

WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska: Fair Thursday, not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

It's a very good world to live in. To lend, or to spend, or to give in; but to beg, or to borrow or to get a man's own. It's the very worst world that ever was known.

—Earl of Rochester.

WELTER BROTHER SLAIN FARMER

Coolidge Is "Principal," Says Heflin

Alabama Democrat Believes President Referred to in Telegrams Between Capital and Palm Beach.

Used by McLean in Wire

Washington, March 5.—Edward H. McLean, Washington newspaper publisher, and intimate friend of the late President Harding, will be given an opportunity to tell all he knows to the senate committee investigating the leasing of the naval oil reserves by former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall.

This decision was reached today by the committee, which determined to hear the publisher in an executive session and ask him to reveal frankly all that he knows of the circumstances surrounding the granting of the leases and subsequent developments.

Washington, March 5.—As the oil committee prepared today to establish the identity of the "principal" mentioned in one of the celebrated McLean telegrams, Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, told the senate he thought the reference was to President Coolidge.

"I think the 'principal' referred to here is the president," Senator Heflin said after reading the message sent to the Washington publisher at Palm Beach on January 29 last by Ira E. Bennett, an editorial writer on the Washington Post.

Senator Heflin expressed the belief that the statement in the telegram that there would be "no resignations" was in keeping with a published statement about that time that President Coolidge had said he would not resign.

"I think these two things are connected up," Senator Heflin said, "that they mean just what this telegram sets out; that the 'principal' had been seen, that reaction in a political way is expected; that there will be 'no rocking of the boat and no resignations'."

"I should like to have the committee ask Bennett tomorrow—I understand that he is going to appear before the committee then—to explain this telegram in detail."

Referred to Again. The "principal" is referred to in another of the McLean telegrams examined today by the oil committee behind closed doors after the public hearing previously announced had been abandoned. The text was withheld until tomorrow, but some committee men said it might be of assistance in the effort to ascertain who the "principal" is.

Having received information that Attorney General Daugherty was in Florida at the time the telegram was sent, senators said they would seek also to establish the nature of the message which the Bennett telegram informed McLean had been delivered to the "principal."

White House officials would make no comment on Senator Heflin's statement other than to say that Bennett had conferred with the president on several occasions, but that there was no record showing that he had a conference on January 29.

Bennett also declined to comment, saying his statement would be presented to the committee, upon which he has been in attendance for several days in response to a subpoena.

Examines 300 Telegrams. Something like 300 telegrams received and sent by McLean and others at Palm Beach were examined at the two hours' executive session of the committee.

Journalism Students Will Write Stories of Tournery. The school of journalism of the University of Nebraska is organizing its students into a correspondence staff. Prof. M. M. Fogg, director, announced, they will write about the 14th Nebraska basketball tournament March 6-8 for the home-town papers of the students in the school.

It is planned to write about the games for the country weeklies especially, sending stories featuring the work of the home-town teams. Last year such stories signed by students were published in 25 papers. This year it is hoped to have over 50 papers.

Damage Done by Twister Near Pawnee City Tuesday. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., March 5.—According to information received here, considerable damage was done to farm property near Bern, Kan., southeast of Pawnee City, Neb., and in the vicinity of Seneca, by a twister early yesterday. No fatalities are reported. A heavy rain fell following the windstorm.

Lincoln Woman Not Guilty of Assault to Do Injury. Lincoln, March 5.—Mrs. Nannie I. Davis was found not guilty of a charge of assault to do great bodily injury by a jury in district court. The case grew out of the allegation of Otto Meyer, farmer neighbor of Mrs. Davis, that the latter fired a shotgun at Meyer following an argument over some hogs.

Wheat Report Given Coolidge

Washington, March 5.—The tariff commission today delivered to President Coolidge a report on its wheat inquiry and the president is expected soon to proclaim an increase in the present duties on wheat and wheat products.

Iowa Convention Slapped Labor in Face, Says Lewis

Failure to Endorse Brookhart and Omission of Labor Aid Resolutions Flayed by Federation Head.

Des Moines, March 5.—The republican state delegate convention held here Tuesday was characterized by a scolding to voters of Iowa, because it failed to endorse Senator Smith W. Brookhart and neglected to mention the interests of labor in the resolutions adopted, in a declaration circulated among labor leaders today by John C. Lewis, president of the Iowa Federation of Labor.

Heads of 12 labor organizations had signed the declaration tonight and it will be sent to all labor publications of the state and to Labor, the national workers' organ, at Washington, Mr. Lewis announced.

"The convention," says the declaration, "insults the intelligence of the republican voters of Iowa because it ignored Senator Brookhart and named Senator Cummins as a member of the state delegation."

"The standpatners in control of the convention," the declaration continues, "slapped labor in the face by ignoring labor interests in the resolutions, while it took a stand on behalf of agriculture and the soldiers bonus."

"We therefore protest against the treatment accorded labor and Senator Brookhart, and call upon our people to resist this action by marshaling forces and voting unanimously in the June primaries for Brookhart."

Republican party leaders today reiterated their gratification over the endorsement of President Coolidge by the convention, but some prominent members did not conceal a feeling that the instruction might lead to complications in the coming primary campaign.

Munoy Court Measure Passes Iowa Assembly

Des Moines, March 5.—Passage of the municipal courts bill, with an amendment under which municipal court judges would not be permitted to act on habeas corpus petitions, was the only important action taken in the legislative today.

The amendment was put through, its sponsors declared, to curb an abuse in which municipal judges often intervene with district court cases. The bill also carried a provision to permit appeal direct to the supreme court from the municipal court.

The legislative insurance investigation was put through, when the committee plans to review annual reports of insurance companies on file in the insurance department.

Woman to Be Charged With Poisoning Baby

Nebraska City, Neb., March 5.—County Attorney W. F. Moran announced he would file an information charging Mrs. Walter White with poisoning her 13-month-old son. His action, he said, was based on the action of the coroner's jury, which today brought in a verdict that the child came to his death as a result of poison administered by his mother.

Mrs. White is alleged to have attempted to commit suicide, but is reported to be recovering.

Romance, realities, complications, mystifications all are in the story. "Cordelia the Magnificent" which begins in The Bee today.

Cordelia Marlowe, daughter of one of those many families whose fortune was swallowed up in the period following the war, decides that she must go to work.

She becomes the dupe of a clever but unscrupulous lawyer who uses her as a private detective against her own friends.

A certain young man is deeply in love with her but she puts him out of her mind, at least she thinks so.

The climax of her adventures as told by the blackmailing lawyer is told by Leroy Scott in "Cordelia the Magnificent" which will appear serially in The Omaha Bee each day.

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Farm Relief Measure Is Laid Aside

Norbeck-Burness Bill Will Come Up Monday With Debate Limited to 10 Minutes Each.

Attacked by Democrats

Washington, March 5.—After three days of debate the Norbeck-Burness bill, first of the current farm relief measures to be taken up by the senate, was temporarily laid aside today in favor of the postoffice appropriations bill.

An agreement was reached that from 3 next Monday afternoon all debate would be limited to 10 minutes for individual senators on the farm relief bill and an equal time on any amendment then pending or proposed.

Senator Dial, democrat, South Carolina, denounced the measure as "an attempt to make one taxpayer pay for the mistakes of another."

The bill would appropriate \$75,000,000 to finance diversification of crops, particularly in the wheat-growing sections.

Federal aid for farmers is no more essential than is assistance to the banking machinery of the northwest, Senator Burness, republican, New Mexico, declared in advocating adoption of his amendment which would appropriate \$20,000,000 for "stabilizing banks and trust companies in agricultural districts."

The public has lost faith in banks, Senator Burness said, alluding to the succession of failures reported from the grain belt, which, he said amounted to 95 per cent of the banks in North Dakota. Senator Ladd, republican, of that state said this figure was inaccurate, failures there aggregating only 96 out of a total of 300.

"And those 96 were practically all small banks of limited capital and with imprudent loans," said Senator King, democrat, Utah.

Organization to Control Corn Prices Is Urged

Kankakee, Ill., March 5.—A committee of 50 will control the price of corn in America, if the National Farmers' union succeeds in its plan outlined here today at the convention of corn belt farmers, by Paul E. Talbot, of Des Moines, Ia., farmer from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota attended and at noon paraded the streets carrying banners demanding "cost of production plus a reasonable profit."

From here, Mr. Talbot and other speakers declared, the farmers will return to their own communities and pledge enough corn farmers to withhold next season's crop from the market, to assure the national union power to control the price farmers will accept. After the four states are organized, districts, or more will be created, and from each district an active farmer will be elected to the statistical committee, which will determine the production cost and announce the country-wide minimum price farmers will demand.

From November 1 to January 1, next, the union will exert every effort to complete organization. The committee of 50 will not commence deliberations until after the corn is harvested, and the acreage and yield known exactly. Then labor cost, taxes, interest, machinery and equipment costs and overhead, will be figured exactly. Each farmer who joins the union will record his own production cost on a statistical blank which he will file with his representative of the committee, and from these blanks the necessary averages will be calculated.

"Average yield and consumption of corn is well known," Mr. Talbot declared. "Three billion bushels have been produced and consumed in each of the past three years. With maximum production and maximum consumption known, we have all the elements needed to control orderly marketing. Through cost accounting and knowledge of the yield we can determine the cost and the reasonable profit."

"It is granted by financial, professional and business interests, that we must have a better price."

Complete Credit Body.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 5.—Final organization of the \$10,000,000 agricultural credit corporation to relieve economic distress in the northwest states was completed today with the appointment of Ed Schulenberg as head of the corporation's work in Montana.

Mr. Schulenberg has been the Montana representative of the First National bank, St. Paul, for the last four years.

Legion Will Help Disabled War Veteran to Keep Home

John T. Woolsey, 2325 North Thirty-sixth avenue, will not lose his home if the American Legion can prevent it, Adjutant Hough said yesterday. Woolsey's \$100 check was reduced to \$32 without notice March 1 though he is in a nerve-shattered condition. "This may have been done as punishment for being absent without leave from a hospital," said Hough. "The Red Cross has been helping and we will carry him along until we get his compensation adjusted."

Hiram Johnson to Speak Here in March

Lincoln, March 5.—Senator Hiram Johnson is booked for a return engagement in the state of Nebraska, starting a three-day speaking tour March 24, Frank Harrison, his state campaign manager, announced here today.

Definite dates for the trip through the state have not been set, but Mr. Harrison said he probably would appear in Omaha on one of the three days and at Norfolk on March 24. Falls City or Nebraska City and a trip through northwestern Nebraska are planned on in the itinerary.

Coolidge Restores Deserters' Rights

Affects Only Those Deserting After Signing of the Armistice.

Washington, March 5.—President Coolidge by proclamation today restored the rights of American citizenship to all deserters from the army and navy during the three-year period between the armistice and the formal ending of the world war.

The proclamation, issued upon the recommendation of Secretaries Denby and Weeks, affects in no wise those who deserted in the face of the enemy or at any time before the armistice, and does not remit nor commute the court-martial sentences of those who deserted after the armistice and prior to the end of war.

The president acted to clear up a situation whereby those who deserted after the fighting ceased suffered the same loss of citizenship as those who left the military forces during the war's persecutions.

Lost All Rights. The war was actually over on November 11, 1918, but all who deserted after that date and before the last proclamation of peace, on November 17, 1921, were deemed under the law voluntarily to have relinquished and forfeited their rights of citizenship, as well as their rights to become citizens and to be forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States or of exercising any of the rights of American citizenship.

Secretary Denby in a letter to the president made public at the Navy department coincident with issuance of the proclamation at the White House declared the citizenship penalties "however justifiable in cases of desertion committed during the prosecution of a war are uncommonly harsh and severe for offenses committed at any other time."

Many Are Mere Boys. "With mere boys, as many of them were when they deserted, a full conception of the statutory disabilities which confronted them was not possible," Denby said. "It is during the years which have ensued, and which they may yet have to live, as they grow to manhood and old age, that they realize the terrible consequence of their offense and the shame which it involves and which, unless relieved they must carry with them to the grave, to the everlasting dishonor of themselves and their posterity. They are forever marked men living in a country without any of the benefits of citizenship and forever deprived of obtaining such benefits."

The action was taken by presidential proclamation and affects more than 100 men. It does not affect the status of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll.

Wilber Men Accused of Running Lottery

Lincoln, March 5.—Operation of a lottery and advertising it through the mails is the charge brought against nine merchants of Wilber, Saline county, in a complaint filed today with Assistant District Attorney Stewart by H. E. Randall, postoffice inspector.

The complaint charges that the merchants mailed a large number of printed circulars "concerning a certain lottery and gift enterprise offering prizes dependent wholly upon chance," to be conducted at Wilber between January 23 and March 22.

The complaint names the following alleged offenders: Gerald A. Greer, Frank Kacl, Charles Fogdall, Rudolph B. Stantny, Edward N. Houser, Adolph Shimonney, Harry F. Magnusson, Vaclav Novak and Anton Novak.

Message From Chancellor in Harding Commemoration

Lincoln, March 5.—A letter from Vancouver, B. C., asking Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska to send a message of good will from the university, to be used on the presentation of a painting of the late President Harding to the National Press gallery at Washington, was received today. Chancellor Avery said he expected to comply with the request. The painting, he said, is intended to commemorate President Harding's visit to Vancouver in July, 1923, at the time of his tour of the northwest.

Judge Letton Undecided on Whether He Will File

Lincoln, March 5.—Judge C. B. Letton of the state supreme court was undecided Wednesday on whether he will file for renomination in the nonpolitical primary. The time limit for filing expires next Saturday and Judge Letton is giving the matter consideration.

Welter Crime Record Bared

Man Convicted of McArdle Slaying Has Checked Career in Courts.

When District Judge Fitzgerald remarked to a jury in his court at 10:55 Tuesday night that he had "learned certain things not brought out in the trial" regarding William Welter, he referred to the criminal record of this man who was found guilty of manslaughter for the death of Henry McArdle in a shooting scrape November 23.

This stocky, dark-complexioned young fellow, who sat immovably throughout the trial, seemingly unaccustomed to prosecution and scared by court procedure, is not new to the prosecution of the criminal law.

Records in the hands of County Attorney Henry Beal show that he was convicted of larceny from the store of F. P. Eversole at Elk Creek, Neb., October 12, 1922, and this case is now in the supreme court on appeal.

Robber Charge Pending. The record shows that another charge is pending against him for robbery of the store of Beebe Bros., Tecumseh, Neb., and that this was set for trial March 17. One Joyce Banker is also involved in this complaint. Joyce Banker is the third member of the trio charged with the murder of McArdle. County Attorney Beal expects to place him on trial about March 17.

The records also show that he was sentenced to a year and a day and fined \$2,000 in federal court at Lincoln for violation of the Volstead act.

It is said that Welter's young wife raised \$10,000 for his defense in the murder case. He had three attorneys.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses: William, Neb. ... 21; Fred Kufensacker, Hallam, Neb. ... 21; Anna Schmalz, Alma, Neb. ... 21; Orlaf Kromberg, Benson, Minn. ... 21; Anna Jans, Kennebunk, Neb. ... 21; Joe Brown, Washo, Neb. ... 21; Thomas Martin, Ceresco, Neb. ... 21; Daisy Stinson, Chambers, Neb. ... 21; G. R. Fiske, Tekamah, Neb. ... 21; Beale Rosenbaum, Kennard, Neb. ... 21; Jens Bundgaard, Council Bluffs ... 21; Emily Boehms, Council Bluffs ... 21; Frank Hober, Lincoln, Neb. ... 21; Ruth Joerg, Omaha ... 21; Charles Davis, Omaha ... 21; Charles Knerl, Ravenna, Neb. ... 21; Ethel Hunsberger, Ravenna, Neb. ... 21; Kenneth Schaefer, Waver, Neb. ... 21; Inez Schroeder, Scribner, Neb. ... 21; Edward McVoy, Silver City, Ia. ... 21; Edith Burgen, Silver City, Ia. ... 21; T. E. Robertson, Independence, Kan. ... 21; Francis Hober, Lincoln, Neb. ... 21; Lucile Richardson, Kennard, Neb. ... 21; Edytha Ritchie, Kennard, Neb. ... 21; Joe Rulk, Lincoln, Neb. ... 21; Frank Russell, Taylor, Ia. ... 21; Henry Walter, Farrago, Ia. ... 21; Mabel Russell, Taylor, Ia. ... 21; T. C. Williams, Grand Island, Neb. ... 21; Mabel Oxford, Grand Island, Neb. ... 21.

The Day in Washington

The oil committee suspended its public hearings to examine more telegrams. The tariff commission made its report to President Coolidge on wheat duties.

President Coolidge informed the Philippine independence mission that the time was not ripe for Philippine independence.

The democratic veterans' committee laid before the house ways and means committee a new bonus plan.

The house continued general debate on Muscle Shoals with the Ford offer being alternately attacked and defended.

The Norbeck-Burness crop diversification bill was laid aside in the senate until next week because of growing opposition.

Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, announced he believed the "principal" referred to in the McLean telegrams was President Coolidge.

Indications of another important turn in the fortunes of Attorney General Daugherty were seen in developments at the White House and before the special senate investigating committee.

Opposition developed in the senate to Samuel Knight as counsel to conduct the Standard Oil case on the ground that he had been counsel in a bank in which the Rockefeller are interested.

Amnesty was granted by President Coolidge to all deserters from the army and navy during the period between the armistice and the official conclusion of the world war.

White House officials said every phase of the evidence developed before the Chicago veterans grand jury and not passed upon because of lack of jurisdiction would be gone into by a grand jury here.

Coolidge Confers on Daugherty

Holds Conference as to Possible Successors—May Call for Resignation.

Washington, March 5.—The question of Attorney General Daugherty's immediate retirement from the cabinet is again receiving serious consideration.

The situation today suddenly developed to a point where the selection of a successor was taken under advisement at the White House.

Those under consideration for the post include William S. Kenyon, former senator from Iowa and now judge of the Eighth United States circuit court of appeals; Frank H. Dietrich, federal district judge of Idaho, and Curtis D. Wilbur, chief justice of the supreme court of California.

Steps have been taken indirectly to ascertain from each of the three men named whether he would accept if appointed.

One of the factors which have again brought the question to an acute issue was the situation resulting from disclosures in the recent veterans' bureau grand jury investigation at Chicago.

Some of these disclosures, according to information laid before President Coolidge, relates to matters over which Mr. Daugherty has had at least technical jurisdiction as head of the Department of Justice and in which persons close to him were said to be involved.

In addition, the question has arisen whether the attorney general under the stress of the senate investigation, will be able to give his official duties the attention they merit.

All of these considerations have put a new face on the situation since Mr. Daugherty left Washington a week ago after apparently convincing the president he should be permitted to remain in office until the senate inquiry is concluded.

White House officials decline to predict when the next move will come, but some of those high in administration believe that a request to the attorney general for his resignation is imminent.

Again Heads Schools.

Ogallala, Neb., March 6.—Roy O. Young was re-elected superintendent of the Ogallala schools.

Congressman's Father, Vet of Sherman's March, Dies

York, Neb., March 5.—William D. McLaughlin, 77, died at the home of his son, Congressman M. O. McLaughlin, Tuesday morning. He enlisted as a drummer in the civil war at the age of 15. He was with Sherman in his famous march to the sea and served in the Thirty-third Wisconsin regiment. Funeral services will be held this afternoon.

Game Warden Runs Afoul of Prohibition Officers

Grand Island, Neb., March 5.—The liquor law enforcement here today dragged into its net even an officer of another branch of the law—Elmer Heitzelman, game warden. He is held guilty to the charge of intoxication and was fined \$25 and costs.

Utica Man to Lincoln With Officer

Father Hires Detective to Search Out Secret of Murder—Brother Discusses Case With Officers.

Departed After Funeral

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, March 5.—Louis Balster, brother of Edward Balster, slain Utica farmer, is with officers here tonight. Balster was brought to Lincoln by J. M. Buell, Omaha private detective, after the funeral of his brother.

Buell was called into the case today by Henry Balster, wealthy father of the slain man, to assist local and county authorities. At the time, the father declared that he wanted the murderer captured, regardless of his identity.

L. H. McKillip, Seward county attorney, came here to assist state law enforcement officers in unravelling the mystery. In the offices of the state sheriff, Balster discussed the death of his brother tonight.

Balster was found dead early Sunday morning and it was suspected that he had been attacked by holdup men who recently attacked another Seward county farmer. Until tonight no arrests had been made.

Investigation of the Balster farm immediately after the slaying disclosed a pair of gloves near the dead man's body that were this afternoon identified as the property of J. W. O'Neill, Utica.

O'Neill, however, has never been suspected of any connection with the murder, and it is thought that the murderer stole his car, which was reported gone late Saturday night.

Balster was buried at Utica this afternoon. Friends started to arrive there early today and the services were attended by hundreds of persons.

Another session of the coroner's jury was to have been held at Utica tonight, but the hurried journey of McKillip to Lincoln caused a postponement.

Woman Candidate for Place in House Files

Lincoln, March 5.—Perry M. Wheeler, Omaha, filed for judge of the Fourth district, and Henry M. Kidder, Fremont, filed for judge of the Fifth district today.

Mrs. Clara C. Humphrey, Mullen, filed for republican state representative from the Ninety-first district. Other legislative filings made today are:

House: L. L. Hines, Benkelman, Eighth district, democrat; Samuel P. Delator, Lowell, Ninety-fourth district, democrat.

Senate: William L. Phillips, Holt county, Twenty-second district, republican; E. R. Sandler, McCook, and Paul Jones, Benkelman, democrats, Twenty-ninth district; Rev. W. C. Kelly, Cambridge, Twenty-eighth district, republican, filed acceptance of petitions.

Quinton Appeal Does Not Affect Removal

Lincoln, March 5.—Judge A. C. Troup, Omaha, who sat with Judge J. T. Begley of Plattsmouth during the trial of Sheriff C. D. Quinton of Cass county, in a telephone conversation with Governor Bryan last night, told the executive that it was not his intention to grant hearing on the proposal to reinstate Sheriff Quinton, saying that his order and the consequent court order would stand, until an appeal filed by Quinton was heard.

Lecturer on Passion Play at Gibbon Church Forum

Gibbon, Neb., March 5.—H. G. Wellensiek, Grand Island lawyer, lectured in the Passion play at Oberammergau, Mr. Wellensiek toured Europe in 1922 and saw the Passion play twice.

The Sunday night forums at this church are bringing the very best of speakers to the services and filling the auditorium.

U. S. Prelates Confirmed. Rome, March 5.—Reports that the red hat of the cardinal has fallen upon two American prelates, Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes of New York, and Archbishop George W. Mundelein of Chicago, were confirmed at the Vatican today.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. March 5. Temperature. Highest, 44; lowest, 31; mean, 38; normal 33. Total snow since January 1, 12 inches. Precipitation, inches and hundredths: To remain on since January 1, 1.84; excess, .01.

Hourly Temperatures. 8 a. m. ... 31; 9 a. m. ... 31; 10 a. m. ... 31; 11 a. m. ... 31; 12 noon ... 31; 1 p. m. ... 31; 2 p. m. ... 31; 3 p. m. ... 31; 4 p. m. ... 31; 5 p. m. ... 31; 6 p. m. ... 31; 7 p. m. ... 31; 8 p. m. ... 31; 9 p. m. ... 31; 10 p. m. ... 31; 11 p. m. ... 31; 12 noon ... 31.