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CONDITIONS GRADUALLY GROWING BETTER ALONG THE PLATTE RIVER

Burlington Gets Trains Through From the West Over the Old Main Line, Connecting at Pacific Junction for Omaha—Work Will Be Rushed on all Railroad Lines Affected.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Nebraska railroads are still battling with flood attacks, although the water in the Platte river is receding and the water level has now reached a point where repairs to damage can be started. It was announced last night that through service from Chicago to the west would be re-established at an early hour this morning via Plattsmouth, Louisville and Ashland. The Ashland-Omaha cutoff will be out of service for several days, just how long no estimate is offered, says the Lincoln Journal.

Yesterday the Burlington continued bringing main line trains from the east through to Lincoln from Nebraska City, and sending them east via the same line. Its connections with the east via Rulo and Napier were also open. This road ran a local train via Ashland, Louisville and the Missouri Pacific to Omaha, a transfer having been put in at Louisville to permit of getting trains through in that way.

It was announced late in the afternoon that during the night, probably before midnight, the Burlington would have its line from Plattsmouth to Ashland re-established, thus giving Lincoln a line to the east. Connection with Omaha will be made at Pacific Junction, and trains will be run between Omaha and Pacific Junction to connect with the main line business.

The Burlington had serious breaks in its line at Gullom and near Orepolis. These required much time to repair.

At the Ashland bridge a line of piling support under two steel spans was taken out. This permitted the spans to drop where they joined about four feet. It

will be necessary to re-drive piling and to restore the bridge where it has been damaged. Until the water recedes this cannot be attempted.

It is said the Fremont and Schuyler bridges are fit for service, but that they cannot be reached because of breaks in the grade caused by high water. These cannot be reached until the main line traffic is taken care of. The Columbus bridge lost nineteen spans and this will require a considerable time to repair, although pile drivers will work from each end of the bridge.

Late reports last night showed the Union Pacific and Northwestern again out of business between Fremont and Omaha. The Elkhorn rise of yesterday inundated new territory and made serious breaks in the Northwestern line, which runs via Arlington, and which was being used by both roads, pending repair to the Union Pacific main line east of Fremont.

Railroad men say that it will be the end of this week before train service can be restored to anything like normal, where it must depend on Platte river crossing and Platte valley grades.

While the Burlington has had to detour passengers over longer routes and has had much trouble in getting trains through the flood district, the regular Omaha fare, \$4.10 each way, has been charged.

The Rock Island is still out of service at the Platte river, but reports yesterday were that its bridge has not been damaged to the extent at first reported, and that the bridge perhaps can be repaired as quickly as some breaks in the line east of the main river crossing.

Postmasters to Get Vacation.

The Lincoln Journal says that the Nebraska postmasters are to be granted five days' leave of absence to attend the annual convention of the Nebraska State Association of Postmasters, to be held in Lincoln June 11, 12 and 13. Word to the effect that Postmaster General Hitchcock has issued an order to this effect was received by Postmaster Sizer of Lincoln Monday. The convention is to be the tenth annual, and it is expected that it will be the biggest one yet held, over five hundred delegates being expected to be present.

WHITING IS SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY

Receives Indeterminate Sentence of From One to Seven Years at Hard Labor.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Charles Allen Whiting, the Omaha Ice company laborer, who, on the 20th day of February of the present year, procured a license and was married at County Judge Beeson's office to Mrs. Bertha Backus, at the same time having a wife and two children at Lincoln, received sentence this morning in the district court by Judge Travis, who gave Whiting an indeterminate sentence to the penitentiary of from one to seven years at hard labor, with Sundays and holidays excepted. Whiting admitted his guilt when arraigned before Judge Archer on his preliminary hearing, within a week after his marriage to Mrs. Backus.

Whiting was married to Clara Wootan June 18, 1903, and two children were born to them, and although he did not reside at Lincoln with his family, he sent the principal part of his wages to his wife until his marriage with Mrs. Backus. On the day that Whiting was arraigned in the district court, his wife and brother and other friends were present and presented a petition to the court for the parole of Whiting. Mrs. Backus was also present and signified her willingness to sign the petition. She has visited Whiting since at the county jail.

Judge Travis took the petition for parole under advisement, but evidently decided that no good purpose would be served by the parole of the prisoner, as he did not grant the petition. When given an opportunity to say why sentence should not be passed on him, Whiting stated that he was sorry he committed the crime.

A. L. Buzzell Critically Ill.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. A. E. Todd received a message last evening from her sister, Mrs. F. L. Clark of Corning, Iowa, informing Mrs. Todd of the critical illness of her father, A. L. Buzzell. Mrs. Todd left on No. 6 this morning for the bedside of her father. Mr. Buzzell was formerly a well known Plattsmouth citizen, and until a few months ago resided with his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Todd, but went to Corning to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Clark. Mr. Buzzell is now 73 years of age. Mrs. Todd hardly expected to see him alive when she arrived at Corning.

Blew Off His Hat.

While railroad workmen were engaged in dynamiting the ice at South Bend a few days ago, one of the men lost his hat when the blast went off. The hat floated away from the bridge and lighted on the water. In a few hours a telephone message from Louisville was received, asking if anyone had been drowned at South Bend. A hat had been rescued from the river flood.—Lincoln State Journal.

Floating the Streets.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The heavy steel drag was put on the streets yesterday by J. H. and G. D. McMaken, drawn by four of their best draft horses, and the surface of the avenue was greatly improved. North Eleventh street was made to look like a driving park roadway, so smooth did it appear.

DON DESPAIN UNDERGOES AN OPERATION

One Report Says Went Through Operation Nicely—Another Says He Is in Serious Condition.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A special from Sabetha, Kansas, in reference to the illness of Don Despain, says: "Following an hour's session today on the operating table for the removal of gall stones, Donald Despain, president of the Lincoln baseball club, is resting comfortably tonight and with every prospect for an early recovery."

"The operation was performed at 10 o'clock Monday morning and Dr. Murdock, the operating surgeon, removed upwards of 120 stones from the gall bladder. Complete stoppage of the gall duct had ensued and the operation, according to Dr. Murdock, could not have been longer delayed without grave consequences to the patient."

"Mr. Despain recovered from the effects of the anaesthetic early in the afternoon and tonight was inquiring as to the progress of the Antelope's practice at the Sycamore Springs field. Barring unexpected developments, he hopes to be able to leave the hospital within three weeks—barely in time to return to Lincoln for the opening game of the home season with the Topeka club on April 22."

A later dispatch from Topeka, Kansas, reports Mr. Despain in a very serious condition, but hopes are entertained by his many friends in Plattsmouth, the home of his early boyhood days, that the last report is somewhat exaggerated, and that Don will soon fully recover.

P. S.—Since the above was put in type a special from Sabetha, Kansas, says that Don showed improvement yesterday, and the surgeon at the hospital states there is every prospect of an early recovery.

Easter Lilies in Window.

Falter & Thierolf, the popular clothiers, have arranged their windows in a very tasty and nobby style for their spring trade. Easter lilies are artistically arranged, forming a border to their pleasing display of Manhattan shirts and Stetson hats and notions on the one hand and nobby spring suits and Manhattan shirts on the other. This clothing firm has the goods on their racks and tables just as fine as that displayed in their show windows and their customers find the gentlemen behind the counter always genial and accommodating and anxious to please their customers. Their goods are of that quality which pleases the trade, and when a customer buys at their store he invariably returns to buy again.

Settles With Railroad.

William Allbee, who had both hands cut off last October at Alliance when he fell under a loaded box-car while switching in the Burlington yards, brought suit in the district court of Mills county and settled with the railway company for \$11,037.50. Mr. Allbee is a son-in-law of J. W. Barwick, and has a most estimable wife and two small children. The company settled with Mr. Allbee without a suit, which was much the better way to adjust the unfortunate controversy. The young man will probably take up the study of law and prepare himself to earn a living for his wife and children.

Widow of Old Soldier.

Mrs. William Henry died yesterday at the home of her son at Union, where she had been making her home. She was for many years a resident of this city, living in the western part of town. Her husband died some twelve years ago and then she went to Union. The remains arrived here this afternoon and were taken to Memorial hall, where services were held by Rev. A. A. Randall, and interment was at Wyuka.—Nebraska City News.

John Hiber, jr., was an Omaha passenger on the morning train today, where he looked after business matters for a time.

THE PLATTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS ITS REGULAR SESSION

Report of Superintendent Abbott Shows That District Will About Break Even Financially, the Expenses Being Some \$19,000—Several Changes Planned by Superintendent.

The school board held its regular monthly meeting Monday night. All of the members were present and the routine business, allowance of bills and so on was attended to. Miss Crete Briggs was elected as a member of the teaching force. This leaves but one vacancy in the High school yet to be filled. There will be one more teacher in the grades next year than this to relieve the congestion in the grammar grades. William Freese was re-elected janitor of the Columbian building.

The financial report showed that the district would about break even for the year. The expenses of the district were approximately \$19,000. The tuition collections for March were \$25, reported by Superintendent Abbott, a total thus far this year of \$242.54.

The lecture course engaged from the Lyceum for next winter will be a first-class one in every particular. A special rate will be made to school children. The teachers will be asked to assist in making the course a success.

The bureau of labor will fine employers who are using the labor of children under the age of 16 without a permit from the superintendent of schools. These permits will be issued to children over 14 if their services are necessary in the support, or partial support, of a large family. An inspector from the department visited us recently.

It has been ten years since Mr. McHugh issued a course of study for the High school and another year ripe for other courses to be gotten out. The superintendent was instructed to formulate such a course.

The plan books introduced at the beginning of the school year have been of great assistance in getting good results and in unifying the work done.

The diplomas for the graduation class should be ordered forthwith.

The regular monthly teachers' meetings have been interfered with by bad weather and bad roads, but the lost time will now

This year on account of lack of available room we shall not be able to start any pupils in the middle of April, as we have been accustomed to do for several years. The children will begin their work in September. This is in accord with the recommendation of physicians and psychologists and would be proper, even if we had room.

Two turning poles at Columbian and several on the Central grounds would be of vast benefit to the boys. Miss Hawksworth notices the loss of their pole extremely and would like to have it replaced.

In our reading circle work we have reached a study of Horace Mann, the foremost educator America has produced. I think that I can obtain, for his mere expenses, Mr. H. N. Wheeler of Tekamah, who was a personal friend of Mr. Mann's, to speak to my teachers on this splendid character. The board authorized this expenditure.

Miss Hawksworth reports that the stairs at Columbian should receive attention. He made up. These general meetings are devoted to "The History of Education," a book recommended by the State Reading Circle.

The estimate for supplies to be used during the next school year is being worked out and will be placed before the proper committee shortly.

An inspection of every room in the city during the past month convinces the superintendent that the work generally is going on satisfactorily.

It is suggested that the requirements of the state department—now that their rules of accreditation have been made very severe—be the only test of eligibility of teachers. This rule was adopted by the Plattsmouth board practically seven years ahead of the state department.

Mr. Abbott expresses appreciation of the support and encouragement that President Dovey, who retires from the board at this time, has given the superintendent since he began work in Plattsmouth.

BURLINGTON TRAINS RESUME SERVICE

First Train From Denver Since Last Saturday Evening Passed Through This Morning.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The first train from Denver since No. 2 passed through for the east last Saturday evening went through Plattsmouth this morning, when No. 6 came in over the Ashland cutoff, arriving here about 6:30. For an hour before the railway yards were thronged with freight trains, which had come in during the early morning. Among them was a long Union Pacific freight, which had come in from Fremont via Lincoln, trying to reach Council Bluffs over the Burlington line, via Pacific Junction.

Omaha passengers over the Burlington, and this was the only line taking passengers for Omaha this morning, boarded No. 6 and changed at the Junction. There was a train from Omaha to Plattsmouth via the Junction to Lincoln this morning, its schedule time being 8:20, but the numerous freights moving over the line caused this train to be much later. The M. P. had a train from Plattsmouth to Lincoln, via Union, leaving about 10 a. m. for the capital city.

It is expected that trains will be running over the Omaha line before night. Twelve cars loaded with cinders and several with

stone and three or four handcar loads of laborers were sent to the scene of the washouts early this morning, and the repair work was rushed with all speed possible.

Boy Breaks His Arm.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Alvin Meisinger, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meisinger, residing west of Plattsmouth, met with quite an accident last Saturday morning, in which the little fellow broke his arm. He was assisting his father in hitching up a team and slipped and fell to the ground with such force as to break his right arm just below the elbow, breaking both bones. The little fellow and his father came to town yesterday and he will remain here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Coon Meisinger, where he will be under the physician's care.

Death of Baby.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Herman Roth, the 3-months-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bestor of Cozad, Nebraska, died yesterday and was buried today. Tuesday, April 2, Mr. Bestor is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bestor of this city and was born and reared in Cass county, where he has many friends who deeply sympathize with the father and mother in this, the hour of their sad bereavement.

John Meisinger, jr., and wife and children came down to the county seat yesterday on No. 4 and visited Mr. Meisinger's parents, Jacob Meisinger and wife, for a few hours between trains.

JUDGE ARCHER HAS A VERY BUSY TIME

Several Parties Have to Answer to Charges Before the Police Judge.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Frank Miller and Arthur Kittams, two strangers, having all the appearance of honest toilers, were in the police court this morning, charged with being drunk last night and were thrown in by the night police. On being questioned as to the occupation of each, Miller stated that he was a bridge carpenter, and had arrived from Sabetha, Kansas, two days ago and had never thought of getting drunk when he took a drink. He was expecting to get a job with the bridge gang as soon as the boss came to town. He was single and 36 years old. Kittams stated that he came in from Gullom last night; that he met a party of hunters who gave him a drink of whisky which carried him off his feet. He was a homesteader in Montana, where he had a quarter section of land, which he had left to look for work. He was single and 37 years old. Judge Archer assessed their fine at \$5 and costs each. Neither stranger had any money. The court then inquired how long it would take them to get out of town. Miller replied that he could get out in ten minutes. Kittams remarked that it depended on the size of the town as to the time required by him to reach the limits. The court then suspended the sentence of each for thirty minutes, which was agreed upon as sufficient time.

Complaint was filed by Night Policeman Henry Trout against John Eagan and Riley McFarland, charging them with fighting. On being arraigned, McFarland pleaded guilty and paid his fine of \$5 and costs. Eagan claimed to have acted in self defense and

his hearing was set for this afternoon.

La Follette's Dates.

Senator La Follette has planned a whirlwind campaign of six days in Nebraska, beginning the morning of April 5 and ending the night of April 10. His itinerary for the first two days has been completed as follows: Plattsmouth shops early in the morning, then taking the Missouri Pacific, stopping at Mynard, Murray, Union, Wyoming, Nebraska City, Paul, Julian, Auburn, Howe, Stella, Verdon and Falls City; thence switching to the Burlington, making Table Rock, Elk Creek, Tecumseh, Smartville, Adams, Firth, Hickman, Roca, and Lincoln at night. The second day he will go over the Burlington, making the following towns: Fairmont, Grafton, Sutton, Saronville, Harvard, Inland, Hastings, Juniata, Kenesaw, Heartwell, Minden and Holdrege.

In County Court.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A hearing on the petition for the appointment of an administrator in the estate of Tracy A. Graham was had yesterday, and his wife was appointed.

The same proceedings were had in the estate of Jacob Schneider, deceased. In this matter Postmaster H. A. Schneider was appointed administrator.

The court was busy today with hearings on claims in the estates of H. Schwartz, deceased, and P. VanBuren, deceased. The last hearing on claims was had at this time, and an order entered barring the further filing of claims, as the time limit for the presenting of claims has expired.

A guardian was appointed for Charles, Guy and James Spence, minor heirs and grandchildren of Adam Ingram, deceased.

C. E. Heebner, commissioner from the Second district, came over from Nehawka last evening to meet with the board in regular session today.