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WEATHER FOR TODAY.

For Minnesota—Fair, warmer Sunday; probably showers at night in north; fresh; fair Monday; cooler in west; fresh southwest winds.

For Upper Michigan—Fair, warmer Sunday; showers at night on Monday; fresh; to brisk westerly southerly.

For Wisconsin—Fair, warmer Sunday; fresh; to brisk southwest winds; Monday fair.

For Iowa—Fair and warmer Sunday; Monday fair.

For Montana—Probably cloudy Sunday; probably showers and warmer in extreme northwest; Monday showers and cooler.

For North Dakota—Fair Sunday; Monday cooler and partly cloudy; probably showers.

St. Paul—Yesterday's temperatures, taken by the United States weather bureau, St. Paul, St. P. Lyons, observer, for the twenty-four hours ended at 7 o'clock last night—barometer corrected for temperature and elevation: Highest temperature, 56; lowest temperature, 36; average temperature, 50; daily range, 19; barometer, 30.2; humidity, 60; precipitation, 7 p. m. temperature, 60; 7 p. m. wind, south; weather, clear.

Yesterday's temperatures—

Table of temperatures for various cities: Alpena, 46; Butte, 49; Bismarck, 44; Buffalo, 49; Cheyenne, 49; Chicago, 54; Cincinnati, 54; Cleveland, 52; Denver, 40; Des Moines, 58; Detroit, 50; Duluth, 40; Edmonton, 58; Helena, 40; Kansas City, 72; St. Paul, 54; St. Louis, 54; St. Petersburg, 54; St. Vincent, 54; Washington, 54; Wichita, 54.

River Bulletin.

Stations. Danger. Gauge Change in 24 Hours.

St. Paul, 10.0, 1.2, 0.0.

La Crosse, 10.0, 1.2, 0.0.

St. Louis, 10.0, 1.2, 0.0.

Washington, 10.0, 1.2, 0.0.

St. Paul, 10.0, 1.2, 0.0.

then of their growing industries, the final apparent effort, it would seem, at the declination of the race has again resolved itself into refusal to make any amends for the agrarian robbery which has so long been carried on.

Ireland has less population today than she possessed forty years ago at the close of a period of appalling famine which destroyed a large proportion of the existing population. Her industries have shrunk correspondingly in that time. British modern statistics testify to this condition of affairs.

Ireland asks for bread. Her response is the prison cell. While even that small fragment of the common people who from religious or other considerations chose to identify themselves with the British garrison and the landlord interests in Ireland have in recent years identified themselves with the popular cause, and the sentiment of the country, north as well as south, east and west, has become unanimous in favor of the prevailing demands of the Irish people, the existing government, apparently drunk with power, lifts the mailed fist as its only response to the people's demands.

On the present basis of governmental conduct in Ireland it becomes a serious question whether the moral sense of the nations of the earth should not at an early date find corresponding expression to that which resulted in the removal of the grasp of Spanish tyranny from the throats of the Cuban people.

The secretary of the interior it is who has last essayed the role of prophet with reference to meat prices, predicting a great drop in current figures. Evidently Secretary Wilson had not come across the statement in that behalf of a young man named Armour which recently graced the columns of the press of the country.

A BRIBERY TRUST. The city of St. Louis has evidently reached a crisis in its municipal existence. The corruption revealed in its public life indicates a lower and more sordid level of official morals than has perhaps ever been revealed in any American city.

It is a sad commentary on the morals of any community at any time or under any circumstances when it becomes necessary to secure armed protection for the official engaged in enforcing the criminal law. That condition is now realized in the city of St. Louis. The home and the person of the county attorney are surrounded by armed guards, maintained at the public expense to protect both against the assaults of those who are identified with the shocking acts of moral depravity revealed among the members of the St. Louis city council. In a community less sunken in political degradation enlightened citizenship would resent such a state of things, and would organize itself to see to the effective enforcement of the law against public marauders, if necessary, without the intervention of public authority.

While the state of things thus revealed is shocking to the moral sense, the circumstances attending the successful levying of official blackmail by the members of the St. Louis council denote that the knife of municipal surgery must be driven deep to reach the roots of the evil.

One of the rogues, who has turned state's evidence for his own protection, reveals the character of the combination formed among public officials to control the grants of franchises by the city. He says:

"The sole purpose of the combine was to control and legislate. Controlling the supply we made a commodity of legislation and sold it outright. Shortly before the passage of the suburban bill the combination sold their votes on the lighting bills for \$47,500. This money was handled by Kelly and was paid to the members of the combine at a meeting arranged for that purpose at Julius Lehmann's house. Each member of the combine received \$2,500. I was present and saw the money paid to the various men present."

Here is a combination which may safely be designated as a bribery trust. It was formed and maintained in cold blood, and the rights of the citizens were under it sold as might be any other merchantable commodity. It is doubtful whether any such purely mercenary undertaking of extensive scope has been revealed among the members of any one single official body. The Jacob Sharp revelations in New York city showed that individual aldermen were willing to sell themselves and could control a high price for their votes in bestowing a valuable public privilege. The robbery of the street car franchises of Philadelphia within the past few months showed a corresponding state of affairs, but in each of these infamous cases each individual corruptor appears to have been acting upon his own responsibility. The St. Louis undertaking was an effort to apply the naked principle of bargain and sale to official privileges and official obligations.

The manner in which the city of St. Louis handles this situation will determine much for the honor, not only of that community, but of the entire country. According to the statements of the informer, he at least had grown impervious to any moral scruple whatsoever, and he describes his confederates as being in the same moral condition. If the conscience of the community itself is not utterly seared as that of its robber officials the immediate future will find every man of them securely lodged behind prison bars. That is the only vindication which St. Louis society can secure for itself against the imputation of being itself in the morally submerged condition of those of its public servants who are involved in these transactions. It is the only defense which American society possesses against the inroads of this form of crime. It is unfortunately too true that in St. Louis and elsewhere the men who make of politics a profession are pretty close to the moral type represented by the St. Louis hoodlums.

Philadelphia enjoys today the shocking distinction of being the only American municipality in which the grossest corruption is revealed in its public life, without the power or the disposition of morally cleansing itself. It remains to be seen whether the city of St. Louis can be said to have taken its place side by side with the so-called "City of Brotherly Love."

The offer of \$700 reward for the gon-betwixt among the St. Louis hoodlums is the grandest example of municipal generosity and abhorrence of crime that has ever presented itself to the vision of an enterprising people. The fellow has evidently the advantage of good backing—outside of politics.

UNIVERSITY ON NEW LINES. Much more than usual interest is manifested in educational circles in the establishment of a national memorial university by the Sons of Veterans and other patriotic societies, the first building of which was opened the past week at Mason City, Iowa. Twelve other buildings are to be erected as soon as the money needed for their construction is secured.

The work of the institution will to some extent be conducted along new lines. For instance, at the suggestion of the National Educational association, a chair of Bible study has been provided. The chief aim of the university will be to teach American history under the supervision of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a Minnesota man, J. O. Pierce, is to be the dean of this branch of the work. Other branches which will be given special attention are liberal arts, dentistry, medicine, music, elocution and physical culture. The life of the soldier will be gone into exhaustively. There will be a military department at which men will be prepared for both land and sea duty. Besides there will be a woman's college, which will be known as Barton hall, after Clara Barton, of the Red Cross organization. Added to all these will be a fully equipped school to prepare students for university work. The general courses will consist of languages, literature, science, civics, history, mathematics and a wide course of reading of best authors.

Indications point to a successful career for the institution, to which it is expected the sons of the Sons of Veterans and of the soldiers in the Spanish-American war will flock in large numbers. It is gratifying to note that there is the promise of one of the best corps of instructors in the country.

The coal people had better hurry up with their settlement of that strike. The weather is giving indication that the public will take the settlement in their own hands before long, unless something is done, and done quickly.

When Attorney General Douglas gets through giving opinions on the several phases of the primary law, what little understanding now exists of the provisions of that measure will have disappeared in a universal mental mist.

Another California millionaire—one named Crocker—is on the point of death. It seems unusual, but it is none the less the fact, that he has not been brought to his death door through the automobile route.

The advantages of the collusive divorce are forcibly attested by the fate of those two divorced women who have passed their lives in the most sordid and degraded of divorced women. Divorce by agreement might now be sanctioned by law—just for peace sake.

The one uniform feature attending all Latin-American revolutions is the impartiality with which the rebel is a scoundrel or a patriot, according as he wins or loses.

The person who writes under the designation of Dorothy Dix is a humorist, just as the writers of "storielles" are novelists.

Edward A. Cudahy, now head of the beef trust, was once a butcher. The Spanish general, Weyer, was still a butcher. By the way, he is still a butcher.

The rumor afloat that Sam Small is going to start a saloon is calumnious. He is on the water wagon again.

OREGON MINE WHICH WAS FULL OF WILDCATS. Several dynamite men had chanced to meet in a hotel lobby in this city were discussing the various mines in a certain part of the state when one of them spoke of a "wildcat" mine.

A logger who was standing near picked up his ears at this and chipped into the conversation. He said that there was the most productive wildcat mine he ever heard of near the logging camp where he had been working on the lower Columbia. One of the mining men remarked that his idea of wildcats was one that yielded nothing but assessments and asked why wildcats in that section and not elsewhere.

"Why, wildcats, of course," replied the logger. "He then proceeded to explain that many years ago someone had run a tunnel into the side of a hill in search of coal and had run a number of short shafts down the hill, but finding no coal, had finally abandoned the workings. There were wildcats in that section and the parties who had been prospecting for coal left several cats at their cabin. The wildcats and the cats had affiliated and had taken up their abode in the tunnel and had multiplied their numbers. Finally a celebrated bear hunter of that region discovered the half-closed entrance to the tunnel and saw that perhaps some wild animals might be occupying the place, sent his dogs in to investigate. There were wildcats in that section and the parties who had been prospecting for coal left several cats at their cabin. The wildcats and the cats had affiliated and had taken up their abode in the tunnel and had multiplied their numbers. 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