

THE WEATHER Increasing cloudiness with possibly showers late tonight or Tuesday; warmer.

ESTABLISHED 1861.

PROTEST BY VENEZUELA

SOME COLORED SOLDIERS MAY GO BACK TO ARMY

MR. STOUT DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Well Known Resident of the County Expires After Lifting.

Benjamin Russell Stout residing at Center Branch, died suddenly at an early hour Monday morning. Mr. Stout had been near a neighbor's house a short distance from his own doing some work and while in the act of throwing a lifting jack over a fence he was stricken with heart trouble and fell, dying a few minutes afterwards.

Crops Advance In The Nation

DECISION To Prohibit Emigration to This Country Reached by Japan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The last remaining difference or possible cause of trouble between the United States and Japan is expected to disappear as the result of a decision of the Japanese government to prohibit emigration to the United States after a given date. Official announcement of the government's decision will be made in the Japanese diet a few weeks hence.

M'KINLEY FUNERAL And Burial Will Take Place at Harrisville Tuesday at Noon.

The burial of Homer B. McKinley, the prominent business man and citizen of Salem, who died at Hot Springs, Ark., Friday night, will take place at Harrisville, Tuesday at noon. The body arrived in Salem from Hot Springs Sunday evening at 5 o'clock and was taken to his late residence. Short funeral services were held there Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and were attended by a large number of people of Salem and other points in the county. The body will be taken to Harrisville on the accommodation train that leaves Salem Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock and funeral services will be held in the Methodist church at Harrisville immediately after arrival which will be about noon. The burial will follow in the McKinley family graveyard in that town. The Masonic order, of which Mr. McKinley was a prominent member, have charge of the funeral. Other lodges also take part.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT. FAIRMONT, Dec. 14.—Dewey, the 12-year-old son of Joe Burgess, of Middleton, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Riley Monroe. The latter was showing the child how a revolver was loaded when the weapon accidentally went off.

DISPLAY OF FINE SPONGES. The Waldo Drug Store, Lloyd M. Graves, proprietor, has received a shipment of fine sponges, the world renowned quality, and has an interesting display of them at its place of business in the Waldo hotel building.

HEAVY SNOW FALL. Traveling men report a heavy snow fall in the southern part of the state last night. There was a depth of four inches at Charleston last night.

OIL MAN NABBED Is Charged With Robbing Two Residents of Wetzel County.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 14.—Oliver Stephens, an oil operator from Wetzel county, is held in the county jail under \$1,000 bond for a hearing before Soufre Rutenegger on Tuesday afternoon. Stephens, it is alleged, robbed two Wetzel citizens, Sam Stewart of Industry, and A. W. Farrel, of Burning Springs, of \$10 about two weeks ago. He was apprehended late Friday night. It is doubtful if the witnesses for the state can be here on Tuesday.

INJURED MINER IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AT FAIRMONT. Goff Sandy, of Vadis, Lewis county, injured in the Davis Colliery Company's mine at Bower on the Coal & Coke railroad Saturday afternoon was taken through this city Monday afternoon to the Mineral hospital at Fairmont to be treated for his injuries. He was caught under a fall of slate and the lower part of his body was crushed and bruised.

SOLD FOR TAXES. Several small tracts of land were sold at public auction Monday by the sheriff for taxes delinquent in the year 1906. A few pieces were bought in by the state, there being no offers made for them.

A MARRIAGE LICENSE. A marriage license has been issued to Willis E. Drummond and Alta May Hardesty.

NOTE IS SENT TO DIPLOMATS Official Kick is Registered Against Action of the Dutch Warships.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—After twelve years of service as head of the department, the secretary of agriculture in his twelfth annual report to the President, issued today, renders a comprehensive account of the stewardship and presents a review of the progress of agriculture in the United States during that period. Concerning the farm production of 1908, he says that the farmer has created wealth by the billions. Production has been above the average of recent years with few exceptions; and, while some prices have fallen, others have risen. The farm value of all farm products of 1908 reaches the most extraordinary total in the nation's history—\$7,778,000,000. The farmer contributes 37 per cent of the raw material used in those manufacturing industries which depend mostly or considerably upon agricultural materials. The gain in value of farm products in 1908 over 1907 is \$20,000,000 and would have been much larger had not the prices of cotton and hay been low. Greatest of all crops is Indian corn, whose production this year is 2,455,000,000 bushels. The value of this crop is \$112,000,000. Compared with the average of the preceding five years the quantity is 2 per cent higher and the value 42 per cent higher. It seems likely that the cotton crop is one of the highest three ever produced, but with a value next to the highest or perhaps more, although the farm price of cotton this year is below the price of last year by more than one cent. For the first time in the history of this country's agriculture the value of the cotton crop, including seed, has apparently exceeded the value of the hay crop, which has heretofore held second place. The greatest hay crop in history has been gathered this year, 98,000,000 tons or 12 per cent above the average of the preceding five years. Its price is \$2 per ton less than it was a year ago, but still the farm value of the crop is \$221,000,000, or 6 per cent above the five year average. Wheat is one and one-half per cent above the five-year average in production and 23 per cent above in total value. The 660,000,000 bushels of this crop are estimated to be worth \$620,000,000 to the farmers, or 65,000,000 more than the most valuable wheat crop heretofore produced. Although the oat crop suffered from drought the value is \$321,000,000 for 759,000,000 bushels, or ten per cent above the five-year average. All cereals aggregate 4,229,000,000 bushels, a total that has been exceeded three times, but the value reaches \$2,694,000,000, or more than \$300,000,000 above that of 1907, and exceeds still more the totals of former years. Compared with the preceding five years, the number of bushels is higher by 0.2 per cent and the value is higher by 32 per cent. For the first time, this year, the value of all farm crops equals \$5,000,000,000, and of this total the value of the corn crop is about one-third; wheat, hay and cotton combined make more than another third, and the smaller crop a yet smaller share. Never before has the hay crop been so large in quantity, nor the rice crop, nor the sugar beet crop, nor beet and cane sugar production. The production of barley has been exceeded in only one former year and cotton by only two years at the most.

RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED Continual Interferences With Shipping is Detrimental to Commerce.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 14.—Foreign Minister Paul today sent a note to the members of the diplomatic corps here protesting against the "repeated violations of the territorial rights of Venezuela," by the three Dutch warships that are cruising in Venezuelan waters since December 2. No blockade should be declared, he set forth, and the continual interference with coastwise shipping is having a detrimental effect upon the commerce with neutral powers.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 14.—The government of the Netherlands is satisfied that it is quite within its rights in seizing the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alexis by the Dutch cruiser last Saturday. Similar reprisals will be taken whenever possible. Rumors that war had been declared are denied.

CROWD FORMS; DEERE ISSUED. CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 14.—News of the capture of the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alexis by the Dutch cruiser last Saturday became known in Caracas this morning. A big crowd at once assembled in the Plaza Bolivar and demonstrated in support of the government. A decree issued by Acting President Gomez places the republic in a state of defense.

BUSY BUREAU ALL LAST YEAR Says the Chief in His Annual Report on the Country's Manufactures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—With millions of dollars involved in contracts made as the result of information furnished through the "foreign trade opportunity service," a great volume of home trade developed with special investigations carried on in every part of the globe, and with the consular services abroad bending its efforts to boom American commercial interests, the Bureau of Manufactures has had a busy year, according to the Report of Major John M. Carson, the chief of the bureau. The great need of the bureau, according to Major Carson, is additional help to meet the growing demands made upon it by manufacturers and others. Many thousands of letters and reports, largely exceeding the business in previous years, were handled by the Bureau with a resulting considerable increase in exportations. American water works were supplied for the Sultan of Oman at Maskat, steam plowing machines were placed on South African prairies, wireless telegraphy apparatus shipped broadcast, and power and machinery orders received from Europe, Asia and Africa. Many American engineers and architects secured contracts for public and private works abroad. As the result of information called and disseminated by the bureau, opportunities have been presented to American interests for the construction railways, both steam and electric, in Europe, Asia and Africa, Central America, the West Indies, Mexico, Canada and Australia. The volume of work is so steadily growing, Major Carson says, that provided with a sufficient force the bureau's efforts in contacting prospective buyers in foreign countries with American products must become a potential factor in the extension of American commerce.

TOOK HIS GUN ALONG. A Frank Dennison, of the real estate firm of Willson & Dennison, went to Davis Monday to look after some business pertaining to a tract of land near there. He took his shot gun and a bundle of express shipping bills with him. Employees at the local express office are preparing to handle a big shipment of game Wednesday.

HAS DIPHTHERIA. Samuel W. Gordon is suffering with a slight case of diphtheria. The last few days he has had a throat ailment and he came to the city Monday morning to consult a physician who informed him that he had diphtheria.

NIGHT RIDERS ON TRIAL. UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Eight men, alleged leaders of the night riders band of Reelfoot Lake, were placed on trial here today, charged with murdering Captain Quinsin Rankin.

DAMS OPENED. GALLIPOLIS, O., Dec. 14.—Dams in the Great Kanawha river are being opened today to let out the first shipment of coal for Cincinnati in five months.

Next County Officers Are Busy Giving Bond Before County Court.

What promises to be a long and busy term of the county court began Monday morning with all the members and Deputy Clerk Roy Byrd present. Charles A. Sutton qualified as a notary public with bond at \$250 and J. N. Wilkinson surety. An exoneration was allowed Thomas Koon on the valuation of a lot in Shinnston at \$725 and the same was ordered stricken from the land books. An excessive valuation of \$300 was taken off for Angeline Ash on two acres in Elk district assessed at \$2,800. James M. Criss qualified as constable for Simpson district, giving bond of \$1,000, with John D. McReynolds surety. David L. Hall, guardian of L. S. and Onie M. Stutler, was granted permission to give new bonds, with C. W. Furbee surety and the former bondsmen were released. Will E. Morris qualified as prosecuting attorney. No bond was required by the court. Herman B. Davis qualified as justice of the peace for Tennille district, giving bond of \$3,500 with Ralph W. Young and Clete Randolph sureties. He will succeed James Bumgardner. The Higbee Tool Company was exonerated on an erroneous valuation of \$2,500 on personal property. Jason M. Kester qualified as justice of the peace in Elk district, with bond at \$3,500 and Meigs J. Bartlett surety. Cletus Randolph was exonerated of taxes on \$1,470 for 1907. Moses A. Shaver qualified as justice of the peace in Sardis district, with bond at \$3,500 and Omer W. Swiger surety. William A. Johnson qualified as constable with J. E. Copenhagen, and A. E. Coffman sureties. It was ordered that Stepen Vincent and others, land owners, be summoned to appear before the court December 18 relative to a proposed road in Clay district. John W. Wadsworth qualified as justice for Eagle district, giving bond of \$3,500 with Dr. L. C. Oyster and F. M. Robinson sureties. George W. Martin qualified as constable. Cyrus Thompson, of Shinnston, qualified as justice of the peace. His bondsmen are J. H. Thompson and Charles A. Rector. An exoneration on \$300 valuation was allowed J. W. Goodwin.

NEED NOT ANSWER Says the United States Supreme Court in to Harriman and Kahn.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—In the Supreme Court of the United States today it was held that E. H. Harriman and Otto Kahn, the latter a New York banker, should not be required to answer the Interstate Commerce Commission's question concerning dealing in stocks between the Union Pacific and other roads to which they refused to make response when the subject was under investigation in New York.

FORAKER TALKS On Amendment to Bill to Re-enlist Colored Soldiers of Brownsville Affair.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Senator Foraker today introduced an amendment to a bill providing for the re-enlistment of the Negro troops discharged without honor, because of alleged participation in the affair at Brownsville, Texas, and addressed the Senate concerning the amendment. On the conclusion of Foraker's remarks Senator Culberson asked that the President's message on the Brownsville affair be read, which was done.

JURY DISAGREES In the Case of Banker Rinehart, and Court Discharges It.

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Dec. 14.—After forty-three hours of deliberation the jury in the case of J. B. Rinehart, cashier and vice-president of the defunct Farmers and Drivers National Bank, could not agree on a verdict and was discharged today.

WAR VETERAN DEAD. ST. MARYS, Dec. 14.—John S. Gabbert, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in this city Saturday night, after a lingering illness, aged 76 years.

SCHOOL VACATION. The city school vacation for Christmas will begin Wednesday evening before Christmas and the schools will not resume until Monday after New Year's.

NEW OFFICERS GETTING READY

MOB GETS LEFT

Hundred Men Search Jail for Man the Sheriff Had Taken Away. DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 14.—A mob of a hundred armed men descended upon Jamestown, Russell county, last night, broke down the jail door and searched the building for James Hill, a white man, charged with the murder of thirteen-year-old Mamie Wood. The sheriff had news of their coming and took Hill out into the woods, later taking him to Monticello.

COAL DEAL Conaway Coal Company Sells to the Marion Gas Coal Company.

The Conaway Coal Company, composed of residents of Clarksburg, Shinnston and other points in the county, has sold to the Marion Gas Coal Company 318 acres of coal land at the mouth of Blinaxton creek, near Enterprise. The price paid was \$300 an acre. The Marion Company, it is said, will begin the immediate construction of a bridge to span the West Fork river at the mouth of the creek to a siding which has been contracted for with the B. & O. Railroad Company. The new plant to be installed will be modern in every particular and will have a capacity for a large output. Besides securing the tract of the Conaway Company, the Marion people have secured a large acreage near their proposed plant on a royalty of ten cents a ton.

SUIT STOLEN Jones is the Victim of Old Trick Elsewhere But Somewhat New Here.

R. W. Jones, shipping clerk at the Williams & Davison wholesale house, is a victim of an old trick elsewhere but somewhat new here, and it hunting for a suit of clothes which cost him \$35. A few days ago a colored fellow visited him home and stated that his errand was to take a suit of clothes to a pressing establishment. The suit was given him and he appears to have delivered it to some one else, but it never reached any of the pressing establishments. The chief of police was notified but so far he has not been successful in locating the stolen suit.

WIR AS SECRETARY. James W. Weil, the former Wheeling newspaperman who was elected to the house of delegates in November from Randolph county, has accepted the invitation of Governor Dawson to serve as secretary of the Good Roads Commission, which meets at Charleston next Saturday to frame a law looking to the improvement of state roads. Mr. Weil is secretary of the State Good Roads association.

BIG ELKINS DEAL. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Senator S. B. Elkins and John R. McLean, the Cincinnati and Washington publisher, have secured control of the Washington, Frederick & Gettysburg railroad, and Senator Elkins has bought the control of the American National Bank of this city.

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BUT MUST TELL ALL THEY KNOW

SAYS THE PRESIDENT IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE SENATE.

BELIEVES ALL GUILTY But Some Only of Concealing What They Know of the Brownsville Affair. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt sent a special message to the Senate today, on the Brownsville affair. In transmitting documents bearing on the subject President Roosevelt stated the following: To the Senate: I inclose herewith a letter from the Secretary of War transmitting a report of the investigation made by Mr. Herbert J. Brown, employed by the department in conjunction with Capt. W. G. Baldwin to investigate as far as possible what happened at Brownsville on the 13th and 14th of August, 1906. The report and documents contain some information of great value and some statements that are obviously worthless, but I submit them in their entirety. This report enables us to fix with tolerable definiteness at least some of the criminals who took the lead in the murderous shooting of private citizens at Brownsville. It establishes clearly the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting; but upon this point further record was unnecessary, as the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting has already been established beyond all possibility of doubt. The investigation has not gone far enough to enable us to determine all the facts, and we will proceed with it; but it has gone far enough to determine with sufficient accuracy certain facts of enough importance to make it advisable that I place the report before you. It appears that almost all the members of Company B must have been actively concerned in the shooting, either to the extent of being participants or to the extent of virtually encouraging those who were participants. As to Companies C and D, there can be no question that practically every man in them must have had knowledge that the shooting was done by some of the soldiers of B Troop, and possibly by one or two others in one of the other troops. This concealment was itself a grave offense, which was greatly aggravated by their testifying before the Senate committee that they were ignorant of what they must have known. Nevertheless, it is to be said in partial extenuation that they were probably covered by threats, made by the more desperate of the men who had actually been engaged in the shooting, as to what would happen to any man who failed to protect the wrongdoers. Moreover, there are circumstances tending to show that these misguided men were encouraged by outsiders to persist in their course of concealment and denial. I feel, therefore, that the guilt of the men who, after the event, thus shielded the perpetrators of the wrong by refusing to tell the truth about them, though serious, was in part due to the unwise and improper attitude of others, and that some measure of allowance should be made for the misconduct. In other words, I believe we can afford to reinstate any of these men who now truthfully tell what has happened, give all the aid they can to fix the responsibility upon those who are really guilty, and show that they themselves had no

REVIVAL MEETINGS. Revival meetings began in the Wesleyan Methodist church in North-ville last night with much interest, one soul being converted in the first service. The pastor is being assisted by the Rev. C. H. Miller and wife of Hendricks, this state. Services are held every evening at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

SELLING EXTINGUISHERS. A. P. Hall is busily engaged in selling dry powder fire extinguishers, which are growing into a general demand. He equipped the Parsons-Southern store today from top to bottom.