman Lapert asking that the committee be called to receive "certain evidence which I deem is necessary to complete the record." When the executive meeting was convened, Representative Prall, democrat, New York, offered a motion to reopen hearings Wednesday.

Lack of Funds.

After the decision to close the inquiry Saturday, Perkins announced the action was prompted by lack of funds and to make possible the printing of the committee record before the adjournment of congress March 4. Less than $1,000 of the $25,000 allotted for the investigation, he said, remained.

Prior to the executive session today Representative O'Sullivan, democrat, Connecticut, declared the committee had been "deceived" into voting to close its hearing because of lack of funds. An examination of the books, he said, disclosed that $2,250 remained unexpended instead of $700, or an ample amount to conclude the work the committee had mapped out.

"Whether purposely or not," O'Sullivan asserted, "we were led to believe Saturday we must close at once to have enough money to print the record."

O'Sullivan Was Right.

After today's meeting, Perkins said a recheck of the books substantiated O'Sullivan's statement and he explained that confusion as to the funds resulted from a committee clerk being misunderstood in reporting the balance. The $700 represented the amount the committee would have had March 4, Perkins added, if it had continued the inquiry, while several members understood this amount to represent the actual balance on hand Saturday.

Action on the Prall resolution to reopen the hearings was deferred until tomorrow, he said, to provide time for a more accurate accounting of its finances. He flatly denied rumors that abrupt termination of the inquiry had been decided upon after "outside pressure" had been applied.

Representative Lea of California, democratic member of the committee, added that "there was nothing mysterious or sinister about the committee closing its hearing, as one reason was the condition of its finances and another that the record was practically complete."

THIRD POLITICAL PARTY PROMISED

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—"A third political party will play a formidable part in the 1926 elections and will be thoroughly organized for the 1928 presidential campaign."

This announcement came today from William H. Johnston, head of the machinists' union, and chairman of the meeting held during the last two days to decide the fate of the independent progressive party headed by Senator Robert M. LaFollette in the last national election.

Reports of the death of the third party following the adjournment of the meeting Saturday and the bolting of labor delegates and socialists are "grossly exaggerated," Johnston declared.

Summary of the Day in Washington

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, started a fight against congressional salary increases.

The house aircraft committee deferred action on a resolution to reopen hearings.

The nomination of Alanson B. Houghton to be ambassador to Great Britain was sent to the senate.

A deficiency apropriation bill, carrying $54,426,000 was reported by the house apropriations committee.

George Washington's birth anniversary was observed by patriotic societies and government departments.

Sustaining a ruling of President Cummins, the senate sent the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill back to conference.

A house committee was told by its counsel the Department of Justice was investigating 13 "unworthy" veterans' organizations.

Eighteen of 21 members of the house commerce committee joined in an adverse report on the senate bill to wipe out Pullman surcharge.

The Department of Justice announced it was investigating charges that Senators Bursum, New Mexico, and Spencer, Missouri, had improperly appeared before government departments.