

MERCURY TAKES A BIG DROP HERE

Difference of Hundred and Six Degrees in Various Sections of the United States.

SPELL MAY BREAK TODAY

Cold? Y'betcha. The thermometer at the weather bureau didn't stop at its usual 7 a. m. minimum. It stood at 14 degrees above zero then and by 10 o'clock it was down to 13 and still descending.

It seems the weather inspector came to Omaha and was indignant at the way the winter elements were jostling on the job. So he gave old Boreas curt orders to get busy if he didn't want to lose his position.

Blow Zero in Canada. Colonel Welsh of the weather bureau noted a remarkable range of temperatures from the north to the south of the U. S. A. Up in Prince Albert and also in Swift Current at the southern border of Canada it was 35 degrees below zero while down at Corpus Christi, Tex., it was 63 degrees above, being a difference of 98 degrees.

There was a flurry of snow for about ten minutes between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning.

"A Godsend," is what the weather man calls the cold wave. He says it's better all around for everybody. It will make the people healthier and the crops bigger.

Colonel C. W. McCune, collector of customs, says he has been praying for this. "If it just gets down to zero and then sticks there for about ten days it'll make all the cold germs and grip germs and influenza microbes curl up their toes and die," says the colonel. He has a touch of a cold himself and his feelings toward germs are not kindly at all.

Station Agents Warned. Station notices to the railroad headquarters coming in from the northwest indicate very cold weather through all of northern Wyoming and Montana.

As a result orders have gone out to agents that in receiving goods for shipment they are to receive them subject to the probability of below zero weather throughout Nebraska within the next twenty-four hours.

According to the railroad reports the cold wave is drifting in from the northwest, and at numerous Montana points the temperatures had fallen to 11 to 21 degrees below zero. The Burlington reported below zero at practically all of its stations in eastern and northern Wyoming, with 10 to 16 below at Sheridan, Gillette, Crow Agency and Billings.

Along the Northwestern it was 4 to 5 below all the way across Wyoming from just beyond the Nebraska line through to Lander.

At the time of receiving morning reports the cold wave had not struck the Union Pacific, its agents reporting Wyoming temperatures at the towns along the line at from 15 to 25 above zero.

Below Zero at Alliance. The coldest spot found by the railroads in Nebraska at 7 o'clock in the morning was at Alliance. There it was 2 degrees belows. O'Neill reported 7 above and Broken Bow, Seneca and Whitman, 8 degrees above zero. Farther south in the state the temperatures ranged from 24 to 30 above, with 5 to 10 degrees colder through the eastern portion of the state.

In Nebraska Tuesday night, according to the railroads, high winds were general and there were a few snow flurries, but no heavy storm. All up in Wyoming conditions were different. There, added to the cold, there was four to six inches of snow, driven along by a high wind.

Huerta Is Out of Danger, Won't Eat Unless Wife Is Cook

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 5.—General Victoriano Huerta was declared out of immediate danger late today by his physician, following an operation.

The diagnosis upon which the operations have been performed have not been revealed by Dr. Suster, although an opinion by a consulting physician representing Mayor Lea indicated he was suffering from cancer of the gall bladder and possibly has a hardening of the liver.

The patient was much relieved by the operation and his temperature and pulse became normal.

While detained at Fort Bliss, General Huerta refused food except when cooked by his wife, and now he refuses the services of a trained nurse, insisting upon the attendance of Mrs. Huerta.

Shallenberger Asks Gasoline Price Probe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Congressional investigation of the rise in gasoline was proposed in a resolution in the house by Representative Fuller of Illinois. Another resolution by Representative Shallenberger of Nebraska would ask the Department of Justice for any information in hand concerning gasoline prices and direct the department to conduct an inquiry. Both measures were referred to committees. The federal trade commission already had an investigation of this subject under way and officials of the department of justice have indicated an intention to seek information as to whether there has any violation of federal laws.

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AVIATOR WOUNDED ON RUSSIAN FRONT TO MARRY HIS NURSE—Miss Annie Goetz, Philadelphia Red Cross nurse, is telling her friends of her engagement to J. Negli Farson, an American aviator, whom she nursed back to health after he was severely wounded by shrapnel during a flight over the German lines.



J. NEGLI FARSON AND MISS ANNIE GOETZ. Special Photo Service.

ROCHO NIPPED BY CLUTCHES OF LAW

Man Who Robbed Omaha Postoffice in 1903 Captured After a Twelve-Year Chase.

WAS A MONEY ORDER CLERK. After twelve years eluding the federal authorities, George W. Rocho is in custody in Los Angeles on a charge of embezzling money from the Omaha postoffice. He will be brought back to stand trial.

Rocho worked in the money order department here and it is alleged he would make out foreign money orders, giving a receipt to the purchaser for the proper amount and then altering the figures on the money order itself and pocketing the difference.

It is said he remembered his purchasers so well that when one would come back to complain he would greet him with the explanation that he had been trying to find him in order to refund the difference, declaring he had made a "mistake." Then he would refund the difference. Many of the senders, it is said, never returned, apparently not discovering the full amount hadn't been sent to the foreign countries.

Rocho abandoned his wife and four small children when he fled. She now lives at 1721 Davenport street, supporting herself by operating an apartment house. Rocho married again last August, disapproves state. His wife here says she will not prosecute him because, she says, she has gone through her troubles and worked hard to raise her children, and he is now nothing to her.

Preacher Dies After Shock of Paralysis

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Rev. Benjamin P. Ripley, D. D., secretary of the Wyoming conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and pastor of the Johnson City church, died tonight, aged 62, after a shock of paralysis. He had held pastorates in several New York towns and Dawley, Pa.

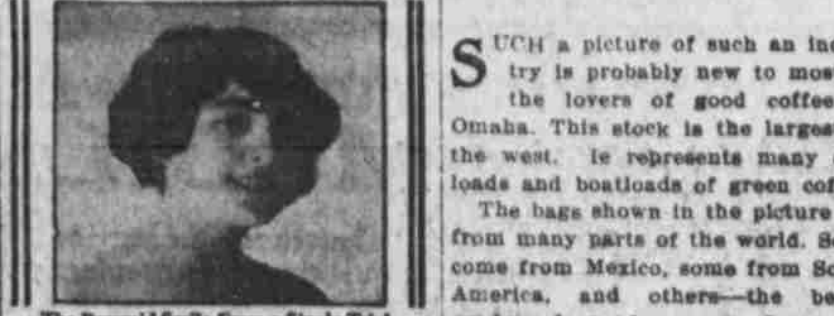
HUMMEL SAVES THIRTY CENTS OF EXPENSE FUND

City Commissioner Hummel declares he does not feel like thirty cents even if he did turn back into the sinking fund only 30 cents as unexpended balance of the park fund for 1915. At the close of 1914 he had a balance of \$1.94. He does not believe in contributing liberally to the sinking fund. The park fund allowance for 1915 was \$20,000 and Mr. Hummel went within 30 cents of spending the limit.

London Publisher Ill. LONDON, Jan. 5.—Baron Burnham, principal proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, who has been ill for some time past, is reported to be in a critical condition.

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HARDY PIONEER OF STATE IS DEAD

Mrs. Olive Helm, Ninety-One Years Old and Resident of Nebraska Fifty Years.

DIES AT THE CITY MISSION

The death of Mrs. Olive Helm at the City Mission Tuesday night at the age of 91 years, marks the passing of another of those hardy and picturesque pioneers of Nebraska, who reach a ripe old age in spite of a hard life of adventure and difficulty.

Mrs. Helm lived in Omaha about thirty-five years, and for years before that was a resident of the state, most of the time at Scribner. Friends believe she had lived in Nebraska well over fifty years. No relatives are known to survive her.

She left an estate of about \$3,500, with a will dividing practically all of it among four persons who had befriended her. They are: Mrs. John Harpeter, Mrs. May Miller and Mary Cusack, all of Omaha; Mrs. Nora Badger of Arlington, Neb.

Came Fifty Years Ago.

When Mrs. Helm first came to Nebraska, half a century ago, she had four small children dependent upon her and no husband to help her. She told friends that her husband was A. E. Helm, and that he had died after an adventurous frontier career, including Indian fighting, part of which was shared by Mrs. Helm. She was born in 1825 in Canada and lived in Michigan before coming to Nebraska. She belonged to the Eastern Star lodge at Arlington, Neb., where a son once lived. Three of her children died about the same time from an epidemic of black diphtheria, and the fourth died later from the indirect results of the disease.

In Omaha Mrs. Helm conducted a boarding house for a living. She is also said to have homesteaded a claim near Hemingford, Neb., financing it with money saved from her boarding house work, when she was past middle life.

A brother, John Thompson, had not been heard from during the last thirty-five years. He was in California then, and is supposed to have died long ago. Mrs. Helm's will leaves him \$1. Attorney Herman G. Boesche of Omaha is trying to locate relatives of the woman, who was familiarly known as "Granny" at the City Mission, where she had lived for a year.

Blood poisoning from a silver in a thumb was the immediate cause of her death. She first thought her "rheumatism" was bothering her, and was affected only two days before her agonized body succumbed.

Mrs. Harpeter, one of the Omaha legislators, will take the body to Scribner, and burial will be made there Thursday in the cemetery lot where the four children were interred long ago. Mrs. Badger of Arlington, another legatee, came to Omaha with her husband when informed of Mrs. Helm's illness.

To Use Gregorian Calendar.

AMSTERDAM (Via London), Jan. 5.—A dispatch from Constantinople says the Turkish government has prepared a bill for introducing the Gregorian calendar for the civil year. Under it the financial year will commence March 14. The ecclesiastical year will remain binary.

Dry Ohio City Swings Into the Wet Column

STUBENSVILLE, O., Jan. 5.—Stubenville voted wet at a special election here today. The vote was, wet, 3,462; dry, 2,191, a majority of 1271 votes for the liquor supporters. The city has been dry two years.

WOMAN FOUND INHALING GAS AND LIFE SAVED

The odor of escaping gas attracted the attention of Ike Ketchum, Mengeloh apartments, 216 South Twenty-second, last night and he broke in the door of Mrs. Mary Carmody's apartment. He found her bent over the gas stove, inhaling the fumes from four open jets. Police Surgeons Shook and Miller revived her by using the pulmotor and she will suffer no ill effects from her experience.

Dewey and Lavelle After County Jobs

Frank Dewey, who is a candidate for renomination as county clerk on the republican ticket, and Patrick Lavelle, democrat, who asks to be nominated for sheriff, are new political filings.

Mr. Dewey is a veteran county official. Mr. Lavelle formerly was a member of the South Omaha city council.

A "For Sale" or "For Rent" Ad placed in The Bee will accomplish its purpose.

JOHN STEEL IS HONORARY MEMBER OF THE CLUB

John Steel, formerly treasurer and member of the executive committee of the Commercial club, now living at Parma, Idaho, has just been made an honorary member of the club.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE GREATEST EVER IN OMAHA. Our entire stock of men's and young men's winter suits and overcoats and various other items too numerous to mention, throughout our entire store, must be disposed of, as we are re-arranging our stocks. We are overcrowded for space. Stocks must be reduced. LOT 1 Men's Suits and Overcoats—regular \$10.00 values—NOW \$6.88. LOT 2 Men's Suits and Overcoats—regular \$15.00 values—NOW \$8.88. LOT 3 Men's Suits and Overcoats—regular \$18.00 to \$20.00 values, NOW \$11.88. LOT 4 Men's Suits and Overcoats—Regular \$22.50 and \$25 values, NOW \$13.88. Do not fail to take advantage of this sale, as men who buy these suits and overcoats will reap a big saving. Come tomorrow while lots are complete. SALE STARTS TOMORROW AT 8 A. M. Men's Trousers, Blue Serge, Neat Patterns, Spec'l, \$1.38-\$2.48. A Clearance of 116 Pairs of Men's Corduroy Trousers, \$1.88-\$2.88. GUARANTEE 1519-21 DOUGLAS CLOTHING CO. H. SARNSTEIN ST.

621 Residents of Nebraska registered at Hotel Astor during the past year. 1000 Rooms, 700 with Bath. A cuisine which has made the Astor New York's leading Banqueting place. Single Rooms, without bath, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Double 3.00 to 4.00. Single Rooms, with bath, 3.00 to 6.00. Double 4.00 to 7.00. Parlor, Bedroom and bath, \$10.00 to \$14.00. At Broadway, 44th to 45th Streets—the center of New York's social and business activities. In close proximity to all railway terminals.

Picture of \$120,000 Worth of Green Coffee On the Ninth Floor, Paxton & Gallagher Co.



This is by far the Largest Stock of Green Coffee in This Section of the Country. coffee that you get on your table. Many of the varieties would not suit the coffee drinker who is discriminating, but when blended with some other variety it is "just right." There's a Secret to It. The secret of the final cup of coffee is simply this: to combine those coffees which will suit the consumer and produce a better cup of coffee for the least price. All of Paxton & Gallagher's blends are secret, naturally. An expert is employed to test the different coffees and blend them in such proportions that the best possible flavor is derived with the least possible expense. The blending process is a fine art. He gets samples from all over the world and from them he makes his choice and then buys in great quantities, sometimes purchasing a train load from one source or one plantation. Then, too, the roasting has a great deal to do with the final flavor and, here, too, the expert's services are necessary. Two Ways of Roasting Coffee. There are two ways of roasting coffee. One is by the slower process of baking the coffee in ovens. This process is much cheaper because coal is used. But the coffee roasted a long time does not retain as much of the flavor and natural fragrance. The gas roasting process is best, as the coffee roasted directly in the flames is roasted more quickly, therefore saving more strength and fragrance. Gas roasting coffee gives a better final cup of coffee and there are many details to producing a perfect coffee—unvarying and dependable. Paxton & Gallagher have four great gas roasters in their plant which are at work every day. These roasters consume \$600 worth of gas per month. The coal roasters would reduce this cost to about \$50, but the results would not be the same. The three roasters roast about 200 bags of coffee per day. That is about 25,000 lbs. Grading is Important. The coffee when first received is properly graded as to character, then samples are taken and roasted and again selected by grade, and each day the coffee taster tests a sample from each roast. This assures a permanent, unvarying grade. Through different processes all light, bitter, undeveloped coffee beans are blown away, and other machines take out the heavy substances, such as pebbles. Other machines then steelcut the coffee and extract the chaff. From the roasters it is dumped into great pans holding several hundred pounds. This pan has a screen bottom and is wheeled to a suction pipe and the suction is attached so that all the smoke is drawn off from the bottom and cold air is drawn through so fast that the coffee is quickly cooled, and this prevents it over-roasting in its own heat. Must Have a Large Stock. It is essential at all times to have a large stock of green coffee on hand, but a very small stock of roasted coffee. Paxton & Gallagher Co. never have over two days' supply of roasted coffee. Where the coffee is roasted far away and has to be shipped through jobbers it often becomes stale. The west uses a higher grade of coffee than any of the eastern cities. The average price paid for coffee is higher and the people are more discriminating. This shows the west knows good coffee and is willing to pay for it. Paxton & Gallagher rank first as the west's largest wholesale grocers, as well as first in coffee. Their growth has been natural, a glowing tribute to Nebraska's wealth and her possibilities as a large manufacturing and distributing city.