

Nemaha River High Water is Now Receding

Damage Will Be High in Territory In Southeastern Nebraska Swept by the Flood

That section of Nebraska from Auburn south and through the Nemaha river valley is slowly recovering from the effects of the heavy rains of Thursday and Friday that converted the Nemaha river and tributary streams into raging torrents and spreading over the valleys and lowlands in that part of the state.

The flood damage is mounting hourly as the check is made of the damages to the crops, bridges, roads and railroad property and it will amount to many thousands before the final estimate is made of the loss.

The Missouri Pacific which had its main line tracks under water and swept by the overflowing river was able late Sunday to start the resumption of travel but the soft track and roadbed has made the handling of the trains a matter of difficulty through the flooded area. In several places the tracks were moved from five to twenty-five feet by the force of the water that swept through the Nemaha valley.

As the waters from the river and creeks have subsided they have left in their wake a vast area covered with mud and debris and under which the once fertile fields and promising crops lie buried and giving little promise of a crop for this season.

Several narrow escapes from death have been reported in the flooded sections of Nemaha and Richardson counties, but fortunately no loss of life has been reported.

For instance, the farm home of Clyde Franz near Auburn was entered by the flood waters and the family stranded several hours before rescuers came in boats to take them away. The furniture was a total loss.

An unusual bit of heroism was the rescue of her two babies by an unknown woman camped at a tourist camp east of Auburn. The woman was awakened by the noise of the water lapping at her cot. Clinging her children to her, she waded through nearly four feet of water over unknown ground until she reached a higher place. They were later cared for by nearby farmers.

Thousands of bushels of wheat standing in shock in the fields were washed away, even as the water went down. Cornfields, many of them reported because of the flood occurring in June, again were ruined. Lowland orchards will suffer untold damage. Livestock loss will be great. One farmer, Imer Williams, lost 160 head of sheep as well as several horses.

WHEN WAS THE FLOOD?

In conversation with Attorney M. Leyda Saturday afternoon he called the attention of the reporter to the fact that the heaviest flood of 1898, this city had a very costly flood and which resulted in the death of a number of horses belonging to J. W. Sage who at that time was operating a livery stable on Pearl street in the building now occupied by the Iverson blacksmith shop.

Mr. Leyda was not certain of the date and interviewed a number of the older residents here as to the particular year that the heavy rain and flood occurred and while there was some disagreement as to the year, the larger number held to the 1898 date as being correct.

At this time Mr. Leyda stated the rain came up very suddenly and when he started home at 11 o'clock in the evening to his residence, then located on Chicago avenue, he found a raging river of water along that street and Pearl street, it being before either of these streets were paved. The water was running into the livery barn at that time but Mr. Leyda was unaware of the fact that there were any horses in the basement of the building and did not learn until later that the horses had met their death in the water that filled the basement to the first floor level.

This flood did a great deal of damage in the business section of the city and caused a heavy loss to several of the stores of the community.

OLD TIME RESIDENT

From Monday's Daily—
Last evening Mark White, one of the old time residents of this city and vicinity, arrived here from his home at Los Angeles and will make a visit here with his niece, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman and family as well as all of the old time residents of this locality where Mark spent so many years. Mr. White is looking fine and says he is feeling as good as he looks. Mr. White and Claude Shoemaker motored from Los Angeles to Grant, Nebraska, where Mr. White spent two weeks looking after his land interests near that place and completing his business, came here to enjoy a short stay with the old time associates in this part of Nebraska.

HERE FROM ILLINOIS

From Monday's Daily—
Miss Leola and Marie Kohlbacker, accompanied by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Frederick of Pekin, Illinois, arrived here last evening and will spend some time here on their two weeks vacation with the relatives and friends, the Misses Kohlbacker at the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Meisinger and Mrs. Frederick at the John Lohnes home. They will later go to Papillion where they will visit Uncle Jake Ziemer and then to Osmond and Pierce, Nebraska, to visit with the uncle, aunts and cousins in that section of the state. The party made excellent time in coming from Pekin, reaching here in fourteen hour drive and having a wonderful trip through Illinois and Iowa to this city.

Curb Oil Pumps Seem to be in Much Demand

Several Additional Pumps May Be Placed Over the City to Supply Demand of Motorists

There seems to be a tendency in the past few weeks to have the number of curb pumps supplying gasoline to the motorists increased and from all reports there are to be several more requested of the city council and at different locations over the city so that he who operates a car can find many an oasis along the streets where the gas can be supplied to the cars and trucks.

The city council has long had this problem on their hands following the granting some years ago of several permits along Vine street and later on Third and Fourth street and now on Chicago avenue and a request on Pearl street with the prospect that other locations will be sought by parties wishing to place in these curb pumps.

This situation is one that is going to give this city a great many filling places for gas as well as the regular filling stations which have been in use in the city for a number of years.

This demand for gas pumps along the highway is an apt illustration of the auto age and the filling station, the hamburger and barbecued meat stands along the highway supply the demand of the auto and their drivers with all that is necessary to a perfect day of motor enjoyment.

The completion of the new bridge over the Missouri river will mean a large increase in the travel through this city from the east and west and should make the gasoline business a very paying one.

CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday marked the twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hughes of Gretna, well known and prominent residents of western Sarpy county and who are also well known in Cass county.

The occasion was most fittingly observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hughes home and where some eighty of the friends and neighbors enjoyed the fine dinner that was served in honor of the happy event by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes was formerly Miss Cecile Baker and made her home at Elmwood for a number of years and the celebrants were wedded twenty years ago at Lincoln and have since made their home at Gretna where Mr. Hughes is engaged in the banking business and where his family is numbered among the old residents of Sarpy county.

Mrs. Hughes is a sister of Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans of this city and who with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans and son, Billie, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rosencrans and children, Mary Ann and Philip, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sonnichsen and daughter, Mary Phyllis and Mrs. Mary Dovey, motored over to Gretna to enjoy the event with the uncle and aunt.

HAS BURGLAR ALARM

From Monday's Daily—
This morning the Otto Keck home on North Eighth street had a wall from some would-be burglar but who was frightened off before being able to effect an entrance to the house. The family had retired but owing to the fact of the news of the death of Mr. Keck's mother they were very nervous and Mrs. Otto Keck was aroused about 2 o'clock this morning by a noise on the porch and like that of someone at the door apparently trying to force the key out of the door. She arose and ran to the light switch and turned on the porch light in time to see a man or boy from the porch and down the alley apparently intent on making a getaway from the scene of the attempted burglary. This morning it was found that a screen one of the back windows had been cut apart in an effort to raise the windows which was locked and resisted the efforts of the burglars to get into the house.

After the discovery of the attempted burglary there was little sleep at the Keck home until morning and the incident greatly alarmed the members of the family circle.

Missouri River Seining Case to Supreme Court

Highest Judicial Body in the Land Will Be Asked to Rule on Fishing Rights in River

The right to seining in the Missouri river is a matter of a great deal of interest in this section of Nebraska and Iowa bordering on the river and especially where in the past fishermen have used this means of securing their fish for marketing.

The matter of the right of seining will be taken to the United States supreme court according to Seymour Smith, associate of W. R. Patrick in the law business in Omaha and who has been the representative of the fishermen in the litigation in the Nebraska courts.

The case in court originated at Omaha when a fisherman named Miller was arrested by officers of the state game department and charged with an offense against a Nebraska state law which prohibits the seining in the Missouri river. In this case Smith, as attorney for Miller, obtained an injunction in the district court of Lancaster county restraining the state from interfering with the fishermen, but the ruling was appealed to the Nebraska state supreme court where the state court held that the state had the power to regulate the fishing rights along the Nebraska side of the river.

The case as appealed to the federal courts by the fishermen will bring the point of federal courts have held that acts of congress require states to act jointly in control of the Missouri river and as the state of Iowa permits seining in the Missouri river the state of Nebraska cannot prohibit it.

MORE ABOUT THE FLOOD

From Tuesday's Daily—
The article regarding a flood here a great many years ago and in which the livery barn of James Sage was flooded with the sequence of the drowning of several horses, has caused a great deal of interest of the old time residents and many different dates have been given of the event. Attorney John M. Leyda has offered July 6, 1898, as the date but this is not correct according to other residents of the city. N. K. Peoples has several pictures of a flood that occurred here on July 6, 1907, and a second high water on July 14, 1907, and it was the first of these floods that caused the death of the horses Mr. Peoples claims.

With this interesting discussion, the flood here has taken a place in the hall of fame alongside that of the water that Noah has made famous as well as the Johnstown flood of 1886 and we are looking for more reports on the exact time of the big water.

CARS HAVE SMASHUP

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the Ford touring car of Charles Schafer and a sedan belonging to A. H. Wallack of Topeka, Kansas, crashed at the intersection of Chicago avenue and Rock streets and with the result that both cars were more or less damaged and placed out of commission. The Kansas car containing Mr. and Mrs. Wallack and family was going south on Chicago avenue while Mr. Schafer was coming north and started to turn up the hill west onto Rock street and both cars crashed, the result of which was that the sedan of Mr. Schafer had the radiator caved in and other damage while the Kansas car had one front wheel smashed, fenders damaged and a small hole torn on the top of the car. The occupants escaped without anything more serious than a severe shaking up.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT

The news has been received here by Mrs. Martha Wetenkamp and son, Grant, of the death at Bow Lake, Oklahoma, of Enoc Philby, aged 55, an old time resident of Cass county. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Philby, old residents of Eight Mile Grove and later of Plattsmouth, the parents passing away many years ago and since which time the family has settled in widely separated sections of the country, of the family of seven children, the death of Enoc Philby leaves but one surviving, Mrs. Robert Swindell of Mascot, Nebraska. The family will be well remembered by the old time residents in this part of Cass county and who will regret very much to learn of the passing of another member of this family from the scenes of earthly life.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL CAFETERIA LUNCH

Given by St. John's Sewing Circle, K. of C. hall, Saturday, July 13th. Serving 4:00 to 10:30 p. m. Menu: Potato salad, sandwiches, cake, ice cream, coffee or tea. The public is cordially invited.

Just a few of the Cass county maps left. While they last, 50c each.

REARING BIRD FAMILY

The discovery was made Saturday by the two small sons of the S. S. Davis family the fact that a family of small birds who had nested in the park near the Davis home, were orphaned and their noisy demands for food attracted the attention of Steve and Corbin, the boys gathering up the birds and bringing them to the house and where they are now being reared. The mother bird has evidently fallen the victim to some foul play and the tiny birds faced starvation until the Davis children came to the rescue. The chief occupation at the Davis homestead at this time is a steady hunt for worms and the boys as well as their father are kept busy digging over the place to locate any elusive worms that will make a good bird diet. Sunday the small birds had a feast of some five worms each and the hunt for the food supply was pushed by the Davis family to have a supply on hand for their feathered wards.

Resume Work of Completing Bridge Piers

Falling of Missouri River Permits Work to Be Resumed to Get Piers Ready for Bridge

After several weeks delay due to the high water in the Missouri river, the Union Bridge & Construction company have been able to resume their work on the piers of the new traffic bridge over the river and which is being rushed at top speed to permit this being completed as soon as possible.

The construction company has one pier yet to complete sinking and which has been retarded very much by the fact that it is located out in the main stream where for the past few weeks the water has been high and a stiff current setting in where the pier was being sunk, and with anything like normal conditions prevailing in the river this one pier should be completed and allow the Union company to get their part of the contract for the roadway on hand that will be used in the superstructure of the bridge. The steel work will be rushed as soon as the pier work is all in the clear and every effort made to get this part of the work out of the way and ready for the laying of the roadway of the bridge and which will be of sufficient width to permit the passage of two cars or trucks at the same time.

LAWMAKER GIVES ADDRESS

From Tuesday's Daily—
At the weekly luncheon of the Plattsmouth club of the International Rotary held at the Barclay Inn this noon the members of the club had as the speaker of the occasion Hon. Troy L. Davis, of Weeping Water, state representative from Cass county at the 1927 and 1929 sessions of the Nebraska legislature. Mr. Davis took as his subject "How a Law is Made" and discussed the various steps that are necessary in getting a law through the two houses of the legislature, the various phases of the committee work and the debates and reviews of the laws on the floor and finally the law as it goes to the state executive for his approval or disapproval. The talk was very much enjoyed and gave a fine insight into just how the many hundreds of bills that are enacted each session are prepared and placed into laws.

The Rotary also had as a guest George E. Sayles, one of the young high school students and who was a very interested auditor of the fine talk of Mr. Davis.

MANY ENJOY CONCERT

A large number of the residents of this city and the nearby territory motored to Fort Crook Sunday afternoon where they enjoyed the very fine program presented by the Seventeenth infantry band under the direction of Francis E. Resta, at the band stand on the post parade grounds. The band is one of the very best military bands in the west and their concerts are real treats to the music lovers and attract a very large number each Sunday afternoon and the crowd remained to witness "retreat" by the troops at the post following the concert.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

At the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury late Saturday afternoon occurred the marriage of Ernest Sheldon and Miss Grace King, both of Percival, Iowa, who after the marriage ceremony departed on a short wedding trip before returning to their home in the Iowa city. The ceremony was witnessed by Henry T. Woster and Miss Lillian White, court house employees.

Rebekahs Hold Installation of Officers Here

Meet With Bell Lodge of Benson Last Evening in Very Impressive Joint Installation

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening a large delegation of the members of Bell Lodge of the Rebekahs of this city chartered the Cotner bus and motored to Omaha where they were guests of Bell Lodge No. 302 of Benson, the occasion being the joint installation of the officers of the two lodges.

The Benson lodge is one of the largest in this section of Nebraska and have a spacious lodge hall that was filled with the members of the order to witness the impressive ceremonies of the conferring of the charges on the various officers of the lodge.

The installing officer was District Deputy Heard and her staff and who conferred the charges in a very pleasing manner.

The Plattsmouth officers installed were:

N. G.—Miss Helen Johnson.
V. G.—Miss Dora McNurlin.
R. S. N. G.—Mrs. T. E. Olson.
L. S. N. G.—Mrs. Martha Peterson.
R. S. V. G.—Mrs. Hilda Coffman.
S. V. G.—Miss Gerda Peterson.
Secretary—Miss Marie Kaufmann.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. H. Mumm.
Chaplain—Mrs. Sybil Brantner.
Warden—Miss Anna Leach.
Inner Guard—Mrs. Leroy Cavendish.
Outer Guard—T. E. Olson.

The Plattsmouth ladies had a very fine time and after the work of the lodge the members were treated to very dainty refreshments that all enjoyed to the utmost.

VISIT RELATIVES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Straka were surprised about midnight Thursday, when their son, John, dropped in on them unexpectedly.

He drove down in his Gardner sedan from Chicago, accompanied by his friend, Miss Mary Lorraine Clark, also of Chicago, who is on a visit for a New York card company, now spending some time with her people in Chicago.

Mr. Straka is employed with the Silver & Marshall Radio Corp., in Clearing, Illinois, just about fifteen miles from Chicago. They intended to spend the Fourth with his folks, but it looks like they spent it on the road somewhere.

This makes about the seventh trip for Mr. Straka between here and Chicago, this being the first trip by auto.

They started back for Chicago about 11 o'clock Saturday night and expect to reach their destination about midnight Sunday.

Mr. Straka was awfully sorry he couldn't visit all of his friends, owing to the fact that he had to be back in Chicago to continue work early Monday morning.

They are planning to come to Plattsmouth for a longer stay some time this fall.

JUNIOR BUSY BEES MEET

The Junior Busy Bees held their sixth sewing club meeting at the home of the leader, Miss Leola Heil.

The president called the meeting by which they heard the minutes of former meeting and roll call. They judged the towels, and in judging them they found that Miss Selma Heil of Cedar Creek was awarded first prize, Miss Marie Speck awarded second prize, and Miss Mildred Heil awarded third prize. They chose the demonstration team, it being Miss Selma Heil and Miss Marie Speck. The girls have not yet completed the seventh problem but must have it finished by the next meeting. The eighth problem was also distributed to the girls by the leader and they must have them started by the next meeting. The dues of thirty cents was taken in by the treasurer, Mildred Heil.

They then closed the meeting, deciding to meet again July 17th.

ENJOYING VISIT WITH MOTHER

Miss Bonnie Baker of Rockford, Illinois, and Mrs. Charles Putbes of Buffalo, New York, are here to enjoy a visit with their mother, Mrs. Lillian Baker and the occasion has been the most delightful one as this is the first time that Miss Bonnie has had the opportunity of visiting her mother in eight years. Mrs. Putbes is en route to Washington where she will visit with relatives and friends.

SUFFERS INFECTED FOOT

From Tuesday's Daily—
Louis Lohnes, one of the popular young men of the city, is taking an enforced vacation as the result of an infected foot that is making it difficult for Louie to be able to get around. The infection was caused by an ingrowing nail and which has made the foot very painful and while removed the member is still in such shape that Louie will have to spend several days on the retired list.

SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth friends of William H. Shopp will be interested in learning that the young man is now showing some improvement at the Fitzsimmons hospital at Denver where he has been for several months taking treatment. Mr. Shopp some two weeks ago suffered a relapse that greatly discouraged his family but he has since been given treatment that has brought him out nicely and he now seems better than at any time since he was taken to the hospital to undergo treatment for lung trouble. The host of friends here are trusting that the new course of treatment may prove successful and result in the restoration of this genial and pleasant gentleman to his old time health.

Steel Work to be Rushed on Traffic Bridge

Representatives of Omaha Steel Company Prepare to Push Work as Soon as Piers Are Done

From Wednesday's Daily—
The representatives of the Omaha Steel Co., contractors for the steel work of the new Missouri river auto and traffic bridge, were here yesterday surveying the situation and making the arrangements to have the steel work rushed as fast as possible after the concrete work on the piers is finished and out of the way.

The contractors on the piers have been busy rebuilding the tramway washed out by the high water and which in a few days will be extended out to the remaining pier that is in the process of being sunk. It is expected that air will be available to use on the sinking of the last pier by next Tuesday and then there will remain only the building up of the pier above the water surface and the ground on which work can be handled very rapidly.

It is hoped that thirty days more will see the concrete work all cleared up and all set for the steel work of the superstructure and roadway and this will be able to be pushed with the intention of having the concrete work that has been delayed more than thirty days by high water in the river.

With the work on the bridge going at top speed the matter of the road to the bridge is now engaging the attention of the county and city and the route as far as the city is concerned has been staked out but is awaiting the conference with the state and county as to the joining up of the city with the state and county portions of the highway.

It is hoped with nothing unforeseen developing that the late fall will see the bridge ready for traffic and forming a tie between the states of Iowa and Nebraska that will make for a more friendly and appreciative understanding of the residents of Cass and Mills county.

ENJOYING VISIT HERE

Mrs. Minnie H. Stokes and son, Roy Stokes, who have been spending the past few weeks in this community with the old time relatives and friends while on a visit from their home in Calgary, Canada, have been given the opportunity of meeting the city gathered at the Country club west of this city for the regular entertainment offered by the Elks card club and in which the public at large were invited to join.

The event was most pleasurable in every way and a great deal of interest was shown in the games, the rooms being filled with the tables of enthusiastic players.

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ENJOY FAMILY REUNION

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Skyrme sisters are enjoying a reunion at the home of their sister, Mrs. H. A. Lighthody, of this city. The sisters are Mrs. Wm. H. Beachler of Reynolds, Nebraska, Mrs. J. E. Salsbury of Charles City, Iowa, Mrs. E. R. Steel of Kansas City, Missouri and Mrs. Lloyd Peck of Tekamah, Nebraska.

Dr. E. R. Steel is attending the west, motoring to Colorado where they will enjoy several weeks on the large farm of S. S. Chase, father of Mrs. Martin and in visiting the various other points of interest in the mountain country.

VISITING IN COLORADO

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Read the Journal Want-Ads.

Headless Body of Infant Found Near Glenwood

Gruesome Discovery Made by Boys Swimming in Keg Creek—Killed on Nearby Farm.

A brutal murder was brought to light by three boys, Elmer and John Hammers and Tom Waite who when swimming in Keg Creek, north of Glenwood in the afternoon of July 4th found the headless body of a new born babe which they brought to shore. The boys were frightened by the gruesome sight and they did not report the incident until the following morning at which time John Hammers, father of the two Hammers boys notified the sheriff's office at Glenwood and Deputy Sheriff Cooney and Coroner F. H. Raynor went at once to the scene where they found the body which had been dragged onto the bank. The child which had evidently been murdered soon after birth had had its head severed from its body. The head was not found. One arm was also missing from the body. The body had evidently been in the water some little time and it is thought the child had been dead possibly four days when found. The body was taken to Glenwood for examination.

Ed Chambers who resides east of Glenwood on 34 but who farms the John Heer land where the body of the child was found had some weeks ago driven in his buggy to the farm land and as he stabled his horses in a shed there and has been going back and forth to his home in his car had no occasion to notice that the side of the buggy and a hammer in the buggy was blood smeared. Authorities are of the belief that the child was killed at this place. It would appear that some one had taken it by its feet and dashed its head against the buggy. It is thought possible the child was born in the shed near which the buggy stood. Mr. Chambers reported the condition of his buggy to both the sheriff and coroner Saturday. That the child's body was taken to the spot where it was found by some one who was familiar with the way of the grounds seems likely in as much as the shed is reached by a lane from the main road and is hardly noticeable and probably would not be noticeable to a stranger. Also the place where the body was found is a deep hole in the creek, used by boys of that community as a public swimming hole. The depth of the water here ranges from 8 to 16 feet at times. The body placed in water of this depth would not be quickly found as if thrown in the creek at some other point and would not be as likely to wash down stream and be noticed. According to Elmer Hammers who first saw the body, he came upon it while diving in the swimming hole. Authorities say they have some further clues which they believe may lead to the apprehension of the guilty party.

ENJOY ELKS CARD PARTY

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