

WEATHER FORECAST:
Tonight and Thursday, rain or
snow, warmer.

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LOCAL WHEAT QUOTATIONS:
Blue Stem 65 1-2 cents f. o. b.
Club, 63 1-2 cents f. o. b.

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MERRIWETHER ON THE STAND

Tells of Hazing and "Running"
At Naval Academy

HE WAS PERSECUTED BY BRANCH

Constant Nagging by the Upper Class-
man Became Unbearable, Resulting
in Fight.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 29.—Merriwether took the stand in his own defense this morning. He said the first time he saw Branch was September 1, 1904, when the upper classmen returned from a cruise. Merriwether was living on the Santee and Branch was sent aboard as a prisoner for five days for an offense on the cruise. The witness said Branch made himself as offensive as possible. He said Branch began to run and nag him a great deal. He explained the difference between running and hazing by saying that hazing meant forcing physical exercise, of which he could stand any amount, but running meant doing personal things that could not be tolerated. He recited a long tale of constant persecutions and nagging by Branch. Merriwether said that he was hurt and grieved beyond expression. He said: "I think Branch was indeed more fortunate in going to sleep not to wake up any more, than to be in my place, and live after this deplorable affair."

"Under vigorous cross-examination Merriwether's testimony was unshaken. The boy was frankly honest in his repetition of his story of his relations with Branch."

KING FROST PACKS HIS GRIP

TAKES TO THE WOODS IN FRONT
OF A FIERCE CHINOOK
TODAY.

Settlers Along Mountain Streams
Fear High Water—December Data
is Issued.

Old King Frost packed his grip and took to the woods about 11 o'clock last night when a merry chinook came sailing down out of the mountains and proceeded to lick up huge chunks of the beautiful and put the ice king out of commission for the time being. The chinook that played a merry tune around the street corners today and whisked off hats and downed shaky fences with equal facility was regarded with considerable suspicion by the old timers. The wind was there with the speed but there was a chilliness in the air that threatened for a time this morning to tie up the chinook tighter than a gambling layout after a moral crusade.

Like Thief in the Night.

King Frost capitulated along about midnight while decent folks were fast asleep. The advance guard of the chinook in the shape of a few soft zephyrs floated from the mountains and set the ice circles adrip. The gentle zephyrs gradually lengthened out to an eight-mile-an-hour gale which came stronger and stronger until a speed of 28 miles an hour was attained. The temperature rapidly mounted from 18 degrees to 40 and the battle between King Frost and the chinook was on, with the odds in favor of the chinook. Pavements and sidewalks were soon afloat and this morning when the citizens ventured out tiny rivulets were coursing merrily along the low spots and the mountains south of the city were beginning to show a dirty black.

May be High Water.

Residents along Mill creek and the Walla Walla look for a rise of all streams if the deep snow in the moun-

tains go off with a rush. Back in the timber the snow is from 18 inches to two feet deep and high water is looked for if all this snow goes off within a day or two.

December Weather.
Observer Newman issued data for the month of December this morning as follows:

Mean or normal temperature, 37 degrees; warmest December that of 1890 with an average of 43 degrees; coldest that of 1898, with an average of 29 degrees; highest temperature recorded, 64 degrees on the 5th in 1900; lowest, 2 degrees below zero on the 12th, in 1898; average precipitation, 2.06 inches; average number of days with .01 of an inch or more precipitation, 14; greatest monthly precipitation, 4.41 inches in 1886; least monthly precipitation, .89 of an inch in 1894; greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours, 1.37 inches on the 3rd and 4th, in 1902; average number of clear days, 3; partly cloudy, 12; cloudy, 16; prevailing direction of the wind, from the south; average velocity, 5.8 miles an hour; highest velocity, 45 miles, from the southwest, on the 29th, in 1891.

New Locomotives for the B. & O.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 29.—The Baltimore & Ohio railroad is now receiving at the rate of two a day, the first of the lot of 210 new consolidation freight locomotives, seventy of which are being built at the Richmond, Va., and 140 at the Schenectady, N. Y., works of the American Locomotive company. This order was placed the latter part of last April, in connection with an order for 35 passenger locomotives, five switching engines and ten thousand freight cars, at an aggregate cost of about \$14,000,000. It will give the road better and larger equipment than ever before in its history.

Ghost Trust Formed.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 29.—The trust germ has invaded even the realm of ghosts. There was incorporated at Madison yesterday the Mediums' Protective association. The incorporators propose to issue to the mediums a working card which will authorize them to interview spirits and receive and transmit messages so long as they live up to the rules of the association. At present the association is limited to fourteen members, all but two of whom reside in this city. Those applying for admission will be examined by members.

It is explained that this course has become necessary owing to the number of "fake" mediums.

Boston Jews Celebrate.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 29.—Faneuil Hall will this evening be the scene of one of the largest gatherings or representative Jews ever held in this city. The meeting has been called to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in the United States. Mr. Lee M. Friedman is at the head of the committee in whose charge the meeting will be and there will be a large number of prominent Jews from this and other cities in the east present, who will deliver addresses on the historical and economical importance of the event, which is celebrated.

NINE MEN DROWNED IN WRECKED VESSEL

Steamer Mataafa Is Rapidly Going to
Pieces on Shore of Lake
Superior.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 29.—The Mataafa is pounding to pieces and ice is rapidly forming around the vessel. Her stern is caved in and her sides are slowly giving away. The names of the lost are:

William Most, chief engineer.
Claude Farringer.
James E. Turner, second engineer.
William Gilchrist.
Carl Carlson.
Henry Wright.
Walter Bush, fireman.
Two deckhands, names unknown.

All the remainder of the crew were saved early today. The entire engine crew was lost. The steamer Edinburg is on the rocks.

The Edinburg's second engineer was lost but others of the crew were saved. The vessel is a 500-foot freighter. Her consort, the Mederia, was

FIXED LEGISLATURES WITH INSURANCE FUNDS

LEGISLATIVE AGENTS WERE MAINTAINED

Some Sensational Testimony Given by State Senator
McClellan of Dobbs Ferry Regarding His Con-
nection With Andrew Fields, Insurance
Lobbyist—Other Testimony.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Former State Senator Charles S. McClellan of Dobbs Ferry, was a witness in the insurance investigation this morning.

McClellan told about his 30 years' acquaintance with Andrew C. Field, legislative agent of the Mutual. He said the labor unions had representatives at Albany. He said if Field worked through agents he never did through him. He told of the friendship and personal association of their families at Dobbs Ferry. He occupied a small room in Field's house at the invitation of Field. He declared that Field urged him not to run for the senate, but contributed to his campaign fund. The

witness did not expect money from the Mutual.

A number of vouchers bearing McClellan's signature were shown him. He admitted the signature, but could not recall the significance of its appearance on the vouchers. A number of others were produced to refresh his memory, but they failed to do so.

Senator Armstrong, chairman of the committee, issued a statement to policyholders today urging them not to let their policies lapse as the result of any disclosures made by the investigation. He declares that policyholders are in better condition now than before the inquiry began.

lost. The tow line was cut two hours before the Edinburg struck. Nothing has been heard of her since.

BURTON SENTENCED TODAY GIVEN SIX MONTHS IN JAIL AND MUST PAY A FINE OF \$2000.

His Attorneys Will Appeal the Case to
the Supreme Court of the United
States.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 29.—Senator Burton was today sentenced to six months in the county jail and a fine of \$2500. A motion for a new trial was overruled.

A writ of error was acknowledged by the court and a bill of exceptions filed. The motion for a writ of error will act as if a supersedeas were granted. The case will now be passed upon by the United States supreme court.

\$20,000,000 LOSS.

Physician Estimates Ravages of Consumption.

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, Nov. 29.—Twenty million dollars is the estimated economic loss annually to the state of Iowa on account of consumption, according to Dr. E. Luther Stevens of Des Moines.

He made his estimate from census figures. The census of 1890 showed 1830 deaths from tuberculosis; that of 1900 showed 1841. In using 2000 as the inside number who die every year of the disease in Iowa, Dr. Stevens believes his estimates are conservative. For each person who dies, four are infected, one fatally, thus creating an endless chain, 3000 today being sufferers from this disease in this state. That is the conclusion also of the board of control. In 1900, smallpox, scarlet fever, appendicitis, croup, peritonitis, diphtheria and typhoid fever killed 1411. Tuberculosis alone killed 1841. This does not include those who left the state for treatment. Dr. Stevens believes that no less than 2500 die every year. Therefore 2000 is a conservative estimate. Yet he says, it is a preventable disease.

The adjudicated value of a human life is \$5000. If 2000 die, the economic loss to the state is \$10,000,000. This does not include two years' loss in earning capacity. Take it another way. The average age at which consumptives die is 37.4 years. According to the mortality tables, then the expectancy is 30 years. Of these, certainly twenty-five would be full of earning capacity. Counting 300 days at earning capacity of \$1 a day there is a loss

of \$7,500 for each individual who dies. As there are 2000, the annual loss is \$15,000,000. But the average duration of the disease is three years.

The first year the victim's earning capacity is decreased, the second it is cut off, the third it is gone and he has to have the services of one or two wage earners to attend him. With the salary the victim loses and the wages the servant who attends him loses, \$1 a day in each case, there is an additional \$1,800,000 to add to the loss. The cost of living at 50 cents a day during the two years of inactivity, the doctor's fee, the funeral expenses, runs the economic loss for the 2000 cases to \$20,000,000.

Dr. Stevens also turned his attention to the moral losses, which he said were not computable but which were none the less apparent. He also gave some interesting information as to how to prevent the disease, chief among which he said were an early recognition of it; abundant fresh air day and night; plenty of nutritious foods; rest in bed till the fever disappears; carefully regulated exercise; and all under the care of a competent physician. He thought public treatment of the disease the most feasible plan. It is less expensive and has been proved successful wherever tried. Considering the enormous economic loss due to the disease, he believes the state could afford to furnish the statehouse attaches with hotel living and use the capital for a sanatorium.

mayor to veto ordinance again."

Seeking Information.
President Catron announced this morning that the joint meeting of the Commercial club and Walla Walla business men to consider the action of the council in granting a franchise to the Automatic Telephone company will be held at the city hall Monday night at 7.30 o'clock. In the meantime President Catron is securing from other cities where the Automatic company has been granted franchises the terms upon which they were granted, so that all information possible on the subject will be available by Monday night. President Catron is urging upon business men interested in either way in the granting of the Automatic company a franchise in Walla Walla to be present at Monday night's meeting. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Commercial club, but business men and merchants not members of the organization are especially urged to be present.

Kubelik's Fingers Insured.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Jan Kubelik, the famous Bohemian violinist, who is just starting on a concert tour through the United States, is carrying an accident policy of \$50,000 on his fingers, or \$5000 for each finger and thumb. The policy also provides that should Kubelik sustain a temporary injury that would interfere with his playing, the company will pay his manager \$2000 for each concert he misses.

GOVERNOR REFUSED PARDON

E. T. Boucke Will Have to Serve Sentence.

Governor Mead has declined to grant a pardon to E. F. Boucke, whose application was filed August 2, 1905. Boucke was sentenced December 29, 1903, by Judge W. R. Bell of the King county superior court, to 16 years for robbery. The application was urged on the ground that the man, although found guilty by a jury, was innocent.

GRAVE SITUATION FACES RUSSIA

Grave Situation in Russia—All Male
Telegraphers on a Strike—Army
Mutinous.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 29.—All male telegraphers in this city struck today, the women still working. The Moscow operators and the police at Gradne have joined the strike. The revolutionary spirit of the Manchurian army is a serious menace. Fully 100 officers have been arrested for advocating revolutionary doctrines. The number guilty of insubordination is too great to even attempt arrest.

Admiral Choukin, commander of the Black Sea fleet, wires that the mutiny is dying down and most of the mutineers have surrendered. Witte has notified the Zemstvos that he considers it necessary that they appoint a minister of the interior.

Rebels Bombard Sevastopol.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 29.—Advices just received from Sevastopol state that the Black Sea squadron is ready to bombard the city.

RESIDENCE DESTROYED

Snyder House in Watertown Burned
Last Night.

Fire at 11 o'clock last night completely destroyed the dwelling of Philip Snyder in Watertown addition. The family were asleep when they were awakened by the smoke and found the building one mass of flames. An alarm was sent in to the sub-fire station and the big steamer was sent out. Owing to the long distance and the condition of the streets the building was nearly destroyed by the time the firemen arrived. The house was valued at \$700. Most of the furniture was removed from the burning building. Mr. Snyder has a large family and is a hard working man. The loss will be very heavy for him.

Minister Squire Resigns.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—Robert G. Squires, United States minister to Cuba, has resigned. Edwin V. Morgan, minister to Korea, has been appointed to succeed him.

Various objections arising mayor vetoed. Amended ordinance passed November 20, conditions one per cent of gross earnings and 25 phones. One hundred business men have petitioned

FARMER GEORGE ON WARPATH

William Wilson, Young Man,
The Victim

WARRANT OUT FOR GEORGE'S ARREST

Sensation Among State Line People—
Startling Charges are Made by
Mr. George.

William Wilson, son of a prosperous farmer on the Walla Walla river, swore out a warrant in Judge Huffman's court this afternoon for the arrest of G. W. George, a prominent state line farmer, charging that George late yesterday evening held him up with a revolver, a mile west of Walla Walla, and with the butt end of a buggy whip beat him over the body.

Mr. George admits that he chastised Wilson, but claims in self defense that Wilson has destroyed the happiness of his home. According to the story told by Mr. George, yesterday's affair has caused a huge scandal in the state line neighborhood and the complications may terminate in the divorce court.

The trouble yesterday, George says, occurred after he had overtaken Mrs. George and Wilson in a buggy a mile west of the city. He ordered them to stop and commanding Wilson to get out of the buggy, made him hold his hands over his head while he administered punishment. Wilson declares that George used a big revolver as a persuader and this afternoon swore out a warrant for the state line farmer's arrest.

Both Wilson and Mrs. George deny the charges made by Mr. George, claiming that he is insanely jealous without any cause whatever. Wilson is quite prominent in the state line neighborhood and bears an excellent reputation among his acquaintances. The Georges occupy a high social and financial position in their neighborhood.

GERMANY'S LAST WORD ON TARIFF QUESTION

Present Tariff Treaty Will Not be Re-
newed for Even a Short
Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—Secretary Root today received Germany's renunciation of the present tariff agreement when it expires. This is the beginning of a commercial strife with Germany unless this country adopts reciprocity measures.

BOODLING SENATOR IS LODGED IN JAIL

Is Accused of Being Implicated in Same
Scandal as Emmons and
Wright.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Nov. 29.—Former State Senator Frank French of San Francisco, who is accused of being implicated in the legislative boodling operations for which Senators Emmons and Bunkers were sentenced to five years, spent last night in jail and was taken to Sacramento this morning, where he will soon be placed on trial.

French was taken in custody last night because his bondsmen feared he might follow Senator Wright's example and decamp.

Traffic Hindered.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 29.—A heavy snow fall is hindering traffic in the northern portions of Montana.