

The Plattsmouth Journal.

CITY VISITED BY CLOUD-BURST AT EARLY HOUR TODAY WITH HEAVY LOSS

HEAVY WATER FALL FOLLOWED BY FLOOD IN THE BUSINESS SECTION THE EQUAL OF ANY IN YEARS PAST.

Main Street a Raging River at 4 O'Clock

Building Occupied by Con Tschkert Wrecked, Rear of the Ebersole Building Caved In and Basement at the Ford Garage Filled when Wall Breaks

From Thursday's Daily—

The worst rain storm of many years swept over this locality at an early hour this morning and reached the proportions of a deluge. The result was that Washington and Chicago avenues and Main street were filled with a raging torrent of water that for two hours tore its way through the city and left in its wake the loss of several thousand dollars to the business men of the city and the residents along the two avenues.

The rain commenced shortly before 3 o'clock and soon the rain was falling in sheets that offered the warning that the sewers would be unable to cope with the flood water that was pouring down the hillsides into the low places and bent on following the natural waterways.

At 3:30 the sewers on both Chicago and Washington avenues were overflowing and the wave of water six feet in depth was sweeping on toward the main section of the city and on the crest of the floods were borne boxes, timbers, limbs of trees and wagon loads of grass and other debris that effectively plugged the sewer inlets in the new sewer district and with each passing moment the water was tearing through Main street threatening to sweep into all of the business houses along the street.

As the flood waters from the south side came down Chicago avenue, they swept into the garage of the Plattsmouth Motor company, after having torn out a large section of the retaining wall to the west of the garage, and filled the cellar and work rooms to the level of the first floor, catching a large number of cars that were stored there and being repaired, and will inflict heavy loss on George H. Perry, the owner. As the result, the water then struck toward Sixth street and with full force the water and its debris drove in the entire front of the one-story brick building occupied by C. C. Tschkert with his auto repair shop and much of the rear of the building, also tearing out the entire rear wall and causing the back half of the roof to fall in. The water was then rushing with great force and to the depth of several feet through Sixth street and as the flood reached its height the rear of the building of D. B. Ebersole of South Sixth street was undermined and caved in, and with the water menacing the building from the front threatened the safety of Mr. Ebersole and his two sons, David and George, who were living in the wrecked building. The water coming from the south was met at the intersection of Sixth and Main street by the great volume that poured down from the north avenue and the back water covered the sidewalks on Sixth street to a depth of several feet, filling the cellar and the west side of the street and at the F. G. Fricke & Company drug store the water completely filled the cellar as it did under the store of M. D. Brown. In the Fricke cellar there was a great deal of stock and window glass carried that will make their loss one of the heaviest in the city.

The flood along Washington avenue was especially severe to the residents along that thoroughfare, the flood waters leaving the creek at the mouth of the sewer on Tenth street and sweeping on down the avenue. At the residence of G. G. Meisinger and H. L. Kruger, the cellars were filled and the water had commenced to leak into the doors of the first floor when the waters commenced to subside. The residence of Fred Kuhnman had water to the top of the house on the first floor of the house and at the R. W. Cavender home the water completely filled the cellar and threatened to reach into the first floor. The flood swept on and raced over the sidewalks into the residence of Peter Claus and also around the entrance to the home of Perry Coffman. The raising waters surrounded the home of Herman Reichstadt and two inches of water covered the first floor of the home. Mr. Reichstadt had gone into the cellar to carry out some fruit when the water first came into the yard, and was caught as the flood swept into the house and only with difficulty was he able to make his way out of the cellar.

The water from Washington avenue covered the floor of the Frady garage with a coating of mud to a depth of several inches and also reached as far north as the residence of Mrs. G. G. Meisinger and threatened for several moments to inundate the homes in that locality. As the flood swept on toward the main part of the city it tore off the front steps at the home of Mrs. John Bauer, Sr., and also flooded the cellar of the Bauer garage and left a coating of mud over the floor of the building.

At the corner of Sixth and Vine, the force of the water tore away the rear doors of the Straight furniture store and played havoc with the stock of goods, the water raising to the depth of almost two feet in the main portion of the building and causing the collapse of the floor of the workroom in the rear of the building. This will be one of the heavy losses as the furniture and undertaking materials that were water-soaked cannot be cleaned up very satisfactorily. The waters also swept into the cellar across the street at the home of E. A. Wurl, and in North Sixth street the waters reached almost to the tops of cars that were parked there and carried them out into the flood waters, several being carried to the lower part of Main street before they became stranded and one went aground at the entrance to the Burlington subway, remaining there while the water dashed completely over its top throughout the course of the flood.

For the first time in years water poured into the basement of the Main hotel and on the west side of the Cotner block reached almost to the windows on the first floor of the building and was forced into the plumbing department of the Kroehner Brothers store, while the cellar of the building was practically filled with the flood water.

When the chief force of the water had swept into Main street it soon reached onto the sidewalks and in many places where there were open gratings in front of the stores, the cellars rapidly filled and much water seeped through the walls into the adjoining cellars that were protected from the flood itself.

The store of E. A. Wurl at the corner of Sixth and Main streets had one of the heavy losses of the flood, and the water filled the cellar to a depth of several feet, part of this however breaking through from the flooded cellars to the south of the store along Sixth street. The cellars at the store of the H. M. Soennichsen company in the Doney building, Chase meat market and the drug store of Weyrich & Hadraba were partially filled with water coming from the adjoining buildings.

The firm of C. E. Wescott's Sons, which suffered so heavily in the flood of 1907, was more fortunate this time, as the water passed them by and all that they had was a small amount that seeped in later from the nearby cellars.

East of Fifth street on the south side there was not much damage to speak of, as the cellars that had any water was largely from seepage and will not cause any severe loss. On the north side of Main street the cellars near the Coates block were filled with water and the rear wall of the kitchen of the Wagner cafe had a small hole torn in the bricks that caused some mud and water to wash in on the floor of the kitchen but this was soon cleaned up. Water also made its way into the cellars of the Maury Drug Co. and the Nebraska Gas and Electric Co. office, but without heavy loss. The floor at Maury's was covered

with three inches of mud and water that swept in through the back door entrance and took a lot of scrubbing to clean up, but none of the stock was damaged. The other buildings in the block did not receive any water to speak of, although the debris washed clear to the front doors of the various stores and indicated the danger point that they had reached.

Several automobiles which were parked along Sixth street were washed from their parking spaces and swept into the young river that was rushing along the street.

The sweep of the storm covered all directions near this city and the vicinity of Lincoln avenue also was flooded to some extent, although the storm there did not do the amount of damage it did in other sections of the city and which is most fortunate as the Burlington shops located in that part of the city fared very well in the general conditions and with the day's work the damage that had been done in the shops will practically be cared for. The greater part of this damage was from a coating of mud that followed the overflowing of the waters and made some disagreeable features in a few of the buildings and loose scrap lumber in the yards was washed around to some extent and the turntables received a dose of mud and water that required some work to clean up. The lumber department of the shops experienced the most severe force of the flood and which will require the straightening up of the piles of different kinds of lumber that were scattered during the storm and will require a real task for the Fourth ward councilman who presides over this department of the shops.

With the general severity of the storm, it is very fortunate that the Burlington escaped so lightly. The sidewalk leading to Wintersteen hill near the lower entrance to the Burlington shop yards was washed out for a distance of several feet and the bank there caved in also, and which will make it necessary to lay a new walk here for the use of the residents of Wintersteen hill.

The water backed up as high as the foot of Main street, but there was no damage to speak of caused in the business section of the town by the Mill creek flood waters. However, the heavy rain brought a large volume of water from the hills into main part of town and filled the cellars along the street to a considerable depth and caused damage to stocks of goods that were in the cellars.

East of Louisville the storm was exceptionally severe and the loss to farm crops is beyond estimate, as practically every farmer had their crops washed out and in many cases large numbers of chickens were drowned and stock suffered injury from the onrushing waters. At the home of W. F. Diers in Louisville, a large stone wall was caved in and will cost quite a sum to replace.

At the farm of William Johns, Cedar Creek there were several mules and horses drowned during the storm and a great many chickens were also drowned in the vast sea of water that swept over that locality. The Burlington suffered some loss at Cedar Creek where the tracks were washed out and tied up traffic along that line.

Thomas Wiles, who owns the farm that is being farmed by George Stander, northwest of this city on the Four Mile creek, was informed last night by Mr. Stander that the storm early Thursday morning had done a great deal of damage in that locality and especially to the farm land and crops.

Two foot bridges over the creek were washed completely away and 180 rods of wire fencing on the farm washed out by the force of the flood waters from the creek and the well used for watering stock completely ruined by the overflowing water from the creek.

In addition Mr. Stander had forty acres of corn washed out which was a complete loss. Mr. Stander, who has lived there for twenty-seven years, states that it was the worst storm in his experience and did the most damage that he has been thru in all of these years.

Mr. Cotner, the night man at the Petring garage at Sixth and Pearl streets, had a very narrow escape from death this morning that he will long remember as being the closest call that he has experienced.

Mr. Cotner, at the time the heavy rain was falling, had gone to the basement to clean the sewer inlets in case any water should get into the workroom of the garage and was also fastening the doors on the west side of the basement when the rising wall at the west side of the auto store yard gave way and an eight foot wall of water struck the doors and splintered them like kindling and hurled Lee into the midst of the swirling waters and to add to his peril the entire place was in darkness.

LOUISVILLE HAS ANOTHER HEAVY RAIN LAST NIGHT

Mill Creek, Running Through the Town, Overflows and Causes Damage to Lowlands.

From Thursday's Daily—
The terrific electrical and rain storm that swept over this part of the state early this morning, gave the town of Louisville a very near repetition of the flood of September 28th last that wrought such damage to the property and resulted in the loss of twelve lives.

The terrific rains in that vicinity formed a dense body of water that soon transformed Mill creek into a raging river and the steep bank fall was halted in its journey to the nearby Platte as it struck the Missouri Pacific bridge which deflected the water into the nearby lowlands and caused it to spread out over a considerable area. The residences in that part of town were soon surrounded by a sea of water, but the people living there succeeded in making their getaway in safety to higher land and no loss of life was reported.

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County Commissioners Receiving Reports from All Over County As to the Damage of Storm.

From Friday's Daily—
The extremely wet season that has visited this part of the fair state of Nebraska and with the storms of the most unusual severity raging over Cass county the fall in the way of damage is beginning to come into the board of county commissioners who have jurisdiction over the bridge work over the county.

Commissioner Farley has the reports of two bridges along the usually peace Four Mile creek being in bad shape, one on the Louisville road near the C. F. Vallery farm and one on the Cedar Creek road and which as soon as the weather will permit will be looked after.

One bridge a mile east and a mile north of the town of Elmwood is also reported as being in bad shape and one also near Wabash. In Elmwood precinct another bridge has been out of commission and also one in the vicinity of Greenwood.

These may be small jobs, however, as they are generally occasioned by the washing out of approaches to the bridges rather than the bridges themselves and can be fixed up as soon as possible. In other cases the bridges have been weakened by the fact that the high waters have undermined them and these will take more work to get into shape.

The storms will provide a great deal of extra work for the road overseers and in addition to their regular maintaining work will keep them rushed with work for several weeks at least.

Mother Gives Birthday Party for Young Son

Mrs. Ralph Larson entertained her three little nephews, Clemens, Herbert and Vincent Sundstrom, at a birthday party in honor of the first anniversary of her little son, Ralph Edward Larson, junior, last Monday afternoon. The little host is a fine boy and is showing strong indications of being capable of great administrative ability and he handles the reins of government very admirably and the Courier joins with the host of friends of his parents in congratulating them as well as the little junior and wishing him many happy and prosperous birthday anniversaries.—Louisville Courier.

The young man is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Larson of this city and the many friends of the family here will be pleased to note that the little man is showing such progress along the highway of life.

Miss Marie Sperry departed this morning for Omaha where she will spend the day with her mother, Mrs. Grace Sperry at the Immanuel hospital where she is recovering from a recent operation. Mrs. Sperry is now doing very nicely.

of Man-O-War look like a starter. The horse was standing near the edge of the sidewalk while the material was being loaded into the wagon and presently a truck came along at the same time as a car approached from the south and both attempted to pass and the two with the wagon made the road rather narrow and the result was that the auto grazed the horse and caused him to start out running and it was several minutes later before the animal was stopped on 4th street by several passers by and held until Mr. Boetel could reach the scene and tame down the horse which was badly frightened.

Purchases Thoroughbred Bull to Head His Herd

From Thursday's Daily—
Luke L. Wiles, one of the best known Red Poll cattle breeders in the state, has a very fine herd at his home just at the outskirts of the city and yesterday he disposed of one of the fine thoroughbred bulls of his herd to L. N. Jirousek, of Nebraska, Nebraska, and who will add the animal to his large herd of thoroughbreds. Mr. Jirousek feels very fortunate in getting the new addition to his herd which will give him one of the best herds in the northern part of the state. The animal will be shipped at once to the Jirousek farm.

UNLUCKY THIRTEENTH

From Friday's Daily—
Today is classed as one of the real unlucky days of the year as it has the combination of both Friday and the 13th of the month, either one being enough to make a crap shooter lay down the bones for the day, but coming on the same date they make even a Mah Jong player carry a rabbit's foot to keep off bad luck. However, as one of our friends said the day is not so unlucky as the republican convention has adjourned and wished all the bad luck in the country that they possibly could.

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HEARING ON IN-JUNCTION AGAINST QUINTON BEGUN

Judge C. A. Stueffer, of Omaha, Here Today to Hear the Matter of Restraining Application

From Friday's Daily—
A large and distinguished portion of the bar of the state of Nebraska was present this morning in the district court to try before Judge C. A. Stueffer of Omaha, the matter for the application for a restraining order against C. D. Quinton, Abraham Lincoln Tidd, Ralph J. Haynie, and Andrew F. Sturm.

The restraining order was issued by Judge Stueffer on June 1st and covered the matter of the surrender of the possession of the county jail by the defendant Quinton to E. P. Stewart, the present sheriff, the forbidding of the defendants to publish notices purporting that C. D. Quinton was the sheriff of Cass county and also from stating to other parties that the plaintiff, E. P. Stewart was not sheriff of Cass county and that the defendant Quinton was the sheriff.

This morning when the case came up for hearing, Judge Ben S. Baker of Omaha, A. S. Lewis, Jr., of Omaha and W. A. Robertson of this city appeared for Mr. Stewart, Judge Paul Jessen and E. W. Livingston of Nebraska City and A. L. Tidd of this city for the various defendants.

The plaintiff in the action presented several stipulations as to the facts in the case, that the defendant Quinton had refused the possession of the jail to the plaintiff and as to statements made to other parties that Quinton and not Stewart was the legal county sheriff.

For the defense Mr. Livingston made the statement of the case to the court in which he presented his side of the case, contending that the application of Mr. Quinton to Gov. Bryan to be relieved of the office applied to only the serving of papers in the case in which he was a defendant, that the appointment by Governor Bryan of Mr. Stewart was a matter of public record and that the pealing of the case in which Quinton had been convicted of malfeasance in office, to the supreme court, the sentence and the removal of office made by Judge Alexander C. Troup of Omaha, was suspended. The defense also presented a number of affidavits from the defendants in support of their contentions.

As the case was only about half completed at the noon hour the court took a recess until 1 o'clock. After the offering of evidence the matter was hurriedly argued to the court this afternoon and taken under advisement by the court and decisions will be announced later.

Train Service Demoralized as a Result of the Rain

From Thursday's Daily—
The railroad traffic into this city was very much shot as the result of the storm of last night and this morning and both the Burlington and Missouri Pacific suffered from the effects of the storm very much.

The Burlington had a washout at Chalco and on the Louisville line near Cedar Creek that delayed No. 6 from the west for several hours and it was not until 11 o'clock that the connection with the west was made by a stub train to Pacific Junction.

The Missouri Pacific was suffering from a washout between Nebraska City and Auburn that closed their Omaha line for several hours. This afternoon the Pappio creek is overflowing and threatening the Burlington line near Bellevue, where so much trouble was experienced last fall.

BOTTOM UNDER WATER

The bottom lands east of the Burlington station has a fine accumulation of articles today as the result of the flood of the early morning hours and everything from the heavy concrete intersection markers that formerly graced Main street, to lumber by the wagon load is to be found scattered over the bottom. The area there was a sea of water during the storm and the swift stream pouring down from the hills took everything loose with it and left it lying along the bottom. The enormous force of the water broke down the entire west side of the fence at the baseball park. From somewhere the flood waters picked up a fine assortment of brick that had been deposited along the roadway east of the station. The farm of August Bach on the north side of the road has received a large dose of water and which has spread over the newly plowed ground that was just being planted.

SOME FINE STRAWBERRIES

The publisher of the Journal is indebted to Julius A. Pitz for one of the finest boxes of strawberries that has been his good fortune to see the present season and which was grown at the home of Mr. Pitz in the south portion of the city. The strawberries are of large size and the most delicious flavor and as a whole are as nice as could possibly be found anywhere.

RETURNS FROM A PLEASANT TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Father Ferdinand Suesser, Who Has Been Journeying Through Scenes of Bible Returns

Yesterday afternoon Father Ferdinand Suesser, the rector of the Holy Rosary Catholic church returned home from a three month's visit abroad and which included a journey through the holy land and the pilgrimage over the scenes of the life of Christ and which gave the genial rector the opportunity of personal observation of the scenes and the land which has occupied the great part in the world's sacred history. Father Suesser was one of a large party of tourists that made the trip and which also enjoyed brief visits at the seaports of Naples and Egypt and also a call at Rome, the seat of the Catholic church.

The members of the parish and the many friends outside of the church are pleased to have him return safely and enjoying a fine trip and will await with interest the account of the trip when the priest will have recovered from the fatigue of the trip and give an account of his experiences.

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