WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Possibly showers; somewhat colder.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

No man can be cheated out of an honorable career in life unless he cheats himself. Believe in yourself and your capabilities and you will not be cheated.—Emerson.

Drastic Tax Reduction Is Certain

Mellon, Green and Smoot Agree That Revision Downward of Schedules for 1926 May Be Pledged.

Large Surplus Expected

By Universal Service.

Washington, March 23.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon believes that the finances of the government are attaining such a position that congress will be able to effect another drastic tax cut when it convenes next December.

During the summer the Treasury department will co-operate with members of the house ways and means committee in devising a tax reduction plan, based on an estimated surplus of $374,000,000 for the year 1925, it was said today.

Representative Green of Iowa, chairman of the house ways and means committee, called on Secretary Mellon to discuss the tax situation and the probable extent to which 1926 income taxes can be cut.

Collection returns so far on 1924 income taxes, filed March 15, indicate, it was said at the treasury, that the total will at least reach, if not exceed, the estimate of $1,650,000,000.

$68,000,000 Surplus.

These collections further indicate, Secretary Mellon believes, that the government will have a surplus of approximately $68,000,000 at the end of the current fiscal year. This figure may be changed, however, by application of the recently enacted postal raise in wages and the salary increase voted to members of congress.

While Secretary Mellon was making optimistic promises of further tax cuts today, Senator Smoot of Utah, chairman of the senate committee on finance, called at the White House to discuss the same question with President Coolidge.

Following this conference, Senator Smoot predicted that tax revision downward would be one of the first problems to be taken up by the new congress when it convenes in December.

Like Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee, Senator Smoot emphasized the necessity for reducing the maximum surtax on incomes to 25 per cent, with corresponding cuts in other surtax rates. This plan also has the approval of the Treasury department.

Eliminate Joint Taxes.

The senator said that he also expected the elimination of certain miscellaneous taxes, such as those on automobile sales.

Senator Smoot endorsed the president's idea of having the national government withdraw from the inheritance tax field, leaving that source of revenue exclusively to the states.

At the same time, the senator asserted, the states should quit the income tax field, which would thus be left entirely in the hands of the national government. These two steps, he pointed out, would eliminate the difficulties now involved in joint taxation of both incomes and inheritances by national and state governments alike.

At any rate, it is now a certainty that the tax burden will be lightened considerably in 1926.

AMERICANS SAFE IN TALIFU QUAKE

Peking, March 23.—Americans residing in Talifu, the city in western Yunnan destroyed by earthquake and fire March 16, escaped uninjured, according to word received here today at the American legation.

No reports as to the number of persons killed and injured at Talifu were received here.

Scores, however, were believed to have met death.

Talifu, with a population of 80,000, was practically wiped out, reports said.

POLICEMAN SLAIN IN PISTOL BATTLE

Kent, O., March 23.—Clayton Apple, 43, merchant policeman of this city, was shot to death early today in a gun battle with three gunmen, supposed to be bent on the murder of J. Medio, another private officer, for revenge, the burning of the garage or robbery.

Mrs. Peter A. Yost Succumbs Month After Mate's Death

Harvard, March 23.—Mrs. Peter A. Yost died of pneumonia Saturday, a month after the death of her husband. Both were old residents and well known.

We Have With Us Today

Judge C. B. Letton, Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.

Judge Letton came to Omaha to confer with the commissioner of internal revenue on revenue matters. He is now a member of the law firm of Letton, Brown & Dibble of Lincoln. Judge Letton succeeded L. C. Burr in the firm.

Judge Letton in the last election ran for judge of the First district, but was defeated. He was a judge of the Nebraska supreme court for 19 years. His former home was in Beatrice.

Youth Thrives on 90 Minutes Sleep Daily

The case of Alderson Fry, 20, student in Marshall college, Huntington, W. Va., has attracted national attention among psychiatrists.

Five years ago Fry's legs were amputated by a train. Since then he has slept an average of only 90 minutes a day, yet is in a normal physical and mental condition. It occasionally happens that he does not sleep for 10 days at a time.

Omaha Shows Real Hospitality to 28 Boosters of Iowa

Greater Des Moines Committee, Guests of Greater Omaha Committee, on Return Visit.

Des Moines business men visiting in Omaha Monday and Monday night were shown a taste of real Omaha hospitality. In fact, the 28 leaders of Des Moines' business interests, who arrived in Omaha to be the guests of the Greater Omaha committee, admitted this after arriving at the Fontenelle hotel from a trip over the city, during which time they visited the Armour Packing company.

Members of the Greater Des Moines committee were the guests of the Greater Omaha committee at a luncheon in the Hotel Fontenelle Monday noon.

At the luncheon, Lafe Young, jr., business manager of the Des Moines Capital, told Omaha business men that the most important thing for any city was "brotherly love and good will."

Must Co-operate.

"The Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Omaha committee, functioning properly, can make Omaha a real city, one that will be a credit to the state and nation at large," Mr. Young said.

"If you are not solid in Omaha you can't get anywhere. Twenty-five years ago we started to get together. We started to co-operate with each other and today we think Des Moines is one of the best cities not only in the Mississippi valley but in the whole country."

George Way Williams, president of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, said that the greatest thing in Des Moines is the good fellowship displayed by its citizens.

Alex Fitzhugh, executive secretary of the Greater Des Moines committee, explained the workings of the committee and what it does for Des Moines.

Explains Des Moines Work.

He said every year the Greater Des Moines committee fosters three things: First, he said is the manufacturers and jobbers whow. At this time all the goods manufactured in Des Moines are shown to its citizens. Second, is the builders' exhibit and show. Third, is the concerted exhibits and retail merchants of Des Moines.

"At our concerted exhibits all the products made in Des Moines are displayed in the store windows of our department stores," he said.

Mr. Fitzhugh on behalf of the members of the committee thanked the members of the Greater Omaha committee for the hospitality shown the members of the Greater Des Moines committee. He told the Omaha members that the growth of Omaha in the last few years has astonished the guests of the city.

"Omaha and Des Moines, located as they are, should become great and large cities before many years pass by. But in order to do this we must have teamwork."

The visiting guests and many members of the Greater Omaha committee were guests at the home of George Brandeis, following their ride about the city and preceding their arrival at the Hotel Fontenelle for dinner.

Three Men Are Jailed on Fowl Theft Charge

Beatrice, Neb., March 23.—Verlin Wuster, H. B. Tunison and John Schreiner, claiming to be from Red Cloud, Neb., were lodged in jail this afternoon, suspected of chicken stealing. They were traveling in two cars and officers say the men had sold the chickens to Swift & Co., here, for $100.

After Wuster was arrested, a complaint charging him with driving a car without a license was filed against him.

DELAY IS DANGEROUS—Go to Raybestos Service Station and have your brakes relined before something happens. Troup Auto Supply Co., 2027 Farnam St. —Advertisement

Bank Thief Accuses Black

Arthur Klingbeil Arrested by Federal Officers on Eve of His Wedding.

Admits Plot to Extort

By The Associated Press.

Grand Island, Neb., March 23.—Arthur Klingbeil, perpetrator of the Chapman bank robbery, acquitted by a jury a few weeks ago of the graver charge and convicted only of grand larceny, with the recommendation that the sentence be suspended, was to have been married Saturday or today. Instead he was arraigned before United States Commissioner Cleary in this city on the charge of attempted blackmail and the wedding has been canceled.

By men informed at the time of the robbery, Klingbeil was suspected of this additional crime. Postoffice inspectors had letters in their possession, but the proof was difficult to obtain. Officers state that at last Klingbeil has admitted writing a letter to William Kiskalt of Central City, in which he threatened the destruction of certain property if Kiskalt did not leave a sum of money at a certain place. Inspector Range stated that the amount demanded was $1,000. The place at which the money was to have been left was two miles north of the home of Kiskalt, under a tree.

Chosen to Watch Tree.

The story has been current for some time that when Kiskalt first received the letter, a neighborhood committee was selected to watch the spot, that Klingbeil, trusted as he was, was himself selected as one of the committee, and, of course, no one came to get the money.

It was learned last night that the wedding had been postponed. Miss Mildred Crites clung to Klingbeil, it is stated, despite the jury's conviction of grand larceny. A truckload of furniture, designed for their home, was returned to Grand Island some days ago, with the information that the wedding had been postponed.

Handwriting Identified.

The identification finally leading to Klingbeil's admission was made through a letter addressed to a Central City business man, asking for a position. Sheriff Maurer of Central City, Postmaster Clayton and George Gregg, attache of the Central City postoffice, helped bring about a confession. Klingbeil was bound over to the federal district court under $2,000 bond, and is in jail here in default of bond.

MRS. WATERHOUSE VICTOR IN COURTS

London, March 23.—One of England's most noted society law cases culminated today in a victory for Mrs. Muriel Waterhouse when a jury returned a verdict in her favor.

Mrs. Waterhouse had sued Capt. Sir David Wilson Barker, Lady Wilson Barker and R. P. Sheldon for $50,000 she claimed was obtained from her late husband, Frank Waterhouse, by "fraudulent misrepresentation."

The jury found no case of conspiracy against Sheldon. The verdict of the jury assessed costs of the action against Sir David and Lady Wilson Barker.

NO U. S. RUM CASES IN STATE COURTS

Plans of the prohibition department to transfer 300 liquor cases to the state courts following the passage of the "pint" law, were given a severe jolt Monday when United States District Attorney J. C. Kinsler ruled that all cases would all be tried in federal court.

Elmer Thomas, prohibition director, had made his plans to relieve the federal docket and fill the state courts with at least 300 liquor cases since the drastic "pint" law took effect.

"The liquor cases on the federal docket can not be transferred to state courts," said Kinsler. "Persons arrested since the passage of the pint law can be tried in state courts providing they have not already been arraigned in federal court."

House of Commons Approves British Singapore Policy

By The Associated Press.

London, March 23.—The government tonight received another parliamentary vote of approval on the Singapore policy, when the house of commons, by 280 to 129, rejected Ramsay McDonald's motion to reduce the naval vote as a protest against building the naval base at Singapore. The debate was largely a repetition of that of last week, but the possibility of a "white versus yellow" conflict between Japan and Australia loomed rather large and the possibilities of another war were frankly ventilated.

MacDonald, in moving his motion, expressed the fear that the Singapore project would involve the scrapping of the Washington ratios, and contended that Singapore made for military instead of legal solution of immigration problems such as existed between Japan and Australia.

Reopen Postal Probe.

Norfolk, Neb., March 23.—Postal inspectors have begun further investigation into the robbery of the Norfolk postoffice following the finding of articles connected with the crime by a farmer near Crowell, Neb. Postmaster Wichman is aiding the inspectors in the investigation.

Fashionable Women Crowd Court to See Dennistoun Case Principals

Session of Celebrated Trial Has Aspect of Gala Dance at Leading Theater; Jury Will Return Their Verdict Sometime on Tuesday.

By ROBERT J. PREW,
Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

London, March 23.—Picture a gala matinee at a leading theater and you have an idea of the fashionable crowd that assembled at the law courts today to see the curtain fall in the now famous Dennistoun case. Every part of the courtroom was packed with women wearing costly furs, Paris hats and glittering gems. They ranged from titled women of Mayfair to actresses and psychoanalysis devotees and they saw all the leading figures in the suit.

Mrs. Dennistoun, tired looking but composed, wearing a black clothe hat and black fur coat, arrived early. The Countess Carnarvon was attended by her husband, Col. Ian Dennistoun, whose attitude to his former wife is the basis of the case. She is suing him for $6,000 she alleges she loaned or paid on his behalf after their divorce when he was down and out.

Sir Ellis Hume Williams opened his argument on behalf of Mrs. Dennistoun's monetary claims against the colonel and denounced Dennistoun as the traducer of his wife, who sacrificed herself for him.

Then Justice McArdie summed up the case for the jury. He described Mrs. Dennistoun as the most adroit and most ingenious witness he had seen on the stand for 30 years, saying: "She has a quick brain, absolute self-possession and is resolute, with a wonderful mastery of answer. If she decided to invent a claim she would be one of the most dangerous women I have ever seen."

The judge stated that he doubted that any agreement was made by Colonel Dennistoun and Dorothy for payments in lieu of alimony at the time of their Paris divorce, but left the question with the jury as well as questions concerning items totaling nearly $10,000 which were included in the claims of Mrs. Dennistoun.

The jury will spend some hours considering these questions before they return their verdict tomorrow.

Coroner Probes Death of Infant

Man Accused of Killing Nephew by Neighbor; Admits Information Hearsay.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Fairbury, Neb., March 23.—Further investigation of the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Willie Vance, 2 years old, was forecast here today when the undertaker who has the body, announced that he would not permit the burial until he is ordered to do so by the courts.

The child died Saturday at the home of his uncle, Thomas F. Keane. The cause of death was said to be "convulsions."

Shortly before the funeral this morning, Mrs. Merle Roll, a neighbor, told the authorities that she believe dthe child had been killed by Keane.

A coroner's jury was hastily summoned, and Mrs. Roll admitted on the stand that she had no evidence indicating that Keane had had any part in the child's death. Her information, she said, was based on "hearsay." The jury reported that the child's death was due to "unknown causes."

Doctors found marks on the child's neck which, they said, "might be" finger marks. Neighbors testified that the Keanes had never been known to mistreat the child, whom they had cared for.

Notwithstanding the jury's verdict, the undertaker said he would insist on a court order for the child's burial.

ATTACK LAUNCHED ON RAIL MERGER

Washington, March 23.—The first attack on the plan of the Van Sweringen interests to acquire control by lease of five big railroad systems was made before the Interstate commerce commission today by Albert Stiles, of New York, in a petition to intervene in the merger project.

Stiles, who is an engineer and a holder of common stock in the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, assailed the proposed merger plan, claiming that the promoters had grossly misrepresented the value of the stock of the dissatisfied shareholders.

BRANDEIS BAGS TIGER IN INDIA

E. John Brandeis, Omaha sportsman and capitalist, is now satisfied, according to a telegram received by George Brandeis, Monday, from Calcutta, India.

"I got my tiger," E. John cabled.

He also cabled that he was on his way home by way of Yokohoma, Japan.

Brandeis left Omaha last December to attend the wedding of his sister, Ruth, in Paris. Several weeks ago he went into the interior of India with a group of English officers on a hunt.

They Both 71, and They Join in Holy Wedlock

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Culbertson, Neb., March 23.—Love knows no age limit.

John Feuerstein of Campbell, Neb., and Mrs. Catherine Yeager of Culbertson proved this when they were married here today. He is 71 years old and his bride is 71.

They will spend their honeymoon at Feuersstein's home at Campbell.

Slayer Serving Life Term Dies in North Dakota Prison

Bismarck, N. D., March 23.—Funeral services were held here today for Henry C. Layer, who was serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for the murder of eight persons near Turtle Lake five years ago. He was buried in the cemetery here.

"Whipping Boss" Pleads.

Cross City, Fla., March 23.—Pleas of not guilty were entered by Thomas W. Higginbottom, former convict camp "whipping boss," E. G. Priest and W. G. McCrane, charged with murdering Lewis Barker, negro.

Jewel Theft Staged.

Cleveland, O., March 23.—A man robbed the Vaneck import art shop of $6,000 in loose diamonds, watches and other jewelry after forcing John J. Vaneck, the proprietor, into a rear room.

Norbeck Fears Extra Session

South Dakota Solon Says Plight of Farmer in His District Is Pitiable.

By Universal Service.

Washington, March 23.—Senator Norbeck of South Dakota, conferring today with Secretary of Agriculture Jardine on farmrelief measures, tried in vain to get the secretary to support a proposal for the formation of an export corporation under government supervision to handle surplus grain.

The senator argued that such a plan, which was incorporated in the Haugen-McNary bill and rejected by the last congress, is the only feasible way to stabilize the price of wheat.

Jardine did not take kindly to the suggestion. He pointed out that the question was discussed from all angles by the president's agriculture conference, of which he was a member, and had been discarded as "impracticable and unwise."

Norbeck is much disturbed over the condition of the farmers in the northwest, notably those in his own state. He declared their plight is pitiable, with no relief in sight. Despite the boasted prosperity of the country, he said, large numbers of farmers continue to be forced into bankruptcy almost daily, and banks which cater to them are being closed.

The situation is so alarming, said Norbeck, that he is convinced an extra session of congress will be necessary to prevent widespread distress.

CRUISER OMAHA JOINS BIG FLEET

San Pedro, Cal., March 23.—Joined today by the light cruiser Omaha and 25 destroyers from San Diego, the entire battleship force of the United States based at this harbor practiced rehearsal operations preparatory to force fighting Wednesday.

The rehearsal took place off Catalina island. Returning to this harbor late tonight, they will be off to sea early tomorrow for further practice.

ENGLISH ACTRESS GIVEN DIVORCE

Los Angeles, Cal., March 23.—Mrs. Thelma Colman, an English actress, won a separate maintenance suit of $500 monthly from her husband, Ronald Colman, motion picture actor, in superior court here today.

Mrs. Colman alleged that her husband was making $1,000 weekly and that he deserted her in Florence, Italy, last year.

Stock Prices Crumble Under Bear Hammering

New York, March 23.—Stock prices crumbled 2 to nearly 11 points today under the incessant hammering of bear traders and the liquidation of long accounts by speculators, whose margins were impaired and investors who had become frightened by the recent drastic downward readjustment of quoted values. Both the rail and industrial averages sank to new low levels for the year.

The day's sales ran well over one and one-half million shares.

In the absence of any definite news developments to account for the decline, Wall street was inclined to describe it as a further correction of the market's so-called technical position which had become weakened by the speculative excesses committed in the first two months of the year. With money rates relatively low, bank clearings and freight carloadings at record high levels and the steel industry in an apparently healthy condition, such conditions are generally believed to be sound.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Name and Address.	Age.
Homer E. Kenyon, Sioux Falls, S. D.	32
Edith I. Albrecht, Friend, Neb.	22
Dr. W. H. Slater, Columbus, Neb.	56
Cora Kimbrough, Columbus, Neb.	42
Irving Yates, Lincoln, Neb.	28
Nora Walter, Hebron, Neb.	17
Charles G. Fink, Council Bluffs	23
Ada M. Hoxby, Mount Ayr, Ia.	24
W. J. Harrell, Lincoln, Neb.	24
Harriet McElroy, Lincoln, Neb.	19
Carl Dutburner, Norfolk, Neb.	26
Bernice Villmur, Norfolk, Neb.	21
Harry W. Hansen, Council Bluffs	24
Gladys M. Howe, Council Bluffs	21
Max Tannebaum, Omaha	21
Bernice O'Rourke, Omaha	21

Farmhand Shoots Four; One May Die

Trying to Collect Back Pay, Only Explanation of Brutal Attack on Girls and Father.

Seek Other Explanation

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Hastings, Neb., March 23.—That he went to the home to collect some money which he said was owing him for corn husking last fall was the only explanation Fred Stellers, 27, would give County Attorney Crow this afternoon for an attack on Weirt J. Meester, 60, a widower, and his three daughters at their farm three miles southeast of Hastings early today.

After wounding the four members of the family—the entire household—Stellars walked back to Hastings. He told the prosecutor he threw his gun away in a Hastings street.

Weirt Meester was shot in the side and the bullet was extracted from his back. His condition is extremely grave.

Elsie Meester, 18, was shot in the groin and lower chest. She was slowly sinking tonight and the prospect for her recovery was slight, due to internal hemorrhage.

Signs Confession.

Alice Meester, 16, was shot in the back of the head, the bullet emerging from the jaw, and was also cut on top of the head and bruised over left eye. She is expected to recover.

Lena Meester, 20, was battered over the head with the pistol and burned by powder. She was dazed today but will recover.

Stellers, who is understood here to have been divorced, had lived in Hastings since working for Meester in the fall harvest and lately had been employed as a car washer. He was fully clothed but in bed when arrested by Sheriff Harm at the Y. M. C. A. at 2 a. m., an hour or more after the shooting. At first denying the shooting, he later confessed to the sheriff, saying that Meester owed him some money, that he walked to the Meester home and that Meester called him a vile name. He said he had "nothing against the girls."

His confession to the county attorney was substantially the same, with the addition that he went to the home to collect some money. He had no explanation for wounding the girls except that after shooting Meester he "got excited."

Was New York Orphan.

Stellers, with another man, was overheard last evening telephoning for dates with two girls, which were refused. The conversation was not with the Meester home and it is not known whether he phoned there.

The authorities are puzzled to know why Stellers should have gone to the home to collect money after midnight.

Lena was able to go to a neighbor's to call for help and three ambulances responded.

Stellers was an orphan sent in his boyhood from New York and was raised in Clay county by Mrs. Caroline Stellers, now of Idaho. He is a member of Company G, National Guard, under the name of Fred Frapk.

A restaurant employe said Stellers yesterday showed him a pistol and nine cartridges. The authorities learned that Stellers bought a car with the money paid him by Meester last fall. He asked Meester to advance a sum to make up the purchase price and showed some displeasure when Meester refused.

3 MEN FOUND DEAD ON RANCH

Miles City, Mont., March 23.—John M. Kemp, his son, James, and J. W. Stacey were found today shot to death on the ranch of Stacey, 12 miles south of Mizpah. Sheriff Farnum and Coroner Graves after an investigation expressed the belief that Stacey had killed the Kemps and himself after an argument over a load of hay.

Site Purchased for Jewish Theological Seminary

Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Jerusalem, March 23.—A site for a yeshivan, an orthodox Jewish theological seminary, which will serve as a world center of instruction in the Talmud, has been purchased by the Palestine chief rabbinate, it was announced today. The site is on a hill near the Diskin orphanage in Jerusalem.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The supreme court recessed for three weeks.

General Pershing was named head of the Tacna-Arica plebiscite commission.

The Northern Pacific land grants continued a subject of inquiry before a congressional commission.

President Coolidge ordered an investigation into the necessity of using federal funds to pay for national guard drills.

Secretary Kellogg and Ambassador Torlenie signed the Isle of Pines treaty between the United States and Cuba.

President Coolidge invited the 48 states and all foreign governments to participate in the international exposition at Philadelphia June 1 to November 30, 1926.

Consul's Daughter Sues for Divorce

THELMA MORGAN CONVERSE

Mrs. Thelma Morgan Converse, daughter of the American consul general to Brussels, and sister of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, has filed suit in Los Angeles for divorce from James Vail Converse, New York society man, charging cruelty. She is playing in motion pictures in Hollywood.

Receivership of St. Paul Will Not Affect Service

Financial Adjustment, on the Contrary, Will Make Improved Facilities Possible, It Is Predicted.

Chicago, March 23.—A statement by H. E. Byram, Mark W. Potter and Edward J. Brundage, receivers for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, tonight said that the receivership just established for the road will have no adverse effect upon its service.

"On the contrary, the adjustment of its outstanding securities made possible by this receivership will give the railroad an opportunity to finance new and improved facilities needed to render even better service," the statement said.

"That portion of the west and northwest through which this railroad operates has been especially hard hit by agricultural and general business depression. In addition much tonnage has been diverted to the Panama canal, and the widespread use of the automobile has caused a large decrease in passenger travel by rail.

Freight Rates Low.

"The effect of these conditions has been aggravated by the fact that in this section of the country freight rates have been lower than in those regions where the business depression was less acute.

"Regardless of these things the Milwaukee has had to pay as high a scale of wages, as high a price for materials and as high taxes as have been paid by the most prosperous railroad, enojying the heaviest traffic.

"As a result the Milwaukee has paid no dividends in recent years and has had difficulty in earning enough net operating income to meet fixed charges.

"This means that, although the owners o fthe property have suffered an important loss, neither its employes nor its patrons have been called upon to share this burden.

No Federal Aid.

"As there is no guarantee in the transportation act the railroad could not look to the government for assistance.

"Its officers and employes have made a splendid fight to overcome these obstacles, but the odds were too great. They will all welcome the opportunity for profitable operations afforded by the receivership and will devote themselves to their various tasks with renewed energy and zeal.

"The Milwaukee railroad is a wonderful property in fine physical condition. It has unlimited faith in the development of the west and the northwest.

"An opportunity is now afforded to be of much greater assistance in this development."

Mountain in Colorado Again Shifts Position

Meeker, Colo., March 23.—"Moving Mountain," a chocolate-drop shaped mountain on the road between Rifle and Meeker, has shifted again and Meeker was temporarily cut off from outside traffic today.

The movement began Sunday night and by today the mountain had shifted 75 yards. About a quarter of a mile of the road was disturbed and traffic was blocked. The movement elevated the road about 11 feet.

The entire dome-like mass is moving toward the west, according to reports. "Moving Mountain" has shifted several times since the first shift in 1909. Traffic between Rifle and Meeker cannot be resumed until the shifting stops. No cause for the movement has been assigned.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. March 23.
Precipitation, inches and hundredths. Total, .05. Total since January 1, 2.14 deficiency, .19.

Hourly Temperatures.

6 a. m.	24	1 p. m.	41
7 a. m.	31	2 p. m.	41
8 a. m.	35	3 p. m.	41
9 a. m.	35	4 p. m.	42
10 a. m.	37	5 p. m.	42
11 a. m.	38	6 p. m.	42
12 noon	39	7 p. m.	42

Windstorm Throws City Into Panic

Sinister Sky, on Anniversary of Tornado, Recalls Omaha's Greatest Disaster.

Insurance Firms Busy

Yesterday was the 12th anniversary of Omaha's disastrous tornado of 1913, and it found the city in a panic. Fear of a repetition of the recent Illinois storm, so fresh in everyone's mind, added to the terror.

The setting which preceded the 1913 tornado was almost duplicated early yesterday afternoon. The morning had been warm and by 2 p. m. the thermometer had risen to 81 degrees. The air was still and sultry.

Then clouds appeared on the southwestern horizon, the "tornado corner," out of which came the disastrous funnel-shaped cloud of 1913. The wind rose to a fitful gale, whipping the clouds into shapes which vaguely resembled long spirals.

The alarming conditions caused terror throughout the city. Mothers frantically summoned their children from play and hurried them into basements and storm cellars. Windows in downtown office buildings were crowded with anxious watchers.

Telephones Swamped.

As the clouds rose higher a flood of telephone calls began. Thousands of men and women in downtown offices called to warn their families to hurry to safety. For the second time since the dial telephones were installed, the machines were swamped and unable to carry all the calls.

Hundreds of calls poured into the weather bureau, and the information given out there, that the barometer was falling, increased the general alarm. The barometer fell from normal, 28.50 inches, to 28.35 at 4:30 p. m.

Insurance companies were deluged by hasty orders for tornado insurance. Business men and other owners of large buildings suddenly recalled that their properties were unprotected against tornadoes and they frantically endeavored to obtain policies before the storm struck.

Hour of Rainfall.

In two hours, between 2:30 and 4:30 p. m., the Foster-Barker Insurance company wrote more than 25 policies, totaling over $3,000,000. Other policies were still being written when the office was closed at 8 p. m.

The Harry A. Koch Insurance company wrote 75 tornado and storm policies between 3 and 5 p. m., and at that hour the clerks were still working at top speed and taking additional orders.

By 4:30 p. m. the clouds had completely overcast the sky, and the city was as dark as night. A few minutes later rain began to fall, and fear of a windstorm passed. The rain continued for more than an hour. Some hail fell in the vicinity of Twenty-seventh and Pratt streets.

Hailstorm in Fremont.

The only heavy storm reported in the vicinity of Omaha was at Fremont, where a heavy hailstorm began shortly before 4 p. m. This storm was preceded by the same conditions which alarmed Omaha. Hailstones as large as marbles fell for 10 minutes and then the hail gave place to rain, which continued for an hour. Then the skies cleared.

A heavy rain fell at Beatrice, Neb., late in the afternoon. Farmers said that it would be highly beneficial to crops in the vicinity.

While the fear of a tornado was still at its height in Omaha, an unknown radio station broadcast word of a tornado which was said to have struck St. Louis. This report caused a new flood of telephone calls to newspapers and telegraph companies, but the report was contradicted by The Associated Press, which said that no unusual conditions had prevailed anywhere in the St. Louis region.

High Temperature Recorded.

The maximum wind velocity recorded at the Omaha weather bureau was 24 miles per hour, but officials said the wind was apparently stronger in the residence district.

Council Bluffs experienced a brief hailstorm, and 350 panes of glass in the Fred L. Lainson greenhouse on Canning street were broken. Damage totalled $100. No other damage was reported.

The maximum temperature of 81 at 2 p. m. Monday broke all records but one for March temperatures. The only higher temperature recorded in March was in March, 1910, when the maximum was 87 degrees.

The tornado which struck Omaha in 1913 occurred at 5:30 p. m. on Easter Sunday. It took 142 lives and caused more than $5,000,000 property damage. The temperature then was 68 degrees and fell to 32 at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Darrington, who live on a farm in Boomer township, 17 miles northeast of Council Bluffs, were both slightly injured Monday afternoon when their car slipped off the muddy road and overturned, a mile from their home.

The Darringtons were hastening home from Council Bluffs, fearing that a tornado was coming. On a hill the car was caught by a gust of wind, and the wheels slipped in the mud. Darrington was unable to control the machine and it tumbled down the embankment.

Darrington's hand was cut by glass, and Mrs. Darrington suffered minor bruises. Their 7 months old daughter, who was in the car, was unhurt. The machine was only slightly damaged.

Philosopher Hangs Self.

Poughkeepsie, March 23.—G. Stuart Fullerton, eminent philosopher, committed suicide by hanging at his home here today.