

AN ESCAPED LUNATIC.

He Was Trying to Get to Plattsmouth, His Old Home.

Yesterday a strange cadaverous looking fellow showed up at Mr. T. B. Stevenson's office...

Nehawka News Notes.

March is variable, and citizens all agree that last Saturday, so far as the weather was concerned, was a bad day.

Spring is, in some respects, backward. Little or no seeding has been done yet...

Winter wheat has come through all right and has started to grow.

Among the late improvements of our town is a plank walk completed from the bank corner up to the Methodist church...

Henry Lopp is building a new barber shop, the frame of which is now up.

Frank Moore has the foundation dug for a house he is building to rent to John Fallis.

The United Brethren are building a parsonage, which is now ready for plastering.

Charley Haight's blacksmith shop was entered a few nights ago and tools to the amount of \$50 stolen.

This point is becoming something of a wood market. Timber is not considered so valuable as it once was.

Baseball players are becoming restive. The "Bankers" won fame on this line last summer.

Putting on Fast Trains. The Burlington is preparing to put on fast trains between Chicago, Omaha and Denver...

This train will be of especial benefit to many interior points in Nebraska because of improved connections.

Among other Burlington changes will be one by which the sleeping car service between Omaha will be extended to Chicago.

Chas. Davis, of Syracuse, Neb., is in the city, the guest of his uncle, S. A. Davis.

The democratic county central committee met at Union yesterday and decided to call the county convention at Union April 7.

Street Commissioner Geo. Poissal has a force of men at work today putting in a sewer pipe across Chicago avenue opposite the base ball park.

Mrs. H. A. Booth returned this morning from Mansfield, Ohio, where she was called to the bedside of her father...

Joe Klein, the popular one price clothier, received today a very large stock of spring suits, trunks, satchels, valises, gents furnishing goods...

C. W. Holmes broke a single tree on his hack in the mud in front of the postoffice last night and was forced to leave it there over night.

Police Court.

Chief of Police Tom Fry arrested two of the worst looking specimens of humanity this morning it has been our lot to gaze upon...

District Court.

Judge Chapman discharged the jury today and they will depart this evening for their homes.

In the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Peter Coon the jury brought in a verdict in favor of defendant, and he was accordingly discharged.

Judge Chapman will begin on the equity docket to-morrow.

World's Fair Notes.

Demark has made a world's fair appropriation of \$67,000.

A continuous clam bake will be one of the attractions which epicurean visitors will find at the exposition.

Pope Leo XII has written a letter commending the Exposition, which it is believed will have a most favorable effect in stimulating interest in the Fair on the part of all Catholic countries and communities.

More than 180 exhibitors are chronicled from Philadelphia alone.

A \$6,000 monument of Barre granite will be one of the exhibits from Vermont.

New York has made a World's Fair appropriation of \$300,000.

The New York Assembly has voted permission for the raising of one or two old sunken vessels in Lake George for the purpose of sending them as relics to the Fair.

Supreme Court.

The supreme court among a number of other decisions handed down the following from this county:

Alexander vs. Prita. Appeal from Cass county, reversed and action dismissed. Opinion by Justice Norval.

An action to foreclose a tax deed, void on its face, was brought, more than fifteen years after the date of such deed. The defendant and his grantors had been in the actual, open, notorious, continuous, adverse and exclusive possession of the lands as owner for more than ten years prior to the bringing of the suit. Held that the action is barred.

Dancing Party.

The young friends of John Wright spent a pleasant evening with him at his home on West Locust street last night. The evening was spent in dancing and Miss Bibby furnished the music on the piano.

Two young fellows hailing from Omaha, who gave their names as W. J. Lewis and G. W. Gay, were arrested this morning by Officer Fitzpatrick. They had in their possession about one hundred pounds of brass and iron, which they had stolen from the B. & M. shops.

The B. & M. folks have been missing several articles of late.

THE FIRST CYCLONE

Of the Season Visited Nelson Last Night.

SEVERAL PEOPLE BADLY INJURED.

A Terrible Hail Storm Follows the Cyclone--Houses Unroofed and Blown Down and Carried Away.

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening at 5:45 a terrible cyclone visited the quiet little town of Nelson, the county seat of Nuckolls county, and from reports was the worst that ever visited Nebraska.

At this writing no accurate estimate of the ruin wrought can be made up, but \$100,000 will not put Nelson where she stood as she was at six o'clock this evening.

The afternoon had been still and sultry, an air of suppression and oppression surrounded the town. Then came a fluttering of things. The wind rose in fitful gusts, which succeeded each other rapidly and more rapidly till a steady breeze was blowing. It came from the southwest and increased to half a gale.

This lasted for four or five minutes, and then the storm passed. People looked out again and smiled. Yet there was still something more to follow. It came. A cry was heard and then every eye was turned toward the southwest. There it was; there was no mistaking it--a cyclone.

Ten miles away it could be described, circling forward on its deadly way. It exerted a kind of fascination for a minute that banished sense of danger. Then the spell was broken and a rush was made for safety. It was found in the cellars of houses and stores.

The great southwest wind bore it along with fearful ever increasing velocity. It past over Nelson. No matter it swept through it, cutting a wide swath of demolition and destruction.

At first a hurried look along the path of the cyclone reveals a terrible state of affairs. Nearly all the houses had been unroofed, and those that had not had been lifted bodily from their foundations, carried some distance and mashed into kindling wood.

One instance: The half of one house, belonging to Mr. Pope and occupied by him, was torn up and carried, with its contents, Mrs. Pope and two children, in the arms of the cyclone for nearly one eighth of a mile. Fortunately, miraculously Mrs. Pope and her little ones escaped uninjured.

The buildings, so far as can be learned at this hour, which suffered the most damage are the First National bank, brick, which was unroofed, the Opera block, three story brick, unroofed and badly damaged; the Union block, brick, unroofed and southwest side torn off.

The Arlington hotel was unroofed; the new school house, which was completed at the beginning of the year at a cost of \$18,000 was almost destroyed. The Presbyterian church was badly wrecked.

A large number of residences were completely destroyed, among which were those of Miss Mary Brayman, Dr. J. R. Buffington, J. M. Gammil, John Eaton, Henry Pope, H. H. Williams, D. I. McHenry, W. L. Templeton, T. W. Cole, I. G. Foster, Robert Greenwood and Thomas Nichols.

Two Women Were Hurt. Miss Mary Brayman, assistant principal of the Nelson high school, is the only one known to have been seriously hurt. As the storm was approaching she took refuge in the cellar of her house, and, thinking the worst was over, she came up. Before she could get back the storm completely demolished her house and buried her in the debris, badly bruising her, breaking her leg and several ribs.

It is learned that Mr. John Eaton was seriously injured.

Most of the buildings were insured against fire only and the loss to owners will be almost total. Your correspondent has as yet been unable to learn anything certain as to damage done in the surrounding country.

Later--It was learned that the Rock Island round house was wrecked.

THE WIND STORM.

A Considerable Amount of Damage Done by the Heavy Wind Storm.

The wind has been blowing a gale all day and is the worst wind storm witnessed in Plattsmouth for some time.

The tin roofing was blown off of the residence of F. E. White, and also of the Perkins house.

The bill boards on the west side of the opera house were completely demolished.

At the base ball park the wind played havoc with the fence around the grounds, about half laying flat on the ground.

All over the city fences and out houses have been blown down and some of them completely destroyed.

No damage was done, however, to the telephone and telegraph poles or wires, except the telephone wire running to the depot, which was broken, but Manager Buzzell soon had that in working order.

The large Willow tree on Washington Avenue, in front of E. R. Todd's residence, was blown down and fell striking the corner of the house, breaking one window and tearing down about ten feet of the fence, besides this there are scores of smaller trees laid low by the wind, to say nothing about the limbs that have been broken off.

The lumber yards were considerably mixed up, the wind scattering lumber in all directions.

At the residence of W. G. Keefer this morning the wind blew the glass, sash and all out of the south window and in the bay window the glass was blown out.

The high school building was considered too dangerous to hold school to-day. President S. A. Davis, of the board of education, informed a reporter this morning that the wind made such a noise in the building that it would have been impossible for the teachers to have heard recitations to-day, even had the building been considered safe during the wind storm.

A FAIR PERFORMANCE.

"Oh! What a Night!" Given by Chas. A. Loder and Company.

One of the kind of audiences that will make Plattsmouth a reputation as a show town assembled at the Waterman last night to witness Charles A. Loder and his company of players present "Oh! What a Night," an alleged comedy. The company was a very capable one and it was only owing to their efforts that the piece was redeemed from being a miserable failure.

The Blind Institute.

Is it possible that Prof. Rakestraw, superintendent of the institution for the blind at Nebraska City, who was appointed recently by Governor Boyd, so far forgets his dignity, that with an arrogance worthy of a czar, he rules the blind inmates? The following complaints were offered by our townsman, Joseph Muck, father of Leo Andrew Muck, who has been attending this institution up till Saturday, when he returned home on account of the treatment to which he was subjected.

Mr. Muck says: "Mr. Rakestraw treats the inmates in a decidedly crabbed and surly manner. He will not allow them to go from one room to another without a pass; will not allow the pupils to write home without first reading the letters, nor permit them to receive letters without first reading the contents. Through his ill treatment many of the older scholars have left, and the old cooks discharged and others procured unacquainted with that department. Holidays are prohibited and complaints of sickness from the scholars are not heeded. Dancing, which was formerly engaged in for the amusement of the blind, has been discontinued."

We have not space to give all of Mr. Muck's complaints in full, nor will we comment on them, but we do believe that an institution of this kind, where children have been taught and trained for years by people whom they have learned to love and respect almost as much as their own parents, that the management of that institution should not depend on the turn of political parties.--Weeping Water Republican.

Advertisement for St. Jacobs Oil, featuring an image of a man and a dog, and text describing its uses for various ailments.

Advertisement for boots and shoes at cost, listing various styles and prices, including Ladies Glove grain butt shoes and Mens best calf bales and cong.

Advertisement for Fred Gorder and Son, featuring a large stock of harness and buggies, and farm machinery like Hoosier seeders and plows.

Advertisement for 'The Triumph of Love! Happy and Fruitful Marriage.' with an illustration of a couple and text promoting a medical product.

World's Fair Funds. Mr. Greer Says Nebraska's Appropriation has Been Judiciously Expended. Mr. R. R. Greer of Kearney, ex-commissioner general for the state of Nebraska upon World's fair matters, was at the Millard yesterday and said to a Bee reporter that the state of Nebraska appropriated by the Nebraska legislature for World's fair purposes, over which there has been a good deal of newspaper talk, would all be thoroughly explained at the annual meeting to be held on April 5 at Lincoln.