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Weather for Ohio: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight, possible snow in northern portion. Sunday fair, except snow along Lake Erie.

The Senate committee which is investigating the "shooting up" of Brownville, Texas, is securing from the witnesses who were examined at Brownville, some very contradictory testimony.

Another disaster has occurred in the French navy, the third within two years. Future historians will record more disasters and more casualties in the navies in times of peace than in times of war.

The Japanese have determined to erect a monument to the Russian heroes who fell in the defense of Port Arthur. A step which demonstrates the advancing civilization of the people of Japan.

Some very valuable records, the report of expert accountants in the ice trust case in Albany are missing from the office of the attorney general in Albany. Another effective method of delaying trials and circumventing the efforts of officials to probe the misdeeds of the combine.

The general public is just now engaged in acquitting Harry Thaw. Since his beautiful wife went upon the stand and laid bare the secrets of her life, almost if not every man, who has a spark of true manhood has either thought or declared openly that he would have done just as Thaw did under the circumstances.

The city council has expressed a desire to hear from the citizens of Marion on the proposition to erect a new city building, with quarters for the central fire department in connection, or to erect a city building and a fire department separately.

At last the council has decided to take the public into its confidence and allow the people to have some say in what is to be done. Instead of dodging behind closed doors, and determining what is to be done and then coming out and telling the citizens what has been determined upon, council courts some expressions from the people.

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It has not yet been decided that any kind of a building shall be erected by the city. That is a matter which must be decided by the people. No citizen doubts for an instant the need of a new city building. Marionites do a great deal of boasting about the progressiveness of the city, they pronounce it the best city of its size in the middle west. The beauty of this claim, too, it thae it is correct and undisputed. The city is being given a Carnegie library which will be completed before many months. It will not be long before work will be begun on the new government building. The work of beautifying the parks of the city has already been begun, and in fact improvements are in progress all along the line. The old ramshackle of a city building still graces the corner of Church and Prospect streets, an eye sore to the city and a disgrace to a progressive people like Marion.

Council asks for opinions. The public is asked to voice its sentiments and The Mirror throws its columns open to those who desire to express their views. Communications should be written plainly and signed but the signature need not be published unless desired. Articles should not be lengthy, but brief and to the point.

Droit of Comment

The interstate Commerce commission's report of its findings against the Standard Oil monopoly, after characterizing its methods as disreputable and its policy one of rule or ruin, states, that "No instance is found where any railway company has been interested in oil lands or petroleum production and only one instance is shown where officials of a railway company were interested in the production and sale of oil."

Rockefeller is still playing the same old game of keeping his interests so well separated as to be beyond the power of the law. That he is interested in the railways and is the mainspring of the Harriman merger there is not the least doubt. But he is so well fortified that investigations on the part of the government are resolved into farce comedies, so the disclosures in the Standard Oil investigation on the one hand and the Harriman merger on the other, clearly reveal. Of course, the witnesses have lied; but lying is a part of the monopoly game. What are the people going to do about it.—Press Post.

DOVER MAKES HOWL.

Elmer Dover, secretary of the Republican national committee and former secretary to Senator Hanna, lifts up his voice like one crying in the wilderness warning his Republican brethren of their fate if they refuse to revise the tariff. Whether this minor prophet is inspired with the true spirit of prophecy is something for the future to decide, but the Republican leaders laugh him to scorn and point out that to revise the tariff just before a presidential election would lead to disaster. The trusts and combines declare with one voice that it would destroy the prosperity of the country to reduce the tariff rates and the Republican leaders who depend on such sources for their campaign funds are strong in the faith that it is best to leave things as they are. They evidently feel that their old policy of opportunism is their only salvation and declare with the French king, "After us the deluge." Of course something may occur to help out the Republican leaders in their standpoint policy at present they are in a very tight place and the disgusted voters who are paying trust prices for everything they buy are watching them closely and will continue to keep an eye on them for some time to come.—Findlay Courier.

THE CRISIS.

"Japan want Malice to understand hence diffidence 'tween China and Japanese". Yes, the Japs would have us understand. Now we are admitting that the Jap has a slight advantage in that we have possessions in proximity to the Island empire that gives Japan every ad-

A New Orleans woman was thin. Because she did not extract sufficient nourishment from her food. She took Scott's Emulsion. Result: She gained a pound a day in weight. ALL DRUGGISTS: 50c. AND \$1.00.

vantage. She might concentrate her forces there in a few hours and take possession. This shows the mistake we made when breaking over a rule auxiliary to the Monroe doctrine. If we would have no Eastern powers, secure a foothold on the western hemisphere we should hold ourselves within limits and not weaken ourselves by taking on oriental territory not advantageous or desirable.

If the Monroe doctrine is in fact "the doctrine of National self-preservation" it is weakened by setting ourselves all over the world and therefore the sooner we dispose of the islands the better for this country. What folly it would be to have thousands of Americans killed in battle to retain territory that has already cost us much in treasure and in blood and the accession of the Philippines is as undesirable to us and to the inhabitants of islands as it was when it was acquired.

Under such conditions the Japs will simply overrun the land and the rank and file of the Almondeyed inhabitant of Japan is no better than that of the Chinaman. That means a prostitution of labor that would prove a curse to the country. It means degradation, retrogression, poverty, a condition of living that would drag the white labor down to the lowest depths of misery.

We can better afford to make haste in disposing of the Philippines and making ourselves strong within our own limits preventing the oriental overrunning our fair land than to make concession to the Japs or take the chances of war in the oriental seas in order to hold possessions that have been a burden and an expense to this nation with no hope of reward.

Don't let the Japs dictate terms by which they have free access to this land and yet do not rush into a war before we are ready to meet the emergencies that will arise.—Middletown News-Signal.

NO APOLOGIES TO OFFER. In view of the fact that the amount of money—gold, silver, bank notes, greenbacks, coin certificates and small currency of the basar metals—now in circulation is, in round numbers, \$34 per capita, the Democrats, free silver or gold standard, who voted for William J. Bryan in 1896 have no apologies to offer and no defense to make.

There are over six hundred million dollars more in circulation now than there were ten years ago. Had Mr. Bryan been elected and a congress chosen in sympathy with him, the free and unlimited coinage of silver, pushed with all vigor, could not have increased the circulating medium faster than the Republican party has increased it since 1897.

True, the phenomenal flow of gold from Alaska has added to the world's supply, thus aiding in the phenomenal increase of money in the hands of the people of the country; but the paper increase has kept pace with the flow of gold.

The fact stands out in bold relief that what President McKinley started President Roosevelt has pushed to the highest point ever known in this country, namely, the inflation of the currency. And it is now proposed to further increase it. Talk of conservatism, of safe and sane politics, and then reflect on the Republican course of the past ten years.—Press Post.

At the beginning of American history, and from then up almost to the present time, the forests have been looked upon as enemies to the forward march of civilization, and the ax of the pioneer has been one of the most respected symbols of American preservation and hardihood. But conditions have changed. The disappearance of the forests has be-

come an imminent peril. In the first place, wood of all kind is becoming scarce, and prices are advancing each year. Then there are indirect results. It is admitted, for instance, that the river floods which are constantly becoming more dangerous are due to the rapid drainage of land from which the trees have been ruthlessly cut.

Clearly some action was necessary to prevent America from becoming a treeless country. For this purpose the division of forestry was called into being. The government has set aside forest reserves of 107,305,707 acres, and on this land the forestry experts are conducting work which will prevent the utter denuding of the country.

In addition to the practical value of the work of the forestry division it appeals to the sentiment of the American people. As a nation we are practical rather than sentimental but when we can safely be practical and sentimental at the same time we are eager to grasp the opportunity. Americans do not desire a country destitute of forests. They do not wish to have the attractiveness of nature ruined by the transformation of wooded hills and plains into stump-grown wildernesses. Those who stop to think will hesitate to criticize the forestry work, and no one will wish any obstruction placed in the path of President Roosevelt and the others who are responsible for its success.

The High School Basketball team defeated the Y. M. C. A. team in an interesting game played before a small audience in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Friday night. The student lads were too fast and husky for the Association boys and although the latter put up a stubborn fight they were compelled to bite the dust.

The team work of the high school was exceptionally clever and they managed to keep in possession of the ball nearly all the time. Sells played the feature game for the students while Hume starred for the Association team.

The line up: Y. M. C. A. 26 HIGH SCHOOL 4 Y. M. C. A. 26 High School 43 Rice R. F. Stells Breen L. F. Strelitz Hume C. Grills Dickerson L. G. Mouser Fisher R. G. Ross

Summary—Field Baskets—Rice, 2; Breen 1; Hume 4; Dickerson 1; Strelitz 3; Sells 12; Grills 2; Mouser 2; Ross 1. Fouls—Y. M. C. A. with two awarded; H. S.—2 with one awarded, C. M. Douthitt, referee.

The Knights of Pythias defeated the Nationals in the first and third games out of a series of three rolled on the Y. M. C. A. bowling alleys Friday night. In the second game the Nationals displayed some real feature bowling and run up a score of 864 pins. The K. of P.'s followed close upon their heels with 803 pins. The contest was a most interesting one and was witnessed by a number of enthusiastic rooters.

ATHENS ATTENDANTS SAY "NOT GUILTY" Athens, O., Feb. 8.—Roeder and Harting, the attendants charged with the death of W. J. Barnes at the Athens state hospital, pleaded "not guilty" to the charge of manslaughter when arraigned before Justice Joseph L. H. ...

BARRYMORE IS MISSING

Suppoea Servers in the Thaw Trial are Unable to Locate the Actor.

Boston, Feb. 9.—If actor Jack Barrymore, who Evelyn Thaw says repeatedly asked her to marry him is wanted as a witness at the Thaw trial, subpoena servers will have a hard time in finding him. Barrymore is a member of the company supporting his sister, Ethel, at the theatre here, but persistent efforts to locate him have failed.

LOCAL FIRE PICTURES AT NICKELIODIUM. In addition to the regular program at the Nickeliodium on South Main street this week, Manager Beaumont will give his patrons the pictures of the Marion fire department, with runs by the Chicago, Lima and Tiffin departments. This is the first time Mr. Shields has ever allowed any of his films to be used by anyone other than himself.

FINE STALLION COMES TO MARION

Purchased From Brannon and Hartman Farm.

"Champion Trimard," a Prize Winner at the Ohio State and New York State Fairs.

A company known as the Marion Horse company, was recently formed in this county and one of the best draft stallions in the country purchased. The members of the company are W. H. Holverstott, Frank M. Epley, S. D. Epley, O. E. Burks, C. E. Miller, Frank J. Mautz, S. D. Graber, C. H. Baringer, J. D. Fetter and Frank G. ...

This week the company purchased from J. J. Brannon and the Hartman Stock farm the fine percheron stallion, Champion Trimard. This horse was a first prize winner at the Ohio State Fair last fall and also won first prize at the New York state fair.

He is a beautiful animal of magnificent proportions and will hereafter make the season in this vicinity, just east of Marion. The horse will be delivered next week and the gentlemen composing the company are of the opinion that after once seeing him, breeders will tender a vote of thanks to the company for bringing such a magnificent animal here. It is said that the Harima people refused an offer of \$4200 for the horse last summer.

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JAPS WILL ERECT MONUMENT TO RUSSIAN HEROES. St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from Harbin, Manchuria, says that the Japanese are erecting two monuments on Peropelochny Hill, Port Arthur, to the memory of the Russian and Japanese soldiers who fell in that siege. In proximity to the monument to the Russians a Russian chapel will be built, bearing the following inscription: "In memory of the heroes who met death in defense of Port Arthur."

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