



# Weather Report

Week ending 6 p. m.  
December 27

Maximum	Minimum	Mean	Set Max	Precip'n	Wind	Direction	Character of Day
80	13	22	23	n	clr		
43	10	26	36	var	clr		
36	27	31	33	I 70	e	ody	
38	28	34	30	0.30	n	clr	
45	46	21	34	35	a	clr	
26	51	17	34	43	var	clr	
27	57	27	42	40	a	clr	
57		Mean	Min	20			
10		Mean		32			
Max. 43		Precip'n		2.00			

## Legal Contest

Washington, Dec. 27.—The legal contest over the constitutionality of the corporation tax provisions of the Aldrich tariff act was renewed in the Supreme Court of the United States when former Senator Foraker of Cincinnati, O., chief, attacking the law. He contended that many attorneys retained in the case when it was first brought to the court in March 1909. Foraker is expected to make an oral argument when the case comes before the court for re-argument January 16.

Who will wear big, fat rubbers, however bad the weather, and want to get married.

## Musical Recital

Thursday evening, December 22, an exceedingly enjoyable musical recital was given by Miss Evah Blythe, the talented daughter of Judge and Mrs. O. V. F. Blythe, at her home on Washington street.

The recital was given in honor of the Philaeta and Baraca classes of the First Baptist church, the majority of whom were present. Mrs. C. R. Whitaker, teacher of the Philaeta class was present as were many others interested in this branch of the church's work.

Following is the program rendered by Miss Blythe who has a talent of very exceptional order:

- Piano—Air de Ballet Chaminade
- Violin—(a) Hearts and Flowers Tobani
- (b) Berceuse (from Jocelyn Godard
- Song—The Song the Angels
- Sang R. M. Stults
- Piano—(a) Etude Arabesque Theo. Lack
- (b) Danse Caprice Grieg
- Violin—(a) Trameri Schumann
- (b) Pizzicate Serenade F. A. Franklin
- Song—(a) Serenade Veronese P. Elliott
- (b) The Lady of Dreams
- Violin—(a) Angels Serenade Braga
- (b) Cradle Song Atherton

After the circle the guests were invited into the library and each given a nice present from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. When the thanks of both the above classes and the guests were extended to Miss Blythe by Rev. K. W. Cawthon then the exchange of greetings and the guests retired.

## Don't forget the Good Roads Meeting at the Court House Saturday, December 31.

End the Old Year right by attending that meeting

### That Smoker

[The following poem, though somewhat pessimistic in its point of view will be read with interest, not to say excitement, by some of the persons concerned.]

Tuesday night, at the Masonic Hall, According to the Master's urgent call,

Came the brethren through mud and soak To see Rector, Hodges and Morris smoke.

But as ever, and as certain as fate, Very few came, and they were late, Frank Wetmur was out at his home, And the Master remained under his dome.

The frail recollection of one Robert Oates Dimly flickered among the Masonic goats,

Then the fire light shone gray on the wall, And the query rose, "Who made this call?"

Little was said about orphans and the poor, Schenck vowed that he'd stay late no more,

That his ardor was as warm as it could be, "But two more are now at my home, you see."

Buckner yawned; Hodges said, "This is a fudge, The cigars are not coming, are they, Judge?"

Morris said, "Edwards, this meeting's done harm, Let's go home where we too, can warm."

Thus closed the Masonic holiday Smoker, Nothing to eat, nor give life to the joker.

As a failure, it was a huge success, A fizzle it was, and nothing less. From Yours, No MORE.

### Fruitland Institute

The Spring term of Fruitland Institute will begin January third, 1911. An art department will be added to the regular course heretofore given. N. A. Melton, Principal.

### Taxes Past Due

Your State and County Taxes are now due and should be paid before January 1st, 1911. Come in and settle and avoid cost.

V. C. V. Shepherd, County Tax Collector

### Letter from P. F. Patton

Editor Times:

There has been a great deal said and written recently in regard to the subject of good roads and as our present representative is anxious to have the people of the county advise him as to what changes they desire in the present road law, I feel it my duty as the present supervisor, to take this public way in showing what it has cost the county to run and maintain the chain gang for the past twelve months, and in doing this, I wish also to give my views of the present road law and what changes in my opinion are necessary.

First, I would like to say that if one half the energy spent in trying to make new road laws was exerted to enforce the present road law, there would be a great deal more work done and our roads would be in much better condition. Allow me to say, if you will, that NO ROAD LAW CAN BUILD ROADS. If we had the most perfect law that human brain was capable of placing on the statute books, it would not build roads, neither would it meet with the approval of the people, unless public sentiment was in favor of good roads. To illustrate this, let us look at our adjoining State of Tennessee, who has passed and placed on their statute books the best law which the brains of the State could mould to prohibit the sale of whiskey. I have recently been in the city of Memphis, Tenn., and on almost every corner the bar room doors were wide open and the whiskey was still on the shelves—any person could buy what they wanted at any time. This is true because the public sentiment of the people was not in favor of the law prohibiting the sale of whiskey. Such would certainly be true of the road law which was not favored by public sentiment.

As I said before, no road law can build roads, however perfect the law may be. It takes brains, money and muscle to build good roads, and if the people of Henderson county will get public sentiment in favor of good roads, these things will be furnished. At the court house, last Wednesday, Judge Ewart called a

meeting of the citizens of the county to discuss ways and means of improving our roads and road law. At the opening of this meeting it was announced that Henderson county had the poorest roads of any county in the western part of the state, and that some steps should be taken to improve them. Then it was announced that the subjects to be discussed at the meeting were: 1st, To exempt from road duty all the boys between the ages of 18 and 21. The next subject was to reduce the number of days' labor to be performed on the public roads from 6 to 3 days, and the third subject, as to whether it was advisable for Henderson county to maintain the chaingang, and fourth whether it would be advisable to do away with the free labor system and keep up our roads by taxation and the contract system. In my opinion, if these measures were passed the meeting we held would not be a Good Roads meeting, but a bad one—the worst that was ever held in Henderson county. If these measures were passed, I would like for some one to tell me who would keep up the roads of Henderson county. Do we expect our adjoining counties to come over and build our roads for us? Or is our Guardian Angel to come and build us roads of gold?

First, let us take up the subject of the young men between the age of 18 and 21. It is true, I think, that it is a hardship for a young man to be compelled to serve the public before he is given a right to vote, but what duty was ever performed and what good was ever done that some one did not have to suffer. I would hate to think that there was a young man in Henderson county between the age of 18 and 21 who would not be willing to lend his muscle to the county for 6 days in every year for the benefit which he derives personally from good roads, and I do not believe they are here. I have never heard any kick since I have had charge of the roads, from any young man. It has always been from some one trying to make a new law, or change present conditions.

Now, in reference to reducing the number of days from 6 to 3. I believe every one will agree with me that we need better roads—not worst ones. How can we expect to

accomplish this if we are going to reduce the work that we are now performing. I am by the old men as the young ones—I would certainly hate to think that there was any man in the county who was not willing to perform six days' work, if it is necessary in order to have good roads, and I believe a large majority of the people would much prefer to perform labor on the roads than to pay taxes, and it is an inevitable fact that we must either furnish money or muscle.

Third, we come to the chaingang. I would be glad if every citizen in Henderson county would read carefully and study the following figures and compare them with my estimate of what the cost of free labor would have been to perform the work done by the chain gang for the last 12 months.

First, let me say that in 1908 there was levied a tax of \$4237.55 for road purposes. After deducting the commission of the tax collector and taking off the insolvents, there was left \$3800 net to be expended on roads. Out of this \$3800, the road overseer of the county received \$1500, which left net to be expended by the chain gang \$2300 for the year. At this time, after studying the matter carefully, I decided that our convict labor was so much cheaper in dollars and cents, and could be worked so much more satisfactorily than free labor that I asked the county commissioners to increase the tax for the year 1909 to 20 mills or 20c on the \$100, which produced the gross amount for this year of \$7682.34. The tax collectors' commission for collecting the tax amounted to \$347.24 and the insolvents, \$247.95 making a total of \$595.19, and leaving net to be expended for road purposes \$7087.25. From this amount must be taken \$1500 to pay the road overseers, and out of this must also be taken the money to buy tools that are used by the free labor of the entire county—and I will say in passing that most of the townships have been furnished with a road machine, which is a great labor-saver. For this we will set aside \$587.25, which will leave the net amount to be expended by the county chain gang for the year \$500. Fortunately for Henderson county, but unfortunately for the chain

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**THE BEST GIFTS**  
For Xmas are useful Gifts  
Here are a few suggestions for useful gifts:  
**FOR THE BABY**  
Leather Coats, Bearskin Caps, Baby Sweaters, Baby Sashes, Baby Fur Sets, Baby Underwear and Shoes  
**FOR LADIES AND MISSES**  
Hats, Sweaters, Furs, Skirts, Millinery, Dress Goods, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Shawls, Tobogans and Purses  
**FOR MEN AND BOYS**  
Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Neckwear, Shirts, Suspenders and Handkerchiefs  
**E. LEWIS & SON**  
"The Underselling Store"  
Agents for Standard Fashions

**The Justus Pharmacy**  
Everything in Drugs  
"The Drug Store on the Corner"

Start the New Year Right  
By Getting a  
**Deitz Lantern**  
enable you to Navigate the streets of this town on Moonless Nights.  
**J. D. Davis**  
Main street Opposite Monument

### Two Miles in the Air

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Cal. Dec. 27.—Seventy-five thousand people saw Arch Hoxsey of the Wright team of aviators break the world's record for altitude here yesterday. He soared more than two miles up in the sky, his barograph registering 11,474 feet, or almost a thousand feet above the altitude by Le Gagneux at Pau, France. Hoxsey accomplished his feat in a forty mile gale.

### Navy Needs Aeroplanes

Washington, Dec. 27.—Two aeroplanes, or at least one two seated machine, should constitute part of the equipment of each of the scout cruisers of the United States navy.

This recommendation is made in a report to Secretary Meyer by Captain Washington I. Chambers, who was delegated by the secretary to study the possibility of the aeroplane in warfare.

Paying attention to a girl, young man, is apt to result in your having a lot of other things to pay.

**HUNTER'S PHARMACY**  
Wishes the Readers of the  
**TIMES**  
a very prosperous  
**NEW YEAR**