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WEATHER FOR TODAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Forecast for Monday.

Midland—Threatening weather with light snow in northwest portion Monday afternoon; warmer in central and western portions; variable winds, becoming southerly.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Feb. 13, 6:38 p. m. Local Time, 8 p. m. 75th Meridian Time—Observations at the same moment of time at all stations.

TEMPERATURES.

Table with 3 columns: Place, Temperature, and Remarks. Lists cities like St. Paul, Duluth, and Chicago with their respective temperatures.

DAILY MEANS.

Barometer, 29.88; mean temperature, 30; relative humidity, 72; wind, S. by E. 10; weather, clear; maximum temperature, 33; minimum temperature, 27; daily range, 6; snow on ground, 1; ice on ground, 1; melted snow in last twenty-four hours, 0.

The Idol's Feet Are Clay.

Indications appear more frequently that the prediction of a Democrat to a jubilant Republican, when the election of 1896 set the latter to crowing over the victory, that before four years passed Republicans would be "praying for Cleveland's backbone," will be verified.

Scarce nine months have passed since William McKinley was inaugurated president of the United States, and for him many who fought with him and for him who are now endeavoring to displace him and place in the White house one more to their liking, as well as one from whom many expect a more liberal and humane administration.

McKinley still clings to the delusion that the idol of '96 possesses "those splendid qualities of character and decisive statesmanship," and that the "burden" of "the deep responsibility of his position" is to blame for their disappearance.

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They Know Better Now.

Mr. Dingley says that the tariff had nothing to do with the reduction of wages in the New England cotton mills. It is long hours and cheap labor, South, versus short hours and dear labor North, that is the matter.

Robert Howard is the organizer and leader of the united mill workers. Bright fellow as he is, he knows more now than he did last year. He diagnoses the case. He says "the tariff is to blame for a lot of the depression," because, when the tariff was laid, wages did not go up. If prices of what workmen consumed had remained where they were, it would have made no difference if wages stood still.

One of our Washington specials contains facts of great interest and value from the report of a forestry commission appointed by the governor of Wisconsin to formulate legislation looking toward the preservation of the state's timber and its replenishment where the land has been denuded.

A Notable Admission.

Gradually the relation of the state to the corporations it creates for the performance of public duties is developing out of the chaos of assault and resistance. Between the contention for vested rights and private enterprise put forth by the corporations, and the appropriation proposed by advocates of public ownership and operation, a middle ground seems to be acquiring solidity.

The report to the Massachusetts legislature of the commission appointed to consider and report upon the street railway problem in that state is the latest testimony to the acceptance of this idea, and it gets its chief value from the rather ultra-conservative character of the men composing the commission.

One, in addition to requiring the street railway companies to share the cost of street improvement, provides for the payment into the treasury of all profits after paying annual dividends of 8 per cent. Local taxation is to be on a sliding scale, adjusted to gross receipts.

Something Not Told.

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ers that consumers of tinsplate paid, in the thirty-eight months of McKinley protection, in the mere increased cost of tinsplate \$25,000,000, nor dare he ask them if they would have consented to this had the proposition been put to a referendum.

AT THE THEATERS.

Joe Cawthron, through the medium of a musical melange entitled "Miss Philadelphia," entertained an audience of fairly good proportions at the Metropolitan last night.

Another enjoyable feature was the quartette singing of the bookbacks and street games, Harry Robinson and Arthur Connelly as the two "shiners" possess a bowery dialect that is certainly the "chimmie" fadden green. It is certainly the best of the kind.

Forestry Interests.

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METROPOLITAN—C. E. Warner, Billings; K. B. Quinlan, T. R. Corbett, San Francisco; E. L. Whittier, Chicago; John E. Taylor, Bank, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gilpin, N. D. Corbett, Chicago; R. Gould, M. Stewart, G. R. Pickett, Chicago; J. W. Weyer, John Newton, Charles B. Carter, W. Howe, Miss G. Hale, New York.

RYAN—W. S. White, Boston, Mass.; J. D. Gray, Milwaukee, Wis.; F. A. Gebba, New York; J. P. Egan, New York; T. M. Brown, Denver, Col.; Miss Millie James, Chicago; J. L. Adams, Chicago; W. F. Clarke, Chicago; W. R. Padgett and wife, Augusta, Ga.; E. B. Blanchard, Aberdeen; S. D. A. C. Berry, Mitchell; B. H. Greenleaf, Graceville, Minn.; A. D. O'Brien, Grand Rapids, Mich.; J. E. W. Taylor, Chicago; W. R. Urchota, La Crosse, Wis.; N. A. Smith, Ellsworth, Wis.; D. C. Coolidge, Downing, Minn.; C. S. Andrews, Portland, Or.; C. E. Pringle, Butte, Mont.; C. H. Hanson, Portland, Or.; W. H. Thompson, Seattle, Wash.; F. G. Grambs, Bismarck, N. D.; G. R. Sincum, Pringle, Minn.; John H. Douglas, Sibley, Minn.; Mrs. E. Nelson, Carrington, N. D.; Walter York, R. Bean, Minneapolis; James J. Galehouse, Carrington, N. D.; Nels Soren, Carrington, N. D.; F. A. Hutchins, Madison, Wis.

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USE NATIVE DOGS ONLY.

he will put into the waters of the Mackenzie river. He will take a party of twenty-five into the Klondike region via this water route April 1, of whom claim the Twin Cities as their home.

THAT IS THE ADVICE OF OLD TIMERS TO FUTURE KLONDIKERS.

Carrying revolvers in the belts, Louis Rosenthal, of La Porte, Ind., and George Kray, of Elkhart, Ind., passed through the city en route to the Copper river, in Alaska. They go to learn the facts, and report to friends who will follow if the prospects are good for becoming millionaires.

Railroad Men and Others Say Dogs Not Inured to the Rigors of the Alaskan Climate Are Worthless for Traffic Purposes—Late News of the Exodus.

It may be of interest to those who think of taking dogs with them to Alaska to know that not any of the thousands of dogs which gold seekers are taking to Alaska with them are of any value to them at all. They will get footsore and useless in a very short time. Another great drawback is the great lack of food for them.

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FAVOR THE MONTANA PLAN.

There was a considerable debate over the proposed scheme at the meeting of the A. O. U. W. Tuesday evening, the following delegates, elected to the grand lodge, being instructed for the Montana plan: Messrs. Dunning, Dion, Hallam and G. H. Johnson.

HANDS COUNT IN A WATCH CASE.

This Timepiece Had Several of Its Own, as Well as Some of Others. Albert F. Erlanson owned a valuable silver watch when he went to sleep yesterday morning at his home, 160 East Tenth street, but when he awoke last evening the time piece was missing.

NEILSON IS NOT KNOWN.

Supposed Boston Burglar Who Claims St. Paul as His Home. Peter Neilson, who shot a member of the Boston, Mass., police force Saturday night and who was accredited in yesterday's dispatch as being a resident of St. Paul, is unknown to the authorities of this city.

LUTHERANS' LAST DAY.

Three Big Meetings Held at Gustavus Adolphus Church. Three big meetings were held yesterday at Gustavus Adolphus Swedish Lutheran church, Rev. P. J. Peterson and Rev. B. L. Botan preached at the morning service.