

Table with weather forecast for Fair Thursday and Friday with slowly rising temperature. Includes columns for Hour, Dir., Hum., and Precip.

PROMOTER FACES NINE INDICTMENTS

Minneapolis, March 26.—Four more indictments were added today to the five already found against William H. Schafer, Minneapolis promoter, in connection with the closing of 44 state banks through the failure of the Mortgage Security company. Schafer, who is out on \$50,000 bail, will be arraigned tomorrow.

LOSES LIFE IN EFFORT TO SAVE HER CHILDREN.

New York, March 26.—Mrs. Louise Mercier sacrificed her life today in a vain effort to save two daughters, Lonia, 6, and Helen, 3, from burning to death in a fire at their home on a fashionable residential street in Richmond Hill. After her husband, George, and a third small daughter, each seriously burned, had jumped from a window, Mrs. Mercier went to the second floor bedrooms in search of the other two children, intending to throw them out to their father, but she did not reappear.

SOLDIERS DISCHARGED PROMPTLY AFTER RETURN.

Washington, March 26.—Upon his return to Washington today from a swing around the country visiting army mobilization centers in company with General March, chief of staff, Secretary Baker said he found that the average time of discharge for men overseas after their arrival in camps in the United States was 48 hours.

CHICAGO MAYOR SUES FOR \$250,000 DAMAGE.

Chicago, March 26.—Mayor William Hale Thompson today filed a suit for \$250,000 damages against Bertram M. Winston and George Hull Porter, officers of the Robert M. Sweitzer Nonpartisan league, as a result of published statements issued in the mayoralty campaign. Sweitzer was Mayor Thompson's democratic opponent.

BLUE-EYED HARVEY HARRIS IS RELEASED ON BOND.

Harvey Floyd Harris, indicted on a bigamist charge, was liberated from the county jail in Council Bluffs late yesterday afternoon. \$1,000 bond was furnished by Judge Wheeler was filed by Wallace Benjamin, brother of Dr. Benjamin, former husband of wife No. 2, and who upon with him on January 20 caused his arrest by his Des Moines wife.

LARGE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS FOR ARMY PLANNED.

Washington, March 26.—Plans to build up a large medical reserve corps including all members of the profession who have served creditably during the war were disclosed today by the War department.

CHILDREN AND WOMEN KILLED BY BOLSHEVIKI.

Berlin, March 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Reports of cruel treatment of the nonbolshevik population of Courland by Lethish bolsheviks are printed by the Lokal Anzeiger. The bolsheviks took a large number of old men, women and children from Mitau through the snow to a camp 40 miles away. The children were separated from their parents ostensibly to be educated in bolshevik principles. Those in the party who were too weak to walk were executed, including a number of women and children. According to the reports, a number of leading residents of the towns of Tukku and Talsen also were executed by the bolsheviks.

WEALTHY RECLUSE'S DEATH VEILED IN MYSTERY.

Beaumont, Tex., March 26.—No solution was found today of the mystery of the death of Mrs. Ervize de Sivegy, who reclused in a house body and soul in a large home five miles from here, surrounded by evidences of a struggle. Her husband, Albert De Sivegy, parted from her in Denver 13 years ago. The police now are trying to locate him to learn if he knew whether she had any enemies.

CALIFORNIA BREWERS PLAN TO RESUME BREWING.

San Francisco, March 26.—Resolutions were adopted here today by the California State Brewers' association declaring its intention of the organization to resume brewing beer in accordance with the opinion of New York attorneys that beer containing 24 per cent alcoholic content is not in violation of the law. No further action will be taken, however, until a test case to determine the status of such beer has been determined in the eastern federal courts.

FORMER ARMY OFFICER WINS AS BUTTE MAYOR.

Butte, Mont., March 26.—Check of the poll books of the municipal primaries last Monday by the city council showed tonight that William Cutts, recently discharged from army service, with rank of captain, defeated William F. Dunn, recently convicted of sedition, by a majority of 108 votes for the democratic nomination for mayor.

NO RENUNCIATION MADE BY CROWN PRINCE.

Berlin, March 26.—In a letter to Field Marshal von Hindenburg justifying his attitude toward those representing him as a war instigator and reactionary, former Crown Prince Frederick William declares no renunciation of the throne. "I was either demanded of or made by me,"

SALESMEN OF STOCK FORCED TO REFUND

Remarkable Drive Conducted by Judge Landis to Recover Money for De-luded Investors.

Chicago, March 26.—Judge Landis' remarkable drive to recover money for deluded investors who bought stock of the Consumers' Packing company continued today with a perturbed lot of stock salesmen and subalterns in court. The judge was alternately ferocious, ironical, sarcastic, but always insistent. It didn't matter whether the agent had spent his commission—the court would accept anything that was left or could be turned in to money. He was not averse to installment payments, as in the case of John Markel, a janitor.

EX-JUDGES FACE LIQUOR LICENSE BRIBERY CHARGE

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School Bill Differences Smoothed Out at Lincoln; All Factions Satisfied

Provisions of General Law Apply to All Educational Institutions With Respect to Text Books, Equipment and Qualifications; Senate Agrees to Measure in Committee of Whole.

Lincoln, March 26.—Without a dissenting vote, and after a harmonious discussion of some of the minor details of the amended bill, all of a technical nature, the senate, in committee of the whole today, adopted and ordered engrossed for third reading, the "peace conference" amendments to House Roll 64, known as the education bill. The "peace conference" amendments were adopted after hours of consideration by a joint senate and house committee composed of Senators Petersen, Bushee and Reed and Representatives Byrum, Gearhart and Jensen.

The conference was arranged by E. M. Pollard, acting for Governor McKelvie. Practically all of the features included in the Harriss amendments to the bill were included and more were added of a nature that affected and to the schools affected and as a whole the bill is now acceptable to all elements interested.

Includes Three Bills. Thus far House Roll 64 has been the "stormy petrel" bill of the legislature. Many interesting and exciting incidents have been connected with its birth and present status. It is a consolidation of three separate bills which had for their purpose the Americanization of all of the schools of the state.

FIFTY PER CENT ADVANCE MADE IN WOODMEN RATES

Action Taken by Head Camp of Order to Meet Heavy Death Losses Due to Influenza Epidemic.

Chicago, March 26.—More than a million members of the Modern Woodmen of America, the largest fraternal insurance organization in the country, had their rates increased today to meet the abnormal death losses resulting from the influenza epidemic which caused a reduction in the beneficiary fund of the order from \$12,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

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Court Asked to Interpret Mary Baker Eddy's Will

Boston, March 26.—Litigation has been started in the Massachusetts supreme court to determine which of two sets of trustees appointed by the late Mrs. Mary Baker E. Eddy has authority over the Christian Science Publishing society.

Germans Detain Danes Returning to Schleswig

Paris, March 26.—Germany is detaining Danish residents who wish to return home after having been released from Russian prisons, according to advices reaching the French foreign office. These men were among Germans taken prisoner by the Russians during the war, and who, after being set free in Russia, attempted to return to Schleswig.

LAY PLAN FOR JOINT TREATY OF NATIONS

Four Peace Pacts Required Could Be Linked and Completed by May 1, Opinion at Paris.

Paris, March 26.—The technical experts of the American peace delegation, in consultation with experts of other delegations, have been considering a possible method for carrying out a project brought forward yesterday to include all four enemy powers in one peace treaty. The fact that the United States was never at war with Turkey and Bulgaria complicates the matter, but the opinion of the American experts is that this is not insurmountable and that it is feasible for the United States to sign such a quadruple treaty with an explanatory statement that the United States accepts only such portions of the treaty as directly affect it.

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Needless sacrifice of lives caused by utter lack of proper military support to the Thirty-fifth division in the battle of the Argonne forest, was due to insufficiency of motor transportation and an inadequate supply of airplanes, asserted Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas, who spent Wednesday in Omaha speaking before mass meetings in the Auditorium in the afternoon and in the Y. W. C. A. last night.

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Lively Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Results In Decision to Appoint Committee to Endeavor to Bring About Readjustment Which Speakers Declared Was Vital To Progress of Omaha

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State Liquor Agent Force in Omaha Cut Down From 9 to 2

The number of state liquor agents in Omaha has been cut from nine to two, according to word received yesterday from Lincoln. Some of the men who have been working in this city have been transferred and others have been discharged, it was said. Among those who were let out are Buell, Flanagan and Harris. Harris is credited with employing a girl sleuth to operate in Omaha. S. M. Melick will remain in Omaha as superintendent of the local force of state agents, consisting of one man and himself. According to the statement received from Lincoln, Mr. Melick and his assistant will devote their efforts to watching the bridges over the river. They will abandon their plan of searching private residences for liquor, it was declared. The state agents all over the state will confine their efforts in the future to watching the boundary lines, it was said. Governor McKelvie announced that he had discharged a number of liquor agents and would dismiss others in the near future.