

WEATHER BULLETIN. SIGNAL OFFICE, WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 26. The highest temperature was 21°, with the lowest 2°, and the mean 10°, with fresh north winds becoming light and variable, colder, cloudless weather, and high barometer.

For Kansas—Fair till Friday night; no change in temperature, variable winds. For Missouri—Fair till Friday night; warmer winds becoming southeasterly.

FAILURES. DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 26.—Bell & Elster, bankers, have succeeded. The following notice was posted on the bank door this morning: "Owing to the great stringency in the money market, we find ourselves wholly unable to meet our obligations, and are forced to suspend payment. All creditors will be paid in full. A full statement of the condition of the bank will be furnished in a short time."

OKLAHOMA, Nov. 25.—The sheriff, who is now in charge of the Commercial bank, has been busy engaged in taking an inventory of the assets. The creditors are taking steps to break the assignment, claiming that it was made for the purpose of covering up the fraud which has undoubtedly been perpetrated. According to the sheriff's admission, the assets in the vault amount to \$3,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The Oregon Improvement company today issued an official statement that it would default in the interest on the first mortgage due Dec. 1, and would be unable to comply with the sinking fund provision. The floating debt amounts to \$2,000,000. In demand loans with consolidated bonds pledged as security.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The work of inspecting cattle for strangles by the department of agriculture is now fairly under way. The agents of the bureau of animal industry have during the past few days inspected the stock of cattle at the ports at which the inspection of these cattle was made were Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newport News. The largest number of cattle shipped from Boston since the establishment of the system of inspection by American officials veterinarians of all cattle landed in this country from the United States, the veterinary officers of the department of agriculture report the inspection, up to Nov. 25, of 10,000 cattle, lacking a few hundred head, and an increase in shipments of this cattle from this country to British ports over the very large shipments of the last fiscal year.

THE WORLD'S FAIR. CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Chairman Waller, of Connecticut, of the world's fair foreign affairs committee, this morning, after consulting with his colleagues, sent a telegram to Secretary Blaine in which he expressed his belief that the committee on foreign affairs of that body, in regard to arrangements for securing exhibits from the Central and South American republics, had decided to refer the matter to the committee on political relations. Some people can discover politics in the most trivial details, and are anxious to find them in the committee's report. The report of the committee was unanimously approved and referred to the appropriate department.

OBITUARY. ELIZABETH N. J. COVINGTON, the Rev. Father James J. Covington, pastor of St. Mary's church, and brother of Archbishop Cochrane, died at 4 p.m. this morning, at his parochial residence.

COUNSELLOR'S CASE. CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Judge Grossman this morning issued an order, directing Charles C. Connelman, the board of trade man who refused to answer questions of the interstate commerce commission regarding the shipping of grain, to appear in his favor by railroad companies on the ground that his answers might incriminate him. Judge Grossman will hear the argument Monday.

SANCHEZ COMMITTED SUICIDE. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 26.—The steamship Breakwater, that was wrecked last night, the news that Sanchez committed suicide when he found that the tide of battle was against him. Bagram's adjutant and his business partner were killed. A. Adams, the boiler, who was reported killed, was with Major E. H. Burke at the time and was unharmed.

A REPUBLICAN GAIN. ASHLAND, Wis., Nov. 26.—The precinct of the vote for state senator in Ashland county finds Schofield, Republican, elected by fifty-six majority. He was before declared defeated by a majority of 100. This gives the Republican vote in Ashland county sixteen members of the newly elected state senate.

SENATOR HAMPTON INJURED. COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 26.—Word was received here today that Senator Wade Hampton was accidentally shot by his son, while hunting in Washington county, Miss. One shot hit him in the eye, but it will not lose his sight. His wounds are not serious.

WESTERN POSTMASTERS. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The following postmasters were appointed today: Ludlow Territory—D. V. Saunders, Benigan, Cheyenne nation; McLain, Cheyenne nation; Cheyenne nation; D. C. Yarrick, Oklahoma, Cheyenne nation.

MRS. BIRCHALL. NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Mrs. J. S. Birchall, wife of the murderer of Benwell, and Mrs. West Jones, her sister, were passengers on the White Star steamer "Majestic," which sailed today for Liverpool.

A COLLIERY EXPLOSION. LONDON, Nov. 26.—An explosion occurred in a colliery at Bolton today. Eight miners were killed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The war department this morning received news that the Cheyenne river bank very high and level, and their ghost dance and come in for ration. Great relief is believed to have resulted from the employment of friendly Indians as guides.

POINTS ON CARDS. A Few Easy but Important Questions About Whist Answered. I have been asked the following questions in fourteen states of the Union. The answers are contained in every good whist text book, but a whist text book is Greek to the average reader, and anything more than a glance over the interminable pages of explanations, tables and hands would bring on the St. Vitus dance or brain fever. The reader must imagine the questions to have been asked by an enthusiast, who has played the game and likes it, but who is not familiar with the rules.

Answer—If you want to signal to your partner for trumps all you have to do is to play an unnecessarily high card. That's the whole thing in a nutshell. Suppose your right hand opponent leads clubs, and you have the 2 and 3. Now, if you play the 2, you are signaling to your partner that you have aces. If you play the 3, you are signaling to your partner that you have a king. If you play the 4, you are signaling to your partner that you have a queen. If you play the 5, you are signaling to your partner that you have a jack. If you play the 6, you are signaling to your partner that you have a ten. If you play the 7, you are signaling to your partner that you have a nine. If you play the 8, you are signaling to your partner that you have an eight. If you play the 9, you are signaling to your partner that you have a seven. If you play the 10, you are signaling to your partner that you have a six. If you play the J, you are signaling to your partner that you have a five. If you play the Q, you are signaling to your partner that you have a four. If you play the K, you are signaling to your partner that you have a three. If you play the A, you are signaling to your partner that you have a two.

Answer—That depends. Cavendish says that on your opponent's lead of trumps discard from your long suit, and if you or your partner are strong in trumps discard from your weak suit. The point is that if you and your partner are strong in trumps you want to make all you can out of your long suits, and you can't afford to weaken them. But if your opponent is strong in trumps, then you play a defensive game, and as your weak suits are their strong suits, you hold on to them to keep the command as long as possible.

Answer—This could only happen in the first round, unless the suits were changed, for the second round of the same suit would declare somebody's signal, if there was any. But where you have no indication of what others hold, always discard from your weak suit. Of course your opponent's signal is practically for information purposes, as good as if they led trumps, and after it you would follow the rule and discard from your strong suit.

Answer—You have almost answered your own question. Simply be guided by good common sense. Remember that I whist was not made for rules, but rules made for whist. Watch your partner's play. In a case like this it is better to follow the rule the first time, and then at the end of the hand call your partner's attention to his failure to see the signal. If he is a good player you will have to remind him but once.

MOCKING BIRD. A swiftnet trapper and a consistent performer is Mocking Bird, 247, out of Mambrino King and Mabel A. The former is a son of Mambrino Patchen, out of Alexander's Edwin Patchen, and the latter is by Toronto Child, Jr., out of a dam by a son of Mambrino King.

A Famous Irish Setter. A dog that has come to the front rapidly of late is Dick Swiveller, the famous red Irish setter owned by George H. Covert, of the Chicago Killarney kennels. Although only 4 years of age he has made a tour of the world.

DICK SWIVELLER. Over 7,000 miles, met nearly all the famous Irish setters of America, defeated them all with a single exception and captured ten first and special prizes. He was whelped in August, 1886, and was bred by W. H. Child, of Philadelphia.

Looking for a Kiss. The late Dr. Austin W. Thompson was a very courteous with the girls of all ages, and when he was presented to little "Christine" one day, or she was presented to him, rather, he kissed her hand, after the old fashion. Then what does little Christine do but get up and walk to the chair, holding her hand very high and level, as when the doctor is going to her. Then behind the doctor's chair she locked her hand over carefully to see what would be. There was only a kiss, but she had not learned how to feel that as a person would kiss her hand.

HUMILITY. The bird that soars on highest wing builds on the ground; and the man that soars on highest wing sings to the shade, when all things rest. In this and a hundred other ways the world is full of humbling. When Mary chose the better part, she wisely sat at Jesus' feet; and Andrew could not be more than made for God's own people most. Fairest and best adorned is she whose clinging is humility.

SEIZING A SMUGGLER. The life of a preventive officer is not always one of pleasurable excitement, as the following story, obtained from an officer of the Dominion preventive force, will testify: Ours is not always a bed of roses—began the officer in question, in relating his experience on the east coast of Nova Scotia. I had been made aware of the fact that a small schooner of about sixty tons had left for the French island of St. Pierre. I had a rather exciting experience of it a little time since with a notorious gang of smugglers on the east coast of Nova Scotia. I had been made aware of the fact that a small schooner of about sixty tons had left for the French island of St. Pierre. I had a rather exciting experience of it a little time since with a notorious gang of smugglers on the east coast of Nova Scotia.

The time had now arrived for me to commence operations, which I must admit, in view of the great odds against me, I did not do without some doubt as to my personal safety. I was well armed, however, and had been given a special permit to land on the island, and did not mind the odds. I showed the white feather just now, probably stimulated to the effort by the knowledge that the prize before me would be a valuable one if I secured it.

As I felt my hiding place to take a boat I had observed a small boat on the shore about 100 feet from me, with a view to reaching the craft before my portion of the cargo could possibly be landed. I noticed a burly looking sailor approach and get into her and start for the schooner. I hid him and asked him to take me off to the vessel. To this he paid no attention until I drew my revolver, under the cover of which he returned and took me in. I saw that, if possible, he would upset the boat and dump me into the Atlantic, which I determined, if possible, to prevent. He began to pull for the vessel, and laying all his strength on one of the oars succeeded, as he knew very well, in breaking it. I seized the oar, and at the same time dealt him a blow which laid him flat in the bottom of the boat, and then paddled for all I was worth for the schooner.

It being dark the crew supposed I was one of their own gang and had been left on shore, and did not oppose my boarding the vessel. When they saw the trap they had fallen into, however, there was a general uproar, and I did not see the necessity of the captain I would certainly have been thrown overboard. I looked about me, and saw that the preparations had already been made to land the cargo before daylight. The boat had been loaded down to the gunwale and was about to start for shore when I stepped on deck.

"Well," asked the captain, "what do you propose to do?" I informed him that the vessel was now under seizure, and that nothing should be landed until I had received my instructions from Ottawa. Here I was alone on board a piratical vessel, with six or about as tough looking brutes as one will meet within a day's journey in the world. I was armed with a revolver, and twenty miles from the nearest point from which I could hope to obtain any assistance, as I was right in the heart of one of the worst smuggling districts on the Atlantic coast.

"Well," said the captain, "the schooner is now in your possession, I suppose, and is now being emptied to your pulling her into the wharf and making her easy?" To which I answered: "The cases and cases which had been stowed in the boat were again placed on deck, and a line was run to the shore by which the vessel was hauled alongside the wharf and made fast. The captain and crew then jumped ashore and left me in full possession without saying a word. They had not been gone twenty minutes when I suddenly dawned upon me that the captain had not taken the seizure of the vessel so quietly as I had supposed, and was something up, and if an attempt was to be made to re-embark the crew along with the cargo, I was not the place for me to attempt to defend my prize. I accordingly lay on the stern and bow lines by which she was held, and allowed her to drop off into the stream. When she was alongside the shore I let go the anchor, and awaited developments.

By this time it was daylight and looking toward the shore I saw a gang of about a dozen men, one of whom carried a shotgun, coming down toward the wharf, where they had expected to board her with any difficulty. I had forgotten to mention that when I first stepped on the vessel's deck I had shown my badge, and at the same time my revolver, which I said I would use upon the first man who attempted to disturb the cargo or land a hand upon me. It was quite evident that there were no firearms aboard the vessel at the time, or matters might not have gone smoothly with me. The only way the vessel could have been landed was from a boat, and this gave me an opportunity of holding the fort, which I would not have had had the schooner been tied up alongside of the wharf.

When the smugglers and their pals had reached the wharf they set up a shout, calling from me to come ashore. In the boat which lay alongside the vessel, to which I, of course, paid no attention. The boat in which I had made my trip to the schooner lay on the shore, and in a few minutes I saw that an attempt was going to be made to board the vessel in the stream. The boat was boarded and shoved off toward the schooner. I stood by to prevent a landing on the deck being effected, and as the first man placed his foot on the rail I leaped on board, and with a revolver and a cut-throat razor, I cut and cut in his face, threatening to shoot if he did not drop back into his boat. Looking up suddenly I saw on the shore a man who I had seen on the schooner.

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