WEATHER FORECAST
Nebraska—Mostly cloudy; probably snow.

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Hi Johnson Flays G.O.P. Committee

California Senator in Opening Address of Presidential Campaign Turns Guns on Administration

Advocates Tax Reduction

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Jan. 3.—A bitter attack on the republican national committee for its action in increasing southern delegate representation to the national convention, a big gun bombardment against the administration for supplying arms and ammunition to the Obregon forces in Mexico and a thrown gauntlet to the Ohio state central committee, which endorsed President Coolidge for the republican nomination, marked the opening address of Senator Hiram Johnson of California in his campaign for the presidential nomination here today.

Senator Johnson also made a frontal attack on the foreign policy of the administration, reiterated his Chicago speech insofar as it referred to his unqualifiedly favoring a soldiers' bonus, cautioned the people to look carefully into the Mellon taxation plan, although advocating a reduction in taxes in no uncertain terms, advocated help for farmers by lowering of freight rates and co-operative societies and finished with a scathing arraignment of those who would have the country join in the world court.

"I recently have observed that certain people, including the distinguished Detroit manufacturer, have deplored that we should have an election this year," said Senator Johnson, "and perhaps at all; and many politicians denounce me because I have interfered with the serenity of the occasion and have not permitted their plans for a nomination by default to be consummated. I shall not concede that collectors of revenue, United States marshals, postmasters and other office holders may themselves alone nominate candidates for the presidency.

For Direct Legislation.

"The leaders upon the other side have demonstrated by recent actions their contempt for the men and women who in reality constitute the republican party. Our opponents do not believe in direct primaries and direct legislation. I insist the republicans in Ohio shall have an equal right in determining the nominee for president with the republicans in South Carolina. Obviously our opponents do not so believe.

"Just as pollution at the source of the stream will pollute the whole stream, wrong and injustice in the selection of delegates to a national convention will permeate and taint the very convention itself."

Senator Johnson then reviewed the action of the 1920 republican convention in reducing the southern delegation and said it was a "step in the right direction," as it is a basis for further reductions. He then told of the recent action of the national committee in Washingon "under the order of our opponents" in again giving them the original representation and termed it "scandalous and unfair representation."

"I speak of this outrageously unfair selection of delegates because there is real service we can render," said the senator. "Nine southern states polled 489,000 votes for President Harding. These nine states have 134 delegates. Ohio polled 1,182,000 votes and has 51 delegates to the convention.

Attacks National Committee.

"There is not the remotest possibility of a single elector being chosen in any of the nine southern states, and yet the national committee recently deliberately increased the representation, contemptuously repudiated the mandate of the national convention of 1920 and broke faith with the rank and file of the republican party all over the land. These southern delegates are selected by commands issued in Washington to a very few federal office holders in the different states. The action of the national committee is a reversion to the abhorrent conditions from which we thought we had emerged. It is this system upon which we war."

Senator Johnson stated he had complied with the law of Alabama and expected his name to go on the ballot, but that his opponents were trying to defeat the intent of the law by preventing the primary from taking place. He stated it took two supreme court decisions to put his name on the ballot in South Dakota. He then threw down the gauntlet to the Ohio republican state central committee by telling them no committee, "no matter how influential or how rich" could dictate to the people of Ohio, as to who should represent that state at the republican national convention. The state committee recently endorsed President Coolidge. Reverting to the Mexican situation, Senator Johnson stated that the "United States is furnishing arms and munitions to Obregon in Mexico to fight revolution there."

Shelby Couple Suffer from Exposure in Blizzard

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 3.—Two persons suffered from cold and exposure when the automobile in which they were driving became stalled on a country road while they were on their way from David City to Shelby, Neb.

Miss Grace Culver, 20, teacher in the Shelby schools, suffered a frozen foot and the face of M. R. Schafer, 24, superintendent of Shelby schools, was frozen while they were returning from David City to Shelby to resume their school work, when their car was caught in a drift near Rising City and they were compelled to walk.

Miss Culver lost a shoe in the snow and Schafer was compelled to carry her to a nearby farm house.

Mr. Ballard Dunn, Editor-in-Chief of The Bee

Mr. Ballard Dunn, who is to be editor-in-chief of The Omaha Bee, arrived in the city yesterday, and at once took up his new duties.

Mr. Dunn began his newspaper career in 1899, on the old St. Louis Chronicle, and for 15 years worked on newspapers in various executive capacities in St. Louis, Colorado Springs and Chicago.

"I am pleased to be back in Omaha," said Mr. Dunn. "It is here where the west begins, and the spirit of the people of Omaha and of Nebraska is the spirit in which I always feel at home. I am fully aware of the traditions of The Bee and of the place it has always occupied in the lives of the people of this great section. I remember with much pleasure my residence in Omaha during my association with the Union Pacific railroad several years ago."

For the last four years Mr. Dunn has been junior official of the Equitable Life Assurance society as supervisor of that company's group insurance department in New York city.

Mr. Joy M. Hackler, who was born and raised in Nebraska and who for the last eight years has been associated with Mr. N. B. Updike in Milwaukee and in Omaha, will be business manager.

The Bee Publishing company, Mr. N. B. Updike, president, will continue, of course, as publisher of the paper.

No April Deadline on Taxable Goods

State Commissioner Quotes Law Requiring Listing of Purchases Up to July.

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—In the tax form for 1924, issued today by the tax commissioner, W. H. Smith, attention is called to a provision in the Nebraska statutes which requires listing for taxation property brought into the state or county after April 1 and prior to July 1.

The inclusion of the statute in the form is caused, according to Commissioner Smith, by a widespread purchase of articles after April 1 by persons who are under the impression that they are thus nontaxable for that year.

Only minor changes are made in the form, among them being the transfer of tractors and threshing machines from the farm machinery column to personal property. The change was made so that a census of tractors and threshing machines could be taken, which was impossible under the old form.

State Banks Warned to Speed Up Reports

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—State banks were today notified that reports showing their condition as of December 31, must be prepared and forwarded to the department of trade and commerce within five days of the receipt of notice. In his request for the statement, K. C. Knudson, deputy secretary of the department, calls attention to a statute which provides for a $50 a day penalty for each day's delay in submission.

His letter to the banks, in part, follows:

"Report must be published and proof of publication forwarded to this department within 20 days from the date this report is called.

"A great negligence on the part of many banks not mailing us the reports within five days has existed in the past. Please avoid the penalty of $50 per day for each day's delay."

Blue Springs Store Robbed.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—Yeggs entered the general store of F. E. Rice at Blue Springs last night, but made a water haul, escaping with only $5, which they obtained from the cash register. This is the seventh time this store has been robbed in 15 years.

Bonus Fate Will Rest With Public

Sentiment Is Watched by Senators and Will Prove Decisive Factor if President Vetoes Measure.

Poll Shows 66 for Bill

By MARK SULLIVAN.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The latest and most dependable poll of the senate on the bonus, taken under circumstances likely to give the nearest approximation to accuracy, reveals 66 senators favorable and 30 against. This poll is on the basis of the first vote to be taken before the president vetoes it. The real test will come on the second vote, to pass it over the president's veto. As to this latter vote, there is no dependable poll in existence, and those best posted say no poll is now possible that would be worth while.

Inasmuch as it takes only 64 votes to compose the two-thirds necessary to pass the bonus over the president's veto, it follows that at least three senators must change their original position in order to sustain the veto and ultimately defeat the bonus.

Watch Public Sentiment.

Whether there will be three or more such changes depends on the following factors: First, whether among the republicans included in the 68 pro-bonus senators there are as many as three who are sufficiently orthodox in their party spirit to change their votes rather than go on record as voting in defiance of a veto from a republican president. Second, whether President Coolidge, in addition to going through the form of vetoing the bonus, will do something more, and bring the personal pressure which every president can bring if he wants to on senators of his party to sustain his position. Third, whether the tide of public sentiment will be running strongly against the bonus at the time the final vote in the senate is taken.

Court Grants Brictson Delay

Continuance Until March 17 Given in Fraud Case—Persecution Is Charged.

Ole A. Brictson, head of the Brictson Manufacturing company, on trial in federal court on a charge of using the mails to defraud in promotion of the $10,000,000 rubber tire concern, was given a continuance until March 17 by Federal Judge Elliott yesterday afternoon.

His attorney claimed that he had been persecuted by a multitude of "piratical" suits in state courts, injunctions which had prevented his getting at the books and records of the company to prepare a defense. He asked for a continuance of six weeks, which would have placed the trial into the middle of February.

Because of an impending vacation in California, the judge granted him an extension until March 17.

J. C. Kinsler, United States district attorney, said he will begin at once preparing the prosecution of the Lion Bonding case, scheduled to go to trial in February.

Burlington Employe for 40 Years Quits at Burwell

Burwell, Neb., Jan. 3.—R. W. Hanna has tendered his resignation to the Burlington railroad, after a continuous service of 40 years and two months. He has been conductor on the Burwell-Palmer run for more than 20 years. On account of poor health he has decided to give up the work. He will continue to make his home in Burwell.

Schaffer is resting easily at the hospital. Benjamin was brought back from Valley early this morning.

:-: SUNNY SIDE UP :-:

Noting my remarks about Gering people protesting against the removal of a democratic postmaster to make room ror a republican, Colonel Sweet of the Nebraska City Press ejaculates: "But, gosh, just suppose all this had happened under a democratic administration at Washington." Being absolutely nonpartisan, but not a leaguer, I am constrained to remind Colonel Sweet that just exactly that happened, and less than three miles from Gering. In response to an insistent demand from the patrons of the Scottsbluff postoffice a republican postmaster was installed by a democratic administration. The moral is, I presume, that if the people arise in their wrath and howl loud enough, they can compel any administration to accede to their wishes.

The thermometer does not always tell the story. F'rinstance, I left the old home when the mercury denoted 33 below zero, and landed back at the desk when it registered only 6 below. And the 6 below was colder and chillier and far more unendurable than the 33 below. A difference of more than half a mile in the altitude may be the explanation.

This is the season of year when I am again in the grip of an ambition of my middle age. Every January for something like 10 or 12 years it has been my ambition to raise tomatoes and radishes and head lettuce equal to the pictures in the seed catalogues that come to hand at this season. During January and February, and the early part of March, I make a garden that is destined to be the wonder and the envy of the neighborhood. Midsummer sees my ambition thwarted, for never have I been able to produce such tomatoes, radishes or lettuce. But as a producer of luxuriant weeds of a hitherto unknown species I have Luther Burbank backed off the map.

R. G. R. of David City comes forward with something new in the way of nomenclature. He tells me of a friend of his at Iowa City, Ia., named Grant Lawyer, who is a dentist. The sign on the office door is "Doctor Lawyer, Dentist." Which rather seems to be monopolizing the learned professions.

And this from H. F. G., Omaha, is acknowledged with thanks and something reminiscent of blushes: "I like your column more each day. Somehow you know just what to say. To us old-timers you recall the past. To us new-comers, not so fast. You tal kof homely things we understand. Don't need a horn and a big brass band. Your column fills my day with cheer. Lots more pep than this near beer." Words are feeble on lips like mine, so I'll just say, Happy New Year to thee and thine.

Unique New Year greeting card just received, it having been forwarded. No means of identifying the sender, as postmark on the envelope obliterated. Card inscribed: "Happy New Year—you know your favorite brand." Card pinned to a brand new, crinkley five dollar bill.

A real Christian is the one who does not stop exactly on the lot line when shoveling the snow from the sidewalk.

Finding a handful of pearls in an oyster pattie does not intrigue me greatly. Discovering unexpected articles in restaurant fare not so uncommon in my case that it either excites or enrages me. W. M. M.

Hardware Fi[illegible]

[illegible]ver

Riedler [illegible] are dealers at [illegible] filed a petition [illegible] today to be adju[illegible] stating that their asse[illegible] and their liabilities $5[illegible]

Paul G[illegible]er, in his individual schedule, ga[illegible] his liabilities as $86,960 and his assets as $22,850. Otis U. Cowles, the other partner, said his liabilities are $64,553 and his assets $155. The liabilities in each case include those of the company.

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Young Dines Develops Pneumonia

Mabel Normand Denies Chauffeur's Story of Shooting; Is in Hospital Suffering From Nervous Breakdown.

By International News Service.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 3.—Dr. Guy Cochran, physician for Courtland Dines, announced this morning that pneumonia had developed, but that Dines "was doing fine." The pneumonia was feared to be more dangerous than the bullet wound.

It was learned at the hospital that the pneumonia condition has made Dines' breathing labored and painful and that he has suffered considerable agony.

"Pneumonia has developed, but it has not progressed far," Dr. Cochran said today. "We are hopeful of defeating the pneumonia. Mr. Dines is doing very nicely. He is holding his strength well."

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—What drove Mabel Normand's chauffeur to shoot Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil operator and club man, in Dines apartment here, New Year's night in the presence of Miss Normand and another motion picture actress, Edna Purviance, today was a matter on which those most intimately concerned in the shooting seemed utterly unable to agree.

Horace A. Greer, the chauffeur, also known as Joe Kelly, still insisted that he put a bullet through Dines' lung in self-defense. The police were equally positive that infatuation for Miss Normand, coupled with an ambition to be her hero and protector, led Greer to shoot when balked in his effort to "rescue" the actress from Dines.

"Must Have Been Insane."

Miss Normand, ignoring her chauffeur's self-defense plea, ridiculed the police theory of infatuation with: "Impossible. The man must have been insane."

Dines, lying on his cot at the Good Samaritan hospital, said he didn't know "why in the world that fool ever shot me." But in the same breath declared "he must have been full of hop."

The theory advanced by Miss Purviance was that Greer was foolishly jealous enough to have shot any man he might have found in the apartment with Miss Normand that night.

Meanwhile Greer remained in the city jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon; Dines was said to be recovering at the Good Samaritan hospital; Miss Normand was in the same hospital suffering from what her physicians termed a nervous breakdown brought on by excitement and worry, and Miss Perviance was resting at home after announcing that reports of her engagement to Dines were not entirely unfounded.

Yes and No.

"Mr. Dines and I were engaged—and yet we were not engaged, if you know what I mean," she told newspaper men last night, explaining that while the Denver man had "never given me an engagement ring there was an understanding between us that we would be married.

"I am not ashamed to say that I am most terribly fond of him," she added.

Charles Chaplin, who starred Miss Purviance recently in a picture of his direction and who was reported to have decided to use her as feminine lead in his next comedy, announced today that it is possible some one else may take the role, but denied that the publicity arising from the Dines shooting would influence his choice.

Officials of the Senett studios here with whom Miss Normand has been working under one-picture agreements, declined to say whether or not her connection with the shooting would have any effect on scheduled showings of her pictures throughout the country or on possible future agreements with Senette.

Oakland Jan. 3.—Records of the bureau of identification of the Oakland police department last night revealed that Horace Greer, who gave his occupation as a chauffeur, is wanted by the department as a fugitive from justice. The record shows that Greer escaped after he had served 15 days of a 75-day sentence for petty larceny, the theft of a pair of shoes.

Full Measure

A. Olsen of South 25th avenue is fully convinced that Bee Want Ads give full measure. Mr. Olsen wished to rent his 7-room house, so he placed a for rent ad in The Bee. The house was rented the first day the advertisement appeared—that is conclusive proof that you should try The Omaha Bee FIRST when you advertise. Our phone is AT lantic 1000.

It's Results That Count

Let Joy Be Unconfined

Garage Owned by Jimmy Griffin Damaged by Fire

Windows Shattered; No Explosion Heard—Police Scout Reprisal Theory—Griffin Held for Slaying.

Damage estimated at $15,000 resulted from a fire said to have been caused by an overheated oil stove at the J. L. Gaylord garage, Nineteenth and Nicholas streets, owned by Jimmy Griffin, shortly after 1 yesterday afternoon.

Jimmy Griffin is now in the county jail, awaiting trial on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Henry McArdle last November.

Police were unable to unearth any evidence to support a theory that the garage was fired by friends of McArdle by way of reprisal.

According to William Sully, manager of the garage, he left an oil stove in the office, at the front of the building, burning when he went to lunch. He knew nothing of the fire until he returned. The building itself is owned by the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, and formerly was used as a car barn.

The blaze was first discovered by Bill Griffin, a brother of Jim Griffin, who was working in another office.

The only other person in the garage at the time was F. H. Parrish, 1012 North Sixteenth street, who keeps his car there.

The two men attempted to beat out the fire, but it gained headway on them. Griffin telephoned for the fire department. As soon as they ceased their efforts, according to Parrish, the flames appeared to leap from car to car in the vicinity of the office where the fire originated.

Fifteen machines parked along the wall of the garage, were damaged. The fire appeared to begin at the top of each automobile, and burn downward.

Several windows near the office were shattered, and appeared to have been blown out, although neither William Griffin nor Parrish heard an explosion.

Two alarms were turned in before the fire was under control. Firemen were successful in preventing the spread of the blaze to the office of the Guiou Lumber company across the street.

It was in the Gaylord garage that the gun with which Henry McArdle is alleged to have been killed, was found.

Griffin originally was scheduled to come to trial in district court January 2, but the date was postponed on application of attorneys early this week.

Iowa Minister Gets Call to Nebraska Pastorate

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—Rev. Charles B. Hankins of Newton, Ia., has been called to the pastorate of the Methodist church here, to succeed Rev. J. Franklin Haas, who has gone to Eugene, Ore.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Richard Piper, Omaha	25
Mae Smith, Omaha	22
Clarence Mick, University Place, Neb.	28
Loda Sanders, Courtland, Neb.	23
Edwin Limberger, Omaha	21
Mary Hagire, Omaha	20
Raymond Belik, Prague, Neb.	27
Anne Uech, Morsebluff, Neb.	21
E. M. Clifford, Council Bluffs	51
Effie Curtis, Council Bluffs	76
W. L. Tindell, Omaha	26
Ruth Roberts, Omaha	21
Claude Eldke, Council Bluffs	19
Jessie Gilder, Council Bluffs	18
Frederick Jaedicke, Denver, Colo.	22
Nelle Nissen, Denver, Colo.	22

The Day in Washington

Congress convened after the holiday recess and adjourned until Monday.

Lower anthracite prices were demanded in an address by Representative Treadway, republican, Massachusetts.

Consideration of the administration tax bill was resumed by the house ways and means committee.

Louis Marshall of New York, attacked proposed further immigration restrictions before the house immigration committee.

Another failure marked the senate's efforts to elect a chairman of the interstate commerce committee.

Pedro Guevara, resident commissioner for the Philippines, advocated Philippine independence in an address in the house.

Representatives Upshaw, Georgia, and Blanton, Texas, democrats, introduced resolutions to stop liquor drinking in official life.

A resolution authorizing investigation of the election of Senator Mayfield, democrat, Texas, was adopted by the senate.

Harry Payne Whitney, New York banker and sportsman, testified before the senate committee investigating naval oil leases.

President Coolidge called the shipping board and others to the White House for a conference on the merchant marine problem.

The shipping board was asked by the senate what efforts had been made to forestall decisions of American organizations to travel to foreign ships.

Beatrice Man Claims Hail Risk Concern Failed to Pay

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—According to a petition filed in the district court by Carl J. Lewis, he has been "holding the sack" for $2,500 worth of hail insurance for months after a storm which wiped out his corn crop. Mr. Lewis alleges that he had a policy with the Farmers' Mutual of Des Moines, and that the company has refused to pay any part of his loss. He asks for $2,500 judgment, plus interest.

Weather Drives Escaped Prisoner to Give Self Up

Earl Benjamin, Who Broke Fremont Jail, Surrenders to Posse at Valley After Fleeing in Bitter Cold.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 3.—Earl Benjamin, alias Benjamin Blair, who escaped from the Dodge county jail last night, was captured by a sheriff's posse at Valley at 3 o'clock this morning. Benjamin had walked the 12 miles to Valley through the intense cold and deep snow thinly clad.

When found, the man was suffering from exposure and made no resistance. Benjamin is believed to have escaped from the jail by deliberately riding down the courthouse elevator with Mrs. Condit, wife of the sheriff, when the discovery of the attempted escape of Arthur Schaffer was made.

Schaffer fell to the ground, trying to slide down a rope of blankets from the top of the courthouse. One leg was broken in three places. His left leg, which he lost some time ago, is replaced by a wooden leg. Reports from the sheriff's office first identified the injured prisoner as Richard Sperry, another jail inmate. In the excitement that followed his cries for help, it is believed that Benjamin dashed into the living quarters of the jail and was mistaken for a trusty when he jumped into the elevator with Mrs. Condit.

The sheriff's wife remembers a strange man riding in the elevator, but was unable to identify him as Benjamin.

Columbus Man Is Found Dead at Home of Daughter

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 3.—Charles Gragert, 63, former section employe on the Burlington, was found dead in bed at the home of his son-in-law, Joseph Mielak. When he retired he complained of heart pains.

Mr. Gragert was a native of Galena, Ill., and had resided in Columbus for 35 years. He leaves five daughters.

New Year Begins Happily for Emigrant Family After Battle to Reach Gering

Russian Colony Shares Joy With Newcomers Who Move in Own Home on First Day of 1924—Two Years in Reaching America.

Gering, Neb., Jan. 3.—New Year's day was the most beautiful day in all history for Ben Specht. It was also the most beautiful day in all history to Mrs. Specht and the four little Spechts.

It was their first day in their new home in America, a home they have been trying to reach for more than two years. And had it not been for loyal friends in America they might never have achieved their goal.

When the world war broke out Ben Specht was living in his native Russia. He had been married only three three or four years when he was put in the Russian army and was sent to the western front against Germany. He did not have an opportunity to return to the little farm to kiss his wife and babies goodby, but marched away with his thousands of untried and undrilled comrades.

When the Russian army revolted and soviet Russia came into being, Ben Specht managed to rejoin his family and later receiving money from friends and relatives in America he started to the land of the free. He got into Germany, and there he was halted as a Russian refugee. For two long years he and his family suffered and starved while futile efforts were being made by American relatives and friends to get him out and across the ocean.

Prayers Are Answered.

"We didn't taste bread made of wheat for two years," said Ben in halting American as he stood upon the steps of his new home on the morning of the first day of the year. Our only drink besides water was a brew made from roots or herbs. I don't know how we lived, and I know we couldn't have lived without the aid sent us by our good friends in this so good America. Ah, it is answer to prayers that we are here."

Finally a lot of diplomatic and financial red tape was untangled, and

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U. S. Rushes $313,000 of Road Money

Checks Now on Way to Meet Long-Delayed Claims of Nebraska Highway Contractors.

More Vouchers Coming

Nebraska road payments totaling $313,000 will be on their way today from Washington to cover vouchers sent in from the Fifth district, according to a telegram sent to R. L. Cochran, state enfineer, and Senator George Wilkins, member of the senate investigating committee, by J. C. Wonders, head of this district.

January 2, checks aggregating $171,000 were sent from Washington. Yesterday $58,000 in checks went through the mail. Today $84,000 worth of paper starts for Nebraska. The bulk of these checks are for final payment, according to Mr. Wonders, although some are for intermediate vouchers.

"I'm just getting caught up in my work now," said Mr. Wonders yesterday. "I have just so much work mapped out for the week, as it is, and this extra checking of vouchers, necessitated by the delay at Lincoln has made me 'way behind," he added as he dived figuratively into the mass of typewritten sheets in front of him.

A good deal of the checking required before vouchers were sent to Washington would have been avoided of the state had not slipped in so many intermediate or partial payment vouchers, it is said.

Four vouchers, two intermediate and two final vouchers came to the head office in Omaha yesterday.

A. Welton, formerly connected with the Massachusettes road bureau, is in charge of the Lincoln suboffice.

Some of the vouchers coming through at this late date are for work contracted for and partly finished during the preceding administration.

Sloan in Race for Norris' Post

Petition of Geneva Aspirant for Senate Filed—Has 2,000 Signatures.

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—Former Congressman Charles H. Sloan of Geneva today became a candidate for United States senate on the republican ticket. Announcement that Sloan was definitely in the race was made by Frank P. Corrick, who today filed with the secretary of state a petition signed by 2,000 voters asking Sloan to be a candidate.

In a statement, issued at the time of filing, Corrick said he had been assured by Sloan, over long-distance telephone, that he would send his formal acceptance before the end of the week.

"The movement to nominate Mr. Sloan for senator began to form about 10 days ago when a few hundred petitions were mailed out informally, accompanied by a printed slip asking that the same be circulated and returned for filing," the statement reads.

"The response has been most generous and indicates the state-wide sentiment favorable to the candidacy of Mr. Sloan. It is known that many other petitions are in circulation and these will doubtless be returned within the next week and additional filings made."

Sloan retired as congressman in 1918 to enter a three-cornered fight for the republican senatorial nomination and was defeated by Senator Norris, who has repeatedly declared that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Sloan is the second republican to definitely enter the race, the other being Fred G. Johnson of Hastings, who filed some time ago. C. H. Gustafson, former president of the United States Grain Growers, has announced that he will be a candidate, but has not filed as yet, and it is understood will not do so until he is definitely assured of Norris' withdrawal.

Trenmor Cone of Waterloo is the only democratic candidate to file thus far.

Mullen to Enter Race for Committeeman

Two candidates for the office of county commissioner, both republicans, filed their petitions in the office of the Douglas county election commissioner at the courthouse yesterday.

They are Charles Unit, Fifth district, and Thomas H. Walker, Third district.

Arthur F. Mullen announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for democratic national committeeman at the primaries next April.

Candidacy of former District Judge A. L. Sutton for position on the district court bench also was announced yesterday.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. January 3:

Temperature.

Highest, 6; lowest, —; mean, 6; normal, 22. Total deficiency since January 1, —41.

Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, T. Totals since January 1, 30.98; excess, 61.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	—5	1 p. m.	3
6 a. m.	—6	2 p. m.	5
7 a. m.	—5	3 p. m.	4
8 a. m.	—4	4 p. m.	5
9 a. m.	—4	5 p. m.	5
10 a. m.	—4	6 p. m.	6
11 a. m.	—2	7 p. m.	6
12 noon	3	8 p. m.	4