

WINTER "ACCIDENT" SLAIN

1925 Brings Prosperity to Nebraska

All Signs Point to Unprecedented Business With Farmer in Van of Money Maker.

Industry on Firm Basis

The new year, 1925, beckons Nebraska on a period of unprecedented prosperity...

Straight Ahead!

It will be the purpose of The Omaha Bee, during 1925, to look straight ahead, to work straight ahead.

We will seek to interpret those programs for community building and advancement that have as their central theme, the ideal straight ahead.

Doubt on French Debt Is Relieved by Myron Herrick

Washington Officials Refuse to Comment on Statement Made by Minister of Finance in Paris.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Washington government was in possession tonight of official information transmitted by Ambassador Herrick in Paris after his conversations with Premier Herriot and M. Clementel.

Cyrus McCormick Sued for \$500,000

Harvester Head Denies the Charges Contained in Alienation Action.

New York, Dec. 31.—Attorneys for Cyrus H. McCormick, 65-year-old president of the International Harvester company, denied today there was any basis for the \$500,000 alienation suit brought against the Chicago millionaire by Edwin W. Jacobs of New York.

MOTHER VISITING DAUGHTER DIES

Mrs. Anna C. Mattson, 62, a resident of South Omaha for 32 years, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. Hallgren, 4811 Pierce street, where she had been visiting for several weeks.

Registrations Made in League by Argentina

Geneva, Dec. 31.—The foreign minister of Argentina today registered with the league of nations a treaty on arbitration between Argentina and Switzerland and a convention for reciprocity in gratuitous medical assistance to citizens between Argentina and Belgium.

Lodge of 45 Members Has No Death in 30 Years

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 31.—Since its organization 30 years ago, Massem (Ia.) camp of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge, has not had a member die.

Farm Home Burns

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 31.—Fire originating from a defective fuse destroyed the William Edwards farm dwelling south of Adair, Ia., last Monday.

Policeman After Train Bandit Shot

Illinois Woman Opens Fire on Officers Who Come to Arrest Her Sons for Slaying Agent.

Both Taken in Custody

Chicago, Dec. 31.—With his mother defending with a revolver when the authorities came to arrest her son, Anthony Arcadia, 18, was taken into custody today in connection with the holdup of a Northwestern train late last night in which Russell Dickey, an express messenger, was killed.

Cotton Trade in 1925 to Be Good

New York Official Asserts America Must Maintain Her Supremacy.

New York, Dec. 31.—General prosperity in the cotton trade in 1925 was forecast today by Edward E. Bartlett, jr., president of the New York Cotton Exchange, in a statement emphasizing the importance of a good crop in the south next year and succeeding years, in order that America might maintain supremacy in supplying the greater part of the world's cotton requirements.

Bridges Damaged in Oregon Flood

Farms, Railroads and Highways Flooded in Pacific Northwest Storm.

Wife of Iowa Farmer Dies in Omaha Hospital

Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Joseph Bird, 46, wife of a prominent farmer north of town, died in an Omaha hospital Tuesday following an illness of two weeks with pleural pneumonia.

Long Beach Bank Robbed of \$4,200 by Two Bandits

Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 31.—Two men held up a branch of the California National bank here today and escaped with about \$4,200, bank officials reported to the police.

Mrs. W. A. McKnight Dies

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 31.—Mrs. W. A. McKnight, 68, a resident of Shenandoah 25 years, died of heart trouble and complications. Her husband, a sister, Mrs. Henry Barnett of Graham Mo., and a brother, T. N. Keith of Elgin, Ill., survive. Burial was at Graham, Mo., Wednesday.

Annual Statistics for 1924

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1922, 1923, 1924. Includes Bank clearings, Bank deposits, Manufacturing, Wholesale, Packing House products, Retail business, Building & Loan resources, Groceries distributed, Butter manufactured, Real Estate transfers, Building permits issued, Grain receipts (bu.), Livestock receipts (head), Insurance, prem. (head).

The Bee to Give Away 50,000 Rabbits

The Omaha Bee will give away 50,000 rabbits Friday. They were killed in a big two-day rabbit drive in northeastern Colorado Tuesday and Wednesday.

It was one of the greatest rabbit hunts ever staged. Ten thousand hunters scoured Logan, Sedgwick, Morgan, Yuma, Washington and Phillips counties. As they were shot, trucks, wagons and other vehicles followed and picked them up. One man reported that he shot 266 rabbits himself. And one black jack rabbit was killed.

Where The Omaha Bee's Free Rabbits Will Be Given Away Friday: Market place, Eleventh and Jackson. City Hall, South Omaha. Sixteenth and Fort. Thirtieth and Potter. Fire Barn, Benson. Twenty-fourth and Willis avenue. Rabbits will also be sent to Council Bluffs.

The rabbits are reported to be fat with an average of 6 to 7 pounds. They are busy now in Colorado gathering up the jacks and bunnies and packing them into the cars. But they will soon be on the way and Omahans may get their appetites ready.

The rabbits are all of fine quality, having fattened largely on Colorado corn during the fall and early winter. All were frozen within a short time after they were shot and they will be prime "eating."

Count Salm Plans to Enter Movies in U. S.

Paris, Dec. 31.—A new bombshell exploded in Paris social circles today when it was asserted on good authority that Count Salm Hoogstraaten, husband of Millicent Rogers, will go to Hollywood in February to act in a new film production on contract with Samuel Goldwyn.

Champagne Cargo Nabbed in Harbor

New York, Dec. 31.—A gun fight between marine police and rum smugglers aboard a motor boat which contained 200 cases of champagne early today inaugurated the offensive against the flow of liquor into New York for the New Year celebrations.

COIN GIRL WINS FARM WORK HONOR

Clarinda, Ia., Dec. 31.—Miss Louise Goodman, a member of the Coin Farm Management club, is winner of the highest honors in her work of the year on keeping farm accounts, winning the state short course scholarship, which entitles her to a free trip to the junior farmers' short course at Ames, December 29 to January 2, at which time several hundred farm boys and girls of Iowa will be guests of the agricultural college studying better methods of farming and home making.

EVACUATION OF COLOGNE PUT OFF

Paris, Dec. 31.—The council of ambassadors this evening confirmed unanimously the decision of Great Britain that it was impossible to evacuate the Cologne area on January 19, as stipulated in the Versailles peace treaty.

State Gasoline Sale May Be Denied in Dakota

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—Judge L. L. Fieger today overruled a demurrer by the defendant in the answer of the state in the suit of Jacob Shillingstad, Lincoln county farmer, to enjoin the state of South Dakota from retail sale of gasoline. The ruling was considered by counsel for the state as an indication that the jurisdiction against state sale of gasoline would be denied.

Mrs. Catherine Gaffney, 80, Dies Suddenly at Atlantic

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Catherine Gaffney, long time resident of Atlantic, died suddenly at her home here Tuesday morning. She was 80 years of age and was born in Kings county, Ireland. She came to the United States at the age of 4. Funeral services will be held Thursday.

The Weather

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Temperature. Includes 24-hour forecast and hourly temperatures for Dec 31 and Jan 1.

Certificates of Insurance Sent to 600,000 Vets

Adjusted Service Papers Mailed at Midnight From Capital Represent Total of \$750,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Approximately 600,000 adjusted service certificates representing \$750,000,000 worth of veterans' benefits were placed in the mail at midnight tonight by the veterans bureau.

Authorities Arrest One as Suspect

Work on Theory Kansas Farmer Murdered for Money, Car Tipped Over, Burned to Hide Crime. \$300 in Cash Missing

Wymore, Neb., Dec. 31.—What appeared Tuesday morning to be an automobile accident, causing the death of Owen Brown, farmer, Washington, Kan., who was driving the car, at a frosty turn in the road nine miles southwest of Washington, just south of here, has today developed into one of the most sensational murders ever enacted in Washington county, the murder being followed by robbery and an alleged incendiary fire in an effort to cover up the crime.

Jack McMahon, a farm laborer, crawled to the farm homes of John Lech and Bob Shields, more than half a mile from the supposed auto accident, in the middle of the zero night, and told of the car tipping over on a curve and its catching fire and burning Brown.

County authorities were notified and McMahon was hurried to a hospital at Concordia. The authorities investigating at the place of the alleged accident found tracks in the snow at the roadside where the auto had apparently been backed up and other evidence tending to show that the auto had not tipped over while rounding the curve.

In the snow blood stains were uncovered. The blood had been covered by tramping snow over it and shoe prints were found. It was discovered that the Ford sedan had the doors locked and that there was a hole in the gas tank apparently made by a screwdriver or some pointed instrument. It was recalled that the burned body of Brown had been found inside the auto early Tuesday morning and it was thought at that time that the doors had merely jammed shut.

When the attending physician at the Concordia hospital notified authorities at Washington that no injuries could be found on McMahon, who is alleged to have been feigning injury, Sheriff McLeod of Washington went to Concordia and placed McMahon under arrest and he is now held in the Washington jail pending a preliminary hearing.

Further investigation at the place of accident revealed a hammer hidden in a hedge near the burned car, the handle having blood stains on it and it is now claimed the stains on the front of McMahon's clothing was the blood of his victim, Brown, whom he killed. Authorities are working on the theory that he carried the body to the car, pushed the machine backward, tipped it over and set fire to the punctured gas tank.

A post mortem examination of the body of Brown disclosed a hammer mark above the left ear.

McMahon, whose real name is said to be Owen Iremend, has been employed on the farm of Brown for about two years. His home is said to be at Mt. Clare, Neb. He was identified by John McDermott, retired section foreman of the Missouri Pacific railway at Washington, who knew him at Mt. Clare, and also by a telephone lineman formerly of Mt. Clare who is now employed by the Sinclair Pipe Line company at Washington.

Brown is said to have been in the habit of carrying a considerable amount of money on his person and it is alleged that the two men started to Brown's home in the auto from Beardsley, Neb., where they had about \$200 with them, according to his wife, and this missing. His watch was found in the auto wreck, having stopped about 12 o'clock.

Brown has a wife and four small children on the farm. It is alleged that McMahon is possibly connected with the robbery of the Barnes (Kan.) State bank which occurred the evening of December 3, when Cashier Walter Irving was held up as he was about to close the bank and more than \$1,000 stolen.

STEWART WILL SUCCEED HUPP

Harry Stewart, formerly connected with the Retail Merchants' association of Council Bluffs, will become secretary of the association Thursday, it was announced Wednesday.

He will be the first permanent secretary since Allan Hupp resigned last October to take a position with the Omaha association. Miss Louise Rolan has been acting secretary since Mr. Hupp resigned.

Suit Over Tram Crash

Stehlnaker & Nickel Co., Council Bluffs, filed suit in municipal court Wednesday asking \$50 from the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company for damages to a truck which was struck by a street car December 16 at South First and East Pierce streets. The company charges that the accident was due to the motorman's carelessness.

Beatrice.—The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Tegler was held at St. Paul's church, four miles southeast of Clatonia, and burial was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Tegler was 74 years of age and is survived by her husband and seven children.