

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.

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. The following account was telegraphed to the Bee.

At this writing no accurate—not even an approximate—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 oppression 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. People made up their minds for a storm. The wind, getting higher momentarily, had a strange, uncommon steadiness about it. It will rain, said some. Just at 6 o'clock there came the most terrifying hail storm experienced in these parts for years. People rushed indoors, while without the hailstones bounded from the sidewalk, spattered in the guttered road and rattled on the window panes like small shot on sheet iron.

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.

Saw the Monster Coming. 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 rather 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.

Wonderful Escape From Death. 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. Gammill, John Eaton, Henry Pope, H. H. Williams, D. I. McHenry, W. I. 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. Loder played the German part to perfection. He is a fine natural actor. The specialties were well put on, especially the dancing of the Leigh sisters. The "illusion" dance was excellent and merited the warm encore it received. The play itself is abominably weak and dragged from start to finish. The music was rendered by Prof. Beck's orchestra and was of a high order. This orchestra is equal to the best in the state and deserves a large patronage by our citizens. Two elegant box parties graced the occasion with their presence and betokened the warm interest our people are taking in theatrical matters.

REGISTER!

PLEAD GUILTY.

Ed Hubbel and Wife Plead Guilty to Running a House of Ill-Fame.

Ed. Hubbel and wife, who manipulate the notorious "Haymarket," were before Judge Archer this afternoon and plead guilty to the charge preferred against them. They were fined \$10 and costs apiece, amounting in all to \$51.05. They were given until 6 o'clock to raise the amount or go to jail.

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. They were brought before Judge Archer, who sentenced them to jail for a term of twelve days apiece. The B. & M. folks have been missing several articles of late.

Charged with Bastardy. A warrant was sworn out in Judge Ramsey's court last evening by Lulu M. Hawks charging Wm. Wagner with being the father of her unborn child. Wagner was brought before Judge Ramsey and procured a license and they were made man and wife.

The young men's republican club will hold their regular meeting at the council chamber to-night. All members are urgently requested to be present.

On account of the high wind which has been blowing all day, there was no school in central building to-day.

W. S. Leyda, of Fall City, is in the city visiting his brother.

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 uttered by our townsman, Joseph Muck, father of Lee 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.

REGISTER TO-MORROW.

Facts From Peter Coon.

Mr. Peter Coon, one of Cass county's most estimable farmers, who was recently bound over to the district court on the charge of allowing hogs to run at large that had the cholera, and who the jury has acquitted has this to say concerning the matter:

EAGLE, March 31, 1892.—Editor HERALD—Dear Sir: I notice in the Plattsmouth Journal of yesterday an article which is false and does me an injustice. It is true I was accused by A. E. Hess, a near neighbor, of the crime of permitting hogs having cholera to run at large, and no other person made the accusation, so when the Journal asserted that six of my neighbors made the charge, and that the disease was spread through a majority of the swine in the neighborhood, it stated what was not true. I have had much experience in raising hogs and have been at the business all my life. I know when hogs have the cholera and have sense enough to take the necessary precaution when the disease exists among my swine, and need no instruction from Hess or reprimand from the Journal. Mr. Hess published his VERDICT in the Journal. I have had a trial and the jury found that my hogs did not have the cholera and I was very soon acquitted.

Yours truly,
PETER COON.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO OUR ELEGANT STOCK OF WALL PAPER. WE HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE SALE OF THE FINEST LINE OF WALL PAPER IN THE COUNTY, OUR PRICES DOES THE SELLING FOR US. REMEMBER OUR STOCK OF PAINTS, OILS, AND VARNISHES, ETC.

RESPECTFULLY,
BROWN & BARRETT.

The New York Symphony Club. The New York Symphony Club, which is delighting audiences all over the country, will be at the Presbyterian church Saturday evening, April 2. This is a rare opportunity to enjoy a fine concert by noted artists. Read what the Scranton Times says of the club:

"A large and critical audience was given a surprise at Association hall last evening, when the New York Symphony Club made its first appearance in this city, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. It is safe to say that no one expected so high an order of entertainment, and the playing of Charles F. Higgins, the violinist, almost took their breath away. He handled his violin with such masterly skill that when he had finished he received a genuine ovation. The violin is a thing of life in his hands, and it spoke volumes to the delighted listeners. From a technical point of view he is wonderful. His harmony was perfect, and there was a soul in all his playing that was captivating. He has a great future before him. Work of Mr. Cornelius, clarionetist, was received with almost as much favor. The entire concert was of a high order."

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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 Milliard yesterday and said to a Bee reporter that the state of the finances 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.

"It was rather unfortunate for some of the retiring members of the commission," said Mr. Greer, "that Mr. Strang was not here when this matter was brought up because he has a detailed statement of the expenditures and can show where every cent of the money has been used.

"He will make the matter very clear and explicit when the new board meets on April 5. It will be found that the money has been judiciously expended. We have gotten the state pretty thoroughly organized and have several car loads of exhibits collected and have expended only a little over \$4,000.

"There has been nothing done that the retiring commissioners need feel ashamed of and I feel confident that the new commissioners will be convinced when they see the statement in detail that not a cent of the money has been foolishly or injudiciously expended. Mr. Strang is in Texas, but I understand he will be home in time to meet with the commissioners on April 5 and give a full and complete explanation of all that has been done."—Bee.

REGISTER! REGISTER!

Wild Bill Captured. Constable Swanback, of Greenwood, brought in yesterday afternoon Wm. Colson, better known by his acquaintances as "Wild Bill" who was arrested on the charge of being an accomplice in the thefts which recently occurred near South Bend, where so much wheat had been stolen. He had his preliminary examination before Judge Archer to-day and was bound over to the district court. He was unable to furnish the \$500 bonds and was committed to jail.

Mr. Opelt of the Hotel Riley, was in Lincoln to-day on business.

Don't fail to register to-morrow.

Peter Merges of Omaha is in the city to-day on business.

District court adjourned yesterday until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Judge S. M. Chapman left last night for Lincoln, to be gone until Sunday.

Mrs. F. Latham and daughter, Miss Hattie, were passengers for Omaha this morning.

All voters who have not yet registered should do so to-morrow, as that is the last chance before election.

W. J. Hesser made our hearts glad this morning by leaving a large bunch of lettuce, the first of the season, on our table.

Editor Basom, of the Murray Banner, came up last evening and attended the show at the opera house, returning home this morning.

John Cory yesterday passed his thirty-fifth mile post and his friends planned and carried out a pleasant surprise on him at the I. O. O. F. hall. A large number of his friends and their families assembled at the hall and had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Brendel, Jake and Millie Brendel, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Schroder, Mrs. Holmes, A. E. Walker, L. A. Baxter, R. Current, J. A. Lemmon, Al Foster and Jim Foster, and a few others whose names we did not know, all from Murray, were at the opera house last evening, returning home this morning.

Mrs. Alfred L. Brown formerly of this city, died about a month ago at Denver and was taken to Cheyenne, her old home to be buried. Mr. Brown, the citizens of Plattsmouth will remember as the chief clerk under General R. R. Livingston in the surveyor general's office. Mrs. Brown leaves one daughter, Mrs. Horace A. Ray, who was well known as Miss Mamie Brown.

Ed Fitzgerald and June Black have been back and forth from the county seat here nearly every day serving papers on people here and in the vicinity. The case was ready to proceed on the Blake case Monday when it was found necessary to arm the deputy with some bench warrants to bring the witnesses to court but when the deputy arrived he found they had all left via Union for Plattsmouth.

BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER R. R.

TIME TABLE.

OF DAILY PASSENGER TRAINS

GOING EAST		GOING WEST	
No. 2	5:05 p. m.	No. 1	3:45 a. m.
No. 4	10:30 a. m.	No. 3	5:25 p. m.
No. 8	7:44 p. m.	No. 5	9:05 a. m.
No. 10	9:45 a. m.	No. 7	7:15 a. m.
No. 12	10:14 a. m.	No. 9	6:25 p. m.
No. 20	8:30 a. m.	No. 11	5:35 p. m.
		No. 19	11:35 a. m.

Rushnell's extra leaves for Omaha about two o'clock for Omaha and will accommodate passengers.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY

TIME CARD.

No. 384 Accommodation	Leaves	10:55 a. m.
No. 383	arrives	4:00 p. m.

Trains daily except Sunday.

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To those seeking a rescue from liquor's curse or other evil habits brought about by morphine, tobacco etc. The Ensor Institute at South Omaha offers one of the most reliable and best places to go with the absolute certainty of a permanent cure. Write or visit the institute.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the county commissioners of Cass county at their office in the city of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, until noon of April 9, 1892, for the grading and sodding of the court house grounds in said city, according to plans and specifications in the office of the county clerk.

FRANK DICKSON,
County Clerk.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Carlsbad of America.

On April 6th, 7th and 8th the M. P. will sell round trip tickets to Hot Springs, Ark., at one lowest first class fare, good returning until June 10th, on account of government sale of lots and meeting of the Southern Central Turnverein Association. Call at office for particulars.

Wanted.—An energetic man to manage branch office. Only a few dollars needed. Salary to start \$75 per month and interest in business. The Western Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Ex-Governor Furnas writes: Send me one dozen Rail Road Pain Cure with bill. It cures more aching ills than any other preparation I have used or known. 25c and 50c at O. H. Snyder and Brown & Barrett.

WANTED.—A girl to do general housework. Good wages. 23-11
MRS. W. J. HESSER.

The Parison Millinery Co. received to-day a very large assortment of flowers, ribbons and hats and they offer them for sale cheaper than ever was known before in Plattsmouth. Dawson & Pierce's old stand.