

SPORTS

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BENTSON FREED ON BOATWRIGHT ATTACK CHARGE

Alderman Still Wears Big Shiner; Jurors Out but Few Minutes on Case

City Official Held "Under Influence"; Abusive Language Quoted

A "shiner" as large as a hen's egg which after 19 days still occupied a sizeable part of the left side of Alderman R. E. Boatwright's face, failed to convince five jurors here yesterday afternoon that C. B. "Sonny" Bentson, malt shop proprietor, was guilty of disorderly conduct as charged. The jury came back after a few minutes' deliberation to report to City Recorder Warren Jones that Bentson was not guilty.

Standing room was at a premium while the case was being heard for three hours in the city council chambers. Court adjourned there Friday morning when Bentson asked for a jury trial and scores of citizens showed up to hear the testimony.

Boatwright, as complaining witness, testified that Bentson kicked him when the former was drinking beer in Bentson's malt shop on South Commercial street the night of March 11. Bentson then proceeded to oust the alderman, according to the latter's testimony, and pummeled him severely with his fists. The fighting continued out on the sidewalk on Commercial street. Boatwright asserted. He signed the complaint against Bentson and appeared as principal witness for the prosecution.

Claims Blows Struck Outside of Building. Also testifying for Boatwright was Frank "Wimpy" Layton who also was ousted by Bentson. The prosecution stressed the allegations that Bentson continued to hit Boatwright after the latter had reached the sidewalk.

Bentson denied that he struck Boatwright more than once. He said the complaining witness was a frequent visitor at his shop, often took too much beer and sometimes drank liquor with his beer. On such occasions Boatwright became boisterous and disorderly, Bentson said.

The night of the altercation, Bentson testified, Boatwright and Layton were out drinking. Bentson said Boatwright called him opprobrious names. He ordered the alderman out, Bentson said. Boatwright went. In a few minutes he came back and again reviled the malt shop proprietor.

Scandal Told By Photo of Fall in Race

LONDON, March 29.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Without comment, the Daily Express today displays on its front page an eight-column series of six photographs showing Golden Miller taking the jump where Jockey Gerry Wilson was thrown in yesterday's grand national, thereby putting the ace high favorite out of the race. The photos show Golden Miller made a perfect "four point" landing without lurching and dashed along the straightaway while Wilson toppled to the turf.

"His heart refused and he shot me off," said Wilson but the photographs failed to show any indication of a stumble. The photographs carried this caption: "Pictures reveal fiasco of Golden Miller in grand-national."

Better Weather Brings Increase In Jobs Offered

Improved weather which makes possible spring farming operations is bringing some increase in the number of jobs available on the farm, the re-employment office reported here yesterday. Several men have been placed daily on farm jobs in the last week. Relief officials said yesterday that they expected the rolls would be reduced somewhat in the county this spring as the planting season got under way. Thus far the relief totals have held at the same figures which prevailed throughout the winter.

World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)

The arms situation: MOSCOW—Stalin reported in parity with British statesman to have proposed United States join "far eastern Locarno pact to keep peace in Asia, although denial is issued. LONDON—Diplomats hear recognition of Manchukuo may be essential to non-aggression treaty in far east. KATOWICE, Poland—Anti-German riots break out on Polish border; demonstrations mark new found peace between Poland and Germany. WASHINGTON—Baruch warns senators against going too far in legislation to take profits out of war.

Domestic: WASHINGTON—Administration-drafted NRA bill suddenly introduced to meet auto, steel, coal, textile strike threats. MEMPHIS—Raymond Hamilton and companion elude posses after shooting, robbing and kidnaping; hostages escape. WASHINGTON—Department of labor drops deportation proceedings against John Strachey, British writer.

CHICAGO—Barbara Hutton on train, "Volvo" heiress, en route by plane to seek Reno divorce. WASHINGTON—Work relief bill again snagged by objections of Secretaries Ickes and Wallace to wage and farm benefit clauses.

WASHINGTON—Ohio representative charges "TVA propaganda" in schools. COLUMBUS—Former FERA hay buyer indicted in fight of Administrator Hopkins with Ohio Governor on "shakedown" charge.

WASHINGTON—Lumber code authority discharged employees of Belcher case "means suspension of code, at least in effect. Foreign: BRUSSELS—Premier Van Zeeland devalues franc 30 per cent, releasing gold banks; proposes new deal of public works guaranteed bank deposits, recognition of Russia, relief for unemployed.

PARIS—Financiers see shock to gold bloc in Belgian devaluation; report gold drain on Switzerland as inflation vote nears.

LAW BREAKING BY POLICE IS SCORED

Entrapment and Brutality React Against Respect for Law Says Fee

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—Lawless law enforcement was excoriated by Federal Judge James A. Baker at an Oregon crime conference which opened here today. Judge Fee said when law officers make arrests or bring charges by violating constitutional provisions against self-incrimination and against improper search and seizure and by violating the doctrine which prevents entrapment of innocent persons into commission of crime, they weaken respect for law.

"The most serious effect of lawless enforcement of the criminal law is upon the public at large. From this body of law drawn the jury which in the last analysis pass upon guilt or innocence. If, by virtue of the fact that" (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Large Sum, City Warrants Called

Ten thousand dollars in unpaid city warrants which will be called April 1, City Treasurer Rice reported yesterday. He received the initial turnover of 1935 taxes in the morning. It totaled \$18,216. Only 60 per cent of the turnover goes to the general fund; the balance is set aside for bond interest and principal and for special street and fire department funds.

Over 100 Youths Attend Older Boys' Conference

More than 100 boys from 12 schools in Marion and Polk counties are here today, to "Face the Future" as they discuss the theme of the 15th annual Older Boys' conference conducted in Salem under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. The registration is unusually large according to C. A. Kells, secretary, who has general charge of the meeting. With Dean U. G. Dubach of Oregon State college as the principal speaker, the conference started auspiciously last night with a dinner at the Y here. A busy program is scheduled for today. A general assembly will be held at 9 a. m. followed by addresses by Dean Dubach and Edwin Socolsky, the latter a former Salem young man now a Y. M. C. A. executive at Seattle. The theme of the future for the young men of today will be addressed to in all the addresses. This noon the lads will dine with Salem business men, discuss with local leaders the business or profession in which they are most interested. A recreational tour is planned for this afternoon with a supper tonight followed by the annual business session and an inspirational address by Mr. Socolsky. President of the conference is Arne S. Jensen, Jr., of Monmouth who presides at the general sessions. Toastmaster for the banquet last night was Phil Brownell. Three-minute songs were made by Raymond Jensen, Monmouth; Junior Nelson, Salem; Darrel Syron, Seaside; Robert Jackson, Woodburn; Orville Snyder, Aumsville; Sam Scott, Chemawa. A welcome to the delegates was extended by Douglas Chambers, vice-president of the Junior Y. M. C. A. board. By Don Coons, promotion chairman for the convention and by Fred Wolf, president of Salem high school. Paul Pettitford is song leader (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

PREMIER LISTS NEW DEAL FOR BELGIAN STATE

Van Zeeland Follows F. R. Off Gold Standard Example; Franc Lifted

Public Works, Guarantee of Bank Deposits Some of Policies Started

BRUSSELS, March 29.—(AP)—Belgium's fearless premier, following in the footsteps of President Roosevelt, devalued the franc today, slipped its traditional mooring to gold and asked power to carry out an extensive program of monetary and economic reforms. A fervid admirer of the American executive, Premier Paul Van Zeeland, who is 42 years old, outlined an ambitious drive for economic recovery that marched side by side with the American New Deal at many points.

He proposed to the parliament: 1. A "maximum of 30 per cent" devaluation of the franc. 2. Abandonment of the gold standard pending an international agreement on currency policy. 3. Large public works projects. 4. Favoring of industrial production by all possible means. 5. Guarantee of bank deposits. 6. Reduction of taxes. 7. Resumption of diplomatic and commercial relations with Russia. 8. Relief for unemployed and improvement of the nation's standard of living. Quickly the premier—former minister, financial expert, close adviser of the late King Albert and brother of Marcel Van Zeeland, director of the Bank of International Settlements—won two preliminary victories in the parliament.

A bill for provisional credits was passed in the chamber of deputies, 135 to 11, while the chamber's finance committee approved the bill embodying the proposed monetary measures and Van Zeeland's request for extraordinary powers for one year.

Net Returns of Liquor Sales in Month \$104,085

Oregon's net returns from liquor store profits and from taxes and licenses received from liquor operations totaled \$104,085 for February, according to an audited report filed yesterday with the secretary of state's office here. Of this total, \$75,123 was contributed by profits from the stores. Gross income for February in the stores did not equal the income for the months last fall but ran \$894 ahead of January, 1935. In the first two months this year 45,173 permits were sold to individual purchasers. The bulk of these were at the rate of \$1 a consumer. Hereafter this rate will be 50 cents.

Beer and Dance Combination Ban Hits Roadhouses

Roadhouse proprietors near here were studying last night how to meet the latest ruling of the state liquor commission which makes it illegal hereafter for beer or wine to be served outside corporate limits in any building where dancing is permitted. Several roadhouses in this county have combined the sale of beer with commercial dancing. The commission announced it would enforce its ruling strictly.

Police Guard While Tanker Unloads Fuel

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—While a cordon of police kept picketing seamen back, the big Standard Oil company tanker District of Columbia docked here today and began discharging 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline. It was the first oil cargo discharged here since the coast seclusion of the International Seamen's union called a strike and demanded union recognition and wage adjustments from the remaining companies which had not previously entered similar agreements. The tanker was expected to complete discharge of the cargo tomorrow and leave for California for another load.

Another tanker, the Keweenaw of the Associated Oil company's fleet was reported loading at San Francisco for a run to Portland. "If the companies are given the go no crisis in Portland," they are getting today, there will be no crisis in Portland," declared Daniel Hone, San Francisco attorney sent here to represent oil companies in this district. C. E. Carter, business agent of the seamen's union, said a ship District of Columbia was manned by a non-union crew from California. He said union representatives were making efforts to reach the tanker and induce the crew to desert.

APPOINTMENTS DUE TODAY, ROAD BOARD

Cabell Will Succeed Scott, TouVelle Probable for Washburne's Place

Appointment of two highway commissioners, one to succeed Leslie M. Scott, chairman, and Carl Washburne, first congressional district member, is expected today. Governor Charles H. Martin is returning to his office this afternoon from Portland, it was understood, to prepare the formal announcement and the commissions. As predicted, Henry F. Cabell, retired business man of Portland, a life-long friend of Governor Martin, is scheduled to succeed Mr. Scott. A southern Oregon man, F. L. TouVelle of Medford, is the probable appointee to Washburne's place. TouVelle was judge of Jackson county from 1912 and 1918 and was a leader in the development of the Pacific highway in southern Oregon.

Mr. Scott's term expires this weekend. While Governor Martin is known to have been pleased with Scott's services, the chairman has indicated he wished to retire. Scott has devoted almost his entire time to highway affairs since his appointment by Governor Merriam. No shakeup in highway department personnel is expected. The governor is expected to reappoint E. C. Sammons of Portland to the state board of higher education although Sammons and B. F. Irvine, also a Portlander, have frequently been at variance on board policies. Irvine supported Martin vigorously during the campaign.

Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce may be removed from the board by Governor Martin. Reports to this effect, which circulated during the last two weeks of the legislature, were revived this week.

JOSEPH T. HUNT SERVICE SUNDAY

ZENA, March 29.—Funeral services for Joseph Taylor Hunt, 83, who died Thursday after an illness of several months, will be held at the Methodist church at West Salem at 2 p. m. Sunday, March 31, with interment in the Zena cemetery. Joseph Taylor Hunt was born June 26, 1851, in Green county, Tennessee. He moved to Missouri in 1874, came to Oregon in 1875 and settled at Zena, where he remained until 1906 when he moved to West Salem and resided there since. He attended the West Salem M. E. church regularly and worked hard for its completion. Surviving are three children, Walter B. Hunt of Zena, Daisy D. Hunt of West Salem and Lloyd T. Hunt of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; three brothers, W. W. Hunt of Lewis, Idaho, Smith and Henry Clay Hunt of Dayton, Wash.

Leaders in Scout Work Meet Here

A representative and enthusiastic group of leaders in the Boy Scout work throughout the mid-valley district attended the monthly scout council here last night, according to A. C. Haag, chairman. The gathering was held at the chamber of commerce room. Representatives attended from Dallas, Monmouth, Woodburn and Silverton.

UNITED STATES ASKED TO JOIN FAR EAST PACT

Locarno for Orient Talked by Stalin and Eden at Moscow, Reported

Denial Made; Russo-German Rift Solution Sought When Eden Visits

By JOHN LLOYD MOSCOW, March 29.—(AP)—Authoritative quarters here today said Russian and British statesmen meeting to discuss ways of settling peace considered inviting the United States to help five other interested nations guard against war in the far east. While the topics discussed at today's meetings were not disclosed, the Russians denied that the reported "far eastern Locarno" agreement had come up. Despite the denial, informed quarters persisted in their belief that Joseph Stalin, soviet dictator, and Maxim Litvinoff, foreign commissar, proposed to Capt. Anthony Eden, British lord privy seal, extension in some form of the Locarno security system to the orient.

Reliable sources at London also said they had received information from Moscow that the far eastern pact proposal was considered. Included in the suggested pact, it was said, would be the United States, Great Britain, the soviet, China, France and probably Japan. The pact proposal became known after the young British statesman, in company with Lord Chilton, British ambassador, called at Stalin's plainly furnished office in the Kremlin for one of the dictator's rare conferences. British quarters pointed out Eden will have to report back to London before anything in the nature of an agreement for action to meet the dangers of war in Europe and Asia can be completed. Observers said they believed the Anglo-Russian talks were revolving around three possibilities.

A way to compose Russo-German differences on the proposed eastern European security pact. British participation in some security arrangement without Germany if the latter refuses to enter on terms satisfactory to France. Joint action through the League of Nations when the French raise the question of Germany's armament at the extraordinary session of the league council opening April 15.

These observers insisted, too, that the far eastern situation as surely came in for treatment inasmuch as Litvinoff and other soviet authorities have been insisting that guarantees of peace must apply in all quarters to be really effective.

WILLAMETTE FLOOD SURVEY IS APPROVED

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—The senate passed a batch of miscellaneous bills today, including: By Senator McNary (R-Ore.)—to authorize a preliminary examination of the Coquille river and its tributaries in Oregon with a view to flood control. The bill has the approval of the secretary of war.

By Senator McNary to authorize a preliminary examination of the Umpqua river and its tributaries with a view to flood control. By Senator McNary to add 59,000 acres to the Siskiyou national forest in Oregon. The lands contain some of the best virgin timber in the state and are unsuited to agriculture. About 57,000 acres are privately owned, and the remainder are federal, Oregon and California railroad grant lands. The Coos Bay Lumber company owns most of the land.

By Senator Steiwer (R-Ore.)—providing for flood control surveys of the Nehalem, Miami, Kihlie, Wilson, Trask and Tillamook rivers in Oregon. By Senator McNary (R-Ore.)—to authorize a flood control survey of the Willamette river in Oregon. By McNary—To extend the time in which the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming may enter an agreement respecting the disposition and appointment of Columbia river water.

DEATH PLOT UNPROVEN

ATHENS, March 29.—(AP)—A jury speedily acquitted tonight 18 persons accused of the attempted assassination in 1933 of Eleutherios Venizelos, then premier but now in exile as the alleged leader of the recent revolt.

Uproar Over Share to Be Spent in Wages is Delaying Relief Bill

Secretary Ickes Objects, Word Arriving as Houses are Prepared to Accept Measure as Conferees Drafted in Finally

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—A bitter dispute over how much money should be spent for direct wages under the \$4,880,000,000 public works-relief bill today got the measure into such a tangle that final congressional action was delayed indefinitely.

The house was prepared to act upon, and accept, the compromise measure agreed upon last night by senate and house conferees when word was sent up to Capitol Hill that Secretary Ickes objected vigorously to one section of the bill. The controverted clause would require that a third of the \$900,000,000 set aside for loans and grants to states and political subdivisions for non-federal projects must be expended for wages. Ickes expects to have a hand in administering this phase of the new bill, since the measure extends the PWA for two additional years and it is authorized under original law to make grants of 30 per cent and loans of 70 per cent of the cost of state, municipal or local projects.

BEARCATS SHINE IN HILL INDOOR MEET

Cannady, Weisgerber Top N.W. Foes; Host School Winner in Its Class

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—Hill Military academy set the only new meet record for high schools in winning its own invitation indoor relay carnival here tonight with 15 points. Washington high of Portland was second with 12 and Grant high third with nine. In a last-minute shift University of Oregon was entered in the Northwest conference section of the collegiate exhibitions, winning firsts in the 50-yard dash and in the shot put, but losing out in the 50-yard high hurdles to Beaverton, class timber topper from little Pacific university.

In the only strictly Northwest conference event Linfield college took first, Pacific second and Willamette third. Willamette university finished ahead of other Northwest conference entrants in two of the four events, Cannady in the 50-yard dash and Weisgerber in the shot put. In the high school division Benson of Portland and The Dalles tied for fourth. Other scorers were Centralia, Wash., 7; Jefferson of Portland 6; Franklinton of Portland, Milwaukie, St. Helens and Gresham, 5 each; Beaverton 4; Scappoose and Camas, Wash., 3 each; West Linn 2; and Salem and Roosevelt of Portland 1 each. Salem took third in the mile relay.

Nellie Ramsey Is Called; Veteran Hospital Worker

Miss Nellie Ramsey, for nearly 30 years a nurse at the state hospital here, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. She underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis early this week. Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night. The body is at Rigdon's. Miss Ramsey was the daughter of Judge William Ramsey of McMinnville, dean of the Oregon bar, a former mayor of Salem and justice of the state supreme court. Besides her father and mother she is survived by a brother, Dean Horace Ramsey of the Episcopal church in Portland and a sister, Miss Margaret Ramsey, a teacher at Albany college.

COUGAR BOXERS WIN SACRAMENTO, MARCH 29

A band of snarling cougars from Washington State college tonight won the 1935 intercollegiate boxing championship of the Pacific coast. Most violent demonstrations occurred at the Polish-German frontier where thousands of Poles formed protest parades against Germany. Police scattered one mob here just as it turned toward the German consulate. Direct cause of the demonstrations here, it appeared, was the closing of the Polish high school in the nearby border town of Beuthen, an action that deprived it of the right to give final state examinations. Some 5000 persons, urged by their leaders to get "revenge for the German impropriety" and "close the German schools in Poland," marched to the German newspaper Katowitz Zeitung and smashed the windows of its building. At NRA headquarters it was said numerous conferences had been held with code officials but no definite action had been taken although the case "has been discussed at length" by the board. It was said NRA probably will await results of the authority control committee meeting before making a move. Donald R. Richberg, NRA chief, explained at his press conference that the code's provision giving complete production control to the NRA was a question as to the government's first test of NRA rest on such a code. No other code has such provisions, he said, and suggested that it should be amended so that the recovery board would have the final word in production control. Richberg said there are 22 cases now on appeal from district courts to circuit courts of appeals, some of which are considered stronger than the Belcher case.

NRA Modification Bill Fails to Appease Critics

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—With strikes assertedly threatening in four big industries and labor clamoring for action, the administration hurriedly laid before congress today a secretly drafted bill to extend the NRA. The measure failed however, to meet the objections of blue eagle critics. It was introduced suddenly by Chairman Harrison of the senate finance committee after Donald Richberg, new NRA head, appeared before his committee in closed session to warn that four major strikes have been brewing and to suggest that quick action on the recovery legislation would help to settle them. The administration's chief "trouble shooter" told the committee of threatened walkouts in the automobile, steel, coal and textile industries. He appealed to the committee at least to get a bill before congress. With the committee's approval, Harrison walked over to the capitol and introduced the measure which he had been closely guarding for days. The Harrison measure would provide some restoration of the anti-trust laws under NRA, limit codes to industries in or affected by interstate commerce, extend the controversial labor Section 7-A, and limit the president's authority to impose codes. The unexpected introduction of the measure came after William Green, stock president of the American Federation of Labor, threw his organization's support behind NRA continuation but demanded in the same breath the enactment of the Black-Connery 30-hour week bill, thus far opposed by the administration.

LUMBER CODE'S AUTHORITY MAY RESIGN IN HUFF

Employees Discharged as of April 15; Withdrawal of Belcher Case Cause

Entire Suspension Sought; Richberg Says Faults Found in This Law

By H. C. HUNTER WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—Despite a presidentially authorized drive for NRA enforcement, and in the face of official declarations that its code was still in effect, the lumber code authority today discharged most of its employees and apparently determined to fold up its tent. Angered because the justice department dropped its appeal to the supreme court in the most prominent of lumber code violation cases, David T. Mason, executive officer of the lumber code authority, asserted "the withdrawal of the Belcher case in effect, if not in fact" meant suspension of the code. Although NRA officials declared to the contrary, the authority appeared determined to carry out recommendations that the lumber code be suspended. The discharge of employees was made effective April 15.

Belcher's offer from NRA in the form of promised amendments to the code failed to quiet the resentment over the justice department's action. The general opinion at authority headquarters was that the government has "washed its hands" of even attempting to enforce the code in its present form. Withdrawal Partly Matter of Policy. The opinion was expressed there also that the government did not wish to risk going into the supreme court at the present time for fear it would hamper pending legislation for continuation of NRA.

"The industry simply has been crucified in an effort to save NRA's future by legislation not pending," one official said. Almost at the time he spoke, Huey Long asserted in the senate that because of the Belcher case he was going to tell his constituents in Louisiana to ignore the NRA. The justice department, he said, "won't do anything about it if they do violate the law." "I knew the NRA was unconstitutional and they knew it," he said, "but they're trying to keep it alive by bulldozing the little fellow. And this Alabama man (Belcher) who defied every part of it was allowed to tell 'em where to go." Special Week Spots Found, Lumber Code As for the action of the lumber authority, a meeting of the code control committee has been called for Tuesday to act upon the recommendations that "for reasons of equity" as a result of the justice department decision, the code should be entirely suspended. Today's action in discharging most of the employees was taken in anticipation of affirmation of code officials' recommendations. At NRA headquarters it was said numerous conferences had been held with code officials but no definite action had been taken although the case "has been discussed at length" by the board. It was said NRA probably will await results of the authority control committee meeting before making a move. Donald R. Richberg, NRA chief, explained at his press conference that the code's provision giving complete production control to the NRA was a question as to the government's first test of NRA rest on such a code. No other code has such provisions, he said, and suggested that it should be amended so that the recovery board would have the final word in production control. Richberg said there are 22 cases now on appeal from district courts to circuit courts of appeals, some of which are considered stronger than the Belcher case.

POLISH MOB RIOTS AGAINST GERMANS

KATOWICE, Poland, March 29.—(AP)—New found "friendship" between Poland and Germany went by the boards today as anti-German demonstrations flared all along the German eastern border today. Most violent demonstrations occurred at the Polish-German frontier where thousands of Poles formed protest parades against Germany. Police scattered one mob here just as it turned toward the German consulate. Direct cause of the demonstrations here, it appeared, was the closing of the Polish high school in the nearby border town of Beuthen, an action that deprived it of the right to give final state examinations. Some 5000 persons, urged by their leaders to get "revenge for the German impropriety" and "close the German schools in Poland," marched to the German newspaper Katowitz Zeitung and smashed the windows of its building. At NRA headquarters it was said numerous conferences had been held with code officials but no definite action had been taken although the case "has been discussed at length" by the board. It was said NRA probably will await results of the authority control committee meeting before making a move. Donald R. Richberg, NRA chief, explained at his press conference that the code's provision giving complete production control to the NRA was a question as to the government's first test of NRA rest on such a code. No other code has such provisions, he said, and suggested that it should be amended so that the recovery board would have the final word in production control. Richberg said there are 22 cases now on appeal from district courts to circuit courts of appeals, some of which are considered stronger than the Belcher case.

Most March Days WET, MANY WINDY

March is fulfilling an old tradition with the exception of the last two days of spring weather. It came in like a lamb but rain has fallen every day but five in the month. The 2d, 3d, 11th, 19th and 27th were all "some dry," but on the 25th, 1.85 inches of rain fell. Wind has been a raucous companion of the rain so that the mild day yesterday and sunshine today seem like the first real heralds of spring. Farmers have been delayed in their spring plowing by the excessive wet weather, but were making up for lost time yesterday.