

### MARCH WEATHER VAGARIES

Nebraska Manipulates Hot and Cold Faucets Simultaneously.  
DUST STORMS WITH SUMMER HEAT  
Snow and Rain, with Thermometer Close to Zero—Weather to Suit Anybody or Nobody.

HARVARD, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Thursday and Friday gave one of the worst dust storms experienced here in months, terminating last night in colder weather than enough to make the ground white, the mercury dropping forty-eight degrees from 6 o'clock last night to 6 o'clock this morning.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The dust and windstorm of yesterday have given place to a cold wave with light snow. The thermometer dropped thirty-five degrees during the night and this morning is intensely cold with a strong north-west wind.

OSIEVA, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Last night after a disagreeable, windy, dusty day, an electrical storm visited us with some rain and hail. About 18 of water fell, just enough to lay the dust.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—A good soaking rain visited this community this morning. The mercury reached seventy. The wind is much colder.

WAPFIELL, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The wind, after blowing a gale from the southeast for two days, last night blew up a rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The wind changed to the northwest this morning and this morning it is snowing and growing colder.

FREMONT, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—A severe wind and dust storm prevailed here yesterday. A few barns and out-buildings were blown down, but no other damage reached any consequence. The mercury reached seventy. The wind is much colder.

PAPILLION, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—This vicinity is again in winter's grasp. Last night it began to rain, followed by a cold wave, snow and a high northwest wind. Yesterday a high wind blew down one of the semaphore poles at the tower and did other damage at that point.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—After two days of high south winds with temperature at sixty-four degrees, the wind changed suddenly about 7 o'clock last evening and grew colder very rapidly. This morning the mercury stands at sixteen above zero. Winter wheat and rye have come through the winter in good condition.

SHELTON, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—After two days of hard wind from the south the wind changed to the north and the mercury fell twenty-five degrees, last evening. This morning snow covers the ground. BATTLE CREEK, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Yesterday there was a dust storm from the south, with the wind shifting to seventy. This morning it had changed to snow from the north with the thermometer at twelve above zero, a drop of fifty-eight degrees in eight hours. It is moderating today.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—After an almost unbearable wind and dust storm for a day and night, this section was blessed with a fine rain early this morning, which was of inestimable value to the winter wheat. The weather is considerably cooler, but the temperature is not sufficient to seriously affect the fruit crop.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—About half an inch of rain fell here last night, accompanied by much thunder and lightning. This was a relief from the wind and dust of the last few days. The rain was badly needed, as the land was becoming very dry and the fields of winter wheat are greatly improved. Gardens are being planted and several fields of oats have already begun to grow. Most of the farmers think it too early.

PIERCE, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The fine weather of the past few days was broken early this morning by a strong wind from the northwest, accompanied by rain, which was dropped into snow. It has been getting colder ever since.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Lightning struck the barn of A. E. Hill this morning and the resultant fire destroyed the building.

### HON. WILLIAM LEESE IS DEAD

Had Been Ill at His Home in Lincoln for Month Past with Nerve Exhaustion.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Ex-Artillery General William Leese died at his home in this city last evening after an illness lasting about a month. His trouble was nerve exhaustion. He leaves a wife and four children, Ray Leese of Denver, Mr. Archer of St. Paul, Miss Clara Leese and Leo, all in Lincoln. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church.

William Leese held the office of attorney general for three consecutive terms, both before and after leaving office being identified with the republicanism of the republic party. He was born in Athens county, Tennessee, April 30, 1840, and came to Nebraska in 1868, settling in Otoe county, homesteading a farm in that county. He later removed to this city and took up the study of law, moving from here to Des Moines continuing his studies. He attended law school at Ann Arbor, Mich., and graduated from that institution. He made his home and built up a large law practice. He was first elected attorney general in 1888. After quitting office he continued to reside in Lincoln and practice his profession. During his term of office he made an exceptionally good record.

He was a Mason and member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having served throughout the war in the Second United States artillery.

Humboldt Tickets.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The temperate people of the city met in caucus last evening at the Masonic hall and nominated the following city ticket: C. F. Nims, for mayor; E. S. Cope and S. M. Chaffin, for councilmen; L. S. Hackett, for treasurer; C. P. Dalby, for city clerk; Al Hale, for engineers. The citizens' caucus was held at the same hour at the Bohemian hall and the nominations were: E. S. Unland, for mayor; Captain Booth and W. J. Davis, for councilmen; clerk, L. C. Edwards; treasurer, George H. Herrick; Al Hale, for city engineer. The main issue will again be the license question.

Seward Republicans Renominated.

SEWARD, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The republicans of Seward renominated the present officers: Mayor, J. P. Dunham; clerk, Roy Hulsbiter; treasurer, H. A. Graf; engineer, W. L. Walker; councilmen, First ward, H. T. Jones; Second ward, L. E. Ost. F. B. Tipton and W. H. Moore were nominated as members of the school board.

The Board of Supervisors met yesterday afternoon and appointed Albert Leavens of Utica to fill the vacancy caused by the death of County Judge J. W. Dupin.

Spalding Hopes for Extension.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—President Horace O. Burt and wife and Superintendent Baxter, of Omaha, arrived at Cedar Rapids, Thursday, in a special car and from here went by private conveyance to Spalding. The object of this visit of the Union Pacific officials is of course unknown to the public, but it is a reasonable supposition that they are considering the question of whether it will pay or not to extend the railroad up to Spalding.

Two Tickets in Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The municipal campaign was opened tonight by the nomination of two partisan tickets. The democrats in mass convention placed the following ticket in the field: For mayor, Louis Held; for clerk, William Becker; for treasurer, Carl F. Hoehe; for engineer, R. L. Koster; for member of school board, W. N. Hensley; for councilmen, First ward, L. F. Phillips; Second ward, William Poesch; Third ward, J. M. Gording; for police judge, H. J. Hudson. The republicans in convention nominated a ticket as follows: For mayor, R. S. Dickenson; for clerk, E. M. Newman; for treasurer, Bert J. Galley; for engineer, J. E. North; for member of school board, J. H. Galley; for councilmen, First ward, Gus Verguts; Second ward, C. S. Easton; Third ward, C. J. Garlow; for police judge, J. M. Curtis. Mayor Hagatz declined to be a candidate for re-election.

Central City Ticket.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The following ticket was nominated by the anti-saloon people: For mayor, R. D. Arrey; for clerk, J. E. Benton; for treasurer, C. T. Smith; for police judge, Henry Heaton; for councilmen, George Bisell, F. May and George Bocks. The citizens nominated as follows: For mayor, T. B. Ford; for clerk, P. Kombrink; for treasurer, D. H. Wilson; for judge, Henry Heaton; for councilmen, M. A. Chandler and J. M. Rogers.

Falls City Caucuses.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The caucus held their city convention last evening. Wallace Wilson was chairman and nominated the following city ticket: W. S. Leyda for mayor; C. F. Cain for treasurer; O. W. Brown for clerk; William J. Moran for police judge; George W. Holland for councilman, First ward; Frank White for councilman, Second ward; L. A. Ryan for councilman, Third ward; V. G. Lyford and John Lichty for members of board of education.

Wahoo Republicans.

WAHOO, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—At the republican caucus last night the following were nominated: F. M. Stratton, for mayor; Arthur Anderson, for city clerk; F. J. Kirchman, for treasurer; W. J. Carlisle, for city engineer; for councilmen, First ward, N. D. Thorne; Second ward, P. Church; Third ward, J. Hamilton; for members of the Board of Education, Charles H. Flama and Prof. J. M. Ohlund.

Investigate Paramour's Wounds.

SHELTON, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Wallace Paramour, the young man found being the railway track yesterday morning, was much improved in strength and taken to the hospital at Grand Island on train No. 28 last evening. He claims his father lives in Omaha and his mother in Madison Wis. From the wounds on his head it is thought he was struck by someone and an investigation will be made.

Fremont Democratic Ticket.

FREMONT, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The democrats held their city convention last evening. Wallace Wilson was chairman and C. R. Schaefer secretary. Treasurer Frank Hollenbeck received unanimous renomination. Thomas Carroll and John Fuchs were nominated for members of the Board of Education for the full term and W. C. Wiley to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. H. Williams.

Platte River Conference.

BEAVER CROSSING, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The second day's session of the annual conference of the United Brethren church opened with Bishop R. Dubs, D. D. of Chicago in the chair. During the afternoon session Rev. S. L. Wiest of Harrisburg, Pa., addressed the conference in the interests of the publishing house. The work of the conference is progressing favorably.

Prize Winners at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—At the annual declamatory contest of the Lincoln High school first prize was won by Miss Giovina Giffis; second by Jesse Webster; third by Reuben Stiner. The winner of the first prize will represent the Lexington school at the district contest at York, April 4. The second and third winners will act as alternates.

For Fremont Public Library.

FREMONT, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The city today received a deed from J. T. Smith of the lot at F and Military avenues, the site of the new library building. The lot is 60x132 feet and directly opposite the Women's Christian Temperance Union temple. The price paid was \$1,000. It is expected work on the building will be begun within the next sixty days.

New Trial of Parker Will Case.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The attorneys for F. H. Parker in the will case, are authority for the statement that a motion for a new trial will be made this afternoon. Monday, the case of the state against David Pahl, indicted for adultery, resulted in the acquittal of Mr. Pahl after the jury had been out ten hours.

High License Ticket in Harvard.

HARVARD, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Under a high license call the democrats and a few high license republicans met in caucus last night and nominated the following city ticket: For mayor, J. H. Yost; for aldermen, First ward, William Schwanck; Second ward, John D. Bain; for treasurer, William Schwartz; for clerk, John Flemings.

Red Cloud Municipal Ticket.

RED CLOUD, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The republicans of this city have nominated the following candidates for city officers: For mayor, J. B. Hampton; for treasurer, G. W. Dow; for clerk, Charles Reigel; for councilmen, S. B. Staeber, John Smith, George Hollister; for school board, F. C. Hacker, Elmer Ross.

Losses from Gunshot.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Frank Japson, a farmer, fourteen miles southwest of here, shot his left arm in such a manner that amputation was necessary. He was standing in the door of his barn with the gun resting on the sill, when it was accidentally discharged, the whole load taking effect in his arm.

Ponca Republican Ticket.

PONCA, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The republican caucus nominated the following ticket: For mayor, G. L. Wood; for clerk, James Pomeroy; for treasurer, Riley Armstrong; for police judge, T. S. Myers; for aldermen, First ward, Koren Cook; Second ward, Harry Hart; Third ward, August Drager.

Frank Neuman Dies of Wound.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Frank Neuman, son of Councilman Neuman, who was wounded yesterday afternoon while hunting on the Missouri river bottom by the accidental discharge of his gun, died at the home of his parents last night.

Captain of New York.

NEW YORK, March 15.—It was announced that William Foy, who was signed by Manager Foy to play third base and captain the New York base ball team next season.

# KELLEY, STIGER & CO.

## Fashion Decrees White for this Summer's Wear

—We have on display all the new weaves that are receiving endorsement from Omaha's closest followers of style, and we emphasize the fact that you owe it to yourself to see our extensive lines, learn our prices and compare values before buying.

## White Goods for Waists

- WHITE OXFORD CHEVIOTS—32 inches wide at 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 35c and 50c yard.
- WHITE OXFORD CHEVIOT—With black stripe, dot and figures at 35c yard.
- WHITE MADRAS AND WHITE MARSEILLE—in beautiful white effects at 25c yard.
- WHITE SEA ISLAND MADRAS—With black dainty figures and stripes, 30c yard.
- WHITE DAMASK MADRAS—Made from mercerized yarns, beautiful designs, 45c yard.
- WHITE ENGLISH MADRAS—in all the most stylish effects, 50c yard.
- WHITE EMBROIDERED PIQUE WITH LACE STRIPE—Extra fine and light weight, limited quantity, 50c yard.
- IRISH LAWN—in hand-drawn lace stripe effects, very stylish, 55c yard.
- IMPORTED LACE STRIPPED SWISS—For waists or dresses, 65c and 75c yard.
- IMPORTED DOTTED SWISS—At 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c and 85c yard.
- FRENCH LAWN—48 inches wide, very sheer and washable, at 30c and 35c yard.
- MULL-A-LA SWISS—48 inches wide, very sheer and washable, at 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c and 70c yard.
- WASH CHIFFON AND OPERA BATISTE—48 inches wide, at 45c, 50c, 60c, 70c and 80c yard.
- MOUSSELINE DE SOIE—Pure white or cream, 45c yard.
- Persian Lawn, India Linn, Dimities, French and English Nainsooks, Maderia cloth, Mazalla cloth and all class of white goods at lowest prices.

## Colored Wash Goods

We are showing the very latest styles in dimities, batistes, embroidered tissues, flaked etamines, etc.

Many new novelties for waists and dresses have arrived and are being shown in Omaha for the first time.

## St. Gaul Swiss Dress Patterns

No two alike and all exclusive styles—prices \$8.50, \$9.50, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.50 and \$20.00 each.

## Black Dress Goods

A brilliant exhibit of Black Fabrics for spring. The few items mentioned here only give the merest hint of the display of new and fashionable weaves to be seen at our counters.

## Black Mohair Etamines—

A very decided favorite of fashion—im-mense assortments just received in plain weaves and fancy stripes, 44 inches wide, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

## Black Wool Veilings—

A thin, clinging material, very popular and fashionable, \$1.00 and \$1.50 per yard.

## Voile and Grenadines—

A very large assortment of wool voile and grenadines, from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per yard.

## Cheviots—

54 and 56-inch all wool French cheviots, sponged and shrunk, a superior quality, suitable for tailor-made suits and skirts, at 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

## 54-inch Venetian Cloth—

A fine finish cloth, bought to sell regularly per yard, \$2.50. Special Monday, \$2.00.

We are receiving daily correct and exclusive styles in Ladies' Tailor Made Suits, Shirt Waists, Jackets, etc.

## Laces and Embroideries

45-inch Black Costume Net—New Fillet and Tosca meshes, plain and dotted, special, 85c yard.

Novelty Black Lace Galoons—In wavy serpentine and medallion effects, extra values, at 10c, 12½c, 18c, 20c, 25c to 75c a yard.

Novelty Applique Lace Galoons—In white and ecru, elegant effects, at 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c and 35c a yard.

Novelty Venetian and Irish Crochet Galoons—In white, cream and ecru, choice detachable designs, at 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00 to \$3.00 a yard.

White Point de Paris Laces—Elegant ribbon bow-knot designs, in various widths, to match, extra values at 7c, 8c, 11c, 15c, 20c a yard.

White Nainsook and Swiss Embroidered Flouncings—Elegant openwork designs, 12 to 15 inches. Just the right thing for the new coronet covers. Special values at 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c and 75c a yard.

45-inch New Shirt Waist Materials—Goods that have the exact effect of high-grade all-over embroideries, 1¼ yards for shirtwaist. Special, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard.

New Embroidered Irish Linen Turnover Collars—Latest shapes and color combinations at 25c, 35c and 50c.

New Automobile Ties—In all the latest creations at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 each.

Ladies' Fine Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs—Narrow hemstitch, with dainty embroidery on routes just inside of hemstitch, and warranted every thread linen, and soft finish. Special, 15c each, worth 25c.

## Easter Silk Novelties

New importations of exclusive patterns in Foulards and French Waist Silks. New French Foulards—Including more than 100 exclusive designs among which are many swell white and black novelty foulards on broche, plain twills and satins grounds, 24-inch, 75c, 85c, \$1.00. Cheney Bros' best quality Satin Twilled and Satin Liberty, 24 inches wide—75c, \$1.00, \$1.25.

Shantung, Tussore and Pongee Silks—Plain Shantung, 24 to 35 inches—75c, \$1.00, \$1.25. Dotted Shantung, natural color, with embroidered silk dots, of cardinal blue-tan, brown, black and white.

Plain All Silk Linen—24-inch—60c and 75c.

Twilled All Silk Linen—24-inch—85c.

New Colored Moire Silks—Moire Valenciennes, Moire Antiques, new effects, including brown, tan, navies, gray, cardinal, porcelain, roses, pink, blue and white—\$1.25 and \$1.50 per yd.; these silks are very desirable and scarce.

New Black Moire Silks—For waists, costumes and long coats—\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25.

Black Silk Grenadines—Fashion dictates Grenadines, and we have them from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per yard.

White Washable Silks—White Washable Taffeta, 24 and 27 inches—75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 each. White Washable Pongee—24-inch—\$1. White Washable Japanese, 24 and 27 inches—60c, 85c, \$1.00.

Black Taffeta—20-inch Black Taffeta—65c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00. 22-inch Black Taffeta—65c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00. 27-inch Black Taffeta—85c, \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.25 (guaranteed). 36-inch Black Taffeta—\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75.

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### PLANT TREES FOR M'KINLEY

Useful Memorial Suggested by Governor Savage for Arbor Day.

### RAINMAKER THREATENS TO DESERT STATE

Willis Buckner, Convicted of Man-slaughter, Demands New Trial—No Trace Discovered of Rev. C. L. Smith.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The planting of trees in commemoration of William McKinley has been suggested in an official proclamation by Governor Savage as a feature for the next Arbor day, which will be Tuesday, April 22. The governor's proclamation follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 22, 1902, Arbor day. The extensive use of timber in manufacture and in public and private improvements is and for some years has been a heavy drain upon the resources of this state, and eventually will be a powerful magnet in the attraction of capital and population to Nebraska.

The observance of Arbor day on this occasion is to be earnestly and respectfully requested of the people of this state, and the children of the public schools and by citizens generally and that in addition thereto the state authorities be and will be urged to make the planting of trees a memorial tree in after years to be planted in honor of the life and work of William McKinley.

By the planting of trees in honor of our life and work, we will be promoting the welfare and happiness of his country and countrymen.

As examples, I mention the discovery of my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed.

Done at Lincoln, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1902.

By FRANK W. MARSH, DEPUTY G. G. BY FRANK W. MARSH, DEPUTY.

May Withhold Rain from Nebraska. Rainmaker E. G. Whitney of Rocky Ford, Colo., has informed the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings that his offer to produce rain in Nebraska will be withdrawn on April 20. He insists that the opportunity of the board to cause a general rainfall throughout Nebraska for the month of \$1,000 will have passed by April 21 and he urges the immediate making of a contract to save the state from ruin by drought.

Mr. Whitney's offer was presented by letter two weeks ago and today another letter was received from him, as follows: I wrote you on February 27, but have no reply. Do you always want to get so much rain in a stricken condition? I don't think you do.

Why not be sure of plenty of rain when it may be had so cheap and with a certainty? Only one inch for an average of three or four inches for the area of Nebraska. Just think of that.

Many would pay their taxes easier, say nothing of the children crying for bread and having to look for some charity to help them. To get so much rain is nothing like charity, even if it is so cheap.

Better avoid the charity and the drought, than run the risk of them both. If you choose to run the risk as ever, please inform me. On my part let me say, when one can afford to do humanity justice, the latter always refuses to accept the same if it is of an unknown character.

As examples, I mention the discovery of the circulation, America and homogeneity. Must I become the victim of blackmailing?

Will only business men on the contract plan. Can take no contract after April 20. Truly, E. G. WHITNEY.

Dedication of German Church. The new edifice of the German Methodist Episcopal church at the Fifteenth and

streets will be dedicated tomorrow. The exercises will be under the direction of Rev. J. Demand, the pastor, and will be in both English and German.

Beginning at 9:30, the first exercises will be in German. Rev. Charles Bruegger, a former pastor, now of Rushton, Kan., will lead the consecration services. The dedicatory sermon will be preached at 10:30 by President G. B. Adickes of Central Wesleyan college.

Rev. H. T. Davis and Rev. F. L. Wharton will participate in the English service to be held at 3 p. m. President Adickes will preach in English. Miss Wilson will sing a solo. Rev. Mr. Davis was pastor at St. Paul's church when the old German Methodist Episcopal church was dedicated years ago.

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### SAYS HUSBAND WAS JEALOUS

Mrs. Richardson Tells Court of Her Domestic Troubles.

### DENIES INTIMACY WITH STEWART FIFE

Prosecution Practically Closes Its Side of Case—Revolver Found by Sheriff Becomes Important Exhibit.

KANSAS CITY, March 15.—A special to the Star from Savannah, Mo., says: In the trial of Stewart Fife for the murder of Frank W. Richardson the state today practically closed its side of the case. They asked, however, to be allowed to examine another witness, Lydia Fuson, early next week, when that witness, who is ill, is able to come into court. The state previously asserted that they would prove by the Fuson woman that Fife had made admissions to her after the murder of Richardson that connected him with the crime. She was not to be found when the state called her name two days ago. Sheriff Holcomb was recalled today and cross-examined about the finding of a revolver by Carl Rickoff in a sewer yesterday. The state submitted as evidence that revolver, with the statement that the bullet taken from Richardson's head was the same size as the shell found in the revolver.