WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

He who is ffalse to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the effect when the weaving of a life-time is unraveled.—Anon.

Muny Coal Bill Revived by Senators

Solons Vote to Lift Measure Over Committee Veto; Intangible Tax Repeal Revised.

Road Money Discussed

By P. C. POWELL.
Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, March 19.—The senate judiciary committee refused tonight to absolutely repeal the intangible tax law in accordance with a desire of the house and voted to put a bill on general file which places a flat 4-mill levy on intangibles. Banks, under terms of the bill, will be assessed at 75 per cent of their net value.

This action followed an extensive hearing before the committee last night, addressed by J. A. C. Kennedy and A. W. Gordon of Omaha. Both speakers stressed the fact that farm property is not assessed at its full value, while under the intangible repeal bill intangibles, drawing from 5 to 7 per cent interest, would be assessed and taxed on full value.

Another fact driven home by the speakers was that in other neighboring states flat mill levies were assessed against intangibles and such action had placed millions of hidden money on the tax rolls. They pointed to action of the Kansas legislature two weeks ago in passing a 2 1-2 mill levy on intangibles.

Sheriff's Feeding Bill Out.

Action of the senate in lifting the muny gas and coal bill over the veto of the judiciary committee last night created no end of comment in legislative corridors. The vote was 17 to 14. Those voting to lift the bill were:

Banning,	Kerr,
Behrens,	McGowan,
Dolezal,	Meacham,
Goodrich,	Purcell,
Griswold,	Robertson,
Holbrook,	Scott,
Heck,	Shellenbarger
Humphrey,	Warner.
Johnson,	

Against:

Bliss,	Luckey,
Chambers,	Robbins,
Cooper,	Vance,
Dysart,	Watson,
Hoye,	Wilkens,
Jillan,	Wiltse,
Laughlin,	Wood.

Absent and not voting:

Leary,	Reed.

In the morning the senate committee on miscellaneous subjects placed the Hoye-Caldwell sheriff's feeding bill on general file without amendments.

Considerable agitation is under way in the senate over a plan to use only $3,000,000 of the proposed gasoline tax funds in meeting federal aid for state highways and turn over the remaining $1,500,000 to the counties for secondary roads. This plan was the subject of several hours' debate before the revenue and taxation committee tonight.

Gas Tax Action Soon.

Under the bill as passed by the house the proceeds would go to meet as much federal aid as can be obtained in the next two years and if any money remains it will go to the counties. Action on the gas tax bill by the senate committee is expected in the near future.

A small furore was created in the senate today when it was charged that Horace Mann, a Lincoln attorney, employed to correct technical errors in bills had caused unnecessary delay in sending several bills to the senate for action. A motion by Cooper of Douglas, to dispense with Mann's services was voted down.

Literacy Test Opposed.

After considerable argument the house sent a bill which would force all auto drivers to obtain licenses back to committee for correction of certain errors. The senate committee on constitutional amendments listened to arguments on a bill providing for a literacy test for all voters, argument tonight by persons from Omaha and other parts of the state, all opposed to the bill. The provision of the bill, introduced by Laughlin of Beatrice, an American Legion man, would be referred to the people as a constitutional amendment. No action was taken.

Representative George O'Malley of Greeley, democrat, introduced a resolution calling on Attorney General Spillman to probe alleged unfair price discrimination of creamery companies in the state. The house killed the bill providing for reduction of salaries of code secretaries when it came up in third reading.

Mrs. Ruth A. Morris Dies at Her Home in Gibbon

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Kearney, March 19.—Mrs. Ruth A. Morris, mother of Dan Morris, president of the City National bank of this city, died at her home in Gibbon yesterday. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon, at Gibbon. Mrs. Morris was 71 years old and had been ailing since last fall. In addition to her husband six children survive, Dan and Frank of Kearney, Elmer of Lincoln and Mrs. D. A. Trivelpiece and Mrs. George Spencer and Mrs. Harry de Brie of Gibbon.

Ticket Named at Ord.

Ord, Neb., March 19.—The good government party held its caucus in Ord Tuesday night and selected the following ticket: Councilmen—First ward, F. C. Williams; second ward, Guy Burrows; third, ward, Bert Lashmett. Dr. Blessing, Will Zabloudil and J. R. Stoltz were nominated for the school board.

Missouri Fund Raised.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 19.—Governor Sam A. Baker issued a proclamation asking the people of Missouri to contribute money, food and clothing for relief of people in the storm stricken area of southeast Missouri.

WORKERS SEARCH RUINS AT DE SOTO

De Soto, Ill., March 19.—With a total of 45 bodies already recovered, rescue workers late today were continuing their search of the ruins here for additional bodies with the possibility that the ultimate death toll here as a result of yesterday's disastrous tornado will approximate more than 100.

The list of injured here exceeds 200.

The possibility that the death list will be increased was strengthened when physicians announced that little hope is entertained for the recovery of many of the injured.

A large percentage of the casualties here were among children. Eighteen met their deaths when a school building housing about 200 pupils was demolished.

Bureau of Mines Director States Oil Leases O. K.

Federal Official Declares Sinclair Terms Better Than Any Other Which Could Be Obtained.

By The Associated Press.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 19.—Down the long, long trail of words, between sections of direct examination, cross examination, re-direct and re-cross questioning, attorneys in the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit went today. The deposition of Rear Admiral J. K. Robison, head of the navy bureau of engineering, composed of more than 300 typewritten pages, was finished, after it had held the attention of the court for the greater part of two days.

On completion of the Robinson deposition the reading of one by Dr. H. Foster Bain, director of the federal bureau of mines, in behalf of the Mammoth Oil company and Harry F. Sinclair, who are battling the efforts of the government to annul the naval oil reserve lease, was started.

Like Admiral Robinson, Dr. Bain set forth his belief that the Sinclair terms for leasing Teapot Dome were far better than any other which could have been obtained by the government.

Conference Held.

Dr. Bain declared that in the latter part of October, 1921, a conference was held between the then secretary of the interior, Albert B. Fall; E. C. Finney, assistant interior secretary; Rear Admiral Robison, A. W. Ambrose, bureau of mines technologist, and himself. In that conference he said, it was determined to advise Fall that drilling in the Salt Creek field adjacent to Teapot Dome was causing the latter to be drained, and that steps should be taken to protect the navy's interest.

It also was determined among bureau officials, he said, that strip leasing, or arrangements under which only offset drilling could be provided, would serve as a temporary measure only in the matter of protecting the navy's oil. More than partial leasing would have to be undertaken if the maximum of salvage were reached, Dr. Bain said.

Took No Part In Lease.

Dr. Bain testified he took no part in making the lease to Sinclair and his Mammoth Oil company.

Referring to preliminary negotiations with the Texas company for leasing Teapot, Dr. Bain said that on April 6, 1922, the day before the Sinclair lease was signed, Fall received word from the Texas company that it would be unable to meet the terms offered by Sinclair. After an exchange of telegrams between Fall and the Texas company beginning April 4, 1922, Fall told Dr. Bain, the latter said, that he (Fall) thought it of no further use to negotiate with any one but Sinclair.

Explains Advantage.

Questioned as to the advantages of the Sinclair offer over the proposals of other oil companies, Dr. Bain said that the Sinclair plan offered protection against drainage, added facilities for handling production, guaranteed storage equipment and an exchange of crude oil for fuel oil, of which the navy is said to have been in need at that time.

The latter part of Admiral Robison's deposition dealt with details about the Sinclair lease. In one place the admiral was questioned as to whether he had told the then secretary of the navy, Edwin Denby, that everybody connected with the lease affair stood to risk their reputations in handling the matter, to which Robison assented with the assertion: "It's hard to touch oil without being contaminated."

Income Tax of Four Cents Paid With Check

Columbus, March 19.—Four cents is the smallest known income tax paid by any Platte county resident for 1924. Deputy Internal Revenue Collector J. B. Whelan, assisted the man, whose name has not been divulged, in making out his income tax report and when they finished a half-hour's labor it developed that his net taxable income was around $2.83, making the tax just 4 cents. It was paid by check.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Howard M. Hayes, Omaha	28
Camelle Watson, Omaha	20
Raymond B. Smith, Lincoln, Neb.	29
Helen Graham, Lincoln, Neb.	25
Harold Ruheck, St. Paul, Neb.	23
Evangeline Rohman, St. Paul, Neb.	18
Frank Carta, Council Bluffs	20
Felomena Zaccone, Council Bluffs	18
W. N. McGrew, Tilden, Neb.	21
Doris Foreberg, Newport, Neb.	18
Lawrence S. Curtis, Omaha	28
Eva Nolan, Omaha	19
Gordon Burkenshaw, Jamison, Neb.	28
Dollie Goodwin, Jamison, Neb.	21
Irving C. Norshoy, Albion, Neb.	25
Erma Williams, Loretto, Neb.	20
Herbert Toelke, Herman, Neb.	22
Helen Hartung, Hooper, Neb.	22

Dennistoun Is Washout, Says Ex-Wife

Second Mate of British Colonel Takes Witness Stand Before Curious Throng in Court.

"I Love Him!" She Cries

By ROBERT J. PREW,
Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

London, March 19.—"It is too sacred to be discussed—I love him, I love him."

More thrills and surprises were provided in the Dennistoun case today when the vivacious and energetic Almina Countess Carnarvon took the witness stand to firmly avow her continued affection for Col. Ian Dennistoun in spite of all the things that have been said about him during the trial.

"I love him with all my heart, my soul and my body," she added.

The court was jammed with an overflow of scandal mongers who had been disappointed in the dullness of the Waterhouse case for the day and many of the women in the room tittered as the countess confessed her love for the man who was being sued by his former wife for money loaned.

When the women laughed their amusement irritated Sir Edward Marshall Hall, her lawyer, who protested:

"It may be a laughing matter to come, but you are making a solemn statement."

"Too Sacred to Discuss."

The countess lowering her voice almost to a whisper and appeared to be on the verge of fainting as she repeated:

"It is too sacred even to discuss."

She staggered and clutched at the rail and an usher dashed to her assistance, but she lifted her smelling salts to her face and said: "I am perfectly all right."

Opening her evidence the countess said that during the war she spent $625,000 financing a hospital. She then related what she knew about Mrs. Dorothy Dennistoun's Liaison with Gen. Sir John Cowans, and added:

Mrs. Dennistoun came to London when the general was dying, but she was very callous when told how serious his condition was—it was a real shock to me. Mrs. Dennistoun said to me, 'Don't think me hard—the general killed all the love I had for him a long time ago.'

First Wife Attractive.

"After the general's death she showed me some letters from him which aroused my sympathy. I thought it terrible that he should have been so ungallant."

"Did Mrs. Dennistoun have a fascinating personality?" asked Sir Edward.

"She is attractive to the last degree," said the countess. "No one can resist her charms when she wants to show them at her best. There never was anybody who entered our home who was not captivated by her. They were all her slaves.

"She always referred to her husband as the 'Tiger.' She said he was an awfully sweet man but a 'washout,' if you will excuse the vulgarism. She said she never loved him as a wife but that she had a great affection for him as a sister.

"Mrs. Dennistoun told me that General Cowans had promised the colonel a post at Gibraltar and asked her to stay with him in Paris for a day or two on the way there. She was annoyed to find that her room at the Ritz was next to the general's room and she had it changed, but she told me that the general came to her room that night between 1 and 2 o'clock and had stayed about two hours. Mrs. Dennistoun never told me that her husband had connived at the arrangement for her to meet the general."

Encouraged Their Love.

The countess said that she saw Colonel Dennistoun in Paris in November, 1921, and declared:

"He looked simply awful. He was emaciated, his clothes were shiny and he apparently did not get food enough to keep body and soul together. I was extremely sorry for him. Afterwards I paid sums of money into his account by arrangement for our own private reasons.

"Mrs. Dennistoun was fully aware of the growing affection between the colonel and hyself and that it was culminating in love. She encouraged it with all her might."

The countess testified that the more than $500,000 which she paid into the colonel's account just before their marriage was the proceeds from three Gainsboroughs which she sold to Sir Joseph Duveen, but she complained:

"Just a Simple Soul."

"The character given my husband by Sir Ellis Hume Williams is wicked and abominable. He is not clever, but just a simple soul. He was absolutely putty—a mere rag—in Mrs. Dennistoun's hands."

Colonel Dennistoun's final hour on the witness stand was more or less tempestuous. He admitted that an unnamed American woman had once threatened him with a law suit.

The questions of Sir Ellis Hume Williams today were mostly directed to draw from the colonel the reasons for his "not helping his former wife financially when he was in funds as she had helped him when he was broke in Paris."

"The whole of this case is pure malice on Mrs. Dennistoun's part," the colonel protested. "She hopes to show up not only myself but my wife.

Woods Brothers' Employe

Mrs. [illegible] acy, 3918 [illegible], said she [illegible] d late T[illegible] Woods [illegible] e in Lincoln, st[illegible] her brother who [illegible] anager for the compa[illegible]y in Thompsonville, Ill., is safe and that none of the Woods Brothers' employes engaged on a big railroad construction operation there was injured.

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Bus Competition Urged in Plea for Higher Tram Fare

Company to End Presentation of Case Friday; Proposed Schedules Are Analyzed.

The Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company will conclude Friday morning the presentation of its case before the state railway commission, in connection with an application for authority to charge a schedule of fares that will yield the company 7 per cent on the commission's valuation of $14,100,000.

Corporation Counsel W. C. Lambert will follow with his side of the case on behalf of the city. One of the important witnesses to be called by the corporation counsel will be C. D. Robinson, who is operating engineer for the Metropolitan Utilities district, but whose appearance in this instance will be in a private capacity.

R. A. Leussler, vice president and general manager of the traction company, was the only witness examined Thursday. He was examined on depreciation, decrease of street car traffic during the last few years, the proposal rate schedules as submitted by the company, and other phases of street railway operation.

Competition Discounted.

The general manager said that in maintaining a depreciation reserve fund, any conservative traction executive in these days takes into account the prospective competition of motor busses with street cars. He attributed decrease in business during recent years largely to the use of the automobile.

Chairman Browne asked the general manager why the company, in preparing its estimated deficit for 1925, contemplated a decrease of 5 per cent in traffic, which was the decrease of 1924 over 1923.

"Our recent experience has been that the business has decreased about 5 per dent a year and we believed there would be a similar continuing decrease," Leussler testified. "Our actual revenues for January and February of this year show a decrease of 7.79 per cent, compared with the corresponding months of last year. Business conditions, the weather and the automobile are factors of the street car business.

Slump Nearly Ended.

"When do you believe this slump in street car business will cease?" Corporation Counsel Lambert asked.

"I believe it will soon reach its limit," Leussler replied. It has reached the limit in some cities. Omaha is more liberal than most cities in the matter of downtown automobile parking.

"Do you think that if the city council would pass an ordinance prohibiting downtown parking, would that give your company enough additional revenue to meet the deficit you claim?" asked City Commissioner D. B. Butler.

"It would not, but it would result in more revenue," the general manager answered.

School Tickets Eliminated.

Mr. Leussler gave it as his opinion that the occasional street car rider, who ordinarily pays cash fare, should be required to stand a greater proportion of an increase in fare than the constant rider. He stated that he is unable to see any equity in permitting school children to ride for less than others of the same age, many of whom may be working. He said that the school ticket privileges is being abused. One of the proposed rate schedules submitted by the company eliminates school tickets.

During the discussion the proposed increased fare, a schedule of 8 cents for cash fare and four tickets for 30 cents was emphasized by the traction representatives. This would yield additional revenue of approximately $600,000 a year and over a period of years would reimburse the company for losses claimed during the last five-year period, according to testimony at the hearing.

Another schedule which was stressed provided for cash fare of 8 cents or five tickets for 35 cents which would yield additional revenue of about $400,000 a year. This is approximately the amount the company estimated would be the deficit during this year.

The hearing will be resumed Friday morning at 9.

Students to Appear in Play.

Pawnee City, Neb., March 19.—The junior class of the Pawnee City High school will present a play, "The Charm School," at the opera house here Wednesday night in the first activity on the school's spring calendar. Seventeen members of the class are in the cast.

The play is being coached by Miss Marie Minnick and Harold Cooper of the high school fraternity.

Car Surplus Decreases.

Washington, March 19.—Class 1 railroads had 279,420 surplus freight cars in good repair and ready for service March 7, a decrease, the American Railway association reported tonight, of 8,585, from the February 28 surplus.

Four Bodies Taken From Mine Shaft

Hope for Rescue of 30 Victims Who Remain Entombed Abandoned by Their Rescuers.

Governor Directs Work

By Universal Service.

Barracksville, W. Va., March 19.—The bodies of four miners who were entombed in the mine of the Bethlehem Mine corporation here in an explosion Tuesday night, were brought to the surface this evening and identified.

Thirty additional miners yet entombed had not been discovered. While it is possible some may be far back in the workings and still alive, there is little possibility of them being rescued alive.

Governor Howard M. Gore, who is at the shaft mouth directing the work of the rescuers, made the announcement that the four bodies had been recovered.

Mine rescue crews, working at a distance of 5,000 to 6,000 feet, expect to penetrae further tonight and possibly reach other men.

Authorities are still investigating the cause of the explosion, which caused a damage of $250,000. Three men are still held as suspects in the theory that they may have blown up the mine because of labor troubles.

KENTUCKY STORM TAKES BIG JUMPS

By The Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., March 19.—In jumps 20 miles long, a tornado came into southwestern Kentucky last night from Sumner county Tennessee, and killed 10 persons in Allen and Metcalfe counties. Three others were seriously injured in these counties, according to reports.

Isolated disturbances in Jefferson, Fayette, Franklin and Washington counties caused the deaths of six other persons and injuries to 42.

Leaping from Sumner county, where it took a toll of 30 lives and hurt 30 to 40 others, the tornado descended at Holland, Allen county, demolished the home of Mrs. Herman Law, 20 years old, killing her, her 3 weeks' old infant and her sister, Ruth Wilson, 14. At Mount Union, nearby, one woman was killed and her husband injured.

At Beaumont, Metcalfe county, five members of one family and one other man were killed.

Wind and lightning accounted for the other deaths.

GREEK BANDITS KILL AMERICAN

Washington, March 19.—The death of John Logan of Madison, Wis., as the result of a gunshot wound received during an attack upon him and his party by Greek bandits, was reported to the State department today in a message from Irwin B. Laughlin, American minister at Athens.

The Greek prime minister, the message stated, had expressed his "government's distress and sympathy" and arrangements had been made to take the body to Athens on a warship.

Logan was wounded when his party was fired upon by bandits in Epiros. At first it was believed that he would recover, but his heart was unable to withstand the strain. The Logan party was made up of students from the American archaeological school at Athens.

OUT-STATE RUM RING SUSPECTS

With the arrest Thursday of Frank Schultz, 3923 L street, and Frank J. Frederick, 1101 Y street, federal agents claim they have made their first arrests in the big alcohol ring which supplies small towns in the state.

Schultz and Frederick were arrested after federal agents had purchased seven gallons of alcohol for $91.

Frederick delivered the alcohol and attempted to pull his revolver on State Agent Otto Dudschus, who aided in the arrests. "Omaha is headquarters and Lincoln is a branch agency," said Dudschus. "These men and their associates have been making regular weekly deliveries of alcohol to Lincoln, York, Beatrice, David City and a dozen other smaller towns in the state," charged Robert Samardick.

Vacation Bible School Supervised Play Planned

York, March 19.—A committee from York Y. M. C. A. has launched plans for a vacation Bible school to be held after the closing of the public schools. Plans are also being formulated to have supervised play in connection with the public school. It is the plan to make the supervised play city-wide in scope, and if possible to continue it through the entire vacation.

Wedding Secret Three Weeks.

Beatrice, Neb., March 19.—Announcement was made of the marriage of Donald Falk and Miss Hilda Reed, both of this city, three weeks ago at Marysville, Kan. The wedding was kept a secret until yesterday when the couple broke the news to their friends. Mr. Falk is a linotype operator on the Beatrice Daily Sun.

Three Freeze to Death.

Naples, March 19.—Three poor persons forced to spend the night in the open were found frozen to death as the result of an unprecedented cold spell.

Organized Relief Agencies Rush to Aid Victims of Big Tornado

State and National Organizations Combine in Providing Medical Aid, Food and Shelter for Storm Sufferers in Stricken Areas of Five States.

By Universal Service.

Chicago, March 19.—Relief agencies of the state and nation were working tonight to recover the dead and succor the injured and homeless left in the wake of yesterday's tornado that swept across the country from the Missouri to the Ohio valley.

The devastation in southern Illinois, where the storm struck with its greatest fury, resembled the battlefields of Europe, according to relief workers reporting here today.

Relief and reconstruction units operated from a score of storm-torn cities under direction of the state militia and the Red Cross. Governor Len Small left Springfield for a personal survey of the storm zone.

In Chicago funds were being collected for the sufferers, the fund tonight having reached an estimated $200,000. At Springfield the state legislature was enacting a bill to appropriate $500,00. The measure is expected to be ready for the governor's signature by Monday.

Tents and Blankets.

A train load of supplies furnished through the United States quartermaster's department left Chicago for the storm zone this evening. It carried 1,000 tents, 12,000 blankets, 4,000 cots and other equipment. Tents are sorely needed for shelter for, according to word coming to Red Cross headquarters here, hundreds of residences were wiped out in West Frankfort, McLeansboro, De Soto, Parrish, Murphysboro and other cities and villages. The number of farm homes destroyed will number hundreds.

Automobiles loaded with first aid crews searched out the isolated homes and ruins of homes in the storm zones all through the day. Reports coming from returning relief parties indicated the losses in the rural districts would be very great. Farms were found with not a building standing. In some instances all the members of the family had been killed or injured.

Food Dispensed.

Food was being dispensed by the Red Cross and military organizations in a score of stricken communities. Several carloads of food were being shipped from Chicago and St. Louis.

Pullman cars were rushed from St. Louis and Chicago to West Frankfort, Benton and other cities to be used as temporary hospitals. It was estimated tonight that more than 1,000 doctors and nurses are already in the field, with more being assembled to be rushed to points where they will be most needed. The early hours of today found scores of injured without any medical attention. This condition had been relieved tonight, according to reports received here. At every place where a dozen or more injured were collected in temporary hospital quarters one or more doctors and nurses were in attendance.

12 Special Trains.

The Illinois Central railroad alone reported it had sent 12 special trains into the storm zone. The Illinois Central penetrates most of the stricken area. But other roads, the Wabash, Burlington, B. & O., Louisville & Nashville and Chicago & Eastern Illinois, were moving specials and giving all possible support to spreading relief.

Relief workers found many injured could live but a few hours; others were not in a serious condition. Within a day or two the more serious cases will be brought to Chicago and St. Louis hospitals for special treatment. But today first aid was all that could be given because of the great number of victims demanding attention.

Adj. Gen. Carlos Black, Mayor William Dever of Chicago, Governor Small and other officials expressed gratification at the response given appeals for aid.

Palm Beach Fire Causes 3 Deaths

Two Hotels Razed at Fashionable Resort; Damage Placed at $4,000,000.

By International News Service.

West Palm Beach, Fla., March 19.—Three persons are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which ruined two hotels and caused $4,000,000 property damage in the famous resort of Palm Beach last night. The flames were brought under control after dynamite had been obtained and made ready for blasting a path between the flaming buildings and other structures.

During the conflagration it was learned that the postoffice in West Palm Beach had been looted of $20,000 and the West Palm Beach company of Florida infantry was called out to patrol the streets and prevent further looting.

Thousands of dollars in valuable wearing apparel and other chattels of guests whose fortunes run in millions of dollars today lay on the ground, carried from the blazing hotels by the owners and servants. This, also, is under guard of the soldiers.

The Breakers, one of the oldest and best known of the resort hotels, was the first structure to take fire.

The three believed to have perished are two children and their nurse. The father of the children, refusing to give his name, but who said he was captain of a yacht anchored in the lake, declared he left his two children and their nurse asleep in the Breakers.

The Palm Beach hotel, a smaller structure in West Palm Beach, caught fire and also burned to the ground.

Pawnee County Schools to Hold Essay Contest

Pawnee City, Neb., March 19.—The county superintendent has announced an essay contest for school children, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., the national and county organizations of which have offered prizes totaling $37.50. Awards on the essays on prohibition and anti-cigaret subjects have been divided into three classes for students of equal grades. The limit for entry in the contest has been set for May 1.

Estate Suit Decided.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 19.—Heirs to the $2,000,000 Joe Alexander estate have won the suit of Ida Georgine Enning by her mother, Audie Dunlap, to recover possession of the estate, according to an opinion by Judge Robert L. Williams of the United States district court at Muskogee, Okla., received by counsel here.

German Teacher Dies.

Berlin, March 19.—Friederich Harnisch, Germany's widely known old school teacher, is dead here at the age of 102 years. He was pensioned some years ago after having taught for 46 consecutive years. His favorite saying was, "When I don't smoke I have no ideas, and when I have no ideas, why I don't smoke."

Cross-word Puzzle Fans

We have a surprise for you. Watch for it. Don't miss it.

SEE THE OMAHA BEE NEXT MONDAY

Patent Office Is Now Under Hoover

Coolidge Transfers Jurisdiction From Interior to Commerce epartment.

Washington, March 19.—Jurisdiction over the patent office, heretofore a part of the Interior department was transferred to the Commerce department under Secretary Hoover today by an executive order of President Coolidge.

The change, which has been advocated by the congressional commission established at the request of President Harding to consider general governmental reorganization, was possible without specific legislative action, it was explained, because the law which created the Commerce department gave the president discretionary authority to place such regular government bureaus as he might select under its control. Other alteration in the organization of the government which the congressional commission recommended are not expected until congress has acted.

Secretary Hoover, in a statement explaining the step, which also was approved by Secretary Work, of the Interior department said one of the principal reasons for it lay in discriminations against American interests in the administration of patent laws n some foreign countries. The Commerce department has conducted negotiations in the matter through its representatives abroad. In the same connection, Hoover said he might have occasion to urge congress to draft a new code of patent laws.

Church to Receive Part of Price Paid for Farm

Pawnee City, March 19.—Pawnee City Methodist church and affiliated organizations will receive $7,000 through the sale this week of a farm owned by Miss Minnie Shannon of this city. Miss Shannon willed to the local church general fund $1,000, to the Sunday school $1,000, to the Epworth league $1,000, to the foreign and home missionary societies $1,000 each, and to the Mothers' Jewels' home at York $2,000.

Settling of the estate hinged on the sale of the Shannon farm wast of here. The land was bought by John F. March of Seneca, Kan., who will take possession March 1.

Pawnee City Federated Clubs Elect Officers

Pawnee City, March 19.—Officers of local federated clubs, recently elected, are:

Conservation Club—President, Mrs. Mabel Bozard; vice president, Mrs. E. R. Lindermann; secretary, Mrs. Ray Catlett; treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Lock.

Coterie Club—President, Mrs. Wilbur Clarke; vice president, Mrs. O. F. Shannon; secretaries, Mrs. L. T. Hare and Mrs. Mabel Bozard; treasurer, Mrs. Pearle Johnson.

Twentieth Century Club—President, Miss Anna Wright; vice president, Miss Laura Lipp; secretary, Mrs. D. W. Neill; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Linn.

Theadey Afternoon Club—President, Mrs. John H. Pyle; vice president, Mrs. G. A. Sawyer; secretary, Mrs. Dorrance Pyle; treasurer, Mrs. K. F. Porr.

P. E. O. Club—President, Mrs. J. H. Pyle; vice president, Mrs. A. M. Huston; secretary, Miss Lovisa Clark; treasurer, Miss Amy Clark.

The Weather

For 24 hours, ending 7 p. m., March 19.
Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 0; total since January 1, 2.69; deficiency, 0.86.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	34	2 p. m.	46
6 a. m.	34	3 p. m.	46
7 a. m.	34	4 p. m.	53
8 a. m.	37	5 p. m.	54
9 a. m.	41	6 p. m.	51
10 a. m.	42	7 p. m.	53
11 a. m.	43	8 p. m.	52
12 noon	43	9 p. m.	48

848 Killed, 2,909 Hurt by Tornado

Five States Affected by Fury of Sky Monster, Which Wreaks Record Havoc for Storm.

Fire Adds to Its Horror

By The Associated Press.

Chicago, March 19.—After the light of a full day had cast its searching rays into the debris left by Wednesday's tornado, and relief work had been organized to gather the dead, and aid the hurt and homeless, the toll remained the greatest recorded in similar catastrophes. The reported dead were 848 and the injured 2,909 in the five states affected.

While casualty lists had been reduced in some instances, word from hitherto unreported places kept the total almost as high as indicated in the first hysterical messages from the devastated centers. After a night of terror, day revealed that some towns had been obliterated, while whole blocks of larger places had been leveled and fire had added to the horrors of the wind.

Because of the fires rescuers could not dig out the dead in some places or give as much attention to the homeless and maimed as was needed.

Fiendish Eccentricity.

Where there had been happiness, prosperity and future, the tornado blasted all. It showed fiendish eccentricity by levelling and blackening portions, while sparing the rest.

Nearly half of Princeton, Ind., was smitten. A sister city, Griffin, was virtually carried away. DeSoto, Ill., with 500 people, lost its existence. A neighbor, Gorham, of 300 souls, was wiped out. Murphysboro, Ill., lost nearly three square miles of its business and residential sections. Other hamlets are yet cut-off from telling their story.

Darkness still hampers relief work tonight, as many lighting systems have not been repaired, but national guardsmen have their own gordons of protection about them. Auto lights, candles and flashlights are substituting for power plants. Pullman cars have arrived to house refugees in one or two sectors.

Property Loss Huge.

Those in charge speak in millions when asked to estimate material losses. The brief dispatches read: "One hundred thousands dollars in southwestern Kentucky," "$2,000,000 at Princeton," "$6,000,000 in southern Illinois," "$100,000 in Missouri." At the other scenes no one yet ventures to estimate.

The tornado took its toll over a territory of 300 miles in five hours and within the same period of time outside aid was covering that distance to carry help and comfort to survivors. The Red Cross rushed supplies from St. Louis. Chicago offered $500,000. The Illinois legislature appropriated a like amount, the Missouri legislature $25,000, and the southern Illinois American Legion, $6,000. Other contributions are expected to reach $100,000.

From The Associated Press casualty list tonight it was seen that more than 100 children were victims. Every available dwelling was a morgue in the zone of visitation. Serious operations are performed virtually outdoors.

Path Mile Wide.

Apparently arising in the Missouri Ozark hills, the tornado jumped and zigzagged. Its path was about a mile wide in some localities; in others it could be measured by feet. It was more merciful at its start, preferring to unload its fury in Illinois and Indiana. It cracked into Kentucky and Tennessee more as a side line it appeared. Perhaps its tail whipped loose the lake freighters from their moorings in Buffalo, miles away.

LICENSE REPEAL STARTS AT ONCE

Just as soon as the governor signs the bill doing away with the required 10-day notice in obtaining marriage licenses, if he does, Omahans may begin obtaining licenses on their first trip to the courthouse, it was announced Thursday morning by Clyde Sundblad, clerk of county court.

Ordinarily 90 days elapse before a bill becomes effective as a law, but in this case Mr. Sundblad believes the intent of the bill is so plain that the 10-day notice may be done away with immediately.

"The 10-day notice requirement even permitted a waiving of the notice in certain cases," Sunblad explained.

Summary of the Day in Washington

Former Senator Culberson of Texas died at his Washington home.

Distinguished service medals were awarded the army world fliers.

Bids were opened on the shipping board's president-type ships in the Pacific.

Rush Holland of Ohio submitted his resignation as assistant attorney general.

President Coolidge ordered the patent office transferred from the Interior to the Commerce department.

A tendency toward expansion of farm crop acreage in 1925 was shown in an intention to plant report of the Department of Agriculture.

Instructions to examine grain exchange and brokers' records were given agents of the grain administration investigating wheat price fluctuations.