

February Weather.

The month just passed was a freak month in that it had five Saturdays; it came in on the last day of the week and went out in the same way it came in. Laborers had five pay days and the unmarried women had five Saturdays in which to propose—for this is leap year you know.

Many papers have published an item stating that February 29 has not come on Saturday for 100 years. This is a great mistake. It came on Saturday in 1896, twelve years ago; it also came in 1808, also in 1840. It will occur again in 1936, 1964, 1992—because 1900 was not a leap year it came on Saturday 1908.

The longest months are not always the most important, as this February bears witness—April has many times been an epochal month in American history, but February stands out as a birth month of noted men in many places. The list of these is too large to be given in full here, but a few important names may be noted. First of all comes our esteemed friend, Mr. G. Hog, who, if not born on February 2, at least made his appearance on that day, hunting a shadow; and when he found it, instead of staying with it, he went back into his hole to think it over, leaving the rest of the world to shiver for six more weeks.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the greatest of all American poets, chose this shortest of months to be born in, as did Li Hung Chang of China, whom General Grant called the greatest man of all Asia. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are easily the two most noted Americans and their birthdays, February 22, and February 12, have become national holidays, and are known to almost every child in our public schools. Nor must we forget St. Valentine, to whom February 14, has been held sacred in so many serious comic ways.

Take the month just passed it has been a normal one; the month a year ago, the mean was 28; so in 1908 it was 28. In 1906 the thermometer went to 5 below zero while in 1907 we had four consecutive days that the needle went below zero, the coldest being 12 below on the 5th. This was the coldest day of the winter of 1906-7. The coldest day of the winter thus far of 1908, was 1 degree below zero on February 1, and 1 below zero on January 29th.

As a general rule we have the coldest winter weather in February at this place, and more continuous cold prevails. It is rare indeed for the thermometer to remain above zero, and this occurred but ten times since 1856.

No February has ever passed here without some snow fall, and rare indeed that we do not have some rain and sleet, and the month just passed has maintained its record in this respect.

The lowest minimum ever recorded here was 27 below zero on February 13, 1905, and was the coldest February ever recorded here, the mean being 14.75 degrees, while the normal for the month is 28.77—the mean for month of 1908 was 28 degrees.

Red birds and robins were out rehearsing their songs on the 6th and 25th.

We have had warmer days in February than any in the month just passed. These were on February 26, 1896, when the thermometer indicated 79 degrees, and on the 29th 1896, when it was 79.5 degrees.

It is a little curious to see how near the 4th of February falling weather, snow, sleet or rain, occurs, and this has occurred 43 times in the past 53 years; this year, 1908, we had a slight snow with some sleet. This occurred within the week of February 4th, just before, on the date of the 4th, or just a few days after.

The range of the thermometer during the month was:

MIN.	MAX.
9.....49	1.....1
12.....48	2.....0
22.....51	19.....5
23.....48	20.....1
28.....49	21.....6

—This sign preceding the numeral indicates below zero

Mean maximum, 39

Mean minimum, 20

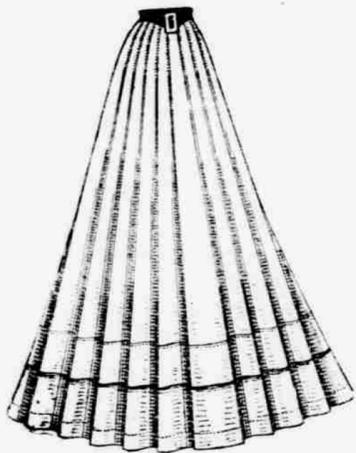
Mean, 28.

Precipitation 1.68; normal is 1.75 inches; snow fall, 7.31 inches; heaviest in 24 hours, 6 1/2 inches on the 18th; normal snow fall is 7 1/2 inches.

—The Presbyterian Aid Society will have a coffee at Mrs. Albert Roecker's, on Friday afternoon, March 13th.

—Everybody around here got their cigar, and in turn gave Tommy Keane the glad hand, and covered him with sincere congratulations—everybody wondered what caused him to be so happy, and while he is ever jolly, he has been especially so for the past week, and when he greeted you with "take a cigar on Mrs. Keane and the Old Man," everybody grasped the situation. Rev. Hobbs on Saturday evening last, Feb'y 29th, made Miss Stella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Rayhill, of Hickory township, and Thomas Keane, husband and wife, the ceremony being in the presence of the groom's mother and at her home. We will wager on the fact that there is not a happier mortal on this earth at this present time than the groom, and we hope the bride is also, and we are satisfied that Grandma Keane is. May the couple live as long as they like, and have whatever they like as long as they live.

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HE GOT HIS MAN.

Deputy Sheriff Gelvin Arrests a House Pilferer in St. Joseph, for Holt County Offense.

Albert Brinson in company with a man and wife named Bradley, arrived at Forest City, Friday last, February 28th, from Wynona, Nebraska, and after looking over the town, left the same evening for St. Joseph. Saturday they were trying to pawn some jewelry at one of the pawn shops, and were soon under the suspicious eye of the police and were finally taken in by them and taken to the police station under suspicion. They were sweated to a fare-you-well, and at last the woman gave way, and "peached" on the outfit.

She told of their having been at Forest City the previous day, and of having stolen a handsome gold bracelet, which they were trying to pawn, from a residence in Forest City, and her description of the property was so accurate, that on being informed by telegram Constable Brady at once went to the home of Richard Taylor, told the particulars, and on examination, Mrs. Taylor found her bracelet was sure enough gone. She gave description, the information given the St. Joseph police, and the description tallied with the bracelet in possession of Brinson. The woman also said that both Bradley and Brinson entered the Taylor house, and were parties jointly to the theft.

Constable Baker swore out a warrant charging Brinson with burglary and larceny, and it was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Gelvin who went to St. Joseph Saturday night and got his man, bringing him here Sunday, and lodged him in jail, where he will stay until circuit court in April.

They were all photographed and measured by the St. Joseph police department; Bradley and the woman being held there, the police believing they belong to the gang that has been pilfering St. Joseph residences. As soon as they are through with them, they will be turned over to the Holt county authorities. Bradley and wife later confessed to having robbed the residence of Mrs. Gaines, of St. Joseph, on December 10, last, securing a lot of feminine equipment.

—Mrs. M. E. Fletcher, who has been spending the winter at Cameron, is visiting her daughters Mrs. Crowell and Mrs. Headley, and also looking after business.

—Little Chastine spent Sunday with Grandpa and Grandma Crowell for the first time; she was accompanied by her papa and mamma, Foster and Jess Crowell.

—Bruce Bullock met with quite a serious accident last week. He was riding horseback when the horse stumbled and fell throwing Bruce in such a way as to break the bones in his ankle.—Forest City News.

—Mrs. Minerva Eiler left Tuesday of this week, for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Boulton, of Woodward, Oklahoma. She will remain until some time in next May. Miss Gusta Upperman, has gone to Kulo, Nebraska, where she will make her home for quite an extended period with her sister, Mrs. Cass Jones. Mrs. Eiler's son, Matt, accompanied her but will return at once to Oregon.

—W. H. Alkire, of Forest City, is in St. Joseph this week, serving as a grand juror in the United States district court. James R. Brown of this city, is serving as a petit juror.

—James T. Howell and family have moved into the Coeman sisters' property, in the western part of the city. The J. H. Lark residence, vacated by them is now occupied by J. S. Coe and family.

—Mrs. G. W. Zeller, of Marion, Kansas, who was called here by the death of her father, Bishop Coston, of Clay township, recently, visited here for a few days last week, the guest of her stepson, County Clerk, Zeller. She returned to her home, Sunday last.

—W. R. Adams, who in the Greenback party days, was a resident of Forbee township, and quite conspicuous as a leader of that party in the congressional district, died at Seattle, Washington, Friday February 21, 1908. The body was brought to St. Joseph for interment. Obituary next week.

—Rev. Walton on Sunday last, March 1, 1908, spoke the words that made Proctor V. Scott and Miss Nate Cole, both of Forest City, husband and wife, the ceremony being performed at the home of the groom's brother, John Scott, of this city. They are excellent young people and we wish them abundant happiness and prosperity all through a long life.

—Anna Curry entertained the "Fudge Crowd" with a chafing dish luncheon, at her home on Friday evening, February 28, 1908. It was in honor of her nineteenth birthday. Covers were laid for five and the only regret of the evening was that, five of the crowd were absent. Those present were, Mary Zook, Blanche Markland, Dale Zeller, Trot King, and the hostess.

—Ed. Watson has a company of boys at his house now—that is if "two's company" as that old saying goes.—The second son arrived last Monday, March 2nd, Dr. Evans and Mrs. E. N. Headley were invited to be present and help entertain the young gentleman, and they say they had a right nice time, and after the usual congratulations they left, after wishing Ed many happy returns of the same.

—Everett King, we are informed, will sever his connection with the firm of Kreek & Hasness, and will go back to the farm to assist his father. Everett is a good salesman, and has the making of a good merchant in him, and we believe would be wise to remain in the store, but he or his parents may think differently, so we'll let it go at that. Miss Rosa Noelsch has accepted a permanent position in this store and will be there regularly hereafter. Frank Castle will also assist, commencing work next Monday.

—Believers in the ancient superstition that the March which comes in like a lion goes out as a lamb, and vice versa, will look forward to a real taste of winter weather at the passing of the third month of the year. While Sunday was a lamb-like day, there was a suspicion all day long that the rain making elements were about to turn themselves loose and give the town a good old fashioned soaking. Up to that time for several days the weather sharps had been promising rain or snow, but something slipped somewhere and the storms passed us by. However we look for it this week some time—by the 8th anyway.

THEY ARE PASSING.

Another School Year Has Passed at Highland.

It has been the custom of the patrons for more than a quarter of a century to meet together on the last day of each school year about the noon hour, and to have with them well filled baskets. This year has been no exception, as we had one of the largest gatherings ever held at Highland. Nearly all came out and we feel quite sure each one had a good time, and think we are safe in saying Miss Zeller and her pupils enjoyed the occasion too.

Two long tables were spread and were loaded down with good things too numerous to mention. One was surrounded by our teacher and pupils, and the other by patrons and visitors. After all had feasted the tables were cleared away, and the remainder of the noon recess was spent visiting and having a general good time.

After school was called, we were favored by a short, but good program, by Miss Zeller and her pupils, after which a few of the patrons made short talks. We were somewhat disappointed by not having our general mail carrier and his wife and also Mr. and Mrs. Zeller, with us.

We wish to say in conclusion that Miss Dale Zeller has taught us a good school. She was faithful and used every effort to make her work a success, and we know by the way the patrons came out that her work has pleased them, and we feel sure our board or any school board would do well and make no mistake to procure her services for the coming school year.

A PATRON.

About Completed.

Bridge Commissioner Morris informs us that of the 16 bridges contracted for by the county last June, twelve have been completed, and the remaining four will soon be. With the exception of six the bridges are all steel and were contracted for at a total of \$3,640 or about \$297 each. Those completed are the following:

- 22-foot span at residence of E and O Atkins, two miles north-east of New Point.
- 26-foot span at the Albert Louck's farm, six miles east of Mound City.
- 35-foot span at the Matt Davis farm, 5 1/2 miles southwest of Maitland.
- 20-foot span, wood, at mouth of Mill Hollow, two and one half miles northwest of Craig.
- 26-foot span at residence of Hiram True, four miles northwest of Craig.
- 24-foot span at David Wilson's farm, three miles northeast of Mound City.
- 26-foot span at mouth of Kunkel's branch, near Leach's mill on Nodaway.
- 24-foot span, wood, at James Cordrey's, six miles southeast of Oregon.
- 22-foot span, wood, one-fourth mile west of Highland school house, seven miles southeast of Oregon.
- 20-foot span, wood, at residence of John Ferbrache, nine miles southeast of Oregon.
- 24-foot span, wood, one mile west of Duncan's mill, and 12 miles northeast of Oregon.
- 28-foot span at the Widow Meek farm, three miles northwest of Oregon.
- 24-foot span, wood, at Art Callows farm, four miles north of Oregon.

Educational Notes.

The next regular teachers' examination will be held in Mound City, on Feb. 28th and 29th. The order of the subjects will be:

First Day—Geography, Grammar, Algebra, Spelling, Language, Arithmetic, Literature

Second Day—Reading, Civil Government, U. S. History, Science, Physiology, Pedagogy, Advanced History.

A plan has been proposed to the Boards of Education of the High Schools of the county, that they offer a free scholarship to the pupil of the rural schools of their respective townships, who receives the highest average grade in the examination to be given some time in April. Some of the schools have decided to offer this.

The teachers of the rural schools who have pupils who are qualified to take this examination, should send me their requests for final questions. I feel that it will be better for the teacher to give this examination, grade the papers, and then send them to me for inspection. The pupil receiving the required grade, 80, will receive a High School entrance certificate, signed by the State Superintendent of schools, the county commissioner and the teacher of the district. This would admit them to any High School in this state.

I feel sure that all the High Schools will offer at least free tuition for one year to the pupil in their township receiving the highest grade.

Geo. W. REAVIS,
County School Commissioner.

—The Exodus school closed its six month's term on February 21st, and from what we can learn it was a very successful term under the control of Miss Maymie Greece as teacher. She gave most excellent satisfaction to both patrons and pupils. We are sorry to learn that since the close of school she has been quite sick with la grippe, and is still confined to her bed. We hope for a speedy recovery.

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—Miss Selma Kahn, of Bigelow township, who has been so long sick with typhoid fever at Kansas City, is now convalescing, and it is thought will be able to return to her home in a week or two.

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—It's a long way off, but it's coming just the same with a whoop. The Craig reunion this year will be held August 19, 20 and 21. The executive committee is already at work "doin' some planin'."

—Pupils in the rural schools which are closing now or within the next month or so, should continue their work in the Oregon public schools. Parents will find the work exactly suited for their children.

—After answering a string of questions before a jury down in Bates county, a witness volunteered: "Gentlemen of the jury, before we proceed any further I want to state most emphatically that I am for Bryan for president."