

Daily News.

WEATHER:
Fair and warmer today and Thursday; light north winds.

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FRUIT CROP HARD HIT BY THE COLD ON MONDAY NIGHT

Early Peaches, Plums and Apricots Damaged to Greatest Extent.

EARLY VEGETABLES ARE ALSO BADLY DAMAGED

Throughout This Section of Country Freeze Has Wrought Great Injury to Crops and Vegetables—Hard to Determine Extent of Injury.

While it is difficult to estimate the extent of the damage done by the frost and freeze of yesterday morning, it is safe to say that the fruit crop and early vegetables have suffered great injury. Local nurserymen and truckers are of the opinion that the results will indicate that the freeze killed the greater part of the earlier varieties of peaches and perhaps all of the apricots and plums.

A message from the Lindley nursery yesterday brought the information that only a partial investigation had been made, but it was believed that the peach crop had been hard hit; while apricots and plums were killed outright. The crop is probably only slightly damaged.

John A. Young, proprietor of the Greensboro nurseries, was in the city yesterday attending the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. He did not have time to make a thorough examination before driving in town, but was of the opinion that the peach crop was practically ruined. A later investigation might be more encouraging, but he seemed to think that the frost did considerable damage.

The trucking interests hereabouts are not so extensive as farther east and south, but those who do raise early vegetables report that injury was done to a few of the earlier crops. From the sections of country where a large trucking business is done come reports of damage done to the growing crops.

It had been expected Monday night that the cold weather would result rather disastrously for the fruit and vegetable crops. The mercury reached a point several degrees below freezing and ice was abundant yesterday morning and in some places did not melt during the day. It was a time for overcoats, wraps and furs, instead of straw-hats, peck-a-boo shirtwaists and white dresses and slippers that were coming in evidence a few days ago.

The warm weather this spring has

THAW SANITY PROBERS WILL REPORT TODAY

Laborers Will Be Concluded and All Will Be in Readiness for Jury to Report to Court.

PAY YOUR EXPERT AND TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Alienists Employed by Counsel on Both Sides Show Absolute Worthlessness of This Form of Testimony by Manner in Which They Testify.

New York, April 2.—It was definitely stated tonight, after a session which lasted from 10:30 o'clock this morning until 6:30 o'clock that the lunacy commission which is inquiring into the present mental state of Harry K. Thaw will conclude its labors tomorrow and will have reported its conclusions to Justice Fitzgerald before the hour set for the Thaw jury to report in court on Thursday morning.

There will be a brief public session of the commission tomorrow to hear a final witness—an alienist—offered by District-Attorney Jerome, and then will follow a private mental and physical examination of the defendant. It was stated tonight that only the members of the commission and the official stenographer would be present at Thaw's last ordeal, both attorneys for the defense and the district-attorney being barred.

The announcement that the commission desired to renew its private examination of Thaw came at the end of a day of many witnesses, and was in the nature of a complete surprise. The decision was probably due to the conflicting character of the testimony heard today. It was another battle of alienists with those engaged by the district-attorney declaring Thaw to be absolutely incapable of understanding his own condition, of realizing the nature of the charge against him, or of rationally conferring with counsel, while those engaged by the defense declared that Thaw throughout the trial had acted in a rational manner, had rationally advised his counsel in their hearing and fully understood and appreciated everything connected with his case and trial.

The experts for the prosecution admitted that they had reached their conclusions as to Thaw's present state of mental unsoundness from distant observations of him in the courtroom and from writings alleged to have emanated from him during the trial. Among the latter were twenty-four pages of

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PRESIDENT DECLARES THAT STATEMENT MADE IN LETTER FROM HARRIMAN IS A "DELIBERATE AND WILFUL UNTRUTH"



The President Characterizes a Statement Made in a Letter Purporting to Have Been Written by Mr. Harriman That He (Roosevelt) Requested Harriman to Assist in Raising a \$250,000 Fund to Be Used in Carrying New York for the Republican Party in 1904 as "A Deliberate and Wilful Untruth—by Right it Should Be Characterized by an Even Shorter and More Ugly Word."

HARRIMAN'S LETTER CAUSES A SENSATION IN NEW YORK CITY

Gives Alleged Details of His Entry Into New York Politics.

SAYS HE RAISED THE FUNDS

New York, April 2.—A sensation was created here today by the publication of a letter written in December, 1905, and addressed to Sidney Webster, of New York, and signed "E. H. Harriman." Webster is a lawyer and a writer on political subjects. His wife is a sister of Stuyvesant Fish, who lost the presidency of the Illinois Central railroad a few months ago, after antagonizing Mr. Harriman. Following is the portion of the letter referring to his relations with President Roosevelt in the campaign of 1904:

"As to my political instincts, to which you refer in your letter of December 13, I am quite sure I have none and my being made at all prominent in the political situation is entirely due to President Roosevelt, and because of my taking an active part in the autumn of 1904, at his request, and his taking advantage of conditions then created to further his own interests. It had been a premeditated plot, it could not have been better started or carried out.

Says President Sent for Him. "About a week before the election in the autumn of 1904, when it looked certain that the state ticket would go Democratic and was doubtful as to Roosevelt himself, he (the President) sent me a request to go to Washington to confer upon the political condition in New York state. I complied and he told me he understood the campaign could not be successfully carried on without sufficient money, and asked if I would help them in raising the necessary funds, as the national committee, under control of Chairman Cortelyou, had utterly failed of obtaining them.

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Senator Depew.

MORNING FIRE IN SALISBURY DESTROYS \$25,000 PROPERTY

Spark From Engine Ignites Factory Near Southern Passenger Station.

HEAT OVERCOMES FIREMAN

Special to Daily Industrial News. Salisbury, N. C., April 2.—A spark from a stationary engine near the station-house started a fire this morning that for a time threatened the entire section of the town contiguous to the passenger depot.

The fire began in Hartman & Gaither's crate working establishment at 7:45 a. m., the high wind causing it to spread quickly to the adjoining buildings, and giving the firemen one of the toughest propositions they have faced for some time.

The total loss from the fire was \$25,000, six buildings having been burned. The Spencer fire company was summoned, and Statesville was wired for assistance, but the flames were under control before the latter arrived. Trains on

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James S. Sherman.

MANY PROMINENT MEN WILL BE GUESTS AT CLUB BANQUET TONIGHT

President Finley, of the Southern Railway, Will Be One of Speakers.

PLANNED ON A BIG SCALE

The complimentary banquet to be given in the dining-room of the Hotel Guilford this evening by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Club will be of more than local significance, and as a social function will rank among the notable events of the year. Preparations have been made on an elaborate scale by the committee on banquet and an interesting program for the evening has been arranged. Among those who have accepted invitations to be present, and who will respond to toasts, are the following:

President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company; Richard H. Edmunds, senator of Baltimore; United States Senator F. M. Simmons, D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte; W. A. Erwin, a prominent cotton mill man of Durham; Col. John F. Burton, a well-known banker, of Wilson; Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens' National Bank, of Raleigh, and former Congressman Theodore F. Klutz, of Salisbury.

The menu to be served by Cobb & Carpening, proprietors of the hotel, will be an elaborate one. The dining-room will present a most attractive appearance. Music will be furnished by Elam's orchestra. Every arrangement for a big event has been made. The committee has labored hard to have everything in readiness for the event.

The banquet promises to be especially beneficial to the business interests of Greensboro. It will bring to the city a number of men prominent in commercial and financial circles, and their visit can hardly fail to be the cause of their getting a fine impression of the city and its great advantages.

THREE THOUSAND WITNESS HANGING

Victoria, Tex., April 2.—Felix Powell, convicted of complicity in the killing of Mrs. A. J. Condit and her four children at their home near Edna, in September, 1905, was hanged here today in the presence of fully 3,000 people, who had come on excursions to witness the execution.

DUNNE DEFEATED IN RACE FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO BY BUSSE, REPUBLICAN

Most Remarkable Campaign in the History of Chicago Politics Results in Victory for the Republican Party.

Doctrine of Immediate Municipal Ownership Goes Down to Defeat Before That of Ownership After a Suitable Period of Delay.

Chicago, April 2.—The most intense campaign in municipal politics that Chicago has experienced in many years closed tonight with the election of Frederick A. Busse, the Republican candidate for mayor, over Edward F. Dunne, his Democratic rival, and a candidate for reelection. Busse's plurality was 13,121.

The issues in the campaign have been largely based upon the improvement of the local traction systems. Both parties agreed that present conditions are intolerable, but differed as to the best methods of revising them. The Democratic party, headed by Mayor Dunne, stood for immediate municipal ownership through condemnation of the street car properties, if the result could not be obtained in any other way.

The Republican party favored ordinances which were recently passed by a Democratic council over the veto of Mayor Dunne. These ordinances provided for twenty-year franchises for the street car companies, the city retaining the right to purchase the systems for \$50,000,000, plus the amount to be spent for immediate rehabilitation of the lines; six months' notice being necessary of the city's intention to acquire the property.

The ordinances also provide for universal transfers throughout the city, a five-cent fare, and 55 per cent. of the net profits of the company to be paid to the city. These ordinances were approved today by a majority of about 40,000.

The vote generally showed a decided reversal of public opinion on municipal ownership compared with the mayoralty campaign two years ago. At that



MAYOR DUNNE, OF CHICAGO. Mayor Dunne Was Yesterday Defeated for Re-election to the Mayoralty of Chicago, His Successful Opponent Being the Republican Candidate, F. A. Busse.

GOVERNOR GETS REPORT IN WHITE PARDON CASE

REFUSES, HOWEVER, EVEN TO LOOK AT PAPERS UNTIL TODAY.

Raleigh, N. C., April 2.—Governor Glenn returned from Holly Springs tonight and the sealed report of the council of state on the application for pardon of the White brothers was handed to him. The governor gave out the statement that no announcement would be made tonight, that in fact, he would not even look at the papers until tomorrow to see whether the council is for or against pardoning the Whites, citizens of Concord, who are serving six years for killing Russell Sherrill. Governor Glenn was of counsel for the prosecution when the men were convicted.

TO ERECT SPENCER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SOUTHERN CONTRIBUTE TOWARD INSTITUTION.

Atlanta, Ga., April 2.—The officers and employees of the Southern railway will build in Atlanta a hospital costing \$200,000 for the treatment of railroad men and their families as a memorial to the late Samuel Spencer, president of the road.

The money has nearly all been raised by subscription and it is reported that J. P. Morgan, of New York, has donated \$10,000 toward the hospital.

Railroad Man Declares That Roosevelt Asked Him to Aid in Raising \$250,000 Campaign Fund in New York to Carry That State for Republicans in 1904.

Story Should Rightfully Be Characterized by a Shorter and Uglier Word Than Untruth, Says the President in Statement Issued From the White House.

JOHN E. MONK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—E. H. Harriman, of railroad fame (or infamy), was today made a member of the celebrated Ananias Club. President Roosevelt conferring this unenviable distinction upon him, placing the Wall street magnate in the same class with Judge Alton B. Parker, former Lieutenant-Governor Whitney, of Massachusetts; Pauline Bigelow, former Chief Engineer Wallace, of the Panama canal; Herbert Bowen, former United States Senator William E. Chandler, Bollamby Storer and others who have raised questions of veracity with the man in the White House.

In a letter purporting to have been written by Mr. Harriman two years ago, which was published throughout the country this morning, Harriman stated that he was asked by President Roosevelt on the eve of the 1904 election to raise money for the Republican national committee, and that, in pursuance of this request, he contributed \$50,000 personally and raised a fund of \$250,000 in all, which was used in New York state. Mr. Harriman also stated that in return for this service to the President in the latter's hour of need, he was assured that Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, would be made ambassador to France, an appointment that would have been gratifying to New York financial interests.

A Liar, Says President

President Roosevelt, in an extended statement made public today, brands Mr. Harriman as a man who has been guilty of telling "a deliberate and wilful untruth," which, he said, "by rights, should be characterized by a shorter and more ugly word." The President's statement comes in the form of a long letter addressed to Chairman Sherman, of the Republican congressional campaign committee, last October.

Apparently Mr. Sherman had asked Mr. Harriman for a contribution to the campaign fund, and had been turned down. Harriman, it is understood, told Sherman that he had made the contribution to the national campaign fund of 1904, and had not received value received, or words to that effect. Sherman reported Harriman's charges to President Roosevelt, and the latter explained the whole matter to Sherman in the letter which was given out at the White House today.

Mr. Roosevelt denies that he asked Mr. Harriman to raise money for the presidential campaign fund of 1904. He says Harriman volunteered his assistance in the New York state campaign and leaves the inference that Harriman's contribution was for the late Governor Higgins campaign fund.

A Question of Veracity.

The issue of veracity is drawn distinctly between the President and Harriman, and it is now up to the latter to make a move or swallow the epithet "liar" and look pleasant, if possible.

President Roosevelt makes public correspondence which passed between him and Harriman in the 1904 campaign which shows that the President was at that time on fairly close terms with the railroad magnate, for he invited Harriman to discuss his (the President's) message to Congress and also offered to send Harriman the first draft of a part of his message.

At the time the President subscribed himself, "With great regard, sincerely yours," in writing to Harriman, but obviously no such amicable relations will obtain between them in the future.

The affair has created another sensation in Washington, and there are hints that the incident will not be closed with the President's statement, but that Harriman will have something additional to say.

President Roosevelt's manner today indicated that he was not at all averse to a clash with Harriman.

PRESIDENT MAKES PUBLIC THE CORRESPONDENCE IN THE CASE

The President's denial was contained in a brief statement and copies of letters written to Representative Sherman, of New York. The letters are dated October 8, and October 12, 1906, respectively.

The President, after furnishing the letters to the press, dictated the following statement: "After writing these letters to Congressman Sherman, the President was assured that Mr. Harriman had not made the statements which Mr. Sherman credited him with making. Inas-

much as the same statements appear in the major part of the letter of Mr. Harriman now published the President deems it proper that the letters be sent to Congressman Sherman last October shall now themselves be made public."

In the first letter reference is made to a conversation between Mr. Harriman and Mr. Sherman which was repeated to the President, in which Mr. Harriman is said to have given as a reason for his personal dislike of the President partly the latter's determination to have the railroads supervised

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KILLS WIFE, BABE AND COMMITS SUICIDE

YOUNG VIRGINIA FARMER FATALLY SHOTS TWO AND THEN HIMSELF.

Winchester, Va., April 2.—The details of a shocking tragedy, which occurred at Flint Hill, Rappahannock county, Saturday, reached here today.

Henry Foster, a young farmer, while out walking with his wife and two-months-old baby, suddenly drew his revolver and shot and almost instantly killed both of them. Foster then blew up his brains.

No reason is known for the deed.

SALISBURY DISTILERS COMPROMISE CASES

SETTLEMENT EFFECTED BY THE PAYMENT OF SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—The case of the government against J. C. Somers & Co. and the North Carolina Distilling Company, both of Salisbury, involving alleged violation of the revenue laws, are to be settled out of court.

Attorney Robert H. McNeil, representing the two concerns, has effected a compromise with the department of justice where the threatened proceedings will not be filed upon the payment of several thousand dollars to the government.