

OKLAHOMA STORM KILLS FIVE PEOPLE

WIDE PATH DEVASTATED NEAR
TOWN OF CHELSEA.

NEWS FROM SCENE MEAGER

Searching Parties Leave for Stricken
Area Seeking Victims—Eight Are
Known to Be Badly Hurt.

Muskogee, Okla.—Five persons are known to have been killed and at least eight badly hurt in a tornado which swept the countryside north of Chelsea.

The storm, according to reports from Chelsea, originated about one mile north of that town and swept west and north. Rescuers had not traversed more than two miles of the stricken area.

With the exception of Madden, all of the known dead are farmers, who were killed when their homes were destroyed. Madden was riding horseback along a country road when the tornado struck him.

Other reports told of a tornado at Lusta, Okla., several miles east of Chelsea and about twelve miles northwest of Chotau, Okla. All telephone and telegraph wires to nearby towns are down, but passengers aboard trains which have passed through the storm-swept area declared that from a distance they had seen houses picked up by the wind and dashed back to the earth.

Three miles north of Chelsea, Otis Ragan, living with his three children in a brick farm house, terrified by the roar of the storm, gathered his children about him and they huddled together in a corner of a room, waiting for the tornado to strike. The farm house was demolished. As the walls were lifted the four fell outside into the yard. Debris showered down upon them. All are badly hurt.

Almost the entire population of Chelsea watched the storm as it swept its path of destruction almost a mile from town.

As many of the injured as could be brought to town are being cared for in a Chelsea hotel.

The opinion was expressed in Chelsea that daylight will greatly add to the death list. Only a small portion of the devastated area had been traversed by searchers, it was said.

Many narrow escapes were reported. Among those who weathered the storm safely were Walter Sutherland and eight friends who were riding in a wagon with Sutherland when they saw the storm approaching. Sutherland hitched his team to a telephone pole and the party ran a few yards ahead and fell face forward in a ditch. The storm passed overhead without injuring any of them. The horses and wagon were carried away.

Searching parties left Chotau seeking victims of the storm in that district.

Eight Million Celebrate May Day.

Eight million workers are estimated to have participated in Great Britain's observance of May day by taking the day off, parading and speech making, but there were no interruptions of the nation's essential public services, probably partially due to the fact that Saturday is normally a half holiday. The move to impede railway traffic "through the work of the rules" policy proclaimed by the London and Liverpool railway men's locals proved a fiasco.

Poles Rout Russians.

Warsaw—Polish cavalry is reported to have reached the outskirts of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine. The bolshevik command has moved eastward to Kharkov. The infantry is reported to be coming up rapidly toward Kiev. The newspapers pay a glowing tribute to the cavalry's leading part in the offensive. In several instances the cavalry divisions are two days in advance of the infantry.

Another Seizure of Sugar.

Omaha, Neb.—Federal agents seized a car of sugar containing 80,000 pounds as it was about to be sent to Des Moines. They said the sugar was sent from San Francisco on March 22 to a San Francisco firm and diverted at Savannah, Ill., to Omaha. The sugar belonged to a sugar brokerage concern. Seizures here now total 250,000 pounds.

Family Found Dead.

Roundup, Mont.—The bodies of Joe West, a ranch worker, his wife and their two children, aged 8 and 9 years, were found in their home by relatives. Authorities said the indications were that West killed himself after shooting his wife and children.

Hunting a Slacker with Hounds.

Withee, Wis.—A large posse, aided by bloodhounds, enveloped a swamp near here in search of Louis Krueger, for eighteen months a fugitive from justice on a charge of draft evasion. Brought to bay at the home of his mother, Mrs. Louise Krueger, the man escaped by leaping through a window amid a fusillade of bullets from possemen, and took refuge in the swamp near by. A cordon of deputies was thrown about the swamp immediately and it is believed he is still within the circle of deputies.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From
Various Points Throughout
Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Columbus citizens are jubilant over a road building bargain entered into between Platte county and the state. The original deal was a rural paving project extending from Columbus across the valley of the Loup river, which is subject to overflow. The original cost of the project was to be \$150,000, of which the state was to pay \$90,000. Platte county being unable to raise the funds, three-fourths of a mile of the road was cut off, cutting the expenses to about \$85,000. But the expense was all cut off the Platte county end, the state being still expected to pay \$90,000 to Platte county's \$25,000.

The death of former governor Silas A. Holcomb in Bellingham, Wash., recalls that in the past five years seven judges and former judges of the Nebraska supreme court have passed away. They are: Conrad Hellenbeck, January 21, 1915; Manoah B. Reese, September 28, 1917; Francis G. Hamer, August 10, 1918; Thomas O. C. Harrison, May 29, 1919; Samuel H. Sedgwick, December 25, 1919; Albert J. Cornish, April 18, 1920; Silas A. Holcomb, April 25, 1920.

The first genuine action by the government to curb hoarding and profiteering in Nebraska, occurred at Omaha last week when agents of the Department of Justice, after a hasty investigation, seized 168,000 pounds of sugar stored in two warehouses by retail dealers. More raids on sugar hoarders in Omaha and other cities in the state are expected, and the guilty are to be prosecuted, government officials at Omaha state.

A movement is under way to bring one of the regional tractor demonstrations and indoor shows of the National Implement and Vehicle association to Omaha for this year. The outdoor show would be held sometime in July, probably, and the indoor exhibit in February or March of 1921.

The two Nebraska synods of the Lutheran church and the advisory committee of Midland college have set aside May 23 as "Midland College Day," when sermons will be devoted to the school and a drive made for funds and students.

Funeral services over the remains of Silas A. Holcomb, former governor of Nebraska, member of the state supreme court and state board of control, were held at Broken Bow. Judge Holcomb died at the home of a daughter at Bellingham, Wash. He was 62 years old.

It is reported that the Sinclair Oil and Refining company, the largest independent company in the country, is seriously considering Alliance as the site for one of the largest refineries in the west, to care for its large production in Wyoming.

It is reported that Second Lieutenant J. T. Logan of Seward, former finance officer of Camp Knox, Louisville, Ky., who disappeared four months ago, was approximately short \$13,000 in his accounts when he left. No trace of him has been found.

Mrs. C. C. Ryan of Grand Island, federal fair price commissioner for Nebraska, has re-established the war time licensing system for sugar distribution in an effort to cope with the present situation.

A state wide drive for funds to erect an auditorium on the campus of the state university at Lincoln to the memory of the soldier and sailor dead of the war will be launched in Nebraska on June 6.

Several hundred delegates are expected to attend the first convention of the Nebraska League of Women Voters, which will be held in Omaha in June.

Funds for a \$3,000 budget are being asked business men of Tecumseh by the finance committee of the Tecumseh Community club.

At the end of last week Baptists were leading all other denominations in the interchurch campaign for funds in Nebraska.

G. H. Miller of Blue Springs has collected bounty on 10 wolf skins from the county clerk at Beatrice.

Saunders county banks announced that hereafter payments of 5 per cent will be made on time deposits.

The twenty-story American State Bank building to be erected at Omaha will be the largest structure between Chicago and Seattle, it is said.

Thus far this year 2,130 motor vehicle licenses have been issued to Nebraska county automobile owners. It is estimated that more than \$25,000 has been taken in from this source.

John O'Connor, county assessor of Dodge county, has adopted a method of advertising assessment returns in the newspapers in order to catch the tax shirker and equalize the tax burden.

Farmers of Gage county are planning to saw a large acreage of sugar cane this season.

Governor McKelvie has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Nebraska to observe Monday, May 3, as "Mother's Day."

Hall county sugar beet growers were given a pleasant surprise the other day when they received a letter from the American Beet Sugar company enclosing a \$1 per ton bonus for all beets they raised during the last season. There was no obligation on the part of the sugar company to grant this bonus.

A considerable stir has been created in Lincoln and especially among state officials over Lieutenant Governor Barrows' pardoning Ray Sandlovich, 20, of Lincoln, sentenced to the state penitentiary for two years on June 19, 1918, for receiving stolen automobiles. Barrows' action was caused, it is said, because the prisoner turned state's evidence, for which he was promised clemency by the prosecuting attorney and which was denied by the district judge who sentenced him. Governor McKelvie was in Chicago at the time and Barrows was acting governor.

A movement is well under way in Nebraska to erect on the campus of the State University at Lincoln a \$1,000,000 structure as a state memorial to the 60,000 Nebraska soldiers who fought in the world war, veterans of the civil war, the Spanish-American and the Mexican wars and those who battled the Indians in the early days.

Citizens of Gretna have asked the State Railway commission for an order requiring the Burlington to move its depot on the opposite side of the track to the side nearer the town, claiming that such a move would eliminate danger of accidents, many of which have occurred at the road crossing.

Following the announcement that Harry Whiteside had been appointed chief of the paid fire department at Beatrice four members of the department quit their jobs because they thought that another man should have been named chief. The places of the striking firemen were soon filled.

Miss Emma Meservey of Fremont who was tied for the democratic nomination for state representative with Peter J. Bauer, a farmer, retains the distinction of being Nebraska's first woman candidate for the place. The nomination was decided by a draw, Miss Meservey winning.

An extensive and elaborate program has been arranged for the forty-fourth annual encampment of the Nebraska G. A. R., Ladies of the G. A. R. W. E. C. and Sons and Daughters of Veterans to be held at Fremont, May 17 to 19.

The Nebraska delegation to the republican national convention at Chicago expects that headquarters room for a week will cost \$600 and that the individual delegates will have to pay from \$15 to \$25 a night for their sleeping accommodations.

The first road building camp for penitentiary prisoners has been opened by the state one mile west of Tecumseh. Seventeen prisoners are in the camp and others will be set to work later in Seward county and at Table Rock.

A report issued by W. E. Meyers, receiver of the Farmers' State bank, at Halsey, shows that claims approved, due to depositors and preferred creditors amount to \$36,490.23, all of which must be made good by the state.

The Lincoln county Agricultural association is moving the fair buildings over to the grounds leased by the association at North Platte. They are planning to double their grandstand seating capacity.

The state of Nebraska has purchased sixty-three acres of gravel land along the Platte river near Ashland, in order to be in a position to furnish its own gravel and sand for road work.

Complaints have been received by Governor McKelvie from a number of western Nebraska farmers that losses occurring against the state hail insurance department have not yet been paid.

The American legion band at Lincoln, sixty strong, voted to affiliate with the musician's protective union of the city and become a strictly union organization.

All Nebraska posts of the American Legion are to take an active part in the nation-wide campaign May 17 to 22 to add 1,000,000 new members to the organization.

A rate of one and one-third fare has been obtained by the G. A. R. over all railroads for the Grand Army encampment which meets in Fremont May 17, 18 and 19.

Four officers on the Omaha police force have been stripped of their badges and discharged for improper conduct in the past three weeks.

Commissioners of Madison county have appropriated \$5,000 for life expenses for Charles Young in a Louisiana leper colony.

A great deal of damage was done at Waterloo when the Elkhorn river overflowed last week and flooded a part of the town.

Telephone operators and relief girls in Stromsburg went on a strike last week for increased pay.

Mrs. Elizabeth Donovan, 94 years old, of Geneva, is probably the oldest woman voter in Nebraska to cast a vote at the recent primary election. She went to the polls unassisted.

Delayed by the spring rains in their planting of seed potatoes, Holt county farmers are guarding their cellars with shotguns against possible thefts, according to reports from O'Neill.

According to railroad crop reports Nebraska soil is in splendid condition for planting, and the winter wheat is practically made, providing the usual warm weather follows.

The annual conference for teachers and those interested in vocational education will be held at the university state farm, Lincoln, May 31 to June 5.

County roads are high impassable in eastern as well as western Nebraska, because of the continued rains, reports say.

Attorneys for O. W. Langley of Cortland, found guilty of murder in the second degree for slaying Justice Chris Pfeiffer and sentenced to 20 years in the Nebraska penitentiary, have dropped the case and Langley must serve his sentence.

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1 tablespoon shortening

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Eggless Muffins

2 cups flour
4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons shortening

Mix and sift dry ingredients, add milk and melted shorten-

ing and beat until smooth. Bake in greased muffin tins in hot oven 20 to 25 minutes.

Corn Muffins

1/2 cup corn meal
1/2 cups flour
4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon shortening
1 egg

Sift together corn meal, flour, baking powder, salt and sugar; add milk, melted shortening and well-beaten egg; mix well. Grease muffin tins and drop two tablespoons of mixture into each. Bake about 25 minutes in hot oven.

Popovers

2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
2 cups milk

Sift together flour and salt. Make a well in flour, break eggs into well, add milk and stir until smooth. Pour into hot greased gem pans and bake 25 to 35 minutes in a very hot oven. If taken out of oven too soon they will fall.

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