

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

DISFRANCHISE NEGRO

WARDAMAN HOPES TO BEGIN CRUSADE IN SENATE.

Fiery Southern Governor Says Negroes Are Rapidly Drifting from Bad to Worse and that Something Must Be Done at Once.

Announcement of a carefully planned campaign to secure the repeal of the fifteenth amendment of the constitution of the United States, which gives the negro equality with the white man as a citizen, was made by Gov. James K. Vardaman, of Mississippi, who was in Chicago Thursday, attending the Railway Surgeons' convention.

Gov. Vardaman, who is seeking election to the United States senate, declared that if he won a membership in the upper house he would make his fight on the floor of that body, believing that he had the support of the entire south. He insisted that a crisis in the relation of the races in the southern states was at hand and the problem of white supremacy or black domination should be settled.

"I favor unqualifiedly and without reserve the abrogation of the fifteenth amendment of the constitution," said Gov. Vardaman. "It is my hope through the United States to demonstrate that there is only one practical way of settling this matter, and that is by plainly showing the negro his proper place in our system of government."

"The race question must be settled, and that very soon. It cannot be disposed of, however, until the nation as a whole has been convinced that there is a distinction between the white race and the black.

JAPANESE ARE INVADING INDIA.

They Are Fostering the Anti-British Movement.

The St. Petersburg Telegraph agency has received a dispatch from Tokyo saying that the anti-British movement in India is receiving much encouragement from Japan, where effort is being made to foster a feeling of kinship between the two dark races and to preach the lesson of the Russo-Japanese war. The Buddhists of the two countries are fraternizing and exchanging visits and steps are being taken to encourage the coming of Hindu students to Japan, where they will be surrounded by an atmosphere of disaffection.

The Hindoo students now in Tokio, the correspondent of the agency continues, have just published an address in which they appeal to India to heed the call of "Asia for the Asiatics" and to rise and cast off the British yoke. Taking advantage of this ferment, certain merchants of Japan have sent a mission to India to endeavor to supplant the boycotted British merchandise with Japanese goods. These efforts are meeting with a warm welcome.

To Demobilize Slav Army.

The final step in the demobilization of Russia's great Manchurian army was taken Thursday, when an order was published disbarring the staff of the army of the Far East, as it is officially designated. Only the corps commanders will remain in Manchuria.

Thieves Raid American Consulate.

Thieves entered the house of Paul Nash, the American consul at Venice, Thursday and carried away a large cabinet in which Mr. Nash is in the habit of keeping a collection of jewels.

Falls from Window; Killed.

Thomas Shilling, of Elba, O., an old soldier, Wednesday fell from the third story window of the Martin house to the pavement below, crushing his skull and dying instantly. His home was at Elba, O.

Funeral of Sam Jones.

In the presence of a large congregation impressive funeral services were held Thursday afternoon over the remains of the Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist, in the Sam Jones tabernacle at Centerville, Ga.

Sloux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top steers, \$3.85. Top hogs, \$6.15.

Santa Fe Trains Collide.

Two men were killed, while more than a score of passengers were injured as the result of a head-on collision between two Santa Fe express trains near Manzanillo, Colo., Thursday afternoon.

GUILTY OF REBATING.

Jury Convicts New York Central Railway.

A verdict of guilty of granting rebates on sugar shipments was returned by a jury in the United States court at New York Wednesday against the New York Central Railway company and Frederick L. Pomeroy, the company's general traffic manager. Sentence was deferred until Friday to permit the attorneys for the defense to file motions with the court. In discussing the jury's verdict Austin G. Fox, counsel for the defendants, placed the responsibility for the conviction of his client upon public opinion.

"You cannot defend rebate cases in the present state of public opinion," he said. In the provisions of the Elkins act, under which the convictions are secured, the maximum penalty is \$20,000. As the Central and the personal defendant, Frederick L. Pomeroy, are convicted by the jury on all of the six counts charged in the indictment, the total fine for each can be \$120,000.

SHOT PRIDE OF A WEEK.

Charge Made Against a St. Joseph Merchant.

Jesse L. Webb, a young St. Joseph, Mo., merchant, was Tuesday arrested charged with killing his 19-year-old bride of a week, Oct. 11.

At the time of the shooting Webb asserted he and his wife had entered into a suicide pact because he was incurably ill with tuberculosis, and that she first, at his suggestion, shot him and then killed herself. His wife was shot four times, three bullets striking her in the heart and the fourth striking in the head. The authorities doubt that she was able to shoot herself so many times.

At first it was believed Webb was mortally wounded, but now, it is said, he will recover.

WIFE COOKED FOR DINNER.

Indian King Forced Guests to Eat Flesh.

Mail advices Tuesday from Indochina brought another and more revolting story of the doings of King Thanh Thai, of Annam. After killing one of his wives, he caused the body to be cooked and served up for dinner, forcing the entourage to eat it under pain of death. Some of the king's wives were bound and burned with burning oil and subjected to other cruelties, while naked women were thrown into cages of wild beasts, where they were devoured before the eyes of the king. Finally the French authorities stepped in and made a prisoner of Thanh Thai, who has been adjudged insane by Dr. Dumas, of the French colonial staff.

Money Lost in the Wreck.

Two consignments of money amounting to more than \$6,000, were lost in the wreck of the Rock Island train which plunged into the Cimarron river, near Dover, Okla., several weeks ago. The agents of an Iowa insurance company are trying to trace one consignment, a registered package containing \$5,000. The money is believed to be buried somewhere in the quicksands.

Held for Patient's Death.

As a result of an investigation by the state board of control of Kentucky, in the asylum in the prison of charges that Fred Ketterer, a patient, had been murdered by attendants, the grand jury returned three indictments Tuesday. Fred P. Harris, one of the accused, was at once arrested, but the other, whose names the court would not permit to be published till arrested, are yet to be located.

Hits Ohio Investigators.

The supreme court of Ohio Tuesday decided that the Drake investigating committee, created by the state legislature last winter to probe the affairs of Hamilton county and Cincinnati, is without power in a legal sense.

Hunter's Error Kills Girl.

William Cason, while hunting Tuesday near Hayfield, Minn., shot and killed Mabel Stevenson, 14 years old, whom he had mistaken for a woodchuck.

Killed by a Highwayman.

Reno Hutchinson, of Spokane, Wash., secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was shot and killed Tuesday night by a highwayman in the residence section of the city.

Fire Near Historic Home.

The birthplace of John Adams, at Quincy, Mass., second president of the United States, was saved from fire Tuesday only by desperate efforts of the local fire department.

Cuban Treasury All Right.

Max Ladj, reported to Gov. Magoun Wednesday that he had finished counting the funds in the Cuban treasury and found that they totaled a little more than \$12,000,000.

Pensions to Blind Unconstitutional.

By a decision of the supreme court of Ohio, handed down Tuesday, the awarding pensions to the blind is declared unconstitutional.

Uncle Sam After Minister.

Charged with using the United States mails to defraud, Rev. A. M. Kelly, formerly of Illinois, the promoter of the Beulah Religious Land Settlement in the Dickson county, Tenn., was arrested Tuesday.

Ex-Senator Walker Dead.

Ex-United States Senator J. D. Walker, of Fayetteville, Ark., Wednesday fell down a stairway leading to his office and was killed, his skull being fractured. He was 76 years of age.

SHOT GIRL; IS THANKED.

Slav Soldier Also Given Five Dollar Reward.

After investigating the killing of Mile. Semenova, a young medical student confined in the central detention prison of St. Petersburg, Russia, who was shot and killed by a sentry Sept. 10 when she showed herself at the window of her cell overlooking the court yard, the commander of the St. Petersburg garrison, in an order of the day, has thanked the soldier who killed the girl and has given him a reward of \$5. In addition the soldier, who belongs to the Semenovskiy regiment, is upheld as an example to his comrades of faithful performance of duty.

The testimony of the prisoners confined in the detention prison and that of witnesses in behalf of the military authorities differed considerably. The prisoners claimed the sentry fired without any warning or provocation, while the sentry said he ordered Mile. Semenova four times to leave the window, where she and some companions were taunting the members of the Semenovskiy regiment with the part they took in the suppression of the revolt at Moscow.

MAKE A SHORT HAUL.

Bandits Get Only \$50 from Train in Colorado.

Two armed men boarded the engine of Denver and Ito Grande passenger train No. 5 at Malta, Colo., Tuesday night and at the point of revolvers compelled the engineer and fireman to uncouple the express and baggage cars. Then they forced the engineer to pull the cars several miles up the road. When the train stopped the bandits went to the express car and covering the messenger with their revolvers attempted to blow open the safe. They only succeeded in getting about \$50.

A posse of eleven men, headed by Sheriff O'Mahoney, is in pursuit of the bandits, whose description tallies with that of two men who blew open a safe at White Sulphur Springs, in Summit county, a few nights ago.

APPEAL FOR FREE CORN.

Mexicans Want Import Duty Taken from American Product.

To prevent a corn famine Gov. Ahumada, of Jalisco, has made an appeal to the general government of Mexico for the removal of duties from American corn for importation. This request has been made in a petition from the business men of Jalisco. The corn crop in that section of Mexico is reported to be very light, owing to the many floods this year.

Gov. Ahumada says that there will be a shortage unless some remedy is taken to relieve the situation. There is a scarcity of corn in many other Mexican states, it is reported, due also to the floods.

Young Irish in New York.

Henry B. Irving presented the "Lyons Mall" at the New Amsterdam theater, New York, Monday night. This was Mr. Irving's first presentation in America of the play made famous by his father, and his rendition of the dual role of Dubose and Lesarques was favorably compared with the work of the elder Irving.

O'Brien Knocks Out Two Men.

Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, knocked out two men before the Pacific Athletic club at Los Angeles, Cal., Tuesday night. He put out Fred Cooley, his former sparring partner, in three rounds. Tim Tremble, a local boxer, he succeeded in putting out after nine rounds of fighting.

Near Plunge Over Falls.

A naphtha launch containing a party of six men and women was swept into the rapids within a half mile of the brink of Niagara Falls Monday night. They were saved from a plunge over the cataract by Albert Greenwood of Chippewa, Ont., who brought them ashore in his launch.

White House Crank to Asylum.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Holmes, wife of William Holmes, of Brooklyn, who was arrested in Washington last January while in an attempt to secure an interview with President Roosevelt, was Tuesday ordered by Judge Crane, of Brooklyn, to be committed to Bloomington asylum.

American Eggs to Cuba.

Egg handlers of New York will be kept busy from now until January getting consignments ready for Cuba's trade. Poultry raising in Cuba has never been profitable. The flocks frequently die out as the result of a disease which the natives call "small-pox."

Big Deal in Iron.

Official announcement was made at Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday of the purchase of the properties of the Georgia Coal and Iron company by the Southern Steel company, the consideration being the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

Explosion Wrecks Store.

Four persons are dead and several are missing as the result of a gasoline explosion in the Meinerding hardware store, Port Recovery, O., Tuesday.

Indicted with Thaw.

In an argument before Recorder Coffey Tuesday in New York District Attorney Jerome indicated that another person may be indicted with Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White.

Inundation of Mud.

A terrific storm has caused an inundation of mud from Mt. Vesuvius and the country about is flooded. Two women have been killed and twenty-six persons injured by the storm.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Count Makes Great Gift—John A. Creighton Presents Nearly Half Million to University—Donation on Seventy-Fifth Birthday.

Count John A. Creighton, of Omaha, signalled the celebration of his 75th birthday Monday by donating to Creighton university \$400,000 worth of real estate. In the presence of his relatives and friends and of the faculty, students and friends of Creighton university, he delivered the deeds to the property into the hands of Father Dowling, president of the university.

The endowment consists of two large business blocks in Omaha, one the building on Ninth and Howard streets, of which the Byrne-Hammer Dry Goods company will soon take possession, and the other the warehouse on Jones street, between Tenth and Eleventh, occupied by the John Deere Plow Co. The former is eight stories and basement in height and covers ground 132 feet square. The site cost \$40,000 and the building and site are worth nearly \$250,000.

The Deere building is 66 by 132 feet and six stories in height. These two buildings were erected under long time leases. They will bring the university of the department of \$2,000 in monthly rentals.

Two years ago Mr. Creighton gave the college \$200,000 worth of property, consisting of the Arlington block, on Dodge street, just west of the headquarters of the department of the Missouri, and the Creighton block, at Fifteenth and Douglas streets. The income from these two and the two included in the gift on Monday will yield an income of about \$30,000 a year.

FOUND DEAD IN CORNFIELD.

Not Known Whether It is a Case of Murder or Suicide.

While a rural mail carrier was making his trip Saturday morning he saw a man undressing beside a cornfield about fifteen miles from Schuyler, but thinking he was changing his clothes thought nothing of it till Monday morning, when passing the same place he noticed the man lying on the ground. In company with a friend the next day they stopped to investigate. Looking at the clothes they found blood on them. They then followed the clue into the cornfield, where they found the man. The mail carrier had seen Saturday morning naked, with a gas cut through his neck from ear to ear.

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Blaze at Stockham.

Wednesday morning fire was discovered in the building occupied by C. O. Zakem, general merchandise, at Stockham. The fire spread rapidly, burning four other store buildings. Two, owned by Mrs. Coon, valued at \$17,000, no insurance; P. J. Maupin, store building, loss \$1,000, insurance \$500, general merchandise, \$5,000, insurance \$5,000; J. A. Reynolds, building, \$300; G. H. Lindall, building, \$800. Zakem's loss, general merchandise, \$3,500; insurance, \$1,200. E. D. Riedel, saloon, \$1,500, no insurance; J. R. Everett, drugs, loss \$2,200, insurance, \$1,500.

Tax List is Small.

The delinquent tax sale notices, which are now running in a couple of streets in the city, are the shortest ever published, covering only a column. The delinquent amounts are mostly small and on outlying lots or small tracts of little value. The largest is \$3,300 and the smallest 15 cents. Only 27 persons are the delinquent list covered half a page.

To Oust Gas Company.

The Lincoln city council Monday night adopted the report of a committee declaring the Lincoln Gas company without a franchise, and instructed the city attorney to begin suit to ouster. The gas company is capitalized at \$3,750,000. It is owned by what is known as the McMillan syndicate, of New York City, L. Dougherty, of Denver, is the president.

Science Healer Dies.

Era M. Buzwell, one of the leading Christian Science practitioners and teachers of the west, died quiet suddenly at his home in Sloux City. He suffered from dropsy and heart failure, but declined the services of a physician. He was a close personal friend and student of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the doctrine.

Death Remains a Mystery.

After two days of work by the sheriff of Douglas county the death of Herbert C. Burke, whose body was found at Florence Monday morning, remains as deeply shrouded in mystery as it was the morning he was found. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the county for Burke's slayer.

Dies Sitting in Chair.

Sitting in an upright position in a chair, a knife tightly grasped in his right hand and a pair of potatoes lying at his feet, the lifeless body of John Leffink, of Sprague, was found Sunday. The play was at first suspected, but later developments convinced the investigators that the man had died of heart failure.

Golden Wedding Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Peckham celebrated their golden wedding at their beautiful country home seven miles from Othberg, fully 500 relatives, friends and neighbors being present at the reception.

Switchman Dead on Track.

Five cars passed over Switchman Edward Kelly Thursday morning in the Missouri Pacific yards at Fifteenth and Cumine streets, Omaha, cutting his body in two and killing him instantly.

CONVICT IS HIS OWN LAWYER.

Novel Scene in the Nebraska Supreme Court.

The court room was crowded at Lincoln Wednesday morning when Philip McIntyre, a convict at the Nebraska state penitentiary, pleaded his own case before the supreme court. This is the first time in the annals of the state that a convict had acted as his own lawyer.

McIntyre is now serving a three-year sentence for cashing a forged check for \$250 at the Chadron First National bank. The loss fell upon Capt. Allen G. Fisher, who had endorsed the check at McIntyre's request. It was through Capt. Fisher's later efforts that McIntyre was arrested.

His defense before the supreme court was eloquent, his claim being based on the plea that he is held there without due process of law, and that the manner in which he was delivered to the Nebraska authorities was in legal effect equivalent to kidnapping. He insists that because of this irregularity his whole imprisonment is illegal, and declares that he will carry the case to the supreme court of the United States if he does not win out in the Nebraska court.

CLUB WOMEN MEET.

Busy Session of State Federation Held at Kearney.

Wednesday, the second day of the convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs at Kearney, registered 112 delegates and 13 officers, representing 67 clubs. Mrs. Florence Kelley, of New York, secretary of the National Consumers' League, arrived Wednesday to speak on the industrial program. During the morning business session an amendment to the constitution providing for a biennial instead of an annual convention was defeated. An admirable innovation was the presentation of club reports by districts in a resume by the district vice presidents.

The Third and Fifth districts made the best showing for accomplishment, especially in library extension and civic work. It was announced that the splendid art loan collection of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be circulated in Nebraska in January, the sole cost to borrowing clubs being transportation from one town to another.

CLEMENT IS FOUND GUILTY.

Sarpy County Jury Convicts Him of Murder in Second Degree.

Wednesday at Papillion the jury in the case of Fred Clement, charged with killing Lou Goldie, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree and was discharged. The jury was out nearly twenty-four hours. Clement will not be sentenced at this time, as his attorneys have prepared a motion for a new trial, which will be argued later in the term.

Jumps from Saloon to Death.

Pleasant Richardson, a teamster, Monday morning plunged head first from the top of a saloon to his death on the sidewalk at Fremont. He is believed to have gone insane. He mounted the stair steps to the rear and climbed out on the roof, where he stood thirty minutes, while a crowd gathered. Then he jumped just as a policeman started up to bring him down. He died at the jail.

Dentists' Offices Robbed.

Two dentists' offices were robbed at Fremont and three others visited. Dr. Littlechild's office was entered, by breaking the glass in the door. About \$50 in gold was taken and everything rummaged. Dr. Murphy's office was entered, probably by means of a skeleton key, and about the same amount of stuff taken, besides a new coat and an overcoat.

Bravery Medal for Grand Island Man.

County Clerk George Poell, of Grand Island, who saved the life of the child of Paul Usary on the St. Joe and Grand Island railroad several years ago, received a medal from the commission passing upon deeds of heroism, under act of congress of February, 1905. Accompanying the same there was a button to be worn on the coat lapel.

Narrow Escape from Fire.

The plant of the Beatrice Cold Storage company had a close call from destruction by fire. Fire started in the large coal bin just north of the plant, but by the hardest kind of work the coal was removed and the flames extinguished. Spontaneous combustion is supposed to have caused the blaze.

Must Face the Music.

C. H. Walker, who is charged with securing money for stock in his fake umbrella factory at Omaha, transferred to his cell in Sloux City and then when the investor demanded the return of his money, turning him off with a personal note which is not worth the paper it is written on, must stand trial in the Omaha courts.

Woman Attempts Suicide.

Mrs. L. A. Kucera, living about five miles northwest of Weston, took strychnine with suicidal intent, after which she cut a gash in her neck and also one on her wrist, but failed to sever the artery.

Nebraska Bank is Robbed.

The Bank of Maywood, at Maywood, Frontier county, was opened with dynamite by unknown parties, who secured \$4,000 of the bank's funds. The robbers escaped.

Old Fellows Lay Cornerstone.

The cornerstone of the new building being erected by the Independent Order of Old Fellows' lodge of Grand Island was laid with impressive ceremonies Monday.

Holdup at Madison.

Al Smith, a Madison business man, was snatched and robbed of \$125 in a dark alley at Madison. He was found unconscious some time afterwards. Citizens have offered \$150 for the arrest of the highwayman.

Doctor and Wife to Asylum.

One of the brightest doctors in the state, Dr. Leroy Craig, of Mitchell, was Monday committed to the dispensary ward in the insane asylum, a victim of the drug habit. With him is his wife, also a slave to morphine.



COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

The following delegates have been appointed by Gov. Mickey to represent Nebraska at the seventeenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, which meets in Kansas City, Nov. 20, 21, 22 and 23: F. W. Judson, J. M. White, M. L. Keiker, Omaha; J. Clay Fox, Newport; C. C. Gray, Columbus; A. C. Sullivan, Tecumseh; H. H. Parting, Nebraska City; W. E. Kinney, Shelby; H. H. Culver, Milford; J. C. Bowen, Brown; Bow, L. Foster, Alma; Merl Mather, Aurora; C. C. Cobb, York; V. G. Lyford, Falls City; Cass Cornell, Ord; Adelbert Abel, Hebron; Walter Jackson, Valentine; A. V. Anderson, Neligh; Platte White, North Platte; W. E. Hardy, W. S. Whitson, H. M. Bushnell, Lincoln; W. J. Higgins, Schuyler; C. B. Dempster, Dan Cook, Beatrice; J. H. Arends, Syracuse; S. C. Oaks, Seward; C. R. Anderson, Crete; E. E. Sandrock, Geneva; E. L. Meana, Orleans; C. P. Cather, Rankin; C. D. Marr, George Wolf, Fremont; J. B. Dill, Grand Island; A. B. Van Decar, St. Paul; M. D. Willert, Tekamah; John F. Crocker, Kearney; W. F. Harris, Ogallala.

Superintendent Avery, of Pawnee county, has written a letter to State Superintendent McBrien in which he said the wages of school teachers in his county has been increased over last year from \$12 to \$13 a month. On school board, which last year paid \$30 and \$35, is this year paying \$50, and a director said that the district had the best and cheapest school it had ever had. Superintendent Avery is said to be one teacher in the county is working for the same salary she received last year. This teacher, he said, had failed to attend a summer school and had not taken any educational course at home. He failed to speak of the teacher's ability, but left the impression she had been discriminated against because she had failed to contribute to the summer school, in which are employed numerous educators who otherwise would have to get other jobs.

The fire nemesis is still prying the Young Men's Christian association of Lincoln. Less than two years ago the Young Men's Christian association quarters at Thirteenth and F streets were destroyed by fire, the association losing several thousand dollars in property beyond its insurance. A canvass for subscriptions netted enough money to repair the quarters and also to build a new gymnasium, which is to be served by a new building, the entire plant to cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000. Early Monday morning a cottage belonging to the association, many feet from the new gymnasium, was found to be ablaze and the flames had gained such headway that the firemen could only check their spread to the adjacent buildings, while the cottage was practically gutted. The loss is estimated at \$2,500, only half of which is covered by insurance.

There will be a number of changes in the blank schedules furnished assessors in the future. Secretary Bennett made up the copy for the new schedules Monday and four copies, which were on the old schedules have been eliminated. These are things which properly belong under the heads of merchandise or household goods and which, while they occurred on the old schedules, were not added to the places of those which were cut out. For instance, automobiles, which have heretofore been listed with bicycles, have been given a separate line. There is also a line for cream separators and one for saddles and harness.

The commercial interests of Lincoln are looking forward with decided interest to the fruition of the rumored plan of the Union Pacific railway looking to the construction of an air line from Omaha to the capital city by which the latter is to become a terminal station on the Harriman system. These rumors come from apparently authentic sources, the program providing for an extension of the Lincoln line on to the west, tapping the present main line either at Central City or Grand Island.

Advocates of the proposition to ask the legislature to construct a second building on the state house grounds for the particular purpose of housing the supreme court, the clerk and the state library have encountered so many protests, the latter based on objections to destroying the beauty and symmetry of the surroundings, that they have mapped out a new program. The new plan is to submit a proposition for a new wing to the capitol on the south side, the same to cost \$200,000.

The wholesale and retail dealers of Lincoln have been warned that they are destined to encounter a gradual boosting of fire insurance rates. It is reported that an increase in insurance rates on several large stocks of goods in the city has been decided on, and that in one instance the increase has been demanded.

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Deputy Secretary of State Fred Miller has prepared the copy for the sample ballots to be sent out to the various county clerks as a guide for the publication of the ballots to be used in the coming election. The ballots as usual has the names of the parties at the top with circles for voters to use in voting straight tickets. The parties appear in the following order: Republican, Democratic, People's Independent, Prohibition, Socialist. At the head of the ballot is the resolution on the constitutional amendment.



Commercial operations show more activity in response to the colder weather and urgent needs in manufacturing and construction. Difficulty in getting necessary material is more evident in some lines, but the most disturbing drawback is inadequate railroad facilities for the prompt forwarding of commodities. Consumption of raw and finished materials is on a basis which quickly absorbs available supplies, and it is not surprising that the trend of cost is upward, advances being established this week which are notable in pig iron, light rails, plates and the minor metals, particularly copper.

A further rise in cotton affects the market for textiles, the leading grains have declined and provisions and live stock have turned dearer; all apparently having a natural momentum, the indications reflecting very slight speculative influences. The distribution of general merchandise maintains unprecedented volume. Freezing temperature immediately stimulated active buying of heavy-weight apparel, footwear, household and other necessaries.