ZERO WEATHER IS HANGING AROUND

And Heartless Weather Man Promises Some Warmer in Next Twenty-Four Hours.

COLDER AT OTHER PLACES

COLD SPOTS WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Mandan, N. D.	—28	Moorhead, Minn.	—22
Charles City, Ia.	—14	Omaha	—6
Des Moines	—6	St. Paul	—16
Dubuque	—6	Sioux City	—12
Duluth	—18	Valentine	—10
Huron, S. D.	—18	Winnipeg	—18

There was little variation in temperature from that of Wednesday, according to the weather man. The lowest the mercury reached was 7 below shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning. This temperature was identically the same as that of Thursday morning for the same time. The weather man's prediction is that there will be a slight moderation in the temperature for the next twenty-four hours.

All through eastern Nebraska this morning temperatures were from zero to 12 degrees below. In the western section they were from zero to 10 above and through the southern portion from 5 to 15 above.

O'Neill had a temperature of 13; Fremont, 12; Ericson and all up through the sandhill country, 6 to 10 degrees below.

Snow flurries were pretty general during the night, but today it is clear and calm in Nebraska, with snow falling pretty nearly everywhere along the railroad lines in Wyoming and in the Black Hills.

This Pale-Faced Defendant Knows Some Cute Law

A young but obviously far from unsophisticated prisoner was being arraigned in Judge Sears' court on a charge of forgery.

"Guilty or not guilty?" sing-songed the judge as he peered over his spectacles at the pale-faced lad facing him.

"Not guilty, your honor."

"Got an attorney?" interrogated the court.

"No."

"Well," reflected Judge Sears, "I'll just appoint the public defender to take your case."

At this juncture the boyish-looking prisoner broke in with: "May I ask your honor a question?"

Being permitted to do so, the lad inquired of the court if it was not a fact that a prisoner must be served with proper notice twenty-four hours before he is arraigned.

"Hasn't he been served with notice of his arraignment," Judge Sears asked of County Attorney Magney. Mr. Magney turned and put the same question to one of his assistants. The assistant volunteered the information that the notice had been sent, "but he didn't know whether it reached him or not."

"Take the prisoner to the county jail," ordered Judge Sears. "I'll scratch his plea of 'not guilty'. See that proper notice is served him so that he can read over his arraignment before coming to court."

Scandrett Cuts Toe Off and Doctor Sews It Back On

Ben W. Scandrett, assistant general solicitor for the Union Pacific, Wednesday night cut off the little toe of his left foot with an ax. Thursday a doctor sewed it back on. Scandrett tried splitting kindling wood and, striking at the wood, he hit his toe. The blade of the ax went through his shoe and cut off the toe.

Henry James, Keeper of Unique Inn, is Dead

Lead, S. D., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Henry James, for twenty years proprietor of a hostelry in the Terry peak country, died at his home this morning after a siege of pneumonia. Deceased was an early settler here and accommodated thousands of miners in the quaint old Terry hotel building during his twenty years as keeper of the inn. At his table sat Italians, Germans, Swedes, Russians, Serbs, French and Assyrians, and since the advent of the European war nothing save his good humor as presiding host has kept the inn from registering a riot. Henry James was a native of Cornwall, England.

Prices of Canned Foods To Be Boosted Again

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 14.—That the prices of canned goods must advance in 1917 was the statement made by George W. Cobb, assistant general sales manager of the American Can company of New York, at yesterday's session of the New York State Canners' association. The cost of seed, crop failures, scarcity, inefficiency and high cost of labor and high prices of steel for cans were mentioned as some reasons. Others were state and federal laws, restricting the hours of workers in canneries.

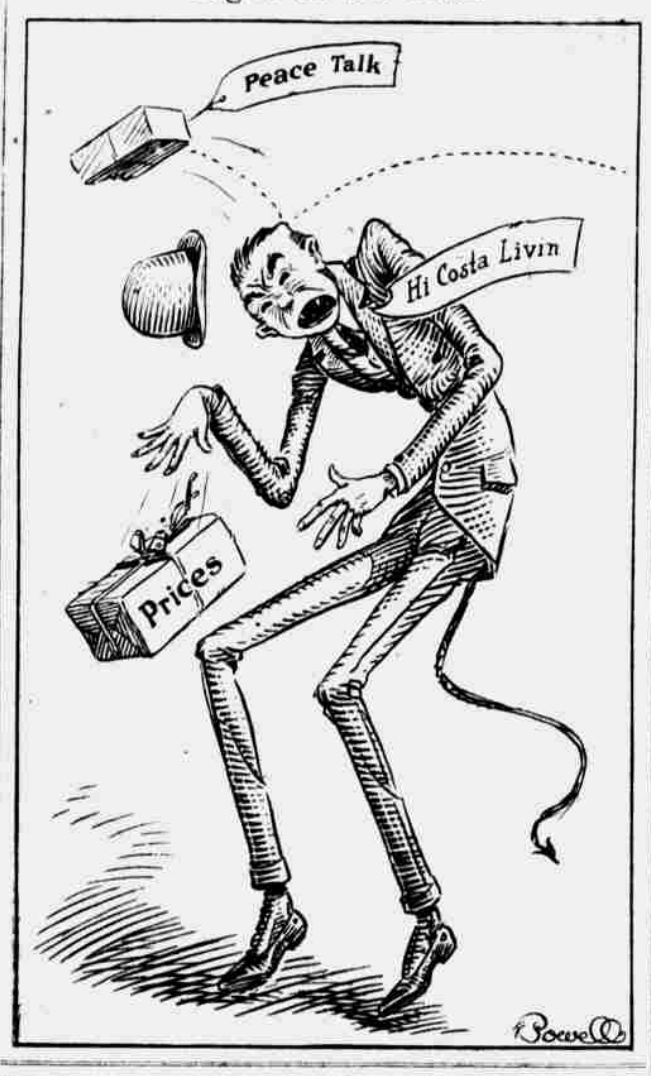
G. A. R. Will Ask State Solons for Lincoln Year

The veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic have voted to ask the state legislature of Nebraska to include in the schools' curriculum at least one year's study of Lincoln's life. A resolution to this effect has been signed by C. E. Adams, Jonathan Edwards, Thomas B. Forgy, Augustus Lockner, F. W. Simpson and A. Traynor. The committee invites the co-operation of all other patriotic or educational societies.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

John P. Cummins, general advertising agent for the Union Pacific, is over from Chicago for the day, calling on friends.

Right On the Bean!



If Anyone Wants One of the New City Lamps Now is Time to Ask

"We want light," was the gist of appeals made by many citizens before the city council. Some represented improvement clubs, others spoke for neighborhoods and many spoke for themselves.

One of the problems confronting the city council in connection with the new lighting system is that of meeting the expectations of communities which have installed special ornamental systems and are now asking the city for maintenance. These districts will not come within the provisions of the five-year contract with the light company and it is believed the city will maintain these outlying ornamental lamps on a basis of current used, rather than on a yearly per-lamp basis.

Residents of Bemis park district want the city to maintain 125 100-candle-power lamps and Minne Lusa addition makes the same request. In each instance the equipment is ready and will become the property of the city after a period of five years. The five-year contract makes no specific provision for situations of that nature and any arrangement made between the city and the light company will require special consideration. On the basis of 4,000 burning hours per year, and at the rate of 3.3 cents per kilowatt hour, the 100-candle-power lamps would be worth $9.24 each a year for current. The Dundee contract for similar lamps, entered into before the Greater Omaha merger, was for $20 per lamp, but the city commissioners state they will not consider such a proposition in connection with the new residence district ornamental lights.

It is considered doubtful whether the Bemis park or Minne Lusa people will be allotted all the lamps they are asking. City Electrician Curran is completing a map which bears pins at all points referred to in the many applications for new lights. In a few days the city commissioners will meet with the electrician for the final apportionment of lamps.

The Southwest Improvement club wants Leavenworth street lighted from Sixteenth to Forty-eighth street. Henry Rohlff told the commissioners that this street is the geographical center of Greater Omaha. W. I. Kierstead and E. F. Brailey want the Prettiest Mile transformed into a blaze of glory after nightfall. B. F. Scannell believes a little brightening of Prairie Park addition would reflect credit upon the entire city. H. C. Timme spoke for the northwest part of the city. W. F. Wappich wants a light at Forty-first and Davenport streets. A. C. Kugel wants Forest avenue to be the great white way.

Brandeis' Buyer is Guest at Banquet

B. L. Danforth, who for sixteen years has been buyer of cloaks and suits for the Brandeis stores, was the guest of honor Wednesday night at Hotel Loyal, where thirty-four of his store associates, after a sumptuous feast, presented him with a seal belt and an engraved solid gold belt buckle. Mr. Danforth is leaving Omaha to become an active partner in the firm of Fantel Bros. in Sioux Falls, S. D.

The retiring buyer has seen three generations of the Brandeis family at the helm of the big business house and has watched the store develop from the little Boston store at Sixteenth and Douglas streets to the present mammoth plant, the biggest store in the middle west.

"It is good to know that years spent in service to a prosperous company are appreciated," said Mr. Danforth. "The realization that I have made so many friends here will hearten me in my new endeavor. I certainly value highly this testimonial of mutual regards and mutual loss."

Balkan War Nurse's Suit Against Doctor is Pending

Among the 300 cases which will come up on the dismissal docket in district court Saturday will be that of the case of Josephine Lak, an erstwhile nurse in the Balkan war, who in 1913 sued Dr. F. J. Peter for breach of promise. Dr. Peter met the nurse when he was serving in a war hospital in the Balkans. In case there is no prosecution this case and more than 300 others will be dismissed.

D. T. Crawford Gets New M. P. Position

Incident to the increase in business, the Missouri Pacific has created a new office in Omaha, that of superintendent of terminals, and D. T. Crawford has been appointed to fill the position. He will have jurisdiction over all Missouri Pacific trackage in and around Omaha, his territory going as far down the line as Ralston.

Mr. Crawford ten years ago was yard master here with the Union Pacific. From here he went to Pittsburg, Kan., where he had charge of the Missouri Pacific terminals.

Friends of the Mayor Want To Buy Him an Automobile

Some of the members of the Knockers' club have started a move to buy an automobile for Mayor Dahlman, since the court has decided that he may not use the city auto for anything except city official business. The subscription list has been started, with about $100 already in. A limit of $10 has been placed on the list. The committee in charge consists of Albert Kaplan, Joe Marrow and Ed A. Smith.

GODDARDS LINKED WITH P. O. ROBBERY

Broken Knife Blade and Stolen Mackinaw Found On Suspects Connects Them Up.

FEDERAL MEN TAKE THEM

With the completion, link by link, of a chain of circumstantial evidence against them, Frank and Harry Goddard, arrested in connection with the Winslow bank robbery, have been turned over to federal authorities, charged with the robbery of the Fontenelle postoffice on November 3, last. Sheriff W. C. Condit of Fremont, Charles W. Pipkin, the "Craig Kennedy" of the Omaha police force, and Chief of Detectives Steve Maloney "worked up" the case.

In the prosecution of the alleged bandits a broken knife blade and a mackinaw coat will figure largely, and it was on this evidence that they were turned over to the government officials. Suspicion first fell on the Goddards when it was learned that they were in Fontenelle on the day of the robbery, but this was not considered sufficient to justify their arrest, despite their alleged long criminal records. Then a broken knife blade was found in the lock of the door and later it was learned that a mackinaw coat had been stolen from the store in which the Fontenelle postoffice is located.

With this meager evidence police officers centered their attention on the case. On one of the men when arrested was found a knife with a broken blade, while the other wore a mackinaw coat. The knife blade found in the postoffice door at Fontenelle was sent for and it fitted perfectly the knife taken off one of the alleged bandits. This strengthened the chain of evidence against the men, but the police did not feel sure of their case until Theodore Sherman identified the mackinaw.

Each of the defendants was held under $3,000 bond when arraigned before United States Commission McLaughlin.

Sued for Violating the Twenty-Eight-Hour Law

Suit was filed agains the Adams Express company for $500 by Tom S. Allen, United States district attorney, for violation of the twenty-eight-hour law. In the petition the government claims that the express company took a cow for shipment from a point in Missouri to Surprise, Neb., and during the trip, which lasted over fifty-eight hours, the animal was not given proper attention.

Lathrop to Address The Building Managers

John E. Lathrop of the American City Bureau, which is holding a city planning exhibition in the court house, will address building owners, building managers and real estate men at the Commercial club at luncheon Friday noon. He will speak particularly in defense of limitations of heights of buildings and will explain why skyscrapers are not desirable.

Cheerful Christmas Givers

A young woman came into the office and handed us $5 "for the Associated Charities poor." She gave her name on request and her address in an apartment house, "but don't publish them," she said.

A traveling man out in the state sent Mrs. Doane $5. Other contributions of money and many packages of clothing are coming in all the time to help these investigated and eminently deserving cases where helpless women and dependent children have been pulled down to poverty by misfortunes that are no fault of theirs.

These givers surely will have their reward. Their gifts are bringing happiness to many helpless ones—a MERRIER CHRISTMAS both for the givers and for those to whom they give.

Here are three more very deserving cases:

10. Family of five. Deserted mother and four children. Girl 11, boy 7, boy 6 and boy 2. Man was drunkard and did not support his family. Mother does day work. Unable to earn enough to pay rent and support family. Need rent and fuel.

11. German family of three. Father tubercular. Mother's health broken down from overwork; boy 12 years old. Mother tries to do day work, but does not make enough to support family. Need fuel and food.

12. Old couple. Man has been ill and unable to work for years. Wife is too old to work. Try to make a living raising chickens and a garden, but can not earn enough at this to carry them through the winter. Need fuel and food.

Send your contributions to Mrs. Doane, Secretary Associated Charities, 1716 Dodge Street, or to The Bee.

Christmas Gobbler Will Aviate a Few Pennies Before You Eat Him

Unless present signs fail turkeys will take a jump before Christmas day. At Thanksgiving time the price was 32 cents a pound for choice turkeys, although a few markets advertised a lower price. It is predicted that the prices next week will be from 35 to 38 cents a pound.

A meat market man was questioned by a householder, who explained he intended buying a turkey for his Christmas family gathering and he wanted to order in advance, so as to be sure of a good selection.

"What are your turkeys going to be a pound next week?" asked the householder.

"I can't say, but I understand there will be a raise of about 4 cents over the Thanksgiving price. One of the largest wholesale dealers in turkeys in Omaha told me yesterday to be careful about quoting any price for advance orders, as he believed the price was going to jump, and from what he said I believe the price will be from 35 to 38 cents per pound," replied the meat market man.

"That is for turkeys with feathers removed, but not otherwise prepared for the oven," continued the man of family.

"Yep."

"Then, by the time you take off the head and feet and remove the entrails I would be paying about 45 cents a pound for what I actually receive at the house. Am I correct?"

"Yep."

"And, making further allowance for waste in the form of bones, I will be paying not less than 50 cents a pound at the most conservative figure for my turkey. Am I correct?"

"Yep."

"Say, brother, how much is your best pot roast?"

"The best is 18 cents a pound. That is, the choice roast, but we have some for a lower price."

"Well, I'll just put it up to the missus and I'll let you know."