4,863 POUNDS GO ON HOTTEST DAY

City Statisticians Produce Figures on Losses Occasioned by Heat.

FAT MAN IS NEAR DEATH

Weather Prophet Promises Relief—Thunder Showers for Tonight or Tomorrow.

The city statistician this morning produced figures which estimated that there were 4,863 pounds of avordupois lost yesterday by the obese citizens of Rock Island and that in our fair city there were 24,980 people who belabored the weather man verbally an average of 13.95 times during the day and 7.65 times during the evening, despite the fact that it was Sunday.

It is figured that this breaks all records for 1912 and that it will last. The demon with figures also estimated that the number of words wasted yesterday on the weather, if printed in The Argus and placed end to end, would reach from Seventeenth street and Second avenue to Helena, Mont., and return 871 times; that the time lost, if devoted to business enterprises, would have increased the per capita wealth of every citizen in the city 24 cents, and the wasted language would have converted 521 "Heathen Chinee."

NEAR DROWNING.

These figures themselves are stupendous and give one an idea of the excessive heat of the day. It was so terrific that 18 fat men were seen to lose their smiles and one nearly drowned because he sat too long in one place. The clothes lines in nearly all back yards were working over time and our ponderous citizens are today sending flowers to the weather man, in an endeavor to placate him. One 275-pounder yesterday said that hereafter he intended to read the weather reports religiously and the next time anything like yesterday was predicted he was going to wear a bathing suit instead of his usual "pas" and "jamas."

LARGE CROP OF GROUCHES.

The thermometer yesterday hit 97, the record mark of the year, and with everybody loafing and nothing to distract their minds, the weather produced an unusually large crop of grouches, who made everyone else miserable by their complaints. Four successive Sundays the weather man has ruthlessly ground us under the heel of oppression and one more offense will probably precipitate a near riot. We intend to clean out the ice box and sit in it next Sunday at any rate. Unless the weather bureau is bluffing and predicting some more dry rains, relief is in sight and the wintry blasts will shriek about the corners once more.

PUNISHMENT METED OUT AFTER PLEAS OF GUILT

Following are the fines and jail sentences meted out Saturday forenoon to the 20 county jail inmates who appeared before County Judge R. W. Olmsted and entered pleas of guilty:

Nick Miller, malicious mischief; 10 days in jail and pay costs.

Edward Kellerman, larceny; 30 days and $1 and costs.

William McCluskey, larceny; 30 days and $1 and costs.

Earl Eckard, larceny; 30 days and $1 and costs.

Henry Kinley, larceny; five days and $1 and costs.

Charles Jones, larceny; 20 days and $1 and costs.

George Elliott, malicious mischief; five days and pay costs.

Ray Carlisle, larceny; 60 days and $1 and costs.

Will Kelley, disorderly conduct; $10 and costs, to work out at $1.50 a day.

Walter Pelton, disorderly conduct; $20 and costs, to jail till paid.

Pearl Williams, larceny; 30 days and $1 and costs.

Mollie Vaughn, larceny; 40 days and $1 and costs.

Harry Terrell, larceny; 60 days and $1 and costs.

Emma James, fornication; 10 days and pay costs.

Gustaf Nelson, larceny; nolle prossed by state's attorney.

George Parks, adultery; 30 days and $1 and costs.

Hattie McAnna, disorderly conduct; $5 and pay costs.

Pat McAnna, assault with a deadly weapon; five days and pay costs.

William Ahlers, disorderly conduct; 15 days and pay costs.

LEADS REPUBLICANS IN BADGER STATE

Francis E. McGovern.

Francis E. McGovern, La Follette follower and present governor, heads the republican state ticket in Wisconsin. McGovern is the man whom the Roosevelt forces united upon for temporary chairman at the republican national convention in June. He has championed all progressive measures in the Badger state, and was renominated for the governorship without opposition.

DAVENPORT BOYS MEET FOUL PLAY

One Killed and Another Seriously Injurel at Valentine, Neb.—Were Clubbed.

Intelligence reached Davenport Saturday that a Davenport youth, Paul Sherwood, had been instantly killed, and another Davenport lad, Helmuth Stoltenberg, had been seriously injured, at Valentine, Neb.

Ten weeks ago Paul Sherwood, Helmuth Stoltenberg and Ralph Treft left Davenport for the west and secured work on a ranch at Woodlake, Neb. The latter some weeks ago left his companions and proceeded further west.

From all appearances, the two boys were victims of foul play. Their wounds indicate that they were clubbed. Stoltenberg thus far has been unable to give an account of the affair.

Both the Stoltenberg and Sherwood lads were 17 years old. Helmuth made his home with his aunt, Emma Stoltenberg, 224 Myrtle street, and was employed at the plant of the Brammer Manufacturing company. Paul Sherwood, who met such a terrible death, formerly resided with his mother and sisters at 1449 Leonard street. He was employed all last winter at the Majestic hotel in Rock Island. He is survived by his mother, two brothers, Frank and Eugene Sherwood of Davenport, and a sister, Lillian, of Savanna, Ill.

Both were popular and industrious lads, and have many friends in this city who will be grieved to learn of the sad affair.

Joslin Fair to Open.

The 19th annual fair of the Rock Island County Agricultural association opens tomorrow at Joslin. Big plans have been made for the affair which promises to surpass the previous meetings. There will be the usual exhibits of stock and products and in addition baseball games and horse races besides other amusements galore.

Supervisors Meet Tomorrow.

The September meeting of the county board of supervisors will convene tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The most important business to come up at this time will be the question of submission of a five mill special tax to the voters.

A Japanese Idea.

The late Mutsuhito, emperor of Japan, on an occasion shortly before his death took a railway journey in the northern part of Japan and arrived at his destination half an hour late on account of a slight accident on the road. Next day the manager of the road committed suicide, giving as the reason for his act the fact that his bad management had inconvenienced the emperor. The case attracted a great deal of attention, and some of the leading men of Japan, commenting on the dead man's act, criticised his point of view.

In the eyes of his fellow townsmen, however, his deed was commendable, for they erected a statue in his honor as an ideal exponent of the Japanese conception of loyalty.

A Funny Siamese Custom.

They have a very funny fashion in Siam When an inferior comes into the presence of a superior he throws himself upon the ground. Then the superior sends one of his attendants forward to see whether the prostrate man has been eating anything or has any offensive odor about him. If he be blameless in this respect the attendant raises him from the ground, but if he be guilty the attendant straightway kicks him out.

A Useful Paragraph.

Singleton (reading)—It is said that the last word in an argument is often the most dangerous.

Wedderly—Would you mind letting me have that paper?

Singleton—What do you want it for?

Wedderly—I want to show that paragraph to my wife.

THREE INJURED IN 3 ACCIDENTS

Charles Hudson Forced to Jump for Life, Breaks His Left Leg.

BOY THROWN FROM SWING

A. J. Donnell of Chicago Hurt by Rock Island Train—Foot Is Amputated.

While standing on a string of cars which were being shunted over the tracks to the coal chute of the Rock Island road in the yards at Thirty-first street, Charles Hudson, a switchman for the road, was forced to jump in order to have his life when the string of cars broke. In striking the the ground, he broke his left leg in several places. He was removed to St. Anthony's hospital where the fracture was reduced.

BOY THROWN FROM SWING.

Eleven-year-old Joe Cameron of 515 Twenty-second street, broke his left arm yesterday afternoon while playing with several companions in a Long View park swing. He was removed to his home in the ambulance.

FOOT IS CRUSHED.

A. J. Donnell of Chicago was hit by a Rock Island freight from Peoria Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock and his left foot was so badly smashed that it was necessary to amputate it at St. Anthony's hospital. The accident occured just south of Milan.

Advertised Letters

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Rock Island postoffice for the week ending Sept. 7: Mrs. Bob Armstrong, Miss Maude Adams, Miss Clara Burton, Clifford Bordener, F. W. Beckler, G. Bermett, N. F. Baulo, Mrs. Clarke, Clarence Coffman, Eugenie Correnti (2), Mr. Collem, Myrtle Camplin, Frank Coher, W. C. Carver, H. Chasteen, V. J. Dolan, William T. Davis, William P. Dwyer, Lizzie Ewing, Paul Franchitell (2), Mrs. Cora Firestone, E. Gregg, T. D. Girolams, E. B. Hall, A. H. Hartman, Grace Harper, Miss Bessie Hafer, Mat Hanson, Johnson Sisters, J. Janes, Calvin Hass, William Livingston, Jennie Lewis, Mrs. Nettie Barnum, Miss K. Bradford, Louis Matome, Chester Malloy, Miss Gertrude McCullouch, Misses McDonald, Mrs. Martin MacDonald, Martin MacDonald, Miss Bessie McCoy, Charles E. McGuire, William McCluskey, M. L. McDemid, Jens Nelson, George Olney, Miss Catharine O'Connell, Ernst Ohlweiler, G. E. Peterson, J. F. Potter, Frank Rubel, Merle Reade, Lee Walter Sanders, M. R. Souders, Irene Sanders, Miss Bessie Shepard, Miss Agnes Stewart (2), A. A. Sutton, Mrs. F. Smith, H. Smith, John Sullivan, Charles F. Sanford, Mrs. E. Vermer, John A. Wilkins, Willie Wood (2), James Wyer, Mrs. Anna Williams, W. White. Foreign: Albert Asplund, Make Politarkin.

HUGH A. J. M'DONALD,
Postmaster.

INSURANCE RISKS AT OLD RATINGS

Report of Expert Inspectors as to Condition in Rock Island Favorable.

The Western Underwriter, a publication devoted to insurance, is authority for the statement that Rock Island will remain in the third class as far as insurance ratings go until another readjustment is made in four years. This is the result of the recent inspection tour of E. R. Townsend and J. D. Sunberry, insurance experts. They visited both Rock Island and Moline within the last month and found conditions very satisfactory in this city but were not so well pleased with Moline. As a result of dropping Moline from class three to class four, Moline policy holders will have to pay an aggregate of about $40,000 or $50,000 addition each year on their various kinds of insurance. The Underwriter says in part:

"E. R. Townsend and J. D. Sunberry, inspectors for the Western Union, have completed examinations of Rock Island and Moline, Ill. Rock Island is placed in the third class, while Moline is in class four. The plan which is being adopted in Rock Island of placing fire plugs in the center of the blocks called forth favorable comment from the inspectors."

AUTO AND MOTORCYCLE IN HEAD ON COLLISION

Another evidence of the need of forcing automobile road rules and traffic regulations is the accident which Saturday evening befell William Reinhart of the firm which conducts the Bijou cigar store. His motorcycle and a delivery auto from Schroeder Brothers' meat market collided at the corner of Third avenue and Fourteenth street. Reinhart was thrown to the pavement so violently that the services of a surgeon were required. Had the rules governing the turning of corners been observed, there would have been no collision.

What is Going On at the National Democratic Headquarters

(Special Correspondence of The Argus.)

New York, Sept. 7.—Jacob S. Collins, president of the Real Estate Bank and Trust company of Savannah, Ga., in calling upon the officials at democratic national headquarters, declared there was a new situation in the country that he had never witnessed before.

"The south is democratic, of course," said Mr. Collins. "And I expect it to be democratic for many years to come, but while we are in favor of democracy, we are no longer tied down with the idea that we must vote for a man just because he is a democrat.

"We are in favor of the man and the principle nowadays.

"I have never known the south to be so enthusiastic over a candidate on the democratic ticket in the past score of years as they are over Governor Wilson of New Jersey.

"As an evidence of our enthusiasm, you will find the leading democrats of the south raising money to send on to the national committee. We realize that the democratic committee needs funds and the south is going to do its share in 1912.

"A few days before I left home a business man called at the bank and said he wanted to send $100 to Mr. Rolla Wells, your treasurer; $100 to this man was a good deal of money, for he is not what we would call a well-to-do man. But he said that he felt it his duty to contribute to the national cause, and he sent his check on to New York.

"There are many examples of that kind, and this is a strong indication of what we may expect in November."

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Callers at political headquarters during a campaign are of all sizes, shapes and descriptions. Many of them come from curiosity; some are sure that they have the only plan by which success may be attained. Many have really valuable information and receive all due attention.

It is not often that the various door tenders misjudge the character of the caller, or fail to see that the really important visitors meet the men they desire. But one energetic democratic booster not only fooled all the door tenders, but private secretaries of the various committee heads as well.

This caller was dignified, well groomed, pompous and carried a deep air of mystery with him.

He would give his name, but that was all. He said he had information to impart that was of vital importance to the success of the Wilson and Marshall ticket.

Haughtily he waved aside the secretaries and door tenders and demanded to see the executive heads in person.

So impressive was his manner that the guardians of the portals wavered, and the man stalked into room after room, bowing right and left to the various employes. In a hushed voice he announced:

"I have a slogan that you must print on your letter heads, on your envelopes and you must print millions of circulars. If you follow my plan you will have the entire country rocking with laughter."

And carefully drawing from his pocket a paper, he read the following ribcracking joke that is to start the entire United States laughing:

"An Englishman arriving in this country and meeting me, an American, (here the caller inserts his name) said to me:

"'I am just here from England and not knowing anything about your politics, I want to ask whether or not you have a democratic president.'

"Without the slightest hesitation I replied—'We have not now, but we Wil-son.'"

Nodding his head in approval the caller made his way to the next committee room where he went through the same procedure.

And some people think that it is all fun conducting a presidential campaign.

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Senator Atlee Pommerene of Ohio was a caller at national democratic headquarters on his way to Maine, where he will stump the state in behalf of the democratic ticket.

"Perhaps the public is just as weary of pre-election predictions as I am," said Senator Pommerene.

"A pre-election prediction means nothing nowadays, for as a rule they are so wild and unreasonable that the public has lost all confidence in them. We who are making a special study of political conditions cannot help, however, from giving our best opinion. At least I try to give my best opinion.

"From all the information that I have been able to gather, and I have been exceedingly careful in compiling the data, I want to make just one prediction, and this is the only one I am going to make in the campaign, and that is, Wilson and Marshall will carry Ohio. You can use all the adjectives you please and make this prediction just as strong as you can, for I am as certain as a man can be that Wilson will sweep Ohio.

"Some of my most conservative friends have placed Wilson's majority at 150,000. To be frank, I do not expect that big a majority, but I am sure that it will be over 50,000, and if Ohio goes democratic, as it will, it means that Wilson is going to carry the country."

200 PEORIANS WILL BE HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

The trade extension of the Peoria Association of Commerce is due to leave Peoria Thursday morning over the Rock Island, make stops everywhere between the Distillery city and Bureau, where dinner will be eaten, and then between Bureau and Rock Island, where the night stop will be made. They leave Rock Island at 7:30 Friday morning and are due to arrive back home at 6:40 in the evening. At the end of their itinerary and program, the Peoria organization invites the cities which will be visited to "Come and see us." The purpose of their trip is to further acquaintance with customers and business friends and to advertise Peoria.

VARIEGATED SPELLING.

Mark Twain Liked It Because It Was So Refreshing.

Writing in the Hartford Courant on "Mark Twain," Dr. Edwin P. Parker of Hartford said:

"In 1876, according to my memorandum, a notable spelling match took place at the Asylum Hill Congregational church, in which some thirty persons, under their respective captains, took part. Among these contestants were Dr. Burton, Judge Carpenter, Charles E. Perkins, Mr. Clemens, Mr. Twichell, Charles H. Clark, General Hawley, Miss Trumbull, Miss Blythe, Miss Burbank and Miss Stone. At last there were left standing only Dr. Burton and Miss Stone, and the gallant doctor took the first opportunity to make an error and so to leave Miss Stone the winner.

"But this notable contest was preceded by a preliminary speech in which Mr. Clemens wittily criticised the supposed necessity of having any uniform and arbitrary way of spelling words. Among several amusing illustrations of his argument was one as follows: 'I have a correspondent whose letters are always a refreshment to me, there is such a breezy, unfettered originality about his orthography. He always spells Kow with a large K. Now, that is just as good as to spell it in the conventional way with a small one! It is better, for it suggests to the mind a new, grand and impressive creature.'

"Nevertheless, in the contest that ensued Mr. Clemens produced no 'superb effects of varigated spelling,' but stood up among the last five. If my record is right, only Mr. Clark, Miss Keep, Dr. Burton and Miss Stone outlasting him."

MOTION OF THE EARTH.

It May Easily Be Demonstrated by a Simple Method.

It is quite possible to prove that the earth revolves on its axis by a simple experiment and without having recourse to mathematics. Take a good sized bowl, fill it nearly full of water and place it upon the floor of a room which is not exposed to shaking or jarring from the street.

Sprinkle over the surface of the water a coating of lycopodium powder, a white substance which can be bought at almost any drug store. Then upon the surface of this coating of powder make with powdered charcoal a straight black line, say, an inch or two inches in length and lying north and south.

Having made this little black mark with the charcoal powder on the surface of the contents of the bowl, lay down upon the floor a stick or some other straight object, so that it shall be exactly parallel with the mark.

Leave the bowl undisturbed for a few hours and then notice the position of the black mark with reference to the object that it was parallel with. It will be found to have shifted its direction and to have moved from east to west—that is to say, in a direction opposite to that of the movement of the earth on its axis.

The earth in simply revolving has carried the water and everything else in the bowl around with it, but the powder on the surface has been left behind a little. The line will always be found to have moved from east to west, which is good proof that everything else has moved the other way.

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear.