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TODAY'S WEATHER. WASHINGTON, March 14.—Forecast for Sunday: Partly cloudy.

Table with columns: Place, Temp., Wind, etc. for various cities like Buffalo, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati.

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MAY DO MUCH GOOD.

The union of St. Paul owners of real estate in an association to promote their own and public interests is a move that may be of great benefit to them and to the city.

Behold now, through another advance of science, a revolution in the postulates of science itself. Whatever we may conclude about the nature or source of the X rays, or about their mechanical mode of operation, we are face to face with phenomena that require a revision of our views of matter.

qualities. In other words, we do not know it at all. The light that streams about us has properties as unguessed at as the hidden ingredient of the atmosphere that had eluded detection until a few months ago.

The further we pry into the constitution of the universe, the more elusive and phantasmic appears the substance of "this too, too solid earth." We are beginning, under the tuition of the X rays, to see it as an aggregation of rotating atoms, in which substance is nothing and motion everything.

From the beginning there have been two great opposite tendencies in thought; two bases for a speculative philosophy. The one view saw the world as a universe of matter, working through cells of protoplasm, out of whose combinations arose life and mind and thought and soul.

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While the first meeting of the association considered chiefly, as was natural, the present condition and the outlook of the real estate market, they also devoted attention to such local affairs as bear directly upon the burdens of land and property in St. Paul.

campaign has been carried on beforehand, and candidates have been pledged to their duty, that consolidation will be defeated in 1897 just as it was in 1895.

It is encouraging to find those most largely interested in St. Paul real estate taking so sensible and cheerful a view of the situation. All are convinced of what is unquestionably true, that while this city, in common with all others in the country, has been passing through the period of almost unexampled depression, it is now emerging into the sunlight of prosperity.

WHAT THE NATION READS.

Elsewhere in our pages today will be found an interesting computation concerning the half-dozen books which have been most read by the citizens of this republic during the last six months.

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and only repelled a foreign invasion of their country, than with the degenerate agents of the lewd and barbarous Turk. But, while England sets her military forces in operation to prevent a further outburst of the fierce love of independence among the peoples of Africa, she leaves the Christian Armenians to their fate.

A UNIVERSAL BELLIGERENCY.

From 1893 to 1896 is but a short space of time in the life of an individual, hardly noticeable in that of a nation, and yet between the year of the congress of nations in Chicago, with its beneficent purpose of securing a universal peace, and today, with war clouds hanging on almost every point of the horizon, with actual warfare in many quarters, and everywhere the most astonishing outbreaks of a war spirit, there is a space that might fill a century.

THE TRAMP AS A PROBLEM.

Recently the good people of sundry Wisconsin cities, pricked in their most sensitive part, the pocket, by the fee bills of officers incurred in arresting, trying, jailing and boarding that perennial of civilizations, the tramp, held a mass convention to sit on him, coroner's jurywise, and consider what should be done with him.

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holds that which would enable him to enjoy life in serene restfulness did he but discharge fully and in one installment his obligation. From another viewpoint the tramp regards himself as having a mission to demonstrate the inaccuracy of the narrative of that scene in the garden after the first tramp had providently eaten the apple, by showing that men can live and get their daily bread without the waste of a single drop of sweat of brow.

Homeless, wifeless, childless, like the mule, "with neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity," the type survives while the individuals perish. Society has always had the tramp with it. Cosmopolitan, he flourishes under whatever forms society assumes. He is equally at home under the despot, whether he be a czar or a majority in a republic.

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which, as Mr. Lee says, society should look less at the crime and more at the criminal. Men of this sort have lost, by coming under the ban of the law, the self-respect which alone kept them from evil courses. They feel themselves separated from the rest of the community by a badge of evil; consider that, by their descent in the social scale, they have acquired the right to break the law whenever it can be done with impunity.

In all such cases as this the evildoer should be sent to a reformatory where he can receive the only treatment that is of any possible benefit to him. What he needs is not confinement for thirty, sixty or ninety days, at labor not too hard, and comfortably fed and housed, but a scientific course of treatment for the crime habit. He is as much a victim of disease as a dipsomaniac or the mildly insane.

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BRADLEY SAYS SO

OFFICIAL ORDER TO THE SHERIFF TO KEEP ORDER AT FRANKFORT.

ENTER ASSEMBLY IF NEEDED.

ROTUNDA AND ROOMS TO BE KEPT CLEAR DURING JOINT SESSION.

NO SENATOR CHOSEN AS YET.

Quiet Close After the Stormy Week Experienced by the Kentucky Solons.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 14.—Gov. Bradley this evening issued his first official order commanding the sheriff of this county to preserve order in the capitol building, and if necessary to enter the joint assembly at the request of the president.

A resolution introduced in the senate today to allow only members and conventional officers on the floor will be adopted on Monday.

Gov. Bradley says he will not call an extra session. The house passed the necessary financial measures some time ago, and the senate has failed to pass them. He says he will leave the responsibility with the senate if it does not pass them.

NO ELECTION YET.

Carlisle Nominated in Kentucky and His Name Greeted With Cheers.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 14.—Senators James and Walton were on hand early this morning and had no difficulty in gaining access to the house chamber. The chief of police and sheriff with their assistants were on hand as usual.

NO DOOR OPEN TO HER.

Mrs. Boisjoli Finds the World Very Inhospitable.

LITTLE FALLS, Minn., March 14.—Mrs. Boisjoli, who was recently sent to Brainerd by the authorities of this city and who was sent back here today, was again sent to Brainerd. About eight months ago her husband left her in poor circumstances. She applied to the city for aid and was given a ticket, but later it was found she was not a resident of this city, and was sent to Green Prairie and Brainerd, and always shipped back here by the authorities of those cities.

Northwestern Patents.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—List of patents issued this week to Northwestern inventors, reported by T. D. Merwin, patent lawyer, 910, 911 and 912 Patent Building, St. Paul, Minn., and Washington, D. C.

Had a Boston Record.

BOSTON, Mass., March 14.—Fred Stebbins, one of the most clever forgers in the country, who was arrested in Boston, was sent to the state prison at Framingham.

Diplomat Dead.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 14.—Col. Thomas H. Nelson died here this morning. He has been a conspicuous leader in politics for over half a century.

Still in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, March 14.—This was the day set for the hearing by the circuit court of the appeal from Judge Buchwalter's decision regarding Scott Jackson and A. M. Walling to Kentucky to answer for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

Bunco King Sentenced.

PARIS, March 14.—Thomas O'Brien, the American bunco stealer, who shot and killed "Kid" Waddell, another American crook on March 27 last, was sentenced today to penal servitude for life.

He Bought Blue Jay.

DENVER, Col., March 14.—J. H. Royer, a member of the Colorado mining exchange, who bought Blue Jay stock heavily yesterday on the rise, failed to meet his obligations before the call today.

Saints Not Fees.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The senate committee on judiciary was in continuous session all day today on the proposition to pay salaries instead of allowing fees to the officers of federal courts.

To Investigate Annuities.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The secretary of the interior has appointed George V. Scott, of Rosefield, Miss., a commissioner to investigate the annuity rolls of the Pagan Indian nation, vice C. E. Bloodgood, of Catskill, N. Y., declined.

The Peach Crop Acrey.

GUTHRIE, O. T., March 14.—A heavy hail storm has followed here by a downpour of sleet, which will do great damage to peaches and apricots, which are in bloom all over the territory, and ruin early vegetables.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Clearings, \$86,667,720; balances, \$5,274,323.