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THE WEATHER.

Washington, Feb. 11.—For Missouri: Fair and slightly colder Friday; northwest wind.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Bar., T. p., W. dir. Lists weather for various locations like Blomberg, N. D., Des Moines, Ia., etc.

A BRACE OF REMEDIES.

The last piece of folly proposed by the Kansas legislature is the creation of a state department of insurance which will carry on the business of insuring all kinds of property against losses from fire.

Even the tinker of "The Henrietta" had lost its pulsating influence, and Mr. Robson realized that he must give the public something hot with excitement.

There is another bit of remedial legislation to which our attention has been attracted, and we refer to it now because it would be too bad if the Kansas legislature adjourned without attending to the matter.

There are two subjects that the average legislator feels himself entirely competent to tackle, the road law and the state publication of school books.

At any rate there's nothing really about the reappointment of Colonel Crisp as fish commissioner.

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Trenton Old Fellows, who dedicated their new temple with appropriately imposing ceremonies Tuesday, are the proud owners of the finest business block in the city.

Marsell has bumped up against a realization that if it is going to live up to its metropolitan pretensions, it must tackle the sewer problem without further delay.

An attempt is to be made at meeting in Sarcoxie February 23 to bring all the berry growers of the Southwest, Missouri and Northwestern Arkansas together into one

superior officer must be weak indeed. And yet it cannot be denied that, though vicious and barbaric, these men are strong, for they do things which call for a high order of mental and physical courage—such, for instance, as facing prison and even death rather than betray a fellow member.

CHIEF JULIAN, POLITICIAN AND MACHINIST.

If the lawmakers of Missouri want a demonstration of the necessity of reform in Kansas City's police department, let them keep their eyes on Chief of Police Julian, who is now at Jefferson City working for the protection of Commissioners Fyke and Johnson and for the grain inspection bill.

Mr. Julian's interest in the proposed separation of grain inspection from the office of railroad commissioner is said to be inspired by his desire to secure for Marcy K. Brown a fat appointive office.

The office of chief of police is one of the most active in the city government. It is especially liable to emergency duty.

Julian's services as chief of police are none too valuable when they are given without interruption; but he happens to be invested with the authority of office and he should be on guard.

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It would seem that the very name of theatrical realism has been reared in the dramatization of Ople Read's story of "The Jucklins," presented Monday night in Chicago by Mr. Stuart Robson.

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given to trade old books for new ones, or to give book for book. The price of the books, considering quality, is greater than the contract price that the boards of education of Kansas City and St. Louis make with the publishers direct.

Should Kansas City not be exempt, the loss, including books in the hands of the pupils in the ward schools and the high schools, will not fall below \$75,000, not to say anything of the dead stock left in the hands of dealers, and which they cannot exchange at any price.

The representatives from Jackson, no doubt, will oppose, with entire unanimity, a measure so unjust to the interests of this city.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

February is really a delightful month, to everybody except those of us who happen not to be web-footed.

It seems no cranks appeared at the Bradley Martin ball to disturb the serenity of the snobs and chumps.

Those who are disposed to sneer at Queen Victoria's \$2,500 contribution to the India relief fund should remember that her majesty's income is only a few millions a year.

Although President Eliot's request for \$100,000 additional donations to Harvard was not yet sent in. This shows how hard times are.

One of General Weyler's troubles comes from the fact that typewriter "pacification" doesn't pacify.

Bushnell is not the only Ohio man who can beat senatorial ambitions. Mr. Hanna would respectfully call attention to the fact that there are others.

If the drinking water in Chicago is so impure, it is strange the newspapers of that city don't caution readers to boil it.

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earlier and the penalty is the same as for bigamy. In the case in which we allude to, the couple had been divorced and the decree entered. Three weeks later they effected a reconciliation and were remarried, after first procuring a license and paying in every manner as though it was a new marriage. Some enemies of the husband, however, caused the arrest of both under the law which makes such a marriage bigamy and the case will come on for hearing in April. A distinguished member of the Kansas supreme court said to Topics yesterday, when his attention was called to the case, that it would come to nothing. The fact that six months had elapsed since the divorce was decreed was interpreted to mean that the divorce had not been entirely accomplished until the expiration of that time, and therefore the couple in question had not really been divorced.

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regard to the payment by England of the Donoga expedition in terms certain to embitter and enrage France. Technically, England is in Egypt as receiver for the Egyptian bondholders. The international court, which it was agreed should pass on such matters, decided that Egypt could not pay for the expedition. The English ministry possibly regretted that England will pay for it and take a claim on the territory. Nothing could more exasperate France or render more certain a break in the European concert.

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OF CURRENT INTEREST.

In the five months of last year from May to September, inclusive, 122 accidents due to the falling of trolley and other electric wires occurred in the United States. Eleven of these, in which trolley wires fell, were fatal, twelve persons losing their lives by this means.

Thirty-one persons were injured in twenty-eight similar accidents, and twenty-four horses were killed in eighteen others. Nine persons were killed by the fall of nine electric wires, twenty-seven persons were injured in twenty-two similar mishaps and seven horses lost their lives. At this rate the total for the year would, so the Railroad Gazette figures out, be greater than the total deaths caused by steam railway accidents.

An Atlanta paper reports an epidemic of diphtheria among the dogs of that city. The disease is said to be in a virulent form and to be killing the animals rapidly, and the veterinary surgeons being unable to effect a cure. The first symptoms of the approaching illness are sluggishness and reticence. The happy wag of the tail gradually becomes a stiff and unyielding is executed in a perfunctory and mechanical way. Tears fill the eyes of the dog, and he wears a troubled, anxious expression, the tongue hangs out and swollen from the mouth, and his few barks are high, hoarse, or even a wailing cry, unless a cure is effected, the dog's system is worn out from exhaustion, and he dies.

That feature of the times, the pneumatic tire, was first thought of way back in 1845, when an Englishman named Thompson took out patents in England and America for an invention which was practically the double tube tire of today. He made experiments in Regent's park with a vehicle weighing over 1,000 pounds, using first ordinary street tires and afterwards pneumatic tires, and conclusively proved that with the steel tires a force of forty-one pounds was required to draw the vehicle over a mile, while a force of only a little more than twenty-five was sufficient when the pneumatic tires were used.