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## ICE GORGES THREATEN TO SWEEP AWAY BRIDGES OVER THE PLATTE

Missouri Pacific Has to Abandon Train Service Until Late in the Afternoon on Account of Danger to their Bridge.

From Monday's Daily

The predictions of serious trouble with ice this coming spring seems to have been well founded, trouble having started yesterday morning when the ice in the Platte river commenced to move out. Above this city for many miles there was trouble had with the ice.

Early in the day it became evident that the ice was going to make trouble for the Missouri Pacific railroad and it threatened to carry away the bridge of that company. Immense piles of ice lodged against the structure and the water which it backed up covered the surrounding country for many miles. The railroad officials were notified of the danger in which their bridge was and at once had a work train with men hurried to the scene. Giant powder was used to break up the gorge which threatened such imminent destruction and within a very short time the main channel of the river had been opened and ice was running freely. This was not accomplished, however, until water had spread out over the bottom to the south, covering the space between the river bank and the Burlington tracks and had seeped through the embankment of the Missouri Pacific for practically the entire distance from the bridge to the Burlington crossing. In many places the water had taken out the fill and the ballast and the track for perhaps a quarter of a mile was undermined.

The ice gorge formed during the morning but by two o'clock it had been broken up and the river fell rapidly. The gorge at the north end of the bridge proved much more stubborn than at the south end or over the main channel and all afternoon a gang of men was engaged in using giant powder in breaking it up. This part of the gorge held so fast that water threatened to tear out the embankment to the north of the bridge and also to take out several spans. Fortunately this trouble was averted, as the opening of the channel relieved the pressure of the water on the piles of the bridge. A work train arrived at the scene of the trouble at about 3 p. m., and work was commenced cribbing up the track and getting it in shape for travel.

The Missouri Pacific had a lot of trouble with its trains in consequence of that trouble. The regular north bound train which was quite late arrived here and was backed up to Union, going around by way of Louisville into Omaha. A special show train was also held in this city and the Orpheum road show and the "Goddess of Liberty" companies were fed here. That is some of them were fed. The sudden and unlooked for influx of business resulted in the hotels and restaurants being swamped with orders and a great many people were compelled to do without anything very substantial to live on. The howl which some of the young women with these show companies put up, was something fierce. They complained that they were starved and the ravenous onslaught they made on the meals of the restaurants and the hotels soon had the managers of those establishments going home.

However, the girls were finally gotten out of town and into Omaha and it is to be hoped they got something to fill up on. A number of them walked from the Platte river bridge to South Omaha where they took street cars into the city. They all got there in time for the afternoon performance.

There was an immense number of people from this city out to the bridges during the afternoon. Train No. 23 on the Burlington carried over 100 passengers for that point while a great many walked out and back. Those who made the trip did not find much to pay them for their work. The ice was practically all gone, al-

though there were several immense piles some distance up the river from the bridge. The latter structure was in good shape and the only damage of consequence was the washed out track this side of the bridge. This was repaired in a short time.

There was little trouble in the Missouri river. After the breaking of the ice gorge in the Platte the river rose very rapidly and Wm. Hinrichsen who was hunting on the sand bars in front of the city found himself cut off from communication. The chute between this city and the sand bar rapidly filled with water and heavy running ice and for a while there was some apprehension of Mr. Hinrichsen's safety. He had waded across the chute and had no boat, hence there was a good deal of uneasiness felt for him. However, the rise in the river which was very sudden when it came, did not last long and soon subsided. Eventually he was taken off his desert island by some friends with a boat. He was well satisfied to get back on this side of the water, however.

The Missouri river today is rising but not very rapidly and unless some unforeseen event takes place, there is little danger of a gorge or trouble just at this time.

Reports from up the Platte indicate very serious trouble at a number of points. At Louisville five spans of the Missouri Pacific bridge have gone out but the wagon bridge was intact this morning. As was the case at Orepolis, the railroad and the wagon bridge people used powder and dynamite to break the gorges. At South Bend, the Rock Island had trouble all day yesterday with the ice but managed to keep the river open and saved their bridge. At Ashland the Burlington had a good deal of trouble but succeeded in keeping the river open and the bridge escaped without damage. At Valley a wagon bridge was swept away as was the case at Fremont. The ice which came down the river yesterday was plentifully mixed with timbers and the like showing that some destruction had taken place up the river.

There is every probability of a change in conditions for the better as the weather bureau predicts colder weather for today or tomorrow. This will result in checking the flow of the water.

A telephone message received by the Journal at 10 a. m., from Charles Ryhart stated that the bridge at Louisville was all right at that time but that word had just been received there of another gorge forming which threatened its destruction. This gorge is the result of the breaking up of the ice at Fremont and it was sweeping down on the Louisville bridge in the shape of a mass of ice almost a mile wide. There were grave fears expressed there that the wagon bridge would go along with the railroad bridge. If this is the case there is serious danger threatening the bridges at Orepolis.

The Missouri Pacific this morning was getting trains through on time and reported that its bridge was safe and that all its passenger travel was being handled through this city. There are two work trains here now and they will remain here indefinitely so as to be prepared for all emergencies. One is a steam shovel outfit while the other is a pile driver crew. These two will be engaged in working here it is stated for several months at least. Burlington trains this morning were moving on time and that road reported no serious trouble at any point on its system.

The Missouri river this afternoon is rising rapidly and is full of running ice. The ice looks to be quite heavy from the shore and there seems some likelihood of it gorging and making some trouble for dwellers in the bottoms soon.

## RETURNS FROM INDIANAPOLIS

Superintendent Gamble is Highly Pleased With the Great Gathering of Educators.

Superintendent J. W. Gamble of the public schools returned to the city yesterday noon after an interesting visit of several days at Indianapolis, Ind., where he was in attendance at the national convention of the superintendents and principals of the public schools of the country. Prof. Gamble states that this was generally considered the greatest educational gathering ever held in the country. There were noted and prominent educators present from all sections of the United States and there were a number of most interesting matters up before the convention for discussion.

While in Indianapolis, Prof. Gamble spent several days in visiting the public schools of that city. It may be remarked that the schools of that city are considered among the best in the country and the professor found them to be a veritable mine of information as to new school methods and modern means of educating the young. The Shorridge high school of that city is considered a remarkably good school and this Prof. Gamble visited, spending several hours at the institution.

Prof. Gamble was one of some thirty Nebraska educators present at the meeting and he was very much pleased at the action of the convention in choosing Prof. Davidson of this state as its next president. Prof. Gamble is a personal friend of the new president and has a very high estimate of his abilities as an educator. He predicts that his administration of the affairs of the association will prove excellent and will help it greatly in its upward building.

The attendance at this meeting was 1,400 altogether including a small number of women who took a deep interest in the subjects before the meeting. While the greater part of the gathering consisted of men, a thing which particularly pleased Prof. Gamble, the ladies who did attend were not at all backward in taking part in the gathering and helped out a great deal in the discussions of the meeting.

While in Indianapolis, Prof. Gamble met Otto Wurl who was in attendance upon the convention as a representative of the Quincy, Ill., schools. Mr. Wurl at one time was the head of a department in the Shorridge high school of Indianapolis and Prof. Gamble states that he found he stood very high in the estimation of all the heads of the Indianapolis schools and was considered one of the best men ever in the schools there.

There was a big fight on at the convention over the next place of the meeting. There were four strong competitors including Chicago, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., Dallas, Tex., and Mobile, Ala. The latter place carried off the coveted prize, their methods winning easily. They had a fine collection of young women on the ground, each armed with cigars, flowers and what not all designed to goom the golf city. The girls did the trick, too, as the convention voted for Mobile with very little trouble.

There were a large number of fine speakers present at the meeting, Senator Beveridge being one of the orators who delivered interesting addresses. Prof. Gulch of New York was another noted speaker who spoke very interestingly. In addition many others were present and added considerable to the interest of the meeting. These several speakers are experts in their several lines and their talks were full of much information of real value to the educators who had assembled.

Ed. Tritsch, the well known farmer of the precinct, was in the city Saturday making a visit with friends and attending to business matters. While here Mr. Tritsch made the Journal a pleasant call and renewed his subscription to the paper. The Journal is pleased to be able to record such good men as Mr. Tritsch among its patrons and it appreciates thoroughly his support.

W. S. Smith, the Murray merchant, is in the city today looking after business matters, having come up this morning on the M. P. train.

Farewell Surprise.

A farewell surprise was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mauer in South Park, Saturday evening in honor of Miss Effie Benedict who will depart for her home at Afton, Ia., in a short time. The evening was very pleasantly spent in playing games. Some nice music was furnished by Miss Agnes and Mr. Everett Ward, which was very much enjoyed by all. At a late hour a delicious luncheon was served to which all did amply justice.

Those present were Misses Agnes Ward, Anna Petersen, Effie Benedict, Helen Foster, Lottie Mauer, Agnes Foster, Mary Petersen, Hattie Forbes, Lena Mauer, Katie Foster; Messrs. Clarence Beal, John Mauer, Phillip Rihn, Everett Ward, Ed. Mauer, Andrew Petersen, Eugene Mauer, Raymond Mauer and Mr. and Mrs. Mauer.

## MRS. MARGARET MALONEY INSANE

Matrimonial Disappointment Said to be the Cause of Her Condition.

Some time ago the Journal reprinted from the Denver papers the sad story of Mrs. Margaret Maloney of Elmwood, Neb., who travelled to that city to find an old sweetheart who had promised to wait for her and marry her. She found him, but he had married and was unable to keep his promise. Immediately after she found this out she attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum but her life was saved by the intervention of the police surgeon. After her rescue she was placed in the care of the police matron but she refused to eat and attempted to starve herself to death.

Yesterday's papers contain further news of her to the effect that she is now insane, having succumbed to hunger together with the mental strain which her disappointment threw her into. She is at the city hospital there and sits all day in a dazed and comatose condition. The superintendent of the institution now states that she is better than she was and he has hopes of her recovery. The authorities there are at a loss to understand why her relatives do not take some steps to have her given treatment. She is 31 years of age. The old lover in the case was named Samuel Freeman and he, too, formerly lived near Elmwood, it is said.

Just as Expected.

The jury in the case of Cass county vs. Sarpy county which was tried last week in Papillion, Neb., returned a verdict on Saturday morning in favor of Sarpy county. The case was one brought by this county to compel Sarpy county to pay a portion of the cost of the Louisville bridge and the result is a victory for Sarpy county, although the supreme court has held that it is liable for its share of the structure. The defense which was argued against paying for the bridge was that the bridge was constructed of defective material and that extravagance had been used in building it. As the jury was composed of Sarpy county taxpayers it was hardly expected this county would win but County Attorney Ramsey is going to file a motion for a new trial and if possible he intends to get the county attorney of Sarpy county to agree to submit the case to the court without a jury, confident that this county will win. Mr. Ramsey is in Papillion today on the case. The jury was out from 3:30 Friday afternoon to 7 Saturday morning before agreeing.

Highly Appreciated.

Last week A. L. Huffer, who lives on the mail route out of Mynard, presented the rural carrier, Jap Young, with a quantity of fresh pork, and Jap feels greatly elated to be thus remembered that when pork in price, is almost out of the reach of the poor man. Mr. Huffer is known for his generosity, and Jap wants him to know that he feels very thankful for the donation. The rural route carriers have had a hard time in delivering their mail, and the patrons should not forget them. If more patrons would follow the example set by Huffer, they would not only be doing their duty, but something that is highly appreciated by the rural route carriers.

Hans Tams was a passenger this morning for Omaha where he will do some carpenter work for the Burlington.

## ARTHUR BRANN UNDER ARREST CHARGED WITH STEALING HORSES

Pleads Guilty to All Four Counts, and is Remanded to Jail in Default of Giving Bond to the Extent of \$1,000.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A curious case appears to be that of Arthur Brann, a son of Charles Brann an old and highly respected citizen of Wabash, for many years but now a resident of Lincoln. The young man was arrested at Auburn Sunday night by Sheriff W. H. Jones of that county charged with the theft of a team of horses belonging to Fred Lake, a prominent resident of the neighborhood of Elmwood, this county. Brann was caught in possession of the horses at Auburn and placed under arrest, the sheriff of that county notifying Sheriff Quinton yesterday morning of his capture.

The team of Lake was stolen on Saturday last and Brann who did the stealing drove it that night and Sunday to the south arriving at Auburn on Sunday evening where the team was easily recognized and he was placed under arrest. He did not make any effort to deny his guilt but in fact owned up to Sheriff Quinton that he had taken the team. He also admitted when the officer questioned him that he was also the man who stole the team of Fred Creamer of Elmwood on February 11th, last. This team was taken from a hitching rack at Elmwood and driven by Brann to Lincoln where it was sold. Afterwards Creamer recovered his property, it being traced to the capital city and eventually located by the officers there.

Brann made no effort to escape from the officers and accepted his arrest with the utmost sang froid. He was taken into custody by Sheriff Quinton at Auburn yesterday and brought back to this city last evening on the M. P., being confined in the county jail.

This morning he was arraigned before Judge Beeson in the county court, County Attorney Ramsey having filed a complaint charging him with the crime of stealing the teams of Creamer and Lake.

The complaint charges that Brann did on February 11th, last, steal and drive away one dark gray horse, valued at \$150, the property of Fred Creamer and also one dark gray mare of the same day date valued

at \$150, the property of Fred Creamer, and also that on March 5th, last, Brann did steal and drive away one dark brown mare, the property of Fred Lake and valued at \$150, and also on March 5th, last, that he stole and drove away one dark brown mare with a Roman nose, valued at \$150, the property of Fred Lake. The complaint charged four separate offenses.

Brann when arraigned before County Judge Beeson entered a plea of guilty to all four counts and Judge Beeson remanded him to the custody of the sheriff, fixing his bond for appearance in district court at the sum of \$1,000, which he did not give and in default of which he was committed to jail.

The next session of district court will be on March 21st, when Judge Travis will hold an adjourned session to transact some matters which went over from last Saturday when court adjourned. At this time Brann, it is said, will plead guilty to the charges as filed against him by County Attorney Ramsey and accept his sentence.

The case seems to be an unusual one as the accused man seems to have no good, valid reason for his actions. He comes of an excellent family according to all who are acquainted with them here and so far as can be learned, there is no good reason for his actions.

His father was a well known citizen of Wabash and a great deal of sympathy for him is expressed here. The family of the young man lives at present in Lincoln, the father having recently sold his store at Wabash and moved to that point. It is said that the young man's long residence around Wabash, Elmwood, Murdock and that vicinity resulted in his becoming thoroughly familiar with that locality and enabled him to select the teams and horses which he wanted. He was careful to select good animals and seemed to believe that he could sell them and never be suspected. It is said that he was suspected at the time the Creamer team was stolen but that there was a lack of any definite evidence upon which to base an arrest.

An Amusing Incident.

A amusing thing took place yesterday afternoon at the Platte river bridge which caused spectators to indulge in a lot of laughter at the expense of some well known Plattsmouth citizens. Dr. J. S. Livingston together with a party of friends was standing on the Burlington bridge, watching the workmen at the M. P. bridge blow the gorge up with giant powder when someone suggested fixing up a trick on him. The men secured a quantity of rope which resembled a charge of powder or dynamite and attached a fuse to it. This was lighted and the "bomb" thrown over to the Burlington bridge, the man doing the work cheerfully telling those on the bridge to "look out." When the doctor heard this "look out" he acted with much alacrity. He saw the sizzling bunch of destruction coming toward him and he well nigh crumpled up all his friends in getting out of the way. As the "bomb" did not explode there was a lot of fun at his expense but he didn't see the humor in the thing for several minutes.

Accounts for His Queer Actions.

Our good friend Mike Bajec, secretary of the local cigarmakers union, was acting up Saturday and many of his friends wondered what was the occasion. It developed later in the day that the occasion was a fine young son and heir which arrived at his house that morning. Mike believes this young man is going to be the fastest cigarmaker in the world and predicts some extraordinary things for him. He gives every promise of being a son which Mr. Bajec can well be proud of and the chances are that Mike's good feelings are quite justified. This is the first son for Mr. and Mrs. Bajec. Both mother and son getting along nicely.

J. W. Broost of Louisville is in the city today looking after business matters.

In District Court.

A suit has been commenced in district court by Carl Rissman against Milton Moore. Rissman claims that Moore made a verbal lease of his farm near Murdock to the plaintiff and then sold the place, installing another party in possession of the premises. For this he thinks Mr. Moore should pay him damages in the sum

of \$2,000. Both gentlemen are well known in the vicinity of Murdock, Mr. Moore being an old settler of that vicinity and a man who is considered worth a great deal of money. D. O. Dwyer represents the plaintiff in the case as counsel.

Ray Hadley was a passenger this morning for Omaha where he works.