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HOLT COUNTY IN GRIP OF SEVERE COLD WAVE

Sub-Zero Temperatures Prevail For An Entire Week.

For the past five days this territory has been suffering from a spell of real winter weather; cold snappy weather that makes the old timers recall many a morning in the good old days that was as cold, if not colder, than it was Wednesday morning, when the government thermometer registered 31 degrees below zero.

After an exceptionally fine January, February started in last Friday to make up for the nice weather we have been having and is doing a good job of catching up and breaking records that have stood for some time. Thursday night it went down to zero; Friday night it was 15 below; Saturday night 11 below; Sunday night 8 below; Monday night 23 below and Tuesday night it went down to 31 below and on Wednesday night to 27 below.

Harry Bowen has been keeping the weather record here for the past seventeen years and last Tuesday night was the coldest it has been here for that length of time, and possibly for some years before that. The coldest night prior to Tuesday was on January 10, 1918, when it went down to 30 below zero, and that was fifteen years ago last month. The next coldest day, within that time, was on January 5, 1924, when it went down to 29 below.

County Treasurer Conklin, who came to this county forty-six years ago, says that he remembers two different occasions when it was colder than it was Tuesday night. Once he says was in January, 1902, when it registered 42 below and then again in the late nineties when it again registered 42 below zero.

We remember that the morning of January 13, 1888, the thermometer got down as far as it could go and stayed there. It registered up to 40 degrees below zero and how much colder it got on that occasion is all conjecture. This was the morning after the great blizzard that took many lives in this section of the state and caused the loss of thousands of dollars worth of live stock.

As to the old time winters we used to have in this section the following is taken from the files of The Frontier in the issue of January 18, 1912:

"Last Friday night was the coldest experienced in this city for years. Different thermometers registered from 38 to 40 below zero. As this made the third straight week in which it registered from 15 to 40 below, people begin to think they are having an extra hard winter. On Saturday it warmed up however and a chinook wind helped thaw out some of the frozen ones. It turned cold again however that evening and Sunday and Monday it was again below zero about 20 degrees. It warmed up again Monday night and Tuesday was a very pleasant day and the opinion seems to prevail now that the backbone of winter, if not broken, is badly shattered.

LONG PINE WILL RECEIVE FEDERAL AID

To develop a new source of water supply at the city of Long Pine, Neb., the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will purchase \$15,000 worth of 5 1/2 per cent bonds, to make the development possible.

It is estimated that forty men will be employed on the project for sixty days on a 30 hour week basis and about \$9,000 worth of material will be used. The project will consist of a concrete reservoir to collect water from springs, a pumping plant and a pipe line 2,800 feet long.

Miss Helen Murphy, who has been visiting relatives here for the past ten days, left Wednesday for her home in Omaha.

Mrs. Glenn Saunders went down to Lincoln last Sunday to visit with her sister. She will go from there to Wahoo to visit relatives living there.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00—Mr. Geo. C. Robertson, Superintendent.
Morning Worship 11:00—"Becoming the People of God."
C. E. Prayer Meeting 6:45—Grace Loy, Leader.
Evening Service 7:30—"Going Our Own Way."
We invite you to worship with us.
H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

FLANNERY IS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

The trial of Pierce of William O. Flannery who was charged with the murder of Paul Lowery, while the latter was assisting the sheriff of that county in towing Flannery's car to Pierce, was finished last week and he was found guilty of manslaughter. On Wednesday he was sentenced to eight years in the Nebraska state penitentiary.

NEW STATE WAGE REDUCTION LAW

State Journal: A wage cutting bill applying to all state employees in all departments except the courts, introduced by Welch and McCarter as S. F. 428, is making a stir at the capitol, where officers and employees, largely democratic, helped elect a democratic legislature which now hold the state purse strings and can pull them or open them at will.

The bill makes a 20 per cent cut on all employees' salaries, fixed by law or not fixed by law, on all salaries exceeding \$1,000 a year. Where the cut would reduce a salary below \$1,000 a year, it is not to apply.

Deputy state officials, including secretary to the governor, whose pay is fixed by statute at \$2,640 a year are marked for slaughter at the rate of 20 per cent and the bill specifically states that they shall receive \$2,112 a year.

To clinch this salary for assistants of the attorney general who are not designated now as deputies, the bill provides that no assistant attorney general shall receive in any one year an annual salary exceeding the \$2,112 fixed by the bill for the one assistant who is designated in the bill as deputy attorney general.

The bill amends the present laws applying to various departments where salaries are fixed by law. It reduces the pay of the adjutant general of the Nebraska national guard from \$4,200 to \$3,200 and the assistant adjutant general from \$2,700 to \$2,100 and the United States disbursing and property officer from \$1,500 to \$1,200 per year. The assistant quartermaster is cut from \$1,200 to \$1,000. The bill re-enacts the manner in which the adjutant general is appointed and holds his office.

The secretary of the railway commission drops from \$2,640 to \$2,112. The secretary of the board of control drops to the same amount.

The bill provides that all employees of the game department, stenographers, janitors watchmen and employees of all state officers and departments one month after the passage of the bill receive only 80 per cent of the wages received for the month of January, 1933, if the salary exceeds \$1,000 a year.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS HOME

Melvin Wright, aged about 74, was found dead in his home in the southwestern part of the city, about 6:30 last Wednesday evening, having passed away sitting in a chair in front of the stove. When examined later by Dr. Brown the latter stated that he had been dead about three hours.

The body has been prepared for shipment and will be shipped to his old home at Springfield, Ohio, tomorrow morning, where the body will be buried, he having a brother living in Springfield, who ordered the body forwarded there.

Mr. Wright came to this county twenty-five or thirty years ago. For a time he worked in a livery barn run at that time by Mellor & Quilty. Later he took a homestead southeast of this city, where he resided for several years. About sixteen years ago he went to work for J. B. Ryan and managed his ranch near Emmet, remaining with Mr. Ryan for fifteen years. About a year ago he retired and for the past year he has been a resident of this city.

Mr. Wright has always enjoyed good health and has been around town about every day, several times a day dropping into George Mellor's place. He failed to put in an appearance Wednesday and when on his way to supper, Mellor looked in and saw Mr. Wright sitting in a chair in front of the fire. Mr. Mellor failed to attract his attention when he rapped on the door and after supper he went back to the house and again tried to attract his attention, but getting no response he called Dave Loy, who lived nearby, and they called Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom who came down and forced the door open, when they found that he had passed away sitting in front of the stove. There was a fire in the stove and the room was not cold.

So far as known Mr. Wright had no relatives in this section.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Brown, formerly of this city but now living at Holdrege, arrived in the city the latter part of last week for a few days visit with friends.

J. B. Mellor and son, Ralph, drove down to Omaha last Tuesday to spend a couple of days at the automobile show, which is being held there this week.

Ralph Millard, who has been on the coast for the past few months, returned home last Thursday evening, being called home on account of the seriousness illness of his father, C. C. Millard.

Fred Spire, who had been a resident of this city for several months past, and who represented Armour & Co. in this section of the state, has been retired on a pension and left the latter part of last week for Clarks, Nebr., where he expects to engage in farming.

In a business way this has been the quietest week seen in this city for several years. It has been so cold that not many people have been in the city and most of the traveling men who arrived here the first of the week have been content to stay here, pending the passing of the cold wave.

The O. F. Lindberg sale, held last Tuesday near Meek, was successful, everything sold bringing good prices, considering the times. Mr. Lindberg is quitting farming to move to Page where he will take over the management of Lindy's oil station that is owned by him and his brother, H. L. of this city.

S. J. Weekes returned last evening from Omaha, where he had spent the past week sitting as a member of the loan committee of the Agricultural Credit corporation. Mr. Weekes says that it had been very cold in Omaha all week, so cold in fact that business was almost at a standstill in most business places in the city.

Hog prices reach a peak of \$3.60 on the Omaha market last Wednesday, but trading was very uneven. Influenced by light receipts, shippers were in the market at the outset and initial sales showed further gains. Outlet on shipper account was narrow, centering on 210 pounders and down. Where quality and weight were suitable sales were made at prices 10 to 20 cents higher than on Tuesday. This is the highest price brought on the Omaha market for several months.

Frozen water pipes have been causing general of the residents of this city a good deal of trouble the past few days. The stove in the Martin Cronin house, on East Douglas street, now occupied by Cap. Uhl, blew up last Tuesday morning breaking out two windows and destroying the stove. It was caused by frozen water pipes. Likewise the stove in the home of Tom Hanneberry blew up the same day, breaking several windows in the house. It was also caused by freezing of the water pipes.

"Sound Your Horn," a comedy drama in three acts, will be presented by local talent at the K. C. Opera House next Tuesday afternoon and evening. Local talent, under the supervision of Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek, have been preparing this play for several weeks and its presentation promises to develop some real histrionic ability among the young people of the city. The matinee in the afternoon promises to be well attended by the little folks and the admission for the matinee has been set at 10, 15 and 25 cents, while reserved seats for the evening performance can be procured for 35 cents.

Last Monday Judge Dickson and James A. Donohoe started for Ainsworth where the Judge was to open a term of court. When they got about a mile out of town they had a flat tire, and as it was several degrees below zero, it was a rather cold job changing the tire, but they finally succeeded in doing so. When that was completed the Judge said that he noticed another tire was rather low and he suggested that the trip be called off, as he did not relish the job of assisting in changing another tire in sub-zero weather, so they came back to town. Judge Dickson had intended going to Ainsworth this morning but as it was about 22 below zero about 8:30 he postponed the trip until the weather moderates.

OMAHA HOTEL BURNS, SEVEN FIREMEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

The Millard Hotel in Omaha was destroyed by fire last night and seven members of the Omaha Fire Department lost their lives and 21 firemen were injured, many of them seriously. The fire started at 10 o'clock last night and raged until about three o'clock this morning before it was brought under control.

The Millard hotel was one of the pioneer hotels of the metropolis and fifty years ago was the leading hotel in the west. The building of many new hotels in the city forced the Millard out of its position as leading hotel but it still operated and did a fairly good business. So far as we have been able to learn there were no guests injured in the fire. The fire, so far as the loss of life is concerned, was the most disastrous in the history of Omaha.

ST. MARY'S DEFEATS HIGH SCHOOL BY SCORE OF 18 TO 2

The St. Mary's Cardinals took the local high school team to a trimming in the high school gymnasium last evening, with a score of 18 to 2. St. Mary's second team also defeated the second team of the high school with a score of 8 to 2. Then the alumni of St. Mary's and of the high school staged a game that resulted in a 13 to 13 tie.

JOHN FLANNERY FILES BRIEF WITH SUPREME COURT

State Journal: John M. Flannigan, former president of the state bankers association, declared in a brief filed with the supreme court, where he has appealed from a conviction on the charge of receiving deposits while the Citizens bank of Stuart, of which he was president, was insolvent, that the evidence fails to show any criminal act on his part but does show that he acted at all times in the belief that the bank would be able to pull thru. He cites the fact that his brother, also an officer, had his mother sell some property and place the \$5,000 in the bank. He says that every reputable authority including the president, believed the bottom of the depression had been reached and that prosperity was just around the corner. He says the bank commissioner knew the bank's condition and advised that it be kept open because of the possibility of improved conditions. He declares that if the penalty put upon him was exacted of every banker who did as he did, the prisons would be full, but that only those have been punished where other criminal acts were involved. He charges the assistant attorney general inflamed the jury unjustly.

The International Harvester Company entertained all their dealers in this territory, that is the block presided over by Dave Gemmill of Ewing, with a luncheon at the Golden last Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was addressed by representatives of the company from Omaha and business conditions for the coming year were discussed. During the past year patrons of the Harvester company were guaranteed a certain price for their corn, and that price was the unit upon which they settled their account for machinery purchased last year. They are to have a similar plan in operation during the coming year, but the set price for corn will not be quite as large as last year, but nearly so.

TOO MUCH FOR HIM

"I tell you how it is," said the mild-eyed patient to the asylum doctor. "I met a young widow with a grownup step-daughter and I married the widow. Then my father met our step-daughter and married her. That made my wife the mother-in-law of her father-in-law, and made my step-daughter my step-mother, and my father became my step-son. See?"

"Then my step-mother, the step-daughter of my wife, had a son. That boy was, of course, my brother, because he was my father's son; but he was also the son of my wife's step-daughter and therefore her grandson. That made me grandfather to my step-brother. Then my wife had a son, my brother-in-law."

"The step-sister of my son is also his grandmother, because he is her step-son's child. My father is the brother-in-law of my child, because his step-sister is his wife. I am also the brother of my own son, who is also the child of my grandmother."

"I am my mother's brother-in-law, my wife is her own child's aunt, my son is my father's nephew, and I am my own grand father, and I can't stand it."

FARM HOLIDAY GROUP ORGANIZE AT INMAN

Inman Leader: The meeting of the Holiday Farm group was held at the hall last Monday evening. A good sized crowd was in attendance and an organization was perfected with a membership of about twenty-five for Inman township. The officers elected were as follows: President, Joe Wagman; secretary and treasurer, Stanley Wytoske. Earnest Knoll of Clearwater was the principal speaker of the evening.

MERCURY HITS A NEW LOW IN THE STATE

According to official reports the little town of Verdigre, northeast of here, was the coldest spot in Nebraska last Tuesday night, the thermometer registered 41 degrees below zero. Neligh reported 30 below.

At Lincoln it was 18 below at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning and remained below zero during the day. This was the lowest in Lincoln since January 5, 1924, when it registered 19 below. The coldest in the history of the Lincoln weather bureau was 29 below on January 19, 1892.

According to the Lincoln Journal, subzero weather was general in the entire state, as well as adjoining states. The following is taken from the Thursday morning issue of the Journal:

"From the extreme eastern end of the state to as far west as Sidney the weather was clear and calm, but at Sidney a light snow was falling and the temperature was 24 below. There was also a light snow at Pine Bluffs, Wyoming.

"Lowest temperatures reported thus far in Nebraska are 28 and 27 at Norfolk and West Point. Cozad had a temperature of 25 and Big Springs 24. All plane traffic was going thru after being held up by snow and clouds.

"No low temperature higher than 14 below had been noted Wednesday morning:

Temperatures by the United Air Lines:	
Omaha	-18
Grand Island	-23
North Platte	-18
Pine Bluffs	-16
York	-22
Cozad	-25
Big Springs	-24
Chyenne	-14
Temperatures by the telephone company:	
Beatrice	-20
Falls City	-15
Hastings	-16
Gregory, S. D.	-20
Broken Bow	-15
West Point	-28
Omaha	-18
Plattsmouth	-22
Tecumseh	-16
Seward	-22
Fairbury	-18
St. Joseph, Mo.	-15
Wadley	-24
Wakefield, S. D.	-22
Furlerton	-17
Norfolk	-24
Nebraska City	-16
Auburn	-18
Ashland	-20
The United Press reports:	
Burwell	-20
Aurora	-20
Wilcox	-20
Dorchester	-20

"First signs of the predicted abatement in the winter's worst storm were seen Tuesday night when the snow ceased falling, the sky began clearing and the wind, which reached gale proportions Monday, subsided noticeably.

"Wind velocity ranged from three miles an hour at Cozad and North Platte to 12 miles an hour in Lincoln. Omaha had an 11 mile breeze, Grand Island 7 miles, while most other points reported about a 10 mile velocity. The wind was still strong enough to blow snow and cause small drifts on the highways."

KILLS HIS YOUNG STEPMOTHER

The wedding celebration of John Coyne, 66, and his young bride, Irene Carbert, 20, at Pittsburg, Pa., was interrupted by the bride-groom's 22 year old son, who shot and killed the bride and beat his father unconscious with a hammer.

A celebration of marriage helping the couple celebrate their nuptials fled from the house in terror as a rifle, that ended young Mrs. Coyne's life, rang thru the spacious house, located in a well to do neighborhood. Police Captain Barry, who arrested John Coyne, jr., said the son came by airplane from Detroit, hoping to arrive in time to halt the wedding. The elder Coyne and his bride, a former domestic, had known each other for three months, friends said. Captain Barry said Coyne owns considerable property.

The city of Norfolk had a milk war on last week. Last Friday milk was selling there for one cent per quart.

ROBBER OF CHAMBERS BANK GETS 15 YEARS

Taken to State Penitentiary Sunday, Seventy-two Hours After Robbery.

James L. Boyle, who last Wednesday afternoon made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the Chambers State bank, was arraigned in district court last Friday morning, pled guilty to the charge filed against him and was sentenced to fifteen years in the state penitentiary. He was taken to Lincoln last Sunday by Sheriff Duffy and that evening, seventy-two hours after the attempted robbery he was confined in the state penitentiary.

When arraigned before Judge Dickson last Friday Boyle looked anything but a hold-up man. With tears in his eyes he told the court that alcohol was the cause of his downfall and asked the court to be as lenient with him as possible. He said that he had no animosity against Mr. Adams, president of the bank who was responsible for him being in court, and said that the only person he had a grudge against was himself.

He said that he was divorced from his wife about a year ago. She and their three children are living in Columbus. He said that he had not planned the hold-up. He said that he had been drinking and driving and did not even know he was in Chambers.

Holt county is gaining a reputation that will cause men seeking easy money by foul means to fight shy of this county. Capture of the criminals and speedy punishment of the offenders will cause others to ponder long before entering this county to commit crimes of violence, thus making the county safer for law abiding citizens who live here.

Following is a copy of the complaint filed by the county attorney, to which Mr. Boyle plead guilty:

"That James L. Boyle did on the first day of February, 1933, in the county of Holt and state of Nebraska, then and there being, then and there in a certain building, situated in Chambers, in the county of Holt, and state of Nebraska, occupied and used as a bank and depository by the Chambers State bank, a corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Nebraska, then and there intending by violence and by putting in fear to steal, take and carry away from said Chambers State bank, a corporation and a bank depository, certain money, goods, chattels and other property belonging to said bank and depository, did then and there unlawfully, feloniously, forcibly and by violence put in fear one Edward Adams, president; one Leo Adams, cashier, and one John Adams, assistant cashier, all then and there being in said bank and depository in charge of and connected with said bank and depository as officers, as aforesaid, and the said James L. Boyle, then and there being in said Chambers State bank, a corporation, and a bank and depository, did unlawfully, feloniously, forcibly by violence put fear in the said Edward Adams, president; Leo Adams, cashier, and John Adams, assistant cashier, with the intent of him, the said James L. Boyle, in so doing, unlawfully, feloniously, forcibly and with violence to steal, take and carry said property away, contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the state of Nebraska.

MRS. C. E. DOWNEY PASSES AWAY

Lee Downey received a message last Tuesday night announcing the death of his mother at Independence, Mo., that evening. Mr. Downey left the next day, driving to Grand Island, from where he would take the train for Independence to attend the funeral, which was to have been held this afternoon. His brother, S. A. Downey, of the O'Neill Photo Company, is out in Wyoming and is said to be stalled there on account of the storm and will be unable to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Downey were residents of this county for many years, until their removal to Missouri about 1924, where they have since made their home. Mr. and Mrs. Downey lived in this city for years, Mr. Downey being engaged in the insurance business and the family had an extensive acquaintance in this and surrounding counties. Mrs. Downey had many friends in this city and county who will regret to hear of her death and extend sympathy to the husband and children of the deceased.