WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska-Mostly cloudy Tuesday;

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# THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.

—William Shakespeare.

# PLAN FOR GREATER OMAHA LAUNCHED

# Shows Way Literature Big Asset

Staff Representative of The Bee Investigated Iowa Capital's System of Building Business.

### "Boost --- Never Knock"

One thing is certain: Des Moines including the common folk and the leaders of thought, is sold on the idea that the Greater Des Moines com mittee is and has been of great bene fit in building Des Moines; making it an important city of the central west although it has but few large indus tries and a couple of minor railroads A staff man from The Omaha Bee

went several months ago to Des Moines to investigate the means by which business leaders there were co operating for the benefit of the city. Quoting Ralph Bolton, a member of the committee for 14 years, and its

to build on than any city of the middle west, we feel that the Greater Des Moines committee has been the great factor in making Des Moines what it is today. It is the city's life

In a booklet Bolton says: Th Greater Des Moines committee has paid 2,813 per cent annual dividends and a surplus." He aims to prove this contention with actual figures.

How Des Moines Started. The Greater Des Moines commit tee was organized by a newspaper the Des Moines Daily Capital. Its publisher, Lafayette Young, sr., is still active in its organization.

Here is the plan used in the organi Mr. Young called a small group of retailers together and explained his plan of organizing a special committee of business men to stimulate interest in Des Moines. The plan was accepted and 30 prominent business men were called to a conference. They represented the leaders of thought in the community. Retailers and real

The committee was incorporated and stock was sold to each member at \$10 a share. The 30 men then selected a list of 300 supporting menibers. A quota was made up for each

Co-operates With Chamber. The committee has a working annual budget at the present time of When a special fund is needed, for instance in getting Camp Dodge from Omaha and in bringing large conventions to Des Moines, a special canvass is made.

The Greater Des Moines committee in makeup, is similar to Omaha's Ak-Sar-Ben board of governors. All elections are made by a majority of the committee. The committee perpetuates itself the same as the Ak-Sar-Ben

### in Boosting Des Moines In informing the world, Iowa and Des Moines of the good things

offered by the Iowa city, the Greater Des Moines committee makes use of literature, printed in such a manner that the eye is at once arrested.

For instance, there are two pleasing little cards of white paper in two shades of blue ink and bor-dered by a red line. One of these demands that readers know Des Moines, "The City of Certainties."

The statistics show the increase in population due to the work of mittee. Number of jobbing houses, factories, coal fields, railroads, postal receipts, insurance companies, publications, conventions, colleges and universities, miles of paved roads and value of Iowa farm land.

The other card requests that Iowa should be known equally as well. Statements dwell on the taxable wealth of the state and the value of farm land in comparison with New England states. It is said that no point in Iowa is more than 12 miles from a railroad.

### directing secretary for almost that tength of time, he wrote in his report: "Realizing that Des Moines has less **Accused of Plot** to Fix Prices

With Two Out-of-Town Companies, Named by Federal Trade Commission.

Washington yesterday charged that Omaha, with a Salt Lake City and a price fixing conspiracy in selling paper in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and

It is stated in the charges that these three companies sell 75 per cent of the paper handled in the

Western Newspaper Union, at Omaha, nor its branches in some 40 other cities, are even remotely connected with any conspiracy or combination in restraint of trade," declared E. W. Julian, vice president of the company,

"We have received word of the filing of the charges and will certainly answer them before the 30 days are up. The company will be repre sented by one of the officers at the hearing in Washington.

"The Western Newspaper Union is in a price fixing combination." firm was the one referred to by "a

### Middle BIT ATH 3 Attend Haring on

Coast-to-Coast Revision to Compete With Panama Canal Business.

New York, March 3 .- Bankers and nanufacturers from the middle west today added their voices to those of transcontinental railroad officials in asking the interstate commerce commission to permit a revision of rail rates which would meet the lower water freight rates between Atlantic and Pacific ports.

Today's hearing was a resumption of the series conducted in many cities, the last at Chicago. It is expected the New York session will onclude the commission's accumalation of evidence for and against rail rate reduction.

Witnesses wer unanimous in declar ing that the existing differential in rail and water rates was hurting the should be permitted to reduce rates to the bank impossible without risk to halt the diversion of transcontining death. ental freight to steamship companies operating via the Panama canal.

Rail Freight Diminishing. J. E. Dawes, president of the Chiago association of commerce, sum-Western Newspaper Union, marized the testimony of other witesses when he said:

"There is a constantly diminishing alpment of freight by rail from the niddle west to the Pacific coast. hurts midwestern railroads, thereby west, we should have an adjustment that would equalize the rail and water

"We want the people of the middle west to stay there. We don't want them to bring their manufacturing plants to the east because of cheaper reight rates to the Pacific by water than by land. We should have a coast-to-coast rall traffic. The Panama canal should be used to the

investment capital away from the middle west and that every manufacturer who could abandon his midwestern property and move to the At lantic coast was doing so.

### Klansmen Contribute to

Church at North Platte North Platte, March 3.-Members of the Christian church here last night sang "America" and repeated out after all the business it can get, the Lord's prayer at the request of which would not be true if it was six white-robed klansmen, who made the for receiving stolen auto-tigation to get at the facts."

All the business it can get, the Lord's prayer at the request of three to seven years in the peniten- an investigation, a summary investigation, a summary investigation, a summary investigation to get at the facts."

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### Bombs Sent Lower Rail Rates to Schuyler Railroad Officials Ask for to Blast Ice

Party of Men Cut Off From Mainland Near Columbus by Breaking Ice-Water Rising Steadily

Columbus, Neb., March 3 .- Swollen waters of the Loup, freighted with great cakes of ice, have marooned five Columbus men on Browner's island, five miles west of the city, since yesterday forenoon. In the party are James Browner, William Rodenhorst, Harry Brown, R. Y. Lisco, jr., and

Fred A. Roberts.

Four of the men went out yesterday to spend the day with the fifth, Rodenhorst, who was on the island. Breaking of the ice made their return

Max Elias drove out today to a point of vantage as near as possible to the island and called to the men. Mr. Elias tomorrow afternoon will take out a supply of edibles which he will endeavor to get across to the party by means of a wire cable which is stretched from the bank to the

The constant rise of water in the "If Panama canal transportation Platte and Loup rivers Monday caused Lieut. John F. Whitely, after affecting manufacturers in the middle making an expedition to Schuyler in his Martin government bombing plane, to return to Omaha. He later flew back to Schuyler to find a temporary landing place. Lieutenant Whitely was to spend the night at Schuyler according to army officers.

have to be blasted Tuesday, according to Col. H. A. Eaton, of the Sev was stationed in the Union Pacific

spreading over the lowlands. freight rates decision was keeping Burlington's third bridge was closed nied and others granted. temporarily Sunday when ice jammed against the piers and moved it slight-

Gorges are threatening to overrun the Union Pacific tracks near North Sandbag crews are raising ited privilege of cross-examination of dikes along the tracks.

Mares' Sentence Suspended. Wilber garage man, sentenced to "This is not a technical court, but Marie Jelinek, Swanton, Neb.

#### Sections of Platte Bridges Forced Out Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Hastings, Neb., March 3.—Sec-

tions of the Platte river bridges between this city and Grand Island, and south of Wood river, were forced out by ice jams last night. The approach to a Platte bridge on another road south of Grand Island was washed .out With three crossings closed, traffic for a considerable distance is detoured to the Hamilton-Hall county bridge. Some lowlands are flooded, but persistent blasting is believed to have averted more serious damage.

### Bombing Plane on Guard Counsel Powers of Daugherty at

Privileges Will Be Limited Since Case Is Investigation for Facts, Declares Chairman Brookhart.

Washington, March 3 .- Tentative stated. lans for beginning the investigation of Attorney General Daugherty and the Department of Justice were made Chairman Brookhart said the actual Balster was found, hearing of witnesses probably would be delayed until next week.

The committee appointed Senato Wheeler, democrat, Montana, author of the investigation resolution, a subzrst subject of inquiry and when the self hearings should open.

The committee meeting was today's

from Daugherty, although news dis-dinner as had been his custom. She patches from Miami had quoted him telephoned the Chapin farm and two ming dangerous, and probably will as expecting to send some messages of the boys went over to investigate.

The extent of participation by the enth army area corps. The carload attorney general in the inquiry was Saturday night. He left for home tary of the Greater Des Momes com determined at today's meeting of the shortly after 8 and is believed to mittee, declared that five things were feeling between various civic organicommittee and will be communicated have been accosted by the assassin the basis for the city's condition benefit of the entire country, but not to the detriment of the central schuyler late Monday afternoon.

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Brookhart to Daugherty's counsel, butting his car away. The ice in the Platte continues to Paul Howland and former Senator hold, but the water is rising and Chamberlain of Oregon. Some of their bors said they knew of no enemies The requests as to procedure will be de- he had.

> Has Right to Counsel. .Chairman Brookhart said there was no question of Daugherty's right to be represented by counsel, but the com mittee had decided not to give unlim

calling independent witnesses. "The committee decided that these Esther Fideline, Mean Neb .... Mares' Sentence Suspended. questions should be kept under its George Teebhen. Fort Crook, Neb. Lincoln, March 3.—Edward Mares, control," Senator Brookhart said. Clara Rode, West Point, Neb.....

### **Utica Farmer** Found Slain at Door of Garage

Discovery of Tied Chickens Leads Officers to Believe Victim Caught Thief Pil-

former County Commissioner Henry Balster, was found shot to death at the door of the garage on his farm near here early last night. He had been shot in the chest with a shot- in the United States. gun. The wound was powder burned. His empty wallet lay 10 feet from Trial Drawn Up his body, leading County Attorney harticular. McKillip to believe he had been killed by a robber. It is not known An org

into the shooting and killing of Edward Balster, bachelor farmer of near Utica, Neb., developed several leads this afternoon, reports to the state law enforcement headquarters here

chickens-one dead-were found tied together near the chicken The chicken house is about by the special committee today, but 60 feet away from the garage where

Also car tracks, not made by Bal ster's car were found in the yard. Authorities are now working on the theory that Balster surprised the chicken theif, and, recognizing him, committee of one to determine the was shot by the thief to save him today making a survey of the basis

Chief of Police Neil Olsen of York, representing the state enforcement only development. There was no dis- bureau, is co-operating with local aucussion of the attorney general in the thorities in making the investigations. an investigation of the city and its mother in Utica became alarmed the Greater Des Moines committee at ommunication had been received when he failed to come in for Sunday a luncheon at the Des Moines club.

They discovered the body.

Married in Council Bluffs.

### Des Moines FIVE MAROONTO ON PLATTE ISLAND Big Business Men Make Pilgrimage to Des Moines to Study Civic Boosting

Dropping Private Affairs, Leaders of Omaha Go on Tour of Investigation to Discover Best Methods of Advertising Assets of Nebraska's Metropolis-Entertained and Instructed by "Go-Getters" of Iowa.

## Utica, Neb., March 3.—Edward Balster, 37, bachelor farmer, son of former County Commission of Twenty-Seven Enthusiastic Over Move

Omaha is out after more factories, more conventions, more homes, more business houses and more everything else which will make the city bigger and more widely known

In a word, Omaha is going to advertise itself to the world in general, Nebraska and the citizens of Omaha in

An organization of Omaha business men is to be formed that he carried any large sum of in the near future which will care for the proper advertising of the city's facilities and possibilities. This committee prob-Lincoln, March 3.-Investigation ably will be known as the Greater Omaha committee.

These men will look after the need of the city from all angles. Above all, its purpose is to sell Omaha to Omahans and Nebraskans.

A group of Omaha men were in Des Moines, Ia., yesterday to get first-hand information about the workings of a body called "Greater Des Moines commitee" organized 18 years ago for this same purpose; to advertise Des Moines and Iowa and to halt some of the tide of citizens rolling to other states.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Des Moines, Ia., March 3 .- Twenty

Balster's body was found after his growth and at noon were guests of Following the luncheon, represen tative Des Moines business and civic leaders outlined what to them seemed the basis of the city's growth in the Balster was last seen alive in Utica last 20 years. Alex Fitzhugh, secre-

Balster farmed 160 acres. Neigh industries to the city." Fitzhugh deriver from a site for tumbledown pors said they knew of no enemies clared. "We have been able to service from a site for tumbledown cure 10 industries that now have pay. shacks to a civic center. A coroner's jury was to resume the rolls of nearly \$1,000,000 a week. We name today.

The men here include Fred P. Hamare now saving \$700,000 a year. We have fostered good government and deis, J. F. Daily, Frank Keough, E. attempted to make the city a hospitable one for convention visitors, Good will, which we have been able to foster, has changed the city from

meeting, declared that the prosperity of both Iowa and Nebraska is de-

Savings in Freight Rates Big Benefit to Des Moines Location of new industries in Des Moines has been due to the work of the Greater Des Moines

Freight rates have been reduced so that more than \$786,000 is saved annually

During its 18 years of existence it leas expended \$27,000 annually. Good roads is one of the pet objects of the organization.

James B. Weaver asserted that what prosperity Des Moines had at-"We have attempted to bring new the work of his group in transform-

the city, with the result that we T. L. Davis, A. B. Currie, R. K. the most unpopular city in Iowa to one near the top in good will."

Harvey Ingram, editor of the Register and Tribune, who addressed the

### To State Convention.

Thirty-eight delegates from Pottapendent upon the prosperity of the wattamie county left last night for farmer, and asserted that the people Des Moines, Ia., to attend the state

### of this section should endeavor to republican convention there tomoraims not to "step on the toes" of the firm was the one referred to (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.) Salt Lake City paper house." Among the Representative Omaha Business and Civic Leaders Who Pilgrimaged to Des Moines







