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Prosperous Year Is Here, Mellon Says

Treasury Secretary in New Year Message Predicts Continued Improvement in Conditions.

Sound Policies Urged

Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary Mellon looks with confidence to a prosperous 1924, although he said in his New Year's message tonight that it depended on the continued efforts of the country to keep its financial house in order. He mentioned at the same time the effect favorable action by congress on the tax measures would have on the economic conditions of the nation.

"I am convinced," the secretary's message said, "that if the tax reduction proposals are enacted into law and the sound policy of retrenchment in expenditures is continued, the coming year will witness a steady movement in the favorable conditions which already have begun to make themselves felt and this country will enjoy prosperity in 1924."

The secretary recounted efforts of the treasury to place governmental fiscal affairs on a sound footing and declared the recovery of general business from the "severe industrial depression" was remarkable.

Predicts Continued Progress.

"It has become increasingly evident," the message continued, "that, with business on a sound footing and fairly balanced relations between industries, our own country can enjoy stability and a moderate degree of prosperity, even when unsatisfactory conditions prevail abroad. The result should not only inspire confidence for the future, but justifies the belief that immediately ahead of us will be continued progress, if the drag of unsound basis of taxation is lifted from business and industry. It depends upon the continued efforts of the country to keep its house in order, holding down expenses and following sound policies as regards new undertakings.

"The government has succeeded in the fiscal year 1923 with a surplus of about $310,000,000 above all expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts, including that sinking fund and other debt retirements. By the government is complying under the sound policy of keeping its budget and gradually reducing its indebtedness.

Tax Reduction Recommended.

"During the year the treasury has completed the refunding of the seven and one-half billions of the short debt, on a strict investment basis and without disturbance to business or a strain on the financial market. This has included the complete refunding of the victory loan, covering over $4,050,000,000 of the debt of this country by Great Britain and a retirement of over half a billion dollars of war savings certificates. The year just closed also witnessed the funding of the debt of this country by Great Britain and aggregating $4,608,000,000, with satisfactory arrangements for gradual retirement.

"As a result of the present favorable condition of the government's finances, the treasury has recommended a reduction of taxes, in the belief that the country should be relieved, so far as may be possible, of the excessive burden of taxation which has been borne so uncomplainingly during and after the war. The president has accordingly recommended to congress that legislation be enacted which will distribute the benefits of a reduction among all classes of taxpayers and release for investment in productive enterprise funds which are necessary for the country's expansion and future healthy development."

U. G. Bondholders Make Big Loan Offer

Denver, Dec. 31.—Representatives of the holders of second mortgage bonds of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad company today offered to lend the United States district court, as supervisor of the receivership of the road, sufficient funds to pay $1,129,000 interest due tomorrow on the first mortgage bonds.

The offer was made in a hearing closed to newspaper men. According to reports leaking out, Judge J. Foster Symes said if those who made the offer could write a court order satisfactory to him he would sign it.

Lions Club First New Year Meeting to Be January 8

Members of the Lions club will hold their first meeting of the new year January 8. The following men were named leaders of the January groups: Ted Maenner, chairman; Carl Lord, H. C. Moeller, C. W. Parker, Frank Liveska, J. H. Wallace, Ford Hayes, F. J. Burbeck, D. M. Edgerly, S. K. Bamford and Charles Hopper.

Sage Pioneer Dies.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—Henry Kline, 56, bachelor, living west of town, died of heart trouble at a hotel here. He was a Mennonite came to Gage county in 1878. He has relatives living in Beatrice and vicinity.

Detective Celebrates.

Officer Frank Aughe celebrated the New Year's eve, but his duties Monday. He was born December 31, 1874. He always sits up to his birthday out, he says.

B. Brewer Resigns From The Omaha Bee

Sale of the holdings of B. Brewer in The Omaha Bee to N. B. Updike is announced today.

At the same time announcement is made of the resignation of Mr. Brewer as vice president and general manager, effective January 1.

Mr. Brewer came to Omaha two years ago, purchasing an interest in The Omaha Bee from Mr. Updike and becoming the active executive head of the organization as vice president and general manager. During the period of his office consistent progress was made by The Omaha Bee in circulation, in advertising gains and in prestige. Before coming to Omaha Mr. Brewer was connected with several large daily newspapers, including the Cincinnati Post and the Cleveland Press.

Mr. Brewer has obtained an option for the outright purchase of a daily paper in an eastern city of 100,000 population and expects to leave in a few days for the east.

"The associations of my two years in Omaha have been indeed pleasant and I am quite reluctant to leave," said Mr. Brewer, "but the opportunity of owning a newspaper of my own is too attractive to ignore."

Fremont Woman Hangs Herself; Found by Father

Miss Lulu Parsons Ends Life in Garage While Supposed to Be on Visit.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 31.—After an all-night absence of his daughter, Lulu, 35, Ira Parsons, 72, retired farmer, discovered her body suspended from a rafter in the garage at their home this morning.

Parsons, semi-crippled, went to the garage to get his crutches, planning to go to the home of a neighbor where she was supposed to have visited the night before.

The daughter got the rope at the Parsons farm Friday and hid it in the cellar, it is believed. Sunday night, attired in her best clothes, she left, apparently to visit a friend, indicating that she might remain for the night.

This morning the father became anxious when the daughter failed to appear to prepare his breakfast. His trip to the garage for his crutches resulted in finding the body. The victim had apparently jumped from a chair, after fastening the rope to the rafter and then about her neck.

Dixmude Is Believed Destroyed by Fire

By Associated Press.

Palmero, Italy, Dec. 31.—Bits of charred wreckage swept in by the sea at Sciacca and along the coast near Palmero, have been examined by experts, and the conclusion has been reached that the French dirigible Dixmude, was destroyed by fire, probably after an explosion.

A solemn requiem mass was celebrated in the cathedral here today for the victims and the people of Palermo have placed flowers on the body of Lieutenant Grenadan, commander of the dirigible. The body lies in the station here.

Short Road Force Caused Delay in Paying Bills

Lack of Help in State Department Is Noted by Federal Highway Chief.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Continual bickering and delay on the part of the state administration of Nebraska over presenting vouchers for federal aid road work in Nebraska caused the federal good roads bureau to send Clifford Shoemaker, an engineer, from the Washington office to Lincoln. Shoemaker has been instructed to get at the bottom of the trouble and make a final accounting of the situation as it exists.

"The state has cut its force to almost nothing and that, added to action of the state in presenting a great volume of vouchers all at one time to our engineers in Nebraska, has caused some of the trouble," Chief McDonald of the federal department said today. "Any figures given out by our chief accountant relative to the amounts available for Nebraska as against vouchers passed by our department and paid are absolutely authentic."

T. W. Allen, statistician for the federal bureau of roads, today asserted emphatically that the article appearing in The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 23, to the effect that on November 30 there was $362,000 available in federal funds remaining from federal money due the previous state administration, is correct.

"I authorized publication of such a statement. It was true then and it is true now," Allen said. "There may have been delay either by state or federal authorities in Nebraska in sending vouchers to us here for payment. If so, this delay, I understand, is largely due to faulty surveys turned over to our men which necessitated extensive investigations and use of field note books in certain instances."

Auditor Marsh Assured of Prompt Road Service

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—Nebraska's claims for federal road aid money are receiving the personal attention of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. This was learned today from a letter addressed to State Auditor George Marsh, in which the secretary states that he has ordered a "complete investigation of the whole matter."

The letter comes as a reply to a request by Marsh, dated December 19, that the secretary investigate "an undue delay on the part of the federal government in paying Nebraska road vouchers."

Wallace also promises that a federal engineer will be sent from Washington to the Lincoln office to occupy a position similar to that being held by Clifford Shoemaker, senior highway engineer, who is assisting J. C. Wonders at Omaha in expediting claims.

County Assessors to Get Cut Rates to Lincoln Meet

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—County assessors will meet here in convention January 9 and 10, and W. H. Smith, state tax commissioner, today notified all assessors that they may take advantage of reduced railroad fares in effect during Organized Agriculture week.

Hordville Farm Body Sues Stockholders

Aurora, Neb., Dec. 31.—The Farmers' Union Co-operative association of Hordville has brought suit against 50 stockholders for judgment for the amount of stock held by stockholders. This company purchased a store in Hordville and the board of directors signed the note to procure the money.

It is alleged that the directors did not cause to be published the notice of indebtedness which is required in the statute and that for this reason the stockholders can be forced to pay an amount equal to the stock held by them.

It is reported that some of the stockholders have paid this assessment, while those wro are now sued absolutely refused to pay.

Vivid Colored Handkerchiefs Used as Shawls

Advance Indications from Smart Shops of Paris Reveal "Sensible Clothes" Will Be Revived.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The mulatto fashion of vivid colored handkerchiefs and shawls of flimsy silken fabrics returned as the last sartorial surprise of the dying year. The stylish restaurants present a striking panorama at lunch time with a varied assortment of rainbow-like shawls which are nothing less than huge colored handkerchiefs worn triangular-wise across the shoulders and knotted in front in exaggerated cowboy fashion, which was popular in Deauville two summers ago.

The smart shops are inviting sights just now. The windows of the Rue de la Paix are filled with a wide assortment of the latest spring garments for wear on the Riviera. White, fleecy woolen sport costumes, looking hot, but in reality cool and airy, dominate the collections.

Advance indications from the secret designing rooms of the big dressmakers, who will commence their spring and summer openings in a few weeks, reveal that next year will see a revival of the so-called "sensible clothes," such as were worn generally during the war.

Skirts have a tendency to be shorter, but are also slightly more elaborate, especially as regards the use of colored furs for hem and trimming.

Jackets of tailor-mades will be longer than last year with the three-piece afternoon suit still the favorite.

Hats will be smaller, with an absence of extremely elaborate trimmings, such as have been seen heretofore. The vogue of open work sandal-like shoes shows no sign of abating. The tailor-mades will be worn mostly without belts.

Nebraska News Nubbins

BEATRICE—The Gage County Fair and Agricultural society at its annual meeting elected these officers: President, Joseph Scheve; vice president, C. R. Willey; secretary, Boyd Rist; treasurer, Paul W. Mosely, Wymore. With K. C. Koons as chairman, the board of directors consists of J. H. McPheron, Blue Springs; Dick Huesan, Odell; Charles Miller, Wymore; Ernest Dell, Rockford; George Spiegel, Beatrice; Merle Douglas, Wymore.

BEATRICE—Col. F. E. Kinney, farmer and stock raiser of Liberty, says the future will be brighter for stock raisers, especially those who engage in the hog business. Although prices for hogs have not been very satisfactory, he looks for improvement in the coming months. Hundreds of light hogs have been marketed in Gage county the last few weeks, and the interest in the purebred sales indicates that an increasing number of farmers take the same view of the situation.

DEWITT — Federal agents who raided bunk cars on a spur track at the Rock Island station at this place found a complete still. Two jugs filled with whisky and some bottles of liquor were found. Two Mexicans employed by the Rock Island track department were arrested and fined $105 each and are being held in the DeWitt jail.

COLUMBUS—Activities of a dog poisoner have aroused police following the death, within the last few weeks, of a score of dogs. Chief of Police Jack Lehman declared today he believed the wholesale poisoning of the animals to be the work of an individual whose hatred for the animals had taken the form of a mania.

Wymore, Neb., Dec. 31.—Final settlement has been made in Gage county court of the estate of Joseph H. Merrill, 88, civil war and navy veteran, who lived alone in a shack on the banks of Blue river, northeast of Wymore, for 55 years. He left an estate valued at $3,500 and 15,000 shares of questionable oil and mining stocks. He is said to have received $72 per month pension, the largest in the county. The only near relatives are two brothers, one in Maine, and one in New York, from whom he was estranged on account of one of the brothers having married his sweetheart 55 years ago, and since which time he had not seen them. He left no will. F. E. Rice, Blue Springs merchant and old friend, was appointed special administrator. Merrill was found dead July 2.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Fred Wright, the well known Omaha attorney, was formerly a resident of Scottsbluff. He makes frequent visits back to the old home. Wright has long been attorney for a well-known character out in the irrigated sections who is either in the courts seeking a divorce or defending himself against one where heavy alimony is asked. Every time Wright shows up in Scottsbluff somebody asks him if Old Man Soandso is getting another divorce.

Runey Campbell is one of the pioneers of the North Platte valley and one of the few democrats ever elected to office in Scotts Bluff county. I met him on the street of the old home town Sunday morning and asked him to go to church with me. "Can't do it, Bill," he said. "Thirty-five years and more ago I drove 27 miles to hear a fellow preach in a sod schoolhouse, and when I got there he was so drunk he couldn't get into the pulpit. I haven't been to church since, and I'm afraid to go now. The church might cave in on me."

Glancing through a score or more of the country papers I note a number of anouncements of revival meetings. But they will not be like the old revival meetings of boyhood memory. The preaching will be scholarly, but will lack the old time fiery appeal that used to set the brethren and the sisters to shouting. And they'll have a big choir up in front to do most of the singing, whereas in the old days the organ was in the middle of the church and a lusty-voiced man stood up in front of the congregation and led the singing. Everybody sang in those days. They hold a "series of meetings" nowadays. Fifty years ago we had real revivals. Old Dad Wallaman used to get converted every January, weaken every February, backslide in March and raise particular fits the rest of the year. But January always found him saved again. We always knew when the peak of the revival had come. It was when Dad Wallaman began to writhe.

And there were the bold, wicked boys who once climbed to the roof of that little church while a revival was in full swing, and put a board over the chimney. Of course those boys grew up to be bank robbers, and hoss thieves, and other things equally bad. One served five terms in congress, one was on the district bench of Missouri for several years, and would have been there yet had not death called him. One occupied one of the most prominent pulpits in St. Joseph for 20 years. One of the others didn't amount to much.

Speaking of busy bridges that are situate wholly within the confines of Nebraska, the bridge carrying the most traffic is doubtless the one between Gering and Scottsbluff. And in addition to being the busiest, it is perhaps the prettiest public bridge in Nebraska.

The mountain known as Scotts Bluff has long been considered the highest point in Nebraska. But it isn't. The highest point isn't even a mountain. It is a level plateau in western Kimball county at the Wyoming state line. Scotts Bluff is 4,666 feet above sea level. The Kimball county plain is slightly more than 6,750 feet above sea level.

That the cattle industry is coming back in western Nebraska is plain to be seen. Two years ago one might travel for hours and see only a few scattering steers, but it is different now. They are numerous everywhere. The largest bunches of pen fed cattle are at the sugar factories in the North Platte valley They are fed a combination of beet pulp and molasses, with plenty of alfalfa. I have never had a wholly satisfactory explanation of why these pulp-fed cattle are shipped to Kansas City instead of to Omaha. This must be looked into.

W. M. M.

Another Volume for the Archives

Fire Ruins Gering Sugar Warehouse

Blaze Is Fought on Coldest Day of the Year—Loss $40,000.

Gering, Neb., Dec. 31.—Fire in the pulp warehouse of the Great Western Sugar company last night destroyed the building and contents. The warehouse contained 40,000 sacks of dry beet pulp worth $50,000.

The building and machinery loss is $40,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. It will smoulder for several days but prompt action on the part of the factory fire department and the Gering volunteer department confined the blaze to the warehouse.

The firemen worked during the coldest day of the year. At midnight it was 24 below and at 6 this morning was 28 below. Absence of wind enabled the fire departments to keep the fire from being communicated to the main factory where the year's campaign was just closing. Work was uninterrupted and at 6 this morning the last beet went through slicers. The campaign is the shortest in the history of the local factory.

Pioneer Omaha Woman Succumbs at Home Here

Mrs. Sophia Leffert, 80, who came to Omaha in 1855, died early Monday morning at her home.

She was the mother-in-law of the late Dr. J. C. Bishop.

When she first came to Omaha she lived in a house at Twelfth and Chicago streets. Later she moved to West Point, Neb. She returned to Omaha 20 years ago and had lived here ever since.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Bishop, Mrs. A. Hayes of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. O. J. Johnson of Orange, Cal.

The body will be taken to West Point, where funeral services will be held Wednesday morning.

The Day in Washington

The weather bureau warned of cold waves headed eastward.

The house immigration committee continued hearings on immigration legislation.

Lewis A. Hill resigned as director of the bureau of engraving and printing.

Prohibition officers throughout the country were ordered to make New Year's parties "dry."

Mexican revolutionary agents filed a protest against the sale of American arms to the Obregon government.

Total government receipts for 1923 were said at the treasury to be $4,164,905,600, an increase of nearly $500,000,000 over 1922.

Electric railways of the country carried 15,331,401,801 passengers last year and their net operating revenues were placed at $246,914,378 by the census bureau.

Nebraska Bound Rector Held on Flirting Charge

Bail Furnished by Los Angeles Bishop is Forfeited—Address Said to be Arapahoe, Neb.

By International News Service.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Facing trial in police court for alleged attempting to flirt with shop girls, the Rev. J. C. Ferrier, pastor of the Church of Epiphany, resigned his pastorate and fled Los Angeles, it was revealed today, when he failed to appear before Judge Crawford. When he failed to appear, his bail of $100, furnished by Bishop Johnson of the Los Angeles Episcopal diocese, was ordered forfeited, and a bench warrant issued for his arrest.

Officers went at once to the rectory of the preacher and discovered that Rev. Ferrier had deserted it last Saturday, taking with him all his baggage. The secretary-treasurer of the church told the officers that Rev. Ferrier had resigned as pastor of the church and left the city.

"He said he had a call to his old home in Nebraska," said the secretary. A letter addressed to Rev. Ferrier was found in his study, bearing the sending address of "St. Pauls rectory, Arapahoe, Nebraska."

The Church of Epiphany is one of the largest in the Lincoln Heights district.

Fair Managers Meet at Lincoln January 15

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—The 15 annual session of the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will be held here January 14 and 15, according to an announcement made today by W. H. Smith, secretary-treasurer.

The meeting will be held in conjuction with the annual session of the on state board of agriculture and the two organizations will meet in a joint banquet January 15. The program of the meeting of fair managers includes addresses by managers from Nebraska towns and cities in which fairs are held and a meeting with the state board of agriculture.

H. J. McLaughlin of Doniphan is president of the fair managers and E. J. Mitchell of Deshler is vice-president.

Rich Tourists, Westward Bound, Gain in Numbers

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 31.—For the first time in the history of the Lincoln highway through Columbus there has been a westward migration of tourists. Coming from the east, the tourists with large cars and wealth are passing daily in increasing numbers, bound for southern California.

The winter tourist travel is of an entirely different class of people than that of the summer season. The tourists, now westward bound, are of the world's elite. Most of them are women with daughters. All stay at hotels.

Naken Stock Is Carried Away

Burglars Break Into New Store and Escape in Truck with Goods Worth $8,000.

While M. W. Naken, proprietor of a clothing store at 210 North Sixteenth street, was out of the city over the week-end, burglars broke into his store and virtually moved it off, he reported to police upon his return Monday.

He estimates his loss at between $8,000 and $10,000.

The burglars backed a van up to the back door, broke through the engine room in the basement into a washroom, and then into the store itself. They took everything, including men's suits, women's suits, coats and dresses.

The prowlers made no effort to break into the safe.

Naken recently had moved to his new location from 117 South Fifteenth street.

Hike in Gasoline Price Gets O. K. of Bryan

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—Governor Bryan, approves of the increase of two cents a gallon in the price of gasoline. He announced today that he is satisfied.

"Sixteen and a quarter cents is not an exorbitant price and if it is not raised above that level I will not feel that it is advisable or necessary to establish sales agencies throughout the state," he said.

Iowa Baby Frozen.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 31.—With its tiny hands and feet frozen and its undernourished body unable to withstand the intense cold, the 2-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Widgery died today.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Guy Wilson, Hershey, Neb.	21
Ruth Johnson, Hershey, Neb.	18
Harry Larsen, Grand Island, Neb.	24
Alma Hiedkamp, Grand Island, Neb.	21
Everett Noble, Plattsmouth, Neb.	26
Georgia Denson, Grand Island, Neb.	18
Earnest Millidge, Council Bluffs	25
Gladys Robinett, Council Bluffs	16
Thomas Knox, Marcus, Ia.	39
Wally Smith, Remsen, Ia.	31
Howard Kay, Hastings, Neb.	26
Elizabeth Harms, Hastings, Neb.	21
Richard Mickelwait, Glenwood, Ia.	22
Thell Kretchner, Council Bluffs	23
T. J. Adams, Sheridan, Wyo.	21
Florence Wadick, Plattsmouth, Neb.	21
Floyd Brinton, Beatrice, Neb.	22
Nora Bennett, Beatrice, Neb.	22
T. G. Proctor, Fremont, Neb.	52
Mabel Dowty, Fremont, Neb.	42
Clyde Moore, Lexington, Mo.	21
Irma Preston, Lexington, Mo.	18
Dr. W. J. Meder, McClelland, Ia.	58
Theresa Jensen, Weston, Ia.	28
Ingvold Engebretsch, Sioux City, Ia.	32
Ellen Johnson, Sioux City, Ia.	32
Harry Schlueder, Nebraska City, Neb.	32
Eva Bolach, Mason City, Ia.	28
Arthur Patterson, Omaha	25
Anna Jordan, Omaha	25
Everett Jackman, Lowell, Mass.	24
Helen Hinson, Norfolk, Neb.	22
Virgil Passwaters, Omaha	25
Anna Peterson, Omaha	18
L. J. Albin, Lincoln, Neb.	24
Mildred Uter, Lincoln, Neb.	23
Cecil Fisher, Council Bluffs	22
Helen Pate, Omaha	28
William Aevermann, Schleswig, Ia.	20
Ida Kusch, Schleswig, Ia.	18
Frank Kircher, Des Moines, Ia.	23
Bessie Sawtelle, Des Moines, Ia.	22
Thorwald Haines, Chicago, Ill.	23
Coralyn Craven, Norfolk, Neb.	24

Cold Spell in State Is Subsiding

Ord Youth Seriously Injured in Boiler Blast—Temperatures Below Zero Reported.

East in Path of Blizzard

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The dying year found the middlewest engulfed in a blizzard; the New Year came on a blanket of snow.

The strom that swept thhrough the northern with sleet and snow and temperatures far below zero was the most severe of the winter.

Reports of death attributed to the storm began to trickle in tonight. At Denver, Miss Beatrice Jones died after leaping from a window during a fire. At Glen Ellyn, Ill., Dr. E. S. Higley, blinded by snow, drove onto a railroad track in front of an oncoming train and was killed.

The country from the Pacific northwest to the Ohio river was whipped by gales, according to weather charts tonight. The cold will spread over the entire country, with the exception of the California region and the extreme southeast.

The severest cold was reported from Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas. Rock Springs, Wyo., reported 40 below zero, and other stations had from 20 to 35 below.

Far down in the southeast, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, the temperature was abnormally high, Knoxville reporting 66; Montgomery, 74, and Jacksonville, 76. The cold will reach this southeastern region within 24 to 48 hours, but will be less severe than north of the Ohio.

Wymore, Neb., Dec. 31.—W. E. Hooper, 68, Burlington employe and resident of Beatrice for 40 years, was found dead on the sidewalk between his home and the Burlington station at 8 o'clock this morning, being the first storm victim of the winter in Gage county.

For 25 years he was roundhouse foreman at Beatrice. He was walking the 10 blocks from his home to work and succumbed to the severe wind and snowstorm raging over Gage county.

He leaves a wife and two daughters.

Hurt in Explosion.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Ord states that the heating plant of the building occupied by the Ord Journal exploded early today, injuring one man and doing damage to the extent of $2,000. Frozen up during the cold weather Sunday, the boiler below exploded simultaneously with a radiator on the first floor.

All the windows of the building were knocked out and there was damage to machinery. Ralph James, high school senior, employed in his space time, was in the basement. His right hip was broken and internal injuries are feared.

Frank Grady, linotype operator, had just left his chair near the bursted radiator when the latter flew into a thousand fragments. Editor Buckles was standing in the doorway and was not injured.

Two Inch Snow at Falls City.

Falls City, Neb., Dec. 31.—The year 1923 made its farewell bow to Falls city today with the coldest weather of the season, the temperature dropping to one above this morning. Two inches of snow fell during the night. Year's will be much warmer.

North Nebraska Recovering.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec 31.—The blizzard which has had all of the north Nebraska and South Dakota in its grasp since Saturday night is subsiding and train schedules which were demoralized are being resumed under nnormal conditions.

Big snowdrifts have been cleared from the tracks and Automobile roads are being opened. The east and west roads have been blocked by drifts. Live stock enroute to markets today suffered badly. Some loss to hogs is reported.

Nine to 30 Degree Drop.

Wymore, Neb., Dec. 31.—It appears the New Year will be a "snappy" one in Gage county.

In Gage county in 12 hours the temperative fell 30 degrees, reaching 20 above.

18 Below At Chaddron.

Chaddron, Ned., Dec. 31.—Northeast Nebraska experienced its first real taste of winter yesterday when the thermometer dropped steadily until reached 18 below zero early this morning. The cold spell followed a light snow storm which contined from Saturday evening until late yesterday.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., December 31:

Temperature.

Highest, 3; lowest, —24; mean 1; normal, 23.

Total excess since January 1, 5.55.

Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.

Total, 0.12. Total since January 1, 20.82; excess, 0.58.

Hourly Temperatures.

6 a. m.	—1	1 p. m.	—1
5 a. m.	—2	2 p. m.	—1
4 a. m.	—2	3 p. m.	—1
3 a. m.	—1	4 p. m.	—1
2 a. m.	—2	5 p. m.	—1
1 a. m.	—2	6 p. m.	—1
12 noon	0	7 p. m.	—1

Reports from stations at 7 p. m.

	Temp.	Highest	Precip.
Cheyenne, clear	—2	—4	0
Denver, clear	—2	8	0
Des Moines, clear	—2	8	14
North Platte, clear	—14	—2	0
Rapid City, clear	14	18	0
Salt Lake, cloudy	24	28	0
Santa Fe, cloudy	24	34	0
Sheridan, clear	—6	—1	0
Sioux City, clear	—4	4	0
Valentine, clear	—12	—4	.02