

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1893.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—For Missouri: Fair; slightly cooler in southeast portion; northerly winds.

For Iowa—Fair; warmer Wednesday night; westerly winds.

For Nebraska—Generally fair; variable winds.

For Kansas—Fair; northerly winds becoming variable.

For Colorado—Fair; variable winds.

BUT for the serious results that are apt to flow from it, Governor Lewelling's great tramp manifesto would appear amusing, if not actually ludicrous. Had it been merely a circular of sympathy for the hardships of the poor who are unable to find or undertake work, there might have been some excuse for the letter; but it breathes little pity for that class of unfortunates. It is aimed, purely and simply, at the tramps; the Diogenes who prefer poverty, the Columbuses who choose hunger and the discovery, perhaps, of a new race to seeking personal comfort by engaging in some legitimate business. So there is absolutely no excuse for the letter on the ground of sympathy for the poor. It shows no sympathy for the deserving or unfortunate poor of Kansas, but invites the hordes of unwashed and voluntary paupers of the entire country to come and live upon the State. Worse than all this—to the Populist heeler, at least—the Governor's letter shows none of the art of concealing his real purpose to colonize the State with vagabonds under a similitude of virtue. It is a bold defense of the peculiar methods of the great American tramp; and as such it must stand—or fall.

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