

HEAT HOLDS HIGH

Temperature Takes but Slight Turn from Record of Previous Day.

DIFFERENCE IS ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLE

High Mark for Monday Stands 104.1 Against 104.8 on Sunday.

GREATER HUMIDITY BURDENS ATMOSPHERE

Rain Reported in Texas, but No Trace in This Locality.

SEVERAL DEATHS AND PROSTRATIONS

Weather Vividly Recalled by Suffering July of a Former Year.

DEATHS FROM HEAT.

Michael Fleck, South Omaha. Clarence D. Gibson, South Omaha. Infant daughter of Gus Mattison, South Omaha.

PROSTRATIONS.

Thomas McCausland, Fort Omaha. H. W. Johnson, Council Bluffs. Ed Kruse, Kansas City.

The unprecedented heat that has prevailed during the past three days begins to show slight signs of abatement.

The thermometer weakened a little, falling by about seven-tenths of a degree to reach the maximum of the previous day.

In fact yesterday seemed hotter than the preceding day and as the start during the earlier hours of the day showed the thermometer running over a degree of its clip at the same hours Sunday there was reason behind the submissive spirit of patient uncomplaint which was noted throughout their perspiration throughout the day.

It will doubtless afford some relief to them to learn that the maximum for yesterday was 104.1 degrees as against 104.8 on Sunday.

Rain in Texas.

While the weather bureau gave no encouragement to any material improvement in the temperature today the fact that the mercury had fallen down almost one notch and the further fact that there were good rains in Texas yesterday and symptoms of prospective rains as far north as Kansas, are all factors encouraging, although there was nothing to indicate positively that any of it was headed this way.

It affords some satisfaction to know that traces of rain were experienced at Dodge City and Concordia, Kan., and at Oklahoma City. Santa Fe had 34 of an inch of rain, Amarillo, Tex., had 46 of an inch and at Galveston the heavens opened and poured out 3.8 inches of refreshing rain.

But while the general relief was being extended the people on one side of us it was somewhat depressing to learn that on the other side, over at Des Moines, the government thermometer registered a temperature of 108 degrees, the hottest weather ever recorded in that city and two degrees hotter than was the temperature during the dreadful hot wind in Nebraska seven years ago.

Recalls Another Day.

No one who lived in Nebraska in 1894 can recall July 25 of that year without a shudder. That was the day when the sun smothered the state and showers of death-dealing darts, upon King Corn until the latter was completely and absolutely annihilated.

It is frightful to realize that during the last three days the heat has been practically as intense as it was during the hottest hour of that fearful holocaust of vegetable life. It seems almost incredible that, while a temperature of 106 degrees for a single day in 1894 burned up a state's fertile fields so completely as to cause almost a famine, humanity and vegetation have this year been sweating through a period of several days of almost equal temperature and still showing signs of life and animation.

All Records Broken.

The current heated spell has beaten all records of the United States weather service, not only locally, but all over the central section of this country, and possibly throughout the entire United States. The last three days have each been a record breaker. Saturday brought a temperature of 103 in the shade as shown by the government thermometer, which is 114 feet above the heat of the asphaltum pavements, which seem to be so charged with heat during the day that at night one feels the calorific coating of them as from an exploding woodfire. The record made by the government indicator is indeed a modest one as compared with that made by many of the thermometers located along the pavements and which come in contact with the heat that is meted out to humanity in general.

Humidity Goes Higher.

Monday morning brought no relaxation of its partiality, for at 7 o'clock observations showed a temperature of 83.3 degrees, over a degree higher than at the same hour any day this season. The humidity was 3 per cent higher in the morning than it was on the previous day, registering at 82. While this condition made the day even more oppressive for humanity, it exercised a saving effect upon the vegetation and gives hope of an increase until it induces precipitation.

As far as government reports indicate, there is no probability of rain in the period for which the observations are made, and the weather is generally clear over the west and the fleeting promise of cooler weather which was remotely made by the appearance of a sharply defined area of high barometer in Washington on the Pacific coast last Saturday has passed away without result, the high merging into the low, which seems

CROPS SUFFER IN GERMANY

Hurricanes and Hailstorms Sweep in Wake of Hot Wave.

BERLIN, July 22.—The weather throughout Germany continues excessively hot and drier, and the thunderstorms which have been so numerous since the middle of the week have suffered heavily from hail, wind and lightning.

Berlin had a cloudburst today with hail and a whirlwind. Many trees were uprooted and houses damaged. Numerous violent thunderstorms have occurred in the Harz mountains. All the buildings in an entire street of St. Ige were burned in consequence of an electric bolt. In the valley of the Fulda hailstorms have wrought great havoc among crops. The sections had much the same experience, some of them reporting deaths from lightning.

VIENNA, July 22.—Intense heat prevails in most parts of Austria. The temperature in this city rose today to 99 degrees. Numerous cases of sunstroke were reported. CHRISTIANIA, July 22.—The hottest yet ever recorded in Christiania was today, when the temperature reached 90 degrees in the shade, and yesterday, when it was 86.

SOUTH DAKOTA REAPS WELL

Early Sown Wheat Shows a Better Yield Than Had Been Expected.

HURON, S. D., July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The early sown wheat harvest began today throughout the Jim river valley. The grain stood the heat very well, better than supposed. Wheat heads are long and seemingly well filled but the kernels are mostly small and shrunken, showing the effects of the intense heat. The yield will fall 20 per cent below the estimates made two weeks ago. The temperature Sunday was 100 against 104 today.

MITCHELL, S. D., July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Excessive hot weather has prevailed for the past three days. The thermometer has recorded 104, 100 and 103 respectively and all former heat records in this locality have been broken.

The greater share of what has been out in this county and the only apprehension felt for corn. Up to the present time corn has held its own against the hot weather remarkably well. In some parts of the county the corn is injured to some extent, but generally speaking it is in good condition now, but badly in need of rain. Early wheat is all out and is going to make a much better yield than was anticipated.

ILLINOIS HOTTEST IN HISTORY

Springfield Records One Hundred and Seven, but Corn Stands Heat Well.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 22.—All heat records in Springfield were broken today, when for three hours the mercury in the government thermometer stood at 107, the highest ever recorded. Thermometers on the street level registered as high as 119 in the shade. There were several prostrations. Director Guthrie of the local weather bureau states that reports from all over the state indicate that corn is withstanding the heat and drought remarkably well.

FRISCO FRUIT HAS TO ROT

Strike of Thousand Teamsters Catches Some Commission Firms in Condition of Helplessness.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—The draying business of this city is almost at a standstill. The teamsters' strike went into effect at noon and nearly 1,000 teamsters are now idle. On the water front thousands of tons of freight are piled up on the docks and incoming steamers are continually adding to the congestion. The larger wholesale dealers, the fruit canneries and the factories have been the most seriously affected so far. Most of the small commission houses and other business establishments having their own teamsters were able to get their freight moved this morning. A consequence of the strike is the abrupt fall in the prices of farm and orchard products. The price of this country's fruit is suffering most in this respect and the impossibility of moving large quantities of peaches, pears and plums made these commodities almost unsalable at the wharves this morning. Freight arriving by rail is the same, the shortage of teamsters on the water route. The business of the local custom houses is also interfered with. Tons of dutiable freight are at the docks awaiting removal to the appraisers' store and bonded warehouses. Much of this freight is valueless.

ELKS HEAR CODY'S CLAIMS

Colonel Appears Before Committee on National Home to Present Advantages of His Town.

MILWAUKEE, July 22.—Trains and steamboats brought about 15,000 Elks to the city today and a large number will arrive tomorrow, the opening day of the national convention. The chief interest centers in the election of the next grand exalted ruler. Supporters of the active candidates, Charles E. Pickett of Iowa and Judge John C. Nettaway of Minnesota, make extravagant claims tonight, each faction claiming a prospective victory. One of 700 to 800 delegates to the grand lodge 400 registered today. The committee on the National Home for Indigent and Aged Elks gave an audience today to Colonel Cody, who spoke in favor of the home being located at Cody, Wyo. No decision has been reached by the committee and the report will not be presented before Wednesday.

STILL COVETOUS OF OMAHA

Kansas City Business Men Ask Again for Army Headquarters.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Application has been made by business men of Kansas City to have the army headquarters of the Department of the Missouri moved from Omaha to Kansas City. The matter is under advisement at the War Department.

MOVEMENT OF OCEAN VESSELS, JULY 22.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Philadelphia, from Liverpool; Mesania, from London; Minibaha, from London. At Liverpool—Arrived: Campania, from New York; Lake Champlain, from Montreal. London—Arrived: Minneapolis, from New York. At Liverpool—Arrived: Australasia, from London; at Manila—Sailed: Ping Loy, from Seattle and Tacoma, for London. At Yokohama—Sailed: Iyoson, from Hong Kong, for Seattle. At San Francisco—Sailed: Saratoga, for Montreal; State of Nebraska, for New York.

FIRST OF STRIKE BULLETINS

Amalgamated Association Issues It, Repeating Shaffer's Exhortation.

CONFLICT STANDS STILL ANOTHER DAY

At Wellsville and McKeesport the Predicted Crisis Falls to Materialize—Union Men Watching for Non-Unionists.

PITTSBURG, July 22.—The expected did not happen today at Wellsville or McKeesport. At Wellsville the rumored importation of men failed to materialize and McKeesport the expected attempt to re-locate at the Dewees-Wood plant was not made.

At both points, which are considered by each side to be the strike centers, the situation is in statu quo, neither of the parties to the controversy having gained any decided movement. From the other important point, Dunckleyville, conflicting reports are received and the result of the quiet struggle going on between the American Steel Hoop company and the Amalgamated association is still uncertain, with the company's chances probably better for winning in the end.

Late this afternoon the Amalgamated association issued its first strike bulletin from the general offices. The bulletin of today gives an outline of the conditions prevailing and reproduces abstracts of President Shaffer's recent addresses at Wellsville and McKeesport. In the most prominent part of the bulletin are printed the following words:

Advise Sobriety and Courage. Do not drink, especially if the trust trunks are being broken. Do not believe that the mills will be closed forever or taken out of the community. If you are in the country, run the mills before the strike, so all you need to do is to work. Enjoy your summer holidays; it means winter. That is the time for milk work, anyhow.

Absolute denial was made by President Shaffer of the story that a delegation from the Vandergriff mills of the American Sheet Steel company had been in conference with him. He said he had seen no one from Vandergriff and knew nothing of their presence in Pittsburgh or McKeesport. Whatever is being done by the Amalgamated people at Vandergriff is being kept so quiet that it is not being reported. The organization are acquainted with the status of affairs.

There has been no change in the arbitration movements so far as the officials of the association are aware. The hope is still general among these officials, however, that a way will be found to bring about a settlement of the difficulties. President Shaffer has never yet declared that there was no possibility of concessions on the part of the Amalgamated association. When asked his opinion on this matter today he replied that he was unable to answer the question. Friends of the president who have talked to him on this line express the firm belief that if the proper steps were taken the manufacturers would find the association in a conciliatory mood and ready to meet any reasonable proposition consistent with honor. They say the whole tone of President Shaffer's remarks is inclined toward peace if he can secure it honorably.

CALL OFF FIREMEN'S STRIKE

Joint Meeting is Stormy, but Mine Workers Push Peace Measure Through.

WILKESBARR, Pa., July 22.—The strike of the stationary firemen was officially declared off at a joint meeting of the strikers and executive boards of United Mine Workers tonight.

The meeting was a stormy one. The committee appointed by the joint conference yesterday to call upon the coal operators and ready to meet any reasonable proposition could hope for reinstatement reported that sixteen of the companies were in favor of taking back the old men and that seven refused. Among the latter was the Lehigh Valley Coal company, which employs in this district about 3,000 men. The Traders' Coal company, it is said, refused to reinstate its old firemen unless they consented to work for a decrease in wages.

The hoisting engineers who went out in sympathy with the firemen were also refused reinstatement at many of the mines. The officers of the State Firemen's association made a powerful plea for the engineers and asked the United Mine Workers not to consent to a settlement of the strike until the engineers were taken care of. State Secretary J. A. Gerrity, in behalf of the firemen, said the letting off of the strike under present conditions would be a disgrace to the United Mine Workers.

President Fahy replied warmly for a mistake had been made the blame could not be placed on the United Mine Workers. He declared that the firemen were not strikers to report for work tomorrow and if they are refused by any of the companies then the United Mine Workers will take up their cause. The resolution was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. A motion to declare the strike off was then passed by a large majority.

ST. LOUIS AVERTS STRIKE

Terminal Trouble is Adjusted to Satisfaction of the Switchmen.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 22.—The differences existing between the switchmen in the employ of the St. Louis Railroad association and the management of the association, which resulted in a strike on Saturday last, were today adjusted. The men will return to work this morning. It is stated that the settlement is practically a victory for the men.

STILL ANOTHER STRIKE.

TROY, N. Y., July 22.—About two hundred collar cutters went on strike today. The men stopped work because the manufacturers' association refused to meet the demands of the union relative to the employment of apprentices. Nearly all of the most important collar concerns are involved.

HIGHWAYMAN FATALLY SHOT

Leavenworth Police Get Will Jones of St. Joseph by Perforating His Spine.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 22.—An alleged highwayman, giving his name as Will Jones of St. Joseph, Mo., was fatally shot through the base of the spine tonight, while seeking to escape from a policeman. His companion, giving the name of Murphy, was captured.

IOWA NINE ABOVE CENTURY

Des Moines Heat Breaks All Records and Several Deaths Follow Prostrations.

DES MOINES, July 22.—(Special.)—The government thermometer broke all records today and gave Des Moines an official record for the highest temperature. At 2 p. m. the marking was 106.7, but the clouds obscured the sun for a time, and then at 3:30 o'clock the mercury went up to 109 even. While this is by far the hottest day ever known here, the heat was not as long continued as yesterday, when for nearly eight hours the thermometer registered over 109. The crop report of the Iowa weather service to be issued tomorrow will be more dubious in tone than any that has been issued for years, although reports still indicate that the corn is capable of making a great deal more of this weather where the stand has been good.

A remarkable thing in connection with the present unprecedented hot season is that there has not been reported in Des Moines a single genuine case of sunstroke. A number of persons died from the effects of the heat, but they were those who had been ill or were enfeebled by age or disease. A few minor prostrations have been reported, but in no case has one been serious. The largest number of deaths directly attributable to the heat occurred last night and this morning.

John Weber, a tailor, was found dead in his bed at a boarding house this morning. His bed probably being due to the heat, as he was in good health apparently on Sunday. He had but recently come from Ames, was 69 years old, and leaves a son in Ames and a daughter in Kansas. Jacob Steinau, a bartender, died in bed last night at a hotel. He had been a resident of the city ten years and leaves a wife and three children in Iowa. He complained of feeling ill last evening and calling for a pitcher of ice water, drank two glasses. He was later found dead.

John Trepanier, aged 34, died this morning. He had been ill a long time but the cause of his death was not known. His father had been a prominent merchant of the city up to a few years ago, when he died. KEOKUK, Ia., July 22.—The weather here recorded 108 degrees of heat here today, it being the sixtieth day of temperature above 100 and the thirty-second of above 90. All reports indicate that corn is being seriously damaged.

SIBLEY, Ia., July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—This afternoon the government thermometer registered 106 degrees. This evening there are indications of rain. Much of the grain is harvested. Corn is not seriously injured. SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 22.—The maximum temperature here today was 102, the thermometer registering 106 degrees. BURLINGTON, Ia., July 22.—The official thermometer marked 110 in the shade here today. One death is attributed to the heat.

COUNCIL BLUFFS VICTIMS

Five Prostrations Include Sheriff Cousins—One Death from Heat.

In Council Bluffs yesterday Sheriff L. D. Cousins was overcome by the heat and had to be removed to his home. Inquiries at his residence last evening showed that he was confined to his bed, although his condition was reported as being critical by the attending physician. Deputy City Marshal White, who was prostrated by the weather, is still in a critical condition. John T. Ross, a cooper on East Broadway, was overcome by the heat Sunday evening and reported to be in a critical condition yesterday.

A Snyder, an employee of the motor company, was overcome with the heat yesterday afternoon while working at Pearl street and Broadway. He was removed to a nearby drug store, where, after receiving medical assistance, he regained consciousness and was removed to his home at Thirty-fourth street and Avenue A.

The funeral of Charles Suit, who died Saturday night as the result of being overworked by the heat, was held yesterday afternoon from the family residence on Harrison street. Burial was in Clark's cemetery. His wife and five children survive him. He was 38 years old.

SIX DEATHS IN ST. LOUIS

One Hundred and Seven Degrees Breaks Every Record in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, July 22.—The terrible heat which broke all records in the state of Missouri Sunday was unbroken today. According to many dispatches received tonight by the Associated Press, higher temperatures were recorded in every section of the state today than were ever known in Missouri before. A thermometer reading of 100 was considered comparatively cool, so fierce was the torridity common over the state. Small towns with no established weather bureau report as high as 115 degrees in the shade.

In St. Louis the weather bureau reported 107 degrees, the highest ever officially recorded in the city. On August 12, 1881, a record of 106 degrees was recorded and these figures exceeded Sunday's prostrations were reported from almost every town and village in the state. Workmen in cities and on farms were compelled to cease their labors. The sky in most places was cloudless and a burning wind rendered the heat more insupportable. In St. Louis hundreds of men and women spent the early hours of the morning in the parks, being unable to find rest in their homes. The memory of the oldest inhabitants is unable to recall such occurrences in the state. Six deaths today in this vicinity with the exception of one will not average more than ten to fifteen bushels an acre in this part of Saline, Seward and Lancaster counties. Out in this vicinity with the exception of some isolated fields are a failure. Most of the crop had to be cut with the mower, being too short for the binder. Early planted potatoes are a failure. Garden vegetables of all kinds are in bad shape. Peaches are suffering from heat, not growing any and beginning to shrivel. Pastures are brown. The receipts of cream and milk at the station of the Fairmont creamery in this city have fallen off over one-half in comparison with July. Owners of pastures have notified their patrons that cattle can no longer live in the field and would better be taken home and fed. Several Lancaster county farmers began this morning to cut and bind their corn with binders to save the fodder. This is the situation in northwest Saline, south east Seward and northwest precincts of Lancaster counties.

PRICES OF FOODS GO UP

Chicago Ships Carloads of Vegetables to the Drouth-Stricken Sections.

CHICAGO, July 22.—From four to six cars of vegetables are being shipped from Chicago daily to the drouth-stricken sections of Illinois and Missouri, which ordinarily supply this market with produce of this character. To a certain extent the supply for Chicago use is curtailed by the shipments out of town.

Numerous other food products have been affected by the dry weather to an extent resulting in an advance of prices. Milk commanded fancy prices today and a sharp rise is predicted. Near the coast Richard were current that ice would go up the scale after this week unless cool weather sets in. The out-of-town demand for vegetables is one of the few phases of the drouth. Buyers were present today from Kansas City, Centralia, Keokuk and half a dozen less important places.

NEBRASKA'S DAY OF PRAYER

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Generally Fair, Continued Warm, Tuesday and Wednesday, Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. 74 10 a. m. 103 6 a. m. 79 11 a. m. 103 7 a. m. 83 12 m. 103 8 a. m. 86 1 p. m. 104 9 a. m. 89 2 p. m. 104 10 a. m. 94 3 p. m. 102 11 a. m. 98 4 p. m. 99 12 m. 100 5 p. m. 93

THUNDERSTORMS ARE DRY

Perilous Low Pressure Continues in Northwest, Which Means Sweeter, Roast and Broil.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—One hundred-degree temperature was common throughout the great corn belt today, according to the reports to the weather bureau here. In various places in Illinois, Iowa and other states all previous heat records were smashed. There appears to be no prospect of decided relief from these exhausting conditions for the next two days at least, except such as may come from the always present possibility of scattered thunderstorms, which are predicted for some portions of the superheated area. Today dry thunderstorms, unaccompanied by rain, prevailed in several sections of the west, hundreds of miles apart. They temporarily cooled the atmosphere, but brought no relief to the famishing crops. Absolutely no rain fell in the corn belt, according to the official reports received here. In western Iowa it was a trifle cooler today, while in the central portion of the state it was warmer. There is a little bit of high pressure over the Great Lakes and another over the south Atlantic coast, but it offers no prospect of relief in the west so long as the continued low pressure remains in the general throughout the entire country, except on the Pacific coast. In the east the temperature, while high, did not approach anywhere the extremes prevailing in the west, and a recurrence of the hot wave of two weeks ago is believed to be unlikely in the Atlantic coast region. Thunderstorms have continued from the south Atlantic coast westward into Arizona and a continuation of them is predicted for the south and southwest. In Des Moines, Ia., the temperature officially reported today was 108; in Springfield, Ill., 108; in Cincinnati, 105, and in Louisville, 105. In one case breaking all records, in Indianapolis it also was 106.5 degrees higher than ever before reported. In St. Louis it was 108; Omaha, 104; Birmingham, N. D., 104, and Concordia, Kan., 102. In the east, Boston reported a temperature of 84 degrees; New York, 80; Philadelphia, 88, and Washington, 83.

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 22.—(Special.)—Governor Savaga this afternoon issued the following special message to the people of the commonwealth:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. LINCOLN, Neb., July 22.—In response to the request of the members of the ministry that a day be set apart, and designated as a day upon which the people may meet in their respective houses of worship and offer up prayer to Divine Providence for relief from destructive winds and drought, I hereby designate Friday, July 26, as a day.

Two more fatalities resulted from the excessive heat of yesterday. Robert Opp, 1-year-old son of R. C. Opp of Omaha, was overcome last night and died at 12:30 this morning. The body was sent back to Omaha on an early morning train. The other victim, Judge Rodgers, a pioneer printer, was found dead in his yard at 823 North Fourteenth street at 4 o'clock this morning. From the condition of the body it is supposed that he died about 10 o'clock last night.

Three Dead at Nebraska City.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—James D. Livingston, aged 75 years, died at his home near Lorton, a victim of the excessive heat in the last few days. Mr. Livingston was a farmer and has lived in Otter county nearly forty years. Two other deaths have occurred in the last twenty-four hours from causes mainly attributable to the extreme heat. One was Joseph Kemma, aged 65 years, the other Andrew Jespersen, aged 37 years. Mr. Komma was a retired farmer and an old resident of the city. He enjoyed his usual health until within a few hours of his death. Jespersen was an invalid, who lived alone in a small house near the river. He was discovered in a fainting condition and died within two hours. The mercury ascended to the 105 mark today, but a breeze tempered the heat.

CONCORD, Neb., July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Today was a record breaker, it being 113 in the shade.

Crawls Dying From Field.

PIERCE, Neb., July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The heat here today was such that Mr. Radtke, while working in the harvest field for Herman Krehke yesterday, was overcome with the heat. He crawled into a stack nearby and was found dead a short time after. The boy's parents live in Pierce, the family coming here from Germany last month ago.

GENEVA, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Saturday was the hottest day on record, reaching 107 degrees in the shade at 2:30 p. m. There are no signs of rain. Some farmers had an extra big yield of wheat, about all reaching thirty-eight and forty bushels an acre.

KENNAUD, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Yesterday was a record-breaker, the thermometer registering 105 to 111 in the shade and 140 in the sun. The small grain is in the better shape than it has been for a good crop. Corn is needing rain, although it is not suffering to any great extent. A good shower would revive it.

WEST POINT, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—While the heat remains unabated and the drouth continues, corn yields are showing little sign of suffering. The aggregate crop will, of course, be somewhat smaller than usual, but no fears are entertained of a failure. The wheat harvest is nearly over. The yield is about the average, the berries are lighter and more chaffy than last year on account of the grain ripening too fast, but on an average it can be said that Cuming county is all right on small grain. The thermometer today is 105. The Elkhor river is lowering rapidly, but is not yet down to its normal summer depth.

Crop Conditions Near Crete.

CRETE, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Yesterday the thermometer reached the highest notch since the hot wave began. The mercury stood at 105 in the shade at 3:30 p. m. Wheat harvest is one-half done. Wheat is a magnificent crop—twenty-five to forty bushels—the latter is what the average yield will be in the end. The berry is plump and of good even size. No wheat is under sixty to sixty-three pounds a bushel. The crop in this vicinity has been hurt by the heat and dry weather. Early planted corn in some of the bottom lands in the bottom and second bottom showing little sign of suffering. The aggregate crop will, of course, be somewhat smaller than usual, but no fears are entertained of a failure. The wheat harvest is nearly over. The yield is about the average, the berries are lighter and more chaffy than last year on account of the grain ripening too fast, but on an average it can be said that Cuming county is all right on small grain. The thermometer today is 105. The Elkhor river is lowering rapidly, but is not yet down to its normal summer depth.

CONTEST IS ENDED

Twelve Delightful Vacations Given Away by The Omaha Bee.

VALUABLE PRIZES ARE FAIRLY WON

Spirited Races Attend the Closing Hours of the Voting.

BALLOTS COME IN BY THE THOUSAND

Pretty Contestants Anxiously Await Results of the Count.

EVEN THE LOSERS HAVE CONSOLATION

List of Places Included in the Offering of Vacations and Incidents of the Contest—Names of the Winners.

It is all over. Twelve delightful summer vacations have been won by twelve independent young women.

It was a spirited fight—as fair as it was spirited.

The end came at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the time having been announced in the beginning as the closing hour.

The winners are as follows: Nebraska—Vera L. Kramer, Columbus; Anna Guhl, Grand Island; Lydia Harrison, Nebraska City.

Omaha—Emily Wigman, Amanda Lindblad, Jennie Ferren, Alice Hodder.

COUNCIL BLUFFS—Mamie Aumann.

SOUTH OMAHA—Mary Sargent.

IOWA—Jennie McElroy, Dunlap; Lizzie Kennedy, Missouri Valley.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Nora Harris, Lead.

It was a pretty race from start to finish and there is consolation even for those who failed to win, for The Bee is going beyond its original offer in the extension of transportation courtesies to those who ran up into the high figures and yet lacked enough to prevent them from winning.

Further particulars of this offer to losers are found elsewhere in this issue of The Bee. Nothing was promised the losers, but the management of The Bee, recognizing the brave fight that has been made, has arranged for transportation to several points of interest.

The figures printed herein today show the exact standing of each candidate at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the end came.