

CONDITIONS ARE IDEAL FOR CROPS

Chappel Forecasts B'g Yields for Com'g Season.

PRICES ON LUMBER DECLINE.

Decrease of Ten Per Cent Is Reported by Des Moines Dealers—Little Call for Building Material Results in Drop in Cost.

Des Moines, Feb. 19.—Conditions never were more ideal for a crop year than they are at the present time, in the opinion of Dr. George H. Chappel, section director of the Iowa weather and crop service.

These conditions exist because of the large amount of snow that has covered the ground since Christmas and the extreme cold weather during the early part of January.

"The ground was frozen to a depth of only two or three inches when the first big snow came," said Dr. Chappel. "The snow has acted as a blanket, preventing the ground from freezing any deeper, and as a result of it the frost will leave early and allow all of the ground to absorb all of the spring moisture."

"In the fall of 1909 and in many other years, a freeze usually follows a rainstorm, which covers the ground with a coating of ice. This is covered by snow and as a result of it no air space is left between the ground and the ice. The lack of air causes the grass to smother, causing a shortage of pasture the ensuing summer."

"Extreme cold weather disintegrates the soil which makes it easier for the farmer to cultivate, and puts it in better condition for the raising of all crops," he added.

"All these favorable conditions exist at the present time, and if we have an ordinary spring and summer with normal precipitations, farmers of Iowa will raise the biggest crop in the history of the state."

Prices on Lumber Decline.

Something that will appeal to the prospective builders of homes is the statement by Des Moines lumber dealers that as a result of a decline in the price of lumber within the past few months, \$900 will have the purchasing power of \$1,000 a year ago at this time. The decrease in the cost of lumber is estimated at from 8 to 10 per cent. A tax demand for building materials during the past year and the resultant overproduction has caused a gradual decline in lumber for the past six months.

Annual Mine Wage Question.

Union miners of Iowa will meet their annual convention in Des Moines March 14. They will come prepared to demand a raise in wages of 10 cents a ton and of 20 per cent for day work. The operators will refuse to meet that demand, and as a result the mines of Iowa will all shut down on April 1 until a new wage scale is agreed upon.

Starting a Roosevelt Move.

The only development in politics in the state recently as it relates to the national question were in the First and Sixth districts, where it is learned that a number of the leading Republicans are seeking to make an arrangement by which the delegates from those districts may be men who would favor the nomination of Roosevelt for president.

Confer on Rates.

Representatives from the interior cities of Iowa interested in the Iowa complaints before the interstate commerce commission, called for hearing at Washington March 1, will meet in conference in the offices of the state board of railroad commissioners Friday.

DAIRY SPECIAL ON JOURNEY

Will Cover Three Thousand Miles on Trip Through Northern Iowa.

Waterloo, Ia., Feb. 19.—The Iowa dairy special, on the Rock Island road, running under the auspices of the Iowa State Dairy association is now on its journey.

The train is in direct charge of State Dairy Expert Hugh Van Pelt of Waterloo. Fully 3,000 miles in northern Iowa will be traveled by the special, the itinerary ending at Gowrie on March 5.

It is estimated that 30,000 people will be instructed in the raising of dairy cattle.

Girl Dies of Burns.

Red Oak, Ia., Feb. 19.—Miss Flossie Houchlin, living near Grant, died from burns received several weeks ago, when a lamp upset and covered her with burning oil. She had suffered intensely ever since the accident. The body was taken to Emerson and burial will be in the Hascall cemetery.

Sleeping Poison Causes Death.

Bloomfield, Ia., Feb. 19.—A sleeping potion of hyoscyamin, which Charles Bagelman, a prosperous farmer, took to bring on sleep, caused his death. He never regained consciousness, although physicians tried to bring him to his senses for forty-eight hours.

Death Comes Suddenly.

Charles City, Ia., Feb. 19.—J. C. Merrill, a well known retired farmer, died of heart failure at a hotel here. His death caused a shock, as he appeared to be healthy and robust.

MRS. E. B. ALSOP.

Seventeen-year-old Bride, Who Marries Millionaire Aged Seventy-five Years.



Photo by American Press Association.

BRIDE 17, BRIDEGROOM 75

Effie P. Hill Quietly Weds Aged Widower Despite Objections.

New York, Feb. 19.—Seventeen and seventy-five were the ages given by Effie Pope Hill and Edward Brown Alsop, a millionaire widower, when they asked for a marriage license just previous to their wedding in Trinity church.

BLACKMAIL ALLEGED IN IRON WORKERS' CASE

Five Men to Be Arrested as Result of Dictagraph Evidence.

Indianapolis, Feb. 19.—Further investigation of the alleged dynamiting conspiracy is probable as a result of developments here. Evidence has been found by the federal government which is said to indicate the possible implication of four Indianapolis men and a labor official of Washington in an alleged blackmailing plot as a result of the possession of knowledge of the reputed dynamiting activities of certain labor leaders.

Fifty-two of the fifty-four indicted men are in custody throughout the United States. Federal officers said that it probably would be some time before the other two men were apprehended. They are John J. McCray of Wheeling, W. Va., and Patrick Ryan of Chicago.

The government officials will ask early trials for the indicted labor leaders when they are arraigned here on March 12.

IRWIN UNDER ARREST

Former Secretary of Peoria Structural Iron Workers Held.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—John W. Irwin, former recording secretary of the Peoria (Ill.) local of the Structural Iron Workers' union, one of the men indicted by the Indianapolis federal grand jury, unexpectedly was arrested here. Irwin was arraigned before United States Commissioner Mark Foote and on recommendation of counsel for the defense was released on a temporary bond of \$5,000 until Wednesday.

Irwin's arrest was effected by United States Marshal William Crowley and city police officers.

The Peoria secretary's whereabouts have been unknown except to a few close friends for more than a year. Government officers at Peoria were told that Irwin had been sent to an asylum under an assumed name. It was discovered, however, that Irwin had been employed on several structural iron contracts here within that period. Finally his place of residence was found in a remote quarter of the southwest side.

Irwin appeared greatly surprised when arrested. He denied that he had been connected with the dynamite conspiracy charged against him and his fellow officials.

Clergy Wouldn't Wed Them.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—Half a dozen clergymen refused to marry Paul LeCroix, a wealthy New York importer, and Susie E. Bailey of Memphis because the groom-to-be had been divorced and was the "guilty party" in the action. The couple departed for New Jersey, hoping for better luck.

Sympathy Causes Child's Death.

Columbus, O., Feb. 19.—In the agony of sympathizing grief for her relative, Mrs. John T. Smith, whose little son had been drowned and his body just recovered from the Scioto river, Mrs. Clinton Law clasped her own infant child so tightly that it was smothered.

Wouldn't Be Called Socialist.

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 19.—In a political argument at Koota, Okla., Edward Gatlin called Samuel Neely a "hickorynut-headed Socialist." Neely shot Gatlin through the heart. He is now in jail at Stigler. Both men are widely known farmers.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATES BEGIN

Seventy-three Schools Entered in League for Fifth Season.

NEW DISTRICT IS CREATED.

Superintendent Kemp of Wayne Appointed Director—South Omaha and Fremont to Start Battle in Eastern District Friday Evening.

Lincoln, Feb. 19.—The half hundred or more delegates included in the schedule of the fifth annual contest of the Nebraska High School Debating league has begun. Seventy-three schools have taken advantage of membership in this league, the object of which is "the promotion of the science of argumentation and the art of debate among the students of the secondary schools of Nebraska," and which began four years ago with thirty members. A new district—the northeastern—has been carved out of the north central, the membership of which went four beyond the limit of eight. Superintendent J. H. Kemp of Wayne has been appointed director of the northeastern district by the president of the league, Professor M. M. Fogg of the state university.

South Omaha and Fremont start the battle in the eastern district at South Omaha next Friday evening. South Omaha will have the affirmative of the league question, "Resolved, That the demand of organized labor for the closed shop should receive the support of public opinion."

Aldrich Goes West.

Governor Aldrich and State Engineer Price started for a tour of the irrigated section of the state, to be gone until the latter portion of the week. The governor today will inspect the new irrigation project nearing completion at Kimball. He will be in Sidney tonight and tomorrow will be at Bridgeport, where he will go over the irrigation work in that vicinity. In the afternoon he will inspect the works near Scottsbluff. Wednesday he will be at Crawford and Wednesday evening at Chadron. Coming home by way of the Northwestern, he will stop at Long Pine and Wisner.

Thirsty Compared With Church Goers.

Students from Wesleyan and Cotner universities with a few from the state university started to take a census of the people who entered the saloons of Lincoln, but were stopped by the police. The move was part of a plan to compare church with saloon attendance. According to the returns the Sunday attendance at the churches was 3,379 and the saloon visitors up to the time the count was stopped at noon numbered 4,045.

Prince to Plead Insanity.

Albert Prince, the colored man, who attacked and killed Deputy Warden Davis during chapel exercises at the penitentiary, will plead insanity, it is announced, when his trial comes on. In his cell he exhibits the greatest indifference regarding his condition, in fact, never mentions the affair to his guards, and when it is broached turns it off. He is being closely watched to prevent him from doing harm to himself or others.

Coad Pays Filing Fees.

William Coad has paid the filing fee on his protest against the Ross claim for water rights in the Elkhorn and Platte rivers near Fremont and the hearing probably will be set for some time the latter part of this week. C. P. Ross, the claimant under one of the filings, is in the city and says he is ready to make answer and proceed with the hearing at any time.

WOLCOTT RECEIVES PARDON

Insurance Man Released From Penitentiary on His Arrival.

Omaha, Feb. 19.—Orville C. Wolcott, formerly general agent for the Prudential Life Insurance company, who was given an indeterminate sentence in the state penitentiary on a charge of uttering forged instruments, was pardoned by Governor Aldrich when he was taken to Lincoln to begin serving his time. A physical examination made recently showed that Wolcott cannot live long. He is suffering from incipient paresis.

Railroads Prepare to Cope With Ice.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 19.—The warm weather of the last few days is having its effect on the Platte river. Considerable water is running on top of the ice. The open channels which existed during the cold weather are getting wider and some ice is breaking off. The Union Pacific and Burlington railroads are prepared for trouble and have men and dynamite on hand for an emergency.

Injured by Circular Saw.

Beaver City, Neb., Feb. 19.—Walter New, a farmer, was seriously injured by the bursting of a circular saw. A fragment of the blade struck him in the back, inflicting a dangerous wound. The doctors give some hope for his recovery.

Pruyn Guilty of Manslaughter.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 19.—After deliberating sixteen hours the jury returned a verdict, finding Al Pruyne guilty of manslaughter in killing Michael Gorey last Christmas day at North Bend.

THE HUMAN FOOT.

It is Said to Be Changing and in Time May Become Toeless.

A London physician, Dr. R. Clement Lucas, says that if man keeps on wearing shoes and living under the present conditions he may eventually develop into a toe animal, or, more properly speaking, a toeless one.

A number of years ago Dr. Lucas pointed out that the gradual disappearance of the little toe was getting ahead of the textbook, for while it had already lost one of its extensor tendons in quite an appreciable percentage of cases, one of its flexor tendons was absent also. On the other hand, the great toe had undergone extraordinary developments because the inner side of the foot was the first to catch the center of gravity in transferring the weight of the body from one foot to the other in walking.

The horse, which was once a five-toed animal, now moves about solely on the nail of its big toe or consolidated toes. There is no doubt that man's internal organism has been much modified since he left off living with nature and began living on it. Intestines have changed noticeably. The foot itself has also changed. It is more compactly built now, for the toes of the savage races are widely separated and stuck out on different angles, the big toe especially being thrown far out and resembling the great toes of a baboon.—Exchange.

CULTIVATE SIDE VISION.

It Will Enable You to See in Several Directions at Once.

One of the most useful gifts one can have is a good side vision. By side vision is meant literally ability to see in several directions at once and to know what is going on in other directions besides that upon which the gaze may be fixed at the moment.

Just try the next time you are reading your paper in the train, for instance, and you will understand clearly what is meant.

You can with little effort and while still reading follow the movements of those sitting opposite you and even those at your side.

With a little practice the range of your side vision can be extended behind you in each direction to an angle of forty-five degrees, and you can see clearly every movement that takes place on both sides simultaneously.

Now, just think what this means. The man in possession of a good side vision is not an easy one to take by surprise. In business he adds it a valuable asset, especially when talking with more than one person at a time.

He can guard against dangers from unexpected sources, and when crossing a roadway he can clearly see the traffic coming from either direction while still looking straight ahead.—London Answers.

Magdalen Islands.

In the center of the gulf of St. Lawrence the small group of Magdalen Islands are populated by 3,000 or 4,000 lineal descendants of the Acadians under Champlain and De Monts, who were driven out of New France, Nova Scotia, by the English. Since the first settlement in 1673 generations of the same families have raised scanty crops in the valleys and fed sheep and cattle on the high conical hills which constitute a prominent feature of an insular landscape. Year after year men have gone out on the waters of the gulf in search of the cod, mackerel and lobsters on which a livelihood depends. They are simple, primitive people, these natives of the Magdalens, laboring all the while under circumstances that are most discouraging. The archipelago contains twelve or thirteen distinct islands, including several grim rocks which are not inhabited and never will be.

Odd Tramway Literature.

The Liverpool tramway authorities have furnished two quaint additions to the literature of notices. Some years ago this notice was posted in the Liverpool cars: "Passengers are requested to pay no more pennies than the conductor in their presence punches holes in their tickets." This was criticised, and another effort was made and posted: "Passengers are requested to pay no more pennies than for which the conductor in their presence punches holes in their tickets." This, too, was pronounced a failure, and the officials concluded that language had not yet been invented which would express what they felt. But don't you know exactly what the official notice meant?—London Standard.

Candor by Accident.

The hostess was so weary after an inordinately long call from a bore that when he at last rose to go she was almost incapable of coherent speech, and her words in consequence changed places in her final effort at hospitality. It ran as follows: "Oh, Mr. Peters, must you stay? Can't you go?"—London Opinion.

A Fool's Paradise.

A world in which there were no labors to be accomplished, no burdens to be borne, no storms to be endured, would be a world without true joy, honest pleasure or noble aspiration. It would be a fool's paradise.

The Egoist.

Young Hostess (giving her first dance to her sisters)—Gloria, I'm so anxious. Do you think I shall enjoy myself? I do hope I shall.—London Punch.

A Misanthrope.

There is no use wasting sympathy on a man who can't be happy with good health, good meals and good weather.—Chicago Record-Herald.

KNOX NON GRATA IN ONE COUNTRY

Colombia Intimates Secretary of State Would Better Stay Away.

DIFFERENCES OVER CANAL ZONE

Secretary of State Will Not Take Matter Up Further and Change in His Itinerary Has Already Been Made—Letter From Ospina.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Pedro Nel Ospina, minister from Colombia, has unofficially "suggested" to the state department that Secretary Knox might find it "inopportune" to include a visit to Colombia in the itinerary of his projected trip to Central America.

In a letter to Assistant Secretary Wilson the minister says he speaks without sanction of his government, but has asked for instructions.

Senator Ospina refers to the differences which have arisen over this government's acquisition of the Panama canal zone as the basis of his "suggestions."

It had not been finally decided that Secretary Knox would visit Colombia, but the minister had been notified that such a visit was probable. The secretary's itinerary will not now include that country.

In diplomatic circles it was believed that Colombia, smarting under eight years of ineffectual attempts to secure arbitration of the canal zone differences, would confirm the unofficial views of her accredited representative.

A more profound sensation is looked for, as it is believed a termination of diplomatic relations between this country and Colombia is in prospect.

YUAN PREFERS TO RETIRE

Ill Health Ex-Premier's Reason, and He Suggests Dr. Sun for President.

Shanghai, China, Feb. 19.—Yuan Shi Kai telegraphed to Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Republican minister of justice, and to Tang Shao Yi, his representative, urging them to endeavor to secure the election of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president of the Chinese republic in his place. In his dispatch he said:

"I am unable to control the involved situation in China, as I am suffering from impaired health. Now that the aims of the republicans have been attained, I have accomplished my duty. The post of president of the republic would only serve to lead to my ruin. I ask your kind offices and interest with the people of the country to elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen, to whom credit should be given. I will wait here until I am relieved. Then I will return to my home and resume my work as a husbandman."

The new constitution of the provisional government will be approved by the assembly at Nanking today, after which it will be notified by a delegation which will start for the north.

READY TO DROP RICKEL CASE

Topeka Police Say They Have No Clue and People Are Satisfied.

Topeka, Feb. 19.—A coroner's jury will make a formal investigation into death of John J. Rickel and his stepdaughter, Clara Bell Stickney, tomorrow, and it is probable that the case will be dropped. The police say they have not been able to find any clue to the slayer, and the people of this county appear to be satisfied to let the case go at that.

The only curiosity in the matter is whether Rickel first killed the girl and then attacked her and was killed in the act, or whether, as some surmise, the person who killed Rickel also accidentally killed the girl. The suicide theory, which was advanced by others, is pretty well dissipated by the position of the bodies of Rickel and the girl and the shotgun with which the girl and the man were killed.

RETURNS TO HAWLEY'S HOUSE

Margaret Cameron Again Takes Possession of the Residence.

New York, Feb. 19.—The sudden appearance of Miss Margaret Cameron, ward and protegee of the late multimillionaire, Edwin Hawley, at Hawley's mansion on East Sixtieth street, upset all the plans of the heirs-at-law, who had arranged to partition the Hawley millions.

She announced she had papers entitling her to the mansion and the country estate on Long Island, with a share of the personal fortune sufficient to maintain both luxuriously.

COUNT Aehrenthal IS DEAD

Decoration From Franz Joseph to His Death Bed.

Vienna, Feb. 19.—Count Alois Lexa von Aehrenthal, Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, is dead. He has been suffering a month from leucocythaemia. Shortly before his death he received an autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph, accepting his resignation and bestowing upon the minister the brilliants of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Stephen.

THE BIG BEHMAN SHOW RETURNS

Annual Engagement of the Show You Know—Brand New Entertainment.

The theater-goer takes no chance when buying a ticket for the Behman show, as it is a known fact that Proprietor Jack Singer, who controls this title, has never offered an inferior entertainment. It was the Behman Show that inaugurated the policy of extravaganzas at the Gayety three seasons ago, and so satisfactory was the first impression that the annual coming of the Behman Show is anxiously awaited. On its first visit "At Palm Beach" was the offering, but this season Mr. Singer presents a brand new musical frivolity entitled "The Broadway Girl." The cast is the very strongest the popular Gayety has had on its stage this season—a statement which will be indorsed by every auditor who witnesses the production.

Mr. Jack Singer offers the Behman Show, with the Watson sisters at the Gayety during the week starting Sunday afternoon, February 18. He has engaged the most competent artists and designers that money could secure to take charge of every detail that is essential for success. The Behman Show is the biggest and most elaborate production that will be seen in extravaganzas this season. Among the song hits introduced will be "The Girl From Broadway," "My Old-Fashioned Girl," "Kiss Me on My Beauty Spot Right Behind My Ear," "The Light That Lies in a Woman's Eyes, and Lies, and Lies, and Lies," "Take Me Where the White Lights Glow," and a number of others. Miss Kitty Watson, who plays the titled role, with an excellent singing voice and a well rounded figure, wins the audience at the start. Added to these favorable accomplishments she is a clever comedienne, and although still a young star, she has made a name for herself from coast to coast. Her part gives her excellent opportunities to display her talents, and, in stage parlance, she more than makes good. Her chief support is in the hands of such well known artists as Lon Hascall, Albert Reed, Harry LeVian, Billy Betts and Charlie Falke, the lyric tenor, late of Dockstader's minstrels. He will offer a number of new songs. Others in the case are Doris Thayer and Belle Adams. A big beauty chorus of thirty are seen in some stunning gowns, making nineteen changes during the entertainment. Ladies' dime matinee daily, starting Monday.

FIRM FOUNDATION

Nothing Can Undermine It in Plattsburgh.

People are sometimes slow to recognize true merit, and they cannot be blamed, for so many have been humbugged in the past. The experience of hundreds of Plattsburgh residents, expressed publicly through newspapers and other sources, places Doan's Kidney Pills on a firm foundation here.

J. W. Hickson, Oak St., Plattsburgh, Neb., says: "I shall never cease to praise Doan's Kidney Pills, as they proved of such great benefit to me several years ago. For some time I was caused much suffering from attacks of lumbago that came on without the least warning. The simplest movement was painful and I was also annoyed by irregular passages of the kidney secretions. I read so much about Doan's Kidney Pills that I finally procured a box from Rynott & Co.'s Drug Store. I was so gratified with the results of their use that I publicly recommended them in 1906, and at this time I willingly renew that statement. I hope that other kidney sufferers will profit by my experience."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

K. W. Zavgren, foreman of the Burlington rip-rap gang, spent Sunday in Omaha, returning this morning, accompanied by his brother, A. R. Zavgren, who will visit Plattsburgh friends for a few days.

Claude Shoemaker visited the metropolis this afternoon, where he was called on business.