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## 1936 Weather

Recordings taken in Plattsmouth show a total rainfall during 1936 of 16.9 inches, 1.22 more than fell in 1934. 1935 had 30.03 inches; 1934—15.78; 1933—21.85; and 1932—33.12 inches.

The past year has given the people of Cass county some of the worst extremes in temperature that has been known here. The range was from a high of 115 on the 26th of July to 18 below zero on January 27.

January of 1936 had 13 days with temperatures reaching readings below zero. During 2 days the thermometer did not rise above zero. The warmest temperature was 40 on the first. February continued cold. 17 days were below zero with two days below zero the entire day. The coldest was 16 below zero and the warmest 49 on the 24th. The severe cold lasted from January 19 to February 20.

March brought moderate weather with five days in which temperatures did not drop below the freezing point. Milder weather came after April 8th with only two days during the remainder of the month reaching freezing points. The high for the month was 87 on the 21st. May brought warm days with a high of 90 at the close of the month.

Severe heat came during the latter part of June to scorch the county during the next two months. On June 16 the heat reached 104 and held temperatures above 100 from the 25th of the month to the 30th. The high was 108 on the 27th.

July holds the high record of the year with 115 on the 26th. Only seven days of the month do not show a reading above 100. Only one shower of .14 inches fell during the month. August had eleven days above 100 and September one day above 100.

The first freeze came in Cass county on October 22. December 6 had the first sub-zero weather of the fall.

## JUDGE DAY TO SPEAK

Omaha.—Justice Day of the Nebraska supreme court will be principal speaker at the meeting of the house of delegates of the American Bar association in Columbus, O., Jan. 4 to 6. Judge Day is chairman of the resolutions committee. The house of delegates is the governing body of the association.

## "Go forward"

THE divine command voiced by the prophet Moses when the children of Israel were halted by the seemingly impassable waters of the Red Sea, on their way out of the land of bondage, still has power to compel obedience and to put to flight doubt, hesitation, and indecision. The command was, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." To go backward meant slavery and submission to hard taskmasters; to go forward demanded courage and faith in a power unknown to the material senses. Speaking of Moses as a leader, Mary Baker Eddy writes (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 200), "Moses advanced a nation to the worship of God in Spirit instead of matter, and illustrated the grand human capacities of being bestowed by immortal Mind."

Along the journey of individual spiritual progress, the encouraging command to go forward can still be heard by those who may be trembling in the valley of decision. To awake from the bondage of enslaving conditions is one step towards spiritual freedom, and to demonstrate the way out of such conditions demands a continual going forward. The Apostle Paul, comparing his spiritual progress to a race in which the athlete keeps his eyes continually on the goal, said, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Like many of us today, Paul had much to regret, but he wasted no time in looking backward. The spiritual light which had awakened him on the road to Damascus blotted out the mistakes of the past, and he went forward in obedience to the heavenly vision.

The understanding that man is spiritual and not material brings hope and encouragement to those who are struggling against sickness and sin—discord of every kind. In order to advance spiritually we need to understand "the grand human capacities of being," and allow no thought of fear to prevent us from claiming and proving our spiritual dominion. Through the application of the teachings of Christian Science

we begin to prove, little by little, that man is the image and likeness of God, and that he has dominion over all the earth.

Various wrong conditions of thought attempt to impede our progress, but we can overcome them through the power of Truth. Among these are fear and self-pity. We may fear that we are unable to work out our problems. We may fear the past or the future. Like the Israelites of old we may believe that an impassable sea stops our progress. But there is always a way through the troubled waters if we are obedient and take the first step in denying fear and obeying the divine command to "go forward."

Self-pity may argue that our problem is more than we can bear, that no one else has such a hard road to travel. Perhaps custom, tradition, love of ease, may whisper, "It had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness."

Discouraging thoughts are false suggestions of mortal mind, which try to prevent our spiritual progress, and they can be overcome through the understanding of the allness of God, good, and the consequent powerlessness of evil.

In "The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany" (p. 232) Mrs. Eddy writes, "The right way wins the right of way, even the way of Truth and Love whereby all our debts are paid, mankind blessed, and God glorified." Every spiritually progressive step glorifies God and blesses mankind; and that which benefits one must benefit others also. We can confer no greater benefit on those around us than to prove our own individual spiritual dominion. The knowledge of such dominion includes recognition of our neighbor's rights, and there can be no friction where there is loving obedience to divine Principle; but the kingdom of God must first be established in our own thinking if we are to be of help to our neighbor. The right way is the way not of self-will, but of obedience to divine Principle. The right way is the way Love points out; and though to material sense it may seem clouded and uncertain, this way is always clear to spiritual sense.

To those who have tasted the joy of spiritual victory, there can be no turning back. To go forward is the only way.—The Christian Science Monitor.

## AS WE SEE IT

A bill for teacher retirement is being introduced into the unicameral legislature during its opening session. This bill is sponsored by the Nebraska State Teachers association and other local professional organizations, supposedly.

Esther Montgomery, president of the Lincoln Teachers' association, states that, "Benefits will probably be based on the minimum age of 65 or upon 35 years of experience. The retirement fund is financed by joint contributions from the state and from the teachers. Teachers entering Nebraska schools after the law is passed MUST become members if they are twenty-five years of age or over."

A few statistics will show how impractical such a law would be in this county. No teacher in the rural districts of Cass county is now eligible for retirement. Of the 72 rural teachers, only one is past 40. Can you think of any teacher above 50, not to mention 64, securing a teaching position in this county?

Only one teacher in the entire county, city and rural districts, is eligible for retirement.

Cass is typical of the counties of the state outside Douglas and Lancaster. Douglas county has a retirement plan for teachers.

Certainly those pushing the bill do not have the teacher's welfare at heart—99% of whom will never be eligible for retirement.

"State retirement for Nebraska teachers in 1937" sounds fine as an ideal, but the practical aspect shows it to be only propaganda for a new office to be financed by an annual payment up to 5% of the current salaries of the teacher.

At the present extremely low wage of teachers it seems unjustifiable to make them pay for a set of officers in the state capital, from whom they will never receive a benefit. Teacher retirement is one of the biggest shams to come before the coming session of the legislature.

## RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

The announcement has been received here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Rebal, on Sunday, December 27th, at Santa Monica, California. The young man has been christened James Noel Rebal. The young man is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal of this city.

## Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

### The Proper Remedy At Last

By IRVIN S. COBB

POSSIBLY inspired by the missionary work of Pussyfoot Johnson, a Scotch minister undertook a temperance crusade among the members of his own flock. He announced that on a certain Sabbath he would



deliver a sermon upon the evils of strong drink, with physical illustrations to prove the argument. Upon the appointed morning a congregation which crowded the kirk greeted him. Upon the pulpit he placed two glasses; one containing whiskey and the other spring water. Then, in an impressive silence he brought a small box from his coat, opened the box and produced a long wriggling worm.

First he dipped the worm in the tumbler of water, where it coiled and twisted happily. Then he dropped it into whiskey. Instantly the hapless creature shriveled, and after a few feeble contortions became limp and lifeless. Hauling forth a dead thing the minister said: "Now then, my brethren, behold the effects of strong spirits upon this wee creature. In the water it took no harm; but the first contact with this foul stuff here instantly destroyed it. Need I say or do more to convince you of the effects of whiskey?"

From the body of the church there rose up a lantern-jawed person. "Minister," he said, "might I ask where ye got the whusky in that tumbler?"

"I'm glad you put that question," said the clergyman. "I purchased it at that den of iniquity, the public-house, which stands at the top of the street not a hundred yards from this place of worship." "Thank ye," said the parishioner. "I'll be goin' there on the morrow. For years I've been troubled meself with worms."

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## U. S. Projects in Cass County During 1936

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has run into a large figure and employment has been provided a large number of men.

### CCC Camp

One hundred fifty-nine men are enrolled in the CCC camp in Weeping Water. These men have been assisting farmers in the southern part of Cass county and a few in Otoe county. There are about fifty less men in the camp at this time than a year ago.

### National Park Service

Since August 1, a National Park Service has been established in Cass county. One hundred fifty-four men were located on the reservation on the last day of the year. The men have built eight miles of roads and trails, have constructed an artificial lake for wild game preservation, have cleared the 876 acres in the reservation of dead timber and planted 1,800 young trees.

Many activities have been carried out for the beautification of the old army rifle range. The roads have been slooped and grassed. Four hundred sixty game shelters for birds and game have been built over the area. Quail and pheasants are to be found in the park and some partidge have been started in the area by the state park department.

Although the park was used as a transient camp during the first part of the year, the National Park Service has supervised the work since January 6.

### WPA Activity

At the close of the year 110 persons are employed on WPA projects in Cass county. Fifteen of these workers are women. Requisitions are in the office for thirty more men.

Much constructive work was performed by WPA during the past year, including rock surfaced roads, the Sixth street paving and sidewalks in Plattsmouth and numerous record transcription projects, chief of which is the reindexing of records in the office of the Register of Deeds. Second in importance of the white collar projects, as they are commonly referred to has been the indexing of all marriage licenses issued in the office of County Judge. Another important project has been approved and will start at once, to-wit, compilation of cemetery records for Oak Hill cemetery in Plattsmouth. A city record research project is also expected to be approved soon.

Women have had an important part in the WPA program, mostly in the sewing center, where hundreds of garments have been made for distribution to needy families. This project is being continued under experienced supervision that insures increased efficiency.

The WPA has also maintained a recreational program, more active during the summer vacation period than when schools are in session, but still operating. Supervised play, music and other activities are included in this program.

### Youth Movement

This is another form of federal aid that has been available to and received by numerous students in the public schools. Under the plan they are given a maximum of 15 hours

work each month and a maximum salary of \$3, which money is to be expended for necessary clothing and school supplies to enable them to remain in school where otherwise they would be forced to drop out. At the present time twenty-five students are receiving Youth Movement Aid, under supervision of Supt. Devoe of the Plattsmouth study center. One supervisor is employed.

### One Outside Project

A state wide project embodying study of county government administration costs was also in operation up to about a month ago. It was confined to transcribing records and forwarding same to the central office at Lincoln, there to be co-ordinated into a generalized state report, pointing to increased efficiency and lower costs of county administration. The work was halted under the recent retrenchment in WPA in the state, and local project foremen ordered to box up their uncompleted records and ship them to the central office. It is not known whether this project will be revived or not.

## ENJOYING TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Mayfield, who are spending the winter at Corpus Christi, Texas, write to the Journal that they are enjoying summer like weather there at this time, but that occasionally a "norther" sweeps down there to bring some biting winter, but not very often. Mrs. W. F. Diers and family, who are moving from Louisville to the west coast, stopped there for a Christmas visit with the Mayfields, Lee and Billy Diers enjoying fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and secured a nice bunch of fish that they enjoyed very much for a Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield, while missing the usual activities of their newspaper, the Louisville Courier, are also delighting in the freedom from the daily "job" that they experienced for so many years. They are planning however on the return to Nebraska in the springtime.

## VISITS AT KANSAS CITY

Glen Allen has returned home from a visit during the holiday season with his brothers, Ralph and Delbert, at Kansas City, taking in the many points of interest in the Missouri city. Ralph Allen, who served during the World War as a member of Co. I, 168th infantry of the Rainbow division, is now employed at the Kansas City postoffice.

## IOWA PARTIES WED

Wednesday afternoon at the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury occurred the marriage of Miss Lorraine Veda Harris and Mr. Merle Paul Chapman, both of Denison, Iowa. The bridal couple was accompanied by friends who witnessed the ceremony and later accompanied the parties back to their home.

## INVOICE SEASON ON

The business houses of the city are busily engaged at this time in the annual invoice of stocks and preparation for the end of the year balancing of their business affairs. Several of the business establishments were able to get a start on the task at the close of the Christmas rush and are now well into the work.

## MURDOCK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gorthey entertained at their home last Sunday, having as guests Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Jones of Weeping Water. The two ladies are sisters.

Fred Deickman, who lives near Alvo was a visitor in Murdock last Wednesday and reports the loss of a valuable horse recently from what is known as cornstalk disease.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gorthey went to Peru yesterday to take their daughter, Miss Dorothy May Gorthey and her friend, Miss Dorothy Alice Gakemeier back to the college town to resume their studies at Peru Normal following the mid-winter vacation.

C. Jannen, Evangelical minister at Elmwood, and his wife, were visiting at the Mercantile store in Murdock last Wednesday while awaiting word of the condition of their little grandson, Jackie Angwert, who has been in an Omaha hospital suffering from a severe case of pneumonia.

Ed Ganaway, who has been under the weather, suffering from a severe attack of influenza for some three weeks, is gaining slowly at this time. He reports his daughter, Mrs. O. H. Robson, of Lincoln, who was in the hospital for some time, has now returned home and is getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool and son, Douglas Tool, who has been home during the holidays from Atlanta, where he is superintendent of schools, went to Weeping Water to spend New Year's at the home of County Commissioner and Mrs. Fred H. Gorder and daughter, Helen. A fine New Year's day dinner was enjoyed at the Gorder home.

### County Firemen to Meet

The Murdock volunteer fire department sponsored a dance last Thursday evening for the benefit of the fire department. A large number of the Murdock firemen will go to Elmwood, Friday, January 15th, for the convention of Cass county firemen, this being one of their regular bi-monthly meetings. Elmwood expects to entertain the visiting firemen in grand style and a large attendance is anticipated.

### Showing Some Improvement

Little Jackie Angwert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Angwert, who has been ill for some time with pneumonia, is at an Omaha hospital, where he is receiving treatment, being under the direct care of his aunt, Miss Angwert, who is superintendent of the hospital. We are pleased to report he is showing some improvement.

### Met with Accident

Uncle Fred Deickman, while driving in the vicinity of South Bend, found his car suddenly unmanageable and as a result the car headed for a ditch at the roadside. The fenders were bent and Uncle Fred badly shaken up, but no very serious damage done.

### Returned to Their Home

Jerry McHugh, who is located in Denver, came home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Una McHugh. He came via North Platte, and was accompanied from there by Dr. and Mrs. Otis Platte, who make their home in that city. Mrs. Platte was formerly Miss McHugh.

They visited here until Tuesday, when they departed for their homes in the west.

### Enjoying the West

S. P. Leis, who is now at Seattle, Washington, visiting relatives, writes to a number of his Murdock friends that he is enjoying his stay in the west and will not return till spring. In a letter to Homer Lawton he tells of their visit at the exposition in Dallas, Texas, and later in the coast city of Los Angeles, from whence they continued their journey on up the west coast to Seattle.

### Undergoes Second Operation

William Kleiser, who has been in the hospital at Lincoln for a number

of months, undergoing the amputation of one of his legs, found that the limb failed to heal properly and it became necessary to have it cut off higher off, this latter operation being performed last Wednesday. His friends hope it will now heal properly and he will not be subjected to further surgery.

### Receives Sad News

Uncle Fred Deickman received a telegram a few days ago telling of the death of his sister, Mrs. William Hartlast, of Woonsocket, Wisconsin, who passed away at the advanced age of 83 years. Not being able to travel, he was unable to go to the funeral. He did arrange with Henry Tool for the latter to write a letter to his brother, Henry Deickman, in Germany, advising him of the death of the sister. On the following day, however, he received a letter from Germany which brought the further sad news of his brother's death.

### Will Have Beauty Shop

Eddie Craig has received a letter from Miss Oriand Parriott advising she would be here soon to re-open the beauty shop that was conducted in conjunction with the barber shop, she having bought the equipment of Mrs. Zola Lau, who recently closed the shop here and went to Omaha to accept work in this line.

### Enjoyed Democratic Celebration

Vernon Schewe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schewe went to Omaha on Thursday, December 31st, and in company with his brother, Millard Schewe, attended the democratic New Year's celebration at one of the large Omaha hotels. A fine dinner was served and there was much hilarity as the large group greeted the arrival of the new year.

### New Year's in Havelock

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hitchcock of Havelock entertained members of the family circle at their home on New Year's day. Among the guests were Mrs. MacDiarmid and daughter, of Omaha; L. Neitzel, father of Mrs. Hitchcock and Mrs. J. J. Martin, housekeeper at the Neitzel home, of Murdock; A. J. Neitzel and family, also of Murdock, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lowe and little one, of Hyannis. This made a fully rounded out family reunion and a very fine dinner.

### Married at Clay Center

A large number of the citizens of Murdock and vicinity were at Clay Center where they went to attend the wedding of Miss Mildred Schaeffer to William Witte. The nuptials took place at high noon Wednesday of last week. The bride is a sister of Mesdames Harold Luetchens and Alvin Oehlerking. Both these families were among those present. The family of Herman Luetchens was also there, as Mr. Witte has made his home with Mr. Luetchens while engaged in work on the Luetchens farm.

### Getting on Nicely

The Johnson brothers, who have been chopping wood near Elmwood during the past week, concluded their work and had the wood sawed last Tuesday, getting a supply for the two places, one at Elmwood and the other at Murdock, thus providing themselves with fuel for the winter.

### Discontinues Business

Frank Dean, who has conducted a grocery store in the corner building where G. Bauer had his grocery so long, discontinued the business recently and has moved to a residence in the northeast part of town, where he will reside. There is some talk of another grocery occupying the building but nothing definite can be ascertained as yet.

### Taken to Hospital Wednesday

Henry Carsten, who has had a great deal of trouble with hemorrhoids for some time, was forced to give up his work last week on account of the severe pain they caused him, and went to the Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln, where he underwent an operation from which he expected to obtain relief.

During his absence, business at

## Rescues Aviator



Odessa La Fevre

When an airplane plunged into the river in the suburbs of St. Louis near the bridge path on which she was riding, pretty Odessa La Fevre leaped from her horse and plunged into the icy water to rescue the injured pilot who was caught in the wreckage of the plane.

the elevator is being looked after by Otto Miller.

### Underwent Operation

Louis Schmidt, the road man, who has been suffering for several months from a complication of diseases, went to Lincoln last Thursday, where he entered the Bryan Memorial hospital for an operation to correct a number of ailments, including gall stones, removal of his appendix and treatment for hemorrhoids. It is hoped he may find the relief he seeks as a result of his operation and treatment at the hospital.

### Down with Chicken Pox

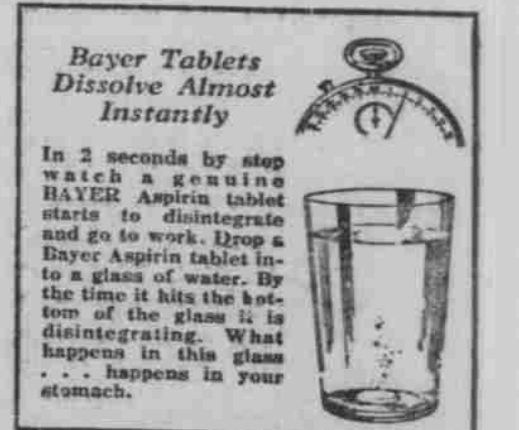
At the home of Mrs. Simon Brackhage, who now resides in town, there is a case of chickenpox which was contacted somewhere by Olsen Brackhage, who is overcoming the disease very satisfactorily and it is hoped will be well in a short time.

## ATTEND BAR MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dwyer, both well known members of the Cass county bar, were at Omaha Tuesday and Wednesday where they attended the meeting of the Nebraska Bar association, of which they are members. They attended the sessions and enjoyed very much the fine addresses that were given, particularly those of Dean Roscoe Pound, dean of the Harvard law college, and Edward Hogan, noted Washington, D. C., trial attorney.

Phone news items to No. 6.

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