WEATHER FORECAST
Nebraska: Partly cloudy Sunday; not much change in temperature.

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"Hi" Turns His Guns on Henry Ford

Bluntly Suggests Auto Man's Withdrawal From 1924 Race Was in Return for Promise of Shoals.

'Won't Give Nomination'

By International News Service.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Hiram Johnson, who thus far is the only avowed opponent of President Coolidge for the republican nomination at Cleveland next June, opened fire on Henry Ford tonight for climbing aboard the Coolidge band wagon.

The California senator bluntly suggested that Ford's dramatic removal of himself from the political stage was not unconnected with administration plans for letting the automobile manufacturer have Muscle Shoals.

"American politics present a most interesting psychological study," Johnson's statement said.

"Henry Ford has declared for Mr. Coolidge, because, as he says, Mr. Coolidge is 'safe.'

"Immediately the part of the press of the country representing special privilege, which has always denounced and caricatured Mr. Ford, gives him a certificate of character, and with open arms welcomes him to its ranks.

"Perhaps the time is propitious for Emma Goldman and Bill Haywood to return, declare for Mr. Coolidge, and be acclaimed by the same special privileges press.

"Just When?"

"But, in the light of Mr. Ford's previous utterances, just when did Mr. Coolidge, in Mr. Ford's opinion, become 'safe?'

"On the 13th of October, after Mr. Coolidge had been in office for more than two months, and when Secretary of War Weeks had sold what Ford claimed to be a part of the Muscle Shoals project, Mr. Ford denounced in unmeasured terms the secretary of war, and inferentially, the administration, as being under the control of private interests, inimical to the farmers, and the secretary of war made an angry rejoinder.

"Obviously, according to Mr. Ford, the administration of Mr. Coolidge was then unsafe, and didn't even wish to do right.

"Thereafter Congressman Madden (of Illinois) gave to the press the outline of a measure he would introduce in congress, apparently for the administration, designed to give Mr. Ford Muscle Shoals, and a plant of like character to that sold by Weeks.

"The message of the president on the sixth of December was not inimical to this idea. Mr. Madden's bill was then introduced and is now pending.

"Cannot Control Nomination."

"On the 19th of December, Mr. Ford gives out his 'safe' interview. If Mr. Coolidge were not 'safe' and if his administration were under the influence of private interests on the 13th of October, as Mr. Ford plainly said to the American people, what occurred between the 13th of October and the 19th of December, to transmute the bitter denunciation of Mr. Ford against the administration, then, into enthusiastic advocacy now?

"Mr. Ford is entitled, of course, to his political opinions; equally, of course these opinions cannot control a republican nomination.

"Mr. Ford was for Mr. Wilson when Mr. Wilson was president, Mr. Ford was for Mr. Harding when Mr. Harding was president. Mr. Ford is for President Coolidge while Mr. Coolidge is president.

"Mr. Ford is a marvelous business man."

Another development today was the departure of C. Bascom Slemp, the president's secretary, for a southern trip which has for its principal objective the ironing out of several factional fights in southern state among the republicans. Secretary Slemp will be gone for two weeks. His principal destination is Florida, but he also will take advantage of the opportunity to visit Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and the Carolinas.

Gompers to Go to Panama.

By International News Service.

Washington, Dec. 22.— Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will sail from New York on Monday for Panama for a month's investigation of labor conditions in the canal zone, it was announced here today.

He will be accompanied by William J. Spencer of the Building Trades department and Albert J. Berres of the Metal Trades department.

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Actress Condemned to 3 Years in Prison for Insulting Soviet

Kharkov, Russia, Dec. 22.—Mme. Aksarina, an actress, has been condemned to three years imprisonment at hard labor for "insulting" a workmen's demonstration during the celebrating of the anniversary of the bolshevisk revolution. Mme. Aksarina and her husband, a well-known actor and producer, were standing on a balcony while the demonstrators were passing when, according to witnesses, she was heard to say: "What a rabble! When will it be over?"

Beside the sentence passed upon Mme. Aksarina, her husband was dismissed from the Kharkov theaters.

Night Life Trail Leads to Jail Cell

Parties of Youth on Cash From Fake Money Orders in Omaha End Quite Abruptly.

"Don't Tell Folks," Plea

A meteor in Omaha's night life for several days crashed to earth Saturday.

Series of parties, paid for with funds derived from money orders, was abruptly terminated with the arrest of Adrian H. McDermott, 18, of Maywood, Ill.

McDermott was a good spender while he had it. And up to the time of his arrest, when he was trying to cash a money order for $84.10 at the Karges hosiery shop at Sixteenth and Farnam streets, he had it.

Popularity Unbounded.

Friday night he was already spotted among the restaurants and the cabarets without escort, and his popularity was unbounded.

Saturday night he was alone in a jail cell, forgotten by his former boon companions, awaiting the filing of charges against him by federal authorities, and hoping against hope that his parents, back home, will never hear of his missteps.

If he is convicted on every charge which it is possible to lodge against him and given maximum sentences on each, according to federal authorities, he may spend the rest of his life in jail.

Army Deserter.

McDermott, for all his youth, is a deserter from the army. He enlisted in the air service at Chanute field, Rantoul, Ill., last winter, under the name of James H. McDowell, and deserted in June.

He worked on the railroad at Harvey, Ill., for a time, and then went to Denver. From Denver his wanderings led him to New Mexico, Texas, Kansas City, and finally to Arthur, Ia., where his talent as a pianist secured him a job with a small orchestra.

He became friendly with Carl Anderson, the postmaster. One night he went to visit Anderson at the postoffice, he told police, and found a back window open. He entered the office, found the safe unlocked, and abstracted some money and 11 money order blanks, together with a money order stamp and inking pad.

Throws a Party.

He went by a devious route to Sioux City, Ia. After several unsuccessful attempts to cash the money orders, he cashed one for $76 at Salix, Ia.

Then he came to Omaha and threw a party.

In quick succession, he visited Gretna, Neb., and Crescent, Ia., cashing money orders for between $70 and $80 at each place, returning to Omaha always at night, for his good times.

He purchased lingerie lavishly and presented it to the women who attached themselves to his little court.

"They thought I was just a fool with a lot of money, and I let 'em think so," he explained.

He cashed one money order for $89 at Hill hotel while Detective Ben Danbaum was standing beside the desk.

Christmas for Mother.

Saturday afternoon he tried to cash another spurious money order at the Barker Clothes shop, in payment for a suit. The proprietors became suspicious and called a postoffice inspector.

Before the inspector arrived, McDermott was arrested in the Karges hosiery shop by Traffic Officer Thornton, trying to cash still another money order. He had $5.05 in cash on his person.

With part of the money he obtained, he told police, he bought a $20 silver set which he had planned to send his mother for Christmas.

"Don't tell my folks," was his plea, following the arrest.

Raisuli Buried.

Gibraltar, Dec. 22.—Moors who arrived here today from Tangier state that Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit leader, died December 19 and was buried the following day. Official confirmation of the death, however, is lacking.

Heavy Rain in Texas.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 22.—A rainfall of 1.63 inches in the last 24 hours brought the December total up to 14.20 inches today. This is the record rainfall for a December in Houston.

Man Serv[illegible] in Prison Partner's $300,000 Fraud

At the left is Harry Kollas, who has confessed he was the Joseph Sakelos who committed the $300,000 fraud for which his former partner, George T. Pteriotis, at the right, served 33 months in federal prison.

Between the two is a detective. The crime was committed three years ago.

The statute of limitations prevents the bringing of Kollas to trial.

At the trial, two bankers positively identified Pteriotis as Joseph Sakelos, the man who defrauded Greek banks.

Father Is Dead; Mother Ill; Six Tots Need Shoes

Twenty-Seven Youngsters Are Ahead of Them on Free Shoe Fund List.

Harry, Mary, Michael, Ella, Clara and Johnny are fatherless and their mother is sick. There isn't serviceable pair of shoe in the three-room shack where they live.

Twenty-seven youngsters are ahead of them on the Free Shoe fund list and it is hoped there will be enough money to get them good shoes before Christmas so they can go out of doors and not get sick.

The weather has been mild, but still it is too cold to go without shoes, and long, cold months are just ahead.

Updike Lumber and Coal company employes raised $53 which will buy about a dozen pairs of good, sound shoes.

Many other generous people are remembering the numerous needy youngsters now in this season of Christmas good will.

Can you help? Every penny you give goes to buy shoes for little boys and girls of the most pitifully poor. No "administration expenses" in this fund. Their very health, perhaps their flickering lives depend on warm shoes.

If you can help make their poor little Christmas happier, send or bring your contribution to "Free Shoe Fund, The Omaha Bee." Checks should be made out to "Free Shoe Fund."

Heretofore acknowledged	$703.56
J. C. Dougherty	1.00
O. V. T.	2.00
Wenonah Camp, Fire Girls, Newman Grove, Neb.	5.00
A Friend of the Children	2.00
Jacob Mares	1.00
Eureka lodge No. 181, Degree of Honor, Central City, Neb.	5.00
George A. Kiewit	5.00
A Friend, Nehawka, Neb.	2.00
E. G. Smith	5.00
M. R. Homer	2.00
A. T. A. O. club, North Loup, Neb.	5.00
Currency	1.00
Rees and Mercer	2.00
No Name, Walnut, Ia.	3.00
Freida Rehm	2.00
Mary Miller	1.00
E. A. Benson	5.00
S. H. W.	6.00
Mrs. C. A. Lundberg, Wakefield, Neb.	3.00
A Friend of the Kiddies, Norfolk, Neb.	2.00
William McClain, Mitchell, Neb.	3.00
Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rolph, Kimball, Neb.	5.00
Rev. W. C. Williams	5.00
Updike Lumber and Coal Co.	53.00
A Friend of Kiddies	2.00
Irvin E. Venell, Ong, Neb.	3.00
Jefferson Ladies Aid society Lyons, Neb.	10.00
Jensen Bros., Waterloo, Ia.	2.00
G. Marion Millard	5.00
Mrs. K. E. D.	5.00
J. O. Beebe	5.00
A Visitor in Your City	11.00
F. H. Orcutt, Council Bluffs	1.50
Cash	1.00
A Reader, Albion, Neb.	1.00
Arthur L. Palmer	5.00
Lillie D. Stewart	3.00
Subscriber	5.00
Calvert B. Lindquist	2.50
Total	$880.56

Doctor Disappears From Sioux City; Friends Search

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 22.—Mystified over the disappearance of Dr. F. E. Fyle, head of the county hospital at Geddes, S. D., friends of the missing man in both Sioux City and Geddes have instituted a vigorous search for the physician.

Dr. Fyle came to Sioux City on December 19, bringing with him a patient. On December 11, he visited the office of a Sioux City surgeon and after chatting a few moments, remarked that he must start for home at once.

He has not been heard from since.

Livestock Men to Open Meeting Here January 15

Attorney for Association to Talk on Changes in Rail Act—Other Speakers Engaged.

Denver, Dec. 22.—The 27th annual convention of the American National Livestock association will be held in Omaha January 15, 16 and 17, it was announced here today by T. W. Tomlinson, secretary.

The program for the opening meeting includes addresses of welcome by Governor Bryan of Nebraska and Mayor Dahlman of Omaha, to be followed by the annual address of Fred H. Bixby, Long Beach, Cal., president of the association.

Among the speakers who are on the program during the convention are James E. Poole, Chicago, market editor of the Producer; A. Sykes, Des Moines; Secretary of Agriculture Wallace; S. H. Cowan, Fort Worth, Tex., attorney for the association, who will discuss amendments to the transportation act; and S. W. McClure, Salt Lake City, who will speak on "The Tariff on Agricultural and Livestock Products."

General discussion will follow the presentation of papers. Other speakers will be A. F. Stryker, Omaha; J. B. Kendrick, Washington; R. C. Pollock, Chicago; W. B. Greeley, Washington; J. C. Underwood, Underwood, Wyo., and Carl C. Gray, president of the Union Pacific railroad.

Greek King and Queen Arrive in Bucharest

Bucharest, Dec. 22.—King George and Queen Elizabeth of Greece arrived here at 3 oclock this afternoon from Athens. They reached the port of Constanta this morning and journeyed to Bucharest, a distance of about 65 miles, by rail.

At Constanta the king and queen were welcomed by the crown prince and princess of Rumania and Prince Paul and Princess Irene of Greece. King Ferdinand and Queen Marie, members of the Rumanian government, representatives of the army and navy and members of the Greek colony met them on their arrival in Bucharest. The party was cheered as it left the railway station.

12 Years More Life.

London, Dec. 22.—A child born today has the prospect of 12 more years of life than had one born 25 years ago, Sir William Wheeler, president of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland stated.

Medicine and surgery, he asserted, have made greater advances during the last 25 years than during the 25 preceding centuries.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., December 22.

Temperature: Highest, 41; lowest, 24; mean, 38; normal, 24. Total excess since January 1, 5.38.

Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 0. Total since January 1, 20.49, excess, .12.

Hourly Temperatures.

6 a. m.	35	1 p. m.	36
6 a. m.	35	2 p. m.	37
7 a. m.	36	3 p. m.	39
8 a. m.	35	4 p. m.	39
9 a. m.	35	5 p. m.	38
10 a. m.	34	6 p. m.	38
11 a. m.	36	7 p. m.	36
12 noon	[illegible]		

Souder Case Is Received by Jurymen

Prosecutor in Arson Case Says Ex-County Treasurer Has Committed Every Crime "on Paper."

Defense Denies Charges

By Associated Press.

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 22.—Jurymen who heard the evidence in the trial of former County Treasurer Samuel M. Souder, charged with arson in connection with the burning April 29 and 30 of the old Lincoln county courthouse, received the case early this evening.

District Judge J. L. Tewell of Sidney completed reading his charge to the jury at 6:20, following a day's court session, most of which was occupied by the final arguments in which Souder's counsel told the jury the state had not proved its case. Souder, who was also indicted by a grand jury charged with embezzling a total of $46,117.77, did not take a dollar, and the prosecution had failed to prove that he had, Walter V. Hoagland of Sounder's counsel, declared. Special Prosecutor George Gibbs for the state pictured him as a man who had committed every crime "that could be committed on paper."

Charges Records Removed.

It was the state's contention that the motive for the alleged crime was to cover up a shortage and its counsel attempted to convice the jury that county records were taken to the upper part of the courthouse to be burned. Souder was accused of knowing just before the fire that auditors were to begin an investigation of county affairs.

Declaring that he was not guilty and that he "would fight to the last," Souder told the correspondent before the case went into the jury's hands that he would appeal to the state supreme court in the event a verdict unfavorabel to him is returned.

The prosecution, which had introduced testimony from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reichstein, of near this city, that they saw a small automobile driven into Souder's garage at 12:10 a. m., Monday, April 30, during the early hours of which the courthouse was burned, built its case on theory, not on proof, Attorney Robert Beatty for the defendant declared.

Says He Was Home.

Souder, referred to during the trial as having been the most popular official Lincoln county ever had, sat with his wife and other members of his immediate family at the attorneys' table as he listened to opposing counsel plead their cases. It was his contention that he was at home in beh the night of the fire.

His trial, begun early this month, attracted considerable public interest, partly because of widespread reports that followed the burning of the courthouse and srbsequent announcement that certificates of deposit representing more than $50,000, about $10,000 worth of bonds and around $1,200 in cash had disappeared from a safe in the treasurer's office.

Taking of testimony was begun Tuesday, December 11, and was not concluded until about 10 o'clock this morning.

Flag Is Evidence.

More than 200 exhibits were introduced, most of them by the prosecution, and included articles purporting to be oil cans, an American flag and charred and oil-soaked county records found in the courthouse debris.

Attorney W. A. Prince of Grand Island, acting as special prosecutor for the state, accused the defendant of forgery in making the state's concluding argument. He also declared Souder was more than $35,000 short in county affairs.

The penalty upon conviction for arson ncarries a penitentiary sentence of from 1 to 20 years, although, under the law, the court has power to raise the minimum and lower the maximum time of imprisonment.

Souder, the father of three children, has been held in jail since after his return last summer from Florida, where he was arrested on a larceny charge, accused of taking irrigation district bond coupons.

The defendant, also under indictment charged with forgery, held the treasurer's office a number of times, having been elected on the republican ticket over his democratic opponent in 1922 by a substantial majority. He resigned office shortly after the courthouse fire.

"Tubby" Clark Sentenced.

Gerald (Tubby) Clark, convicted by a jury in district court on a charge of burglary, was sentenced to the penitentiary for from seven to ten years by District Judge Goss Saturday.

"Tarnation," Cries Canadian Golfer at Pesky Mosquitoes

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Unable to work in such fine, springlike weather, John Rothwell unlimbered his golf bag yesterday for a round over the Humber Valley course.

John is a good golfer, but he had one of the poorest cards of his career and for the first time an alibi.

"Tarnation," he said, "where's the fellow that can putt with a swarm of mosquitoes pestering him."

Then he went home wearing a flower he had picked from the course.

Rum Expose Threatens Washington

Bootleg Syndicate to Supply Most Distinguished Drinkers at Capital, Revealed by Dry Agents.

Will Prosecute Patrons

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A bootleg liquor scandal that threatens to touch the most exclusive and highly connected circles in the national capital was promised today by officials of the District of Columbia.

Apparently convinced that the time has come to apply desperate remedies to the situation which has developed on the doorstep of the federal government, the district attorney's office announced it would ask a grand jury to take action against purchasers as well as dispensers of intoxicants.

The basis for the request will be an imposing list of customers which was seized yesterday when the police rounded up the principals in what they believe to be a bootleg syndicate organized to supply the most discriminating drinkers in Washington. No names have been made public, but police officials say the list includes many of those who might ordinarily depend on their wealth or their positions to give them immunity.

Another Ramification.

All of these names, it was asserted by Assistant District Attorney Pressmont, will go before the grand jury, if confessions said to have been made by those already under arrest are not overthrown. He added that the prosecutions would be brought under the conspiracy clause of the Volstead act, which makes purchasers of liquor guilty along with those from whom they buy.

Meantime another ramification of the case caused much consternation in quite another quarter. It was discovered that a part of the stock from which the liquor was being supplied, according to police reports, was under the protection of one of the foreign legations. When a seizure was attempted a member of the legation staff protested that the goods were immune under the diplomatic privileges accorded the representatives of foreign governments. The result was a protest by the metropolitan police department to the State department, whose officials declined to say anything for publication.

Names Held Secret.

Like the names on the list of customers, the identity of the legation suspected of contributing to the supply was kept in confidence. The news traveled quickly through the diplomatic corps, however, which twice before has been stirred by police charges of a "leak" of diplomatic liquor into bootleg channels.

The raid on the bootleg ring yesterday was timed to coincide with completion of the bulk of the Christmas liquor deliveries, placing in the hands of the police an unusual outlay of fresh evidence. More than 2,500 names were on the list confiscated at the syndicate's headquarters in a downtown office building, and at the same time the raiding officers took possession of the key to a secret code for identification both of customers and various varieties of wet goods. More than a dozen arrests of those said to be partners or employes of the syndicate already have been made and more are promised.

Shredder Cuts Off Arm of Shelby Man

Osceola, Neb., Dec. 22.—Ira Harbert, 42, farmer, Shelby, lost his right arm in a corn shredder while helping operate a shredder machine at one of his neighbors when his coat sleeve caught and drew his arm into the knives. The arm was operated on at David City hospital.

Dandelions Are in Full Blossom, Crickets Are Singing in Ohio

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—The first day of winter found Ohio enjoying unseasonably high temperatures. The weather bureau here reported yesterday the warmest December 21 since the establishment of the bureau, in 1878. The maximum was 58.

Middleton reports "crickets singing;" Youngstown, "any number of pansies as big as you see in summer blooming," and Tiffin, "dandelions in full blossom."

By Associated Press.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 22.—Messages received here today tell of a heavy snowstorm sweeping western Kansas. Hays, Oakley, Plainville and Colby were among the towns reporting snow falling heavily. The storm seems to be moving eastward.

No Funds, Says State; Here's $362,000---U.S.; Can Get It for Asking

In Justice to All

An Editorial.

The people of Nebraska want to pay their honest debts. They will be relieved to find that instead of the shortage in the good roads fund that has been claimed there is $362,000 waiting in the federal treasury in Washington, ready to be paid over to the state whenever called for.

It is amazing that no apparent effort has been made in the state house to send in the vouchers for these projects. In simple justice this should be done without further delay. Not only have the men who built these highways suffered from the lack of payment, but the credit of the state of Nebraska has been injured also.

If this mistake is not rectified without further delay parleys, the taxpayers of the state will be doomed to feel the pinch of higher road building costs. People who pay their bills promptly always receive concessions, and if hereafter contractors are to feel that they stand a chance of having to wait a year or two before receiving payment for roads they have built, the element of risk and waiting will tend to increase the bids. It could not be otherwise, for after having settled with their employes who carried through the work of highway construction, they have had to rely on loans at the banks to supply the necessary funds, thus adding the burden of interest to what should have been paid on the dot by the state.

Information from Washington shows that though a mistake has been made, it still can be rectified, if the proper response is made from the state house. Any politician, regardless of his party, that stands in the way of removing this blemish from the credit of Nebraska is doomed to be regarded as a political shyster, faithless to the people he has chosen to represent.

The supreme court of Nebraska, in its decision in one of the suits for payment filed by men who had done work for the state, said: "Undoubtedly all should be done that can be done to care for these obligations without further delay. . . .

. Such contracts were, and are, valid and subsisting contracts, honestly acted upon and fully performed. It might be well to convene the legislature, though at great cost, to provide for these obligations by deficiency appropriation."

The report from Washington indicates that the greater part of these claims can be paid immediately, and that the money is in the treasury awaiting the call of the state.

It should be secured at once and this stain on the credit of Nebraska removed.

While Highway Contractors Need Pay for Work, Federal Treasury Waits for Nebraska Vouchers.

By P. C. POWELL.
Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Washington, Dec. 22.—There is $362,211.65 in the federal treasury ready to pay road contractors in Nebraska for completed road work which already has been approved by federal engineers in Nebraska.

There is only one obstacle in the way. That is failure of the state department of roads in Nebraska to send in vouchers for this money. In fact, the federal department of roads suggested to Governor Bryan at one time that much trouble could be averted if the state road department would expedite sending in vouchers for road work which has been completed and approved by federal engineers.

Vouchers Not Sent In.

The federal government cannot pay contractors directly. Under the law the state enters into the contract for federal aid work, the contract being approved by federal engineers. Then when the work is completed it is inspected by federal aid engineers and if it is approved payment of the government's share is made directly to the state, as soon as the state department sends in vouchers for payment. Unvouchered completed work represents the $362,211.65 on hand in the federal treasury in Washington. The state makes the payment to contractors.

Figures at the federal good roads bureau shows that on January 1, 1923, the value in federal aid work completed in Nebraska since federal aid construction began was $5,186,585.62. On that date figures show that the federal government had paid $3,873,151.86 to the state road department in answer to vouchers turned in for that amount of the completed work.

This left a balance of $1,313,433.76 available for further payment on completed work. At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1923, this amount had been reduced to $968,993.83. The difference represents completed work paid for between January 1, 1923, and June 30, 1923, in compliance with vouchers turned in by the state department in Lincoln to the federal government.

Waiting to Be Called for.

On November 30, 1923, this sum had been reduced by vouchers turned in by the state department until it amounted to $362,211.65. This, in brief, represents the balance due the state of Nebraska ready for payment at all times. It is the amount on hand for completed work from appropriations of the past state administration matched by the federal government. It is available for the Bryan administration any time of the day or night.

This $362,211.65 is absolutely not related by marriage or by blood with the appropriations made available during the Bryan administration by the state legislature for continuation of federal aid road building. The federal money, $1,371,713.17 available July 1, 1923, to match a similar appropriation voted by the last Nebraska legislature, is absolutely intact in the federal treasury.

U. S. Draws no Line.

Figures available at the federal bureau show further that in reducing the amount of cash on hand for completed federal aid work from $1,313,433.76 on January 1, 1923, to $362,211.65 on November 30, 1923, the present administration has issued vouchers, cashed by the federal government for $574,791.41 for work completed since January 1, 1923. The remainder paid represents work contracted for before the present administration went into power, and vouchered for by the present administration.

The federal government pays absolutely no heed to periods of various political administrations in the states. It has so much to spend for federal aid roads and it spends it whenever the states match a like amount and the work is completed according to government plans and specifications. Hence, failure of the federal government at any time to take cognizance of whether approved vouchered work paid for was done under Charlie or Sam's tenure of office. Whenever vouchers are received for completed and approved work they are paid.

Over Two Millions Unused.

Another fact not generally known in Nebraska and gleaned from interviews with federal good roads officials is that when the McKelvie administration stepped out of office there was $2,885,398.71 in the federal treasury apportioned to Nebraska in years gone by for building of federal aid roads which had never been assigned to any road building projects in Nebraska.

It represents money available to the state at any time when plans and specifications approved by the federal government are submitted and when a like sum is matched by the state government.

In short, it represents the amount of unmatched Nebraska money on hand, January 1, 1923, it is independent of the $1,371,713.17 matched by the last legislature.

No Snow in Sight.

All indications point to a bright, green Christmas, according to M. V. Robins, meteorologist.

Beatrice Man Is Out for Governor

Adam McMullen Files Candidacy as Republican—Others Enter Race.

Lincoln, Dec. 22.—Adam McMullen, Beatrice attorney, today filed at the secretary of state's office his candidacy as the republican contestant for the office of governor.

Mr. McMullen, who was runnerup in the gubernatorial contest two years ago, issued a statement pledging "efficient and economic" administration of the state's affairs if elected.

W. L. Dowling, Madison, made a personal filing for republican candidate for judge in the Third congressional district.

R. H. Thorpe, this city, who filled an unexpired term in congress at one time, filed as republican candidate for congress from the First district.

Navy Plane Crashes; Is Destroyed by Fire

By Associated Press.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 22.—A navy airplane crashed while attempting to take off from the air mail field here this morning and was destroyed by fire. The pilot, Lieut. J. D. Price, and Mechanician R. A. Burgsten escaped injury. Price, unable to extricate himself and in danger of cremation, was rescued by Burgsten, who broke through a wing to reach him. The airplane and a companion ship stopped here for the night enroute from San Diego, Cal., to Washington, D. C.

Lincoln Laundry Blast.

Lincoln, Dec. 22.—Explosion of a steam tank in the Globe laundry here caused damage estimated at about $1,000. Windows in the building were shattered. Two women employes working near the tank fainted, but there were no injuries.