WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska and Iowa: Sunday fair; not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Search thy own heart; what paineth thee in others in thyself may be.—J. G. Whittier.

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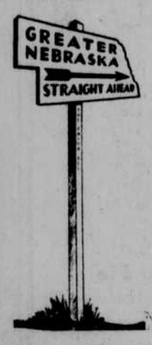
Prosperity Chief Note for Future

Nebraska's Place on Economic Map Assures Success of "Straight Ahead" Slogan for 1925.

Business Has Confidence

On the nation's economic map there is only one state completely blocked in white.

That state is Nebraska. Alone of all the sovereign commonwealth Nebraska is unspotted by depression. Some other states are partially "white," which means "good" on the business map, but Nebraska alone is unspotted. These facts give impetus to the shibboleth for 1925:



"Greater Nebraska — Straight Ahead!"

What was accomplished in 1924 may be duplicated and bettered this year. It is written on the board in letters of gold that Nebraska will go forward to more and greater achievement. Business and culture will go hand in hand to make Nebraska a finer place in which to live. Prosperity is the soul-mate of happiness. Gloom, laced by a bootstrap to Hard Times, Discontent, Failure and similar mountebanks, has started on a hegira which will be permanent.

The Battle Call.

Therefore the battle call:

"Greater Nebraska — Straight Ahead!"

Under such a slogan, and with the co-operation of all Nebraskans, the result will never be in doubt.

This is the judgments of Omaha business men, leaders in commerce and industry. It is the judgment too of business leaders throughout Nebraska.

With Nebraska marked "good" on the business map, while most of the country continues to show only "fair" or "bad," Nebraska should be in position to move promptly forward to those better business conditions toward which national business leaders have called attention.

Look Forward.

In recent years conditions in Nebraska have not been good. Omaha business men urge that we look forward, however, not backward.

One of the reasons Nebraska has come up from the black spots on the map, through the gray spots to the position it now occupies in the white, is the splendid position of Nebraska farms. More than half the farms of Nebraska, 52 per cent, are today unburdened by mortgages. Of the remainder, 48 per cent, the mortgages range from 30 per cent to 60 per cent, an average of less than half the value of the land.

J. H. Roper of the Federal Farm Loan association of Dodge county recently gave these interesting figures:

"The combined value of wheat and corn crops alone in Nebraska will be worth about $275,000,000, an average of $2,000 to the farm. To this add the value of other crops, oats, rye, barley, sugar beets, hay, potatoes, fruits and vegetables, a total of about $200,000,000. Then add $250,000,000 more for cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry and dairy products. This gives a total value of Nebraska agricultural products of nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars. An average gross income per farm of $5,700."

Start Where You Stand.

With such an accomplishment to build upon there should be no time wasted in looking backward.

A man once applied to Henry Ford for a job. He admitted he had been in prison and he started to tell Ford the story.

"Never mind," said Ford, "I don't care about the past. Start where you stand."

Berton Braley, who heard of this comment wrote a poem on the theme:

"Start where you stand and never mind the past."

Another phrase:

"Today's the thing; tomorrow soon will be:

Get in the fight and face it unafraid—

Start where you stand."

In going Straight Ahead in Nebraska business leaders urge keeping in mind these facts:

"Nebraska's per capita wealth is $4,004; it has within its borders the second largest livestock market in the world; it leads in agricultural production per capita; it has one automobile and one telephone to every five persons; it has the lowest per cent illiteracy; it is improving steadily in its agricultural and industrial wealth."

Better Business Year.

In this connection it is interesting to note the results of a sales conference just concluded by the McCord-Brady company.

Business for 1925 will be far ahead of 1924, especially in the grocery business, if predictions made by more than 60 members of the McCord-Brady sales organization mean anything.

These 60 men have been in conference all week in the Omaha offices

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Clarence Darrow, World's Greatest Criminal Lawyer, to Talk in Omaha

Admission to Ad-Sell Meeting Will Be "by Card Only."

Clarence Darrow of Chicago, known as "the world's greatest criminal lawyer," will be the speaker at the seventh anniversary meeting of the Ad-Sell club Monday evening at the Elks club.

Darrow will talk on "Crime, its Causes and Punishment."

He was attorney for the defense in the famous Leopold-Loeb case. Darrow has written many books and pamphlets on crime. He has been a prominent attorney for many years.

After receiving his education in the Ohio schools, Darrow was admitted to the bar in 1875. He was formerly attorney for the Northwestern railroad. He has been identified with many prominent cases in recent years, notably in cases against monopolies, including litigation against the "gas trust" in Chicago. Darrow was chief counsel for anthracite miners in the anthracite strike arbitration at Scranton and Philadelphia, Pa., 1903. He was also counsel in Debs strike case and a large number of labor injunction and labor conspiracy cases on the side of labor. Darrow was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1902. He took an active part in political campaigns as an independent democrat.

Other legal battles in which Darrow took part were the McNamara brothers' defense in the Los Angeles dynamite case in 1911; attorney for the defendants in the Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone case, for the murder of Ex-Governor Steunenburg of Idaho.

Clarence Darrow in Action.

He is a member of the Illinois state and Chicago bar associations. Darrow is 67 years of age.

Anticipating a record attendance at the Monday night meeting, officials of the Advertising-Selling league have announced admission will be "by card only."

Union Pacific Wins Laurels for Low Record in Injuries to Employes

By SANFORD JARRELL.

The Union Pacific was the first railroad to cross the western half of the continent.

It was the pioneer in opening up to homeseekers the broad acres of the west. And today the railroad has forged to the front in quite another line, and that is safety.

Although figures for 1924 will not be available for several months, it is not unlikely that the 1923 record will be broken. In that year the number of injured per million man-hours was 7.49 on the Union Pacifis system. The record on the other big railroads was: Southern Pacific, 15.31; Milwaukee, 24; Southern, 26.68; Illionois Central, 26.94; Santa Fe, 28.71; Northwestern, 29.97; New York Central, 30.97; Burlington, 31.05; Louisville & Nashville, 32.87; Baltimore & Ohio, 38.69; Pennsylvania, 42.58, and Rock Island, 42.71.

Two Big Trunks.

In the article in National Safety News, George Earl Wallis recalls the driving of the golden spike at Promontory Point, Utah, in 1869, and he continues:

"Over coming the wilderness and connecting the coasts with tracks was a triumph of persistency and pioneering. But a no less valorous campaign is being waged today over the same right-of-way the first transcontinental train traveled in '69. It is not one in which victory is signalized by the booming of guns and the waving of hats. Instead it is one which accomplishment is determined by the number of homes kept happy and intact; by the number of man-hours worked without pain, sorrow and loss caused by accidental injuries; by millions of passengers carried without mishap, and by reputation for safe and efficient transportation benefitting employ and public alike.

"A lasting reputation for safety is a fragile thing. It must be the record of increasing endevor. One good record must beget another; the work is never ending. Only years of consistent achievement can overcome the effect of a single break in the record."

Won 1919 Banner.

In 1919 the Union Pacific won the banner for the best safety record in the central western region of the United States Railroad adminintration. Had the other 29 class 1 railroads done as well as the Union Pacific in 1922, 88,000 casualties would have been averted and $25,000,000 saved on personal expense. In 1923 the railroad won the banner for the best safety record with only 4.98 casualties per million man-hours.

Wallis in his article on the Union Pacific continues:

"The records of the Union Pacific railroad on accidents at its grade crossings show that, contrary to possible expections, the automobile tourist is by no means the most frequent victim of collision with thains. It is the local citizen, the man who has become so familiar with the designated crossing that he no longer believes it necessary to exercise the caution of a stranger on the watch for the possible dangers who is the frequent victim.

"Checking of careless motor vehicle drivers at grade crossings is also a function of the safety department. License numbers are taken in flagrant cases and letters sent out asking the co-operation of those reported in preventing grade crossing disasters. This work has met with general public approval.

Safety Once Derided.

"There may have been a time when safety as a major operating factor on the Union Pacific was received with skepticism by some among the veteran employes and officers. But if this attitude ever existed there is nothing indicating it in the present era. If there is one outstanding element in this railroad's safety work it is the unity of action and opinion on safety matters. When officers and men get together around a safety committee table, the predominant question is not 'can the hazard be corrected?' but 'how soon can they be corrected.'

"There is inspiration in the safety work of the Union Pacific railroad and in the great system of which it is a part. In view of the records already achieved it might appear that even to maintain present reductions would be a worth-while accomplishment."

Harry A. Adams, assistant to the general manger of the Union Pacific, is in charge of safety work on the railroad. He has under him a large staff of safety officers but, what is more imprtant, he says, is the co-operation he receives from the officers and employs of the railroad.

Congressman Asked His Secretary to Watch Wife While He Was Away

Alpena, Mich., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Edna James Scott, contesting the suit for divorce brought by Congressman Frank D. Scott, took the stand in her own behalf when the hearing was resumed in circuit court here today.

Accused yesterday by Miss Jane Kennedy, secretary to her husband, of having told of numerous occasions on which she received the clerk of a Washington hotel in her rooms late at night and other alleged indiscretions, Mrs. Scott declared Miss Kennedy was not an intimate friend of hers.

"When we went to Washington I rarely saw her," Mrs. Scott testified. "At first I was kind and introduced her to people. Then for weeks I wouldn't see her."

Miss Kennedy once laughingly remarked in her presence, Mrs. Scott testified, that Scott had asked her "to keep an eye" on Mrs. Scott when he was away. "She said," Mrs. Scott declared, "that 'the boss asked me if his "canary" ever stepped out and told me to keep an eye on her when he was away.'"

Miss Kennedy is named by Mrs Scott in her cross bill as the disturbing element in the Scott home. Mrs. Scott accuses her of being responsible for the breaking up of her home "through malicious tale bearing."

The courtroom again was crowded today in anticipation of Mrs. Scott's appearance on the stand.

DOCTOR IS HURT IN THIRD CRASH

Audubon, Ia., Jan. 1.—In the third auto accident which he has experienced in the past few months, Dr. R. F. Childs of this city, suffered two fractured ribs and some minor bruises. His car skidded on the icy road and turned over on its side in a snow bank.

German Scientist Dies.

Munich, Jan. 3.—Dr. Ernest Bumm, professor of gynecology of Berlin university and author of a monumental work on obstetrics, which is regarded as a standard in its field, is dead at the age of 67.

Demo Split Widened by Dial Speech

Party's Troubles Dragged Before Senate in Bitter Talk by South Carolina Solon.

Calls Record 'Ridiculous'

By WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON,
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The democratic party tonight faced an ever widening breach within its ranks in congress as a result of its defeat in the 1924 presidential campaign.

A new demand for complete reorganization of the party was voiced in the senate by Senator N. B. Dial, democrat, of South Carolina, who blamed recent democratic disasters upon the party's record in congress.

In a speech bitter with invective, Dial denounced the democratic record as "ridiculous," played his colleagues as "sheep" and then summed up by declaring his party was "useless" in its present state.

While his colleagues received the denunciation in silence, Dial poured salt on their wounds by praising President Coolidge in glowing terms. The president, he declared, was a "better democrat" than most of his own colleagues.

Second Senate Attack.

His attack closely followed a similar speech by Senator Bruce, democrat, of Maryland.

The South Carolina senator blamed the 1924 defeat upon his party's efforts to "link up democracy with bolshevism or communism."

"The democratic party has been guilty of falling into shifty opportunities, of seizing every fad of the moment and veering to every wind that seemed to promise popularity," Dial said.

"The party has permitted an alien faction to use us as an instrument of annoyance to the administration. It is a mortifying, bitter truth that the quiet and close thinker in the White House just elected president as the republican nominee was a better democrat in many essentials, more in accord with the foundation principles of the democratic party, than many men who have obtained mighty and honorable places as ostensible democrats."

Lost on Record.

The 1924 campaign, Dial declared, was not decided upon either the league of nations or Ku Klux Klan issues, but on the democratic record of trying to "serve up some kind of shambling, shame-faced compromise of so-called democracy and foreign-born socialism or bolshevism.

"The smashing, fearful verdict was not against John W. Davis," said Dial. "It was against us here in congress who undertake to lead the party and who have perverted and distorted it and made it ridiculous.

"It is a burning humiliation that we have ceased to be the party of hope and real progress and have fallen to the lamentable condition of having no function but to aid in clogging the dominant party with childish, spiteful desire to make it as useless to the country as we ourselves have become."

STORM DELAYS OCEAN LINERS

New York, Jan. 3.—Four ocean liners were overdue today and ocean traffic was rendered a peril for craft of all sizes by the gales, snows and heavy seas.

The White Star liner, Adriatic, is not expected before Tuesday. The steamer Assiria is already six days late, and is expected to make port tonight or tomorrow. The Mount Clay, out of Hamburg, is two days late, and the French liner, Paris, will be about a day late.

The storm caused a postponement in the departure of the U. S. S. Arkansas and 10 destroyers on their cruise to southern waters for winter maneuvers.

IMPROVEMENT IN DES MOINES BANKS

Des Moines, Jan. 3.—The unsettled banking conditions in Des Moines, caused by the closing of two banks Wednesday and a run on a third yesterday, was replaced by renewed confidence today, officials of the local clearing house association reported.

The nervousness among depositors which caused heavy withdrawals in practically every bank of the city has "Completely passed away" and many of those who withdrew their savings yesterday were returning their funds to the banks today, it was said.

MOSQUITO BITE IS INDUSTRY HAZARD

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—The state industrial accident commission today decided that a mosquito bite on the tongue constituted an industrial hazard and as such awarded William Miller, laborer, $2,487.13, with $12.23 a week until he recovers.

Miller who was bitten on the tongue last June 10, at aVn Sickle Island, near Pittsburg, Cal., has been unable to work since that time.

His tongue became infected from the bite

50-FOOT FISSURE AS EARTH SINKS

Butte, Mont., Jan. 3.—Mother earth's great surface was dented near this mining town today where a chasm several hundred feet deep yawned a threat of the destruction it might have carried when an area 50 feet wide sunk into oblivion.

Clinging to the rim of the abyss, the little frame house that sheltered P. F. Rutledge and his family of four, looked downward but stood its foundation firmly while its former occupants gave thanks that they are alive.

The collapse occurred above the site of an abandoned mine. A vacant house in the center of the undermined area toppled into the chasm.

Seekers of State Political Plums Adjust Troubles

Rodman of Omaha Expected to Become Speaker—Frank Corrick Chief Clerk of House.

By WILL M. MAUPIN.

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—Somewhere near a third of the legislators have arrived, and it is expected that practically all will be here by Sunday night. The rumor is that Governor McMullen will appear on the scene early Monday morning, bearing rich gifts in his hands.

Although only a minority of representatives and senators are here, that minority represents the influential members, the ones who know the ropes and wield the influence. That is why it is pretty safe to predict some of the appointees and officers of the two branches. In the house it looks very much like a cinch for Rodman of Omaha as speaker. His experience and his acknowledged ability overcome the "Omaha handicap," and regard for the absolute truth demands the statement that being an Omaha man is something of a handicap. Nobody has any reason to offer for this situation, but there it is. With Rodman practically assured of the speakership, Senator Robbins' chances for president pro tem of the senate are greatly reduced. This means the advance of Wiltse stock, with Wilkins of Emerson coming strong.

Peaceful Settlement.

Frank Corrick will be chief clerk of the house and the probabilities are that F. M. Stapleton will be first assistant. The little scrap over sergeant-at-arms of the house, between George Bivens of Juniata and "Bill" Lundy of Sargent has been amicably adjusted, Bivens getting the main job and Lundy the position of first assistant.

Over in the senate end Clyde Barnard of Table Rock will be secretary, as he has been from time immemorial when the republicans had control. Fred Wright of Seward seems slated for first assistant and there is a little scramble on for second assistant. Fred McFarland, representative from York four years ago, and Frances Sturmer, recently attached to the republican committee's speakers bureau, being the contestants. Jerry Wilhelm is the only applicant for a position who is without opposition. He is 80 years old, and for four terms he has served as senate postmaster. Mr. Wilhelm is the father-in-law of George Roberts of Omaha. Buck Taylor seems assured of the position of sergeant-at-arms of the senate, with W. F. Johnson as first assistant.

Bryan Prepares Message.

Governor Bryan said today that he hoped to find time tonight, Sunday and Sunday night to put the finishing touches on his message. He gave the cheerful assurance that his budget message would be brief. Much of his time yesterday and today has been spent in receiving visitors, most of them members of the legislature. This morning he was closeted with representatives of the Western Union, who are seeking relief from what they term excessive taxation. They are balking, as usual, on the payment of the franchise tax.

Several western members arrived today, most of them being distinguished by their three-gallon hats. Opposition to several parts of the proposed road program is showing up from the western members.

Calls for Caucus.

Gilmore of Hasting, being one of the oldest members in point of service, has been selected to circulate the call for the republican caucus. It will be held Monday night.

O'Gara of Cedar county, the ranking democratic member of the house, will look after getting the democrats together to go through the motions of holding a caucus. There are 37 democrats in the house. "We are in the minority," said O'Gara, "But numerous enough to put the republicans on their good behavior."

There are six democrats in the senate, including Purcell of Broken Bow. He received the republican nomination in his district but did not file an acceptance. Presumably he wanted to keep his democratic record straight. He is one of the oldest members of the legislature in point of service, and has served in both branches.

"When will Governor McMullen come in?" is the popular query around the hotel lobbies. A whole lot of playing for position will be delayed until the governor-elect appears on the scene and announces a few appointments.

Judge, Girl, Car, Engine, Hullabaloo

Wreck a Week Ago Basis for Row Between Police Magistrate and Grand Island Council.

Underthing Also Involved

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 3.—Police Judge Mullen and the city council are at outs as the result of an automobile accident in which the judge, a young woman, an alleged bottle of liquor and an undergarment are said to have figured.

The whole afair will be aired Monday night at a public hearing at which the judge will explain the circumstances leading to the accident which occurred a week ago. The judge's car was struck by a switch engine and thrown 40 feet. Mullen and his companion were thrown out and she was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Bottle of Something.

In the car, according to information reaching citizens who got up a petition asking for Judge Mullen's resignation, were found a bottle of something, not water, and an undergarment of soft fluffy material.

A committee of the council summoned Judge Mullen to appear last night and he asked that the press be excluded. This request was denied. The judge said he could clear himself easily, but wanted to protect his constitutional rights in the event of ouster proceedings.

Companion Blameless.

The committee then postponed the hearing until Monday.

Said the committeemen:

"The judge's companion was wholly blameless."

Said the judge:

"The council has no authority to ask my resignation and I'm going to fight this case to a finish."

Veteran Pastor Offers Prayer for Dead Wife

"Uncle" Henry De Long's Voice Breaks as He Murmurs Farewell Tribute at Funeral.

Holding the cold hand of his dead wife, Sophronia, "Uncle" Henry DeLong, Council Bluffs pioneer missionary and minister, offered a final farewell prayer, at the conclusion of the funeral services Saturday afternoon at the Broadway church, Council Bluffs. His two sons, Harvey A., and Henry, jr., stood by his side.

"Now, mama —" the aged pastor began. Then his voice broke and the rest of the prayer was uttered in such a low tone that none beside the mourners at the bier heard.

Funeral attendants almost filled the church and the coffin was covered with floral tributes. Burial was in Fairview cemetery.

"There can be no regret in a well-spent life," declared Rev. F. F. Case, pastor of the Broadway Methodist church. "A life lived in the law of the Lord is a glorious victory. "Mrs. DeLong's services to the human heart were great. She has lifted heavy burdens from the drooping shoulders of others."

Rev. R. C. Buchanan, pastor of the Epworth Methodist church, read scripture.

Rev. R. E. Harvey, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, offered a short prayer.

Rev. T. M. Higginbotham, pastor of the Dodge Memorial church, expressed the sympathy of the Council Bluffs Ministerial union.

Pallbearers were Joe W. Smith, H. W. Hazelton, F. H. Orcutt, J. H. Killins, Carl Hafer and A. L. Michel.

30 INJURED IN SUBWAY BLAST

Boston, Jan. 3.—More than 30 persons were slightly burned or injured today and many others shaken up in an explosion in a Park street subway car.

The accident is believed to have been caused by an explosion of motion picture film material.

Scores of windows in the car were shattered. Men and women made a mad rush for the doors. Thirty persons were taken to the hospital. Others were taken to a drug store for first aid treatment.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Louie Poulos, Omaha	24
Kate Ecken, Omaha	21
Ernest Stroud, Lincoln, Neb	26
Maud E. Welland, Seward, Neb	25
Thomas Brennan, O'Neil, Neb	28
Agnes Shoemaker, O'Neil, Neb	26
Reginald Gray, Omaha	26
Frances O'Neal, Omaha	19
William G. Kopf, Beatrice, Neb	22
Lorena Brown, Valparaiso, Neb	18
Ray Guilford, Marquette, Neb	28
Corda Husten, Marquette, Neb	24
Charles Harold Kenny, Omaha	22
Ellen May Prouty, Omaha	34
Peter Kovach, Omaha	24
Emma Kirin, Omaha	26

Girls Want to Take Chance for $30,000

Providing "he weds a woman with unbobbed hair who does not seek his money and who has good judgment," Ray Le La Cheur (above), Spokane, Wash., driver, will inherit $30,000. So reads the will of uncle who died in France. To date, Le La Cheur, who is 34, has received more than 100 offers of marriage.

Cold Sloppy Days Are Dangerous to Shoeless Kiddies

Bee Fund Gives Opportunities to Lighten Sorrows of Poor Youngsters.

Cold days or sloppy, slushy days: Both are dangerous to people without weatherproof shoes. Especially little people.

The Free Shoe Fund of The Omaha Bee strives to supply shoes to the most needy of these poor waifs, children against whom fate seems to have turned. Children they are, most of them, robbed of their fathers and living in deepest poverty, while their mothers wage an unequal fight with the world to keep their little bodies and souls together.

Generous readers of The Bee keep the fund going and quite a number of poor boys and girls still are "waiting their turn" for the much needed shoes.

Every cent goes to buy those shoes, for each case is investigated without cost to the fund.

If you possibly can spare a contribution, here is a chance for a real "opportunity and blessing."

Already acknowledged	$1,776.21
Mrs. J. W. Fisher	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Honey	5.00
A Friend	6.00
Mrs. Harriett Miller, Glenwood, Ia	3.00
Mrs. R. J. O., York, Neb	1.00
A Friend to Children, Polk, Neb	5.00
Mrs. Ida M. Bruning, Bruning, Neb	2.00
Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rolph, Kimball, Neb	5.00
One Who Loves Children	1.00
A Friend, Eustis, Neb	2.00
M. K. F.	5.00
No Name, Craig, Neb	1.00
F. S.	5.00
Amos Dean, Glenwood, Ia	1.00
Olief Mathews, Burkett, Neb., S. and S. Home	5.00
Total	$1,828.21

Check, cash or money order may be sent or brought to The Omaha Bee office. Make checks payable to "Free Shoe Fund."

NEBRASKA NURSE TO WED ABROAD

Miss Ruth Pegeler of Wisner, Neb., a graduate nurse from the Lutheran hospital at Fort Wayne, Ind., who has been visiting her brother at the home of Stephen Kuechel, 1931 South Sixteenth street, will leave Sunday night for New York, where she is to sail on January 10 for Buenos Aires, Argentina. There, upon her arrival, she is to marry G. Huebner, a missionary. She will engage in missionary work.

BUNK FIRE VICTIM LEAVES HOSPITAL

Wymore, Neb., Jan. 3.—Mack Anderson, Burlington railway bridge gang foreman for the past 25 years, who was seriously injured when his bunk car was destroyed by fire in the railway yards at Cuba, Kan., south of here, December 1, and who has since been confined in a Beatrice hospital with his burns, was released from the institution Friday and taken to his home.

His feet and hands were badly burned as he fought in a vain attempt to save his son, Roy, a cripple, who was visiting his father. A substantial purse was made up by Anderson's fellow workers at Christmas.

Slain Man a Nebraskan.

Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—Olin Brown, farmer, whose charred body was found recently on the highway near Washington, Kan., and who is believed to have been murdered, formerly lived in Gage county. He was a son of Lafe Brown, well known resident of the Diller vicinity some years ago.

The Weather

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

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	21	1 p. m.	32
6 a. m.	23	2 p. m.	33
7 a. m.	22	3 p. m.	33
8 a. m.	22	4 p. m.	33
9 a. m.	27	5 p. m.	34
10 a. m.	25	6 p. m.	34
11 a. m.	27	7 p. m.	34
12 noon	27		

Ax Suspect Laughs at Questioners

Chief of Police Says Scars on Prisoner's Arms Resemble Burns Made by Nitro-Glycerine.

First Wife Was Suicide

New York, Jan. 3.—John W. Hahne, charged today by a coroner's jury in Omaha with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Mae Hahne, formerly lived in the Bronx section of New York city. The bureau of vital statistics here records that on November 14, 1911, Alice V. Hahne, who is believed to have been Hahne's first wife, died a suicide. Her body was found in her bedroom.

J. Warren Hahne, held by police as the slayer of his wife, Mae, is insane.

That is the belief expressed by Police Commissioner Henry W. Dunn, after he and Chief of Police Charles H. Van Deusen grilled the South Omaha real estate man late Saturday afternoon.

Following the examination, Hahne, still chuckling his low amused laugh, was led back to his cell. No further attempts will be made to obtain a confession from him, according to police.

"Hahne will never be sent to the chair because he once was committed to an asylum," declared Van Deusen. "I think he knows it; that is why he laughs. His defense will be insanity, probably, and any confession would be useless in court under such circumstances."

"Before God I'm innocent," Hahne assured the police heads at the termination of their questioning. "But I'm much obliged for the entertainment anyway," he added with his mocking laugh.

The police commissioner and police chief quizzed Hahne minutely in an effort to establish his connection with a 'mob' in Columbus, O., which forced a way into a bank and blew the safe in 1907.

Van Deusen declared that the scars on Hahne's arms resembled 'soup' burns. The prisoner laughed.

"What is 'soup'?" Van Deusen shot at him.

"I didn't tend bar in the Third district of New York without learning what 'soup' is," Hahne drawled with a chuckle.

"Soup" is an underworld term for explosives used in cracking safes.

Under rapid cross-examination Hahne is said to have admitted to police that two brothers were members of the Columbus gang. He maintained, however, that he was not.

When asked if he was the owner of a certain large house located south of Leavenworth street, which had been on fire three times and was burned to the ground by a fourth conflagration, Hahne told the officers that the house was owned by a brother.

For full details and pictures on the slaying of Mrs. Hahne see Page 1 of the Second News Section.

JOINT AIRPLANE SERVICE SOUGHT

Washington, Jan. 3.—A united air service instead of the separate Army and navy air services was recommended in the house today by Representative Anthony of Kansas, chairman of the appropriation subcommittee which drafted the War department supply bill.

The two air services, he said, should be placed under one head to reduce expenses and prevent an interlocking of their respective works. The navy air service, he added, should be confined more to the activities of the fleet, while the army service should be expanded to cover greater territory, including the coast defense.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The house debated the army appropriation bill.

Officials decided not to comment on the French debt situation until all of the facts were before them.

Senator Moses, New Hampshire, announced the new postal rate bill was satisfactory to President Coolidge.

Aggregate net earnings of the 12 federal reserve banks for 1924 were placed at $3,700,000 by the reserve board.

Senator Dial, South Carolina, democrat, declared democratic members of congress were responsible for the November defeat of John W. Davis.

Congressional leaders prepared to seek enactment of emergency farm legislation based on recommendations of the agricultural commission.

Ambassadors Kellogg and Herrick with James A. Logan were designated to represent the United States at the allied finance ministers meeting in Paris next Wednesday.

The internal revenue bureau notified its collectors that certain employes of municipally-owned institutions are subjected to and must pay federal income taxes retroactive to 1918.