

## CROPS ARE ABOUT RUINED

HAIL STORM LEAVES ITS MARK IN ADAMS COUNTY

Strikes City of Hastings With All Its Fury Shattering Window Glass and Destroying Fruit and Gardens.

From State Journal.

HASTINGS, Nebr.—A most disastrous hail storm struck Adams county about 1 o'clock this morning and wiped out over two thousand acres of grain besides damaging about eight hundred acres or more of grain to such an extent that it is almost valueless.

So far as can be learned none of these crops destroyed were insured. The storm originated in the valley of the Platte northwest of Hastings, but did not do much damage until it struck J. Bloom's farm, six miles northwest of Hastings. The hail storm started on the east half of Mr. Bloom's place and continued in a southeastern direction and traveled this course until it ran into the corporate limits of this city, where it broke window glass right and left, beat garden truck into the earth and scattered fruit from trees like birds shot out of a musket.

However, the damage in this city is absolutely nothing when compared to the great loss the farmers must suffer who were in the path of the storm. Hardly any of the farmers were fortunate enough to have their wheat cut, which accounts for such a large loss of grain. The storm devastated a strip two and a half miles wide and nearly six miles long, traveled from the northwest to the southeast but did not go east of St. Joseph and Grand Island railroad track at any place.

A terrific wind carried the hail whizzing through the air and huge corn stalks were severed and beaten into the ground by the tremendous fusillade of pelted ice from the inky heavens. For twenty-five minutes a deafening roar announced in thunderous tones the complete destruction of all grain within its path; then it silently stole away taking with it the impervious blackness that had shrouded the scene of destruction.

### Death in a Crash.

NEW YORK.—Eight persons were killed and forty injured, some of them seriously injured, as a result of a regular passenger train on the Greenwood Lake branch of the Erie railroad running into an excursion train which was taking water at Midvale, N. J., at noon today.

D. W. Cooke, general passenger agent of the Erie railroad has given out the following statement:

"An excursion train Hoboken to Greenwood Lake stopped at Midvale for water and the operator in the tower failed to set the block signal against the train following. As a result there was a rear end collision in which eight persons were killed and forty injured.

A hospital train with doctors and surgeons on board was immediately sent to the scene of the accident and rendered all possible aid.

### Fell From the Ninth Story

NEW YORK.—Miss Bertha Dolbeer of San Francisco, said to be the daughter of the late San Francisco Dolbeer, a millionaire of San Francisco committed suicide today by jumping from a ninth floor window of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Nearly every bone in her body was broken and death was instantaneous. Miss Dolbeer, who was twenty-five years old and her cousin, Miss Marion Warren, also of San Francisco, had been at the Waldorf since June 30, when they returned from a trip to Europe, taken for Miss Dolbeer's health.

### Nebraska Visitor Injured.

ST. LOUIS.—In crossing Washington avenue at Jefferson street C. Brahauser of Aldrich, Neb., who accompanied the Antelope delegation to the national convention, stepped directly in front of an eastbound Page avenue car and was hurled violently to the pavement. He was carried into a nearby drug store, where he was restored to consciousness. Later Mr. Brahauser was taken away in the cab, stating that the accident was due to his own carelessness.

## THEY ADMIT IT NOW

RUSSIANS TELL OF LOSS IN KAI CHOU BATTLE.

## JAPS ON YIN KOW ROAD

THEY ARE NOW WITHIN SIX MILES OF PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Losses on July 4 Reported by Chinese to Have Been More Than Eight Hundred—Official Reports.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Lieutenant General Sakharoff in a dispatch to the general staff, confirms the report of the Japanese occupation of Kai Chou. He says that the Russian loss did not exceed 150 killed or wounded. General Saharoff adds that the Japanese are on the Yin Kow road.

CHE FOO.—Chinese junkmen who arrived here today from Port Arthur say that on Tuesday, fifth, a Chinese carrier brought into the town over 800 dead Russians, two of whom were high officials. They state that a part of the Japanese force advanced to within six miles of the besieged town, taking another eastern fort.

LONDON.—A dispatch from Che Foo dated July 7, stated that in the fighting which occurred on a July 4, over the possession of one of the hills northwest of Port Arthur, the Russians lost, according to the Chinese, 100 men killed and fifty wounded. Fifty Chinese carriers were sent out to bring the Russians dead and wounded.

WASHINGTON.—The following dispatches have been received at the Japanese legation from Tokio:

General Oku reports that our second army commenced operations July 6 for occupying Kai Ping. After successively dislodging the Russians from their positions, we finally occupied Kai Ping and the neighboring heights on July 9.

General Kuroki reports that on July 6, our detachments after expelling 300 Russian cavalry occupied Hsien Chang, thirty miles north of Saimatchilli. There were no casualties on our side.

On July 5 we repulsed a Russian cavalry regiment under Colonel Chichinski which came to attack us near North Fenshulleng. Our casualties were four wounded and three killed.

TOKIO.—General Kuroki reports that on Wednesday, July 6, a detachment of Japanese troops drove off 300 Russian cavalry and occupied Kan Chang the enemy, retiring northward. The Japanese had no casualties. The Russian losses are unknown.

On the afternoon of July 5, thirteen hundred Russian cavalry attacked a Japanese detachment near the north entrance to Fen Shui pass. The Russians were repulsed and the Japanese retained possession of the entrance to the pass. The Japanese had four men killed and three wounded.

On Friday night July 8, during a storm, a flotilla of torpedo boats of Admiral Togo's fleet approached Port Arthur. On the following morning one of the torpedo boats found and attacked the Russian cruiser Askold, but the result of the attack is unknown.

The Askold fired on the torpedo boat, two petty officers being severely wounded.

NEW CHIWANG.—Incoming ships reported that eight Japanese torpedo boat destroyers are sweeping the gulf of Liago Tung in order that a search of neutral ships may be carried on in a more thorough manner. The weather has improved, and if it continues fair, land operations will be actively renewed.

The Japanese are nightly bombarding Port Arthur.

TIEN TSIN.—German military experts are of the opinion that the Russian positions at Liao Yang and Hai Cheng are untenable against a three-sided Japanese attack.

### Withdraw South Dakota Lands

WASHINGTON.—The director of the geological survey has recommended to the secretary of the interior the withdrawal from settlement and entry of an additional 776,480 acres of land in South Dakota in connection with the Belle Fourche irrigation project.

## SEVERE FLOOD IN KANSAS

EASTERN PART OF STATE MENACED BY SWOLLEN STREAMS.

Kansas City Suburbs Flooded and Considerable Damage Done in Packing House District—Fatality at Wichita.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A round-dale, the packing house suburbs of Kansas City, Kas., has been practically deserted, most of its 5,000 citizens having been driven from their homes by the overflow of the Kaw river for the second time in thirteen months. Tonight the river is stationary at a stage of 25.80 feet below the highest mark reached in the great flood of June, 1903. By tomorrow noon, the Kaw will, accordingly to Weather Observer Connor, have risen two feet and a half higher than at present, when it will begin to subside rapidly.

West and southwest of here, in Kansas and Oklahoma, serious conditions exist, although North Topeka, where many were drowned in last year's flood and from which hundreds fled today, is gradually resuming its normal condition.

At Wichita, Emporia and Winfield, the Cottonwood, the Neosho and the Arkansas rivers are causing the most disastrous flood in the history of those places and its believed the worst is yet to come.

All Kansas streams are high and thousands of acres of rich farming land has already been inundated, causing losses to crops that will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Farmers at a dozen different points have been forced to flee from their homes, driving their stock before them and taking their horses and what household goods could be gotten together quickly to higher ground.

It is from many of these smaller streams which are tributary to the Kaw that will come the water which will cause the predicted rise in the Kaw tomorrow. The Kaw itself from Kansas City to Manhattan, in western Kansas is stationary. The Missouri river at Kansas City, although high from the overflow from the Kaw at this point, is still in no danger of causing any serious flood and after a further rise of eighteen inches, Observer Connor predicts that this stream will also begin to fall tomorrow. Across from Kansas City, the Missouri has flooded Harlem, a sparsely settled place but none of the manufacturing concerns along that stream have suffered damage.

As far as known tonight seven lives have been lost. One at Wichita, Kas., and six at Clifton, Okla. The wife and two children of Chase Woods, a policeman at Wichita, reported drowned today, were rescued.

Railroad service east and west of Kansas City is demoralized, numerous washouts being reported and trains on the Rock Island, Santa Fe and Union and Missouri Pacific are stalled.

The present flood, which has been the third this spring in this part of the southwest came after almost continuous rain at different points throughout Kansas during the past five days. In the past twenty-four hours from 1.50 inches of water had fallen at Kansas City to 4 inches in western Kansas.

The first break in the river came at midnight at Armourdale, a low lying district across the Kaw and two miles southwest from the union depot.

### Seekers in Registering.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—When the registration office opened there were less than twenty people in line. From midnight until 10 o'clock this morning a cold rain fell and home-seekers refused to leave their rooms, very few being provided with overcoats or rain coats. But when the sun came out about 10 o'clock, the seekers appeared on the streets and at 11 o'clock there were several hundred in line waiting to be registered. The early morning train from the east consisted of ten coaches and brought in about 600 men and women to be registered. It was four hours late. The second train, also being filled with home-seekers, was several hours late. In fact all incoming trains are running late because of the increased number of coaches carried. The registration offices, as well as railroad people, expect from 2,000 to 3,000 people daily, a majority of whom will return to their homes the day following their arrival here as there is no delay whatever in registering.

## VICTORY FOR BRYAN

GOLD STANDARD PLANK TAKEN OUT OF THE PLATFORM

## THE VOTE EXCEEDS 2 TO 1

NOW CREDITED WITH THREE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS.

Expressions of the Leaders on Work of Resolution Committee Do Not Indicate Entire Satisfaction.

ST. LOUIS.—The committee on resolutions voted the gold standard plank out of the democratic platform by a vote of thirty-five to fifteen. This was the third victory for William J. Bryan during the all night session of the committee. He has two successful efforts and secured modifications of the tariff plank on two separate votes.

An effort was made to secure a recess after the vote on the gold plank but it was voted down and the committee continued with its work on other features of the platform.

The contest was one of the most interesting features of the convention. The main fight was upon a proposed income tax plank providing for an amendment to the constitution to meet the adverse decision of the supreme court upon the Wilson law. It was upon this amendment and the gold plank, the two propositions having been brought in conjunction, that Mr. Bryan made his strong fight. Mr. Williams of Mississippi, first offered the income tax amendment and it was immediately antagonized by former Senator Hill, who stated that with such a plank in the platform, New York could not be carried for the democratic nominee. He urged the attention of a platform which will enable the democrats to win in doubtful states and elect their candidates. Mr. Williams withdrew the amendment, saying that he, with many other democrats, was seeking harmony with a view of succeeding on a democratic platform.

Mr. Bryan then offered an income tax amendment, and made a speech in favor of it. He asserted that while votes might be lost among the very rich, the democratic party ought to consider the great mass of the people, who bear the burden of taxation and the expenses of the government.

Senator Daniel replied to Bryan, and was very vigorous in his denunciations of the course the Nebraska man was pursuing. He said that he wanted to win and desired a platform which would bring to the democratic party the voters who had left it when pursuing a course which Mr. Bryan had shaped and advocated. He was tired of being forever in the minority and insisted that it would be absurd for democrats, facing victory, to take any action which would mean defeat. To lose New York meant defeat.

Senator Bailey and Senator Tillman, while believing in an income tax, said that in view of the statements of the New York member of the committee, it would be unwise to insist on the income tax plank.

Senator Bailey then asked unanimous consent to have both the income tax amendment and the gold standard plank dropped.

### Worst of Flood is Over.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Kaw river is falling here and west of Topeka and it is confidently believed that the worst of the flood is over.

Not for many days, however, will normal conditions prevail at Armourdale, Argentine and the low lying portion of eastern Kansas City, Kas., where hundreds of houses of the working class are under water, and many plants are inundated. In the lowest portion of Armourdale which is the most unfavorable portion of the flood area, the water is from three to six feet deep while surrounding the Neslon Morris packing houses northeast of Armourdale, and close to the mouth of the Kaw, the water is twelve feet deep.

Armourdale is abandoned, the streets running rivers. Most families owned their homes and the aggregate loss will be heavy. Flood conditions in Kansas off the Kaw watershed are still serious, the streams at Abilene, Emporia, Ottawa and Wichita still being high and continuing to rise at some points.

## NEBRASKA NOTES

J. H. Morehead has been chosen manager of the Falls City Telephone company.

The Modern Woodmen of Falls City held memorial services. Graves at Steele cemetery were properly decorated.

Ludwig Raric of Columbus left this week for Germany and will be absent about two years, during which time he will receive treatment for deafness.

State Architect Tyler has prepared plans for the addition to the Soldiers' home at Grand Island. The estimated cost of the new addition is about \$6,000.

The coroner's jury in the case of Theodore Smart, who killed himself at a Wymore ball game, decided that he came to his death by pistol shot fired by his own hand.

Richardson county has 570 acres of school land. This was appraised at \$1,965, but the new valuation makes it \$11,306 and increased the rent \$558.

A short adjourned session of the district court of Cuming county was held at West Point and several minor matters disposed of. Judge Graves presided. The judge has almost recovered from the serious illness of last winter.

Day Lewis, a young man who recently went to Gering from New York was accidentally shot by a companion named Frank Fisher, the ball from a 44-calibre revolver passing through his leg, but not striking the bone.

Lorenzo S. Burgess filed a suit in the district court against Fred Zook and his daughter Mary Zook, for \$10,000, alleging libel and defamation of character. All parties reside about eight miles south of Nebraska City.

Teachers in the Papillion school for the ensuing year, after all vacancies have been filled, are as follows: Principal Prof. Slothower of Osceola; grammar room, Miss Meyer of Louisville; intermediate room Miss Empey of Papillion; first primary, Miss McGinn of Wymore; second primary, Miss Carpenter, of Council Bluffs.

Prof. H. E. Funk, who for the last four years has been superintendent of the Fullerton city schools, tendered his resignation. Miss Patrick, one of the high school teachers has also resigned. Prof. Funk has accepted a position as cashier of a bank at Danvers, this state.

The Windsor hotel at Fremont caught fire early the morning of the Fourth. The furniture was badly damaged and the roof of the building badly burned. The loss amounted to about \$3,000 with \$2,000 insurance.

Miss Mary French Morton, a niece of the late J. Serling Morton, who has made her home at "Arbor Lodge" for many years, in Nebraska City, visited at the home of Mrs. J. G. Richey in Plattsmouth over the Fourth. She is a writer of much ability and has published a book of poems entitled "Leaves from Arbor Lodge."

Work has commenced on the new power and pump house of the Shelton waterworks, and now, barring the slow arrival of material, the work of laying the mains will be pushed as fast as possible, and when the plans have all been completed it will be one of the best in the state for its size.

Daniel Kohn was arranged in county court at Papillion the first of the week on the charge of horse stealing. He entered a plea of not guilty and his bond was placed at \$2,000, which, being unable to furnish, Kohn was taken back to Omaha where he will be confined in the Douglas county jail until his trial. The preliminary hearing of the case will occur soon.

The assessed valuation of Scott's Bluff county is \$755,895, an increase over last year of about \$50,000. The statement recently made in the state press that the western counties had been in the habit of turning in large assessments because they want to show up good is a mistaken idea. The truth is that they have as a rule, had to assess on a higher basis heretofore in order to produce the requisite amount of local revenue of 20 per cent of actual value, tends to reduce the aggregate, because the previous basis has been from a third to a half. The result is that the county assessment is actually less, although it is clear that there is a marked increase in the volume of property.