

WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska: Continued warm with increasing cloudiness Monday.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

It matters not how strait the gate How cleared with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul. —William Ernest Henley.

COOLIDGE POKING PROSECUTORS

5 Mexicans Accused of Plot Slain

Men Face Firing Squad Following Alleged Discovery of Scheme to Give Up Juarez to Rebels.

Esperanza Is Captured

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—Five men were executed by a firing squad in the Juarez (Mex.) cemetery early today, following alleged discovery of a plot to turn Juarez over to Mexican revolutionary chiefs.

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Dr. Coue, Jumping Faster and Faster, Spends 30 Seconds at Omaha Station

French Psychologist's Power of Suggestion Holds Connecting Train Here—Day by Day He's Getting Tighter, Mourns Red Cap

Day by day in every way Emile Coue must jump faster and faster. But he set a record in Omaha Sunday morning that he will find difficult to break unless day by day in every way he gets younger and younger, instead of day by day in every way getting older and older, like the rest of humanity.

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Lenin Rites Sadden City of Moscow

Citizens, Grief-Bowed, Disregard 40 Below Zero Weather to Pay Last Tribute to Premier.

Heroic Age Returns

Moscow, Jan. 27.—"Lenin is dead; long live Leninism!" Moscow, ghastly white in her snow shroud, black with an unspeakable sorrow, red with the surging blood of a new humanity, cried today

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What Does Mr. Bok Mean by Spending His Money for Such Pernicious Purposes?



SPLENDID, MR. PRESIDENT

AN EDITORIAL

For several days The Omaha Bee has urged upon President Coolidge prompt and definite action in bringing to the bar of justice the guilty ones in the oil lease scandal.

The president has acted. There is no equivocation in what he has done. Straight, clean and definite it comes. It is splendid, Mr. President.

The president strikes straight, whomsoever he shall hit, republican or democrat, friend or foe. He frees the weapon with which he shall strike from every charge of bias or fear of influence.

Special counsel, men high in the leadership of both republican and democratic parties, will handle the evidence and prosecute those to whom the evidence shall point.

Bribery is an ugly crime. All the more reason for action. If Albert B. Fall was bribed for a hundred thousand dollars in a satchel and thirty-five thousand dollars that he might make a trip to Russia; if for this he gave away the nation's vast naval oil reserves, then someone bribed him.

When the knife cuts, the president plans to see to it that briber and bribed come within reach of its swath.

If the evidence can be found to convict, Mr. Doheny and Mr. Sinclair will not escape with a restitution of the leaseholds their scheming has won. There will be no passing of the buck to Fall's broken career. All the guilty will pay.

The president has done more than speak, he has directed: "If there is any guilt, it will be punished; if there is any civil liability, it will be enforced; if there is any fraud, it will be revealed; if there are any contracts which are illegal, they will be canceled."

No wasted words, no indirection, no doubtful meaning. Courage, fine, high courage. It is splendid, Mr. President.

Professor to Rid State of Man-Eating Mosquitoes With Bats in Cave Hideouts

Blood Suckers Lined to Cherry County; Found Roosting Head Down on Ceilings; Smudges Suffocate Thousands of 'Em.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 27.—After several years of painstaking research and investigation, Prof. M. H. Horiskey, local scientist, at last has succeeded in solving the problem of how the large man-eating mosquitoes which infest the vicinity of the stream banks of north Nebraska and Cherry county lakes during the first cold spell late in December.

Observation of their course of flight was made and a simple mathematical process enabled the searcher to determine the converging point of the several routes, after which the actual location of the winter quarters soon was discovered in several large caves along the creek banks.

There the mosquitoes were discovered, roosting, head downward, on the ceilings. Smudges at once were started and thousands of the pests suffocated.

The professor will stock the caves with bats the coming summer and thus expects to eradicate the insects from the state within a short time.

On the county board from their precincts. K. W. Ward of Arcadia has filed on the same ticket for state representative from Valley and Garfield counties.

Col. E. C. Weller, local assessor, has filed for county assessor on the republican ticket. Ord Kellison and Ben Hackle have filed on the republican ticket for re-election.

Jefferis on Way Back From Washington

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

Washington, Jan. 27.—Ralph B. Strassberger, one of President Coolidge's boosters, will visit Nebraska in a tour of western states during a campaign to consult with Coolidge leaders.

Former Congressman Jefferis of Omaha, who was in Washington Friday and Saturday, left last night for Omaha. While here he called on Senators Howell and Norris but said nothing to them relative to his interview with Strassberger.

Chautauqua Circle—Dundee Chautauqua circle will meet Monday afternoon, January 28, at 1:30, at the home of Mrs. P. R. Cook, 5011 Cass street.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Up to Wayne to foregather with professional brethren, and to visit for a time with the good people of a wonderfully progressive little city. Knowing something about what civic enterprise and community spirit mean, I'll say that Wayne has both in abundant measure. And for proof of the statement, the following is offered:

There is the commodious community hall, built by the Woman's club and maintained for real community purposes. There is a Kiwanis club that works tirelessly to live up to the meaning of Kiwanis—we build. And there are two newspapers that enjoy an advertising patronage that is the wonder of the brethren. These are The Herald and The Democrat.

And there is the State normal, owned by all of us, to be sure, but which is the especial pride of the people of Wayne. The school is enjoying its best year, and the prospects grow brighter with each passing day.

But these things could not be without an enterprising, energetic, harmonious lot of citizens—and that's where Wayne shines. The architect of this department has attended many banquets in his time, but never a more enjoyable one than that prepared by the good women of the Wayne Methodist church, served by their charming daughters, paid for by the Kiwanis club and tendered the visitors to the Northeast Nebraska Press association.

Such a genial, companionable lot of folk in Wayne. The guest soon feels like an old settler, and looks forward regretfully to the hour of departure. Great sorrow is felt for the newspaper brethren who could have been there, but were not. They missed the best ever.

Watching D. E. Brainard in action one readily understands why the Kiwanis club of Wayne functions so perfectly. He is the president. And no banquet could be a failure when it has a toastmaster like O. R. Bowen, and a fun-loving song and stunt leader like Prof. Leon Beery. But with all due respect to these deserv-

ingly popular gentlemen, any banquet in Wayne would be a success without them. They provided the charming features of the city were hostesses and their equally charming daughters were serving the viands. There are several middle-aged professional brethren who might possibly blossom out into pretty good post prandial orators if always they could have an inspirational incentive like unto that provided to the N. E. N. P. A.

By adroit angling, one of those middle-aged brethren managed to secure an invitation to talk to the students at Wayne Teachers college at some time in the near future. By far the greater number of these students are schoolma'ns, present or potential. He hopes that he will be able to hold a majority of that audience closely.

The management of Wayne's hotel leaves nothing to be desired, but the building itself does. Some of these fine days Wayne's Kiwanis club will expectorate on its collective hands and correct this situation. A new and up-to-date hotel building under the same management as the present one, would come pretty near being the ideal situation.

A new state song is soon to come out of Wayne. The words are by Grace Welsh Lung, music by Prof. Leon Beery. It has sentiment as well as rhythmic beauty, and the music will fairly sing itself. A lot of editorial brethren who didn't know they could sing a note found themselves real vocalists when they were afforded an opportunity to sing Mrs. Lung's words as set to Mr. Beery's music.

A wonderfully pleasant evening, all too short, spent with such a kindly people—and so long suffering during the closing moment of the banquet—and then an hour in the hotel office talking shop with the gang. One day ended beautifully into the perfect beginning of another day. One newspaper worker has his time table properly marked, so he can locate a train to Wayne on the shortest possible notice.

The Weather

Table with weather forecast data for 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Jan. 28, 1924. Columns include time, temperature, and other weather-related metrics.