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TORNADO MORE SEVERE THAN AT FIRST REPORTED

The Devastation of Property and Loss of Life in Cass Greater Than at First Reported.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The full extent of the great calamity that visited this part of Nebraska continues to grow as the reports from different sections of the country pour in, and while the loss in Omaha, both in lives and property, is something to make one shudder, the smaller towns that were visited by the storm contributed their share to the awful toll taken by the terrible tornado.

In this county the only deaths so far reported are those of Mrs. Shrader and Mrs. Alford, an aged lady of near Nehawka, but there were a large number injured by the storm.

The tornado that visited Berlin, in Otoe county, only left the church and one house standing, and seven of the residents there were killed and seventeen badly injured, including Mrs. Fred Nutzman, wife of former Representative F. L. Nutzman, who suffered a double fracture of the lower limb.

The storm, leaving Berlin, traveled in a northeasterly direction, passing near the town of Nehawka and swept down on the farm of F. P. Sheldon, south of Nehawka, killing Mrs. Alford and badly injuring her son, Robert. The storm also struck the farm home of Charles Flesman, three-quarters of a mile south of the Alford farm, demolishing both the house and barn. The family escaped by seeking safety in a large cave on the place and were uninjured by the wind.

The Alford place is situated in the timber near Weeping Water creek and was directly in the path of the twister. Giant trees were uprooted or blown down, two big barns were demolished, and hogs, cattle and horses killed. The farm, as does the Flesman place, belongs to Frank P. Sheldon, and was well equipped as a stock farm, among other things having over 200 head of hogs.

Mrs. Alford's body was found within a few feet of the house, buried under a pile of debris. The other members of the family, which were her grown sons, Robert and Albert, and the hired man, and a cousin, Ethan Allen of Council Grove, Kansas, who was visiting them, reached the cellar safely, their injuries consisting of bruises.

The road between the two farms was piled high with trees, posts, telephone poles and twisted fences for several hundred yards where the storm had crossed it.

The storm traveled more in an easterly direction after striking the Alford place, and about two miles west of Union struck the J. W. Pitman farm, occupied by John Mead and family, and completely demolished the barns and out-buildings and badly damaged the house, but the family escaped without serious injury.

The storm then continued in a northeasterly direction, striking in between Murray and Union, where it struck the Campbell and Shrader places, destroying them completely. At the home of Harry Todd, south of Murray, several barns and sheds were blown down and several head of stock were carried off by the tornado and their fate is not known.

There was great alarm felt here yesterday by the friends of Bert Thomas, as a party by his name was reported among the dead at Balston, but his sisters at once left for Omaha and he was located and found to be uninjured.

The sights around the wrecks of homes in Omaha was most pathetic, as parties wandered through the ruins looking for friends and relatives who were supposed to be buried beneath the

awful piles of wreckage that marks what was one of the most thickly populated resident districts in Omaha.

The Commercial club of this city has donated, through President Schneider, the sum of \$50 to be used in assisting in caring for the sufferers in our sister city.

CITY COUNCIL HELD VERY BUSY SESSION

Sunday Base Ball Proposition and Fred Patterson for City Engineer Go on City Ballot.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The guardians of the city's welfare, the council, held their regular meeting last evening at the city hall, with all present except Councilman Richey of the Third ward. There were quite a number of spectators present to witness the outcome of the picture show ordinance, but the matter was sidestepped until the next meeting, as Richey, the member who introduced the motion to amend the ordinance so as to designate the hours when shows could operate, was not present to bring out the amendment, and the other members were not desirous of acting as father to the measure.

The city clerk read a communication from James Burnie offering the city a proposition in regard to oiling the dirt roads and placing them in proper shape by plowing, harrowing and crowning them and putting on the oil, which will hold the road in good shape. The matters were referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee.

A petition was also received by the council from T. E. Olson asking permission to use First and Diamond streets on Wintersteen Hill for gardening purposes, and as this is not used the council, on motion of Lushinsky, granted the request.

Sam G. Smith had before the council a communication asking permission to extend a concrete wall along lot 11, in block 20, out into the street for a few feet as needed in some improvements he is making. The matter was turned over to the judiciary committee for investigation.

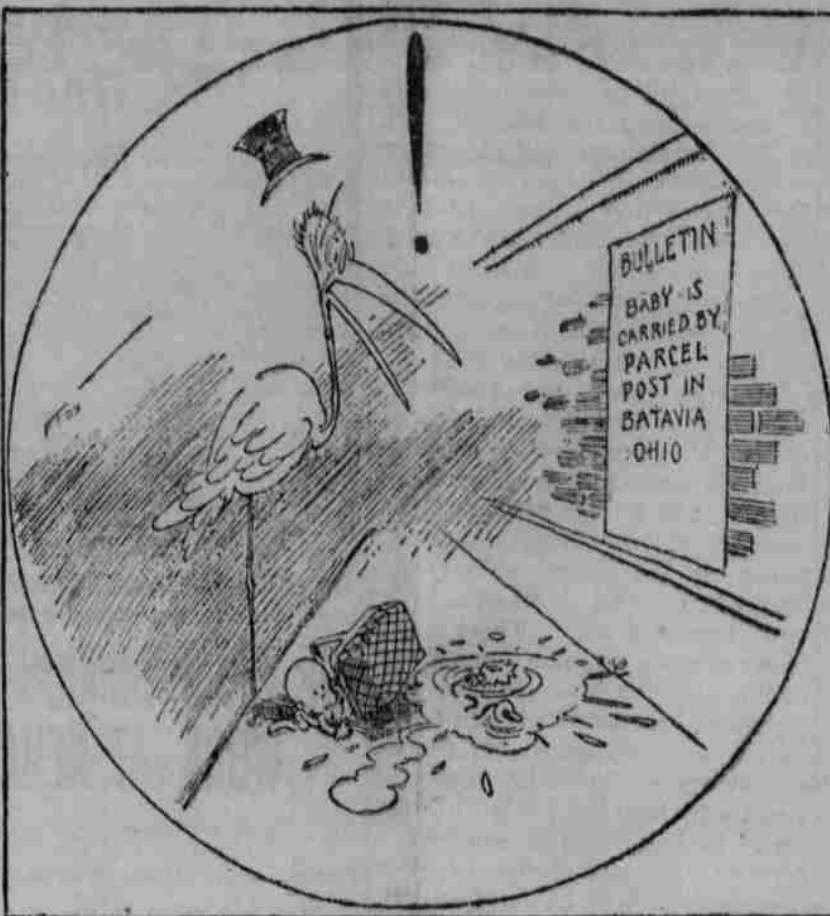
A large petition containing the names of some 378 voters of the city of Plattsmouth, was presented to the council asking that August body to have the question of Sunday base ball placed on the ballot at the election April 1st, in compliance with the new state law covering Sunday ball playing, which requires that it be submitted to the voters of a community. The proposition will be placed on the ballot, as the council, by a unanimous vote, decided to grant the prayer of the petition, and now in a few days we can have legal Sunday ball, as there is no doubt that a large majority of the citizens favor the proposition.

Another petition, from Rev. Father John Vleck, priest, and James Newasek and Joe Hiber, as trustees of the Holy Rosary church, asking for the establishing of an electric light on Pearl street, near the church, was granted by a unanimous vote of the city dads.

Quite an argument was indulged in when a communication signed by 201 voters, asking that the name of Fred Patterson be placed on the ballot for city engineer, was received and read by the clerk. On inquiry of the city attorney he stated he thought the office had been made an appointive one in some of the late laws passed by the legislature. Attorney W. A. Robertson, who represented Mr. Patterson, stated that according to law, the council really had no jurisdiction in the matter, as the office, by statute, had been made an elective one. After some discussion of the matter, on motion of Buttery, the name of Mr. Patterson was ordered placed on the ballot at the coming election as a candidate for the office of city engineer.

The finance committee reported favorably upon the following

THE EXPRESS COMPANIES ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES HIT—PERHAPS.



—Fox in New York Evening Sun.

claims and warrants were ordered drawn for their payment: Mike McTool, street work, \$1; A. F. Brown, salary foreman hook and ladder, \$6.25; H. D. Stanley, salary foreman hose cart, \$6.25; C. M. Manners, salary fire chief, \$12.50; Ray Sawyer, salary secretary fire department, \$6.25; Sam Goucheonour, salary foreman hose cart, \$6.25; Henry Lahoda, salary foreman hose cart, \$6.25; William Mason, salary foreman hose cart, \$6.25; W. B. Rishel, street work, \$2; W. H. Miller, labor, \$6; Platte Mutual Insurance company, insurance on books at library, \$6.25; Klapp & Bartlett, election supplies, \$9.75; J. H. McMaken, hauling fire bell to city hall, \$1; Cass crew, boarding prisoners and commitments, \$7.75. The last two bills were referred to the claims committee for investigation.

The claims committee made a favorable report on the claim of M. E. Manspaker for \$1 for team to city, and Waterman Lumber Co., lumber, \$9.20, and warrants were ordered drawn to pay these.

Councilman Dovey of the city jail committee reported that he had not received the estimates of the cost of the steel cells for the building, and asked for further time to look this up before the work was started, which was granted.

The ordinance in regard to the closing of the picture shows on Sunday was brought up, but as the author of the amendment was not present, it was held over until the next meeting.

The chimney on the Coates' building was reported as being in a very dangerous condition, and Councilman Lushinsky stated that he thought the chief of the fire department should investigate the matter and see that it was fixed as there was a large hole in the chimney that made it unsafe to use. The chief was instructed to get after the matter at once.

Mayor Sattler called the attention of the council to the fact that the telephone company had decided to raise the rates for telephones in the city, and he thought it would be a good thing for the council to pass a resolution protesting against the raise. The mayor stated that a number of the ladies of the city had circulated a petition against the raise, and had secured a large list of signers, to present to the state railway commission, and he thought it only right to take steps to protect the interests of the people. Councilman Buttery wanted to know if there was not a provision in the telephone company's franchise that forbid the raising of the rates, but City Attorney Tidd informed the council that the last franchise granted the company did not provide anything against the raising of the rates for telephones, and that the matter would have to be adjusted by the state railway commission.

Councilman Vondron wanted a bad place on Chicago avenue, near the roads leading to the Wiles place, fixed up and the road graded and the driveway filled up,

which was ordered done by the council.

Councilman Shea stated that there was much complaint about persons dumping refuse into the approaches to the city sewers, especially on Lincoln avenue, where the shops are located, and that the superintendent, Mr. Baird, had done all in his power to keep the sewer open, and that the city should see that the parties throwing rubbish in any of the sewers or approaches punished, and that the chief of police be instructed to see that the parties doing this were placed under arrest and fined under the city ordinance. Mr. Lushinsky amended the resolution by having the streets, alleys and bridges committee employ two men to go over the city and open up the different sewers and things that were filled up, before the spring rains set in, and the council passed the resolution without a dissenting vote.

The council ordered several different jobs of work done on the bridges and streets of the city before the rainy weather set in.

Councilman J. M. Vondron, who has been one of the most efficient members of the council, having represented the Fifth ward for a number of terms, tendered his resignation to the council, as he has removed to the Third ward. The council passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Vondron for his faithful services to the city, and the mayor expressed, in a few well chosen words his appreciation of this worthy gentleman and how he had labored for the best interests of the city. Mr. Sattler announced he would appoint a new councilman at the next meeting to take Mr. Vondron's place.

There being nothing of further importance to come up before the council, and as it was growing late, the council adjourned and the city fathers wended their way homeward.

PLATTSMOUTH EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO OMAHA IN HER DIRE DISTRESS

From Tuesday's Daily.
The Plattsmouth city council last evening at their session instructed the city attorney to draft a resolution to present to the city of Omaha expressing the sympathy of this city in the awful calamity that has visited the metropolis in the destruction by the tornado of Sunday. The matter was brought up by Councilman Lushinsky of the Fourth ward and was approved warmly by the mayor and every member of the council, as it will express the universal sentiment of grief and sorrow over the loss of life that has thrown a mantle of mourning over the entire state.

S. O. Cole has some home grown alfalfa seed for sale at \$9.00 per bushel. 3-24-w4

"WHO WILL WIN THE PRIZES?"

Large Audience Present at the Methodist Church to Hear Attorney G. A. Magney.

From Tuesday's Daily.
There was a large attendance of young men present last evening at the rooms of the Young Men's Bible class of the Methodist church and they were amply repaid in coming by the splendid lecture delivered by County Attorney George A. Magney on the subject, "Who Will Win the Prize?" The speaker of the evening was introduced by County Attorney C. H. Taylor of this city, after a most pleasing vocal solo by Prof. W. G. Brooks of the High school, which greatly pleased the large audience. Mr. Taylor stated that when one desired humor they went to the famous humorists, or in lessons on art they consulted those who had won fame and honor in that line, but when they wanted a lesson from real life they came to the man who had won success by coming up the ladder rung by rung, and who had the actual experience of starting from the bottom, and such a man was George A. Magney.

Mr. Magney spoke for over an hour and the interest of his auditors was as great at the finish as when he commenced, as he delivered some very telling points in the story of success. He stated that every young man should be a dreamer, that they should build their castles in the air, for out of these came some of the lofty ideas that had benefited the world and that the young man should not despise a humble beginning in life, as the greatest men of modern times had begun life at the lowest station in point of wealth. He also pointed out the sin of selfishness in a young man and the lost opportunities for those who dedicated their lives to the task of accumulating money for money's sake alone and how valuable they were to the world. Another great point given by Mr. Magney was the confidence a man should have in himself, as without it he was not fitted to grasp the prize in the battle of life.

While in the city over night Mr. Magney was entertained at the home of his uncle, W. H. Newell and wife. Mr. Magney was a sufferer in the tornado Sunday in Omaha, having two houses destroyed in the storm which did so much damage there.

TAKES A SENSIBLE STAND ON THE JAIL PROPOSITION

From Tuesday's Daily.
Editor John I. Long of the Nehawka News, who is also somewhat of a poet and a philosopher combined, is of the opinion that the county seat removal for Cass county would be nothing short of a crime, considering the fact that the county is well provided with a court house at present. He wants a new jail, however, and believes the county should buy one as soon as possible. From all appearances he stands almost alone in the contention—that is, outside the Plattsmouth Journal, which, of course, wants no county seat removal. The Weeping Water people are very anxious to get into a county seat war, evidently loving that sort of turmoil, and Mr. Long has a few things to say about Weeping Water in his recent issue of the News, comments that are to the point and tinged with the sort of wit that leaves a laugh but no sting. He has mastered the art of newspaper repartee without leaving a bad taste in the mouth, and he is sensible with it all.—Nebraska City Press.

Everyone Should See It.
Charles Klein's play, "The Third Degree," exposing the methods of unscrupulous police officials, is such a timely subject that it is unquestionably the leading play of the day in the American theater.

New M. P. Passenger Train.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The brakemen of the Missouri Pacific have given out the news that another passenger train is to be put on which will go north in the morning and return in the evening. As yet the officials have not made any announcement of the kind. This is the train that Tom Hughes, the well known rustler for the passenger department of that road has been after for years and it would look as if his advice was going to be acted upon.—Nebraska City News.

NEXT ATTRACTION AT PARMELE THEATER

Melodrama in Four Acts, Entitled "Panama," a Story of the Great Panama Canal.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Eugene Perry offers E. Herbert's famous play, in four acts, entitled "Panama," at the Parmele Saturday night, March 29. A beautiful story woven around the life of an orphan girl, who was found on the doorsteps of one of the watchmen in Panama while working on the great canal. The steam shovels and derricks are set ready for work on the canal. A complete scenic production.

Special scenery is carried by the company for each and every act. At the age of 17 Miss Tuesday, the orphan, meets a civil engineer from the United States by the name of Dave Higgins, and falls in love with him. Wallace Goodwin will be seen as the boy from the U. S. A., and Miss Gladys Jefferson as Tuesday, the orphan. They are supported by a cast of high-salaried artists, including Fred Upchurch as Her, the foster father, who created the part three seasons ago. This play comes very highly recommended by press, public and pupil. One night only. Seats on sale at the usual place.

THE STORM AS SEEN BY ALBERT AND PERCY WHEELER

From Tuesday's Daily.
Albert Wheeler and brother, Percy, were in the city yesterday from their home, south of this city, and they had a very lively experience with the tornado Sunday evening. W. D. Wheeler and family saw the first tornado cloud that passed to the south of them and were commenting on it, when Percy, looking toward the west, discovered another storm making its way toward their farm, tearing trees out by the roots and sweeping everything in its path. He at once gave the alarm and the family sought safety in the cellar just as the storm struck the house, and the sensation was far from agreeable, as they could hear the roar of the storm and the different objects that were hurled against the house, and to add to the terrors of the storm the windows in the Wheeler home were blown in, giving the storm a sweep through the house, but no very serious damage was done to the interior of the house. A large shed on the place was blown down and the wind tore every shingle off the roof of the barn, but had as the damage was, they were very fortunate that none of them were injured.

Ruins Viewed by Many.

The wreck created by the tornado in Omaha Sunday evening made that city the mecca for sight-seers from this city, and the Burlington train from this city in the afternoon was crowded by those going up to view the ruins made by the storm. Almost one hundred and fifty persons were passengers yesterday on No. 23 alone.

FOR SALE—Five, ten and twenty acres, improved, close into Plattsmouth. Eight acres, five miles out. Box 287, Plattsmouth, Neb. 3-22-d&w