

### Improvement in General Business Conditions Shown

Rising Tide of Prosperity Indicated by Reports to Government—Shortage of Skilled Labor Shown.

Washington, March 1.—Evidence of a rising tide of prosperity was portrayed by two different government branches whose surveys, though made for different purposes, registered practically identical conclusions.

The federal reserve board, making public its monthly report on finance and commerce, told of increases taking place in the production of commodities generally, expansion of enterprises and stiffening prices of basic products, while the Department of Labor, on the basis of responses, reported decreased unemployment, heightening demand for labor in nearly all industrial centers and an impending labor shortage in many areas.

### Four Omaha Compensation Awards Are Announced

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## Efficiency Is Essential to Government of State

Question of Administrative Organization Should Be Considered in Calm, Unbiased Way by Legislature, Says Observer at Lincoln—Common Good Must Be Served.

By PAUL GREER, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, March 1.—The true purpose of government is to make life as easy as possible for the people.

It is in this calm, unbiased way that the question of the administrative organization of Nebraska should be considered.

Hits Schools and Roads. A large part of the cut in state expenditures proposed by Governor Bryan comes out of the schools and roads.

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that advanced by Representative Lamb of Tecumseh, for a short ballot on which only the governor would appoint the other officers with the advice and consent of the senate.

Whatever form the changes in Nebraska's government take, the possibility of their being held up pending a referendum is to be taken into consideration.

Bryan Seeks to Lift Two Bills Lost in Committees. Lincoln, March 1.—(Special)—Gov. Charles W. Bryan called on the lower house today to lift two bills killed in standing committees.

Hastings School Girls Evade Bandanna Edict. Hastings, Neb., March 1.—(Special)—Forbidden to wear bandannas in the class rooms, Hastings high school girls have found a way to display the bright colors and yet stay in schools.

Hastings Guard Lieutenant Is Promoted to Captain. Hastings, Neb., March 1.—(Special)—First Lieut. J. M. Turbyfill has received notice of his promotion to captain.

Irregulars Surrender. Dublin, March 1.—(P)—It was officially announced that 12 irregulars in North Kerry area, commanded by Tom O'Driscoll, have surrendered.

Compromise Plan Given. In its essential the department plan represents a compromise between the code and the governor's proposals.

### 1923 Auto Show Is Real Success

Exhibit Resulting in Heavy Retail and Wholesale Sales.

The 1923 Omaha Automobile show at the Auditorium was declared a decided success Thursday—the fourth day since it opened—by automobile men of the city.

They give several reasons why it truthfully can be called a success: It is the most complete display of American made cars, and is enhanced by beautiful decorations and lighting effects.

Beer Kegs Now Obsolete. Rail Commission Halted. Lincoln, March 1.—(Special)—The Nebraska state railway commission entered an order upon application of the Nebraska carriers permitting them to strike from their schedules an item relating to the return of beer kegs.

Disappearance of Man and Boy Reported to Police. Omaha police have been asked to look for Charles W. Redman, 32, a resident of Clay county, Neb., who disappeared from his home last Friday.

Woman Physician Dies. Sioux City, Ia., March 1.—Dr. Agnes Richelberger, founder of Maternity hospital and the Women's and Babies' home, now known as the Florence Crittendon home, and one of the leading women physicians of the central west, died in Los Angeles.

DIAMONDS. sold, traded in, examined, appraised, remounted and cared for.

### Charlie Chaplin Says He's Too Poor to Marry



Los Angeles, March 1.—Charlie Chaplin, film comedian is "too poor" to marry Pola Negri, film tragedienne "just now."

Thayer Couple Is Held on Mann Act Charges. Chicago, March 1.—Chicago police are holding Edward Franklin, 30, and Luella Halsted, 26, both of Thayer, Neb., for alleged violation of the Mann act.

Animal Industry Bureau Head Resigns His Post. Lincoln, March 1.—(Special)—Dr. D. D. Tobias, head of the state animal industry bureau, has resigned and Dr. F. K. Woodring has been placed in charge as acting chief.

Bishop at Nebraska City. Nebraska City, Neb., March 1.—(Special)—Bishop Shaver delivered the second of his series of lectures on church history here to a large audience at St. Mary Episcopal church.

Wesley Karschner, 6323 Evans street, reported to police that his son, Lawrence, 16, left home several days ago and has not been seen since.

England buys more products in Canada than does the United States.

### Mother of First Otoe County War Victim Dies at Home

Nebraska City, Neb., March 1.—(Special)—Mrs. William Schellinger, 64, a resident of this city since 1865, died at her home here.

Nebraska City Must Refund \$6,500 Excess Bank Taxes. Nebraska City, Neb., March 1.—(Special)—This city will have to refund to the county treasurer of Otoe county an amount estimated at \$6,500 by reason of the supreme court decision regarding assessments made against capital stocks and surplus of state banks.

Governor's Chief Clerk Called Home by Illness. Lincoln, March 1.—(Special)—Col. J. H. Presson, chief clerk in the office of four Nebraska governors, was called to Omaha tonight following receipt of a telegram that his wife was near death in an Omaha hospital.

Advertisement for Thompson, Belden & Co. Reorganized. Vogue Pattern No. 6977. Spring gingham has arrived, new plaids and checks of all sizes in the finest domestic and imported weaves.

Large advertisement for NEBRASKA POWER COMPANY 7% PREFERRED STOCK. MARCH 1st Was Their RED LETTER Day. JUNE 1st IS THE NEXT DIVIDEND DATE. NOW SELLING AT \$98.50.

Advertisement for GOOD HOUSEKEEPING magazine. Is it costing you too much to live? If you want to save on clothing, food, entertainment, home building, decorating, and the cost of living generally, Good Housekeeping will make it possible.

Advertisement for NEW COAL PRICES. Effective March 1, 1923. Anthracite, Semi-Anthracite, Bituminous Lump. KING ROAL COMPANY.

Advertisement for Orkin Bros. 150 Trimmed Hats. For One Day--Friday Only. Taken from Our Regular Stock of \$5 and \$7.50 Hats. at \$2.95. on Sale One Day Only--at this Ridiculously Low Price--For Immediate Clearance.