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NEW WATERWAY OVERFLOWS.
WEST END SEES FLOOD.

NORFOLK AVENUE IS A RIVER

TRAIN SERVICE ABANDONED SUN-
DAY OVER NIGHT.

WASHOUTS IN ALL DIRECTIONS

LIGHTNING STRIKES JOHNSON
HOME, STARTING FIRE.

ELKHORN HIGHEST IN 5 YEARS

THE STORM WAS STATE WIDE,
WORST NEAR NORFOLK.

TRAIN SERVICE AGAIN MONDAY

Sunday Norfolk and Vicinity Experi-
enced Heaviest Rain in History of
Town, Storm Setting in Before Noon
and Continuing Until 3.

Rain falling in solid sheets Sunday
afternoon set a new record for rain
fall in Norfolk, turned the west end
into a raging river which engulfed the
blocks adjacent to Norfolk and Mad-
ison avenues from the hill to the
tracks, created lakes in the low lands,
brought the Northfork nearly to the
point of overflow and placed an abso-
lute veto on railroad traffic.

5.61 inches of Water Fell.
The rain fall during the three hours
and a half of the storm amounted to
5.61 inches, the greatest downpour of
water recorded in the government
records for Norfolk.

Broke all Records.
The rain Sunday broke all local
records. From statistics available it
appears that this volume of water
was never equalled in Norfolk since
a local branch of the weather bureau
has been maintained here. The near-
est approach to the downpour in re-
cent years appears to have been on
September 11, 1902, when 3.75 inches fell.
A harder rain fell three years before,
on May 3, 1899, when 3.31 inches of
water fell between 4:30 and 8 o'clock
in the evening, the bulk of the rain
coming between 4:30 and 6.

The Storm General.
The rain extended clear across the
state from Chadron east, being heavier
in the eastern section. Not much rain
fell at Madison, Pierce or at Lynch
but a great deal at Verdigris and Stan-
ton. The storm moved down from
western South Dakota. In and about
Norfolk the storm was most severe.

Railroads Tied Up.
Every railroad line out of Norfolk
was affected by the storm. From the
time the storm broke at noon Sunday
until Monday morning not a passenger
train left Norfolk. Washouts occurred
between Norfolk and Stanton and be-
tween Stanton and Pilger on the main
line of the Northwestern east, between
Norfolk and Meadow Grove on the
same line west, between Norfolk and
Hadar on the Bonesteel line, between
Norfolk and Hoskins on the M. & O.
line and near Enoia on the Union Pa-
cific.

West End Suffers Most.
The west end was the scene of the
real flood. Other sections of the town
were water covered and saw the most
water in the memory of Norfolk citi-
zens but it was west Norfolk beyond
the tracks where a river of water
flowed across lots. At the tracks the
greater part of the water turned
north, flowing up seventh street to the
Union Pacific flats, which were
flooded.

Elkhorn Highest in Five Years.
The Elkhorn river at Norfolk is the
highest it has been within five years,
and is still rising at the rate of two
inches an hour. The water is about
four feet deep on the road between the
two bridges on South Thirteenth
street and the rural mail wagon found
it impossible to make the drive. At
midnight some farmers got out, har-
nessed their horses and built dikes to
hold the water off their cornfields.

Northfork River Falling.
Water in the Northfork fell about a
foot Monday morning and no water
had begun to back up from the Elk-
horn.

WEST END A RIVER.
Details of the Sunday Flood Storm
in Norfolk.

Norfolk and Madison avenues in the
west end of Norfolk were the scene of
a flood such as was never equalled
even in the days before Corporation
gulch was built to turn the flood
waters south towards the Elkhorn
river. For the first time the new
waterway was inadequate. The great
flood of water rushed down from the
hills west of the city far above the
banks of the waterway and far beyond
the capacity of the ditch to carry off
the surplus waters.

Avenue Stream Three Feet.
From the waterway near Thirteenth
street the flood water extending in a

lake of rushing water over the whole
vicinity of the gulch found an easy
outlet down Norfolk avenue where the
old floods were wont to go. But the
water this time went higher than even
in the old days.

In Norfolk avenue the water rushed
three feet deep. In places it was
higher than a man's waist. Madison
avenue was another rushing stream.
In fact the water in both streets met
in one stream more than a block wide.

Ran Into Houses.
The flood swept across yards, push-
ing into basements and even into
houses not set sufficiently high from
the ground. All manner of lumber,
sidewalks and rubbish floated down
with the flood, swinging across peo-
ple's yards and being dropped by the
receding waters in all manner of
places.

Damage Into Thousands.
The damage from the high water
ran into thousands of dollars. Yards
were washed, basements filled and
every board sidewalk and crossing
swept from of the west end. The
street damage which the city suffered
is heavy.

Waterway Helped.
Without the new waterway west
Norfolk would have been the scene
of a flood of far more serious propor-
tions. Houses would have been washed
away.

An immense volume of water ran
south down the gulch into the flat
bottoms this side of the Elkhorn. It
swept over the floor of the Norfolk
avenue gulch bridge and was above
the railing of the lower bridge on
the gulch just south of Norfolk ave-
nue.

Bovee Barn and Contents Lost.
At the farm of Bovee Bros., a mile
northwest of the city limits and lo-
cated on a side hill sloping down to
the ditch which begins several miles
back and carries the water into town,
serious damage was done. A large barn
about 20x40 feet, was picked off its
site and washed away. The building
was torn in two by the force of the
water, half of it landing a short dis-
tance down stream and the other half
being carried considerably further.
In the barn were about six loads of
hay, 200 bushels of corn, 150 bushels
of oats, and all the farm harness and
saddles. All of these things, includ-
ing the farm grain and hay, were
washed away and lost. The water
was about ten feet deep in the ditch
at the Bovee farm. The corn was dis-
tributed all along Norfolk avenue and
some of it was swept into the North-
fork, several miles below the
starting point. Ears of yellow corn to
be seen strewn across Norfolk avenue
lawns all came from the Bovee farm.

Damage at Bilger Home.
The home of F. G. Bilger, on Koenig-
stein avenue between Thirteenth
and Fourteenth streets, just where the
gulch swings into town, was a heavy
sufferer. His buggy shed was de-
stroyed and swept away, a buggy in-
side being demolished. The water
went into his house more than a foot
deep, carpets being coated with thick,
black mud, chairs being floated around
from room to room, and everything
within a foot of the floor being prac-
tically ruined. A little pig was swept
out of its pen at this place and carried
more than two blocks down stream in
ten feet of water, finally being taken
out, still alive and squealing. It
proved a good swimmer. Chickens at
this place went into the top of the
barn when it began raining, and thus
saved themselves. A grindstone was
picked up and carried some distance,
the frame being finally torn loose
from the wheel and carried away.

Mrs. Wm. Boche Rescued.
Mrs. Wm. Boche was carried out of
her home on North Eighth street and
taken into a neighbor's house when
the water entered her house to a
depth of more than a foot. She was
alone and, being advanced in years,
was carried out by men who were at
hand.

L. A. Rothe Lost Blooded Chickens.
L. A. Rothe lost about 100 thorough-
bred Black Langshan chickens. Out
of 165, only about sixty were saved.
Mr. and Mrs. Rothe had been at
church. They stopped in at the home
of a friend enroute home, to seek ref-
uge from the heavy rain. When they
finally did reach home they found over
100 of their choice fowls gone.
Eighty-five of the dead birds were
picked up in the garden.

Damage at Blakeman's New House.
There isn't as much lumber stacked
up around a new residence being built
by F. A. Blakeman on Norfolk avenue,
between Thirteenth and Fourteenth
streets as there was. There isn't as
much concrete block foundation under
the new house as there was. But
there are many more new shingles and
two-by-fours scattered along Norfolk
avenue than were ever seen along so
large a stretch of territory at one time
before. The wall of water dashed out
the foundation under the north side of
the house. And the river that came
along and overflowed down Norfolk
avenue carried in its swift current
bundles of shingles, long, slim, new
boards, kegs of nails and a tool chest
with all its tools inside. Some of the
shingles were carried down to the
river, by way of north Seventh street.

Electric Light Station Flooded.
The electric light station was put
out of business for an hour and a half
when a flood of water overwhelmed
its machinery. Twelve men with force
pumps were immediately set at work
and soon things were again in work-
ing order. While the power was down
the boilers at the city pumping station
were steamed up, for use in pumping
water in case of fire, and the fire
came.

Fire Follows Lightning Bolt.
Lightning struck the home of Rob-
ert Johnson, the Union Pacific car in-
spector, at 312 North Ninth street, the

house catching fire immediately. The
bolt came in the height of the storm,
the fire whistle calling out the depart-
ment in the terrible downpour.

No one was injured by the lightning
bolt though Mrs. Johnson was taken ill
later in the afternoon from the ner-
vous shock incident to the combination
of lightning, fire and flood.

The blaze was extinguished by the
first firemen to arrive under the di-
rection of Chief Krantz without turn-
ing on the city water. The damage
to the house by the lightning and fire
was not heavy.

The lightning struck the chimney
of the house.

Ran to Methodist Church.
A misunderstanding in the fire
alarm turned in when lightning struck
the Johnson home resulted in the fire-
men rushing to the Methodist
church which was booked on fire.

A hose cart and the hook and ladder
wagon were taken to the church in
the drenching rain. Then the depart-
ment had to retrace its steps back.
Ninth street.

Lightning Struck Pacific Hotel.
Lightning struck the Pacific hotel.
Mrs. W. S. Slaughter of Herrick, S.
D., and her little daughter were de-
sated. They were in room 12 taking a nap,
Mr. Slaughter being in the office.
Mrs. Slaughter was picked up off the
floor, where she had dropped from a
iron bed, in a half dazed condition five
minutes later, attention having been
attracted to the room by cries of the
child. E. L. Russell, a commercial
traveler from St. Paul, was knocked
from a chair in the office to the floor
by the bolt. He says he has been in
every big storm in Nebraska this
spring, including that at Lincoln a
week ago. There were about seventy
people in the hotel and all came flying
into the office.

Lightning Broke Windows.
The vibration from a particularly
severe bolt of lightning broke out
windows in G. R. Seiler's real estate
office and Smith Brothers' office in the
Bishop block.

Trees Struck.
Trees were struck by lightning in
different parts of the city. A tree near
P. F. Bell's home on Koenigstein ave-
nue was struck.

Cow Electrocutted.
Stepping on a live wire on South
First street a cow belonging to George
Madsen was instantly electrocuted.
The cow was one of a herd being
driven home by Gus Bathke. At First
street near the city power house a
heavy tree had been broken down and
in falling had taken an electric light
wire to the ground. Fortunately it was
a cow which first chanced to step
upon the wire. The animal was taken
to the ground in an instant, as dead
as if struck by lightning.

Hot Water Around Lumber Yard.
Water at the Mittelstadt lumber
yard got hot when the sixty barrels of
lime were tossed out into the stream.
The sizzling lime heated up the water
to a very perceptible degree. The sixty
barrels of lime were worth \$90.
A four-foot pile of lumber was moved
several feet and huge timbers were
swept up against a fence.

Mittelstadt's Loss \$2,500.
L. C. Mittelstadt estimates the loss
in his lumber yard conservatively at
\$2,500.

Many Fields Under Water.
Many fields along the Elkhorn are
inundated. The water stretches out
from the bank for a half mile.

Never Equalled Before.
The nearest approach to this rain
was in September, 1902, when 3.75
inches fell one day. No rain of this
size has ever fallen in Norfolk within
the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

Water at Insane Hospital.
About three feet of water flooded
the boiler rooms at the Norfolk insane
hospital and quenched the fires. Im-
mediately men went to work pumping
out the water.

Trains Leave Norfolk.
After noon Sunday no trains arrived
or departed from Norfolk depots until
Monday morning. The first passenger
train in was Northwestern train No. 5,
due Sunday evening, which arrived
at 5 a. m. It left at 5:55 for the west.
No. 2 left for the east a short time
afterwards. The most serious track
damage was between Norfolk and
Stanton, the damage between Norfolk
and Meadow Grove not being serious.
The weak track between Norfolk and
Hadar was in condition Monday morn-
ing to permit the Bonesteel train to
leave early. It was after 10 o'clock
when the M. & O. passenger left for
Sioux City, nearly twenty-four hours
late. The evening passenger on the
Union Pacific got past the Enoia wash-
out about 7 o'clock Monday morning.
All trains were late Monday.

From One Flood to Another.
Superintendent C. H. Reynolds of
the Northwestern was returning to
Norfolk on train No. 401, which was
stranded at Stanton. He had been
looking after flood work at Lincoln
for a week. General Superintendent
S. M. Braden was in town and went
to the wash-out five miles east of town
with the work train, to superintend
the work.

Show People Repair Tracks.
The men of the A. L. Lewis shows,
coming to Norfolk for a week's en-
gagement, worked with the section
men and repair crews on the main line
washout near Stanton. The company
was on train No. 1 from Omaha. When
the washout was reached, the actors
grabbed crowbars and volunteered
their services to Superintendent C. H.
Reynolds who was on the train and
who took charge of the repair work.
The show men said that they volun-
teered for heavy work and their ser-
vices were accepted. Today the rail-

road officials expressed their apprecia-
tion.

Passengers Have Weary Waits.
Passengers on trains seeking to get
out of town had weary waits. They
felt fortunate, however, that they were
at a station where they could get plenty
to eat, and not out in the country.

Hotels Crowded Over Night.
All Norfolk hotels were crowded for
the night, cots being brought into ser-
vice. The fact that many trains failed
to go out left an unusual number of
people stranded in the city.

Came at Church Time.
In Norfolk the storm broke at church
time, the first heavy rain coming
about 11:30. The rain continued until
about 3 o'clock, save for one brief
intermission. About 2 o'clock the rain,
falling faster and faster, was lashed
about by a strong gale which blew
for some minutes.

Most of the churches were crowded
during the greater part of the early
afternoon by members of the congre-
gation unable to venture into the flood
outside.

People who went to church were
trapped by the storm. Some ventured
home through the driving rain. Some
waited a couple of hours for a slight
let-up. Some managed to get cabs
called.

Father Walsh Dismissed Church.
The congregation at the Church of
the Sacred Heart got home before the
storm. Father Walsh saw the storm
coming and dismissed church at 11:05,
so that all were able to get home
ahead of the rain.

Stopped Y. M. C. A. Meetings.
The storm stopped both Y. M. C. A.
meetings planned for Sunday. A men's
meeting was to have been held at the
First Congregational church at a time
when the church was surrounded by
a foot or so of water. The mass meet-
ing at the Auditorium was called off
early in the afternoon.

Hacks in Demand.
Hacks did a rushing business all
afternoon. They were the crying need
of the day. Despite the fact that Nor-
folk has more cabs than any other city
in the world of its size, it was difficult
to get them.

Sturgeon and Taft Get a Fall.
Mayor Sturgeon and County Com-
missioner Burr Taft were victims of a
washed-out hole in Norfolk avenue,
caused by a sewer ditch, shortly after
the storm. They were driving west
between Twelfth and Thirteenth
streets in a cart. The horse stepped
into a soft sewer-ditch spot, sank down
and as a result pitched the two cart-
occupants out into the mud. The
mayor was then run over by the cart
wheel, his shoulder being slightly
bruised and his cheek opened to the
extent of drawing blood.

REY. L. W. WILLIAMS TESTIFIES.
Rev. L. W. Williams, Huntington, W.
Va., testifies as follows: "This is to
certify that I used Foley's Kidney Rem-
edy for nervous exhaustion and kidney
trouble, and am free to say that Foley's
Kidney Remedy will do all that you
claim for it." Klesau Drug Co.

CHAUTAQUA IN 3 WEEKS

ENTER ON ADVERTISING CAM-
PAIGN FOR CHAUTAQUA.

FOUNDATIONS CAVE IN.
The rains were disastrous to founda-
tions in many parts of the city. Ser-
ious damage was done to the founda-
tions of new houses being erected
on South Ninth street by C. E. Doughty
and J. L. Weaver. Sections of
foundations in several other parts of
the city caved in.

Barometer Was Low.
Sunday morning was intensely sultry.
People were awakened at 5
o'clock, unable to sleep in the oppres-
sive air. While no reading was made
of the barometer, it is certain that
the mercury was low in the tube, as
indicated by the oppressiveness and
later by the terrific wind that swept
down from the northwest.

Many View the Scenes.
Scores of people—some barefooted
—waded up Norfolk avenue during the
afternoon to see the result of the over-
flow.

On a Raft Down Main Street.
One man had a raft ride down Nor-
folk avenue, and then north on Sev-
enth street. He climbed on a stray
sidewalk raft in front of the Lewis
& Goldsworthy bakery and was swept
at high speed down the thoroughfare,
across the street and then north on
Seventh street. It was at the brick
yards that he found opportunity to
disembark.

Will Mean New Sidewalks.
The storm will mean many new
cement sidewalks in Norfolk. Dozens
of board walks were washed away and
lost. Many were badly broken. Coun-
cillman Degner and City Clerk Harter
started out Monday afternoon to get
a line on the new walks needed.

Print The News in Boots.
The force of people required to
print The News wore boots Monday.
Seven inches of water flooded the
basement floor, so that all machinery
stands in water. A heavy loss on
paper stock was sustained.

Good Time to Look After Dike.
Such a storm as this, and in fact
such rains as have fallen this spring,
make it seem advisable to give con-

stant attention to the dike north of
town, as a matter of precautionary
protection. In dry weather, and in
fact all the year around, it should be
the business of some official to see
that the dike is at all times prepared
to withstand a strain. And unless
some constant, systematic attention is
given the dike, the wearing of one
wall of water after another might in
time eat through the mound of earth
and cause serious disaster to the busi-
ness section of the city. This is a
good time to take steps to see that the
dike is kept always in good order.

Ditch Should be Larger.
While the new ditch in Corporation
gulch did all that could possibly be
expected of it in carrying off the
flood, yet the occasion demonstrated
that the size of the ditch is insuffi-
cient. A man familiar with that class
of work claims that if the ditch had
been twice as wide as it is there
would have been no overflow down
Norfolk and Madison avenues. The
expense of enlarging the ditch, now
that the right of way is practically all
purchased, the surveys made and all
the preliminary work established,
would be very moderate, and it is
urged that with the example of Sun-
day's flood before the people no better
time to enlarge the ditch could be
found than right now.

Atkinson Got Hard Rain.
Early Sunday morning the incoming
morning passenger train struck a fur-
ious rain at Atkinson. A sectionman
was sent ahead of the train on account
of the water. The heavy part of the
storm extended only a short distance
this side.

Rain at Valentine.
Valentine, Neb., July 13.—Special to
The News: Three days' excessive heat
culminated in a dust storm Saturday
evening, followed by a refreshing rain.
For three days the temperature stood
close to the hundred mark.

Heavy rain was reported to the
Northwestern from Fremont and from
the Hastings, Superior and Lincoln
lines. Train service was not inter-
rupted to those points, however.

Delightful in Her Home.
Miss Bryan was a most delightful
character in her own home at Fair-
view. She had the faculty of making
a guest feel absolutely and perfectly
at home. One forgot, for the time be-
ing, that it was a home of fame—the
home of a three-time nominee for the
greatest office in the world.

And a visit to the Bryan home was
unusually interesting. Miss Bryan
had interesting souvenirs from all
parts of the world. Her "den" was
better than an art museum and crown-
ing all of the attractiveness of the
place was the vivacious, magnetic per-
sonality, the brilliant wit and good
humor of Mr. Bryan's daughter.

Mrs. Bryan was a charming mother,
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"Norfolk? Oh, yes, I know a num-
ber of Norfolk people," he said. "You
knew Lalkart up there? He was al-
ways a very good friend of mine."

Bryan Children Hard on Shoes.
The Bryan children are all hard on
their shoes. That's what their shoe
dealer said. He happened to say it
as the climax on a rather peculiar in-
cident.

Ruth Bryan was going to the the-
ater that night—and had forgotten to
get a pair of shoes from the shoe
store, left there some time earlier for
a new heel. She wanted these shoes
particularly because they were par-
ticularly comfortable and she liked
them.

"You came after them, did you?"
asked the shoeman. "And are going
to send them out on the street car?
Pretty good. Well, Ruth, always
hard on her shoes. All the Bryan
children are."

Those shoes were duly put on the
street car, all right, and the conduc-
tor was told to put them off at Fair-
view. But the conductor forgot and
carried the shoes by. And it took a
trip next day to the traction com-
pany's office to get the missing foot-
gear. But it must not be presumed
that Ruth lost out on the theater be-
cause of that one favorite pair of
shoes.

Not Style, But Ease, Next Fall.
Chicago, July 11.—It was not all
style that students in the art of tail-
oring were impressed with in a disserta-
tion by John A. Spann at the annual
convention held at 185 Dearborn
street. They were admonished that
in cutting a garment it must be so
framed as to produce ease.

The trousers cuffs, the frilly pocket
aps, and other innovations are to be
tabooed. Efforts are to be made to
make the ordinary man appear as
shapely as an Adonis without shoul-
der paddings and to balance the garment
so as to give the wearer individuality.
Fads will be frowned upon and more
conservatism in shades recommended.
Long coats will cover the misfit of
the "barrel" trousers. Conservative
styles with a draping effect that re-
quires careful tailoring will prevail in
the fall.

"Zebra" styles that prevail this
summer are to be supplanted by un-
usual fabrics. Colors are to be toned
down to conform to designs of greater
conservatism.

John J. Maypole said that the over-
coat will be "boxy" and of three-
quarter length, with a tendency to
shortness.

A REVELATION.
It is a revelation to people, the severe
cases of lung trouble that have been
cured by Foley's Honey and Tar. It
not only stops the cough but heals and
strengthens the lungs. L. M. Euggles,
Reasnor, Iowa, writes: "The doctors
said I had consumption, and I got no
better until I took Foley's Honey and
Tar. It stopped the hemorrhages and
pain in my lungs and they are now as
sound as a bullet." Klesau Drug Co.

The functions of the kidneys is to
strain out the impurities of the blood
which is constantly passing through
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IN THE HOME OF MR. BRYAN

RUTH BRYAN LEAVITT HAS INTI-
MATE FRIENDS HERE.

AN UNUSUALLY POPULAR GIRL

Mr. Bryan's Eldest Daughter Was a
Supreme Favorite in the University
of Nebraska—A Charming Family
in Their Home.

Ruth Bryan Leavitt is intimately
known by several Norfolk people who
became more than ordinarily well
acquainted with her at the University
of Nebraska.

Among others, Miss Helen Bridge
of this city is a sorority sister to Mrs.
Leavitt, both having belonged to the
same university Greek letter society,
Delta Gamma. A genuine sisterhood
exists in college sorority life and Miss
Bridge has very frequently been en-
tertained in the Bryan mansion at
Fairview by the democratic presiden-
tial candidate's eldest daughter.

Popular College Girl.
As a college girl, Ruth Bryan was
immensely popular. There was nothing
snobbish in her attitude. She was
democratic. She made friends easily
and was on good terms with a great
many different circles of acquaint-
ances.

And not only was she popular. Also
she was clever. She wrote genuinely
brilliant short stories.

Belonged to "English" Club.
Miss Bryan was elected to the Eng-
lish club of the university upon the
merit of her writing. The English
club used to meet every two weeks
and among those to give a bit of
spice to the meetings Miss Bryan—
Ruth Bryan—could always be
depended upon. On English club
meeting nights she always stayed
down town at the Delta Gamma chap-
ter house, the trip to Fairview being
quite too far after the street cars had
stopped running and English club oc-
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gear. But it must not be presumed
that Ruth lost out on the theater be-
cause of that one favorite pair of
shoes.

Not Style, But Ease, Next Fall.
Chicago, July 11.—It was not all
style that students in the art of tail-
oring were impressed with in a disserta-
tion by John A. Spann at the annual
convention held at 185 Dearborn
street. They were admonished that
in cutting a garment it must be so
framed as to produce ease.