

### BURKE IN OMAHA JAIL

#### Murderer of Coplee and Wife Brought to This City for Safe Keeping.

#### SAYS DESERVES TO BE BURNED AT STAKE

#### Expresses Relief That is What Would Happen if Taken Back to Fender.

#### WANTS TO SEE MOTHER BEFORE HE DIES

#### Can Offer No Explanation of Why He Committed the Crime.

#### CAPTURED BY CITY MARSHAL AT HOOPER

#### First Taken to Fremont and from There Transferred to the County Jail in Omaha for Safe Keeping.

At midnight last night Fred Burke, who killed Farmer W. L. Coplee and wife near Rosalie, Thurston county, was placed in the Douglas county jail. He was brought to Omaha from Fremont on the Union Pacific flyer which arrived here at 11:30 o'clock. He was in charge of Sheriff Bauman of Fremont and the sheriff of Thurston county, who were accompanied by a deputy. The prisoner was in irons and was closely watched. On the way to Omaha he freely confessed his crime to the officers but would give no reasons for committing the atrocious. He said: "I fully realize the enormity of what I have done, and I know I ought to be burned at the stake, and that's probably what I would get if I should be taken back to Fender. The only request I have to make is to be allowed to live long enough to see my poor mother who resides in Denver. Then I am willing to take my medicine."

Burke is a smooth-faced, boyish looking fellow, rather underweight. He was so lame last night that he could not walk without assistance. He was in his bare feet when he committed the murder and made him the rough country without shoes. The great toe on his left foot was almost cut off, although the man said he didn't remember how he cut it. He is an inveterate cigar smoker. He was dressed in overalls and a blue woolen shirt.

When the train reached Omaha the officers remained in their seats until after the passengers had time to leave, and when the coast was clear the prisoner was taken to the Jones street stairway to the viaduct, handcuffed and chained to an officer on either side of him, with a deputy walking close behind. The party boarded a Harney street car without attracting attention and went direct to the county jail. An extra policeman was sent to guard the prisoner, the second time inside the jail, but only chewing tobacco and cigar "makings" were found on him. These he was allowed to keep.

When asked by a Bee reporter why he had committed such atrocious he hung his head and muttered:

"I don't know."

Burke was left on him and was put in the solitary confinement cell.

#### Captured at Hooper.

HOOPER, Neb., May 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Burke, the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Coplee near Rosalie, was arrested here at noon by Marshal Crawford. He stayed last night at the farm of George Williams of Rosalie north, and exhibited a large roll of bills. He walked into town today. He was limping and was helped over the new bridge just north of town. Charles Durgie, foreman of the Standard Bridge company, had read a description of the murderer, suspected the man and notified Sheriff Bauman, who called him to the farm of Emil Christensen, twelve miles north of Hooper. He claimed he hurt his left foot harrowing yesterday. He was perfectly cool and collected, answered questions promptly and gave his family history in an unobtrusive manner. He was taken to a physician's office, where the foot was dressed. A large crowd gathered, but he was not excited. When searched he had only a few dollars in his pocket and carried no weapons.

Sheriff Bauman arrived at 2 o'clock. After a close examination he felt satisfied that he was the murderer. Felix Gallagher and another citizen of Rosalie, both personally acquainted with Burke, arrived at 4 o'clock. They were taken to the county jail, where they broke down and confessed the crime. Burke was taken to Fremont this evening in an automobile and will be held in the Dodge county jail for safe keeping.

#### Confesses to Crime.

BANCROFT, Neb., May 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Information received from Hooper at 4 o'clock this afternoon told of the capture of Fred Burke, the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coplee. It was said that Burke admitted the killing, but refused to give any details of motive for the crime. Sheriff Bauman of Fremont took Burke to Fremont in order to avoid any possible violence to the prisoner. The capture was effected by Town Marshal M. E. Shipley of Hooper.

#### No Motive for Crime.

FR. MONT, Neb., May 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Bauman went to Hooper early this afternoon and brought back with him the murderer of the Coplees near Lyons. The murderer was arrested in a Hooper saloon by Marshal Crawford. The murderer confessed the crime and admitted that he had gone under an assumed name several times, but declared it was for no special reason in particular. He was formerly called Ed Burke he said. His mother lives with a married sister at 530 Cook street, Denver. The confession which Sheriff Bauman who has become somewhat of an expert in the business, word from him, was substantially as follows: "I didn't have any reason for killing Coplee and his wife. They were both good to me, but I was sobering up from an awful drunk and when I went to get up in the night to vomit I went out doors and met Coplee coming to the house with the carter. I shot the shotgun and fired at him and he fell. He hollered and I shot again. Then I hardly know what happened, although I remember of shooting Mr. Coplee when she came out of the house. Then I went and stayed in the saloon all night in the morning about 3 o'clock. I think when I went to the barn, took a mule and rode away. I got awful scared and nervous, and stayed as long as I could at the house after killing Mr. and Mrs. Coplee.

"I had nothing against either of them, and I never had a cross word with them. We were good friends. Mr. Coplee brought home two pint bottles of whiskey Saturday night, and it was this that made me so sick and crazy."

Higgins denied absolutely that he had any motive whatever in the double murder. "I liked them both," he said, "and I never

### SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Wednesday, May 15, 1907.

1907	MAY	1907
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### THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Warmer Wednesday and Thursday. Partly cloudy Wednesday, warmer in west portion; Thursday fair and warmer.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	37	1 p. m.	57
6 a. m.	37	2 p. m.	57
7 a. m.	37	3 p. m.	57
8 a. m.	37	4 p. m.	57
9 a. m.	37	5 p. m.	57
10 a. m.	37	6 p. m.	57
11 a. m.	37	7 p. m.	57
12 m.	37	8 p. m.	57
		9 p. m.	57

### DOMESTIC

London grain dealers attribute rise in price of wheat to shortage of crop in all foreign countries. Dealers, while admitting extensive damage, say much of the advance is due to speculation. Chicago market sells off on extensive profit-taking, but later buying movement sends price up again. Prof. Wilson of the University of Kansas reports that the parameter of wheat has been distributed in a killing green bush.

Ten talesmen are passed by both sides in the Haywood trial and as soon as two more are secured the peremptory challenges will begin. It is confidently asserted that the jury will be completed by Saturday.

### UNION

Union Pacific orders work of building Athol cut-off resumed at once.

### NEBRASKA

Fred Burke, who murdered Mr. and Mrs. Coplee near Rosalie, is captured by the city marshal at Hooper and is taken to the Fremont jail. He admits his identity and also committing the crime.

Freight men of the various roads seek to convince the State Railway commission a cut of 15 per cent in freight rates would be too much. Commissioners are noncommittal. State Board of Assessments slight increase in Pullman company valuations.

Steamer Omaha, en route up the river, blown onto a sandbar near Nebraska City.

Bruce Murray is on trial at Tekamah for the murder of H. E. Austin. Weather bureau reports a continued deficiency in both temperature and moisture for the season.

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### TEN TALESMEN ARE PASSED

#### Good Progress is Made in Selecting Jury for Haywood Case.

#### FIFTY VENIEMEN NOT YET EXAMINED

#### When Two More Jurors Are Passed Peremptory Challenges Will Begin

#### Haywood Advises Counsel Frequently.

BOISE, Idaho, May 14.—Substantial progress toward the formation of a jury to try William D. Haywood for the alleged murder of Frank Steenberg, twice chosen the chief executive of this state, was made on this, the third day of the trial. Selection of talesmen halted for three solid hours over chairs five and six, but once those seats had been filled progress was very good. At adjournment for the day counsel for the defense had completed the examination and temporarily passed the tenth talesman. They had but two more to examine in chief and a reservation to examine, if they desire to exercise the right, two of those temporarily passed today, so that with reasonable progress the twelfth talesman should be passed tomorrow in time to open the first peremptory challenge, "whose exercise marks entry to the final stage of the formation of the jury. Counsel for the state still adhere to the belief that the jury will be completed by Saturday.

Clarence Darrow and Edgar Wilson, for the defense, divided the work of examining talesmen today and their questions took the same wide range outlined by their associates, Mr. Richardson, and freshly sanctioned by Judge Fremont Wood. Mr. Wilson added to the long train of connections, readings, influences and associations that might tend to disqualify a juror, that of membership in the Idaho militia, which at various times has been called upon to quell strikes. The examination, however, failed, however, to disclose any military men among the talesmen.

Mr. Darrow devoted much attention to possible prejudice of prospective jurors, and his attitude and inquiry was earnest to the point of solemnity. He gravely invited each succeeding talesman who passed through his serious scrutiny to the juror side of the court, to state to the court what he honestly said himself if he would care to be tried by twelve men of minds framed like his own.

Two Go Out for Bias.

Two of the original panel—J. J. Waggoner, who figured in the Yost affair, and George Walker—went out for bias, and four of the special venire failed for various reasons to qualify. Two of the latter swore that they were so opposed to circumstantial evidence in a capital case that they would not serve as jurors, although they might prove to be. Another of the special veniremen got off for sickness, but there remain more than fifty of the special venire unexamined and ready to fill vacancies, making the chances of completing the jury from the special venire seem good.

Allen Pridde, the fifth talesman passed by the chief examiner, Deputy Sheriff Roberts, who served him with a summons, had talked with him about the case and particularly about Harry Orchard, whom he had known when a penitentiary guard. An extended and searching examination by Mr. Darrow failed to show that there had been any attempt to improperly influence the prospective juror, and while the defense reserved its rights, it is improbable that the incident will be pursued any further. The incident brought out the first mention of the name of Harry Orchard in open court since the trial began.

Talesman D. W. Henry, who held seat No. 4 after a long and at times amusing colloquy, was examined by Mr. Darrow. He was the part of the defense to have him excused, denied under oath that he had told some of his neighbors in South Boise that Haywood and his associates must be guilty because they were brought back here for trial. This incident is to be the subject of further examination tomorrow.

#### Haywood Takes Active Part.

It was another businesslike session of the court, unmarked by important incident. Counsel bridled occasionally in a manner that indicated the spirit of the battle that is to come, but they continued in harmony and were generally courteous and respectful to one another. Haywood participated to a greater extent than before in the work of his counsel. He consulted most constantly with Messrs. Darrow, Richardson and Nugent, and it was very clear that he was offering suggestions as to the line of argument to be presented by himself as to the men in the box who may be chosen to sit in judgment on his life.

In seeking the removal of Talesman Orin Cole, who is not in good health, Edgar Wilson, for the defense, made the suggestion that the trial would occupy several weeks and possibly several months. The ten men who have been examined and passed for cause by both sides are, in the order given:

L. Ewing, carpenter; William Van Orsdale, grocer; Samuel D. Gilman, farmer; Walter Shaw, farmer; Allen Pridde, farmer; D. W. Henry, carpenter; George M. McIntyre, farmer; W. N. Rudes, farmer; Orin Cole, mining man, and W. W. Biely, real estate and insurance agent.

#### FIRST DAY OF RUFERT TRIAL

Session Spent in Considering Motion for Change of Venue.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—The first day of the Ruffert extortion case with twelve jurors in the box brought only a small audience to Judge Dunne's court room this afternoon.

Attorney Hiram Johnson, for the people, filed an affidavit against a change of venue. After the affidavit had been submitted Attorney Ach, for the defendant, objected to this procedure on the ground that the affidavit was not filed in time, and according to the popular belief about this case, the court overruled the objection. Ach took an exception and gave notice that he would file a counter affidavit and asked the court to adjourn until tomorrow morning.

An adjournment was granted, after Judge Dunne had instructed the jurors to return to their homes about this case, refusing or having anyone read to them newspaper accounts of the trial. Judge Dunne said the trial must proceed tomorrow.

The trial jurors are as follows:

John H. Numbrell, fruit dealer; W. D. Knights, cashier; Clarence Coleman, real estate dealer; Gustav Wormsart, wholesale grocer; John C. Cavanaugh, furniture dealer; Edwin E. Liddle, property owner; Phillip E. Lynch, fuel and feed merchant; F. A. Heller, wine merchant; Edward Hughes, special policeman; Harry A. Harvey, retired civil engineer; James Hagan, undertaker; Henry A. Tuler, retired box manufacturer.

### TAFT WILL PUSH THE FIGHT

#### Foraker's Claim to Control of Party Machinery in Ohio to Be Tested.

COLUMBIA, O., May 14.—For the present, at least, the probability of a spectacular pitched battle between the Taft and Foraker-Dick factions in this state has passed. The fight is still in progress, however, and the indications now are that it will terminate only with the retirement from public life of either Senator Foraker or Secretary Taft.

Today Chairman Walter F. Egan of the republican state central committee, called off the meeting of that body, which was to have been held here, and arranged for the dispatch of the following members of the committee to Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of securing the consent of the party for the meeting to be held in that city.

The meeting of the committee was to have been held at Columbus on Saturday, but it was postponed until tomorrow, and was so suddenly called off last night by Senator Dick. The Foraker people have all along claimed that the control of the party machinery was in their hands and there was an urgent desire among many of the followers of Secretary Taft throughout the state that the time had come to prove the accuracy of this assertion.

Chairman Brown declared if a special meeting is desired later it can be called at any time.

In the meantime the Taft forces are about to push matters. They are to "smoke out" the leading officers of the state, and invite them to indicate where they stand for Taft or Foraker. After this part of the program has been carried out a meeting of the state central committee may be called and its members will be given an opportunity to declare themselves.

The republican organization of this county today adopted Taft resolutions. The county committee was called together for the purpose of formulating instructions to the Columbus delegates to Senator Dick's conference. When the conference was called off it was decided to endorse Taft anyhow.

### OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT CRO

#### London Dealers Attribute Rise to Prospect of World-Wide Shortage.

#### BERLIN TAKES A DIFFERENT VIEW

#### Much of Advance is Attributed to Manipulation by Speculators—Slight Reaction in Chicago Market.

LONDON, May 14.—The European wheat situation, according to the generally accepted view here, resolves itself into questions of supply and demand. It is explained that it is not speculation alone which has brought about the present high prices. The situation has been strongly influenced by buying for the foreign demand. Germany has been purchasing Australian and Argentine cargoes for nearly six weeks, the shortness of stocks in that country being caused to some extent by selling considerable quantities of both rye and wheat to Russia, as last year's Russian crop suffered damage. Germany, therefore, must now get about 200,000 bushels more before the end of July this year than it did during the same period last year. This fact is remarked here as mainly instrumental in causing the squeeze, because river Platte shipments are required by the United Kingdom, Germany and the Mediterranean, especially Italy.

It is also acknowledged that considerable damage has been done to the winter crops in Germany, Roumania, Hungary and along the Danube, extending to about 60 per cent. One Bulgarian report says that in places it is about 80 per cent.

From all Europe, France excepted, the advices are unfavorable. The Russian crop is not only bad, but the political uncertainty in that country is also having a depressing effect on trade. The millers have been keeping down stocks to the lowest points possible, living from hand to mouth, expecting a drop in prices.

Cold weather in Great Britain also to some extent helps the advance.

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### ELECTION DAY IN AUSTRIA

#### Indications that Clericals, Agrarians and Poles Will Control the Lower House.

VIENNA, May 14.—The elections held today throughout Austria under the extended suffrage, for members of the lower house of Parliament, passed off, as a general thing, very quietly. The regulations of the new suffrage law worked admirably and prevented the disorders which have characterized previous contests.

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### MORE VIOLENCE IN 'FRISCO

#### Passengers and Strikebreakers on Street Cars Are Attacked by Members of Mob.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 14.—Today was the worst day of violence in the street since the strike broke out. The forenoon passed with little disturbance, but throughout the hours of the afternoon, from 12 o'clock until 7, stones flew on Mission street, from Fifth to Twenty-fourth, a distance of about three miles. Though nearly 100 policemen, few of them mounted, were out, the riotous mob, which included Hungarians, Russians and the Danube districts also endured severe cold, while the spring wheats have been retarded by the abnormal temperatures. All parts now complain of the excessive heat, and even in France it is not certain whether the crops will turn out as well as anticipated. The critical period is now approaching. In the event of the prospects being unfavorable the French merchants would be obliged to import from the United States. The European requirements have been important this year, with low yields, while the small supplies received from India leave the United States apparently master of the situation. The market here this afternoon was calmer on realizing.

### GIRLS MAKE SERIOUS CHARGE

#### Accuse Casper Parties of Enticing Them Into an Immoral Resort.

CASPER, Wyo., May 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Kate Gessner and Midget Gessner, whose home is in St. Louis, Mo., have brought a serious charge against several parties in Casper, alleging that they were enticed away from their home and into a house of ill repute in Casper. George F. Robinson, Fay Hovey, Eddie Hovey and Ed Earl are the parties accused, and their trial has been continued to June 5. Robinson pleaded guilty to conducting a house of ill repute and was fined today. Robinson was placed under \$1,000 bond to appear in answer to the charge of enticing the Gessner girls into his place, and Fay Hovey was placed under a bond of \$500. The other parties could not be found.

### FILE BIG BLANKET MORTGAGE

#### J. I. Case Company Issues Bonds for Extension of Trade.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 14.—A blanket mortgage for \$2,000,000, covering all the real estate holdings of the J. I. Case Thrusting Machine company in the United States, was filed here today, running to the First Trust and Savings bank of Chicago.

It is announced that the instrument is to secure a bond issue to be used for developing and extending the company's trade, with special reference to the Canadian and foreign fields. Properties covered are in Minneapolis, Racine, Des Moines, Fargo, Kansas City, Dallas, Tex., Lincoln and Oklahoma City.

### LAHOMA MUDDLE GROWS

#### Junction May Cause Another Session of Constitutional Convention.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Governor Frantz of Oklahoma and the delegation from that state which are in Washington, in conference with Chairman Sherman and members of the republican congressional committee regarding the constitution adopted for the new state, late tonight received a telegram announcing that a permanent injunction was granted by Judge Pancoast at Alva, Okla., today in the Woods county case, restraining the governor, constitutional convention and county officers from calling an election prior to November, 1908. J. L. Haman, the republican state chairman of Oklahoma, who announces an appeal will be taken to the supreme court, tonight telegraphed members of the state legislative committee calling a meeting for May 25 to decide what action shall be taken regarding the holding of a state convention.

The result of Judge Pancoast's decision, it is announced tonight by the delegation, may be that the constitutional convention may have to again assemble to make certain changes in the state constitution recently adopted. Chairman Haman sent messages to the county chairmen recommending that no caucuses or conventions be held until after the meeting of the republican state executive committee.

### VIGOROUS DENIAL FROM DIAZ

#### Mexican President Says Report Published in New York Makes Him Appear to Be a Fool.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 14.—The representative of the Associated Press who received in special audience by President Diaz, and his attention called to a telegram from New York, saying that he favored a federation of Central American states with a joint protectorate over them by the governments of Mexico and the United States. President Diaz denied that he had made such a statement to any newspaper man, adding that he hoped that the Associated Press would correct the same or else "it would seem to the world that the president of Mexico was a fool."

He said that last Saturday the American ambassador, Hon. David E. Thompson, called upon him with two gentlemen, both Americans, one a mining man in northern Mexico, and the other a representative of a New York newspaper. They were accompanied by some one who acted as interpreter, and President Diaz, in his address to the congress, said that he had been told by the mining man that the Associated Press was doing some work in connection with the federation of Central American states, but that he was not sure of the exact details.

The president today stated that in the interview of last Saturday turning on the Central American situation, he had his interviewers who would never go to war with Guatemala unless there was some strong reason for it, making war necessary, and even these reasons would have to be such as would appeal to the nations of the world; but, on the other hand, Mexico could not tolerate any slight from Guatemala or any other nation. He added in his conversation to the gentlemen last Saturday, that the extradition of the parties demanded from Guatemala was because of their implication in an act of assassination in this city. Guatemala, he said, excused itself under the treaty existing between Mexico and that country, but the excuse was scarcely valid.

### WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

#### Lead Withdrawn from Settlement in Wyoming to Be Restored to Entry.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Rural free delivery carriers appointed for Nebraska routes: Arcadia, route 1, William P. Condit, carrier, Florence, Neb.; substitute, Gilbertson, route 2, Gustav Iverson, carrier, Emma Iverson, substitute.

Christine Taylor has been appointed postmaster at Bangor, Walworth county, South Dakota, vice M. A. Burns, resigned.

Upon the recommendation of congressmen August Dr. J. W. Davis has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Waukon, Ia., vice Dr. S. C. Myers, resigned.

On July 2, next, there will become subject to settlement, but not to entry filing of sections until August 1, 1908, 200,000 acres of land now temporarily withdrawn for forestry purposes, and adjoining the Medicine Bow national forest reserve in Wyoming within the Cheyenne land district.

### HOME TO BREAK THE NEWS

#### Syracuse Merchant's Son is Returning with His Japanese Bride.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 14.—Horace N. Lavine, son of a wealthy shoe merchant of Syracuse, N. Y., passed through here yesterday with his Japanese bride on his way home to break the news of his marriage to his parents. Mrs. Lavine is reported to be very wealthy. She speaks no English.

Lavine enlisted in the First Tennessee volunteers and was in the Boxer troubles with the Ninth infantry.

### OFFICIALS ADMIT ROBBERY

#### Citizens' Bank Robbed Under Extremely Suspicious Circumstances.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 14.—Officials of the Citizens' bank of North Topeka admitted today that the safe had been entered some time between last Saturday night and Monday morning and robbed of \$10,000, half of it in gold and the balance in currency. No explosives were used, but the safe combinations were worked. Suspicious circumstances surrounded the robbery and the bank officials hint at sensational arrests within a few days.

### SNOW AND REAL COLD

#### Genuine Winter Weather Prevails Over Nebraska and Adjoining States.

#### MERCURY RANGES ABOUT FREEZING POINT

#### Omaha Gets Severe Temperature, but Only a Touch of the Snow.

#### FORECASTER'S RECORDS ALL ARE SMASHED

#### Vegetation of Every Sort Suffers and Much Garden Truck Ruined.

#### REPLANTING NECESSARY IN MANY CASES

#### Unprecedented Weather Extends Over This State and Hits Kansas, Iowa, Wyoming, Colorado and Dakota.

Omaha, light snow. Lincoln, cold and windy; snowing very hard. Beatrice, cold and windy; snowing very hard. Fremont, cold and windy; light snow. Columbus, cold; snowing very hard. Grand Island, snowing very hard. Norfolk, cold and windy; heavy north wind. Sioux City, cold; misting. Oakland, cold and windy. West Point, cold and windy; probably snow.

Weather, snow. Hastings, cold and windy; slight snow; temperature 22 degrees. Holdrege, very cold and windy; no snow. Emerson, cold and windy; no snow. Nebraska City, cool and slight wind; no snow.

Tuesday, May 14, was the kind of day the Oldest Inhabitant Jota down in his memory to spring on the wondering futuro generations. Snow fell in Omaha in the morning and at noon it was coming down fast, but it was so nearly akin to rain and sleet as to make no stand for itself. The record for late spring snow was broken. The temperature ranged from 35 to 38 above zero and the atmosphere was severely penetrating. This touch of winter was general over this section of the state.

The weather was no more a topic of conversation. It was a thing of much importance, not only affecting the feelings of people, but threatening to stunt the crops, which by this time ought to be well on the way to ripening fruit.

The Nebraska Telephone company considered the weather so extraordinary that a special effort was made to get the state of the weather condition at different points in the state. The result was as printed above. Everywhere it was cold and windy and at a number of points a heavy snow was reported. The weather ranged from 35 degrees in Omaha to 22 degrees at Hastings and points below freezing further west in the state.

### WEATHER MAN BUYS

The usual quiet routine of the local weather office was disturbed considerably. Colonel Welsh and his corps of assistants were in a rush all morning taking readings from various instruments, comparing them with readings of other years and putting them down for future reference.

"Talk about winter lingering in the lap of spring!" exclaimed the weather man. "The old fellow is actually trying to stay and make the acquaintance of that winsome damsel, summer. I've no patience with the weather."

The government reports showed snow in the region from Concordia, Kan., as far as Cheyenne. There were killing frosts in the Dakotas, Colorado and Wyoming and heavy frosts in the mountain district. In western Nebraska the temperature was below the freezing point Tuesday morning. The indications are for slowly rising temperature today.

### GARDENS RUINED BY WEATHER

#### Many Must Be Replanted and Omaha is Scarcely of Vegetables.

Omaha may be in a bad way for green garden truck within the next few weeks, for the reason for gardeners from the south is about over and the home grown vegetables are late or nil. Local gardeners had to replant several times and it looks as though most of the garden truck will have to be replanted again. But few gardeners can afford to buy more than twice what it formerly cost at this season of the year. The gardeners say they are not getting one-fourth the green stuff they generally get at this season. There are no home grown peas, beans or radishes.

### KNOW AND COLD OVER STATE

#### Eastern Nebraska and Portion of Kansas in Storm Area.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 14.—Snow began falling in Lincoln and over most of eastern Nebraska at 8 o'clock this morning, with indications favoring a heavy fall. The temperature was 5 degrees above the freezing point at that time.

NORFOLK, Neb., May 14.—Snow began to fall heavily here before noon. The temperature dropped to freezing point.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 14.—Snow flurries occurred here this afternoon, the temperature falling to 25.

KANSAS CITY, May 14.—Over three inches of rain fell here in the south western Missouri and there was a precipitation of over two inches of water in other portions of Missouri and in southwestern Kansas, with a light fall of rain all over Kansas and throughout